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Clan Johnston/e in America

Lord and Lady Johnstone's New Arrival



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“Members who attended the last Annual General Meeting at Raehills will recall that Lord and Lady Johnstone were awaiting a new arrival in the family. Well, here she is, in all her glory, with her parents, brother Percy and sister Anna on the steps of Raehills. Rose Isabella Sophie Hope Johnstone finds a cosy spot on Mummy’s knee and checks out her immediate surroundings. The Clan Association sends Lord and Lady Johnstone and their young family its best wishes.”

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## **From the Editor**

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**Next Newsletter Deadline**

**October 16, 2010**

## President's Letter

I've had a wonderful time at Scottish games this spring and summer. Each one is like a reunion, not only with our Johnstones, Johnstons, and Johnsons in the respective region, but also with our friends in other clans (even Maxwells and Meffats!). I particularly enjoy those where our clan sponsors a tent, and I never cease to be amazed at how friendly (and sometimes zany!) our tent is, and how that rubs off on our tent visitors.



I hope you've been able to attend a Scottish game recently, or plan to do so soon. Be sure to check our web site ([www.clanjohnstone.org](http://www.clanjohnstone.org)) for one near you, especially one where our clan is hosting a tent. Many thanks to all our tent sponsors for their dedication and good work! If you would like to host a Clan Johnston/e in America (CJA) tent in your area, please contact our National Membership Commissioner, Betty Watts ([louiseryan2001@yahoo.com](mailto:louiseryan2001@yahoo.com)) or me ([sajscot@aol.com](mailto:sajscot@aol.com)). We provide training, tent supplies, and tent hosting instructions. We do prefer that you've not only attended a Scottish game before, but also that you've helped out at a CJA tent.

Please don't forget our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Pleasanton (CA) games on September 4. I hope you plan to come. Reservation information has been provided in previous issues of the *Spur and Phoenix*, and you received a letter earlier this summer that contained the AGM agenda, the Nominating Committee report, and a proxy card. Our agenda includes many reports from Council members and other members, one of which – the JJJ DNA Project — is in this issue. We also have a key replacement on Council. Many thanks to Joan J. Diminie for her term of service as one of the Canadian At-Large officers on our CJA Council, and to Karen Klein and Lindsey Johnstone for setting everything up for us at Pleasanton!

Our 2011 AGM will be held at Estes Park (CO) on September 10. If past experience is any guide, our Colorado Johnstons will do a great job of hosting us. As of now, we anticipate a need to fill the Newsletter Editor position which is also a CJA Council positions at our 2011 AGM. We are also considering establishing a Historian/Archivist position on our Council. Let me know if you have interest and qualifications/experience in any of these positions, or if you have any nominations.

I urge each of you to become an active member of our CJA family, if you're not already. Please participate in the CJA services in activities I included in my letter in the last issue of the *Spur and Phoenix*. Also, don't forget Christmas gifts of CJA merchandise and/or memberships (especially for your children and grandchildren), and financial contributions to CJA (they're tax-deductible!). Thanks to all of you who make Clan Johnston/e in America such a successful organization and wonderful family!

Aye Ready,

Steve



### Cead Mile Failte

*A hundred thousand welcomes to our new members.*

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*Jackie Johnston-Editor*

# Johnson/Johnston/Johnstone DNA Surname Project

By Lee Johnson

The DNA Project's team would like to report that we now have 786 members, with 777 tests that have been mailed back to FTDNA for processing. We are continuing to grow with an average of 2-3 new participants joining weekly. The Johnson/Johnston/Johnstone DNA Surname Project is now the largest single Surname Project in the FTDNA Surname Project Family!

We hope that all have been pleased with the new look, as well as the restructuring of the web site. The team approached several members and non-members to gain knowledge of how we could make the site easier to navigate. Based on the number of inquiries concerning site navigation, it seems to have worked well.

It has been nearly a year since we concentrated efforts on trying to bring the Project to a more global level. In doing such we began to share links and information with other organizations. The sharing of information has returned with visitors from 36 different countries from across the world. We also have had new memberships developing from several of these new visitors. This is great as we can expand our database to help members find matches from their family's countries of origin.

