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Start Planning for 2024!! We're Going to Scotland

By Don Bruce, President

One of the ideas we discussed at our in-person Board Meeting in October before the Stone Mountain Annual General Meeting was the possibility of having a Family of Bruce Gathering in Scotland in 2024. That year would mark the 100th birthday of Lord Elgin, and some of us who attended the gathering in 2014 for the 700th Anniversary of Bannockburn, when Lord Elgin was a mere 90, promised him that we would return for his 100th. Well, this is the follow through on that promise! It will also hopefully be a time when this pandemic is behind us and safe travel is again possible.

After the meeting I contacted Lord Bruce with the idea. We have since heard back from him that he "heartily endorses" it, and so the planning has begun. Initial thoughts are that the Gathering would take place in early June, 2024, so that children and teachers would be done with the school year. It is also generally a very nice time of year in Scotland. (Lord Elgin would have his 100th birthday on February 17, but that is not such a great time to be in Scotland.)

The events for the Gathering would be centered around Dunfermline and the Chief's home at Broomhall. Some early thoughts are some day trips, perhaps to Clackmannan, and to castles that relate to Bruce history, such as Kildrummy and Crathes. We would also likely include outings to Edinburgh, and Stirling and Bannockburn. Another idea is to have an overnight bus trip that would follow the Bruce Trail. But everything is still open and subject to much input and discussion. I also thought that a day at Broomhall, with tours of the home, the grounds, and perhaps the surrounding communities would be interesting. I would especially like for us to host our 2024 AGM at Broomhall. Wouldn't that be an experience?

These events would come with a cost, that would have to be borne by those attending. But it will certainly be worth it! As we plan, we will certainly keep cost in mind too. We will be exploring the possibility of working with a travel agent, preferably one who has experience with setting up these types of events for other clans or families.

Here is what we are asking you as members to do now. If you would be seriously considering going to the Gathering, please contact us at familyofbruceinternational@gmail.com and let us know of your plans and the numbers of people from your individual families that would likely be attending. This is not a commitment at this point, though we will be asking for one at some point down the road with a monetary deposit. But we do need to get an idea of numbers for planning purposes. If you have ideas for Bruce related places to consider for the group to visit, or any other information you think might be helpful for us in our planning, please include that too.

This is an exciting prospect and project for us to work on these next 2 years. I hope you will give strong consideration to attending if it is at all possible. And please feel free to contact us with thoughts and suggestions as we go through this planning process. We will need your help and enthusiasm to make it all work. The Board and I will keep you all posted regularly as to our progress as we plan this grand adventure!



DEAR FAMILY —

As we are in the midst of another cold winter here in Minnesota, and as we enter into an unbelievable third year of dealing with this seemingly unending Covid 19 pandemic, I hope you are as excited as I am about the announcement of a family gathering in Scotland in 2024! As I indicated in the announcement in this issue, this will be a major project for us in planning this trip over the next two years. But in the end, it will be well worth it and I think you will find that, if you attend, it will be one of those bucket list trips for you. Please feel free to provide input for the Board as we plan this trip. We need your help. We want to make it the best family gathering possible. If you attended either of the prior trips in 2006 or 2014, you know what a fabulous experience these gatherings can be. The difference this time is that our organization is the sponsor and the planner, rather than the Chief and his family, though Lord Bruce has indicated he is all in on this idea and he will be very much involved in the work that we do over the next two years.

Speaking of Lord Bruce, as you likely know by now, he is being honored with the Wallace Award by the American Scottish Foundation in New York City on September 30, 2022. The Wallace Award is presented by the Foundation to an individual for his or her international contributions to Scottish Heritage, Arts, Culture and Education. Given his activities in various places around the globe, including, India, Canada, the US, and of course Scotland, he is richly deserving of this award. We are rightly proud of him, and, as I have said so many times before, we Bruces, and Family of Bruce International, are so lucky to have him; his father, our Chief; Lady Elgin; and the rest of their family. They have been so supportive of us, of FOBI, and of one of our predecessors, Bruce International, for almost 40 years. Congratulations to Lord Bruce on this well-deserved honor!

