

THE BURNETT BANNER

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2009 BURNETT GATHERING

We were very pleased to be able to host the Burnett Gathering at Crathes in July. This is the 5th reunion that we have enjoyed since 1992 and the compliments that we have received suggest that the visit was a success. Inside are photographs of some of the events but many more will shortly be available on the website together with a report on the programme. We did not attend the Homecoming Gathering in Edinburgh over the previous weekend but I am pleased that some of our visitors did attend that event which was known only some time after we had fixed our dates for Crathes.

Although I look forward to our next Gathering for which the date will be announced in due course, we are always pleased to receive suggestions for the programme and how it might be conducted. There is a wide range of ages of those attending and it will be an objective for 201... to provide for all ages without departing from the principle reason for coming which is because we are Burnetts.



WEBSITE FORUM

Readers may notice that a recent addition to the Burnett website is the Burnett Forum. This is a feature in which global Burnetts, (and people with an interest in the name), can exchange information, pose questions and communicate on all relevant topics.

The Forum has several headings under which users can start 'threads' or participate in existing discussions. Further headings can be added on request. Simple registration is required to access the forum and registration is free. Please do use the Forum. I am receiving an increasing number of genealogical and historical enquiries and I feel that questions will receive a wider readership and consequently more likely to receive a successful response if they are posted on the Forum.

James C A Burnett of Leys

HENRY BURNETT DUKE TIP

Henry Burnett was, recently, recognized by DUKE TIP (Duke University Talent Identification Program). The award was made at the North Carolina Recognition Ceremony on May 12, 2009, at Hendrix Theater, East Carolina University.

Henry scored in the 98th & 99th percentile nationwide on his 6th grade national reading and math test scores. He was, subsequently, asked by DUKE TIP to take the Academic College Test or ACT as a thirteen year old seventh grader and was recognized by DUKE TIP for his extra high test scores. The ACT is a college entrance exam and is usually taken by high school juniors and seniors. Shown awarding Henry in the photo are Joy Baldwin, Director of Information and Support Services DUKE University Talent Identification Program and Dr. Michael Bassman, Associate Vice Chancellor, the University Honors Program, East Carolina University.

Henry is the son of Stephen and Amy Burnett of Wrightsville Beach, N.C. and grandson of Gilbert Henry Burnett of Wilmington, N.C. and Margaret B. Burnett of Raleigh, N.C.



IN LORD MONBODDO'S SERVICE

Val Spence writes from Western Australia that she recently learnt that her G-G-Grandmother's first husband who was Corporal Alexander Collie of the 91st Argyll Regt, the son of John Collie who according to his baptism certificate of 1785 was a servant to Lord Monboddo. She asks whether our archival records would have recorded the name of John Collie's wife and whether these servants have lived on the estate thus making Alexander born on the estate. She would like to know in what capacity John Collie was a servant and what church would have been used for services where Alexander was baptized

I replied that there is no mention of Alexander Collie in E.C.Cloyd's biography of Monboddo and, to my knowledge, there are no letters remaining in the family's possession. However, Eileen Bailey has provided me with the information below but which does not mention Alexander Collie.

Results of research into John Collie of Fordoun:

The only marriage record, in that area within the timeframe, that we can find is of a John Collie in Dunottar parish and Jean Murray in Arbuthnot parish who were married on 19th June 1772. A John Collie "*in Acquirie*" had a son George baptised in Dunottar Church on 26 March 1775 and John Collie was certainly at Monboddo by 1778.

When his son Patrick was baptised on 5th Nov 1778, the record describes John as "*sub-tenant in Nether Mains of Monboddo*" which shows that he was renting part of that estate farm from Lord Monboddo. As was common at that time he would have had other duties on the estate as few sub-tenants could produce enough to keep a family. It is likely that he would have been a ploughman, horseman or stableman.

When his daughter Elizabeth was baptised in Fordoun Church on 13th May 1781, John was recorded as being "*servant to Lord Mondoddo*". {Note: James Burnett, Lord Monboddo's late wife and his daughter were called Elizabeth and Eliza}. When both his son, Robert, and daughter, Jean were baptised in 1783 and 1787 in Fordoun Church, John was recorded as being "*subtenant to Lord Monboddo*".

