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THE NEWEST LESLIE

I have been advised by CLANZ member, Mal Leslie that his son Gavin has become a father and that his wife Rachel was doing well.



Rachel with Imogen Rose at Warwick Dam in Queensland, in front of the sculpture of Patrick Leslie who laid out the town of Warwick

Imogen Rose Leslie was born in Warwick Queensland on the 16th June 2006 where Gavin has taken up the position of Editor of the Warwick Daily News.

The Grandparents are doing well.

Mal Leslie, Queensland.



ANTONY LLOYD LESLIE

Antony Lloyd Leslie (Tony) was born in Auckland New Zealand 18th June 1967 to Brian Alexander Leslie and his wife Marie Margaret Leslie (nee Olsen)

I am proud to say that he is my nephew.

In the early 80s Tony decided that New Zealand was too small a place for him and he headed for the big stage, England, where he worked at his trade of carpenter.

On the 27 July 1996 he married Isobel Laboure who was born in St Quentin in France; a place well known to Leslie's in the middle ages and also to World War I Australian soldiers.

They have one daughter Freyja who was born in Essex England on 26th December 2000.



Tony in an exhibition

When Tony saw his first Martial Arts exhibition he was immediately hooked on it and was

determined to achieve the highest ranking that he possibly could.



Tony with some of his trophies

After twenty years of hard work he has achieved his dream and for two years running he has won hard fought battles to become Black Belt World Open Champion at the Crystal Palace National Sports Stadium.



Tony, with Isobel, after presentation of the trophies that he won.

The World Open Championship is open to competitors from Karate, Kick boxing and other mixed Martial Arts.

Tony has also won the Ty-Ga Martial Arts International Championship 7 times and he intends to compete again this November.

The Ty-Ga system is a full contact and self defence technique, which the Chief Instructor teaches to police throughout Europe, America and Russia.

Tony was also given awards for Fighter of the Year and also Master of the Year. I believe that he has earned the right to be called.

Master Tony Leslie 5th Dan.

Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.

LESLIE HOUSE FIFE.

In a move sure to disappoint all Leslie's throughout the world, Sundial Properties, 65 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 4NA has applied for planning consent to convert Leslie House into 17 apartments.

The Category "A" listed building is set in 26 acres of grounds and is recognized as one of the most important designed landscapes in Scotland.



Entrance Gates to Leslie House Fife.

The Conservation Office, Scotland, in February 2006, issued the following statement:-

"It was however disappointing to see the landscape of Leslie House in Fife, the target of housing development. Only included in the Inventory extension to Fife, published in April

2005, restoration of the A-listed Leslie House and its conversion to 17 flats is to be underpinned by a development of **17 houses in the western woodlands**. Already severely eroded by the expansion on Glenrothes, the Inventory entry highlighted the need for a complete historic assessment of the estate, particularly the core 17th and 18th century terraces and parterres. Although these are now to be restored as part of the overall project, we are concerned that more research is needed in this area and more details of proposals are needed from the developer before any such work is undertaken.”



Leslie House, Fife, Scotland.

If any Leslie's are interested in one of the 17 apartments, contact Sundial Properties on +44-13-1220 0015 in Edinburgh Scotland. Prices are believed to start at £100,000

Barrie Leslie Gordon NSW.

SIR JOHN LESLIE.

BORN 1766 --- DIED 3 NOVEMBER 1832

Sir John Leslie was featured in an article in the CLANZ newsletter, July Aug Sept 2006.

I received an e-mail from Sir Peter Leslie in London and it reads:-

“I was fascinated by your article about Sir John. Some years ago, someone working for me, mentioned that he had Leslie ancestors and gave me some information, drawn up by James Leslie 1801 – 1889. My informant was descended from the said James, son of Alexander Leslie,

Sir John's elder brother, their father Robert (Lessels or Leslie) was born about 1723; his parents were Alexander Lessels, who married on 11th August 1718, at Cameron in Fife, Margaret Carmichael; he in turn was the son of Robert Lessels, tenant in Cairngow, who married Elizabeth Gourlay.

With the Rothes family and Leslie Palace, the name Leslie was obviously much more famous in Fife than Lessels and that may have been the reason why it was adopted – but then names were much more fluid then.

Anyway I hate to remove from the family of Leslie, one of their most distinguished intellectuals, but I found the info convincing.”

Sir Peter Leslie, London.

This is indeed a case where a DNA test would have confirmed whether:-

- (a) Sir John's grandfather changed the family name from Lessels to Leslie for vanity reasons, or
- (b) Sir John's grandfather changed the family name from Lessels to Leslie because at sometime in the past, their name was Leslie and by bastardisation it had become Lessels.

