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Clan Johnstone/e in America



### Visiting Raehills

*by Honourable. Archibald Johnstone, Senator (Retired)*

I recently returned from Scotland, where I was accompanied by my granddaughter Heather, age 21, on her first visit to the Land of Heather. It was our good fortune to visit Raehills, the castle-like former home of the Rt. Hon. Patrick Hope Johnstone, Earl of Annandale and Chief of Clan Johnstone, and his wife, the Countess of Annandale. The Annandales are now retired to 'Annanbank', a short distance from Raehills, in Dumfriesshire. Raehills is presently occupied by their son, Lord David Johnstone, his wife, Lady Johnstone, their son Percy, age five, and daughter Anna, age four.

The well-manicured grounds at Raehills are enormous. The long, interesting driveway leading up to the superb castle which is mirrored in a small lake that is guarded by ancestral oaks and banks of rhododendrons. On either side of the drive, countless deer may be seen, which - although not quite domesticated - move only yards from the driveway at the approach of a pedestrian or automobile. Peacocks and a wide variety of other colourful birds cross and re-cross the curved driveway, requiring care when driving.

The large, well-appointed suites that Heather and I occupied in Raehills are models of comfort and ease, both looking out to a fine view of the gardens and the island-studded lake, shining like a mirror in the rising sun.

Lord and Lady Johnstone do not believe in pretension or affectation, making us feel like family when in their presence. We dined at their table, engaged in animated conversation with them, and during the evenings, joined them in their cozy den to watch television or relax in pleasant discussion. Heather fell in love with both Percy and Anna, who are lively and interesting children. (Continued on page 7)

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## President's Letter



Happy Holidays to everyone! As you celebrate this holiday season, I hope you are considering the less fortunate and our armed forces families in your plans. I plan to add our home country's traditions of Boxing Day and Hogmanay, and would highly recommend them to you too (congratulations Canadian members, you already celebrate the former!).

Boxing Day – the day after Christmas – is a celebration of giving to the less fortunate by boxing up gifts and donating them directly or through service organizations. Hogmanay is a New Year's Eve celebration that can last all night – at least it did when I celebrated it in Scotland several years ago. It includes a “first footing”, in which a tall dark stranger (sometimes made up to look so, and sometimes the criteria are fudged a bit) shows up at a house immediately after midnight delivering a gift of warmth – a lump of coal, a portion of food, or a portion of Scotch whisky. What wonderful traditions!

I hope too that you are considering gifts of CJA merchandise or memberships to your family members and your friends of Johnstone/Johnston/Johnson descent. And as you make your New Year's resolutions (I hope that tradition isn't obsolete!), I encourage you to consider greater involvement in CJA and perhaps in Scottish organizations and activities in our local area.

As I've noted many times before, we have many opportunities for service in CJA, so just get in touch with me or with anyone else on our Council – our contact information is on Page 2 of this newsletter. I hope you have Scottish organizations in your local area that provide opportunities for service too. I'm proud to note that many of our CJA members are very involved in such organizations – what a great way to advertise our own heritage to members of our local Scottish heritage community!

I've been encouraged by the turnout at CJA tents at Scottish games this fall. I hope you have been able to attend one or more. I've heard good reports from several tent sponsors, and we all owe them big THANK YOU! You'll see some of these reports elsewhere in this newsletter.

On a final note, I ask you to please get in touch with me or other CJA Council members PRONTO if you would like to participate with us in the International Gathering of Clans in Edinburgh, Scotland (July 25 and 26, 2009). Information on this celebration is available at [www.homecomingscotland.com](http://www.homecomingscotland.com) and at [www.thegathering2009.com](http://www.thegathering2009.com). We, and our Clan Chief, Lord Annandale, are planning a visit to the Annandale region in conjunction with this gathering. So let us know your interest in this too, and stay tuned!

Yours Aye,

Steve Johnston



## Walk in the Holiday Season

by Kathie Bailey

Hundreds of Scottish clansmen will parade through Old Town Alexandria (VA) during the Scottish Christmas Walk on December 1, 2007. The family-friendly holiday event is a traditional favorite in the Washington, DC area. Also featured in the parade are pipe and drum bands, Scottish dancers, re-enactment groups, Scottie dog groups, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus. The event is held rain or shine, warm or cold, so plan to join us.

- Date & Time: Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.
- Parade Route: Begins at the corner of Wilkes and South Pitt Streets and ends at Wolfe and South Saint Asaph Streets, Alexandria, VA.

## Ceard Mhìle Falte

*A hundred thousand welcomes to our new members!*

Lysbeth Johnston Gordon, Bainbridge Island, WA  
Barbara Broom, Gastonia, NC  
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Donovan Johnston, Alpine, UT



## The Waipu Caledonian Games in New Zealand.

If you are planning a trip to New Zealand in the winter, (it is summer down under), you might want to visit the Waipu Caledonian games. They hold the first games in the world each year on January 1 unless it falls on a Sunday. In that case, it is held the next day. They have done this since 1871.

This information is provided to us from Les Hewitt who is the Chief Commissioner for New Zealand, and the editor of the Clan Johnston/e in New Zealand newsletter. You can learn more about the games at [www.highlandgames.co.nz](http://www.highlandgames.co.nz).

