



Burnett Newsletter
(including House of Burnett)

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GREETINGS FROM CRATHES

As explained last year, we are not sending any Christmas Cards to the many Burnetts around the world from whom we so often receive best wishes. It is difficult to know how to restrict such a list and hereby we send you all our best wishes for Christmas and hope that 2010 will be as prosperous and as trouble-free as can be expected.

BURNETT GATHERING 2013

The highlight of 2009 here was our Gathering in July and we hope that all who came enjoyed it as much as we were pleased to be able to host it. After all reunions since the first in 1992, many of our visitors have urged us to arrange the next one as soon as possible. In some cases, the suggestion has been to hold one every year. However, every fourth year, which for me appears to come with increasing rapidity, seems to be about right. I therefore confirm that the next Burnett Gathering will be in 2013 and we will make every endeavour to provide a programme which will appeal to all.

THE BANNER - QUARTERLY

The Burnett Banner seeks to relay to readers a range of relevant issues and I hope that all of them are of interest to somebody. How the website develops to provide information may in due course relate to the content of the Banner. Meantime, it is our intention that the Banner is a quarterly publication and is produced in mid December, March, June and September. Although there may be opportunities elsewhere on the website to exchange and seek information, material for the Banner is always welcome.

It has long been our intention to provide more genealogical information on the website. I hope that we are getting there. See P. For those who seek such information and it will

not be available in this way, I hope you will use the Forum to seek it

NOVA SCOTIA BARONETCY AND ANOTHER BURNETT BANNER

I have recently acquired the Banner which has been flown at the Aboyne Games and which has recently had to be replaced. The difference is that this flag relates to the time of my grandfather who was a Baronet of Nova Scotia. The lion on the canton is part of the Arms of Nova Scotia. My new flag will not have the canton of Nova Scotia as sadly the Baronetcy is now dormant.

The Baronetage of Nova Scotia originated by King James VI in 1624 as a means of colonising Nova Scotia.



James C. A. Burnett of Leys

HOUSE OF BURNETT NEW OFFICERS ELECTED!

While those of you online may have seen the listing of new officers for the House of Burnett Inc. on the Burnett website, the summer's election results have not been formally announced.

The general membership elected five people to the Board of Directors in March. JudyLynn Weaver of Pennsylvania, Jim Burnette of South Carolina, and Tony Burnett of Indiana are fresh faces within the organization; while Barbara Kreider and George Kreider of California are a couple of familiar names.

The Directors then voted in July to retain two long-time Executive Officers and bring aboard a new one. Leland Burnett of Wisconsin and Mike Burnett of Texas will continue to serve as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Phyllis Esler of North Carolina joins the HOB as President. Their terms will run until the end of December 2010.

We are very happy to see these folks bringing life to the organization! Our "Statement Of Primary Purpose" reminds us that *the purpose, objective and goal of The House of Burnett is to promote the sense or feeling of "family" among the membership.* The eight officers have been conducting business for several months, and have already started the ball rolling to create a better House of Burnett. The officers are eager to hear members' suggestions or questions. You can contact them via their info listed on the Burnett website, and below. Feel free to raise any topic on the Burnett Forum online, and rest assured that the officers will address your concerns!

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR OFFICERS AND BOARD

Phyllis Esler - President

Phyllis Esler was elected President of the House of Burnett in July 2009. Her mother's maiden name was Burnett, and because her Grandfather had only girls, the family name stopped with him. Phyllis, however, in searching for her roots, a quest that has taken nearly ten years. She has been writing articles about her family for the last few years, which have been published in a local women's magazine as well as the Burnett Banner, and, with some encouragement, has begun to put together a book about her family. Phyllis was born in Michigan during WWII and grew up with a pride in her family and she attributes her ability to write to her mother's love for writing.

Phyllis was married to Ronald Esler in 1977 and became a mother of two and stepmother of four. She and Ron now have 12 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and a second due this summer. She and Ron own Thistle House Bed & Breakfast in Granite Falls, North Carolina and she says that their most popular room in the B&B is called The House of Burnett room. Phyllis' son John and his wife Karen maintain the B&B and she, with pride, says "the B&B wouldn't happen without them."

The Esler's have not always been Innkeepers, however. Ron has driven trucks and busses for show business celebrities, most of his adult life. Autographed photographs of some of these people grace the walls of their dining room. Phyllis had worked for over 40 years in Medical Business Management and has certifications in Medical Assisting and as a Professional Coder/Biller and had worked full time until she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006.

Still under therapy she has maintained an enthusiasm for working with the HOB organization and represents the Burnett's at local North Carolina Highland Gatherings. She also works part time as a secretary for a United Methodist Church, in North Carolina, and works for KarieAlls, a corporation that manufactures handbags that will soon be featured on Oprah. Phyllis is the Sales Manager for one line of these handbags called the Tartan Collection, which actually has Scottish Tartans featured on the front of each bag.

Even though her health has been slowing her down in recent months, she is still active in the American Business Women's Association, the Granite Falls Merchants Association, her local church, and raises money for the Lenoir Wig Bank that helps women

who are coping with breast cancer. She is also a certified Wedding Coordinator who has worked with over 50 couples in her career and the B&B has hosted nearly 20 weddings in the past two years. She and her husband are currently planning to visit Scotland and perhaps meet up with Jamie and Fiona, next summer.

She states that she would most like to see the HOB grow in membership and is open to suggestions from anyone member or potential member as to how to accomplish this goal.



