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## Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for March 11th, 2022

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

<https://electricscotland.com/scotnews.htm>

## Electric Scotland News

From MyHeritage.com

I know you've received a flurry of emails from me over the past week and I promise this is the last in the series ;- ) I just want to make sure that all these important announcements don't get lost in the shuffle, so I'm providing a quick recap:

**LiveStory:** At our RootsTech keynote, we announced the release of LiveStory: an incredible new feature that makes your family photos speak and creates amazing video biographies of your ancestors! Click [here](#) to read the blog post announcement, and [here](#) to see an awesome video about it, which we invite you to share.

**Blast From My Past** podcast: On March 2, we launched our first-ever podcast, featuring stories of people whose lives were changed by what they discovered through MyHeritage.

**Family Tree Timeline:** Another big feature we launched in time for RootsTech is Family Tree Timeline, a new view of your family tree that allows you to explore how your family history unfolded over time.

**1950 U.S. Census hub:** On March 3, we launched a brand-new content hub gearing up to the release of the 1950 U.S. Census next month. It's a fantastic resource for educating people on census records and what they can teach you about your family history. We would greatly appreciate it if you could include it in any list of resources you may be compiling!

**Filae family tree profiles:** At the end of February, we added 269 million family tree profile records from Filae to MyHeritage.

I think that should cover it! I look forward to hearing what you think, and please help us let the world know about these fantastic additions to the world of genealogy.

Enjoy!

Daniel Horowitz  
Genealogy Expert  
MyHeritage.com

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Hope you are also enjoying Beth's video talks on Genealogy as she does one each week and they are between 4 - 8 minutes in length. You can get to her archive at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bnft/videos.htm>

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Noted the high inflation rate in the US at 7.9% which must be hurting and mortgage rates are also increasing. Perhaps time to look at how you might reduce your costs. I noted an article in one newspaper reminding us how during WWII there was no obesity and this was due to us having to walk more and eat healthier meals. Read "The War Effort" below in our Scottish News section.

I might remind you that Scots used to live on oats and potatoes and were perfectly healthy. For example see the article I've posted up as our Story for this week - Glasgow experiments in prison diet.

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.

There is ample coverage on Ukraine across all media so don't intend to cover it within here although I will add the odd story...

Putin humiliated as Finland defies Russia on NATO

VLADIMIR PUTIN's aggression against Europe has been condemned as Finland's Ambassador to the UK tells Express.co.uk that the country will not let Moscow dictate its policy.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1575206/vladimir-putin-news-finland-russia-nato-ukraine-invasion-kyiv-spt>

Best kebab houses in Scotland unveiled after Glasgow takeaway scoops top prize  
It is believed that around 1.3m kebabs are sold across the UK every day, according to a recent study.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/lifestyle/food-drink/best-kebab-houses-scotland-unveiled-26378381>

Will the transformational vision for Scotland's economy be realised?

The Scottish Government set out its 10 year vision for the Scottish Economy this week. But what does this new document tell us about what will be achieved?

Read more at:

<https://fraserofallander.org/will-the-transformational-vision-for-scotlands-economy-be-realised-this-weeks-strategy-doesnt-fill-us-with-much-hope/>

Sturgeon slammed for ideological anti-nuclear stance

NICOLA Sturgeon faced fury over her staunch "ideological" opposition to nuclear-generated energy when even the Green Party in Germany showed to relent on their position

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1575037/sturgeon-news-scotland-anti-nuclear-energy-renewable-low-carbon-FMQs-vn>

Xi Jinping on path to conflict with Putin as China could STARVE thanks to Ukraine crisis

CHINESE LEADER Xi Jinping may be headed towards a conflict with Russia as the crisis in Ukraine threatens to trigger a global food crisis.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/science/1576936/xi-jinping-putin-china-ukraine-crisis-russia-food-exports-starve>

Rare Pictish stone unearthed near Angus

Archaeologists believe it dates from the 5th or 6th Centuries.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c99jnywwrnlo>

The effect of war on food prices

As hostilities step up in Ukraine, the drumbeat of the wider economic war is getting louder. Energy and other commodity prices have been rising steeply, and the prospect of an embargo on Russian oil has accelerated.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-60644376>