On another subject, January is of course the usual time of year for Scots and those of Scottish heritage to honor Robert Burns on his birthday, January 25. This year would mark his 263rd birthday. Unfortunately, with the pandemic still an issue, many Burns Dinners and celebrations have again been cancelled. We were fortunate to be

able to attend one in Minnesota that actually happened on January 8. We had a great time, as described elsewhere in this Lion. I know that all of us hope this is the last year that these celebrations will be cancelled, and that games and other Scottish events will again be able to happen. Our games in Minnesota are scheduled for July 16, and hopefully will occur for the first time since 2019.

In the meantime, I keep myself occupied in the winter with some hobbies, like shoveling snow, and walking on a walking track at our local high school. But the one that has always been my favorite winter activity is downhill skiing. I have been skiing since my father got me started at age 5. So I now have over 60 ski seasons under my belt. Both my sons are avid skiers, and we are now getting the next generation started. The picture below shows my grandson Hayden and I a few years ago as we were out skiing locally.



I have found that you have to have something fun to get you through our long Minnesota winters. Skiing has always been that thing for me. I really enjoy the family aspect of it as we are now in our fourth generation of skiers in my family.

In conclusion, I and the Board will definitely keep you updated on our planning for this Scottish adventure in 2024! Until next time!

YOURS AYE,

DON BRUCE, FSA SCOT, PRESIDENT



34th Celtic Classic Highland Games & Festival - September 25 – 26 Bethlehem Pennsylvania Commissioner – Stephen Cobaugh

FOBI was joined by 13 other clans/families as part of a celebration of Scottish heritage. The event, sponsored by the Celtic Cultural Alliance, is one of the largest in the state and reportedly draws over 50,000 visitors to the city's picturesque downtown historical district. The venue -- in the heart of a major city -- creates a special atmosphere quite unlike many other festivals of its kind. As a result, the diverse crowd reflects more than the usual Scottish and Irish followers. This marked a first-time participation by FOBI.

Our tent was located in Celtic Heritage Hollow, in the center of the city's Colonial Industrial Quarter. This 10-acre area is considered America's earliest industrial park, established by the colonial Moravians along the banks of the Monocacy Creek. The district, with its ten historic structures and ruins from the 1700s and 1800s, creates an unusual backdrop for one portion of the festival. The site was designated as a National Historic Landmark District in 2012.



Stephen M. Cobaugh, Pennsylvania Commissioner, in front of the new Robert the Bruce tent wall that made its debut at the event.

Spectators enjoying themselves around the Bruce tent. Many visitors ask to have their picture taken in front of the Robert the Bruce tent wall. The attention-getting wall continued to attract thousands of people throughout the weekend.



Charitable Donations:

- Dunfermline Abbey \$500 – December 2020
- National Trust for Scotland USA as a national clan partner \$250.
- National Trust for Scotland to help Robert Burns' manuscripts from getting into private hands \$500,
- Two Stone Mountain trophies,
3rd Place Athlete of the Day
3rd Place Amateur Athlete of the Day
- 2021 FOBI Scholarship awarded to Kyle Bruce Crow - \$1,000. Paid in 2022.