Phyllis with James Burnett

P.S. Phyllis' generous offer of gift certificates for her Bed & Breakfast should not be overlooked. Details can be seen under Links on the website to The Thistle House

The Editor

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT 4th Quarter 2009

House of Burnett activity began this year with election of officers in July and as your elected President, I was elated, excited and honoured. Having met many of you at the Burnett family reunion in 2005, I am looking forward to this opportunity to continue in this capacity and pray that our organization will grow and prosper. Our first order of business was to begin working on our constitution and by-laws, ironing out any discrepancies and working together and with Jamie to make a membership in the HOB a good thing to have.

Under the skill of our moderator, JudyLyn Weaver, we have set up the Board of Directors and the Officers of HOB with a web messaging system where we can communicate ideas, take polls, vote on issues and get to know each other. After a slow

start, and some Yahoo glitches, we are well underway with this now and it seems to be working rather well.

We are “calling all Burnett’s” of various spellings and descendants of the name, to come and join us to make us a viable organization. We especially look forward to hearing from those of you out side of the US borders.

Currently we are working toward getting more exposure at the various Highland Gatherings and are looking for those of you who would be willing to work at setting up tents and tables at these local events.

We would encourage you to log into the Burnett forum and communicate with those who have posted information there. The HOB Board of Directors and Officers do frequent this forum to take the pulse of our membership to determine your thoughts as to where we need to go with our organization.

Be sure to read the articles in this issue of the Banner about some of the recent votes that were passed regarding dues and openings for officers and/or Directors. We need your help and input to spread the word and unite our family.
God Bless and remember

Virescit Vulnere Virtus
(Courage Strengthens Through Adversity)

Phyllis Esler, President, House of Burnett

COME ABOARD THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Would you like to participate in helping the House of Burnett plan an active future and organize its responsibilities? Now’s your chance! The HOB officers now invite interested members to nominate themselves for a Board of Directors position.

Currently, the HOB is comprised of three Executive Officers and five Directors. The decision to add a sixth Director is being made because the HOB Constitution seems to point in that direction. An additional officer would provide additional help in decision-making, as well as even out the three rolling ‘classes’ (so that two Directors are elected each year, after this reorganization period).

Any candidate must be a member in good standing of the House of Burnett (who has paid dues for the year beginning January). Membership in the HOB

is open worldwide, so candidates need not be residents of the United States.

HOB business is currently conducted online, so attendance at meetings is not required; all that is needed is an internet connection to access e-mail and messageboards. (Although an annual meeting should be held, and all officers are encouraged to attend.)

Duties of the position overall are to take steps to start: 1) promoting and increasing HOB membership, 2) enabling a greater Burnett presence at Scottish Games and other Celtic festivals, and 3) making the HOB more active by getting more Burnetts involved. The new Director will participate in establishing new committees and regional representatives over the term of office.

One targeted task for 2010 is to revise the Constitution and lay the foundation for a new, more active group of officers and regular members. (This document can be found on the Burnett website, under “House of Burnett,” then “Constitution and Rules.”)

The new Director also will be asked to provide opinions, thoughts, and ideas on HOB-related issues throughout the year.

The new Director’s term of office will end December 31, 2010, by which time annual elections will take place. All officers are eligible for multiple terms.

If interested, please contact Secretary Leland Burnett, telling a bit about yourself, any current/past involvement with the HOB, why you wish to serve on the Board, and what you would like to accomplish as a Director. The deadline for applicants is January 20. The Board intends to appoint the new Director by the end of February.

Any questions or clarifications should be directed to the Secretary. (You may also post a message on the Forum.)



DUES ARE NOW DUE

One decision made by HOB officers that impacts all members is the vote to establish a permanent fiscal year. This means that your membership year now runs from January to December, beginning in 2010.

Why? For one thing, it was difficult for members to keep track of exactly when to pay our dues. Have you ever scratched your head, wondering when to send in your check? (I know I have!) With everyone joining at different times of the year, there was no way to uniformly remind members of their dues deadline. And we didn't want to give someone the task of manually sending reminder notices to hundreds of members throughout the year!

Therefore, the HOB has been losing out on not only dues money, but members. And we want to keep you all! So we decided on one time of year in order to make joining the organization, remaining a member in good standing, AND collecting dues more efficient. A single dues deadline can now be promoted in the newsletter as that time of year approaches. This new membership year now simplifies other things, such as terms of office for elected HOB officials. We can also now set a regular schedule for nominating and electing officers.

But the bottom line is that dues for the 2010 calendar year are requested this January! Dues continue to be \$20 (American). We offer several ways to make your payment:

If you're sending a check, please complete the membership form below and mail it to the Secretary, Leland Burnett (address found on the officer listings).

If you prefer to pay via credit card or PayPal, the HOB provides those options via our website for your convenience. Just go to www.burnett.uk and under "House of Burnett" simply click "Membership." (An easier choice for non-U.S. members than wrestling with the exchange rate!) You may even choose to renew your annual membership via credit card *automatically* each January 1st.

Those who have recently sent in your payment (from the latter half of the year -- July through December 2009) will be considered paid in full for the new 2010 year. Those members who would normally be due in the first half of the year (between January and June) are asked to renew in January.

The HOB can also provide a gift membership! This might make a great Christmas gift for the Burnett who has everything. Or for welcoming a new Burnett into the family, whether it be a bride or groom, or a new baby. Congratulate a graduate or recognize a special occasion among your family. Contact the Secretary with any questions.

On behalf of the House of Burnett officers, thank you for your cooperation. And happy hogmanay!

Judy Lynn Weaver, Board of Directors



Name: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

ZIP/Postcode: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Birthdate (MM/DD/YY): _____

E-mail: _____

Please give a brief description on reverse of form of your connection to the Burnett Family if not by surname (e.g. "Grandmother was a Burnett").

