

# THE BURNETT BANNER

**Burnett Newsletter**  
**(including House of Burnett News)**

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## GREETINGS FROM ALL CRATHES

From all at Crathes, Best Wishes to Burnetts everywhere for Christmas and 2013. We very much look forward to seeing many of you here in July when we have a programme which should make our 2013 Gathering memorable. Remember that there are activities and events which will also appeal to non-Burnetts and the younger generation and also options for those who have attended previous gatherings and don't wish to repeat a particular part of the programme.

*James C. A. Burnett of Leys*

**Burnett Gathering Crathes 31<sup>st</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2013**  
**See [www.burnett.uk.com](http://www.burnett.uk.com) for full details**

*No Christmas Greeting can be complete without a picture of the grandchildren*



*Amaryllis, Hester and Thomas*

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**'FRANKEL' THE BEST**  
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## NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY HOB

Greetings;

Congratulations to Chris Burnette of St Charles, MO. and John A. Burnett of Canton, NC., who were elected to a 3 year term on the Board of Directors.

On Nov. 30th the Board elected the following to Executive Offices: President Jackelyn Daugherty, Topock, AZ., Secretary Leland Burnett, Sturgeon Bay, WI and Treasurer Mike Burnett, San Antonio TX.

I hope everyone is looking at joining me and others on the 2013 Burnett Gathering in Scotland. We are meeting in Glasgow Scotland on 29 July 2013 and then proceeding to Banchory on the 30th. It will be a lot of fun. If you have been you know what a great time we have, if you haven't been you will learn quickly. Hope we have a crowd.

It is time to start planning for the 2013 and if anyone wants to set up a tent at any of the games please let me know. The Executive Officers, with the help of the Board Members, are embark on a campaign to enlist new conveners to represent the House of Burnett at Highland Games and Festivals. We will also be working on a Kit for the Conveners, to be supplied by the House of Burnett. Everyone should visit games in your area and see if you would be interested in participating. It is great to meet family members you haven't met before.

I keep getting letters and e-mails returned to me. If you change your mailing address or e-mail address I need to know.

We continue to look for articles, pictures, or questions for the Banner so, help us out and submit them.

As I set pen to paper as the saying goes, it is starting to look like Christmas here in Wisconsin. We have had 3 inches of snow today and are expecting more tonight.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a great 2013.

*Leland L Burnett*  
*Secretary, House of Burnett*

## HOUSE OF BURNETT DUES NOTICE FOR 2013

I have had some complaints that I don't send out dues notices, so this is your reminder. If you have already paid your dues disregard this notice. All dues expire on 1 Jan. of each year. You can pay by check payable to the House of Burnett or pay through paypal on the Burnett web site, ([www.burnett.uk.com](http://www.burnett.uk.com) ) on the HOB page. If you have any questions let me know.

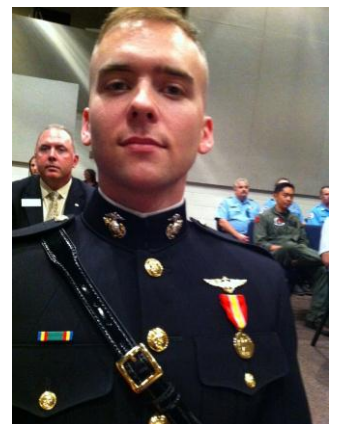
*Leland L Burnett*  
*Secretary, House of Burnett*

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## A LITTLE NEWS FROM JOHN BURNETT

It is good to hear from John Burnett who was one of the principal 'founders' of the House of Burnett and we are also pleased to know how his family are getting on.

Cameron (right) received his wings as a Marine Naval Aviator (they don't call them pilots). He will be flying Cobra helicopter gunships. He will spend the next six months in California for training before he is stationed in North Carolina, where he



hopes to see some of his old friends at Grandfather Mountain in the future. Britton (below) has been appointed the Personal Assistant to U. S. Senator Mark Pryor. He now lives and works in Washington DC. Congratulations and best wishes to them.



*The Editor*

## FLOWERS OF THE FIELD

### KATHLEEN SOTAK

#### (HER MOTHER WAS NAOMI BURNETT)

The Burnett clan lost a true pillar of love, strength, and wisdom when our dear Kathleen Sotak, daughter of Naomi Schneider nee Burnett, was suddenly taken home to heaven on October 19, 2012 at the age of fifty-six. There are countless stories that could be told to display what an incredible woman Kathleen was, but it can all be summed up by the way she dedicated so much of her time in her final days to help make another person's dream come true. Her cherished high school choir director, Ken McMonagle, dreamed of reuniting with his group of singers for one last concert and Kathy took it upon herself to spearhead the nation-wide efforts to gather his choir members from over the past few decades for this special event. And gather they did. What began as just a dream became a reality because of the tireless efforts and love of our dear Kathleen.



