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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Clansmen,

To all our new Members I give you a very warm welcome into Clan Scott. We are certainly spreading our wings so to speak, as we have members in New Zealand, also North Carolina, USA.

I attended a luncheon, in Melbourne, held in honour of the Earl of Caithness. Here is a brief report on Malcolm Ian Sinclair, the 58th Earl Caithness (Caithness is the most northern County on the mainland of Britain).

Malcolm spent the most part of his childhood at Balmoral, on Royal Deeside, in Aberdeenshire, his father Brigadier Roderick Sinclair was the Factor. Malcolm studied at the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester, he also worked on our Duke's Estate at Drumlanrig.

His hereditary Peerage give him the right to sit in the House of Lords. In 1984 the Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher invited him to be part of her Government. He started as a Whip and Lord in waiting to the Queen, than Under Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, on to Minister of State at the Home Office, the Department of Environment, the Treasury and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The only Peer in the 20th Century to have served in the three great Departments of State. He was made Privy Councillor to the Queen in 1990.

Malcolm inherited the title on the death of his father in 1965 aged 16. The Title dates back to 875 when Caithness, Orkney and Shetland were parts of the Norwegian realm, Rognvald Jarl (Prince or Earl) of Moeri was granted the title by King Harald of Norway. In 1455 King James II of Scotland with Caithness but not yet Orkney or Shetland under Scottish Rule, granted the title to William Sinclair. That is why Malcolm is both the 58th (under Nordic dynasty) and 20th under Scottish law.

As my Middle name is Sinclair and I come from Orkney he tried to persuade me to become a member of Clan Sinclair, I thanked him for the invitation, but graciously declined.

The Queen Mother bought the Castle of May from Malcoln, but will bequeath the Castle to Clan Sinclair. The Queen Mother is Patron of the Clan.

I will give a brief history of how our Duke's Ancestors inherited the title of Queensberry, also how he became the Chief of Clan Douglas as well as Chief of Clan Scott.

Coming Events: 6 April 2001 - Arbroath Day, Brisbane, QLD
4 May 2001 - Annual General Meeting, Glen Innes, NSW
4 - 6 May 2001 - 9th Australian Celtic Festival, Glen Innes, NSW
11 May 2001 - "The Celts are Coming", Brisbane, QLD - Clan Scott Group Booking

A Charter dated 1356 states that the Barony of Drumlanrig was originally a property of the Earls of Mars. In 1388 when James, 2nd Earl of Douglas and Mar died at the Battle of Otterburn it passed to his son William Douglas, who became 1st Laird of Drumlanrig together with the Barony of Hawick which he was granted by Archibald 4th Earl of Douglas.

Sir James Douglas, known as the Black Douglas, was a friend of Robert the Bruce. This enforced removal from the territorial struggles of the great feudal magnates helps to account for the fact that from 1388 this Drumlanrig line of the Douglases succeeded each other, father to son, for 13 generations down to the death of Charles, 3rd Duke of Queensberry, in 1778.

The Douglases were great Royalists, that is why their Crest is the Heart and Wings, representing the Heart of Robert the Bruce. The Black Douglas was on his way to the Holy Land where he was taking Robert the Bruce's heart in fulfilment of a death bed promise. While fighting in Spain he was mortally wounded and flung the heart before he died, no one knows what happened to the heart.

Sir Walter Scott had a Charter to the Barony of Kirkud from King Robert II in 1389, and his son Robert acquired the lands of Branxholm.

The fortunes of the Scotts expanded after the eclipse of the mighty Douglases in 1455, Branxholm was erected into a Barony, although by that time the Scotts Chiefs had adopted the name of Buccleuch.

Branxholm Castle was set on fire on two occasions by the English. There was fierce rivalry with the Kerrs. Scott and Kerr sometimes split the ward of the Middle Ward between them. Sir Walter of Buccleuch, who was sole Warden, was killed by the jealous Kerrs in Edinburgh High Street in 1552. This was the man who offered the infant Mary Queen of Scots over to Henry VIII.

The 2nd Earl of Buccleuch died in 1651 leaving an only daughter, Anna, an eligible heiress. She was married to the Duke of Monmouth, an illegitimate son of Charles II, who took the name of Scott and became also the Duke of Buccleuch. She was made the Duchess of Buccleuch in her own right and after her husband's rebellion and execution the title and lands remained intact through her.

The 3rd Duke of Buccleuch married the Douglas heiress, thereby acquiring the huge estates of the Duchy of

Queensberry, including the Douglas seat at Drumlanrig and becoming one of the richest men in Britain.

