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Clan Johnston/e in America

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*Hope you are having
a great New Year!*



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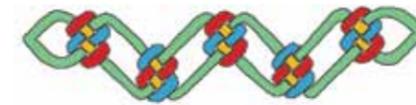
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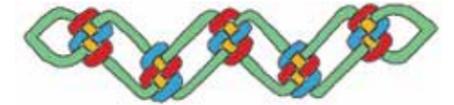
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Arthur Johnston, Past President and Chief Commissioner, North America, to Lord Annandale



Greetings!



Happy New Year and I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. Now we can welcome in spring and a new Games season, with Florida well into their Games and Festivals already.

Hopefully, some if not most of you, can get out and support your local game or festival this year. It brings welcoming support and morale to your tent hosts along with meeting old and new friends. That makes for a nice and enjoyable day for everyone.

I have asked Bart Johnston, our VP East, to chair this year's Nominating Committee, which he gracefully accepted. We will be looking for two other members to serve on this committee, so if any of you have an interest to assist, please contact Bart. His contact information is in the list of Council members in the Spur & Phoenix.

Just a reminder: Our AGM for 2012 will be held in conjunction with the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Georgia in October. More information will be in the summer issue of the S&P.

Last fall I picked up a copy of the book, *The Reivers* by Alistair Moffat. If anyone is interested in the history of the Borders and the Border Reivers, I would highly suggest this book. Most of us know and have read about the major battles and conflicts between England and Scotland. What Alistair gives is an account of border life in nearly constant warfare and disorder among England, Scotland and the Clans themselves from the early 14th century to the end of the 16th century. The book starts with a great account of the Johnston/e-Maxwell battle of Drife Sands.

On a final note: I have been informed we have had a major problem with PayPal, in that payment notices were going to the wrong place. It took a couple of months to discover the problem and another month to figure how to fix it. We think we have it straightened out and are back on track. So, if you paid your dues via PayPal and you received a notice that the payment did not go through, please try again or send a check directly to the Registrar. CJA tent hosts and the Council hope to see you at various Games this year.

Yours aye,
Arthur Johnston



Attention: PayPal Alert !!

Any members that have paid dues through PayPal since last September, take notice.

Because of a situation in changing Clan Johnston/e email and other contact information on the Web site that involved deposits and notifications to the Treasurer, there have been some problems. Please understand, no one was to blame, it was

simply something that none of us were aware of. That is, until we noticed that we were not getting any renewals via the PayPal account.

It took about a month to square it away after 4 months of not understanding what was happening. Thanks to our Treasurer, Kathie Bailey Mathae for finding out from the PayPal folks what the problem was and thanks to our new Web Master, Fr. Peter Preble for fixing it.

So, if you had paid your dues through PayPal and then you discovered that your

money was refunded, that is why. Please take the time to "catch up" with your dues again. Our PayPal account is fine, we got it all fixed and we are ready to roll. Once the notice comes through you have paid your dues, your new memberships card will be sent the end of the month in which it was received.

Our apologies for the inconvenience it may have caused you.

Most sincerely,
Margot Johnston, CJA Registrar



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GENERAL JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON

Have a request in relation to possible future family recognition for anyone who can prove their descent from General Joseph E. Johnston's family. A statue of General Johnston is going to be rededicated and they would like to have descendants of the Johnston family in attendance for the ceremony. If you can prove descent and would like more information, please contact me at bhockman@everestkc.net.

The following is the family as recorded in General Joseph Johnston's biography with approximate dates added.

Peter Johnston, Sr. + Martha Butler

└ Peter Johnston, Jr. 1763-1831

+ Mary Wood 1769-1825

1. Martha 1789-1789

2. John Johnston, Sr.

+ Louisa Bowen

3. Peter Johnston 1793-1877

4. Valentine Johnston

5. Edward Johnston

+ D. Corba

6. Algenon Johnston 1801-

7. Beverly Johnston 1803-1891

8. (General) Joseph E. Johnston 1807-1891

+ Lydia McLane

9. Benjamin Johnston 1808-

10. Jane Johnston 1818-



April 2, 2012 marks the date NARA will provide free digital access to the 1940 census records. Several well-known sites will begin indexing the records, but until they do, searching will have to be done by browsing images. This census provides much more detail of our ancestors' lives than previous ones. A good description of what and how data were recorded on the census can be found at www.familysearch.org/1940census.

