

THE BURNETT BANNER

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BURNETT GATHERING 2009

29th July – 2nd August



PROGRAMME

Dinner at House of Crathes
Crathes Castle, Gardens and Grounds
Guided tour of Crathes Gardens
Visit either to Drum Castle or Kemnay House
Salmon Fishing on the River Dee
Tours of the North East
Ceilidh and Supper at Woodend Barn
Aboyne Highland Games
Monboddio the Musical – Evening Theatre production at Crathes Castle
Dinner at Milton of Crathes
Visit to the Loch of Leys to view the ancient Crannog
Guided walk up Scolty Hill to the Burnett monument
Visit to the Falls of Feugh
Journey on the Deeside Railway
And other attractions

See inside for more information.....



FUTURE CHIEF OF THE BURNETTS!

Alexander and Lavinia Burnett are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Henry Amherst Burnett of Leys, who was born on February 11th weighing 7lbs 12oz. A new brother for Amaryllis.



PROGRAMME DETAILS

Wednesday 29th July

Welcome **Reception and Dinner** - 7.00pm - 9.30pm at **House of Crathes**. Full details of arrangements for the following days will be given during the evening.

Thursday 30th July

The morning is available to enjoy **Crathes Castle, Gardens and Grounds**. There will be no charge for entry to the property on any day during the visit. There will be guided tours of the Castle for those who wish it

During the morning, there will be a **Guided Garden Tour** by The Head Gardener and his staff.

During the afternoon, guests will have the options of visiting either **Kemnay House** where they will be welcomed by Susan Burnett of Kemnay **or Drum Castle**, for a guided tour of the ancestral home of the Irvine family and now also in the ownership of the National Trust for Scotland. Numbers to Kemnay House will be restricted to 30. Please indicate on the return form which, if any, of these two if you wish to join. Both properties are under 20 minutes driving time from Crathes to where the coaches will return before returning to the hotel.

Throughout the day, **Salmon Fishing** is available on the River Dee. The estate fishing ghillies will be on-hand to give such guidance as is required. All fishing equipment and transport between Crathes Castle and the river will be provided.

Guests will be required to make their own lunch arrangements but there are two restaurants at Crathes Castle and one at the Milton of Crathes nearby.

The evening can be spent at leisure. A list of recommended restaurants will be provided.

Friday 31st July

North East Tours

Three alternative tours are planned for the day and for those who have been on previous visits, there are some new venues. Transport will be from and returning to Inchmarlo and Banchory. Lunch, Refreshments and all charges are included for all tours.

Please indicate your preference for a particular tour on the return form.

Tour A

Guided tour in **Aberdeen** to include **King's College Chapel**, the **Senate Room**, **Marischal College**, **Saint Nicholas Kirk**, and **Saint Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral**. Lunch will be provided by the **University in the Old Town House**. The tour will be guided by **Charles Burnett, the Ross Herald**.

Tour B

To include **Muchalls Castle**, built by the Burnetts in 1619 and now owned by Michael and Janet Hogan who will kindly allow us to see the house. We will visit **Fettercairn Distillery** and the dramatically spectacular **Dunnottar Castle**, a ruined cliff-top fortress with a 5,000 year history and which has been visited by many of the famous such as William Wallace, Mary Queen of Scots and The Marquess of Montrose. There is a short walk to reach it, but much can be enjoyed when viewed from a convenient vantage point.

Tour C

Visit to impressive **Fyvie Castle** with its important collections of portraits, including those by Batoni, Gainsborough and Raeburn and most recently home of the Forbes Leith family. We will then move to the **Haddo House**, the magnificent Adam mansion and home of the Gordons (The Marquesses of Aberdeen) for over 400 years.

In the evening there will be a **Traditional Ceilidh** with Supper at Woodend Barn (about 1 mile from the centre of Banchory). Woodend Barn is a former farm estate steading which has become one of the most successful community arts centres in Scotland. The evening will contain a varied programme of Scottish culture and instruction and assistance provided for Scottish Country Dancing. We may be joined by a party of Irvines. Unlike many warring clans, the Burnetts of Leys and the Irvines of Drum have been contented neighbours for 650 years and there is no reason why such a relationship should not continue during this evening!

Saturday 1st August

Visit to the **Aboyne Games** including Lunch at the Burnett Tent. Use of the tent and refreshments will be available for guests during the day. Aboyne is 12 miles west of Banchory. Guests will have to pay their own entrance charges (Allow £6.00 per adult) and arrange their own transport if not included in the group

In the evening, a return visit to **Crathes** for **Monboddo the Musical**, a theatrical production which is being specially planned and arranged for this visit. This is the story of Lord Monboddo, one of the great personalities of the Scottish Enlightenment, whose theories of evolution undoubtedly influenced those of Charles Darwin. It is the tragic story of Monboddo, his daughter Eliza and her lover, the poet Robert Burns.

Following the play there will be a farewell **Dinner** in the Grand Marquee at **Milton of Crathes**

Sunday 2nd August

A variety of activities are being arranged for the morning.

The essential guided visit to the **Loch of Leys** to see the **Crannog**, the man-made island on which the family lived prior to building the Castle.

Guided Walk up Scolty Hill to the Burnett monument, (about 45 minutes easy uphill walk) and a return via the **Falls of Feugh** where salmon can be seen ascending the falls.

A Short Journey on the Deeside Railway at the Milton of Crathes and which has progressed considerably since 2005.

We can include some viewing of our current estate projects including several developments in Banchory. Amongst other attractions will be a demonstration of Chainsaw Carving at the Milton. (see 2008 Spring Banner). Arrangements for these options will be discussed beforehand.

