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## VERY SAD NEWS.

**Karen Anne Leslie.**

8<sup>th</sup> April 1947 – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2006.



*Karen Anne Leslie.*

Karen Anne Leslie Age 58, of Redmond Washington, passed away January 19<sup>th</sup> 2006. She had been diagnosed with colon and liver cancer on December 12<sup>th</sup> 2005. Karen was born in Seattle on April 8<sup>th</sup> 1947 and lived in the Seattle area all her life. She was a graduate of Roosevelt High School (1965) and the University of Washington (1978) with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. As a girl, Karen was an active participant in Rainbow, a member of the drill team and served as Worthy Advisor. She worked for many years as an airbrusher at Roland Studio and later, as a graphic designer. At the time of her death, Karen was only a few months away from graduating from Mars Hill Graduate School in Mill Creek, with a Masters in Counselling Psychology. She had been interning as a counsellor at tent City 4 in Bellevue. MHGS will be awarding her degree at graduation in May. Karen was proud of her Scottish heritage, and was a long time member and past Chieftain of the Clan Leslie Society International. She was also a member of Mensa, Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity and the University Presbyterian Church, where she had served as a Deacon and Sunday school teacher. Karen was a beautiful, generous, warm and caring person, with a strong faith in God. She was a wonderful friend and mother and is dearly missed by those who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her mother, Shirley Lucille

Leslie, in 2001, and is survived by her daughter, Hillary Leslie Holman, of Redmond, and her sisters, Diane Brown of Duvall and Linda Ellis of Sultan. Services will be held at University Presbyterian Church on Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:30 pm. Donations can be made to Mars Hill Graduate School, specify "Karen A Leslie Memorial Scholarship" in the subject line. Mars Hill address is 2525, 220<sup>th</sup> St, SE, Suite 100 Bothell, WA 98021.

*Courtesy, "The Seattle Times" Seattle. USA.  
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**FLIGHT LIEUTENANT  
WILLIAM THOMAS LESSLIE. No 267619.**



**Tom Lesslie**

*Flight Lieutenant Tom Lesslie. No 267619*

## Dr William Thomas Lesslie

William Thomas Lesslie, known as Dr Tom to his many former patients, died peacefully at his home in Old Bowenfels on Wednesday November 2, 2005. He was 88. Tom Lesslie, the elder son of William Wallace Lesslie, a N.S.W. Parliamentary Hansard reporter, was born in Ashfield on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1917. Tom was educated at Ashfield Public School, Canterbury Boys High School and The Scots College, Sydney N.S.W.

He went on to graduate B.A. at Sydney University in 1937 and passed the entrance examination of St Andrews Theological Hall in 1938. He did not proceed to ordination but went to Edinburgh University in Scotland where he graduated in medicine in 1943. He had to study Physics and Chemistry on the ship while travelling in order to pass the entrance examination when he arrived in Scotland and while in Scotland he helped support himself during university holidays by working on farms, in timber mills and even being a beater for grouse shooters. After graduating Tom served at the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh and returned to Australia, travelling as a ships doctor. On his return to Australia he joined the Royal Australian Air Force as a doctor.

In Australia he served at the Royal North Shore Hospital and then at Lidcombe Hospital before taking work in 1949 with the Joint Coal Board in Lithgow N.S.W.



*Russell and Tom Lesslie,  
with the 300 year old family bible*

In 1951 he had the opportunity to enter General Practice in Main Street, Lithgow and remained there as a General Practitioner until 1968 when he became the Commonwealth Medical Officer at the Small Arms Factory in Lithgow. He retired in 1983. During his life he was active in civic affairs. He served on the Lithgow City Council as an Alderman from 1967 to 1980 and was elected Mayor four times. Dr Tom loved Lithgow and its

people --- after he arrived he never wanted to live anywhere else. He joined the Historical Society, the Chess Club, the Camera Club, Probus and he played golf at both Lithgow and Blackheath. But he was probably proudest of the part he played in helping to establish Sunnybank School for handicapped children.

In retirement at his home at the old manse at Bowenfels in the Lithgow district, he loved to read and regularly completed the cryptic crossword. He was a man of words and kept the complete Oxford dictionary permanently on his desk. In 2001 he was awarded the Centenary Medal for his contribution to the community.

