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**THE LESLIE LOG HOUSE IN THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, CANADA.
OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY, SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011.
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUE AND WILLIAM ON THE FAR LEFT, ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE
DESCENDANTS OF JOHN AND ESTHER LESLIE WHO BUILT THIS HOUSE IN 1826.**



William Leslie and Speakers



One of three Leslie Log House Cakes



An interior view.

OPENING OF THE LESLIE LOG HOUSE

The Dedication of the Leslie Log house in Mississauga went well, in spite of the constant downpour. Someone said that it was Scottish weather; I corrected them that it was spring weather in Ontario, and April showers (in May this year) bring May flowers. The log house was moved about 6 miles from its original location into a very stylish residential area. A little bird told me that it cost about half a million dollars to move it and rebuild it to modern building requirements while saving the original logs, floors and windows and doors.

The event was attended by City of Mississauga officials and those most responsible for initiating and completing the project. Anne Byard and her husband Malcolm, President of the Streetsville Historical Society, deserve a lot of credit for saving the Log House and initiating the project.

Harold Leslie of Didsbury, Alberta and his wife Val and many Leslie descendants from the Streetsville Leslies were there. I met and talked to many of the people associated with The Leslie Log House. It is now a part of the Mississauga Museum and has full time staff. It has a climate controlled storage room for some of their valuable old documents, including the original deed for the Leslie property and all of Harold Leslie's wealth of research. Harold Leslie has spent years and countless hours on his family research, in Ontario and in the family homelands in Sutherlandshire in Scotland. The Log House now has the entire history of this Leslie family back to their beginning in Scotland thanks to Harold and Val. John and Esther Leslie and their seven sons arrived by sailing ship, river boat, canal boat and ox cart in 1824. One of those sons, George Leslie became famous in Toronto as a Tree Nursery operator, a City Councillor and influenced his friend Alexander Muir to write the "Maple Leaf Forever" which became Canada's unofficial national anthem in 1867.

The Clan Leslie Society International which has a program of recognizing organizations that protect and preserve Leslie historical sites and raise awareness of the Leslie family name and history, presented the Bennachie Award.

The plaque, designed by Laura Messing of the CLSI Council, was presented by William Leslie, Commissioner of Clan Leslie, North America. It was well received by the politicians and the many people responsible for completing the Leslie Log House. The plaque will be placed over the mantle of the rebuilt fireplace. They were all very grateful and were interested in the fact that this award has been presented to only two Leslie Castles in Scotland and one in Ireland and now to their Leslie Log House.

Joanne Doucette from Leslieville in Toronto who has written articles for our Grip Fast about George Leslie, one of the sons of the Leslies of Streetsville, was also there. Joanne has just finished her book, after 12 years of research, on the history of Leslieville. It includes the history of George Leslie of Toronto. A copy of Joanne's book, Pigs, Flowers and Bricks, A History of Leslieville to 1920, will be sent to the Clan Leslie Collection at the University of Guelph Library.

William Leslie

CHAPEL OF GARIOCH TO BECOME THE CLAN LESLIE CHAPEL OF NORTH EAST SCOTLAND



David Leslie from Leslie initiated the process of naming the Chapel of the Garioch as the Clan Leslie Chapel of North East Scotland. At a Meeting of the Kirk Session of Blairdaff and Chapel of Garioch Church, on the 4th May, 2011, it was approved that Chapel of Garioch Church be recognised as the Clan Leslie Chapel for the North East of Scotland.

The Chief of Clan Leslie, the Honourable Alexander Leslie also approved this designation of the Church. The hand of fellowship was also offered by the Church to Leslies from all over the world who will be welcome to visit and worship in Chapel of Garioch Church.

The Clan Leslie Society International has passed a motion welcoming this event and has asked Laura Messing to design a suitable plaque to be installed inside the church.

William Leslie

THE 2011 SEASON OF CLAN LESLIE TENTS AT SCOTTISH GAMES

This will be an interesting season for Clan Leslie Tents at Games. The volunteers who host these Tents do very special work for the Society. They have to prepare the materials and displays, travel to the locations usually many miles from home and set up and take down their tents. They mostly do this at their own expense. Tent Hosts greet visitors and answer questions about their Leslie heritage. They welcome visitors to the Tent and work at signing up new members.