GREETINGS;

Since the last issue of the Banner 10 family members and I attended the Wisconsin Highland Games and Celtic Fling at Waukesha, WI. in September. Thirty six Burnett Family members spent the weekend of September 25 and 26 at the DuPont Lodge in Cumberland Falls, Kentucky State Park swapping stories. A good time was had by all!

I'm glad to announce that we will be having Burnett tents at several games where we haven't had a representative in a while. As of this date we will have a tent at the Arizona Highland Games and I will be at the Loch Norman NC games, April 18-20. We hope to have some one at the Las Vegas Gathering and the Indiana Highland Games in Fort Wayne, IN in June. We will also be represented as usual at the games in California and Glasgow, KY. As soon as I get firm info I will add it to the Events page on the Website. It would help those working the games if you could come by and help in your area. I want to see all you folks from NC at Loch Norman, since I am making the over 900 mile drive.

I have been working on my Burnett Family Data base and have recently added over 200 more names and hope to add a few more this winter if my luck holds. I am looking for anyone who has Family trees leading to John Burnett who left London for Virginia in 1635. This will help me greatly.

I plan on running for Secretary for at least one more year unless some one would like to take over and give more time to do research, that would be great.

Leland L. Burnett
Secretary, House of Burnett



Holiday Greetings
and Best Wishes
for a New Year
Filled with Peace
and Joy!

JOSEPH HENRY (T-BONE) BURNETT

Born Jan. 14 1948 in St Louis, MO.

Raised in Fort Worth, TX.

Singer - Songwriter – Producer

Feb. 27, 2002 was the night the 6 foot 6 inch producer ambled on stage at the Grammys to accept the trophy for “O Brother; Where Art Thou?,” which had won for album of the year.

Since then, Burnett, at age 60 has been able to be selective in picking projects with artists who don't like to compromise almost as much as he does. This attitude brought him to the odd couple of Robert Plant and Allison Krauss. He produced their CD “Raising Sand.”

In the 90's he produced multimillion selling CD's for Counting Crows and the Wall Flowers, but

record label bigwigs who couldn't carry a tune kept telling T-Bone how tunes should sound, so he quit making records for a while.

Film makers Joel and Ethan Coen made him an offer he couldn't refuse. They gave total creative freedom. He produced the music for “O Brother” and “The Lady Killers,” which led to work on “Cold Mountain” and “Walk the Line.”

His best known production of late is “Raising Sand” by Plant and Krauss.

Leland L. Burnet

UPDATE TO "BURNETTS FROM SCOTLAND TO AUSTRALIA"

Sept 2009

**James Charles Burnett (1815-1854). Descendant
of Burnetts of Barns (Scotland)
Surveyor. Head of Survey Office, Brisbane.**

James Charles Burnett arrived in Sydney with his parents in December 1829. His father was William Burnett, born 28 May 1788, who was the son of James Burnett of Barns in southern Scotland. William Burnett married Marjory Chalmers Brown in Edinburgh on 30 October 1813. It has not yet been determined whether James Charles Burnett was born in 1815 in Edinburgh or London as his father who was at one time a Merchant in Brazil and also worked in London. William Burnett moved to Australia in 1829 as Colonial Secretary of the Swan River Settlement under the government of Sir Edward Parry and soon moved to New South Wales where he settled. William & Marjory had other children – **John Alexander Burnett** who became a Merchant in Melbourne and married Margaret McDonnell (children Charles John, William, James, Abigail Scott & Lilies), **Marjory Burnett** who died young, **William Burnett** of Burnetland in Hunter District & **Patrick Graham** William Burnett Snr died in 1858 aged 70.

NOTES ON ONTONG BURNETT Who was Ontong Burnett ?

There have been several enquiries about Ontong (also spelt Untong) Burnett so it may be helpful to share a few of the known details.

James Burnett of Countesswells near Aberdeen, returned to Scotland after making his fortune in cotton in India & Malaya. He brought with him a servant named Ontong. Nothing is known of Ontong's background prior to being in Scotland but as Ontong is an island within the Solomon Islands perhaps his name was taken from there. Records of Peterculter Parish show that he was baptised as an adult and given the name Ontong Burnett on 11 September 1774. The same parish records show that Ontong had a daughter baptised Henrietta Burnett on 17 October 1778 but her mother's name was not given. On 8 November 1788, Ontong Burnett paid St Peter's Church, Peterculter, a fee for the proclamation of banns of intention of marriage but name of his intended bride is not recorded. After James Burnett died, Ontong moved to Gordonstoun, Morayshire in about 1782 as a

servant to Sir William Gordon who was a relative of Mrs James Burnett. On 15 March 1788, Ontong married Margaret Ritchie in Drainie parish and they had a son William, born 4 November 1788, baptised in Drainie parish on 12 November. Margaret Ritchie Burnett died on 18th December 1788 aged 25 and was buried at Michael Kirk, Gordonstoun, the following day.

On 19 December 1790, Ontong married Elspet Hay in Fordyce parish.

Ontong Burnett's daughter Henrietta Burnett married George Hardie on 20 June 1801 in Slains parish, Aberdeenshire. They farmed at Knapperna, Slains and had ten children of which James Hardie moved to New Zealand. There are known descendants of the family in New Zealand and also in the UK.

Ontong Burnett died on 11 March 1811 aged 64 and was buried in the Hardie grave at Ellon, Aberdeenshire. Ellon parish records contain an entry naming Thong Burnett of Knapperna, Slains and the date 15 March 1811 which is assumed to be the date of burial.

