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### 2010 CLSI SCHOLARSHIP

**Sara Seich**

Dear Scholarship Committee, Council, and CLSI Kinsmen,

Firstly, thank you very much for the scholarship money you awarded me. Your gift will go miles for me and my education; every little bit goes a long way. This fall, I will be attending a college with an estimated 450 students; Pennsylvania College of Art and Design. This college is located in the very eclectic city of Lancaster, PA, which has many different opportunities for a young artist such as me. I will be pursuing Graphic Arts after my first year (foundation year), which is a requirement for all freshman at the college. I cannot wait to encounter what this career track has in store for me because it is growing at such a rapid rate. I do know, however, that Graphic Arts is where I definitely want to be. Thank you again so very much for your generosity and helping me reach the stars, because the sky isn't my limit now.

Sincerely Yours,  
**Sara Seich**

These photos were taken at the Art Expo at my high school. One shows a picture I painted in acrylics in my concentration, which was Clusters. The picture is of Martin Brodeur, goalie for the New Jersey Devils.



The second is my Senior Painting, a requirement in the AP Art class. I was so enthralled by the Winter Olympics this year that I had to do my painting on it. Again you will notice that it is a "cluster" painting and contains elements from both the hosting country (Canada) and my own country, the United States. When doing my senior painting, I had to select an artist and mimic his style in my painting. My senior artists of choice were Max Lawton and James Rosenquist. I used elements of their styles to build and paint in oil.



## REMEMBRANCE OF THE LESLIES OF HARLAW 1411

Leslies are stepping forward to show their support for the Leslie Remembrance. Some have already pledged to help purchase the monument to replace the Leslie Cross, first installed in 1411 and some are indicating their plans to be at the Chapel of the Garioch on the anniversary of that fateful day. The working group made up of Clan Leslie Chief, the Honourable Alexander Leslie, David Leslie, of Leslie by Inch, William Leslie, Commissioner for North America and David Leslie White, Chieftain of the Clan Leslie Society International, would like to hear from members of Clan Leslie from all over the world. Would you like to help place a lasting monument to Scottish history and Leslie history at a historic place where you and your children and grandchildren can visit it and celebrate your participation? We need to know who will take part so that the plans can be confirmed. Please send a message to:

**William Leslie** [william.leslie@sympatico.ca](mailto:william.leslie@sympatico.ca)

## HARLAW REMEMBRANCE PLAN

### 1. Publish a Leslie history of Harlaw.

The CLSI publication, *The Griffin* is now at the printer. CLSI members should get their copies in a few days. David Leslie of Leslie by Inch has written an article "The Leslies and the Battle of Harlaw" which is featured in the new 2010 *Griffin*. David's story of Harlaw pulls together the whole story of the cause of the war with Donald of the Isles and the Leslie involvement prior to and during the Battle of Harlaw.

2. **A New Memorial Stone.** The organizing group is in discussion with a monument design company in Aberdeen. A preliminary selection has been made of a suitable monument. The idea is to depict the Leslie's Cross which was placed on the battlefield in 1411 and has long since disappeared. It will be inscribed with a memorial to the six sons of Sir Andrew Leslie and the other Leslies who fell defending their homes and the City of Aberdeen.

3. **The Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Councils.** Several events will take place beginning Sunday July 24, 2011, with the laying of a wreath by the Provost at the Harlaw Monument and continuing through that week. Plans are for a play of the Battle of Harlaw, a re-creation of the Battle and battlefield camp, and other historical displays at art galleries and museums.

4. **Leslie Book of Participants and Donors.** You could be a part of Leslie history by participating in the Leslie ceremony to remember the Leslies of Harlaw or by contributing to the cost of the monument. A booklet listing the names and hometowns of all the contributors will be produced and a copy preserved in the permanent Clan Leslie Library Collection.

