



The Fall 2013
Spur and Phoenix



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Clan Johnston/e in America

President's Letter—September 2013



The picture: Lindsey and member Val Ensor preparing to march in the March of Clans at the Tacoma Highland Games

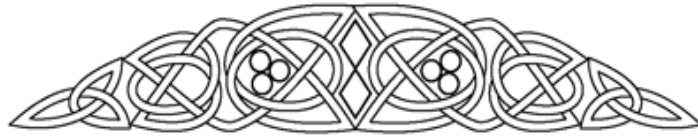
As summer winds down, I hope you have had the chance to participate in your local Highland Games or Celtic Festival. This branch of the Johnstone's have traveled far away (Newport Celtic Festival in Oregon) and near (The Tacoma Highland Games are about a mile from our house), and soon will be traveling very far to Loon Mountain New Hampshire. We are making the journey to attend the 37th Clan Johnston/e Annual General Meeting. We are looking forward to the fellowship and fun that is an Annual General Meeting. If you have never attended one, please make plans to join us next year.

I want to send a special thank you to our many Clan Tent Hosts throughout the lands. The spirit of our Clan can be found at your nearest Clan Tent, good friends you haven't met yet, and those that you have. Hosting a clan tent is such great fun. I invite you to consider volunteering to do so, or to help out at a clan tent near you. We post the schedule of Games our clan will be at in our Spring Newsletter.

It's not too early to consider some Clan Johnston/e gifts for the holidays. Please check our Merchandise page for gift suggestions for the family and your Johnston/e friends.

Lindsey

Please check for Games information on pages 14 & 15 as well as other important notices to be found through out this issue.



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Australia's Standing Stones

by Margot Johnston

with printed material and photos provided by Des Johnston of Wauchope, NSW, Australia.

In June, Des sent me a lovely brochure about the Standing Stones of Australia. Des also enclosed a program of the Australian Celtic Festival held on the same site and general area where the standing stones are. It was so interesting; I thought it would be nice to share it all with you, along with Des' invitation to any folks from up in North America to come visit Australia the first weekend in May for this wonderful festival as part of a holiday. For those who are not aware, May in Australia is more like our fall.

The Australian Celtic Festival starts on a Wednesday and goes right through Sunday. They have tours on Thursdays and Fridays of the surrounding areas of Deepwater, Emmaville and Ben Lomond. The site of the Standing Stones are located in the Centennial Parklands, and overlooks the city of Glen Innes, New South Wales, Australia.

The Standing Stones: Information contained in the Australian flier. "The National Monument to Australia's Celtic Pioneers comprising 40 Granite monoliths, the Standing Stones, have a circle of 24 stones representing 24 hours of the day, three central stones, four cardinal stones marking true North, East, South and West, and seven stone marking summer and winter solstices, the longest and shortest days of the year.

They are probably the first of their kind built anywhere in the world for 3500 years, and may be unique in the southern hemisphere. The ancient Celts raised stones as calendars to mark the seasons – when to sow, when to harvest – and they later developed religious significance. Great Britain has hundreds of mysterious stone circles and they are found too, in Brittany, coastal France and Galacia in Northern Spain." This site is the home to the annual Australian Celtic Festival.

The Standing Stones began as an ambitious project by a small group of citizens wanting to mark Glen Innes' Celtic heritage where Scottish Ancestors arrived in 1838. The idea for a place to have some sort of monument started in 1988, the Bicentenary Year and thought up by the Celtic Council of Australia. "



Des didn't tell me about how many pipe bands participate in this event, but for all they have going on, I imagine the total must be considerable. They have all the events we are used to here in North America plus a few more, albeit with an Aussie flair. This event has Highland Dance, Piping, some Dog Trials, even Jousting and some other listings that I am not exactly sure what they mean. They sure sound like fun.

"The Standing Stones idea was inspired by the Ring of Brodgar in the Orkneys and presented by the city of Glen Innes. The Glen Innes proposal was accepted and the hunt was on for Granite Stones and how to provide monies and labor for the construction and development. Sponsors were asked to pay \$1000 each to help defray the cost of the Stones. "

Stones Cont'd

It is said that, within a fortnight, folks from across Australia and around the world responded and all Stones were sponsored. However, the three central Stones were excluded from sponsorship; the Australia Stone for all Australians, the Gaelic Stone for Gaelic speaking Celts from Ireland, Scotland the Isle of Man and the Brythonic Stone for the Brythonic speaking Celts of Wales, Cornwall and Brittany. All the sponsor's names are recorded in a plaque in the "Stoneararium" near the hill's steps.

