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Chief: The Right Honourable Earl of Amundale and Hartfi

Clan Johnston/e in America

Bag Pipe Music

By Carol Koeslag

There are three general categories of music for the Great Highland Bagpipe which are Ceol Mor, meaning big music; Ceol Meadhonach which means middle music and Ceol Beag meaning little music.

Ceol Mor is the classical music of piping and is often referred to today as Piobaireachd, pronounced Pibroch. Ceol Meadhonach would be the playing of slow airs and jigs while Ceol Beag is the playing of marches, strathspeys and reels.

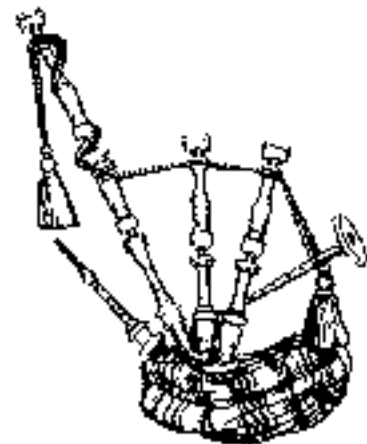
In Piobaireachd, the tune starts with a slow theme or ground work called the Urlar and then proceeds on to variations of the theme. These variations differ from one tune to another but as a general rule, they become increasingly more difficult and complex in finger technique, finishing with Crunluath (Crun=Crown) and having gradually built the tune to arrive at this exciting variation. It takes the ultimate in fingering and stamina to execute this movement continually throughout the variation without a fault. The average Piobreachd takes about 10 to 12 minutes compared with the march or stathspey and reel which takes about 2 minutes to play.

So now when you hear the pipes playing, you will perhaps find it more interesting to realize just the type being played and the skill required.

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Anyone interested in learning piping and drumming can contact the school at www.bagpiping.org to see if there is a school in your area.

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I still haven't sold my home and do not know where I will be for the next deadline so please continue to send articles & photos to my daughter, Dee Johnston, 5285 Manchester Dr. Apt. 310, Maple Plain, MN 55359 or email them to:

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President's Report

As you read this message, Scottish Games will be in full fling in the U.S. and Canada. Actually, you can find a Games event almost any weekend of the year, even in the winter months in our more southerly states (especially Florida). I hope you will be able to attend at least one Games this year, and hopefully one where Clan Johnston/e in America (CJA) has a clan tent. These Games are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your Scottish heritage, learn more about it, find some interesting resource materials and Scottish wares sold by vendors, and meet some wonderful (especially Johnston/e) people.



I've already been busy on the Games "circuit". I attended the Loch Norman Scottish Games near Charlotte, NC in late April, and it was great as always. Because CJA didn't have a clan tent there (but we hope to next year!), I spent most of my time staffing a tent sponsored by our local Scottish society and jawing with members of several clans that I've come to know well over the years. Last weekend I was privileged to serve as the announcer of the Southeastern U.S. Regional Highland Dance Championships at the Scottish Games in Savannah, GA, something I've done for several years. The setting – huge oak trees draped in Spanish moss, with water in the background – and the weather were absolutely beautiful. In between these two Games, we managed to attend the spectacular wedding of a "highland dancer emeritus" in Williamsburgh, VA. The highlight of the affair was at the reception, when the bride participated in a long-standing tradition in our highland dance community. In this tradition, all dancers present participate in a seemingly unending highland reel, in which all but the bride can enter or leave the reel, and the bride has to dance the reel from beginning to end in full bridal attire. What a great event!

Our family has been involved in highland dancing for 28 years. It's a great experience for parents and children, one in which you really bond with them during long trips, and with all the dancers during competitions and weekends together. You and your children will wind up with close friends all over the continent. We heartily recommend it! My wife Pat has been the Treasurer of the U.S. Federation of Teachers and Adjudicators (FUSTA), the national highland dance organization, for several years now. As for me, I received a "lifetime achievement award" several years ago at the Flora MacDonald Highland Games in Red Springs, NC from a highland dance judge for my dedication to NOT dancing. Believe me, my not dancing is for the good of all man- and woman-kind.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our long-standing CJA members for their support and participation over the years. In particular I would like to thank John T. Kerr of Durham, NC, who is CJA member #4. Soon after he joined CJA, John was so enthusiastic he formed the Kerr Family Association of North America. He remains active as Editor of their newsletter, *The Border Line*. I would also like to thank Allen Miles Johnston of Carlyle, PA, who is CJA member #6. Allen Miles is a former CJA Merchandise Manager, and loves to regale us at the CJA tent with stories from his U.S. Navy career. I would also note that our late founding President (and CJA member #1), William H. Johnston of Skippack, PA, is being honored in Scotland by the Scottish Tartans Authority as I write this message. The Authority is dedicating their archives to Bill, and unveiling a plaque in his honor. Many of you know that Bill was a founder of the Tartan Education and Cultural Association (TECA) which continues to have a presence at many Scottish Games in the U.S. and to which CJA has made a donation in Bill's memory each year since his passing.. Bill also co-authored a three-volume publication entitled *Tartans* with Dr. Phillip D. Smith, Jr. of Clan Grant that contains the most comprehensive display of tartans in print.