## Place Names Johnston, Iowa

*Submitted by Debra Johnston*

Johnston, Iowa is located just northwest of downtown Des Moines and just outside the I-35/80 loop. Johnston is one of the fastest growing cities in the Des Moines Metropolitan area. The US Census Bureau 2005 estimated population for Johnston was 12,931. This was an increase of 49.5% since 2000.

Johnston offers a wealth of recreational facilities, numerous parks and trails and new business development. Johnston is also home to Camp Dodge, an historic military reserve that is now home to the Iowa Army National Guard and Iowa's Emergency Preparedness Center as well as a superior golf course and other facilities. Johnston is the home of the Pioneer Hi-Bred International, an international seed company that develops, produces and sells agricultural seeds of many kinds.

Johnston was established in 1905 as a station on the Des Moines & Central Iowa interurban railway between Des Moines and Perry, known as Johnston Station. It was named for the railway's freight supervisor, John F. Johnston.

*Editors note: If you know of a place named Johnston, please submit the information for the S & P and tell us about the town, city or county and why it was named Johnston or Johnstone.*



## Genealogy Corner

By Barbara Hockman

Prior to 1770, what we commonly know as the original Thirteen Colonies was the destination of choice for many of our Scottish countrymen leaving their homeland. The 1790 Federal Census shows that highest concentration of Scottish immigrants were calling our current states of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia their new home.

So how do you find records of these early immigrants? One place is the website [www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com). This website is mainly a subscription site but may be accessed for free at Family History Centers. Parts can be accessed for free from your home computer.

Some of the exciting things you can find at this website are images of the complete files of the Revolutionary War Pension Files. If any of you have ordered these records in the past, you know that you did not always receive the complete file and the new fees being charged for the copies you might request in the future are astronomical. Even if you have requested a copy of the file in the past, you need to check this sight out to see if there are any other pages you did not receive.

The "Case Files of Applications from Former Confederates for Presidential Pardons ("Amnesty Papers"), 1865-67 references many John(t)on/es.

A series of publications called "Pennsylvania Archives Series" is available for researching without a subscription. This database will keep any Johns(t)on/e researcher busy for quite a while. In the Family & History Records section of [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) they have added:

Directory of Scottish Settlers in North America, 1625-1825. Vol. V  
Directory of Scottish Settlers in North America, 1625-1825. Vol. VI  
Directory of Scottish Settlers in North America, 1625-1825. Vol. VII  
Scottish Soldiers in Colonial America, Part I  
Scottish Soldiers in Colonial America, Part II  
Scots in the West Indies, 1707-1857  
Scots in the USA and Canada, 1825-1875  
Scotch-Irish Migration to South Carolina, 1772



**Genealogies**

Remember, this is also a subscription website but you can access the site free at most public libraries that promote genealogy.

Happy Hunting!

### Robert Paris Honored

by Rebecca Paris

Robert L. Paris was inducted into the Royal Order of Scotland on Saturday, July 14th, 2007 in a ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia. The Order is affiliated with Freemasonry, and is headquartered in Edinburgh, Scotland. The Order is for those of Scottish descent. To receive this honor, the member must have performed civic or church service above and beyond that which is normally expected.

Paris served as a deputy sheriff of Gordon County for 23 years, retiring as a captain in 2004. Paris said he was honored to have served the fine people of Gordon County for over 20 years, many of whose ancestors were Scotch-Irish.

Robert Paris is a member of Clan Johnston/e in America, the Scotch-Irish Society of the USA, the Ulster Scots Association, Clans Irwin and Craig, and is active in his church and other Scottish organizations.



*Robert & Rebecca Paris*

# Famous Johnstons

## Ollie Johnston—The Animator

Unless you grew up in a place with no movie theaters or TV, chances are you loved the productions from Walt Disney; but did you know that Ollie Johnston was one of Walt's best animators? He was one of the "Nine Old Men" as Walt referred to his best artists. His work spanned from 1935 until retiring in 1978 and he was instrumental in Snow White, which was the first feature-length animation, and carried on through to The Fox and the Hound, released in 1981.

Ollie was born in 1912 and grew up in Palo Alto, California where his father was a professor of Romance Languages at Stanford University. He had a typical, active childhood and attended Stanford where he took art classes and met Frank Thomas. The two became fast friends, roommates and later

collaborators on some of the best known works of art in history. After graduation from Stanford they attended art classes in Los Angeles and in 1932 Frank got a job with Disney. He encouraged Ollie to audition and he got one too, for \$17 a week. Not bad for depression wages when some men made only \$5 a week.

This team became Frank and Ollie who were said to be the best actors ever who became animators. They brought emotion to their characters; think of Bambi, Thumper, the Seven Dwarves, Pinocchio, Lady and Tramp, Captain Hook, Alice in Wonderland and a hundred other characters in 23 feature films. We all laughed and cried as we watched these characters on the big screen and television through the years. If you ever loved a Disney character, Frank and Ollie had something to do with it.

