

THE BURNETT BANNER

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(including House of Burnett News)**

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LETTER FROM CRATHES

As always, we wish Burnetts around the world very best wishes for Christmas and for 2012 and are always pleased to hear from you and to welcome you at Crathes. As the official Burnett Christmas card, herewith our Grandchildren, Amaryllis, Hester and Thomas.



I would like to thank Jackelyn Daugherty for agreeing to be President of the House of Burnett following the sad loss of Phyllis Esler. We are grateful to her for accepting this post. It was very good that she was able to come to Scotland in 2009 in addition to being here in 1992 and 1993 and we hope that it will not be long before she returns. A profile of Jacky appears on page 2. We also welcome Diana Burnet as a Director and thank her for joining the Board. A profile of Diana will appear in the next edition of the Banner. Viewers to the www.burnett.uk.com will have noticed many improvements as described on the front page of the site. My thanks to Chris Engel, our webmaster for this. What it requires now is for me to update some of the content.

BURNETT GATHERING WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY ~ SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 2013

Plans for the 2013 Gathering are developing and visitors can be assured of a full, enjoyable, entertaining and interesting programme and one in which we will provide for all ages of Burnetts and friends. Aware that some visitors may have already experienced many of the essentials of a visit to Crathes, the programme will be innovative, imaginative and entertaining

For the convenience of arrival and departure travel arrangements, the programme will commence on Wednesday morning and conclude on Saturday night. It is planned to include Tours of Crathes Castle and Gardens; Spectacular Lord Monboddo Theatrical evening; Visits to the Loch of Leys and Scolty Hill; Chief's Lunch / Dinner with entertainment; Scottish Country Dancing Sessions; Guided Tours of some of the important and historical properties of Aberdeen and the North East including new ones and some with Burnett associations; Journey on the re-established Deeside Railway; Aboyne Highland Games including lunch at the Burnett marquee; Grand Traditional Ceilidh. In addition there will be a number of other activities available including Go Ape Tree Top Adventure in the woods at Crathes Castle, Golf on the local courses and Salmon Fishing on the River Dee. There will be more as the programme develops. There will be instruction for all such activities as required. We will be making special endeavours to provide for the younger members of the gathering. Eileen Bailey will be in attendance to enlighten on family history and genealogy and there will be a range of expertise to ensure that all are well informed for all events

Alba Travel and Promotions helpfully assisted with Travel and Accommodation arrangements for the last gathering and we shall be working closely with them for 2013. The programme details and charges will be available for the March edition of the Burnett Banner. Charles Burnett, Ross Herald, will be accompanying the Aberdeen Tour and assisting elsewhere on the programme

James C A Burnett of Leys

NEW PRESIDENT AT HOUSE OF BURNETT



Jackelyn (Jacky) Daugherty resides in a very small town in Northern Arizona, USA on Route 66 and near the Colorado River. She moved there two years ago after her marriage to Tom Daugherty. Tom is a movie theatre

owner who has a theatre in Kingman, Arizona and another in Culver City, California. Jacky retired from her position as a Business Analyst with S1 Corporation of Atlanta, Georgia when she moved to Arizona. The division she worked for is located in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles County, California. This division develops software that bank tellers use to perform banking transactions. She started there as a Developer and over the thirteen years she was there worked her way to Business Analyst. She helped design and test the banking software with the US development team as well as with the half of the team located in Pune, India.



During her years in California Jacky further developed her interests in travel, wine, and opera. She still travels back to the Los Angeles area several times a year to attend LA Opera performances and wine tastings with the Cork Dorks, a wine club comprised of co-workers from S1 that she helped found and then coordinated for ten years.

Jacky is a native of the State of Wisconsin. She is an avid Green Bay Packers US football fan and a two-time Shareholder. She received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee in Islamic History. In Milwaukee, she worked for Security Savings Bank and as a real estate broker. She also spent several years in Chicago, Illinois, graduating with a Master's degree in Ancient Middle Eastern History from the University of Chicago. She was one of fourteen students selected nation-wide to participate in a program sponsored by the former Shah of Iran to study the Farsi language in Iran in 1978, just as the revolution was starting. She also served as President of the University Of Chicago Alumni Club Of Milwaukee for more than five years, receiving a certificate of appreciation from the then chancellor for her work on behalf of the university.

