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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for July 9th, 2021

For the latest news from Scotland see our ScotNews feed at:
<https://electricscotland.com/scotnews.htm>

Electric Scotland News

As mentioned in a previous newsletter I have taken an advertising agreement from MyHeritage and I got in the special promotion yesterday from them which I said I would be bringing you and tried to send it out to you via the mailing list but sorry to say it converted the html to a text file so very sorry for that.

You can see the exclusive offer at:

<https://electricscotland.com/newsletter/electricJuly21.html>

and just click on the link on that page to sign up.

They are offering you 50% off their Complete plan up until 12th July 2021 so less than a week for you to take up this offer. For a limited time, every Electric Scotland reader can get a one-year Complete subscription for ONLY \$149. Grab this deal before it's gone! Save 50% off now. Offer valid for NEW MyHeritage subscribers only, valid through to July 12th, 2021.

The Complete plan gives you full access to all MyHeritage advanced features, including:

- Unlimited photo colorization using MyHeritage In Color™
- Unlimited animation of family photos with Deep Nostalgia™
- Unlimited photo repairs to fix folds and tares in your old photos.
- Instant Discoveries™, which can add an entire branch to your family tree with 1 click
- Consistency Checker, which automatically identifies inaccuracies in your tree
- Automatic Smart Matches™ with millions of family trees
- Automatic Record Matches for your family tree
- 14 billion international historical records are available for you
- Unlimited family tree size
- Advanced DNA features
- Priority customer support via phone and email 24/7

Mind that this offer is only available up to 12th July so if you ever wanted to get the benefits of this type of service along with the unique picture editing features then now's the time!!!

You can also learn about their fabulous picture editing tools at:

<https://www.electricscotland.com/webclans/myheritage.htm> in a YouTube video. I might add that I'm told many professional picture editors have signed up just to make use of the picture editing facilities as it greatly speeds up their own editing of such pictures saving them hours of work.

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 and world news stories that can affect Scotland and as all the newsletters are archived and also indexed on Google and other search engines it becomes a good resource. I might also add that in a number of newspapers 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 which I do myself from time to time.

UK satellite takes on Elon Musk after £360m injection

THE UK's groundbreaking OneWeb satellite is set to go head-to-head with SpaceX's Elon Musk after a £360million investment - while the EU is being left behind.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1456691/uk-satellite-oneweb-elon-musk-eu-leo-galileo-internet-connection-starlink-spt>

US-Canada heatwave: Visual guide to the causes

A blistering heatwave hit Canada and parts of the US this week, sending temperatures to dangerous highs of nearly 50C (122F). Hundreds of people have died.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-57665715>

How Scotland became the Covid capital of Europe

Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon talks a good game, but Covid cases have surged over the last week to make Scotland the coronavirus capital of Europe.

Read more at:

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/scotland-became-covid-capital-europe-153533481.html>

Pfizer vaccine less effective against Delta variant, new study finds

The Pfizer vaccine is less effective at halting the spread of the Delta variant than other strains of covid, a new preliminary study has found.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/covid-pfizer-vaccine-less-effective-24468787>

Nicola Sturgeon on brink: Ferry fiasco could spell end for SNP Government

A CRUNCH public inquiry into the SNP Government's chaotic handling of the nationalisation of an iconic Scottish shipbuilder could spell the end for Nicola Sturgeon's party, one of Scotland's richest men has claimed.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1458585/SNP-news-nicola-sturgeon-latest-ferguson-marine-inquiry-scottish-independence>

BT on verge of striking huge deal as Britain to provide global Internet coverage

BRITISH TELECOM (BT) is on the verge of striking a huge space deal with OneWeb, the Low Earth Orbit (LEO) broadband constellation backed by the Government to provide global Internet coverage, Express.co.uk can exclusively reveal.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1459510/bt-oneweb-space-deal-satellite-internet-broadband-eu-galileo-defence-spt>

Mary Simon: Trudeau names indigenous leader in historic first
Canadian Prime Minister has named Mary Simon as governor general, the first indigenous person to hold the post. The former diplomat and advocate for Inuit rights will represent Canada's head of state, Queen Elizabeth II.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-57739372>

Electric Canadian

Thoughts on a Sunday morning - the 4th day of July 2021

By the Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26060-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-4th-July-2021>

Directions for Taking and Curing Herrings

And for curing Cod, Ling, Tusk, and Hake by Sir Thomas Dick Lauder, Bart., Secretary to the honourable the Board of British Fisheries reprinted and circulated by Command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick (1850) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/agriculture/herringscuring.pdf>

Romantic Kent

First 79 pages of the book up to the start of the war with America the book being "Romantic Kent", The Story of a County 1626 - 1952, by Victor Lauriston which you can read at:
<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/ontario/kent.pdf>

All Canadian Traveler

Published by the Associated Canadian Travelers of Winnipeg
Volume 2 Issue 1 (pdf) (December 1935)

You can read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/canadiantraveller.pdf>

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Beth's Video Talks

Got in her talk for July 7th 2021 - Just a taste of Gaelic we use today

You can view this at: <https://electricscotland.com/bnft/videos.htm>

Scottish Society of Louisville

Got in their July 2021 newsletter which you can read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/Louisville/index.htm>

Loch Creran

Notes from the West Highlands by William Anderson Smith (1887)

You can read this at: <https://electricscotland.com/books/pdf/lochcrerannotesf00smitiala.pdf>

Lays and Legends of the North of Ireland
By Cruck-A-Leaghan and Slieve Gallion (1884)

You can read this at: <https://electricscotland.com/history/scotsirish/LaysandLegendsoftheNorthofIreland.pdf>

The Lament of the Border Widow

Included are the words and sheet music as well as a YouTube recording of the song and also includes a link to a book containing this song and its sheet music. You can see all this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/music/borderwidow.htm>

In Ayrshire

A Descriptive Picture of the County of Ayr with relative notes on interesting local subjects, by William Scott Douglas, Editor of "The Kilmarnock Edition" of Burns (1874) (pdf)

At the start of the book is a wee hand written note saying... "Contains much information on Burns & his associations & is valuable to the Burns Student." signed by J Williamson, Meadowfield.