Kathleen, treasured wife of Petr, just had a way of bolstering, lifting up, and inspiring everyone she met. Whether it was through her passionate defense of freedom through her political involvement, active support of the Humane Society, or the integral role she played in keeping our family united by planning our annual picnic, Kathleen had a way of forming and keeping connected with the people and causes she loved. These are hard times as we adjust to life without her and there will be moments when we long for her laughter, wisdom, and levelheaded perspective. All we can do pick up the torch where she left it and carry on. We are so very blessed to have kept Kathleen as long as we did and can find solace in the knowledge that we will see her again when we too are called home to heaven. Kathleen's passion, compassion, and steadfast light will live on forever.

*Alaina Burnett*

## ALLISON GAMES

### STATESVILLE NC

We are grateful to Ron Esler for setting up the Burnett tent at the Allison Games. Phyllis would have been so pleased with what was achieved. It was a first time for those games and they were very small. However, there were also games in another town in NC called Hendersonville and they closed down this year. It appears that these games are trying to take their place. Everyone seemed to have a good time and hopefully they will grow into a major attraction. Burnetts please note.



*The Editor*

## SIR ROBERT BURNETT & RHODESIA

There are few countries in the world without Burnett connections. Attached are the recorded arms of Sir Digby Vere Burnett of Southern Rhodesia, great-grandson of Sir Robert Burnett (Gin) of whom readers will be aware from recent editions of the Banner. Sir Digby was born in Perthshire in 1875 and died in 1958. He was Resident Director and General Manager of the London and Rhodesia Mining and Land Company, Limited, and Chairman of the Cold Storage Commission of Southern Rhodesia

His arms as shown - Per saltire vert and gules, a sword erect, the point upwards proper, pommel and hilt Or and from the blade pendent a bugle-horn stringed, also Or; on a chief embattled ermineois, three leaves of the Burnett rose also proper.



*The Editor*

## DAVID C BURNETT

David C. Burnett of the Houchens Food Group received the Tennessee Adjutant General - Distinguished Patriot Medal, during the Save-A-Lot Yellow Ribbon 5K Run pre-race ceremonies. This is the highest medal a civilian can receive. David was awarded this medal for his dedication and support of the Air & Army National Combat Casualty Relief Fund (CCRF).



## HOUSE OF BURNETT BOARD WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS

John Burnett was born in Williston, Florida February 1943. I grew up in the area north of Ocala, Kendrick, FL.

I attended elementary school as well as Jr. High and High School in Ocala graduating from Ocala High School in 1961.

In 1960 entering my senior year I began working at Publix Supermarkets through the DCT program. Starting as a bag boy working my way up to management. In 1981 after working many 100 hour weeks and having no time for my family I decided to change careers, entering the Insurance Industry. First working in an Agency, then to work for a company as a captive agent, then Owner of my own agency in Orange City FL and Eastman Ga. In 1998 I had the opportunity to sell my agency, move to Charlotte, NC and begin working for GuideOne Insurance as the Sales Director over NC SC VA and DC.

In July 2001 we bought a home in the Western North Carolina Mountains and moved ourselves and the office there. Though I enjoyed working with the agents and agencies in my territory, after over a 25 year associations with GuideOne Insurance, I retired July 4, 2008.

I am married to the love of my life, my best friend, Melissa McLean Burnett. On June 8th of this year we celebrated our 32nd wedding anniversary. We have a beautiful daughter Stephania who is married (thus a son-in law, Tim). They live south of Chicago.

Since retiring I have been able to go to Wyoming on a mission trip to help build two churches. One in Rock Springs and the other in Granger. It's amazing to see what God can do in two weeks. I also enjoy working in the yard and helping out around the house, (Melissa is still working and is going to college). Hobbies would be photography, travel, woodworking, somewhat of a collector of old cameras and bottles. In 2010 Melissa, her mother, Nancy Mclean and I travelled to England, Scotland and Wales where we met and were given a personal tour of Crathes Castle (pic above right), by

James C A Burnett of Leys. (see Burnett Banner edition #11 Sept 2010)

Melissa and I along with our daughter and son-in-law plan to attend the Burnett gathering in 2013. Melissa and I are very active with the North Carolina Baptist Men's, Disaster Relief.



