



The Fall 2014
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Clan Johnston/e in America

Lindsey Johnstone had the opportunity to visit the Johnston Observatory site near Mt. St. Helens. David Johnston was one of the scientists that were watching the mountain prior to the eruption was David Johnston.

The following article and picture of the mountain's eruption was taken, copied and condensed from the Washington State Visitor's Web Site.



Lindsey Johnstone at the Johnston Observatory, Mt. St. Helens, Washington

Photo by Kay Johnstone

David Johnston and The Eruption of Mt. St. Helens, May 18, 1980

Mount St. Helens, located in southwestern Washington about 50 miles northeast of Portland, Oregon, is one of several lofty volcanic peaks that dominate the Cascade Range of the Pacific Northwest. Before 1980, snow-capped Mount St. Helens was known as the "Fujiyama of America." Some Indians of the Pacific Northwest variously called Mount St. Helens "Louwala-Clough," or "smoking mountain"

May 18, a Sunday, dawned bright and clear. At 7 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), USGS volcanologist David A. Johnston, who had Saturday-night duty at an observation post about 6 miles north of the volcano, radioed in the results of some laser-beam measurements he had made moments earlier that morning. Even considering these measurements, the status of Mount St. Helens' activity that day showed no change from the pattern of the preceding month. Volcano-monitoring data--seismic, rate of bulge movement, sulfur-dioxide gas emission, and ground temperature--revealed no unusual changes that could be taken as warning signals for the catastrophe that would strike about an hour and a half later.

About 20 seconds after 8:32 a.m. PDT, apparently in response to a magnitude 5.1 earthquake about 1 mile beneath the volcano, the bulged, unstable north flank of Mount St. Helens suddenly began to collapse, triggering a rapid and tragic train of events that resulted in widespread devastation and the loss of 57 people, including volcanologist Johnston.





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Photo courtesy of Barbara Hockman

A Message of Thanks

From Treasurer Kathie Bailey;

Thanks to Barbara and Nick Hockman !

Clan Johnston/e would like to express its sincere appreciation to Nicholas and Barbara Hockman and the Illinois Tool Works (ITW) Foundation for their generous donations. The Hockmans took advantage of a generous 3-for-1 Matching Gift Program offered by ITW Foundation. Their initial gift resulted in a combined \$1,000 donation to Clan Johnston/e. We very much appreciate this support, and encourage others who have access to such matching programs to consider supporting Clan Johnston/e in this way. Thank you.



Reminder:

Did you send in whatever genealogy information that you might have, to our Genealogist?

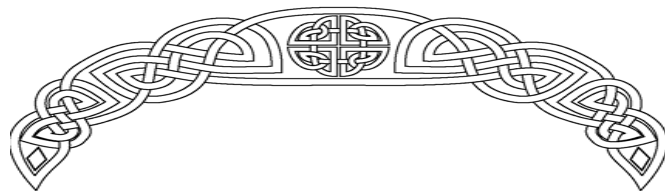
Membership affords you the opportunity for another way to find out about your family history. Barbara is a professional Genealogist and she keeps all the records of Johnston members so that they might be cross referenced with other Johnston members.

Even if all you have is yours and your parents' birth, marriage and their death dates, that is a start. Be sure the information is that which can be found in public records such as your and their state's vital records.

Why not get started soon? It is really a lot of fun to learn more about our families. If you need help, contact Barbara.

The Council is sorry to report that Lindsey Johnston decided to resign recently, due to health, work and personal reasons.

CJA wishes Lindsey all the best in the future.



J.J. Johnston , MEcd FM

Please meet J.J. Johnston, currently residing in San Antonio, Texas with his wife Beverly. J.J. has been Vice President West for CJA for the past couple of years and has attended many Highland games.

J.J. has been nominated for President of Clan Johnston/e in America. Elections to taking place at the AGM at the Pleasanton, CA Highland Games, Labor Day Weekend.

Election results and a report on the meeting will be in a future issue.

William Scott Johnston & the Wine Geese

by Bart Johnston ©

Pictures and labels courtesy of Google images and the winery web site.



Nathaniel Johnston

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In 1689, the Duke of Orange and his Protestant army defeated the mostly Catholic followers of the deposed James II, in Ireland at the Boyne River. Fourteen thousand Irish soldiers and ten thousand family members fled for their lives, leaving in ships for France.