Eileen Bailey, historian and genealogist, will be available during the week for consultation and will be accompanying visitors on some of the tours

Throughout the week, the Inchmarlo 18-hole and 9-hole golf courses will be available for guests. There is also an excellent golf driving range. Golf clubs, trolleys and buggies are available for hire all at reduced charges.

There will be appropriate refunds for any guest who has or obtains membership of the National Trust for Scotland.

For information on Crathes, Drum, Fyvie and Haddo visit the National Trust for Scotland website: www.nts.org.uk

For Dunnottar Castle: www.dunnottarcastle.co.uk

For Inchmarlo Golf Centre: www.inchmarlogolf.com

The charge for the programme will be £240.00 inclusive of VAT. For those aged 10 - 16 (inclusive) the charge will be £120.00 and under 10 there will be no charge. It would be helpful to receive details of interest at an early date. There will be no charge for any cancellation before 31st March 2009. After that date there may be an appropriate charge.

All those interested in attending the gathering can either join the organised group or make arrangements independently. Those who wishing to join the tour should contact:-

Alba Travel & Promotions, 30 Castlefield, Cupar, Fife, Scotland, KY15 4DB.

Email: sales@alba-travel.co.uk

Telephone: 01334 656548 or

by posting the request to http://www.alba-events-scotland.com/terms_and_conditions.shtml

For those who wish to travel independently, reservation forms and further information can be obtained from the contact details below or on the Events Page on www.burnett.uk.com. Payment for the Gathering Programme can be made by Paypal on-line through the website or as directed on the form.

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THE BURNETTS OF GRINDON

I have received a copy of an article from a descendent of the Burnetts of Grindon and which refutes the suggestion that this family only arrived in Derbyshire after the 1745 and that they had lived in a manor house in Derbyshire since 1600. Herewith and extract.

Mr Thomas Burnett of Buckfurlong, Grindon, contests the statement made in "Old Leek", page 201, that "the Burnetts of Grindon had their history that they came over with the Pretender, and turned back at Ashbourne; and seeing a tract of land with only one cote thought there was room for them to settle there". Mr Burnett says "I have a memorandum in my possession which says that James Burnett, my great grandfather, came to live at Onecote Hall, in or about the year 1747. The enclosed copy of a building contract (the original of which may be seen) proves that there were Burnetts in Leek as early as 1729. I should like you to notice this".

This agreement runs as follows:- "Be it remembered that it is this day agreed betwixt James Burnet and Petter Shatto as folleth (viz) the sd P Shatto agreeth to Lay the Bricks in a new house intended to be Bult in the Derby Street in Leek in a good sufficient and workmanlike maner the front side to be Demed as good as any in the Leek where the bricks are not Dressed to finish the whole according to the directions of the sd James Burnet or some workman

Employ'd under or by him and by the 24 Day of June next and the sd James Burnet promises to pay to the sd P Shatto for all extras the front or face side of the house 2s 8d per thousand and for the front 3s 0d per thousand and the sd P Shatto promiseth to take good cair to make good sufficient Cimnys and pipes and plaster the same within with plaster made of Lime and Cow or Horse Dunge and for every Breach of this agreement to forfit to the Sd James Burnet out of his wages £1 0s 0d as witteness my hand this 25 Day of April 1729 P. Shatt. Wittenes John Prime, Jas Burnet".

The article continues to support the refutation with the evidence of over 100 registrations of births, deaths, baptisms and marriages in the intervening years between. If any reader has more information on this family or have a similar and arguably erroneously recorded family history, I would be pleased to pass on the information

Editor

WHO CAN WEAR THE TARTAN

I am often asked as to who can wear our Burnett tartan.

There is much mumbo jumbo about wearing tartan, and I always advise people if they like a particular tartan then wear it whatever the surname!

It is flattering when someone wishes to wear Burnett tartan and I am pleased to permit it with my blessing as Chief. If the enquirer does not wish to use the Burnett of Leys tartan, then I am pleased that the alternative (pictured) is chosen

James C A Burnett of Leys



LEYS TRUFFLES

(RECIPE FROM VINNIE BURNETT)

Ingredients:

400g Dark Chocolate
1 Egg
5 Tablespoons Double Cream
A generous slug of Brandy
Chocolate Powder (Dark or Milk) to roll truffles in

Method:

Melt the chocolate and cream in a bowl over hot water. Take off the heat and whisk in the egg and brandy. Leave to cool.

Scoop out a full teaspoon of chocolate mixture, roll into a ball then into the chocolate powder.

Store in fridge - unless you eat them all at once!!

FAIL ME NEVER GINGERBREAD

(RECIPE FROM MRS ROBB, CRATHES)

Ingredients:

110g Margarine
2 Tablespoons each of Syrup & Treacle mixed
2 Eggs
1 Teaspoon of mixed spice
1 Teaspoon of ginger
1 Tea Cup of brown sugar
2 Tea Cups of plain flour
1 Small Cup of hot water

Method:

Preheat oven to 190°C, Gas Mark 5.

Cream the margarine and sugar. Add the syrup and treacle. Beat in eggs. Fold in the flour and spices. Dissolve the bicarbonate of soda in the hot water then stir into the mixture and pour into prepared baking loaf tin. Bake for 40 - 45 minutes.

LEYS ESTATE SLEIGH

Before the days of motorised vehicles, pony and trap was the normal mode of transport. When in times of snow at Crathes, the alternative was the sleigh and one of these has been lying here for many years awaiting attention. Alexander was encouraged to do this, with a little help, for the estate visitor centre at the Milton last Christmas. Not only was it well worthwhile for the sleigh but, with the accompanying 'reindeer', the project also made the national press. The reindeer was the subject of a popular quiz to guess his name and the whole ensemble gave many children, and consequently adults also, a great deal of pleasure.