*Eileen Bailey
Burnett Genealogist*

GILBERT BURNETT, JR MIDDLETOWN

Gilbert Burnett, Jr., 88, of Middletown, RI, died Sunday, September 13, 2009, in Newport. Born in Louisville, Kentucky, August 5, 1921, he was the son of the late Judge Gilbert Burnett, Sr. and Helen Wiseman Burnett.

After graduating from Princeton University in 1943, he joined the Office of Strategic Services and served in Indochina. He later worked for the CIA in Washington, DC, where he met his first wife, Hildreth, with whom he had a daughter, Hildreth Burnett Potts, of Sidney, Australia. With his second wife, Daphne, he had two sons, Michael Burnett, of North Plainfield, NJ, and Jefferson Burnett, of Bethesda, MD.

Gilbert Burnett was a teacher at several independent schools, including Punahou School, Hawaii Preparatory School, and Phillips Andover Academy, before becoming chair of the science department at St. George's School in Newport, RI, where he taught for 27 years.

He was predeceased by his wife, Daphne, and his three sisters, Anne Van Oss, Adelaide Hawn, and Betsy Labouchere. He leaves three children and five grandchildren.

Hendrick Van Oss

I recently received this from Hendrick who advises me of the death of his uncle Gilbert Burnett and he sends me the obituary above. Gilbert and many of his family have been to see us at Crathes over the years and which visits we very much enjoyed.

James C. A. Burnett of Leys

MAREE AND COLIN BURNETT-DORN

I was very pleased to be visited in September by Maree Burnett-Dorn and her husband, Colin, on their honeymoon following their marriage on August 15th. Maree is the youngest daughter of Max & Bernice Burnett and has provided me with a huge amount of genealogical material which will be most useful in our assembly of material on Burnetts in Australia and elsewhere. We toured the Castle, went to the Loch of Leys and walked out to the Crannog thanks to the disposable surgical boots of which Quinter Burnett so kindly sent me a box following his visit in 2008 after I described to him the problems of visiting the Crannog. When I told him that during the 2000 gathering, I gave everyone black bin-bags with which to wade through the swamp, he clearly thought that Burnetts should not be allowed to suffer such indignity.



James C. A. Burnett of Leys

WEAR YOUR BURNETT TARTAN ON APRIL 6

Did you know that April 6 is National Tartan Day in America, Argentina, and Canada, as well as Scotland?

Tartan Day was established to commemorate the contributions of Scots to society, and to celebrate Scottish heritage. Several organizations and locales hold many different types of events - some of which go on for the entire seven days of "Tartan Week"!

Two of the largest events in the U.S. are the Tartan Day Parade and attendant celebrations in New York City and the Tartan Day Festival outside Washington, D.C. Perhaps we can gather an American contingent from the House of Burnett to make our presence known among the other clans! If you're interested, please contact one of the officers (or pop by the Forum).

Is your community or organization observing Tartan Day? Tell the editor about the activity, and we'll try to announce it in the March *Banner* so other Burnetts have the opportunity to participate!

The significance of April 6 is that it's the date on which was signed the Declaration of Arbroath – a declaration of independence – way back in 1320. Meanwhile in Australia, Tartan Day is celebrated on July 1: the date of the Repeal Proclamation of 1782, which reversed the Act of Proscription of 1747 that had banned the wearing of tartan.

ALSO.....

Another big holiday coming up is of course ... Robert Burns' birthday on January 25! If you're among a gathering of Burnetts celebrating the poet's day with a bonnie Burns Supper, please share it with the editor. And be sure to gie' a toast to the Hoose o' Burnett.



THE BATTLE OF HARLAW 1411

I was recently privileged to be able to visit some of the points of interest relating to this important battle in which an army of Highlanders, invading the north-east of Scotland, was confronted near Inverurie by an army raised by local Barons with the Bishop of Aberdeen and others. It was a particularly bloody fray ending without a victor on the day although, by the following morning, the Highlanders had fled back to their country burning all before them.

There are no records of the presence of Burnetts at the battle but undoubtedly they were there both because of their position and legal obligation. One of the main participants in the battle was Alexander Irvine of Drum who fought an epic duel to the death with "Red Hector" MacLean of Duart. David Irvine kindly described his ancestor's actions when we viewed the Drum Stone, a place of assembly between Drum and the battlefield. I overlooked an opportunity by not suggesting that we were joined by one of Red Hector's descendants, Alexandra Allan, (daughter of Sir Lachlan MacLean of Duart), and who lives at Woodbine next to our House of Crathes. As a representative of the invading force, she would have been outnumbered by those associated with the Barons' force.

I have included photographs of David Irvine at the Drum Stone and of the Harlaw memorial including a picture of the group. It includes l-r Andrew Gordon (from Haddo), Geordie Burnett-Stuart, Andrew's wife Lucy Gordon, (until recently secretary of the House of Gordon), Angus Hay, (organiser of the battlefield visit and who accompanied those on the Aberdeen tour during the recent Burnett Gathering visit), JCAB and Alex Forbes (of Druminnor).

