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BURNETT GATHERING 30TH JULY - 5TH AUGUST 2017

Full details are on www.burnett.uk.com and a summary on page 13 & 14 of this banner. The set programme has a number of options may be of interest to some visitors. If any reader has any questions about the Gathering, please contact burnettgathering@leysestate.co.uk

If accommodation at Inchmarlo is required, it would be appreciated if that can be notified to us at an early date to ensure availability

ALEXANDER BURNETT MSP

Having returned to Edinburgh after the summer recess, our Member of the Scottish Parliament, Alexander Burnett, has been much in the news of late. As the Opposition spokesman on Energy, not least amongst the current topics is the first delivery of shale gas from the United States during the last week. The subject is controversial. The Government have declared a moratorium on fracking on environmental grounds, whilst they are quite prepared to accept shale gas from other countries. Alexander is due to make a speech on the subject at a shale conference shortly after this Banner is issued. The debate rolls on.

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

The 61st Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games took place on 7th - 10th July 2016.

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CRATHES BURNETT FAMILY UPDATE

We have a new addition to the family. Theodore (Theo) Zachary Pasha Asghar was born on July 13th 2016 to Eliza and Azzy and is already receiving some essential instruction from his sister Serena.

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COLUMBUS GAMES



NOTE FROM THE HOB SECRETARY

Greetings to All;

Sadly we lost two of our important Burnett's this summer. John A Burnett a House of Burnett Board member and my younger Brother Herbert L Burnett.

James Burnette and John C Burnett stepped up and maned the tent at Grandfather Mountain Games In July. John A and his wife Melissa had done this for several years. There was a large turnout of the Burnett Family. Jim Burnette has also volunteer to take the lead at the Burnett tent T the Stone Mountain GA Games on 14-16 Oct 2016. I just attended the Wisconsin Games over the Labor Day weekend. We had a great turnout. I will be at the Columbus IN. Games on 10 and 11 September. I will also attend the Indianapolis Games on 8 Oct. If you are in the area stop by.

It is less than one year we will be making our way to Scotland. I'm looking for a large number of to join me in making the trip. I plan on going to Glasgow on the 29th of July, have the bus pick up anyone wishing for a ride to Banchory on 30 July. I encourage everyone to line up your accommodations early. As it gets closer it may get harder to do so. Keep this in mind. If you have any questions please contact me.

We need articles for the Banner. If you have anything of Interest to the family please submit them.

Elections for the Board of directors to take office in Jan. 2017 will take place in Dec. I will be calling for your vote in NOV. The Board will be electing the Executive officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer) at the Board meeting in Late Nov. or early Dec. Those officers duly elected will take office on 1 Jan. 2017

Yours Aye

Leland L. Burnett
Secretary, House of Burnett

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

At the instigation of the ambitious young brother of King of the Scots, Henry VIII led an army against Scotland. King James IV and the "flowers" of Scottish nobility were brutally slain at the Battle of Flodden on September 9, 1513, one of the greatest disasters to befall the country.

The pipe tune "Flowers of the Forest" was a soulful lament written shortly after the battle took place. The "forest" refers to a district of Scotland called Ettrick Forest where the battle took place.

Following in this tradition Herbert L Burnett and John A. Burnett who died in the summer of 2016, names will be entered into the roll, of the Flowers of the Forest at the Wisconsin Scottish Games during the Kirking of the Tartan Ceremony on Sunday September 4th, 2016.

Leland L. Burnett
Secretary, House of Burnett

JOHN A BURNETT

John A Burnett was a member of the House of Burnett Board of Directors. He is pictured here with his wife, Melissa and James Burnett, at the U.S. Burnett Reunion in Las Vegas, April of 2015.

John A. Burnett, 73, of Orange City, passed away peacefully at home on July 10 with his family by his side. A native of Flemington, Florida, Mr. Burnett grew up in the

Ocala area, graduating from Ocala High School. He went on to serve in the US Army National Guard and worked 22 years at



Publix Supermarkets. After leaving Publix, John went into the insurance business, retiring after 25 years with GuideOne Insurance as the Sales Director for NC, SC, VA, and DC. He was as a member of Stetson Baptist Church in DeLand and a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow.