The reindeer was carved by Carol McGuire, who is a tenant on the estate. She saw a demonstration of chainsaw carving at a local agricultural show a few years ago and decided to allow her latent talent to emerge. Her work is highly sought after and she has agreed to provide a demonstration of her skills during the 2009 Gathering.



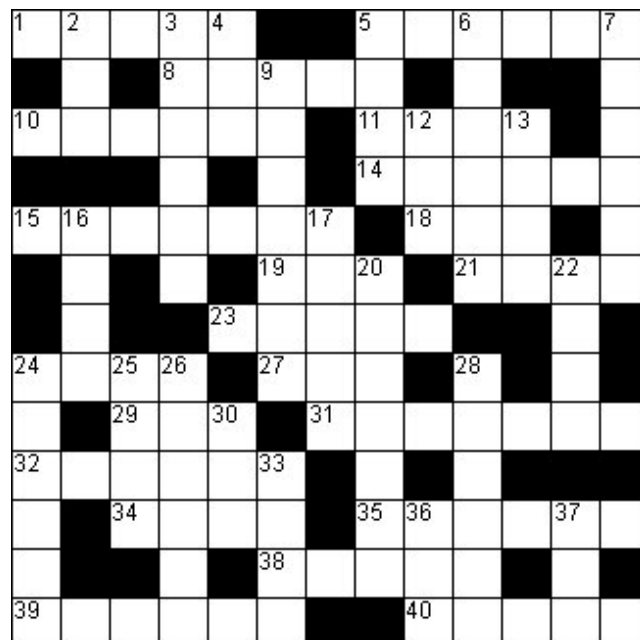
BEFORE



DURING



AFTER



ACROSS

- 1 Purloin (5)
- 5 Heed (6)
- 8 Insect (5)
- 10 Hairdresser (6)
- 11 Desire (4)
- 14 Straight (6)
- 15 Advantage (7)
- 18 Seaman (3)
- 19 Present (3)
- 21 Contribute (4)
- 23 Principle (5)
- 24 Intense (4)
- 27 Performed (3)
- 29 Label (3)
- 31 Climb (7)
- 32 Concealed (6)
- 34 Nimbus (4)
- 35 Bomb-hole (6)
- 38 Rustic (5)
- 39 Coercion (6)
- 40 Foot-lever (5)

DOWN

- 2 Beverage (3)
- 3 Walked (6)
- 4 Untruth (3)
- 5 Crude (4)
- 6 Screw (6)
- 7 Caught (6)
- 9 Exhausted (7)
- 12 Strike (3)
- 13 Lake (4)
- 16 Margin (4)
- 17 Restorative (5)
- 20 Matrimony (7)
- 22 Pleasant (4)
- 24 Cleaned (6)
- 25 Engrave (4)
- 26 Procession (6)
- 28 Pierce (6)
- 30 Solidify (3)
- 33 Playthings (4)
- 36 Material (3)
- 37 Epoch (3)

BURNET ON THE GATINEAU RIVER, QUEBEC

I am grateful to John Armstrong for the advice that there is a place on the Gatineau River in Quebec, north of Ottawa, called Burnet (mis-spelled) named after his great grandfather.

James C A Burnett of Leys

BANCHORY WEBSITE

Anyone visiting Crathes at any time might find the Banchory website of interest or to find out about up and coming events, promotions and offers:

www.visitbanchory.com

HIGHLAND GAMES IN WAUKESHA WISCONSIN



*HOB Secretary with member
Gianna Burnett-Radcliffe*

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*HOB member George Mead in the
Burnett Tent at Pleasanton
Highland Games in Pleasanton,
California*



*HOB Secretary giving a presentation to
3rd grade students*



*Secretary with Gloria Burnett-
Hansen at Boys & Girls Club
Christmas Gala*

**HOB MEMBERS WITH THE SECRETARY AT
THE DUPONT LODGE IN CUMBERLAND FALLS, KENTUCKY**



*Guess who came to dinner with the Secretary? **35 Burnetts!***



THE HOUSE OF BURNETT

A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

By the time this edition of the Banner is published I will have survived a record snowfall in Wisconsin. I will also have had my House of Burnett Tent at the Tartan Festival in Jonesborough, TN.

We will again have a House of Burnett Tent at the Glasgow Kentucky Highland Games. The games start Thursday 29 May and close at 4PM on Sunday June 1st. The Chief of the 2008 Games will be David Irvine 26th Baron of Drum. If you are in the area stop by.

If you are planning on being at an event please post it on the event page of the Burnett web site. As I sort out which events I will be able to visit, I will post them so if you are in the area stop and introduce yourself.

There are over 30,000 Burnett's in the US alone so let us try to make other members of the family aware of the web site. In other words spread the word. Also make copies of the Banner and make sure other Burnett get a chance to read it.

There is a listing of the Burnett items I have on the web site. You can order over the net or you can contact me directly and I will ship the items to you. You can also get most of the items thru the Lays Estate Store but if you are in the US the postage is less thru me.

You can also pay your dues thru the web site by going to the House of Burnett membership page. We have signed 16 new members since the new web site has been up and running. As the word spreads I expect for this number to increase drastically.

Else where in this edition of the Banner, information about the 2009 trip will be posted. I have heard from over 100 of you so I am looking for a large group and I know we will have a great time.

I hope I can keep up the pace until some of the younger members of the Burnett family, who have more energy than I, fill in some of the unfilled positions. If you are interested in getting more involved please let me know.

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DR BURNETT AND SAMUEL PEPYS

I recently read a biography of Samuel Pepys and noticed several references to Bishop Burnet.