2021 FOBI Events with a Bruce Tent

- Costa Mesa Scottish Fest – virtual – May 29 – Julie Goldsworth
- Celtic Fling & Highland Games – June 26-27 Steve Cobaugh
- Hadi Shriners Highland Festival – August 14 – Joseph Ryan and Sakara Bruce
- Cheyenne Celtic Festival – June 12-14 – Bob and Rachel Bruce
- Ormond Beach Celtic Festival – September 11-12 – Eric Harp
- Washington MO Celtic Festival – September 11 – Polly and John Tilford
- 6th Annual Scottish Covenanter Festival – September 11 – Steve Cobaugh
- Middle TN Highland Games – September 11 – Joseph Ryan and Sakara Bruce
- Stone Mountain Highland Games – October 16-17 – Marty Bruce and Deb Bruce Gottlieb – AGM in person

Other

- Virtual Zoom Meeting for Officers, Board, Commissioners, Games Hosts, and others on July 24, 2021.
- Four Blue Lion issues in February (with member roster), May, August, & November.



2022 Family of Bruce International Events – organized by date

Please check the websites for specific games before you attend to ensure the games are still on!!!

Scottish American Society of South Florida – Games Host Debra Gunn
38th Annual Southeast Florida Scottish Festival & Highland Games
PLANTATION HERITAGE PARK, 1100 South Fig Tree Lane, Plantation, FL 33317
March 5, 2022 www.sassf.org

Dill's Celtic Festival – Games Host/PA Commissioner – Steve Cobaugh (NEW EVENT)
Historic Dill's Tavern - Dillsburg, PA
April 29-30, 2022 <https://dillscelticfest.com>

Finger Lakes Celtic Festival – Games Host/NY Commissioner Chip Compton
4925 Collett Road Farmington, NY 14548
May 21, 2022 <https://www.flceltic.org/#/>

Costa Mesa Games – Games Host/S. CA Commissioner Julie Goldsworth
Orange County Fairgrounds
May 28 – 29 <https://www.scottishfest.com/>

Glasgow Highland Games – Games Host Joseph Ryan Bruce
Barren River Lake State Resort Park, Lucas, KY
June 3 – 5, 2022 **Tentative**

Allegany County Celtic Festival – Games Host/NY Commissioner Chip Compton
Cuba's Fireman's Park (Between Center and Woodruff Streets), Cuba NY 14727
June 4, 2022

Cumberland Valley Scottish Games – Games Host/PA Commissioner Steve Cobaugh (NEW EVENT)
Veterans Memorial Park, Shippensburg, PA
June 11, 2022 <https://cvscotsgame.org>

Cheyenne Celtic Festival – Games Host/Colorado Commissioner Bob Bruce
Lions Park - Dunbar Softball Field 408 S. lions Park Dr, Cheyenne, WY
June 11, 2022
<https://www.facebook.com/CelticFestival>

Genesee Country Village and Museum Celtic Faire – Games Host/NY Commissioner Chip Compton
1410 Flint Hill Rd., Mumfords NY 14511
June 12 – 13, 2022
<https://www.gcv.org/events/celtic-faire/>

Celtic Fling & Highland Games – Games Host/PA Commissioner Steve Cobaugh
Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire Grounds, Manheim, PA
June 25-26, 2022 <http://www.parenfaire.com>

Ohio Scottish Games & Celtic Festival – Games Host Kenneth Swank
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds Berea, Ohio
June 24 – 25, 2022
www.ohioscottishgames.com/

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games – Games Host Ginger Garner (NEW EVENT)
MacRae's Meadow - Linville, NC
July 7 – 10, 2022 <https://gmhg.org>

Hammond Historical Museum Scottish Festival – Games Host/NY Commissioner Chip Compton
1A North Main Street, Hammond, New York
July 9, 2022
www.hammondmuseum.com/scottish-festival.html

Elizabeth Celtic Festival – Games Host/Colorado Commissioner Bob Bruce
Casey Jones Park, Elizabeth, CO
July 16 – 17, 2022
<https://www.elizabethcelticfest.org/>



Monterey Scottish Games and Celtic Festival – Games Host/N California Commissioner Joel Bruce

Monterey County Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairground Rd., Monterey, CA 93940
July 16 – 17, 2022
<https://www.montereycelticfest.com/>

Minnesota Scottish Faire and Highland Games – Games Host/President Don Bruce & William Bruce, President Emeritus