Yours Aye,

Stephen Johnston

Flowers of the Forest

In the last S & P we requested updates on some of our members and we are sad to report the passing of two members; Joseph F. Johnston on Nov. 17, 2003 and Marion J. Alles on May 6, 2004.

Clan Johnston/e in America

30th Anniversary Celebration and Annual General Meeting 2006

October 21, 2006

The Clan Johnston/e in America (CJA) Council selected the Stone Mountain Highland Games & Festival (SMHG) to be host site for our 2006 Annual General Meeting (AGM) & 30th Anniversary Celebration this fall. These games are held at the Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mountain, Georgia, October 21st & 22nd, 2006. **For information on the SMHG Schedule and purchasing your tickets for the SMHG, please refer to their web-site: www.smhg.org.**

CJA's 30th Anniversary: 2006 marks the 30th Anniversary of Clan Johnston/e in America. Make plans now to join in the celebration by attending the AGM and Banquet. Friday night (Oct.20) we will have a reception/meet and greet at magnolia manor hotel from 6:30-8:00 p.m., a time to meet fellow CJA members prior to the games, and an opportunity for folks to check in and ask questions.

The CJA AGM and Banquet will be held at the Magnolia Manor Hotel *Capital Ballroom* in Tucker, Georgia on Saturday, October 21, 2006 from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Please complete the registration form at the bottom of this page and mail it along with your check to the CJA AGM 2006 Committee by October 10th, 2006.

Hotel Accommodations: A limited number of double rooms are available on October 20th, 21st and 22nd, 2006 at a special group rate of \$79.00 (plus tax) at the Magnolia Manor Hotel. The hotel is located at 4156 LaVista, Tucker, GA, 30084 just minutes from Stone Mountain Park. The rates are available until September 20th. The room cost includes breakfast for two. Call 770-938-1026 to make reservations. When you call, let the hotel know you are with Clan Johnston/e in America. (Rooms book fast, so make your reservations early).

CJA AGM & Banquet 2006

Magnolia Manor Hotel *Capital Ballroom*, 4256 LaVista, Tucker, Georgia, 30084

Saturday, October 21, 2006, 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

COST PER PERSON: \$45.00 (Includes AGM Banquet & Administrative Costs)

Cash Bar Available

Please register by October 10th, 2006.

Makes checks payable to Clan *Johnston/e in America* and mail it along with this form to
 CJA AGM Committee 2006, ATTN: Betty Ryan, 240 Lexington Circle, Athens, GA 30605

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Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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Please select one entrée for each person and print name as you want it to appear on name tag.

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	Choice of Entrée (Select one)		
	____ London Broil with Burgundy Sauce		
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Total Enclosed: \$ _____

If you need more space to add more names, please use a blank sheet of paper.

 If you plan on attending the AGM & Banquet and wish further information or clarification, please call Betty Ryan or Dennis Watts at 706-549-0130 or email majgr@yahoo.com. AGM Schedule, directions to the hotel and airport information will be published in the next issue of the Spur & Phoenix.

Scottish Events Schedule

6/9-11/2006

3rd Annual Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games
Meeks Park, Blairsville, GA Website at www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org
Lee Cattell and Hal Dodds will host a Clan Johnston/e tent
Contact: Dennis Watts at 706-549-0130 or majrgr@yahoo.com

6/10/2006

Southern New Hampshire Scottish Games and Festival
Silver Ranch, Jaffrey, NH Website at www.snhscotcelt.org
Tent Hostess: Margot Johnston; (603) 497-3281; Lucknbooth@aol.com

6/17-18/2006

Potomac Celtic Festival
U.S. 15 just a few miles north of Leesburg, VA Website at www.pcfest.org
Lee Cattell and Hal Dodds will host a Clan Johnston/e tent
Contact: Hal Dodds

7/6-9/2006

50th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering O' Scottish Clans
MacRae Meadows, Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC
Website at www.gmhg.org
Contact & Tickets: highlandgames@vol.com
CJA tent sponsors: Jim and Grace Johnston

7/8-9/2006

12th Annual Skagit Valley Highland Games & Celtic Festival
Edgewater Park, Mount Vernon, WA
Contact: Skye Richendrfer Phone: (360) 416-4934 www.celticarts.org
CJA Contact: Jim Johnston; 360-679-4217

7/15/2006

Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games
Dakota County Fairgrounds, Farmington, MN
Website at www.mnscottishfair.org
Contact: Dee Johnston, DeeLJohnston@mchsi.com

8/12/2006

Whidby Island Games sponsored by Whidby Island Celtic Society
Greenback Farm, Whidby Island, WA
CJA Contact: James Johnston (360) 679-4217

9/22-24/2006

New Hampshire Highland Games
Loon Mt. Recreation Area, Lincoln, NH
Website at: www.nhscot.org