John leaves behind to cherish his memory, his beloved wife of 36 years, Melissa, and his devoted daughter, Stephania, & her husband, Tim Buteyn, of Lockport, IL, sisters, Amelia (Curtis) Johnson, Betty Sue (Henry) Padgett, Shirley (Lamar) Yawn, Helen (Stanley) Williams and brothers, Franklin (Phyllis) Burnett and Horace (Lynda) Burnett. John was preceded in death by his parents Jame F. and Alice E. Burnett.

The family has suggested memorials to Stetson Baptist Church Imagine Fund, 1025 West Minnesota Ave., DeLand, FL 32720, or to NC Baptist Mens Disaster Relief, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512. All are invited to share their memories with the family at www.lankfordfuneralhome.com.

HERBERT BURNETT

Herbert L. Burnett, age 72, of Somerset, passed from this life on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at his residence.

Herbert was born on November 22, 1943, in Somerset, son of the late James and Luticia Calia Burnett. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Herbert was an employee of Somerset Wood products. He loved gardening and watching U.K. basketball. Herbert was of Baptist faith.

He is survived by his wife, Vera Bradley Burnett; their sons, Timothy Burnett, of Cincinnati, and Kevin (and Jana) Burnett, of Walton; his brother, Leland Burnett, of Wisconsin; his four grandchildren, Kristyn, Aciee, Parker and Alexander; and his loving nieces and nephews.

Preceding Herbert in death are his parents; his brothers, Otto Burnett and Eugene Burnett; and his sisters, Eva Mae Jenkins and Josephine Sutton.

Memorial Services were held at Rock Lick Baptist Church, of Somerset. Bro. Jerry Burnett officiated at the service.

REMEMBERING THOMAS E BURNETT JR HERO IN THE WAR ON TERRORISM

By Jackelyn A. Daugherty with information from the Tom Burnett Family Foundation website

This September 11 marked the fifteen anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania, and the fourth anniversary of the Americans lost at the consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

We as Burnetts had a hero on United flight 93 that crashed in a field outside Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

On September 11th, 2001 Tom Burnett Jr. became the first undrafted citizen soldier of flight United 93 in the war against terrorism.



Thomas E. Burnett, Jr., 38, had spent most of his last six weeks traveling in his role as Chief Operating Officer of Thoratec, a manufacturer of heart pumps for patients awaiting

transplants. The Minnesota native was a graduate of the University of Minnesota and Pepperdine University. On September 11, Burnett was returning home to San Ramon, California where his wife, Deena, and three daughters, Madison, Halley, and

Anna Clare, were waiting. Tom's four phone calls to Deena from on board hijacked Flight 93 provided vital information to the passengers and crew and revealed the plans they were making to take back the plane. Deena recalls Tom saying, "We have to do something. We can't wait for the authorities . . . It's up to us. I think we can do it."

Tom Burnett's family instituted a foundation to honor his memory and to "Do Something". The Tom Burnett Family Foundation was established to honor his life by being dedicated to the youth of the U.S. From special camps to counsel children who have lost a loved one, to leadership scholarships and programs to educate young people to be good citizens and the leaders of tomorrow.

There are numerous plaques, flag poles, and streets named in Tom Burnett's memory, mostly in Minnesota, where he grew up, and Northern California, near San Ramon, where he lived and worked.

For more information on the Tom Burnett Family Foundation, pictures and videos of Tom and his family, a list of the monuments to his memory, and the foundation's work over the past fourteen years see: www.tomburnettfoundation.org

THE SAIR FINGER

I remember learning the poem "The Sair Finger" (The Sore Finger) by Walter Wingate at school - and that was a long time ago!

You've hurt your finger? Puir wee man!
Your pinkie? Deary me!
Noo, juist you haud it that wey till
I get my specs and see!

My, so it is - and there's the skelf!
Noo, dinna greet nae mair.
See there - my needle's gotten't out!
I'm sure that wasna sair?

And noo, to make it hale the morn,
Put on a wee bit saw,
And tie a Bonnie hankie roun't
Noo, there na - rin awa'!

Your finger sair ana'? Ye rogue,
You're only lettin' on.
Weel, weel, then - see noo, there ye are,
Row'd up the same as John!

