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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for December 1st, 2017

To see what we've added to the Electric Scotland site view our What's New page at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/whatsnew.htm>

To see what we've added to the Electric Canadian site view our What's New page at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/whatsnew.htm>

For the latest news from Scotland see our ScotNews feed at:

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

Electric Scotland News

Wishing you all a Happy St. Andrew's Day

I note that the Celtic Life Magazine are offering a free digital holiday edition of their magazine. Just go to there site and complete the form and you should receive it in your inbox. <https://celticlife.com/welcome/>

I completed the form and received my copy within an hour.

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers

Note that this is a selection and more can be read in our ScotNews feed on our index page where we list news from the past 1-2 weeks. I am partly doing this to build an archive of modern news from and about Scotland as all the newsletters are archived and also indexed on Google and other search engines. I might also add that in newspapers such as the Guardian, Scotsman, Courier, etc. you will find many comments which can be just as interesting as the news story itself and of course you can also add your own comments if you wish.

Hutters wanted for new community in national forest

Those seeking a simpler life will soon have the chance to secure a plot in the first hutting community to be built on Scotland's national forest estate.

Read more at:

<http://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/hutters-wanted-for-new-community-in-national-forest-1-4609303>

Scots doctor wins top US heart study award

A Scottish medical researcher has won a prestigious award at the American Heart Association's international conference.

Read more at:

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scots-doctor-wins-top-us-heart-study-award-1-4623248>

Choir raises a laugh with song lamenting community's problem ferry

BRASSED off ferry commuters have turned to song in a bid to bring problems with their regular service to an end.

Read more at:

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/choir-raises-a-laugh-with-song-lamenting-community-s-problem-ferry-1-4623735>

Harry and Meghan

The newly engaged couple spoke to the BBC's Mishal Husain on Monday afternoon.

Read more at:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-42139382/harry-and-meghan-engagement-interview-in-full>

EU trade linked to 134,000 Scots jobs

That calculation suggests that trade with the rest of the UK is more than four times more important to Scots, in terms of jobs, than the rest of the European Union.

Read more at:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-business-42159320>

A conversation on Brexit with Alexander Downer
Australian High Commissioner to the UK

Read more at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dg0icQVLGKQ&feature=youtu.be>

Why is Africa so unstable?

Democratisation can trigger violence in the short to medium term

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/why-is-africa-so-unstable/>

The Scottish artist behind St Andrew's Google Doodle

Internet searchers across the country have been delighted by a Scottish-themed Google Doodle to mark St Andrew's Day.

Read more at:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-42182123>

Electric Canadian

Industrial Canada

Added volume 10 which you can read at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/industrial/index.htm>

Musical Canada

Added volume 11 to our collection which you can read at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/music/musical_canada.htm

Our National Pie

What it contained being a report of the proceedings of the Anglo-French-Hibernian-Scottish-Canadian-National Society held April 1st, 1878.

You can read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/nationalpie.pdf>

Sir Howard Douglas

Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick. This is an account of his work in the Province from the book on his life which you can read at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/nb/douglas.htm>

Sir George W. Ross

Politician and Premier of Ontario which I've added to our Makers of Canada section.

You can read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/sirgeorgewross.pdf>

Grand Priory of Canada

Added their new newsletter which you can read at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/Religion/GPNewsletter1712.pdf>

Added several books to do with Saskatchewan...

Saskatchewan

Published by direction of The Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Commissioner of Agriculture which you can read at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/saskatchewan/Saskatchewan.pdf>

Gardening in Saskatchewan

By W. W. Thomson, B.S.A. which you can read at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/saskatchewan/gardening_saskatchewan.pdf

New light on the early history of the greater Northwest

The manuscript journals of Alexander Henry ... and of David Thompson ... 1799-1814; exploration and adventure among the Indians on the Red, Saskatchewan, Missouri, and Columbia Rivers by Henry, Alexander, 1765-1814; Thompson, David, 1770-1857; Coues, Elliott, 1842-1899. (1897) in 3 volumes.

