



# The **Spur** and **Phoenix**

Winter 2005



Chief: The Right Honourable Earl of Annandale and Hartfell

Clan Johnston/e in America

## Holiday Greetings

*The Right Honourable Earl of Annandale wishes to extend his very best wishes for a very Happy Christmas to all the members of the Clan Johnston/e Association in America and good tidings for 2006 from all the family in Annandale.*

*I, too, wish to send our very best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season to all our members in the U.S. and Canada, from myself and Margot. Also to some members in parts of the U.K. Happy Holidays !*

Arthur W. Johnston, Chief Commissioner NA

## Hooray For the Wee Bairns!



*by Carol Boebel*

**Grandfather Mountain, 2005** A very large number of children gathered for the kilted mile run. Both lads and lassies seemed to be everywhere, with at least one parent also in evidence, coaching their kids about this race. The youngest, 3-4 and under 2 would dash (hopefully) down to a finish line about halfway down one side of the track. Everyone else, five and older, would attempt once around the quarter mile track. The Johnston/es were no exception. Dad, (Peter Johnston), had two young lads ready for the challenge and meet it, they did !! Nathaniel Elias, #392, finished 2nd in the 3/4 and under 2 lads, and Nathaniel, #340, finished 6th for "5 and 6 lads".

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## President's Report



Dear CJA Members,

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve as your President. I am particularly indebted to all five of our past Presidents, and I hope I can measure up to their leadership abilities and record of accomplishments. It has been my pleasure to serve on the CJA Council with all of them, and to learn from their leadership styles.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank outgoing President Jeffrey M. (Jeff) Johnstone for his service and accomplishments. In the last issue of the *Spur & Phoenix*, Jeff did an outstanding job of documenting the many accomplishments during his two-year tenure as President. I would particularly point to his leadership in developing the CJA web site, obtaining federal tax exempt status for CJA as an educational organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, helping to revamp the look and content of the *Spur and Phoenix*, and contributing very informative articles on Johnston/e history to both the *Spur and Phoenix* and our web site. Thanks, Jeff!

I am also pleased that we once again have a CJA Merchandise Manager. Arthur (Butch) Johnston, who served as CJA President immediately prior to Jeff, has agreed to continue in the Merchandise Manager role after a brief hiatus. Thanks Butch, and congratulations on being elected as Honorary President of CJA at our recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) in New Hampshire!

We also elected some new CJA Council members at our AGM, and I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome them on board. Debra Johnston of Baxter, Iowa is our new National Membership Commissioner, Kathie Bailey-Mathae of Arlington, VA is our new Treasurer, and Margot Johnston of Goffstown, NH is our new Registrar. Welcome! Many thanks to our outgoing National Membership Commissioner, Dr. James K. Johnston of Oak Harbor, WA and our outgoing Registrar, Dennis Watts of Athens, GA. Jim will continue to serve CJA on our Scholarship Committee, Dennis will continue to serve as our Secretary, and both will continue to serve as CJA tent sponsors at Scottish Games in their respective regions. As for our outgoing Treasurer, he is quite relieved to turn over the job to Kathie after only 17 years in that position, and will continue to serve CJA as its new President. And last but not least, many thanks to our continuing CJA Council members!

Soon after our AGM, we were disappointed to learn that Larry E. Edwards, our Vice President (West) from Fort Collins, CO, needed to resign. However, we are delighted to announce that Lindsey N. Johnstone of Renton, WA has been approved by the CJA Council for that position, effective immediately. Thanks, Larry, for your considerable past accomplishments as CJA Vice President (West), and welcome, Lindsey!

To say that I'm excited about the future of CJA and it's leadership team is an understatement. I would like to encourage each of you to be a part of our leadership team sometime in the not-too-distant future, and to help us build membership and member involvement in CJA now. To that end, I invite each of you to be an active member of CJA by celebrating our Johnston/e heritage, researching your Johnston/e genealogy, researching our Johnston/e history as well as the ancient and recent history of Scotland, contributing articles to the *Spur and Phoenix*, helping with the CJA tent at Scottish Games, and/or serving on a CJA Committee (e.g., Membership, Scholarship, Financial, Publications), to name just a few opportunities. By being an active CJA member, I'm sure you too will appreciate what a rich heritage we have, what a great family we are, and how much fellowship and fun we can have together!

Aye Ready,  
Steve Johnston



## Letters

Dear Steve, et.al.,

While we were in Scotland I learned that there is a town near Paisley (which is about two miles from the Glasgow airport) by the name of "Johnstone" and there is a Johnstone Castle there. The attachment gives a brief description and photo. I wanted to go there but the Tourist Office in Paisley advised me that we couldn't go into it and there wasn't much to see from the road. So we stayed in Paisley and found it interesting. It gave its name to the fabric pattern of that name because most of the milling was done there, after importation from Pakistan and becoming a fashion craze. There is also a very nice abbey there, built in 1163 that has been continuous in use as a church. Six High Stewards of Scotland are buried there, as is Marjory Bruce. William Wallace is believed to have been educated there. Hard to conceive of a building still in use after nearly 850 years but it does flourish. The organ, with over 5000 pipes, was in full voice the day I was there.

Clan Aye, Jim Johnston, Oak Harbor, WA

### Johnstone Castle

Tower Road, Johnston

(Late 15th/early 16th century, altered in 1771, N. tower altered and raised in 1812.)

Seat of the lairds of Johnstone from 1733, hugely extended in 1812, here Frederick Chopin was a bored guest in 1848. After use as headquarters of a prisoner of war camp, it was shorn of the castellated wings in 1956, and left empty. New owners are now bravely restoring this much knocked about tower house to be their home. (*From unknown publication*)

Hello Clan,

I would like to introduce myself as your new National Membership Commissioner. I am honored to be serving the Clan Johnston/e and look forward to working with you in the coming months.