Unfortunately there is no recorded gravestone inscription for John Collie or others of that surname in Fordoun Churchyard. From records it is apparent that there were several people with the surname Collie in Fordoun parish at the same time as John. We have not been able to trace any gravestone for John Collie in other adjacent burial grounds. As gravestones were expensive to erect, it was often the case that burials took place without any marker so it is possible that John Collie & family were buried at Fordoun. Fordoun Church was rebuilt as a much larger building in 1788 and the original church (of which only four walls & a vault remain) became the site for the burials and large memorial plaques of the Burnetts of Monboddo.

There do not appear to be any estate records for Monboddo in the National Archives of Scotland.

There may be readers who have something to add to this. Regardless, many will find it of interest

BURNETT AND ROGERS NEW ZEALAND AND AMERICA

Lynda Hamilton of Cheshire, England is seeking information on her family tree.

Her Great Aunt Hilda Emerline McElney married Reginald John (Jack) Burnett in Belfast just after the 1st World War in 1918. At the time Jack was a soldier in the New Zealand Army, although possibly born in Australia. On their marriage record Jack's Father was John Burnett and his occupation was a Sawyer. Hilda and Jack immigrated to New Zealand.

From ship's passenger lists, Eileen Bailey found that Mrs H. E. Burnett, 24, wife of 11/2049 Cpl. R.J. Burnett, sailed from Plymouth on 9th January 1919 on board the "Ruapehu" of the New Zealand Shipping Co. to the port of Wellington, New Zealand.

Jack & Hilda Burnett had 4 children:

- (i) Phyllis Joan Burnett (b Gisborne 1920)
- (ii) Reginald Thomas John Burnett (b 1921. m Mavis May Cox 1950. d 1989 memorial at Waikumete Cemetery Auckland).
- (iii) Myrtle Saunders Burnett (b 1922 Waiapu NZ m 1946 Reginald McKinley)
- (iv) Sheila Irene Burnett (b 1925 Waiapu d 2008).

In the 1928 Electoral Role Jack and Hilda were living at Waipiro Bay and he was a grocer. Jack died Waipiro Bay NZ 39.in 1929 and is buried as John R Burnett in Te Puia Cemetery near Gisborne. Sheila Irene Burnett married Donald Eugene Rogers, an American soldier. Son Donald John Rogers was b.1946 Hastings NZ. They left for America where they had another child.

Eileen found that Donald John Rogers aged 1 year and 9 months, born in Hastings NZ, sailed with his mother Sheila Irene Rogers, aged 21, born Auckland, on the SS Monterey from Auckland to USA and arrived in San Francisco, California on 22 April 1946.

She located an obituary for a Donald Eugene Rogers Snr. who died as recently as 31st May 2009 at the age of 80 in Lawrenceville, Illinois, USA and who was said to have been a W/WII veteran with a surviving son Donald jnr. However, this proved to be the wrong person as further research found a record giving the information that a Lynn Diane

Wolff married a Donald John Rogers who was born on 8 July 1944 in Hastings Bay, NZ. Donald John Rogers died on 20th April 2005 in Belton, Missouri, USA aged 60.

Lynda has since discovered that Donald Eugene Rogers's wife, Sheila Irene Rogers, died last year 2008 in Minnesota.

From research, it appears that Donald Eugene Rogers, spouse Sheila Irene Burnett, was born on 17 October 1924 in Sioux Falls, Lincoln, South Dakota, USA. Donald E. Rogers died on 11 August 2003 in Batavia, Kane, Illinois, USA at which time his wife was still alive.

Magazine of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, in Feb 2004, lists several of its members who had recently died including:"Donald E. Rogers, Chief of Police Ret, St Charles, IL; Batavia, IL. (Life Member)" This would seem to be the same person who died in August 2003.

Lynda has given me an old 1920s photo (below) of her relations. Although she is not certain of the identities, the lady of the left with the hat is her grandmother Ciss (Agnes) Watson and she thinks Hilda and Jack and one of their daughters maybe in it.



Lynda and her husband, Mike, have just published family History/tree booklet of my McElney family tree going back to the 1760s. The Burnetts are an integral part in it.

If any reader has any relevant information I would be pleased to receive it. Regardless, the above is an interesting account of some successful family research

The Editor

THE FLYKE



This article may appear somewhat irrelevant except it is our son Victor's first published article in a newspaper, (not a national but the Deeside Piper, which Granville Huntly and I started some 25 years ago), since he completed a course in journalism. We hope that it will be the first of many.

Flying bike forced to land in Banchory

(Advert in Deeside Piper - 14th August 2009)

A flying-bike had to make an unexpected stop in Banchory on Sunday morning after a technical fault interrupted a teacher's charity raising flight from John O'Groats to Lands End.