Meaning of unusual words:

skelf=splinter of wood

saw=salve

row'd up=wrapped up

The Centinela Adobe, California Home of Robert Burnett, 11th Baronet of Leys

By Jackelyn A. Daugherty

Last summer I called and made an appointment with the curator of the Centinela Adobe in Westchester, outside Los Angeles to visit the Centinela Adobe and learn more about the home of Sir Robert Burnett. As I followed the directions to the Adobe I thought that they must be wrong. There were neat, small homes along Midland Avenue, close together as they often are in Southern California neighborhoods. Then suddenly, mid-block, there appeared iron gates with a small white ranch-style house set much further back off the street. The sign said The Centinela Adobe.



The exterior of the small home still looks much like it did when Robert Burnett and later, his bride, Matilda Murphy Burnett, a native of New York, took residence in 1860.



Sir Robert left Scotland and was touring Southern California in the late 1850's. He was enchanted by the area around the Adobe and decided to live there, purchasing the Adobe in 1860 for \$3,000 dollars from Joseph Lancaster Brent who left to fight for the South during the Civil War. However, Brent did not build the adobe.



Early History

In 1822, after the Mexican War of Independence brought freedom for Mexico from Spain, Antonio Ygnacio Avila received a Mexican land grant for Rancho Sausal Redondo in Alta California, where he grazed cattle. The rancho's lands encompass the present day cities of Redondo Beach, Inglewood, Hawthorne, El Segundo, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, and Hermosa Beach.

In the early 1830s, Ygnacio Machado, one of the "leather jacket soldiers" who escorted the original settlers of Los Angeles, began cultivating a portion of the rancho. Ygnacio Machado's brother Augustin Machado owned the nearby 14,000-acre (57 km²) Rancho La Ballona, as well as the Rancho La Laguna and Rancho Santa Rosa.



Ygnacio Machado became the grantee of a portion of Rancho Sausal Redondo, the 2,220 acres (9.0 km²) Rancho



Aguaje de la Centinela and built the 'Centinela Adobe' in 1834. Ygnacio Machado owned Rancho Aguaje de la Centinela only briefly, trading it in 1844 for a keg of whiskey and a small home in the Pueblo de Los Angeles.

Sir Robert Burnett and Improvements to the Centinela Adobe

Robert Burnett added land to the ranch, acquiring old Rancho Sausal Redondo for \$29,500. By 1872, Burnett had a 25,000-acre (100 km²) ranch that encompassed all of the land from what is now known as Playa del Rey to Lawndale and Redondo Beach. To the adobe itself Sir Robert Burnett added a wood shake roof and a wooden floor to cover the dirt floor. He also added a kitchen, since the Spanish custom was to have the kitchen in a separate building, and pantry with a skylight. After these improvements were made Matilda arrived from New York.



A second floor was also added by Robert Burnett which no longer exists. He constructed a windmill and cultivated vegetables and grapes.

The Rancho Sausal Redondo land was used to raise sheep. His flock grew to an overwhelming 24,000 head.



The Burnetts were societal leaders and entertained many important personalities at the adobe.

After the death of Robert's father, Sir James Horn Burnett, Robert and Matilda returned to Crathes having lived in the Centinela Adobe for thirteen years. Robert succeeded his father becoming the 11th Bar-



onet of Leys in 1876. Robert was appointed as a Justice of the Peace for Kincardineshire and lived in London. Robert died at age 60 in January 1894 at Crossburn House, East Wemyss, Fife. He was buried at Banchory Ternan Churchyard.

Robert and Matilda had one son, James Lauderdale Burnett who died in infancy. Robert was succeeded by his half-brother Thomas Burnett, who became the 12th Baronet of Leys. [See: Eileen Bailey, "The Holly and the Horn", page 62. This contradicts the U.S. accounts that have Robert succeeding a brother. Robert only had a half-brother, Colonel Sir Thomas Burnett who did become the 12th Baronet upon Robert's death.] Colonel Sir Thomas Burnett is the great grandfather of our Chief, James C.A. Burnett.

Daniel Freeman

In 1873, Burnett returned to Scotland, leasing the ranch to Daniel



Freeman, a recent arrival from Simcoe, Ontario, Canada. Freeman paid \$7,500 per year in rent, and also had an option to purchase the ranch for \$150,000. Freeman raised sheep and planted more than 10,000 trees, including 7,000 orange and 2,000 almond trees on the ranch. When a drought led to the death of 22,000 head of his sheep, Freeman turned to growing barley, and he eventually was producing a million barrels a year. In 1885, Freeman exercised the option to buy the ranch for \$140,000 in gold. Freeman amassed a fortune farming barley, olives, lemons, limes, and almonds on the ranch and named his expansive land holding Inglewood, after his birthplace in Ontario. In 1887, the California Central Railway laid tracks to Redondo Beach, and Freeman sold off 11,000 acres (45 km²) in small parcels as a settlement that became the city of Inglewood.

