



The **Spur and Phoenix** Fall 2008



Chief: The Right Honourable Earl of Amundale and Hartfell

Clan Johnston/e in America



**Another Beautiful Painting by CJA Member
Karen Johnston Klein**

The painting is called Raehills, Lady Johnstone and Lockwood. I wanted to spark interest in our Johnston heritage with this painting. I thought it might be of interest to Johnston's out there who don't know about Lockwood or Raehills. Lady Johnstone is wearing our tartan on her cape. The golden retriever sitting down is my dog, Amy Rose and the dog standing is her dad, Bentley. This was a fun painting to create. Now I will have to go to Scotland to see these things for myself!

Karen Johnston Klein

Editor's note: This painting is even more beautiful in color.

President's Letter

The major Scottish Games season is well underway, and I hope you've been able to attend at least one this year. I've been able to attend the Scottish Games at Savannah, GA, Greenville SC, and Grandfather Mountain since our previous newsletter was published. Many thanks to our tent sponsors Buz and Cathy Johnson at Greenville, and David and Beth Johnston at Grandfather, and to all of our other tent sponsors for a true labor of love!

It's been a busy summer, helping my wife Pat and daughter Amy J. Mooney with the School of Scottish Arts (SSA) leading up to Grandfather, where my main duties are ferrying teachers and judges from Charlotte airport, washing dishes, and being the boys' counselor (because I'm the biggest boy). Note that my duties have nothing to do with highland dancing, which is for the good of all. Pat, Amy, and I also attended the national highland dance championship (the USIR) in Denver shortly thereafter.

We're making final preparations for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) as I write. Our AGM is in Guelph, Ontario, in conjunction with the Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Fergus. Many thanks to Carol Koeslag for her leadership in making the arrangements for this event. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Council members for their years of service – Dennis Watts as Secretary, Debra Johnston as National Membership Commissioner, and Joe Johnston as an At-Large Council member. Thanks, everyone!

Many reports will be presented at our AGM, as you undoubtedly noted in the agenda that was mailed to you. Unfortunately, the Finance and Registrar's reports show our finances and membership are declining. There are many reasons: e.g., the economic, housing and fuel price woes; deaths in our CJA family; and the all-too-frequent "I just overlooked it". I hope our declines in membership and funding are not related to lack of relevance or interest. We need to turn this around with your help in recruiting new members, renewing your membership and seeing that your family members do so too, providing gift memberships, making donations to CJA as a 501(c)(3), or any other ways you choose to help.

I'll close with recognition of two other key members of CJA. I'll begin with Arthur (Butch) Johnston, our former (4th) President and currently our Honorary President and Merchandise Manager. CJA merchandise one of our two key sources of revenue, the other being membership dues (for new members and renewals). *Please note — now is the time to order Johnston/e merchandise as gifts for Christmas!* The second key member is our Genealogist, Barbara (Barb) Hockman. Barb writes an article for each issue of our newsletter, and provides a valuable service to CJA members by maintaining a searchable database of member-supplied information. *Please submit any information you have if you haven't already done so, or if you have some newly acquired information.* Thanks Butch and Barb!

Yours aye,
Steve



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A hundred thousand welcomes to our new members.

Robert Johnston	Houston, TX
Charles Johnston	St. Thomas ON, Canada
Amy Louise Feidmann	Petoskey MI
Lea Dawn Loukonen-Jackson	Wyoming, MN
Alan Bolds	Wheaton, IL
Samuel Bolds	Wheaton, IL
Benjamin Spencer	Chicago, IL
James Johnston	St. Charles, IL

Don't forget to renew your membership!

Annual notices of renewal coming in the fall.



Genealogy Corner

Barbara Hockman

Familysearch.org has a new look and is worth taking some time to check out all it has to offer. The Research Guidance section is very informative and will provide you with plenty of new ideas on places to search. A corresponding website to check out is labs.familysearch.org. People have signed up to index records that will eventually be part of not only the Familysearch website but several sites that will publish the actual images of the records. Labs.familysearch.org is the preview site that showcases some new family history technologies that aren't quite ready for "prime time". Not only can you search the records waiting to be moved to permanent web locations but you are encouraged to provide feedback which will help refine current projects and produce new ideas. Investigate all the proposed innovations and send your feedback directly to their development teams. You can even sign up to index. I was able to review the process at the genealogical conference held here in Kansas City and it is a very simple process. The more people who volunteer to index, the more records available for everyone to research.

