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Clan Johnston/e in America



News from Raehills

by Lord David Johnston

When I first met my future wife at St. Andrew's University, I am sure that she had no idea of the roller coaster of emotions that being married to the clan chief's son and living in a stately home would entail.

When we first got married, we started out living in a small farmhouse on the estate. I ran the estate with my father and Penny continued to commute to work at the BBC in Glasgow. Our two children, Percy and Anna, were born at Annanbank.

On the 1st of April 2005, we took the plunge and decided to swap houses with my father and duly moved in. My father swears blind that he knew nothing about it, but one month later we found a small bulge in a plaster ceiling, dry rot had arrived!

Fifteen months and eleven rooms and enormous volumes of dust later, (to make no mention of the cost), our initiation to stately home living was over, and we finally had the house back together, or so we thought.

In 2007, the library ceiling developed a small crack, which grew and grew, so we had to investigate. It turned out the main beam had gone. After much head scratching, I found a novel way of stitching wooden beams together, which meant that we were able to save all the original ornate plasterwork and keep the tile room as the architect Burns had intended.

In hindsight, our trials have been a blessing since we have been able to redecorate in a way that we never would have done. And it certainly feels like we have already left our mark!
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From the Editor

* Please read the newsletter policies in the Winter 2006 issue for information on submitting articles. If you need a copy of the policies, email me. *Jackie*

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Next Newsletter Deadline

August 8, 2009

Presidents Letter

by Stephen Johnston

Many thanks to Carol Koeslag and Billye Telling, who are “retiring” from their At Large positions on the Clan Johnston/e in America (CJA) Council effective end of September of this year. . We hope they will return to seats on Council later after they “catch their breath”.

Carol, from Peterborough, ONT, initiated the Canada Reports section of the *Spur and Phoenix* and has dutifully authored it for several years. She has also provide currency exchange services between the Canadian and US dollars, and represented CJA at several Scottish games in Ontario and as far east as Antigonish, NS.

Billye, from Westminster, CO, initiated the Youth Page section of the *Spur and Phoenix* and has dutifully authored it for several years also. She and her sister Diane Coblentz (a.k.a. “Lady Di”) have represented CJA at several Scottish games in CO and around the US, and she has served as Chair of our CJA Nominating Committee many times.

Please be on the lookout for a hefty envelope that will be forthcoming from our Secretary, Cathy Postier, in the next couple of months. It will provide three pieces of information pertinent to our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Loon Mountain, NH the weekend of August 18-20, 2009. The envelope will contain the AGM agenda, the Nominating Committee Report with the slate of nominees, and a proxy card for those unable to attend. We hope to see you at Loon Mountain, but if you cannot attend, please return the completed proxy card to Cathy well in advance.

I hope you will be attending Scottish games in your region during this “busy games season”, especially one where CJA will be sponsoring a clan tent. We are always looking for help with our clan tent participation, first to help out with tent duties, then to take on the responsibility of tent sponsorship. A tent sponsor is the person in charge – arranging with the games committee for a tent, arranging with our National Membership Commissioner Betty Watts for CJA materials to share at the tent, and attending the games and overseeing and coordinating our tent activities there. I cannot overemphasize the importance of CJA tent sponsorship at games – this is our “front line” in the recruitment of new members into CJA. Please let Betty or me know if you would like to sponsor a tent in your region, and thanks!

On a final note, I would like to enlist your help in bringing our CJA members, especially our youth, into greater participation in the Scottish arts (e.g., highland dancing, bagpiping, Scottish fiddling, Gaelic studies, etc.). We’ve had a CJA scholarship program for several years that provides modest support to worthy participants – please see our website (www.clanjohnstone.org) for an application form and information on qualifications and requirements. Awards under our program are open to non-Johnston/es as well as Johnston/es, but we haven’t had any Johnston/e applicants for several years now. Let’s turn this situation around, and soon!

Ready Aye Ready,
Steve



Cead Mile Failte
*A hundred thousand welcomes
to our new members.*
Van Johnson Dallas, TX
Clifford Johnston Pearland, TX
Robert Herrmann, Waynesboro, VA
Junior members;
Guy and Callie Ward, Lake City, FL

Toast to the Tartan

Here’s to it!

The fighting sheen of it,
The yellow, the green of it,
The white, the blue of it,
The swing, the hue of it,
The dark, the red of it,
Every thread of it!

The fair have sighed for it,
The brave have died for it,
Foemen sought for it,
Heroes fought for it,
Honour the name of it,
Drink to the fame of it -

THE TARTAN!

— Murdoch Maclean

Submitted by Christie Harrison of
COSCA to CJA for Tartan Day.

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It is a bit like painting the Forth rail bridge, in that it never stops. Penny found that it was simply not possible to hold down a job, raise a family and run the house, so after much deliberation, she has taken a sabbatical from the BBC to concentrate on the kids and Raehills. She has created our website www.raehills.com and is in the process of turning the Auld Laundry at the house into a holiday cottage, so that our visitors can take time to enjoy the gardens and surrounding countryside.

We are also looking at installing a wood chip heating system, to try to reduce the ever-increasing fuel bills. We burn about 25000 litres of oil a year. I would be happy just to turn it off and wear another jumper but the damp has to be kept off all the pictures and the furniture.

Next year, we are looking to start on the roof. It has reached the end of its 225 years, so it hasn't done badly! All I can say is that Percy is a lucky boy, because it will all be done by the time it's his turn.

In spite of the challenges, it is an immense privilege to live at Raehills. Our aim is to pass on to the new generation in a better state than it is now, but it's like living in a continuous business. Everyone arrives at 8 am looking for instructions and this continues all day. At night, we can be up till the wee small hours planning the next day's agenda. The biggest cost is that privacy is at a premium, but I wouldn't trade it for anything, and hopefully Penny agrees!