In March 2005, he celebrated 65 years of married life with his wife Janet. They were married in Scotland after Janet left Australia in 1940 to join him. She caught the last passenger ship to leave Australia and travelled through France during the phoney war arriving in Scotland not long before the German blitzkrieg rolled through France and the Low countries. Dr Tom Lesslie is survived by his wife Janet, his children Bill, Kate, Stephen and Howard, 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Thanks to Russell and Stephen Lesslie.

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## CLANZ MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS.

Many thanks to those members who renewed their membership of CLANZ so promptly for 2006. If those members who have **not yet renewed** their membership would do so, as we desperately need your membership to help us keep CLANZ running for another year. If you cannot remember if you have renewed or not, please send me an email or phone me.

Barrie Leslie, Gordon. NSW.

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## NEW WEBSITE FOR SCOTLAND.

I have received news of another website that has just started up on Scotland. There is a free photo library, free electronic postcard and a newsletter.

The site is run by Aileen Stewart and gives an insight into the variety of landscape, culture and holiday accommodation that is available in Scotland. Have a look. [www.scotlandthebreak.com](http://www.scotlandthebreak.com)

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## TEE NAMES

Tee-names have been used in the small fishing villages of North East Scotland for generations.

If you are not aware of them, genealogical searching can be a hazardous affair.

As a result of limited marriage opportunities in the small fishing villages of North East Scotland, each village had a limited range of surnames, a situation that still persists, even today. As well, only a rather small number of given names were in common use in any particular area.

The author of the "New Statistical Account of 1845" for the Parish of Gamrie, Banffshire describes a,

*"system of clanship among the fishing population in the villages, the most of whom in Crovie and Gardenstown are of the name of Watt or Wiseman, so that they are obliged to have recourse to nicknames for the sake of distinction. It is a rare thing for them to marry, but among themselves, as the manner and habits, as well as the work of the rural population are quite different from theirs".*

To avoid difficulties in identifying people, surnames in the fishing villages were modified by the addition of "nicknames, known generally as "tee-names". These tee-names were appended to the surname and usually written in inverted commas. Tee-names are still in everyday use within these communities, and anyone with recent ancestors in these areas will be aware of them.

### Town/village Common Surnames

Pennan	Galt
Rosehearty	Ritchie
Sandhaven	Mitchell, Sim.
Broadsea	Noble, Stephen.
Inverallochy	Strachan, Duthie.
St Combs	Buchan.
Peterhead	Buchan, Strachan, Stephen
Boddam	Stephen.
Port Errol	Robertson.
Aberdeen	Baxter, Leiper.

For genealogy purposes, it is important to realise that tee-names were normally inherited like surnames; the father's tee-name was usually passed on to his sons and daughters.

Valuation Rolls from 1855 onwards, usually included tee-names. Other official records such as

Certificates and Census Returns, only occasionally give tee-names. Parish records are poor sources and gravestones often do not carry tee-names.

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## "BUNDANOON IS BRIGADOON"

### 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HIGHLAND GATHERING SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2006.

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Highland Gathering of "Bundanoon is Brigadoon" takes place in Bundanoon in the NSW Southern Highlands on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April, starting with a Street Parade to the Oval at 10-45am. There will be a courtesy bus from the Village to the Oval throughout the day.



*A Brigadoon Collage.*

There will be all sorts of Scottish events too numerous to mention and it is a day, not to be missed.

Clan Leslie will have a Clan Tent there and please come and "have a chat"

Admission:- Adults \$15-00  
 Child \$ 5-00  
 Family \$35-00

The day usually starts off, as a cool morning, but by afternoon it is usually a beautiful Sydney autumn afternoon and it is a day that should not be missed. The Scottish influence is strong and who knows whom you might meet there.



*Massed Bands at Bundanoon 2004*

For further information:-  
[www.highlandsnsw.com.au/brigadoon](http://www.highlandsnsw.com.au/brigadoon)

**NSW Rail Transport Museum** heritage diesel, hauling the “Southern Aurora” will depart Sydney Central, arriving at Bundanoon in time for the street parade.

Bookings and information phone 02 9379 1110

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William the Lion was captured by the English army in Northumbria.