John Carver, a 37 year old schoolmaster from Oxford, is flying the Flyke - a flying bike- with its colourful Union Jack parachute from John O'Groats to Land's End to raise money for a diabetics charity.

After some mechanical fixes to a driving belt, he managed to become airborne again from a Crathes field by the Dee and continue on his trip.

He decided to embark on the journey after his original holiday plans teaching rowing were cancelled due to swine flu.

Himself a diabetic, he has to inject himself whilst flying.

He decided to spend the unoccupied summer break hovering over Britain. He needs to refuel every two hours.

John said: "With a huge sigh of relief I headed for Banchory and landed in the park in the middle of town - rather close to the edge of the slope, but under control nonetheless!

My arrival attracted the usual attention from those nearby, but two boys Mike and Jack were particularly excited about this "toy", and didn't let me out of their sight until I finally got going later in the morning."

"I refuelled at the only petrol station in town (with predictably massive queues!) and headed off to Morrisons for some breakfast. Next I cycled downhill to search for suitable take off fields to the south of the town, and found one that seemed ideal next to the river Dee. I managed to get permission from the landowner who just happened to be having a BBQ by the river with his family."

John has so far raised over £8,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Follow progress on his journey on his website: www.flybike.co.uk.

Alexander was the first to come across John Carver, but only later did I discover that they were at school together!

James C A Burnett of Leys

DESCENDANTS OF FARMERY BURNETT AND ANN BAKER

There is an enquiry from Arthur P. Schwartzfeger of Wanganui New Zealand. His grandmother was Agnes Martha Burnett, descended from the Burnett family who migrated to New Zealand under the "Wakefield Scheme" in the 1840's from Kent. Her father was Richard Burnett. He has gained some information but is interested to know of any connection with the Burnett of Leys. His branch of the family tree has no earlier information than this.

Farmery¹ Burnett, born c 1711; died 1760. He appears to have been the son of Richard Burnett (b 1668 in Chatham, Kent d 1724) who married Sarah Fullilove in 1699 in St Mary's Chatham. In 1734 Farmery married **Ann (Baker) Burnett** b c 1715 and they had three children

The eldest was Francis Bufford Burnett b 1739 in Kent, England d 1816. He married **Anne (Elliott) Burnett** and they had the following four children:

- (i) **Richard Burnett** born c 1768 in Kent d in Borden, Kent, England. He married **Ann (Simmonds) Burnett**.
- (ii) **Sarah Burnett**, b c 1773 in Kent .
- (iii) **Susanna Burnett** b 13 Feb 1777 in Rochester, England. On 25 Dec 1797 in parish church in Frindsbury, Kent she apparently married Samuel Tassell (b. 1778). He is said to have died in 1849 & Susannah in 1857 both in Rochester.
- (iv) **Francis Burnett** born c 1781 in Kent.

Farmery's other children were Sarah Burnett b 1742 in Rochester and who married 1765 **Benjamin Collins**, and **Richard² Burnett** b 1745 in Kent. Richard married 1771 in Rochester **Mary (Butler) Burnett** and died in 1822

Eileen Bailey, has been unable to find an obvious and direct link between the family in Kent and in NZ with Burnett of Leys although it would be reasonable to assume that somewhere there is common ancestry between those Burnetts who remained in southern England and those who moved north to Scotland. If any reader can provide any information to assist Arthur Schwartzfeger, he would be pleased to hear of it.
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WILLIAM BURNETT CLOCKMAKER

Following my article in Banner No 6 on John Burnett, clockmaker, I was very pleased to receive a call from Bert Anderson who has a clock made by William Burnett who I mentioned at the end of it. I have been seeking further information on William Burnett, albeit in vain, but would be pleased if any reader can provide any. Below is a photograph of this fine clock



Note

William Burnett, clock and watch maker, Aberchirder c. 1830, possibly sometimes at New Byth and a William Burnett, Clock and Watchmaker Fraserburgh 1846, although these two entries may refer to the same man.

James C. A. Burnett of Leys

PROMINENT BURNETT INDUSTRIALIST

Burnetts should be proud whenever one of their kinsmen achieves high office. Sir David Lees (left), grandson of James Burnett, 6th Laird of Monboddo, industrialist and former director of the Bank of England, has been appointed Chairman of the Court of the Bank of England and which position is actually akin to heading up the central bank's non-executive board.