As requested we now have changed our results page to show the earliest known ancestor's of the participants by kit number. These earliest known ancestors can be viewed from either the Y-DNA Results page, or the mtDNA Results page. We are asking all members to revisit their FTDNA Personal Page to make sure that their earliest known ancestor's information, as well as their personal contact information, are up to date.

Check the site's "News" page often to be made aware of special sales promotions that are forthcoming from FTDNA. Over the past year, they have provided some excellent sales on DNA testing kits.

We continue to offer links of additional resources to help those who are looking for information on their family. We would like to thank those who have donated their family's information, and encourage all to do so.

As always we are open to anyone who would like to donate their time or experience to the Project. We also would like to thank all those who are already doing so.

Kindest Regards,  
Your J/J/J DNA Project Team

Check out our new blog.  
Barbara Hockman has created  
a blog for CJA called  
Johnston/e Genes at  
[www.Johnstongen.es.blogspot.com](http://www.Johnstongen.es.blogspot.com).

## Johnston Books For Sale

Curl up this fall and winter with a good book. Order early for the holidays. See page 14 for sale details.



*The Gentle Johnstons* by Russel C. Honey and  
*The Unblessed Hand* by Cecil Johnson

## Check Out The Beautiful Jewelry From Clan Johnston/e in America

These beautiful pieces have the Annandale Crest and would make a wonderful gift for any Johnston/e. Imagine the thrill of opening one of these for Christmas or a birthday. See details and how to order on page 13.



## Membership Renewals Due Oct. 1

Don't forget to renew your membership by October 1st. Don't miss an issue of the Spur & Phoenix. If you would like to switch from a black and white mailed newsletter to a full color digital newsletter emailed directly to you, just tell Margot Johnston you would like to switch to digital when you mail in your renewal. See contact information on page 2. Lifetime members may also choose the digital version. Remember it is free for full color!

# Famous Johnstons- Frank Johnston

*By Bart Johnston*

Artists are often known for their inability to cope with the stress of life; substance abuse, feuds, broken families, irresponsible behavior, poverty and ruin often accompany them. Frank Johnston, the most successful painter in Canada from WWI to 1950, demonstrated none of these traits. He and his wife raised loving and talented children; he never drank, maintained close relationships with friends all his life and taught thousands of North Americans to paint and millions to appreciate the wild places in the Canadian north and west.



Francis Hans Johnston was born in 1880 to Scots-Irish parents, Hans Hamilton Johnston and Elizabeth Roderick, in Toronto, Ontario. He was a good student and excellent baseball pitcher, briefly considering a pro career before apprenticing as a jewelry designer in 1904. Two years later, his brother Robert obtained a job for him in a graphic arts studio and his destiny was set. While working, he trained at the Ontario College of Art and moved to another firm, Grip, LTD., where he worked with four men who later became members of the Group of 7. These painters were to become the best known progressive artists in Canadian history, that changed Canadian art forever.

In 1910 he married Florence Jameison and two years later moved to Philadelphia to attend art school; in 1913 they moved to New York for him to study under different artists. In 1915 he and Flo moved back to Toronto, where he met Dr. J.A. MacCallum, a developer of Pabulum, who encouraged him to go north and paint the wilderness. Soon after, Frank tried to enlist in the army but failed the physical. He painted in and near Toronto in those years but late in the war he was commissioned to paint Royal Canadian airmen training for the conflict in France. He lived and flew with these men and recorded them in more than 70 works, many of which are in the Canadian War Museum.

Following MacCallum's advice, Frank and other Group of 7 painters rented a boxcar each fall and travelled into the Agawa Canyon and areas north of Lake Superior to sketch and paint. He differed from his fellow artists by using tempera instead of oil paints and became a master of this challenging medium. In 1920 Frank and the other six had their first Group of 7 show and his art was the most commercially successful. In 1921 he left Toronto to become principal of the Winnipeg School of Art. It was here that he refined his use of light, shape and color while turning the school around. His enthusiastic teaching and charm greatly increased the enrollment and income for the school, allowing them to build more studio space with better equipment. In summer he fled the city to paint at Lake of the Woods and Lake Manitoba.