With money coming in, Frank and Ollie left their apartment and bought a duplex so they could live next door and start families. They then bought a piece of land and built two homes next to each other. The wives, children and animators were closer than most families and stayed that way their whole lives. They continuously bounced ideas and critiques off each other whether it was in the studio, riding to work or visiting at home. Each man's work was inexorably tied to the other. Thumper couldn't have taught Bambi about ice, Pinocchio's nose couldn't have grown or the Seven Dwarves couldn't have grieved so emotionally for Snow White without Frank and Ollie acting, sharing, sketching, discussing and animating.



Ollie Johnston & Frank Thomas

In the 1950s, television took up more and more of Walt Disney's time and he relied more on Frank and Ollie for feature animations. During work on The Jungle Book, Walt died and the burden fell heavily on Frank and Ollie who were devastated by the loss. Together they produced over half of the film. With Walt gone the studio decided that if this film lost money they would permanently cease animation. It would be just too expensive to start over without Walt. Instead, the film made millions and the studio is still making feature-length animations today thanks to the genius, work ethic and love of the craft which Frank and Ollie demonstrated for over fifty years together. We will never see finer animation from any studio than those characters created and brought to life in the Walt Disney studios by Frank and Ollie.

In 2004 the world lost Ollie's best male friend, Frank Thomas, and the next year he lost his beloved wife of 62 years, Marie. That year he was summoned to the White House by President Bush to receive the National Medal of Arts for his lifetime achievements. He now lives in northern California near his two sons.

## Visiting Raehills, *continued from page 1*

Both Lord David and his father, the Earl of Annandale, are car buffs; an Aston Martin and a new Porsche are only two in their stable of vintage and exceedingly interesting automobiles. I have been invited for drives in both cars, and both were unforgettable experiences.

Clan Johnston/e members may be interested to learn that Lord and Lady Johnstone have graciously assigned a small number of suites in Raehills to be available to Clan members. The rental rates could seem high in Canadian and American terms, but are, in fact, a bargain when compared to many hotels in London. Those interested may visit the Raehills website at [www.raehills.com](http://www.raehills.com), email at [raehills@annandalestates.co.uk](mailto:raehills@annandalestates.co.uk) or phone 01576 470 211 for further information.

While based at Raehills, you may be interested in paying a visit to the Globe Inn in Dumfries, where the meals are excellent and, if requested, proprietor Jane Brown gives a superb tour which permits you to view hidden areas of the Globe Inn, as she outlines its associations with Robert Burns; an experience not ordinarily available to patrons of the Globe.

Also, guests at Raehills may arrange for a guided tour of Scotland conducted by Lady Johnstone's mother, who is an expert on Scottish history and points of interest throughout the land.

Raehills provides a treasure house of Johnstone history and clan lore. It remains at the top of my list of prime attractions in Scotland.



*The Countess and Earl of Annandale*



*Lady Johnstone and wee Oliver*



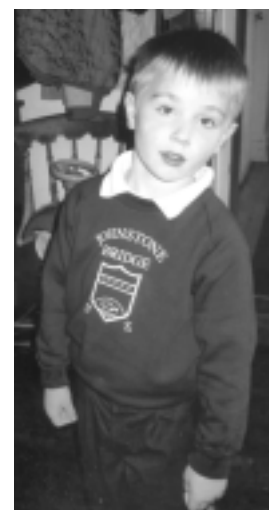
*Lord David and Lady Johnstone*



*Jane Brown and Lord Annandale*



*Heather Johnstone with Lord and Lady Johnstone's daughter Anna.*



*Percy Johnstone*



## Sir Robin Knox –Johnston

By Paul Johnston

In April of 2007, my wife Nikki and I attended the Velux 5 Oceans Yacht Race in Norfolk Virginia, where we had the privilege of meeting Sir Robin Knox-Johnston.

This remarkable 67 year old sailor was competing in a single-handed, around the world yacht race. Sailors in this race cover 30,000 nautical miles of ocean alone, in one of the most daring and remarkable feats of endurance imaginable. The race began with 7 competitors in October 2006 in Bilbao, Spain and the first leg finished 72 days later in Fremantle, Australia. After a few weeks rest the remaining 5 sailors set off in leg 2 across the Pacific Ocean and up the coast of South America to Norfolk, Virginia. The final leg had the 4 remaining yachtsmen sprinting across the Atlantic in just over 2 weeks, back to Bilbao, Spain. Despite finishing third in two of the legs; in the final leg Sir Robin was pushed to fourth place by a margin of less than one day. His total time on the ocean, around the world, was a remarkable 159 days!



During the layover in Norfolk we were invited to meet Sir Robin aboard his yacht “Saga Insurance”. These “Open 60” yachts are truly the thoroughbred racers of the sea. At 60 feet long they are capable of reaching speeds of 30 knots. Designs feature every type of high tech sailing device possible while



keeping excess weight to an absolute minimum. Accommodations however are spartan at best. With just a single cabin, Sir Robin shared his few possessions with computers and navigational gear. There is no “head” aboard and only a small burner for warming water. Food consists mainly of freeze dried protein mixtures which are consumed during brief breaks in the gruelling schedule. Even sleep is hard to come by with sailors grabbing catnaps on the single bench in the cabin. To make matters worse, they are limited to 20 minute naps at a time while the yacht is moving, since this is the time it takes for a speeding boat to reach the visible horizon. All of this would be difficult enough on a short trip, but to witness a 67 year old do this while racing continuously over a period of 6 months is truly outstanding!