2011 CLAN LESLIE TENTS COMPLETED

May 11-12, Wichita Highland Games and Celtic Festival

I hosted a Clan tent for the first time, on May 11-12 at the Wichita Highland Games and Celtic Festival. This was just the second year for this event and it has grown a lot from last year. Last year there were about 5 or 6 clan tents; this year there were 16, and a lot more competition in the Games.



The weather was very windy (gusts to 35 mph) and cool. Since it is Kansas this is not a surprise. However, the wind took my tent on Sunday late afternoon (small repairs will solve the problem). Next time I'll stake it down much better.

I had only one possible Clan member to talk to, a nice young man, by the name of Elliot Holloway, whose Grandmother's maiden name is Leslie. In the picture you'll notice he has a membership application in hand. I met a number of very nice people, not of our Clan, and had a good time explaining our Clan and the Leslie's Cross we will dedicate in July in Scotland. I also explained about tartans, pleating in kilts, sgian dubhs, the difference between Balmorals and Glengarrys and a number of other things.

Thanks to all who helped me get set up for this; you were a great help. If any of you would consider hosting a tent in your area, it isn't that difficult and it's good fun talking and learning from people in other clans. There is lots of help available through your Clan. Just ask.

Tom Huxtable

2011 TENTS AT HIGHLAND GAMES AND SCOTTISH FESTIVALS

Please remember to send us a notice of your coming Tents at Games in advance and to send a short report and two or three photographs afterwards.

MICHIGAN

MAY 28 David C. and Rosemary Leslie are hosting a clan tent at Alma College, Michigan again this year. The Clan tent will be on May 28th only, at the Alma Highland Festival and Games. The Festival and games are held on the Alma College Campus, Alma, Michigan, USA.

David Leslie of Canton, Michigan

TEXAS

Frank W. Leslie, Southwest Region Convenor, plans to host a CLSI tent in 2011 at the following events:

JUNE 2- 5, Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Arlington

Dear CLSI Members;

The time for the 25th annual Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games is fast approaching. Once again it will be held at Maverick Stadium, University of Texas at Arlington (1307 West Mitchell) on June 3-5th. This event has it all; Scottish athletics, bagpipes, Celtic harp, and highland dance competitions, educational seminars, over 65 clan tents, hundreds of vendors and the best Celtic entertainment in North America. The entertainment this year includes renowned Scottish balladeer **Alex Beaton**, noted composer and entertainer **Brian McNeill**, folk singer **Ed Miller**, and musical groups including **Clandestine**, **Beyond the Pale**, **Rogues**, plus the Celtic rock group **The Killdares**. This festival has grown over the years, and last year there were over 50,000 visitors. The hours this year are Friday 5 PM to midnight, Saturday 9 AM to 10 PM, and Sunday 9 AM to 6 PM.

The Festival will again include professional championship Scottish athletes from North America. Also scheduled will be championship Scottish Highland Dance, solo bagpiping and drumming contests, amateur athletics, genealogy and history seminars and Scotch whisky tasting and seminar.

For more information, directions, maps, host hotels, and to purchase tickets in advance, you can visit the Texas Scottish Festival website at www.TexasScottishFestival.com

The host hotel is the Quality Inn-Arlington Highlands, 121 I-20 East at Matlock Road, Arlington, Texas 76018. For reservations, telephone 800-588-8021. Rate: \$69.99 plus tax for reservations made by May 15th. After that date, the room rate is \$119.99. <http://www.texasscottishfestival.com/>

NOVEMBER 11-13, Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Highland Games. <http://www.ctam-salado.org/>

NORTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA

JULY 7-10 Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina.

<http://www.gmhq.org/>

OCTOBER 14-16 Stone Mountain, Georgia.

<http://www.smhg.org/>

Cathy Duling President, South East Branch

ABERDEENSHIRE

JULY 24 Chapel of the Garioch and Warthill Castle. Leslies and friends from several countries will gather at the Chapel of the Garioch for a service to dedicate the new Leslie's Cross and to remember the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Harlaw. There will be a Clan Leslie Gathering and Dinner at Warthill Castle.

AUGUST 06. The Green, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. David Leslie will be hosting a Clan Leslie Tent at the Aboyne Games.