At the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, California, Jacky saw the first House of Burnett tent ever. George Mead staffed the Burnett tent. She had attended Highland Games for many years in Milwaukee but had never seen a Burnett representative. After a few years of coaxing by George, travelling to Scotland in 2009 to attend the The Gathering in Edinburgh, and the last Burnett Gathering in Banchory, Jacky agreed to take over the House of Burnett tent at the Seaside Games. Since then she and her mother, Evelyn (Burnett) Kafura, have added the Games in Phoenix, Arizona (The 48th Annual Arizona



Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Gathering March 24th and 25th, 2012), and Las Vegas, Nevada, (Las Vegas Celtic Gathering & Highland Games, April 14th and 15th, 2012). She has plans to add the Prescott Games, (8th Annual Prescott Highland Games, May 12th, 2012) and possibly the Flagstaff Games in Arizona this year, (15th Annual Arizona Highland Celtic Festival, July 21st and 22nd, 2012).

NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

Greetings;

Congratulations to George Kreider of San Jose CA. and Diana Burnet of Miami Beach, FL who were elected to a 3 year term on the Board of Directors.

The Board elected the following to Executive Offices: President Jackelyn Daugherty, Secretary Leland Burnett Sturgeon Bay, WI and Treasurer Mike Burnett San Antonio TX.

This will be my 7th year as Secretary of the House of Burnett and as the old saying goes I'm getting long in the tooth. With this in mind I am asking for more of you to get involved in the spreading of the History of the Burnett family. Whether it be running for office or setting up a tent at one of the many Scottish Festivals/Games. I'm running out of ideas to get more involvement. If you want to give it a try let me, the President or one of the Board Members and ask for some hints. There are over 30000 Burnett in the US and I would like to contact all 30,000 of them, with your help.

It is time to start planning for the 2012 and if you are going to set up a tent at any of the games please let me know so I can get the information on the Burnett web site events page. Family members living in the area will have the opportunity to visit

with you. You may be surprised at how many stop by.

I keep getting letters and emails returned to me. If you change your mailing address or email address I need to know.

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

If you haven't sent is your dues yet I want to remind you, they are due on 1 Jan. 2012. It is hard to operate the organization without dues.

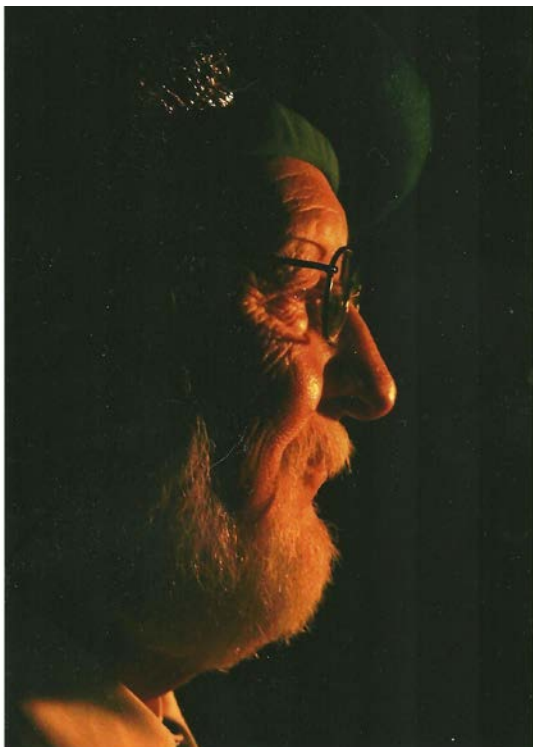
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BURNETT

I'm also looking for information about Benjamin Franklin Burnett. He was born around 1850 and lived in Graves Co. KY. Here is what I believe but haven't been able to prove.

He had a son James T. Burnett born 1872 and died in 1942. He had a son Roy Burnett born 1901. Roy had a son Roy Burnett jr who died 27 Mar. 2010.

If you have any information about Benjamin Franklin Burnett please pass it to me.

Leland L. Burnett
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*Leland at the Torch Light Calling of the Clans
Ceremony at Loch Norman, NC.*

Photo by Freelance Photography, James J Shaffer

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SIR HENRY CECIL RECEIVES HIS KNIGHTHOOD

I make no apology for including further coverage of this event for which the official ceremony was in November. I hereby quote a press report.

The 10-times champion trainer Sir Henry Cecil was on Tuesday knighted by the Queen at a Buckingham Palace investiture ceremony.