This is the 3rd Castle that has stood on this site, fulfilling the old Prophecy. "He who stands on the Hassock Hill shall rule all Nithsdale at his will"

I hope I have given a wee bit of history into our Clan.

If any one has anything to offer for the News Letter please let Michael know, no matter how little, it would be nice to hear from the members, and I can assure you it would be Appreciated.

The Treasurer wants to remind members that their membership is due 01:03: 01.

Hope to see as many as possible at Glen Innes for the A.G.M. and to witness Scott Clan placing the stones in the niche in the wall.

To the next Newsletter

Jim. President.

WELCOME ABOARD

It's time to welcome all our New Members. Well, we have "**Gone International**" and recruited our first members from New Zealand and the United States of America. On the home front we have also gained our first South Australian Member and increased membership in The Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia. We are also awaiting replies from other contacts from 'across the creek' in NZ and another Queenslander.

A true Aussie Scott Welcome to:

Pamela Wilkie from New Plymouth, Taranaki, NZ;

Warren Dorman from Oak Island, North Carolina USA who was born at Bankstown, NSW;

Bonita Trenwith from Flagstaff Hill, SA (NZ born);

Gordon Scott from Deakin, ACT;

Leslie Scott from Daley's Point, NSW;

Marguerita Mary Boden Cavanagh from Narre Warren, VIC;

John Gould from Noranda, WA;

Members are to be congratulated for their recruiting efforts over the period. Looking back at my records, when I published the first edition of "The Stag in the Blaeberry Review" I posted 21 copies which included our Clan Chief and the mandatory copy to the State Library of Queensland. Today, only 10 months later, we have 53 Members and I send out 53 copies to Members and Kindred Societies. The newsletter now goes to our Clan Chief, Clan Scott Society (UK), Clan Scott Society Inc. (USA), New Zealand and every

mainland State of Australia (still waiting for our first Tassie Scott but I'm working on that one.) Then there are copies of the Electronic Edition being sent by e-mail to a number of addressees world wide.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

ALL Members are reminded that our Financial Year covers the period 1 March - 28/29 February and that Fees for 2001-02 are due on or before 1 March 2001. Please **attach your cheque**, made out to Clan Scott Association of Australia, **to the enclosed Payment Slip** and forward to the Treasurer by the due date. Members **\$10 per person** and Juniors **\$5 each**. Sub-Juniors are FREE.

If you joined on or after 1st December 2000, you are a current financial member for 2000 **AND** 2001 and are not required to pay further fees until 1 March 2002.

Members are reminded that they are not eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting, or any other meeting, if they are not financial.

Your co-operation in attending to this matter will be appreciated.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2001

4th May 2001 - GLEN INNES, NSW

The Constitution of the Clan Scott Association of Australia requires that an Annual General Meeting be held once per year and then within 3 months after the end of the Association's Financial Year. Therefore we are required to hold our AGM on or before 31 May 2001.

It was decided by consensus of Members in 2000 that the Annual General Meeting be held on rotation in the various States with the Annual General Meeting 2001 being held to coincide with the Dedication of the Clan Scott Stones at the 9th Australian Celtic Festival, Glen Innes, NSW.

NOTICE OF MEETING: In accordance with the Constitution, notice will be formally given to all Financial Members in the next few weeks. However, this note is to give you early warning that the **Annual General Meeting 2001** of Clan Scott Association of Australia is to be held at: **ALPHA MOTEL, New England Highway, GLEN INNES, N.S.W., 2370 on Friday, 4th May 2000, commencing at 3.00 PM.**

Please consider whom you want to represent YOU for the next year and be prepared to submit nominations and any motions you wish to raise when asked.



SICK PARADE



Many of you will not know that our **Honourary Secretary and NSW Vice-President, Jean Scott-Deaner** was not too well over the Christmas period. In early December, Jean had "a coronary event" (quaint medical terms they use these days) and spent a few days in the Maclean Hospital. We are pleased to advise that Jean has recovered well and is again operating from home, albeit at an enforced reduced pace. We wish Jean well and a continuing good rate of progress on her way back to health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Members are invited to submit Letters to the Editor.

Letter No. 1

Dear Sir,

Through medium of the "newsletter" I would like to say a big THANK YOU for the support and best wishes from members of Clan Scott during my recent sudden hospitalisation. To know that I had the concern of the Clan Family Australia wide, was very uplifting and much appreciated. Many thanks for the phone calls, cards etc. - and the flowers were spectacular.

Clan Scott truly rallied to my cause and helped in my recovery. Thanks everyone.