I am also sending a friendly reminder to all of the loyal, hard working tent sponsors to please correspond with me prior to your games as to your supply needs, so I can make certain that you are well armed for your games and festivals.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Aye Ready,

Debra Johnston, Baxter IA

## More on Johnstone Castle



The Houstoun's acquired these lands around 1645. In 1741, the local laird founded a town called *Brig O' Johnstone*. The castle was expanded in the late 1700's and early 1800's. Due to the growth of industry in the area, Johnstone became the Burgh of Johnstone in 1857.

The castle remained in Houstoun hands until the early 1900's. During World War II, the castle was used as a "prisoner of war" camp. Polish servicemen were also billeted here for a time. After the war, the castle was sold to the Johnstone Town Council.

In 1956, the castle was declared unsafe and demolished to make room for a housing development. The central tower is what remains in a square. At the time we visited, the tower was serving as an information bureau. There is a plaque posted on the fence surrounding the castle that reads:

Frederick Chopin 1810 - 1849

To commemorate the temporary  
residency of the composer and pianist  
Frederick Chopin at Johnstone Castle.

Chopin was a guest of Ludovic Houstoun,  
5th Laird of Johnstone Castle whose wife he  
had tutored in Paris. He stayed at  
Johnstone Castle for most of the month  
of September 1848 prior to giving a  
concert at the Merchants Hall in Glasgow  
on the 27th of that year.

<http://www.darkisle.com/j/johnstone/jstone.html>

## 29<sup>th</sup> AGM – Clan Johnston/e in America & New Hampshire Highland Games

*By Margot Johnston*

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, there was a bit of a “kick off” to the NH Games in the afternoon and evening with a Parade down the middle of Main St. first. Then, Clan An Drummer and the School of Scottish Arts Pipe Band, and a couple other groups had a show in the middle of Main St., right in front of the Capitol building.

Friday is usually a fairly quiet day. Folks occasionally pop in at the tent and everyone, sort of, gets their bearings. Something like organized confusion. Tables and chairs were set up, the food table arranged, (thanks Dan), and refreshments were ready. The AGM Committee all brought something during the weekend and assisted, one way or another, in helping Bart and Lee, making it possible for Arthur and I to be free for Saturday and Sunday.



As many already know, Arthur had been selected by the Highland Games Board to be the Honorary Chieftain of the 30<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Games. To say the least, that is quite an honor. It also meant that Arthur had specific obligations. For the first time in some 17 years, I was not going to miss the Opening Ceremonies and Massed Bands especially with my husband being honored. Hence, the reason for one big AGM Committee to cover the tent. The committee consisted of Bart Johnston, Lee Thompson, Jane Elwell, Dan Johnson, Robert, Sarah and Cathleen Postier, Robert, Barbara and Fr. Peter Preble, Clare Gambino, Ian Johnston and Jayne Dockham. Special mention of Maryann Orcutt who donated several items for door prizes for the AGM Dinner. Maryann’s husband, Warren, died Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> this year. Maryann is the sister to Ian Johnston, also on our committee.

Friday night was the Tartan Dinner Dance at the Grappone Convention Center. The Games’ provided us with a limo ride from the house to Concord and back with our guests, Will and Bess Urban who were visiting from Scotland. 42 family, friends and Johnston members attended the affair.

Saturday was gorgeous! Opening Ceremonies were wonderful. I was so proud that my husband was introduced by former Congressman and now President of the NH Games, Atty. Charles Douglas and brought onto the field by former President of the NH Games and NH St. Andrew’s Society, David Gooch. Both are gentlemen we have known for years in the Scottish Community. Massed Bands are always impressive, but recently, the NH Games has had to limit how many they can get on the field at one time. I believe it was somewhere in the vicinity of 20 Pipe Bands.

**The AGM Dinner and Meeting.** The Council held it’s meeting during the Social Hour. We wound up with 44 attendees to the AGM, 37 were voting members, 4 were Council members and 5 guests. We had a lovely buffet. The Council then held the AGM Meeting and Cathy Postier consented to take the Minutes as she had done for the Council Meeting earlier.

Our friends the Brigadoons decided to play for our group after dinner, Denis Carr stating they should be the “official band of the Honorary Chieftain”. They, sort of, sang for their supper and the “guests” mentioned previously. Pat Johnston thought it would be a shame to waste good music and managed to convince about 14 of us to get up and do the Cumberland Reel. It is a really easy dance and it was fun. Allen Miles Johnston graced us with his “Dakota Lands” song, which brought gales of laughter. There is no describing it, you have to hear it. More dancing and singing along made for a wonderful evening. Thank you Rob, Denis, Jackie, Luane and Bonita – The Brigadoons.

Some headed home, some back to the hotel and some of us headed to the Beer Tent This is the time for “closing down” everywhere on grounds. All the young musicians with fiddles or pipes gathered to play for the patrons of the Beer Tent enclosure. There were some step dancers, John Carmichael played the accordion as back up, Alistair Fraser brought out his fiddle and the place was rockin’. We had a chance to spend a little time with some folks we had missed during the weekend and say thanks to a few others. This is always quite an emotional time. Many years it is the one time we will see some folks that year and might not see them again for another year. Most cases, it is the end of the season in New England. Goodbyes are difficult and hugs are many.

Several sign in sheets were filled and many hands were shaken over three days. There were many smiles and lots of tired folks. We knew it was going to take at least a week to recuperate. But, wasn’t that fun?



Clan Johnston/e in America  
AGM  
29th Anniversary



John & Gail Kilgore  
of Manchester, NH



Lisa & Lois Larson

**Snap Shots  
Of AGM &  
Banquet**



Brigadoon Denis  
Carr & Margot  
Johnston in a duet.



CJA President Stephen Johnstone



Allen Miles Johnstone



The Brigadoons; Rob Taylor, Bonita Leblanc, Luane  
Doyle, Jackie Smith.