The above scenario is a good reason why male members of the Leslie family should undertake a DNA test, especially for future generations who may wish to check.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

SCOTTISH NAMING CUSTOMS

I have put this information in a previous issue of Grip Fast Down Under, but I think that it should be noted again.

The eldest son named after the paternal father.

The 2nd son named after the paternal grandfather.

The 3rd son named after the father.

The eldest daughter named after the paternal mother.

The 2nd daughter named after the paternal grandmother

The 3rd daughter named after the mother.

Subsequent children would be named after earlier forebears, but generally the naming pattern in their cases would be less structured.

I hope that this information helps you in your research into your family.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

LIONEL ALISTAIR DAVID LESLIE

Lionel Leslie was the fourth and youngest son of Sir John Leslie 2nd Bart of Glaslough and his wife Leonie Blanch Jerome, aunt of Winston Churchill.

Lionel was born 27th June 1900, at Castle Leslie in County Monaghan Ireland, married Barbara Yvonne Enever 12th January 1942 and they had one daughter Leonie Deirde Elise Leslie born 28th April 1944.



Captain Lionel Alistair David Leslie

While completing his education at Trinity College in Dublin, Lionel is reputed to have cut his heating bills by burning the floorboards in his room.

In 1931, Lionel wrote a book "Wilderness Trails in Three Continents" Heath Cranton Limited about his adventures in exploring the wilds of Labrador, he also went on expeditions climbing the Sikkim Himalayas and trekked from Burma into Yunnan Province in China.

As an author Lionel has written several poems and two booklets called "The Drovers Inn" and "Poems of Mull and Iona"

Lionel's army career began in India, which he found quite satisfactory as he could visit the various temples in the area.. He then resigned his commission and worked in London as an assistant to Frank Dobson, a well known sculptor who taught him a lot about sculpture.

In 1939 he rejoined the Cameron Highlanders, although his army career was spectacularly unsuccessful and after World War II he became interested with the mysteries of the natural world. He was part of the Loch Ness investigation Bureau and then he heard about a Loch monster that inhabited western Galway in Ireland. In 1982 Lionel searched Lough Derg and supposedly his team received sonar contact with a large moving object.

About 1945 Lionel and his wife Barbara had bought the old Ferry House at Grass Point on the Isle of Mull, which was totally derelict and one can only imagine the work required to restore the old house.



The Old Ferry House at Grass Point.

Lionel took up sculpture and created one particular sculpture, which is so lifelike, a seal

that visitors think that it is alive, until they get close. Another of his sculptures is a polar bear which does not really look like a polar bear and one visitor stood and looked at it and then commented “the man who did that never saw a polar bear” quick as a flash, Lionel quipped, “that’s right, he was a kid who never left the island.

Many thanks to CLANZ member Gwen Gillam who sent me the basis for this story on Lionel Leslie

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

LESLIE DNA PROJECT

Below is a printout of the three people who have put the results of their DNA test on the Results Page. I believe that there are three or four other people who have done the test but have not yet posted the results.

If you are one of those please contact me. If you have not done a DNA test, please read the article on Sir John Leslie in this issue of CLANZ newsletter and you will realise how important the results will be to future generations.

The screenshot shows a website titled "Leslie DNA Project" with a navigation menu (Home, Patrimoine, Results, Discussion, Recruitment, Misc). The main content is a "RESULTS Page" with a table of Y-DNA results. The table has columns for markers (1-25) and rows for "Earliest Known Ancestor", "L1 Leslie Prue", "L2 Leslie Nancy", and "L3 Leslie P&T". The results are represented by letters and numbers in the cells. Below the table, there is contact information for Terry Barton or Richard Barton and a note that the site is provided by World Family Network.

For further information go to the site:- www.familytreedna.com and read about how the tests work

I have had the 25 marker test done and I will be expanding my test to a 37 marker test and I am considering expanding it to the highest test 67 markers. This is the highest resolution Y-DNA test in the world : tests the Y chromosome for genetic matches between males. Results are placed in our Y-DNA database (privacy is assured) and when 2 people show the same identical or near identical results, we will inform both parties, if you have both signed the FTDNA release form. A perfect match of 67

markers means a very tight connection: a common ancestor in very recent times. The customer receives a Certificate and report generally describing Y-DNA sequencing and the meaning of probability between matches. To increase the number of markers you do not have to supply another sample. The test is done with the original sample.

