



THE AGNEW ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER NO 1

Introduction

This is the first of what I hope will be of many Newsletters about our newly formed Association and its members. One of the principal objectives of the Association is to "Bring together all of the Name", which includes those related through maternal lines. I hope the Newsletter will be able to do this, but it will only succeed if members write in with news about themselves their recent activities, or researches into their family history. I hope we will hear from you all before the next Newsletter.

Attached at the end of this Newsletter is a list of members. Perhaps neighbours will get in touch with each other and organise local Agnew get togethers around the world. I hope any member visiting Edinburgh will make contact and call in at 3 Lonsdale Terrace.

Please pass on details of the Association to as many people as possible and try to encourage them to join. We hope to have an active association but this will only be possible with many members and with active groups around the world.

Committee

The Provisional Members of your Committee who will serve until the first General Meeting in September 1979 are:

Convenor: Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw Bt
&
Chief of the Name.

I am a Major serving in the Royal Highland Fusiliers presently stationed in Edinburgh Castle. My main interests are Mountaineering, Sailing and Heraldry. I have been on a number of Army Mountaineering Expeditions including the successful 1976 Everest Expedition. I have recently been appointed Slains Pursuivant at Arms to the Lord High Constable of Scotland and am a member of the Committee of the Heraldry Society of Scotland.

Treasurer: Major F D Agnew

Douglas Agnew, who is a great grandson of the 7th Baronet, lives with his wife in Kirkcudbright. He served with the King's Regiment in Malaya during the last war. He has recently retired as a Banker. He has written a most interesting

book called "The Whites of their Eyes" detailing the lives and actions of all Agnews who served in the Army and Navy during the 17th to 20th Centuries. I hope the Association will be able to help him publish it.

Member: Major F Q E Agnew.

Quentin Agnew, a great grandson of the 8th Baronet has recently retired as a Major in the Royal Highland Fusiliers. He is married with two sons and a daughter. He is now farming near Algiceras in Spain, having emigrated to help run the beef ranch which comes down from his mother's family.

Member: Edwin Agnew.

Edwin Agnew comes from the Northern Ireland branch of the family and after some years first with the Royal Air Force and then in teaching, now runs his own very successful Financial Company. He lives in Aberdeenshire, with his wife Dorothea and their two children.

USA Contact: Mrs Tom Adams.

Marjorie Adams, whose maiden name is Agnew, comes from a branch of the family that has been in the USA at least since the late 18th Century. Having published a number of books of her poems she has been elected a member of the Poetry Society of America.

The next General Committee Meeting will be asked to elect or confirm a new committee. Would any other member like to serve on the committee? We meet occasionally and most of the work is done by letter so the task is not onerous. Are there any volunteers to serve as the Canada, Australia or West USA contacts?

Tartan, Scarves, Badge etc

There is still a little Agnew tartan left with Kinloch Anderson Ltd. Once this is all sold we will not have another bolt woven until we make up a minimum order of 50 yards. If you want some before it is too late, order it now from:

Kinloch Anderson Ltd
14/16 George Street
EDINBURGH EH2 2QD

They also sell the Bonnet badge and other Agnew tartan items.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

1. General Meeting. The first General Meeting will take place at 6.00 p.m. on Saturday 1st September 1979 in 3 Lonsdale Terrace, Edinburgh. Sherry and small eats at £1 per head will be served before the meeting (any profit to the Association) and it is suggested that members may like to go on to the second performance of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo at 10.30 p.m. You should order your own tickets from The Tattoo Office, 1 Cockburn Street, Edinburgh. The Agenda is:

- a. Apologies.
- b. The Convenor's Report.
- c. Approve the Accounts.
- d. Elect the Committee.
- e. Future Events.
- f. Any other business.

If you plan to come please let the Convenor know, but you will always be welcome on the evening at the last minute.

2. Gathering 1981. We plan to hold an Agnew gathering in 1981 to coincide with the International Gathering in Scotland taking place in the last week in May and first week of June 1981. Details of the International Gathering plans are sketchy but in outline the first week will be in Edinburgh with a number of major events and ceremonies followed by a dispersal in June to clan areas. We will participate in these and have a get together in Edinburgh. We will probably then meet at Lochnaw (by kind permission of Miss Del Agnew) on the Friday/Saturday 7/8 June 1981, perhaps after a coach tour of Galloway during the second week. Details will be sent out in the next Newsletter, but members will have to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. If you think you might attend please let the Convenor know so that we have some idea of numbers.

MEMBERS NEWS

Two members, Mrs Marjorie Adams and Mrs Val Boyden visited Chateau d'Agneaux in Normandy where they were kindly received by the owner. They both report of the kindness of the local Mayor and the wonderful reception in the area.