10/21-22/06

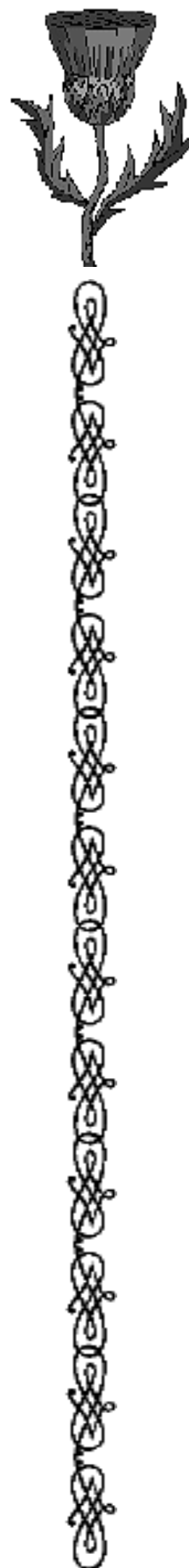
Stone Mountain Highland Games Clan Johnston/e in America (CJA)
2006 Annual General Meeting (AGM 2006)
& CJA 30th Anniversary Celebration
Stone Mountain, GA
Website at: www.smhg.org
Contact: majrgr@yahoo.com

10/28-29/06

Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival
Richmond Raceway Complex, Richmond, Virginia
Website at www.richmondceltic.com/site.asp
Hosted by: T.J. Johnston

12/2/2006

Alexandria Christmas Walk
Alexandria, VA
Contact: (703) 841-9190
Email: Katherine Bailey-Mathae (see page 2 for email)



Editor's Notes

by Jackie Johnston

Well, it has been a year and my house still has not sold. So keep sending the articles and photos to my daughter (see page 2).

You may have noticed that most of the photos in this issue are of the Johnston's in Minnesota. That is because I never go anywhere without my camera and we have not had any other photo submissions. If you are getting sick of seeing the same faces from Minnesota, I encourage you to bring your camera to the Scottish events in your area and take some photos of Johnston/e's in attendance. If you are the only one there, ask someone to take your picture with your camera. A newsletter without photos is pretty boring. I can't promise that you won't see more photos of Minnesota Johnston/e's but at least you will see other people as well.

If you are submitting a photo, please tell me who the people are in the photo and if possible, who took the photo. If you submit a photo that is not an original, we need permission from the photographer to print it. Photos taken with your camera are considered originals so if you send them in, I will assume I have your permission.

Sometimes people send me interesting articles but I can't reprint them unless I have permission from the original author and the publication in which it appeared. We don't want to break any copyright laws by publishing anything without the proper authorization.

You can submit articles and photos via email. If you don't have a digital camera or have the photos on disk, you can scan them and send them in. If you don't have a computer, you can mail them to Dee and she will make sure I get them until I move.

If you are sending an article, please use Microsoft Word if possible, New Times Roman font in size 11. It is very easy for me to work with that.

I look forward to hearing from members about the summer games and any other articles you think would interest CJA in general.

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A hundred thousand welcomes to our new members!

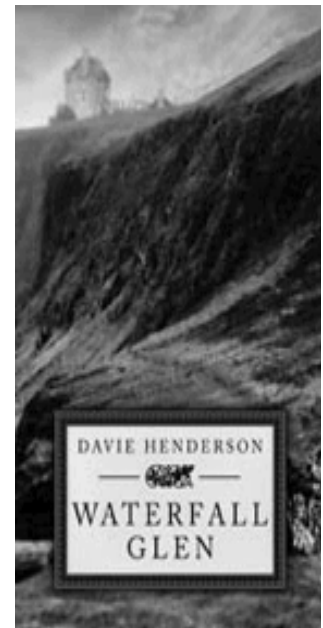
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Thomas D. Johnston Jr. - LA
Katherine Lee Johnson - WA
Susan T.M. Studebaker -CA
William Johnston - FL
The Hartley Family - Michael & Roma &
two sons Michael J. and Robert S. of FL

Juniors Members:
Zach and Shea Roberts of CO

New Book

Waterfall Glen

A story of an American woman getting in touch with her Scottish roots and finding love along the way. It's a mix of contemporary romance and traditional ghost story. The author, Davie Henderson, writes that he wants to convey something of the beauty of the land and the nature of it's history, from the charge of the clans at Culloden, to the dramatic events which led to so many Highlanders starting a new life in America and Canada.



What's In A Name?

CJA member Andy Johnston, sent in a copy of an article in The Scots Magazine, November 2005 titled *Monstrous and Cruell Barbaritie* by Brian D. Osborne. The article was about a raid on Glen Guin in Dumbartonshire on Feb. 7, 1603. The force consisted of 400 men of Clan Gregor, Clan Cameron and other 'Broken Hieland men'. Andy circled a paragraph that reads:

“By July a group of MacGreagors in Perth had advised the Privy Council that they had renounced their former ‘unhappie name’ and would adopt the surname Johnnstoune. Over the next 30 years as series of Acts of Parliament were passed in order to ensure that Clan Gregor was crushed and the very name, seen as a potent threat, should vanish.”

Johnston, Johnstone & Johnson

By Bart Johnston

One question I often get is “Are you Johnstons the same family as Johnson?” This is not a question with a one-sentence answer. Clan Johnston/e in America does recognize a great many Johnsons as members with the same ancestry as those of us with the ‘t’ in our name. However, most Johnsons have no ancestral connection with ours of Annandale.

As you probably know, our name originated on the West Marches of Scotland in the late 1100’s when John was awarded a tract of land in Dumfriesshire. His son was Sir Gilbert, who took the name ‘de Johnston’ from his father’s estate. The Anglo-Saxon word for farm is tun, so he literally became Gilbert of John’s farm.