In 1888, Freeman built a large mansion in Inglewood, and in 1889, he built the land office that now sits on the grounds of the Centinela Adobe. Eventually, all 25,000 acres (100 km²) of the ranch were subdivided, and the only remaining portion of the ranch that remains is the 1-acre (4,000 m²) site on which the Centinela Adobe is situated.

Preservation of the Adobe

The Centinela Adobe

Complex has been described as the historical centerpiece of the area known as Centinela Valley, the lands extending from the Baldwin Hills to Palos Verdes, which comprised the Centinela Ranch. Yet, in the late 1940s, the adobe was threatened with demolition when the remaining land was subdivided to make room for new homes. Preservation-minded citizens raised money to purchase the property in 1950 and deeded it to City of Inglewood, which still maintains the adobe through the Parks and Recreation Department. Even though the 1-acre (4,000 m²) site is located in the Westchester district of Los Angeles, Centinela Adobe played a central role in the history of Inglewood.

The adobe has been restored and is operated jointly by the Historical Society of the Centinela Valley and the Inglewood Department of Parks and Recreation. The adobe is furnished with period furniture and artifacts from the late 19th century.

In a 2001 profile of the museum in 2001, the Los Angeles Times wrote:

"The long, low, white stucco adobe with its porch and shingle roof looks as if it is sitting right in the middle of the 19th Century. But it's not, as the nearby San Diego Freeway visibly demonstrates. It's really a kind of time warp: the telltale sign of a modern metropolis on one side and the oldest home in the Centinela Valley on the other—still serene, still peaceful amid lawns, shrubs and shade trees"

(Gerald Faris (1988-01-15). "A kind of time warp: oldest home in the Centinela Valley on one side and telltale sign of a modern metropolis on the other". Los Angeles Times)



I can attest that an off-ramp of the 405 freeway runs dangerously close to the backyard of the adobe.

In Freeman's office there is a small display of a Burnett shield-shaped plaque with a background of Burnett Ancient Tartan. I sent the curator a strip of Burnett Dress Tartan to add to the display. This year I will bring a strip of Burnett Hunting Tartan to add.

The House of Burnett has donated \$100.00 in 2015 for the preservation of the Centinela Adobe. An agenda item at this year's board meeting will be a yearly contribution to the Centinela Adobe to keep it for future Burnetts, as well as future Southern Californians.



The adobe and museum are located at **7634 Midfield Ave, Westchester, Los Angeles, California,** a residential street abutting the 405 Freeway. It is **open on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m.** Admission is free, and docents, (tour guides) are available to provide tours. The adobe can be toured for groups or special occasions at other times by calling the Historical Society. Diane Sambrano, President, Historical Society of Centinela Valley, cell: 310-431-5517



Society of Centinela Valley made lunch for my mother and myself, stove installed by Robert Burnett at left, Evelyn Kafura, Lynn of the Historical Society of Centinela Valley



Next to Stove-Diane Sambrano, President Historical Society of Centinela Valley, Claydeen, & Betty both are docents, (tour guides)

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1. *Sir Robert Burnett from picture in the Centinela Adobe*
2. *Front view of the Centinela Adobe*
3. *Porch view*
4. *Map of land area owned by Sir Robert Burnett with LAX airport in the red circle.*
5. *1889 photo of the Adobe with a second story*
6. *Kitchen stove added by Sir Robert Burnett*
7. *Living Room*

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1. *Dinning Room*
2. *Pantry with skylight added by Sir Robert*
3. *Portrait of Robert Burnett painted in Scotland and brought to the Adobe in 1969 by Ms. Lila Fernyhough after she visited Crathes. Accompanied by portraits of Sir Robert and his wife, Matilda, and a Burnett Crest plaque.*

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1. *Stained glass medallion of Sir Robert Burnett from the window in the Great Hall in Crathes Castle*
2. *Lunch with the ladies of the Historical Society of the Centinela Valley.*

