

# THE BURNETT BANNER

**Burnett Newsletter**  
**(including House of Burnett News)**

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## REFERENDUM RESULT UNION SAVED

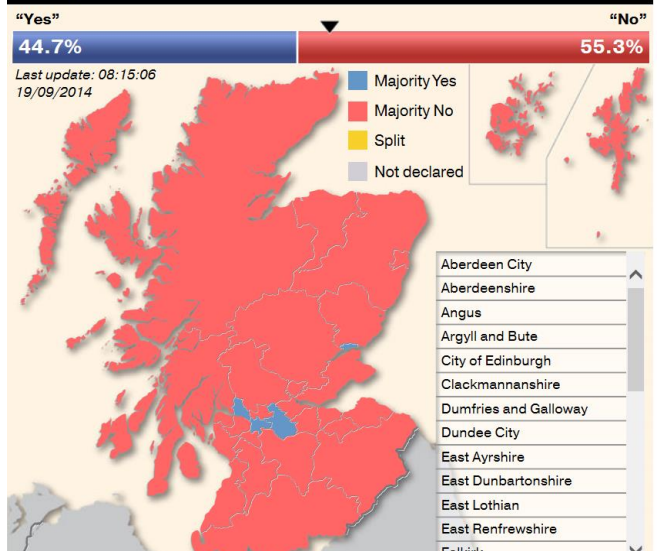
The Scottish Independence Referendum is finally over. On Thursday 18th September 2014, Scotland voted decisively to remain within the United Kingdom. The final result was No 2,001,926 to Yes 1,617,989.

Here in Aberdeenshire, over 180,000 people voted, with 60.36% voting NO and 39.64% voting YES.

Alexander Burnett tweeted: "Thank you to those who supported us throughout the No campaign for the Referendum! I hope that we can all move forward together for Scotland."



### Independence: Scotland decides



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**Burnett Reunion US**  
**April 18-19th 2015 - Las Vegas, NV**

**James C A Burnett of Leys will attend**

Lectures on Scottish Heraldry  
 by Charles J Burnett Esq, Ross Herald of Scotland

Lectures on DNA Testing for genealogical research

Highland Games presented by the  
 Las Vegas Celtic Society

Discounts on hotel rooms at the Golden Nugget

Ceilidh, Live Celtic Rock Bands, Pipe Bands, Athletic Events,  
 Highland Dancing, Celtic Vendors, Clan Tents  
 Burnetts as Honored Clan

Burnett Family Dinner with lecture on Burnett Heraldry  
 by Charles J Burnett, Ross Herald

Spirits furnished by Mad Buffalo Brewing Company

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 or Facebook [www.Facebook.com/HouseBurnett](http://www.Facebook.com/HouseBurnett)

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## BANNER ARTICLE INDEX

Eileen Bailey has kindly compiled an index of Banner Articles which is now on the website. All Burnett Banner issues have been catalogued and there is a search facility which can be found on the Burnett Website Home Page.

This can be used to find keywords and phrases across the entire website including web pages, Burnett Banners and the Burnett Forum. Banners 1-25 are on the index and this will be extended in due course.

**James C A Burnett of Leys**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The House of Burnett US Reunion is still on for this April. The dates for the Las Vegas Highland Games are Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19. The Burnett dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 in the evening after the Highland Games close.

However, many Burnetts may arrive before Saturday so we will have a hospitality suite at the Golden Nugget open in the afternoon from approximately 3:00 pm – 5:00 or 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 16 and Friday, April 17 where Burnetts arriving for the Reunion can meet one another, while they enjoy some refreshments. Registration should start by the next edition of the Burnett Banner.

There is now a Reunion website where the latest news is posted: <http://azlassie.wix.burnettreunion>

Alternatively, check our Social Media sites listed below.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/HouseBurnett>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/WeAreBurnetts>

Google+: <https://plus.google.com/HouseOfBurnett>

**Jacky Daugherty**

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## NOTE FROM SECRETARY

Greetings to All;

In Wisconsin we had a great summer, not too hot not too dry but in late Aug. that changed with hot and wet weather. Last weekend I had 5 inches of rain. Overall I had a great time at the Family functions I attended. Meeting old friends and making new ones is always a joy. I hope everyone else had a great summer.

