



**MINUTES of the 3rd Meeting of the Baron Court of  
Prestoungrange held at The Royal Musselburgh Golf Club,  
Prestoungrange, Prestonpans, East Lothian Scotland on  
February 11<sup>th</sup> 1999**

**Present:** Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange  
Baron Sergeand & Secretary  
**In attendance:** Lady Prestoungrange  
**Apologies:** Baron Bailie & Procurator Fiscal

**1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Court of Members held on  
January 30<sup>th</sup> 1999 at The Reform Club Pall Mall London**

**Confirmed:** 1. That these were a correct record and that the subsequent launch of the new tartan at the Club's Caledonian Evening had been a great success attended by all Members of the Court and several from the Household - i.e. Charles and Colinette Margerison/ Eric and Claire Sandelands/ Richard and Rachel Teare/ Carol Oliver/ Sylvia Burgess/ Elizabeth Sang/ Kathryn Wills/ Lady Prestoungrange

**2. Matters Arising**

**Funding the Court's Activities**

**Reported:** 2.1(a) (Minute 99/2/2.1(a)) That the book by Dr Julian Wills of Prestoungrange, *Cleaning Up*, being the first title from Prestoungrange University Press would be delivered on February 18<sup>th</sup> and advanced sales at £ 29.50 per copy were going well with an initial order for 100 received from IRDC for work with University Authors' Clubs.

**Agreed:** 2.1(a) To thank MCB University Press for its assistance in the creation of the title, and to ask Julian Wills to report to the next meeting on sales plans for the balance of the stocks.

2.1(b) That loan finance and donations had already been

received from a wide range of friends and supporters, who had been gratefully thanked.

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### **Ceremonial Regalia**

**Reported:** 2.2 (Minute 99/2/2.2) That the Baron Sergeand had visited the Laird of Balgonie and Eddergoll in Fife on February 10th and received a prototype Ellwand, which would now be used for briefing a craftsman to create the final Ellwand with screwed centre from black and white wood with enamelled and jewelled insignia.

**Agreed:** 2.2 That as soon as progress was accomplished on the Ellwand the Bailie's medal and the horn would be commissioned and appropriate robes and caps acquired.

### **Grant of 'new' Ensigns Armorial**

**Confirmed:** 2.3(a) (Minute 99/2/2.3) That the Baron had visited with Elizabeth Roads, The Keeper of the Records at Lyon Court and agreed the Petition for the Grant of new ensigns armorial in the name of Prestoungrange, and the Petition had been passed to the Lord Lyon for issuance of Letters Patent in due course.

2.3(b) That it was proposed that the crescent from the Malsoures origins in Milton Malsor be replaced by representation of salt and coal in the new Grant and that the Cross of St Andrew be incorporated in the standard.

2.3(c) That the Arms in England of the Wills' family are available forthwith to those with the name Wills who descended from Stanley Clifford Wills, but that to succeed to the new ensigns armorial for Prestoungrange would require a name change.

2.3(d) That the Baron had in his revised Last Will & Testament bequeathed the baronial title and lands, together with the new Arms, to Mathew Wills Yr of Prestoungrange for his lifetime and thereafter, if he shall survive Mathew, to Julian Wills of Prestoungrange.

### **Access to Dolphinstoun**

**Reported:** 2.4 (Minute 99/2/2.4) That Roy Shearer of Lindsays WS had traced the original extent of the Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun baronial lands in the mid 18<sup>th</sup> Century in some excellent leather bound maps owned by the previous Baron of Prestoungrange, and was still seeking to identify how the title might be appropriately transferred.

**Agreed:** 2.4 That Lindsays WS should seek to acquire the maps in question but if that was not possible to request permission for facsimile copies to be made.

### **Repairs to the Foreshore Walk**

**Reported:** 2.5 (Minute 99/2/2.5) That although the Baron Sergeand had visited the foreshore, he had not yet been able to hold discussions with East Lothian Council or review the potential need for repairs, but would do so on his next visit.

### **3. Office as Laird/ Clan Chief of Prestoungrange**

**Reported:** 3.1 That discussions with The Laird of Balgonie and Eddersgoll had clarified that the Baron was of right describable as Laird, but that Clan Chief could only be accomplished by securing the allegiance of extensive family/ extended family members.

**Agreed:** 3.1 To identify the precise criteria in discussion with the Standing Council of Clan Chiefs in due course, and to follow the required procedures.