Sincerely

Jean Scott-Deaner

Letter No. 2

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Dear Major McCarthy

Please will you convey my most grateful thanks to the members of the Clan Scott Association of Australia for their kind and thoughtful message to me. I was most touched that you and they should have taken the trouble to send good wishes on my birthday - nothing could have given me, and my husband greater pleasure than to be remembered in this way, and I shall put your fax safely into the archives for future generations to see.

With my sincere thanks again to you all, and in hopes of seeing some of you in Scotland again.

Yours

Jane Buccleuch and Queensberry

I can assure Her Grace that it was definitely no trouble.

Michael the Ed.

MEET THE MEMBERS



Long time coming but, here is part of the
Scott Family of Victoria:

Rev Jim Scott, Heather Scott,
Sarah-Anne (L) and Natalie (R)

We learned in the December 2000 Edition that Pastor Jim (James Stewart Scott) had graduated with a BA. His Double Majors were Theology and Pastoral Work. Writing Project - "Augustine's defence of free will - The argument against a change in his views."



JUNIOR FORUM

I previously mentioned that we should include items of interest to our Junior & Sub-Junior Members. So, here is the "Junior Forum" which, hopefully, will become a regular feature. The "Older" Members are also invited to contribute items to or ask questions of our Juniors through this Forum. They are the FUTURE of this Association so we need to cultivate and KEEP their interest so that the Clan Scott Association continues to flourish. I feel the following passage most appropriate.

"We understand that we are part of a continuum, a connection between the past and the future. We understand that today is built upon yesterday and lays the foundation for tomorrow. We look back so that we can look forward, leaving a legacy on which future generations can build." Susan Cromarty, Editor, "Scots"

Thanks to Robert Scott for drawing this quote to my attention just when I was looking for some words of wisdom. **Michael the Ed.**

Thanks Alicshia for this opening article. **Ed.**

Alicshia's Letter

Hi! My name is Alicshia McCormick. Everyone would have seen my picture, where I am wearing my dancing outfit, in an earlier edition.

As the number one junior member I have the pleasure to start our youth forum column. The idea of the column is to introduce the junior and sub-junior members to all members of the clan family.

At present I am 14 years old. I am going into grade 9 this year at school. My hobbies include highland dancing, swimming, netball, learning the bagpipes and playing the clarinet.

I am in two out-of-school activities, which I enjoy very much. The first one is called the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. I am a Worthy Advisor, which is a leader, of Illawarra / Campbelltown. I am going into Grand Love for the Grand Assembly of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. My other activity is Highland Dancing. I started highland dancing three and a half years ago and I am now a competitive dancer. I wear the dress Scott kilt, which I am very proud of. My ambition is to move through to the premier grade.

Because of my Scott ancestry I was very excited to be able to join the Clan Scott Association of Australia. I like the idea of being involved with the clan group as there is so much history and heritage to learn about. I like reading the clan newsletter. I like reading about my distant relatives and the activities of the association throughout Australia. Through my dancing I feel I am promoting Clan Scott and I am proud of that.

I think it was an excellent idea to ask us, the junior and sub-junior members, what we would like to do as we are the future of this association.

I am sure that Sarah-Anne would continue this idea along and I look forward to reading her contribution in a later edition of the newsletter.

From Alicshia

SPECIAL: "The Celts are Coming" Clan Scott Group Booking

"The Celts are Coming" to Brisbane in the Concert Hall of The Performing Arts Centre, South Bank in May 2001. Because of the popularity of this and similar shows, I have taken the liberty of reserving a **Group Booking of 20** seats for the **Opening Night, Friday, 11th May at 8.00 PM** in the name of Clan Scott, as I forecast in the December 2000 Newsletter.

Tickets cost \$44.50 each for Group Bookings (Minimum of 10 People) or \$49.50 each for individual tickets. Concessions are NOT available for Group Bookings. Our Block is booked in the Middle of Rows

T & U (10 in each row) in the Terraced Stalls. These are A Reserve seats, the best in the house, held especially for Group Bookings and have a great view of the stage.

This is another great opportunity to go out and enjoy ourselves and to showcase Clan Scott Association of Australia.

Please keep in touch as, if we don't get the required 20 Members(including partners), you will be invited to ask your friends along to join us to make up the numbers. This is highly likely as we only have 9 Queensland Members and I have not, at this stage, had any Interstate enquiries, except an expression of interest from NSW VP Jean.

If we do not get 10 acceptances, we can still make a booking to sit together as a group but we will have to pay the Individual Ticket price of \$49.50.