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Lord and Lady Johnstone

Photo from www.raehills.com

Resources



Genealogy Corner

*Barbara Hockman,
Genealogist*

Are you a serious genealogy researcher or do you accept other's research as fact and just add it to your own? Are you one to search the web and

when you find information that others have posted, just add the information into your own data without knowing just where the information originally came from? There is so much data on the web today that is poorly researched and I caution each of you not to perpetuate bad data. Nor do I want you to accept data that is not proven.

A number of years ago, I was contacted about one of my family lines and freely sent a pedigree chart to the inquirer. Without my permission or even my knowledge, they in turn sent the data to a group who published it on the web. I later learned that a piece of the data was incorrect. Unfortunately, that bad data is still out there and I am sure has been perpetuated by people who have accepted the data as fact and do not question where it came from. I know that no-one else has ever contacted me to find out how I came up with it. And, at the time, I was very confident in the data as it had come from a primary source document – a death certificate. So please don't accept data on the web as accurate without question and be sure to question the accuracy of all data.

With all that said where on the web are some good sights to search around in? Eastman's online newsletter is a great resource for keeping you up-to-date happenings in the genealogical world. Find them at <http://blog.eogn.com>. You can sign up to receive a free daily newsletter or just search the archives at your leisure. Looking for marriage records? Scan <http://www.genwed.com>. Users submit ancestors' marriage information or digitized documents. Sources include license applications, certificates, banns (church notifications of a couples intent to wed) newspaper announcements and other records.

Some exciting new databases on Ancestry.com are: U.S. County Land Ownership Atlases, c. 1864-1918, Returns from U.S. Military Posts, 1800-1916, Border Crossings from U.S. to Canada, 1908-1935, and continued updating of the World War I draft registration cards. Happy Hunting!



Johnson/Johnston/Johnstone DNA Surname Project News

By Lee Johnson

Our Project is growing stronger by the week. As of March 28, 2009, we have 601 members, and 592 kits returned to FTDNA for processing. With all of the growth that we have seen with the Project, we have added several valuable members to our J/J/J Project team.

Sherrie Boone has taken over as our Co administrator, and she is in charge of analyzing our data, and breaking matches down into "Family Groups". This is a rather tedious task, which she accomplishes, along with many other "behind the scenes" issues. She is an irreplaceable asset to our Project.

We have added a Library to the site, which contains research that has been compiled from over 100 Johnson/Johnston/Johnstone researchers over many years. This section was started as a separate web site on Johnson's of Virginia, and after some time had past, it began involving more and more States. After some discussion within our team, we decided to incorporate this into the J/J/J DNA Surname Project web site. Upon the merger, we needed a "librarian" to set a template for all of the information coming in. Tony Johnson, had begun this compiling of research many years ago, and was willing to be the overseer of this section of our site. Tony recruited several members to volunteer to compile information for specific States. We now have web pages set up for the 13 original colonies, plus Tennessee. As information comes in, more State's pages may be added in the future. In each State's section, the information and sources are broken down by County, Watercourse, and in some instances, towns/parishes. Tony and his team do a great job at sending in updates to their pages weekly.

About two months ago, Barbara Hockman, of "Clan Johnston/e in America" volunteered to take over as the Pedigree Coordinator. She has been doing a fantastic job keeping up with all of the information coming her way.

In addition to the Library, there have been several other sections added to the site. One is our President's Page. Just before the holiday season began, we were approached by Bennett Greenspan, President and CEO of Family Tree DNA, who asked if we would try to find descendants of the two Johnson Presidents to be tested. After finding them, and double-checking the documentation, the descendents were tested, and their results are now posted on our web site. Surprisingly enough, we had matches to both Presidents existing within our Project.

We have also added a Veteran's section to our site, to commemorate our J/J/J Veterans. This section is broken down by conflicts including Seven Year's War, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the U.S. Civil War. Members are submitting information & pensions to be posted to their J/J/J veterans along with the project member's name and kit number. As time goes by, more conflicts will be added in the future.

With all of this being said, you can see how the Johnson/Johnston/Johnstone DNA Surname Project has grown over the last while, and we hope to keep our site growing as our membership grows. Our doors are always open to those who have ideas on how to better our Project, and we welcome new ideas. Without the wonderful work & communication of all of our volunteers, the growth of the Project could not happen. I would like to personally thank our team and assure them that their efforts are most greatly appreciated by both our Project members, and myself.



Working on your family tree? Consider doing a DNA test to see who might be a match to you.

For more information on the DNA project, check out our website.

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hjohnson/New%20Index/index/j-j-j_index.htm

Famous Johnstons

Mary Johnston

By Bart Johnston



She was born into one of the most influential families of Virginia, cousin to Generals Johnston and Pickett, related to Patrick Henry, James Madison and officers in all of Virginia's wars. An aristocrat, she helped found the United Daughters of the Confederacy, yet had a very public feud with Stonewall Jackson's widow. Her books were hugely successful, yet politics destroyed her career and her name and reputation faded into the mists of her Blue Ridge Mountains.

Mary Johnston was born in 1870 in the Shenandoah Valley to a lawyer/engineer, former Confederate artillery major, John Johnston and Elizabeth Alexander, her Scots-Irish mother of a prominent West Virginia family. A frail girl, Mary was educated at home by an aunt and a governess. She read voraciously and loved Sir Walter Scott, Charles Dickens and Shakespeare. When she was 15, the family moved to Alabama, where her father was president of a railroad. Mary briefly attended boarding school in Atlanta but became ill and had to return home to continue her education. In 1889, her mother died and Mary took over the role of hostess for social functions as well as her father's confidant.

Railroad business took them to New York in the 1890s and Mary began to write. She was often seen on Central Park benches penning away in her journals. In 1900 she published *To Have and To Hold*, which became the best selling novel of the year. Immersed in Civil War stories and history she then published two of the best-known novels of the Confederacy: *The Long Roll* in 1911 and *Cease Firing* in 1912. In the first, Gen. Stonewall Jackson was a major character and his portrayal caused attacks by Anna, Jackson's widow, until she died in 1915.

