

BEST WISHES FROM THE EARL OF ROTHES

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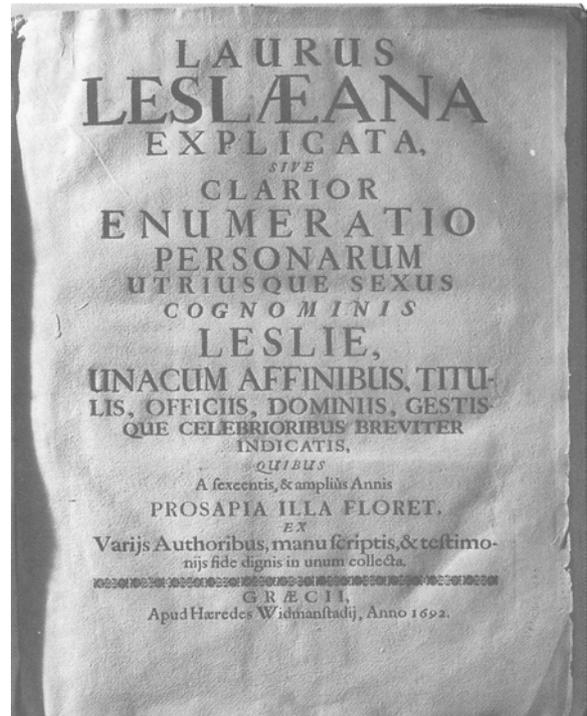
Dear Barrie

I was so pleased to hear of the formation of the Australian and New Zealand branch of the Clan Leslie Society, and I congratulate you on the initiative.

May I ask you to pass on my very best wishes for the future prosperity of your branch and its new members. Having watched the Society grow over the past twenty years, I know how much it has to offer, apart from the obvious social get-togethers, which although important and enjoyable, are not the only object of the Society. Much family history and genealogy has been collected and recorded for the very first time, and it is this recording of family matters that is so important if the history of our Clan is to be passed to future generations.

I urge all Leslie's to join the Society, and to help in its objectives. Societies do not run themselves, so all offers of assistance are welcome, however small.

My best wishes to you all.



Title page of *Laurus Lesleana Explicata*,
Published Gratz Austria, 1692 by
Rev William Aloysius Leslie.

RESEARCH SOURCES

There are two main books that are available for Leslie family research.

“Historical Records of the Family of Leslie”
By Col Charles Leslie. This is available in State Library of NSW, Mitchell Library Macquarie Street Sydney.

“Genealogical Collections concerning Families in Scotland, made by Walter McFarlane. Edited by James Toshack Clark. This is available at the Society of Australian Genealogists 120 Kent St Sydney.

I have both these books in my personal library. Barrie Leslie. Gordon, NSW

HISTORICAL RECORDS OF THE FAMILY OF LESLIE

New Members of the Society, interested in history and genealogy should be aware of the three volumes of "The Historical Records of the Family of Leslie", by Colonel Charles Leslie, 26th Baron of Balquhain, published in Edinburgh in 1869. Previously the history of the Leslie's was chiefly known through the *Laurus Leslaeana Explicata*, published in Gratz Austria in 1692 by Rev William Leslie, 3rd son of the 14th Baron of Balquhain. This earlier publication contained a number of errors; particularly in relation to the Rothes line of the family and Col Leslie has corrected these in his more recent publication, although in light of more recent research, there is still errors that need correction.

He commences with the pedigree of the original family when Bartholf / Bartholomew came to Scotland. Details the turbulent history of the Earls of Ross, and continues with details of the Rothes and Balquhain lines, with all their cadet branches, and shows where each family, nominated by place of residence branched away from the main stem, or the cadet line.

Naturally Col Leslie's, three-volume publication is out of print and is now an expensive collector's item. However it is still of major interest to researchers and members are recommended to obtain a copy which is available as a direct tailor made reprint from: Blairs Book Service.

2503 Springpark Way.
Richardson.
TX 75082 USA.

E-mail linda@glbco.com
Attention Linda Bair.

The cost of the book is as follows:

Vol. 1 & 2 combined	
Vol. 3 separate	\$US 134-50
Extra for hardcover	10-00
Surface postage	14-00
Total	\$US <u>158-50</u>

It is recommended to ask for a quote for airmail postage to Australia as the book is a print to order and takes between 8 to 12 weeks to print, then surface mail can take another 12 weeks to arrive. If anyone is interested, ring Barrie Leslie on 02 9418-2262 and they can view the book, to see what great value it is.