It was exciting to see the numbers of Burnett's who still showed up at the events I attend. With the help of other Burnett's who had Burnett Tents at Games in their area we signed up over 30 new members. The Wisconsin Games that I attended was a bust on Saturday but Sunday was great. I am leaving on the 11th of Sep. for the Columbus IN. games. Hope to see some of you there. Thanks to John Burnett and his Wife we again had a Burnett representation at the Grandfather Mountain Games and had a great turnout.

Elections for Board of Directors to take office in Jan. 2015 will be taking place in Dec. I will be calling for the vote in Nov. Two Board Members will be elected for

three year terms. Throw your hat in the ring we need new ideas. The Board will also be electing the executive officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer) who will take office on 1 Jan.

Dues come due on 31 Dec. 2014. Some of you paid early and adjustments were made to others, so please look at your membership card to determine if you owe dues or are good until Jan. 01, 2016. Those who wish to pay thru Paypal please do so. If there is any confusion contact me and I will sort thing out for you. We cannot continue what we do without dues so please respond.

Another pressing issue is the updating of e-mail address. This makes it much easier to communicate and it saves the House of Burnett money.

We continue to look for family tree information, as we try to fill in the gaps, so if you have something to add please send it in so we can publish it in the Banner.

Yours Aye

**Leland L Burnett**  
[burnett@dcwis.com](mailto:burnett@dcwis.com)

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## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Following in this tradition Betty Marie (Jones) Burnett and Steven G Burnett, names were entered into the roll, of the Flowers of the Forest at the Waukesha, Wisconsin, Games during the Kirking of the Tartan Ceremony on Sunday August 31, 2014.

**Leland L Burnett**

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## GEORGE FLEMING BURNETT & SARAH HOLLAND DOZIER

George, born 1 January 1839, was the son of Fleming S Burnett and Elizabeth Cox. Fleming Burnett was born on 3 Jan. 1808 in Virginia, and married Elizabeth on 3 Jan. 1828 in Scott Co, VA.

George and Sarah Holland Dozier were married 13 September 1860 in Knox Co, Kentucky. She was born in Knox Co, KY 21 Jan. 1840, the daughter of William Anderson Dozier and his first wife Malinda Jane Disney. Sarah was 5'5" brown eyes and dark brown hair. George was 5'8" with brown hair and blue eyes.

On Monday, 3 June 1873, George and his family boarded a Train near Louisville, Kentucky and rode until the following Monday when they arrived in Kelton, Utah. Somewhere near Salt Lake City the baggage car caught fire, and in getting their trunks out they were broken up. The burning car was switched to another track, but the flames were so hot that the train couldn't pass until they cooled down.

Sarah's father Captain Billy Dozier and Harrison Campbell met the family in Kelton with 2 covered wagons. They proceeded to travel over the old Oregon Trail. They arrived at Weston, Oregon on 3 July 1873 and stopped at Dry Creek.

Later they settled on a farm at Basket Mountain in the Blue Mountains of Oregon. In 1881, George traded their farm at Basket Mountain with William F. McIntosh for a farm that he owned in the Heisson area of Clark County, Washington. The same year, they moved to Bent Oregon and then to Jacksonville, Oregon, where they spent the winter. (There was a good deal of Gold mining going on in Jackson County at that time.) The following year was spent at Oregon City, and on 7 June 1883, they moved back to the farm he had traded with William McIntosh.

In 1908 the Burnett's moved to the Sifton area, near Vancouver, Washington, where they lived until George's death in 1920. Sarah lived on the farm at Sifton until her death on 22 December 1928. George was a farmer, minister and school teacher.

George and Sarah had 11 children that I was able to identify, most were born in Knox County Kentucky: Marinda J born 1861, married TJ Moore on January 31, 1878 in Umatilla County, Oregon. Mary L born 1863, married Henry Scott on 17 January 1880 in Umatilla County, Oregon. Polly Ann who must have died young. Andrew J., born 1866, married Isabel Bricka in 1887 in Washington Territory. Joseph T. born 1868, married Teolinda Peterson in 1902 in Clark County, Washington. Richard, born 1870. Allen F., born 1872 and John M, possibly a twin. John married Eva Hurt in 1907; William Fleming married Violet Bolen in Clark County Washington on 11 June 1894. The other children were born in Oregon. Charles Henry, born June 1880, married Ida Gertrude Campbell 14 May 1898; Maggie Francis, married Jeff Hall 11 June 1893.

George and Sarah are buried at Sifton Cemetery, located in Clark County Washington.