**Thanks  
Photographers**  
Pat Johnston  
Will Urban  
Doug Larson  
Barbara Hockman  
Margot Johnston



Will & Bess Urban, Arthur & Margot Johnston



Dancers back to front: Women; Jayne Dockham, Carol Boebel,  
Catherine Woodburn, Shirley Johnstone, Margot Johnston, Pat  
Johnston. Men: Ian Johnston, Don Boebel, Doug Woodburn, Arthur  
Johnston, Steve, Johnston, Hugh Reekie.



Steve Johnston dancing with Shirley Johnstone



*CJA Council members Stephen Johnston, Barbara Hockman, Bart & Arthur Johnston*



**Memoirs of Our Own!!!**

*By Betty Ryan*

One of the greatest pleasures of hanging out in the CJA tent is listening to the stories that are told by folks who have been enjoying participating in CJA and CJA activities for years. (Yes, it is enjoyable ... no matter how many times you hear them, or how much they grow ....)!!! As part of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we will be compiling short stories and memoirs of CJA members. If you have a favorite memory, a funny memory, a poignant memory or a story you want to share, please email it to Becky Moore at [becky.m@mindspring.com](mailto:becky.m@mindspring.com) not later than May 30, 2006. Please keep stories to 200 words or less. Also, if you have pictures you would like to share, please send a copy of the picture (not the original) and remember to include the "who, what, when's and where's" about the picture. "Memoirs of Our Own" will be unveiled at the AGM in October 2006.



*Arthur Johnston with daughter Lisa and granddaughters Savannah & Kyandra.*



*Kyandra in her first kilt skirt with mother Lisa.*



*Douglas & Katherine Woodburn*



## Minutes of AGM

September 24, 2005, Concord, NH

Council Members in attendance:

**Arthur Johnston** – Immediate Past President

**R. Bartlett Johnston** – Vice President (East)

**Stephen A. Johnston, Ph.D.** – Treasurer

**Barbara Hockman** – Genealogist

In attendance:

**37 members** including the 4 aforementioned Council members

**201 consenting Proxies** were received as reported by Secretary Dennis Watts

NY State law requires 10% for a Quorum. 568 total members divided by 245 attending and proxies equals 43%, establishing the necessary quorum.

*Opening - Bart Johnston, Vice President (East)*

1) President Jeffrey Johnstone is unable to attend due to a prior family obligation.

2) Welcome and general remarks

3) Thanks to Butch and Margot for putting the AGM together on such short notice when plans for the British Columbia meeting fell through.

*Business – Bart Johnston, Vice President (East)*

1) Approval of 2004 AGM minutes. Vote taken - unanimous approval.

2) Reports:

a. Notes from Jeffrey Johnstone regarding his absence, his previous letter to the Spur and Phoenix and his hopes for the future of Clan Johnston/e.

b. Treasurer's Report – Stephen Johnston  
“We're solvent.”

i. Balance Sheet and Changes in Fund Balance

1. Membership renewals – There is \$1,190.00 to add to this total since the reports were completed.

2. Memorial account – One of our accounts with Wachovia Bank has been earmarked as a Memorial Fund. Anyone who would like to make a donation may do so through the Treasurer by sending a check and noting the person in whose name you wish to donate.

3. Portions of the CD funds are currently being used to cover operating expenses, but will be paid back by the end of the year.

4. Motion to accept Balance Sheet and Changes in Fund Balance – Passed unanimously

ii. Budget

1. Motion to accept Budget – Passed unanimously

c. Registrar's Report – Dennis Watts

i. Total of 568 members

1. 136 not renewed

2. 290 renewed for 2006

3. 142 lifetime members\* Note: under

Members by State and Country, “DC” should be changed to “DE”

d. Publications Report – Jackie Johnston

i. New membership cards and new remittance envelopes are working well.

ii. New color Clan Johnston/e brochure is available.

iii. Thanks to all for sending in articles for the S&P \* Note from Bart, please keep sending them in.

iv. There will now be 2 pages in the S&P dedicated to the Canadian section. Carol Koeslag has been instrumental in this.

v. There is a possibility that a committee will be created and tasked with the responsibility of submitting articles from the S&P to other Scottish periodicals.

e. Merchandise Report – Arthur Johnston

i. We are currently looking for new and different products to offer.

ii. Some vendors have gone out of business, so we are currently researching new suppliers.

iii. There will be increases in price and shipping fees due to exchange rates, general industry trends, etc.

iv. A new listing of products with the new pricing will be in the March 2006 S&P. \* Note from Stephen Johnston thanking Butch for resuming his role in this area.

f. Genealogy Report – Barbara Hockman

i. Introduction of Barbara by Bart

ii. An extensive database has been created, a copy of which was posted at the Clan tent for the NHHG.

iii. There is currently a shortage of information from new members and many existing members have not updated their information. Requests will be made during the year for people to send in whatever current genealogical information they have to add to the database.

iv. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with research, please contact Barbara.

v. The New Zealand chapter of Clan Johnston/e is interested in sharing information with CJA.

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**Elections:**

- 1) Nominees \*note: motion to vote on entire slate at once – Passed unanimously
  - a. President – Stephen Johnston
  - b. VP-East Bart Johnston (incumbent)
  - c. Treasurer – Kathie Bailey-Mathae
  - d. Registrar – Margot Johnston
  - e. National Membership Commissioner Debra Johnston
  - f. Newsletter Editor – Jackie Johnston (incumbent)
  - g. Member-at-Large – Carol Koeslag (incumbent)
  - h. Member-at-Large – Billye Tellingner (incumbent)
- 2) Vote on full slate – Passed unanimously
- 3) Proceedings taken over by newly-elected President, Stephen Johnston

**Remarks:**

- a. Thanks to Stephen’s wife Pat for all of her support.
- b. First priorities will be to create growth in finances and membership, as well as geographically with an emphasis on the US West Coast and Canada.
- c. Request for members to participate in the Clan organization through committees and volunteer efforts.
- d. There will be an addition of regional meetings in addition to AGM’s, committees and council meetings to more fully involve members.
- e. Moment of Silence for Rob Johnston, Mark Johnston and Dr. William Bailey.
- f. We are looking for ideas for how we can memorialize members of CJA. There is a memorial fund set up, but if you have an idea, please contact Stephen.
- g. We are looking to form the following committees to start:
  - i. Scholarship
  - ii. Membership
  - iii. Finance
  - iv. By-Laws
  - v. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AGM
- h. The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AGM in 2006 will be held at Stone Mountain, GA on the Riverboat.