In order to allay suspicions of English harbor masters, the

captains' manifests showed

few passengers but many "wild geese" and hence, Wild Geese became synonymous with Irish fleeing oppression or serving as mercenaries in conflicts around the world. As William Butler Yeats wrote: 'the wild geese spread/ The grey wing upon every tide'. A great number ended up in Bordeaux, where they took over and remade the French wine industry. In the 1770s, Thomas Jefferson visited Bordeaux and noted that the leading wine merchants were the Irish families of Gernon, Barton, Johnston, Foster, Skinner, Coppinger and MacCarthy. Through time, these Irish-French became known as The Wine Geese.

But what does an Irishman or Scot really know about wine? After all, the climate of both countries was too cool to grow good grapes and the only wine made was from berries and other fruit. We know that the Celts traded gold, silver and other valuable items to the Greeks and later the Romans for wine. Theirs was a culture of drinking-- beer, mead and wine-- in the great halls of villages and towns.

The Irish hero, Brian Boru demanded that the Norse pay tribute of a flagon of red wine for each day of the year and Irish monks soon learned that, following the example of Christ, presenting wine to the unwashed greatly increased enthusiasm for conversion.

In the 6th century the monks began leaving the Emerald Isle to preach the gospel and establish vineyards. Saint Killian of County Cavan introduced grapes to the German tribes and became the patron saint of wine growers, while Saint Disibod brought grapes to the Rhine.

By the 1840s, before stout and Guinness had been invented, the Irish were consuming more French wine than England and Scotland combined.



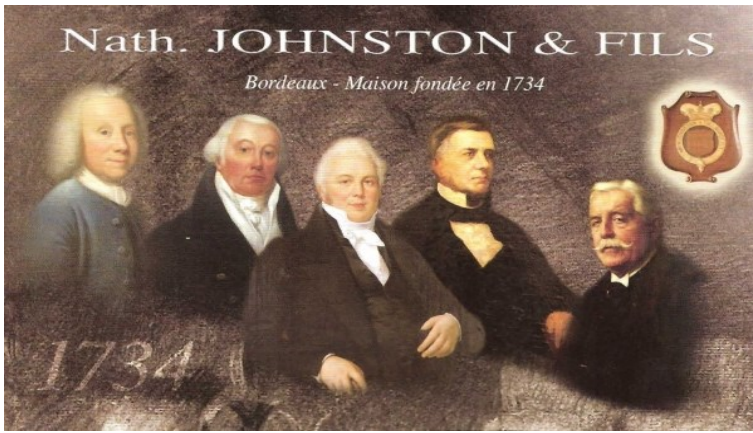
One of the old labels

During the 17th and 18th centuries, it was impossible to transact business or politics in Bordeaux and the region without tripping over the Irish or Scots-Irish. Irish and Scots names adorned chateaux, streets, wine communes and public monuments. Patrick McMahon became Marshall of France and President of the Republic and David Johnston was a famous mayor of Bordeaux.

It was during this ascendancy of Franco-Irish culture that William Scott Johnston left County Armagh in Ulster for Bordeaux in 1734 and established the firm of Nathaniel Johnston & Fils, which today remains one of the great names in Bordeaux wine. William married Susannah Weld in Dublin in 1729 and had five children; their descendants still run the firm 280 years later, making it one of the oldest in France.

By 1804, the Johnston cellars held 25 thousand barrels and 2 million bottles of French red wine. The expansion continued into the mid nineteenth century as they acquired three large vineyards and partnered in two more, while their cellars grew to six million bottles! By 1876 they were exporting one million pounds sterling of wine a year but wars, economic crises, and vineyard diseases caused the Bordeaux production to decline.

In the 1950s the firm was headed by another Nathaniel Johnston, who brought the business back and then turned it over to his sons, Denis, Archibald and Ivanhoe. They still focus on top-range wines, aged and stored in their own cellars and selected for quality by frequent tastings. However, they offer wine for the table as well and subject it to the high family expectations for any wine. Today 55 to 65% of production is exported, mostly to Great Britain, Switzerland and the U.S.



Portraits of former Johnstone winery owners in Bordeaux, France

The flight of the Wine Geese did not end in France but continued all around the globe in the 19th century. From Ireland and Bordeaux they travelled to the Livermore and Napa Valleys in California and on south to Mexico. They also headed down under, establishing wineries all over Australia and New Zealand. The Germans, French and Dutch had already made wine in South Africa but the Wine Geese added to the production of that British colony.