**Leland L Burnett**

**REFERENDUM RESULT  
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*Alexander with Jim Murphy MP – who had the unfortunate distinction of having an egg thrown at him later in the week – which became a major campaigning talking point.*



*Alexander showing Better Together Chairman Alistair Darling around the Hill of Banchory Energy Centre.*



*In Aberdeen, the Prime Minister made an emotional appeal for Scotland to stay within the United Kingdom in the final days of the campaign. (Photograph of Alexander & David Cameron!)*

**PHOENIX HIGHLAND GAMES  
MARCH 22-23 2014**

**PRESCOTT, ARIZONA HIGHLAND GAMES  
MAY 10-11 2014**



*Bonnie Puckett, descended from the Burnetts of Long Island, NY*



*Steve Burnett, his wife Nanci and grandson Eaton*



*John Burnett and his wife Katie Reese Burnett with Evelyn Kafura*



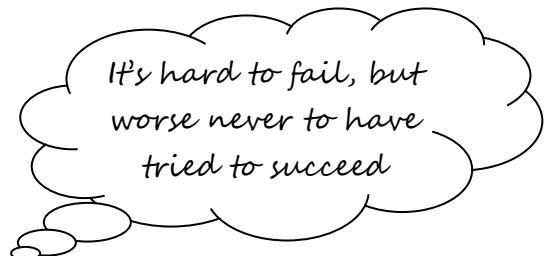
*Gordon Burnett with Laura and Alyson*

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**HELP NEEDED AT PLEASANTON GAMES!**

For many years, George & Barbara Kreider have set up the House of Burnett tent at the Scottish Games at Pleasanton, CA. over Labor Day, but the time is coming when they will no longer be able to do so. If you live within traveling distance of Pleasanton, and/or are willing to consider taking over this highly-enjoyable enterprise, please contact them at [gkreider@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gkreider@sbcglobal.net), as soon as possible for more information.

Many supplies, and free training and support provided



**LAS VEGAS HIGHLAND GAMES  
APRIL 12-13 2014**



*New House of Burnett member Cathy Burnett Swendsboe and her son Erik*

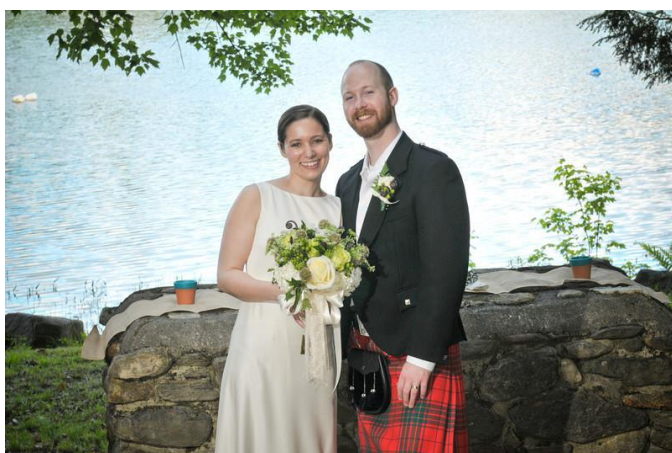
## THE MARRIAGE OF THOMAS SCOFIELD POMEROY AND KATE LAVALLE

Earlier this year we had an order through our website for 6 of our Dress Tartan Ties from Sally Burnett Pomeroy whose son was getting married in June and the ties were been given to some of the guests. We asked her if she would like to send in some photos so here they are!

The Marriage of Thomas Scofield Pomeroy and Kate Lavalle, both of Newton, Massachusetts took place on Saturday June 7 2014 at YMCA Camp Takodah, in Richmond, New Hampshire. Tommy is 13th Generation - descendant of the line of Thomas Burnet of Southampton, Long Island, New York



Left to right according to their relation to Sally's dad Leland Jennings Burnett, Jr. (HOB member) who is 3<sup>rd</sup> from left: Douglas Bormuth (son in law), James Leland Pomeroy (Grandson) Thomas Scofield Pomeroy (Grandson & Groom), Leland Jennings Burnett III (Son), Robert Burnett (Grandson), Tighe Sweeney (Great Grandson) and Rory Sweeney (Grandson)



Tommy Pomeroy and Kate Lavalle (Bride and Groom)

### The Editor

Bees that hae honey in their mouths,  
hae stings in their tales  
*Honey is sweet, but the bees sting*

## THE FOUR SIXES RANCH (Part One)

The Four Sixes Ranch is part of the famous Burnett Ranches LLC, which is among the most storied family-run businesses in Texas history. Founded by Captain Samuel "Burk" Burnett (right) in 1868 - when he purchased 100 head of cattle wearing the "6666" brand from Frank Crowley of Denton, Texas - Burnett Ranches today encompasses 275,000 acres near Panhandle and Guthrie. Superbly bred cattle and champion horses grace its pastures, and oil flows from its depths.