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Eileen A. Bailey, "The Holly and the Horn"

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN



John Burnett



Burnetts in front of tent



James Burnett



Heather Burnett Dougherty & Family



Hazel Burnett Allin



Jonathan Blum, James & John Burnett



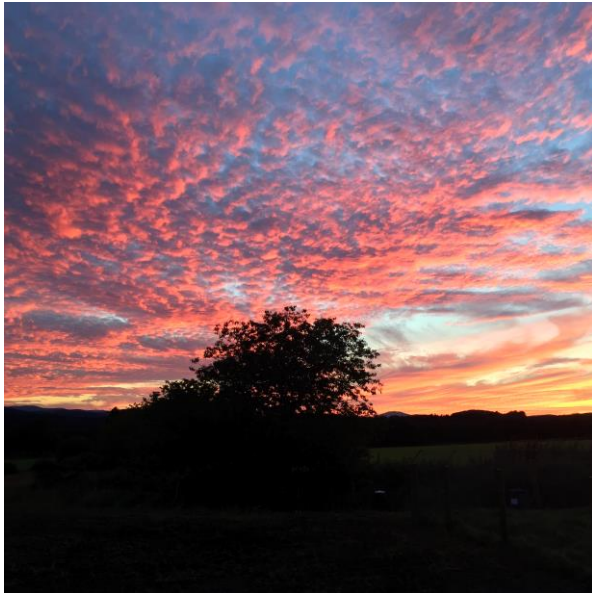
*Cameron Burnett with his daughters
Abigail and Olivia*



*Britton Burnett, John Burnett, Cameron Burnett and
his wife Valerie with Olivia and Abigail*

NEW SUNSETS

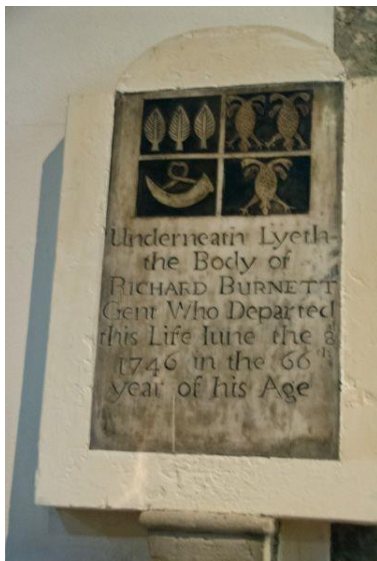
Fiona and I have recently moved house downsizing from the House of Crathes to Ley House at Ley Farm not far away and with a fine view up the Dee Valley. Whilst we are somewhat more exposed to the elements, we benefit from the ability to see some excellent sunsets of which we were deprived when surrounded by the Castle woodlands.



James C A Burnett (photo Eliza Burnett)

RICHARD BURNETT. BEAUMARIS

Vinny Burnett's parents, Christopher and Margie Cox, were recently visiting friends in Anglesey and attended a service in St Mary & St Nicholas Church, Beaumaris. They noticed a stone plaque on the south wall as shown, and inscribed "In memory of Richard Burnett, gentleman, who departed this life on June 8th 1746 in the 66th year of his age". His age at death suggests he was born about 1681.



Eileen Bailey did a bit of research. There was an Elizabeth Goodman, (of a Goodman family who seem to have been prominent in Beaumaris), who married a Richard Burnett there in 1675. They could be the

parents of Richard Burnett born 1681 but she has not yet found a birth/baptism to confirm this. Eileen also found a reference on the internet to a publication "An Inventory of the Ancient Monuments of Anglesey" which mentioned "Richard Burnett 1746 with shield of arms(argent)three holly leaves in chief(vert) and a hunting horn in base(sable)".

If any reader can throw light on the above and the origins of Richard Burnett, I would be pleased to receive any relevant information

James C A Burnett

SLAINS PURSUIVANT

Visitors to the Aboyne and doubtless other Highland Games, will have been impressed with the presence of the person in the centre of this photograph. He is a member of our good friends, Clan Hay. He is the Slains Pursuivant who is the appointment of Lord Errol and approved of by the Lord Lyon.