Gen. Jackson had become an icon after the war with god-like qualities surpassed only by Lee and Jesus to those suffering under Reconstruction. Johnston portrayed the general with his many eccentricities and Cromwellian religious obsessions. Anna Jackson used her pulpit in the United Daughters of the Confederacy to attack Johnston for being inaccurate and unfair. Jackson was joined by many former Confederate veterans and Lost Cause advocates, who saw the general as a hero martyred in the cause of southern purity and valor. In spite of these attacks, Mary Johnston stood the fire much as her father had at Chickamauga and Chattanooga by answering with her pen and speaking tours. The dispute was so public that *The New York Times* even referred to it in the headline of Mrs. Jackson's obituary.

Mary paid lip service to southern ideals but was no champion of the Lost Cause. Her books were an indictment of war, focusing instead on the hardships inflicted on civilians, especially women, destruction of the Southern economy and racial injustice. Privately she admitted to being a socialist and pacifist, and publically a suffragette. Socially critical, her writing grew increasingly unpopular and she alienated her male readers by calling for women's right to vote. She had sold over one million copies of her earlier works, hugely successful in those days, but in her later career she had to rely on selling stories to ladies' magazines to survive.

In 1912, she built an estate in Warm Springs, Virginia, looking out to her beloved Blue Ridge Mountains and lived there supporting family. With the growth of the feminist movement, her books have been rediscovered and some have been reprinted. Perhaps the highest praise came from two very famous people. General Dwight Eisenhower said during WWII, "If I want to read military tactics for pleasure, I choose to read Mary Johnston." And perhaps the most telling is from Margaret Mitchell, who was greatly influenced by Johnston: "I hesitate to write about the South after having read Mary Johnston." But Mitchell did write and *Gone With the Wind* was published in 1936, the year Mary Johnston died.



Clan Johnston/e's AGM in 2009

September 18, 19 and 20, Clan Johnston/e in America will host it's AGM during the New Hampshire Highland Games. Now that the NH Games are a week later there is more color in the fall leaves than prior to 2004. If you have never been to the NH Games, we can provide more details. Call Margot or Arthur Johnston 603-497-3281 or Email: Lucknbooth@aol.com.



20 rooms have been reserved at the Beacon Resort in Lincoln, NH – until August 1st. The rooms will be released after August 1st. The AGM Dinner is also at the Beacon in the Clermont Room.

Rooms are \$ 144.00 per night with 8% tax for a total \$155.52, and includes a Continental Breakfast.

The price with the breakfast is for however many nights you stay. The Shuttle Bus stop is near by. You don't even have to move your car.

There is availability to upgrade to a suite (\$230.00 plus 8% tax) if you wish, or a limited number to downsize to a cabin. However, the price of \$99.00 for a cabin does not include the continental breakfast. **Beacon Resort - 800-343-8777. Ask for Group Sales – Clan Johnston/e group.**

AGM Dinner tickets will be \$40.00. Send payment to: Margot Johnston – P.O. Box 71 – Goffstown, NH 03045. Tickets must be paid by August 15th.

There are other places to stay in Lincoln. If you want to rent a condo for yourselves or a few other folks to share, we strongly suggest you put in your reservations before the end of March. There is absolutely no attendee parking on grounds. Shuttle buses are free and run the 3 days.

Tickets for the Games are sold separately. Purchasing ahead saves a good deal of money.

Before May 1st, get ticket information at: 1-800-358-7268, or go to www.nhscot.org

Condos: Alpine Village 1-888-589-8112 Loon Reservation Services 603-745-5666

Hotels: Comfort Inn 603-745-2131 Econo Lodge 603-745-3661
Lodge at Lincoln Station 603-745-3441 Woodstock B&B, 603-745-3951
Lost River Valley Campground, 603-745-8321. Linwood Chamber of Comm. 603-745-6621

For those folks who need to fly in for the Games: Manchester / Boston Regional Airport is only ½ mile from I 93 that takes you directly to Lincoln and North Woodstock and just 1 hour from the Games' site. This was formerly just Manchester Airport. There are 4 or 5 Car Rental companies to accommodate your needs. There is a toll for I 93 of 75 cents a few miles north of Manchester and the same going back to Manchester.

Please sure to get your reservations early as hotels sell out fast and condos even faster. We can't hold the rooms at the Beacon past Aug 1st. We have to have a head count for the dinner by Aug 30th. You can save about \$30 each if you buy your Games' weekend passes before July 1st. That nearly pays for your AGM Dinner tickets.

We hope to see you in September. Please call us with any questions you might have.





CANADA REPORTS

by Carol Koeslag

Update on our trip to Malta.

When I last wrote I indicated that Peter and I were heading off for a holiday in Malta. I'm sure you are all wondering; 1.where is Malta, 2.why Malta, 3.was it worthwhile.

1. Malta is a small island in middle of the Mediterranean just south of Sicily and in the major sea route from Gibraltar to the Suez; 2. We'd never been to the Mediterranean or any of its countries; 3. It has to be the most interesting place with its history from 5000 BC, many nations wanting to own it, leaving their own particular architecture and customs; its 95 sq. miles many very small towns, easily accessible by its many yellow buses (no need to rent a car), friendly English speaking citizens, wonderful walking and gazing venues, its amazing history – yes, its more than worthwhile to visit! Our trip Jan 16-Feb 4 was in their rainy windy season but Spring-like temperatures so we were not kept inside but went with whatever the weather, maybe March-Apr. or mid Fall would also be a good time but according to the locals not the summer too hot and humid; we went with a tour group and stayed at an all inclusive hotel, travelled Air Canada and Air Malta from Heathrow. I won't go on any further but perhaps I've whetted your travel appetite. There were not any obvious Scottish shops! Nor Clan associations!