**Honors/Presentations:**

- 1) Motion to nominate Arthur Johnston as Honorary President – Passed unanimously
- 2) Presentation by Arthur to Stephen Johnston of plaque with names of prior presidents engraved, and a gavel.
  - a. Motion to have names completed, then have plaque stored in CJA archives – Passed unanimously
- 3) Recognition of Allen Miles Johnston for his dedication to CJA

**Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Postier (for) Dennis Watts, Secretary

Reviewed and Submitted, Dennis Watts, Secretary CJA



*Steven & Arthur Johnston*



**Cead Mile Falte**

*A hundred thousand welcomes to our new members!*

- J.J. & Beverly Johnston / Loveland, CO
- Christopher & Valerie Ensor / Kent, WA
- Mr Bryon N. Johnston, Jr. / Eastern, MD
- Allan & Maura Chrystal / Lilburn, GA
- Robert & Donna Johnstone / Newark, CA



## CANADA REPORTS

By Carol Koeslag

For all those eagle eyed Johnston/es who read the Summer 2005 Spur and Phoenix you could well wonder just how Senator Archibald Johnstone *really* spelt his name! Now *he* knows but due to my mistake one might wonder if the Honourable Archibald *Johnston* who authoured the poem “The Johnstones of Annandale” on the front page of the S&P is the same Archibald *Johnstone* (*correct spelling*) whose biography was written-up on p.15. Believe me it *is* the same person. My humble apologies to Archie. There is one other major spelling correction that, somehow between my sending a hard copy to Jackie and her putting into the computer for publishing, needs to be changed. So, everyone get out your pens and please correct the spelling of GENTILE which of course should be GENTLE in the last line of the first and fourth verses on the front page poem. Thank goodness Archie has a sense of humor. Remember, Jackie has been experiencing house-selling pressure and I was just home from the major trip down East when this was all being compiled.

A final note of the Ontario Games at which CJA was represented.

On August 13<sup>th</sup> we hosted the CJA tent at the Fergus Games. What a huge festival it is. In fact there were 54 Clans represented, the most they’ve ever had. Try and imagine how long the march-on for the Opening Ceremonies was with all those clans. There were three pipe bands piping us all in! By the end of a busy day I had chatted with 38 Johnston/es and enjoyed meeting them as well as many others. I think we have now become a well-known Clan at these Ontario Games and have a presence that we didn’t have formerly.

One person I met, who is a genealogist, mentioned that there are a lot of Johnstons in Caithness and Orkney. She indicated that the info could be derived from Clan Gunn at [www.clan Gunn.us](http://www.clan Gunn.us). (*Editors note: Johnson is a sept of Clan Gunn*).

John Campbell has been the key mover at the Fergus Games to welcome and invite Clans to make their presence known. He has worked hard at this for over 25 years and this year there was a “Thank-You” presentation made to him on behalf of all the clans to recognize his resignation. He had also, for the first time, arranged a buffet dinner for Clan reps to attend at the end of the afternoon. It was a wonderful way to wind down from a busy day instead of just loading up all the gear and driving away. The food was wonderful Scottish fare and there was even fiddle music for us to enjoy.

For anyone, Canadian or American, who is contemplating attending the Fergus Games, accommodations should be booked well in advance. Fergus is a delightful Scottish town about an hour’s drive west from Toronto. There are quite a number of restaurants. There is also camping available just off-site. There is a major difference between Fergus and Maxville (Glengarry Games). Maxville is a very small village with one or two B&Bs, no hotels, and accommodation is booked from one year to the next as far away as Cornwall. It is absolutely amazing how such a small community can draw 30,000 people to these Games but it’s reasonable proximity to Montreal where on the Sunday major pipe competitions are held could be one reason. There might be two restaurants in the village. We are fortunate enough to be able to stay with my son in Ottawa and drive the hour out to the Games site. There is also field camping.



Neil Johnston of Keith Scotland, Angela Johnston of Toronto, Carol Koesleg of Ontario, & James Johnstone of Fergus at the Fergus Games.

## MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to those CJA members who have mailed in their membership renewals to me. I'll look forward to receiving more in the near future. One concern the Council has had is that the younger people don't seem to be joining the Clan Association. Perhaps you would consider a membership as a Christmas present for sons/daughters/grandchildren. With the work and research that Billye Tellingner puts into the Youth Page children's interest could be developed.

I always welcome news from Canadian members and/or queries. Remember your personal family history is of great interest and you never know but you might find out that you're related to another Johnston/e who lives two blocks away because of connections way back in Scotland or Ireland.



*Emma Johnston*



*Bill, Emma, Glenn and Nancy Johnston at Antigonish Highland Games. Photos submitted by Bill Johnston.*

Congratulations to Dr. Stephen Johnston on becoming the new President of Clan Johnston/e. Steve has a long time and deep interest in the well-being of the clan association; a slightly off-the-wall sense of humour; a most supportive wife Pat and, as former presidents have been, *most* supportive of the Canadian contingent of CJA members.