It is important that ALL interested members contact me, **with your payment to confirm your bookings BEFORE 15 March 2001** so I can either confirm or cancel the Group Booking and, if necessary, change it to a gathering of individuals. Helene & I are going anyway, so why not come and join us for a wonderful performance.

Michael the Ed.

FROM THE MEMBERS

ALL Members are invited to submit articles for publication - it is YOUR Newsletter, so please let us know about your interests. As you see below, all items will be published - even if it is "eventually"

Ed.

"Scott" in Western Australia.

WA's third largest city, Bunbury was actually founded by a John and Helen Scott (in fact they were the first permanent settlers, in partnership with Capt. James Stirling, our first Governor) who commenced farming on the Preston River, central Bunbury in the 1830's. Mrs. Scott, as she was known, was highly respected throughout the general region as a midwife (she was the daughter of a Doctor) and for her general kindness and hospitality.

John Scott, equally, was also highly respected in the region for his farming prowess and with his wife, for his excellent relations with the local aborigines. They produced three sons, including one adopted, who continued the family's high standing in the community.

I don't know if they're all related, but today the Scott name is very significant in this region (and highly respected), including one nearby town Capel, whose population, as rumour would have it, is almost entirely comprised of Scott's (well the complete membership of the local golf club is anyway).

**Michael Crabbe
Member WA**

NOTE: I have had this letter from Michael for some time, actually since April 2000, (Whoops!!) but misplaced it so here it is now Michael.

If you contact WA Vice-President Bruce I'm sure he will provide enough Membership Applications for the Clan Scott of Capel. If there are that many you could qualify as the Recruiter of the Year.!! ☺ ☺ ☺

Go to it , Michael of the West.

Michael the Ed.

Mother Bryce's Kitchen

25 g butter, 25g flour, 125ml milk, 25g caster sugar, 2 tablespoons Drambuie, 3 egg yolks,
4 egg whites (beaten), 400g raspberries, whipped cream.

Prince Charlie's Souffle

Melt the butter over a low heat and blend the flour. Cook for a minute. Remove from the heat and gradually beat in the milk. Add sugar and heat until the mixture leaves the sides of the pan. Leave to cool for a few minutes and add the Drambuie. Beat the egg yolks into the mixture, one at a time. Fold in the egg whites. Pour into a greased souffle dish and bake in the centre of a fairly hot oven (190C,375F, gas mark 5) for 35 minutes. Serve at once with raspberries and cream.

SCOTRIVIA

By Bruce Scott

James Hogg's Scott Connections

James Hogg, poet and writer of romantic prose had a number of Scott connections. Hogg had only six years of formal education, and only learned to read properly whilst working as a shepherd for Laidlaw of Blackhouse who supplied him with books. His education in the traditional ballads and legends of the Borders, however, was complete.

Initially the young Hogg composed and corrected verses in his mind. Then with "laborious toil" committed them to paper, only being able to cope with four to six lines at a sitting.

Hogg drew much of his inspiration from his mother, Margaret Laidlaw, who had accumulated a wealth of Border traditions. The ballad *Auld Maitland* came to her from auld Babby Metlan (Maitland), housekeeper to the last of the Scotts of Tushielaw. Hogg copied it out for Will Laidlaw, Sir Walter Scott's friend and assistant, and thus began the long association of the two writers.

From 1814 until his death in 1835, Hogg leased Altrive farm from the Duke of Buccleuch. A further connection is found in an ancestor of Hogg, the Witch of Fauldshope, who is believed to have given rise to the disputed tradition that Michael Scott, the Wizard, once lived at Aikwood Tower.

Hogg, known as 'the Ettrick Shepherd', is now best remembered for his novel *The Confessions of a Justified Sinner* (1824), an investigation into the dark side of the Scottish Calvinistic mentality. A statue of Hogg stands - or rather sits, with his beloved Border Collie, Hector, at his feet - at St Mary's Loch, southwest of Selkirk.

A Tower of Inspiration

A typical peel tower from the days of the Border Reivers, Smailholm was originally a Pringle stronghold. In 1645, Sir William Scott of Harden purchased it and the land was subsequently leased to Sir Walter Scott's great grandfather, "Beardie", the old Jacobite. It was possibly the sight of Smailholm that helped fire Walter Scott's imagination when, as a sickly child, he was brought up by his grandparents at nearby Sandyknowe farm.