5. **A Clan Leslie Gathering.** We have been asked whether there will be a Leslie Gathering during the Harlaw Remembrance Week. There is the potential to organize a Leslie Gathering involving Clan Leslie from all over the world. The Clan Leslie Gathering in 1995 was such an event and attracted Clan Leslie members from many countries. The hosts, David and Leslie, Leslie introduced many of us to the great history of the Clan and to many historical Leslie sites in Aberdeenshire. This time we have the possibility of attracting even more Scottish Leslies because of the major historical significance of the battle of Harlaw. The working group needs to know who plans to be there. Depending on the interest, it would be possible to book hotel rooms in the Inverurie area, arrange transportation and joint attendance at events and visit historical Leslie locations. All Leslies, Abernathys, Bartholomews, Carneys, Laings and Moores are welcome to participate. You do not have to be a member of the Society. It takes at least a year to plan such an event so if you are interested in being at this historical event in remembrance of the Leslies of Harlaw, please send a message to **William Leslie** at [william.leslie@sympatico.ca](mailto:william.leslie@sympatico.ca).

## 2012 CLAN LESLIE GATHERING – THE LOCATION HAS BEEN CHOSEN

The 2012 Clan Leslie Society International Gathering will be held in conjunction with the New Hampshire Highland Games at the Loon Mountain Ski Resort, Lincoln, NH. To find out more about the New Hampshire Highland Games, please visit: <http://www.nhscot.org>. These games traditionally take place on or around the third weekend of September, but we will post the 2012 dates when they become available. Keep checking our Facebook page.

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

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## COMING TENTS AT HIGHLAND GAMES AND SCOTTISH FESTIVALS

### **JUNE 26th & 27th. SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES, VISTA, CALIFORNIA**

CLSI will be represented for the 36<sup>th</sup> time at the San Diego Scottish Highland Games on June 26 and 27 in Vista, CA.

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

Here are some pictures from previous San Diego Games off the website. My boys (dark shirts) are posed with the Chieftain's grandkids, but the only pictures you find of me, I guess, is either at the Kirkin (where my madrigal group performs) or the whisky tasting. I have been the Clans Coordinator for the San Diego Games for all but the first few years of its existence.



**Susan Abernethy**

### **JULY 8-11 GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES, LINVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Paul and Janice Aulbach will host a CLSI tent at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games at MacRae Meadows, Linville, North Carolina. The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games are one of the premier games in North America. It is a beautiful setting, and the sponsors have been putting this event on for 54 years. Linville is northwest of Hickory and Grandfather Mountain is 5,965 high! Visit [www.gmhg.org](http://www.gmhg.org) for more information.

### **JULY 17. ORILLIA SCOTTISH FESTIVAL, ORILLIA ONTARIO**



William and Sue Leslie will be hosting a Clan Leslie Tent at the Orillia Scottish Festival. Those of you who attended the 2002 Clan Leslie Gathering (Group photo left) will remember the beautiful site on the banks of Lake Couchiching, two blocks from the Leslies' home.

### **JULY 31 & AUGUST 1. PACIFIC NORTHWEST HIGHLAND GAMES & CLAN GATHERING, ENUMCLAW, WASHINGTON**

Steve Olling, Convenor for the Pacific Northwest Region, will host a CLSI tent at the 64th annual Pacific Northwest Highland Games & Clan Gathering. This event will be held July 31 & August 1 at the Expo Center, Enumclaw, Washington. This event has full games to include North American Scottish athletics Championship, NW Regional Harp finals plus much more. For full information on this event, visit their website at [www.sshga.org](http://www.sshga.org)

### **AUGUST 20. FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES, FERGUS, ONTARIO**

William and Sue Leslie will host a Clan Leslie Tent at Fergus. We have never attended this Festival and Games before and there has never been a Leslie Tent there although many Leslies are known to be living in the Fergus-Guelph area, including some members of my family. The Fergus Festival at <http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com/> is renowned for being one of the largest Scottish celebrations in North America, attracting over 30,000 people annually. Wish us luck in attracting many new CLSI members.

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### **OCTOBER 15-17. STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES**

The Stone Mountain Highland Games will be held October 15-17 at Stone Mountain Park Meadow, Stone Mountain, Georgia. Stone Mountain is located just east of Atlanta. The CLSI tent will be hosted by Roy Abernathy, assisted by Al and Don Leslie.