BURNETTS FROM SCOTLAND TO AUSTRALIA - CALLING DESCENDANTS

In our quest to develop as full a picture as possible of the family history of the Burnetts of Leys and Burnetts of Barns from the earliest times to the present, information on the descendants of those who are known to have lived in Australia would be greatly appreciated. Of particular interest would be information on the following:

- **James Burnett**, born 17 Feb. 1820 in Aberdeen was the son of Thomas Burnett of Park & Kepplestone & his second wife Mary Garden/Gardyne. James's father was a nephew of James Burnett (Lord Monboddo). James who was Superintendent of the Royal Bank of Australia drowned on 29th Oct. 1851 whilst crossing the Lower Murray River in NSW.
- **John Burnett**, born in 1781 in Aberdeen, was the son of James Burnett of Countesswells and his wife Elizabeth Grant. John was appointed the first Colonial Secretary of Van Dieman's Land and arrived in Hobart on Nov. 1826 with his wife Penelope (nee Haynes) and their nine surviving children. In 1841 he was appointed Sheriff and retired (reluctantly) in 1855. One son, John Cartwright Burnett born in 1817 in Aberdeen and employed at Hobart College of Customs & Compliance of Maritime Law, is known to have married Ellen Cox in Lower Launceston in Sept 1850. John's sister, Mary Gascoigne Burnett born in 1819 in Aberdeen, is known to have married Rev. John Lillie in Hobart in 1838 and had four children born in Hobart between 1840-1848. Thereafter they moved to Christchurch, New Zealand.
- **James Charles Burnett** born in 1815 in Scotland (?) was son of William Burnett and arrived in Sydney in Dec 1829 with the family. James's career culminated in his appointment as Head of Survey Office, Brisbane in 1844. His career as a land surveyor and explorer was recognised when he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. James died in 1854 and the Burnett River in Queensland was named after him. We are trying to establish any link to the Burnetts of Leys or Barns.
- **Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnett**, born in 1899 in Victoria was the son of a Frank Burnett from Scotland. His mother, born in Victoria, was a McKay who also had Scottish ancestry. Sir Frank had a brilliant career as a medical scientist. He died at Port Fairy in 1985. Information on his Scottish ancestry would be appreciated.

- **Sir Alexander Burnett Ramsay of Balmain**, 6th Bart. married Isobel Ellice Whitney, daughter of Arthur Whitney of Wangoola, on 5 Sept. 1935 and had children Enid Ellice Ramsay, Alexander William Ramsay (later 7th Bart) and Patricia Therza Ramsay.

Please email any information to james.burnett@leysestate.co.uk

Eileen A. Bailey

Official Burnett Genealogist & Historical Researcher

BRIDGET BURNETT GIFT

I am extremely grateful to Bridget Forbes Burnett who has presented for the family room a lovely vanity set, (hairbrush, comb, and mirror made from tortoise shell and silver with the Burnett family crest), given to her mother, Eve Diane Fitzgerald, by her husband, Thomas Leslie Forbes Burnett as an engagement present. It will go on display in the Family Room in the Crathes. We were very pleased that one of her sons, Mark Palumbo, was at the gathering and brought the set with him from their home in Vermont. Bridget is a grand-daughter of John Burnett 7th Laird of Kemnay. Bridget had featured in recent editions of the Banner in relation to her wonderful work in East Africa.

This generous gift is not the first that Bridget has presented. There are, in the Castle, items of which some have been gifted and which always remain there. Prompted by Bridget's latest donation, I intend to establish an archival inventory of such items and thereby give comfort to past and potential donors that their contributions will always remain part of the family story.



James C. A. Burnett of Leys

BURNETT & SHAND FAMILY RESEARCH

Mary O'Malley writes from Adelaide, South Australia. She is doing research on the family history of her mother who is a Burnett and may have links with the Crathes Castle. Her grandmother was the youngest of 12 children born on a small farm in Aberdeenshire and her father was Thomas Burnett and born about the 1850's. Most of her brothers and sisters moved to the Americas and Europe

She knows little more of the family history and can only go on what other family members have told me. Her mother often joked that they may have been servants or workers to the castle. She doesn't know much about her grandfather other than that he was a Shand who also born in Aberdeenshire

Eileen Bailey has provided the following information and which may be of assistance. If any reader can add to it, please contact me.