Each of the stones needed to be 3.7 metres from ground level, meaning that they had to be 5.5 metres



in total. That equals about 16 feet as a metre is about 3 feet. Each stone averaged 17 tons. That is a lot of Granite in one piece. The official opening was February 1, 1992, which is rather remarkable. The Standing Stones are recognized by the Celtic Council of Australia as the national gathering place for Celtic descendants and clans.



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Farewell to old friends and former dedicated Council members:

Just as the Summer issue was being mailed to members, we received notice that two of our former Editors had passed away. Norma Applen was the CJA Editor from 1994 to 2004.

Norma's daughter stated that Norma had been having some health issue but not thought to be terribly serious. On May 15th, the health issues added pneumonia to other battles she was fighting and took her away.

Shortly after that sad message, Jackie Cannon's daughter sent us a message that Jackie had also passed away after an extended decline in health. Jackie served as Editor from 1988 to 1994.

Our thanks for all your help and dedication !!!

James Johnstone, Knight of France

By Bart Johnston ©

If you read anything about Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Uprising of '45, you will come across source references to *The Memoirs of The Chevalier de Johnstone*. As an aide-de-camp to Lord Murray and the Prince himself, he was perfectly positioned to chronicle the history unfolding around him. Most of what we know about the leadership within the Jacobites comes from Johnstone and his contribution to history is immense. But he was also much valued as a French officer and aide in the French and Indian War. His abilities as a staff officer were valued by leaders from the Prince to General Montcalm, commander of all French forces in New France.



Bonnie Prince Charlie

James, born in 1719, was raised in Edinburgh, son of a prosperous merchant and a mother from a cadet line of the Douglas clan. Politically, the family was Jacobite, wishing to see the Stuarts back on the throne. In France, he signed his name Johnston de Moffat, indicating that his father's family likely was from Annandale. As a young man he professed an interest in the military, which his father forbade. In 1738 he traveled to Russia to visit two uncles, one a merchant like his father and the other a retired colonel of the Czar's army who held a government position. They arranged an officer's commission as a lieutenant with promise of commanding a company after a short time, but his father again forbade the military, so James returned to London.

There he led the life of a gentleman until 1840, when his father demanded his help in the family business.

In 1745, Jacobite lightning once again struck the Highlands as Prince Charles Edward Stuart arrived from France to claim the throne of Scotland and England and the thunder was heard in Edinburgh and London. James, a dedicated Jacobite, rushed to join the rising although his father was strongly against his participation. On the way, he visited his mother's relatives, the Douglasses, and met Lord George Murray, who was commissioned as second in command of Jacobite forces under the Prince. Murray, impressed by young Johnstone, appointed him his aide-de-camp (ADC). After the battle of Prestonpans, where the Jacobites defeated the English, Johnstone was promoted to captain by Prince Charles and he joined the Duke of Perth's Regiment. As the Scots retreated from England, he was promoted to aide-de-camp to the Prince, the position he held until the army disintegrated at Culloden.

Johnstone recounts in his memoirs that during that last Highland charge he advanced to within twenty yards of the English lines but was driven back. Whether he fought as an aide is debatable but his retreat is documented. As the Prince's troops fell back and began to run, Capt. Johnstone's instinct for self-preservation came front and foremost and served him well for the rest of his career. Johnstone recalls that he ordered a servant to release a horse, which he was holding for an officer likely killed or captured. The horse was released at gunpoint and Johnstone rode from the field of honor.

James' flight from the English butchers demonstrated his skills of a valuable Jacobite staff officer. He used all his intellect and pluck to find influential family and friends who might help. Brother-in-law Lord Rollo in Banff refused to smuggle him out but Calvinists throughout Scotland who hated the English more than the Prince helped him escape the clutches of the Hanoverians on the throne. Finally, he made it to the estate of kinswoman Lady Jane Douglas who hosted him for two months until she could smuggle him to France as one of her servants.



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In France, once again he relied on his skills of self-promotion to get a government pension as a Jacobite captain, a sworn enemy of England. In 1750 he went to Louisbourg on Cape Breton as an ensign of Royal Marines and four years later was a lieutenant and English interpreter. As the English noose tightened around the French in Ile Royale (Cape Breton), Johnstone transferred to Ile St.-Jean (Prince Edward Island) in 1758.

