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SCOTLAND - 2014:

2014 in Scotland will be a very busy year with many significant events scheduled and people from all over the world coming to observe and/or participate. Virtually all Scots are involved with the issue of devolution, leading to the referendum on this vital subject and consequent election of those who will lead in governing Scotland. Sports enthusiasts will be coming for the Commonwealth Games and yet others for the Ryder Cup. Many more will be coming to celebrate one of the seminal events in Scottish History – the Scots victory over the English at Bannockburn. The Scottish government, *The National Trust For Scotland*, and *Historic Scotland* are primary in the process of planning for, and the execution of, events related thereto. In particular, the “Trust” which is in charge of the Bannockburn site will be opening a new visitor’s center. In addition, there are a variety of special interest groups promoting various aspects of these events, and we are carefully evaluating all of them to determine which ones hold the most promise and value for our members who choose to attend. It is our intention to inform our members of our conclusions as soon as we are able. Our most important consideration will be whether or not an event is approved/endorsed by our Chief, Lord Elgin. We fully expect that he, and other members of his highly estimable family, will be participating in the very finest of the events.

There is a great deal of promotional hype already surfacing in the media, and all of that must be taken into account as plans for the participation of “Family of Bruce International – USA” in a Bannockburn commemoration are discussed and finalized. We urge our members to be cautious about what they commit themselves to, as not all promotions may be of equal value for our purposes.

In October of this year, your FOBII Board will meet in special session prior to the Stone Mountain Games in Georgia. At that time, and in consultation with our Chief, we will begin to determine just what events/promotions will receive our endorsement and participation. We will only recommend those events/promotions endorsed/approved by Lord Elgin. In addition, we anticipate that there will be a “FOBII Bruce Tour” at some point during the year and that will be in cooperation with Lord Elgin and his family. We will keep you as fully and promptly informed as we are able.

More to come





DEAR FAMILY —

Over the past couple of months I have had a great deal of time to think about the concept of family, and I have been doing just that. The incident which initiated this process was the death of my mother on March 2nd at age 96. She had what many would call a "good run", with both joyful and sorrowful events marking her years. Among my reactions to her death was an effort to mark just how many of my blood kin whose relationship I can document still live within my home territory. When I was a child, it seemed that I had more relatives than I could count, and that much of what I did, particularly around holiday times was linked to that family. Today I can count perhaps only a half dozen or so. Loss? Certainly. But –

It has been quite a few years now since I first became involved with Bruce International and then Family of Bruce International. The best part of that involvement has been learning just how many blood kin (and adopted ones as well) I have, even if I cannot document the specifics of each of those relationships. I have more family now than I ever imagined I would have, even as a child. Gain? Certainly.

Recently I became aware of a person who had decided to drop his membership in FOBII. Upon inquiry, he stated that all he got out of his membership was a newspaper subscription. How sad. You see, membership in FOBII and the other Scottish Clans and Families is not just about what you may get. The more one involves themselves in a family the more we realize that both giving and receiving is how a family works best. We have a wonderful opportunity to participate, to involve ourselves in our family, and I can tell you from personal experience just how great that is. Yes, some will choose to stay on the sidelines, or due to circumstances must stay there and just observe, and that is OK. We will continue to seek ways for them to participate and recognize that they too are important in the life of the family. However, for those of you who choose to more fully participate, there is more than sufficient opportunity. Details on those opportunities can be had for the asking, and are often obvious in the pages of the Blue Lion.

One of our board members tells me that he can identify a Bruce at quite a distance, even if he has never met that particular person before. I don't doubt his assertion. The more time I spend with Bruce's at Scottish events and other gatherings, the more I realize just how unique we are. Some of us

even share certain facial features – and I bet you can guess just which ones I am thinking about. As time has passed, I have also learned to identify several personality characteristics which we seem to have in common (certainly a subject for a future Blue Lion article). I think I can also detect certain common traits among those we have chosen to marry. And, of course, our children are all smart and able – every last one of them.

Let me conclude by inviting your participation in FOBII this games season by attending one or more of the events at which we will have a presence. Take time to meet and converse with the conveners and the other Bruce's and sept members you will encounter. Volunteer to help set up/take down our displays. Help man the booth for periods of time so that the conveners have opportunity to enjoy other aspects of the events. Get to know your family on the basis of mutual interest, and then let those encounters develop into both friendship and kinship. You will not regret it. Your membership will become one of your most valuable assets.

Kind regards, *William*

PS – Phyllis and I will be at Scottish Fairs/Games this year in Farmington, Minnesota, Waukesha, Wisconsin, St. Louis, Missouri, and Stone Mountain, Georgia. We would love to have you come and join us, and give us an opportunity to get to know you in person.



William & Phyllis and Kathy & Don Bruce at the Minnesota Scottish Fair



Join the Family of Bruce International members at the following games scheduled from June thru 2012
Please contact a Commissioner or representative near you for more information!!

