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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for September 30th, 2022

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

Electric Scotland News

I see the new government in the UK is being taken to task on their new mini budget but reading fairly extensively I note some financial experts and economists are actually fairly upbeat about how it will all work out. They do say the timing wasn't the best and might have been delayed until the November budget. Also lots of press about the falling pound but again some coverage on how this can be beneficial to the UK economy.

I think it's best to give this a six month try and see how things pan out as certainly things need to change if the UK is to prosper over the longer term. The pound going down in value makes imports dearer which should mean less imports and more business for local suppliers. It also makes the UK a good investment for new business from around the world.

I don't know where we are getting so many idiots for MP's these days mind you. There is already talk about an MP revolt against the new PM. The papers are full of all kinds of dire things happening.

At the end of the day it's the war in Ukraine with Russia which is doing the real damage and also the prospect of a China - Taiwan war. Taiwan now produces most of the chips that go into all our computers and mobile devices and cars so any disruption of this supply will be an enormous hammer blow to economies around the world. I note that both the US and China are investing heavily in building new production to make them less dependent but it's doubtful if this will make a lot of difference in the medium term. I do wonder how the UK and Canada are looking to protect themselves. Both countries have good stocks of rare earth but we both need production capacity of chips to make us somewhat independent.

Certainly over reliance on one country for supply is proving to be a problem that isn't going away any time soon but we do need to consider this issue for the future stability of the world.

Weather is not doing us any favours this week with the hurricane in Atlantic Canada and now the one in Florida. I do wonder about power line infrastructure and why they don't put them under ground. In Canada the Telco companies are being heavily criticised about the lack of resilience of their infrastructure and slow speed in fixing outages. Again this is another sign of being too reliant on just a few players.

Of course we've also seen the effects of wild fires all over the world and the huge damage they cause.

A lot of talk about how King Charles III will perform as our new King. I did an update on our King Charles page to bring some videos about our King and Queen and also some of his work at his home at Highgrove and also his work to rebuild the Dumfries House and Estate. I do think he'll do well.

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.

15 of the officially registered Scottish tartans for the US states (A to M)
Scotland's links with the USA have always been strong.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/scotland-now/gallery/15-officially-registered-scottish-tartans-28048303>

A new era in the UK

The befuddled reaction to today's mini-Budget was partly because it's been so long since we had a government with an unapologetic free market agenda. Labour might have scoffed, but Kwasi Kwarteng really did usher in a 'new era' of economic policy today - one where growth is top of the agenda.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/kwarteng-brings-in-a-new-era-in-british-economic-policy-one-where-growth-comes-first/>

Germany on the Brink

Inflation, a likely recession and exploding energy prices: Germany is expecting tough years ahead with diminishing prosperity, a shrinking middle class and growing inequality. This is uncharted territory for the government and society, and both are facing some difficult choices.

Read more at:

<https://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/inflation-bankruptcies-and-fears-of-decline-is-this-the-return-of-the-sick-man-of-europe-a-41d914b0-0322-46a8-9087-d118b3f0b399>

How King Charles helped save British farmhouse cheese

King Charles III is famous for his support of environmental and social causes over the years, but did you know he played a decisive role in the renaissance of traditional artisan cheese in the UK?

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-63011145>

C Ian stronghold in Cairngorms opened to the public

Castle Roy, near Nethy Bridge, was built by Clan Comyn in the 12th Century. Ownership of the stronghold changed hands over the centuries, with its occupiers including members of Clan Grant.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cnk8dd99znqo>

Hilarious! 23 Things You'll Only See in Canada

Canada is known for its wintry weather, fascinating nature and animal world, as well as very polite and friendly people.

Read more at:

<https://www.ba-bamail.com/humor/hilarious-23-things-youll-only-see-in-canada/>

The Purl Champions: Designer joins elite knitters hailed in craft celebration

Di Gilpin arrived at a ruined croft on the Isle of Skye in 1983, with little more than a rucksack containing a tent, some assorted balls of wool and knitting needles

Read more at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/the-purl-champions/>

Church of Scotland sells off dozens of churches, manses and offices around country as congregations fall

The Church of Scotland is selling off dozens of churches, manses and offices around the country as congregations fall. The properties are being sold as part of an ongoing downsizing exercise to ensure the Kirk is lean and fit for mission in the 21st Century.