After the fall of Louisbourg he escaped to Acadia (Nova Scotia). He then was ordered to escort British prisoners from New Brunswick to Quebec City, and was appointed ADC, first to Gen. Lévis and then Gen. Montcalm, Commander of French Forces. When Montcalm was felled on the Plains of Abraham, Johnstone retreated with the remaining French to Montreal on a brutal forced march, motivated by his terror of falling behind and being captured by Indians. This time, his luck ran out; daring not to leave Montreal, he became a British prisoner for the first time in fifteen years.

Shipped to Quebec with other prisoners he expected the worst from His Majesty's forces, but Gen. Murray showed leniency (possibly for Johnstone's service to Lord Murray with the Jacobites) and released him. He stayed a few months at Quebec City with a cousin who was a captain of Royal Artillery, and sailed for France in 1760. There he retired from the Marines and was knighted, thereafter known as the Chevalier de Johnstone. Granted a pension, James wrote his memoirs without which he would have been lost to history. After the French Revolution, his service to the King was not appreciated and he lost his pension, dying in poverty after 1791.

By nature Johnston was timid with a strong sense of self-preservation, having the gift to extricate himself from dangerous circumstances without getting hurt. His dangerous flight out of Scotland and England after Culloden proved his ability to think on his feet, improvise and do the unexpected: traits found useful by the leaders he served. To scholars of the Jacobites or the French and Indian War, he left a valuable record of events and was a shrewd judge of the characters and abilities of those he served. Without the Chevalier's aide-mémoire, history would have lost this important and fascinating story.



Front row: Jordan Diminie, Shannon and Josh Ferguson holding banner.

Back row: Jeannette Perry, Michelle Diminie, Betty Perry, Joan Diminie, Peter Koeslag, Joe McCulloch, Carol Koeslag, Mark Diminie, Brian Ferguson.

Our Canadian Page – Fall 2013

Submitted by Don and Joan Diminie, Cobourg, Ont.

The Cobourg Highland Games celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Saturday June 15, 2013. The weekend started on Friday evening with a concert given by our guest band, Boghall Bathgate Caledonia pipe band from Scotland. This group was amazing to see and hear and went on the next day to win the Grade one competition.

When the Cobourg games began in 1963, it was competition games sanctioned by the Pipers and

Pipe Band Society of Ontario (PPBSO) but over the years had drifted away from the competition circuit. This resulted in small attendance and very few quality bands. Now that it is once again a sanctioned competitive games: it was very refreshing to attend, and drew a crowd of about 8,000 spectators. There were 31 bands of all grades as well as heavy events contests, highland dancing, and solo piping and drumming competitions.

Many vendors selling Scottish wares from food to tartan had a busy day as did the various booths along the Avenue of Clans. Unfortunately, Clan Johnstone/e was unable to host a booth, however our Clan was well represented on the field for the parade of Clans, with members from New Jersey, New York City, and Cobourg and Peterborough Ontario, all proudly displaying our Tartan.



Genealogy Corner

By Barbara Hockman, Genealogist

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Genealogy research has grown over the years and changed so much since the days when I began my own family research. The number of interested people, along with the internet, has made researching from the comfort of your home much easier. Although there are many more primary documents you can find on the internet, there are also a lot of records that can lead you astray on the accuracy of your lines. To that end, we all should make the effort to understand how to determine how accurate the information we are looking at is and how to go about finding the primary proof we are seeking.

Attending genealogy classes and seminars on a regular basis will help you determine if you have provided the proof that is required to convincingly say that your line is accurate and you have the documents to prove it. You don't have to travel long distances and shell out a large amount of money to sharpen your skills and obtain knowledge of new ways to organize your work. Today you can attend classes and seminars on-line. Here are a couple of sites I have used and found to be very informative.

<http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

<http://scgsgenealogy.com/extension-series/jes2013.html>

Ancestry has a new app that turns your smart phone into a scanner. I personally haven't had time to play with it yet but you may want to check it out. You can find info on it at <http://shoebox.ancestry.com/>. I am excited to think that I can simply save and store photos of primary sources no matter where or when I might find it – like tombstones, plaques, photos on walls, buildings and other items that would be impossible to easily capture.

The TV series "Who Do You Think You Are" has returned on TLC. If you missed it or you cannot get TLC through your cable provider, you can watch past episode at <http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are>. I wish I had a host of researchers to find all those fascinating records on my family!