The Gentle Johnston/es

In February I received a phone call from a New Zealander visiting Peterborough who had noticed the Clan Johnston/e listing in The Banner newspaper of her hostess. She was interested in finding out more about CJA, books etc. I was in the process of suggesting she visit our local library when I realized there probably wasn't a Gentle Johnston/e book there. It ended up I took her one which she bought and sent to her father in New Zealand. But I thought that perhaps Peterborough library wasn't the only town without this book in its

library. I contacted the librarian responsible for this section, ended up taking her a Gentle Johnston/e book so that she could understand more about it – it's not genealogy, not a family history but a resource/research book for anyone wanting more information particular to the Johnston/es. Perhaps each of you CJA members might contact your library and take your book with you to explain and show just what it is. Perhaps you might like to buy one and donate it to the library. I'm really happy to know that "our" book is now on the local library shelves and its computer list of books.

Browsing Bonanza

One afternoon when I was enjoying the atmosphere of the Trent Valley Archives with the intent to resource its file of cemetery listings I hit GOLD. In my Johnston family my great grandfather William and brother George married two Mitchell sisters and lived and worked together in Peterborough. By 1871 Census these sisters' siblings were living with them (where there was room I don't know!). So periodically I've thought it would be interesting to discover where the Mitchell great-great grandparents were buried. I thought I knew very definitely where the Johnston ones were. So as I read through many listings in the different files, there are an awful lot of cemeteries in Peterborough County!, I was down to the last file and nearly didn't even open it as it was too far away from where the Mitchells had lived. Never not to open that last file!!! There were no Mitchells BUT there were my Johnston great-great grandparents and two of their friends, one of whom I believe was an uncle or brother. Now these Johnstons were, according to the death notices and newspaper obituary of their children, interred with their 4 children in an Anglican cemetery near their village of Millbrook. As there was no grave stone with their names in that cemetery and the records were lost or burnt I believed the obituary information. So not only did I learn where they really are buried, but I learned their death dates, the name of my great-great grandmother and the death dates and ages of uncle and friend. I was absolutely elated and immediately shared the info with family. Now the big mystery, which is really unsolvable, why were four children buried in the Anglican but their parents in the Presbyterian cemeteries; the parents died before the children, the Anglican is closer to Millbrook, who paid for and erected the obelisk monument — questions the bane of genealogists ! I guess the pun is that's the last nail in the coffin but oh yes, where oh where are the Mitchells?

The Games

This summer CJA will be represented at different Games here in Ontario. Joan Diminie will be hosting the Tent at the Cobourg Games , where she lives and at the Trenton Festival. I'll be hosting a tent at the very first Lindsay Scottish Festival half an hour from Peterborough unfortunately the same day as Cobourg or Joan and I would have shared those tents. Joe Johnston has assured me he'll host the Glengarry Games tent in Maxville and Peter and I will host once again at Fergus. A tent at North Durham Uxbridge Games has not been confirmed but, who knows, CJA might be represented there. So come visit, make a Johnston/e day of it wherever you wish.

Saturday June 27/09 Cobourg Donegan Park
Joan Diminie

Saturday June 27/09 Lindsay Fairgrounds
Carol Koeslag

Saturday July 25/09 North Durham Uxbridge

Saturday Aug 1/09 Glengarry – Maxville
Joe Johnston

Saturday Aug 8/09 Fergus, Carol Koeslag

Saturday Sept 2/09 Trenton, Joan Dimini

(Note: We do not have a tent sponsor for the Uxbridge games. If we do not have a volunteer for this, we will not have representation at those games.)

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer whether you're travelling, staying at home to enjoy gardens and golf and Games, entertaining family, grandkids, friends or just 'vegging out'. - Carol



Check out the Scottish Events in the USA for Summer and Fall on page 11 & 12.

Canadian Encyclopedia

“Although often considered Anglo-Canadians, the Scots have always regarded themselves as a separate people. The connection between Scotland and Canada dates to the 17th century. The Scots have been immigrating in steady and substantial numbers for over 200 years. In the 2006 census a total of 4,709,850 Canadians, or 15% of the population, listed themselves as of Scottish origin (single and multiple response).”

Source:

<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?PgNm=TCE&Params=A1ARTA0007222>

Scholarship Report

by James Johnston



This year there were two new applicants for scholarship assistance that the committee felt were worthy of support. They are Amy Spens of Issaquah, WA and Bridget Smith of Bedford NH. Amy has been a Highland dancer for 10 years and plans to attend a one week workshop called Piping Hot Summer Drummer in Whistler, BC, Canada. Bridget plans to attend the Braemar Summer School of Highland Dance in Troy, NY. She has been dancing for about six years. There were applications from others whom we supported last year but it was determined that our limited funds would only allow us to support the new applicants.

Our scholarship program continues to attract applicants primarily from the East coast and most of them are Highland dancers. Unfortunately there have been no applications from CJA members or their dependents. Please consider recommending that someone you know who is involved in any of the Scottish arts go to our web site at www.clanjohnstone.org and learn about how to apply for financial assistance in their area of study. And if you would like to make a tax deductible donation to a worthy cause I hope you will consider our scholarship fund.

The Gatherin' n Ancient Festival O' Beltane

By Barbara Hockman



Kansas is not known for its highland games but the ancient Festival O' Beltane, held the first weekend in May, is definitely a whole different show compared to the normal games we attend.

We headed west into the high plains of Kansas to an area as flat as the perception most people have of the state. When you manage to come across a slight rise in the land, you can actually see for what seems like infinity. It is a region where you can drive for miles and miles on unpaved roads and never see a house or car. Fortunately, cell phones do work here because you definitely don't want to get lost or have your car break down.

A disclaimer at the end of the schedule of events states "that there is really NO OFFICIAL schedule for this grand event" and we found this to be true.