Today, the Four Sixes Ranch in Texas represents both the present and the past. This is largely due to the foresight of Captain Samuel "Burk" Burnett and the management and support of his descendants, who value their heritage and the prominent ranch's place in the history of Texas and the American West.

### BURNETT FAMILY

Captain Samuel "Burk" Burnett

Born in Bates County, Missouri, on Jan. 1, 1849, to Jeremiah and Mary Turner Burnett, Samuel Burk Burnett became one of the most well known and respected ranchers in Texas. His parents were in the farming business, but in 1857-58, conditions caused them to move from Missouri to Denton County, Texas, where Jerry Burnett became involved in the cattle business. Burk, 10 years old at the time of the move, began watching the nature of the cow business and learned from his father.

At age 19, Burk went into business for himself with the purchase of 100 head of cattle, which were wearing the 6666 brand. With the title to the cattle came ownership of the brand. Burnett survived the panic of 1873 by holding over 1,100 steers he had driven to market in Wichita, Kansas through the winter. The next year, he sold the cattle for a profit of \$10,000. He was one of the first ranchers in Texas to buy steers and graze them for market.

During the winter of the following year, Burnett bought 1,300 more cattle in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas and drove them north up the Chisholm Trail to the open range grazing lands near the Little Wichita River. He soon saw the need to have control over the lands on which his cattle fed and began buying property. He also decided to build his first headquarters near what would later be Wichita Falls, Texas. Drought conditions in the 1880s forced Burnett and other ranchers to go in search

of grass for their cattle. The tribal lands of the Kiowa and Comanche north of the Red River in Oklahoma had not suffered the dry conditions which had devastated the range farther south.

So Burnett negotiated with legendary Comanche Chief Quanah Parker (1845-1911) for the lease of the Indian lands. Not only was Burnett able to acquire the use of some 300,000 acres of grassland, he gained the friendship of the Comanche leader. Quanah's mother



was the white woman Cynthia Ann Parker, who was captured in a raid on Parker's Fort in 1836. She married Peta Nocona, war chief of the Noconi band of the Comanches. Quanah grew to be a great leader of his people and eventually a friend of white leaders and ranches in the Southwest. He

is pictured here with Captain Burnett's son, Tom.

Burnett kept running 10,000 cattle until the end of the lease. The cattle baron had a strong feeling for Indian rights, and his respect for these native peoples was genuine. Where other cattle kings fought Indians and the harsh land to build empires, Burnett learned Comanche ways, passing both the love of the land and his friendship with the Indians to his family. As a sign of their regard for Burnett, the Comanches gave him a name in their own language: "MAS-SA-SUTA," meaning "Big Boss."

The much-needed lease continued until the early 1900s at which time the federal government ordered the land turned back to the tribes. Burnett traveled to Washington, D.C., where he met with President Theodore Roosevelt to ask for an extension on the lease. Roosevelt gave the ranchers two more years, allowing them time to find new ranges for their herds.



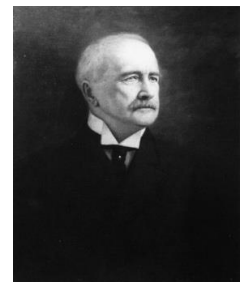
*Teddy Roosevelt and Quanah Parker on a wolf hunt in April, 1905 on the 6666 Ranch near Guthrie, Texas is. They were there at the invitation of legendary rancher Burk Burnett. Teddy is fourth from the right and he is talking to Quanah, who is third from the right and looking at Teddy.*

In the spring of 1905, Roosevelt came west for a visit to the Indian lands and the ranchers whom he had helped. Burk Burnett, his son Tom, and a small group of ranchers entertained the old Roughrider in rugged Texas style. The highlight of the visit was an unusual bare-handed hunt for coyotes and wolves.

The friendship which developed between Burnett and the President grew. In fact, it was Roosevelt, during a trip to Texas in 1910, who encouraged the town of Nesterville to be renamed "Burkburnett" in honor of his friend.