Of little interest to readers may be the date of the battle and of a recent call by the Local Authority to mark its 600th anniversary. I would like to think that Burnetts may participate in such a celebration even if it means rewriting bit of history albeit with assumption and without the necessary support! We would like to have some form of presence because, God willing, July 24th 2011 is also a milestone date in the life of yours truly. James C. A. Burnett of Leys



BURNETTS IN NEW ZEALAND DESCENDANTS OF ARTHUR BURNETT

When we have made further progress with research into Burnetts in Australia, we will turn our attention further towards New Zealand. I have corresponded with several; Burnetts in New Zealand over the last few years and most recently with Lynda Schroder. Lynda is working on a substantial family tree starting with her great grandfather, Alexander Burnett of whom she writes in the article below. More detail can be found on the website which Lynda is building to collect family information:

<http://free-page.net/web/Burnett.htm>

The following is from the diary of her great grandfather, Alexander Burnett. What she would like to have is more information on his father Arthur Burnett who she understands was born in the Borders: Ettrick, Selkirk area. She cannot find any information on Arthur Burnett and if any readers can, she would be pleased to hear of it

The Editor

Notes from Alexander Burnett diary from August 1875

Alexander Burnett born 1845 Lochbroom, Scotland and Agnes Linton (dau. of Robert Linton) born abt. 1845 Dores, Scotland were married in Los Angeles 27 April 1874. Witnesses Robert Burnett and Andrew Linton residents of Los Angeles.

August 23rd 1875 they were farming sheep near Julian inland from San Diego California, their first son Alexander Robert Burnett was born 24 August 1875 at Caraceto House, Santa Yesabell Ranch, San Diego County, California.

In Alexander's diary they had a 3 day horse and cart trip to San Diego sell their wool and buy supplies, on the farm they had Indian's helping with the sheep and Mexican shearers.

November 22 1876 they left the San Yesabell Ranch for the want of feed for the sheep and money! lost all but 1500 of the sheep for want of feed crossing the desert on the road to Bakersfield.

April 9th 1877 daughter Permelia Helen Starks Burnett was born and she died 2 days later buried in Bakersfield Church yard. July 18th sold remainder of sheep for 9 pence a head at Bakersfield and left for San Francisco. August 15th

1877 sailed for Auckland New Zealand on S. S. City of New York. Arrived Auckland Sept. 8th 1877 and left Auckland Dec. 1st. Arrived 4th Dec. Sydney Australia and left Sydney Dec. 31st 1877 and arrived Cootamundra Dec. 31st flat broke! worked for Mr Ward farming sheep.

January 26th 1878 posted 9 letters one to Sir Robert Burnett, one to Bobby Burnett, McArthur, William Stewart and to postmaster Sydney, etc..

March 19th 1888 Helen Isabella Burnett was born at Mr Ward's house Cootamundra Australia both well.

March 31st letter and cheque arrived from Robert in Scotland for 63 pounds, posted letter to Walter in New Zealand, wrote letter to Mother in Scotland.

Left Australia for New Zealand and sailed from Sydney May 3rd 1878 about 36 people in second cabin and 200 chinese on board for the gold fields NZ. Ship arrived Wellington NZ. May 9th sailed next day to Lyttelton and onto Dunedin, next day onto Bluff harbour and train to Invercargill, met Walter Burnett and family, few days later took a job at Edendale government sheep farm.

October 29th 1879 Walter John Burnett born Edendale. November 1st. 1882 James William Burnett born Edendale and died Nov. 2nd.

Family moved near Timaru engaged in dairy farming, July 7th 1889 Margaret Mary Burnett born and few years later the family moved to Cheviot. Alexander Burnett was one of the early settlers in Cheviot farming 450 acres with his son Alexander Robert Burnett. Alexander Robert Burnett married Jane Linton, their first child James Alexander Linton Burnett b. 1903, Cheviot NZ

Burnett family is still living in Cheviot farming and family members are scattered around NZ

Lynda Schroder, Cheviot, NZ.
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XMAS JOKE OF THE DAY



Question: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Answer: Frostbite

1893 BURNETT FAMILY TREE

I have often been asked for copies of the 1893 Genealogical Tree which is hanging in the Oak Bedroom at Crathes Castle and which was originally insert with each copy of the Family of Burnett of Leys edited by George Allardyce for the Spalding Club. Hitherto I have made photocopies but it will now be printed onto 200gsm cream card at the original size of 910 x 620mm and which clearly provides a superior appearance. If anybody is interested, it will shortly be available in the store. We are also introducing the Burnett genealogy to the website (Geni) but the size of the 1893 tree, if extended to accommodate the generations over the last hundred years, makes any new version of the tree unlikely



James C. A. Burnett of Leys

BURNETT GENEALOGY

We have long spoken as to how we might provide Burnett genealogical information on-line. We are now launching this with the aid of the Geni website and the initial details are now available for viewing. (see Burnett website - Burnett History and Genealogy)

I am very grateful to Chris Engel for suggesting a programme whereby the actual genealogical data

can be entered, stored and displayed in a dynamic form. It has the advantage of being editable, accessible to all and can be updated to show the many additional branches of the Burnett family that have grown since the Spalding Club document was produced in 1893. Data can contain all vital information, spouses, offspring, biographical information, contact details and even digital images.

www.Geni.com is a website where there are already numerous Burnetts listed. This is a site where (i) you can build your family tree (ii) invite relatives to collaborate, (iii) discover new relatives, (iv) preserve your family history, (v) share family photos and videos and (vi) remember birthdays and anniversaries. The site would enable Burnetts worldwide to add their own families to the tree and link into ours. Use of the site is free other than for a very simple registration, but you should be aware that once on Geni, the data cannot be protected by copyright and may be accessed by Burnetts and other people world-wide.

Chris has very generously added the contents of the Spalding Burnett tree as a basis for building on the database as more data becomes available. Continuation of any line can be through invitation from an earlier contributor on any particular branch.

If anybody has any difficulty in finding their way around the site, we would be pleased to try to help.