We arrived Friday evening expecting a welcome to the Clans, the "Piping Vicar" and a ceilidh until 10. What we found instead was that with the rains that had been going on most of the week, a few people were just arriving and beginning to set everything up. Not wanting to waste the sunshine that had managed to break through, we decided to investigate the area and return in the morning.

Saturday arrived overcast and cold but being of "sturdy stock" we headed to the festival grounds. Warrior games and war piping were to begin at 9:00 – or so the schedule stated. When we arrived we found the "warriors" were just arriving and signing in and they were really the only people on the grounds. Apparently those who had attended this event in the past knew better than to show up this early in the morning.

Once again we drove off to tour the area and returned shortly after noon. By this time people had arrived and the musicians had begun to play. We don't know if the scheduled opening ceremonies ever happened but we did notice that most of the other scheduled events were not happening. Was this because the rain that had preceded the festival kept the entertainers away or was this the normal procedure of "NO OFFICIAL schedule"? Oh well, the "warriors" were competing in the cold, misting rain and the music was flowing. Hot food was available and home-made birch beer, vanilla soda and other drinks could be had. Kids were circulating among the crowd handing out Mardi Gras beads, tiaras, and antennas to everyone. A tug-of-war was going on outside the music tent. Time to forget the clock and just go with the flow.

The evening's festivities began with the "Warriors Feast". Those hardy souls who had been competing in the rain all day were given the place of honor and served their dinner. Once the warriors were fed, all others could proceed to retrieve their meal. Retrieve is a good word to use here. There were no plates or utensils. You got a large loaf of bread that had been hollowed out and you proceeded to fill the hole with a variety of meats. The only vegetable available was fried potatoes. You dined at tables covered with burlap and gnawed away. Fortunately they did provide napkins. I only wish I had gotten a lot more. At least the meat had been cut into reasonable pieces. The warriors had to use their dirks to cut off hunks from huge roasts. Remember, this is an ancient festival.

During the meal, boasting and bragging had begun. Many game records had fallen that cold, wet day and now was the time to celebrate. 'Th Right Tae Wield Th' Wallace Sword' was a challenge yet to come. The record stood at 80 seconds and many were ready to try and exceed that. Outside, workers were readying for the Fire Festival. A huge, and I mean huge, bonfire was waiting to be lit. There was to be fireworks, arches of fire, rings of fire and fireballs. By this time I was so cold that I was shaking. I am sure the fire festival would go off as scheduled although with all the rain that day it probably required quite a large amount of gasoline to get it going. We whimpered out and returned to the hotel before this all started. This was truly a different type of highland game and I'm glad we made the effort to check it out. I'm sure it will be a while before we find another as unique as this.

Scottish Fairs and Highland Games 2009 in USA

6/6/2009 Greater Greenville Scottish Festival and Highland Games
June 6, 2008 (parade and reception), and June 7, 2008 (games)
Furman University on US Hwy 25 North Greenville, SC
CJA Tent Sponsor: Charles (Buz) Johnson, 304 Birchwood St., Easley, SC 29642
Contact: 864-859-8251, Cell: (864) 907-2596, or Email buzjohnson@bellsouth.net

6/13-14/2009 Annual Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games
Meeks Park, Blairsville, GA Website at www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org
Contact: Dennis Watts at 706-549-0130 or majrgr@yahoo.com

6/19-20/2009 Illinois Saint Andrew Society's 23rd Annual Highland Games
Oak Brook Polo Grounds, Oakbrook, Illinois, CJA Tent Sponsor: Margaret & Harry Teiwes
2200 Stirrup Lane, Wheaton, IL 60189
Contact: 630-260-0929 or Email [Harry Teiwes](mailto:Harry.Teiwes)

7/9-12/2009 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
P.O. Box 1095, Linville, NC 28646, MacRae Meadows, Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC
Contact & Tickets: highlandgames@vol.com, CJA tent sponsor: David S. Johnston, 2118 S. Wendover Rd.,
Charlotte, NC 28211 Tel: (704) 589-2700 tent@johnstons.net
CJA tent located on outer ring. Potluck picnic lunch on Saturday.

7/11-12/2009 Skagit Valley Highland Games & Celtic Festival
Edgewater Park, Mount Vernon, Washington
Contact: Skye Richendrfer Phone: (360) 416-4934 www.celticarts.org
CJA Contact: Jim Johnston; 360-679-4217
CJA Contact: Lindsey Johnstone, phone 425-271-7783

7/25-26/2009 Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering
Enumclaw Equestrian Center, Enumclaw, Washington
Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association, P.O. Box 75685, Seattle, WA 98175-0685
Contact: scots4ever@sshga.org
CJA Contact: [Lindsey Johnstone](mailto:Lindsey.Johnstone), phone 425-271-7783

8/8-9/2009 Colorado Scottish Festival, Highland Heritage Park
Highlands Ranch, (near Denver) Colorado
Phone contact: 303-288-8524
CJA tent sponsor: Vic Gibson, P.O. Box 254, Winter Park, Colo. 80482
Cell phone: 303-908-5496

8/TBA/2009 Central New York Scottish Games and Celtic Festival
Long Branch Park, Liverpool, New York, P.O. Box 6405, Syracuse, NY 13217
CJA tent sponsor: Barb Johnston, 142 Winks Rd., Fulton, NY 13069
Tel: 315-598-3567 E-Mail: butterflyzz1@yahoo.com
Additional Contact: Betsy Buchanan at 315-252-5876

8/TBA/2009 Whidbey Island Games
The Greenbank Farm
Whidbey Island, Washington
Email: Angus MacDonald & Maureen Lee, bagpipes@tartanthistle.com, phone 360-331-5437
CJA Contact: [Jim Johnston](mailto:Jim.Johnston); 360-679-4217



See Canada Pages for information on games there.