As the 19<sup>th</sup> Century drew to a close, the end of the open range was apparent. The only protection the cowman had was the private ownership of land. A purchase around 1900 of the 8 Ranch near Guthrie, Texas, in King County from the Louisville Land and Cattle Co., and the Dixon Creek Ranch near Panhandle, Texas, from the Cunard Line marked the beginning of the Burnett Ranches empire. The 8 Ranch became the nucleus of the present day Four Sixes (6666) Ranch. These two large purchases, along with some later additions, amounted to a third of a million acres.

In his personal life, Burnett, at age 20, had married Ruth B. Loyd, daughter of **Martin B. Loyd** (right), founder of the First National Bank of Fort Worth. They had three children, two of whom, sadly, died young. Only their son Tom lived on to have a family and build his own ranching business. Burnett and Ruth later divorced, and he married Mary Coutts Barradel in 1892. They had one son, Burk Burnett, Jr., who died in 1917.



Since 1900, Burnett had maintained a residence in Fort Worth, where his financial enterprises were headquartered. He was director and principal stockholder of the First National Bank of Fort Worth and President of the Ardmore Oil and Gin Milling Co. He made frequent trips to his ranches on his own custom-designed railroad car, carrying him from Fort Worth to Paducah, Texas. From there, he hitched his horse and buggy for the 30-mile drive south to Guthrie.

Burnett added to and developed his holdings, including the building of the Four Sixes Supply House and a new headquarters in Guthrie. In 1917, Burnett decided to build "the finest ranch house in West Texas" at Guthrie. It cost \$100,000, an enormous sum for the time. Prestigious architectural firm Sanguiner and Staats of Fort Worth was hired to design a grand home to serve as ranch headquarters, to house the ranch manager and as a place to entertain guests. It was constructed with stone quarried right on the ranch. Other materials were brought

in by rail car to Paducah, and then hauled by wagon to Guthrie.

With 11 bedrooms, it was, indeed, a favorite place to welcome guests. Burnett's hospitality engaged such well-known visitors as President Roosevelt, Will Rogers and others. The home was filled with amazing items. In the main room, alone, visitors would see hunting trophies, exquisite art and personal items given to Burnett by his friend Quanah Parker and the Comanche chief's wives. These priceless items remained in the house long after Burnett's death and through several home remodeling projects. They were given by Burnett's great-granddaughter, Anne W. Marion, to the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock, Texas. Also of interest to note is that although Burnett had a bedroom in the home's southeast corner, he chose to sleep in the back room of the rudimentary Four Sixes Supply House, where he maintained his office.

In 1921, oil was discovered on Burnett's land near Dixon Creek, and his wealth increased dramatically. This discovery, and a later one in 1969 on the Guthrie property, would greatly benefit the Burnett family ranching business as it grew and developed throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Captain Samuel "Burk" Burnett passed away on June 27, 1922. His will provided for the appointment of two trustees to manage his holdings. They, along with their successors, ran the Four Sixes Ranch until 1980, when Burk Burnett's great-granddaughter, Anne W. Marion, took the reins into her capable hands.

In the final years of the 1860s, Fort Worth, Texas, was so undeveloped it had only a couple of businesses and few families. Originally a military outpost, Fort Worth was transformed as drovers, bringing cattle north along the Chisholm Trail, stopped to purchase supplies and get news related to the trail. During 1871 alone, more than 650,000 head of cattle passed through Fort Worth.

M.B. Loyd came to Texas after the Civil War and for five years gathered and sold wild South Texas cattle. The large number of cattlemen in those post-Civil War years created a need for a reliable banking enterprise in Fort Worth. Therefore, Loyd used his cattle profits to open the Loyd Exchange Office on the square in Fort Worth in the early 1870s, making him the first permanent banker in the city. It was the beginning of a life in high finance. The loan exchange business soon proved insufficient, and in March, 1873, with a capital stock of \$40,000, Captain Loyd and an associate chartered the California and Texas Bank of Loyd, Markley and Co. In January 1877, he and several associates pooled their interests to

create the First National Bank of Fort Worth – the ninth national bank to be chartered in the United States.

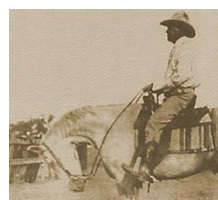
As a banker, Loyd developed many lasting relationships with cattlemen. His daughter, Ruth, married Samuel "Burk" Burnett, a cattleman who held interests in several banks in Texas. In 1883, Loyd named Burnett to the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Fort Worth. The union joined the interests of two influential Texas businessmen. The marriage also produced children, one of whom was Thomas Loyd Burnett.