Both kings took the occurrence as a strong omen and in 1178, William the Lion founded the Abbey for a group of Tironesian monks who were then resident at nearby Kelso.

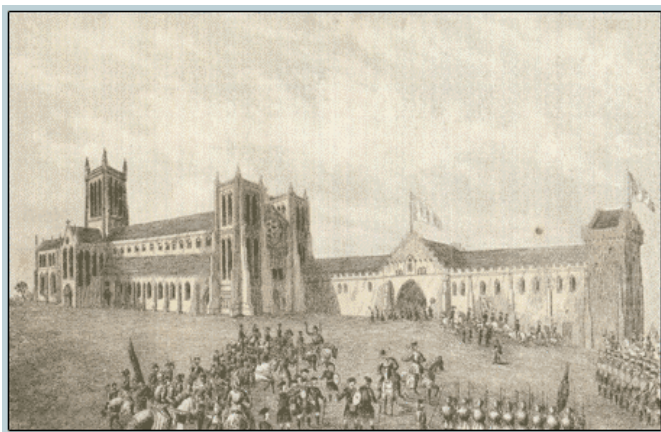


*Ruins of Arbroath Abbey.*

When William the Lion died 4 December 1214 his son, Alexander II helped carry the body of his father to the place of burial, in front of the High Altar, even though the Abbey was still not completed and was not consecrated until 1233.

### **DECLARATION OF ARBROATH.**

Arbroath Abbey was founded in 1178 for monks of the Tironensian Order, by King William the Lion and was intended to be his own burial place. The Abbey is located close to the centre of Arbroath, but when the Abbey was built, over 800 years ago, very few of the buildings you see today would have existed.



*An early engraving of Arbroath Abbey*

The reasons for building the Abbey, actually started in July 1174, when Henry II of England was fighting the French in Normandy and the Scots in Northumbria, as William the Lion claimed Northumbria as part of his possessions. Henry II made a pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral and prayed at the shrine of St Thomas and at the exact time that Henry II left Canterbury Cathedral,

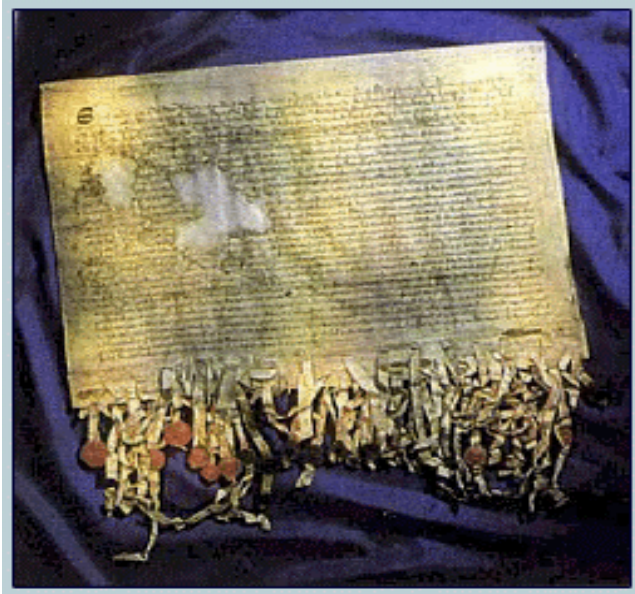


*Tomb of King William the Lion at Arbroath Abbey.*

What is of interest to Clan Leslie, is that the document known as “The Declaration of Arbroath” was signed in the Abbey 6 April 1320, most probably in the Abbots House, who at the time was Bernard de Linton and one of the signatories was Sir Andrew de Leslie Dominus Ejusdem, who married Mary Abernethy and after he died before 1325, his wife married Sir David Lindsay of Crawford, ancestors of the Earls of Crawford.

The “Declaration of Arbroath” is considered by many to be the most important document in Scottish history and the American “Declaration of Independence” is said to be based on the “Declaration of Arbroath”.

The Declaration was a letter written to Pope John XXII expressing the hope that the Pope would remove the excommunication that had been placed on King Robert the Bruce, after he had murdered the Red Comyn in 1306.



*Facsimile of the Declaration of Arbroath*

It also expressed the Independence of Scotland from England and asked Pope John XXII to pressure King Edward II of England to recognise Robert the Bruce as Kings of the Scots (notice of Scots, not Scotland).