This can be read at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/saskatchewan/northwest.htm>

Romance of the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan: history, aims, objects
by Grain Growers of Saskatchewan Association; Musselman, J. B. (1916)

You can read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/saskatchewan/romanceofgraingrowers.pdf>

Conrad Black

I've always had a lot of time for Conrad Black and so as he writes from Canada on a number of issues of interest from around the world I'm intending to include links to his writings for you to view.

The Lindsay Shepherd fiasco exposes the desperate state of post-secondary education

<http://www.conradblack.com/1352/the-lindsay-shepherd-fiasco-exposes-the-desperate>

Electric Scotland

Ewart Alan Mackintosh
Scottish War Poet

You can read about him and his poems at:

http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/mackintosh_ewart.htm

Hylton Newsletter

Got in the October 2017 newsletter which you can read at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/hylton/index.htm>

The Life and Times of Senator James Ross
A Sketch by James I. Brownson (1910)

You can read this at: http://www.electricscotland.com/history/america/james_ross.pdf

The Life of General Sir Howard Douglas, Bart., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., F.R.S., D.C.L.
By S. W. Fullom (1863) (pdf)

This is a great read. I got to page 300 before I had to leave it to go onto other things but will finish it over the weekend. In the first chapter it talks about his father who did great work with Wolfe in Quebec. Later he was Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick and he also fought in the wars in Europe under Wellington.

If you only read one book from this weeks newsletter then this is the one!!!

You can read it at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/LifeofGeneralSirHowardDouglas.pdf>

Drumlanrig Castle and the Douglasses

With the Early History and Ancient Remains of Durisdeer, Closeburn and Morton by Craufurd Tait Ramage LL.D. (1876)

You can read this at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/books/pdf/DrumlanrigCastle.pdf>

Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families

Collected and Arranged by John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, K.T. in five volumes (1908). Note: Have only found the first 4 volumes which you can find at the foot of the Atholl page at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/nation/atholl.htm>

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree
Got in section 1 of the December 2017 issue.

You can read this at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/bnft/index.htm>

Genealogical Memoirs of the Duffs (1869) (pdf)

The author of this manuscript was William Baird, Esq. of Auchmeddan, in the parish of Aberdour, in the district of Buchan and County of Aberdeen.

You can read this at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/webclans/m/macduff.html>

Dollar Academy

Dollar Academy is Scottish Independent School of the Year (2017). Added information about this award to our page so scroll down a bit to find it at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/dollar/index.htm>

Robert Burns Lives!

Edited by Frank Shaw

BURNS UNBROKE is a new adventure in the world of Robert Burns, and Robert Burns Lives! is proud to bring it to our readers. It is interesting, thrilling and full of thought-provoking Burns information that can easily become a favorite of many Burns readers, this editor included. The information below is very informative and those who have read our pages over the years should be happy to see what this new endeavor puts forth in the name of Burns. BURNS UNBROKE has agreed to share their programs and articles with our readers over the coming months. I already have another issue to publish and will be working in this area for the next few weeks. I am excited about this new venture and I believe you will be too.

A PERSONAL WORD:

I am pleased to inform you that I am well on the way to a full recovery from my heart failure episode and have a team of excellent doctors and surgeons nearby that are second to none. Their heart center has been voted the number one heart group in Georgia for the last ten years. So continue to say a word to the Good Lord as I am very interested in going to heaven but am not interested in going anytime soon! I still have too much to complete on this side as I approach my 80th birthday in a few months. Naturally the things I want to achieve involve my family, particularly Susan my wife, my son Scott, his wife Denise, and two precious grandchildren ages 17 and 15 years old, Ian and Stirling. I want to continue my work on Robert Burns Lives! as well as speaking engagements on Burns here and in Scotland. Selah! (FRS: 11:30.17)

You can read the pdf file of this at: http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/frank/burns_lives259.htm

Doug Ross Newsletter

Got in his end of year report for 2017, which you can read at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/ross/index.htm>

The Story

Saint Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland

compiled by Elizabeth Mckaskle

Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland, and St. Andrew's Day is celebrated by Scots around the world on the 30th November. The flag of Scotland is the Cross of St. Andrew, and this is widely displayed as a symbol of national identity.