CALIFORNIA – Julie Goldsworth
October 12-14 – Seaside Highland Games --
Ventura County www.seaside-games.com/

COLORADO – Richard Bruce
September 6-9 – Longs Peak Scottish/Irish
Highland Festival – Estes Park
www.scotfest.com

GEORGIA – Deb Bruce Gottlieb & Steve Bruce
October 19-21 – Stone Mountain Highland
Games www.smhg.org – Annual Meeting –
1pm and
Annual Dinner at 6pm on Saturday!!

INDIANA – Polly Tilford
September 8-9 – Columbus Highland Games,
Columbus www.scottishfestival.org

MAINE – Charles F. Bruce III
August 18 – Maine Highland Games,
Topsham Fairgrounds
www.mainehighlandgames.org

MICHIGAN – Polly Tilford
August 25 – Kalamazoo Scottish Festival
www.kalamazooscottishfestival.org

MISSOURI – William Bruce & Don Bruce
September 28-29 – St. Louis Scottish Games,
Forest Park, St. Louis www.stlouis-scottishgames.com

NEW YORK – Nick Carrado and Ann E. Eldred
August 11 – Central New York Scottish Games
www.cnyscottishgames.org/CNY_Scottish_Games/Welcome.html

OKLAHOMA – MarLo Alexander
September 14-16 – Oklahoma Scottish Games
& Gathering, Tulsa
www.tulsascottishgames.org

OHIO – Kenneth Swank
June 21-23 – Ohio Scottish Games
www.ohioscottishgames.com

VIRGINIA – Gerald Cousins
September 1-2 – Virginia Scottish Festival –
Alexandria
<http://www.vascottishgames.org/>
October 20-21 Central Virginia Highland
Games and Celtic Festival – Richmond, VA
– tentative
<http://www2.richmond.com/entertainment/2012/may/14/central-virginia-highland-games-celtic-festival-ar-1908132/>

WASHINGTON –
July 28-29 – 64th Annual Pacific Northwest
Scottish Highland Games & Clan
Gathering, Enumclaw – www.sshga.org/

WISCONSIN – William Bruce & Don Bruce
August 31 - September 2 – Wisconsin Scottish
Fair, (Waukesha Expo Center – Waukesha,
Wisconsin) www.wisconsinscottish.org/

YOUR INPUT WANTED!!!!

We need **help** at games!!!
It's fun... it's easy and training is provided!!!!
If you are interested in helping out or
hosting a Bruce Tent, please contact:
Deb Bruce Gottlieb
1495 Jones Road
Roswell, Georgia 30075
or to
deb@familyofbruce.org

The 2012 Charleston Scottish Games &
Highland Gathering in South Carolina will
be held on September 15 at Boone Hall.
If you are interested in hosting a Bruce
then there this year, please contact Deb
Bruce Gottlieb at the above address!!!
www.charlestonscots.org



Preparing for 2014

By Deborah Bruce Gottlieb, FSA Scot

The February 2012 issue of the Blue Lion contained Part I and this issue contains Part II. These articles explain the fundamental events (political and cultural) that led up to outcomes in Scotland.

- I. *The Bruces and Scotland (1120-1295)*
- February 2012 - Completed
- II. Events Leading up to the Wars of Scottish Independence (1296 - 1306) - May 2012

Part II – Events which led to the Wars of Scottish Independence (1296-1306)

Part I of this series concluded with John Balliol, King of Scots, losing influence and control of situations between Scotland and England. The Comyn regime was in control of the Scottish Council; the Bruce's had forfeited their lands in Annandale and Carrick and temporarily departed for England; and there was much turmoil and at this time in 1295 a number of Scottish nobility and landowners including the Bruces supported Edward I of England.

At the start of 1296, King Edward I unleashed a devastating attack on the town of Berwick. After this event, there was little resistance from the Scots. King John surrendered to Edward I and was stripped of his position and became known as "Toom Tabard" or "empty surcoat". Edward I became overlord of Scotland and removed all the sacred relics, regalia, The Black Rood of St Margaret, and the Stone of Destiny on which the King of Scots had always been enthroned. Once again Edward I required the Scots nobility and gentry to subscribe allegiance to him, and the document known as the Ragman Roll contains the collection of records of their commitments. Names on this document include Robert Bruce VI, and Robert Bruce VII, the future king, as well as the Comyns. Also, at this time England and France were still at war and Edward's plans were to send the Scots to the brutal war in France to fight for England.

Animosity between the Bruces and Comyns increased, there was much discontent throughout Scotland, and the violence and warring continue. At this point William Wallace attacks and kills an English Sheriff. Wallace, the son of a knight, is followed in his rebel cause by a number of Bruce supporters – namely Sir William Douglas, James the Steward, Robert Wishart-Bishop of Glasgow, and the young Robert Bruce VII, Earl of Carrick now 22 years

of age. Although the future king denounces his fealty to King Edward I; his father, Robert VI, wanted nothing to do with his rebel alliance and in turn his father's supporters in Annandale did not follow the rebels. Shortly thereafter, Wallace and the rebel army won a decisive battle at Stirling Bridge.