David Leslie from Leslie

<http://www.aboynegames.com/information/location/>

CALIFORNIA

MAY 28 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. UNITED SCOTTISH SOCIETY'S SCOTSFEST IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. Susan Abernethy will portray Mary Queen of Scots at the Clan Leslie Tent.

Susan Abernethy

<http://www.scotsfest.com/>

JUNE 25th & 26th. SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES, VISTA, CALIFORNIA. CLSI will be represented for the 36th time at the San Diego Scottish Highland Games on June 26 and 27 in Vista, CA.

Susan Abernethy

<http://www.sdhhighlandgames.org/>

LOREN DONN LESLIE was born January 5th 1995. She was born clinically blind but she was such a happy little girl, always full of life. Compassion for others was foremost her whole life. Although she was visually impaired, she was amazing; she seemed to have an inner eye. Her artistic ability was very very good; she could write stories that should have been published. Loren with her handicap attained a blue belt in Karate, a level 12 in life guard training, even knowing that she could never be a life guard. Loren would mentor kids online from all over North America. I received messages after her death, about certain kids who had been contemplating suicide; she would stay with them online and talk them out of their situation. We never knew why she did not get enough sleep and she would not tell anyone that she was saving lives during the night. She would say that she just could not sleep. Loren is still making so many changes in our lives. Loren was very quiet, but listened very loud. She was taken from us, murdered by a 20 year old in 2010. We may never know why. We are starting the LOREN DONN LESLIE FOUNDATION. It should be incorporated any day and I will definitely be in touch.

Loren Donn Leslie Foundation

To spread the word of Loren; to be aware of those around us and to treat others with dignity, compassion and respect.

I may be quiet but I listen very loud...

As many people know I am a quiet person. Not many people know me very well. A couple of reasons for this are: I don't need to hear my voice to know I'm alive. I feel and breathe thus I know I'm around.

Another reason is I don't need to monopolize conversations to get attention, or interrupt people all the time to be the center of attention.

I know who I am, what I need and how to get it. I don't need to hurt others to build myself up.

But I do hear well.

I hear others cutting "friends" of theirs apart, saying unkind things to make themselves feel better.

I feel peoples' feeling being hurt by those ignoring them.

I hear when no-one speaks to me because I choose to be more considerate of others, and not follow the crowd.

I hear tears on peoples' faces, because they aren't accepted by some because they don't have the right look, the right clothes, or they aren't cool enough to be popular.

I hear the loneliness of the people sitting in folding chairs at dances because they're not loud enough to be heard.

But I hear them...

- Author Unknown -



Loren Donn Leslie
January 5, 1995 - November 27, 2010

www.ldlf.com

Thank you from family.
"GRIP FAST"

Doug Leslie

The words in the poster were taken from Loren's writings.

GREAT GRANDDAD BRIAN LESSLIE



Bailey William James Yeaman, born on Wednesday 4th May 2011 in Borders General Hospital Scotland.

Parents are my granddaughter Amy & Partner.

Amy does not realise that she named him after both the great, great granddads, my dad William and my ex-wife's dad James.

Cheers Brian & Petra

MEMBERS OVER 85 YEARS OF AGE

Did you know that if you have been a member of Clan Leslie Society International for at least 10 years and reach the age of 85, the CLSI will continue your membership without further payment of annual dues?

Contact Linda Flowers

SS GRIP FAST

This ship was lost in WWII to enemy action. It belonged to a company which put it into service in the early 1900's. The company that owned it was acquired, then the acquiring company was acquired and on and on.

There were around 8 other Clan-named ships sunk in WWI and WWII. I have contacted Dr Jonathan Hicks, a military historian to ask him if he has any information on SS Grip Fast. Dr. Hicks is originally from Barry, Wales, but has only recently returned to the town of his birth after many years pursuing his career in the teaching profession. He is the Head teacher Designate of St Cyres School in Penarth, Wales. He is the author of four books on the First and Second World Wars, and the Anglo-Zulu War. His work has also been published in several magazines. He writes regularly for the 'Barry Gem' and has just finished his first novel.

If anyone knows anything about these ships, please contact me.

Edmund Leslie gripfast@me.com

FIRST LETTER TO THE CLAN LESLIE FROM THE FIRST COMMISSIONER, ALEC KLIEFORTH

I have transcribed this letter to the best of my ability. The original was prepared on a typewriter, and as a result there was no italics type font. The correct method of indicating italics was to underline (underscore). I have maintained this as per the original.