Scottish Games 2009 Continued

8/15/2009 Amherst Museum Scottish Festival, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst, NY 14228-159
CJA tent sponsor: Barb Johnston, 142 Winks Rd., Fulton, NY 13069, Tel: 315-598-3567
E-Mail: butterflyzz1@yahoo.com, Additional Contact: Eric Samulski at 716-689-1440



8/22/2009 VT Scottish Games and Festival, Quechee, VT
Hosted by Bart Johnston, BartJohnston@state.vt.us

8/22-24/2009 Cortland Scottish Festival, Court House Park, Downtown Cortland, 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

9/5-6/2009 Pleasanton Highland Games, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, California
CJA Contact: Karen Johnston Klein, kklein@astound.net

9/5-6/2009 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

9/10-13/2009 Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, P.O. Box 1820, Estes Park, CO 80517-1820
(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

9/18-20/2009 NH Highland Games at Loon Mt., Lincoln, NH
CJA tent sponsor: Arthur and Margot Johnston, lucknbooth@aol.com

10/3/2009 Williamsburg Scottish Festival, The Rockahock Campgrounds www.rockahock.com, (new location: west of Williamsburg near Lenexa in Kent County), P.O. Box 866, Williamsburg, VA 23187-0866
CJA tent sponsor: Don & Carol Boebel, dlbsail@cuisp.com, phone: 320-542-2675

10/04/2009 Connecticut Scottish Festival, Goshen Fairgrounds, Goshen, CT Contact: (860) 651-9048
CJA tent sponsor: Cathleen Johnston Quirion, scottishlady1@comcast.net, 30 Rosemont Ave. - Bristol, CT 06010

10/3-4/2009 Reno Celtic Celebration, Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno, Nevada
CJA Contact: George Thomas Tabor, oda063@sbcglobal.net

10/11/2009 Scotland Highland Festival, Waldo Homestead, Scotland, CT Contact: (860) 464-1339
CJA tent sponsor: Cathleen Johnston Quirion, scottishlady1@comcast.net, 30 Rosemont Ave. - Bristol, CT 06010

10/10/2009 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, lmc3550@yahoo.com phone 410-257-0936, FAX 571-273-6285

10/17-18/2009 Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival, P.O. Box 14023, Atlanta, GA 30324-1023
Contact: majrgr@yahoo.com

10/24-25/2009 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

12/3-5/2009 Alexandria Christmas Walk, Alexandria, VA Contact: (703) 841-9190 Email: Katherine Bailey-Mathae, kebm@comcast.net OR Contact: Lee Cattell, lmc3550@yahoo.com, phone 410-257-0936

Editors note to Tent Sponsors:

Please review your information at www.clanjohnstone.org to verify your information is up to date. Contact Will with changes. It took many hours looking up dates as many are listed TBA. That is my only source for this schedule.- Jackie

Clan Johnston/e in America

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Our Clan Chief

Patrick Andrew Wentworth Hope Johnstone of Annandale and of That Ilk

In 1124, King David I of Scotland first conferred the Lordship of Annandale on Robert de Brus, who was the ancestor of Robert Bruce, the seventh Lord of Annandale. During this time, the Johnstones came to prominence as a powerful Border clan involved in frequent episodes of Border warfare, and the Bruce and Johnstone families became close allies. Gilbert Johnstone received use of a small parcel of land in southern Annandale from William Bruce between 1195 and 1214. He was knighted Sir Gilbert de Joneston. Johnstones appointed a council of twelve arbiters to settle internal disputes under the Laird of Johnstone in 1578.

In 1633, in the reign of King Charles I, James Johnstone of Johnstone, son of Sir James Johnstone of Dunskeillie and Warden of the West Marches, was created **Lord Annandale of Lochwood** and then **Earl of Hartfell** in 1643. Johnstone's son, also James, re-signed the earldom and received a re-grant of the title as **Earl of Annandale and Hartfell**, which was created in the Peerage of Scotland in 1661, and a further re-grant of lands in 1662. After his death in 1672, his son, William, became the first **Marquis of Annandale** in 1701. The Marquisate and all peerages and titles became dormant in 1792 on the death of William's grandson, George, 3rd Marquis of Annandale.

Nearly 200 years passed without a Chief of Clan Johnstone. Then in 1983, the Lord Lyon of Scotland officially recognised Percy Wentworth Hope Johnstone of Annandale and that Ilk as Chief with all titles that pertained thereto, including chief of the Name and Arms of Johnstone. This was approved by the House of Lords in 1985. The Committee for Privileges ruled that the creation of 1661 charter became extinct with the death of the third marquees, but that Charles II's 1662 charter of re-grant of lands constituted the creation of a new title. The creation of 1661 was to *heirs male*, the creation of 1662 to *heirs male...all of which failing the nearest heirs whatsoever*. The 1662 creation therefore descended through the female line and the closest heir was Major Percy Wentworth Hope Johnstone.

After his death a few months later, his son Patrick Andrew Wentworth Hope Johnstone became the Clan Chief and holds that title to this day. In 1985, the House of Lords recognised Patrick as the 11th Earl of Annandale and Hartfell, Chief, Clan Johnstone. Lord Annandale's other titles include; Baron of the Barony of the Lands of the Earldom of Annandale and Hartfell, and of the Lordship of Johnstone; Hereditary Steward, Stewartry of Annandale; Hereditary Keeper, Keys of Lochmaben Castle; Deputy Lieutenant, Dumfriesshire, 1987-92, Vice-Lieutenant, since 1992;

Lord Annandale was born on April 19, 1941 in Auldgirth, Dumfriesshire to Major Percy Wentworth Hope Johnstone and Margaret Jane Hunter-Arundell. He married Susan Josephine Ross, daughter of Clonel Walter John Macdonald Ross, on August 23, 1969. Together they have one son, David Patrick Wentworth Hope Johnstone (b. October 13, 1971) and one daughter, Lady Julia Claire Hope Johnstone (b. 1974).