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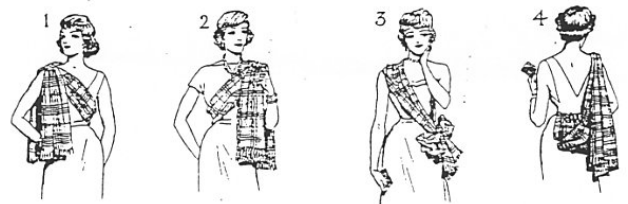
JILLIAN BURCHER’S HEALTH

I have been advised by Jillian’s son Chris that Jillian has been ill and has spent some time in hospital. She faces a long recovery and it looks like she will have to go straight from hospital into a Rest home. As all will understand this will be a hard thing for her to do and our thoughts go out to her and we wish her a speedy recovery. Still, Jillian is a “tough old bird” and I hope that she gets a laugh when she reads this.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

WEARING A TARTAN SASH The Court of The Lord Lyon.

The manner of wearing tartan sashes or light scarves had customary significance even two centuries ago, and whilst the wearing of sashes in any particular manner has so far no legal significance, a due respect for tradition suggested that uniform practice and implication consistent with custom, is desirable. The different methods undermentioned to wearing such, are appropriate for ladies in different circumstances. All these suggestions are based on a careful study of old portraits, prints and traditional practice and bear the authoritative approval of the Lord Lyon King of Arms.



1. **Style worn by clans-women.**The sash is worn over the right shoulder, across the breast and is secured by a pin or small brooch on the right shoulder.

2. **Style worn by Chieftainesses**, wives of clan chiefs and wives of Colonels of Scottish Regiments. The sash which may be rather fuller in size is worn over the left shoulder and secured with a brooch on the left shoulder.
3. **Style worn by ladies who have married out of their clan**, but who still wish to use their original clan tartan. The sash usually longer than No 1 style, is worn over the right shoulder, secured there with a pin and fastened in a large bow on the left hip.
4. **Style worn by country dancers**, or where any lady desires to keep the front of the dress clear of the sash (as for example, when wearing the ribband of chivalric order, or any orders and decorations) This style is similar to the belted plaid and is really a small arisaid. It is buttoned on at the back of the waist, or is held by a small belt and is secured at the right shoulder by a pin or small brooch, so that the ends fall backwards from the right shoulder and swing at the back of the right arm.



The Massed Pipe Bands

Adults:- \$10-00. Conc:- \$8-00.
Children 5 to 16 years \$5-00

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW

USEFUL WEBSITES

Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington NZ
www.natlib.govt.nz and click on the directions for Alexander Turnbull Library with its vast collection of early NZ photographs.

Auckland City Libraries e-Resources A to Z
www.aucklandlibrary.co.nz/general.aspx?ct=876
again this is a vast resource which may help you.

Nominal Roll of Australia Veterans of the Korean War
www.koreanroll.gov.au

Scottish Digital Archive
www.scan.org.uk/researchrtools/emigration.htm
This site enables you to search a vast array of Scottish Records including emigration records.

New Zealand Seafarers Memorial Trust
www.seafarerstrust.org.nz/seafarersscroll
An incomplete record of seafarers who have lost their lives in New Zealand water. Compiled by Captain Geoff Wearing of Nelson NZ.

Nominal Index of Otago NZ to 1876 users guide
<http://marvin.otago.ac.nz/oni/>
A searchable data base of records for Otago NZ.

New South Wales place name database.
www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/name/search
The Geographical Board of NSW site.

THE 137TH ANNUAL HIGHLAND GATHERING

SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2006.

Castle Hill Showground Carrington Road.

The Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Inc will be holding their 137th Annual Gathering at the Castle Hill Showgrounds.

Clan Leslie Society of Australia and New Zealand will be there with a Clan Tent display. I would ask all members who can attend to be there and support Clan Leslie

There will be the Highland Dancing Championships, Pipe Band Championships, Tossing the Caber and all the other events which make a Highland Gathering

Online Access to New Zealand BDM indexes
www.genealogy.org.nz/bdm/attachment2.html
Public Internet Access to Births, Deaths and
Marriages by NZ Society of Genealogists Inc

The Sands Directories
http://www.sydneyarchives.info/Sands_Directory/sands_directory.html

A very useful site to locate early Sydney Streets
and house names.

NZ Clipper Ships and Sailing Ships
<http://www.cossar.co.nz>
A complete list of ships and sailing history,
compiled by Brian Cossar.

