

# ELLIOT CLAN SOCIETY Newsletter

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Chief: Margaret Elliott of Redheugh

"Here's to all Elliots and Elliot' bairns  
And them that lie in Elliots arms."

Dear Kinsmen,

Happy New Year! This year has begun well with a lovely visit to Florida for the Central Florida Highland Games.

Leaving Scotland in the depths of winter was no loss and the blue skies and warm days in Orlando cheered me up no end. We had a great turn out of Elliots, and Judith organised it all beautifully for official and unofficial events, and I saw a lot of old friends. I can highly recommend the Tiffany Museum which was a gem.

I have already had a few requests to visit the Clan Room this summer and I appreciate people letting me know their plans. Sometimes it works, and I am here, and sometimes it does not, but as long as we have notice, there is always somebody to unlock the door even if I am not around.

For first-time visitors to Scotland it would be wise to get in contact with your Branch Commissioner or President as most of them have been to Redheugh, they know the pitfalls and can give good advice.

This autumn there is a possibility that I might be able to go and visit our Australian kinsmen, which is exciting. James Elliott has been very busy establishing the Collie Highland Games in Western Australia.

In this issue, yet more Elliots (of all spellings) have come to light and it is my pleasure to bring these remarkable people to your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Elliott of Redheugh

## NOTICES AND NEWS ITEMS

**ELLIOT KILTS:** Secondhand Elliot kilts are available to buy in the United States from Lothian Kilt Rentals, 1570 Main Street, Dunedin, FL 34698.

Email: [info@lothiankiltsbagpipes.com](mailto:info@lothiankiltsbagpipes.com)

They are cast off from the Dunedin Pipe Band who have changed their uniform and had a tartan specially designed for them. The kilts are in reasonable condition but the leather straps could be renewed. It is worth a look.

**ABBOTSFORD** fans of the renowned historical novelist, Walter Scott can now stay in luxurious accommodation in the Hope Scott Wing of his house. It is available for a range of options. You can book the full wing (up to 15 guests), 5 bedrooms or even a 2 bedroom option and there is an offer of a short break as well as a full weeks stay. The house is situated between Melrose and Selkirk.

Email: [enquiries@scottsabbotsford.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@scottsabbotsford.co.uk)

**SPELLING CONVENTIONS:** Many of our Clan members wonder about the different spellings of Elliot/Elliott/Eliott/Eliot/Alliot/Alyot – the possibilities are endless. Our clan historian KEITH ELLIOT HUNTER has found an Extract from "The Pedant" in The Times on 20 December 2014: "The conventions of English were largely fixed by the beginning of the 19th Century. It's the besetting error of sticklers to imagine that their own stylistic preferences are the only 'correct' way of using English. In the age of Elizabethan and Jacobean literature, it was common for writers to spell even their own names in different ways (Shakspear, Shakspere, Shakespeare)."

**Clan Room:** To avoid disappointment, please warn us if you intend to visit Redheugh. Email or telephone us on the following UK number: **013873-75213** or [redheugh@btinternet.com](mailto:redheugh@btinternet.com)

**FULL COLOUR** You can access the full colour version of this issue of The Elliot Clan Society Newsletter on the Elliot websites.

*Pictured right:  
One of Britain's  
largest oil paintings  
"The Defeat of the  
Floating Batteries  
at Gibraltar"  
by John Singleton  
Copley has been  
rehung at Guildhall  
Art Gallery in  
London. The  
painting features  
**George August  
Elliott, 1st Lord  
Heathfield**,  
on the grey horse.*



## The Crew of the HMS Victory at Trafalgar

One of the most feared members of any crew was the master at arms, the head of the ship's police force. He was one of the highest paid men in the enlisted ranks, and he was expected to be obeyed by the rest of the crew as part of his duties. This was done to help enforce discipline and deflect resentment from the officers. **HMS Victory's Master at Arms at the Battle of Trafalgar was William Elliot.**