By 1924, the Johnston family had returned to the Toronto School of Art, where his infectious enthusiasm and gifted teaching endeared him to all. He was always accessible to students and often had them over for dinner. His daughter remembered that the highlights of those days were their Halloween parties held for the entire school. It was then that he resigned from the Group of 7, finding that they were headed in a more abstract direction than he. Ironically, in view of their own early championing of new ideas, he also found them increasingly intolerant of those not their own. Although he diverged in artistic ideals, he remained close friends with most all his life.

He was a man driven to create; when he sat in the living room with the family in the evening, he was sketching or decorating some piece of art. He completed literally hundreds of paintings during his career but destroyed over a hundred because they didn't measure up to his critical standards. The most financially successful artist of his generation, he filled homes and galleries across Canada and the U.S. with his art and prints. (*Continued on page 6.*)



## Canada Reports

Highlands of Durham Games, Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada  
*By Paul Johnston, Richmond Hill, ON.*

On July 24<sup>th</sup> Nikki and Paul Johnston hosted the Clan Johnston(e) tent at the Highlands of Durham Games in Uxbridge Ontario. We were joined by Bart and Lee Johnston who travelled all the way from Vermont!

The day was hot and humid and the events were well attended. There were 15 other clans represented in the Avenue of Clans area. This was our second year hosting the tent at these games and we found that we had far more visitors this year. We had a couple of serious inquiries who we hope will follow-up by joining the clan.

At mid-day we joined the others in the Parade of the Clans. We were piped into the main grounds in front of the grandstand. As Clan Johnston was announced Bart led us in a rousing cry of "Ready Aye Ready!" We later learned that this is also the motto of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Elsewhere on the grounds the day was filled with the strong games, dog shows, dance competitions, Scottish memorabilia & food sales; all in a tree filled park setting.

Later in the day we had some brief showers that sent most folks indoors. All in all it was an enjoyable outing and we will plan to attend again next year.

A special thanks to Bart and Lee for making the long trek north to help us host the tent. It was a real pleasure to spend the day with them and learn more about our association.

Hosting a tent is a fun day out. You get to meet plenty of interesting people from all walks of life. We encourage all members to take part in their local Scottish Games and host a tent to support our clan.



*Paul, Nikki, Lee & Bart Johnston*

### Canadian Members

We dedicate 1-2 pages of our newsletter to news from Canada so if you have anything to report relating to Clan Johnston, we welcome articles. Our thanks to all those who have contributed to date. Send your photos of the games, CJA tent, reports etc. We would love to hear from you.

### Franz Johnston

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In 1926 he changed his name to Franz Johnston upon the urging of a numerologist and soon after was recognized as the "Painter of Canada's Lost Frontier." He was made a member of the National Geographic Society for his works depicting the far north. One mine owner looked at his painting of a dog team and exclaimed, "It stinks! I can smell the dogs; I'll give you a thousand dollars for it."

His last trip north was with his son Paul Roderick Johnston to paint in the winter of 1946. Suffering a serious accident on a dogsled, he had to be brought back to recover. Paul recounted that his father had "burned the torch of creativity too brightly and for too long." He was diagnosed with a heart condition and died of a stroke in 1949 at the age of 61. Paul eulogized his father: "Few men have loved Canada with such ardent integrity." That is why many of us who never knew him love him yet.