In 1298, with continued invasions into Scotland and fierce battles, Edward I had a major victory at Falkirk over the Scots. The Army of Scotland and many of the nobles regrouped and it was decided that after such a defeat Wallace could no longer remain as sole guardian of Scotland. Robert Bruce, Earl of Carrick and John Comyn of Badenock the younger were elected as joint guardians of Scotland. They did attempt to bury their differences and to work together to resist Edward's army even though the differences between their families had existed for many years and they were also both in line for the throne of Scotland. By August 1299, it was clear that the Bruce and Comyn sides were clearly divided. Bishop Lamberton was then made a third guardian to bring some impression of harmony. By the end of 1299, the Scots were able to take Stirling Castle and celebrated a major victory over the English.

In the meantime, King John was released from papal custody and the Comyn and Balliol elements among the Scots were delighted, and they at once began working toward a restoration of King John to the throne of Scotland. Robert Bruce then ceased any cooperation with Comyn and was not a guardian any longer mainly due to his loathing to the prospect of fighting for King John.

The English Army led by Edward I invaded Scotland in the later part of 1300 and again in 1301. Robert Bruce made the decision in 1302 to distance himself from the patriots and return allegiance to Edward I. It is assumed that this was primarily due to the prospect of the Balliol restoration to the throne as well as negotiations about the return of Bruce estates, including a guarantee for him, his men, their lands and tenements, and freedom from imprisonment.

With this agreement Robert gained security for his lands and titles, without compromising his claim to the Scottish throne – as Edward would ensure the Balliol kingship would not be restored in Scotland. Another benefit was the approval by Edward I of the marriage of Robert to Elizabeth de Burgh. This marriage further strengthened the Bruce, de Burgh, and Steward Family's alliances.

At this point in 1303, William Wallace now lived mostly in isolation and was wanted by Edward I. John Comyn had decided that the rebel resistance could no longer be maintained.



The Scots had been overwhelmed by the military might of England and the failure of King John to put his support behind his subjects. Negotiations with Edward and the Scottish nobles resulted in compromise agreements, but Edward was unwilling to accept all the Scottish leaders into peace until Wallace had been captured.

In 1304, Edward overtook Stirling Castle with all the tools of medieval technology unleashed upon it. All Edward wanted now was William Wallace. He ordered Comyn and the other Scottish leaders to capture Wallace if they wanted easier surrender terms. By August 1305, Wallace was captured, tried, and brutally executed. Wallace had no opportunity to answer the charges and was treated with no compassion or respect as should have been due to a former Guardian of Scotland.

In 1305, Edward then begins to define the future government of Scotland as England's latest territory – rather than a separate kingdom – as Scotland had been reduced to obedience by Edward. Accommodation was reached with the Comyns and their cooperation was secured for Edward I. Robert Bruce was to have a minor role and was nominated to sit on the guardian's council. Edward I had succeeded in "hammering the Scots" into submission and he thought his achievements would last indefinitely.

At this time, Robert Bruce VII had much authority. He was married to the daughter of the most powerful magnate in Ireland, holding Ayr and Kildrummy castles, and three royal forests as well as the titles of Earl of Carrick and now Lord of Annandale since his father Robert VI had passed in 1304.

As noted earlier, the Bruces and Comyns did not see eye to eye on many issues regarding Scotland. They both negotiated and compromised much with their wealth, lands, and position for power. The heads of both families met in the Greyfriars Church at Dumfries on 10 February 1306. Robert Bruce and John Comyn had come to blows in the past and did so again at this meeting. Their discussions turned to argument, accusation, and rage. Bruce struck Comyn with his sword before leaving the kirk. It is not clear if the blow killed Comyn outright or if Bruce's supporters finished the deed. It was however, a defining moment in Scottish history and for Robert Bruce.

Bruce's intentions were to unite Scotland and not bring her to a civil war. However, his actions at Greyfriars Kirk was a crucial event that changed Scottish history. Edward I died shortly thereafter

understanding his conquest of Scotland was now beyond his reach.

If the revival of the Scottish kingship were to be believable, all traditional forms would have to be observed as much as possible. There was much improvising in moving forward with the enthronement ceremony because Edward I had removed most of the sacred relics. Scotland was greatly divided and there were still a great number of Scots who supported the more legitimate Balliol claim to the throne; however, Bruce had support among the higher clergy and nobility. There was much outrage regarding the intrusion upon the rights and liberties of the Scots kingdom, the humiliation of King John, and the execution of William Wallace.

March 25th 1306 was the enthronement date and all essential ceremonies were observed.

Ironically, at this time, many Scottish nobles were on the side of the English as they wished to have peace even at the expense of the Scots nation. Many of the Scottish citizens were uncertain as to who to support.

Part III of the Series will continue in the August 2012 issue of the Blue Lion

- III. Families/Clans Supporting Scotland and Robert the Bruce (1306) – *August 2012*
- IV. The Battles and Events before Bannockburn (1306 – 1313) – *November 2012*
- V. Edward Bruce Makes an Agreement (1313) – *February 2013*
- VI. Preparing for Battle (1313 – June 1314) – *May 2013*
- VII. The Battle (June 1314) – *August 2013*
- VIII. Finally... Acknowledgement & the Declaration of Arbroath (1314 – 1320) – *November 2013*
- IX. The "Peace" in a Courageous Era (1320 – 1329) – *February 2014*
- X. Final Measures to Celebrate the 700th Anniversary of Bannockburn – *May 2014*

The article above was composed using the two books listed below. There is much more history to account for that can be individually researched by those who desire additional information. The authors of these two publications are very reliable historians in their own right and offer adequate references and testaments. The publications are:

Barrow, G. W. S. – *Robert Bruce and the Community of the Realm of Scotland*, Edinburgh University Press.

