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Eliot Clan Society, USA becomes 100th to declare Odom Library as "home!"

In a letter received on Monday, November 17, the Eliot Clan Society, USA wrote that during their annual meeting at the Stone Mountain Highland Games, the Board of Directors asked the membership present to

approve The Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library as the official home of the Eliot Clan family records and genealogy. The membership did approve the motion - and in doing so, made the Eliot Clan Society,

USA the 100th to declare the Odom Library home!

In commemoration of their 100th clan status, the library has presented the Eliot Clan Society

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with a banner for their Clan tent which proudly proclaims, "Elliot Clan Society, USA — 100th Clan to Declare Odom Library Home!"

The Elliot Clan Society Collection at the library was started with a manuscript taken from member histories that are

interrelated and descended from one progenitor. The manuscript entitled *Descendants of George Elliott, Sr., Pioneer Settler of Atlantic* is bound and 150 pages with index.

George Elliott was a blacksmith as were his sons. While living in Pennsylvania,

they served patriotically during the Revolutionary War by forging chains which were stretched across the Delaware River to prevent the British ships from going up the river. In 1786 he moved his family to homestead in Madison County, Georgia. The descendants of George Elliott and his wife, Mary Henry Elliott, must exceed

ten thousand or more during the past 200 years. Only 2, 139 are enumerated in this manuscript.

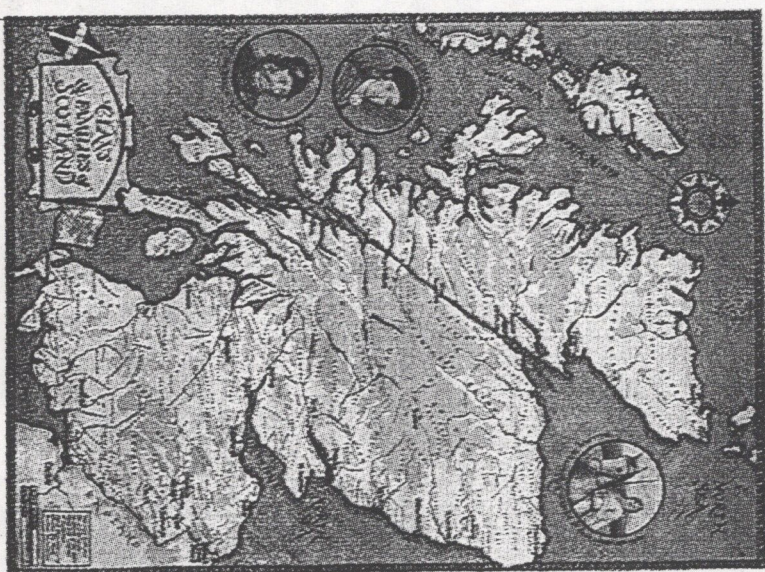
The Elliots (or "Ellots" as they were originally called) have existed as a Clan with a recognized Chief at least from the time of King Robert the Bruce (1306-1329) to the present day. Before the Union of the Crowns in 1603, they held part of the frontier with England known as "The Middle March"

— their chief usually being appointed Captain of the Hermitage Castle in Liddesdale — they became famous as one of the great riding clans of the Scottish Borders. Later, the Elliots were notable for the part they played in the settlement of the New World, where their independence of character — for which the Clan has always been renowned — made them particularly welcome. In the modern age, the Elliots (often spelled "Elliott" outside Scotland) have prospered and the Clan is now widely spread throughout the world.

Today, most of the major Scottish Clans have formed Clan Societies to preserve their histories and traditions and to promote a spirit of kinship among their members. The Elliot Clan Society was founded in 1977 by Sir Arthur Elliott, 11th Baronet of Stobs, Laird of Redhugh and hereditary Chief of the Elliots, together with the Earl of Minto and the other

The Clans, Families & Major Battlefields of Scotland

Antique style historical map showing locations of the clans and families of Scotland, the main battlefields and other areas of interest including 'The Raising of the Standard' and 'The Declaration of Arbroath'. Also included are portraits of William Wallace, Robert the Bruce and Prince Charles Edward Stuart. Beautifully crafted by Gill Humphrys, a local artist, the 45 x 60 cms print on high quality paper is an ideal Christmas, birthday or retirement present and will enhance any living room or hallway.



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*The Border Battlefields
& Reiver Families of the
Fifteenth Century*

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part of Minto and the other heads of the principal branches of the Clan. With headquarters, library and museum at Redheugh, the age-old seat of the Clan's Chiefs, the Society now has active and growing membership in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Europe, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States.

All Elliots, Elliots and Elliotts, their descendants and their close relations by blood or marriage, are eligible to join the Elliott Clan Society. In the words of Sir Arthur, "The tie is essentially a family one, transcending national boundaries and disregarding distinctions of age, sex, wealth or status. It has been formed by those of us who feel that this ancient tie is of special interest and value to our modern world. No Clan in Scotland has a more spirited history or a prouder name than the Elliots, whose own victory slogan "Wha daur meddle wi' me" could well stand as a watchword for all Scotsmen through the ages."

Sir Arthur died April 6, 1989. His daughter, Margaret, was installed as Clan Chief — Margaret Elliott of Redheugh, Chief of all the Elliots.

For more information on the Elliott Clan Society, USA, write the Clan Genealogist, James G. "Jerry" Elliott, 8575 E. Oakwood Lane, Morgantown, IN 46160-9565.

I wrote to him recently for info on the organization.