Sites to check out:

<http://www.theindepthgenealogist.com> – new free online genealogy magazine

<http://www.yourgeneticgenealogist.com/> - written for the non-scientist by Cece Moore, this site gives unbiased information on the major DNA testing companies.

Happy hunting!



Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

By Grace Johnston

To date, this is the only Johnstons snapped during the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. The attachment is a photo at our house in Elk Park just before leaving for the Games.

I had my camera but I spent time talking with those who visited the tent and did not take pictures. I know some of them took our picture and as we continue to email back and forth, I asked if they have pictures, but, as of this issue, no one has come forth.

The picture above is of our grandchildren, Ryan, Ben and Saylor. Our daughter, Lucy, daughter-in-law Anne and our son, Jim Johnston.

Now, the sun is shining. The temperatures are hovering around 69 degrees and the clean up and reconstruction is underway. There was a mudslide taking our two homes and a three lane highway 3 miles from our house between Newland and Elk Park that was destroyed.

REMINDER !!!!!

Don't forget that it is time to start thinking about Christmas and maybe someone needs a new Tartan Tie or Scarf.

Old Ties and Scarfs wear out with a lot of use. OR, maybe the moths got into some of that delicious Scottish Wool material and left a hole.

How about a good Johnston/e book????

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Johnstons and their history of migration from Scotland to Ire-		
land and then to North America. No genealogical information,		
mostly social history. Extremely interesting.		

This book is no longer being printed. CJA has the last NEW books from the last printing. When they are gone, they are really gone.

THE UNBLESSSED HAND	\$19.95	\$ 3.50 each
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<http://www.electricscotland.com/webclans/htol/johnsto2.html>

Since there is so much information on the internet now., we're going to try something new from time to time and post interesting web links related to the Johnston/es. This page by Electric Scotland is very comprehensive and even has an interesting video with a good overview of Scottish history and the Johnston/es as well. Give it a look!

Upcoming Highland Games & Festivals:

Listings with a (*) have a CJA Representative at a tent this year. No star, no representative. If you wish to contact any of these representatives; be sure to put "CJA" in the subject line of your email so that it will not be mistaken for "spam" or junk mail.

SEPTEMBER

- * Long's Peak Scottish / Irish Festival & Games, Estes Park, CO September 5th—8th
Contact: Diane Coblentz dcoblentz@yahoo.com
- * New Hampshire Highland Games: Loon Mt. Ski Area, Lincoln, NH Sept 20th, 21st, 22nd
Contact: Margot & Arthur Johnston lucknbooth@aol.com
- St. Louis Scottish Games and Cultural Festival <http://www.stlouis-scottishgames.com> Sept 27th & 28th
- Dandridge Scots—Irish Festival, Dandridge, TN <http://www.scots-irish.org> Sept 28th

OCTOBER

- North Alabama Scottish Festival, Newmarket, AL www.tennesseevalleyscottishsociety.org October 5th
- ? Scotland Connecticut Highland Games October 13th
Contact Fr. Peter Preble ppreble@charter.net
- * Stone Mountain Highland Games: Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mtn., GA October 18th, 19th, 20th
Contact Dennis Watts mjrgr@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER

- * Tucson Celtic Festival & Scottish Highland Games, Tucson, AZ November 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Contact Kathleen Sloan kasniris@earthlink.net

There are many other Highland Games and Festivals through out the US and Canada. There wasn't room to list them all in these two pages. If there is one near you with no tent host and you think you would like to be a CJA representative, contact our President or National Membership Commissioner to find how you might be get started. It is a lot of fun meeting folks, but it requires some dedication also.

More Games Information, go to: Association of Scottish Games & Festivals. <http://www.asgf.org>



NOTICE TO CJA TENT HOSTS:

As always, we would like to pass along our thanks to our amazing tent hosts for representing Clan Johnston/ e in America at Highland Games and Scottish Festivals around the US and Canada. In order to make sure CJA members know where to find us, we need to hear from you! Please contact National Membership Commissioner Betty Watts and Webmaster Fr. Peter Preble to let them know at which games you will be a CJA Host and all of the related details (dates, places, etc.). It is important that we know where CJA representatives will be, and it is also important that tent hosts have all of the current information on our organization, membership dues, merchandise pricing, etc. We have found some hosts are using outdated information and it has caused issues. Again, we deeply appreciate your help and commitment and want to make sure you have all of the information you need to be an effective host. Thank you and keep up the good work!

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