*The Battle of Trafalgar  
by J.M.W. Turner.*

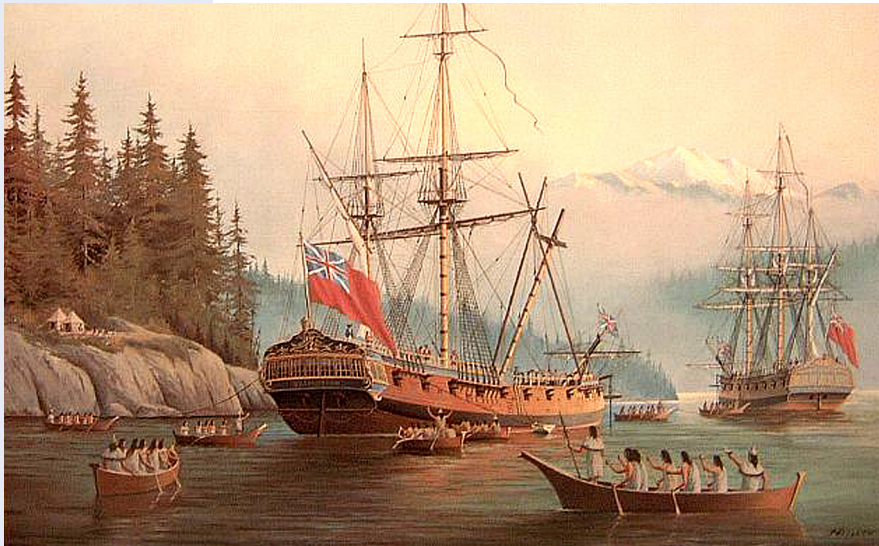


# A RENOWNED FAMILY

**Elliott House** near Ripon in Yorkshire was home to a family whose members took part in some important historical events.

**John Elliott 1759-1834:** As a midshipman of 13 years old he wrote a log of the second voyage of *HMS Resolution* under Captain James Cook and this has been published by Caliban Books 1984, ISBN 0 904573 39. His complete Memoir is held by the British Library.

*Captain James Cook and his crew visited many islands during the second voyage of HMS Resolution.*



The opportunity to sail on the *Resolution* as a midshipman was, in his own words, 'a feather in one's cap', and he owed his chance to his maternal uncle, John Wilkinson who was a wealthy and powerful shipping merchant in London, and a landowner in America as well as England.

The voyage was to determine whether there was any great

*A three-year voyage of HMS Resolution was intended to determine whether there was any great landmass south of the Australias.*



southern landmass or Terra Australia. *HMS Resolution* was the first ship to cross the Antarctic Circle. During the course of this three year voyage he visited Easter Island, the Marquesas, Tahiti, the Society Islands, Niue, the Tonga Islands, the New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Palmerston Island, South Sandwich Islands, and South Georgia, many of which Cook named in the process. Cook proved the Terra Australis Incognita to be a myth

and predicted that an Antarctic land would be found beyond the ice barrier.

From 1775 to 1779 Elliott was in the service of the East India Company; he then returned to the Navy and after becoming Lieutenant was appointed to *HMS Ajax*. He eventually achieved the rank of Commander in 1814.

*John Elliott's memorial is in Ripon Cathedral.*

His son, **Sir William Henry Elliott 1792-1874** was commissioned as an ensign in the 51st King's Own light infantry in 1809. They joined Wellington's army at Torres Vedras and were in many battles during the Peninsula War (against Napoleon). During the retreat from Burgos he was aide-de-camp to Colonel Hugh Henry Mitchell and was wounded, but in 1813 he was appointed aide-de-camp to Major-General William Inglis when he was again wounded. He became brigade major until 1814 and then fought in the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. His army career took him to New Zealand, Tasmania, Burma and Rangoon and he became colonel of the regiment until 1855. In 1857 Elliott was promoted Major-General. He never again went on active service but he was made KCB in 1862 and became a full general in 1871. *Elliott House is now Holmfield House in Harrogate Road, Ripon, Yorkshire.*

# THE FIRST EVER SCOTLAND-ENGLAND FOOTBALL MATCH ?

*Taken from an article in The Highlander January 2015 written by Derek Stewart.*

The playing of football has a long history in Scotland. The English claim they invented the game in 1848 when a group of students from Cambridge had the bright idea to draw up a definitive set of rules. However, evidence points to an earlier date.

A manuscript from the reign of King James IV shows he paid two shillings for a bag of "fut ballis" in April 1497. An actual leather football dated to 1540 was found in 1981 stuck in the roof of the Queen's Chamber at Stirling Castle.

