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BATTLE OF HARLAW 24TH JULY 1411



Leslie's Cross just after the unveiling at the Chapel of the Garioch Church by the Hon Alex Leslie, Clan Chief of Clan Leslie on the 24th July 2011.

I am issuing this newsletter for the information of those members who were not able to go to Scotland for the 600th Anniversary of the Battle of Harlaw.

I would like to thank my friends from Scotland, England, Canada, USA, Australia and New Zealand who have sent me these photographs. I have named the people in the photographs that I know and unfortunately there are others who I cannot name, but I think that it is important to get the photographs out.



Close up of the Earl of Rothes Standard



The Battle of Harlaw Memorial



The Unveiling by the Hon Alex Leslie



From left, William Leslie, Hon Alex Leslie, David Leslie from Leslie & Rev Brian Dobby



The Service in the Chapel of the Garioch with the Standard of the Earl of Rothes on the right.



Close up Leslie's Cross

Outside the Church of the Garioch



Tom Leslie from Chorleywood and William Leslie from Ontario, Canada.



LESLIE'S CROSS

JULY 24th 1411

The Battle of Harlaw

Sir Andrew Leslie, Third Baron of Balquhain and several of his sons rode out with Alexander Stewart, Earl of Mar to meet the advance of the Highlanders at the field of Harlaw.

*Six of Sir Andrew's sons died that day, as well as Leslies from nearby castles and farms
Leslie's Cross was erected on the field in commemoration*

This Leslie's Cross was placed here, in their memory, by members of the Clan Leslie and their Chief, The Honourable Alexander Leslie on the 600th anniversary of the battle, July 24th 2011.



From left, Sebastian Leslie from Warthill House, David Leslie from Leslie & the Hon Alex Leslie, Leslie Clan Chief.



At Leslie Castle with William and Sue Leslie with Georg Dorsch, Baron of Leslie Castle in centre.

To those members who received the Battle of Harlaw Special Edition in July, I apologize for including it in the latest newsletter, but some of our members did not receive it, therefore I want to make sure that all members get to see the Commemoration of the Battle of Harlaw, as it was of such importance to Clan Leslie.

NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS IN CLANZ.

I am sorry but next year I will not be able to continue to be the Chieftain/Convenor of CLANZ. I have been running CLANZ now for thirteen years and owing to my health and family reasons, I cannot continue, therefore I am calling for nominations for the following positions and I would ask anyone who wishes to fill the positions please advise me so I can advise all members.

1. Chieftain/Convenor.
2. Secretary/Treasurer
3. Newsletter Editor.
4. Website Editor.

I will give as much help as I possibly can to the incoming incumbents and will be happy to answer any questions that you may have. These positions, individually, do not take much effort and time, but to do them all does take time. If you wish to become more active in Clan Leslie Society of Australia and New Zealand, now is the time. Please let me know as soon as possible.

Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW, Australia.

JOHN O'DRISCOLL'S WEBSITE.

John O'Driscoll has been building up his website of his O'Driscoll and Leslie ancestors. At the moment he has only information on Leslie's in Australia, but will soon be building up his site to include Leslie's from New Zealand. I can well understand how much work John has already put into the creation of his website and I would encourage CLANZ members to search his website at <http://johnodriscoll.com.au> John's, Leslie ancestors come from Sanday Orkney Islands



Some of the guests enjoying lunch



The magnificent cake with the Balquhain Arms



Another cake of the Commemoration

I hope that you enjoy this quick presentation of the 600th Commemoration of the Battle of Harlaw. I believe that there were another 22 illegitimate sons of Sir Andrew killed in the Battle of Harlaw.

Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW. Australia

Barrie Leslie Gordon. NSW.



Private Thomas Leslie. 21515
New Zealand Rifle Brigade.

Rifleman Private Thomas Leslie, a farmer, was the nephew of William Leslie of Kawakawa North Auckland, New Zealand.