The Newmarket-based handler, who has enjoyed a remarkable 2011 thanks to the exploits of Frankel, described his title as *"the biggest honour I'll get in my lifetime."*

His record speaks for itself - a four-time Derby winner and eight successes in the Oaks, Cecil has had 25 Classic winners, including this year's 2000 Guineas hero and champion three-year-old colt, the undefeated Frankel.

Add to that more than 70 Royal Ascot triumphs, making him the leading trainer at the mid-summer spectacular, and his lofty position since taking out his licence in 1969 is secured.

Cecil is a popular figure in racing, both on the course and with ordinary punters who place their faith in his horses in betting shops across the country.

He said: *"It's a way of life - I like a challenge and my life's been full of challenges and I'm very honoured to receive this, this is the biggest honour I'll get in my lifetime."*

Cecil, who has known the Queen for many years in her role as an owner/breeder, played down his achievements over the past 40 years.

He added jokingly: *"I was the first person from my prep school to fail common entry to Eton so I think I was qualified to be a porter - I've been very lucky."*

One of Henry's charges, Frankel, is rated the best racehorse in the world. One to follow in 2012.



Henry's post ceremony photograph includes his wife, Jane, his daughter, Katie and our eldest brother, Bow.

James C A Burnett of Leys

THERE ARE BENEFITS IN BEING A CELEBRITY!

Jaguar Cars asked Henry to accept one of their top of the range XJ model as a Jaguar Academy of Sport Member



Sir Henry Cecil, Jaguar Academy of Sport Member, commented: *"I am delighted to have collected my Jaguar XJ as a member of the Jaguar Academy of Sport, I can't wait to put it to full use"*

Des Thurlby, Director, Human Resources, Jaguar Land Rover commented: *"It is great to have Sir Henry Cecil as a member of the Jaguar Academy of Sport and be able to hand over his brand new Jaguar XJ to him. He is a true British legend within the horse racing world and in many ways has helped define the profession. He serves as a tremendous inspiration to our rising stars."*

BURNETTS FROM WARRINGTON, ENGLAND

Ken Burnett writes to see if we can provide any information on his ancestry. His great grandfather, Lewis Burnet was born in Warrington In 1845 and migrated to Australia in 1867. His father was Joseph Burnet and his mother Mary Lewis.

Eileen Bailey unearthed some information of interest

The birth of Lewis Burnet, son of Joseph Burnet and Mary Lewis was found to have been recorded in the period Jan-Mar 1845 in Warrington, Cheshire, England.

Joseph Burnet and Mary Lewis had their marriage recorded in the period Jan-Mar 1844 in Runcorn, Cheshire. At the time of the 1851 census, Joseph and Mary Burnet were living at Norley Lane, Norley, Cheshire. Joseph's occupation was given as "Draper" and his birthplace as Scotland. Mary was born in Cheshire. At the 1861 census, Joseph & Mary Burnet & 6 children, of whom Lewis was the eldest, were living at 89 Islington, in the district of St Ann's, Liverpool. Lewis was working as a Draper's Assistant. In 1881 Joseph Burnet, aged 62, a Clerk & Draper, wife Mary, aged 57, & a daughter Mary L. Burnet were living at 33 Larkhill Lane, West Derby, Lancashire.

She was only able to find one record of a Joseph Burnet born around 1819 in Scotland - born 16th June, baptised 1st July 1818 in Balmaghie Parish, Kirkcudbright (south west Scotland), son of James Burnett of North Quintenespie and Margaret Durham. The variation in spelling is not significant as it would have been purely as the church record officer wrote it down. It is not possible to say if this is the correct Joseph Burnet(t).

Lewis Burnet, who was married to Agnes Wilson, appears to have died in 1922 in Newcastle, New South Wales. They are Ken's great grandparents. Ken and his family would be pleased to find out more about his relations. if Joseph and Mary had six children there must be relatives around. Ken would be pleased to be contacted directly kenandethel@internode.on.net

James C A Burnett of Leys

BURNETT QUAKERS

I have recently received an enquiry as to whether I had information (or know of any researchers working) on the Burnett or Burnet family of Warwickshire, who were Quakers. The enquirer thought that they may be related to our set of families, but she had not seen them on the website. I had to advise her that, currently we have no information on Burnetts in Warwickshire although we know that some of the Burnett of Leys family in Aberdeenshire did become Quakers.