The Editor

A 'CRACK' AT THE ADMIRAL

There are few more illustrious Burnetts than Admiral Sir Robert Burnett one of the most successful British Admirals in World War II and who commanded the cruiser squadron which sank the battleship, the Scharnhorst, the pride of the German Fleet, on Boxing Day 1943.

When the old Aberdeenshire gamekeeper, with whom Admiral Burnett used to go shooting in earlier days, heard of his share in the sinking of the Scharnhorst, he meditatively remarked, "Aye, he micht hit a thing that big!"

The Admiral, in full keeping with his character, laughed heartily when the Principal of Aberdeen University related this at the ceremony when Sir Robert was given an honorary doctorate in 1944

BUD BURNETT

Chauncey Vincent "Bud" Burnett was described as a quiet-spoken man of medium build with a mustache. He was born July 4th, 1892 grandson of Civil War Veteran Chauncey Vandermark Burnett. Bud at the age of 16, in 1908, acted as President Theodore Roosevelt's guard of honor during the President's visit to Hillsdale, Michigan.

His career beginnings include taking secretarial training at Ferris Institute for a year after which he applied to various positions before moving into the advertising field. Eventually he became the advertising manager of Berdan Coffee Co. in Toledo in 1917.

From this he went into a military career, working his way up to the rank of Major. He had been promoted to Captain when he organized the Marine Reserve Squadron at Grosse Ile, MI.

After WWI he became manager of the Curtiss-Wright Flying service on Grosse Ile, when he became acquainted with famed aviator Amelia Earhart. Curtiss-Wright closed the training school field in 1932 and Bud joined James Eastman (a Detroit flying boat designer) on a four month expedition to hunt for gold via air in Alaska. (They found very little gold.)

Bud Burnett was best known for his career as manager of the Detroit City Airport, a position he accepted in 1934, and was at one time president of the American Association of Airport Executives.

He returned to military service in WWII and worked his way up to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and as such was present at the surrender of the Japanese Captain Masanori Shiga aboard the USS Levy anchored in Mille Atoll. This is believed to be the first formal surrender of the Japanese, prior to the official surrender aboard the USS Missouri. In the photograph, Bud is second from the right at the end of the table with the moustache.

Bud Burnett died in 1963 at the age of 71.

Phyllis Esler, President, House of Burnett



Photo # 80-G-490369 Signing surrender of Mille Atoll, 22 August 1945

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO SCOTLAND?

Member of Burnett of Kemnay family. 1914

Have you ever been in Scotland in the bonnie
month o' June?
Oh it's there you'll wander a' the night and never
seek a moon.
It's there you'll see the green North light, and
maybe if nae wise
You'er apert to muddle sunset up and tak' it for
sunrise.

Have you ever been to Scotland when the
heather's out in bloom
When the hills and glens are covered with the
purple of God's loom?
Have you ever, in the morning when a' the world
was still
Lain down and watched the Ptarmigan awa' out on
the hill?

Have you ever been in Scotland when the
bracken's turning broon
When the burnies case to rummle and come rushing
roaring doon?
Have you ever trod the hill tracks that run 'twixt
earth and sky
And watched the mist roll downwards and the wild
things pass you by?

Have you ever been to Scotland when there's six
feet drifts o' sna?
The red deer coming roon the hoose, there'll be
another fa'!
It's then ye'll hae a roaring fire o' wood and aft
time peat,
It's there I hope that you and I will someday may
be meet.

WEAR YOUR BURNETT TARTAN ON APRIL 6

Did you know that April 6 is National Tartan Day in America, Argentina, and Canada, as well as Scotland?

Tartan Day was established to commemorate the contributions of Scots to society, and to celebrate Scottish heritage. Several organizations and locales hold many different types of events - some of which go on for the entire seven days of "Tartan Week"!

Two of the largest events in the U.S. are the Tartan Day Parade and attendant celebrations in New York City and the Tartan Day Festival outside Washington, D.C. Perhaps we can gather an American contingent from the House of Burnett to make our presence known among the other clans! If you're interested, please contact one of the officers (or pop by the Forum).

Is your community or organization observing Tartan Day? Tell the editor about the activity, and we'll try to announce it in the March *Banner* so other Burnetts have the opportunity to participate!

The significance of April 6 is that it's the date on which was signed the Declaration of Arbroath – a declaration of independence – way back in 1320. Meanwhile in Australia, Tartan Day is celebrated on July 1: the date of the Repeal Proclamation of 1782, which reversed the Act of Proscription of 1747 that had banned the wearing of tartan.

ALSO.....

Another big holiday coming up is of course ... Robert Burns' birthday on January 25! If you're among a gathering of Burnetts celebrating the poet's day with a bonnie Burns Supper, please share it with the editor. And be sure to gie' a toast to the Hoose o' Burnett.

LAPEL PINS

As a result of a request, additions to our shop items include lapel pins which will be available shortly after the New Year. Chris Engel has worked on the crest to simplify the design for this purpose and they will be approx 20-25mm across in gilt metal with inlaid enamel chosen to match the dress and hunting Burnett of Leys Tartans.



SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS RECIPES

BLACK BUN

This is a traditional recipe for a treat which is often eaten at the end of the year at Hogmanay. But it needs to be made several weeks in advance so that it can mature. Indeed, it can be kept for up to six months if kept in an airtight container. Don't be put off by the formidable list of ingredients. It is relatively easy to make and every cook has his or her own variations on the ingredients.