For additional information, check the Stone Mountain Games website at: [www.smhg.org](http://www.smhg.org)

### **NOVEMBER 13-14. 49th SALADO SCOTTISH CLAN GATHERING AND HIGHLAND GAMES**

Frank W. Leslie, Convenor for the Southwest Region, and his wife Lynne will host a Clan Leslie tent at the 49th annual Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games in Salado, Texas November 13th and 14th. The Salado Clan Gathering is the oldest Scottish festival in Texas. This is a great time of year to visit Salado, the weather is cooler, the leaves are starting to turn, and the city offers some great opportunities for Christmas shopping. This event will be held in the city at the Salado Civic Center Grounds on the east side of Main Street. By the way, Main Street was originally the old Chisholm Trail! Salado is located on Interstate 35, about 16 miles south of Temple and about 50 miles north of Austin. For complete information on this event, visit their website at [www.ctam-salado.org/Gathering/Gathering](http://www.ctam-salado.org/Gathering/Gathering)

### **NOVEMBER OFFICIAL OPENING THE LESLIE LOG HOUSE - BUILT 1826**



John and Esther Leslie and their seven sons arrived in Upper Canada in 1824 to a homestead farm three kilometres north of Streetsville, Ontario, now in the City of Mississauga. The Leslies built this house in 1826. Esther was the great, great grandmother of Harold Leslie, a CLSI member of Didsbury, Alberta. Esther remarried when her husband William Leslie died of wounds suffered at the Battle of Waterloo. One of their sons, George became a famous horticulturist in Toronto and is still honoured in the section of that city called Leslieville.

The Mississauga Historical Society has just spent \$1.6 million refurbishing the Leslie Log House and the opening ceremonies will be in November. I was sent this architect's rendering of the building and I expect to be invited to the opening.

**William Leslie**

## RECENT TENTS AT HIGHLAND GAMES AND SCOTTISH FESTIVALS



### **JUNE 4 TO 6<sup>th</sup> 2010. TEXAS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES, AT ARLINGTON**

The weather was a major obstacle, in that we had an early summer heat wave. It was 100°F (38°C) on Saturday and 98°F (37°C) on Sunday, but the humidity was higher on Sunday. All in all, it was rather uncomfortable. We were thankful for small favors; it was not as hot as El Paso Texas, where it reached 109°F (43 °C) Sunday afternoon.

As a result of the unseasonable heat, the attendance was considerably reduced and we had very few visitors. Tim Leslie joined us for the Calling of the Clans on Friday night, and Joseph Lesley, a former member, visited the tent on Saturday. The tent host was Frank W. Leslie, Convenor for the Southwest Region and his wife Lynne, in above picture with me, David, on the right.

**David Leslie White**

### **REPORTING TENTS AT GAMES & FESTIVALS**

I would appreciate it very much if the fine volunteers who plan to host Tents at Games would keep me informed of their intentions far enough in advance to print the notice in this newsletter. It would be more appreciated if they would also send a write-up and photographs of the tent and the participants after the event to be published in the Journal. Note the comments in the "Fans Write" letters below from strangers who believe we are a very active Clan Society because of all the Tents at Games we reported in the May *Grip Fast Online*. Please help us to strengthen our Society by reporting all our activities.

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### **MEMORIAL DAY MAY 31 - IN FLANDERS FIELDS THE POPPIES BLOW**

*In Flanders Fields* was written to commemorate WWI, but it has a special connotation for me: Every year my Grandfather deLacy would seek out veterans and buy a poppy for his lapel. When I was old enough to become curious about his ritual, I asked him why... So here's a true story about two WWI comrades in arms that I'd like to share with you all for the holiday.

My maternal grandfathers, John Henry Leslie (Mom's dad) and Aubrey Bennett deLacy (later, her step-dad) both fought in WWI. They were a part of Pershing's Rainbow Division, and both young officers - "Jack" Leslie in command of B Company, and "Irish" deLacy in command of A. Both survived the war, although they saw heavy fighting in Germany and in France.