Along with his extensive support for cattlemen, M.B. Loyd made many loans for the purchase of racehorses. The craze for ownership was a result of the construction of a half-mile racetrack built two years prior to the arrival of Loyd in Fort Worth. Owning racehorses quickly became a symbol of status, and like many other men of wealth, Captain Loyd began amassing his own stable of fine racehorses. He branded his stock with the single letter L. His interest soon grew to incorporate breeding and selling of quality race and cutting horses. With his death in 1912, his interest in horses and the land surrounding Wichita Falls passed through inheritance to his grandson, Thomas Loyd Burnett. His L brand remained on the Burnett horses and is still used today.

In addition to his passion for racehorses, M.B. Loyd collected more than 130 weapons produced in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. He acquired firearms from the United States, Great Britain, France, Japan, Germany, Albania, Spain, Belgium and Holland. Many of the weapons reflect the history of America, including a matched pair of Colonial-era flintlock dueling pistols and an 1841 rifle manufactured by Eli Whitney. Prominent in the collection is a pair of large .45 caliber derringers with brass-tipped ramrods that by all appearances have never been fired. They are among the finest sets in existence, according to experts.

The collection stayed in the family until 2002, when M.B. Loyd's great-great-granddaughter, Anne W. Marion, a trustee of the Anne Burnett Tandy Testamentary Trust, gifted the collection to the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock, Texas.

**Thomas Loyd Burnett** blazed his own trail. Born December 10, 1871, he was one of three children of Samuel "Burk" Burnett and Ruth Loyd, daughter of M.B. Loyd, the Fort Worth banker. At the time of his father's death in 1922, Tom was the famous old cowman's only living child. **TBC in next banner....**



## SCOTTIES

The "Scottie", or Aberdeen Terrier, a Hit at the Commonwealth Games Held in Glasgow this Summer.

There was glitter, fanfare, Rod Stewart and even the Queen but the real stars of this Summer's Commonwealth Games weren't the athletes.

The spectacular Glasgow 2014 opening ceremony began with fanfare and spectacle, but it was some four-legged stars which got the Twittersphere talking. The Scottie dogs which took part in the athletes' parade stole the show at the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony.

Fans flocked to Twitter to tell of their delight as the terriers trotted around Celtic Park sporting red tartan coats bearing the name of the national team they were leading out. Around 41 Scotties took part in the celebrations in Glasgow, with many "recycled" to accompany more than one nation. But it all became too much for some weary animals and they had to be carried around the stadium.

Backstage the dogs were pampered by a special team of trainers and vets to ensure they were looking and feeling their best for their moment in the spotlight. The biggest cheer of the night was reserved for Hamish, who proudly led out Team Scotland at the Games where 71 nations competed for sporting glory.

His owner, Aaron Chisholm, said: "It was amazing. It was quite loud but it was a really, really good experience." His father, Barry, said the Games helped to showcase the famous dog breed. Casting directors had scoured



Scotland for 41 Scottish Terriers – and found the last one just four weeks before the opening of the Commonwealth Games. Thirty of the dogs walked

around the stadium twice in order to lead out all 71 nations and territories taking part, resulting in a quick five-minute costume change mid-ceremony. The dogs wore a maroon check coat bearing the name of their designated nation, while their owners wore matching wool trousers and skirts.

Asked why he had chosen to have a Scottie, he said: "We just like the breed, we like the dog and have always loved him, so why not? Why wouldn't you have a beautiful Scottie dog?"

Andy Murray's mother, Judy, posted a photograph of Hamish leading out the Scottish team, with the message:

"Scottie dogs in tartan coats at CG opening ceremony. "Barkingly brilliant"

They had been recruited from dog groomers and Scottish Terrier groups, in secret, so as not to ruin the surprise for the global audience. Jacqui McKinnon told BBC Breakfast that her pet Jock had auditioned for the star role in the opening ceremony, but when the big day came he unexpectedly staged a sit-down protest.

She said: "The dogs dealt with it really well; it's just Jock decided he wasn't walking. As soon as I put his Malaysia coat on he thought 'I'm sitting down'. So Jock was the one who was carried around the Celtic stadium."

She said her Scottie was giving the world a taste of the breed's trademark stubbornness.

"They are very good-natured, they have great temperaments, but in Scotland we say they are thrawn, which means they are stubborn", she said. "And when they take a notion, there is just no budging them. You can try food, everything. They will take the food, but still not budge."