McNamee, Colm – *Robert Bruce Our most Valiant Prince, King and Lord*, published by Birlinn Limited 2006.



Acquiring Armorial Bearings By Thomas Allen Bruce

We hope that our continuing series on heraldry has inspired many of our readers to consider acquiring Armorial Bearings of their own.

There are several terms to be aware of when discussing personal Armorial Bearings. The first is "matriculation," which is the process of either inheriting ancestral Arms without differences as the heir to those ancestral Arms, or of having a differenced version of ancestral Arms assigned if not the heir to the undifferenced version.

The second term to be aware of is a "grant" of Arms, which is the process whereby new Arms are devised and assigned.

Another pair of terms to understand is "petition," which is the document used to apply to an armorial authority such as the Lord Lyon in Scotland, or the College of Arms in England, for either a grant or a matriculation, and the related term "petitioner" for the person filing the petition.

A potential armiger should also be aware of the concept of armorial "jurisdiction." The Lord Lyon's jurisdiction is over Scotland; the English College of Arms in London has jurisdiction over England; and there are a couple of other national authorities. There is no national armorial authority for the U.S.A. We will primarily concern ourselves in this article with the Scottish Lyon Court, with some mention of the College of Arms.

The first step in acquiring personal Armorial Bearings should be to evaluate whether there may be ancestral Arms from which you can matriculate. For many Americans this is very difficult, because there are scanty records, and there are often many generations between ancestors who may have had Arms recorded in Lyon Register or the College of Arms and a person living today. Nevertheless, if a male line descent can be proven from an ancestor who had personal Armorial Bearings, matriculation is the route to take. The proofs required in any armorial petition are birth, marriage, and death certificates for each generation. From that it follows that, if there are many generations between the petitioner and their armigerous ancestor, it can be a daunting task to assemble the required documents.

In general, neither the Scottish Lyon Court nor the English College of Arms has jurisdiction over Americans, and Americans with no connections to Scotland or England will not be eligible for Scottish or English Arms. However, if an American has an

ancestor who had Armorial Bearings in either jurisdiction, it is usually possible to have those Arms assigned to a present day petitioner either as heir if applicable, or else to have a differenced version assigned by matriculation. Matriculation is also less expensive than a grant.

Most Americans today will find themselves in the position of having no provable descent from an ancestral armiger. If, however, an American can prove male line descent from an ancestor born in Scotland, or from an ancestor in the American colonies prior to 1783, then it may be possible to petition for a grant of Arms for that ancestor, and then to matriculate based on that posthumous grant.

There are fees involved for both an ancestral grant and subsequent matriculations based on that grant, so in many cases it is wise to gather together as many siblings and cousins as possible to help pay for the ancestral grant, therefore making the financial cost be lessened for any one of the interested parties.

The rules and procedures for Arms grants differ between Lyon Court and the College of Arms. In general terms, the College of Arms will grant Arms to Americans of English descent, but those Arms are called "Honourary Arms" and are not usable in Scotland.

Americans who own real estate in Scotland may also thereby fall under the Lord Lyon's jurisdiction, and therefore be eligible for a Grant of Arms. The size of the real estate will matter; the current Lord Lyon has mandated that the land must be at least of a big enough size that a house could be built on it. This ruling came about after attempts by purchasers of the "one square inch of Scottish land" promotional certificates to obtain grants of Arms.

Appointment to certain British Orders of Chivalry, and to certain positions within the households of Scottish Clan Chiefs, may also bring the appointee within the jurisdiction of the Lord Lyon or the College of Arms.

Once the potential armiger has evaluated the route to armigerous status that applies to his or her particular case, the documentation for his or her petition should be methodically gathered. As mentioned before, each generation of descent to be mentioned in the eventual "Letters Patent" for a grant, or "Extract of Matriculation" for a matriculation, must be documented. In addition, each statement of fact, such as university degrees held, or military ranks attained, must also be



documented. The usual form of documentation required is certified copies of the pertinent documents.

Once all documentation is gathered, it is wise to write to the Lyon Clerk, or to the College of Arms, stating what form of petition is being considered, and in general terms setting out the documentation on hand. Any difficulties can then be worked out in advance of filing the formal petition.

Once all is in order, a formal petition is prepared, and filed with the appropriate office. The required form of the petition is set out on the Lyon Court website, as well as in several books, and Lyon Court sends a brochure with sample petitions and other directions upon receipt of a letter of interest from a potential petitioner. All the required documents, along with a "Schedule of Proofs," which is a listing of each document relating to statements in the petition, are filed along with the petition. There is a non-refundable filing fee at Lyon Court, and this is the reason for ironing out all the details in advance.

It is possible to hire representatives to handle all of the administrative tasks involved in petitioning for Arms, but doing so is not necessary. For a simple grant or matriculation it is usually quite easy for a petitioner to handle all the paperwork on his or her own.