*The cockpit.*



*Sir Robin Knox-Johnston with Nikki & Paul Johnston*

Sir Robin Knox-Johnston is truly a legend in this realm of elite yachtsmen. In 1969 he became the first man ever to sail around the world solo non-stop during a voyage that lasted 312 days. His string of successes continued over the years and in 1995 he was knighted. Despite this illustrious background he remains a charming down-to-earth gentleman who can go on endlessly with stories of his great adventures.

It was truly an exciting privilege to meet Sir Robin, and we can say proudly that he represents one of the truly great Johnston's.

For more information about Sir Robin, go to [www.robinknox-johnston.co.uk](http://www.robinknox-johnston.co.uk) For information regarding the Velux 5 Oceans Race see [www.velux5oceans.com](http://www.velux5oceans.com)



# Thomas Point Beach, Brunswick, ME, August 11, 2007

## Fighting The Elements

By Margot Johnston

Kristen Holmberg, of Clan Keith, sent these photos to Clan Johnston. She took these pictures of her brother and some other folks, (including Dan Johnson and Jane Elwell) trying to salvage the Johnston's tent after heavy winds uprooted it and blew it over the fence and almost into the bay at Thomas Point Beach, Brunswick, ME on August 11, 2007.



Several tents were blown apart or blown over. They say the wind was horrific. Dan isn't sure whether he got all the Clan stuff or if some wound up in the ocean or elsewhere.



*Jim Johnstone, Maureen Lee, Lindsey Johnstone, Jim Johnstone*



*Lindsey Johnstone & James Johnstone*

## Whidby Island Games, Greenbank, WA, August 11, 2007

By James K. Johnston

The dawn was a bit foggy on August 11th but it soon cleared for the ninth annual Whidby Island Games at Greenbank, WA. Soon the crowds began to arrive and we had a fine turnout. Under the leadership of Maureen Lee, President of the Whidbey Island Celtic Society, everything was well organized and this event is growing each year. For the second year the CJA tent was graced by two visitors from near Seattle: Lindsey Johnstone, VP West of CJA, and his brother Jim, long time VP of the Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association. It is a pleasure to have their company for the day.

The venue for the games is a large farm that was founded more than 100 years ago. One of the barns has the date 1904 painted on it. For many years the fields grew loganberries that were used to make wine and great liquor. The farm is now used for special events and there are several shops so it a great place for our games. There is room for all of the traditional Scottish events, plus visitors and participants can peruse the offerings in a wine shop or take home an antique. I'm already looking forward to next year.

## The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Games

By Diane Coblentz

Sponsored by the Colorado St. Andrews Society, the Games were held August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in Highlands Ranch, Colorado in very un-Scottish weather, in the high 90's both days. My son, Greg Coblentz, and nephew, Vic Gibson felt like our brains had been fried by the end of the weekend. We also had help from niece, Trina Norby, and hubby, Ben, and wee Kendal.

This particular event doesn't usually bring many Johnston/e's to the tent, and we sorta look at it as an opportunity to visit with our friends in the other clans, and just have fun. But, this year we were really busy, with two pages of people signing in at the tent, and three families joining CJA, including Scott Eldridge and his son, Alex, who marched with us in the opening ceremonies parade at noon.

One of the fun events at these Games is the 'Bonny Knees Contest', complete with a 'blind' judge feeling all the knees. There is a lot of bribery going on, with guys stuffing their socks with money for the judges, etc. Lots of laughs! Our tent-guy, Victor Gibson, said he didn't have enough money to "buy" a prize, since one gentleman had about \$50.00 in his socks, so he was going to rely on charm. Unfortunately, he still didn't get a prize. But, wee Lachlan MacLean did take 2<sup>nd</sup> place. He apologized to the judges for only having \$1.00 to offer as a bribe, because he was saving his money for college! And, after the judging, he kissed all the judges hands. Guess Victor should have taken charm lessons from Lachlan!

We had a sense off pride in Lachlan's achievement though, since we feel a family connection with the MacLean's. Our great-great grandmother was a Rankin, and in visiting Duart Castle on the Isle of Mull, the ancient seat of Clan MacLean, we discovered that the Rankins are a sept of the MacLean's, and were the hereditary pipers to Clan MacLean.

It was a VERY hot, but fun weekend, and we look forward to getting to know our new members better.

*Vic Gibson with 2nd Place winner,  
Lochlan MacLean with his ribbon.*



*Vic Gibson, new members, Scott Eldridge & son Alex,  
Diane Coblentz, Greg Coblentz*



*Vic Gibson appearing before the judges for the Bonny  
Knees contest.*



## Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Festival, September 7-8-9, 2007, Estes Park, Colorado

By Diane Coblentz

Estes Park hosts one of the largest festivals of this kind every September, and we all watch the weather forecasts hoping for the best. The weather predictions were for cold and rain all weekend, but Saturday was beautiful, which made for a great parade through downtown Estes Park. One of our new members from last year marched with us, but 2 1/2 year old Kendal Norby, in her wee kilt, stole the show as she strutted, twirled, and waved to the crowds as she 'marched' with her mother, Trina. Too bad she waited until AFTER we passed the judges stand to start her performance, otherwise we might have won one of the awards.