One day, Company B was ordered to reinforce the defence of an area near by, while Company A was ordered to dig in and hold position in what appeared to be a fairly quiet spot.....and so it was that Company A got caught in a "no man's land" when fighting suddenly erupted all around them later that day. "Irish" knew that his troops would be decimated as the shells from friend and foe began to fall closer and closer on both sides of the trenches in which A Company was dug in. Seeing panic about to set in with his men, he yelled up the line "DAMN!! What I wouldn't give for a strawberry ice cream soda right now...Let's go find us some!" He stood up and ran, and the entire company followed him through the heavy artillery fire to safety. No one died or (purely and certainly by the Grace of God!) was seriously wounded, and they got out of range just as B Company came charging back pell mell to their assistance. For that supremely funny, brave, inspired and insane bit of gallantry, "Irish" deLacy was decorated with both the Croix de Guerre of France and the USA's infrequently awarded Distinguished Service Cross.

And that's not the only special acknowledgement he received. In 1925, when my mother was not quite 4 years old, Jack Leslie died quite suddenly of spinal meningitis. He was given a military funeral, and his old comrades in arms made up his honour guard. "Irish", one of his dearest friends during the war, naturally answered the call to be a pall-bearer for his old war buddy, Jack. Lt. deLacy had no time to meet Jack's family before the service. He arrived in town late the night before and had gone straight to the hotel where all the men were staying.

The next morning the honour guard had met outside St. George's Episcopal Church, taken the caisson and horses to the funeral home some blocks down to retrieve Jack's remains, and then returned to the church after the family was seated inside. They had carried Lt. Leslie's coffin into the church to rest on the catafalque set up before the altar, but "Irish" had not looked aside at the assembled family and friends while in the church, because of the military bearing the ceremony required. The honour guard sat in the last pews of a full church, so he did not see the family members in the front rows during the service. Granddad deLacy told me that they had just finished placing Granddad Leslie's coffin on the caisson for the procession to the cemetery, when he looked up and his heart melted.

My Grandmother, Muriel Leslie, was framed in the arch of the church doorway, standing next to the minister, and holding my mother's hand. Father Haight had gone to the altar and pulled all the red flowers out of the vases. Years later, he admitted to my grandparents that he never knew what made him do that. He placed the sheaf of flowers in Grandma's other arm. What "Irish" saw in that instant was a very young, very pretty woman dressed all in black, her brilliant red hair partially covered by the black lace mantilla that Jack Leslie, with "Irish" by his side, had bought before they left France for home. The graceful and sad young lady had an armful of flowers to match her famous hair, and the weeping little girl in white stood with her face buried in her mother's black skirts.

He said that picture remained clear in his mind and never left him, and in that moment he fell in love with her. He said he knew in that instant, seeing her framed in the church door with all her red hair and red flowers, that he was going to marry her and take care of her and her daughter as Jack would have wanted and would have done himself, had he not died.

And "Irish" did! And he also told me that was why red poppies had a special meaning for him. He had seen them growing all over the fields of France, and he always wore one in his lapel every Memorial Day to honour his fallen comrades; but he also said that all red flowers always reminded him of the first time he saw and fell in love with my Grandmother deLacy.

**Samantha Grey**

**In Flanders Fields  
By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918)  
Canadian Army**

**In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,**

Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

**Editor's Note:** Samantha's story is one of the most moving ones I have ever read. In Orillia at the War Memorial, on Remembrance Day, every November 11 at 11:00 am, *In Flanders Fields* is always read as a part of the Remembrance Ceremony.

McCrae House, located in [Guelph, Ontario](#), is the birthplace of [John McCrae](#) (b. 1872 – d. 1918), doctor, soldier and author of the famous [First World War](#) poem "[In Flanders Fields](#)". The house is a [National Historic Site](#). From Wikipedia the free encyclopedia.