As most of you know, Alexander Leslie Klieforth (Alec) was appointed as the Commissioner of the Clan Leslie by the Earl of Rothes even while Alexander was still a diplomat in the American Embassy in Bonn, Germany. Alec published this letter in the first issue of the *American Clan Leslie Society Journal* in the autumn, 1978. Alec explains his hopes for our Society, and some of the reasons behind the drive to form such a society. His vision should still be a guide of each of us.

David Leslie White, Chieftain clanleslie@earthlink.net

Letter by Alexander Klieforth

It is a year since I sent out the first circular letters soliciting interest in the formation of a Leslie association in America. Now the ACLS is founded and we are off to a modest start, having reached the minimum (30 dues-paying members) advisors from other clan associations said was necessary to get under way. It would not have been possible to reach this point without the unflagging help of our associate member, Ruth Christ, working as de facto secretary from first exploration of the possibility of a Society with our Chief more than two years ago to the present. She and other friends have contributed their time and know-how. I could not have

gotten things under way without their help, especially that of Miss Christ, so that it is proper that I begin my first report to the members by thanking them.

The Earl of Rothes heartily endorsed the formation of the ACLS, is genuinely pleased to be our Chief and giving it all the support he can. However as pointed out in earlier communications, the Leslies have not been a close-knit a family as others in Scotland, particularly in the Western Highlands and the islands. Consequently unlike the case of some of the great Highland Clans, the Leslies have not had an organization in Scotland to serve as a launching platform for overseas activity. While our Chief is organizing the Leslie Council on a more structured basis, it will take some time before it can backstop the ACLS, in a more formal way. Nevertheless he believed that the sooner we got started with the American organization the better, particularly given the fact that Leslies in America are scattered all over the country and it usually takes several years for an association such as ours to take form and substance. Subsequently the Earl in a letter of appointment naming me his representative, asked me to organize and bring the ACLS into being, and serve as Commissioner for the United States.

Although fully occupied with my present duties, I agreed because of my belief in the worth of an organization such as ours hopefully will become, particularly in view of the fact that so many young people are in search of identity and something familial, they can relate to and associate with. The "desire to belong" has misled many young people at home and abroad to join some rather bizarre outfits. Others find what they look for in organizations of good purpose and the growing participation of young Americans of Scottish ancestry is wonderful evidence of this. The Leslies are one of the oldest families in Scotland, with an illustrious history every Leslie should be proud of. It is worthwhile, therefore, that we gather together in kinship not only because of our own interests but also in terms of heritage for younger Leslies.

So we got started and while at this point very small, the ACLS is a bona fide organization, a full member of the growing community of American Scottish organizations and ready to participate with them in matters of common interest. It is in this spirit that the ACLS has become a member of the Council of Scottish Clan Associations.

So, where do we go from here? The first goal is to grow, which we can only do by bringing in new members. Enclosed with this issue of the ACLS Journal is a fact sheet which you are invited to use in helping to recruit. Those of you who have reproduction facilities are free to reproduce the fact sheet and send it to anyone you know of who is interested and qualified to join. As soon as we have sufficient members clustered in one state or adjoining states, such members will be informed by a regional ACLS representative and encouraged to meet and start activities together. By then we should have our "rump organization" formed from among those members who have volunteered to be active. This "rump organization" will also serve as a council to assist in getting the ACLS through its next phase of organization, which is to get under way until a slate of officers headed by a Chieftain, has been elected and can functionally take over management of our Society. We hope we will have had several regional gatherings as a prelude to our first national gathering attended by our Chief.

In the meantime, the Journal is to serve the membership as a means of information dissemination and interchange as well as communication from the Chief and myself. By late winter I hope to have the first issue of The Griffin out to you, its elegance (or lack of it) dependent on the state of our finances. I will be glad to correspond with any of you directly, and solicit your contributions to the Journal.

What can members expect in the future? The ACLS aspires to serve as the central clearing-house in the United States for information about the Leslies. In due course we should be able to provide genealogical information, maintain a reference library of material about the Leslies, and serve as a point of contact with other clan associations; later there could be a charter flight to Scotland for a tour of the old Leslie Castles (houses) and meetings with members of the Leslie Council. There can be regional and national Gatherings with festive trimming, such as a ceilidh, pipe performances and the other activities which are so pleasant for Scots. There will be official Leslie participation at Highland Games. In this context, any ACLS member who attends any Games is encouraged to show the Leslie tartan and promote the Society.