Colonel John Park Agnew, who descends from James Agnew who settled in Penn c 1711, now lives in VA. He has retired after many years of service in the US Army including service in Korea and is now Director of Physical Plant at Providence Hospital. We offer our congratulations to his daughter Ann Carr Agnew who has just been awarded her PhD from the University of South Carolina. We wish her well in her career as a Research Analyst for Defense and Foreign Affairs.

Mrs Ruth Lumry Miner, has just published an excellent book on Gibson Agnew and his descendants which is available from her at 844 Hartford Avenue, San Jose, Ca 95152 USA. It gives details of Gibson's family who again descend from James Agnew in Penn 1711. It is well written and beautifully published. Although unfortunately it incorrectly states that Miss Del Agnew sold Lochnaw in 1969. She bought the Castle in the 1950s and still happily lives at Lochnaw running it as a very good Guest House at which all Agnew connections are always made very welcome.

GENEALOGIES. The convenor is making a collection of Agnew Genealogies with a view to publication in the future. If you have done any research on your genealogy or if you can recall back a few generations please send him the details as they may well connect up with the main line or other genealogies which have been collected.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Would any member like to take on the pleasant task of editing the next Newsletter. Volunteers would be much appreciated.

We hope to publish the next Newsletter in mid 1980.

THE 5TH BARONET AT DETTINGEN 1744 by Douglas Agnew

Sir Andrew Agnew, the 12th Hereditary Sheriff, commanded the Royal Scots Fusiliers at the battle of Dettingen. They were on the left of the line, galled by the fire from the French artillery across the river, but Sir Andrew sauntered about "as cool as if he were on the boundary of one of his farms in Wigtownshire", and his regiment followed his example. He had his luncheon set out before the front line, and did not stir until a bullet knocked the chicken-bone from his hand. Then he rose leisurely from his seat, saying "They're in earnest now" sent for his charger and ordered his line.

The Fusiliers were charged by the French Maison du Roi, a crack cavalry regiment recruited from the best families of France. Two squadrons of British cavalry attacked them, but were driven off by sheer weight of numbers. The French

came on. Sir Andrew steadied his troops with "My lads, ye see yon loons, if ye dinna kill them, they'll kill you" and also his famous phrase "Dinna fire till ye see the whites of their e'en".

Realising that the weight of the cavalry charge would break his thin line, Sir Andrew ordered the two centre companies to fall back, making a lane. The French rushed into the gap to receive the full fire of both companies, followed by that of the second line. Caught in a trap, they fell by the score, and few indeed of these gallant men made their way back to their own lines. Elsewhere the battle, which had been very active, flagged, and at last the French withdrew deflated, giving the day to the British Army.

King George II was pleased with his victory. Earlier in the day his horse had bolted, carrying him to the rear, but saying he would trust his own legs the redoubtable monarch found his own way back to the battle. Now, towards evening, in the best of tempers as a result of his triumph he rode off to rally the Sheriff on his achievements. "So, Sir Andrew" he began, as the Colonel sat stoically at the head of his parade "I hear the Maison du Roi rode through your regiment today". "Ay, please your Majesty" the other dryly replied, "but they didna gang back again".

AGNEW TARTAN by Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw Bt

I have come to believe that a possible reason the Agnews never adopted a tartan, during the great hey-day of Lowland assumptions, is that the two Baronets in the 19th Century were both unlikely to be interested. The first, Sir Andrew Agnew of Lochnaw 7th Baronet had become a very active Sabbatarian and had become involved in Church affairs while the second, Sir Andrew 8th Baronet, married into an English family. I am not saying, that had they been different, that there would have been an Agnew Tartan, but that had there been any family interest, particularly in the Victorian era, that they would have been very unlikely to have followed it up.

I became interested in the idea of an Agnew Tartan in 1966 and investigated how I should go about obtaining one. When I succeeded in 1975, I was in Northern Ireland with my Regiment, the Royal Highland Fusiliers after which I went to climb Mt Everest. On my return in June 1976, I approached Kinloch Anderson for advice on tartan design and had a useful discussion with Mr Harry Lindley. My initial thoughts were that, as a Lowland family, we should have a design that was more of a tweed, rather than a fussy Highland tartan. At this meeting I settled on the idea of a tartan with a red stripe from the Agnew livery colours.

The blue and green of the Agnew tartan is (I believe) similar to the ground of the Douglas tartan, without its stripes. I adopted this idea, because, a) I like the Douglas colours and b) because the Agnews were granted Lochnaw by William Douglas of Leswalt in 1426 and the Douglasses were our Superiors until their fall from grace in 1455. I thought it a good reason for showing a tartan "allegiance" to the old Lords of Galloway. The red stripe is Agnew and although I had in mind a thin stripe, after discussion with my cousin Major Quentin Agnew I settled for a broad red stripe. Mr Lindley suggested that the thread count for this would be: 28 Red (Pivot), 78 Green, 96 Blue (Pivot).