We will try to do some detailed research on this in case any of these Burnetts were linked to Leys. If we find any such connections, we will advise readers but meantime we would be pleased to receive any other relevant information

The Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF THE GORDONS

I had the pleasure of visiting the Burnett tent at the Seaside Games in California and see the Burnett banner flying at the march past.

I thought the display of Burnett literature and the warm welcome I got were very conducive to encouraging clan members to come forward and join. I hope they did so in decent numbers.

As the initials of Alexander Burnett and Catherine Gordon are engraved in stone on Crathes Castle I, as Gordon chief, feel a very close affinity to the Burnetts and it was a pleasure to see that familiar banner with the Horn of Leys flying so far from home.



*Granville Huntly
13th Marquis
Chief Clan Gordon*

RAYBAN MAN LORD MONBODDO'S GLASSES.

Many presents have given me much pleasure over the last 70 years but this was something very special. Malcolm Lingen-Hutton, a near neighbour, cousin and to whom I was best man at his wedding many years ago, recently gave me Lord Monboddo's glasses. Not only are they a delight to add to our collection of Monboddo memorabilia, but they demonstrate that Monboddo really was a man ahead of his time as the history of sunglasses below confirms. Other Monboddo items for which I am grateful to Malcolm and his family include his silver tea pot and his china inkwell.



The photographs show the glasses and them being worn by Muzz Crandon, who is the director and plays Lord Monboddo in Lord Monboddo, The Enlightenment Man.



The history of sunglasses can be traced back thousands of years though they were much different to those worn today and served a completely different purpose.

The Roman emperor Nero apparently liked to watch gladiatorial combat through polished gemstones though the first things resembling what we would know as sunglasses appeared in 12th century China. The lenses were made of smoky quartz and did go some way to protecting wearers from glare. These early sunglasses were actually used in courts to shield the expressions of judges when they questioned witnesses. Similar glasses were made in Italy in the 1400's, also primarily for use in court cases.

James Ayscough (died 1759) was an English optician and designer and maker of scientific instruments. He was apprenticed to an optician named James Mann from 1743 to 1747. James Ayscough became known for his microscopes. His shop was in London between 1740 and 1759. Around the year 1752, James Ayscough introduced spectacles with double-hinged side pieces. Although he made clear lenses, he recommended lenses tinted blue or green to treat some vision problems. Glare protection was not a concern at this time. These spectacles with tinted lenses are believed to be the precursors to sunglasses.

James C A Burnett of Leys

THE ENCHANTED CASTLE

Few visitors from overseas will visit Crathes during the winter and so will have missed out on an impressive November evening when the Castle, Gardens and Woodlands were transformed into a wonderland which captured the imagination of all ages. The centrepiece was the illumination of the Castle featuring the cutting edge light and sound technology and stunning choreographed effects, moods and backdrops accompanied by a host of themed attractions including fire breathers, jugglers and magicians. The accompanying photographs depict two of the many images which were projected on the building during the course of the evening. Apologies for their quality.

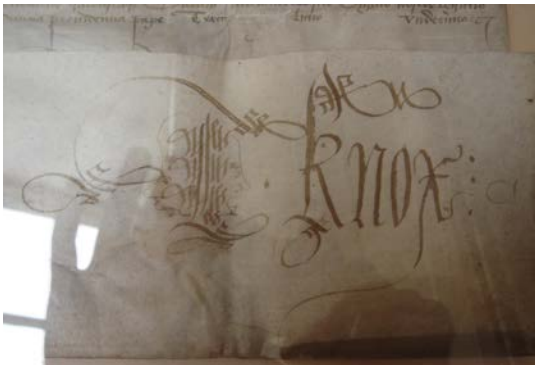


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CHARTER

At Crathes Castle will have passed by this charter. It is a charter dating from 1543 with the seal of the Abbey of Arbroath. It grants Alexander Burnett of Leys and his wife, Janet Hamilton, lands attached to the Rectorship of Kincardine at an annual rent of £5. 6s. 8d plus sheep, geese, capons, poultry and three suits. Alexander was also required to swear an oath to defend the old Faith and help collect tithes due to the church.

It is signed by one Thomas Knox whom one might imagine as being a serious scribe completing a document with which one would not associate humour. We may be right in that respect and it may have been that a member of a later generation took a lighter view of such matters. However, it would be good to think that it was the signatory who has embellished his name with the profiles of which can be seen either side of it. Maybe they are caricatures Alexander and Janet!