Eagan Central Park, 1507 Central Parkway, Eagan, MN
July 16, 2022 <http://www.mnscottishfair.org/>

Hadi Highland Games – Games Host Joseph Ryan Bruce

Roberts Park – Evansville IN
August 2022 – **Not confirmed** –
<https://hadihighlanders.com/>

Central New York Scottish Games – Games Host/NY Commissioner Chip Compton

Longbranch Park, Liverpool, New York 13088
August 13, 2022 <https://cnyscottishgames.org/>

Jamestown Regional Celtic Festival and Gathering of the Clans – Games Host/NY Commissioner Chip Compton

Mayville Lakeside Park, Mayville, New York
August 26 – 27, 2022

Colorado Scottish Festival – Games Host/Colorado Commissioner Bob Bruce

Citizens Park, 5420 W. 24th Ave. Edgewater, CO
August (TBD) <http://scottishgames.org/>

Scottish Highland Gathering and Games – Pleasanton – Games Host/N. California Commissioner Joel Bruce

September 3 – 4, 2022
<https://www.carnifest.com/the-scottish-highland-gathering-games-2022/>

Capital District Scottish Games – Games Host/NY Commissioner Chip Compton

Altamont Fairgrounds, 129 Grand Street, Altamont, New York 12009
September 3, 2022 <https://scotgames.com/>

Covenanter Scottish Festival & Highland Games – Games Host/PA Commissioner Steve Cobaugh

Quarryville, PA
September 10, 2022
<https://www.convenanterscottishfestival.com>

Middle TN Games – Games Host Joseph Ryan Bruce

Sanders Ferry Park, Henderson, TN
September 10 – 11, 2022
<https://www.midtenngames.com/>

Columbus Scottish Festival – Games Host Polly Bruce Tilford

Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, 750 W 200 S, Columbus, IN 47201
September 10 – 11, 2022
<https://scottishfestival.org>

Niagara Celtic Festival – Games Host/NY Commissioner Chip Compton

Niagara County Fairgrounds, Lockport, NY
September 17 – 18, 2022
<https://niagaraceltic.com/>

Celtic Classic Festival – Games Host/PA Commissioner Steve Cobaugh

Downtown historic district, Bethlehem, PA
September 24-25, 2022
<https://www.celticfest.org>

Stone Mountain Highland Games – Games Host Marty Bruce

Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mountain, Georgia
October 14 – 16, 2022 <http://www.smhg.org/>
Annual General Meeting – 1pm Saturday
October 15

Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games – Games Host/Virginia Commissioner Gerald Cousins, Sr.

vacelticfestival.com October 29th & 30th – **not confirmed**

Are you interested in hosting or helping at a Bruce tent??

Training Provided!!!

If so, please contact Rodney Bruce, Operations Officer,
550 Tussey Fork Rd., Greenup, KY 41144
gkints@juno.com



Bruces attend early Burns Dinner in Minnesota

Bruces were well represented at an early Burns Dinner at the historic Lowell Inn in Stillwater MN on Saturday, January 8, 2022. President Don Bruce, his wife Kathy, and their great friend, Anne Chesin attended, along with about 30 others. Many in attendance, including Don, offered Burns stories, poems, and songs after a delicious buffet dinner of roast beef and chicken. Don told of the beautiful Burns book he was given by Nina Bryson, a Bruce he met in Aruba in 2009. The book had been in her family for generations and she offered it to Don since she had no children to pass it on to. The book is hand bound and estimated to be well over 100 years old. Don also told the story of Lady Catherine Bruce and her “knighting” of Robert Burns with King Robert’s sword. The dinner was organized by the local Scottish Knights Templar group. It was a great evening in a wonderful setting!