I checked in the index to find one of them is incorrect. Bishop Burnet in the index includes reference to a page which mentions Pepys's doctor, Dr Burnett who died in the Great Plague. I might write to the publisher to suggest that it might be corrected and pointing out that Bishop Burnet died in 1715 of pleurisy and that the Dr Burnett, as referred to on Page 175 may have been Dr Thomas Burnet, son of Alexander Burnet of Leys, who was born about 1570 and was a physician of some eminence by 1634 and lived in Braintree in Essex.

It might even have been his younger brother, Dr Duncan Burnet who practised in Norwich. The most likely candidate might be Thomas Burnett of Crimond who was physician to King Charles II. However, Sir Thomas, as he was to become, lived to be physician to later monarchs including Queen Anne and so can be excluded.

The error may only be a slip of the pen, but it would be of interest to know who the identity of the doctor if he was one of 'our' Burnets

James C A Burnett of Leys

FLAG OF SCOTLAND

The flag of Scotland features a white cross (representing the cross of the Christian martyr Saint Andrew) on a blue field.

The flag of Scotland is one of the oldest flags in the world, traditionally dating back to the 9th century, and is the oldest national flag still in modern use.

Accord to legend, in 832 A.D. King Angus led the Picts and Scots in battle against the Angles under King Aethelstan of East Anglia. King Angus and his men were surrounded and he prayed for deliverance. During the night Saint Andrew, who was martyred on a saltire cross, appeared to Angus and assured him of victory. On the following morning the white cross against the background of a blue sky and appeared to both sides. The Picts and Scots were heartened by this, but the Angles lost confidence and were defeated. This design of a white cross on a blue background has been in use ever since.



Leland L. Burnett

BURNETT - COX

My article on the Burnett Cox union in the last edition of the Banner has brought to light some surprising information.

Kathryn Ann Burnett Hegedus, whose grandfather Emery Thomas Burnett is a direct descendent of Burnett's from Aberdeen as added some further information.

Her brother, Scott Thomas Burnett, is a history teacher and has traced their family back to the Aberdeen days. All males in their family have always included *Thomas* in their names. (see front page) Their family came to Virginia in 1632 to plant tobacco under the King's grant and the family has lived in Virginia ever since. She points out that I am correct in that the marriage of Alexander Burnett and Lavinia Cox in 2005 was not only the second Burnett-Cox union. It was actually the 2nd Burnett and Lavinia Cox union of which she is aware believing her grandparents to be the first. Her grandfather Emery Thomas Burnett married her grandmother Ethel Lavinia Cox on 22 December, 1939.

I hope that Kathryn does not appear to hold it against me by adding to it. I thank Eileen Bailey for the knowledge of an even earlier Burnett / Lavinia Cox union. June Bork, in her genealogy of John Burnett, Merchant from Aberdeen and his descendants, records a Samuel Burnett born 1783 in Montgomery or Patrick Co, Virginia, son of Jeremiah Burnett & Mary Johnston. He married Lavinia Cox, daughter of James Cox from Henry Co. Virginia who fought in the Revolutionary War. Samuel's brother, Jeremiah Burnett, married Lavinia's sister Elizabeth Cox.

Regardless, I am still grateful to Kathryn for this and hope that it will provoke others into submitting similar detail. She is going to try to track down the Cox side of her family and is curious to see if her line of Cox's backs into Ms. Bork's family in Patrick/Montgomery County, Virginia. She would almost have to believe they were distant cousins that married in the 1780's and then again in the 1930's. Her grandmother's middle name was Lavinia, her brother was named James and her sister Elizabeth. Kathryn points out that the odds that those three names are still remaining within the Cox line may well be a little more than just circumstantial and that it is interesting that the twisting of family lineage is almost like a DNA band. As she suggests, "its all in the blood."

Thanks also to Kathryn for sending me the photograph of her wedding in May 2003 to James Hegedus. She asks us to note her hair which is of a shade common in my own close family!



Left to right, her father William Thomas Burnett; her mother Deborah Marshall Burnett; Kathryn, James Hegedus; her brother Scott Thomas Burnett; her father's sister, Nancy Kathryn Burnett; and her aunt's husband, Harold Parsons.

James C A Burnett of Leys

GARDENAWILLOWS AND THE CENTINELA ADOBE

Randy Baldwin is involved in a documentary video that involves several cities to the south of Los Angeles California. As many readers may know Sir Robert Burnett owned much of the land just south of Los Angeles. The video is for a non-profit environmental group and will be used to inspire membership and donations. It is about the Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve.

See: www.gardenawillows.org/history.html. Gardena is one of the cities south of Los Angeles that was part of Sir Robert's land after his purchase of the Sausal Redondo Rancho. The Willows Wetland is one of the last remaining areas of what was known as the Dominguez Slough. It was a stream system that was fed by rainwater runoff from the entire area of Sir Robert's land. Now all of it has been canalized except for the small Willows area. The video will go into the restoration process of the Willows and key on the organization that is in charge of this restoration. In a year or so one may be able to go into the Willows Preserve and get a feel for what Sir Robert saw when he first came to this area! He plans to finish the video by late summer, so currently he only has a working title for the project

For information to readers our correspondence did lead him to the Centinela Adobe which has a copy of a painting that I sent him along with a portrait of Sir Robert as an older gentleman. They may also have some photographs of Sir Robert in their archives. One web site that he found about the Centinela Adobe and that had a good historical timeline is: www.laokay.com/CentinelaAdobe.html

BEING CHIEF OF THE NAME

I have had correspondence with Mr Paul Doucette, a member of the Southborough (Mass.) Historical Society, who are working on a genealogy of the Joseph Burnett family, prominent former residents of our town. During their research, they have found several variations of the family coat of arms and clan badge and requested my permission to put my Burnett Coat of Arms image, text, and Clan Badge on their website. To this I offered no objection