OLDMELDRUM STATION TO MILTON OF CRATHES

Visitors to Crathes over the past few years will have noticed the growth of the Milton of Crathes Railway Station and the replacement of part of the former Deeside Line. Some readers will have enjoyed a ride on one of the trains and, whilst it cannot be described as a “bullet train”, have felt that it is an historic and possibly nostalgic experience. The branch line to the Aberdeenshire Town of Old Meldrum was closed in 1966 as was the Deeside Line. The reopening of the Deeside Line followed the conditional offer to the Royal Deeside Railway Preservation Society of the former Old Meldrum station so that it could be enjoyed by the public and the Milton appeared to be a perfect opportunity. Progress on the line has been slow for all the best reasons, but it is now progressing apace and hopefully it will not be long before the line extends to Banchory.

The project team formally started dismantling the building on June 3rd 2011 and it will hopefully be relocated by the 2013 Gathering.



James C A Burnett of Leys

BARNET AND BURNETT

Not for the first time have I been asked to comment on the Barnet/Burnet association

A recent enquirer noticed that on the front page of our website is mentioned variants of the spelling of Burnett include Barnet, and this is supported by a reference on another website to Barnet being a sept of the Burnett clan. He is interested to establish to any degree at all whether his family names have a link, or he can exclude that possibility from his research.

He had traced his family history back to the early 1500s. There was the baptism of Walter Burnet on 3.2.1563, then his father Alexander Burnet,

and Walter Burnet, the grandfather, all listed on the baptism record. The baptism was in Perth.

He thought that his family might have been part of the Burnett move to Leys and then may have migrated over the next 200 or 300 years or so to Auchterarder, especially as he had noticed Barnet ecclesiastical records for them, e.g. baptisms, all the way down the east Scottish coast, to Dundee, Perth and across to Auchterarder although it does seem a rather large distance to have migrated in those times.

The Walter Burnet (or Barnet) baptised in 1563 died in 1617 and on his will of that year he listed that he had been tenant of Woodend Farm, Kincardine, Perthshire which appeared to be owned by the Earl of Montrose.

Eileen Bailey has investigated further but, other than the fact that the two surnames are said to have evolved from "Bernard/Burnard", she is not able to contribute anything further on a possible direct connection. The statement (on a website?) about Barnet being a "sept" of the "Burnett clan" is a bit misleading. Obviously Burnett is not a clan in the true sense of the definition and so "sept" is not really true either. The only link is the origin of the surnames as above.

In case of an individual Barnet family, one would have to research back to where it was obvious that the name had changed from Burnet and Barnet was used consistently from that point onward before it could be said that there was a definite link to Burnet. If it was the case, then that Burnet family still might not be directly linked to either the Border Burnets or the Burnetts of Leys!

She adds that Black's "Surnames of Scotland", which is widely regarded as the main reference on the subject, gives Barnet and Burnett as both being originally derived from Barnard but, in the case of Barnet mentions that it may also derive from the English placename Barnet. Occasionally "Burnet" may be found recorded as individual occurrences in early records as "Barnet" depending on how the local accent sounded to the church officer writing the record! Generally speaking, however, they seem to be two separate surnames and Black treats them as such in Scotland. She not found any direct link between the two in our Burnet(t) family research so far.

I would be pleased to pass on any comments from readers to the enquirer

The Editor

BISHOP BURNET'S THOUGHTS ON EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

As for the place of education, it seems fittest for the persons of quality to breed their children out of their own houses; if their health be any way good and regular; and that because off the fondness of parents, especially the mothers, is the loss of children; as also in a great family among many servants, especially grooms and footmen, there are many debordings and occasions of corrupting youth; and their also by their vain flatteries, spoil children. Great confluences of company will also occasion many necessary avocations to a boy; and too great a table may make a child too much a slave to his belly and taste. A private house, therefore, of some discreet friend, will be perhaps the best place for a child's education. Thus the Carthaginians put all children of quality, after they were three years old, into the temples amongst the Priests, where they lived until they were twelve.

For a child's exercises, he should be allowed all that he hath a mind to, if they be not too excessive wasters of his body and devourers of his time. And a child, from whom parents would expect much comfort, should not be bred too softly, deliciously, or arrogantly, for this debauches them into sordid luxury and effeminacy. They should be therefore taught to eat any thing, and not to expect that every thing be done to them by servants; but learn to put on and off their clothes, and other things belonging to themselves; and so, however their fortune alter, they be early taught to bear a lower condition. Only fine clothes, and variety of them, is an encouragement I would not have denied to children; especially to such as see others of their own rank in good order. And so far have I adventured to say of children, while their childhood lasts; that is, until they be seven or eight years old; though many of the advices I have suggested may be of use to a ripper age.