Smailholm Tower

And still I thought that shattered tower
The mightiest work of human power;
And marvelled at the ancient hind
With some strange tale bewitched my mind,
Of forayers, who, with headlong force,
Down from that strength had spurred their horse,
Their southern rapine to renew,
Far in distant Cheviot blue,
And, on returning filled the hall
With revel, wassel-rout, and brawl,
Methought grim features, seam'd with scars
Glared through the window's rusty bars,
And ever, by winter hearth,
Old tales I heard of woe and mirth,
Of lovers slights, of ladies charms,
Of witches spells, of warriors arms.

Sir Walter Scott
Marmion

What the blazes is wassel-rout?

Tracking Down Ancestors

A useful aid in searching for those elusive ancestors is the Family Search website at www.familysearch.org. I have managed to find all of my great grandfather's siblings, date of marriage of his parents and their dates of birth. I am also about 95% convinced I have found the next generation back, but I need some further information to be certain. If I am on the right track this takes me back to 1742, the date of birth of my g.g.g. grandfather. This is also a free site.

A Slight Misunderstanding

When the Provost of Edinburgh was interrogated in the House of Lords concerning the murder of Captain Porteus by the Mob, the Duke of Newcastle demanded to know what type of shot the guard's muskets were loaded with. "Ou, just sic as ane shoots *dukes and fools* with", he replied. Contempt proceedings were only just avoided by the intervention of the Duke of Argyle, who explained that the expression, in proper English, meant *ducks and fowls*.

A False Alarm on the Borders

In 1804, Britain stood in readiness for a cross channel invasion from Boulogne where Napoleon's army awaited favourable conditions to embark. Signal fires had been prepared atop vantage points, and many an anxious glance was cast towards some nearby "Law" or "Fell" where local folk knew that a beacon lay ready to be fired by those who kept watch.

On the night of 31st January, the long awaited summons came. All across the Border, on hill after hill where of old such signals warned of night riders, a tiny spark was seen, then a tongue of flame reaching skyward. The French were coming!

Just as in the fiercest days of the old Border wars, once more came the call to arms. Throughout the night, the members of the yeomanry units galloped recklessly across country scarcely served by roads to reach their assembly points. Hardly a man failed to report for duty, and it was with feelings of both relief and disappointment that they discovered they were not to have a chance to have a go at "Boney". A watcher at Home Castle had mistaken a fire lit by some Northumbrian charcoal burners as the Berwick beacon.

There is no doubt that the spirit of the Borderers of old still burned strongly in the 19th century volunteers. Many of the yeomanry rode forty or fifty miles that night, and even greater distances were covered. Sir Walter Scott was in Cumberland when he received word of the firing

of the beacons. Within 24 hours, he and his horse joined his regiment at Dalkeith, a distance of 100 miles from his starting point.

Many a tale was to be told of the events of that memorable night. A Selkirk volunteer named Chisholm had been married that day, but there was no hesitation on his part. "Weel Peggy, my woman," he said on parting with his day old bride, "if I'm killed ye'll hear tell o't. And if I'm no killed, I'll come back as sune as I can." Another volunteer was a particularly "canny" fellow. When asked by his anxious mother if he had any money with him in case of need, he replied "Na, na, they may kill me if they like but they'll get nae siller off *me*."

Bruce Scott WAVP

Poets Corner

I think it is particularly appropriate that William Henry Ogilvie is the first poet featured in this new column. Of course, it would have been easy to choose Burns or the oft-quoted and much loved Scott, but Will Ogilvie was not only a great lover of the Borders, he was also a great admirer of Australia and Australians.

Ogilvie was born at Kelso in 1869. He came to Australia in 1889 and worked as a drover, horse breaker and general farm hand before returning to Scotland in 1901. Ogilvie wrote many poems in the Aussie bush genre during and after his time in Australia. His collection of Border poetry was published in 1959.

William Henry Ogilvie died in 1963. A cairn to his memory stands beside the hill road to Robertson overlooking his beloved Border Hills.

Ogilvie's poem *The Raiders* gives a somewhat romantic view of a Border raid but it also creates some powerful images.

The Raiders

Last night a wind from Lammermoor came roaring up the glen.
With the tramp of trooping horses and laugh of reckless men.
And struck forth a mailed hand upon the gate and cried in rebel glee:

"Come forth, come forth, my Borderer and ride the March with me!"

I said: "Oh Wind of Lammermoor, the night's to dark to ride,
And all the men that fill the glen are ghosts of men that died!
The floods are down by Bowmont Burn, the moss is fetlock deep;

Go back, wild wind of Lammermoor, to Lauderdale - and sleep!"
Out spoke the Wind of Lammermoor, "We know the road right well,

The road that runs by Kael and Jed across the Carter Fell,
There is no man of all the men in this grey troop of mine,
But blind might ride the Borderside from Teviothead to Tyne!"