There are two schools of thought on who the original John was. One is that he was John de Bruis, a great uncle of Robert the Bruce, and the other is that he was John de Joinville, whose namesake was a French knight from Champagne who came with William the Conqueror in 1066. We will probably never know because when the Maxwells burned Lochwood Tower in the Middle Ages, they destroyed the charter chest containing all the documents which might have proven the origin of our progenitor.

As George MacDonald Fraser points out in *The Steel Bonnets*, the ‘t’ was often dropped from our name, even on the Borders. Russell Honey (a CJA member), in his fine book *The Gentle Johnstons*, writes, “The dropping of the ‘t’ was not uncommon among the Johnstons of Ulster.”

Most of the Johnsons in Britain are of Norse descent and the name is patronymic, son of Johann or Johannsen. The Danes conquered almost all of England, and the Norwegians with their Irish Scot allies took most of Scotland from the Picts, casting a huge cultural net over the country. The Norse name Johnson appeared where there were centers of Norwegian influence.

In the Middle Ages and especially after the union of Scotland and England large numbers of Border Scots went south and it made sense that many Johnstons dropped the ‘t’ to become more English. The English historically saw the Scot as an uncivilized barbarian and during the Jacobite years, they were additionally seen as traitors to King and Country. Only 14 years after General Wolfe had helped defeat Bonnie Prince Charlie, during the French and Indian War, he wrote a dispatch to London the night before his famous assault up the cliffs in Quebec City. The General stated that he would put the Highlanders in the lead and “if they are all killed it will be no great mischief.” One can hardly criticize a Johnston for dropping the ‘t’ and going native in olde England.

If you go to the 1884 edition of *Burke’s Armory* you will find the following peers: Johnson of Edinburgh, Crest: Winged Spur, Motto: Nunquam non Paratus; Johnson of Walton House, co. Cumberland, Crest: Winged Spur; Johnson of Tyldesley, co. Lancaster, Crest: Winged Spur; Johnson of Bath, Baronet, Motto: Nunquam non Paratus. There are a great many more Johnson peers of the realm but these are most likely descended from the Johnstons of Annandale with their Johnston crest and motto.

When Johnstons came to North America, we continued to drop the ‘t’ for various reasons. Sometimes our ancestors were illiterate and government officials misspelled the name or a person wanted to distance himself from other family members with whom he disagreed. This commonly happened during the American Revolution or the Civil War.

The late Dr. Harvey Johnson was our Caskieben historian. He was descended from a Col. Johnston of Edinburgh who found himself on the opposite side of the King and had to flee to Ireland to avoid hanging. On the way he changed his name to Johnson to avoid detection and that branch of the Clan has been Johnson from then on. I have heard similar stories from other Johnsons in CJA. Some of our ancestors left Scotland and Ireland ahead of the debt collector, soldiers, inquisitors, taxmen or angry neighbors and found it in their best interest to become ‘English Johnsons.’

If you are a Johnson and can trace your heritage back to the Johnstons, the Scottish Borders, Ulster or a Scottish or Scots-Irish community of North America, it is possible that you are descended from the Johnstons of Annandale. If you are a Johnson and don’t know your heritage but have an interest in Scottish culture and history, we welcome you to join us in Clan Johnston/e in America. If you are already a member, we look forward to continuing our relationship and sharing your stories and camaraderie!



Message to Members

By Carol Koeslag

It is with regret that I receive periodic notices from our registrar, Margot Johnston, that mail has been returned to her, which means that someone has moved and not given a forwarding address or sadly, some member has died. It is really important that you send in a change of address to Margot (see Council list) if you have moved or are in the process of moving.

A recent count of Canadian members shows a decline in membership and that is too bad. The Council is trying to assess if it is an age factor; only those over a certain age are interested in Clan membership, or whether people just don't know that there is a clan association. This is not unique to just our clan. I talk to other clan representatives at the games and they say the same thing. Hosting tents, of course is one of the big public relation aspects for all clans. I think we are very fortunate in our clan that we have so much for young people; scholarships, recognition of skills (piping and dancing) and Billye Tellingner's Youth page in the S & P.

How about considering a membership for a son/daughter or grandchild? Have you ever thought of passing along your Spur and Phoenix to friends or other folks in other Scottish groups to which you belong? There is sure to be a Johnston/e amongst them.



Nominations Committee Report for AGM

by Billye Tellingner

The Nominating Committee respectfully recommends the following candidates for election at the 2006 Annual General Meeting at Stone Mountain, Georgia:

Vice President - West Lindsey Johnston
incumbent
Dennis Watts Secretary incumbent
Kathie-Bailey Mathae Treasurer incumbent
Margot Johnston Registrar incumbent
Barbara Hockman Genealogist incumbent
Joe Johnston At Large incumbent

As you can see, we are indeed fortunate to have such talented and capable members willing to continue to serve the Clan.

Flowers of the Forest



Douglas Clarke Johnston, 49, of DeWitt, died Tuesday at University Hospital after a valiant battle with cancer.

Born in Geneva, New York on June 28, 1956 to Clarke and Geraldine Johnston, Doug grew up in Pittsford, New York. After graduating in 1978 from Hamilton College, Doug attended the SUNY at Buffalo Faculty of Law & Jurisprudence, receiving his J.D. in 1981. Doug joined Mackenzie Hughes as an associate upon graduation and became a partner in 1989.