SIR ROBERT BURNETT GIN, RACEHORSES AND HERALDRY

Many readers will be familiar with Sir Robert Burnett's Gin or maybe only with the name. Sir Brian Burnett, whose obituary appeared in the last Banner, was a member of that family whose connection to our family tree I have long been wishing to establish. By coincidence, the day before I saw his obituary, we were visited by two of his kinsmen, Robin and John Burnett, all descended from Sir Robert Burnett (b.1740) who was knighted in 1795 when he was Sheriff of London. Sir Brian's grand-father was Ernest Wildman Burnett 1845-1931, and it was through the Wildman name, (which is one of John's Christian names), that he realised that there must be a connection and discovered their common ancestry. However, although they have a tree which shows a line going back to Robert de Burnard in the 12th century, this branch of the family remains somewhat indeterminate. They do however remember their mother mentioning the name Arbuthnott whenever she talked about family history so the link before "their" Sir Robert may turn out to be through one of the 21 children of the 3rd baronet Sir Thomas Burnett of Leys

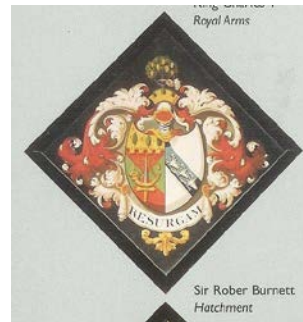


Eclipse with Mr Wildman and his Sons

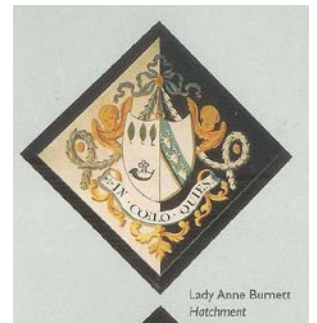
Sir Robert's 2nd son, John Fassett Burnett, married Elizabeth Barchard (b.1785). Her mother was Elizabeth Wildman (b.1754), a daughter of William Wildman, who married John Barchard in 1773. William Wildman was the owner of Eclipse, the racehorse from which 80 *per cent* of modern thoroughbreds are descended. He commissioned the famous artist George Stubbs to paint the picture shown "Eclipse with Mr Wildman and his Sons" in 1771. The estate of Elizabeth's eldest son, John Fassett Robert Burnett, sold the painting in 1902, and it is now in the Baltimore Museum of Art. Her 3rd son was Robin and John's great grandfather Frederick Wildman Burnett

John Burnett has carried out some research into the provenance of his ancestor, Sir Robert who lived at Morden Hall Park (right) and whose

hatchments are displayed in the church of St. Mary of the Virgin, Merton. An anomaly concerns these two hatchments attributed to Sir Robert and his wife. Burnett was knighted in 1795 but was not granted arms until 1812. His own hatchment is exactly what one would expect - his own arms impaling those of his wife, Anne Fassett.



Lady Burnett's hatchment contains her own paternal arms, described in heraldry-speak as "argent on a bend azure three bucks heads cabossed argent." (According to Burke's General Armory, the bend should be sable, but this is incidental.) This coat is impaled with the undifferenced arms of the Scottish Burnetts of Leys, a coat upon which Sir Robert Burnett could have no possible claim. Again, the white half of the supporting board, (in this case on the dexter), indicates that the husband was still alive.



Lady Burnett died in 1802, 10 years before her husband received his arms; it appears that he simply adopted the chiefly coat of arms for the purposes of his wife's hatchment, since he had none of his own.

Could he have created a family myth about his ancestors? We would like to think not and that the connection is as true he would have wished it. Through our research and from any information which we may receive from readers, I have no doubt that there will be more on which to report



James C A Burnett of Leys

The Three Feathers



News and views from the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs

In this issue:

- Past, present, future
- A new model for Clan Societies?
- A trip Down Under

Events

Stone Mountain Highland Games 14-16 October 2011

Donald Maclaren of Maclaren will be Chieftain at Stone Mountain Highland Games

Central Florida Scottish Games 13-15 January 2012

Donald Maclaren of Maclaren will be Chief of the Central Florida Scottish Games.

