



## From the Chieftain,

On the 6<sup>th</sup> July I had the pleasure of attending "Tartan Day" in Brisbane. This event took place in beautiful King George Square, in front of the recently renovated Brisbane City Hall.



**Mal & Kathleen**

It was a day to be remembered, with 7 Pipe Bands, Highland Dancers, Scottish Country Dancers, fiddlers, a group playing small pipes, Celtic Connections Choir, demonstrations with Scottish Terriers and as a highlight, the wonderful singing of our own Patron, Kathleen Procter-Moore.

There were many stalls selling Scottish goods and Scottish food and of course several stands with Clan information. It was attended by several thousand people, most of whom wore something tartan and everyone showed pride in their connection to Scotland.

The Australian Scottish Community Qld. Inc. who organised the day had every right to be proud of their achievement. I have been told that I could share space in their tent next year, to promote CLANZ. Organisations, such as Caledonian Societies, St Andrews Society, Clans Congress, Celtic Council of Australia and various Clan Societies, such as ours, are essential in keeping cultures alive and should be supported as much as possible. Although we are all Australians or New Zealanders, we are proud of our Scottish ancestry and it would be a great pity if this pride or culture faded out.

In Australia and New Zealand there would have to be many more Leslie or Leslie Sept descendants than our existing membership and if we could encourage more of them to join us, our Society would prosper. If you know of anyone of Leslie ancestry, don't be shy, ask them to join us.

**Mal Leslie, Chieftain, CLANZ**



**Sgt Arthur George Leslie. No 8937.  
5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Australian Field Artillery.  
Died 29 July 1917. Belgium.**

Sgt Arthur Leslie was the son of Henry George Leslie and his wife Ross Ann of "Prill Park:" Euston. New South Wales. He enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria.

His name is located at Panel 14 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, ACT.

He is buried in the Dickebusch New Military Cemetery Extension, Belgium. Ref, I.C. 6.

**Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.**



## GEORGE DUNLOP LESLIE. RA.

George Dunlop Leslie was an English painter, who was also an author and Illustrator, son of the famous English painter, Charles Robert Leslie and his wife, Harriet Stone.



*Self portrait of George Dunlop Leslie.  
Born London, 2 July 1835.  
Died 21 February 1921.*

George Leslie lived the early part of his life in St John's Wood, London, and was part of the St John's Wood clique of artists, who favoured light-hearted subjects. From 1884 to 1901 he was living at "Riverside" St Leonards Lane, Wallingford, Oxfordshire. His sister, Mary Leslie (1833-1907) who was also a painter, lived next door at "Cromwell Lodge". A fellow artist, James Hayllar was also a resident in the village and they painted a portrait of Queen Victoria, for her Golden Jubilee, in 1887. From 1906 he lived at "Compton House" in Lindfield Sussex.

His early works included such paintings as "Matilda" 1860, showed a strong influence by the Pre-Raphaelites, but as he matured he settled into a more academic, aesthetic style of painting showing glimpses of the English domestic life. He often used children for his subjects and his work was strongly praised by John Ruskin for its quality of English life. One of his paintings "This is the way we wash our Clothes" was used as a poster in

an advertising campaign for soap. In spite of the trivial nature of some of his paintings, his work was highly regarded by the critics of his time.



*Queen Victoria 1887, by  
George Dunlop Leslie & James Hayllar*

George Dunlop Leslie was also an author and had several books published. 'Our River' 1888, "Letters to Marco" 1893 and most famous of all was "Riverside Letters" 1896 and they were all illustrated by him in black and white and based upon his own observations of life and nature. He also wrote a book about the early years of the Royal Academy "The Inner Life of the Royal Academy".



*This is the Way we Wash our Clothes,  
George Dunlop Leslie*

One of George Dunlop's paintings, "The Daughters of Eve" which is considered to be one of his finest paintings, was discovered at Llantarnam Comprehensive School in South Wales, where it had hung unnoticed for 40 years and was sold in 2000 for £170,000 to a private collector.



*The Daughters of Eve.*

Another very famous painting by George Dunlop Leslie is:-



*Sun and Moon Flowers. 1890.*

This painting was done from George Dunlop Leslie's drawing-room at Wallingford, overlooking the garden to the opposite side of the river and according to the artist, he arranged the two girls by the window.