Doug is survived by his wife of 21 years, Nancy Caple Johnston, and his mother, Geraldine H. Johnston. Doug will be remembered by loving friends from all facets of his life.

Involved in many professional and community organizations and activities too numerous to mention, Doug was especially fulfilled by his work with the Central New York Jazz Arts Foundation and Park Central Presbyterian Church. The Cultural Resources Council has recognized these efforts by naming him a recipient of the 2006 Horizon Award for his significant and dynamic cultural vision.

As an ordained elder of Park Central Presbyterian Church, Doug was as a spiritual leader for his faith community. He was a mentor for young people and served on the governing board and numerous committees. He will be recalled with great fondness and esteem by his church community.

Doug loved to be active in mind and body and enjoyed many sports, both as a participant and spectator. Whatever the season, Doug had a sport to play or a team to follow. He and Nancy also enjoyed traveling, their summers in the Thousand Islands and their cat, George.

(From the Democrat and Chronicle, May 18, 2006)

Genealogy Corner

by Barbara Hockman

Many of us are familiar with the pension records of our ancestors who fought on the Union side in the Civil War, but our Confederate ancestors also applied for pensions. Some can be found among the Union pensions in the form of invalid pensions but the Confederate veteran was eligible to apply for a pension from the state in which he lived, regardless of what state unit he served in. Generally the eligibility for a pension required that the veteran be indigent or disabled.

Begin your search for a Confederate pension record by going to National Archives web page www.archives.gov/genealogy/military/civil-war/confederate/pension.html. Here you will find a list of state web sites that have online indexes to their Confederate pension records and instructions on how to obtain copies. The following sites have actual images of their pension records.

www.floridamemory.com/collections

www.state.sc.us/scdah

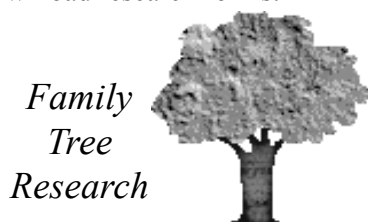
www.lva.lib.va.us/index.htm

For those interested in the history of the Ulster-Scots, check out www.ulsterancestry.com. It gives a history of the migration from the Lowlands of Scotland, to Ulster and onto the Pennsylvania region of the United States. You can also find maps of Ulster, lists of deported convicts, index to marriage license bonds from the Church of Ireland and a number of other lists pertaining to Ulster.

If you haven't checked out www.deadfred.com or www.ancientfaces.com lately you should definitely do so. There are quite a few pictures of Johnston/e's.

Got a little time to cruise the web? Check out the search engine www.linkpendium.com. Just put Johnston in the surname section and spend some time going through all the Johnston biographies.

Don't understand a term you found in document? A great resource site is www.genealogyencyclopedia.com. They define illnesses, occupations, abbreviations, and terms often found in documents. It is also a great place to download research forms.



<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hjohnson/index.html>

Genetic Genealogy

Using DNA Research to determine your Scottish Ancestry

By Harold Johnson, administrator for the Johnson/Johnston/Johnstone Surname DNA Project

When people first inhabited Scotland, it is known that they came from several directions and at different time periods. From the Picts, the Scandinavian Vikings, the Strathclyde Britons, the early Saxon settlers and later the Norman born fortune hunters, each brought its own particular DNA signature. Today, we are increasingly able, through DNA testing of the male Y-chromosome, to determine which of these groups a particular well-documented Scottish lineage would belong. MtDNA, which is passed down through the maternal line, is also of great importance in the study of ancient genealogy. Geographically, there are several major mtDNA and Y-DNA projects underway to further define the above-mentioned groups! Exciting... isn't it? DNA research is the "New Dawn" of modern genealogy that opens the door to our ancient heritage!

A single DNA test standing alone is of little value! Its value lies in comparing the test results with others in a database. Such a database is our J/J/J DNA project! We are steadily growing and we are starting to see certain patterns emerge concerning specific J/J/J Scottish lineages. As the test data accumulates, we are most likely going to be confronted with controversies within lineages. Keep in mind that we are in the very earliest era of this exciting field and this is to be expected! Our J/J/J DNA project is committed to presenting the DNA test results along with individual pedigrees for all to observe and compare.

A DNA test consists of a cheek swab... the resulting cheek cells are analyzed by a lab, Family Tree DNA. Typically, the results are returned in about 4/5 weeks. There are two major aspects of the test results; DYS numbers which are used for comparisons to determine close family relationships and haplogroup predictions used in the study of ancient genealogy (think of this as the greater family with a common ancestor many thousands of years ago). More specific information about all these details can be found on our web page.

It may be of interest to S & P readers, that currently, DNA test data is indicating that Annandale and Caskieben lineages for the most part are showing haplogroup R1b (Gaelic origin) while the more wide spread lineages connected to a place (Johnston/Johnstone) appear to be most often of haplogroup I (Viking origin).

DNA test results are now being accepted in helping to prove lineages for acceptance into societies such as DAR, SAR and The Mayflower Society. Others are sure to follow!

For more information about our project, please feel free to visit our web page and/or to contact me, Harold Johnson



Canada Reports

By Carol Koeslag

Spring has certainly sprung in this part of Canada! Time to turn our thoughts to gardening, house cleaning, repairing last summer's tools, painting etc. No? Oh, of course, how silly of me, it's time to turn our thoughts to the summer Highland Games and Festivals!