You can read this at: https://electricscotland.com/familytree/frank/burns_lives269.htm

Ayrshire: Its History and Historic Families
By William Robertson in two volumes (1908)

Introduction

A work that purports to be historical may well be left to speak for itself. That the story of the county of Ayr is worth telling there is no occasion to demonstrate ; it is because it is worth telling—and well worth telling—that this book has been written.

The author anticipates, with the confidence that some experience has given him, that the History of Ayrshire will be read by many leal sons and daughters of the ancient shire, not only within the bounds, but in other parts of the United Kingdom, and beyond the seas. His hope is that it may have some effect in stimulating their pride of birth, and in the men and women who have made Ayrshire what she is—a worthy mother of her children.

The story is one of ups and downs, of fightings for freedom and faith, of local and feudal jarrings and turmoils, of steady persevering through it all on the pathway of progress. Much broken and chequered, it is nevertheless a consistent whole.

The second volume is given to the history of the leading families of the shire. In its preparation the author has received much valuable assistance from members of those historic houses; and he takes this opportunity of gratefully acknowledging their kindness. He has avoided endless genealogies, his object having been to show the part the families themselves played in the making of the county, in Scottish national life, in the work of the United Kingdom. And in this part of the book the reader will find a multitude of incidents and episodes that cast many an instructive light upon the general procession of events.

The History is dedicated to the County herself, with all the loyalty that is due to her, by one of her many sons.

You can read this at: <https://electricscotland.com/history/ayr/ayrshire.htm>

Finding Home and Citizenship

A wee article from Dr Renwick which I've added to his page at:

Story

Extracts from the Lays and Legends of the North of Ireland

Sir Cahir Roe O-Dougherty, the Prince or Lord of Innishowen, is perhaps one of the most picturesque figures in Irish history. His life was short but eventful, "a happy shot," to quote an English historian, putting an end to his career at the early age of 21 years. In character he was like most of the Irish chiefs—haughty and impulsive; and to a commanding bearing Nature had added lofty stature and manly physique. In May, 1608, unable to bear the tyranny and insult of Sir George Paulett, the Governor of Derry, who threatened him with a felon's death, and enraged with the encroachments of the Scotch and English settlers (who came over before the Confiscation was completed). Sir Cahir rose in insurrection, attacked Derry by night, slew Paulett and his lieutenant with most of the garrison, and destroyed the forts and settlement or town; and marching against Cuil-mor (Culmore), a fortress on the banks of the Foyle about seven miles from Derry, occupied by an English garrison (but previously a fort of the O'Doughertys), he occupied it and found therein 12 pieces of cannon. He gave the charge of Cuil-mor to one Felim M'Davet, who had to evacuate it before an English army of 4,000 men under Marshal Wingfield and Sir Oliver Lambert. M'Davet, on retiring from Cuil-mor, set fire to the fortress, shipped some of the guns, throwing the rest into the sea, and sailed for Derry. O'Dougherty, whose forces never exceeded 1,500 men, maintained the war for five or six months, until a bullet from an ambushed trooper's rifle relieved England's anxiety.

He received his knighthood from the English, having been proclaimed Lord of Innishowen by Sir Henry Dockwra in 1601, shortly after the death of his father, Sir John, who was slain in war with the English. Sir John, having left only an infant son (Cahir), O'Donnell created the nearest relative, Felim O'Dougherty, Prince of, Innishowen. But the clans Ailen and Daibed marched with the young heir to Dockwra, at Derry, and that general, through his animosity to O'Donnell, and glad of an opportunity of creating dissensions amongst his enemies, declared Cahir the lawful lord. The clans, having marched back with their boy-chief in triumph, were besieged by O'Donnell in a fort at Binnion, but he, having too much on his hands, was obliged to raise the siege, and Sir Cahir, after the flight of the Earls Tyrone and Tirconnell, became the most powerful chief in the North.

"Thrice blessed is thy well."

A well at Doune, blessed by Columbkille, celebrated for its wonderful cures; hither good pilgrims from all parts of the county and from various quarters of the globe repair for share in its many virtues. The writer, several years ago, was both struck and amused with the number of crutches planted upright in the ground in the vicinity of the well, mute witnesses of its efficacy. It is but fair to say, the Catholic clergy as a body do not recognise it.

"The Irish chiefs had flown"

1607. "Artful Cecil employed one St. Laurence to entrap the Earls of Tyrone and Tirconnell, the Lord of Delvin and other Irish chiefs, into a sham plot which had no other evidence but his. But those chiefs being informed that witnesses were to be hired against them, foolishly fled, and so taking guilt upon themselves they were declared rebels; and six entire counties in Ulster were at once forfeited to the Crown, which was what their enemies wanted."—Anderson's Royal Genealogies (p. 786). See M'Geoghegan.

END.

And that's it for this week and hope you all have a great weekend.

Alastair