If you have some time to spend, try Google Images. When you put Johnston or Johnstone in the search field you are rewarded with pictures of every description. There are family photos from the current era and from the past. There are tombstones, census, drawings, news articles, pictures of homes, maps – anything that is tagged with the name Johnston.

A one-stop portal to search for your ancestors is www.accessgenealogy.com. This site covers genealogy records, biographies, cemetery records, census records, family tree searches, genealogy books, history books online, military records, Native American records, surnames, vital records, and world genealogy.

A great website for research is www.biblerecords.com. It contains digitalized bible records covering over 3500 surnames. This site is dedicated to transcribing and digitizing the contents of family records that were written inside family Bibles and in other important documents from as early as the 1500s.

Wanting to find living relatives? www.publicrecordsources.com is a resource for helping you on your quest. It takes you through the free records you can access in each county within a state.

If you are travelling to Scotland, you will want to check out the following website. <http://www.scotlandpeoplehub.gov.uk/index.html> tells about the new research center opening in Edinburgh. The Scotlands People Centre is a family history centre where visitors will gain access to key Scottish resources such as birth, marriage and death records, wills, census records and Coats of Arms, going back almost 500 years. Everything has been digitized so all the records will be available on computer screens at your desk. General Register House and New Register House have combined facilities to create this purpose built family history centre.

Edinburgh City Libraries and Information Services have placed over 1000 digitalized images of Edinburgh, Leith and surrounding area on www.capitalcollections.org.uk/index.php. It is a wonderful collection of photographs, drawings, watercolors and engravings with a description and historical or background information. There is an index for easy searching. You can view the image for free but must purchase for downloading.

Happy hunting!



Flowers of the Forest

Arthur M. Johnson New Plymouth ID
Isabelle Hinks Milford, DE

Lord Johnstone Goes Green.

Excerpt from The Scotsman, www.scotsman.com

Johnston Press

David Johnstone, the owner of Annandale Estate in Lockerbie, has signed an agreement with Renewable Energy Systems for four turbines to be built on his land.

If planning permission is granted it will earn him tens of thousands of pounds a year.

He said: "I think it's a good business opportunity. Wind turbines are one of those things that people love or loathe and there doesn't seem to be any middle ground."

"I'm very supportive of renewable energy. We are looking at putting in biomass heating on the estate as well as microrenewables and small-scale hydro."

Reporting from New Zealand



Timetable for Online Access to Scottish Church Records

*Article submitted from Les Hewitt, NZ
from Practical Family History Magazine
Summer 2008*

On its Scottish Documents website www.scottishdocuments.com, the National Archives of Scotland (NAS) has published a timetable for access to the Scottish Church records that have been digitized and are now in use for public access in the NAS search rooms.

These are the records of kirk sessions, presbyteries, synods and General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and include minute books, act books, proclamation registers, communion rolls, seat rent books and poor relieved accounts. Also included are the records of secession churches that later rejoined the Church of Scotland. Images of Scottish parish register baptisms and marriages are already available online at ScotlandsPeople www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk, with burials set to follow.

The NAS has been testing remote access to the records by selected Church of Scotland presbytery clerks and local archives from November 2007 to June 2008. The next state will be accessed by all presbytery clerks and other Scottish archives, including the ScotlandsPeople Centre in Edinburgh. It is hoped that from around December 2009, the records will become accessible online via the ScotlandPeople website on a pay-per-view or subscription basis.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Chief Commissioner of Australia Desmond Keith Johnstone of Clan Johnston/e in New Zealand for the award from the Celtic Council of Australia. The official presentation will be in Sydney on October 31st.

Thank you to Val Johnstone of New Zealand for sharing this information.

On The Lighter Side

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 looking 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 travelled all across America, Africa, England, Japan, New Zealand. In every church he saw the same looking golden telephone with the same '\$US10,000 per call' sign under it.

The American 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 looking 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 travelled all over the world and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in all of them 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'.
KEEP SMILING

If you are proud to be a Scot pass this on!