### FAMILY SEARCH CORNER – LESLIE FAMILY CONNECTIONS REQUESTED

I am looking for any information about my relatives. John N. Leslie and his brothers were the first to settle in the United States and I would like to be able to know more about them before they came here. There were 4 brothers and 2 sisters: George, **John N. Leslie (my great-great-great-great grandfather b: May 31, 1761 in County Antrim, Ireland d: January 15, 1835 Burial: Bethel U.P. Church)**, James, Henry, Nancy, and Mary Leslie. Around 1770, George and John (he was just a child) came to America and settled in Cumberland County near Carlisle, Pennsylvania. George evidently described the country glowingly to James, and in 1776 he joined them. Henry (**David Leslie White's great-great-great grandfather**) came later, didn't like America, and returned to Ireland about 7 months later. In 1797 George and John decided to brave the "Far West" and moved to Washington County, PA and settled on a farm near Chartiers Creek. In 1802 George bought a farm in Big Beaver Township in Lawrence County, known as the Robert Patterson farm. A short time later he married Ann Bowen, and they had two children George and Myra. The two children eventually moved farther west. George died in 1835 and is buried in an old churchyard near Moravia, PA.

John moved from Washington County in 1804 to a farm he had bought in North Beaver Township to be near George. He and his wife, the former Nancy Neal (**b. 1763 Cumberland Co. PA d: January 25, 1811**), were the parents of five children: James, George, **Adam Neal Leslie (my great-great-great grandfather b: July 6, 1795 Cumberland Co., PA d: June 8, 1865 Lawrence Co., PA)**, John, and Jane. Nancy Neal died in February 1813 while two of her sons were away with the army during the War of 1812. John married again to Nancy Gilmore and they had three children: Nancy, Martha, and William. John died in 1835 and is buried in Lawrence County.

Adam married Elizabeth "Betsy" VanEman (**b: July 12 1805 D: October 17 1889**) and had 10 children: **William (my great-great grandfather b: May 17, 1826 in Lawrence County, PA d: March 6, 1886 in Rich Hill, Missouri)**, Nicholas V., Nancy Jane, Katherine, James Neal, Mary, Martha, Elizabeth, George, David, and Margaret. Adam died in 1795 and is buried in Cumberland County, PA.

William Leslie was married 3 times. His third wife was Eleanor Boyd. This third marriage produced **Willis Boyd Leslie (my great grandfather)**, Nellie who died in childbirth (**great-grandmother of another CLSI member, Patty Grossman**), John Frank (employee of a railroad; he lived in Kansas City), and George (died as a baby).

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### FAMILY OF JASPER LESLIE OF PHILADELPHIA

I am researching the family and origins of Jasper Leslie, a loyalist, who was known to be in Philadelphia in 1778 at age 17. He was possibly recruited by Capt. Christian Huck of Philadelphia in 1778 to serve in Emmerick's Chasseurs before the British evacuation in June of that year. The chasseurs eventually became part of Tarleton's Legion. Leslie was taken prisoner about 1780 and served the remainder of the war in Prison until exchanged in May/June 1783. Records show he was a prisoner in Philadelphia in February 1782. Jasper Leslie was granted land in Port Mouton, Queens County, Nova Scotia in 1783 for his service. He settled there and many of his descendants are still in the area. I am looking specifically for any trace of his siblings and

parents in the Philadelphia area that would help determine his origins and when he arrived in Philadelphia. Information on this Leslie family can be found on the website, [www.werelate.org](http://www.werelate.org)

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## A BRIAN LESSLIE MYSTERY



Does anybody recognise the young lady who is a Leslie or does the location look familiar? She may well be a member of this family or a maid. She appears to have on a Leslie tartan skirt and is about 18 to 25 years old.

The only clues are Lafayette and 1923. This could be the name of the photographer and date taken. The photographer had branches all over the UK.

I got the photo from one of my customers last year who was born in this house. She said that the girl was either a relative or a maid. The girl moved on before she really knew her but when she asked her mother who she was her mum told her she was a Leslie. Her mum is dead as is her father so with no other relations she

cannot ask anybody the first name. She also cannot remember the name of the house.