He points out that Joseph Burnett and his family were quite remarkable people. He had thought the Burnett Coat of Arms with the Horn of Leys, represented all of the Burnett Family. Joseph Burnett's family were originally Burnaps and they can trace his family back to the early 16th Century in England. Years later, John Burnap changed his surname to Burnet. He questions whether or not the Burnap line, later Burnett, from County Hertfordshire, England, are connected to our Ley's branch and share the same Coat of Arms and Clan Badge? If not, he has not been able to locate arms for the Burnap Clan and wondered if I had a source. He points out that there are a number of slightly different versions of the Burnett's of Leys Coat of Arms, as well as about the same for the clan badge. The reason for the similarities, or use of horn and holly leaves, is because in Scotland all bearing the same surname are assumed to be related – however distantly. Because the Chief was the first to record holly leaves and horn for his coat of arms thereafter any Burnett who wishes a coat of arms must include these elements as well, but with differences, so that their Arms are not confused with the chiefly Arms.

No link has been traced between a specific Burnap family and Burnett of Leys. I would suggest that this is an example of the many variations in spelling of names that occurred during the centuries when many people were illiterate and names appearing in records were written and spelt phonetically as the clerk/recorded heard them. Hence one can see how a variation through Burnap-Burnat-Burnet-Burnett could have occurred. No Burnapp Coat of Arms has been found

It may be of interest that the following information from the College of Arms should be noted: There is no such thing as a 'coat of arms for a surname'. Many people of the same surname will often be entitled to completely different coats of arms, and many of that surname, will be entitled to no coat of arms. Coats of arms belong to individuals. For any person to have a right to a coat of arms they must either have had it granted to them or be descended in the legitimate male line from a person to whom arms were granted or confirmed in the past."

The College of Arms also points out "There is also no point in asking us about clan membership, clan badges and the like. The clan system is entirely Scottish and as this website is at pains to point out the College of Arms has no responsibility for Scotland. English families cannot be associated to a clan, and

still less form a clan themselves, unless they are ultimately of Scottish descent."

Paul Doucette also asks whether as Chief of the Burnett Family, I am also the head of all members who have joined the family, by marriage or have "adopted" themselves into the Burnett family? I accept that it does sound a little pompous to state that, as Chief of the Name, I am the nominal head of all Burnetts but it is correct. However, no chief would ever claim or insist on allegiance from every Burnett in the World.

Without appearing too serious about it, the following might be of interest. Historically a 'broken' man or outcast from a clan could seek shelter and protection by giving allegiance to another chief, and if that chief was agreeable, the broken man would become a member of the clan. With that concept in mind, it has been suggested that I might consider the issue of a House of Burnett Certificate accepting someone into the House, even if the surname was not Burnett, on condition that the person accepted me as Head of the House of Burnett. The "fee" for such a document could be membership of the House of Burnett!

Any comment may or may not be welcome!

James C A Burnett of Leys

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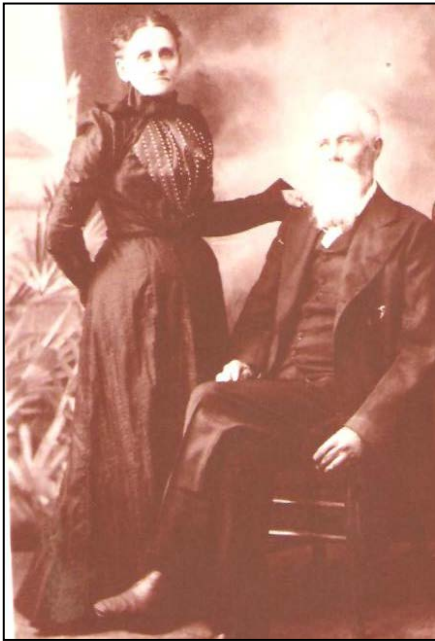
CREST AND BADGE

On a not dissimilar subject to that of the above article "Being Chief of the Name". Jack (D Jackson) Burnette writes to say that in his research for a small book he wrote on his branch of the Burnett family (copy sent to Crathes) it was mentioned that the crest and badge were the sole property of the chief. He asks whether it would it be proper to identify them as the insignia of the head of the family at Crathes Castle

The Arms are my property as Head of the House of Burnett and can be displayed [but not used] by Members of the House as a mark of loyalty to me. The Burnett crest [hand & knife cutting the vine] is also my personal property and can be worn by a House of Burnett Member as long as it is inside a belt and buckle. An accurate reply would be that the coat of arms [including crest] are the personal ensigns armorial of the Head of the House of Burnett who lives at House of Crathes near Banchory. The horn badge is not personal to the Head of the House but is associated with the name Burnett of Leys and is worn again as a mark of respect to the Head of the House.

If all this sounds a little formal, that is the way it is with heraldry! In reality it is not quite so serious although there has recently been litigation against a prominent American for the misuse of heraldry

James C A Burnett of Leys



Top Left

Henry Whiteside Burnett and Wife Elizabeth McReynolds Burnett. Henry was a Union soldier in the Civil War



Top Right

Son of above, Samuel Mack Burnett with wife Margaret Angeline Nichols Burnett and niece Pansy Burnett

Bottom Right

Oldest daughter of Samuel, Ruby Louise Burnett Click *

* Ruby is the mother of Helen Stockstill, HOB member, who submitted these photos. Helen resides in Lyons, Kansas



Dunnottar Castle, Stonehaven

ARTICLE FROM MARGARET BURNET

I have received an enquiry from a descendant of Patrick Gordon, 9th Laird of Hallhead, and who died in 1683. Patrick Gordon's wife was Margaret, and the enquirer believes that she was the Margaret Burnet of Leys born circa 1635-1640 to Alexander Burnett & Jean Arbuthnot.