This joke was submitted by Les Hewitt, the Clan Johnston/e in New Zealand Chief Commissioner, Editor and Honorary Genealogical Officer

Famous Johnstons

Pirate Bill Johnston, Admiral of the Patriot Navy

By Bart Johnston



He was an imposing figure: tall, with his nine-shot Cochran rifle, six pistols, dirk and knife, with a sash tied round his waist. He relied on his clan and had an unbridled hatred of the Crown in London. He owned the night as he glided across the borders to smuggle whatever goods were in demand on the other side. Does this sound like our Annandale ancestors? It should, but this Johnston was born Canadian of Loyalist parents who left New Jersey during the Revolution. Unlike his Scots-Irish father, Bill had no use for England and loved American democracy.

Born in 1782, Bill grew up near the Thousand Islands in Ontario and before the War of 1812 had developed a reputation as a crafty smuggler in his multi-oared boats, small versions of the longships of our Norse and Scots ancestors. Just before the war, the Crown seized £1,500 of Bill's goods as contraband. He tried unsuccessfully to get compensation, and to add insult to injury they drafted him to serve in the Northumberland Militia in the War of 1812. This malcontent soon was jailed for insubordination and escaped to U.S. in a midnight jailbreak.

The U.S had gained an extremely valuable ally and Britain's minor inconvenience became a dangerous enemy. So began Pirate Bill Johnston's 28-year-war against the British. In the War of 1812 he provided intelligence, intercepted dispatch riders, robbed the mails and scouted for the invading American army garnering the admiration of Winfield Scott. At the Battle of Queenston Heights he led American forces up a hidden path to surprise the British and supplied the troops with powder at Chrysler's Farm.

After the war he once again returned to his chosen, entrepreneurial calling, smuggling. By the 1830's his four sons and daughter Kate, "Queen of the Isles," were members of his crew. Kate was almost as famous as her father. When working she often wore a sword and two dirks, and could outrow any man. Her knowledge of the Thousand Islands was as vast as Bill's and her loyalty to him was absolute. When he hid from the military policing the border, Kate brought him supplies and always slipped by watchful eyes unnoticed.

In 1837, many Canadian patriots felt it was time to throw off the "Iron Fist of Britain" and adopt American-style democracy. Bill was asked to serve as Admiral of the New Patriot Navy and he gladly accepted. His two major accomplishments were to seize and destroy the new steamer, Sir Robert Peel, and to land troops and supplies for the Battle of Windmill Point. He issued communiqués from Fort Wallace (the name he gave any island he happened to occupy at the time) which reassured the U.S. government that he was not at war with them and threatened the British with future raids.

When the rebellion failed, Admiral Johnston had a price on his head of \$500 in the U.S. and \$5,000 in Canada. He eventually arranged to have his son arrest him for the reward. Bill was imprisoned in Albany, NY and joined by Kate to keep him company, which was common in those days. They soon escaped and went to Washington, D.C. and Bill received a pardon from Pres. Harrison. In 1853 he was appointed lighthouse keeper in the Thousand Islands. By then his wife had died and he tended the light alone unless visited by friends or family. When they had a reunion, they would take out the fine china and crystal from the Peel and admire her pennant which Bill had used for his sash in his smuggling days. He always chuckled that he had cost the Crown four million dollars! Bill died in 1870 at age 88 in his son, Decatur's, hotel in French Creek, NY.

Today Bill Johnston is remembered every summer in Alexandria Bay, NY with his own Pirate Bill Days Festival.



Canada Reports

By Carol Koeslag

By the time your reading this the August Annual Meeting will have been held and the 2008 Fergus Games a pleasant memory. Joe Johnston of Ottawa represented the Clan at the Glengarry Games in Maxville. The next S&P will have information about the Fergus Games and the AGM. It has been with a fair amount of trepidation on my part that all the planning put into the AGM and the fact that CJA was one of the two featured Clans at the games would be successful. I must admit that with the effort a number of the American members have put into coming all the way to Fergus I had a real sense of disappointment that more of the Canadian/Ontario members didn't register.

Watch for this new musician.