The horses fretted on their bits and pawed the flints to fire,
The riders swung them to the South full-faced to their desire;
"Come", said the Wind of Lammermoor, and spoke full scornfully,
"Have ye no pride to mount and ride your father's road with me?"

A roan horse to the gate they led, foam flecked and travelled far,

A snorting roan that tossed his head and flashed his forehead star.

There came a sound of clashing steel and hoof tramp up the glen,

And two by two we cantered through a troop of ghostly men.

I know not if the farms we fired are burned to ashes yet!

I know not if the stirks grew tired before the stars were set!

I only know that late last night when northern winds blew free,

A troop of men rode up the glen and brought a horse for me!

William Henry Ogilvie

If you have a favourite piece of Scots (or Scotts) poetry that you would like to share, send it in to Poets Corner.

Western Australian News

After a wait of some months a recruiting notice was finally published in the freebie *Can You Help* column in the West Australian. Six enquiries were received resulting in one new membership to date. Welcome aboard **John Gould**.

WA received some assistance from an unexpected quarter that demonstrates the value of the Internet. Isabel and Wally Scott from NSW made contact with **Dawn Townsend** from WA on a family history site and put her in touch with Bruce. Dawn's application will be in just as soon as she confirms her Scott ancestor's details.

Some coming events in the West are:

Burns Supper Saturday 27th January at the Inglewood Civic Centre - book through the Caledonian Society - and Highland Games in Albany in March. Further details for the Games will be sent out to WA members once they are confirmed

Just a thought...

If every member were to recruit just one person, our membership would double overnight. **Bruce WA VP**

BRANXHOLM

The following quotation comes from the Imperial Gazetteer of Scotland, edited by John Marius Wilson and published in 1868. This reference was found in volume I, p.196:

"BRANXHOLM, a mansion, formerly a feudal castle, in the parish of Hawick, Roxburghshire. It stands in the valley of the Teviot, about 3 miles above the town of Hawick. It possesses great celebrity as the ancient **seat of the ducal family of Buccleuch**, as the central point of vast military strength in the roystering period of the

border forays, as the key for ages to all the strong places in Teviotdale, and as a prominent locality and brilliant figurant in Scott's Lay of the Last Minstrel. It was long the scene of great baronial splendour, and it is classical alike in old balladry and in some of the finest modern songs and lyrics. The original pile - or rather that of the most sumptuous period - was burnt down in 1532 by the Earl of Northumberland, and blown up with gunpowder in 1570 during the invasion of the Earl of Surrey; and a successor to it was commenced in 1571 by its owner Sir Walter Scott of Branxholm, and completed in 1574 by his widow. The present structure is very much smaller than the ancient one; and, with the exception of an old square tower of immense strength of masonry, it looks less like a castle than an old Scottish mansion-house. But its situation is strong and beautiful, and must evidently have invested it with mighty importance in the olden troublous times. The site is a bold bank, overhanging the river, surrounded by a fine young thriving wood, and shut suddenly in by heights which give the vale for some distance the narrowness of a dell; and so abruptly does the place burst on the view of a traveller from either above or below that he would be perfectly charm-struck with it, even were it unaided by any historical association; and so sternly did the ancient castle overawe the gorge, and hold armed men in readiness to defend it, that any attempt of English marauders to pass through without subduing the garrison must have been absolutely hopeless."

My great-grandfather, James Scott (1840-1920) was the son of George Scott (of Ratho) and Helen Bentley Tennant (the daughter of one of the biggest landowners in Scotland). He migrated to Queensland in 1865, and set up as a watchmaker at South Brisbane before commencing farming on a property he named "Ratha" on Scott Lane at North Maclean and married Lady Maria Wynne who was the grand-daughter of Lord Talbot of Malahide, Ireland and the daughter of his neighbour from across Scott Lane. Maria's brother, Richard Talbot Wynne, in partnership with her husband, James Scott, built and operated the "Teviot Hotel" on Teviot Road near where Teviot Brook runs into the Logan River near Jimboomba and South Maclean, just off the Beaudesert road to the south-west of Brisbane. James Scott assisted in designing and building the hotel, which was commenced in 1870.

The North Maclean Cemetery is situated on part of James Scott's property "Ratha" on Scott Lane, North Maclean and almost all the Scott family for several generations are buried there.

Having read the above extract, I now know why they named the hotel the "Teviot" - its structure, geographical situation and local vista are almost identical to that credited to Branxholm in the story.

Michael the Ed.

SCOTTs in Sport 2.