Once a petition is filed and the fee has been paid, the petition is placed in the queue in the order in which it was received, and will be considered in that same order. It can take anywhere from a few months to a couple of years for a petition to reach the top of the stack. Once it does, the Lord Lyon will contact the petitioner with his opinion, any questions, and whether or not he is willing to do what the petitioner wants. The College of Arms works in much the same way.

The Heralds very much want each armiger to be happy with his or her armorial bearings, so they are willing to accommodate ideas about designs, but they are not willing to grant armorial items indicating a status that the petitioner does not actually hold. In other words, for example, they won't grant a coronet appropriate to a Duke to a petitioner who isn't a Duke, and it's best not to ask for such things in the first place.

Once the petitioner and the heralds are in agreement about all particulars, the heralds prepare their orders about the Arms, and the successful petition goes into another queue. Once it reaches the top of that queue, a bill for the fees due so far, along with extra design elements that can be

ordered for the hand illuminated parchment that is the formal "title deed" to the Arms, is sent. By tradition, once the fees are paid, the new armiger may begin using the Arms.

The beautiful parchment is painted and lettered by hand, signed by the appropriate authority, and sent to the new Armiger when it is finished. The entire process from filing the petition to receipt of the Letters Patent or Extract of Matriculation document generally takes from a year to two years in simple cases. Complications necessitating additional letters back and forth from petitioner to heralds can add time to that. Once again, it is a good idea to iron out any difficulties by informal letter before a petition is filed.

There are currently three British heralds who are members of the Bruce Family. Mrs. Elizabeth Bruce Roads LVO is Lyon Clerk and Snawdown Herald, and The Hon. Adam Bruce WS is Marchmont Herald, both at the Court of the Lord Lyon. (Mrs. Roads was promoted to LVO, which stands for "Lieutenant of the Victorian Order," in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2012.) COL Alastair Bruce of Crionach OBE is Fitzalan Pursuivant Extraordinary at the College of Arms London.

The new armiger may fly appropriate armorial flags, and use and display his or her Arms in many different ways. Far from being a dead relic from the past, heraldry is very much evident and in use in Scotland and among Scots today.

The addresses of Lyon Court and the College of Arms in London are below. The author of this article would be glad to advise any member of Family of Bruce International considering an armorial petition. Please write to: T.A. Bruce, P.O. Box 924, Holly Springs, GA 30142, U.S.A., and please be as detailed as possible in your first letter.

www.lyon-court.com

Court of the Lord Lyon
HM New Register House
Edinburgh EH1 3YT
Great Britain

www.college-of-arms.gov.uk

The College of Arms
Queen Victoria Street
London EC4V 4BT
Great Britain

Future articles in this series will discuss the Armorial Bearings of additional members of the Family of Bruce.



**Fort Lee Celtic Festival
Fort Lee, Virginia
May 12, 2012
Gerald Cousins, Sr.**

The 2nd annual Fort Lee Celtic Festival was held at the army base and was open to the public. This was the first year the Family of Bruce International hosted a tent there and Debbie and Gerald Cousins had a good time talking to everyone that came by the tent and seeing our brave men and women and their families having a fun moment together.



**The Minnesota Scottish Fair
& Highland Games
Saturday – May 19th, 2012:
William Bruce, FOBI President**

BACKGROUND:

Last year it was cold, very cold. I wore a heavy winter leather jacket and wool cap all day long. It was wet, a slow steady spring rain along with gusty winds. I was happy I had opted for a dry space in the 4H building. The folks who had set up outdoors were even colder and certainly wetter, all day long. The really negative result of the bad weather was a bad gate, many fewer people than we had hoped for decided to brave the weather and join us. It just has to be better this year. So far the forecasters are predicting temps in the low 80's, quite hot for Minnesota in late May, with humid air and a chance for thunderstorms late in the day. I hope they stay away altogether.

PREPARATIONS:

I started getting ready last week by pulling a large part of our games kit out of winter storage in my garage. Three of our four large blue storage tubs ended up on my dining room table so they could easily be

unpacked, carefully checked over, and repacked with the thought of sequencing the items for when we set up. All three were relabeled for easy identification of contents. I made very sure all was in perfect condition and that consumables were in good supply. One tub contains fabrics – table coverings, wall hangings, tartans & tartan banners and flags. Another is primarily print materials, display items, zip ties, bungees, badges and misc. small hardware. A third contains all those things we probably will not use but want to have available just in case, including rain gear and a first aid kit. Don has the fourth and last tub and it contains the tent sides and set up tools. All is now ready to go.

OUR PUBLIC FACE:

There were also banners to be checked. We have quite a few of them. They include our large tent ID, Bannockburn Anniversary, Bannockburn Instructional, Welcome and 700 Year Coronation. We have two new ones this year that were made both for carrying in the parade of the clans & families and also for tent display. Both are mounted on pvc carrying poles. One is the "WE ARE THE FAMILY OF BRUCE" ID banner, and the other announces our continuing relationship to, and sponsorship of, "Minnesota Sheltie Rescue". In case anyone has concerns about that, the sponsorship is approved by the FOBI board and is paid for (donated) out of my pocket, and not the FOBI budget. They will be setting up right next to us and we find that we mutually benefit through traffic generated by both organizations. As most of you know I am sure, Shetland Sheepdogs (Shelties) are a Scottish herding breed and I have two of them in my home.