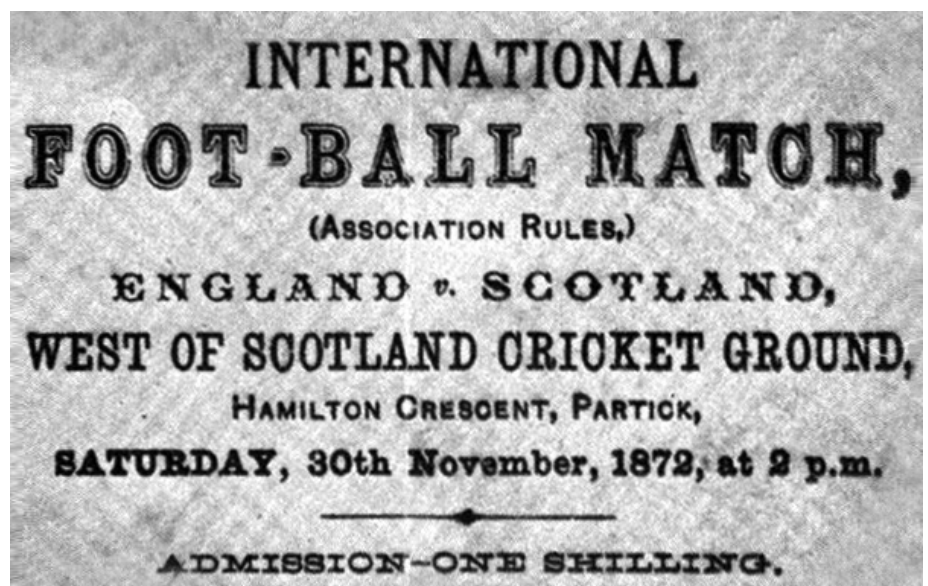
The game was actually banned on occasions. King James 1st decreed that "Na man play at the fut ball" in the Football Act of 1424, and a further act was passed in 1457 that banned both football and golf. The reason was that it interfered with archery practice which was compulsory on Sundays.

The game was even played by the ruling classes; for example Francis Stewart, the 5th Earl of Bothwell was a considerable expert of the game, although he committed a foul by tripping up the Master of Marishal and it took King James VI some time to reconcile them.

In 1599 a game was played between Scottish reivers and their counterparts in England. Among the reivers, the Armstrong of Liddesdale with Wat Armstrong being the top player with Sim and Robyn Elwood (Elliot) as part of the team. Sir Thomas Musgrave, Captain of Bewcastle, situated just on the English side of the Border, organized the game. He had a family connection to the Armstrongs through an illegitimate daughter who was married to Sim Armsrong of Whithaugh.

The date of the game was May 13, 1599. It was between six locals from Bewcastle and the team from Liddesdale, and was played on a field adjacent to the castle. There is, unfortunately, no record of how the game went but the Liddesdale team apparently came out on top. The actual result of the game was never recorded – lost to posterity.

*However, pictured right is a copy of a ticket stub from a Scotland versus England football match in 1872. Apparently this was the first ever official international association football match to be played. It was contested by the national teams of Scotland and England. The match took place on 30 November 1872 at West of Scotland Cricket Club's ground at Hamilton Crescent in Partick, Scotland. The match finished in a 0–0 draw and was watched by 4,000 spectators.*





# THE CENTRAL FLORIDA HIGHLAND GAMES

About a year ago the Central Florida Highland Games (prompted by Judith Elliott) invited Margaret to be Guest of Honour in January 2015. The Elliots were to be the Honoured Clan.

Arriving in a cloudy Orlando was disappointing but it was still a great improvement on the freezing windy and snowy conditions in Scotland. Over the weekend the weather was perfect for the Games with blue skies and warm temperatures.

The other chief who was attending was the Marquess of Ailsa, chief of Clan Kennedy from Ayrshire. Charles and Margaret had been on the same flight and, having been a few times before, he was able to give her some idea of what to expect. Shockingly, he was discovered dead in his hotel room just before the Games. Despite this the organisers of the Games had to carry on with the arrangements and handled it all with great discretion. His two daughters arrived in Orlando on the Saturday and were able to fly back with their father's body on the Tuesday.

Friday night was a grand reception where Margaret said a few words and her piper, Tom Elliot, piped her in with a flourish. On Saturday there was the opening of the Games and the Tent was in prime position with a wonderful display. The team turned out in force and we had a successful (if rather noisy) AGM led by our President, Mike Elliott with most of their executive committee in attendance. Nancy, newsletter editor; Patricia, membership secretary and treasurer, Bill Elliott, 1st VP/Communications and Judith, ex-President and Florida commissioner. Linda Brummit and the Florida committee worked hard all weekend as did Sylvia, Georgia commissioner.