At Ancestry.com you can download a blank 1940 census form and they have a nice tutorial about what records you can use to pinpoint the location of your ancestor in the un-indexed census records. Their site is www.ancestry.com/1940.

Mocavo.com are upgrading their content at a rapid pace. Their new New Discovery Stream is a constant source of new user-generated content for everyone to see. Currently they are streaming books & documents but will eventually allow you to upload your own photos, documents and books to be automatically OCR'd and stored — completely for free. Keep checking back.

Happy Hunting!



CANADA REPORTS

By Paul Johnston, Richmond Hill, ON.

GREAT UNCLES AND THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA

Many years ago during my genealogical research, I came across a photo of two of my Grandfather's brothers, my Great Uncles Bob and Jim Johnston. As the photo shows, they were decked out proudly in their full Scottish regalia. The caption on the back of the photo simply says "Royal Scots." Regrettably, by the time I discovered this treasure, there were no family members remaining to fully enlighten me on their story. I believe they were pipers and/or drummers in band uniform. Were they still based in Scotland at that time or one of the many Canadian Regiments serving in the Great War?

This raised my interest in Canadians of Scottish heritage, and Johnstons serving in the war at that time. I began to explore this part of our history and the contribution of Canadians to the cause. When WW1 broke out in 1914, Canada automatically became involved as part of the British Empire. A total of 620,000 Canadians were mobilized and eventually 67,000 were killed and 173,000 wounded. Our involvement became a defining role in Canadian history.

One of the most famous military units serving at that time was the 48th Highlanders of Canada. This regiment was formed in 1891, and has a long tradition of outstanding service to this day. They are a Canadian Forces Primary Reserve (part time militia), now based in Toronto. The regiment has supported community functions for over 100 years, in addition to fulfilling its operational duties around the world. Members of the regiment have served in the Boer War, both World Wars, the Golan Heights, Korea, South Africa, Cambodia, Cyprus, Bosnia and are currently serving in Afghanistan. The 15th Battalion (48th Highlanders) were deployed overseas with the first Canadian contingent of the CEF in 1914. The names of the regiment's 21 Battle Honours include Ypres, the



Somme, Passchendaele, Vimy, and Amiens. In all 1,467 Highlanders were killed in action.

The regiment's Military Band and the pipes and drums are famous for their participation at many major Scottish festivals and parades throughout Canada, as well as such important occasions as the Toronto Maple Leafs hockey season openers (doesn't seem to be helping). We have personally enjoyed their music at our annual Burns Supper.

The regiment originated in 1891 when the "48th Battalion (Highlanders)" was authorized following entreaties to the Canadian government by Scottish societies of Toronto. They were Ontario's first kilted regiment, selecting the Davidson tartan in honour of their first Commanding Officer John Irvine Davidson. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is the regiment's Colonel-in-Chief and its motto is Dileas Gu Brath (Faithful Forever). The 48th Highlanders remain an important historical connection to both our Canadian roots and our Scottish identity.

Alas I have not been able to fully explore my Great Uncles' connection to their WW1 regiments, and their Scottish roots. However, don't you think there is an extraordinary resemblance to the 48th Highlanders?

Any assistance from any Clan Johnston members with more information regarding the 48th Highlanders or Great Uncles Bob and Jim would be most appreciated!

Clan Aye!
Paul Johnston



PHILIP JOHNSTON AND HIS NAVAJO CODE TALKERS

by Bart Johnston©

Early in 1942, the United States was an awakening giant in a very dark world. The Nazis had taken most of Europe and it looked as if they would conquer Russia and Britain. The Japanese were sweeping through Asia, taking or destroying Allied bases in the Pacific. It appeared that Australia and New Zealand would be the next to fall. Americans enlisting by the millions were not at all sure that they would prevail but they were willing to die trying.

One patriot was a fifty-year-old civil engineer and former Army officer who had served in France during WWI. He provided the Marines with the fastest, most accurate radio code devised during WWII, a code so tough the Japanese could never decipher it.