Phyllis Bruce visiting next door at the Minnesota Sheltie Rescue

THE PLACE:

The event is held at the Dakota County Fair Grounds in Farmington, Minnesota. Farmington is on the very southern edge of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan area, so some persons have a long way to travel. Don & Kathy will be coming all the way from Stillwater and Phyllis and I will be coming from our home not far from the MSP International Airport. We will meet at the fairgrounds on Friday and get things pretty well set up so we are not rushed when the gates open on Saturday morning. One of the first things to be done on Saturday

will be to visit the "Minnesota Scottish Club" tent for hot Scottish tea and a cup that can be refilled with that brew all day long at no additional charge. Quite a good deal. Their scones are delicious, and we will undoubtedly purchase a supply of those as well. We will be ready to meet the public not later than 9:00 AM – with some early birds before that. Of course there is always the fun of greeting other folks we have gotten to know over the years who are representing their clans and families.

THE SPACE:

We will set up our tent at our indoor space. It is in a 4H building at the fairgrounds, a steel sheathed structure with a concrete floor and minimal amenities. At least it gets us out of the weather. It is just easier to do it that way as our display materials are designed to fit into the tent and use its structure to support some of those materials. It also makes it easier to hang our signs and banners. We have a couple of large pieces of indoor/outdoor carpeting that we will use to soften the effect of the concrete floor. Add to that a couple of comfortable patio chairs. One of the items we have learned to always have with us is a cooler full of iced bottled water, an important comfort and health item. There will be quite a few other clan displays set up in the same building along with a couple of vendors. Most of the fair activities will be outdoors, and those spaces are just outside this building, so we should have good traffic past our space. The fair organizers do their best to provide good signage. We will be only a short distance from a building with flush toilets which is always a plus. The food vendors will also be only a short walk away. I am told that the lamb-burgers will be available again this year – delicious.

AN OCCASION?

The 19th, the day of this event, is only two days before Phyllis and I have our 46th wedding anniversary. I plan on walking her down to two of our favorite vendors of Scottish oriented goods, "The Celtic Croft" and "The Saint Croix Weavers", and let her pick out whatever she wants. That will save me having to shop and insure she gets something she will really like and use. I may even get something for myself.

FRIDAY:

A very hot day for Minnesota in May. As a matter of fact it was a new all time record hot with temps in the 90's. This morning we got the Buick loaded up with the tubs of display materials and all of the flags and banners. At about 2:30 PM we met Don at the fairgrounds and found our space in the 4H building.

We spent about an hour and a half getting the tent set up along with all of the banners, flags, tables, hangings, chairs and carpet. We will save the table coverings and table displays for tomorrow morning. The 4H building has huge vehicle doors at both ends and that sets up a good draft to help things stay just a bit cooler.

What a change from last year when we froze, to this year's sweat.

SATURDAY – EVENT DAY:

We were up at six AM, quickly dressed in our tartans, got the dogs squared away (they will be in the house with the AC on all day, and will have a visit for watering, treats, and exercise mid day), iced the cooler with the bottled water, loaded up and headed for the fair grounds. We arrived about 8:15 and started to get the display tables covered and the display items set out. Don & Kathy soon arrived, and so did the Minnesota Sheltie Rescue people and dogs. They set up right next to us (as I have mentioned – we sponsor their participation). The gates open to the public at nine and we are all ready to engage.



Here is the Bruce space all ready for the visitors!

At noon we move out to the main event field where the massed pipe bands are gathering, and we line up for the "Parade of the Clans". The MNSR people and dogs are marching with the FOBII contingent. All goes well. After the pageantry of all of that is over, we find something to eat. I had a "lamb burger with grilled veggies", and found it to be very good indeed. I have to remind my self to stay hydrated with that iced bottled water, as the temps once again reach the upper 80's. Phyllis has duties with the Minnesota chapter of the Royal Scottish Country Dancers and Don has duties with the Minnesota Saint Andrew Society, so FOBII member Samantha and I engage the public at our display. Lots of people to talk to and questions to answer. Just a bit before 5:30 (closing time), we start to wrap up our display. When we finally get home we use the door remote and drive directly into the garage. Everything is left in the car to deal with tomorrow. After a bit of a wait in the garage, the rain lets up some and we make a dash for the house. The dogs are delighted to see us, and after seeing to them it is time to hit the shower and wash off the sweat and dust. Needless to say, it was to bed early. ----- And yes, Phyllis did find an anniversary gift at the "Celtic Croft" – amber ear rings and necklace. Really quite beautiful, and expensive, but she is worth every cent and then some.

NEXT YEAR?????



**GALLABRAE – Greenville Scottish Games
Furman University
May 26, 2012**

The Greenville South Carolina Scottish Games held at beautiful Furman University has evolved from a two days games event to a five day regional festival called Gallabrae.