I had been in correspondence with the Lyon Court in October 1976 and later sent them a sketch of the tartan with thread count (photocopy attached) done by me, for consideration by Lord Lyon's Tartans Committee. The Committee did not sit until 1978 and on 30th March 1978 the Lord Lyon wrote to me to say that "It was accepted that the tartan was not at variance with any other and as a result it was recommended that the application should be accepted in principle". The committee recommended that a better thread count would be: 28 Red (Pivot), 78 Green, 98 Blue (Pivot).

Kinloch Anderson arranged for 9 yards of tartan to be woven for me to this thread count with a 6½ inch sett, which was ready by 13 May 1978. I had a kilt

MEMBERSHIP LIST

CHIEF OF THE NAME

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made from the cloth and sent the Lord Lyon a sample, with which I was very pleased. However, Mr Lindley advised that such a broad red stripe, although suitable for a kilt would be a little too wide for ladies wear and so I agreed to narrow it down to about 2 threads. I had a new length of cloth woven with a 5 inch sett in a thread count of: 106 Blue (Pivot), 84 Green, 28 Red (Pivot). This is the definitive version.

On 4th August 1978 I executed a Probative Deed, witnessed by my Mother, Swanzie Lady Agnew of Lochnaw and Mrs Jeannie Geddes an old friend of the family, which was recorded in the Books of the Court of the Lord Lyon (Writs Section) on 17th August 1978, defining the proper tartan of the Name of Agnew. I deliberately used "Name" rather than clan, because I believe we are a family name group rather than a clan in the Highland sense of the word. For general amusement I now always call it the "MacAgnew Tartan".

ALLIED ASSOCIATIONS

Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada

The Association is a corporate member of CASSOC and any member will I am sure, be made welcome at any CASSOC Stand. They are usually represented at any major Scottish Gathering in Canada. If you see their stand please make yourself known.

Council of Scottish Clan Associations Inc.

We are about to join the Council in the USA, who are again represented at any major Scottish Gathering or Games. Please make yourselves known at their stand, if you see the Council represented.

Scottish World Festival Tattoo (Toronto)

This Tattoo takes place in Toronto from 16 - 19 August. It is featuring the Pipes and Drums from the Royal Highland Fusiliers. If anyone goes to it, how about sending in a small report for the next Newsletter. Details and tickets available from:

Canadian National Exhibition
Grandstand Box Office
Exhibition Place
TORONTO



THE AGNEW ASSOCIATION

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF THE NAME

May I welcome you to the newly founded Agnew Association. I believe you will find your life membership both interesting and rewarding. The main objective of the Association is to bring together all Agnews and all who have a family connection with the name. I hope you will take the opportunity of getting to know each other, so that all Agnews of whatever country may come together for their own benefit. Now that we have a family Association I hope it will make us all aware of the part the Agnews have and will play in the history of their own countries.

I give you my best wishes and I look forward to meeting all of you in the near future.

Crisp Agnew of Locknaw

Enclosures:

1. Membership Card
2. The Constitution
3. Information Sheet
4. Brochure - to give to potential new members.
5. Newsletters No 1 & 3 (No 2 out of print)

Mrs Lois F Schieck, 9072, Thunderbird Drive, Coral Springs Fla 33065 is working on Agnew genealogies (mainly Irish connections) and may be able to help. The Convenor will be most interested to receive copies of any work you are doing on NY Agnew genealogies to add to the collection he is making.



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The Objectives:

1. To bring together all of the name of Agnew and to promote the interests of the Name and the Association.
 2. To exchange genealogical information with a view to publishing a new family history.
 3. To publish a periodic newsletter.
 4. From time to time to hold a Gathering in Scotland. The first in July 1981.
- Membership is open to:

1. All of the name of AGNEW.
2. Anyone who has a connection with the name and wishes to support the objectives of the Association.

THE AGNEWS

The Agnews are a Norman family, taking their name from the village of Agneaux in Normandy. The name first appears in Scotland c 1200, when William des Aigneus witnessed a charter in Liddesdale. The first of the Lochnaw line as Andrew Agnew who was made Hereditary Constable of Lochnaw in 1426 and Hereditary Sheriff of Wigton in 1451. Sir Patrick, 8th Sheriff was created a Baronet of Nova Scotia in 1629 by Charles I.