We have made a beginning. Let us now build. "Grip fast."

Alexander Leslie Klieforth
Commissioner

David Leslie White, Chieftain clanleslie@earthlink.net

FRANCIS LESLIE

I have some interesting mementos from my deceased wife Anne. Framed silhouette copy of Lord Ian and Lady Marigold - cut in about 1987. The originals were given to them and are in Scotland. Muted Red Leslie full length hostess skirt and sash (I think they came from Dalgleish mill). Would there be anyone in the society interested in buying them? Her silk RSCDS dancers sash was buried with her at Arlington National Cemetery.

Francis Leslie Lesliefw@aol.com

UPDATE ON THE HARLAW GATHERING

David Leslie will soon be sending more pictures of the Leslie's Cross and continue to follow up as it nears completion. I will publish them as soon as I get them.

David Leslie has designed the Dedication Ceremony and the service honouring the Leslies of the Battle of Harlaw. He has also designed the Commemoration Booklet which will be sent to every donor and which is almost ready to go to print. David has also arranged bus transportation to get us to the Harlaw Monument, to the Chapel and then to the Dinner. A small charge for this transportation will be collected from those using this service, to pay for the bus.

Thanks to the great response we have had from people from the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, the dinner and the Leslie Historical Tour is filled to capacity. We are unable to accept any more reservations. We have people in two Leslie Castles, a very attractive B&B and a local hotel, all of which are at capacity.

William Leslie, Editor william.leslie@sympatico.ca

TENT HOSTING AND MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING

A Convenor is a volunteer position appointed by the Chieftain. Other clan societies may title them "Commissioners" or "Tent Captains." Convenors and Tent Hosts are charged as follows:

"They shall promote the objectives of the Society as set forth in its constitution and bylaws. They shall be residents of the area (i.e. region or state) for which they are appointed." The purpose of a Convenor/Tent Host is to call the members of our Society together. This can be done in several ways, and can be as extensive as you want it to be. Another important purpose is to grow the membership by retaining existing members and recruiting new members. The following are suggestions to help accomplish these purposes.

1. Be Energetic: Host a CLSI tent at Scottish festivals. Hand out materials that inform prospective members about our Society and our history. Have appropriate handout materials that provide information on the septs. Be prepared to explain what a "sept" is. Have images of several of the Leslie castles. Prepare a new member's packet. Join your local Scottish societies and attend the St. Andrews and Robert Burns dinners. Get to know the Convenors, Tent Captains, etc. of other clan societies. They can refer Leslie, Abernathys, Laings, Moores and Cairneys to you.

2. Bond People Together: Maintain and strengthen the bonds between our members during the times between festivals. That steady dialog is crucial to retention and growing our society. Perhaps organize a Ceilidh, a picnic, a potluck dinner of just gather local members at a restaurant. Give your existing members the incentive to renew year after year.

3. Be Welcoming: Set up your tent so that people come in. Move the table with your materials to the back of the tent. The "Scotland of Old" (Clan Names Map) by Bartholomew showing the lands, the arms and the crests draws attention. Display your literature, the *Grip Fast* book by Alexander Leslie Klieforth. Offer a chair and some refreshment (bottled water, soda or something to eat). Supply a pen and an application form. Offer a free CLSI patch or pin for those joining at the games. If they don't join at the festival, be sure to get their name, addresses (postal and email), and telephone number. Then about two or three days after the event, follow up with an email, a CLSI postcard or a telephone call.

4. Recruit Shamelessly: You must get out there and get people into your tent by any means necessary. Be resourceful and innovative!

5. Request/Require Involvement: It is flattering to other CLSI members to be asked to help. Your job will be a lot easier if you get people to help you. By working together, you get to know each other better and you will gain new ideas from the members.

6. Provide Value: People want to know what they get from their membership fee. Have samples of our *Grip Fast Online* newsletter and our *Grip Fast Journal of The Clan Leslie Society International*.