The high point for the weekend for Clan Johnston/e and Clan Maxwell was a Burying of the Hatchet Ceremony, and NOT into each other! After hundreds of years of enmity our 'tent guy', Victor Gibson, and the Maxwell's 'tent guy', Shane Maxwell, decided it was time to be friends, and planned this ceremony which took place in a grassy area in front of the rows of clan tents. One of the festival crew came through ringing a bell and announcing the upcoming ceremony, which provided quite an audience for the event.

Victor started the ceremony with a short statement about the feud between our clans being the bloodiest, bitterest and longest family feud in Scottish history, and stating that it was time to "bury the hatchet". He then offered his sword to Shane saying, that after hundreds of years of hatred and bloodshed, we feel it is time to put and end to the hatred and welcome the Maxwell's as our friends. Then he draped the Johnston/e tartan over his sword that Shane was holding.

Shane then presented his sword to Victor saying that if all Johnston/e's were as nice and honorable as Victor he was proud to offer him his sword, and call an end to the feud and be our friends. He then draped the Maxwell tartan over his sword that Victor was holding.

To seal the bargain (or is it a truce?) and in typical Scot fashion, drinking scotch was a requirement. So, Victor filled a quaich from his bottle of scotch and presented it to Shane, who then had to drink it all in one long swallow and turn the quaich over his head to show it was empty. Shane then poured ALL the remainder of the bottle into the quaich (is Vic sure he isn't still an enemy?) and Victor then had to drink ALL that, and turn the empty quaich over his head. All this was done to the cheers and clapping of the onlookers, followed by hugging and picture taking, etc. I suppose both the Johnston/e and Maxwell ancestors were turning in their graves.

The rest of the day was rather anti-climatic after the ceremony, and the crowds were down after it turned colder on Sunday. But, we did have 40 people stop by and sign in at the tent, and two families joined. The tent was beautifully staffed by many enthusiastic Johnston/e's as usual, and even though we didn't win any awards this year, our spirits were up. The competition is tough in Estes.

To further cement the friendship between the Johnston/e's and the Maxwell's, Vic, Billye, Victoria Johnstone and I went to dinner with Shane and Kendra Maxwell and their five children Saturday night. Quite a weekend!



## More Photos from Estes Park, CO



*Vic Gibson, Billye Tellingier & Larry Edwards*



*Part of our display.*



*Wee Kendal Norby has met a young lad at the fair.*

*Check out the cool tatoo on this lad.*



### Editors Notes

Thank you to all who sent in articles and photos. You make the Spur and Phoenix special!

If you don't see photos or reports of games in your area, it is because none were sent in. Please remember to bring your camera and send a report if you are a tent sponsor or State or Provincial Commissioner. We would like to see and hear what is happening in your area. You can email me the photos and articles and I will send a confirmation of receipt.

*Jackie*

## ***Minnesota Renaissance Festival***

*by Jackie Johnston*

Johnston/es were in full period dress for the Minnesota Renaissance Festival's Highland Weekend, August 25 & 26. The Festival featured a World Championship Heavy Games for the Highland weekend. They created a Scottish Village for the first time and many Scottish organizations and clans turned out for a great event. The weather was hot but the breeze was great for the Scottish Village, unlike everywhere else at the Festival.

Denny and I volunteered on Sunday morning to staff the booth for the Scottish-American Center. At noon, we participated in the Kirken O' the Tartans. Denny held the tray and I was a reader. In the afternoon, we volunteered at the tent for the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans booth. We were not able to have a tent as the Festival folks decided they didn't want any colored tents so that left us out as ours is green, but we wanted to show a presence at the fair for our clan, so we volunteered. Nick Johnston and a few other Johnston's stopped by. It was great to meet some new Johnston/es.



## **Virginia Scottish Games**

*By Lee Cattell III*

Clan Johnston/e was present at this year's Virginia Scottish Games held September 15, 2007.

For the past several years, the games have been held on the Virginia side of the Potomac in proximity to Washington, D.C. This year the games were held about sixty miles from D.C. near Front Royal, Virginia, at Sky Meadows State Park, in a setting that easily could have been mistaken for the lowlands of Scotland. The sky was a crisp autumn blue, an encampment of tents was visible about half a mile from the entrance on a knoll. The flags lining the road, showed their colors in the breeze accompanied by unseen bagpipers. No one was sure what type of turnout there would be given the distance from D.C. but forty plus clans made the trip.

And the people came. This was one of the best attended games that I have been to. The crowds were tremendous, with people still arriving two hours before we took the tents down. Like the rest of the clans, we spent the day greeting people and teaching them about our clan and Scottish history. Clan members present were Lee and Stelly Cattell, Alice Dodds and Laura Burns.



*Denny, Jackie & Charles "Nick" Johnston at the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans tent.*



*Jackie & Denny at the Scottish-American Center tables.*



## **Johnston's Celebrate Pub Night with the St. Andrew's Society of Minnesota.**



The St. Andrew's Society holds a pub night as a social gathering once a month throughout the spring, summer and fall months. This is the gathering at McGarry's Pub in Maple Plain, MN. It is an authentically decorated Irish pub with fantastic food. Johnstons in attendance were, S & P Editor, Jackie Johnston (center, standing), CJA MN State Commissioner, Dee Johnston (seated) and Denny Johnston (seated).