I am unable to shine much light on this as it is unfortunate that the Margaret Burnett of Leys mentioned in the enquiry message is one of a number of Burnetts on whom Eileen Bailey, our historian and genealogist, is still trying to location information. Margaret was one of four grandchildren mentioned in Sir Thomas Burnett's will but, other than that, neither George Burnett nor Eileen has managed to locate any more of her life history. It is possible that she married Patrick Gordon of Hallhead but at this point in time neither the Burnett nor Gordon known history has made this obvious.

Not a very satisfactory reply to the suggestion that Patrick Gordon of Hallhead's wife was Margaret Burnet and which the enquirer supports with the following 3 reasons

1. Patrick & Margaret's grandson was the philosopher and historian Dr. Adam Ferguson 1723-1816. Several scholarly works about him refer to his being descended from the Earls of Argyll through his mother Mary Gordon. Margaret Burnet was descended from the Earls of Argyll.
2. Families intermarried a lot in those days, and it is obvious that the Gordons and Burnetts knew each other well, as there were other marriages between the families.

Adam Gordon (Margaret Burnet's nephew) married Elspet Burnet in 1681.

Katherine Gordon married John Burnet in 1714.

Isabella Black (greatgranddaughter of Patrick & Margaret Gordon) married James Burnet, son of the above-mentioned Katherine & John Burnet, in 1741.

The above-mentioned Isabella and James Burnet's daughter Catherine married the same Dr. Adam Ferguson the philosopher in 1766.

3. Prior to the supposed marriage of Patrick Gordon & Margaret Burnet? the name Alexander does not appear in the Gordon of Hallhead family. Margaret's father and brother were both Alexander, and the name Alexander appears in my family tree faithfully for 5 generations after that.

Both the enquirer, to whom I am most grateful for this correspondence, and I would be pleased for any information which may relevant to the above.

The Editor

BURNETTS IN TASMANIA

I have had some interesting correspondence from Reg Watson in Tasmania and for which I am grateful Reg a descendant of James Burnett (1849-1897) who came to Van Diemen's Land many years ago. His father was also James Burnett, from Scotland who was born (circa) 1822, but unfortunately little is known about any further ancestry

Our archive records a James Burnett (born 1742) of the Burnett-Stuart line who became James Burnett of Countesswells (near Aberdeen). He married Elizabeth Grant, daughter of Sir Ludwick Grant of Dalvey. Of their children, John Burnett (born 1781) married Penelope Isabella Hayes. They lived for a time at Woodend Cottage on the Leys Estate and then on the isle of Man before John was appointed the 1st Colonial Secretary of Van Dieman's Land. He arrived in Hobart with wife & children in Nov 1826. He later became Sheriff of Van Dieman's Land in 1841.

James Burnett (born 1849) could be a son of John & Penelope's son James Ludwick Burnet (born 1815 in Scotland) or of John Cartwright Burnett (born 1817 in Scotland) or of Atholl Burnett (born 1821 on Isle of Man) as they all went to Tasmania. We have no further information about James (1815) or Atholl(1821). John Cartwright Burnett was employed at Hobart College of Customs & was Comptroller of Navigational Laws. He married Ellen Cox of Launceston & died in England in 1887. [see pages 204-206 of "Holly & The Horn"]

Reg Watson replies that he is aware of the James Burnett mention in your first paragraph above, but whilst there may be some connection, it is not direct to the James Burnett, whom he previously mentioned. For information there was also a Thomas Burnett, Royal Navy, who was appointed Maritime Surveyor and whilst undertaking his duties drowned in the River Derwent in 1838, aged 31. There is a rather large memorial to him in Hobart's St David's Park.

The Burnett's contained in the second paragraph or the archive report above are of great interest, but Reg is uncertain of a connection. Certainly Burnett is a common name and popular name. The one he is endeavouring to trace was James Burnett, born Lanark, Galsgow 29th April 1848 son of James Alexander Burnett, Bells Hill, Glasgow. It is difficult to state the exact birth date for James Alexander. One source says 1822, another 1796.

Inconclusive as this is, he has sent me some interesting pictures from Scotland of the Burnetts and which he has allowed me to place in the Banner. Pictures below.

Any comment of further information will be of interest

The Editor



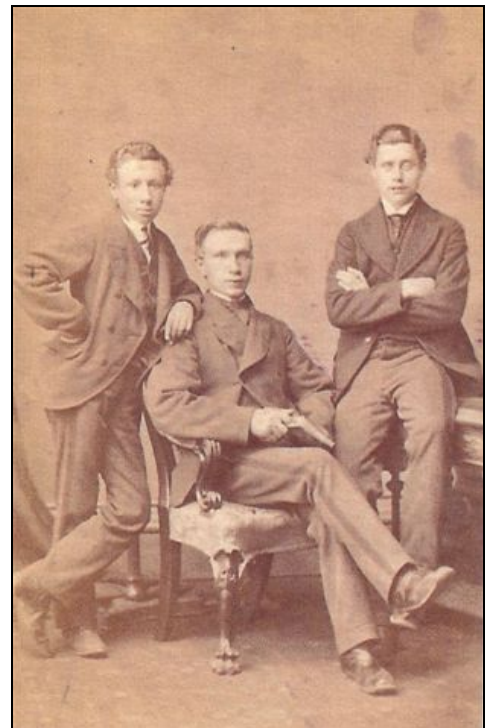
The unidentified photograph of this beautiful girl has actually been taken here in Tasmania and is believed to be a Burnett. It is included just in case there are facial similarities



This picture was taken by W.J. HOGG, Gt. Hamilton Street, Glasgow. Most probably a Burnett girl or could be a Davidson as I believe a family of Davidsons married into the Burnetts



Photograph by Turnbull & Sons, Corner of Jamaica and Argyle Streets, Glasgow. It is actually identified as Maragret Davidson. The Davidson family married in the Burnetts



These three boy's pic was taken in Glasgow and I believe are Burnett brothers. What is intriguing me is the stripe down their trousers. A musical band of some sort? Perhaps it is a school uniform? No identification, unfortunately

WOMAN IN ARMS

One of the common sense observations we are taught from our earliest years is that things change. Well, things are certainly changing when it comes to the number of women that are bearing coats of arms. Whether by courtesy from their father, or in their own name, the number of women that display coats of arms has certainly grown in recent years.