He embarked on the HMNZT 63 "Navua" at Wellington New Zealand for England on the 20th August 1916, with the 7th Reinforcements, 4th Battalion H Company.

He was serving with the New Zealand Rifle Brigade, 2nd Battalion at Ypres, Belgium, when he was killed in action on the 12th August 1917 and is buried at the Prowse Point Military Cemetery, Commines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. Grave Reference:- IV.A.2.



Prowse Point Military Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium



*Gates to the Kawakawa District War Memorial
In Memory of those from the district who fell in the
Great War 1914 – 1918.*

In the Prowse Point Military Cemetery are:-

165 casualties from the United Kingdom.

1 casualty from Canada

13 casualties from Australia

42 casualties from New Zealand

12 casualties from Germany.

233 Total casualties.

Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.

KIRKIN QUEENSLAND 2011. **"St Pauls" Spring Hill Brisbane**

Well another year has passed and another successful "Kirkin o the Tartan". I don't have any figures yet but we appeared to be down on numbers, this was expected as the last few years have been just more of the same. Hopefully this years changes will reflect in increases in numbers next year.



George Leslie arriving at St Pauls.

The major change was the involvement of young people. We were fortunate to have the Brisbane Boys College Pipe Band perform for us and their Pipe-Major, Alex Halpin fulfilled the duties of Official Piper.



Brisbane Boys College Pipe Band

We were also lucky to have four excellent Highland Dancers from the Manning Academy of Highland Dancing. These girls are multi trophy winning dancers and travelled up from the Gold Coast to dance for us. It was pleasing to hear from many of our members that they enjoyed having the young folk there. A couple of people from St Pauls congregation actually arranged to be picked up from their Nursing Home when they found out about the boys band and the dancers.



*The Colour Party from L /R
Rose Tibbets, Clare Arthur, Catherine McLean.*

The girls also fulfilled the role of Flag Bearers with Claire Arthur (wearing the Australian Tartan) carried the Australian National Flag; Catherine McLean carrying the Queensland Flag and Rose Tibbetts carrying the Scottish Saltire, with Laura

Wilkie carrying the Coat of Arms for our only Armiger, Mr John Agnew Esq.



George Leslie's Grandson, Jesse.



George Leslie's Grand Daughter, Rylee.

This report produced by George Leslie, Hon Sec on behalf of Mr Ernest Thompson, Pres who sent his apologies due to illness.

**George Leslie Hon Sec.
Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland Inc.**

Many thanks to George Leslie for his report.

HARLAW REMEMBERED

On Thursday 9th June 2011 The Elphinstone Institute of Kings College, University of Aberdeen and The Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen held a Conference and a Concert at Trinity Hall Holburn Street Aberdeen, to mark the 600th Anniversary of the Battle of Harlaw. The Trinity Hall is a particularly venue as it displays the only

known artefacts of the battle - the Weavers Banner and Provost Davidson's sword, who was killed in the Battle.



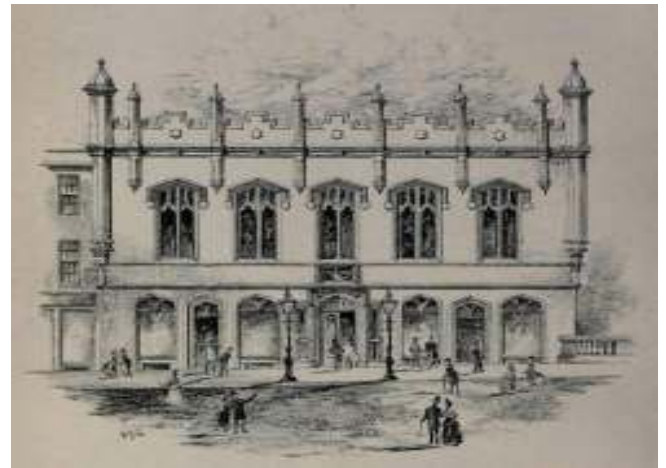
Kings College, University of Aberdeen with the Crown Tower on the Chapel.

The Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen are a very important part of Aberdeen history, which comprise seven trades, Hammermen (1519) (Goldsmiths etc) Bakers (1398) Wrights & Coopers (1527) Tailors (1511) Shoemakers (1484) Weavers (before 1222) and Fleshers (1534)



The 1st Trades Hall which was called Trinity Hall after the old Convent. 12th Century to 1847

Each of the Trades has their own Deacon and then there is a Deacon Convenor which is the highest Office of The Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen. The Trades initially had a hospital attached but after the old Trades Hall was demolished it was decided not to continue with the hospital. Our own John Leslie, goldsmith, was elected Master of the Trades Hospital in 1795, for a two year term.



The 2nd Trades Hall Union Street Aberdeen 1847 – 1967

John Leslie, son of Patrick Leslie and Margaret Duckison, born 14 January 1749 began his apprenticeship to James Wildgoose, as is recorded in the Hammerman Court Book on the 17 October 1765. An apprenticeship was generally between five and seven years and then two years as a journeyman and to be accepted as a Burgess, the apprentice had to make items to be judged by the Hammerman Trade Masters.



John Leslie, for his trial pieces, made six tablespoons and a stoned ring, which were to be made unassisted and were judged by John Leslie's Essay Masters, John Gordon and Coline Allan. John Leslie was adjudged proficient and was admitted as a full member of the Hammerman Trade on 22 November 1774. In October 1802 John Leslie was unanimously elected, Convenor of the Trades of Aberdeen. With this election John Leslie had reached the highest office of The Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen. John Leslie died in Aberdeen, on 24 May 1837 and is buried in the St Nicholas Churchyard

The first Hall dates from the 12th Century and stood near where Guild Street is today and was originally the Palace of King William The Lion, who gifted it to the Friars of the Holy Trinity in the 13th century, but in 1559 it was destroyed in a night of secular violence and stood derelict until in 1631 it was purchased by Dr William Guild and he gifted it to The Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen, to be their meeting place and a hospital for old and decayed tradesmen. The building was rebuilt to the

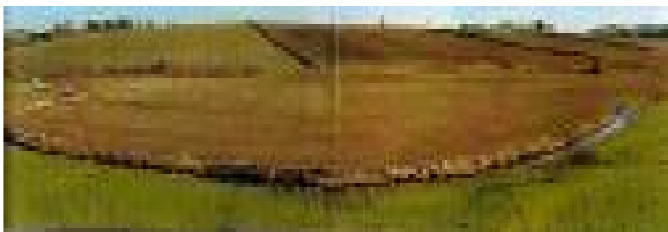
highest standards and was opened in 1633, as the Trinity Hall. In 1847, with the coming of the railway, large scale development was required and it was decided to build the 2nd Trades Hall at the end of the new Union Street. The hospital had ceased to exist around the end of the eighteenth century and the Trades Hall continued in use until 1966, when it was decided to move to a less congested site.



Trinity Hall, Holburn Street Aberdeen

The new Trinity Hall which opened in 1967 and all the furnishings and artefacts from the old Trinity Hall are now in the new Trinity Hall Cnr Holburn Street and Great Western Road Aberdeen.

HARLAW FIELD



The Elphinstone Institute has called for a Geophysical Survey of the site of the Battle of Harlaw, similar to the studies that have been carried out at Culloden, which revealed new insights into the last battle of the Jacobite risings.

Ian Russell, Director of the Elphinstone Institute said that the Battle of Harlaw is commemorated in ballad and legend, but we know very little of the actual events. Almost all that we have to go on is the cultural legacy and that no documentary evidence exists, apart from poems songs and written, many years after the time of the battle.

Many thanks to Ian Leslie of Aberdeen (George Leslie's cousin) for sending the above information

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