



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 Members,

By the time you receive this newsletter it will be too late to wish you a Merry Christmas but I hope you all had a happy time of it. We had a new grandson with us to celebrate ours. My daughter, Kate and Nic are now the proud parents of five month old Oliver.

Rather less exciting but causing considerable disruption was the unexpected birth of five puppies to my Patterdale terrier, Pepper who had taken a liking to a very handsome Border collie. Much to my relief they have all found happy homes and one even has a blog called Oscar BigBoots!!

We are already starting to think about the next Gathering. A brand new event is being planned together with the local Agricultural Show (aka The Holm Show) to hold a concert/ceilidh in their marquees on the showground. This will kick the weekend off with a zing and I do hope that you will consider planning a visit to Scotland around it. We have many excellent bed and breakfasts, self-catering cottages to let and hotels in the area.

This winter has been wet, wet, wet with another wholesale flooding of Carlisle. Newcastleton escaped the worst of the floods but we are all heartily sick of the wind and the rain.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Elliott of Redheugh

Date for the next Gathering in 2017

The Gathering will be starting on the evening of Thursday 24th August until Sunday 27th August 2017. Details of events and ticket application will be available in the Autumn 2016 newsletter.

Rough outline of programme: (subject to change)

Thursday 24th August 2017 – Scocha Concert on Holm Showground.

Friday 25th August – Barbecue lunch/Formal Gathering

Friday 25th August – Officer's Dinner (by invitation only).

Saturday 26th August – Holm Show

Sunday 27th August – Church Service, Lunch & guided tour of Abbotsford.

NOTICES AND NEWS ITEMS

OBITUARY

Evelyn Elliott

February 28, 1925 - October 28, 2015

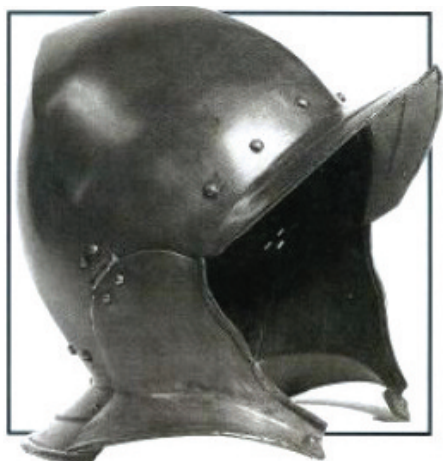
I am very sad to announce the death of a stalwart of the Clan Society. Her husband, Russell, was Treasurer of the Clan Society USA and after he died, she chose to continue his work as Membership Secretary and Treasurer. Despite misgivings she became an expert computer operator and kept the membership lists up to date as well as helping to man the tents at the Stone Mountain Highland Games for many years with her loyal family. Her daughters, Anne Nowack became Recording Secretary and Jeannie Lipsitt, who predeceased her, became Newsletter Editor. She came over to the Scottish Gathering on a number of occasions and it was always a huge pleasure to see her. They were very kind to me when my father died and gave me help and support on my trips to America. I will miss her a great deal and send my sincere condolences to her family.

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**

FULL COLOUR

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



Family Tree DNA Project

James Elliott has created an established Family Tree DNA Project named Border Reivers.

You can view Jim's project on

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gallgaedhil/>

The FTDNA project can be seen on

www.familytreedna.com/groups/border-reiver-dna/about/background

Editors Note: There was too much information to include in this newsletter but for those members interested in following this up please go to our website www.elliotclan.com for more details.

From an Epistle to James Elliot - March 1892

*This is part of a poem
which was sent to
Walter Elliot of Selkirk's
grandfather from an
obviously very gloomy*

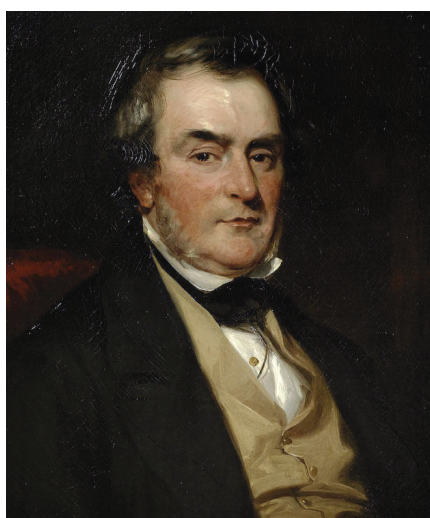
*Walter Dalgliesh, who
farmed Potburn at the head
of the Ettrick. James Elliot
lived just down the valley
at Nether Phawhope.*

Misfortunes seldom come alane
Hay's up to fifteen pence a stane
Last simmer folk got next to nane,
Though hard thy toiled
For by the almost ceaseless rain,
'twas moistly spoiled.