## MILITARY INFORMATION

### SCOTTISH REGIMENTS IN CANADA

The Black Watch; The Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada; The Lorne Scots; The Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders; 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders; 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders; The Essex & Kent Scottish Regiment; 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders of Canada; The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders; the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment; the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada; The Calgary Highlanders; The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada; the Canadian Scottish Regiment.

Pretty impressive, eh?

### AIR COMMAND PIPES & DRUMS, CFB ROCKCLIFFE

This unit is a regular force pipe band of the Canadian Forces located at Rockcliffe Site, Ottawa, Ontario. The unit was officially created Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1949 and has the distinction of being the longest continuous serving air force pipe band in the Canadian Forces.

Following a long line of distinguished directors the ACPD is presently under the leadership of the Canadian Forces Senior Pipe Major, Chief Warrant Officer Ian Ferguson, CD. Drum Instructor, Warrant Officer Steven Lanning, is an instructor and integral member of the Air Command Pipes and Drums Band. The Drum Major, Mr Gary Shannon, is a valued and experience member who joined the Pipe Band in 1961 and continues to serve with the unit.

The band has approximately forty members, all of whom are volunteers, with the exception of the Pipe Major and Drum Instructor. Drawn from all walks of military and civilian life, the ACPD rehearse rigorously to prepare for their many appearances in parades, ceremonies, tattoos, concerts and competitions for both military and public audiences.

## Estes Park, Colorado, Scottish Irish Festival *by Diane Coblenz*

*September 9, 10, & 11, 2005*

The Weather Gods smiled on Estes Park, Colorado this year, blessing us with one of the most beautiful weekends the Festival has seen in years. The traditional parade through Estes Park Saturday morning with the sounds of the bagpipes in the crisp mountain air, and the colorful tartans of the clans against the clear, blue Colorado sky put the participants and the spectators (six deep in spots) in just the right mood for the rest of the weekend.

After hosting two AGM's in the last four years, we had decided this year would be a more laid back, non competitive year, with the emphasis on having fun with our fellow Johnston/e's. So, you can imagine our surprise and delight when we took Best in Parade (large group). We had "volunteered" Larry Edwards to get the group organized for the parade, and he obviously did a good job. I think he summed it up perfectly when he said, "Everyone contributed to the attitude of PRIDE we have for Clan Johnston/e and our heritage." Maybe that is why we took Best in Parade. Or, maybe Steve Tilson hit it on the head when he said, "Imagine what we could have done if we actually TRIED!"

It was a great bonus on a lovely, Colorado weekend sharing activities common to our Scottish heritage.



The crowds were down this year, especially on Sunday, due almost certainly to the high gasoline prices left in Hurricane Katrina's wake. But we still had 42 people sign in at the tent, and were able to visit with people from many states. We did learn one valuable lesson. We need to reserve TWO spaces every year, because we Johnston/e's like to congregate at the clan tent and renew old friendships as well as gathering in new ones. We had mistakenly thought that with our relaxed policy this year we could get by with one space. However, we were stretched to the max trying to fit everyone in. It was a great weekend.



*Mary Edwards, Diane Coblenz, J.J. and Beverly Johnston & Billye Tellingier at Estes Park, Longs Peak Festival Highland Festival.*

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## Stone Mountain Games

*By Betty Ryan*

Mother Nature was *oh* so good to us during the 2005 Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival in October. The weather was sunny and beautiful! This year marked the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the games at Stone Mountain. According to Georgia Governor Purdue's Proclamation, "the Scottish Festival brings over 40,000 people to Georgia with 120 Scottish Clans and Societies participating in traditional Piping and Drumming, Highland Dancing, Scottish Harp and Athletic Competitions as well as band performances and Scottish Country Dances".

Our tent this year was a busy one. Over 50 people signed the register and we had many more visitors who stopped in to say hello, ask questions and to browse through our vast display of CJA literature and Scottish History. People were really interested in finding out about Johnston/e history and genealogy. It was wonderful to have old friends and new friends come and sit a spell in our hospitality area at the CJA tent!

We also had a short meeting to begin planning the 2006 AGM which will be held in Stone Mountain, Georgia the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October 2006. In 2006, CJA will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! If you would like to be a part of the planning team, please call or email Betty Ryan at 706-549-0130 or [louiseryan2001@yahoo.com](mailto:louiseryan2001@yahoo.com).

## **Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Richmond, Virginia** by *Tim Johnston*

*October 22 & 23, 2005*

Saturday morning dawned through a light mist. The frantic pace of piecing together the last items to take to the games finally over. With minutes to spare we laid out the tent and literature to display. Lesson One... get there early. My wife Carol and I (of the Georgia Johnstons) decided to host a clan tent this year at the Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival. I have attended the Richmond games for many years, both as a spectator and a participant.

As the bass drum player for the St. Andrews Legion Pipes and Drums, my duties required me to spend a lot of time on the playing field, which left little time and energy to run a tent. Three years ago I had hosted an impromptu tent at these same games, but was unable to spare the time to return until now. (Recently I passed the bass drum torch to a much younger and energetic player, thus providing me the time to host once more.) We intend to make this an annual event for our family and friends.

Hal and Alice Dodds graciously offered to help us operate the tent and provide additional literature and information. Our thanks to them for their fellowship and support given to us by just being there. We were fortunate to have my daughter Amanda and her husband Lee Morden, visiting from Seymour Johnson AFB. It was a delight to see all of them.

A special guest also arrived Saturday. Before I identify him, I need to tell you a little story. With only one cup of coffee in me and still sleepy, the games had opened. It was only a matter of time before interested parties approached our tent to ask questions, which I thought I was prepared. Keyword... thought.