The summer of 2005, as you've read in previous S & P's, saw Peter and me attending a number of Games. This summer, however, I think things might be rather different. We do plan on hosting tents at the Glengarry Games in Maxville and at the Fergus Games. Whether we are able to get to Cobourg, or North Durham Games in Uxbridge, we'll have to decide later.



Awards

Buddy MacMaster, whose traditional fiddle playing helped preserve Celtic music in Cape Breton, received a lifetime achievement award from the East Coast Music Association. The Association recently announced that MacMaster 81, will become the 18th recipient of the Dr. Helen Creighton Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes someone who has had a profound and lasting effect on the Atlantic Canadian music industry. The award was presented on February 6, 2006 in Charlottetown, PEI.

Schedule of Games in Canada

June 24th, Cobourg, a one day event with piping, dancing, and heavies competitions.

July 28-29, North Durham, a delightfully situated Game site, with piping, dancing, heavies, Scottish dog breed show, Scottish horse and cattle show.

July 28-29, Glengarry Games at Maxville. This is one of the largest and major pipe competition in Canada, plus dancing, heavies, etc. Lots of clan tents, usually placed in two large fairground barns. Tents are open on the Saturday from 9-4.

August 12-13, Fergus Games. Another major Games event. Last year there were 54 Clans represented. Again, heavies, dancing, and piping competitions. Friday night there is a Tattoo. Clan tents open on Sat. 9-4.

There are many, many other Highland Festivals all summer in Ontario, Orillia, Sarnia, Almonte, to name just three others. I hope you will be able to take advantage of attending some if not all of the Games. It would really be great if some Ontario CJA members would host a tent. Contact me if you have the interest and time and we can discuss how and when I could get the Clan box to you. It only involves being present at an information table. Information on CJA, brochures, books, etc. are on display. If you have some Johnston/e tartan dress, i.e. tie, scarf, kilt etc., then you could also walk in the clan parade that marches onto the central field.

Join in the fun!



The Haggis *by Carol Koeslag*

It is a little late in the year, but perhaps you enjoyed a generous serving of haggis at a Burn's Supper or other Scottish Festivity. At Hutchenson House museum, here in Petersborough (where I am an active member) at the January Hogmanay event, haggis is served after the First Footer with his Scotch, bread and coal has arrived, along with other Scottish treats and Athol Brose.

It Takes Pluck to Make Haggis

Historians and anthropologists like to dig around ancient kitchen sites, looking for old shards of pots and pans of long gone civilizations, to try to figure out what kind of food these people consumed. I wonder what their reaction would be when they discover that the Scots prepared the national dish and favourite drink made with oatmeal and grain deliberately burnt over an open fire.

Gelette Burgess had this thought in 1895:

The Haggis, I have never cooked
And never hope to bake one
From recipes at which I've looked
I'd rather eat than make one.

Haggis is basically a mixture of toasted oatmeal, spices, lots of pepper and boiled sheep innards, poetically called "the pluck". The ingredients are mixed together well and then inserted into the sheep's stomach (which has been well cleaned!) and then cooked for several hours. Said quickly, it sounds easy enough, but it is a lot easier to get it from your local butcher. The pluck usually consists of the sheep's heart and liver. If you are determined to cook haggis, your local butcher can provide you with a modern day casing. Good luck and when you hear "the Address to the Haggis" and you are not sure just what is being said, you might think to the words you used when you were preparing the tasty morsel!



Letter to the Editor



Hello Clan Johnston,

I write a Saturday countryside diary 'Man with two dogs' for the Dundee Courier, based on my walks with my two dogs. It's not just about my own home locality of the east of Scotland; wherever we are in Scotland I'm likely to write about it. It's non-political and non-controversial and just the sort of thing that I believe will be enjoyed by ex-pats, Scots-by-kin and other devotee Scots.

I've got a website now and have only recently gone live, and am still uploading weekly articles back to 4 January 2003. The site will always have something new because there will always be another week's article to add after its Saturday publication in the Courier. In due course I want to add more pages such as 'guid Scots words and phrases', recipes, dog tales – if it's successful who knows where it will go.

Please take a look at www.manwithtwodogs.com it's remarkable just how much of Scotland I've visited and written about.

If you like it, would you be prepared to recommend to your colleagues to put a link to it from your own website. Alternatively, would you mention me in your newsletter The Spur and Phoenix. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes from Scotland
Angus Whitson
Man with two dogs

(Editors note: You will need to scroll down a long way to get to the articles after clicking on the week.)

The Toast to the Haggis at the Tartan Day Gala in St. Paul, April 2006. Dennis Johnston, far right.

Scottish Ramble



Dennis Johnston demonstrating the use of the claymore at a seminar at the Scottish Ramble in February at the historic Landmark Center in St. Paul, MN.



Calling of the Clans at the Kirken O' the Tartans. Dee Johnston near center, dipping the Johnston banner as Clan Johnston/e is called. Clan Johnston/e member Ron Kincaid is to her left representing Clan Kincaid.

Tartan Day Gala



Earl & Sharon Maynard at the 2006 Tartan Day Gala in St. Paul, MN. *Photos by Jackie Johnston*

Tartan Day in Minnesota



Dennis Johnston, flag bearer for the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans.