## CANADA REPORTS *by Carol Koeslag*

Apologies to all the Canadian Clan members who I know were broken hearted not to have a Canada Reports in the Fall S&P!

Joe Johnston hosted the Clan tent at the **Aug.4<sup>th</sup> Glengarry Games at Maxville**. He reported that attendance at the various clan booths seemed to be lower than in past years however he was happy to visit with those who came to the CJA tent, whose location wasn't the best as well.

**The Fergus Games** were very well attended and our CJA tent was allocated the prime place in the Clans area, according to other clans, as it was in an all day shady, breezy location on a hot summer day. Added to that was the fact that we were able to park our car immediately behind the tent whereas other clans were baking in the sun. Everyone wanted to know how we rated such an ideal spot!

Similar to Maxville there weren't quite as many visitors to our tent as there were last year but the ones who did come were wonderfully interesting. There was Steven Johnston and his son, who had moved from Edinburgh a year ago to London Ontario, who was most interested in CJA. While we were visiting, Lord Jamie Sempill of Edinburgh dropped by to talk up the 2009 Gathering in Edinburgh of which he is the Director. Great conversation all round but especially between Steven and Jamie who shared Edinburgh information. One of the ideas proposed by Lord Sempill, is to have an Edinburgh pub sponsor a visiting clan which immediately prompted Steven to mention a particular pub along the Royal Mile. Lord Sempill took our brochure and made note of that for reference. So perhaps CJA is the first clan to have its pub sponsor already!

A short time later Douglas Johnston and his mother Irene of Toronto, originally from Belfast, enjoyed our relaxing cool space and visited for quite awhile. So in a short time we had Scots and Ulster parts of Johnston clan share their interests and time.

Then all of a sudden, two men wearing Johnston kilts were signing the registry book and when I welcomed them learned that they were CJA member Peter Johnston of Thunder Bay and his son Andy of Elora, accompanied by Peter's wife Sharon. I have only known of Peter through the annual membership renewals, so it was great to meet him in person. It was wonderful timing as the three of them agreed to walk in the clan parade joining Peter and I. Peter J. and Andy carried the clan banner and flag. Andy Johnston of Mississauga was once again attending the Fergus Games with the British Airborne group and when he came by for a visit said that he'd march in with the Airborne and then come and stand with CJA during the Opening ceremonies. So this year we had the most Johnstons ever in recent years, representing CJA at the Opening Ceremonies.

The many other tent visitors had questions and stories to share about their Johnston connections which made for a most interesting time.



*Andy & Peter Johnston, Peter Koeslag & Sharon Johnston*



*Peter Koeslag visiting Brenda Johnston Dineen.*

## Help Wanted 2008 CJA Annual General Meeting in Fergus!

Having just received the Fall S&P and reading all about the AGM in Washington State, I'm beginning to get the jitters about the planned 2008 AGM at the Fergus Games. Mention was made of it in the latest S&P, but I really want to emphasize to the Ontario members in particular, how much how much I hope that you will not only attend, but be actively involved in the planning, welcoming, registration, tent hosting etc. that will make it a happy successful event. Now when I say "Ontario" members I'm also hoping as many as possible from other parts of Canada will attend. Plans at this stage include 'blocking' a number of rooms for CJA at one of the Holiday Inns in Guelph (20 min. drive away from Fergus). Fergus does not have a large hotel, the Elora Inn is very pricey and B&Bs are booked from one year to the next. In the coming months I plan to contact some who live closest to Fergus to learn how they wish to be involved. You all will be reading more about 2008 in the next issues of the S&P.



A very special congratulatory note to one of CJA's most senior members — Myrtle May Johnstone of Brighton, Ontario. She celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 16<sup>th</sup> with a lawn party of friends and family. Myrtle May sent me her membership renewal recently with news of the party. What a great gal!

## Update

I recently had a phone conversation and then a personal visit with Marrie Honey. She is quite well and beginning to adjust to living without her beloved Russell. She sent greetings to all their CJA friends and asked to be remembered to them.



Remember I'd love to have any of you Canadian members drop me a line and share your Johnston history/stories. I'm still in the 19 & 20<sup>th</sup> century here and don't have e-mail!

## A Gentle Reminder To All You Canadian Members

I'm sure when you receive your S&P you read that if you haven't renewed your CJA membership you won't be mailed another copy! Oh my! Who would want to miss an issue of the S&P?

Some of you forget how to renew. Here is the guide renew your membership;

1. You mail your renewal to me,
2. You make out your cheque to Carol Koeslag *not* Clan Johnston
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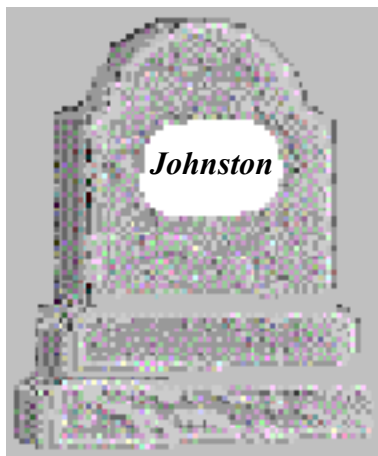
With the fluctuating Canadian dollar, is sometimes hard to figure out. A good rule of thumb would be to add \$2-\$3 to your membership amount as it does cost \$1US to mail the S&P to Canada

When you send me your membership, I deposit the cheque in a specific account in my name not CJA. After I receive a number of cheques, I then send a money order in US funds to the Treasurer rather than one cheque at a time. I also mail your renewal application to Margo Johnston, Registrar who updates the records and notifies the mailing of the S&P.