Troy MacGillivray a versatile young musician from Nova Scotia has recently been in Afghanistan with 12 other performers entertaining the troops in Kandahar and Kabul. Troy is equally at home with piano or fiddle not to mention an ardent step dancer. Beginning with piano training in classical music his first teacher recognized his interest and talent in fiddle playing and by age 13 he was teaching at the Gaelic collage in St. Ann's. Troy completed an art degree with a major in music. And although he became immersed in groups like the Bara MacNeils he also became a concert master in a string orchestra. He writes his own tunes and has toured with other musicians and has had a number of CD's produced. He has already been awarded the 2008 East Coast Music Award Instrumental Recording of the year. Keep your ears and eyes open for this wonderful musician who is busy touring this summer.

Wild Ponies of Eriskay

An article in the Celtic Heritage Magazine about the wild ponies of the island Eriskay provided unknown information to me. They are one of the rarest ponies in the world which were once common to the Western Isles and the Highlands and now have dwindled to a handful. Internationally they are virtually unknown and are rarer than the Giant Panda. In Southern Scotland and some parts of the Highlands this pony was crossed extensively in the last 300 years to achieve greater height and weight and hence more pulling power. It seems that my mid 18th century it had stopped being bred pure in the lowlands though in the remote Western Isles the original small pony survived, ignored and unheard of during the famines of the 19th century and the Highland clearances. Ponies were an integral part of the Highland economy and ecology. It's sturdy build and medium height made it ideal in the barren and windswept landscape of the isles where any animal bigger than a stone wall was deemed unsuitable and uneconomical to maintain. The improved Highland pony of today with infusion from Clydesdale and Spanish blood has become a superb riding and driving animal. In 1971 biologist Alastair Fraser discovered that the last individual on Eriskay and decided to preserve the remains of the population. Disaster struck when the last pure bred stallion died, however a pure bred colt was discovered and it's owner was cajoled into supporting the newly formed breed society.

Breed stats now show a slow increase. The Rare Breeds Survival Trust lists the breed as "critical" there are two breed societies one on the mainland and one on Eriskay. They cooperate well with each other and with information and with preservation and with promotional events. Perhaps you'd be interested in buying an Eriskay which would contribute to the preservation of one of the rarest equines in the world.

Best Wishes for the Fall Season,
Carol



Are any of you familiar with the Scottish sport of Shinty? Somewhat similar to the Irish Hurling. It seems to be like a combination of field hockey, lacrosse and soccer with a touch of Golf thrown in for good measure. It is a fast moving team sport involving a hard ball the size of a tennis ball and a bat similar to an ice hockey stick but with a shorter rounded shaft. The game is believed to be introduced to Scotland with Christianity and the Gaelic language nearly 2000 years ago by Irish missionaries. Scotland and Ireland hold an annual game alternating between the two countries. With each country arguing about the rules ever since it's inception!