In the December 2000 Edition I drew attention to our Scotts in Sport. The Sunday Mail, Brisbane carried a photo and story of the wedding on Saturday 20 January of Olympic rower Rob Scott and Liz Weekes, the goal keeper of the Gold Medal winning Women's Water Polo team of which my sister-in-law was Vice-Captain. How about that!!!

TV News of 22 January advised us that Queensland golfer Adam Scott today WON the Alfred Dunhill Championship at Johannesburg, South Africa. Well done, fellow Queensland SCOTT!!!

I told you to watch out for him!!! **Michael the Ed.**

GLEN INNES 2001



The Wall

The above photo shows the dedication wall on the Western side of Tynwald Hill at the Australian Standing Stones, Glen Innes. It is in this wall, during the Australian Celtic Festival 2001, that Clan Scott Association of Australia will be placing and dedicating the stones 'recovered' from Drumlanrig Castle and The Ring of Brodgar. This is particularly significant as the Australian Standing Stones are based on the Ring of Brodgar which lies at Stennis on Orkney and is situated on land owned by an uncle of our Treasurer Bryce Scott. **Ed.**

"Scott" in the Family

Doing a bit of family history research the other day and found that 2 of Helene's Cousins in Tasmania (sisters) married 2 SCOTT brothers.

My grandfather McCarthy and his brother also married 2 SCOTT sisters in Brisbane.

We had also forgotten that Helene's Godmother was Joan SCOTT, then of Southport, QLD and late of UK.

Thanks also to Bruce (WA VP), for his mention of the Family Search web page. I checked it out and found the 1808 Christening of my great-great-grandmother Helen Bentley Tennant and her marriage to my great-great-grandfather George Scott in 1834.

In the above item on Branxton, you will see a short reference to my great-grandfather, James Scott who migrated to Australia. So we get the "big picture" about where we all come from, I would appreciate members writing a few lines about their "First Settler" Scott in Australia. I am sure other Members would also be interested. **REQUEST: Please** limit your submission to 200 words. I the Branxholm item, the paragraph on my g-gf, is actually 202 words so that will give you a guide to the size required.

Michael the Ed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Opening Balance @ 2 Nov 2000	\$616.88	
Deposits	\$ 20.00	\$636.88

Cheques Paid

Baxter Post Office	\$ 11.10	
Architectural Signs	\$180.40	\$191.50

Bank Balance @ 2 Dec 2000		\$445.38
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Donation	\$200.00	
Deposits	\$ 30.00	\$675.38

Cheques Paid

Abigail Flowers	\$ 52.25	
Govt Taxes	\$.55	\$ 52.80

Bank Balance @ 2 Jan 01		\$622.58
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Cheques Outstanding:

Scottish Banner	\$150.00	
Scottish Clans Congress of Qld	\$ 30.00	
Newsletter Editor	\$119.01	\$299.01

Bank Balance @ 19 Jan 01		\$323.57
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My last report stated the Banner was \$100.00, the cheque has been cancelled, new cheque issued.

Bryce Scott
Treasurer

EDITORIAL

I get great pleasure from producing this Newsletter and I am particularly buoyed by the amount of effort Members go to to submit items for publication. I have edited a couple of small newsletters in the past but this is the **ONLY** one I have NOT had to badger Members to submit articles. (Most others didn't submit articles even

when badgered.) This tells me that you also like what you see and read while your most encouraging telephone calls and notes confirm this. I thank you all for your involvement.

Your support has seen "The Stag in the Blaeberry Review" expand rapidly and this edition is no exception with Junior Forum and Letters to the Editor making their appearance. It obviously fills a need of our Members.

However, I see one problem. I would personally love to keep this format and to keep producing YOUR Newsletter on a regular basis but it is becoming quite expensive in postage and paper. I would, therefore, like to canvass the feeling of Members for a modest increase in Membership Fees of, say, \$5-00 per person per year, to help cover the costs and to stop draining funds which can be used on other things.

Failing an increase in Fees, does any Member know of a "friendly" benefactor who might be persuaded to provide some sponsorship, (even in return for some advertising - although I personally would hate to go down the advertising stream)??? **Please give me your feedback** on this important matter and, subject to Members' wishes, I will move a motion at the Annual General Meeting 2001 proposing such an increase.

Michael the Ed.