The Duke of Hamilton, Alexander Douglas Hamilton, was the 2012 Chief of the Games, and Clan Hamilton was the Honored Clan. His Grace is the Premier Peer of Scotland and as such is Keeper of the Palace of Holyrood House, the Queen's Official Residence in Scotland, and carries the crown at the opening of the Scottish Parliament and at coronations.

This is the sixth year anniversary of the games and they certainly put on a very professional event.

Family of Bruce International won the 2012 best tent award!!! We appreciated FOBI members John and Joyce Bruce marching with us!!!



Carrol Goldsworth on left (Julie's Dad) and his brother David Goldsworth share a good time at Scotsfest



Deb Bruce Gottlieb and Steve Bruce pose for a picture at the 2012 Greenville Scottish Games

**Scotsfest – Costa Mesa Scottish Games
May 26-27, 2012
Julie Goldsworth**

There were quite a few people expressing their thanks for having a Bruce tent as they had never seen one at these games before. Many were interested in the brochures and other information and hope they will soon become members!!!! Thank you Julie for hosting this event!!!

**Glasgow Scottish Games
Glasgow, Kentucky
June 2 – 3
Polly Bruce Tilford**

Family of Bruce International was represented at the Glasgow, Kentucky Highland Games June 2 & 3. The theme this year was Generations. See picture of three generations of Bruces on page 11.

They along with several members enjoyed the games and the good weather. Other members present were Norma Bruce, John Tilford, Maxine Preuett, Julie Goldsworth, Paula Setters, Allan Thompson, Linda Bucklin.



Pictured above are members Polly Bruce Tilford and Robert Randolph.



Heather Bruce of Denver keeps busy at Scottish Piping, Drumming, and Dancing Art

Heather Bruce, tenor drummer and Highland dancer for the Colorado Youth Pipe Band, had a very busy St. Patrick's Day. The weekend before, CYPB played at the start and finish for the Running of the Green, a 5K race in downtown Denver (see photo). Friday, March 16th the band had two tavern gigs in south Denver.

On St. Patrick's Day itself, Heather marched in the Parade (one of the country's largest) with the Rocky Mountain Highland Dancers. Then she danced and drummed with CYPB at two tavern gigs at the Cherry Cricket, a popular burger joint. Then she was driven by chauffeur-of-the-day, Bob Bruce, to Parker, Colorado for an hour-long dance show at a nursing home. Then back to Denver for the Green Tie gala at the Sewell Ballroom, followed by some busking in downtown Denver and a final tavern gig! Whew!



On Sunday, March 18th, the Colorado Youth Pipe Band was the guest artist with the Denver Pops Orchestra, a ticketed event.

The Colorado Youth Pipe Band will be working hard during Summer 2012 in order to get ready for the World Championships in Glasgow, Scotland in Summer 2013. Heather is hoping to both drum and dance in Scotland.

Three Generations of Bruces at the Glasgow Kentucky Games



Pictured above from r-l is Rex Bruce, Aaron Tilford (grandson of Rex) and Polly Bruce Tilford (daughter of Rex and mother of Aaron)

Flowers of the Forest In Loving Memory

Mrs. John L. Moore – 2006

Sharon Buller – February 19, 2012

Genevieve Sophia Bjork Bruce - March 2, 2012
– Age 96 years. Mother of William P. Bruce, President of the Family of Bruce International, and grandmother to FOBI members Mark Bruce and Scott Bruce, and great-grandmother to Rhiannon Bruce.

Melvina Ida Bruce – April 15, 2012 – Age 89 years. Wife of the late Thomas Bruce, Jr. co-founder of Bruce International, mother to FOBI members Deborah Bruce Gottlieb – Operations Officer, David Bruce, and Donald Bruce, and grandmother to Ian and Mackenzie Bruce.



Membership Committee – Polly Bruce Tilford

The Family of Bruce International warmly welcomes new members who have recently joined!!!

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(ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES IN SCOTS GAELIC)

NEW MEMBERS:

California – Carroll Goldsworth

North Carolina – Lana Bruce Hall

South Carolina – F. Glenn Smith

Texas – Leo Lorenz

Virginia – Barbara Baron, Carie Lince, Christine F. Avery

LIFE MEMBERS:

Virginia – Joseph Craig Washington, James Washington

Thank you to all Annual members who have paid their 2012 dues. Your dues allow FOBI to fund general activities and Charitable Operations donations!!

Request for Nominations for Officer Election at 2012 AGM!!

The election for the President, Vice-President, and the At Large member of the Board of Directors of the Family of Bruce International will be held on Saturday, October 20, at the Annual General Meeting to be held at Stone Mountain Highland Games at 1pm.

Per the FOBI By-laws the Officer elections for the President and Vice-President are held every two years on even numbered calendar year. President and Vice President shall be any Regular Member, male or female, born with the surname of Bruce or one of its recognized septs. A Regular membership shall be open to all persons of Scottish descent who bear the surname of Bruce or its recognized septs or whose mother or grandmother bore such surname. The recognized septs of Bruce are Carlisle, Carruthers, Crosbie, Randolph, and Stenhouse, regardless of spelling.