Interest in the Aberdeen Terrier or the Scottie, has increased since the Commonwealth Games. More people are inquiring about the breed and the Scotties have made appearances around Scotland.



Members of the England team (PA)

Read more: <http://www.westerndailynews.co.uk/Scottie-dogs-win-Commonwealth-Games-opening/story-21754374-detail/story.html#ixzz3B9cYQFin>

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**Jacky Daugherty**



## ABOYNE GAMES

We welcomed a large number of guests to our Burnett tent at the Aboyne Games in August. We shared this with Clan Forbes.



Pictured outside the tent are Vinny, Alexander and Thomas Burnett, Lord Forbes and Mary Lady Forbes (widow of the late Sir Hamish Forbes of Newe)



Robert and Ann Burnett who are from Finchley in North London

### The Dinnie Stones

In 1860, Donal Dinnie, one of Aberdeenshire's most admired athletes, carried the 775 lbs "Dinne Steins" (stones) across the 15 feet width of Potarch Bridge near Aboyne. At this year's Aboyne Games, German born Mark Felix, a competitor for *The World's Strongest Man* managed to walk that distance, carrying the stones, although he accepted that he had to make a few stops *en route*. Felix said that it was one of the toughest challenges he had ever undertaken.



## VISITORS TO CRATHES

I was fortunate to meet a number of Burnetts who visited Crathes over the past few months, although there were very many others with whom I was unable to make contact. Unfortunately I missed Nicole Burnett from Seattle and were only able to obtain a photograph of her father in law John Stuart Burnett of Redmond, Washington (left) and his grandson, Ian Burnett of Bothell. John Stuart Burnett comes from a line of Burnetts from the Rose Ash, Devonshire area. Nicole's husband, Sean, was unable to accompany them.



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I was also very pleased to meet Doug and Emily Burnett from Chicago. Doug's ancestry is known back to Alexander Wear Burnett (1783-1863 b. Arbroath ) and for whom we hope to establish a connection with the Burnetts of Leys. During their day at Crathes, we visited the Loch of Leys to view the Crannog.



Coincidentally, Doug is an Art Director at Leo Burnett Worldwide, the fourth largest advertising agency in the world. Leo Burnett started the company 80 years ago and we are also seeking to establish that connection.

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I was also pleased to meet Robert and Judith Burnett from San José, California. Robert is descended from John Burnett of Leys (b 1610). During their busy time at Crathes, we managed a visit to the Loch of Leys.



Murray Burnett from Stroud, Gloucestershire but previously from East Cape, South Africa was caught at the Milton.



**James C A Burnett of Leys**

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## THE HON. WILLIAM CECIL

Although not a Burnett, I included a brief account of the death of my paternal grandfather, Billy Cecil, amongst Some Eminent Burnetts in The Holly and The Horn. It would appear appropriate, in the anniversary of his death to include a mention that I have just visited, along with a number of Cecil cousins, that area of North-Eastern France and his final resting place in a local cemetery overlooking the Aisne Valley. With the tactical knowledge of our guide and the information gleaned from battle notes, we established to within about 50 yards as to where he was killed on September 16th 1914. The photograph shows my elder brother, Bow, at that spot together with my cousin, Angela Reid.



**James C A Burnett of Leys**

## SIR ALEXANDER EDWIN BURNETT OF LEYS

Perusing some old albums recently, I came across a press photograph of my grandfather's younger brother, Alexander Edwin Burnett who became Sir Alexander the 14th Baronet.

Although I recall meeting him on several occasions, I don't think that I have any other picture of him. The photograph shows him at the time of my grandfather's wedding in 1913 at which he was the best man.



He was wounded in the First World War in which he served in the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Uncle Edwin and his sister, Aunt Ethel, had a home in Montrose until they finally moved into the Alexandra hotel in Ballater, where we occasionally visited them when on holiday at Crathes. Those visits to us young children were not at the very top of our wish list of holiday activities. Following his death, the baronetcy became dormant as it can only pass through the male line and the nearest other claimant was also entitled to the Baronetcy of Ramsay of Balmain which was used in preference.

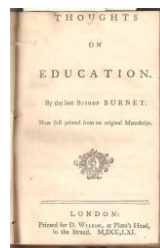
Amongst the same records are photographs of my great grandfather, Sir Thomas.. The pictures show him at Portsmouth with a W. A. Roberts in 1859 and a year later with some friends. He later became a colonel in the Royal Horse Artillery.