The Editor

BURNETT FAMILY

Thomas Burnett was born on 2 November 1860 at Birsemore (farm) in the Parish of Birse, Aberdeenshire. He was the son of Hugh Burnett, Farm Servant and Mary Black, Domestic Servant, who were married in Strachan on 8 Feb.1861.

Thomas Burnett, Farm Servant, aged 22, living in Strachan married Isabella Brown, Domestic Servant, aged 21, living in Fintray, Aberdeenshire, on 30th November 1883 at Cothal Mill in Parish of Fintray, Aberdeenshire. Isabella was the daughter of James Brown, Shepherd, and Isabella Brown m.s. Findlay.

Maggie (Margaret) Isabella Burnett, daughter of Thomas and Isabella Burnett was born on 15 April 1899 at Hawkhill, Swailend in Parish of Newmachar, Aberdeenshire.

SHAND FAMILY

Charles Mitchell Shand was born on 5 March 1896 at Brotherfield, West Peterculter, Aberdeenshire, son of Alexander Shand, Farmer, and Mary Jane Reid who were married in Newhills parish on 29 June 1894.

Charles Mitchell Shand, aged 26, Fitter & Turner, living at Temperance Hotel, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, married Margaret Isabella Burnett, aged 22, living at Causewayend, Cothal,

Aberdeenshire on 3 October 1921 at 54 Castle Street, Aberdeen.

Charles Mitchell Shand, aged 31, Engineer, living c/o 4 Spital, Aberdeen sailed from London to Adelaide, Australia on the "SS Barrabool" on 23 June 1927. [Passenger List]

Mrs Margaret Shand, aged 29, Housewife, living at Corsehill Cottages, Parkhill, Newmachar, Aberdeenshire, accompanied by daughter Isabella M. Shand aged 6 and son Charles W. Shand aged 9 months, sailed from London to Adelaide, Australia on the "SS Barrabool" on 14 June 1928. [Passenger List]

Researched by Eileen A. Bailey. [Burnett Genealogist & Historical Researcher]

CAMERON BURNETT

John Burnett of Oklahoma is the proud father of Cameron Burnett who became an official U. S. Marine last Sunday. I have not seen Cameron since my visit to Grandfather Mountain Games in 2001 and we all wish him well in his new career



THE BURNETT GATHERING

We had intended to include a larger number of Gathering photographs in this edition of the Banner but unfortunately technology prevents this. All the photographs can be seen on our website www.burnett.uk.com

The Editor



Helen Stockstill with her daughters Dalene, Rhonda & Brenda & grand-daughters Jenny, Laura & Ashley



*Tony & Rodney Anne Anderson
outside Crathes Castle*



*David Irvine of Drum giving guided
tour at Drum Castle*



*Holly, Evelyn & Jacky Kafura with Leland Burnett
at Woodend Barn Ceilidh*



*Vivienne & Julian Burnett, Barbara & Gil Burnett, Ruth Burnett
Phillips, Cyndi Fletcher, Susie Burnett Collins,
Deborah Loflin & Tom Burnett*

THE FARMER RESTAURANT



Then



Now

Beth Burnett of Leys Salazar, Director of Catering, has recently opened THE FARMER RESTAURANT at The Historic Pleasanton Hotel is now open (2 weeks) and she tells me that she has not stopped since we opened the doors. The Farmer is an historic building over 100 years old. Originally built in 1864 by John Kottinger as a “house of entertainment,” The Farmers Hotel included a general store. As it does today, it sat alongside the Arroyo del Valle at the North end of Main Street and was the first hotel in Pleasanton.

After burning down in 1898, it was rebuilt by new owner Henry Reimers. It had 14 rooms, a dining room, bar & electricity! Renovated after a minor fire in 1915, It was renamed The Riverside Hotel and in 1934 it officially became The Pleasanton Hotel. In the 1960s, it stopped taking overnight guests & the upstairs rooms were converted to private offices.