HELP WANTED

John & Jane Leslie. [Nee Lancashire]
c1790s - c1866.
Carson, Co Monaghan, IRELAND.

Their son James Leslie [1826-1906] and his wife Jane [Nee Phillips] came to Australia in 1852, soon after their marriage. They had 10 children in Australia.

John [deceased at 19 years]
*James [as above]
Elizabeth
Jane
Sarah
Joseph [bachelor]
*David
Mary [spinster]
William
Francis

*I am able to trace James and David's families completely, however I would be interested to hear of *more* information concerning the other children, *or their parents* if any of our members can help. Thank you.

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MINUTES OF MEETING at
3 / 23 Arnold St, Killara. NSW. 2071.

The meeting was held on the 14th May 1999
at 2 p.m.

PRESENT Elaine Leslie-Wood

Miriam Jacka

Audrey Fry
[Adelaide]

Russell Lesslie

J. Barrie Leslie

1. The minutes of the last meeting on the 30th October 1998 were read, confirmed and signed by Barrie Leslie.
2. The meeting confirmed that for the time being, owing to few members and their geographical placement, this branch of the Society has no specific constitution other than abiding by and following that of the parent body, and that re-election of office bearers will take effect at a biennial meeting to be held in July 2000.
3. This meeting places on record that no bulk promotional material has been received from the parent body. As the retention of 25% of the annual subscription is available from a small base, the funds available to cover development expenses consisting of printing, stationary, postage, telephone and communication fall short of requirements. The short fall has been covered by donations from Barrie Leslie and Russell Lesslie, with some postage costs borne by Peter Leslie.
4. Members acknowledge and want placed on record the tremendous amount of time

and effort Barrie Leslie has given to the Society as a whole, in committing to computer, the main family tree of the Leslie family [both Rothes and Balquhain]. He has included the whole of Col Leslie's, 3 vol Historical Records of the Family of Leslie, as well as drawing on a number of other sources, to confirm the Leslie entries. For the first time over 5000 names and over 600 pages of A4 printing are available for genealogical research.

5. The meeting considered that in view of the fact that the ANZ members did not want, or receive the JOURNAL as it only served U.S.A. and Canadian interests, it saved the parent body both production and postage costs. In lieu of the JOURNAL this branch produce GRIP FAST DOWN UNDER with a local content to serve local needs. However, it now incurs other costs, in particular postage costs to supply reasonable requests to a number of office bearers and others in U.S.A. and Canada. As this seems a disproportionate expense to be borne by a small base, it was considered a subsidy in the form of a deduction from remittances made to the treasurer should be requested.
6. Confusion exists as to the origin of our Bartolf / Bartholomew and his descendants birth dates, and also whether he was in fact Governor of Edinburgh Castle. Because of the importance to the clan, the meeting felt that the parent body should give some priority to hiring an independent researcher to if possible, clarify the position
7. Audrey Fry, member and visitor from Adelaide presented an opportunity to discuss the South Australian situation. She undertook to, [A] contact executives of Alvie clan, an active Leslie family association [annual subscription \$A8 per annum] to seek ways and means of merging our interests or co-operating in

our activities. [B] Contact the Anglican Church minister of the "St Margaret of Scotland" church in Adelaide, with a view to having a St Margaret / Leslie church service.

8. The meeting felt that in our development programme, the Eastern suburbs of Sydney should next be given attention, and as soon as possible the younger members should be encouraged to take an active part and take office in the branch. Further Elaine Leslie-Wood agreed to explore the prospects of a "tent" at the Annual Highland Gathering at Drummoyne [a Sydney suburb] for the 21st November 1999. The parent body is to be asked for the benefit of their experience.

The meeting finished at 3-30p.m.

OUR NEW ANZ BRANCH

With any new organisation there is always concern that operations are running smoothly. So it is with Clan Leslie Society in ANZ. Members should be aware that they are entitled to four quarterly Grip Fast newsletters and one annual booklet "The Griffin". The 1997-1998 Griffin was issued this May, and distribution of all the above are initiated from North America. Of course distribution of our own newsletter, Grip Fast Down Under is initiated in Australia. If any ANZ member does not receive any of these publications, please advise Barrie Leslie or Russell Lesslie.

Also with any new organisation there is always the need for extra assistance, and one area currently under consideration is the setting up of a "tent" [beach umbrella, table and chairs] at the annual Highland Gathering at Drummoyne for Sunday the 21st November. If you would like to meet other members of the Society and assist with this project, Elaine Leslie Wood on telephone 02 9498-5068 would be pleased to hear from you.

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