The by-laws define that all nominations are to be submitted to the Secretary by September 1. The Board of Directors will most likely make some

nominations, however, all members are encouraged to participate in this process.

“The President shall serve as the executive officer of the organization, preside at all meetings of the general membership and of the Board of Directors, be an *ex officio* member of all committees, exercise general supervision over the affairs of the organization, and perform such other duties as are ordinarily incumbent upon a President. He or she, or his or her duly appointed representative, shall represent the organization in all relations with other organizations. He or she shall represent the organization in all relations with the hereditary Chief of the Name of Bruce, the Right Honourable The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine. The President shall have authority to appoint such other persons to assist him or her in whatever subordinate role as he or she sees fit and these appointees shall serve at the discretion of the President; however, these persons shall not be deemed to be officers of the organization.”

“The Vice President shall act in the place and stead of the President at any meeting or function in which the President is not in attendance. In the event that the President is not able to complete his/her term of office, for whatever reason, the Vice President shall automatically assume that position for the remainder of the term of office. The Vice President shall perform such duties as are ordinarily incumbent upon Vice Presidents and such other duties as may be assigned by the President or Board of Directors.”

At-Large member election of the Board of Directors shall be conducted annually.

Please submit nominations for the President, Vice President, and At Large Board member in writing to the Secretary no later than September 1, 2012. Polly Bruce Tilford – Secretary, 5561 Earl Young Rd., Bloomington, IN 47408
or polly@familyofbruce.org.

The Deadline for input to the NEXT ISSUE IS July 15, 2012!!

Please send pictures and/or stories to Deb Gottlieb at deb@familyofbruce.org or by mail to 1495 Jones Road, Roswell, GA 30075

IN MEMORY OF...

Genevieve Sophia Bjork Bruce
&
Melvena Ida Bruce

Donations have been made to the FOBI Charitable Operations Fund



GIFTS AND MERCHANDISE

Family of Bruce International offers several products for sale. The proceeds are used to fund activities of the Family of Bruce International. These items make wonderful gifts... Also remember that memberships make great gifts! <http://www.familyofbruce.org/merch.htm>.

You can order these items using the order form on the next page!!!

BOOKS –

Duncan A. Bruce is a well-known author on Scottish events and people.

The Scottish 100 – Portraits of History's Most Influential Scots. Signed copy - \$19.00 (\$17 + \$2 shipping)

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The Elgins – 1766-1917 – by Sydney Checkland. Period history of the Earls of Elgin, their families, and Broomhall. \$32.00 (\$30 + \$2 shipping)

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www.rebelking.com

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New

DVD –

The 700th Anniversary of The Enthronement of Robert Bruce. The DVD contains footage of the events on Sunday, March 26, 2006. You will hear the incredible music and an upfront view of the church service at St. John's Kirk, and the Ceremony of Acclaim and events at Scone Palace. The DVD is approx. two hours long. \$21.00 (\$20.00 + \$1.00 shipping)

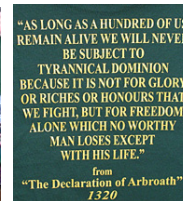
Bruce Family History – DVD version. Family of Bruce Video was produced in 1974 by our Chief, the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine to mark the 700th anniversary of the birth of King Robert I. This is a very fine exposition of the history of our Family, and should be in the collection of every Bruce. Also available as a VHS video \$21.00 (\$20 + \$1 shipping)

SHIRTS –

Green Bruce T-shirt with quote from the Declaration of Arbroath on the back. Sizes Small to 3XL – \$18.00 (\$15 + \$3 shipping)



Front



Back

Polo Shirts with the Bruce name and the American and St. Andrews Flag. Colors White, Dark Gray,

Sizes – Small – XX-Large.
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NEW ITEMS –

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Family of Bruce Note Cards & Bookmark – with Bruce Modern Tartan



Cards \$2.75 each with matching envelopes – Heather (shown), Thistle, Scottie Dog
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Mission Statement: *"To promote, honor, and preserve our Scottish and Bruce heritage by sponsoring activities, events, scholarships, and continual communication through the E-Magazine and website. We will therefore, provide educational information, tributes to our history and ancestors, and thereby attract Bruces and Septs into the enjoyment and celebration of our familial relationships.*

CREST*: A lion statant with tail extended Azure, armed and langued Gules.

ARMS*: Or, a saltire and chief Gules, on a canton Argent a lion rampant Azure.

MOTTO: *FUIMUS* - We have been.

* The Crest and Arms belong to the Chief and can only be used by him. Use of the Crest surrounded by a buckled belt is acceptable.

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Broomhall

Broomhall, located in Fife near Dunfermline, has been the home of the Elgin branch of the Family of Bruce since the 16th century. In the following link – <http://www.youtube.com/user/canadascotlandvideos> you will find informative videos narrated by Lord Elgin including one on Broomhall – *“Truly a Family Home”*.

The photo below is the cover picture of the book – *The Elgins – 1766-1917 – by Sydney Checkland. Period history of the Earls of Elgin, their families, and Broomhall.* See page 13 for purchasing information. For those who are following the heraldry articles, please note Lord Elgin's Armorial Banner flying high above his home.