Lord Annandale was educated at Stowe School, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, England . He was an underwriting member of Lloyds in 1976 and he held the office of Deputy Lieutenant (D.L.) of Nithsdale and Annandale and Eskdale Districts in 1987. He participated in an ordinance in 1988; a director of Murray Lawrence Lloyd's Members Agency He held the office of Vice-Lord-Lieutenant of Nithsdale and Annandale and Eskdale Districts in 1992.

Information provided by Des Johnston of Australia, Wikipedia, ThePeerage.com, JohnstonClan.org.uk and ClanJohnstone.org. Edited by Dee Johnston

Lord Johnstone, David Patrick Wentworth Hope Johnstone

Lord Johnstone was born on 13 October 1971. He is the son of **Patrick Andrew Wentworth Hope Johnstone**, 11th Earl of Annandale and Hartfell and **Susan Josephine Ross**. He married **Penny Macmillan**, daughter of **John Macmillan**, on 19 May 2001 at Dumfries, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. Lord Johnstone was educated at Stowe School, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, England. He graduated from St. Andrews University with the degree of Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.). He was styled as *Master of Annandale and Hartfell* in 1985 He was styled as *Lord Johnstone* in 1985



Children of **Lord David Patrick Wentworth Hope Johnstone**, and **Penny Macmillan** are **Percy John Wentworth Hope Johnstone**, (Master of Johnstone) b. 16 Feb 2002, and **Anna Hope Johnstone** b. 19 Aug 2003.

Note; Raehills is now the home of Lord David and Penny Johnstone and is also operated as a Bed and Breakfast establishment with hunting and walking available on request. Lord Patrick and Sue Annandale now live at Annanbank at Johnstonebridge.

Most of the information on Lord Annandale and Lord Johnstone are reprinted from the Clan Johnston/e Association of Australia newsletter with permission from Peg Gilchrist, editor and Des Johnstone, author. Thank you Des for gathering this information and sharing it with us. The photo of Lord Annandale was from www.johnstoneclan.org.uk and Lord Johnston's photo is from www.raehills.com.

The Earls of Annandale and Hartfell

by Des Johnstone, Chief Commissioner and Secretary/Treasurer of Clan Johnston/e Association of Australia.

Earls of Annandale (From 1625)with subsidiaries Viscount of Annand and Lord Murray of Lochmaben (both c. 1622) and Lord Murray of Tynninghame (1625)

- John Murray, 1st Earl of Annandale (d. 1640)
- James Murray, 2nd Earl of Annandale (d. 1658)

Earls of Hartfell (From 1643)with subsidiaries Lord Johnston of Lochwood (1633) and Lord Johnston of Lochwood, Moffatdale and Evandale (1643)

- James Johnstone, 1st Earl of Hartfell (1602–1653)
- James Johnstone, 2nd Earl of Hartfell (d. 1672) (resigned, and created Earl of Annandale and Hartfell)

Marquesses of Annandale (From 1701)

- William Johnstone, 1st Marquess of Annandale (d. 1721)
- James Johnstone, 2nd Marquess of Annandale (c. 1687-1730)
- George Vanden-Bempde, 3rd Marquess of Annandale (1720-1792) (marquisate and earldom dormant 1792)

Earls of Annandale and Hartfell (From 1661)

- James Johnstone, 1st Earl of Annandale and Hartfell (d. 1672)
- William Johnstone, 2nd Earl of Annandale and Hartfell (d. 1721) (created Marquess of Annandale 1701)
- James Hope-Johnstone, 3rd Earl of Hopetoun (1741-1816), 5th Earl of Annandale and Hartfell
- Anne Hope-Johnstone (1768-1818) 6th Countess of Annandale and Hartfell
- John James Hope-Johnstone (1796-1876) 7th Earl of Annandale and Hartfell
- John James Hope-Johnstone (1842-1912) 8th Earl of Annandale and Hartfell
- Evelyn Wentworth Hope-Johnstone (1879-1964) 9th Earl of Annandale and Hartfell
- Percy Wentworth Hope-Johnstone (1909-1983) 10th Earl of Annandale and Hartfell
- Patrick Andrew Wentworth Hope-Johnstone, 11th Earl of Annandale and Hartfell (b. 1941) (revived 1985)

The Heir Apparent is David Patrick Wentworth Hope-Johnstone, Lord Johnstone (b. 13 October 1971)

Scots in North Carolina

By Stephen Johnston

Have you ever heard the comment that North Carolina has Highland Scots in its lowlands and Lowland Scots in its highlands? We'll you've heard it now.

The migration pattern for Highland Scots into North Carolina began as early as the 1600's, and they typically entered via port settlements, especially Wilmington and Williamsburg VA. They tended to migrate up the Cape Fear from Wilmington, and down into Eastern NC from Williamsburg. The big wave of Highland Scots migration into NC came during the 1730's. The Jacobites in Scotland were getting quite restive during that period, leading up to Bonnie Prince Charlie's return from France in 1745. To help defuse the situation, North Carolina Royal Governor Gabriel Johnston (for whom Johnston County is named) suggested to King George II that he offer land grants in North Carolina to them. He accepted the offer and many Highlanders, most with Jacobite leanings, took him up on it. Most settled in the Cape Fear region.

Migrations of Highland Scots to this area continued, particularly after the Battle of Culloden in 1746 (in which the Scots came in second place) and during the Highland Clearances in the latter part of the 18th Century and up through much of the second half of the 19th Century. On a recent trip to Scotland, several SCOT members attended a lecture at Armadale Castle (home of the MacDonalds of Sleat) on the Isle of Skye. We heard the speaker, who had recently published a book on migrations from Skye, state that "for almost two centuries, the emigrants from Skye to North America didn't realize there was any other place than North Carolina."

