

PATRICK LESLIE, OF THE DARLING DOWNS

On the night of the 6th Oct 2000, the headstone of Patrick Leslie and his wife Catherine Macarthur was vandalised along with twenty other headstones and crosses, at the West Street Rest Park at North Sydney. It was the worst case of vandalism that the North Sydney Council has experienced in a decade.

You would wonder at the mentality of such people, who are so bored that they have nothing better to do.



The damaged cross of Patrick Leslie

North Sydney Council has received a quote from monumental masons, "Gottelli Restoration" of Blakehurst Sydney, for an inclusive cost of \$23,941.50 to repair all the damage caused. It is not known at this stage, whether the repairs will be covered by Councils insurance, or whether it will have to pay for the repairs with funds from the Capital Works program.

Where has society failed, that such acts of vandalism occur with no thought at all to the history of the people who are commemorated?.

Barrie Leslie Gordon NSW.

GENEALOGY MEETING

Scottish House is holding a *Scottish Genealogy Fair* in The Scottish Hall, Weigand Avenue Bankstown Sydney, on Saturday 31st March 2001, commencing at 10-00am and concluding at 3-30pm.

I will be setting up a table with my genealogy books, my computer and various other bits of information and would be pleased to see any Clan Leslie Society members there.

Light refreshments will be available at the Fair and it will be a great opportunity to get to meet CLS members as well as members of other Clan Societies, who will be there.

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BUNDANOON GATHERING

Clan Leslie Society members are reminded that the Bundanoon Highland Gathering is again being held at Bundanoon in the Southern Highlands on Saturday 7th April 2001. The Gathering starts at 10-00am and it will be a fabulous day, and I would recommend that all members who can, get there,. Please do so.

Again, I will be setting up a "tent", complete with my genealogy books, although my computer will only be available until the battery runs flat.

The Clan Leslie tent will be right next to the Clan Keith and the Clan Hay tents. You will be able to buy any Scottish memorabilia that you may require. Refreshments will be available at the Gathering.

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[2] FROM NEW ZEALAND

Henry Leslie was born in 1812 at St Peters Place, England and married Charlotte Richardson at the Parish Church of St Peter's in Canterbury England on the 13th April 1842.

They decided to emigrate to New Zealand and left Gravesend on the 28th September 1850 with their two children, Ann Elizabeth [5] and Henry Junior [2], on board the Castle Eden.

On the voyage out to New Zealand, Henry Leslie caught a chill at Capetown and died the morning of arrival in Lyttleton Harbour on the 14th of February 1851. The following morning, Charlotte Leslie came ashore with her two young children, followed by another boat containing the coffin of her late husband, Henry.

Exactly 150 years later the descendants of Henry and Charlotte held a reunion to celebrate the 150th anniversary of their arrival at Lyttleton.

About 80 descendants of Henry and Charlotte gathered at Kirwee, near Christchurch NZ on the 17th February 2001. A message of goodwill was received from the Earl of Rothes and read to the gathering and a cake was cut by the only living descendant of the third generation, Eric Eaves, aged 93, who had married Hilda Leslie.



Rev Ray Leslie, his grandson Jack and Brian Leslie, with the Cairn

An oak tree was planted by the eldest and youngest Leslie's present, Brian Henry Leslie and Jack Wilson Leslie. A plaque bearing the words was attached to a cairn in front of the oak tree.

'This tree was planted 17 Feb 2001, to commemorate the arrival of the Leslie family in Lyttleton 150 years ago, and who settled in this area'.

A short church service was held by the Rev Ray Leslie, a lolly scramble for the children, many photographs taken and a good old chin wag completed the day.

Thanks to Brian Leslie Blenheim NZ

THE ROGUES GALLERY

Below is a photograph of Barrie Leslie and Mary Haworth Grigor who is a second cousin to the 21st Earl of Rothes, and I am descended from George Leslie, 1st Earl of Rothes.



Barrie Leslie & Mary Haworth Grigor

I thought that members might like to see the face behind the voice, as I have spoken to most of you, even if I have not met you.

ARTICLES REQUIRED

I would ask that anyone who has a story or an anecdote that might interest other members of Clan Leslie Society to please send it in to me. What might not seem of much interest to you could be of great interest to someone else.

Barrie Leslie. Gordon.NSW.

[3] INTERNET WARNING

Members are warned not to believe everything that they download from the internet as being true.

In fact a lot of the information that is available from the internet is very, very, **very** suspect and should be verified from a second source, before being accepted as being correct.

Even some of the information that is available from the Mormon Church should be verified, as a lot of the information has been submitted by second parties.

Be warned, if you accept the information as being correct, you could be sent down the wrong path and waste a lot of time and money.

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VIC. REGISTRY OF BIRTHS DEATHS & MARRIAGES

The Registry is at 589 Collins Street Melbourne Victoria 3000.
The postal address is GPO Box 4332 Melbourne Victoria 3001.
Office hours are 8-30am to 4-30pm Monday to Friday.

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1300-369-367

Application forms can be obtained at any Victorian Post Office or by fax machine [with phone] by dialling 190 224 0550
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Wills [Probate & Administration]
Phone 03 9603-9296

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SCOTTISH CUSTOMS FOR NAMING CHILDREN

The Scots had a very highly developed system for naming their children. This involved using the paternal and maternal grandparents Christian names.

The eldest son, after the paternal grandfather.

The second son, after the maternal grandfather.

The third son, after the father.

The eldest daughter, after the paternal grandmother.

The second daughter, after the maternal grandmother.

The third daughter, after the mother.

Any further children would be named after earlier ancestors, using both christian and family names, using the same patterns, but generally the naming patterns were less structured.

This structure helps where the names of parents and grandparents are not known, and can help to piece together which generation belongs where.

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[4] SCOTS ORIGINS

Members are advised that Scots Origins, a database of Scottish genealogy information, has now launched a database of English Genealogy information in co-operation with the Society of Genealogists in England. This is a pay by use database, similar to Scots Origins.

Access costs Six pounds for 48 hours use. Within this time, users can view and download 150 records. Hard copies will cost Ten pounds. You can take advantage of the free surname search to determine whether there are any records of use, before committing themselves to the £6 search fee.

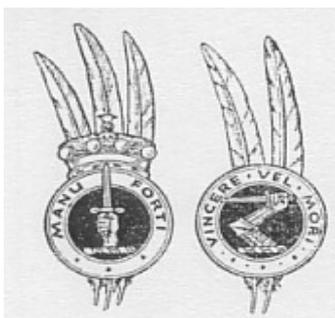
I will give further information in the next newsletter. The site address is:-

www.englishorigins.com

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A FEATHER IN YOUR CAP

It is often misunderstood why the Scottish custom of wearing a feather in the cap arose. It was quite simply a very convenient way of distinguishing the Clan Chief and his Chieftains in battle.



The Royal family is entitled to wear **four** feathers in the cap.

The Chief of a Clan is entitled to wear **three** feathers in the cap.

Chieftains of a cadet branch or Laird are entitled to wear **two** feathers, if they have their own crest.

A gentleman with his own crest may wear **one** feather in his cap.

In the next newsletter I will show how a clansman's cap badge is worn

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