Anne Chesin, Don and Kathy Bruce

TRIBUTES & RECOGNITION

**Happy 98th Birthday
To Lord Elgin
February 17, 2022
From all at FOBI**

Kyle Bruce Crow – Awarded the 2021 FOBI Scholarship by the Family of Bruce International Officers and Board of Directors

CONGRATULATIONS KYLE!!!

*Kyle Bruce Crow is a member of FOBI and a Veterinarian student at the University of Glasgow, Scotland.
See his report below of his experiences*

Note from Kyle:

I want to thank the Board of the Family of Bruce International along with the wider family for their continued support with the awarding of the Family Scholarship. I have now been living in Scotland for four years, during this time I have been attending the University of Glasgow to get what would be the equivalent of a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in the United States. With my long stay in Scotland, I can really say that the culture is very different to what I was expecting. Many people tend to think that our cultures are similar because they are generally called western cultures. That is very different from the truth, the lack of a cultural understanding can really put up a wall between people. One of the first things I learned is that unlike Americans, most Europeans view where they live and were born, and what they intend to integrate into as who they are. It is not common for people to talk about their ancestry, and the fact that no one cares about it in the younger generation I was in contact with surprised me. I was also surprised at the fervor that many Scots display when they talk about In Bru. Even with the culture change that threw me for a loop the first couple of years, I have made lifelong connections with many different people.

During previous trips to Scotland, I was able to truly appreciate the countryside for the natural beauty that you will not find anywhere else. I was able to travel to historical sites, and places that made you feel the culture and emotion that surrounded it.

This is when I saw the beauty of Scotland, her history, and the admiration for the culture that existed here hundreds of years ago.



The education for my program at the University of Glasgow is demanding upon the student's time. As I am required to complete many, many weeks of external placements outside of term time. While this lets you get a breadth of experience and practical time, it is difficult to find time to enjoy yourself around Scotland. Unfortunately, Covid started when I was planning a trip to the Isle of Skye to really enjoy my time in my favorite scenery in the world.

The sky is almost always grey here in Glasgow, it is also cold and windy. Spending a lot of my time in my apartment listening to the wind blow and looking up at the greyscale sky, can start to seep into you. Which has helped me get more involved with the Not One More Vet (NOMV) movement and its message. I have also been appreciating the companionship that the Family of Bruce has cultivated within the organization.

Although it has been difficult finding places to take me on for the extra weeks I need for experience. I have managed to connect with a hospital in the north of Scotland. I am very excited about being able to travel there, and to work and learn in a new environment. This new hospital is a mixed practice that sees all species, which I have never gotten to work in. I have been skewing much of my experience towards companion and exotic animals in an emergency setting. When I am there I am hoping that I shall be a real help to the team, and expand upon my previous experiences.

Wherever I go I try to develop a sense of companionship and family within the hospitals that I work in. Just like how the Family of Bruce supports its members and has supported me through this experience. Just knowing that I am a part of something bigger and that we are here for each other during these hard times, really helps.

That is also one of the goals of the NOMV movement and their message. That worldwide, the veterinary profession has one of the highest suicide rates of any profession, but we are here for each other. When I started down the path of Veterinary medicine, I was going to give a voice to the animals I would be treating. With the support of the Family Scholarship, I have learned how to save my patients, and help decide what is best for them. I have been in the room with people who are broken and crying. These events

have been a hands-on educational experience that I could not have gotten at many Veterinary schools in the world.

Now I have realized that I also want to support and help my fellow people, my fellow students, my fellow veterinarians. NOMV is trying to support the profession so that we can save the lives of the people as well as the patients under our care. I am taking this education and trying to do more with it than I thought I would ever do, and I am trying to bring you The Family of Bruce with me.

I have shared the impression and large experiences I have had and felt during my time here in Scotland and in my program. The picture is from outside my main University building, it is in the same spot I took a picture of when I first visited and made it my goal to be in Scotland. The stethoscope bears the title of Dr. Kyle, a title that I hope to earn in a year. These are the experiences the Family has helped me acquire these last few years. Thank You.



