



**MINUTES of the 2nd Meeting of the Baron Court of
Prestoungrange held at The Reform Club, Pall Mall, London
SW1 on January 30th 1999**

Present: Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange
Baron Bailie & Procurator Fiscal
Baron Sergeand & Secretary

In attendance: Lady Prestoungrange

**1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Court of Members held on
January 13th 1999 at the same venue**

Confirmed: 1. That these were a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

Funding the Court's Activities

Reported: 2.1(a) (Minute 99/1/3) That income from the first book from
Prestoungrange University Press was confidently expected to
reach £ 2500.

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.

Ceremonial Regalia

2.2 (Minute 99/1/5.1) That the Baron Sergeand was visiting
the Laird of Balgonie and Eddergoll in Fife on February 10th to
progress the creation of the regalia.

Grant of 'new' Ensigns Armorial

2.3(a) (Minute 99/1/5.2) That because the Baron has changed
his name from Wills to Prestoungrange, a new Grant rather than
Matriculation of existing Arms from England will be required, and

the Baron is visiting with Lyon Court in Edinburgh on February 11th.

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2.3(b) That the Arms in England of the Wills' family are available to the Baron's successors in the name of Wills

Access to Dolphinstoun

2.4 (Minute 99/1/7) That there was no progress to report on the baronial lands of Dolphinstoun but that Tranent & Cockenzie's interest in granting access for a reasonable consideration had now changed.

Repairs to the Foreshore Walk

2.5 (Minute 99/1/8) That the Baron Sergeand would be investigating the walk surface and the need for repairs during his forthcoming visit.

Office as Laird/ Clan Chief of Prestoungrange

2.6 (Minute 99/1/15) That discussions were taking place with The Laird of Balgonie and Eddersgoll on the required procedures.

Treasurer's Account and Money Market Account

2.7 (Minute 99/1/10) That the Bank of Scotland had now opened the Treasurer's Account at their Musselburgh Branch and that a Money Market Account had also been opened in London with an initial deposit of £ 5000, both accounts to be accessible from the family HOBS site.

3 Launch of the Prestoungrange Tartan

Reported: 3.1 That the Prestoungrange tartan was to be launched the same evening at Caledonian Night at the Reform Club with kilts and ladies skirts from D C Dalgleish's Dunsdale Mills.

Agreed: 3.1 That the Baron Sergeand should 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.

Reported: 3.2 That the tartan would appear on the cover design of all books from Prestoungrange University Press.

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4. Building the Court's Website

Reported: 4.1 That progress was beginning to be made and a visit to Peter Green of the East Lothian Museum Service in Haddington was scheduled for February 11th at 2.30 pm by the Baron Sergeand and Lady Prestoungrange.

Confirmed: 4.1 That the Internet's baronial address in the Cocos Islands at prestoungrange@prestoungrange.cc would seek to embrace the agreed informations working with Internet R & D Centre to build the site that initially at least:

- 4.1.1 Captured the history and origins of the barony *per se (as already researched)*
- 4.1.2 Told the industrial history of the baronial lands - *(with the help of the Museum Service)*
- 4.1.3 Told the story of the *Battle of Prestonpans* in 1715
- 4.1.4 Displayed and offered for sale the tartan and associated items
- 4.1.5 Offered full text/ paper sales of all *Prestoungrange University Press* titles
- 4.1.6 Published these Minutes and all other documents of concern but with password protection
- 4.1.7 Published details of the Grant of Arms and of the tartans and Arms of previous barons of the lands

5. Burke's Peerage on the Scottish baronies

Confirmed: 5.1 That initial discussions had been held in London 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.

5.2 That the two Barons had offered 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.

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5.3 That the publication would include not only the baronial titles of Scotland but tartans and castles as appropriate to give it wider appeal beyond a library reference work alone.

Noted: 5.1 That Dr Barrie Pettman, Baron of Bombi, would continue discussions during the absence of the Baron in the Orient and Africa, but that their contribution was only based on a well scheduled project - to publish during the wave of global interest in things Scottish following the resumption of its own Parliament after the hiatus since 1707.

6. Registered Office of the Court

Confirmed: 6.1 That progress was being made and that the Baron, Baron Sergeand and Lady Prestoungrange would all be visiting the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club on February 11th to see what arrangements could be made for use of and/ or restoration of the East Wing.

7. Forthcoming Meetings

Agreed: 7.1 That the 3rd Meeting would be held at Prestoungrange, the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club, at 11.00 hrs on February 11th.

7.2 That the Baron Serjeand would seek to arrange the 4th Meeting during late May 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 - again at Prestoungrange if feasible.

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There being no further business The Council of The Court adjourned to dine at The Reform Club and to launch the tartan.