# Scottish Games Schedule 2010



- 8/13-15/2010 Fergus Highland Games** [www.fergusscottishfestival.com](http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com) Fergus, Ontario, Canada. CJA Contact: Carol Koeslag, Peterborough, Ontario; (705) 741-4185
- 8/14-15/2010 Colorado Scottish Festival**, Highland Heritage Park, Highlands Ranch, (near Denver, CO) Phone contact: (303) 238-6524, CJA tent sponsor: Vic Gibson, P.O. Box 254, Winter Park, Colo. 80482, Cell phone: 303-908-5496
- 8/14/2010 Central New York Scottish Games and Celtic Festival**, Long Branch Park, Liverpool, New York. CJA tent sponsor: Barb Johnston, 142 Winks Rd., Fulton, NY 13069, Tel: 315-598-3567 E-Mail: [butterflyzz1@yahoo.com](mailto:butterflyzz1@yahoo.com), Additional Contact: Betsy Buchanan at 315-252-5876
- 8/14/2010 Whidbey Island Games**, The Greenbank Farm, Whidbey Island, Washington, Email Angus MacDonald & Maureen Lee: [bagpipes@tartanhistle.com](mailto:bagpipes@tartanhistle.com), phone 360-331-5437, CJA Contact: Jim Johnston at [jkj.scot@att.net](mailto:jkj.scot@att.net); 360-679-4217
- 8/21/2010 Amherst Museum Scottish Festival** <http://www.amherstmuseum.org>, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst, NY CJA tent sponsor: Barb Johnston, Tel: 315-598-3567 E-Mail: [butterflyzz1@yahoo.com](mailto:butterflyzz1@yahoo.com) & Eric Samulski at 716-689-1440
- 8/21/2010 Maine Highland Games** <http://www.mainehighlandgames.org> P.O. Box 2810 Augusta, ME 04338-2810, CJA tent sponsors: Catherine Postier and Danny Johnson, E-Mail: [SecretaryCJA@gmail.com](mailto:SecretaryCJA@gmail.com)
- 8/28/2010 Quechee Scottish Festival**, Quechee Polo Grounds, Quechee VT 05059, CJA tent sponsors: Greg Stone and Bart Johnston, E-Mail: [gstone@arcmech.com](mailto:gstone@arcmech.com)
- 8/TBA/2010 Cortland Scottish Festival** Court House Park, Downtown Cortland, Cortland, New York. CJA tent sponsor: Barb Johnston, Tel: 315-598-3567 E-Mail: [butterflyzz1@yahoo.com](mailto:butterflyzz1@yahoo.com) or [info@cortlandcelticfestival.com](mailto:info@cortlandcelticfestival.com)
- 9/4-5/2010 Pleasanton Highland Games** <http://www.caledonian.org/> Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, California. CJA Contact: Karen Johnston Klein at [kklein@astound.net](mailto:kklein@astound.net) **CJA AGM Meeting!**
- 9/4/2010 Capital District Scottish Games** <http://www.scotgames.com> Location: Altamont Fairgrounds in Altamont New York, Contact: 50 Mather Ave Schenectady, NY 12304 % Schenectady Pipe Band LTD. CJA tent sponsor: Barb Johnston, Tel: 315-598-3567 E-Mail: [butterflyzz1@yahoo.com](mailto:butterflyzz1@yahoo.com) Additional Contact email [scotgames@scotgames.com](mailto:scotgames@scotgames.com)
- 9/9-12/2010 Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival** <http://www.scotfest.com> Estes Park, CO. Contact: 800-903-7837. CJA tent sponsor: Vic Gibson Cell phone: 303-908-5496
- 9/10-9/17-19/2010 NH Highland Games** at Loon Mt., Lincoln, NH. CJA tent sponsors: Arthur and Margot Johnston at [Lucknbooth@aol.com](mailto:Lucknbooth@aol.com)
- 10/1-2/12010 Williamsburg Scottish Festival** [www.wsfonline.org](http://www.wsfonline.org) The Rockabout Campgrounds, [www.rockabout.com](http://www.rockabout.com) 1428 Outpost Road, Lanexa VA 23859. CJA tent sponsor: Don & Carol Boebel at [dlbsail@cuisp.com](mailto:dlbsail@cuisp.com), phone: 302-541-9422
- 10/TBA/2010 Connecticut Scottish Festival**, Goshen Fairgrounds, Goshen, CT Contact: (860) 651-9048 CJA tent sponsor: Cathleen Johnston Quirion at [Scottishlady1@comcast.net](mailto:Scottishlady1@comcast.net) 30 Rosemont Ave. - Bristol, CT 06010
- 10/TBA/2010 Scotland Highland Festival**, Waldo Homestead, Scotland, CT Contact: (860) 464-1339 CJA tent sponsor: Cathleen Johnston Quirion at [Scottishlady1@comcast.net](mailto:Scottishlady1@comcast.net) 30 Rosemont Ave. - Bristol, CT 06010
- 10/15-17/2010 Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival** <http://www.smhg.org> Atlanta, GA Contact: [majrgr@yahoo.com](mailto:majrgr@yahoo.com)
- 10/23-24/2010 Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival** <http://www.statefairva.org> Richmond Raceway Complex, Richmond, Virginia Hosted by: T.J. Johnston at [tj@celticrichmond.com](mailto:tj@celticrichmond.com)
- 12/4/2010 Alexandria Christmas Walk** (always the first Saturday in December) Alexandria, VA Contact: Katherine Bailey-Mathae at [kebm@comcast.net](mailto:kebm@comcast.net) Phone (703) 841-9190
- 12/4/2010 Alexandria Scottish Christmas Parade**, Contact: Lee Cattell at [lmc3550@yahoo.com](mailto:lmc3550@yahoo.com), phone 410-257-0936, FAX 571-273-6285