Not only a restaurant, The Farmer also is a great venue weddings in the lovely gardens, banquets and corporate meetings and less than a mile from the Pleasanton Games ! Fáilte chridheil oirbh uile

www.pleasantonhotel.com/

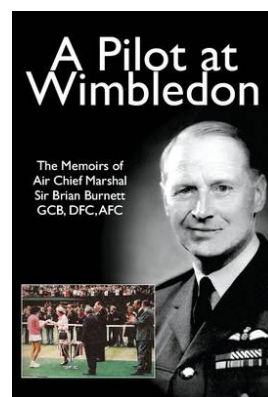
A PILOT AT WIMBLEDON

The Memoirs of Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett
GCB, DFC, AFC

Brian Burnett's career has been one of constant achievement. Born in India, he was educated at Charterhouse and Oxford University where he won blues for both tennis and squash. Having also been active in the University Air Squadron, he joined the RAF as part of the very first University Entrant course at RAF Cranwell. Within a few years he had been selected as a Pilot/Navigator in the World Long Distance Record Flight non-stop from Egypt to Australia and had won the RAF's squash and tennis championships. There followed a distinguished war record, during which he commanded a bomber squadron, taking part in commands as part of the RAF's nuclear deterrent. After a tour as Vice-Chief of the Air Staff his service career culminated in his appointment as Commander-in-Chief of all three services in the Far East, based in Singapore.

He had already been on the committee at Wimbledon for several years before he retired from the RAF, and in 1974 became Chairman. Over the next ten years he presided over some of the most radical changes in Wimbledon's history. For tennis fans as well as the lay reader, the last section of this book offers a treasure trove of information about Wimbledon, what happens in Royal Box and what goes on behind the scenes.

His memoirs are told with modesty and a directness which portrays him as someone who could talk with people from all walks of life. He has rubbed shoulders with Sultans, Presidents and members of Royalty, yet not once does he appear boastful of his contacts and encounters, he just recalls his meetings with a down-to-earth reliance which captivates the reader.



The book is available from Blenheim Press Limited
for £19.95 (plus P&P) –

www.blenheimpressltd.co.uk

SPORTS NEWS

The achievements of Burnetts who make the newspaper headlines deserve a place also in the Banner.

A century old record has been broken after Inspiration achieved an average speed of 139.84mph on two runs over a measured mile, at Edwards Air Force Base, California. The British car, driven by British born driver Charles Burnet III, reached a maximum of 151.085mph, a speed greater than the 145.6mph recorded in 1985 by Steamin' Demon, a car designed by Jim Crank of California and driven by Richard Barber along the Bonneville Salt Flats. Unfortunately, a door flew open on "Steamin' Demon", a fire started and the car was unable to make the return run. The Federation Internationale d'Automobiles (FIA), who officially record any record runs, requires cars to run in both directions over a measured mile to cancel out advantages of tail winds in one direction.

Maybe less deserving of celebration is the news that two internationally known snooker players were detained by police today over alleged irregular betting patterns during a UK championship match. Stephen Maguire, the World No 2 player and 28, and Jamie Burnett have been helping Glasgow police with their inquiries into an alleged betting scandal relating to the Maplin UK Championship in 2008. Although a keen snooker player myself, for the avoidance of doubt, I must point out that the accusations refer to namesake whose skills on the snooker table differ widely from those of my own – except that the accusation was that he failed to pot an apparently easy ball. Here we may have something in common!

James C. A. Burnett of Leys

ARCADY

By Thomas Leslie Forbes Burnett of Kemnay

Have ye ne'er a word of charity
Ye neighbours, who staidly fare?
I have lost my way into Arcady
Who once was a native there
Surely I strayed but a little way
On the path of sordid things
Oh the road was plain, till I turned again
Where the sign of wisdom swings
Oh, land of my heart, my Arcady
Oh, land I am native to
Do you guess how far your children are
Who wander away from you
Homesick, bewildered, weary
In alien lands they roam
They have lost their way into Arcady
And none will lead them home

WATCH YOUR STEP

You may know or will read or hear of the drama and near serious accident during the visit to Muchalls Castle. The coach was too large to enter the access road, and so we walked up the front drive aided by Michael Hogan and Jerry Burnett, who had arrived by car earlier and assisted those for whom the ten minute walk was a little onerous. Disaster struck when Gil Burnett stepped aside to allow the vehicles to pass and fell into a deep ditch. Never complaining for the rest of the week, I later discovered what happened. In Gil's own words

"Thanks to Rhonda Wilson, attached is a photo she took of me being pulled out of the deep ditch I fell into while in our beloved Scotland "The hole in one." The ditch seemed to be about 20 feet deep but I think it was, actually, about 5 feet deep. I took one step back to let someone pass between the stopped vehicle and me and, suddenly, felt like the rabbit in the briar patch. The many woven vines with briars and leaves completely camaflaughed the ditch but, fortunately, they broke my fall and as I moved, trying to get out, they, the thorny vines, slowly, let me sink all the way down into the flowing water. Fortunately, help was immediately available to get me out and, please, thank all of our cousins who participated in getting me out. As I previously mentioned, I learned, upon arrival at home and after x-rays, that I only broke one rib and it is doing fine now. Thanks for all of the interest, concern and help that I received."