The letter is famous for one phrase in particular, *“as long as a hundred of us remain alive, we shall not on any condition be subjected to English rule”* What is also significant, possibly more so than the above phrase is *“that in future the King of Scotland could only rule, with the approval of the people of Scotland”*.



*The Abbots House where the Declaration of Arbroath was most probably signed.*

After the declaration was signed in 1320, the slow decline of the Abbey started as the Abbey was a highly lucrative business and the Abbot relegated

the powers and privileges to ‘The Bailie of the Regality’ which usually resided with the Ogilvy family. In 1446 The Abbot appointed James Ogilvy as the Bailie and Alexander Lindsay who had wanted the position arrived in Arbroath with a large group of supporters. The resulting fracas was called the “Battle of Arbroath” and over 600 people were killed.

In 1524 Cardinal David Beaton, who is well known to the Rothes family as the Cardinal was assassinated by Norman, Master of Rothes on the 29 May 1546. Cardinal Beaton, acting as Abbot, granted parts of the Abbey’s lands to his mistress, Marion Ogilvie and gave two of the churches to his favourite illegitimate sons.



*Cardinal David Beaton.*

From this point it was all downhill for the Abbey as in 1606 the Scottish Parliament granted the Abbey estates to James Marquis of Hamilton and when the last monks left the Abbey, it became a quarry for building houses in Arbroath, then in 1773, when Dr Johnson visited he found just ruins.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

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## SCOTTISH NAMING CUSTOMS

I have put this information in the newsletter before, but it is of major help to those searching for information, to include it again.

The eldest son named after the paternal grandfather

The 2<sup>nd</sup> son named after the maternal grandfather

The 3<sup>rd</sup> son named after the father

The eldest daughter after the paternal grandmother

The 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter after the maternal grandmother

The 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter after the mother

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

Hope that it helps.

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**SCOTTISH OATCAKES.**

- 1 cup of flour.
- 1 cup Rolled Oats
- 2/3 Cup of Margarine or butter if preferred
- 1/3 cup of White Sugar
- 1/3 Teaspoon of Salt
- 1/3 Tablespoon cold water

Cream margarine and sugar, add all ingredients then add cold water. Roll out and cut in squares, place on ungreased tray and bake at 200 degrees C for approx 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Enjoy them.

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**INTERNET HELP FOR THE FAMILY**  
**GENEALOGIST**

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Genuki Scotland. [www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct)

Genuki provides introductory information and links to other sites.

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[www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct/intro.html](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct/intro.html)

Online tutorial Introduction to Scottish History.

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[Alexander Turnbull Library Collections](#)

[www.natlib.govt.nz/en/using/8atl.html](http://www.natlib.govt.nz/en/using/8atl.html)

Published and unpublished material of NZ.

[The Scottish Digital Archive](#)

[www.scan.org.uk/researchrtools/emigration.htm](http://www.scan.org.uk/researchrtools/emigration.htm)

A very wide variety of Scottish records

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[The Family Records](#)

[www.familyrecords.gov.uk](http://www.familyrecords.gov.uk)

This is a site for The Public Record Office and others for searching records for England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales & the British Library India Office.

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**IRISH RECORDS**

[www.genuki.org.uk/big/irl/](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/irl/)

[www.groireland.ie](http://www.groireland.ie)

[www.groni.gov.uk](http://www.groni.gov.uk)

[www.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.nationalarchives.ie)

[www.irishroots.net](http://www.irishroots.net)

[www.rootsweb.com/~fianna/guide/census.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~fianna/guide/census.html)

[www.ellislandrecords.org](http://www.ellislandrecords.org)

[www.history.wisc.edu/archdeacon/famine/](http://www.history.wisc.edu/archdeacon/famine/)

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) Remember that a lot of the LDS records have been supplied by Church Members and could be incorrect.

I have included quite a few Irish sites as a lot of people are having difficulty in finding Irish ancestors. Good Luck.

Barrie Leslie Gordon. NSW.

**CLAN LESLIE DNA PROJECT.**

There are now seven people participating in the Clan Leslie DNA Project. We will need more people to supply their DNA to make the Project work, but it is a way to preserve your personal identity after you die and if you do not have any

male children, researchers coming after you will be able to identify your Leslie family and know if they have a link to you.