Scottish chiefs are proud of the past and passionate about the future



The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs (SCSC) is growing in energy and influence. Almost sixty years old the SCSC was established as an informal 'club' where chiefs could compare notes about a host of issues, from protecting family estates to starting clan societies. Over the years this has changed. For the past five years it has been evolving and now it is emerging as a Council with a mission. Deeply proud of our past we are now looking keenly ahead. We are building on the involvement of the many millions of scots who live outside Scotland. It is absolutely true that the further you live from Scotland the prouder the scot you are. The SCSC is committed to providing a focus and a voice for this community.

It is as important to understand what the SCSC does not do as it is to understand what it does. First and foremost we are not a pressure group or politically motivated in any way. We are not, I am glad to say, about to raise the clans and storm the English Parliament, exciting as that image may be to some. We do not comment on government policy or divisive issues such as the proliferation of wind farms or Scottish independence. We do not interfere in any way with how a clan chief conducts his business with his or her clan, nor do we exert influence on clan chiefs.

What the SCSC does do is built on the common 'standard' – in modern language, brand – of a chief; the three (golden eagle) feathers.

We see this as a mark of quality – a mark that has been respected and looked up to for countless generations, a mark that has raised armies and negotiated peace. This symbol of a deep-rooted authority allows us to achieve much for Scotland and its people, wherever they live.

For this reason the SCSC is in an excellent position to provide a 'quality mark' for a range of events, publications and products that are Scottish.

The Homecoming in 2014 is a high profile event and there will be an avalanche of publicity nearer the time there are other, smaller but no less important events that the chiefs are involved in. Scottish Games in North America are more numerous and larger than anything we see in our native country and this is a source of pride for us. We should not forget other countries – Australia and New Zealand has a Scottish community that any country would be proud of and Alexander Brodie, chief of clan Brodie was lucky enough to be the Chief Guest at the Scottish Heritage Week in Australia.

It is important to realise how difficult it is keeping the alliances and links alive from here in Scotland and we are enormously grateful – and lucky – to have many strong links with people and organisations around the world that we are proud to work with. Of course, the whole clan system should be enormously grateful for the support, leadership and guidance of such bodies as COSCA in North America and the Scots Heritage Society in Australia. We are truly a global community of scots.

In 2013 another famous, perhaps infamous battle will be remembered. At the battle of Flodden fourteen clans lost their chiefs in a muddy, bloody ditch as they tried to stop the English advance.

The SCSC is made up of chiefs of a great many clans and families. This gives us a tremendous amount of influence in government, tourism and commerce. We are developing our channels of communication, upgrading our clan chiefs web site

www.clanchiefs.org) to keep people up to date with what the chiefs are doing, with forthcoming events, and with a wealth of information and links on clans and families.

Sir Malcolm Macgregor of Macgregor

THE TRAVELS OF HILDEBRAND BOWMAN

Following the Monboddo production, I have received much correspondence including an enquiry from the Captain Cook Society seeking to identify the anonymous author of a fictional work from 1778 entitled *The Travels of Hildebrand Bowman*, a rare book of which only 500 copies were published in 1778. The book has been scanned by the University of Wellington and can be on-line at

www.nzetc.org/tm/scholarly/tei-ElTrav.html

The pseudonymous author describes how a sailor from one of Captain Cook's voyages was stranded on New Zealand. There the sailor encountered a series of different races, each of a higher civilization. The subject is that of an article which will appear in the January edition of "Cook's Log" the quarterly publication of the Captain Cook Society attempting to identify the pseudonymous author Hildebrand Bowman. The writer has identified James Burnett, Lord Monboddo as one of the potential authors of this book with, (I am advised), good reasoning. As the book repeatedly spells Captain Cook's name as Cooke, it is suggested that the author may have had a Scottish connection.

The reasons given for suggesting that the author could have been Lord Monboddo are sound enough but, generally speaking, Monboddo appears to have been confident to be associated with his writings. There was one item "Account of a Savage Girl" which was said to be from the pen of one of his clerks and to which Monboddo apparently wrote the preface but opinion at the time suggested that in fact James Burnett himself was the author. Lord Monboddo did take a great deal of interest in the voyages of Captain Cook and perhaps he felt that an anonymous publication such as the "Travels of Hildebrand Bowman" would add weight to some of his controversial published theories? Who knows?

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