3.2 That Household membership be formally extended and those joining invited to help in achieving the goals of the Court.

3.3 To note that those attending the Launch of the Tartan on January 30<sup>th</sup> had joined the Household, and that a substantial list of invitees would be tabled at the next meeting in May.

#### **4. Treasurer's Account and Money Market Account**

**Reported:** 4.1 That the Bank of Scotland was finalising arrangements For the Court's Money Market Account, with the initial deposit of £ 5000, which would also be accessible from the family HOBS site.

#### **5. Prestoungrange Tartan for additional items**

**Reported:** 5.1 That the remaining cloth from D C Dalgleish's Dunsdale Mills was now at Milton Malsor.

**Agreed:** 5.1 That the Baron Sergeand should redouble his efforts to ensure the appropriate entry appears as soon as possible on the Internet; and that the Certificate relating to the tartan is received from Keith Lumsden of the Scottish Tartans Society.

5.2 That the tartan on the cover design of the first book from Prestoungrange University Press was an excellent representation and that at subsequent meetings additional items using the tartan should be considered.

#### **6. Building the Court's Website**

**Reported:** 6.1 That the Baron Sergeand and Lady Prestoungrange had had an excellent first meeting with Peter Grey, Museums Officer of the East Lothian Museum Service, in Haddington and collaboration to build that element of the WebSite was assured, with extensive records available.

**Confirmed:** 6.1 That the Internet's baronial address in the Cocos Islands at [prestoungrange@prestoungrange.cc](mailto:prestoungrange@prestoungrange.cc) would seek to be activated by April 1<sup>st</sup> latest, to embrace the agreed informations working with Internet R & D Centre to build the site that initially at least:

6.1.1 Captured the history and origins of the barony per se ( *as already researched* )

6.1.2 Told the industrial history of the baronial lands - ( *with the help of the Museum Service* )

6.1.3 Told the story of the *Battle of Prestonpans* in 1715

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6.1.4 Displayed and offered for sale the tartan and associated items

6.1.5 Offered full text/ paper sales of all *Prestoungrange University Press* titles

6.1.6 Published these Minutes and all other documents of concern but with password protection

6.1.7 Published details of the Grant of Arms and of the tartans and Arms of previous barons of the lands

6.1.8 Included details of the Household's membership

## **7 Burke's Peerage on the Scottish Baronies**

**Confirmed:** 7.1 That discussions continued with Harold Brooks-Baker, of Burke's Peerage; Peter Dewar, Editorial Director; and Michael Benson-Colpi, Financial Project Leader on behalf of the Barons of Bombi and of Prestoungrange.

7.2 That the two Barons' offer to invest the cost of creating the electronic pages and film ready to print, and the creation of an online site for credit card access and updating, this representing an equity share in the publication of the order of one third, the precise level to be determined by audit in due course still stood, *but* they were insistent that a coherent Publishing Plan be articulated and agreed before they proceeded at their expense to originate a 12pp Prospectus for use by Michael Benson-Copli to ensure the balance of the funding of the initiative - as per letter appended to these Minutes

**Agreed:** 7.1 That the Baron's Bailie and Sergeand should both liaise with the Much Honoured Baron of Bombi and Peter Dewar in the coming weeks to seek to ensure the required Publishing plan is articulated so that the Prospectus including an un-populated WebSite Home Page can be ready by May 31<sup>st</sup> latest.

## **8. Registered Office of the Court @ Prestoungrange**

**Confirmed:** 8.1 That progress the Baron, Baron Sergeand and Lady Prestoungrange had visited with the Management Committee

and Charitable Foundation at the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club to see what arrangements could be made for use of and/ or restoration of the East Wing.

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**Agreed:** 8.1 To ask Lindsays WS to make an offer on behalf of the Court to restore the East Wing of Prestoungrange provided suitable assurances on its use were forthcoming along the lines of the letter appended to these Minutes.

**9. Forthcoming Meetings**

**Agreed:** 9.1 That the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting would be held at Prestoungrange, the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club, at 11.00 hrs on Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> or thenabouts when Bryan Wills, the senior member of the Wills' family under the Grant of Arms to the descendants of Stanley Clifford Wills, would be in Scotland.

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*There being no further business The Court adjourned to lunch in the Restaurant at Prestoungrange.*