7. Be a Family: Newsletters, e-groups, phone calls all work to grow and maintain the family bonds. Help each other. Announce and celebrate births, marriages, promotions, graduations, etc. and share in the concern and sorrow of a serious illness, injury or the passing of family members. Communication is the main ingredient. Stay in contact with the members.

8. Become Informed About Scotland: There are several publications that you can subscribe to for a reasonable cost. *The Highlander* (The Magazine of Scottish Heritage) is an excellent and interesting source of information about the history, people and events in Scotland and Scots around the world. In addition, it lists most of the scheduled games and festivals about four months in advance. *The Highlander* is published seven times a year and a U.S. subscription is about \$31. Their website for subscriptions is www.highlandermagazine.com. Another excellent magazine is *Scottish Life*, published quarterly. It is oriented toward travel in Scotland, with excellent articles and photos of current and coming events in Scotland. Excellent for travel planning! It also has an extensive calendar of events in North America and Scotland. You can visit their website at www.ScottishLifeMagazine.com

9. Communicate: Keep in contact with the members in your region or branch. Also, keep the Secretary/Registrar informed if anyone has a new address (postal or email), or if a member has passed away. Pass on news of births, marriages, deaths or other significant events to the Publications Editor. Send photos and a write-up of your participation in festivals, games, Burns Nights, etc. to the Publications Editor. Include the name of every member that attended. People love to read about themselves!

10. Delegate: As a Convenor, Branch President or Tent Host, you cannot do it all. You cannot attend every Scottish festival in your region or branch. Identify your markets (where the most Leslies, Abernathys, Laings, Moores and Cairneys are located and where Scottish festivals are held). Teach and recruit other members in your region to be Tent Hosts/Captains in those likely markets.

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HARLAW HISTORY AND LESLIE CASTLES

If you want to study the history of the Battle of Harlaw and learn about the Leslies of Sir Andrew Leslie's family in 1411, or the Leslie Castles in Aberdeenshire, why not read the history for yourself in Colonel Leslie's Records of the Family of Leslie, 1067 to 1868-9. Maybe this should be required reading for those lucky enough to be going on the Leslie Tours in July:

Here are a couple of samples from Volume I

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THE DISTRICT OF THE GARIOCH

The Garioch is a fertile district in Aberdeenshire of which the principal town is Inverurie, situated on a point of land between the rivers Urie and Don, about fifteen miles north-west from Aberdeen. It is bounded on the south by the river Don, which separates it from the district of Mar: and the east and north by Fortmartine, and the hills of Foundland: and on the west by the river Bogie. It is watered by the rivers Don, Urie, and Gadie, and is overlooked by the beautiful conical hill of Bennachie, which lies in the parishes of Oyne, Premnay, and Chapel of Garioch.

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About a mile to the east of the parish church is the battlefield of Harlaw, fought 24th July 1411, between the Royal forces under Alexander Stewart, Earl of Mar, Sir Andrew Leslie, third Baron of Balquhain, who commanded the horse, Sir Alexander Irvine of Drum, and other distinguished leaders, and 10,000 Highlanders, who lost the chiefs of Maclean and Macintosh, and 900 men. On the Royal side the loss was also great, including Sir Andrew Irvine of Drum, Provost Davidson of Aberdeen, and no less than six sons of Sir Andrew Leslie, third Baron of Balquhain. A cross was erected on the place where the Leslies fell, and was called Leslie's Cross from this circumstance.

Volume III has a complete index of all three volumes at the back. So you can go to that volume and search any Leslie Castle, or any other topic that interests you.

All three volumes are available on Google Books at the address below.

http://www.google.com/search?tbo=p&tbm=bks&q=+bibliogroup:%22Historical+Records+of+the+Family+of+Leslie+from+1067+to+1868-9%22&source=gbs_metadata_r&cad=8

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A BILL TO OBSERVE NATIONAL SCOTS, SCOTS-IRISH HERITAGE MONTH

A bill has been introduced in the House by Representative Larry Kissell of District 8, North Carolina, to designate May as the National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month. This is House Resolution 238. This appears to be supportive of our efforts to "promote, foster and preserve" our history.

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Text of H. Res. 238:

Urging the people of the United States to observe National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month
May 2, 2011 - Introduced in House. This is the original text of the bill as it was written by its sponsor and submitted to the House for consideration. This is the latest version of the bill currently available on GovTrack.
112th CONGRESS, 1st Session

H. RES. 238. Urging the people of the United States to observe National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES May 2, 2011

Mr. KISSELL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION. Urging the people of the United States to observe National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month.