TARTAN & BADGE

The Agnew Tartan, approved by the Lord Lyon and the badge as illustrated on the front cover are available from:

Kimloch Anderson Ltd
14/16 George Street
EDINBURGH EH2 2QD

Chief of the Name:

Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw Bt.
Agnew Baronetcies:

Baronets of: Lochnaw (cr 1629), London (cr 1895),
Clendry (cr 1957)

Collateral & Branch Agnew Families:

The Agnews of: Croach (c 1460), Galdenoch (c 1570)
Wigg (c 1590), Sheuchan (c 1630), Dalreagle (c 1700),
all in Galloway; Howlish Hall in England (c 1750),
Kilwaughter in Ireland (c 1570), Guernsey (c 1740),
Tasmania (c 1890), Pennsylvania (c 1711), Canada (c 17

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To. The Convenor

The Agnew Association
~~3 Tomdale Terrace~~ 6 Palmerston Road
~~EDINBURGH EH3 9HH~~ EDINBURGH EH9 1TN

Please enrol me as a member of the Agnew Association. I enclose my life membership fee of £10 (for UK Members) or \$30 US/Canadian or \$25 Australian (for overseas Members cover the extra cost of postage overseas).

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss

Connection if your name is not Agnew

Address

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WIND UP

11. The Association may be wound up on the recommendation of a majority at a General Meeting.
12. On Wind Up, the funds of the Association after payment of all debts and liabilities, will be divided equally amongst all Life Members of the Association.

Adopted at a meeting held in London on 17th April 1978

INFORMATION

Reference Books

- a. The Hereditary Sheriffs of Galloway by Sir Andrew Agnew, 1st Edn 1864, 2nd Edn 1893
- b. The Book of the Agnews by Mary Agnew Philadelphia 1926
- c. Gibson Agnew by Ruth Mine, 1980
- d. The Whites of their Eyes by Eric Agnew, expected 1982/3

The Agnew Tartan

The tartan was approved by the Lord Lyon and the proper pattern recorded in the Lyon Court Book on 17th August 1978. The Blue/Green base is from the Douglas tartan as the Agnews received their lands from the Douglas Lords of Galloway and the red stripes from the Agnew. Very colours. The tartan crest badges etc is available from

The Gift Shop
Lochnaw Castle
by Strathraer
Wigtownshire
Kinloch Anderson Ltd
45 High Street
Edinburgh

Lochnaw Castle

Lochnaw Castle is the ancient seat of the Agnews of Lochnaw. It is situated near Strathraer in Wigtownshire and is now a Guest House where any Agnew will be made most welcome.

Printed by David Fairbairn Ltd, 69 Breads Street, Edinburgh EH9 9AJ



THE AGNEW ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

THE CONSTITUTION

NAME

1. The name of the Association shall be the AGNEW ASSOCIATION and its official address shall be:—

3 Lonsdale Terrace
EDINBURGH EH3 9HN.

OBJECTIVES

2. The objectives of the Agnew Association shall be:—
 - a. To bring together all of the name of AGNEW and to promote the interests of the name and the Association.
 - b. To exchange genealogical information with a view to publishing a new family history.
 - c. To publish a periodic newsletter.
 - d. From time to time to hold a Gathering in Scotland.

MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTION

3. Membership of the Association shall be open to:—
 - a. All of the name of AGNEW.
 - b. Anyone who has a connection with the name and wishes to support the objectives of the Association.
4. There shall be one subscription fixed by the Association for Life Membership, which will entitle the member to vote at General Meetings and participate in all the Association activities, each of which will have to be self financing.

MANAGEMENT

5. **General Meetings.** The Chief shall call General Meetings from time to time. Extraordinary General Meetings may be called by a member, with a petition from 20 other members, at a place nominated by the Chief. The member calling the meeting shall be responsible for all administration and costs. The General Meeting has the power to:—
 - a. Appoint the Committee.
 - b. Limit the powers of the Committee until the next meeting.
 - c. Recommend changes to the constitution.

6. **Committee.** The affairs of the Association shall be run by Committee with full powers to act on behalf of the Association. The membership of the Committee shall be:—

Chairman	—	The Chief of the Name.
Treasurer	—	Elected by the General Meeting.
Secretary	—	Elected by the General Meeting.
Members	—	Elected by the General Meeting.
Members	—	Coopted by the Committee to help the Management.

The Committee will be chaired by the Chief of the Name or in his absence the Committee may elect a Chairman.

7. **Finance**

- a. The Treasurer will be responsible for administering the finance of the Association and maintaining the accounts.
- b. Life Membership fees will be paid into a capital account and may not be used for current expenditure.
- c. Income from the capital fund will be expended for the benefit of the Association as agreed by the Committee.
- d. The accounts will be audited annually by two members of the Association appointed by the Committee.

THE CONSTITUTION

8. The founding constitution may be altered on a recommendation of the General Meeting by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority, which must then be put to a members in a postal ballot. A simple majority in the postal ballot can then change the constitution.

LIABILITIES

9. Members of the Association have no liabilities for the debts of the Association beyond the value of their subscriptions, which will have been paid to the Association.
10. No member is empowered to extend this liability or to pledge a security any of the capital funds of the Association.