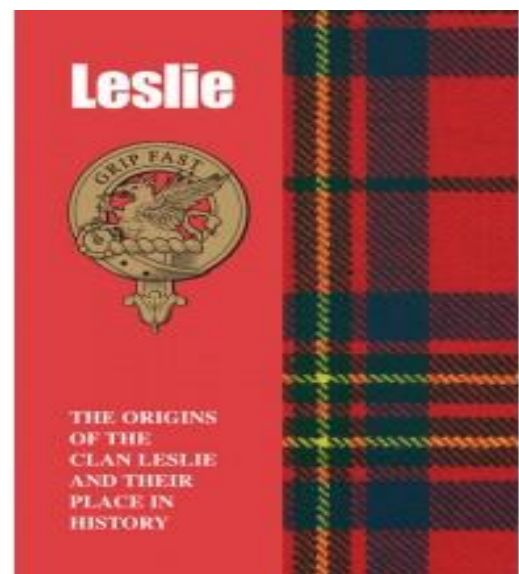
George Dunlop Leslie continued painting until he died 21<sup>st</sup> February 1921.



*Mal Leslie with Grahame Jardine-Vidgen. right.  
(Treasurer of the Celtic Council of Australia. (Qld))*

## A NEW LESLIE BOOK

My friend in London, England, sent me an email telling me about a book on Clan Leslie that had been released by Lang Syne Printing. I had not heard about it so I started a Google search and found it under Lang Syne Publishers in Glasgow Scotland. The cost was £2-99 pounds plus £9-95 postage. I have ordered a copy and am waiting for it to arrive.



The book is also available from Amazon, at a cost of \$17-61 plus postage (new) and from \$13-41 plus postage (2<sup>nd</sup> hand). The book seems to have quite a comprehensive history and I cannot wait for it to arrive, so I can look through it.

Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.



## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST.

I am very sorry to pass on the news that one of our founding members has died.  
Victor Lesslie died in St Vincent's Hospital in Darlinghurst, Sydney, on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2013.



***Victor Lesslie,  
Born 6<sup>th</sup> June 1941, died 4<sup>th</sup> August 2013.***

Vic Lesslie unfortunately developed a tumour which resulted in fluid building up in his brain and no matter how hard he fought it, it just got worse. His family was with him as he tried to fight the tumour, but it was not too be.

The funeral was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at the Pine Grove at Michinbury in Sydney's outer suburbs, with over 300 people paying their last respects, as well as many from the Ulysses Club, who came on their motorcycles, which would have pleased Victor, greatly.

Victor's Son in Law, Wayne McKenzie conducted the Service and his daughter, Dianne and son, Daron did the family speeches and his son Shaun carried Victor's motorcycle helmet in front of the casket.

His ashes will be interred in a niche at St Matthews Church, Windsor, where Victor and Lyn were married 51 years ago.

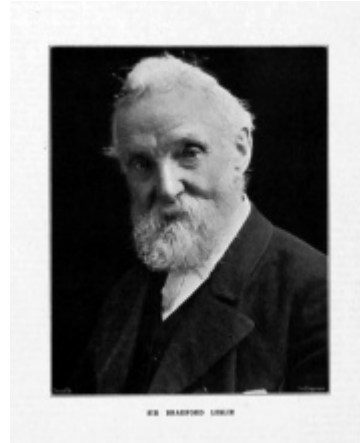
Our thoughts go out to Lyn and her family in this difficult time.

***Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.***

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## SIR BRADFORD LESLIE. KCIE.

Born 18th August 1831 – Died 21<sup>st</sup> March 1926.



Sir Bradford Leslie was an English Civil Engineer who specialised in bridges and was a pupil of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. His most notable achievement was the 1887 Jubilee Bridge, also known as the Hooghly Bridge.

Leslie was born in London on the 18 August 1831, the son of Charles Robert Leslie, a noted painter and illustrator and his younger brother, George Leslie was also a noted painter and illustrator and his elder brother, Robert Leslie became a marine artist. Educated at the Mercers School in London, at the age of sixteen Bradford Leslie was apprenticed to Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the usual fee of 1,000 Guineas was waived in consideration of his father painting some pictures for Brunel.