Another "Honourable" Australian SCOTT Arthur Haldane [Henry] Scott

Born:

Waverly, Sydney, 1885 to Arthur & Margaret Scott

15.08.1914 Enlisted in A.I.F at Saint Kilda for the duration of the War and four months, given Regimental number 956. Height 5 ft and 7 ins, weight 10 st 1 lb, chest 35.5 ins, dark complexion, brown eyes, brown hair. Religion - Presbyterian. Before enlisting was a Warehouseman or Shipping and Customs Clerk. Listed his father Arthur Scott as his next of kin, gave his fathers address of Seymour Road, Elsternwick as his permanent Australian address. Initially posted to the 4th Reinforcements of the 25th Howitzer Brigade and later sent to 2nd Field Artillery Brigade

08.04.1915 Joined M E F Alexandria for the Gallipoli Landing

17.07.1915 Transferred to rest camp Gallipoli

26.09.1915 Promoted Bombardier Gallipoli

15.12.1917 Awarded Military Medal for bravery in the field. (in Belgium)

**2nd Australian Field Artillery Brigade, 1st
Australian Division, 1st ANZAC Corps
4th Battery Australian Field Artillery**

956 Corporal Arthur Haldane Scott

(and 4856 Sergeant C. C. Edwards)

On the night of 31st October/1st November 1917 during the very heavy Gas and HE Bombardment of ANZAC RIDGE, NE, of WESTHOEK, a dugout at the Battery position was hit by a Gas shell. These N.C.O's at once - regardless of the following shells - dug out three men who had been buried, two of whom were dead. The third they put on a Stretcher and carried him through the heavy barrage to an Aid Post, but on arrival he was found to be dead.

These N.C.O's showed great personal courage and set a splendid example in their heroic attempt to save these men's lives - regardless of their own safety.

Major-General Commanding 1st Australian Division.
Div Arty 4.11.17

Recommended by

Major W. A. R. Peart OC 4th Battery AFA

E. T. Dean CO "Group"

I. M. Anderson Brig. General

CRA 1st Australian Division

17.07.1919 Discharged

1914-15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal

Thanks to the anonymous person who posted this on the internet. **Ed.**

Some "Fillers" to complete the page.

In 1295, John Balliol negotiated an alliance with England's enemy, France. This alliance, which was ratified in 1326 by Robert the Bruce, lasted until 1560 and was known as the Auld Alliance. During this period many Scots went abroad, and this connection with the Continent influenced Scottish education and law.

Editor's Note: At the Borders Gathering 2000, the entrance passage to the venue for the Formal Ball was decorated with the flags of Scotland and France. Signifying that the Auld Alliance is 'alive & well' in the hearts of the Borderers.

Scotland got its name courtesy of an Egyptian Princess, who in the 4th Century married the King of Portugal, and, as her dowry, brought the Stone of Destiny - Jacob's pillow from the Bible - which had arrived with the Israelites in Egypt. The couple had a daughter, Scota, who later married the King of Ireland's son and took the Stone of Destiny to that country. Her descendants called themselves the Children of Scota.

The Scots left Ireland and settled in Argyll, where they founded their State of Dalriada. They brought the Stone of Destiny with them, believing that a king crowned on it would eventually rule the entire British Isles.

Above items from "The Wee Scottish Facts Book" by A. Scott, 1994.



Is this one of Jim's ancestors from Orkney???

"Coincidence" or "Fate"?

Many of us have experiences throughout our lifetime which some call "coincidence" but I like to think of as "Fate". In my life I have had a number of major experiences on the one date - 12th August.

Here is a list of some of those 'fateful' events:

12th August

1959 Played my first game of Representative rugby for The Associated Schools' 1st XV

1979 Departed Australia for Army duty in Singapore.

1980 Arrived in Australia from Army duty in Hawaii.

1981 Departed Australia for Army duty in Thailand.

1982 While still serving in Thailand, Helene & I were the only non-Thai persons to attend the Private Dinner Party to celebrate the 50th Birthday of Her Majesty, Queen Sirikit of Thailand in the Grand Palace, Bangkok. We later attended Prayers in the Temple of the Emerald Buddha with Her Majesty in the small wee hours to finish her birthday celebrations.

1990 As a Customs Officer I was searching a ship in Brisbane alone when I found and arrested 3 Stowaways. Now that's another story. If you knew it all you would know why I have such grey hair and beard at my tender age.

2000 Helene & I met The Scott, His Grace, Duke of Buccleuch & Queensberry, KT, at Drumlanrig Castle, Scotland.

I liked all these experiences for what I learned about myself from each and every one of them. But, I must admit, I preferred the others over the events of 12th August 1990.

Our Family has also had these experiences on 12th August: Between 1901 - 1994
7 Births, 1 Marriage and 1 Death.

Hang in there, Keep Well

There'll be Moonlight Again !