The "Order of Saint Andrew" or the "Most Ancient Order of the Thistle" is an order of Knighthood which is restricted to the King or Queen and sixteen others. It was established by James VII of Scotland in 1687.

A disciple of Jesus and the brother of Simon Peter. The two are pictured as fishermen working beside the sea when Jesus summons them to follow him and become, "fishers of men." Although less prominent than his brother, Andrew is present at the miracle of the bread and the speech on the Mount of Olives. In the list of the Twelve, Andrew is listed second in Luke and Matthew and fourth in the books of Mark and Acts. In all accounts he was one of the first, as a follower of John the Baptists, to be "called" a disciple.

According to later traditions, Andrew became a missionary to Asia Minor, Macedonia, and southern Russia. In 70 AD he was martyred in Patras, Greece. Having many converts, he was feared by the Roman governor who had him crucified on an X-shaped cross known as a Saltire Cross. (One of the many Medieval customs of torture). It is this shape that is reflected in the Scottish flag. (for culture buffs who attribute the southern "bubba or redneck" culture to early Scottish settlers, take note of the similar designs

between the Scottish flag and the Confederate flag).

He was the patron saint of Greece, Russia and of course Scotland. St. Andrew is also invoked against gout and a stiff neck.

St. Andrew's bones were entombed, and around 300 years later were moved by Emperor Constantine (the Great) to his new capital Constantinople. Legend suggests that a Greek Monk (although others describe him as an Irish assistant of St. Columba) called St. Rule (or St. Regulus) was warned in a dream that St. Andrew's remains were to be moved and was directed by an angel to take those of the remains which he could to the "ends of the earth" for safe-keeping. St. Rule dutifully followed these directions, removing a tooth, an arm bone, a kneecap and some fingers from St. Andrew's tomb and transporting these as far away as he could. That place was Scotland and it is here the association is believed to have begun. It was here that St. Rule was shipwrecked with his precious cargo.

St. Rule is said to have come ashore at a Pictish settlement on the East Coast of Scotland and this later became St. Andrews.

Another story is that Acca, the Bishop of Hexham, who was a reknown collector of relics, brought the relics of St. Andrew to St. Andrews in 733. There certainly seems to have been a religious center at St. Andrews at that time, either founded by St. Rule in the 6th century or by a Pictish King, Ungus, who reigned from 731 - 761. Whichever tale is true, the relics were placed in a specially constructed chapel. This chapel was replaced by the Cathedral of St. Andrews in 1160, and St. Andrews became the religious capital of Scotland and a great center for Medieval pilgrims who came to view the relics.

There are other legends of how St. Andrew and his remains became associated with Scotland, but there is little evidence for any of these, including the legend of St. Rule. The names still exist in Scotland today, including St. Rule's Tower, which remains today amongst the ruins of St. Andrews Cathedral. It is not known what happened to the relics of St. Andrew which were stored in St. Andrews Cathedral, although it is most likely that these were destroyed during the Scottish Reformation.

The Protestant cause, propounded by Knox, Wishart and others, won out over Roman Catholicism during the Reformation and the "idolatry of catholicism", that is the Saints, relics, decoration of churches, were expunged during the process of converting the Roman Catholic churches of Scotland to the harsh simplicity of Knox's brand of Calvinism.

The place where these relics were kept within the Cathedral at St. Andrews is now marked by a plaque, amongst the ruins, for visitors to see.

The larger part of St. Andrew's remains were stolen from Constantinople in 1210 and are now to be found in Amalfi in Southern Italy. In 1879 the Archbishop of Amalfi sent a small piece of the Saint's shoulder blade to the re-established Roman Catholic community in Scotland. During his visit in 1969, Pope Paul VI gave further relics of St. Andrew to Scotland with the words "Saint Peter gives you his brother" and these are now displayed in a reliquary in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh.

Further information can be found at: http://www.electricscotland.com/history/st_andrew.htm

And that's it for this week and I hope you all have a great weekend and a Happy St Andrew's Day.

Alastair