Philip Johnston was born in Topeka, Kansas in 1892 to William and Margaret Wray Johnston. His father was a Presbyterian missionary who took the family to the Navajo reservation in 1896. Little Philip grew

up with the Indian children and rapidly learned their language, as all children do when immersed in a different culture.



Sgt. Johnston with his Code Talkers

In 1899, ranchers wanted to expel all Indian hunters from federal land outside of the Navaho reservation. In an effort to do this, four deputized cowboys rode into a Navaho hunting camp and tried to arrest five men for game violations. Gunfire erupted, killing two Indians and one white man.

The three surviving fugitive Indians were charged with murder. The Reverend Mr. Johnston promised the Navaho that they would receive a fair trial if they turned themselves in. The three trusted Johnston enough to present themselves for trial in 1901; nine-year-old Philip acted as translator. The judge, impressed with the eloquence of the men's defense, acquitted all three and Rev. Johnston was rewarded by the chiefs of the Navaho Nation with a mission on the reservation for his success in helping avoid a major Indian



Little Phil with parents

war. Soon after, Philip, his father and three chiefs traveled to Washington to plead their case to President Teddy Roosevelt for a larger reservation. Once again, Philip used his language skills to translate for the president and the chiefs. Later that year, Roosevelt issued an executive order transferring thousands of acres to the Navaho.

Johnston left the reservation for college and then taught before going to France as an engineering officer in 1918. Leaving the Army in 1920, he attended the University of Southern California, where he earned a degree in civil engineering. He worked for the City of Los Angeles until moving with his wife back to Arizona in the mid 1930s. Outside of Flagstaff, they built one of the first motels in the country on the famous Route 66.

As America mobilized after Pearl Harbor, Philip Johnston was eager to do his part. He was aware that the Canadians and U.S. Army had experimented with engaging Indians to communicate messages. Expanding the concept, Philip envisioned Navaho warriors in every unit in the Marine Corps, handling all the radio traffic wherever they were deployed. This unique language could not be understood by any other tribe and there were only 28 non-Navahos who had a working knowledge of the language.

While Johnston wrote letters to the Marines asking for permission to demonstrate his brainchild and waiting for replies, he recruited four Navahos living in L.A. to demonstrate his idea. In September 1942, the Marines requested a demonstration of what the Navahos called Code Talking. They were given samples of standard radio messages and told to communicate by radio. The messages, if encrypted, would take twenty minutes to send and receive but the Navahos did it in seven seconds! The Marines were impressed and Johnston was sworn into the



Sgt. Johnston

USMC as a staff sergeant, ordered to recruit his first class of code talkers.

All applicants had to be fluent in Navaho and English and this presented a problem because most Indians had few English skills. Nevertheless, over 400 were recruited and served as code talkers. New words had to be found for military words not in the Navaho tongue, such as hummingbird for fighter plane, buzzard for bomber and rolled hat for Australia. Other words were spelled out using a special alphabet. The code was so complex that even after one Japanese linguist identified the Navaho language, a Navaho prisoner held by the Japanese

couldn't understand the messages, even though he understood every word!

The Navaho were instrumental in the Marine victories on Guam, Palau, Okinawa and Iwo Jima, but after the war the code talkers were forbidden to tell even their families what they had done as Marines. When in 1969 the program was declassified, the nation finally learned of Philip Johnston and his Navaho Marines. In 1978, Johnston died in the VA hospital in San Diego. In 2001, President Bush hailed the code talkers as "men who, in a desperate hour, gave their country a service only they could give." Bush awarded Philip Johnston and his first 29 code talkers the Congressional Gold Medal and the remainder of the code talkers the Congressional Silver Medal. The ceremony took place in the White House with four of the six surviving original 29 code talkers. Johnston and the Navahos had developed and executed the most perfect code of WWII. The dedication of the Navaho warriors to duty, coupled with their mental abilities and language skills, perfected code talking into fast, error-free communication that the crack Japanese code breakers were never able to decipher.

CHARLES JOHNSTON: INDIAN CAPTIVE, VIRGINIA GENTLEMAN

by *Bart Johnston*©

Charles Johnston was a lawyer and merchant in the family firm of Pickett, Pollard and Johnston of Richmond, Virginia. In the 18th and 19th centuries, this family of merchants, planters, lawyers, politicians and army officers traded with and were related to many of the great families of that Commonwealth. His merchant father, Peter, hailed from Edinburgh, but had grown up in Annandale and came to Virginia in 1725. Later, Charles would be known as a friend and trading partner to other Virginia planters such as Thomas Jefferson but in his early years he was known for surviving capture by the Shawnee, one of the most dominant and warlike tribes in the Midwest.