Ingredients for Pastry Case:

12 oz plain flour (3 cups)
3 oz lard (6 tablespoons)
3 oz butter or margarine (6 tablespoons)
(Note that if you don't want to use lard, increase the butter/margarine by an equivalent amount)
Pinch of salt
Half teaspoon baking powder
Cold water

Ingredients for Filling:

1 lb seedless raisins (2¾ cups)
1 lb cleaned currants (2¾ cups)
2 oz chopped, blanched almonds (Third of a cup)
2 oz chopped mixed peel (¼ cup)
6 oz plain flour (1½ cups)
3 oz soft brown sugar (Third of a cup)
One level teaspoon ground allspice
Half level teaspoon each of ground ginger, ground cinnamon, baking powder
Generous pinch of black pepper
One tablespoon brandy
One large, beaten egg
Milk to moisten

Method:

Grease an 8-inch loaf tin. Rub the fats into the flour and salt and then mix in enough cold water to make a stiff dough (remember, it is going to line the tin). Roll out the pastry and cut into six pieces, using the bottom, top and four sides of the tin as a rough guide. Press the bottom and four side pieces into the tin, pressing the overlaps to seal the pastry shell.

Mix the raisins, currants, almonds, peel and sugar together. Sift in the flour, all the spices and baking powder and bind them together using the brandy and almost all the egg and add enough milk to moisten.

Pack the filling into the lined tin and add the pastry lid, pinching the edges and using milk or egg to seal really well. Lightly prick the surface with a fork and make four holes to the bottom of the tin with a skewer. Depress the centre slightly (it will rise as it cooks).

Brush the top with milk or the rest of the egg to create a glaze.

Bake in a pre-heated oven at 325F/160C/Gas Mark 3 for 2½ to 3 hours. Test with a skewer which should come out clean; if not, continue cooking. An uncooked cake sizzles if you listen closely!

Cool in the tin and then turn onto a wire rack. Cool thoroughly before storing until Hogmanay.



VENISON STEW

Today, most Scots will have their Turkey like everyone else. But Venison Stew is a rich traditional Scottish dish which would grace any Christmas table. Popular on tables of gentlefolk at Christmastide and New Year in the 18th-19th century

Ingredients:

1 lb lean venison
1 lb streaky bacon
1 oz butter
Salt & pepper
1 lb carrots
Stick of celery
1 large onion
Grated peel of an orange
¾ pint milk
Spray of thyme
A little flour
2 tablespoons whisky
¼ pint cream
Grated cheese

Cut 1lb lean venison into strips. Cut off the rind from 1lb streaky bacon. Put 1oz butter into a non-stick pan, and brown the two meats briskly. Add salt & pepper to taste. Slice small 1lb carrots, a stick of celery, 1 large onion and grated peel of one orange. Add to meats. Then put in about ¾ pint milk, just to cover meat, add a spray of thyme, and cover. Simmer for two hours until venison is tender.

Remove meat & vegetables, thicken juices with a little flour, and then add 2 tablespoons whisky and ¼ pint cream. Heat gently until thick and smooth. Pour over the meat and vegetables in the dish. Grate a little cheese over, and brown in the oven until it bubbles.

Serve with buttered mashed potatoes and buttered mashed swedes or turnips - if you can get them



Scottish Games & Festivals



January, 2010 Games

9	Southeast Florida Scottish Festival & Games c/o Scottish-American Society of South Florida Inc., PO Box 945926 Pembroke Pines, FL. 33024-5926	
16-17	Central Florida Scottish Games P.O. Box 2948, Orlando, FL 32802	

February, 2010 Games

27	Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games & Festival PO Box 16253 Jacksonville, FL 32245	
27-28	Arizona Highland Games P.O. Box 5853 Scottsdale, AZ 85261-5853	New Location

March, 2010 Games

6-7	Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and Highland Games 8551 Handcart Rd. Zephyrhills, FL 33544	
12-14	Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin P.O. Box 7144, Midland, TX 79708-7144	
TBA	Celtic Concert c/o Prince Charles Pipe Band 6 Isabella Court, Novato, CA. 99945	
20	Sarasota Highland Games P.O.Box 282, Cape Haze, FL 33946	
27-28	San Antonio Highland Games P.O. Box 5451 San Antonio, TX 78201-5451	New Date

April, 2010 Games

5	Dunedin Highland Games P.O. Box 507, Dunedin, FL 34698	
16-18	Loch Norman Highland Games P.O. Box 1009 Huntersville, NC 28070-1009	
26	Southern Maryland Celtic Festival and Highland Gathering P.O. Box 209 Prince Frederick, MD 20678	

26	Colonial Capital Scottish Festival P.O. Box 313 New Bern, NC 28563	
A 30-M 3	Scottish Festival and Celtic Gathering P.O. Box 2511, Clarksburg, WV 26302	

May, 2010 Games

1	Triad Highland Games 307 Gregg Street Archdale NC 27263	
7-9	Kentucky Scottish Weekend P.O. Box 11441 Cincinnati, OH 45211-0441	
8	Savannah Scottish Games and Highland Gathering P.O. Box 13435 Savannah, GA 31416	
8	Frederick Celtic Festival 5257 Buckeystown Pike #104 Frederick, Maryland 21704	New Location
8	Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games 1366 Camelback Dr. Eagan, MN 55123	
7-8	Celtic Festival & Highland Games at Historic Bethabara Park 2147 Bethabara Road Winston Salem, NC 27106	
14-16	Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games 1104 Sanders Road Knoxville, TN 37923	
15	Prescott Highland Games P.O. Box 12912 Prescott, AZ 86304	
15	Colonial Highland Gathering 20 Wakefield Drive Newark, DE 19711 (Mailing Address Only) Games Held at Natural Resources Area Fair Hill, Maryland	
15-16	Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games 3002 Wilson Place NE Albuquerque, NM 87106-1815	