I had been working on a project for about a month prior to the games. This was a model of Lochwood Tower made of LEGOs© sitting on a small diorama of fake grass and trees. I hoped it would draw lookers, which it did. One person stopped by and immediately asked me to tell them about the Johnstons. I replied that we were a "...border clan on the West Marches of Annandale. Cattle thieves, horse rustlers... (pause) and proud of it!" Before I could continue, he introduced himself - Steve Johnston, President of the Clan Johnston/e in America. Believe me when I say I was surprised and wasn't quite sure what to do after that. I felt I had passed the test and this marked the beginning of a new friendship and a wonderful weekend.



*Steve Johnston, Carol Johnston, Tim Johnston,  
Liz Steen & Lee Morden*

With true Scottish weather, Saturday was a successful day.

However, Sunday was more "American" with sunshine and a light breeze. We met many interesting people and swapped stories as we milled around the festival. Why the "large men throwing things" don't throw out a shoulder joint along with the hammer or stones I will never know. The Scottish dancing was wonderful—the young ladies and gentlemen truly put their heart and soul in the music and it shows. My wife's particular favorites were the younger girls dancing. There were many vendors ranging from retail stores to "mom and pop shoppes" that were more than willing to peddle their wares. Did I mention the ferret leggings? This was a hoot- unknowing volunteers let them drop ferrets down their pants (need I say more?).

Our tent was never empty and was stocked with food. When all was said and done, we had a total of thirty-six signatures on the guest book, consisting of fellow Johnstons and one Robert Maxwell, who felt it his duty to "invade" our guestbook. Come join us next year, Aye Ready!

## USS JOHNSTON and the Medal of Honor

by Bart Johnston

“I intend to go in harm’s way...I have a fighting ship and I will never retreat from an enemy force.”  
CDR E.E.Evans, USN at the JOHNSTON Commissioning

On 25, 1944 the USS JOHNSTON along with two other destroyers and four destroyer escorts were protecting Admiral Sprague’s six aircraft carriers in Leyte Gulf. The aircraft were supporting the landing of Gen. MacArthur as he made good on his promise to return to the Phillipines. Shortly after dawn one of the Navy patrol planes radioed a message which electrified the task force. The pilot reported a large fleet of four battleships, eight cruisers and eleven destroyers headed directly for Adm. Sprague’s TAFFY III at 30 knots.



Photo # NH 63495 USS Johnston on 27 October 1943

Outrunning the Japanese was impossible with carriers that could only make 17 knots, thus Sprague issued the order that must have brought to memory Tennyson’s ‘Charge of the Light Brigade’. With heavy Japanese shells falling on the task force from 17 miles away, Sprague ordered his aircraft, destroyers and DEs to attack. Never in the history of naval warfare had destroyers attacked such heavy capital ships.



Photo # NH 63499 LCdr E.E. Evans at Johnston commissioning

The enemy fleet was lead by Admiral Kurita whose flagship, YAMOTO, was the worlds largest battleship with nine 18” guns. One 3 gun turret weighed more than the entire JOHNSTON! One of these huge shells should blow a destroyer in two.

CDR Evans of the JOHNSTON led the attack and fired all ten of his torpedoes at the heavy cruiser KUMANO severely damaging her, resulting in its later sinking. As JOHNSTON tried to get away she was hit by three 14” and three 6” shells which blew away the bridge severely injuring Evans, knocking out one engine and the steering engine. Evans moved to the fantail so he could yell to the engine room crew which way to turn the rudder by hand!

The shells continued to hit the destroyer despite the best efforts of the crew but the JOHNSTON’s 5” guns were repeatedly hitting enemy cruisers and battleships. After 2 ½ hours of combat the ship was dead in the water and shortly after, Evans ordered abandon ship. A Japanese destroyer came in to finish her off with the crew in the water. By now two of Kurita’s heavy cruisers had been sunk by small ships and naval aircraft. With his nose bloodied, Kurita withdrew back out into the Pacific, thus saving the rest of Sprague’s fleet. Had the Japanese continued, all of the American ships would have been sunk and Gen. MacArthur would have had a much rougher battle.

One aircraft carrier, one destroyer and one DE were lost in addition to the JOHNSTON but the toll could have been far worse. CDR Evans had done his job well but unfortunately he succumbed to his wounds in the sea and his body was never recovered. Over 1100 sailors from these four ships did survive including 144 from the JOHNSTON while 183 were lost.



**CDR Ernest Evans**

JOHNSTON's supreme courage in the Battle off Samar won her the Presidential Unit Citation and CDR Ernest Evans was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. This Oklahoman, intensely proud of his Cherokee heritage, was a USNA graduate and a student of the Border Scot, John Paul Jones. Pres. Truman wrote, "...Commander Evans, by his indomitable courage and brilliant professional skill, aided materially in turning back the enemy during a critical phase of the action. His valiant fighting spirit throughout this historic battle will venture as an inspiration to all who served with him."

The USS JOHNSTON was named for the Civil War Union naval officer John V. Johnston of Cincinnati, Ohio who commanded fleets of gunboats on the Mississippi. He was cited for bravery in the capture of Confederate forts and cities and later in defending them from aggressive enemy forces.

Warren Hattenbrun of Clan Keith first told me the story of the JOHNSTON. He had served on another destroyer in the same Division. CJA founding member, Allen Miles Johnstone, was a radioman on one of Sprague's carriers and was a friend of a radioman on the JOHNSTON. Shortly before the battle Allen visited his friend on the JOHNSTON and wonders to this day if he survived. Thank you both for your service to our country in and out of uniform.

Read more about those who served on the USS Johnston at <http://www.ussjohnston.org/10001.htm>.



## Clan Database

by *Barbara Hockman*,  
*Genealogist*



Those of you who visited the Clan's tent at the New Hampshire games got an opportunity to look at the Clan's new genealogical database. I'm sure you also noticed that there is a lot of missing information such as place of birth and death and year of birth and death. These are important items when trying to answer queries. I am looking for people who have access to census records and are willing to research and produce family group sheets for some of the families of members no longer with the Clan. If you think you would be interested, please contact me.