In 1790, Johnston was a twenty-year-old lawyer, on his way to Kentucky with John May, a wealthy client, to take depositions. May was a partner with Daniel Boone, surveying and claiming land in western Virginia known as Kentucky. Johnston and May had previously traveled there in 1788 on horseback with no troubles. This time May decided that they would travel by boat. They were warned to avoid putting ashore because of frequent Indian attacks. While on the Ohio River near Portsmouth, Ohio, Johnston and May's traveling companions insisted that they land to assist whites in distress. It was a trap and Indians fell upon the boat, killing May and others. Johnston, Jacob Skyles, William Flinn and Peggy Fleming were captured by a band of Shawnee, Cherokee, Mingos, Delawares and Wyandots. The next day the Indians shot and scalped six more whites in a large canoe. Thus began Johnston's desperate five-week journey.

Miss Fleming was given to the Cherokee and eventually they separated from the Shawnee. Skyles, Flinn and Johnston traveled north up the Scioto River with the Shawnee, who made up the largest number of the war party. Eventually in cen-



Charles Johnston

tral Ohio, Johnston was given to another band of Shawnee and he left the other white captives. Somewhere near the site of Columbus, Ohio, Johnston was given to a band of Mingos, who demanded the captive to replace a warrior killed by Shawnees in the previous year. The Shawnee, filled with whiskey and goodwill, agreed. By Indian custom, he was to be the replacement husband for the widow and her several children! He hoped that this would keep him alive until the opportunity for escape presented itself.

Much to the great good fortune of Johnston was the presence of Francis Duchouquet, a French trader in this Sandusky River village. Charles guaranteed that if he could barter with the Indians for his release, he would be greatly rewarded. Eventually, the Mingos agreed on six hundred silver brooches to free him to the custody of Duchouquet. It was Charles' twenty-first birthday.

Duchouquet took the former captive down river headed for Detroit to sell his furs. At a Mingo village on the lower Sandusky River they ran into a Shawnee from the band that had captured him

on the Ohio. That warrior reported that the Miami Indians who had taken William Flinn had burned him at the stake and then devoured his remains. The Shawnee assured them that Flinn's was the sweetest meat he had ever eaten. The Cherokee who had taken Peggy Fleming also arrived with her at the village and she was miserable, naked and painted black. Luckily for Fleming, a huge white trader with the Shawnee told them that she was his sister (she wasn't) and they backed him up as he physically removed her from her captors. Before they left the village, one of Johnston's former captors pointed out the woman that he was to marry. Even after forty years, Charles remembered the Mingo woman as old, ugly and disgusting.

They canoed down the Sandusky to Lake Erie, along its shores to the Detroit River, and up to the British Fort Detroit. He was befriended by Angus MacIntosh, merchant, who outfitted him with clothing and money to resume his journey back home. Major Murray of the Royal American Regiment wrote a pass ordering all British garrisons to protect and assist Johnston on his way east as well as giving free passage on a British vessel headed to Fort Erie. Arrived at Erie, he was entertained by British officers who offered more money for his journey.

Upon his arrival in New York, Johnston was met by Washington's personal secretary, Thomas Nelson, another Virginian whom Johnston knew from home; he reported fully on the tribes of the Ohio, disposition of British troops, and strength of all the posts he had visited. This information was vital to President Washington to surmise the intentions and capabilities of Britain and their Indian allies as another war seemed to be coming. Luckily, Jay's Treaty ended the border dispute with British North America and lowered tensions between the two nations.

Returning home to Virginia, Charles Johnston built a handsome brick house on a 1200-acre plantation near Lynchburg and named it 'Sandusky' for the river where he had bought his freedom. (The home stands today as a museum and cultural center.) He was a neighbor and friend of Thomas Jefferson and entertained both Jefferson and another old friend, the Marquis de Lafayette

at Sandusky. He was involved with the family firm in Richmond and in 1820 he moved over the Blue Ridge to Botetourt Springs and built a fine hotel. In 1826 he bought President Jefferson's 5000-acre Lost Poplar plantation.