I have had my 25 number DNA kit entered onto the website and hopefully it will help other members of Clan Leslie. I have also put onto the website the full genealogical descent of my family from George Leslie 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Rothes. Have a look.

Do it now and help to build up the DNA information on Clan Leslie. Remember, it is for direct male descendants, not families who have descended through the female line and taken the name of Leslie.

Go to [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com) and check out their website.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

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### SIR HENRY RAEBURN.

4<sup>TH</sup> March 1756 - 8<sup>th</sup> July 1823.

Sir Henry Raeburn was born in Stockbridge near Edinburgh on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1756, was orphaned at the age of six and was put into George Heriots Hospital in Edinburgh, (a home for orphans) by his elder brother for his education. He was apprenticed to James Gilliland, an Edinburgh goldsmith from 1772 to 1778 but his heart was in painting, miniatures at first and then full portraits. First in watercolours and then he turned to oils,



*Line Drawing of Sir Henry Raeburn*

In 1780 at Edinburgh, he married Ann Edgar, who was 12 years his senior, the widow of Count Leslie, a wealthy husband whom she married on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1772, and the mother of three children. One was James Phillip Ingles Leslie who died in Calcutta West Bengal India 28<sup>th</sup> April 1817, (*I can find no trace of a Count Leslie, but she was married to a James Leslie who was born about 1742 in Deanburnhaugh, Roxburgh, Scotland*) irrespective of James Leslie's antecedents he died wealthy, so his widow and her new husband could live very comfortably.

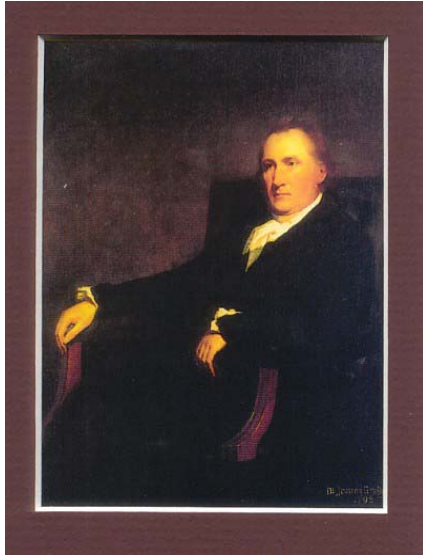


*Thomas Reid "The Philosopher 1710 - 1796"*

In 1784 he and his wife left for Italy, where they met Sir Joshua Reynolds who introduced him to Pompeo, Batoni and Gavin Hamilton and he stayed in Italy until 1887.

On his return to Scotland he settled in Edinburgh and soon attained a high reputation among Scottish artists and was knighted by King George IV in 1822 and was appointed the Kings Limner for Scotland just days before his death.

He was sought by many of Scotland's pre-eminent citizens to paint their portraits among whom were Sir Walter Scott, John Wilson and many others. One of the most famous of his paintings was the Rev Robert Walker Skating on Duddingston Loch.



*Professor James Gregory*

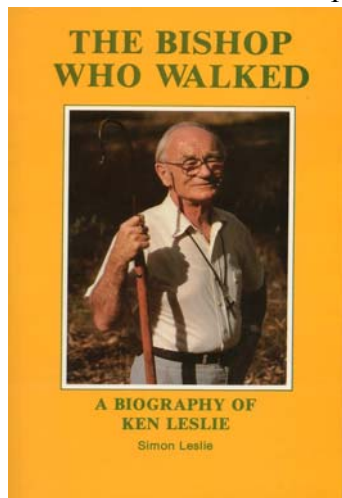
Sir Henry Raeburn painted quite a few portraits of my family, but unfortunately most of them have now gone out of the family. I present two of them. The first is **Thomas Reid** “The Philosopher” born 26<sup>th</sup> April 1710 and painted just before he died in 1796. Thomas Reid was half brother to Margaret Reid of the Pitfoddels family, (*my 5 times Great Grandmother*). **Professor James Gregory** of the “mathematical family” was nephew to Margaret Reid, and 2nd cousin to Rob Roy McGregor.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon. NSW.

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### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 NSW to raise money to complete the Bathurst Cathedral.

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