The most important experience in my life was when I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior and my personal walk with Him. Am blessed to have a good Christian wife. We are active members of New Morgan Hill Baptist Church. The Lord has blessed us with a beautiful mountain home in Western North Carolina where we hope to call home until He calls us home.

Thank you

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Chris Burnette, a licensed attorney and President of the Mad Buffalo Distillery and Mad Buffalo Brewing Company in Union, Missouri, Chris has served on several Boards during his professional career. He currently serves on the Board of the Missouri Coalition for the Environment and serves as Chairman of the Mad Buffalo Board of Directors.

As a descendant of Scottish settlers, he is drawn to all things Scottish and has been a member if the House of Burnette for many years. He holds a Bachelor's degree in American Political Studies with a concentration in Environmental Law and Policy from Northern Arizona University, a Master of Arts degree in Non-Profit Administration from Lindenwood university and a Juris Doctor degree with a concentration in Urban Development, Land Use and Environmental Law from Saint Louis University School of Law.

*Chris Burnette*  
President, Mad Buffalo Distillery  
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## **DAVID BURNET FIRST PRESIDENT OF TEXAS**

I am very grateful to Jackelyn Docherty for this article on one of the most famous Burnett Ancestors. There was an article on him in the Spring, 1999 issue of the Burnett Banner but this expanded edition with more pictures and references will be of interest to previous readers and especially to those who may not know about David G Burnet.

The Editor

### **BURNETTS OF THE OLD WEST**

*Compiled by Jackelyn Daugherty*

#### **David Gouverneur Burnet**

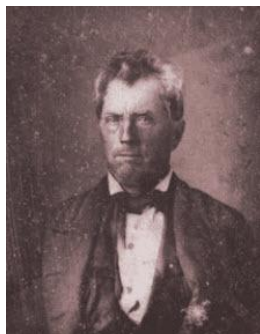
Born: April 4th 1788 in Newark, New Jersey

Died: December 5, 1870 in Galveston, Texas

Married: Hannah Este of New Jersey around 1828

Political Party: Whig

David Gouverneur Burnet was born one of the youngest of 14 children in a large and politically well-connected family. His father, Dr. William Burnet, had served as a member of the Continental Congress during the American Revolution and later became surgeon general of the Continental army. His mother, Gertrude Gouverneurs was a member of two prominent families, the Gouverneurs and the Rutgers.



When David was only three years old, he was orphaned. His older half-brothers, Jacob and Isaac, took the boy to raise. Jacob and Isaac soon moved from the east to Cincinnati, a growing settlement on the Ohio River. David was about seven or eight years old when he became a resident of what was then America's far western frontier.

At age 17, Burnet began his quest for adventure and success. He signed on as a lieutenant in a filibustering expedition to Venezuela. Filibusters were private military expeditions that were illegal but commonplace during this era. The crumbling Spanish empire provided an

especially attractive target, and filibusters often teamed up with Latin American revolutionaries. Young men like Burnet joined up in hopes of striking it rich in land, pay, privateering, and other enterprises.

The expedition was a failure, the first of many that would dog Burnet's life. His youth would pass without finding success. Illness may have played a role. By age 29, Burnet was expected to die from a serious lung ailment. Seeking a cure, he moved to the warmer climate of Louisiana and moved in with a friend at a trading post at the headwaters of the Brazos River. Burnet became fascinated with the Comanches who came to the post and spent much time learning their customs and language. The gentler weather and interesting work led to an improvement in his health, and he returned to Ohio.

In 1826, Burnet found himself 38 years old but still broke and obscure. But a new enterprise seemed certain to make him rich. Mexico was seeking colonists for the province of Texas. Burnet traveled to Mexico City to petition the Mexican government for an empresario grant, which would allow him to start a colony. Burnet must have been elated when he received permission to settle 300 families in the area north of the Old Spanish Road and around Nacogdoches. The hoped-for riches never materialized. Back in Ohio, Burnet was unable to find colonists or financial backing to develop his hard-won grant. He was forced to sell his rights to a group of northeastern investors. Despite the setback, Burnet was now convinced that his future was in Texas.

Shortly after selling his empresario rights, Burnet married 30-year-old Hannah Este of New Jersey. The couple used the money from the sale to buy a steam-powered sawmill. By April 1831, David and Hannah had moved to Texas and settled near Lynchburg in a simple home they called Oakland. The couple soon started a family with the birth of two sons, William and Jacob. Burnet operated the sawmill along the San Jacinto River for the next four years. Unfortunately, it proved to be a losing proposition, and he was forced to sell it after four years of struggle.