## Immigration and Castle Garden (New York)

Launched Aug.1, [www.castlegarden.org](http://www.castlegarden.org) is an extraordinary database of information on 10 million immigrants from 1830 through 1892, the year Ellis Island opened. Although it officially functioned as an immigration processing center from 1855 to 1890 there are some records covering earlier and later years of Castle Garden's history.

Searching this database is free - a word that thrills a researcher's heart. Search options are name, occupation, ship and year range. There is an advance search but that has a cost attached to it.

For more options in searching this database and several others, check out [www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org). His search utility allows you to add searches on birth years and ages at arrival.

## Genealogical Queries

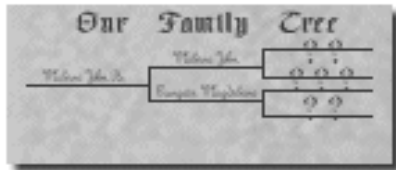
Sherri Harmon has some family photos, wills and other items she would like to hand over to descendants of Sterling Johnston. If you have any clues to help her find this family, please contact her at [miksher@earthlink.net](mailto:miksher@earthlink.net).

Sterling Johnston m. Rosa Baynes

Children:

Sterling	born c. 1900
Rolland	born c. 1903
Allen G.	born c. 1905
Alfred Franklin	born c. 1908
LaReta Rosa	born c. 1910

Alan Kent-Johnston of New Zealand is trying locate American "cousins" to compare family relationships. His great-grandfather was one of that name (Kent-Johnston) born in Dublin 28th October 1868. He was one of two sons of George Johnston and Anna Kenny. It may be that the American ones came from the other - also a George, or one of his uncles David, Robert, or George Johnston. Alan Kent-Johnston, [clan.johnston@xtra.co.nz](mailto:clan.johnston@xtra.co.nz)



## Scots-Irish Johnstons of Wayne County, Kentucky



*By Dan Johnson*

The Summer 2005 newsletter included articles by Rich Johnston and Carol Koeslag on their Scots-Irish Johnstons. Note that if your Johnstons arrived prior to the American Revolutionary War, they were probably Scots-Irish and Presbyterian. Thousands of Ulster immigrants landed in Pennsylvania. As described by Waddell 1902, they wished to escape England's state church. Some, such as my wife's Patterson ancestors later migrated west. My Johnstons went to join the many other Scots-Irish in Augusta County, Virginia.

These Ulster Scots were therefore enthusiastic supporters of the Revolution and it was noted that General Anthony Wayne's brigade was composed almost exclusively of refugees from Ulster. After the Revolution, many including my Johnstons, moved west through the Cumberland Gap to settle Wayne County, Kentucky, named for the general for whom so many Scots-Irish had fought.

The following data on early Wayne County Johnstons (& Johnsons) is intended to help others find their Johnston kin. From Marriage Records of Wayne County, 1801-1860 by June Bork, 1972

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| 1. Johnson, Francis A and Anny Cain, 1828    | 13. Johnson, James and Mary Ingram, 1805           |
| 2. Johnson, George and Nancy Upton, 1824     | 14. Johnson, Washington and Nancy Thompson, 1828   |
| 3. Johnson, George W. and Eliza Corder, 1861 | 15. Johnson, Wesley and Lucy F. Rousseau, 1840     |
| 4. Johnson, James and Hannah Tucker, 1819    | 16. Johnson, William and Ritter Hammonds, 1802     |
| 5. Johnson, James and Albina Jane Asay, 1857 | 17. Johnson, William and Bina Cox, 1819            |
| 6. Johnson, Joseph and Jane Corder, 1860     | 18. Johnson, Williamson and Sally Pate, 1843       |
| 7. Johnson, Peter and Peggy Black, 1823      | 19. Johnson, William and Jane Allen, 1853          |
| 8. Johnson, Peter and Emily Burton, 1833     | 20. Duffey, John and Margaret Johnston, 1809       |
| 9. Johnson, Pleasant S and Polly Hinds, 1816 | 21. Dunagan, James and Patsey "Katy" Johnson, 1818 |
| 10. Johnson, Reuben and Martha Hall, 1805    | 22. Fry, Michael and Susanna Johnson, 1809         |
| 11. Johnson, Robert and (name missing), 1818 | 23. Fry, Peter and Nancy Johnson, 1804             |
| 12. Johnson, Samuel and Rachel Smith, 1805   |  |

My ancestors from the list were Sam and Rachel Johnston, married in 1805. I have traced the line to my father. As described in the Spur and Phoenix of June 2001, their son James, his wife Nancy and eight children settled in the vicinity of Prestonville/Carrolton, Kentucky where many are buried at the Cove Hill Cemetery.

The records suggest that Sam's father was James Sr., first corner of Wayne County. James' children were:

1. Sam Johnston, married Rachel Smith in 1805
2. James Jr., married Mary Ingram in 1805
3. Nancy, married Peter Fry in 1804 (later to Clark Co.)
4. Susanna, married Michael Fry in 1809 (later to Harrison Co.)
5. Mary ?
6. William?

Wayne County neighbor, Capt. Thomas Johnston who married Hanna Ingram in 1786 is probably related to James Sr. but that is not yet proven. Thomas and Hanna's children included:

1. Margaret, married John Duffy in 1809
2. Elizabeth, married William Adams in 1802

The Johnston's Wayne Co. neighbors including, Alex McFarland, Ingrams, Coffees, Frys and Skaggs all originated from Augusta County. See Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement of Virginia by Lyman Chalkley.  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~chalkley>.

I welcome sharing data with any readers with Johnston roots from Wayne or Carroll counties of of Kentucky.