Read more at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/church-of-scotland-sells-off-churches/>

The Sunday Post view: Unelected Lords have no place in any self-respecting, modern democracy

It is not yet a week since the Queen's funeral, a sombre but spectacular day, that brought one era to an end and signalled the beginning of another.

Read more at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/unelected-lords-have-no-place-in-any-self-respecting-modern-democracy/>

Media

By Hamish MacKay in the Scottish Review

Read more at:

<https://www.scottishreview.net/HamishMackay630a.html>

Electric Canadian

Report for July to September 2022 added to my Canadian Experience journal.

Death of Queen Elizabeth II. Massive storm in Atlantic Canada.

You can read this at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/canada_add10.htm

In the Heart of India

The Work of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission by J. T. Taylor, B.A. (1916) (pdf)

You can read about them at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/inheartofindiawo00tayluoft.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 25th day of September 2022 - Looking back

By the Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26251-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-the-25th-day-of-september-2022-looking-back>

Celtic Cousins or White Settlers?

Scottish Highlanders and First Nations by Michael Newton (pdf)

You can read this at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/Celtic_Cousins_or_White_Settlers_Scottis.pdf

Gaelic Scholar Alexander Maclean Sinclair (1840-1924)

A dissertation presented by Michael David Linkletter (pdf)

You can read about him at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/Bu_Dual_Dha_Sin_That_Was_His_Birthright.pdf

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Beth's Video Talks

September 28th, 2022 - Armigerous Clans: What are they?

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

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree

Hi, everyone. Here is your Section A of BNFT for October 2022.

It seems like it has been only half an hour since the last BNFT was done. Does time to "WHOOOOSH" by to you, too? Anyway, here is the last part of the October BNFT publication. I hope you will enjoy it as there are many exciting things for you to read in this publication.

It's only about three weeks until my speeches at Stone Mountain. They are on Friday, October 14. We haven't been to any Games at all since the pandemic started. Shucks, we haven't eaten inside a real restaurant in all that time, either. We are thrilled to get to go down to Atlanta and see our good friends who will be there as well. My speeches begin at 10 AM on Friday at the host hotel. The second speech will be at 1 PM. There's no charge, and you do not have to register. Just come to the speech place at the proper time. We normally have more fun than you're supposed to have at genealogy talks.

If the Creek don't rise, Tom will give a few minutes to Heraldry during the speech time, too! He studied for a very long time with our lovely friend, Romilly Squire, who left us way too soon.

Yesterday, I harvested one bucket of sweet potatoes from our "farm." I had eight sweet potato buckets. You're supposed to wait until the leaves die before you harvest these. I upended the bucket a bit early and got some beautiful sweet potatoes. Neither Tom nor I had ever had fresh from the garden sweet potatoes. I harvested them at about 8 AM, and they were in the oven at about 8:30. We had them as part of our lunch at just about 11:45. Neither one of us had ever tasted anything like them. My goodness, they were soooooo good! We have the rest of the 'taters to harvest and our carrot crop! I've planted fall veggies now, as well. I got some non-hybrid seeds, which come up so much better than the hybrid varieties. We'll see how the fall things go as the weather gets cooler. We enjoyed our summer vegetables so much. I think we both have become addicted to Tomato Bisque soup made from our own garden 'maters! I will try and make it from the big cans of tomatoes during the winter.

Part of my life has always been, "Be nice to everyone in the winter as you never know who will grow tomatoes in the summer!" This year, I shared with lots of folks, and that was fun, too.

Please remember to keep me up to date with your email address. If your Scottish group is doing something exciting, please send me a press release. That's free advertising for your group!

Thank you all for all of your kindnesses.