Clan Johnston/e Schedule of Events

- 8/23/2008 VT Scottish Games and Festival,Quechee, VT Hosted by Bart Johnston, e-mail BartJohnston@state.vt.us
- 8/23/2008 Cortland Scottish Festival Court House Park, Downtown Cortland, New York
CJA tent sponsor: Barb Johnston, 142 Winks Rd., Fulton, NY 13069
Tel: 315-598-3567 E-Mail: butterflyzz1@yahoo.com
Additional Email: info@cortlandcelticfestival.com
- 8/30-31/2008 Capital District Scottish Games, Location: Altamont Fairgrounds in Altamont New York
Contact: 50 Mather Ave Schenectady, NY 12304,% Schenectady Pipe Band
LTD CJA tent sponsor: Barb Johnston, 142 Winks Rd., Fulton, NY 13069
Tel: 315-598-3567 E-Mail: butterflyzz1@yahoo.com
Additional Contact email scotgames@scotgames.com
- 8/30-31/2008 Pleasanton Highland Games, Alameda County Fairgrounds,Pleasanton, California
CJA Contact: Karen Johnston Klein, kklein@astound.net
- 9/4-7/2008 Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, P.O. Box 1820 Estes Park, CO, 805171820 (Always the weekend after Labor Day)Contact: 800-903-7837
CJA tent sponsor: Vic Gibson,P.O. Box 254, Winter Park, Colo. 80482
Cell phone: 303-908-5496
- 9/19-21/2008 NH Highland Games at Loon Mt.,Lincoln, NH,CJA tent sponsor:
Arthur and Margot Johnston, lucknbooth@aol.com
- 9/26-28/2008 New Hampshire Highland Games P.O. Box 4197,Concord, NH 03302-4197
CJA tent sponsor: Margot Johnston lucknbooth@aol.com
- 10/4-5/2008 Reno Celtic Celebration,Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno, Nevada
CJA Contact: George Thomas Tabor, oda063@sbcglobal.net
- 10/??/2008 Connecticut Scottish Festival,Goshen Fairgrounds, Goshen, CT
Contact: (860) 651-9048,CJA tent sponsor: Cathleen Johnston Quirion
E-mail: Scottishlady1@comcast.net
- 10/??/2008 Scotland Highland Festival,Waldo Homestead, Scotland, CT
Contact: (860) 464-1339,CJA tent sponsor: Cathleen Johnston Quirion
Email:Scottishlady1@comcast.net
- 10/11/2008 Anne Arundel Scottish Highland Games P.O. Box 539
Crownsville, MD 21032 Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, Route 178, near
Crownsville, Maryland Website at www.annearun.com/aasfi
CJA Contact: Lee Cattell, Imc3550@yahoo.comphone 410-257-0936,
FAX 571-273-6285
- 10/18-19/2008 Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival_P.O. Box 14023,Atlanta, GA
30324-1023,Contact: majrgr@yahoo.com
- 10/25-26/2008 Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival P.O. Box 26805,Richmond, VA
23261-6805 Richmond Raceway Complex, Richmond, Virginia.
Hosted by: T.J. Johnston tj@celticrichmond.com
- 12/6/2008 Alexandria Christmas Walk, Alexandria, VA Contact: (703) 841-9190
Email: Katherine Bailey-Mathae kebm@comcast.net
OR Contact: Lee Cattell, Imc3550@yahoo.com phone 410-257-0936,
FAX 571-273-6285 Step off is at 11:00a.m.
Willard Scott will be the Grand Marshall.



Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, May 17, 2008

by Jackie Johnston

It was a beautiful day for a fair but the high winds blew apart two clan tents. Luckily, we weathered it okay. We had lots of Johnstons stop by to renew acquaintances and met a few new ones like Billy Johnston's family. We tried a new layout for the tent this year and it worked great. Lots of display space and people could come in out of the sun.



Marchers: Nick & Dee Johnston, Lori Peterson, Lea Jackson, Lois Burns, Sharon Maynard, Micah Johnston, Earle Maynard, Dennis Johnston. *Photo by Jackie Johnston*



Amanda Janquert with Amelia and Rowan and her mother Barbara Johnston. Barbara's husband, Billy Johnston, was in Scotland visiting his mother. *Photo by Jackie Johnston*



MN State CJA Commissioners Dennis Johnston (1997-2005), Dee Johnston (2005-2008) the new MN CJA Commissioner, Micah Johnston, CJA Rep to MCSC, Nick Johnston, Micah's father. *Photo by EJ Johnston*



Dee Johnston staffing the CJA tent. *(E.J)*



The changing of responsibility as Dee Johnston steps down as MN State CJA Commissioner and Micah Johnston takes over at the end of the day. *Photo by Jackie Johnston*



Dee Johnston, Lois Burns, Jackie & Denny Johnston, Earle & Sharon Maynard, Micah Johnston. *Photo by Nick Johnston.*

Scottish Games in Livermore, California—May 17th and 18th.

by Karen Johnston Klein

It was hot, hot, hot—100 degrees!! The turnout was really low this year too. We only had 4 people sign our guestbook. Our tent was in-between The Hounds of Erin and the Glen of Imaal Terriers. I love dogs so it was fun to have them on both sides. The wolfhounds are really big, and very good natured. My son John bought his first kilt. He was so happy to finally have one, but at 6'2" and still growing I think he will need another one in the future. The battle re-enactments are always done well. Lee Sciocchetti came by our tent to say hello. Lee was the past National Vice President for Clan Johnston/e and is part of the battle re-enactments. The costumes look so authentic. The Queen came by to say, "Good day, my lady". I took a picture of her and she gave me a little pin and said a blessing. We will be hosting a tent for Clan Johnston/e at the Games in Pleasanton, CA, August 30th and 31st. Come by and see us we would love to meet you!