Although we like to think that we live in an enlightened age where the differences between the sexes regarding legal rights and obligations are becoming less “sex” determinative, the law of arms still has certain rules and customs that apply to the individual based on one’s sex.

Of course, as with all things, there are exceptions but among the prevailing customs and rules are the following.

A woman does not bear arms on a shield. She bears arms on a lozenge or an oval.

Unlike a male child, a woman may bear the arms of her father, without mark of cadency, by courtesy. Thus Eliza, the daughter of our chief may bear arms as depicted below.



Along with the increasing interest in heraldry as a whole has been the increase in the number of women who have decided to bear arms in their own right. When a woman matriculates arms with the Court of the Lord Lyon she will be assigned a suitable mark of cadency, just as a male applicant would be. To illustrate the point, below are my arms as registered in Scotland and those of my daughter, Erin, whose application is pending. Erin’s arms illustrate the common Scottish practice of differencing arms with a bordure. Notice the shape of the shield is an oval.



As with a male, the female applicant might also choose to add a mark or charge of some sort to difference the arms rather than use a bordure. As an example, should Eliza matriculate her own arms she might choose something like the ones below. Of course she might use any number of charges

agreeable to the Lord Lyon, the one used below is merely for the purpose of illustration.



A woman often does not depict a crest above her arms. While women in Scotland have been granted arms on a shield in the past which include helmets and crests, it has been the exception to the rule, rather than the normal practice. This custom now seems to be cracking a little. The argument has been that a shield and helmet are implements of war and that women, as the more genteel sex, do not participate in such activities. Another argument has been that the true purpose of heraldry is identification and that the shape of the shield thus provides greater ease of identification if it remains “sex” biased. To this many have answered that the last 40 years have certainly seen the winds change in the numbers of women that enlist in the military, and that even participate in combat roles. They would also add that in any case, a well deserving woman should have the same right to depict her arms any way she chooses. So, this rule may “adjust” as time goes by.

Below is the full achievement of Erin Burnett.



And the “male” version



To me the “male” version has moreumph... Perhaps it is the mantling that adds the extra flourish. I am told that in the hands of a creative artist suitable adjustments can be made to make the woman’s arms more appealing. In any case, it pleases me to see that after several years of relative inactivity, the last 30 years or so has seen an increase in the number of Burnett’s (including women) bearing coats of arms.

John Burnett
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SCOTTISH GAMES & CELTIC FESTIVALS FOR 2008

April

- 5-6 San Antonio Highland Games**
P.O. Box 5451, San Antonio,
TX 78201-5451
- 12 Dunedin Highland Games**
P.O. Box 507, Dunedin, FL 34698
- 18-20 Loch Norman Highland Games**
P.O. Box 1009, Huntersville,
NC 28070-1009
- 19-20 Las Vegas Celtic Gathering & Highland Games**
2250 E. Tropicana Ave. Suite 19-514,
Las Vegas, NV 89119
- 26 Southern Maryland Celtic Festival & Highland Gathering**
P.O. Box 209, Prince Frederick,
MD 20678

May

- 2-3 Triad Highland Games**
307 Gregg Street, Archdale,
NC 27263
- 2-4 Scottish Festival & Celtic Gathering**
P.O. Box 2511, Clarksburg,
WV 26302
- 3 Savannah Scottish Games & Highland Gathering**
P.O. Box 13435, Savannah, GA 31416
- 3-4 Celebration of Celts**
5564 Rts 9H & 23 Hudson, NY 12534
- 3-4 Th' Gatherin' Fire Festival O' Beltane**
221 Main WaKeeney, KS 67672
- 9-10 Celtic Festival & Highland Games at Historic Bethabara Park**
2147 Bethabara Road, Winston Salem, NC 27106
- 9-11 Kentucky Scottish Weekend**
P.O. Box 11441, Cincinnati,
OH 45211-0441
- 10 Frederick Celtic Festival**
101 Foxfield Pass, Middletown,
MD 21769
- 16-18 Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games**
1104 Sanders Road, Knoxville,
TN 37923
- Colonial Highland Gathering**
20 Wakefield Drive, Newark, DE 19711
(Mailing Address Only)
- 17 Games Held at Natural Resources Area Fair Hill, Maryland**

May Cont.

- 17 Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games**
1366 Camelback Dr, Eagan,
MN 55123

Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival & Highland Games

- 17** 3002 Wilson Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106-1815

Houston Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Festival

- 17-18** P.O. Box 66, Bellaire, TX 77402-0066

Alma Highland Festival | & Games

- 24-25** P.O. Box 516, Alma, MI 48801

May Glasgow Highland Games

- 29-Jun 1** 119 E. Main St, Glasgow,
KY 42141-2835

June

McHenry Highland Festival

- 6-8** P.O. Box 926
McHenry, MD 21550

Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games

- 6-8** P.O. Box 511, Clifton, TX 76634

Greater Greenville Scottish Games & Highland Festival

- 7** 225 S. Pleasantburg Dr. # B12-1
Greenville, SC 29607

New Date

Milwaukee Highland Games & Scottish Festival

- 7** W 167 S6827 Oakhill Drive
Muskego, WI 53150

Kansas City Scottish Highland Games

- 13-15** c/o Kansas City Highland Games, PO
Box 712, Lawrence,
KS 66044-0712

Blairsville Scottish Festival and Highland Games

- 13-15** P.O. Box 789, Blairsville, GA 30514

Alasdair Fraser Sierra Fiddle Camp & Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling School