**Brian Lesslie**

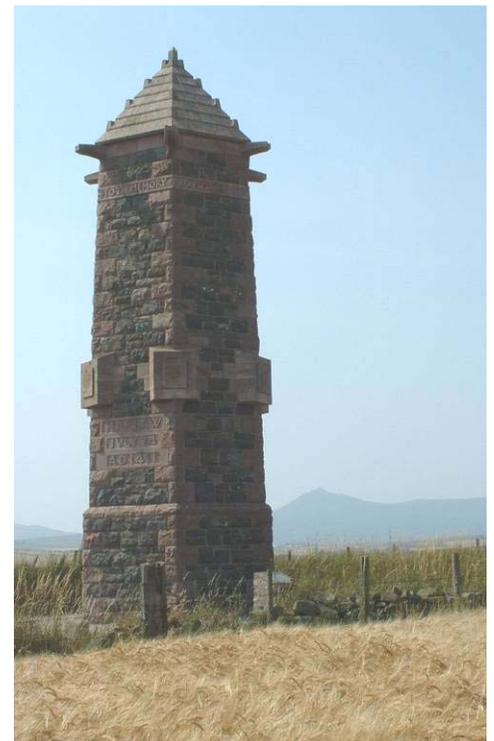
## HISTORICAL RECORDS OF THE FAMILY OF LESLIE, Vol. III, pages 8 and 9.

### THE BATTLE OF HARLAW. Fought 28TH JULY 1411

(Editor's Note: Sorry, Col. Leslie made a mistake; it was 24<sup>th</sup> July, 1411)

Near this you'll see where famed Harlaw was fought,  
When curst rebellion direful mischief wrought;  
Here dreaded Donald from the Isles came down,  
Fired with ambition, to attack the crown:  
Deep, cunning, artful, he, by various wiles,  
Indeed the chieftain of the Western Isles.  
Here Mar resolved the rebel force to try,  
To tame his prowess, or, attempting, die.

The gallant Fraser, Baron of Philorth,  
Of well-known courage and undoubted worth;  
The Keiths and Forbesees, in bright array,  
By him were joined upon that dreadful day  
Angus, high-sheriff, joined them, with the rest  
Of Airly's sons, in manly armour drest;  
From Aberdeen two hundred warriors came  
All clad in steel, and not unknown to fame:  
Brave Provost Davidson led this chosen band,  
And bold Hugh Rose held next the sub-command.  
Mar led the centre - the wings extend at large;  
All keen advance, in order to the charge;



**The Harlaw Monument & Bennachie**

The noble Keith joined Forbes in the van,  
Who led his friends and bravest of his clan  
Drum and the Leiths, and **Leslies of Balquhain**,  
Upon the left the gallant Gordons join.

The signal given, loud pipes and trumpets sound;

The direful charge the neighbouring hills resound.  
First Keith and Forbes to the battle flew;  
The brave example all the rest pursue.  
The noble Keith joined Forbes in the van,

Like wolves rapacious, these daring foes engage;  
Scots rush on Scots, soon all was blood and rage.  
The brave Maclean fought on Macdonald's right,  
He, like the mountain bear, maintained the fight;  
Though wounded, sorely pressed, and bathed in blood,  
He kept his ground, and made his party good;  
Still used to conquer, and unknown to yield,  
Hopes still to gain the glory of the field.