A pursuivant or, more correctly, pursuivant of arms, is a junior officer of arms. Most pursuivants are attached to official heraldic authorities, such as the College of Arms in London or the Court of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh. In the mediaeval era, many great nobles employed their own officers of arms. Today, there still exist some private pursuivants who are not employed by a government authority. In Scotland, for example, several pursuivants of arms have been appointed by Clan Chiefs as is the case here. These pursuivants of arms look after matters of heraldic and genealogical importance for clan members. A more public role is to carry the Banner and parade in smart uniform at events.

Any volunteers to be a Pursuivant for the House of Burnett?



James C A Burnett

A TIMELESS GIFT TO THE AQUARIUM

On a warm summer day, Retired Chief District Court Judge Gilbert Burnett found himself in a flowering butterfly garden at the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher. He stood next to a six-foot, spherical sundial and beamed at three generations of his family. With a scholar's knowledge of history, a gentleman's understanding of longevity and a storyteller's love of details, he talked about time and timing.



Burnett reminisced about how his grandfather once owned the land where the aquarium now stands and pastured cattle in the sandy scrub. Burnett shared his interest in the origins of timekeeping based on the sun. He expressed his love for family and an idea to create a memorial for when his time passed. He acknowledged the artistry and skill of local metal sculptor Dumay Gorham. And he spoke humbly of how all these pieces came together in this moment and left him, "Speechless...almost."

What he didn't say was how his generosity and vision helped create an educational tool and functional piece of art which will stand the test of time.

"Gil's generous donation to the Aquarium and his love of sundials has created a living legacy," said Aquarium Director Peggy Sloan. "Not only is this a gift to his family, it also enriches the experience of hundreds of thousands of Aquarium visitors each year."

Interpretation panels near the bronze sundial educate visitors on the evolution of telling time before watches and cell phones and how to accurately use the multi-dimensional sculpture in relation to the sun's position in the sky. In addition, the sundial base is emblazoned with lasting words of wisdom selected by Burnett, including the Rolling Stones lyric, "Time waits for no one."



With many thanks to NC Aquariums for this article form their September 1st Newsletter.

James C A Burnett

BURNET STUART CHIEFTENSHIP

Geordie Burnett Stuart of Crichtie, Chamberlain to the Burnett Chieftain, lives in the family home at Stuartfield, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.

Geordie is taking over for three years the Presidency of the Stewart Society on August 11. He last served as President 1999 - 2001 when 100 years of the Society was celebrated in great style at Stirling Castle. Built by James IV in the early 1500s, it is one of the greatest of all mediaeval buildings .



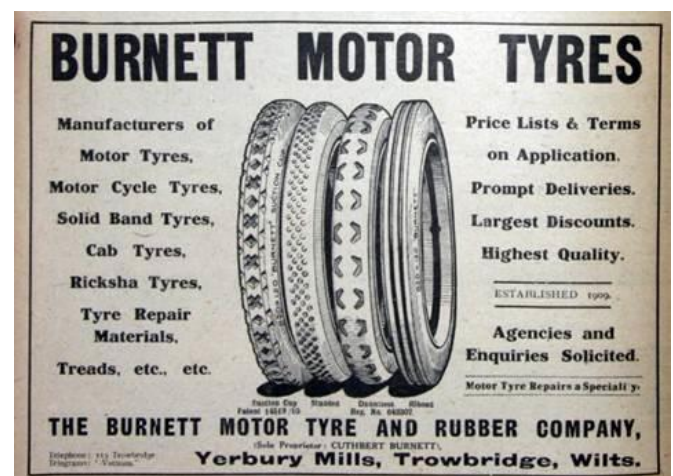
The Stewart Society has 850 members worldwide, holds an annual Gathering and publishes one of the best Scottish History / Clan Magazines .

Despite the benign countenance displayed in the photograph, I can vouch that the glass was one of water.

James C A Burnett

BURNETT INVENTORS

There are many examples of Burnett inventiveness as many readers will know. Information on many of them is available on the Internet but it would seem wrong for recognition of some them not to grace the pages of the Burnett Banner



James C A Burnett

BURNETTS AT THE ABOYNE HIGHLAND GAMES

Amongst Burnetts to come to our tent at the Aboyne Highland Games this year were William Grant Burnett who used to live in Montrose but is now in Peterlee, County Durham and his grand-daughter Molly.

From farther afield came Gary and Carol Burnett and their daughter Heather and husband Jeremiah Burnett Turner from Raleigh North Carolina.