Scott & Karen Klein

Lee Sciocchetti, past CJA Vice President (West). Lee participates in battle re-enactments. Last year he portrayed Lord Johnston in battle.



Queen Elizabeth visits Clan Johnston/e.



John Klein in his new kilt with proud mom, Karen.

The Klein Family; Scott, John & Karen.



Note: Karen is the artist who did the painting on the cover.

Greenville, South Carolina Games Scottish Games June 6 & 7, 2008



The third annual Greenville Scottish Games was well attended despite record setting high temperatures. The upstate and the city of Greenville have deep Scots-Irish roots. Vardry McBee is commonly referred to as the founding father of Greenville. It is believed that Vardry McBee's ancestors came from Scotland directly or Scotland by way of Northern Ireland. The name McBee is associated with Clan McBean which is a division of Clan McBain. One of our distinguished guests this year is Mr. James McBain the 22nd Hereditary Chief of the ancient Celtic Clan McBain (McBean, McBee).

The festivities began Friday night in downtown Greenville with a parade down Main Street of Clans, pipe bands and distinguished guests. A casual Clan reception was held at the newly refurbished Westin Poinsett Hotel on Main Street. A Ceilidh was held just outside the Peace Center in the amphitheater which is located near the Reedy River, known as the birthplace of Greenville. Music by the Hunting MacLeod, Emerald Rose and Albannach

was enjoyed by a large crowd of enthusiastic music lovers.

The games were held at Furman University Campus, fifteen miles north of downtown Greenville, arguably one of the most beautiful college campuses in the south. The Highland Dancing competition was held indoors in air conditioning and there are separate fields for heavy athletics and the Border collie Dog invitational trials. The main field is used for Pipe and Drum Band competition as well as activities including the parade of tartans. We were told that the "Wee Scotland" was one of the best found anywhere. We were joined later in the morning with our President Steven Johnston and Secretary Dennis Watts and his wife Betty. A few Clan members came by and said hello as well as several potential members.



There were 54 clans and societies represented at the games this year and three Clan Chiefs were also present. The presiding honored guest this year was Margaret Frances Boswell Elliott of Redheugh, 29th Chief of Clan Elliot. Clan Elliott is a border Clan. Like our Clan, they were one of the great raiding border Clans, located just east of Annandale.



I want to thank Dennis and Betty Watts for supplying the Banner and Clan flag for us and sitting in the booth while Cathy and I went for lunch and I would also like to thank Mel Sinclair who answered many questions regarding the event. Hopefully after three years of extreme hot weather, we will have normal pleasant spring temperatures for next year's games. We promise you will not be disappointed and have a wonderful time at the next Scottish Games in Greenville, South Carolina.

Highland Games in the West

by Lindsey Johnstone

Victoria, British Columbia – May 18

Our first visit to the Victoria Games was a memorable one. The Victoria Games have changed their location to Topaz Park just up from downtown Victoria. We met Deborah Williams and her husband David. Deborah took this picture at the Games.



Bellingham Highland Games – June 7&8

Our return to the Bellingham Games was also their return to Hovander Park. We had a great time, however I feel their attendance suffered from both the Gas Crunch and Border Crossing times (two hour wait Sunday morning at 8:00AM!)

Prosser Scottish Festival – June 21

As this was also Kathy's and my wedding anniversary, one could expect something special and we certainly got it at Prosser. Just as things were breaking up, a sudden storm came up and started blowing things all over the place. I have never seen a canopy fly all the way across a field and come crashing down into some other tents. Amazing!

Yellowstone Highland Games – June 28

This was their first (and certainly not their last) Games held in Billings. What a wonderful event! It was held on the grounds of ZooMontana, so we had peacocks and other critters wandering around. One item that did not escape my notice was their alcohol sales. For a fella from Washington state, it was a cultural shock to see spirits being sold in a booth.



Skagit Valley Highland Games – July 12-13

This was my first visit to these Games. The Games are held at a City park beside the Skagit River.
What a beautiful setting.



Pacific NorthWest Highland Games and Clan Gathering July 26&27

The Seattle Games were blessed this year with very moderate temperatures which helped with the attendance. Also helping with the Games this year was CJA Member Pastor Doug Johnston who provided the Invocation at the Opening Ceremonies both days.