New Zealand Military History online
<http://www.nzetc.org/projects/wh2/index.html>
The Official History of New Zealand at War
published by the New Zealand Dept of Internal
Affairs. A total of 50 volumes.

A gateway to over 70,000 internet sites
www.CyndisList.com
A complete list of sites which be able to help
you in your search.

The Heraldry Society of Scotland.
www.heraldry-scotland.co.uk
Everything that you may wish to know about
Scottish Heraldry.

The New Zealand Ireland Connection.
www.geocities.com/nziconnection/
A history of Irish migration to New Zealand

New Zealand Genealogy Search Engine.
www.downtown.co.nz/genealogy
Search all the on-line New Zealand passenger
lists, family trees and genealogical resources.

Cemetery Transcription Library for New
Zealand
www.interment.net/nz

UK National Archives
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk
Uk Govt Records from the Domesday Book.

I hope that you get some information that you
are searching for from these websites. I have
checked them all and they are current.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

I STILL NEED HELP TO RUN CLAN LESLIE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Unfortunately I have still not had offers of help
to run Clan Leslie Society of Australia and New
Zealand.

I desperately need someone, hopefully in
Sydney, to carry out the duties of **Hon
Treasurer**, which by itself is not an onerous
task, but with end of the year coming up and the
membership renewals coming up and the fact
that I have to go into hospital again before the
end of the year, I need help for the above and
anything else that someone would care to do.

I also need someone who has Microsoft Access
on their computer to handle the Membership
database. It would be easiest if this was handled
by the treasurer.

Our membership is declining and I seem to be
the only one chasing new members. It would be
a simple matter to just pick up your local
telephone book and ring several Leslie's who
are in the book and ask them are they interested
in their family history and have they done
anything about it. If they would like further
information or would like to join CLANZ, let
me know and I will contact them.

It would be easy to direct them to our website
www.clanleslie.org or direct them to our
newsletters which are held online at:-
[www.electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletter
s/leslie/index.htm](http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/leslie/index.htm)

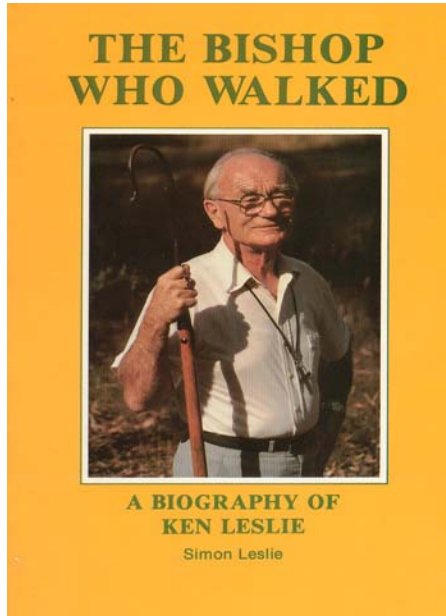
It would not take much effort to do these small
things and it would help CLANZ so much. I
was in hospital in late August and had to have
holes drilled in the 5th 6th and 7th cervical to
make room for the nerve to my left arm, so in
effect I am doing this newsletter with one arm,
and unfortunately the operation was not
completely successful. I have to go into
hospital again to try and correct it. If I can do
these things, so can anyone else.

Finally to bring you up to date on our Clan
Chief, James 22nd Earl is not interested in Clan
matters and his younger brother Alexander is
filling the post as Acting Chief of Clan Leslie.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon.NSW.

THE BISHOP WHO WALKED

I have available, for sale the book *The Bishop Who Walked*, by Simon Leslie about his father, the Rt Rev Ken Leslie, 6th Bishop of Bathurst. This book is available for **\$28-50 postage paid**. It is a must for any Leslie library



The Rt Rev Ken Leslie is called the Bishop who walked, because he walked everywhere, including the Kokoda Track, from Gona to Port Moresby to bring cheer to isolated Army Signalmen and also 130 miles from Dubbo to Bathurst to raise money to complete the Bathurst Cathedral.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

GRIP FAST; THE LESLIES IN HISTORY

By ALEXANDER LESLIE KLIEFORTH

I have copies of the above book in stock at the moment. It is recognised as the most comprehensive book on Clan Leslie, since the book "Historical Records of the Family of Leslie" which was published in 1869 by Col Charles Leslie 26th Baron of Balquhain. This book is a hardcover and is printed on top class paper and should be a requirement in every Leslie home.

It would make the ideal Christmas present. The price is \$90-00AU, which is a discount of 10%. Postage and Packing inclusive for Australia and New Zealand.

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