### **Superior Court - Judge, 1834**

Burnet may not have been any more successful as a businessman in Texas than he was in Ohio, but his gift of gab and interest in politics impressed his new neighbors. In 1833, he represented the Liberty area at the convention in San Felipe, where the colonists pleaded with the Mexican government for better representation. In 1834 he was named to head the Brazos District Court. He would be known the rest of his life as "Judge Burnet."

Burnet opposed what he considered "war fever" in the cause of Texas independence. As a result, his more radical neighbors did not elect him to the Consultation of 1835 or the Convention of 1836, which were formed to take Texas out of the Mexican union. Undeterred and wanting to be part of the action, he showed up at Washington-on-the-Brazos anyway.

For once in his life, David G. Burnet was in the right place at the right time. The Convention was looking for a president of their new republic and had decided not to elect one of their own members. The articulate and strong-minded Burnet politicked quickly enough to win the post by a mere seven votes.

### **President of Texas, served March 16, 1836 - October 22, 1836**

Burnet took over during the worst crisis in Texas history. Santa Anna's troops had sacked the Alamo and captured Fannin's forces at Goliad. Thousands of terrified civilians were on the road as refugees in a headlong flight that became known as the "Runaway Scrape." Burnet and his cabinet were no exceptions. They abandoned Washington-on-the-Brazos and fled to Buffalo Bayou, near Harrisburg. Burnet carried important government documents, including the Texas Declaration of Independence, in his saddlebags.

The Texas army seemed in no condition to stand and fight. Barefoot and destitute, Sam Houston's ragtag force was heading eastward towards the Louisiana border. Burnet was deeply angered by Houston's retreat, which he



considered cowardice. For his part, Houston considered the flight of the government to be the cause of much of the panic gripping the country. As the crisis escalated, Burnet declared martial law and ordered all men between the ages of 18 and 55 to report for military duty or lose their Texas citizenship.

On April 9, Burnet received a gift from his old home town of Cincinnati--a pair of six-pound cannons that were immediately dubbed "The Twin Sisters." Burnet sent the cannons on to Sam Houston, where they would soon be heard at the Battle of San Jacinto. As events moved towards that climax, Burnet and the cabinet were forced to flee again, this time to the relative safety of Galveston Island.

Victory at San Jacinto: For David and Hannah Burnet, the crisis was more than political or military. It was intensely personal. Burnet rescued his wife and two children from Oakland and escaped arrest within sight of a detachment of Mexican troops. At Galveston, they took shelter in a log cabin made of drift logs, with no furniture but a couple of pallets, some boxes, and a barrel that the president used as a writing table. Crude as the conditions were, they were better than those of a thousand refugees who were camping on Galveston's beaches.

On April 21, Sam Houston and his army defeated the Mexican army at San Jacinto. The government received the news only two days later, but Burnet had to wait almost a week before he received written communication from General Houston. Despite his joy in the victory, Burnet's emotions were dominated by irritation with his commanding general.

Burnet traveled to San Jacinto to meet with General Santa Anna, who was now a prisoner of war. While there, he had an angry



quarrel with Sam Houston over Santa Anna's horse, a fine black stallion wearing a beautiful Mexican saddle. Houston claimed the horse as a prize, but the animal turned out to have been captured by the Mexicans from a Texas settler. Burnet forced Houston to return the horse to its owner. Though a minor incident, the argument exemplified the conflict between the flamboyant

Houston and the stiff, lawyerly Burnet. Burnet criticized Houston's swearing; the general carped over the president's souvenir-hunting on the battlefield. The animosity would only grow in the years to come.

The Treaties of Velasco: Burnet established himself and the cabinet at Velasco. There Burnet would achieve the most significant accomplishment of his presidency, the Treaties of Velasco (see Texas Treasures for details). Texas troops and the general public were enraged when they learned that Burnet had cut a deal that would allow the hated Santa Anna to return home, supposedly to secure Mexican recognition of Texas independence. As Burnet put it, "Santa Anna dead is no more than Tom, Dick, or Harry dead, but living, he may avail Texas much."

Talk of an assassination attempt swept Velasco. It is said that Hannah Burnet sat up at night with pistols at her side so that her husband could get some sleep. When Santa Anna was placed on the Texas Navy ship *Invincible* to be taken to Vera Cruz, an angry mob gathered at the temporary capitol and threatened to lynch Burnet. Burnet was forced to back down and remove the Mexican general back to Texas soil.

Several army officers planned a coup against the president in which they would arrest Burnet, seize control of the government, and put Santa Anna on trial. The plot collapsed when loose-tongued soldiers confided in their friends and drinking buddies. A number of loyal citizens and soldiers rallied to Burnet's defense, even though many of them disagreed with the treaties.