Charles “Nick” Johnston representing Clan Johnston/e in the Calling of the Clans.

A Sunny Day for Scots!

The Minnesota Tartan Day Cooperative went all out this year for Tartan Day. It began with a couple of musical presentations on Tartan Day and spread to the weekend..

On Friday, there was a wonderful Gala with a fine dinner, an auction to raise money for the Scottish Opera and a concert featuring the fine music of Chicago violinist, Rachel Bartin Pine.

Saturday dawned with beautiful weather for the event at the MN State Capitol. CJA participated in the large parade featuring three pipe bands from around the state. There was a fine program on the steps of the capitol with dancers, music and a crowd of over two hundred participants. Members of CJA were in attendance at the Gala and the event at the Capitol.



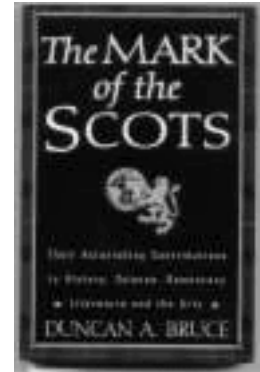
From L-R: Back row; Nick Johnston, unknown, Micah Johnston, Front; MN CJA Commissioner, Dee Johnston, E.J. Johnston and Linda Wehr (sister of Jackie Johnston).

Scots Book List

For your summertime reading.



- The Mark of the Scots* by Duncan Bruce
- The Scottish 100* by Duncan Bruce
- The Great Scot* by Duncan Bruce
- How Scots Invented the Modern World* by Dr. Arthur Herman
- John Logie Baird; A Life* by Malcolm Baird and Anthony Kamm
- Carnegie* by Peter Krass
- Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow
- How the Scots Made America* by Michael Fry
- Tartans – Six books on “Tartan” by Philip D. Smith, Jr.
- John Paul Jones* by Evan Thomas
- “1776” by David McCollough
- Scottish Highland Hospitality* by Claire MacDonald
- The Scottish Invention of America, Democracy and Human Rights* by Robert John Munro and Alexander L. Klieforth
- The Baseball Man – James Naismith* by Bernice Larson Webb
- Born Fighting* by James Webb



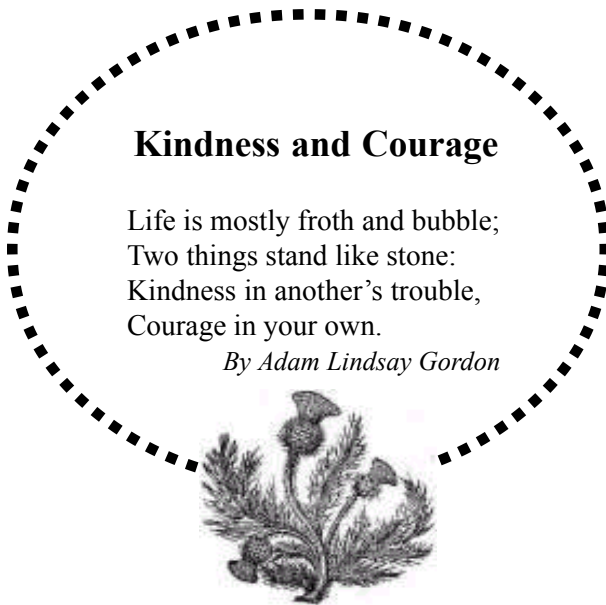
For younger readers;

- Where was Patrick Henry on the 29th of May? By Jean Fritz
- They Called Her Molly Pitcher by Anne Rockwell
- I Have Not Yet Begun To Fight by Ian Cameron



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Scots Wha Ha’e



A man emigrating from Ireland landed at Ellis Island in New York. The official asked him his nationality. He replied, “Scottish.”

The officer seemed confused and said, “But your papers say you were born in Ireland.”

The proud immigrant squared his shoulders and explained. “If a man is born in a barn, that doesn’t make him a horse.”

He entered his new homeland as a Scotsman.

Poem submitted by Debra Johnston

May 3 issue of RootsWeb Review. Submitted by Steve Johnston.

Clan Johnston/e in America

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Effective October 2005

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Information submitted by Dee Johnston

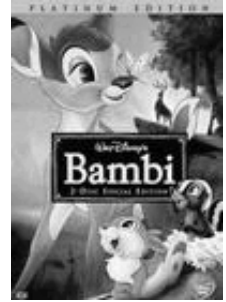
James Morrison, president of the National Capital Tartan Day Committee, has announced the formation of a Scottish caucus in Congress, to be known as Friends of Scotland Caucus. Morison, whose column, "Embassy Row", appears in the Washington Times, says the caucus is now registered in the House of Representatives. This means it is an official caucus.

Members of the caucus: Mike McIntyre (D-NC), John Duncan (R-TN), David Scott (D-GA), Neil Abercrombie (D-HI), Jim Matheson (D-Utah, Brad Miller (D-NC, Candice Miller (R-MI) and Henry Brown (R-SC).

Additional information may be obtained from Morrison at jmorrison@WashingtonTimes.com

We were asked to publish this article in our newsletter and for members to contact one or all of the above-named representatives and thank them for this action. You can keep them informed of Tartan Day activities (current or future) in your area. Personal letters and letters from Scottish societies are encouraged. It will be reassuring to these members of Congress to know they have your support for this effort.