A farmer's life when at its best
Is ane at which there's little rest
To be a farmer some protest
Is something charmin'
But if you've money to invest,
Don't try the farmin'.

Yer Herd comes in at eight o'clock
Wi' the best ewe in a' yer flock
Slung wi' a cord across his back
As cauld as leed
Ye ask What's wrang wi' than ane Jack?"
Says he "its deid".

At present I must say guidbye
As bedtime now is drawin' nigh
I hope you'll send me a reply
When ye hae time
I ken your hand ye sometimes try.
At makin' rhyme.



Footnote: The painting of The Hon. John Edmund Elliot MP bears the inscription: 'The Hon. John Edmund Elliot M.P. Roxburghshire. Painted by F. Grant 1847. A perfect likeness' (on an old label attached to the stretcher verso).

The Hon. John Edmund Elliot MP

The Hon. John Edmund Elliot (30 March 1788 - 4 April 1862) was a British Liberal politician. Elliot was the third son of Gilbert Elliot-Murray-Kynynmound, 1st Earl of Minto, and Anna Maria, daughter of Sir George Amyand. Elliot sat as Member of Parliament for Roxburghshire in 1837 to 1841 and again from 1847 to 1859. He served under Lord John Russell as Joint Secretary to the Board of Control between 1849 and 1852. Elliot married Amelia, daughter of James Henry Casamaijor, in 1809. He died in April 1862, aged 74. He had two daughters and four sons.

IS THERE SOMEBODY OUT THERE ?

A somebody who would enjoy trawling through "The Acts of Robert I, King of Scots 1306-1329" (in English).

Our eminent Clan Historian, Keith Hunter has asked for help in his work looking into the Origins of the Elliots.

It is housed at the National Library of Scotland in their Reading Room and we would be looking for any references to Redheugh and/or Elliots.

THE BORDER FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

A remit of the Society is to make information available to those who are not able to travel to the Borders themselves and in particular to the graveyards. The Old Parish Records are notorious for not entering people's deaths, or if they do there is very little information given. Only if the mort-cloth was used and the payment had to be recorded was it entered and often that is the only record available. The entries on the gravestones, which may have an entire family listed with all the births, death and connections, may be the only record available. The Society researches and publishes these Monumental Inscriptions, originally in book form but now many are on disc, and these are available through the society's website; www.bordersfhs.org.uk.

Not all have been done and not all areas are as lucky as Hawick where James H. Haining researched and published in the Transactions in the late 1930s and early 1940s the Monumental Inscriptions in the graveyards of St. Mary's, Wellogate and Wilton. Haining's papers are an invaluable source for family history as he not only records the names on the stones but also in many cases who they were and what they did. However, not all families erected stones (mine included) so the place of the burials can be difficult to locate. The Scottish Borders Regional Council does maintain a listing of almost all the burials in various graveyards throughout the Borders. Again this not necessarily complete but it is worth writing in and asking if they have any record.

An extract from The Hawick Archaeological Society Transactions on The Border Family History Society by Enid Cruikshank 2014.



William Elliott, Engraver, was born at Hampton Court in 1727. He died at his home in Church Street, Soho, in London in 1766.

Joseph Strutt, in his Biographical Dictionary of Engravers (1785), said that he was a man "of an amiable and benevolent disposition, and greatly beloved by all who knew him"

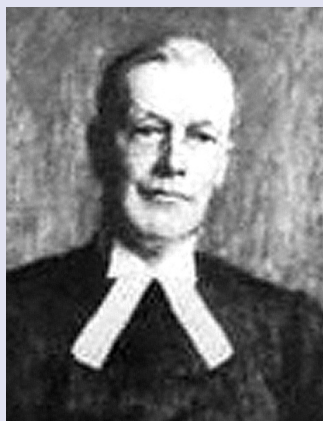
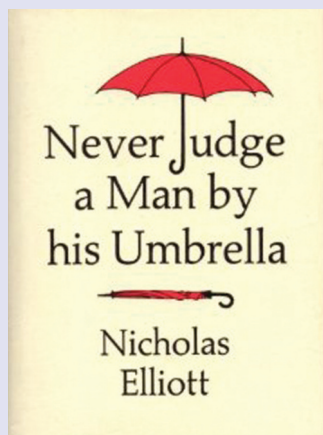
that he "excelled in landscape etchings, which he executed with great taste" and that "the freedom of his point, in particular, was admired."