15-16	Tallahassee Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Festival P.O. Box 86 Tallahassee, FL 32302	
15-16	Houston Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Festival P.O. Box 66 Bellaire, TX 77402-0066	
29-30	Alma Highland Festival and Games P.O. Box 516 Alma, MI 48801	

June, 2010 Games

3-6	Glasgow Highland Games 119 E. Main St. Glasgow, KY 42141-2835	New Date
4-6	McHenry Highland Festival P.O. Box 926, McHenry, MD 21550	
4-6	Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games P.O. Box 511 Clifton, TX 76634	
5	Greater Greenville Scottish Games & Highland Festival 225 S. Pleasantburg Dr. # B12-1 Greenville, SC 29607	
5	Milwaukee Highland Games and Scottish Festival W 167 S6827 Oakhill Drive Muskego, WI 53150	
10-13	Kansas City Scottish Highland Games c/o Kansas City Highland Games, Inc. PO Box 712 Lawrence, KS 66044-0712	
12-13	Blairsville Scottish Festival and Highland Games P.O. Box 789 Blairsville, GA 30514	
TBA	Alasdair Fraser Sierra Fiddle Camp and Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling School 1502 Kona Place Santa Rosa, CA 5403	
12	Indiana Highland Games 619 East DuPont Rd. #158 Ft. Wayne, IN 46825-2055	
12	Potomac Celtic Festival 525-K E. Market St., #295 Leesburg, VA 20176	
18-19	Illinois St. Andrew Society Chicago Highland Games 2800 Des Plaines Avenue N. Riverside, IL 60546-1899	

19	United States Piping Foundation Championship 20 Wakefield Drive Newark, DE 19711-7012	
19	Prosser Scottish Fest 1230 Bennett Ave Prosser, WA 99350	
25-26	Ohio Scottish Games P.O. Box 3 Lorain, OH 44052-0003	
26	Round Hill Scottish Games P.O. Box 2216 Darien, CT 06820	
27	Western Massachusetts Highland Games and Celtic Festival 69 Maple Street Easthampton, MA 01027	
26-27	San Diego Scottish Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans P.O. Box 3682 Vista, Ca. 92085	
26-27	Wyoming Celtic Festival & Highland Games P. O. Box 7121, Gillette, WY 82717-7121	

July, 2010 Games

8-11	Grandfather Mountain Highland Games P.O. Box 1095 Linville, NC 28646	
17-18	Elizabeth Celtic Festival P.O.Box 2149 Elizabeth, CO 80107	
24-25	Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association, P.O. Box 75685 Seattle, WA 98175-0685	

August, 2010 Games

7	St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games 30161 Southfield Road Cranebrook Center, Suite 112 Southfield, MI 48076	
7-8	Monterey Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Festival 956 Via Verde, Del Ray Oaks, CA 93940	
14-15	Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games 9 River View Rd. Denver, CO 80215	

21	Amherst Museum Scottish Festival 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road Amherst, NY 14228-1599	
21	Maine Highland Games P.O. Box 2810 Augusta, ME 04338-2810	
28	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	
28	Kalamazoo Scottish Festival P.O. Box 511 Oshtemo, MI 49077-0511	
28	Long Island Scottish Games 58 Bayberry Drive Huntington, NY 11743	
TBA	Alasdair Fraser Sierra Fiddle Camp and Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling School 1502 Kona Place Santa Rosa, CA 5403	

September, 2010 Games

3-5	Wisconsin Highland Games and Celtic Fling P.O. Box 270292 West Allis, WI 53227	
4-5	Capital District Scottish Games 40 Terrace Ave. Albany, NY 12203	
4-5	Virginia Scottish Games P.O. Box 1338 Alexandria, VA 22313	
9-12	Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival P.O. Box 1820 Estse Park, CO 80517-1820	
10-12	Western Kentucky Highland Festival 2028 Jefferson Street Paducah, KY 42001	
10-12	Ligonier Highland Games P.O. Box 884 Bethel Park, PA 15102-0884	
10-12	Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival P.O. Box 5384 Johnson City, TN 37602	
11-12	Columbus Scottish Festival P.O. Box 2573 Columbus, IN 47202-2573	
17-19	Oklahoma Scottish Festival	

	PO Box 471664, Tulsa, OK 74147	
18-19	Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering P.O. Box 31951 Charleston, SC 29417	
24-26	McPherson Scottish Festival P.O. Box 616 McPherson, KS 67460	
24-26	New Hampshire Highland Games P.O. Box 4197 Concord, NH 03302-4197	
25	Dandridge Highland Games and Festival P.O. Box 507 Danridge, TN 34697-0507	
25-26	Celtic Classic 532 Main St. Bethlehem, PA 18018	
25-26	Alabama Highland Games P.O. Box 241204 Montgomery, AL 36124-1204	

October, 2010 Games

1-3	Flora MacDonald Highland Games P.O. Box 547 Red Springs, NC 28377	
2	St. Andrew's Society of Connecticut Scottish Festival P.O. Box 1195 Litchfield, CT 06459	
2	Ocala Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Festival 17627 SE 14th. St. Silver Springs, FL 34488	
2	Williamsburg Scottish Festival P.O. Box 866 Williamsburg, VA 23187-0866	
16-17	Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival P.O. Box 14023 Atlanta, GA 30324-1023	
23	Waxhaw Gathering of the Clans and Scottish Games P.O. Box 527, Waxhaw, NC 28173	
23-24	Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival P.O. Box 26805 Richmond, VA 23261-6805	

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