- 13-21** 1502 Kona Place, Santa Rosa,
CA 5403

Indiana Highland Games

- 14** 619 East DuPont Rd. #158
Ft. Wayne, IN 46825-2055

United States Piping Foundation Championship

- 21** 20 Wakefield Drive
Newark, DE 19711-7012

Illinois St. Andrew Society Chicago Highland Games

- 21** 2800 Des Plaines Avenue,
N. Riverside, IL 60546-1899

Prosser Scottish Fest

- 21** 1230 Bennett Ave, Prosser,
WA 99350

Potomac Celtic Festival

- 21-22** 525-K E. Market St., #295
Leesburg, VA 20176

Ohio Scottish Games

- 28** P.O. Box 3, Lorain, OH 44052-0003



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28 Western Massachusetts Highland Games & Celtic Festival
69 Maple Street, Easthampton,
MA 01027

28-29 San Diego Scottish Highland Games & Gathering of the Clans
P.O. Box 3682, Vista. Ca. 92085

28-29 Wyoming Celtic Festival & Highland Games
P. O. Box 7121, Gillette,
WY 82717-7121

July

5 Round Hill Scottish Games
P.O. Box 2216, Darien, CT 06820

5-6 Monterey Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Festival
956 Via Verde, Del Ray Oaks,
CA 93940

10-13 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
P.O. Box 1095, Linville, NC 28646

19-20 Elizabeth Celtic Festival
P.O.Box 2149, Elizabeth, CO 80107

26-27 Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering
Seattle Scottish Highland Games
Association, P.O. Box 75685
Seattle, WA 98175-0685

**New
Member**

August

2 St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games
30161 Southfield Road, Cranebrook
Center, Suite 112, Southfield,
MI 48076

8-10 Colorado Scottish Festival & Rocky Mountain Highland Games
9 River View Rd, Denver, CO 80215

16 Amherst Museum Scottish Festival
3755 Tonawanda Creek Road
Amherst, NY 14228-1599

16 Maine Highland Games
P.O. Box 2810, Augusta,
ME 04338-2810

22-30 Alasdair Fraser Sierra Fiddle Camp & Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling School
1502 Kona Place, Santa Rosa,
CA 5403

23 Celtic Highland Games of the Quad Cities-IOWA
P.O. Box 3201, Rock Island, IL 61204-
3201(Mailing Address only)
**Games held at Mississippi Valley
Fairgrounds, Davenport, Iowa**

23 Kalamazoo Scottish Festival
P.O. Box 511, Oshtemo,
MI 49077-0511

23 Long Island Scottish Games
58 Bayberry Drive, Huntington,
NY 11743

30-31 Capital District Scottish Games
40 Terrace Ave, Albany, NY 12203

September

5 Wisconsin Highland Games & Celtic Fling
P.O. Box 270292, West Allis,
WI 53227

New Date

11-14 Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival
P.O. Box 1820, Estse Park,
CO 80517-1820

12-14 Western Kentucky Highland Festival
2028 Jefferson Street, Paducah,
KY 42001

12-14 Ligonier Highland Games
P.O. Box 884, Bethel Park,
PA 15102-0884

12-14 Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival
P.O. Box 5384, Johnson City,
TN 37602

13-14 Columbus Scottish Festival
P.O. Box 2573, Columbus,
IN 47202-2573

13-14 Virginia Scottish Games
P.O. Box 1338, Alexandria, VA 22313

New Date

20 Charleston Scottish Games & Highland Gathering
P.O. Box 31951, Charleston,
SC 29417

20-21 Oklahoma Scottish Festival
P.O. Box 9797, Tulsa, OK 74157

26-28 New Hampshire Highland Games
P.O. Box 4197
Concord, NH 03302-4197

26-28 Celtic Classic
532 Main St, Bethlehem,
PA 18018

27 Pipes In The Valley Celtic Music Festival
776 Tolland St, East Hartford,
CT 06108

27 Dandridge Highland Games & Festival
P.O. Box 507, Danridge,
TN 34697-0507

**New
Member
2008**

27-28 Alabama Highland Games
P.O. Box 241204, Montgomery,
AL 36124-1204

27-28 McPherson Scottish Festival
P.O. Box 616, McPherson, KS 67460

October

**Games St. Louis Scottish Games & Cultural
Suspended Festival
For 2008** www.stlouis-scottishgames.com

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Website**



SCOTTISH GAMES & CELTIC FESTIVALS FOR 2008

October Cont

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| 3-5 | Flora MacDonald Highland Games
P.O. Box 547, Red Springs,
NC 28377 | |
| 4 | St. Andrew's Society of Connecticut
Scottish Festival
P.O. Box 1195, Litchfield,
CT 06459 | |
| 4 | Williamsburg Scottish Festival
P.O. Box 866, Williamsburg,
VA 23187-0866 | New
Date |
| 11 | Anne Arundel Scottish Highland
Games
P.O. Box 539, Crownsville,
MD 21032 | |
| 18-19 | Stone Mountain Highland Games &
Scottish Festival
P.O. Box 14023, Atlanta,
GA 30324-1023 | |
| 25 | Waxhaw Gathering of the Clans
and Scottish Games
P.O. Box 527, Waxhaw,
NC 28173 | |
| 25-26 | Richmond Highland Games &
Celtic Festival
P.O. Box 26805, Richmond,
VA 23261-6805 | |

*These dates have been taken from The Association of
Scottish Games and Festivals website.*