Upon his return to Virginia thirty-six years earlier, he had sent a payment to Angus MacIntosh to cover his loan and had asked that the rest be held for Francis Duchouquet to repay him for the ransom silver. He kept in touch with his savior, Duchouquet, and met him in Washington years later when the trader worked for another Johnston as interpreter. When Duchouquet and John Johnston, the Indian Agent from Picqua, Ohio brought a group of Shawnee chiefs to Washington to discuss treaty rights, Duchouquet was the guest of honor at a dinner hosted by Charles.

During Charles Johnston's life, he straddled the rugged frontier existence and the refined life of Virginia gentry. He was friends with Scots-Irish frontiersmen, Shawnee chiefs, French traders, aristocrats and politicians. He hosted Thomas Jefferson, Lafayette, Andrew Jackson and most of the great families of Virginia at his estates. His granddaughter, Mary Johnston, would become one of the most famous authors of the late 19th Century and two nephews, Joseph E. Johnston and George Pickett would be immortalized in Civil War lore. He died in 1833 in Botetourt Springs looking out on his beloved Blue Ridge Mountains.



Sandusky Manor house on the plantation



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A hundred thousand welcomes
to our new members.

Kassandra S. Johnston—Rochester, NY

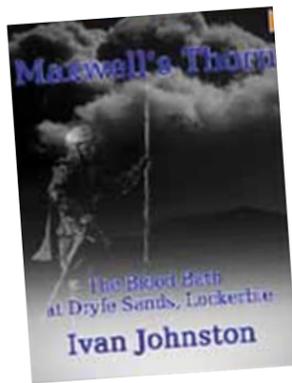
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Reminder: Members can now get the Spur & Phoenix by email in full color. Email Margot Johnston at lucknbooth@aol.com if you would like to sign up for the digital newsletter.

Maxwell's Thorn A Novel by Ivan Johnstone



So what is my new work about? Here is the blurb from inside the front cover:

Lockerbie is associated with the Libyan bombing of Pan Am flight 103. The 270 victims are remembered at the Air Disaster memorial in Dryfesdale cemetery.

In 1593, less than 1 mile from that memorial, Lockerbie suffered a prior horrific event which claimed the lives of almost three times as many people. A

battle took place at Dryfe Sands between the two most powerful families in southwest Scotland in which over 700 were killed. This feud was so bloody and the consequences so shocking that it was talked about throughout Britain, Scandinavia and Europe for years after.

Scottish history has virtually forgotten this vindictive and brutal loss of life. The novel *Maxwell's Thorn* relates my view of what happened.

It is now possible on Amazon.com or Amazon.co.uk to open and read the first 8 chapters on any computer free, so folks can see my style of writing. (You will also see my paper novels on that site.)

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PLEASANTON FESTIVAL AND GAMES

September 3–4, 2011, Pleasanton

By Karen Johnston Klein

It was a really hot 100 degrees on September 3-4, 2011 of the 146th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games in Pleasanton. We had a great time greeting all the Johnston/es that came to our tent. We honored the guest Honorary Chieftain Bernard J. Jordan during the marching of the clans on the horse track. I love this part of the day because you can see all the different clan banners. We heard pipe bands and fiddles all day and enjoyed all the Scottish country dancing. On a little break from our tent I went shopping. I always stock up on my favorite tea (Yorkshire Gold) and of course we just have to get some Brown's English Toffee. Every year I visit a booth called "British Perceptions" and I buy an Anne Hathaway's Cottage tea cup. My collection is growing! At our Johnston/e tent we had the pleasure of seeing Sally Johnston Epler. She came from Florida to the Games and it is always fun to visit with her. We always look forward to this event and always enjoy seeing everyone each year.



John Klein and Sally Johnston Epler



My husband, Scott Klein, and son, John, sitting in our Clan Johnston/e Tent



A picture of me when we met the visiting Honorary Chief of the 146th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games Bernard J. Jordan and his wife.