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

The newsletter of the Clan Baird Society Worldwide
Got in three of their newsletters for Spring 1978, Winter and Spring 2022

You can read these at:

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

'Mo Rùn am Fearann' – 'My Love is the Land':

Gaelic Landscapes of the 18th and 19th Centuries by Kevin James Grant (2016) (pdf)

You can read this at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/articles/Mo_Run_am_Fearann_My_Love_is_the_Land_Ga.pdf

King Charles III

Added some more videos to our page about him to also highlight his work at his home at Highgrove and also his work to restore Dumfries House and Estate.

You can watch these at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/leaves/kingcharles3.htm>

The Pronunciation of English in Scotland

By William Grant, M.A.

You can read this at:

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

Andrew Grant

On designing Gardens by the Bay. The world has been waiting with baited breath for the completion of the Gardens by the Bay scheme in Singapore and the day is nearly upon us.

You can learn more at:

https://electricscotland.com/gardening/andrew_grant.htm

Galatians

Some information about the Galatians and their Celtic roots.

You can learn about them at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bible/Galatians.htm>

Chamber's Journal

Popular Literature, Science, and Arts conducted by William and Robert Chambers, Nos. 1 To 25. January - June, 1854 (pdf)

You can read this at:

https://electricscotland.com/lifestyle/Chambers_s_Journal21.pdf

The Court Book of the Barony of Urie in Kincardineshire 1604-1747

Edited from the Original Manuscript with Notes and Introduction by the

Rev. Douglas Gordon Barron, M.A. (1892) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/gazetteer/courtbookofbaron00urierich.pdf>

The Scottish Highland Games and the Swiss Unspunnen Games

And the Idea of the Noble Savage by Axel Koehler (2010) (pdf)

You can read this at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/influence/Axel_Koehler_Patricians_Politics_and_Por.pdf

Story

Two stories for you this week from the 1914 edition of the Aberdeen Journal, Notes and Queries Vol. VII. (1914)...

The Gardens and the Cadogans

Dr George Skene Keith, in his "General View of the Agriculture of Aberdeenshire," published in 1811, has the following:—

"The county of Aberdeen has been long celebrated for its manufactures. Above 150 years ago it manufactured a species of cloth called fingrams for the foreign market, and both seys and serges for the use of the inhabitants. The lands of Gilloomston, in the vicinity of Aberdeen, which within the last 60 years have been so highly cultivated, were, at that period, an extensive sheep farm, rented by an opulent manufacturer, whose flocks depastured the suburbs which surround the city on the west and the meadow of the Dcnburn, over which one of the finest bridges in the island has lately been erected. Uniting the characters of a sheep farmer and manufacturer, he acquired a considerable fortune; and by giving employment to a number of labourers, was a great benefactor to the county. It is remarkable that the lands, which he possessed are now above a hundred times their former rent, and that several of the first families in England derive their descent from this manufacturer. The particulars are marked in a note below."

This note is as follows:—

"The person here alluded to was Mr Thomas Garden, a younger son of Garden of Banchory, a respectable family that possessed for several centuries a considerable estate, situated in the county of Kincardine, but within four miles of the city of Aberdeen. He was Deacon-Convener of the incorporated trades of that city, and rented from Mr Menzies of Pibfodds the lands of Gilcomston for 500 merks Scots, or £27 15s 6d. (They now yield above £3000.) He left to his oldest daughter 27,000 merks Scots, or £1500 sterling; a very considerable sum in those days. To the great mortification of her relatives, she married a Lieutenant Cadogan, at that time a subaltern officer in Oliver Cromwell's army. But the marriage, though at first offensive, proved in the end both advantageous and honourable. Her husband rose to be a colonel, a general, and lastly to be a peer. Of him were descended the Lords and Earls of Cadogan, the Dukes of Richmond and Leinster, Earl Verney, Lord Holland, the Right Hon. Charles James Fox, and a number of persons of the first rank in England in consequence of intermarriages with the Cadogan family.