If you have not tasted the Nathaniel Johnston wine, you are probably asking yourself, just how good is it? There's a clue in a story that Denis Johnston recalls as told by his father: During WWII Adolph Hitler was so fond of their wine that he posted Gestapo guards at the cellars to make sure plenty would be available for the Nazi victors to celebrate with after the war. A Wehrmacht general could not wait for the war to end and tried to abscond with a truck load for his personal use. For his efforts, the general was sent to the Russian front. One can hope the Johnston Bordeaux was worth his trouble.



Note the winged spur on the label.



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(A Hundred Thousand Welcomes)

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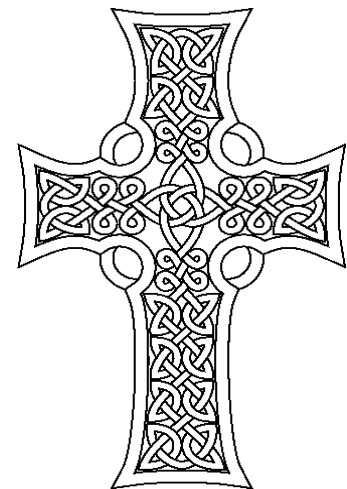
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In 2012

This is a recent notification.

Grandfather Mtn. Highland Games. NC

By Grace Johnston

Note: Edited for space.

The 59th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games had spectacular weather, great fellowship, Scottish music, professional athletic competitions, Scottish dancing and a great turnout at the Johnston tent.

Roger W. Ward from Live Oak, Florida made my day! He has been attending the games since 2005 and at the request of Steve, in years past, represented Clan Johnston at the Torchlight Ceremony. Roger has agreed to represent us again next year. He enjoys seeing friends again he has made over the years, the Torchlight Ceremony, and the Ghost on the Mountain Sunday evening. Roger is also a big help setting up the tent. Shane Johnston and his family were in attendance this year and praised the hospitality at the games. They enjoyed the games a lot and plan to return next year.

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games also possesses its own destination magic and recognition. Joseph Livingston Ritch, son of bagpiper and Everything Scottish owner, Harvey Ritch, addressed the pipers and spectators gathered prior to Saturday's parade of Tartans. Harvard Edward Ritch, passed away June 8, leaving behind a desire for his ashes to be scattered atop McRae Meadows track during the Highland Games. His wish was when the parade marched on the track they will get dust in their eyes, saying "Damn you, Harvey!" That was Harvey's sense of humor, for sure.

Our own musician and tent helper, David Johnston, actually walked up Grandfather Mountain Saturday to participate in this musical tribute to Harvey Ritch. Harvey outfitted many members of our group in their very first kilt and taught many about bagpipes.

A young couple exchanged vows beneath the shadow of the Mile-High Singing Bridge. Another couple exchanged vows in front of the stone memorial cairn that was dedicated in 1980 on the silver anniversary of the games.

To have Steve Johnston's daughter, Amy Moody; son-in-law, Chuck Moody and their children, Bryant age 4 and Mark age 2, leave their Scottish dancing responsibilities and join us for the Sunday parade of tartans was very special.

Johnstons
in the
Parade of
Tartans
Picture by
Grace
Johnston



There were
over 100
Clans that
participated.
Having the

good weather allow the dancers to compete on the field was also very fortunate. Grandmother Pat Johnston was there taking photos of the grandchildren marching, making it even more special. Even young Devon, Steve and Pat's daughter Wendy's son was in attendance.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday had all Highland Dancing competitions. The Steve Johnston Spirit of the Dance Award goes to the dancer who, in the opinion of the judges, displays the best overall spirit of highland dancing. This dancer should also captivate the audience and fill them with the joy of dance. Ashley Gentry won the trophy. Pat Johnston commented, "Ashley must be very special to the judges to win that trophy two years in a row," even with different judges.

Steve and Pat Johnston's grandchildren sure did their grandparents and the Johnstons proud. Bryant Moody (Amy's son age 4) won the kilted mile for ages 4 and under and a 4th-place in wrestling, and two 4th-place medals in primary dancing. Mark Moody (Amy's other son age 2) also participated in the kilted mile, age 4 and under. Devon Johnston, Steve and Pat's daughter Wendy's son marched wearing a red kilt and saluted in time all the way.

Devon also came in 4th in wrestling in his group and 4th in the kilted mile for his age group and won two 1st place medals in primary dancing and two 2nd place medals. How about that for talent?

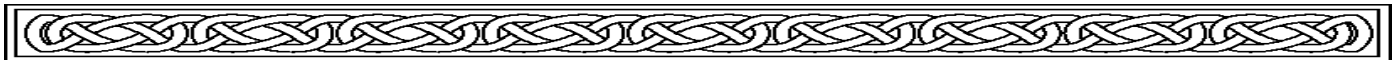


Ryan Tabor—Jim and Grace’s grandson, picture by Grace Johnston. Looks like there was face painting going on at the games.