The War Effort

By Anthony Seaton in the Scottish Review

Read more at:

<https://www.scottishreview.net/AnthonySeaton607a.html>

Government's drug and alcohol plans must be clearer, says report

A report by Audit Scotland has urged ministers to provide more transparency on initiatives aimed at tackling the problems.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-60650944>

Endurance: Finest wooden shipwreck I've ever seen

Marine archaeologist Mensun Bound described the condition of Endurance to the BBC. Without any exaggeration this is the finest wooden shipwreck I have ever seen - by far. It is upright, well proud of the seabed, intact, and in a brilliant state of preservation.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-60654016>

The ancient guide for uncertain times

For many people, the world is in a state of upheaval that can feel difficult to cope with, but can the teachings of the Stoics help in these troubling times?

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20220308-what-ancient-philosophers-teach-us-about-uncertain-times>

How are ferry problems affecting people on Barra?

People in Barra are running out of patience. They say the ferry service to the mainland is unreliable and is threatening the businesses, jobs and day-to-day life of those living on the islands. BBC Scotland's Connor Gillies has been to speak to some of those affected.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-60660743>

Bullying Bercow is gone but are staff any safer in Parliament?

Parliament may be a Petri dish of gossip, but nobody should be giving John Bercow the benefit of the doubt. And while the damning conclusions of a report into his abusive behaviour are a vindication for Parliamentary staff - the culture of impunity, and the MPs, that enabled the former Speaker still haunt Westminster.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/bullying-bercow-is-gone-but-are-staff-any-safer-in-parliament/>

The most spectacular heist on the public purse

Helping business through Covid with loans and grants was a vital and very expensive task. But we now know that

checking up on fraudulent applications for these loans might as well have been handed over to Captain Mainwearing and his hapless platoon.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-60689023>

Explore preserved ancient tombs that reveal secret lives of ancient Scots

In the heart of the vast peatland Flow Country of Caithness lie the Grey Cairns of Camster. The two 5,000-year-old tombs near Lybster, known as Camster Long and Camster Round, offer some of the earliest records of life in the area.

Read more at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/lives-of-ancient-scots/>

## Electric Canadian

The Poets of Canada

By John Lesperance (1884) (pdf)

You can read this article at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/poetry/poetsofcanada.pdf>

The Stone Medallion of Lake Utopia

By W. F. Ganong, Ph.D. (1921) (pdf)

Another article which you can read at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/articles/stone-medallion.pdf>

The Second President Lincoln

By Rendell Williams, Presented by the Honble. William Renwick Riddell, F.R.S.C. (1921) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/secondpresidentlincoln.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 6th day of March 2022 - Sin

By Rev. Nola Crewe

You can view this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26168-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-the-6th-day-of-march-2022-sin>

The Ancestry of Archibald Lampman, Poet

By Rev. Ernest Voorhis, A.M., Ph.D., Presented by Duncan C. Scott, Litt. D., F.R.S.C. (1921) (pdf)

Another article which you can read at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/archibald-lampman.pdf>

New Complete French Grammar

By W. H. Fraser & J. Squair, and A. Coleman, University of Chicago (1921) (pdf)

Thought this might be a useful resource and you can get to it at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/frenchfraser.pdf>

# Electric Scotland

## Beth's Newfangled Family Tree

Hi Everyone. This is a bit early, but my nemesis - the weather, is after me again. In the coming weekend, the forecasters are predicting SNOW. My gracious. Normally around here, snow means no power. If you would like to come and film me somehow with a publication done, proofread, corrected, scanned, and ready to go on time, but with no power to send it, you're welcome. I don't really know what I would do. Go outside and eat the tires off the car maybe?

So, here is the first part of April 2022. We are so fortunate as we have Pete Hylton's The Fourth Kingdom trip for you to enjoy. He and his wife enjoyed Ireland and made it possible for us to sort of be there with them. Thank you, Pete!

Keets Taylor has come up with something so neat. She is making Dragonfly Spice critters out of fan blades and other magical materials! They are gorgeous and so wonderful coming from the multi-talented Keets' imagination and creative mind! You'll see them in this section for the first time!