Burnet alienated potential allies in the search for U.S. recognition of Texas independence. He appointed several commissioners to travel to Washington but failed to issue any instructions or correspond either with them or with the several other commissioners who had already been appointed by the Convention. Burnet also contributed to a dust-up in U.S.-Mexican relations when he took part in a scheme to

invite a U.S. army general to intervene in Indian unrest in Texas.

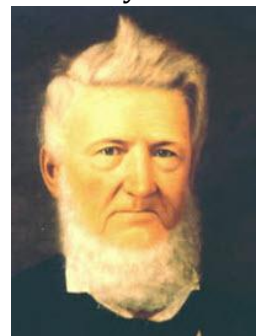
**A Bitter Departure:** In September 1836, Sam Houston was elected president in the first election held in the new-born Republic of Texas. Burnet was exhausted and embittered by the criticism he had received. He and his wife were also personally suffering with grief over the death in September of their infant son Jacob. Burnet wrote in the family Bible that Jacob was "a Victim of the War of Revolution." On October 23, 1836, Burnet resigned under pressure so that Houston could take office before the official start of his term in December.

**Texas Vice-president - 1838**  
**Texas Presidential Candidate - 1841**  
**Texas Secretary of State 1846 - 1847**  
**US Senator Elect - 1866**

After remaining in retirement two years he became Vice-president on Mirabeau B. Lamar's ticket by a large majority in December, 1838, and served three years, several months of the time as President. Lamar was ill for part of his presidency, and Burnet ran the government during his recuperation. He participated in the Cherokee battles of 1839, and was wounded. With 1841 he retired to private life.

### Presidential candidate

Burnet ran for president against Sam Houston in 1841. The campaign was marked by vicious name-calling. Burnet alleged that Houston, in addition to being an alcoholic, was an opium addict who had the "blind malignity of a rattlesnake in dog days." For his part, Houston derisively called Burnet "Little Davy" and "King Wetumpka" (hog thief). Burnet was soundly defeated by the popular Houston; as one San Jacinto veteran noted, "Burnet could not be elected fiddler general to the old chief." When he took office for his second term, as a final act of revenge against his foe, Houston blocked payment of Burnet's salary for his tenure as vice-president.



### Secretary of State

Burnet would hold only one more office in his life, a term as secretary of state under the first governor of Texas, James P. Henderson. He

| History of Texas  |           |
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| Timeline  |           |
| French Texas  | 1684–1689 |
| Spanish Texas   | 1690–1821 |
| Mexican Texas   | 1821–1836 |
| Republic of Texas   | 1836–1845 |
| Statehood   | 1845–1860 |
| Civil War era   | 1861–1865 |
| Reconstruction  | 1865–1899 |
| U.S. State of Texas   |           |

helped run Texas, now a state, while Henderson was away fighting in the Mexican War.

### U.S. Senator

Burnet's final turn on the political stage came the following year, when Texas sent him and Oran G. Roberts to Washington, D.C. as United States senators. Texas had not yet met the requirements to be readmitted to the Union after the war, and Burnet and Roberts were never seated.

He was a Mason and a Presbyterian. He outlived all of his immediate family, died without money in Galveston on December 5, 1870, and was buried by friends. His remains were moved from the Episcopal Cemetery to the new Magnolia Cemetery and finally to Lakeview Cemetery in Galveston, where the Daughters of the Republic of Texas erected a monument to him and his friend Sidney Sherman in 1894.

Burnet County, Texas was named for him in 1852, and in 1936 the state erected a statue of him on the grounds of the high school in Clarksville.



### Family

**Father:** Dr. William Burnet, (I could find no middle name – JD) son of Dr. Ichabod, lived in New Jersey, graduated from medical school in New York.

**Mother:** Gertrude Rutgers Gouveneur

**Wife:** Hannah Este of New Jersey, married in 1826

**Children:** William and Jacob, only William survived childhood

### Books

Burnet spent many years working with Mirabeau B. Lamar on a history of the republic of Texas, which they planned as an exposé of Sam Houston's misdeeds. Burnet wrote most of the book, but he and Lamar were never able to find a publisher. Later, towards the end of his life, Burnet burned the manuscript in the spirit of forgiveness towards his old adversary.

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### Discussion?