Gary and Carrol Burnett have been married for 44 years, have five daughters, and nine grandchildren. Gary has 15 brothers and sisters who gather together every summer for a grand Burnett family reunion near Dallas, Texas that often has more than 200 in attendance. They are proud of their Burnett name and Scottish heritage. Jeremiah had fun participating at the International Tent at the Aboyne games where he lifted each of the Dinnie stones separately, but not quite at the same time. Gary and Carol attended the games at Grandfather Mountain a few years ago and Heather and Jeremiah hope to attend next year with their children.



The Banchory and District Pipe Band were denied the ability to play in the Games 'Street' as there is only time for two bands to play there this year and it was the turn of Banchory last year. However, they did come and play at our tent.



BURNETTS WITH LINKS TO POLAND

Particularly in the 1500s and 1600s there was a strong trade between Scotland and Europe, particularly the Low Countries and France. Aberdeen was one of the main Scottish ports.

Several Burnetts (at that time mainly spelt Burnet) from the Burnett of Leys family were prominent merchants in Aberdeen and involved in trade with Europe. One line, the Burnetts of Camphill (part of the Leys estate), had several individuals who were merchants trading with and/or in Poland.

Alexander Burnet, who was a Burgess and Merchant of Aberdeen, was a Burgess in Cracow before 1592. His brother Robert Burnet was a traveller in Poland in 1597.

Later a James Burnet was described as a "*Merchant in Danseik*" in a document dated 1652 detailing his ancestry and he was later styled as "*of Danzig*". His brother Andrew Burnet served in the Polish Army with Captain (later General) Patrick Gordon from Aberdeenshire. In 1661 he joined the Russian service with the rank of Lieutenant and reached the rank of Captain in 1678 when he took part in the Chigirin Campaign.

From another branch, the Burnetts of Kirkhill, Alexander Burnett, 1st Laird of Kirkhill, baptised 1620, was a Baillie in Aberdeen and carried the designation "Polls" or "Poles", a term used to identify that he had strong trading links with Poland.

No research has yet been done to establish if any of the above-mentioned Burnets/Burnetts had any descendants in Poland.

CHARLES BURNETT



I had a visit recently from Charles Burnett, the Ross Herald, his wife Aileen and their eldest grand-daughter Ellie. Many readers will know Charles from their times at Crathes and from his visit to Las Vegas in 2015.

Ellie very kindly gave me two pieces of Burnett heraldic miniature porcelain which I will be displaying in the family room before next season. One is a small Gemma porcelain bowl showing the Burnett of Kemnay Arms and the other a caldron, made in England displaying our own achievement. These will form part of the display.



I never fail to be much the wiser from meeting Charles and many others have similarly benefitted. I noted down three little pieces of information which may be of interest to visitors to the Castle.

A Heraldic Achievement is essentially a Coat of Arms supported on either side by two human or animal figures. As I am descended from somebody who was a commissioner of the Scottish Parliament (a Member of Parliament today), in 1592 I am entitled to Supporters in my achievement. Moreover, in 1592, there was an Act giving the Lord Lyon powers over heraldry which could end up with the offender now being fined up £100 per day or imprisoned. The Act has never been repealed!

In the Green Lady's room on the fireback are the Royal Arms of France surrounded by the Collar of the French Order of St Michael. The Scots called this "The Order of the Cockle" because of the cockle shells which are depicted in the collar. The French Royal Arms disappeared at the time of the French Revolution, so presumably the Crathes fireback is a modern reproduction, or a genuine fireback dating from the 17th century. Presumably a Burnett ancestor purchased the fireback on a "Grand Tour" visit to France before the Revolution.



In the Muses Room there is a Chancellors Purse which is handed to each holder of the office. I wrote a short article on this in the Banner of June 2012. The Scottish one (stopped in 1707) and the last one is in the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto. It bears the Arms used by King William & Queen Mary.