What is yet more to their honour, they did not neglect their Scotch relatives, who at first thought themselves affronted by Miss Gaidenko marriage. Lord Cadogan, in 1733, obtained a royal presentation to the church of Banchory. in which the paternal estate of the Garden family was situated, in favour of the Rev. James Nicolson, who was a grandson of Convener Garden by his second daughter. Mr Nicolson named a daughter Cadogan, and afterwards a son Charles, out of respect to his lordship. And it was in no small degree owing to the interest of Lord Cadogan that Air Garden of Troup, the male representative of Convener Garden, obtained a very advantageous lease of the forfeited estates. A farm that has increased a hundred times its former value and a farmer who was the ancestor of so many peers deserved to be noticed in this report."

One hesitates to challenge such an interesting story, set out with such an air of veracity. But, beyond the fact that Thomas Garden, "tailour," was Deacon-Convener of the Incorporated Trades in 1627, 1628, and again in 1631, the story is sadly in need of corroboration. Oliver Cromwell's army was in existence—on a very generous interpretation of the phrase— from 1642 to 1658; but the Cadogan of that period from whom the Lords and Earls of Cadogan" are descended, was, according to Burke's Peerage, a William Cadogan, who was M.P. for Monaghan and secretary to the Earl of Strafford, the Lord-Lieutenant, and who, being a major in the army, " distinguished himself by his defence of the Castle of Trim in the civil wars." He was born in 1601, and died in 1661; and he was twice married— first, to Elizabeth Thring of Drogheda, and, secondly, to Elizabeth Roberts of Carnarvon. He had an only son by his second wife—Henry Cadogan (1642-1713-4), who married Bridget Waller; and the eldest son of this marriage, William Cadogan (1672-1726), was a General in the army which took part in the campaigns of the Duke of

Marlborough and succeeded Marlborough in its command. He was created Lord Cadogan in 1716, and two years later was raised to Earl's rank. This Earl Cadogan had two daughters, one of whom married the second Duke of Richmond; the other married Count Bentinck, fourth son of the first Earl of Portland.

Can any reader account for Dr Skene Keith's statement that Thomas Garden's daughter was the ancestor of the Earls of Cadogan and the other "persons of the first rank in England"?

The presentation of Rev. James Nicolson to the church of Banchory-Devenick is stated in Scott's "Fasti" to have taken place in 1757, not in 1733; but Dr Skene Keith's citation of the latter date is not a serious mistake.

An expiscation of the genealogy of the Gardynes or Gardens of Nether Banchory would also be welcome. Mr John A. Henderson has furnished some interesting particulars regarding them in his "History of Banchory-Devenick." We learn from him that Alexander Garden of Banchory - Devenick acquired Kirktown of Banchory in 1618, but was obliged five years later, owing to financial embarrassment, to sell both properties to William Forbes of Monymusk. He had two sons, both of whom, according to Mr Henderson, went abroad. One of them, Major Alexander Garden, attained distinction at the Swedish Court, but returned to Scotland in 1654, and purchased the estate of Troup, in Banffshire. What was Thomas Garden's relationship to Major Alexander Garden of Troup? Was he a brother?

The Farquharsons of Balmoral

So little is known of the family of Farquharsons who once owned Balmoral that no apology is needed for presenting an account of them, compiled from the brochure on "Farquharson Genealogies. No. II. Inverey Branch," recently published by Mr A. M. Mackintosh, Nairn.

The connection of the Farquharsons with Balmoral dates from 1632, when the Smiddy Croft of Balmoral was included in the feu-charter of Inverey, which was granted to James Farquharson, the first Farquharson of Inverey, by John, Earl of Mar. In 1647, James Farquharson obtained from his kinsman, Robert Farquharson of Invercauld, an assignment of a contract of wadset, made between Invercauld, and James Gordon of Balmoral, 14th March, 1642, of "the town and lands of Bahnurrell, with the pendicle thereof called Balmenach and the lands of Inveryelder," extending in all to 14 oxgates, with buildings, mills, shealings, and all pertinents, together with the teinds. By charter of 22nd June, 1653, however, no wadset the same subjects to William Farquharson of Inverchat, third son of Robert Farquharson, first of Finzean, who took sasine 4th July, 1653.