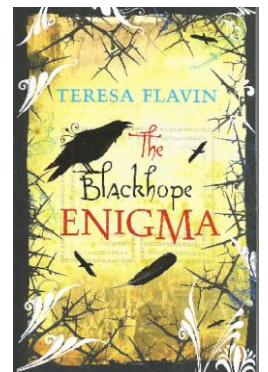
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## THE BLACKHOPE ENIGMA BY TERESA FLAVIN

Teresa Flavin is an illustrator who is also an author of illustrated fantasy adventure novels for ages 9+. Her critically acclaimed debut novel, *The Blackhope Enigma* was short-listed for a number of UK book awards and was a Fall 2011 Junior Library Guild selection in the USA



(Candlewick Press). The sequel, *The Crimson Shard* was a Fall 2012 Junior Library Guild Selection.

American-born Teresa lives in Scotland, which provides the setting for *The Blackhope Enigma*. She maintains a studio, where she not only writes, but illustrates and makes paintings for gallery exhibitions. Teresa and Shona Maclean

shared a book event at Crathes in 2012. She explained that the story was inspired by the painted ceilings at Crathes Castle. Readers, who are familiar with the ceilings, might bear this in mind.

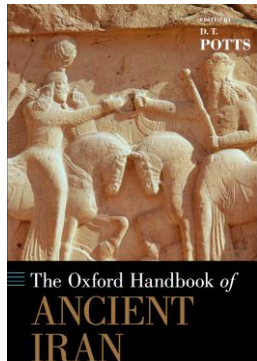
When Sunni Forrest's stepbrother accidentally transports himself into a Renaissance painting, she and her friend Blaise set out to bring him back. They find themselves in a strange world of labyrinths, monsters and pirates. Can they evade their greedy pursuers? And will they ever find their way home?

The third novel in the Blackhope Enigma trilogy will be published in the UK in May 2013.

*The Editor*

## RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES

One of our most celebrated kinsmen, albeit by marriage, is returning to New York after 21 years in Sydney, Australia. Daniel Potts, who is married to Hildy Burnett, is moving from his post of Professor of Middle Eastern History at the Department of Archaeology at the University of Sydney. He is to take up a new position as Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology and History at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, which is part of New York University.



It is several years since we have been fortunate enough to be visited by Dan and Hildy. but their daughter Rowena and friends came to see us a few years ago. Whilst unable to match the erudition of his subject, we did manage to entertain him successfully with salmon fishing, golf, snooker and, he reminds me, the Famous Grouse. His latest publication, The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Iran, will appear in mid-2013 and has just been advertised.

Australia's loss of Hildy and Dan is America's gain

*James C. A. Burnett of Leys*

## SIR HENRY CECIL & FRANKEL HONOURED

I make no apologies for including reference to Frankel and my brother, Henry, once again. Frankel ran his last race at Ascot in October and confirmed his position as the world's best racehorse and, according to some people, the greatest ever. The euphoria which accompanied his appearances has seldom been seen in the horseracing world and consequently he, and many would say they, attracted a record crowd including 25 members of our family.



They have been the recipients of a host or awards for both horse and trainer in recent weeks. Henry who was voted trainer of the year by the Horseracing Writers and Photographers Association, for the eighth time, joins a long and impressive list of previous winners, which includes the Queen and the late Queen Mother amongst other celebrated racing personalities

For those who may be interested, there is an excellent DVD of Frankel, including all of his spectacular races, available and can be purchased on Amazon

*James C. A. Burnett of Leys*

## CHRISTMAS POEM

*by Author Unknown*

*(Sung to the tune "Christmas is coming")*

Christmas is coming,  
The stores are getting fat,  
Just use a plastic card  
To pay for all of that

If you haven't got a credit card  
An overdraft will do,  
If you haven't got an overdraft  
Then God bless you!

## CRATHES CASTLE

Crathes played host to another spectacular 'Enchanted Castle' evening in November and themed from Fantasia. Herewith one of the colourful images projected onto the Castle.



In 2010 The National Trust for Scotland invited entries to a competition which would showcase the Trust through works of art. Maggie Bruce is a digital artist based in the west of Scotland, using her active imagination to take the viewer on a dreamlike journey. Her images are a combination of the quirky, the mysterious, the intimidating and the psychological. Crathes Castle and its grounds are a hive of inspiration, with the castle's riots of turrets and corbels, the estate's magical atmosphere and the plethora of hidden delights. The scene is perfectly set for a secret – the fountain cherubs playing hide and seek in their own enchanted world.