Whereas the Scottish and Scots-Irish people were among the first to explore North America;

Whereas the contributions of the Scottish and Scots-Irish people have played a vital role in the development of industry, education, medicine, government, and the military in the United States;

Whereas many Scottish and Scots-Irish people immigrated to the 13 American colonies as indentured servants working to gain their freedom;

Whereas the Declaration of Arbroath, in which Scotland declared its independence from England, was a precursor of the Declaration of Independence of the United States;

Whereas almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence of the United States and a significant number of the governors of the 13 American colonies were of Scottish descent;

Whereas there are many Scottish Highland games and festivals that take place throughout the United States, celebrating all aspects of Scottish and Scots-Irish culture, history, and heritage while educating the general public on such culture, history, and heritage;

Whereas more than 27,000,000 Americans can trace their ancestry to Scotland and Northern Ireland;

Whereas many Scottish and Scots-Irish societies, clans, and organizations, along with various State and local governments, recognize April as National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month; and

Whereas the Scottish and Scots-Irish people have been a part of the governmental institutions of the United States since the inception of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved. That the House of Representatives urges the people of the United States to observe National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month.

2012 CLAN LESLIE GATHERING, LOON MOUNTAIN RESORT, LINCOLN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Make plans to join us for the 2012 Clan Leslie Society International Gathering, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Highland Games in Lincoln, NH. Traditionally held on the 3rd weekend of September, the New Hampshire Highland Games are the largest Scottish cultural festival in the Northeast. These games also have a tradition of outstanding entertainment (You can see their 2011 entertainment line-up on their web site as a reference). Although dates for the 2012 games have not been announced, I will let everyone know the dates as soon as they are available.

Lincoln, New Hampshire is tucked away in the scenic White Mountains, making it the perfect venue for our gathering. To find out more about the New Hampshire Highland Games, please visit: <http://www.nhscot.org>. For more information about other attractions in the Lincoln (and nearby Woodstock) New Hampshire area visit <http://www.lincolnwoodstock.com/vacation/attractions.php>

And of course, I'll be posting updates to this event and others on our Facebook page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=696321738&ref=ts#!/group.php?gid=155937880572&ref=ts>

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CLAN LESLIE ON FACEBOOK



Have you checked out our Facebook page lately? If you haven't, you're missing out on some great posts by Clan Leslie Society members, and other Leslies who are not members. You don't have to have a Facebook account to view the posts, events and photos, but you DO have to have an account to contribute to the page. It does not take the place of our web site, or our newsletters, but is rather a compliment to each. Say, for example, you are hosting a Leslie event and you'd like to get the word out about it. You can simply go to our Facebook page (via the link at the end of this article) and add a small blurb about the name, time and place of your event. After the event, you can upload photos or videos to show everyone what a great time the Leslies had. If you don't feel confident uploading your information to our page, simply email me the event or photos you'd like to add and I'll be happy to do it for you.

Our group page is checked almost daily by me to make sure there are no inappropriate entries or discussion topics. The main thing I need from other members, especially those not on the council, are their announcements for upcoming venues and festivals where Leslie tents or events will take place. This will eliminate guesswork as to where Leslie tents will be and encourage more people to come out and participate. Members can add their own information to the page, but most feel it's easier to send their announcements to me for inclusion to the list of events.

The fact that members can add content to our page and really keep in touch instantly is a phenomenal thing. It's another way we can let people know we're here and that our society is active and fun. I think you will also enjoy all of the posts and photos from your fellow kinsmen.

Google "Clan Leslie Society International" and the fifth entry down is this: "Clan Leslie Society International/Facebook." Clan Leslie Society International is the official Clan Leslie organization and your place to connect with Leslie kinsmen from around the globe. www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=155937880572 Click on the link and you can access the page. To add comments or to connect with other Leslies that use the page, you need to become a member of Facebook. This is easy and free, just go to <http://www.facebook.com/> and fill out the brief information panel on the home page. That's it! Even if you don't want to have an actual Facebook page, joining gives you complete access to connect with other Leslies via the CLSI page.