Provenance

An Extract from
*'Never Judge a Man by his
Umbrella'*

by Nicholas Elliott.

Published by
Michael Russell Ltd.



Claude Aurelius Elliott.



Nicholas Elliott.

My father, CLAUDE AURELIUS ELLIOTT, was born in Simla on 27 July 1888. I shall call him Claude because that was how he liked to be addressed, not only by myself but also by his grandchildren. The Aurelius, a sore point, was bestowed by his father, then Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, in a moment of forgetfulness at the font. It had been intended that Claude's second name should be Arthur but at the christening the Lieutenant-Governor's mind went blank and on a classical whim he declared for Aurelius. During the early part of his schooldays Claude managed to conceal this embarrassing secret from his fellow pupils, averring that his second name was indeed Arthur; but at his confirmation in Eton College Chapel, in front of some sixty contemporaries, the Bishop of Oxford unsportingly stuck to the truth.

Claude's forebears were an unorthodox lot. His father, SIR CHARLES ELLIOTT, an Indian civil servant of distinction who died in 1912, had three elder brothers. The eldest, a parson called JULIUS, made the first ascent of the Matterhorn after Whymper and was described by Flaubert, whom he had encountered in Switzerland, as 'the epitome of an English gentleman'. But he still fell off the Schreckhorn a year or so later, into the glacier that runs down to below Grindelwald. His tomb is in Grindelwald churchyard and I was told by the famous local guide Willi Steuri, after the war, that at the glacier's then current rate of progress Great-Uncle Julius should emerge at the bottom some time in the 1970s. He is becoming seriously overdue.

As a result of the disaster that befell Great-Uncle Julius the surviving brothers were forbidden any form of ascensionism. But the bug (which was virulently to inflict Claude later on) was too firmly implanted. The next brother, aged eleven, climbed up the outside of the family house and fell off it into the street; and that was goodbye. Then, very shortly afterwards, a third brother climbed under the kitchen table and impaled his cranium on a nail that was depending from it; also a fatal move. There remained my grandfather who, although addicted to walking in the hills, aschewed Alpinism as such and lived to the age of seventy-five.

Claude's two aunts, Emily and Blanche, appear to have had a highly developed propensity for taking umbrage. They disliked each other intensely. Great-Aunt Blanche was crossed in love at the age of twenty-six and immediately took to her bed, which she never left until she died fifty ears later. Her demise posed a problem because she had written in her will: 'I leave to my sister Emily what my sister Emily has left in her will to me' (a provision legally void for uncertainty).

There was a strong ecclesiastical seam on my father's side of the family. Apart from the late lamented Uncle Julius, whose corpse may shortly appear in Grindelwald, Claude's grandfather was also a cleric – the Revd. Henry Venn Elliott. He was Claude's only rich relation and much upset the family by leaving his entire fortune to found a girls' school in Brighton.

Another forebear was Charlotte Elliott, who wrote one of the sillier hymns in the *English Hymnal* 'Just As I Am without One Plea'. The alteration from 'plea' to 'flea' in countless schoolboy hymnals must, over the years, have kept her revolving steadily in her grave.

John le Carré met him: "*Nicholas Elliott of MI6 was the most charming, witty, elegant, courteous, compulsively entertaining spy I ever met. In retrospect, he also remains the most enigmatic. To describe his appearance is, these days, to invite ridicule. He was a bon viveur of the old school. I never once saw him in anything but an immaculately cut, dark three-piece suit. He had perfect Etonian manners, and delighted in human relationships. He was thin as a wand, and seemed always to hover slightly above the ground at a jaunty angle, a quiet smile on his face and one elbow cocked for the Martini glass or cigarette.*"



The King's Own Scottish Borderers Regiment

by John Nisbet

There's a Regiment o' Scotland
That is kennt by aa around
Its folk as aa guid Scotsmen
Frae baith cintra and the toon,
They've focht a when o battles
And they've seen a hunner wars
And they've aye ways been the victors
Agin baith Germans and the Boers

They caw them Scottish Borderers,
Fur the Borders are their hame
It's frae Douglas, Scott and Elliot
That these fitters took their name
Bred in battle owed the ages,
Wi the foreign bluid they've sodden
The Border folk will fiche or die
Be't at Flanders or the Flodden

They're a Regiment o Borderers
Aa happed in tartan claith
Whae mined thegither tae defend
Their families and their faith;

Their hames are Hawick and Kelsae
And Langholm toon and Galae
And Melrose, Selkirk and the Duns
Hae sent their sons tae rally

KOSB, aya that's their name
O the twenty-fifth o foot,
And its in the hurt o Embray toon
Whaur the Regiment took root;
They brocht a thousand somers
In fower hoors o the sun
Drawn ford by the warlike notes
O Auld Reekie's beaten drum.