# *Clan Johnston/e in America*

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# Youth Page

By Billye Tellingner

## Christmas Customs in Scotland

**Santa Claus** ~ this name comes from St. Nicholas, a bishop in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. He gave away a large fortune left to him, to help the poor. He is also the patron saint of Aberdeen, where the parish church is named after him. The festival of St. Nicholas is actually December 6, and on that day long ago, the rector of Aberdeen Grammar School dressed one of his pupils as the saint, and sent him around the town collecting funds for the poor. Today in Aberdeen, the saint rides down Union Street on a sleigh.



**Christmas Tree** ~ the decoration of trees during the midwinter festival was originally a pagan rite. The custom was revived in Britain by Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert. The tree erected on the Mound in Edinburgh each year is a gift of thanks from the people of Norway for help given to their country in World War Two.

Until recently, **Yuletide** was not celebrated in Scotland to the same extent as Hogmanay. The ancient feast of Yule lasted from December 25 till January 6 ~ the twelve days of Christmas. "Yule" comes from an old Norse word, *Jol*, a Scandinavian festival of the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year ~ December 21.

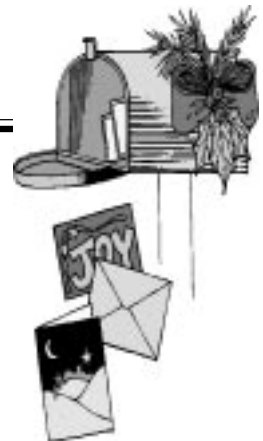


**Yule Log** ~ the rekindling of fire on the hearth was an important part of the feast of Yule. A little bit of the log was burnt on each of the twelve days of Christmas.

**Twelfth Night** ~ Traditionally this is the night of January 5-6, when Christmas decorations are taken down and Yuletide comes to an end. Yuletide used to be celebrated on January 6 in some parts of the Highlands, in accordance with the old calendar. The change from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar in 1752 was much resented by country people. For many, *Auld Yule* (January 6-7) remained the real day of celebration, especially in the Northern Isles. It is still observed with *Auld Yule* dances on January 7, especially in Shetland.

**So there you have it, lassies and laddies. May you all have a wonderful, blessed Christmas ~ oops ~ Blyth Yule ~ and a guid new year!**

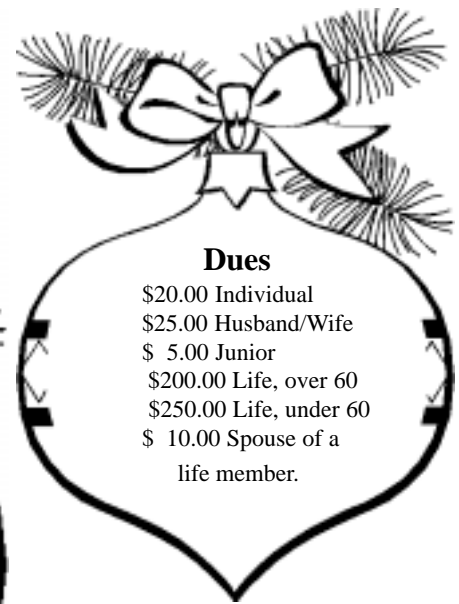
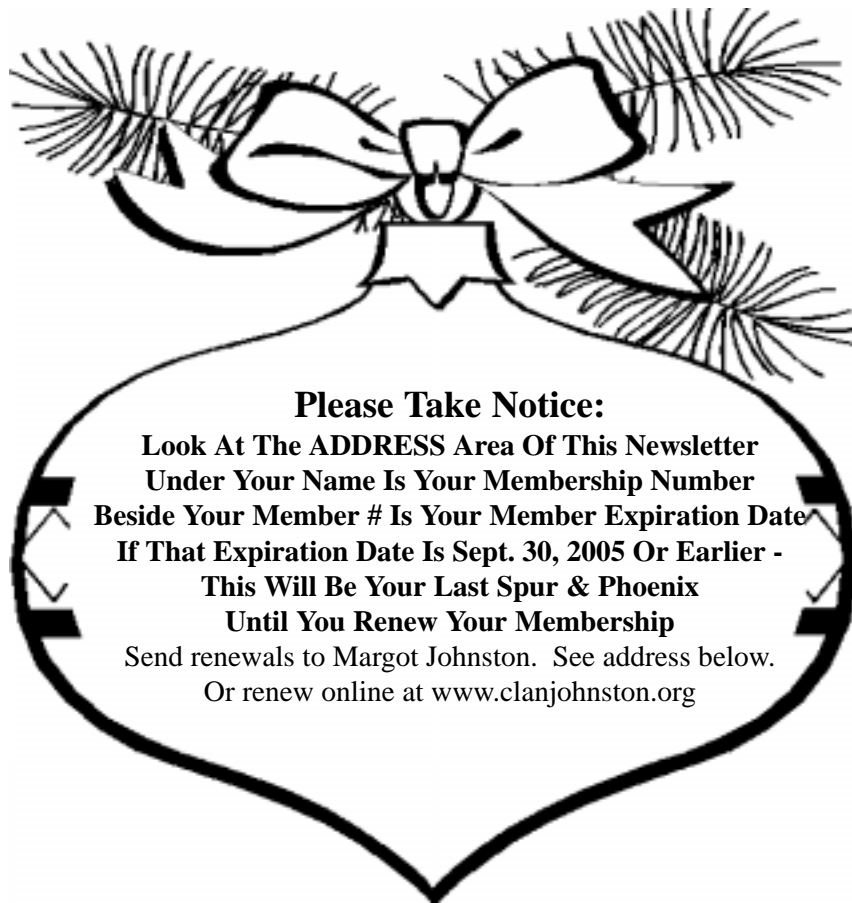
**Christmas Cards** ~ did you know that Christmas cards were invented in 1841 by Charles Drummond, a publisher in Leith? By 1880 the Postmaster General had to issue the first "Post Early for Christmas" message.



How about if you design your own Guild Yule card for sending to a friend? Use a Scots greeting inside:

*Biddin ye a blyth yule tide an a guid new year!*





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