So having said all that, have you sent me your 2007-08 membership renewal yet? I'll look forward to receiving it. If you have any questions, please call me. (See roster on page 2.)



*Best wishes to you all for a blessed Christmas season.*



## Little Lake Cemetery

By Carol Koeslag

A recent visit to the cemetery here in Peterborough, in which all my Johnston family are buried, reminded me that, while the maintenance crew does a great overall job, there needed to be some minor landscape trimming of grass which had overgrown the flat markers. This beautiful cemetery has many tall trees, winding paths and is surrounded by the waters of Little Lake. So on a recent Sunday, Peter and I with spade, edger and knife, trimmed back the grass on all 17 markers. They look well and the engraving is now clearly visible for reading. We were pleased that we made the effort. What's the state of your family plot?

Let me tell you about my family. My great grandfather William Johnston had come from Ireland in 1842, settled in the village of Millbrook 10 miles from Peterborough. In 1845 his brother George, parents and siblings joined him. William and George married two Mitchell sisters and moved into Peterborough where they carried on their tailoring business, living in the same building. The rest of the family continued to live in Millbrook. The Peterborough brothers raised their children as one large happy family, keeping in close contact with their parents and siblings. These brothers became very involved in the community and were strongly political. They brought their love of music and sports, as well as their Presbyterian faith to bear on all aspects of their life. William had two sons, Alfred and George Henry. Both these young men went to Winnipeg Manitoba in the mid 1870s for adventure and jobs. I have in my possession letters that William wrote to Alfred, my grandfather, in 1875/76 that are full of news of Peterborough. In December 1876 William, while putting away hymn books after a Christmas concert, dropped dead of a heart attack. Due to the distance Alfred did not get home for his father's funeral or to make arrangements for it. Therefore, William's brother George made burial arrangements by buying a large plot in the rather newly established Little Lake cemetery. This cemetery had been opened in 1852 with the innovative historical park landscaping plan that had recently been adopted in Victorian Canada. (The first one was in Montreal a few years previously.) George arranged for three adjacent areas for the then present and future burial needs of the family. Alfred did return home to Peterborough, married and raised five children, one of who was my mother, Quinn.

As a girl and throughout my growing up years whenever my parents would visit Peterborough and the area of Hastings, my father's home, we would always visit the cemetery with my mother explaining who was who and how they were related. My parents decided that they also would like to be buried in the Johnston plot, though they lived in St.Catharines. In 1977 my father, Gordon Beamish, was interred there and, in 1991, my mother. After my mother died, Peter and I moved to Peterborough and I lovingly assumed the Johnston plot oversight. Yes, Peter and I also will be buried in the family plot, so the line carries on.

Now this is where perhaps you, if you have a family plot that has markers without lineage shown, may want to take note as genealogists. Once I really looked at the markers I realized that none of them indicated how those buried beneath them were related to each other! I knew because I've done the family tree but I'm sure my sons, grandchildren, cousins etc., wouldn't know. I am certainly not about to have 17 markers re-engraved but I have come up with an easy workable plan so that whoever visits will immediately connect the lines. I'm making up a small 8x4 sheet to be enclosed in plexiglass with waterproof edging on a small stake that will be inserted in the ground right in front of and close to the tall upright stone that has Johnston engraved on it. On the sheet are the names of everyone buried with their connection to Johnston i.e.; William *son* of James, George *son* of James, Jane *wife* of William, Alfred *son* of William, Quinn *daughter* of Alfred etc. The positioning of this stake it will not interfere with the grass cutting/maintenance and will be an easily read info sheet about our family.