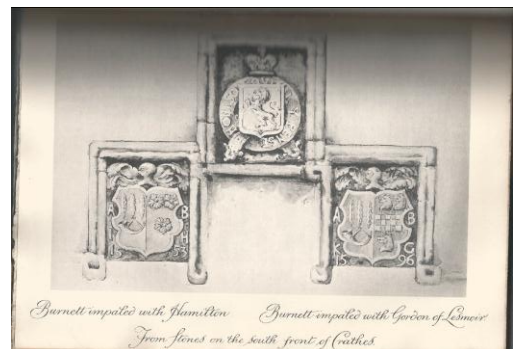


*James C. A. Burnett of Leys*

## CRATHES CASTLE ARMORIAL PANELS

Visitors to Crathes may have noticed the condition of one of the armorial panels about the main window of the Great Hall. It is panel containing the Royal Cypher and is seriously weathered. I have been something of a sleuth in seeking to establish how this came about.

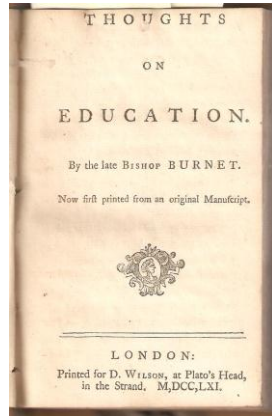
I have looked at two of the celebrated photographer George Washington Wilson's photos of Crathes and which show that the serious weathering occurred between the times when they were taken. They are not very clear but, in one of them, the carving appears to be in quite good condition and a very few years later, that it has deteriorated. If the photograph is misleading, the damage had taken place over the last 100 years and but this is unlikely. The illustration from the Spalding Family of Burnett of Leys suggests that the carving was in reasonable condition towards the end of the 19th century and confirms my theory that the deterioration was quite sudden. The information given does not indicate to me any precise dates, but maybe the damage was caused by the extreme temperature of February 11th 1895 when it reached  $-27.2^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the locality. That might appear logical. Mystery solved?



*James C A Burnett of Leys*

## BISHOP BURNETT ON EDUCATION

It is next to be considered what are these subjects he should entertain his pupil with: they should be therefore chiefly virtuous documents: but because a boy cannot be much taken with long lectures of morality, history should be the frequent subject of his longest discourses, and by this meanness as the boy shall be often released from the drudging penance of learning a language, which chequer work in his study cannot but much please him, so he shall also learne thngs, both plain, suitable to his capacities, and usefull. As likewise, since all boyes naturally love talking about history, he shall be hereby much enamoured of his master's company, and made to preferre it to many of his idle games.



Now for ane apparatus to history, geography must be first discoursed of, and well illuminated maps must be got, which as they will delight the boy, so will they help much to infix places in his memory.

In discoursing of geography and history, the method of painters is to be followed, who first draw the ruder draughts, and mark the proportions; afterwards filling them up with their true colours. In geography threfore3 all to be told at first going over, is the names and divisions of the several states and kingdoms in the world: but when he goes to give the history of any nation, its government, chieffe rivers, provinces, and towns, must be remembered, not all at once, but as occasion offers in narrating the history. For the account of the state of the world, the boy should be made first exactly to know the several areas of tyme, with the chieffe periods and sates of states; for without this, did one know never so many transactions, he deserves only the name of a tale-teller, but not of an historian.

*The Editor*

## CHRISTMAS PUZZLES

### Christmas Word Find

See how many words you can find and circle throughout the puzzle.

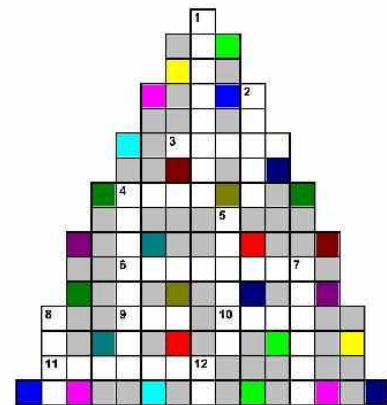
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### CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



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## CHANGE OF NAME

Under discussion in the United Kingdom is the subject of primogenitor and particularly in relation to the succession of the monarch. Amongst a large number of documents recently received from the family solicitors, was one from the Lyon Clerk, albeit on a lower level, and which contained the following and which may be of interest to readers

According to provisions in the late Sir James' settlement, the heir is astricted to assume the name of "Burnett of Leys" with certain optional additions which, if exercised, would defeat what was the settlors intention, namely that the nominated heir and his successors should continue the name and representation of "Burnett of Leys". In order to be Officially-Recognised by the Lord Lyon, and allowed the undifferentiated arms of Burnett of Leys, the heir requires to drop, as he was entitled to do, and has accordingly abandoned, the name "Cecil", and will be known as "James Comyn Amherst Burnett of Leys". He accordingly becomes Chief of that Family, and Head of this six-centuries-old House.