I have to add that by the time I arrived on the scene, Gil was being attended to by many able assistants including those in the picture, Michael Hogan, Ed Burnett and Jim Stephen who fortunately I also a doctor

James C. A. Burnett of Leys

MOWAT / BURNETT – CAN ANY READER HELP!



Nina Radcliffe would like to know if any reader can identify some of the people in the photograph

Known facts:

In the middle row are Barbara Munro Mowat Burnett (1850-1929), her husband James Burnett (1845-1923) and her mother Ann/Agnes Wyness Mowat (1815-1907), wife of Robert Barclay Mowat(1820-1891).

I am sure of the identity of these three people as 30 years ago I visited John Edwards Burnett (son of Isaac Gilchrist Masson Burnett and Janet Ramsay Ross as well as grandson of James and Barbara) and his wife Ella Proudfoot Burnett who were living in St. Andrew's. He showed my husband and me pictures of the front of the same house where James and Barbara were seated so I recognize them.

This picture was taken between 1899 and 1907. It is the backyard of the house at 325/327 Hardgate, Aberdeen called Milton Cottage in Pitmuxton, which James bought in 1899. Ann Wyness Mowat died in 1907, therefore, the dating of the picture.

James had two brothers, John Caie Burnett (1832-1901) and David (1834-1924). Both are discussed below as well as their immediate families.

James had 8 sons and 1 daughter: **David Smith** (1873-1874), **James** (1875-1928), **Robert McKay** (1876-1948) who married Elizabeth Meldrum in 1902 in Aberdeen, **Joseph Park** (1878-1879), **William Wilson** (1879-1934) who married Elizabeth Grant Alexander Clark in Winnipeg, **Henry Laing Grant** (1881-1940 USA) who married Jane Ross Gordon Allan in 1904 in Aberdeen, **Elizabeth Kemp** (1884-1948) who married Charles Cruickshank in 1911 in Aberdeen, **Isaac Gilchrist Masson** (1887-1939) who married Janet Ramsay Ross in 1910 in Edinburgh and **John Edwards** (1890-1911).

I have recently found **William Willson Burnett** who went to Winnipeg and never returned to Scotland. He served in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in WW I from 1914 until 1918 and married another native Scot named Elizabeth Grant Alexander Clark in 1914 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They had 4 children, 3 sons and 1 daughter. The daughter later moved to Australia with her mother.

Children of Henry Laing Grant Burnett, Sr. (b. 1881) my aunt, **Mary Jack Allan Burnett** (b.1905), my uncle **Henry Laing Grant Burnett** (b.1904), and a cousin **John Edwards Burnett** (b. 1910), son of Isaac Gilchrist Masson Burnett were all born in the house. Also born in the house in 1905 was **Peter McCulloch Burnett**, grandson of John Caie Burnett and Helen Stuart Burnett (1834-1927) and son of William Smith Burnett (1862-1941) and Jeanie Sutherland (@1871 ->1955) who were married in 1887.

John Caie Burnett, David's' eldest son, in 1861 married Helen Stuart, daughter of William Stuart and Jane Fraser. She was from Aberlour, Banffshire. They had 5 sons and 2 daughters. Their children in order were: **William Smith**(1862-1941) who married Jeanie Sutherland; **John Stewart**(1864-1929), **David**(1866-1878), **Mary Ann**(1869-1870), **Jeannie Mary**(1870-1882), **James**(1873->1957), and **Robert Lewis**(1876-1936) who married Margaret Rankin in 1910. Upon John Caie's death he left 14 Jute Street to his son James and 16 Jute Street, both in Aberdeen, to his son Robert Lewis..

The ages also do not match any of the children and grandchildren of James' only other brother to have children, David Burnett who married Isabella Mathieson (1838-1913) in Benthoul, Peterculter (1862). They bought and lived at a croft in Benthoul, Peterculter from the mid to late 1860's until his death when the property was taken over by his son David (1875-1946).