Yes, we have something to celebrate April Fools Day too! What fun. It's easy to find.

Congratulations are in order for Robert "Bob" Currie. He has been named the winner of the National Tartan Day Award for Outstanding Leadership in the Scottish American Community. Way to go, Bob!

Please remember to send me your queries and your stories about your clan attending various games here and there. Photos are always welcome, as well. Please do send jpeg files. It's quicker and easier for me if you just copy and paste your story to your email. Thank you if you do that!

If you have a change in your email, please send it to me so you may continue to receive this publication. It's free, remember?

We also are honored to print the Flowers of the Forest when you lose someone precious to you. Just send your information to [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com).

I guess it's close enough to wish everyone Happy St. Patrick's Day! Goodness, this year is already whizzing by.

Everyone stay safe and be careful.

Aye,  
beth

You can read this issue: April 2022 Section 2 at: <https://electricScotland.com/bnft>

Beth's Video Talks  
March 9th 2022 - Ellis Island Marriages

You can view this at:  
<https://electricScotland.com/bnft/index.htm>

The Life of Rev. Robert Anderson  
Born the 22d day of February, in the Year of our Lord 1819, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1839 (1892) (pdf)

You can read about him at:  
<https://electricScotland.com/history/america/negro/lifeofrevrobert.pdf>

History of the Society of Advocates in Aberdeen  
Edited by John Alexander Henderson FSA Scot. (1912) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

[https://electricscotland.com/history/aberdeen/History\\_of\\_the\\_Society\\_of\\_Advocates\\_in\\_Aberdeen.pdf](https://electricscotland.com/history/aberdeen/History_of_the_Society_of_Advocates_in_Aberdeen.pdf)

A Dictionary of the Holy Bible  
By the Rev. John Brown (1824) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bible/brown/adictionaryholy01browgoog.pdf>

Centenary Memorial of the Rev. John Brown  
A Family Record compiled by his Grandson, John Croumbie Brown, LL.D. (1887) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bible/centenarymemorofjohnbrown.pdf>

Burns' Cottage  
The Story of the Birthplace of Robert Burns, from the feuing of the ground by William Burnes in June 1756 until the present day By James M'Bain (1904) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/burns/burnscottage.pdf>

The Genius, and Character of Burns  
By Professor Wilson of the University of Edinburgh (1845) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/burns/geniuscharacterofBurns.pdf>

Culduthel  
An Iron Age Craftworking Centre in North-East Scotland by Candy Hatherley and Ross Murray (2021) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/lifestyle/Culduthel.htm>

## Story

The Anecdote of Glasgow - Glasgow experiments in prison diet

IN 1840, some experiments were instituted in the Glasgow prison on the diet of a selected number of the inmates. The different sets of persons were fed on the following respective fares

1. For breakfast, each had eight ounces of oatmeal made into porridge, with a pint of buttermilk; for dinner, three pounds of boiled potatoes with salt; for supper, five ounces of oatmeal porridge, with one half-pint of buttermilk. At the end of two months they were all in good health, each person had gained four pounds weight, and they liked the diet, the cost of which, including the cooking, was two-pence three-farthings per day.

2. Other ten were fed for the same time solely on boiled potatoes and salt; each had two pounds for breakfast, three pounds for dinner, and one pound for supper. They gained three and a half pounds each; and they declared that they preferred this fare to the ordinary diet of the prison.

3. Twelve others were fed on the same allowance of porridge and milk and supper to the first ten, but for dinner they had soup, containing two pounds of potatoes to each, and a quarter of a pound of meat. At the end of two months they had lost in weight one and a quarter pounds each, and they all disliked this diet. The expense of each, daily, was threepence seven-eighths.

4. Twenty others had the same breakfast and supper with one pound of potatoes for dinner, and half a pound of meat. They preserved good health but decreased in weight, and preferred the ordinary diet of the prison. The expense was fourpence seven-eighths each.

In these cases, perhaps, the previous habits and tastes of the prisoners had some influence, yet it appears that the six pounds of potatoes daily was a better diet than the smaller quantities of soup or animal food.

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Weekend is almost here and hope it's a good one for you.

Alastair

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