

## THE GARVIE GENEALOGICAL NEWSLETTER

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### EDITORIAL

Dear Friends

Once again it is time to share family news. I trust you will find it interesting. More important that you will put pen to paper and write to us. I am not even sure that you are receiving our newsletter!

The other evening we were privileged to see Queen Elizabeth II on her visit to Durban before returning to London. There was much nostalgia watching Britannia leave the Durban harbour. It was a memorable sight as the band played on into the night and ocean.

I was struck by three thoughts as we joined the crowds to wave the Queen farewell.

First, the great tradition the Queen represents. I have an interesting family tree on my study wall. It purports to trace the ancestry of the present royal line back to King David through the legendry Tea Tephi. The historicity of this is debatable but nevertheless symbolises our longing for roots that go way back to the dawn of time. And Garvie roots?

Second, I could not help about the ecstasy and agony which is the lot of most families, even regal families. Dreams shattered. Hopes realised. Drama and tragedy is woven into the fabric of families. This is equally true of the Garvies.

Third, as the Queen was about to wave her last goodbye, she was presented in true Zulu tradition with a pure bred Nguni bull. No greater honour could be bestowed by the people of KwaZulu-Natal. I was reminded again that, if the anthropologists are correct, our earliest roots lie in Africa. There is something of Africa in all of us an Nguni bull.

It felt good to be part of the Commonwealth again.!

COLIN G GARVIE

### GARVIE ONE NAME STUDY - "GONS"

"One Name Study" concerns itself with the derivation and occurrence of a name or its variations. Names are said to shape us. The name "garvie" encapsulates something of our history and who we are.

The name "Garvie" originates in Scotland and is thought to derive from the Gaelic "Garbh" meaning "large, rough, or harsh". It occurs in names such as Garbh Allt, Garbh Bhreac, Garbhdhun, Garbh Mheall, Garbhreisa, Garbh Uisge, Garve, Garvock, Bargarvie, Inchgarvie, etc. The Garvies of Perthshire are said to descend from John Garbh, seventh Maclean of Coll although the name seems to occur even earlier. There were recorded Garvies in Dunfermline, Fife by 1608! A Janet Garvie, daughter of Patrick Garvie was baptised in Moneydie, Perthshire in 1618. Dr G.F.Black in his Surnames of Scotland believes the name is a contraction of MacGarvie. Variations are MacGarva, MacGarvey and MacHarvie. Other variations of the name Garvie include Garwy M'Garwe, Garvey, Garvy, Garvine and Jarvie.

You can assist with our GONS research by reporting any occurrence of the name or its variants to the above address. Send us extracts from telephone directories from your part of the world (include the date and place!) Tell us about places named Garvie. Iris Garvie opened our file on Inchgarvie with a brochure. Who can tell us about the farm Bargarvie in Perthshire, Mt Garvie in New Zealand, Garvie Beach in South Africa. There is a Jarvie in Canada. The name occurs in books such as Trzebinski's The Kenya Pioneers and Stodel's The Audience is Waiting. Elizebeth Garvie starred in the BBC production "Pride and Prejudice". Not so long ago there was a celebrated murder case in the UK involving a Garvie! Anyone care to tell us about it? You or your family might have written articles (even if it appeared in a school magazine!). Please send us a copy. Your assistance will be appreciated.

### NEWS FROM SCOTLAND

Contact has been made with a genealogist in Edinburgh with the view of researching further the Garvie ancestry in Scotland. Ideally we would like to encourage Garvies in Scotland to undertake this research for us. Any takers?

### NEWS FROM AFRICA

### The Garvies of Knysna.

"Following a delightful holiday at Knysna in the Cape where the Garvies first landed in Africa. Knysna is famous for its forests and no almost extinct elephants. In Knysna we uncovered no new information about the Garvies. However a month later, Knysna author, Margaret Parkes wrote that out of the blue she came across an early reference to the liquidation of the Garvie business in Knysna at about the time of the collapse of the Millwood Goldfields."

### Kenya

Little progress has been made in the history of the Garvies in Kenya. Recently the Editor met up with an elderly De Beer couple who grew up in the Eldoret region. They have a trunk of Kenya history and intend going through it for any references to the Garvies of Nandi. The Editor has also submitted articles for the "Friends of Kenya Association" newsletter Habari, hoping that will bring a response from old East Africa pioneers. We would still appeal to all our readers for any information, sketches, or pictures they may have.

### Births

Erin Robin Garvie to Beau and Shirley Garvie on the 19th July, 1994. at 6.17pm in the Parklands Clinic, Durban. Rev. Colin Garvie had the rare opportunity to officiate at his baptism.

### Deaths

Cornelia Elizabeth Garvie, born 15th February 1919 to Bartolomius S Koch and Susanna P J van der Merwe at Boshoff. Corrie married Arthur George Garvie in 1940. She passed away on the 19th February 1995 at Klerksdorp.

Erica Garvie. "Diep betreur deur Derek, Dyla, Nicole en familie." Her funeral took place on Friday, 24th February 1995. Our deepest sympathies to the family.

### NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

The sad news from Australia is the passing away of Donald Garvie at the age of 86. Donald was born to Donald Sutherland Garvie and Cornelia Steyn in 1908, Victoria Street, Nairobi. Our deepest sympathies goes to his sisters Dolly Riddell and Louise Gledhill. Donald led an interesting and colourful life in Kenya before settling in Perth, Australia. Dolly and Louise can be contacted at 74B Ruislip Street, Wembley 6014, W.Australia.

### REQUEST FROM CANADA

Mrs Karen Maides (2175 Pentland Rd, Victoria, B.C., V8s 2W7, Canada) writes:

"I would like to thank you for the Garvie Newsletter. As the descendent of a Garvie I find the newsletter very interesting indeed!

"I would be interested to see some information concerning the Michael Garvie family in Glasgow printed in the newsletter. They were potters but the more interesting story seems to be a court case involving Michael Garvie's daughters being kidnapped?? I have only bits of information that have been passed down through the generations. Have you ever heard of such a story?? My great grandmother, Margaret (Dobson) Garvie married Michael on the 5 of December 1870. I would be interested in any further information you may have on this part of the family.

Once again thank you for the newsletter. It is wonderful"

Who can help Margaret? Perhaps some of our readers in Scotland could enlighten us with regard to the kidnapping of the Garvie girls.

IGI records indicate that Michael Garvie married Margaret Dobson in 1870. Banns were read at Milton, Glasgow, Lanark. Alice was born in 1871. Mary Helen in 1874. Their baptisms were also recorded at Milton. Sarah Ann born in 1875 is recorded at Saint Rollox, Glasgow. Isabella, born in 1872, is recorded in the registers of Glasgow Central District. Were all the daughters kidnapped? What were the circumstances? And for what reason?

### WRITE TO THE EDITOR

This is your News Letter. Only you can keep it alive by writing and conveying your news and stories. Your story is our story!