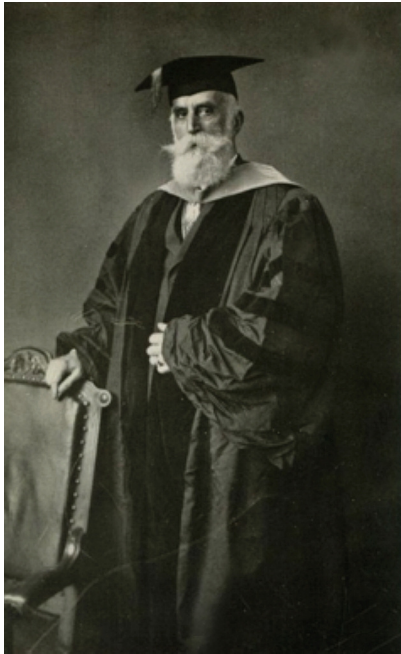
The whole weekend was good fun and during the few days on either side several people managed to fit in rather a lot of shopping and good food! Margaret was looked after extremely well at all times and had a marvellous time seeing old friends and making new ones. She is now back in Scotland freezing to death!



*An array of pipe bands  
at the Central Florida  
Highland Games*

## Daniel Giraud Elliot

(March 7, 1835 – December 22, 1915)



The finest bird artist in America after Audubon, D. G. Elliot was one of the founders of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, of the American Ornithologists' Union and of the Société zoologique de France. He was also curator of zoology at the Field Museum in Chicago.

Elliot used his wealth to publish a series of sumptuous color-plate books on birds and animals. Elliot wrote the text himself and commissioned artists such as Joseph Wolf and Joseph Smit, both of whom had worked for John Gould, to provide the illustrations. The books included: *A Monograph of the Phasianidae (Family of the Pheasants)* (1870–72), *A Monograph of the Paradiseidae or Birds of Paradise* (1873), *A Monograph of the Felidae or Family of Cats* (1878) and *Review of the Primates* (1913).

In 1899, Elliot was invited to join the elite Harriman Alaska Expedition to study and document wildlife along the Alaskan coast.

The National Academy of Sciences awards the Daniel Giraud Elliot medal "for meritorious work in zoology or paleontology published in a three- to five-year period. Established through the Daniel Giraud Elliot Fund by gift of Miss Margaret Henderson Elliot."



## We welcome the following new members to the Society

### UNITED KINGDOM

- S156 Hutcheson, Mrs. Lorna Elliott, Kilmaurs, E. Ayrshire KA3
- S157 Elliot, Robert & May, Stirling FK7 8PU
- S158 Haston, Mrs. S.H. Haston, Dalkeith EH22 1DQ

### CANADA

- C1117 Elliott, Charles & Jane, Mt Bridge ON NOL 1W0

### NEW ZEALAND

- N/330 Cameron, Stephanie, South Pacific Resort Noosaville, QLD Australia.

### UNITED STATES

- US3717 Watros, Andrew, Farmington Hills MI 48336
- US3718 Smith-Elliott, Steve, Dearborne Heights, MI 48125
- US3719 Elliott, Gary Ian, Springfield OR 97478
- US3720 Miller, Carlee, Vermillion SD 57069
- US3721 Castle, Anita Elliott, Renton WA 98055
- US3722 Elliott, Richard Dee, Woodinville, WA 98072

- US3723 Tardy, Herb, Tijeras, NM 87059
- US3724 Tart, Patsy Melvin, Greensboro, NC 27410
- US3725 Konan, Bonnie, Clinton, MA 01510
- US3726 Elliott, Adam & Andrea, Lignum, VA 22726
- US3727 Fletcher, Jay, Fountain Inn, SC 29644
- US3728 Elliott, Fred Walter, Freedom, NH 03836
- US3729 Elliott, Mark, Spring, TX 77386
- US3730 Elliott, James F. Vista, CA 92083
- US3731 Epting, Ruth, Charlotte, NC 28226
- US3732 Budds, Carol, Charleston, SC 29414
- US3733 Elliott, Sr., William Robert, Troup, TX 75789
- US3734 Elliott, Vernon, St. Petersburg, FL 33713
- US3735 Elliott, Jeffrey Lovell, Sterre,t AL 35147
- US3736 Zelif, Stephen, Atlanta, GA 30341
- US3737 Elliott, Cory, Sand Springs, OK 74063
- US3738 Elliott, Laura & Andrew, Eagle River, AK 99577
- US3739 Elliott, William & Jennifer, Pittsburgh, PA 15241
- US3740 Elliott, Cheryl, Charlotte, NC 28203
- US3741 Kuenzel, James Elliott, Drake, CO 80515
- US3742 Elliott, Rodney S., Hutchinson, KS 67402
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- US3744 Champagne-Patten, Donna Elliott, Franklin, NH 03235

*Details of new members received too late for publication will appear in the next newsletter.*