You're Invited

Clan Johnston/e,
We'd like to invite your clan to join us at the second annual Tartan Day South event taking place in Columbia, SC on Saturday, March 31, at the Historic Columbia Speedway in Cayce, SC. Our first year was attended by more than 3,000 and we have increased our sponsorship and marketing for our 2012 event. We've also arranged a partnership this year with Special Olympics of SC. Some of their athletes will compete in this year's Highland athletic competition. We will also be presenting the Order of the Flaming Caber to highlight the day. Yes, we are setting a caber on fire and tossing it!

Tents, tables and chairs will be provided at cost to make it affordable for your

organization. Passes for the day's activities will also included as part of the package. We are offering special discounts through our host hotel, Wingate by Wyndham. Please visit www.tartandaysouth.com/#!registration for more information.

Friday night we will offer a more formal event at the South Carolina State Museum and a free concert at the West Columbia Riverwalk Amphitheater just across the river from the museum featuring Rathkeltair, Cutthroat Shamrock, Jil Chambless & Scooter Muse.

Please contact me with any questions. Many thanks,

Donovan

The link to the registration form for clans is below.

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UPCOMING 2012 EVENTS

- Mar 31–Apr 1 | Helotes, TX | San Antonio Highland Games www.sahga.org
- Mar 31 | Dade City, FL | Heart of Florida Celtic Festival and Highland Games www.hofcf.org
- Apr 9 | Dunedin, FL | Dunedin Highland Games www.dunedinhighlandgames.com
- Apr 15–17 | Huntersville, NC | Loch Norman Highland Games www.ruralhill.net
- Apr 16–17 | Las Vegas, NV | Las Vegas Celtic Gathering & Highland Games www.lasvegascelticsociety.org
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Fran McConnell

17TH ANNUAL MEADOW HIGHLAND GAMES AND CELTIC FESTIVAL

October 29-30, 2011

By Fran McConnell

looked like the foundation ruins of a castle. A few sprigs of silk and fabric greenery inserted here and there were very effective. To hold papers down we used stones I had collected in Scotland along with my Claymore, which was also a conversation piece. The best was what I call "Johnston/e Holy water." When I was at the River Annon I dipped a small bottle into the river and brought home some of the water. It has been used to anoint the Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, Diocesan Bishop, here in central Virginia, and others of the Johnston/e family and clan. The new standard I made was proudly displayed and then carried during the parade of the clans. To honor Steve, we wore black arm bands. Also, the framed photograph on display was tied with a black ribbon.

These games are the continuation of the Richmond Highland Games that have moved to the new location of the Virginia State Fair Grounds in Caroline County near Kings Dominion. It is a beautiful location set among rolling hills.

On Friday we moved into our tent location. Helpers included T.J. Johnston and his friend, Michelle, Joyce Blunt of Clan Macleod of Harris, Maggie Sheffield (one of the Parade Marshals) of Clan Murray and a few other additional helpers. They had us settled in quite well before the sun went down.

To decorate the tent, T.J. brought his small model of Johnston castle he made of Legos. This was quite an eye catcher to passers-by. Using large Styro-foam packing blocks of different sizes, glued together and painted with gray spray paint with some green and black high lights to look like large stones, we placed this "wall" on three sides (from three to four feet high) and a section on one front corner. It

This was my first time convening for CJA. I have been convenor and assistant for another clan for about fifteen years. I have also served as Field Marshall for these games for twelve years. T.J. served as a Parade Marshall for this event.

Saturday was a complete wash out. With rain and wind many of the activities were canceled. We "hardies" stuck it out with my homemade shortbread, coffee, and fortification of Scottish "liquids." Across



T.J. Johnston and Fran McConnell

from us were Clan Moffett. Clan Maxwells were a 'safe' distance down the way. There were 60 clans and societies represented. Sunday opened with sunshine and high spirits. I understand we were graded in third place as best clan display tent. First place gets a free space for next years games.

We were pleased with the interest from visitors and prospective new members. There were some who took forms to renew and update their membership.

The Meadow Games are the third or fourth largest Games on the East Coast. Along with the major athletics, dog demonstrations, harp, pipe, dance, fiddle and band competitions there is a Civil War encampment with displays and demonstrations. The many vendors are housed inside the large Farm Bureau building along with inside ' necessary'

lady and gentlemen facilities. The selections of food vendors are endless, from Irish coffee, haggis, smoked turkey legs, lamb burgers, Shepard's pie, and

sweets of all kinds. This is in addition of what is shared among the various clans.