## Grandfather Mountain Highland Games – July 8-11

By: C.E. Buz Johnson

This was my first attempt to hoist a multiday event, and as usual some of my planning was for naught. We were again, as in the Greenville Scottish Games, assaulted by the weather the first night we put up the Clan Banner. It was found Friday morning ripped down by high winds and our Clan Flag missing, presumably blown away. As luck and kind neighbors would have it, all the missing items were returned except for a 4" C clamp which was used to hold up the banner. The calling of the Clans on Thursday night was a stirring event, as each Clan carried a torch to the microphone and announced they were there and placed the torch on a cross. This was my first time to observe this and one that I will never forget. Clan Johnston/e was not represented due to an unfortunate mix up. The next three days were rather busy answering questions about Clan Johnston/e and greeting Clan members. David and Steve Johnston came by Thursday and helped put up signs, banner and arrange the tent. Our President, Steve Johnston, was with me at the tent Friday through Sunday which was a big help and I'm not sure if I could have done it without his help. I would like to welcome three new members who join the Clan at GMHG. Fran McConnell, from Ashland, VA came by on Friday and joined Saturday. By the way she brought some delicious home made short bread as an additional part of her initiation fee as agreed upon by Steve and myself. John and his lovely wife Carman, daughters Elaine and Amanda Johnston from Miami, FL joined Sunday. Members that stopped by were James & Donna Johnston from Naples FL, Gail Johnston from St. Charles MO, Bob, Debbie & Ethel Authur from Princeton NC, Jimmy and Grace Johnston, their son Jim and Daughter Lucy and three grandchildren, Ben, Saylor Grace Johnston and Ryan Tabor all from Lewisville NC, Ellis & Barbara Aycock from Avery County NC, Beth Johnston from Gastonia NC who always brings the most delicious pecans to eat, Ed & Joyce Johnston from Jonesborough TN who brought drinks, donuts and chips and David and daughter Mimi Johnston from Charlotte NC who brought additional signs and tent decorations. Thanks to all for coming by and making this a great and memorable event.



Steve & Jimmy Johnston



Buz Johnson, Lorraine MacArthur, John Alexander MacArthur of that Ilk Clan Chief of Clan Arthur and CJA President, Steve Johnston.

*Send your photos and Scottish Games reports in for the Winter issue. See page 2 for deadline information and how to submit an article.*







Buz Johnson, Joyce & Ed Johnston, Steve Johnston, Mimi & David Johnston, Ellis & Barbara Aycock and Beth Johnston



New Members Elaine, John, Amanda, and Carmen Johnston in foreground. Beth and Steve Johnston in background.