Here he is standing with Sharon McBride Ritelis, the SSHGA President, The Chieftan of the Games, Wally Olecik and the Master of Cremonies Ralph Munro, former Secretary of State for the State of Washington.

Illinois Saint Andrew Highland Games at Oakbrook - June 20 & 21

by Margaret & Harry Teiwes, photos by Alan Bolds

As far as we know, this was the first time Clan Johnston was represented at the Illinois Saint Andrew Society Highland Games since the games began 22 years ago. Several Johnstons, or near kin, visited the tent and were delighted to find us there. They chatted, lingered, asked questions and cheered us in the Parade of Tartans. The first day, we were greeted with wind, rain, thunder and lightning. Thank goodness for a tent that was grounded! (Oakbrook Village Code) At one point during the afternoon, all outdoor activities ceased and all were advised to seek shelter in tents. The following morning brought more rain, but the sun finally broke through, crowds came and the day was glorious.



Margaret Teiwes, Samuel & Cindy Bolds



Margaret, Samuel and Harry

Joining us on Saturday were grandson Samuel Bolds and daughter Cindy Bolds who marched in the Parade of Tartans, helped at the tent and are now members of CJA. This was Samuel's first visit to a Highland Games, and he went home with a nifty sword from the Celtic Marketplace.

The emcee for the Parade of Tartans was David Johnston CJA who was also the liaison between the pipe bands and Saint Andrews. As we neared the reviewing stand, it was nice to hear him announce

that Clan Johnstone/e in America is his clan and to hear him speak the motto in both English and excellent Latin.

Several Moffats "invaded" the tent and told tales of long ago feuds and rivalry between the Moffats and Johnstons. Their stories were most entertaining as they feigned indignity over the Johnstons for "stealing" their crest design, and they claimed the Devil's Beef Tub belonged to them. I suppose the Moffats were cattle rustlers too. We shared good laughs with them.

By the close of a beautiful day, several new persons were added to the membership and forty-four names were on the guest sheets. We hope some of these names will result in more new members. We packed up and carted the items to our van with the help of family members Alan and Samuel Bolds. Paul Layman, Co-chair of Clans & Organizations, told us he hoped we would return next year. We had a good time but were really, really tired.

From the Editor - Tips for submitting articles and photos to the Spur & Phoenix.

Please use Microsoft Word or send your article in the text of the email if you don't have Word. You don't have to format anything but please use Times New Roman font in size 11 for the main article. Send photos as attachments but do not put them in Word. I can't extract them without losing quality. Remember, the larger the article, the smaller the photos.

Need Advice. I am having problems with the quality of photos in the Spur and Phoenix and transferring photos to .pdf. If you have knowledge of how to improve the quality of the photos, please email me jackiejohnston@mchsi.com, and we can discuss the problem and the processes I have been using. *Jackie Johnston-Editor*

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Grandfather Mountain Highland Games – July 10-13

By David Johnston

The CJA clan tent at the Grandfather Mountain Games opened with a bang this year! Before we'd finished setting up, Sir Michael Maxwell, Baronet of Clan Maxwell, walked up and asked if it would be safe for him to come in. He lives near Raehills, and told several fun stories of being run off the estate by Earl Annandale and Lord Johnstone. I declined his kind offer of a picture of him driving the pike of his standard through me. Sir Michael was the guest of honor for the Games this year.

Beth Johnston of Charlotte, made several paper maché sheep for the tent. We were hoping to get some of the Maxwell children interested in a friendly sheep reiving contest, but apparently, we will need to make the game more interesting next year, maybe by filling them with candy.

40 people signed our visitor's log, and many others dropped by to say hello. Visitors were from far and near; the Robertsons and Oilers came from Texas (about 17 hours away) while the Millers and Aycocks came from Linville (about 5 minutes away on a regular day, about 17 hours away in Games traffic.)

Steve Johnston, our president, did his usual fine job announcing the dancers. When I saw him Sunday, he looked like he had the flu; Steve, I hope you're feeling better now!