We are looking forward to the 2012 Meadow Games and look

forward to joining many of you at Stone Mountain for the AGM this year.

SARASOTA HIGHLAND GAMES AND CELTIC FESTIVAL

February 2, 2012, Sarasota, FL

By Brian and Demaree Walker

The 19th Annual Sarasota Highland Games and Celtic Festival was a great event. It was our first time to this event. The events included various stone throws, caber toss, piping, drumming, dancing as well as vendors, food and more. We also had the pleasure of a British Car Show with several gorgeous models and years. The set up at this game was perfect. They had clan row right next to the main event field so we could actually watch and hear a lot of the games and events. We had the solo piper competitions all around the outside of clan row,

well-spaced apart so it wasn't too much of a cacophony. The Highland cattle were close enough for children and families to enjoy both being at the tents and visiting the beasties. All of this made the day much more enjoyable for everyone. Clan members and interested parties were able to gather in the tent or sit just outside and watch the proceedings. We were placed between the Keiths and the Irwins, so you can image how much fun we all had "protecting" one from the other. We had even more people stop by, surprised to see the name, than we did at the Winter Springs games.



Demaree & Brian Walker with Donna & John Johnston



Peter Martin & Brian Walker

Several indicated that they would enjoy helping us with the tent at other games. Several were snow-birds who attend games up north and were very happy to see Johnston/es represented down here.

CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

January 13-15, 2012, Winter Springs, FL

By Brian and Demaree Walker

The 35th Annual Games in Winter Springs offered another great year at the games. The weather was very chilly for Florida but we had a great turnout at the games. The event began on Friday with the usual Whiskey Tasting and offered rare whiskey you can find only in Scotland. Saturday and Sunday were full of sheep herding, athletics, dance, piping and drumming competitions and lots of food, shopping and music from the Wyndbreakers, Searson, Rathkeltair, Albannach and the Hooligans.

This was the second time we hosted a tent and had a wonderful time. Although here the clan tents are placed too far away from any of the events, food, rest-rooms or shopping. If you host a tent here, and don't have anyone else helping,



Lots of happy people in the Johnston/e tent. None have signed up as members —yet.

you pretty much have to consign yourself to leaving the tent unattended for periods at a time so you can experience anything else at the games. Otherwise, you will not get to do anything else at the event other than the Parade of Clans. We did have several people stop by, surprised to see the name. Although no one signed up to be in the clan, we did get many people to sign up for more information. We did notice that there were a lot fewer clans here than last year. It may have been weather-related since it was so cold and the clan tents are placed in the shade. Normally, in Florida, that's necessary. This year, we all were looking for ways to get warm.

Clan Johnston/e in America 2011 Annual General Meeting September 10, 2011 – Rodeway Inn, Estes Park, CO

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Vice President Bart Johnston welcomed those in attendance to the AGM Dinner & called the meeting to order. He mentioned that President Steve Johnston was unable to attend due to illness, and proceeded to describe Steve's personality, charm and wit, as well as his long-standing commitment to CJA. He then had all in attendance stand and gave a toast to Steve and his wife Patty for their commitment and wishes for a swift recovery.

Bart then spoke about the history of Clan Johnston, including the reivers, Norse influence, hardships, seafaring tradition, etc.

QUORUM CALL

There were 41 members present, including 5 Council members. 218 consenting Proxies were received as reported by Secretary Catherine Postier. New York State law requires 10% for a Quorum. 446 total members divided by 259 attending and proxies equals 58%, establishing the necessary quorum.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Presented by Bart Johnston as prepared by the Nominations Committee — The Slate of Officers was previously approved by the Council for a two-year (2011–2013) term.

Nominees are:

Office

President
Vice President-East
Newsletter Editor
National Membership Commissioner
At-Large
At-Large

Candidate

Steve Johnston (re-elect)
Bart Johnston (re-elect)
Demaree Walker (replaces Jackie Johnston)
Betty Ryan Watts (re-elect)
Kathleen Sloan (replaces Linn Johnstone)
"JJ" Johnston (re-elect)

Steve has asked that Arthur (Butch) Johnston act as interim President for one year to give time for Steve to recover or to find a new President. If anyone is interested in the position, please contact one of the current officers for more information. A motion to elect the Slate of Officers was made and seconded. The motion then passed unanimously

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented by Bart Johnston as prepared by Jackie Johnston. No changes since last year for the most part. We are trying to encourage as many as possible to get their Spur & Phoenix electronically to cut printing and mailing cost. The electronic version is also in color, whereas the print version is in black and white. Also, Demaree Walker has taken over as Newsletter Editor. Jackie sends her thanks

to CJA for their help and Bart sends his thanks to Jackie for all her years of hard work, as well as her daughter Dee.