***The Jubilee Bridge.***

Leslie became a specialist at bridge building and in 1851 was the assistant engineer on the Chepstow Bridge, his next position was resident engineer on the Saltash Bridge. Before the Saltash Bridge was completed he returned to London to undertake inspection of material for the steamship, Great Eastern and at the launch of the ship he acted as an assistant to Brunel. Brunel was a consulting engineer to the Eastern Railway and Leslie was sent to India as engineer in charge of bridges and viaducts. He supervised the building of the Eschamutter and Koormar river bridges, before returning to Britain, in 1861 to design bridges for railway lines in South Wales. He soon returned to India as Chief Engineer of the Eastern Bengal Railway and in 1876 Leslie became the agent and Chief Engineer to the East India Railway Company. His greatest achievement in India was the Hooghly Bridge (also known as the Jubilee Bridge when it opened in 1887) for which he was appointed a Knight Commander Order of the Indian Empire.



*The Howrah Bridge circa 1901*

He also designed an unusual floating bridge which straddled the Hooghly in Calcutta for 70 years and then also the Gorai River Bridge near Kushtia in Bangladesh.

While in India Leslie lost his wife, three daughters and a son-in-law, all within three years and after he had repeated attacks of malaria Leslie returned home to England, with two orphaned grand-daughters in 1887. The ship that he was travelling on, the "Tasmania" was wrecked off Corsica and while carrying one of his grand-daughters to safety, he fell and injured his knee. It was to trouble him for the rest of his life. The knee injury was not helped by an accident when he was 84

when he was knocked down by a bicycle as he left his London home and broke a thigh.



*The Second Hooghly Bridge. 10 Oct 1992  
By Braithwaite, Burn and Jessop.*

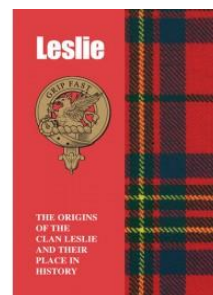
Despite the injuries he continued to work and in 1895 he became the Chairman of the Southern Punjab Railway Company in London. In 1899 he went on a brief return visit to India to discuss a replacement for his floating bridge, which was now inadequate for the increased usage. In 1918 when he was 88 he submitted a new design. In 1901 he had entered into a partnership with Lt Col Arthur John Barry, as Barry and Leslie. Barry had been the Chief Engineer in charge of construction of the Jubilee Bridge.

Sir Bradford Leslie, died at his London home on the 26th March 1926, aged 95.

*(From the Wikipedia Commons and amended by  
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## CLAN LESLIE BOOK

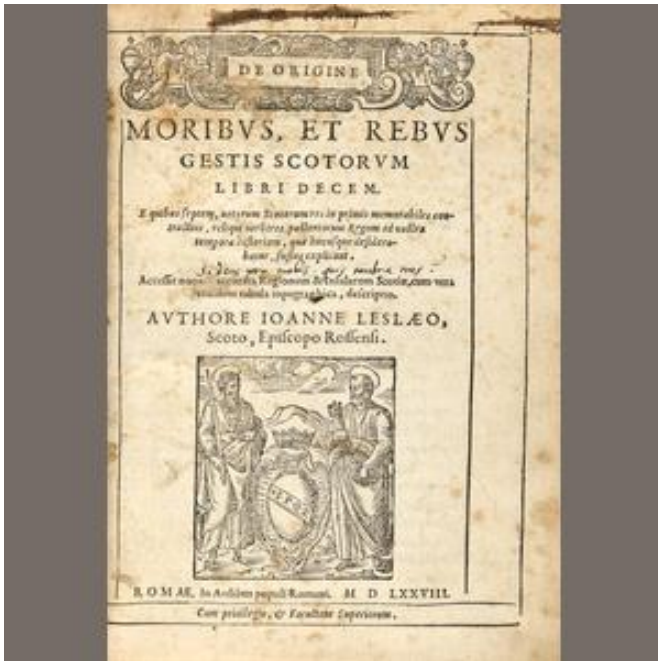


Since I entered the information on the new book on Clan Leslie, I have received the book and have found that it is basically a reshuffle of the information that we have in previous books on Clan Leslie and it is not adding any information that we do not already know.

*Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.*

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*The “Moribus Et Rebus Gestis Scotorum”,  
by Bishop John Leslie*

relative to participate. This test is only useful in testing the male participants father’s line. As this line is associated with surnames in western society, it is east to visualize and to track through genealogy. All men who share the same “common” ancestor will essentially carry the same yDNA.

Over time there are “mutations” which occur during replication of the Y chromosome DNA and all male descendants of the man carrying the changed yDNA also carry the changed yDNA. Such a mutation is believed to have occurred in Ireland around 40,000 years ago when a single ancestor whose genes mutated to over absorb iron from what was then a very poor diet and today has resulted in millions of people of celtic descent developing Hereditary Hemochromatosis and the iron in their body can reach toxic levels. This is called “The Celtic Curse” Do a Google search.

*Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.*

## CLAN LESLIE DNA PROJECT.

I would urge all male Leslie’s to take the DNA test as this will not only tell them who they are related to with other Leslie’s who have taken the test but will also provide a database for later generations.

At the moment we have over 30 participants in the program and the results are starting to fall into four categories. This project is very important for later generations who may be able to link with Leslie families who have died out. My own group of I2b1 has three results, who are very close, but I cannot tell where the link is, at this stage.

You can look at the site by going to:-

[www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/leslie/results](http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/leslie/results)

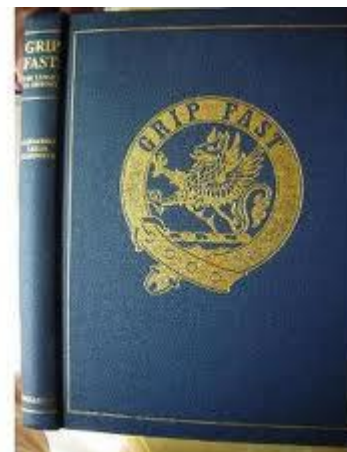
Thanks to Gloria Leslie for taking on the position of Project Administrator [gleslie376@aol.com](mailto:gleslie376@aol.com)

## THE BASIC SCIENCE.

Because males carry the yDNA of their surname ancestors, we can test them as representatives of their Ancestors. Each man gets his yDNA from his father who got it from his father etc etc. The yDNA test is used for testing males only, but females can participate if they can convince a male

## “GRIP FAST THE LESLIES IN HISTORY”

I have available the book by Alexander Leslie Klieforth. This book “Grip Fast The Leslies in History” is filled with information on the various



families and is the first book since Col Charles Leslie’s “Historical Records of the Family of Leslie” (available on CD for \$20-00 plus postage) to update the story of the Leslie’s and its Septs.

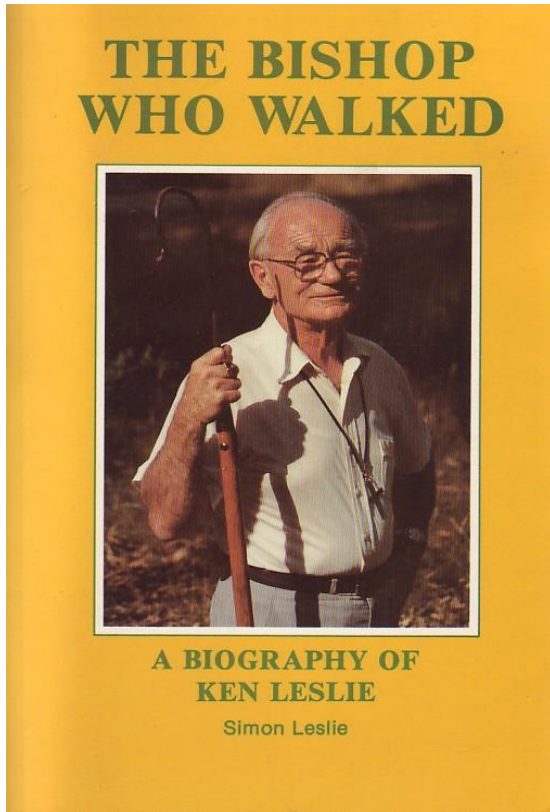
The price of this book is **\$75.00AU**, postage paid to Australia and New Zealand.