**James C A Burnett of Leys**

## BISHOP BURNETT ON EDUCATION

After the mathematicks are explained to the youth, he should next be acquainted with the hypotheses of philosophy. But to this I would not allow so many months as we give yeeres; and the youth is only to be acquainted with the several sects, and the chieffe grounds; but must not be byassed to any, but left at liberty to chuse, in a riper age, what shall seem most sutable to nature's operations, and not to poor penantick sophistry.



For logick, I see no use for it, except with a great deal of pains and industry to teach youths sophistry, or pedantry at best; and since that trifling way is now non more used by the learned world, I know not why it should be taught; and at most a week would be the greatest tyme I should allow for explaining the termes of it.

All disputing about philosophy I condemne, the perfection whereof when acquired, is to make a youth vainly subtile, and contentiously jangling; and may prove a meanne to ruine him as to all other things. Natural history therefore is all the philosophy I would have insisted upon to youth; which that he may be the more delighted with, he must be furnished with such tooles and instruments as may be needful to trying experiments. And thus may a youth be bred till he be eighteen yeares of age; for all I have advised, if he have a wise and knowing governor, may be taught in a short tyme.

### **The Editor**

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## CHIEFS' GOLF

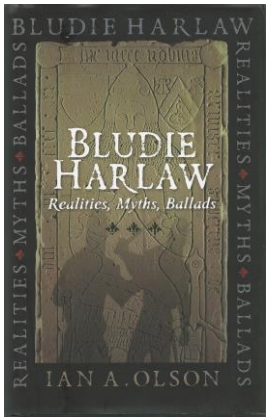
Three of my neighbouring chiefs held what I hope will be an annual event for the next few years when we played golf at Aboyne Golf Course. No prizes for sartorial elegance and history appears to have already failed to record the result.



*Left to Right JCAB; Granville, Marquis of Huntly; David Irvine of Drum and Malcolm, Lord Forbes*

## BLUDIE HARLAW REALITIES, MYTHS, BALLADS

Readers may recall an article in the Banner of the Battle of Harlaw in 1411 near Aberdeen. The ferocious event was given the name of “Red Harlaw”. It was an attempt by Highlanders under the leadership of Donald of Islay, Lord of the Isles to defeat the Lowlanders under Alexander Stewart, Earl of Mar. The battle ended as a strategic victory for the Lowlanders. A brief visit to the battlefield and the memorial was included in the 2013 Burnett Gathering programme.



One of the most memorable events of the battle was a dual between Red Hector Maclean of Duart and Alexander Irvine of Drum, neighbour of the Burnetts. The Burnetts are not one of the families whose presence at the battle has been recorded, although it is also acknowledged that much of the history of Harlaw was written many years after the battle.

An outstanding authority on the Battle of Harlaw together with its ballads and music, is Dr Ian Olson who has just completed *Bludie Harlaw*, which must be the most comprehensive record of the event. Whilst it should fascinate all readers, some may draw attention to the absence of any mention of the Burnetts. Dr Olson assures me that the Burnetts would have played their part. It may well be that Mar requested Burnett to stay firmly in position to prevent Donald attacking Aberdeen via the south and west, just as he probably instructed Forbes to hold the Rhynie Gap. Such solid defences in situ by dependable nobles would have been crucial to Mar’s general plan to herd Donald along the King’s Highway and be ambushed at Harlaw. With his long-term campaigning companion, Irvine, brought to join him at Inverurie, Mar could not have left the Deeside way open by having Burnett accompany him.



So Burnetts should be reassured that we played our part.

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## BURNETT POETRY

I recently came across a book of poetry written by my mother when she was a young girl. The following was written in 1934 when she was eighteen, for my father, Henry Cecil

### Reconstruction

Last night I dreamed a star from the blue  
Fell to earth shattered. And you  
Out of the dirt, picked each tiny part  
And held them pressed against your heart.  
And they were mended and became whole.  
There in your hands, you held a living soul.  
But this is no dream, I know it’s true;  
The earth was earth and the sky was sky;  
And you were you;  
And the star was I.

If there any poets amongst the Burnetts, I would be very pleased to consider them for the Banner. Poems of earlier generations would be equally welcome

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## IT WAS LIKE YOU WERE THERE!



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## SCOTTISH PROVERBS

Be ready wi’ yer bonnet but slow wi’ your purse  
*The legendary Scotsman: lift your hat politely, but you don’t have to pay for everything*

Cast a cat ower the hoose and she’ll fa on her feet  
*Some people are always lucky*

Better make your feet your freends  
*Run away*