William Farquharson of Inverchat, on 16th November, 1655, disposed the wadset to William Farquharson, second of Inverey (son of James, first of Inverey, by his first wife, Catherine Gordon), who, on 10th April, 1662, "apprised" the lands—that is, foreclosed the mortgage from George Gordon and Robert Gordon, sons of James Gordon; and on 18th June he obtained a charter of confirmation to them from John, Earl of Mar, on which he took sasine two days later.

From a sasine of 19th December, 1692, it appears that some time before 30th November, 1664, William Farquharson (Inverey) wad-setted the "lands of the manor place of Balmorrall," oxgates, to his cousin, Alexander of Finzean.

James Farquharson of Balmoral (grandson of William the second of Inverey), who had been a merchant in Aberdeen, and became a Burgess of Guild on 23rd February, 1712 received a charter of Balmoral on 18th February, 1726. from the Erskines of Grange and Dun as joint superiors of the earldom of Mar; but it is not unlikely that he held it during part of the lifetime of his uncle Charles, perhaps under some arrangement by which he administered the property during the latter's exile in France after 1708. This Charles Farquharson was a major of the Mar men at the Revolution under Dundee, and was wounded at Killiecrankie. He was one of the small band of Jacobite agents through whom communications were kept up between the Chevalier and his adherents in Britain. Returning to St Germain, he died there unmarried. James Farquharson is found with the style "of Balmoral" as early as 1711. On 25th June, 1750 he was served heir male and of provision general to his elder brothers Patrick and Charles, of Inverey, thus becoming proprietor, in addition to Balmoral, of Inverey etc. He was "out" in the 45. and his share in the rising is summarised in the "List of Persons in the Rebellion" (Scottish History Society). He was the eighth proprietor of Inverey.

He was succeeded in Inverey, Balmoral, etc., by his cousin, John Farquharson, under a disposition by James Farquharson, dated 23rd February, 1753. John Farquharson's possession was brief, however, and he died before making up his titles to the estates.

On his death in 1751, Alexander Farquharson of Anchindryne (great-grandson of James first of Inverey by his second wife, Agnes Ferries or Ferguson, daughter of the minister of Crathie) succeeded to Inverey, Balmoral, Tullich, and Aul' blog; in under James Farquharson's disposition. He appears to have made Balmoral the principal residence of the family, and is occasionally found with the style "of Balmoral." He died there on 7th January, 1786.

To him succeeded his older son, James Farquharson, who alienated the several properties. He married a daughter of Francis Farquharson of Finzean but had no issue.

"From various causes," says Air Mackintosh, "it is evident that James succeeded to an embarrassed estate. With Auchindryne alone his father's resources had been seriously crippled by costly litigation during his minority, while with Inverey, Balmoral, and the other lands to which he succeeded came burdens and liabilities arising from the debts left by previous holders, and from the participation of the eighth Inverey in the Rising of 1745. With prudence and economy matters might perhaps in a short time have been placed on a satisfactory footing, but these virtues were lacking in the now laird, who seems to have taken to extravagant courses and tried to appear a greater man than his forbears or than was warranted by his circumstances.

"The end was the alienation and breaking up of the estate which had been won for the family by the labours and good management of the first Inverey and his successors, and the severance of the family's long and eventful connection with the district. Inverey and Auchindryne were sold to the second Earl of Fife in 1786; Balmoral was sold to the same purchaser in 1798 by the trustees in whose hands James's affairs had to be placed; while Auchlossan passed to Farquharson of Finzean, and the more valuable lands of Tullish and Ballater were transferred to William Farquharson of Monaltrie in exchange for the small estate of Bruxie, in the parish of Old Deer. On the death of William of Monaltrie without issue in 1823, Tullich and Ballater passed to the Invercauld family."

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

Alastair