## VICE-ADMIRAL SIR WILLIAM JOHNSTONE HOPE GCB

By Lord Patrick Annandale

16th August 1766 – 2nd May 1831, Part 2 *Continued from Summer S & P*

In the month of June, 1800, after Lord Duncan's resignation of the command in the North Seas, Captain Hope was ordered to the Mediterranean, in the *Kent*, to reinforce Lord Keith. It was determined, in the course of the summer, that a grand attack should be made upon **Cadiz**. As a result of that decision, Lord Keith, about the middle of September, "collected his fleet at Gibraltar, accompanied by several transports, having on board upwards of 10,000 troops, commanded by General Sir Ralph Abercrombie. At Gibraltar this armament was joined by other transports with troops, under Sir James Pulteney, the whole amounting to between 18,000 and 20,000 men. The fleet and transports having sailed from Gibraltar, anchored between **Tetuan** and **Ceuta**; and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October got under sail and passed the straits. On the 4<sup>th</sup> they entered the bay of Cadiz, and anchored between it and **St. Pietri**." The *Kent* was in this fleet. "Arrangements were immediately made for the landing of the troops, in order to proceed to the attack of the town of Cadiz, and the forts in its vicinity," and Captain Hope was nominated to the command of a battalion of seamen, to be landed with the army. However, in consequence of representations which were made by the Spanish governor concerning the miserable situation of the inhabitants, who were then suffering beneath a violent epidemic disease, the enterprise was abandoned. The troops, who were already in the boats, were ordered back to their respective transports, and the whole flotilla returned to Gibraltar.



*The Landing of the Army at Aboukir Bay*

At that port, in the month of December, Captain Hope received General Sir Ralph Abercrombie, with his staff on board the *Kent*. He was with that officer at Malta, and in Egypt, had the honour of landing him in the Bay of Aboukir. He was subsequently employed in the blockade of Alexandria, and remained upon that station, till **Cairo** surrendered to the British arms. As the service then required the *Kent* to be appropriated to the flag of Sir Richard Bickerton, and, as Captain Hope was not disposed to serve any longer under a flag officer, he was allowed to return to Europe. Previous to his departure, Lord Keith, the commander-in-chief, was pleased, in compliment to his professional merit, to offer him the situation of First Captain of the Fleet. Particular circumstances, however, with which we are unacquainted, induced him to decline the offer. Captain Hope was awarded the Sultan's medal for his part in the operation.



This medal is also referred to as **The Order of the Crescent**, which is incorrect, as this Order was founded by Sultan Selim III in 1799 as a special reward to Lord Nelson for his victory in the Bay of Aboukir in 1798. The Order consists of two classes, and was only given to foreigners. The badges of this Order were jewel-studded and enameled being worn from a crimson ribbon. The Order was extended to officers who took part in the Nile Expedition in 1801 and they were also given gold or silver medals.

A general peace soon afterwards took place, in consequence of which Captain Hope remained upon half-pay till May 1804, when he was appointed to command the *Atlas*. However, in the month of August following, he was obliged, from ill health, to resign the command of that ship, off the Texel.

We have thus traced the naval career of this officer to a pause. In our outline of his professional services, we have studiously avoided all ostentatious comment, conscious that a simplicity of narrative accords best with the actions of unassuming merit.

In June, 1800, whilst absent in the service of his country, Captain Hope was elected M.P. for the Dumfries Burgh district, and, from the period of his return to England in 1801 to that of his appointment to the *Atlas* in 1804, he regularly attended to his duty in parliament. In October, 1804 the county of Dumfries having lost its representative, by the death of General Sir Robert Lawrie of Maxwellton House, Captain Hope was unanimously returned as the knight of that shire, for which he sat until the dissolution of parliament in October, 1806. At the succeeding general election, he was again chosen for the same place. He encountered violent opposition, raised against him under the influence of the late ministry, in which scarcely any means were left untried to thwart his views.