A CLANZ member approached me about a copy of the book, but unfortunately I cannot remember who it was. If they could let me know, I will supply one. Be quick and buy one for Christmas.

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## **“THE BISHOP WHO WALKED”**

I also have available for sale the book, *The Bishop Who Walked*, by Simon Leslie, about his father, the Rt Rev Ken Leslie, 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Bathurst. This book is available for **\$30-00AU**. Postage paid to Australia and New Zealand.



The Rt Rev Ken Leslie was called “The Bishop who Walked” because he walked everywhere, including the Kokoda Track, from Gona to Port Moresby, to bring cheer to isolated Army signalmen and also 130 miles from Dubbo to Bathurst, to raise money to complete the Bathurst Cathedral. His younger brother was in the Australian Medical Corps in Papua New Guinea during World War Two.

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*Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW*

## **MY HEALTH.**

I am afraid that I have to go back into hospital and have another vertebrae fused, which is not good news and also I am having trouble with my eyes and cannot focus properly on the computer monitor.

I have been editing the CLANZ newsletter for fifteen years now and I am sorry but it is now getting to the stage where I can no longer continue to research the subjects and prepare the newsletter.

I need someone to **take over** the production of the newsletter and I will give as much help to the new editor that I can. Please do not think that someone else can do it. Please volunteer as you will learn a lot about Clan Leslie history and it is very rewarding. If you have any questions please contact me and I will answer any questions that you have.

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*Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.*

## **SGIAN DUBH BAN REPEALED.**

The Multi Agency Planning Group that was co-ordinating the “Bannockburn Live” June 2014 event have agreed to relax its conditions of entry to the event and allow Sgian Dubhs to be worn when combined with traditional Highland dress.



The restriction on visitors attending the event over the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> to 30th June 2014, while carrying knives and sharp objects, including Sgian Dubhs was originally introduced for public safety reasons. The Planning group includes representatives from the National Trust for Scotland and many other organizations, including the Police and Scottish Fire.

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*Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.*

## **DECLARATION OF ARBROATH**



*Declaration of Arbroath signed in 1320 with Seals attached.*

## ***'Never Bow Beneath the Yoke'***

In 1320 Eight Earls and 31 of the great Barons and major clergy of Scotland, among them Andrew Leslie, sent a letter to Pope John XXII, known as the Declaration of Arbroath. It is a revolutionary assertion by a nation of people of their desire for freedom and the right to choose their own government and is a statement of the leadership of Scotland about their country and its aspirations, and as a political document it ranks in purpose and power of language with the American Declaration of Independence. In ringing Latin prose it sets forth certain claims and affirmations. It asks the Pope to urge the King of England to desist from his designs on their nation, to 'leave us Scots in peace, who live in this poor little Scotland... and covet nothing but our own'. It states the will of the people for independence: 'As long as but a hundred of us remain alive never will we under any condition be brought under English rule'. In language which transcends the centuries it appeals to oppressed people anywhere at any age: 'It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honour that we are fighting, but for freedom-for that alone which no honest man gives up but with life itself.' It states the Scots have the right to be ruled by their own king who signed the letter: 'Yet Robert himself, should he turn aside from the task he has begun, and yield Scotland of us to the English king or his people, we shall cast out as the enemy of us all, as the 'subverter' of our rights and of his own, and we should choose another king to defend our freedom for ... we are minded never a whit to bow beneath the yoke of English dominance'.

***Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.***

### **JUST TO FINISH OFF.**

We need your family stories. Whether it is military, political or just stories about your family, we need them to put into our newsletter and also preserve them for your family.

For our members in Auckland, or thereabouts. The **Auckland Highland Games** are on at the Three Kings Reserve at the Cnr of Mt Eden and Mt Albert Roads Auckland, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013 at 9-00am to 5-00pm.

It will be a day of all things Scottish and Celtic with Haggis, food stalls, dancers, pipers, clothing, whisky, drummers, clans and kilts plus much more. Do yourself a favour go along and introduce yourself to David Harvey, Secretary.

***Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.***

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