David had 9 children, 4 died young, 3 emigrated to the USA, 1 who was blind, died at age 36, was married and apparently had no children, and 1 who never married. Those children were: **John Alexander** (1869-1869), **Leslie Davidson** (1880-1960 USA) who married Barbara Ann Robertson in 1911 in Chicago, **Alexander** (1872-1872), **George** (1866-1923 USA) who married Anna Weightman in Pennsylvania, **David** (1863-1863), **William Mathieson** (1864-1901) who married Lesley(Nellie) B. Johnson, **James** (1870-1939) USA) who married Ella Zell and died in Texas, **David** (1875-1946), and **Robert Milne** (1877-1877).

The ages, etc. do not seem to match people from Barbara Munro Mowat's family either.

The backyard was positively identified by one of the current owners of the property, a Burnett cousin, who sent me this picture. I have shared it with a Burnett cousin in Pennsylvania and a Mowat/Burnett cousin in Canada who shared it with another Mowat cousin in France. None of us knows the younger people in the picture.

Question: Can you identify any of the younger people in this picture? There are 4 unknown adults and 5 unknown children.

Please respond to the editor if you have any information - info@leysestate.co.uk.

Editor

JOKE OF THE DAY

A Senior citizen drove his brand new BMW Z4 convertible out of the car salesroom. Taking off down the motorway, he floored it to 160Kmh; enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left. "Amazing!" he thought as he flew down the road, enjoying pushing the pedal to the metal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a police car behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. "I can get away from him no problem!" thought the elderly man as he floored it to 180Kmh, then 220, then 240Kmh. Suddenly, he thought, "What on earth am I doing? I'm too old for this nonsense!" So he pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the police car to catch up

with him. Pulling in behind him, the police officer walked up to the driver's side Of the BMW, looked at his watch and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 10 mins. Today is Friday and I'm taking off for the weekend. If you can give me a reason why you were speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go." The man, looked very seriously at the policeman, and replied, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman. I thought you were bringing her back." "Have a good day, Sir," said the policeman

THE HOUSE OF BURNETT

From the Secretary

Greetings;

Those of you who were unable to attend the Gathering 2009 missed out on a wonderful trip. The Opening Ceremony at the games in Edinburgh was special. Prince Charles opened games with a crowd of 55,000 in attendance (a few Burnett's sprinkled in). The Burnett's, a small but enthusiastic group, marched (walked) up the Royal Mile to the Edinburgh Castle. We were one of the first groups of clans in the parade and arrived at the esplanade at 8PM but the last clan the Young's didn't arrive until 10:30 PM, so the program started late, there fore ended late. Another notable event was the Mystery Dinner Theater at the Fraser Castle. No, I had no clue who done it. We also had a great time at the Woodend's Ceilidh where we were joined by the Irvine and Hays Clans. The good times were too many to mention them all and I think everyone who was there will agree.

For the first time in four years as Secretary we have a full slate of officers. They are busy looking for changes that can be made to increase membership and many other improvements to the organization. I am looking forward to some exciting developments.

During my travels this year I met a lot of wonderful New Family members and I'm looking forward to a long fruitful friendship.

If you are ever in Milwaukee, WI stop by the Robert Burns Statue and you will find a brick from the House of Burnett.

There are some new items to view on the website, take a look at the site and see what's new!

Leland L. Burnett

THE FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

I am asking for everyone to send me the information of any family members. I would like to add them to The Flowers of the Forest list (those who have passed away) at the Kirking' O' The Tartans at the Games. I would also like to honor them in the Banner. If you send me the information I will see that it is done.

Leland L. Burnett

COLLECTION OF BURNETT FAMILY TREES

I would like to find an energetic technically savvy person to look at the possibility of collecting all of the family trees that are out there and combine them all on one network. It seems that everyone has a little and if we could combine this wealth of information on the web or a website would be a great thing for the family for generations to come. If you would like to look into this please let me know.

Leland L. Burnett

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dale Reed is looking for information on the family of John Miles Burnett born 20 Nov. 1860 in Pisgy, MO. His father is listed as James Burnett born in KY. And his mother was Mary Gogul or Dogul. John Miles Burnett married Mary Ellen Sibole on 4 Oct 1887. He died 22 March 1939 at St. Clair, Franklin County, MO. And was buried at the Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery in Lonedell, Franklin County MO.

If you have any information about this family and their connections please pass this to the Secretary and it will be given to Dale.

Leland L. Burnett

ANOTHER NEW ADDITION AT CRATHES

Alexander and Vinny Burnett were proud to announce that Hester Zia Elizabeth Burnett arrived on April 11th weighing 8 ½ pounds