Hosting the Johnston tent means meeting interesting people. We had the Bennetts from Fairbanks, Alaska, stopping by. They are originally from NC but have lived in Alaska for 15 plus years. James Johnston McNew, age 78 from Chattanooga, TN showed us his keepsake kilt handed down from his great great grandfather Johnston.

Vickie Osoria from Oak Island and Marilyn and Dewey Goff from Pearland, TX stopped by, plus the bright eyed children visiting us to have their programs stamped.

Beth Johnston and Judy Anderson from Columbia, SC were kind enough to provide lunch for us Saturday and Sunday. Our daughter, Lucy, will be back next year and will take charge of tent setup and breakdown. Grandson Ryan Tabor, age 8, helped us set up the tent and competed for the first time in the kilted quarter mile and had a great time. We hope to involve him in more activities for children next year.



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.

Summer and Fall Games

If you are a Tent Host at any games we have not been listing, please contact the new National Membership Commissioner – Cathy Postier. Her contact information is listed with the Council Members information. There is considerable information recently updated for you to use.

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

SEPTEMBER

* Long’s Peak Scottish / Irish Festival & Games, Estes Park, CO September 4th—7th
Contact: Victor Gibson, vlmagibson@aol.com

* New Hampshire Highland Games: Loon Mt. Ski Area, Lincoln, NH Sept 19th, 20th, 21nd
Contact: Cathy Postier, cpostier@roadrunner.com

St. Louis Scottish Games and Cultural Festival <http://www.stlouis-scottishgames.com> Sept 26th & 27th

Dandridge Scots—Irish Festival, Dandridge, TN <http://www.scots-irish.org> Sept 28th

OCTOBER

* Scotland Connecticut Highland Games October 11th
Contact Fr. Peter Preble ppreble@charter.net

* Stone Mountain Highland Games: Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mtn., GA October 18th, 29th

Ed Alkins, new tent host. Stop by and say hello and maybe lend a hand.

Contact Ed Alkins at: jalkins@bellsouth.net



Devon Johnston in competition.

These are about the cutest Highland Dancers I ever did see. Agreed??? Pictures by Pat Johnston



Bryant Mooney in competition,



Left to right: Devon, Bryant, Chuck w/ Mark and Amy in the Clan Parade.

Pictures above, courtesy of Pat Johnston

In the next issue, we plan to have an article about The Annandale Center in Cary, NC. The Annandale Center is a school put together by Steve and Patricia Johnston and their daughter Amy Mooney for Scottish Dance and some Piping Classes. This all started before Steve's death over three years ago, with renovations just beginning. Many members are aware of their support and commitment and dedication to Highland Dance and other Scottish Arts.

Genealogy Corner

by Barbara Hockman, Genealogist
Johnstongenes.blogspot.com

The following pedigree shows how our Johnston/e ancestors spread out across the globe and why so many people in other countries are accessing the Clan website and blog. I cannot attest to the accuracy of the info as I did not do the research myself. The beginning ancestor supposedly came from Scotland to Ireland in 1641. Prior to 1734, the family moved to France and began producing wine in the Bourdeaux region.

William Johnston, b. Scotland
+ ? Campbell, m. Ireland
 └ Alexander Johnston
 + ? Fleming
 └ William Johnston, b. 1699, d. 1772
 + Susanna Weld
 └ Nathaniel Johnston
 + Anne Stewart
 └ William Johnston, b. 1770, d. 1821
 + Marguerite
 └ William Johnston, b. 1893

Websites to check out:

Article on immigrant processing centers for New York City - www.genealogybranches.com/ellisland/

Site dedicated to mountain men and fur traders - <http://www.mtmen.org/>

Family Trees 101 best genealogy websites - <http://familytreemagazine.com/article/101-Best-Websites-2014>

Genealogy News Network - <http://www.wikichicks.wiki/>

Article on genealogy downloads - <http://www.thearmchairgenealogist.com/2014/07/10-free-genealogy-downloads.html>

Story of the Battle of Bannockburn - http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/history/articles/battle_of_bannockburn/

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THE "GENTLE" JOHNSTON/ES	\$25.00	\$ 4.00 each
<i>By Russell Honey</i>		\$ 2.00 e.a.p.
A wealth of information and a good deal of insight into all Johnstons and their history of migration from Scotland to Ireland 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
By Cecil Johnson		\$ 2.00 e.a.p.
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