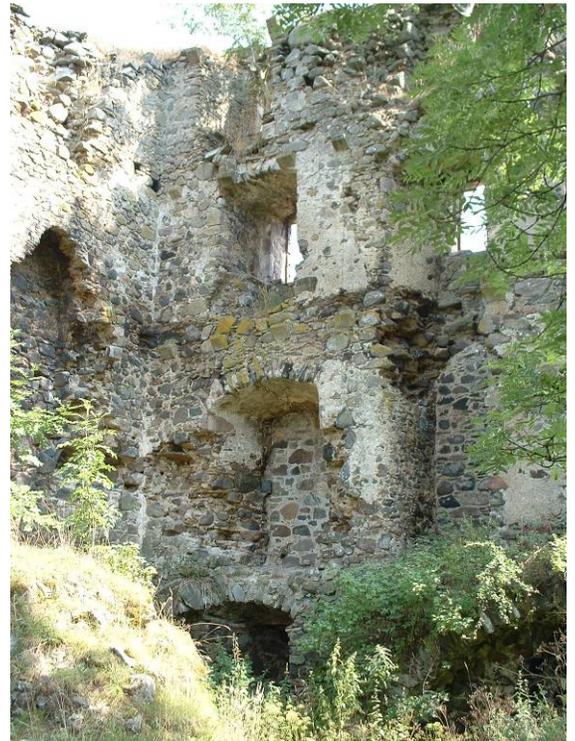
At last the **Leslies**, bordering on the Don,  
Fired by their chief, who led his warriors on,  
First pierced the ranks, then broke Macdonald's horse,  
And brought the foe to own superior force;  
Then Drum's proud baron, on a dapple gray,  
Spoke to the Keith and pointed out the prey;  
Then as the savage tiger scours the plain,  
They force their way o'er mountains of the slain.  
Now rushing forward, with a well-aimed thrust  
Drum stretched the gallant hero in the dust.

Donald enraged, called out to all,  
"Revenge Maclean! or bravely by him fall.  
Let it not now, my gallant friends, be said,  
That we, for courage famed, like cowards fled."  
The yielding islanders at these words now turn,  
Then onward rush, where combats fiercely burn..  
Maclachlan and his clansmen fresh pursue,  
And kindle all the rage of war anew,  
Though lost their chief, not unrevenged they mourn,  
But wound for wound and blow for blow return.

**Six of the bravest Leslies pressed the plain,**  
While round these warriors lay whole heaps of slain.  
Gordons and Forbeses promiscuous fall,  
Death and destruction seemed to threaten all;  
Through studded targets spears were forceful driven,  
At every blow sad mortal wounds were given.  
Bravely they mock all quarter foes can give,  
Their leader killed, they think it mean to live.



**Ruins of the Castle of Balquhain**



**Interior of Ruins of the Castle of Balquhain**

## CORRECTION

### KINGS OWN SCOTTISH BORDERS IN EDINBURGH, MARCH INTO HISTORY, JUNE 2006



The above pictures in the May Grip Fast Online were attributed to Rory Cooper of Edinburgh (“tired and emotional” on flickr.com), a professional photographer in Edinburgh, in fact the first (yes) picture is courtesy of Rory Cooper but pictures 2 3 and 4 were courtesy of Graeme Ronaldson (“graeme\_r” on flickr.com) of Edinburgh

### CANDACE LESLIE OF BRYAN TEXAS IN *SCOTTISH LIFE*.

Candace Leslie of Bryan Texas has an excellent article in the Spring 2010 issue of *Scottish Life*. She writes about the tiny (nine acres) island of Eilean Ban, which is the island between the mainland and the Isle of Skye. Even though the bridge to Skye soars over this island, one gets a sense of isolation from the abundance of wildlife (birds, seals, otters, etc.) and the silence. The old lighthouse keeper’s quarters at the edge of Loch Alsh channel is available as a self-catering cottage. In addition to this great article, she provides a spectacular photo of a fiery sunrise over the Kyle of Lochalsh. *Scottish Life* is available at your local book store.

**David Leslie White**

### NEXT PUBLICATIONS TO CLSI MEMBERS

JUNE 2010 - The *Griffin*. This first edition since 1998 should arrive in the mail soon.

JULY 2010 – First edition of the *Grip Fast, the Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International*.

Please continue to send us your stories. We are recording **your history** and we cannot do it without your input. Please send us stories and pictures of your Scottish ancestors or your North American family; we really need them. Note the number of different clan members who have contributed to this issue.

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### FANS WRITE

#### **Leslie Seich on Scholarship**

Kinsmen,

Starting September, Sara takes her first steps into her life as an independent adult and college student. My husband and I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee, the Council and all of you for awarding Sara the assistance all college students need these days to defray the cost of expensive college loans. My husband and I know that Sara will make you proud of her and all that she will accomplish in the years to come.