James C A Burnett

VISITORS TO CRATHES

We have enjoyed visits from a number of Burnetts over the last few months and including Barbara Kreider and her granddaughter, Katelynn, came to Crathes in August. Sadly George was not able to accompany Barbara as on several occasions in the past. We had a very pleasant estate tour

A little later, we were able to welcome Nicole and Bernd (Bernie) Zimmerman from Rasine, Winsconsin. Keen golfers, they had stopped at St Andrews on the way but there was only time to show them our rebuilt course at Inchmarlo. Nicole's father, James William Burnett, was born in Montreal, became a US citizen, met Nicole's mother whilst stationed with the US Army in Berlin and returned to Illinois where he owned a business, Skokoe Valley Bindery, in Libertyville.

Randi Steele and her mother, Robert Evans were at Crathes in September. They live in San Diego but arrived there from Tennessee and Virginia. Randi's grandmother, Ethel Ann Burnett, was a descendant of John "Jonne" Burnett, 1610-1685, of the Burnett Plantation in Rappahannock County, Virginia. We had a very enjoyable walk to the Loch of Leys.

From Canada and September came Alaina Burnett and her husband Mario Mastropieri. Alaina's great grandfather was Henry John Augustus Burnett. We went to see the Crannog on the Loch of Leys and because of the recent dry weather we were able to walk out to the Crannog. Alaina Burnett has a business in Vancouver, Infinite Real Estate Services, and Mario is in a plainclothes surveillance section of the Vancouver Police Department. Preferring being in the field to a desk job, I trust that he enjoyed the experience. This was their first visit and we hope that they may be able to return next year with her father, David Burnett, who will soon be 90.



James C A Burnett

CRATHES BURNETT FAMILY UPDATE

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Another grandchild has made a first step to fleeing the nest when Tommy went to Belhaven School near Edinburgh early in September to join his sister Amaryllis.



James C A Burnett

BURNETT GATHERING

31st July to 6th August 2017



The 2017 Burnett Gathering includes events and activities which should appeal to Burnetts of all ages. There will be a number of new excursions and options for those who have been to previous Gatherings.

The Gathering programme will include a package of events and activities from Wednesday 2nd August - Saturday 5th August inclusive.
There are also a number of options during the whole week.

Accommodation can be arranged be at the Self Catering Villas and Apartments (subject to availability) at the Inchmarlo Resort in Banchory (N)

Details of suggested alternative accommodation can be found in the notes below.

DAY ONE

Monday 31st July

Guided Tour of Ballindalloch Castle and Culloden Battlefield (N)

Evening

Family History Supper/Lecture (N)

DAY TWO

Tuesday 1st August

Guided tour of Arbroath Abbey and St Andrews including a visit to Iain Burnett the Highland Chocolatier (N)

Evening

Heraldry Supper/Lecture (N)

DAY THREE

Wednesday 2nd August

Guided Tours of Crathes Castle
Visit to the Crannog on the Loch of Leys
Burnett Luncheon

Visit to Kemnay House, home of the Burnetts of Kemnay (N)
Scottish Country Dancing Classes and Ceilidh Workshops (N)
Go-Ape Treetop Adventure (N)

Evening

Scottish Theatrical Production at Woodend Banchory

DAY FOUR

Thursday 3rd August

Guided walk up Scolty Hill overlooking Banchory
Journey on the Deeside Railway
Guided Tour of Crathes Gardens
Scottish Country Dancing Classes and Ceilidh Workshops (N)
Battlegrounds Paintball or Wilderness Challenge (N)
Croquet on the lawn at Crathes Castle (Annual inter-clan match)
Leys Estate Tour

Evening

Ghostly Tour of Crathes Castle

DAY FIVE

Friday 4th August

Choice of Local Guided Tours

Tour 1: Deeside

Craigievar Castle * Drum Castle * Blairs Museum

Tour 2: South

Fettercairn Distillery * Edzell Castle * Dunnottar Castle
Lewis Grassie Gibbon Centre

Tour 3: Historical Aberdeen

Trinity Hall * The Town House * Mitchell Hall * The Grant Room

Evening

Grand Traditional Ceilidh

DAY SIX

Saturday 5th August

Aboyne Highland Games with lunch at the Burnett Tent

Evening

Burnett BBQ

EVERY DAY ACTIVITIES

Access to Crathes Castle, Gardens and Grounds
Golf at Inchmarlo (N)
Salmon Fishing on the River Dee (N)
Evening Hunting with the Leys Estate Gamekeeper (N)

(N) Events and Activities not included in package charges.

Any additions or necessary changes will be posted on the [Burnett Website](#) or advised to those who have expressed an interest in attending