Oliver Martin Johnston Jr. was recognized with the National Medal of Arts in 2005 for his pioneer work in the field of motion picture animation. The award was presented to him in the Oval Office by President George W. Bush. He was one of Disney's Nine Old Men and the last living member.



He was the directing animator at Walt Disney Studios from 1935-1978 and contributed to many films including Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Fantasia, Bambi and Pinocchio. He and Frank Thomas co-authored the classic reference book, *The Illusion of Life*. The two men were also the subjects of the documentary film "Frank and Ollie" which was produced by Frank's son, Theodore Thomas.

Ollie married Marie Worthey in 1943. She was an Ink and Paint artist at Disney. She passed away in May of 2005. To learn more about Ollie Johnston, visit www.wikipedia.org/Ollie_Johnston.



The Heavenly Call

An American decided to write a book about famous churches around the world. So he bought a plane ticket and took a trip to Orlando, thinking that he would start by working his way across the USA from South to North. On his first day he was inside a church taking photographs when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read "\$10,000 per call". The American, being intrigued, asked a priest who was strolling by what the telephone was used for. The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God. The American thanked the priest and went along his way.

Next stop was in Atlanta. There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same golden telephone with the same sign under it. He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in Orlando and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was. She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God. "O.K., thank you," said the American.

He then traveled to Indianapolis, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Boston and New York. In every church he saw the same golden telephone with the same "\$10,000 per call" sign under it.

The American, upon leaving Vermont decided to travel to SCOTLAND to see if SCOTS had the same phone. He arrived in SCOTLAND, and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read "40 pence per call."

The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign. "Father, I've traveled all over America and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in the US the price was \$10,000 per call. Why is it so cheap here?" The priest smiled and answered, "You're in SCOTLAND now, son - it's a local call".

(Lea Thompson's cousin sent this to her from Scotland. Submitted by Margot Johnston)

Youth Pages

By Billye Tellingner



Highland Games Time!

Summer is in full bloom, and Highland Games are being held all across Canada and the United States. Fall is the customary time for these festivities in Scotland, with the best known games being held at Balmoral Castle. How and why did these games get started? Read on!

CLAN GATHERINGS AND GAMES

Long ago, clan chiefs held summer gatherings where important matters could be discussed. Competitions were also held for young clansmen to see who were the strongest and fittest. Chiefs selected their personal bodyguards from the strongest clansmen, and the fastest runners would be their messengers. The clan's safety and security depended on the strength of its warriors and the speed of its runners.

Clansmen showed their strength by wrestling, weight-lifting, weight-throwing, and tug-of-war. Their agility was tested by running, sprinting, jumping and vaulting. The hill race was one of the most difficult tests. According to an old story, King Malcolm Canmore organised one of these events above Braemar in the 11th century.

Today's Highland games are our modern version of the old clan games. Each summer, about sixty of these events take place all over Scotland. A chief is usually appointed to organise modern games, as in earlier times, and as well as sporting events, there is usually bagpiping and dancing.

Nowadays these Scottish gatherings are also held all over the world, especially in

the USA and Canada. Thousands of clansmen emigrated to North America during the Clearances of the 18th and 19th century as well as later. Today more than 20 million North Americans claim Scottish descent, and many people in Nova Scotia (Canada) speak Gaelic. Many Americans nowadays are deeply interested in their roots and family history. So the spirit of kinship and shared heritage is probably as strong at these modern events – especially the overseas ones – as it was in past times.





Edinburgh Castle



Glamis Castle



Stirling Castle

Castle Quiz Winners!

Two very clever kids came up with all the right answers, and will be receiving a \$10.00 Johnston/e. Drum roll, please ~ let's hear it for Zach Roberts and Vanessa Brior!

Answers are:

1. Dunnottar Castle ~ e. Scotland's Crown Jewels were hidden from the English here.
2. Bannockburn ~ f. Robert the Bruce smashed King Edward II's army here.
3. Linlithgow Castle ~ a. Mary Queen of Scots was born here.
4. Glamis Castle ~ h. Queen Elizabeth II's mother (the "Queen Mum") born here.
5. Stirling Castle ~ g. Mary Queen of Scots crowned here (at age 7 months old).
6. Isle of Skye ~ d. Bonnie Prince Charlie escaped the English to here.
7. Scone Castle ~ c. Where all Scottish kings were crowned on the "Stone of Destiny."
8. Edinburgh Castle ~ b. Bonnie Prince Charlie captured it from the English.



For more information on these castles and to see photos of many of them, check out www.geocities.com/Athens/Forum/8287/maincas.html



Did You Know?

By Debra Johnston

Scotland Yard is built on, and takes its name from the site on which at one time, stood the London House of Scottish Kings.

The founder of the Kingdom of Scotland was Kenneth MacAlpine, who ruled from 843 until 859.

Surnames first came into use in Scotland in the reign of Malcolm Canmore, 1057-1093.

The Brahan Seer – Coinnach Odhr – who lived about 1700, predicted some wonderful events, among which what he called, the doom of the Seaforth, and these have been fulfilled to the letter.

The first mention of tartan in trade is found in an account tendered to the Treasurer of James III in 1471.



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