The Arms confirmed by decree and confirmation of the Lord Lyon King of Arms of date 15 July 1966 are those depicted in the carvings on Crathes Castle (1626), and Muchalls Castle (1619), and include the supporters, a Highlandman in hunting garb on the dexter, and a greyhound on the sinister. The family livery colours of green and silver appear in the Highlandman's dress and in the collar of the hound, the detail of these being carefully kept consistent with the early details of a Highlandman and Hound.

In the first matriculation there is no destination of the shield of Arms on record, and in the second matriculation (Vol. IV page 33) the shield of Arms is expressly limited to "heirs", and admits heirs female provided, of course, they fully and completely take the name "Burnett of Leys". Accordingly, the right to the Arms, as distinct from that part of them which is supporters, are capable of descending to the heir female or nominee, and incidentally the devolution falls into that desiderated, and laid down, in the well-known Jeffrey/Fullerton rule which is interpreted in the sense that the arms should follow the principal fief so long as it and the name devolve within the blood. It is therefore possible to revest the Petitioner by Progress as heir of nomination and tailzie in the undifferentiated Arms of Burnett of Leys and consequently to hold the Chief-ship of that celebrated Kincardineshire family.

Supposing the dormant Burnett Baronetcy might have passed to Sir Alexander Ramsay of Balmain, which would have to be proved, the Ramsay Baronets of Balmain hold certain hereditary rights in relation to academic affairs which they enjoy only under the entail and the Name and Arms Clause duly obtempered of Ramsay of Balmain. They consequently would lose these privileges if they ceased to bear the ancient Name and Arms of Ramsay of Balmain, in representation of which that line is entitled to distinct (eagle) Ramsay supporters as Representer of the very ancient House of Ramsay of Balmain.

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Please Note:

**CHISTMAS IS CANCELLED**

Apparently, YOU told Santa that  
you have been GOOD this year ...



*He died laughing*



## CHOCOLATE AND CHESTNUT LOG

### Ingredients

4 large eggs  
100g caster sugar  
65g self-raising flour  
40g cocoa powder  
For the chocolate icing and topping:  
275g dark chocolate, broken into small pieces  
450ml double cream  
4 tbsp apricot jam  
Icing sugar, for dusting  
Holly and Redberries, to garnish

### Method

Preheat the oven to 200°C/gas 6. Grease and line a 33 x 23cm Swiss roll tin with baking parchment, securing the corner with metal paperclips.

For the sponge, place the eggs and sugar together in a large bowl. Using an electric hand whisk, beat the mixture until it is pale, light and frothy.

Sieve the flour and cocoa powder into the bowl and carefully fold in to the egg mixture, using a metal spoon and taking care not to beat any of the air out of the mixture.

Pour in to the lined tin and spread out into the corners. Bake in the middle of the oven for about 8-10 minutes until pale golden and the sides are shrinking away from the edge of the tin.

Place a piece of baking parchment bigger than the Swiss roll on the work surface. Invert the cake on to the paper and remove (and count!) the paperclips and peel away the baking parchment.

Trim the edges of the cake with a sharp knife and make a score mark 2.5cm in along the longer edge. Roll up (from the longer edge) using the paper, rolling it up with the paper inside. Set aside to cool.

While the cake is cooling, make the icing. Melt the chocolate and 300ml of the cream in a bowl over a pan of simmering water. Refrigerate until cool and thickened. Whip the remaining cream.

Uncurl the cold Swiss roll and remove the paper. Spread a third of the icing over the surface then spread the whipped cream on top, and re-roll tightly. Cut a quarter of the cake off from one end, on the diagonal. Transfer the large piece of cake to a serving plate and angle the cut end to the side of the large cake to make a branch. Cover the surface of the cake with the melted apricot jam.

Put the remaining chocolate icing into a piping bag fitted with a star nozzle. Pipe long thick lines along the cake, covering the cake completely so it looks like the bark of a tree. Cover each end with icing or, if you wish to see the cream, leave un-iced.

Dust with icing sugar and garnish with fresh holly and red berries.

To prepare and cook ahead: Make completely, filled and iced, up to 2 days ahead. If there is time, though, it is best made on the day of serving.

To freeze: Freezes well filled, iced, or un-iced for up to 1 month. Ideally it should be frozen filled and rolled but un-iced, then iced once defrosted, which ensures the icing keeps a nice shine. Defrost in the fridge overnight to serve.

To cook in the Aga: Cook the cake on the grid shelf on the floor of the Roasting Oven for about 8-10 minutes or until shrinking away from the side of the tin. You may need to slide in the cold sheet on the second set of runners if getting too brown. Follow the rest of the recipe as above.