Sae oo'll sing a sang o Borderers
And oo'll tie them aa a toast
Oo're proud o aa oor sons o war
Oo're rifle-bearing host
Sae wear yer Tam-o-Shanters
Like the glen side folk o auld,
Sae the fichting bluid o Borderers
Wi age will ne'er grow caulk.

Hobkirk, Roxburghshire: from Scotland to Canada



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Hobkirk, a small hamlet in the Scottish Borders was the home of the ancestor of a remarkable family. ROBERT ELLIOT 1762-1810 emigrated to Quebec as a ship's carpenter. He married Elizabeth Louise Josephte Savoie and died eight months before the birth of his 13th child. His great great granddaughter was GRACE ELLIOTT 1890-1973, mother of the 15th Canadian Prime Minister PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU and paternal grandmother of the 23rd Canadian Prime Minister JUSTIN TRUDEAU.

We welcome the following new members to the Society

UNITED KINGDOM

- E487 Elliott, James, Manhattan Drive, Cambridge
E488 Elliott, Mr & Mrs. Edwin J., Chatham, Kent

CANADA

- C1120 Cowdrey, Joanne Margareet, Scarborough ON
C1121 Ridgeway, John & Cathie, Mount Forest ON
C1122 Elliott, William, Jennifer & Connor,
Plaster Rock, NB
C1123 Testar, Coralee Elliott, North Vancouver BC
C1124 Dulmage, Michelle, Calgary AB

UNITED STATES

- US3793 ElliottVII, John Seaver, Hilton Head Island SC
US3794 Elliott, Regina & Alan Strumpf, Charlotte NC
US3795 Tyrrell, S. Catherine, Gainesville FL
US3796 Garrison, Sharon E., Brentwood CA
US3797 Wollweber-John, Sharon, Manchester, ME
US3798 Allen, Sandra Gayle, Phoenix AZ
US3799 Elliott, Donald Howard, Beach Park IL
US3800 Elliott, Jonathon D. East Boston MA
US3801 Vincello, Kathleen Elliott, Concord, NH
US3802 Elliott, Dale, Northborough MA
US3803 Elliott, Russell, Nashua NH
US3804 Elliott, Rhodri & Theresa, Wilton NH
US3805 Simonetta, Bonnie Brower, Redding CA
US3806 Lynch, Theodore, Anderson CA
US3807 Lynch, Benjamin A., Redding CA
US3808 Elliott, Jason & Amber, Holt MO
US3809 Lockyear, Ralph & Loranelle, McPherson KS
US3810 McAlpine, William Elliott, Mountain View CA
US3811 Elliott, Robert A., Bakersfield CA

UNITED STATES

- US3812 Elliott, Mark A. Bakersfield CA
US3813 Porter, Kathleen Elliott, Bakersfield CA
US3814 Medanic, Lisa Elliott, Naperville IL
US3815 Koenig, Ralph & Jan, Boulder CO
US3816 Bauder, Vicki, Florence KY
US3817 Eckenrode, Lisa & Devon, Austell GA
US3818 Elliott, John D., Athens, GA
US3819 Thomson, Peter, Spring Park, MN
US3820 Paplinski, William Elliott, Frankfort, KY
US3821 Felix, Janie Elliott, Lansing NY
US3822 Confer, Renita, Gold Beach OR
US3823 Barr, James, Silver Spring, MD
US3824 Elliott, Rick & Mona, Olney IL
US3825 Elliott, Cindy, Bedford IN
US3826 Elliott, Wayne Charles, Azle, TX
US3827 Grimm, Kate Elliott, Charlotte NC
US3828 Elliott, Tim & Carol, Kathleen, GA
US3829 Elliott, John G. Jr., Conroe, TX
US3830 Martinez, Joyce, Hemet, CA
US3831 Elliott, George J., Tuckasegee, NC
US3832 Gualandl, Troy, Sanford, FL
US3833 Blakey, Jeff H., Oviedo, FL
US3834 Elliott, Michael, Palm Coast FL
US3835 Winters, A.S & Brennen, Titusville FL
US3836 Elliott, Michael & Heather, Sanford FL
US3837 Elliott, Donnie, Casselberry FL

NEW ZEALAND

- N236 Austin, Claire, Rangiora 7400
N331 Mrs. P. J. Peck, Takaro, Palmerston North
N332 Mr. Brent J. Elliott, Manukau 2014.

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

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