Hugh "Hoppie" and Kathleen Moore held a small memorial service at the Grandfather cairn for Hugh's parents, Jack and Carolyn J. Moore. When the cairn was built, Carolyn placed the Johnston rock. David Johnston played *The Flowers of the Forest and Amazing Grace*. Special thanks to Charles Hatley of the Jamestown Pipe Band for loaning us his bagpipe.

On a happier note, we learned just after the Games that Jim and Grace Johnston's granddaughter Saylor Grace Johnston, arrived on July 25 at 1 P.M., weighing in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. Everyone is doing fine.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year, and hope we can recruit some Johnstons to compete in the Games.



James & Grace Johnston with Ryan Tabor



William, Mary Foster, with Will and Callie Cox of Camden, SC.

Photos submitted by Grace Johnston. See page 18 for more.

Clan Johnston/e in America

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Wee Bairns Games at Grandfather Mountain

Photos by Arrington Johnston Walker



James Murray & Will Cox comparing tartans. James ran for Clan Murray and Will ran for Clan Johnston/e.



Get set.



Run Will, run!



Callie Cox 2nd from left, ran for Clan Johnston/e.

These photos are of the grandchildren of Arrington Johnston Walker. James Murray and Will Cox are cousins. The photos were submitted by Grace Johnston. Thank you Grace and Arrington for the photos and thank you to all these James, Will and Callie for doing such a fine job in representing their clans. Way to go!

Don't forget to check out our merchandise pages for some great gift ideas for the holidays. Order early.



The new MN CJA State Commissioner Micah Johnston & his father Nick, sponsored the awards for the Premier 13 and under classification for the dance competition in behalf of CJA. Micah is pictured here with the winners Abbey Kuzas and Alia Cappellani.

ROB ROY MacGREGOR ~ THE SCOTTISH ROBINHOOD

Youth Page

by Billye Tellingier

Rob Roy MacGregor is one of the most famous of all Highlanders. He was constantly being pursued by the English Government (and some Scottish nobility as well) for his acts against the English, and various other “misdeeds.” But he was loved by the Scots as one who would come to the aid of the poor.

He traveled hundreds of miles in Scotland and England to buy and sell cattle. It was common practice in the Highlands to steal cattle as well as to raise them. And we all know Clan Johnston was famous for hopping across the border into England and “liberating” English cattle as well. But, canny Rob had an extra way of making money. He would ask rich landowners to pay him to protect their cattle from raiders, and if they refused, he would just take the cattle himself.

The Duke of Montrose gave Rob a huge sum of money to buy cattle for him, but MacGregor’s chief drover took the money and disappeared. MacGregor said he would repay the money in installments, but Montrose wanted it all at once and offered a reward for the capture of MacGregor when he went into hiding. The Duke of Atholl decided he wanted the reward, so he joined in the hunt.



Diane Coblentz & Billye Tellingier in Scotland at the grave of Rob Roy.

He was caught several times but always managed to escape. Rob Roy’s most daring escape was in 1717, when he was ticked into meeting with the Duke of Atholl and sent under armed guard to Logierait Castle, the strongest prison in Perthshire. He managed to get his guards drunk and when they fell asleep, and he made his escape.

The poor unfortunate Duke of Atholl had just written the commander of the English Army in Scotland, praising himself for capturing Rob Roy ~ and now he had to write again.

Rob Roy died in his own bed at age 63, a great age for someone who spent most of his life out door in harsh weather, and usually on the run. Nobody was supposed to say the name “MacGregor” in Scotland, but Rob Roy’s tombstone says, “**MacGregor – Despite them.**”

Here is Atholl’s second letter. The opening line (1) and last line (12) are correct, but all the others have been jumbled up. To find out what he said, rearrange them in the right order.

- 1) About and hour after I wrote to you yesterday I
- 2) Shall leave nothing untried that can be done
- 3) To sixty of my Highlanders to follow him
- 4) In the morning. I cannot say how vexed I am
- 5) To catch him, and I have already given orders
- 6) At Logierait yesterday, between 10 and 11
- 7) At this unlucky affair, but I assure you I
- 8) Made his escape from the prison he was in
- 9) Jailor prisoner, but nothing can retrieve this
- 10) Had the misfortune to learn that Rob Roy had
- 11) Wherever he can be found. I have made the
- 12) Misfortune but capturing him

Check your answers on page 14.





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