To include your event on the CLSI Facebook page:
Send your information to:

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NEXT PUBLICATIONS TO MEMBERS

June 2011 – *Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

July 2011 – *Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

August 2011 – *Grip Fast, the Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International*.

September 2011 – *Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

October 2011 – *Grip Fast, the Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International*.

November 2011 – *Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

December 2011 – *Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

We do need Griffin stories. These are usually well researched stories which include references and sources preferably illustrated with some photographs.

William Leslie, Editor william.leslie@sympatico.ca

CLAN LESLIE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL – SCHOLARSHIPS

CLSI is offering scholarships to our members. We have two different types of scholarships. One is an academic scholarship valued at \$250. The deadline for the next scholarship is November 30 with the award of one scholarship being made on January 15. The second type of scholarship is for Scottish or Celtic Programs. The amount of this scholarship is \$200 and can be applied for any time. It will cover things such as bagpiping camp, dance, the arts, etc. The person applying for all scholarships must be a member or inceptor member of CLSI. For more information contact:

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CLAN LESLIE ITEMS FROM THE QUARTERMASTER PETER M. LESLIE, QUARTERMASTER, CLSI

Clan Leslie items for sale are listed on our clan website, www.clanlesliesociety.org Click on the Leslie Badges, Crests and Flags link. The list of items includes a description, price, and photo along with how to order. All prices are in \$US and include postage and packaging. The Clan Leslie items now available for sale are listed below.

1) Grip Fast - The Leslies in History, a beautifully hardbound book, detailing the Leslie clan from its inception (290 pages), authored by Alexander Leslie Klieforth and signed by our Clan Chief, The Honourable Alexander Leslie. Price \$66.00

2) Post Cards-Two styles. One style contains King Malcolm's promise to Bartolf and the origination of our clan name; and the other style provides open space for your personal notes. Please specify which style you prefer. \$5.00 for a package of 25 post cards.

3) Grip Fast Pin -- \$3.00

4) Grip Fast Patch -- \$3.00

The post cards were developed by Laura Messing and can be used by members to tell family and friends of upcoming Scottish events, to recruit prospective CLSI members and to help increase interest in all events Scottish. Also, a free packet of "giveaway" postcards is available for those Conveners/Tent Hosts who host a CLSI tent.

Payment should be made to Linda Flowers, CLSI Treasurer,
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THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER

This *Grip Fast Online* is your newsletter. Send us your stories and pictures. The Clan Leslie Society International is made up of a dedicated group of people whose main objective is to preserve Clan Leslie history and to create fellowship among members of this ancient and historic family. The publications of the CLSI, the *Grip Fast Online*, the *Griffin* and the *Grip Fast, Journal of the CLSI*, collect, communicate and preserve Leslie historical stories. The Society promotes Gatherings of Clan members so that they can meet their distant cousins, meet the Clan and Society leaders and share family stories. The Clan Leslie Society also provides leadership in preserving family history through the growing Clan Leslie Collection in the Library of the University of Guelph. The commitment to offer academic and Scottish arts studies scholarships has helped young Clan members to join in celebrating their heritage. Officers of the Society are joining the effort to make sure that Leslie soldiers killed in one of the most significant battles in Scottish history, the Battle of Harlaw, are not forgotten. The Society is active and vibrant and needs your participation.

The *Grip Fast Online* is sent to many individuals who have shown an interest in the Clan Leslie. We know that if you are reading this that you have an interest in the ancient and distinguished history of the Leslie family. Why not send us your stories and pictures and help expand and preserve the recorded history of the Society?

Check to see the vacancies where you can serve the CLSI and make a difference. Convenors are needed for various Regions in the USA and Canada. A Registrar/Secretary is needed and I could use help with our publications.

William Leslie, Commissioner Clan Leslie, North America, william.leslie@sympatico.ca

YOU CAN CHOOSE HOW YOU RECEIVE THIS PUBLICATION

As you know, you can receive this Journal by regular mail or email. It is your choice. If you would like to change your method of delivery from email to regular mail or regular mail to email, all you have to do is notify me. I will be happy to make the change. We want all our members to receive the publications by the method of delivery that is best for them.

The Grip Fast Journal is published in January, April, July, and October. In the other months, the Grip Fast Online is sent to those members who have an email address on file. Please make sure you keep your email address up-to-date so you receive Grip Fast Online.

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