By contrast, most of the Scots in the highlands of North Carolina started out in the Scottish Lowlands (including the Borders). Once King James VI of Scotland became King James I of England after the Union of the Crowns in 1603, he decided to tackle the "Irish question", i.e., try to reduce Irish unrest, by opening the Ulster Plantation. He offered land grants in Ulster to residents throughout the Kingdom, and the major takers were Lowland Scots (e.g., Johnston is the second most common name in Northern Ireland today).

When William Penn opened his colony in what is now Pennsylvania, he needed good fighters to help protect

his Quakers from the native Indians. He found a ready source in Ulster. Eventually, many of these "Scotch Irish" (or more appropriately, "Scots Irish", most of whom were originally Lowland Scots) migrated down the Appalachians, and many settled in the North Carolina mountains and foothills.

Check it out – note the heavy preponderance of names beginning with "Mac" in the Cape Fear region ("the land of the Macs") especially, and the dearth of such names among the Scottish surnames in our highlands and foothills. So now you know "the rest of the story".

Stories of Scots in the USA and Canada

Do you have a story to tell about the Scots who settled in your area? Send us your story. We are especially interested in towns named Johnston or Johnstone and why. See page two for contact information for the newsletter.

Billy Johnston & His Coos

Billy, Barbara and Emily Johnston own Dalriada Farm in Inver Grove Heights, MN where they breed and show Registered Scottish Highland Cattle. Billy is originally from Irvine, Ayrshire, on the west coast of Scotland and has lived in the USA for 39 years. He came to Minnesota 25 years ago and has been at this location for the last ten years. Billy and his granddaughter Amelia are shown here with a calf at the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games on May 9th.



Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games, May 9, 2009

by Jackie Johnston

What a great day for a Scottish Fair. The weather was chilly with a slight wind. A bit cold for E.J. Johnston who staffed the tent while her husband Nick (CJA Rep.) and son Micah (MN CJA State Commissioner) lined up to march in the Parade of Clans with Lois Burnes.

It was an exciting day too as the announcement was made at the end of the day that Clan Johnston/e had won Best Clan Tent out of over 50 clans. The competition was steep this year as there were a lot of very nice tents. This was the fourth time Clan Johnston/e has won the award since 2000. It is the most times any clan has won it in Minnesota. Congratulations Micah and Nick. You did a great job!

Micah and Nick also sponsored the award ribbons for the dance competition and many of the recipients stopped by the tent to thank them personally. *(The photos are not available yet and I will print them in the next issue along with information from the fair regarding Johnstons.)*

Dennis Johnston kept busy during his shift at the tent with demonstrations of how Scots used a targe.

The sun came out and I went for a walk to see the Highland cattle and talk to Billy Johnston and his family. Billy was kind enough to open the cage and allow me in to get some photos of him and his family with a calf. There were a few farms represented at the fair this year and some were selling meat. Billy explained that highland cattle produce low fat meat that is low in cholesterol because they have so much fur and don't need the fat to keep warm. He said it tastes like Angus. *(Read more about Billy on page 17.)*

We also had a new volunteer, Julie Johnston Jacobs. Thanks to all who made this day special.



Nick, Micah and Lois



Denny Johnston demonstrates the use of the targe he made.



E.J. all bundled up against the cold. It warmed up later.



Denny staffing the tent the award winning tent.



Barbara, Amanda, Rowen, Billy and Amelia Johnston.

Forever Young



As someone who has enjoyed playing the games and learning new tidbits in each and every issue, I must say "Thank You Billye!" You've left big shoes for me to fill. I hope I do you proud!

Dee Johnston, MN



Help Mac, the Border Collie, bring this wee lamb home.

Scots Leid

The Challenge: Try adding these Scottish words in every-day conversation:

- Aye - Yes
- Bairn - Child / Kid
- Bonny - Pretty
- Dinnae - Don't
- Fae - From
- Ken - Know
- Neep - Turnip
- Shoogle - Shake
- Tattie - Potato
- Wee - Small

Final Youth Page

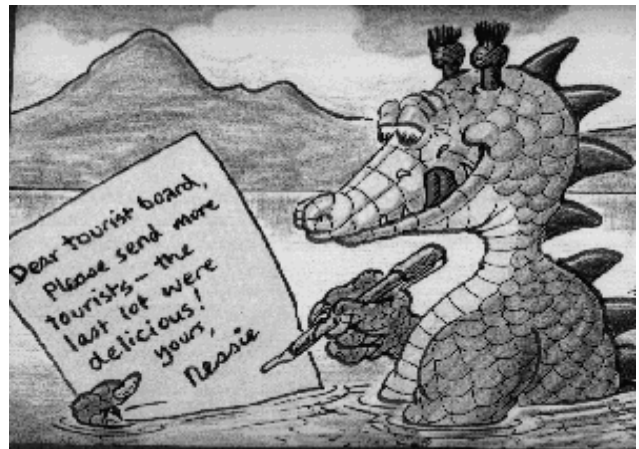
Hello and Good-bye out there to all the Youth and Young at Heart members of CJA. I have decided to turn the Youth Page over to Dee Johnston, starting with this issue. I know she will do a great job, and hopefully, you will all have fun learning about your Scottish heritage.

In the meantime, there was a contest in the last issue, and I do need to give you the proper matches. Sadly, there were *NO* entries, and thus, no winners!

Clan Aye,
Billye Tellingner

Here are the answers:

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. William Wallace | c. Braveheart |
| 2. Reivers | d. Cattle thief |
| 3. Nessie | f. Here, fishy, fishy! |
| 4. Robert Burns | g. Auld Lang Syne |
| 5. Stone of Destiny | j. "Crown me!" |
| 6. The "Clearances" | i. Move 'em out! |
| 7. Trewes | a. Tartan trousers |
| 8. Bannockburn | k. Send the English HOME! |
| 9. Haggis | h. Oatmeal and sheeps' stomach |
| 10. "First Footer" | b. New Year's visitor |
| 11. Queen Elisabeth I | c. "Off with her head!" |



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