On the change of administration in April 1807, his Majesty was most graciously pleased to nominate Captain Hope to the situation of one of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and, at the subsequent general election, he had the honour of being returned, for the third time, as member of parliament for Dumfries. We do know that Sir William was a frequent visitor to Hopetoun House, made easier when he was stationed at Leith (Edinburgh), at a guess about 2 hours by carriage. Following the death of Lady Anne's father in 1816, they would have been living at Raehills — if not before 1816, certainly after — until Lady Anne's death in 1818, when her eldest son **John James Hope Johnstone**, 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Annandale and Hartfell, inherited. (The only son not to join the Navy!)

Sir William was knighted in 1815 as Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, appointed rear admiral and vice admiral of the Red by 1819 and advanced to Knight Grand Cross of the Bath. In 1820 he became a Lord of the Admiralty.



Insignia of Knight Grand Cross of the Bath

Sir William was presented with an unusual Naval sword, in that it had a sharp leading edge on the bottom third of its blade, by the Duke of Clarence in 1828. (King Wil-liam IV)



Presentation sword 1828 from the Duke of Clarence

This ends a very active Naval career which took him world wide, fitting into that career, as he did, his time as an MP and attending to his duty as a Lord of the Admiralty.

Lady Anne Hope Johnstone, by now the 6<sup>th</sup> Countess of Annandale and Hartfell, died in 1818. They had four sons and two daughters. Three of his sons became naval officers, one of whom rose to the post of full Admiral. Sir William married, secondly, the Dowager Countess of Athlone, daughter of Sir John Eden, Bt, of Co. Durham. *Sir William Johnstone Hope died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1831 and was buried alongside his first wife, Lady Anne, in the family vault at Johnstone church. Their grave was newly identified in 2006.*



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# Forever Young

By Dee Johnston



*Halloween will fall after the October 16 deadline but many won't receive it until after Halloween so we will cover Halloween traditions in this issue.*

## The Witch

Where does the image of a witch flying on a broom come from? Many who were branded a witch were crones. A crone is a revered woman of age and wisdom, often a midwife and knowledgeable in healing with herbs. The broom she holds is called a besom and is kept near the hearth of the fire to sweep negative spirits out of the home.



## Trick or Treat.

All manner of faeries, mostly baneful, were believed to roam the earth on the night of October 31. It was traditional on this night to leave a plate of food outside the home for souls of the dead. The pagan Scots were known for giving libations to their faery folk during the celebration. A libation of milk poured on a stone was called the "Leac na Gruagaich" (roughly translated as "Milk to the Hairy Ones") and was an obligatory task. To forget this ritual was to risk finding your prized sheepdog or your entire herd dead and rotten in the morning.

Whether for Trick-or-Treaters or for a Halloween Party, give your guests a Ghost to guide them through the night. Get round suckers and place a white tissue over the original wrap. Tie the tissue around the "neck" and draw eyes on the "head". The result is a bunch of cute little ghosts.



**Halloween** (Hallowed Evening) is also known as November Eve, Feast of the Dead, Feast of Apples, Shadowfest, Hallows, All Hallows and Samhain (Sow-in, Sah-vin, or Sahm-hayn). Samhain is from the Irish Gaelic word "samhraidhreadh," which means "the summer's end". This day marked the end of the summer and the beginning of winter for the Celts, with November 1<sup>st</sup> being the official date of the Celtic New Year. The reason the Celts chose this point in time as their new year, rather than Yule, was because the sun is at its lowest point on the horizon as measured by the ancient standing stones of Britain and Ireland.

Among other things, this day marks the final harvest. Celtic custom decreed that all crops must be gathered by sundown on October 30. To dare to harvest anything after this night was risking the worst luck since the phookas (nasty-tempered hobgoblins) claimed for themselves whatever remained uncut in the fields. In Scotland, cutting the remaining grain would bring down the wrath of the Cailleac Bhuier, the Cold Hag or Blue Hag of the Highlands, who brought death in winter.



**Jack-o'-lantern.** The jack-o'-lantern is at least two thousand years old. The first were made in Ireland, and were simple faces carved in turnips, which could be easily carried of one needed to travel during the night. They were designed, not only to protect the living, but to frighten away evil spirits who were following deceased loved ones and blocking their way into the Land of the Dead.

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