GENEALOGY REPORT

Presented and prepared by Barbara Hockman — She fielded many queries this year and continues to help with the JJJ Genealogy project. Her main focus was the "Johnston Genes" blog. The web address can be found in the

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games July 12–15, 2012 www.gmhg.org

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The 2012 Scottish Heritage Weekend

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Lodging partnerships for 2012

New lodging partners are offering 3-day discounted stays in Boone and Blowing Rock. Check out this link for information: www.gmhg.org/Lodging%20Partnership.htm

New park-and-ride from Boone

We are offering a free ride from Caldwell Community College in Boone with the purchase of a 4-day advanced ticket. Otherwise the round trip will cost \$10.

S&P under Barbara's name. It is a work in progress and will give information and tips on research, answers to genealogical questions, links to research, and clan history and stories. 53 Members' information has been published so far.

JOHNSON/JOHNSTON/JOHNSTONE DNA PROJECT

Presented by Barbara Hockman as prepared by Lee Johnston — As of July 12, we had 893 participants in the project and growing on average by 2 members weekly. The project administrators have been working to streamline many processes to make things easier for membership. On July 1st we were notified that Family DNA has taken over Heritage DNA who formerly processed our data. This is significant as our data can now be compared with those of Clan Johnston of the UK.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Presented by Kathie Bailey Mathae as prepared by Margot Johnston — CJA currently has 446 members (284 have renewed) of which 171 are life members. Many regular members are converting to life members.

MERCHANDISE REPORT

Presented by Kathie Bailey Mathae as prepared by Arthur Johnston — Sales are up across the board from both mail order and games sales. Through July 31st, regular sales are \$2,541, games sales \$1,416, both exceeding budgeted amounts.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET

Presented and prepared by Kathie Bailey Mathae — Summary and detailed financial reports were provided. Accounts continue to be stable and we actually came out better than we had expected. The two largest income sources are membership and merchandise sales. The two largest expenses are the newsletter and tent sponsorship. We have reduced newsletter costs by hiring a new printing company, reducing the number of extra copies printed and converting as much as possible to a digital format. We only have approximately 1/10 of members currently using electronic delivery and encourage all who are computer savvy to convert to this method. S&P currently take 60% of our total budget for the year. Tent sponsorship amount rose in 2010, but has leveled off.

The proposed budget of \$10,670.00, a slight decrease from last year, was then explained in detail. We are trying to increase the amount available for scholarships. Thanks to Pat Johnston for her continued help with the budgets and finances of CJA. As a CPA her input is invaluable as we must report twice a year to maintain our non-profit status.

Motion was made to approve the budget and seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Presented by JJ Johnston as prepared by Betty Watts — The report covers tent sponsorships, sign-ins at games,

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 and his candy,
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 'Doh Ray Me,
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 (McVicar, 2007).

Chorus

Ally bally, ally bally bee,
 Sittin on yer mammy's knee
 Greetin for a wee bawbee
 Tae buy some Coulter's Candy.
 Willie wept baith lang and sair,
 Till he got a penny tae share
 Noo he's tumblin doon the stair
 Tae buy some Coulter's Candy.
 Poor wee Annie was greetin tae,
 What could poor auld Mammy dae?
 But gie them a penny atween them twae
 Tae buy mair Coulter's Candy.

Oor wee Jeannie wis lookin affa thin,
 A rickle o banes covered ower wi skin
 Noo she's gettin a wee double chin
 Sookin Coulter's Candy.

Here comes Coulter doon the street,
 The man the bairns aa like tae meet
 His big black bag it hauds a treat
 It's full o Coulter's Candy.

Additional verse

Mammy, gie's ma thriftie doon,
 Here's auld Coulter comin roond
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(A 'thriftie' was a child's money box.)

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