Sara is an excellent student and a very promising artist, as you will see from the photos. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society. She will be attending the Pennsylvania College of Art & Design in Lancaster, PA. Sara selected this college because of class size, comfortable feel, and location. She is very excited about this next step in her life and is driven to be an active participant in her college career. Once again, thank you.

Yours aye, **Leslie Seich**

### TO DAVID LESLIE WHITE (PARTS OF TWO LETTERS)

Hi. **Congratulations** on another very fine Grip Fast publication. Your newsletter is always filled with joyous, positive goings-on...and is much anticipated. The layout is excellent as are your photographs. Internet surely does make it possible to do wonderful things at a modest cost!

I used three things from your issue and was careful to include *With thanks to The Clan Leslie Society International*. in all three cases. I have emailed the gentleman with the new pipe band in Texas with a request for a jpeg photograph of the group.

Hi. Congratulations on the changes to your newsletter. It surely will be awesome with additional articles, photos and festivals, etc. Please pass on my "Hurrah's" to Mr. Leslie, the editor. I am probably one of the few

folks who completely understands the hard work, dedication, mule-headed-stubbornness required to be an editor!

Thank you, as well, for letting me know that Clan Leslie has moved their materials from South Georgia. I think many of the clans have moved their archives. The library at Guelph is wonderful! I have been there several times and was very impressed with everything there. I was also fascinated by the families of black squirrels who live there!

Aye, Beth Gay-Freeman, LOK, FSA Scot, *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree*

**Excellent publication**, William. Very professional. Samantha

**In a message dated 5/21/2010 12:56:34 P.M.** Eastern Daylight Time, designinvasion@gmail.com writes:  
I completely agree! Laura

**My thanks and deep appreciation** to William Leslie for an outstanding issue of the *Grip Fast Online*. Lots of good content, lots of color. It holds your attention.

Well done! David

**Dear William,**

Thanks for the latest issue of Grip-Fast. There are some great pictures there, from a very busy clan! I'll pass on news of the Harlaw anniversary to my colleague Elizabeth Ewan since it is she and her students who work on that period, whereas my lot keep themselves fixed to the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

See you in Fergus!

Graeme (Dr Morton, Chair of Scottish Studies, University of Guelph)

#### **CLAN LESLIE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL – SCHOLARSHIPS**

CLSI is offering scholarships to our members. There are 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 any scholarship must be a member or inceptor member of CLSI. For more information contact:

**Rebecca Dobias, CLSI Scholarship Chairman, [dobiasrsc@aol.com](mailto:dobiasrsc@aol.com),**

#### **YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY STORIES**

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 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 have helped young Clan members to join in celebrating their heritage. Officers of the Society are joining the effort to make sure that Leslies 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.

This publication, the Grip Fast Online, is sent to all members but also to many individuals who have shown an interest in the Clan Leslie. We know that if you are reading this newsletter that you have an interest in the ancient and distinguished history of your family. Why not join or rejoin the Clan Leslie Society and help safeguard the history and the of the ideals of the Society.

A membership form is attached as the next page and has all the information you need to become a member.

**William Leslie, Commissioner Clan Leslie, North America. [william.leslie@sympatico.ca](mailto:william.leslie@sympatico.ca)**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (including area code) \_\_\_\_\_ OK to put in roster  
\_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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I am of Scottish ancestry and a lineal descendant of Clan Leslie or a Sept of Clan Leslie in Scotland.  
Please circle Sept when applicable & allow for various spellings.

**Sept: Abernethy, Bartholomew, Cairney, Laing, More**

Associate – Non-lineal

Inceptor – Minor child of member

My Leslie ancestor is/was \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_

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I certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I declare that if accepted for membership, I will observe the rules and regulations of the Society and will promote its welfare to the best of my ability.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send application and payment to (no cash please):

Clan Leslie Society International  
P.O. Box 42  
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Where/from whom I received this application – **The Grip Fast Online**

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