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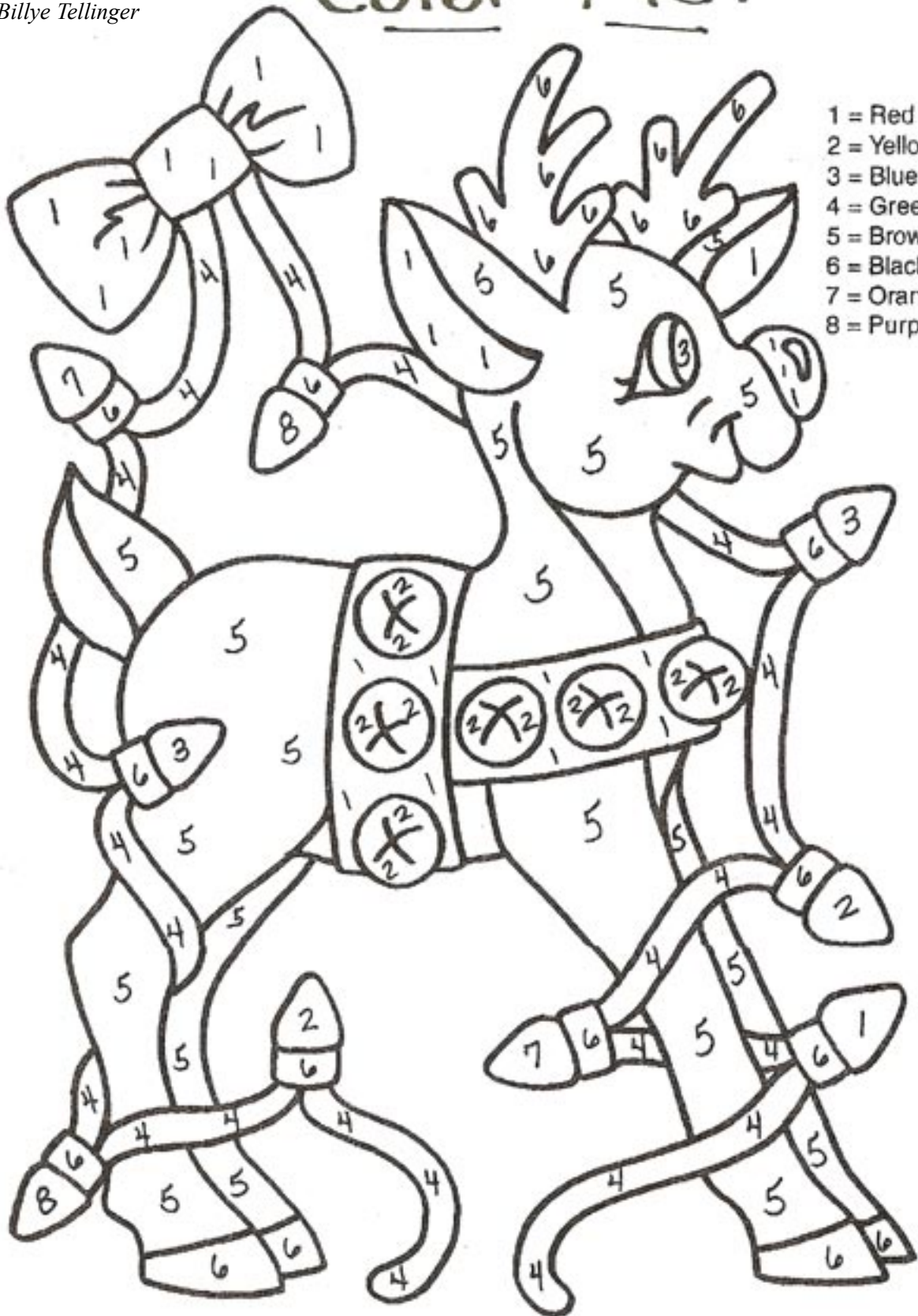
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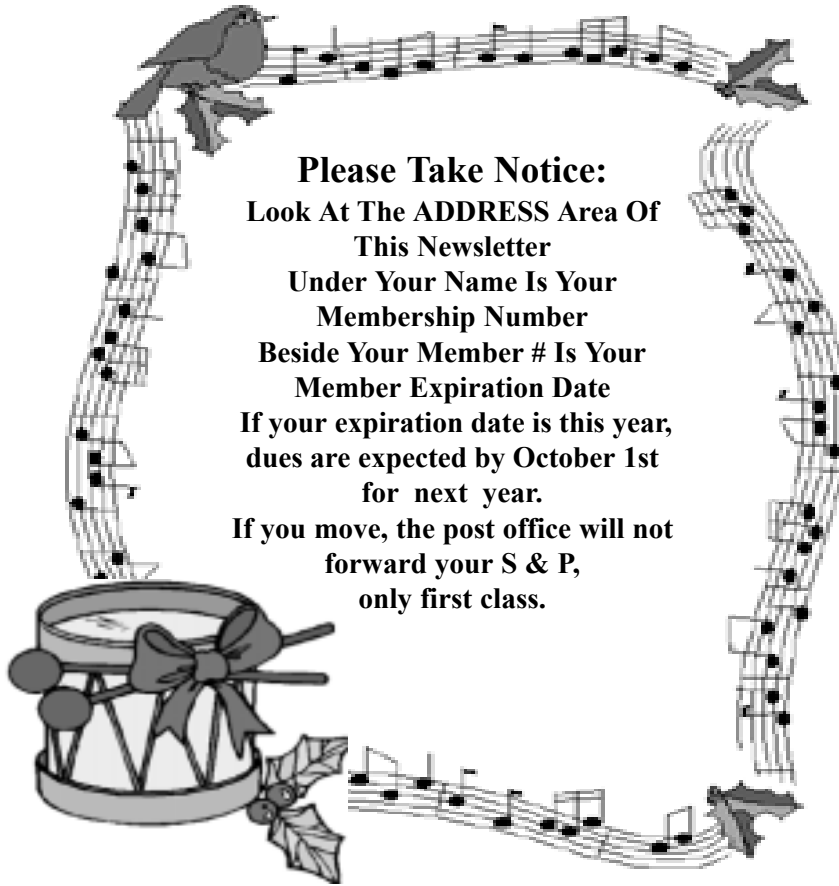
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