The stethoscope bears the title of Dr. Kyle, a title that I hope to earn in a year!

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Barbara Becker Bailey -
December 28, 2021 - 96 years





Morton, H. V., "IN SCOTLAND AGAIN". Methuen & Co. LTD, London, 1933.

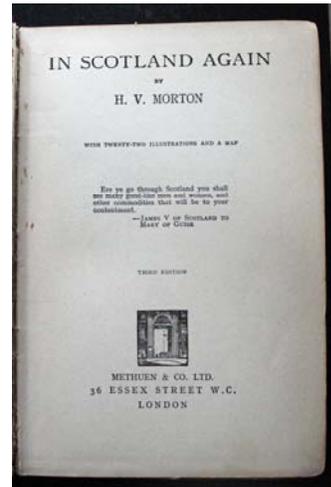
I never quite know why and how certain books come my way. It must be part of the fate to which I was consigned at birth. The above cited volume is certainly one of these. It seems that one of my sons and his wife, who live in Florida of all places, were browsing in an antique shop in Winter Haven when they came across this volume on a shelf with other well worn books of elderly origin. They immediately thought of me and my passion for Scotland and knew I had to have it. My copy is quite battered and worn, with yellowed and stain marked pages, yet it is well printed, complete and easily deciphered. At age eighty, I am a wee bit battered and worn myself, as I found myself in harmony with this book.

I think it very unlikely that this book would be published now in 2022. I think it very likely that the subjects it engages would be shared with the world as episodes of a video series wherein the visual images would take the place of the word images this author so skillfully articulates. Being something of a technophobe, I found Morton's word images a delightful way to engender in my imagination what places and persons he found so endearing without resorting to wide screen and well photographed color. Technology in 1933 provided this volume with some well chosen black and white photos, but without the impact of today's videography. I guess I am caught between "old school" and "contemporary" when it comes to the word portraits so carefully and artistically crafted by the author. So, what might you discover in this book?

The text is divided into twelve chapters, episodes really, in which the author carries us with him on his journey through the Scottish highlands. He provides a map for the reader to follow as the episodes unfold. (A miniature copy of this map is provided with this review. Should the reader of this review wish to see a digital copy of this map, contact me using the information provided in this publication.) From Dumfries, through Galloway, to Oban and Mull, Glengarry and John O' Groats, Inverness and Aviemore, through the Great Glen and the mountains enclosing it, Aberdeen and St.

Andrews, and finally to Edinburgh, Dunbar, Berwick, Flodden and Ettrick Forest, he brings the reader with him on this quite marvelous journey. Relive a night spent in a hunter's cabin where the hospitality of the lone resident provided for his needs, the two days and one night spent aboard a fishing trawler off the coast of Aberdeen. Enjoy his story of how the Honours of Scotland were "saved" and cast a new twist on what I had previously known. I would not want to have missed his own take on an old story about Robert "The Bruce". Join him on a visit to Abbotsford – the home of Sir Walter Scott, and on the ancient golf course at St. Andrew's. If you can find a copy it will be well worth your time.

*William P. Bruce, M.A., FSA Scot – 2022
President Emeritus, FOBII*





Whistling In A Scottish Wind #6: Musings with William

By William P. Bruce, FSA Scot

We are family. This simple and yet very complex statement has been attested to by literally generations of Bruce's and others, in Scotland, here in the United States and around the world. In fact, when I first began investigating how I should celebrate my Scottish heritage as just one individual among the thousands making up the Scottish diaspora, the concept of family was emphasized by just about everyone I encountered among the human lights of that diaspora. A perfect example of that attitude was our own Rex Bruce and his wife Norma, now, sadly for us, both part of our history rather than our present. I will always remember the warmth with which Rex welcomed me into Bruce International, one of the predecessor organizations of our Family of Bruce International. I believe he thought of me as the younger brother who was now back in the fold. He seemed to rejoice in that – an infectious smile underscoring the fact that I was now “back home” and that was where I belonged. I hadn't conceived of something like that previously in my life, but Rex really wanted me to believe it and in such a compelling way that I could not help but believe it myself. You see, Rex and I had become family without ever having previously met – because we were both Bruce's and extraordinarily proud of the fact.

