

Great SCOT!

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Clan Johnston (Johnstone)

By Katherine McKinley

Clan Motto: “Nunquam non paratus”
which means “Never Unprepared.”

The Johnstons (Johnstones) whose name derives from “John’s Town,” were a powerful border clan located in Annandale. The legend is that the Chief of the Johnstons, while at the Scottish Court, heard of a plan by the English king to dispose of Robert the Bruce in favor of John of Baliol. He sent Bruce a spur with a feather tied to it indicating “flight with speed.” Bruce acted on the warning and escaped safely.

The earliest formal written record of the clan is from 1194 wherein Sir John Johnstone’s son, Gilbert, is named. Later, in 1296, Sir John Johnston, knight of the county of Dumfries, signed the Ragman Roll in 1296 by which the Johnston Clan of Dumfries swore allegiance to King Edward I. Sir John’s descendants were rewarded by being appointed as Wardens of the Western Marches in 1381.

James Johnstone, the Chief of the Clan, was created Lord Johnston of Lochwood by Charles I in 1633. His eldest son, James, was rewarded for his family’s loyalty by Charles II, who created the Earldom of Annandale for him. In 1701, William, 3rd Earl of Hartfell/2nd Earl of Annandale & Hartfell was raised to the rank of Marquess of Annandale. William held many important offices including Secretary of State and President of the Privy Council. Upon his death, his half-brother, George succeeded him, however, George was found incompetent and the family title was declared dormant.

Unsuccessful attempts were made in the 19th century to revive the Annandale titles. However, finally, in 1983 based on the charter of 1662, the Earldom of Annandale & Hartfell was re-established. The Annandale families were reconfirmed as Chief’s of the Johnstons.



The original Clan Seat was Lockwood Castle (L) from which some remnants remain. The current Clan Seat is Raehills Estates (R), 15 miles North of Dumfries, bought by the Johnstones in 1780. It is the home of Earl David Johnstone and his wife, Penny as well as a popular sporting resort offering shooting and fishing on the River Annan.



2016 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Report

By Carolyn Graf

We had a wonderful turn out at the SCOT booth this year. The weather was beautiful and lots of people stopped by to learn about SCOT. We got nine new members which is a record breaking number. Kyle MacLellan stopped by to thank us for her scholarship to drumming school and to show us her first place trophy. Dan Johnson also stopped by to thank us for his piping scholarship. It is good to feel like SCOT is fulfilling its mission to promote Scottish Culture.

Special thanks to Liz Blum for manning the booth for a couple of hours. Volunteers are always needed for letting people know about our organization.

The SCOT tent is your home away from home at the highland games. Several members took advantage of that by enjoying the shade on a warm day and leaving things they didn't want to tote with them all day. The booth will be at the Scotland County Highland Games, so be sure to take advantage of this membership perk.

For information about volunteering in the SCOT booth at the Scotland County Highland games in Launenburg, NC on October 1st, contact Carolyn Graf cmcdgraf@aol.com



More news from Grandfather Mountain!



Pat Johnston was awarded the Agnes MacRae Morton Award this year for her outstanding contributions in helping to promote the Scottish heritage at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.



Poem

By Agnes McCall Fleming, born in Kilbarchan, Scotland - April 17, 1899
Grandmother of SCOT member Barbara Youngman

To a Yank I know

A Yank of my acquaintance
Always tried to get my goat
And teased me like the devil
When he heard a Scotchman joke
Of all those who are stingy
A Scotsman tops the list
And when it comes to paying
He fades just like a mist
You can't short change a Scotsman
He never wants to spend
He never wants to borrow
'Cause he never wants to lend
These are the things he'd say to me
And tried to get me mad
But I just smiled my canny smile
Of my Scotch blood I am glad
Now let me say a word or two
Don't wear if the shoe don't fit
A Scotchman may be stingy
But that Yank is full of _____!



President's Corner

Dear Members,

Here we are getting ready for our AGM (Annual General Meeting 2016) and the summer is just flying past. I trust most of you have been able to stay out of the terrible heat we had recently, it was tough to take when you are working in such temperatures.

I hope to see many of you at our AGM. It is a night of fun and fellowship as we welcome our new Board Members for the ensuing year. It also gives each of you the opportunity to serve on the Board if you would like, but at the very least, to voice your opinions. Let us know what we can do to make SCOT the organization that we are proud to be a part of, even better as we go forward.

My sincere thanks to Carolyn Graf and those who helped her at The Grandfather Games. We have a number of new members from that event this year, who we welcome below and look forward to getting to know them as time goes on.

Our 13th Annual Mark Johnston Memorial Golf Tournament was very successful, and even though we did not have the leadership of Chuck McDougal, the event went well. The rain held off just long enough, even for the stragglers bringing up the rear!!

We hope to hold this event a little earlier next year and have Chuck back in control (YEH)

Ceud mile failte – One hundred thousand welcomes to our new members:

Warren & Dianne Hinson, Bonnie Ross, Leslie Quattlebaum, Sara Seguinot, Allen & Ann James, Claire & Kristie Miller and Leland McKeithen.

As always, please let us know what we can do to make SCOT the organization you all want it to be! Come along and enjoy our events, they are for you, our members!!

God Bless, and enjoy each and every day!

Donald Ross

Calendar of Future SCOT Events and Other Activities

August 2016
SCOT Annual General Meeting
Backyard Bistro, Raleigh, NC
August 28, 2016

September 2016
Family Picnic
September 24, 2016 - Fuquay-Varina, NC

October 2016
International Festival
October 14-16, 2016
Raleigh, NC



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