Connection. It happened and I found it wonderful. It happened at a time in my life when many of the persons I had known and grown up with who carried the Bruce name had passed on from this world, and I had begun to feel quite alone in name despite a few new Bruce births which did encourage me. BI and then FOBII provided a wealth of individuals with whom I could and did share

the Bruce connection. I was treated as if they had known me all their lives and I was irresistibly enmeshed in the sense that I had found the family in which I belonged and hadn't even conceived of earlier in my life.

As I became increasingly involved in FOBII (I think you all are aware of my record with this family organization) I discovered that just as in primary families, we would have our disagreements, our misunderstandings, our egos challenged and our perceptions of each other called into question. It is the way of all human families. However, despite many years and many challenges and opportunities, we have come together to solve our problems, live with our differences and come to agreement on how to proceed with our family and organizational life.

William P. Bruce – 2021:



Stone Mountain – October 2008



Membership Committee

Polly Bruce Tilford

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

“CEUD MILE FAILTE”

(ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES IN SCOTS GAELIC)

New Members:

Arkansas – Stephanie Carbrey-
Singmuongthong

Florida – Adam Bruce

Indiana – Howard D. Bruce

Missouri – Madeline Bruce

New Mexico – Molly Bruce Jacobs

New Zealand – Christine Rhodes

North Carolina – Ginger Garner

Tennessee – Barbara Laster

Texas – Robert Bruce, Cassandra Herrera

Utah – Russell Lee

New Life Members:

California – Anthony Creek

2022 Annual Member \$25.00 Fee

Reminder...

Due –January 1, 2022

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Bloomington, IN 47408

Or

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**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SENT IN
THEIR DUES!!!!**

Charitable Donations donation to the Honresfield Library

Robert J. Bruce

In 2021, FOBI made a \$500 donation to the National Trust for Scotland (NTS) USA campaign to secure original Robert Burns' manuscripts which were to be sold at a private auction. Known as the Blavatnik Honresfield Library (formerly Honresfield Library), the collection was curated by a Rochdale businessman in the 1800s. It includes manuscripts and handwritten letters by Robert Burns, and Sir Walter Scott's working manuscript of 'Rob Roy'.

The letter from the NTS to FOBI regarding the success of the acquisition included the following:

The effort, named "Bring the Bards Home" appeal, was successful in acquiring these manuscripts.

A total of £15 million was raised with contributions coming from over 1,500 individuals and groups including FOBI.

The Library was formed towards the end of the 19th century by William Law (1836–1901), a Rochdale mill owner, who created an exceptional collection of English and Scottish manuscripts and printed books which had the Brontës at its heart, as well as manuscripts in the hands of Jane Austen, Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott and a significant collection of printed books. It has been largely inaccessible for the last 80 years.

The Scottish members of the consortium – The National Trust for Scotland, the National Library of Scotland and Abbotsford - will be taking charge of key items from the collection. These include an early volume of poems by Robert Burns in his own hand – containing some of his earliest recorded literary works – known as the First Commonplace Book, as well as individual autograph poems (Cessnock Bank and the Brigs of Ayr), and some of the poet's earliest correspondence, including the only extant letter to his beloved father.

Other Scottish material of huge importance is the complete working manuscript of Sir Walter Scott's iconic novel Rob Roy, part of the autographed manuscript of Scott's verse romance, The Lay of the Last Minstrel, his travel journal of an expedition off the Scottish coast in 1814, a copy of Border Antiquities with extensive manuscript revisions, and an exceptional group of Scott first editions in their original condition.



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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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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.*



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