## Knight Gregson Newsletter no. 2, 24 MAY 2013

I sent the first Knight Gregson newsletter to our community just about a year ago. Today, we have eighteen registered members from the UK, Australia, and the U.S. There are a significant number of visits by non-members. Since our KG site is visited by search engine bots, anyone who googles Knight Gregson, will likely see the forum in the search results. The largest number of individuals accessing the forum at a single time was 22, which occurred on 5 APR 2013! At times I guess members may be viewing without signing in, but I believe that we are attracting growing number of visits by non-members. If you have forgotten your password, it can be reset. Go to the login (on the main menu). When the system asks for your username and password, click I've forgotten my password. Follow the instructions and you should be back online with the ability to post in no time.

Over the past year our members have added significant content to our forum. In case you have not visited the forum lately, I thought that I would give you an overview of what the content looks like today, about a year after our launch.

The Knight Gregson discussion community is located at: <u>http://knightgregson.forumotion.com/</u>

As we have added content. By necessity the structure of the forum has evolved with the interests and contributions of our members. In the images below, DISCUSSION CATEGORIES are the darker blue headings and the discussion forums are enumerated below each category.

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WELCOME TO THE KNIGHT GREGSON INTERNET FORUM

Who were Henry Knight Gregson and Eliza Mary
WHO ARE WE: This internet forum is a place for researchers who are interested in Henry Knight Gregson and Eliza Mary Donaldson Selby, their ancestors and descendants. By following the link (blue text above) "Welcome Forum for Visitors..." you will find a brief introduction to the Knight Gregson family.

MEMBERS AND VISITORS: Most of the discussion groups on this site can be fully accessed by visitors. In a few instances members have posted documents which they have asked to be accessible to members only. In these cases, links to these documents may be inactive. Only members can reply to posts within a discussion. Members also have access to a BLOG which is private to members only. JOIN OUR GROUP: You can join our group by using the appropriate link in the menu just below the Knight Gregson coat of arms. If you would like more information before you join, please contact the administrator drfalken@comcast.net ADVERTISING BANNER: The ad banner just below the main menu is not sponsored by the Knight Gregson Internet Forum, rather these are placed here by Forumotion which provides free hosting to us. These ads need not be accessed to use the Knight Gregson discussions.

Visitor Posts

This is the only forum on the Knight Gregson site where visitors can post. You can REPLY to a current topic or add a NEW TOPIC. Visitors are welcome to send a private message to the administrator of the Knight Gregson Community.

KNIGHT GREGSON GALLERY

Knight Gregson Gallery

The first category WELCOME TO THE KNIGHT GREGSON FORUM is intended for visitors who are viewing the forum for the first time; it describes what our KG community is all about. Since visitors cannot post to the discussions, I have provided a section here which is open for visitors to leave a comment.

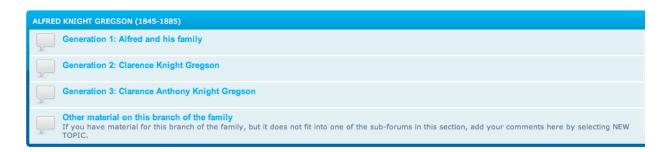
The second category KNIGHT GREGSON GALLERY is our photo gallery. We are indebted to our Australian cousins for sharing their pictures of last year's trip to Northumberland and the places important to the Gregson and Knight Gregson family. If you have pictures to share, send them to Don Falkenburg and I will create an album in the photo gallery.



The third category is dedicated to HENRY AND ELIZA MARY KNIGHT GREGSON. This contains pedigrees of both Henry Knight Gregson and Eliza Mary Donaldson Selby. Eliza's family was descended from the aristocratic Grey/Gray families. In fact, Eliza Mary and all Knight Gregson descendants are blood-line descendants of Edward I, King of England. For me, Edward I and Margaret of France are my 21st great grandparents. This is documented in the third discussion forum of this category. CERTIFICATES & DOCUMENTS contains the Will of Henry KG, marriage and death certificates for Henry and Eliza as well as a record of Henry's matriculation at Exeter College. Perhaps the most interesting content is found under KG ARTIFACTS. Recently, Tony Gregson (a member of our KG community) found an antique firearm owned by Henry Knight Gregson. Documentation of that find and pictures are posted under the ARTIFACTS discussion forum. Finally, the topic: CHILDREN OF HENRY AND ELIZA MARY collects together in one place a list of the 17 children of Henry and Eliza Mary with dates of birth /death, and marriage information. If you explore the discussions about the KG children, you will see how we use the KG community to share

information and refine our understanding. My original post (8 JUN 2012) had some errors. In two subsequent posts, member Valerie Edwards pointed out differences in data she had. Using the suggestions of Valerie, I updated my original document which appears as a reply: Update to Children of Henry and Eliza. At some time in the future, I will likely move the discussion of date details to the category: ARCHIVED POSTS that appears at the end of the lists of all of the CATEGORIES. I will do this to preserve the discussion while trying to keep the main forums more readable.

The category: DESCENDANTS OF HENRY AND ELIZA MARY KNIGHT GREGSON has been structured to enable discussion of Henry and Eliza's children and their descendants. If you select ALFRED KNIGHT GREGSON (1845-1885), a new page will open displaying three generations in Alfred's line. The last sub-forum is: Other material



on this branch of the family. If you have something to add that does not fit into one of the listed discussions, but pertains to Alfred's line, simply add it to *Other*.. I will adapt the structure to find a place for your post. If I were to list all directions the discussions might take, we will have a very complex system to navigate. I hope this approach will enable dynamic adaptation to the needs and interests of our community.

The next two next categories is focuses on the ORIGIN OF THE GREGSON FAMILY. We are attempting to find the earliest roots of the family. This is a difficult task and one we may not be able to resolve. The GREGSON FAMILY discussion category contains



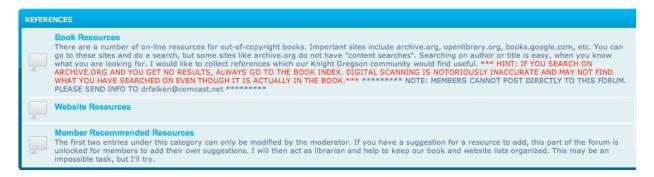
information about the Gregsons beginning with John Gregson of Murton b. 1607, and the line of descent to Henry Knight Gregson.

The next discussion category focuses on the KNIGHT FAMILY. The pedigree found here is from hand written notes made by John Crawford Hodgson, famed historian, genealogist and author of many histories of Northern England. We set about to transcribe these (often difficult to read) notes. Our collective results are posted along with the original hand written notes. This category also contains some detailed information about the Rev. Thomas Knight (father of Henry Knight Gregson) and William Henry Knight (Henry's grandfather).

Our family tree contains many stems which branch through a number of allied families. The category: RELATED FAMILIES provides some published pedigrees for several of these families.



REFERENCES is a new feature of the KG site. The first two entries under this category can only be changed by the moderator. If you have a suggestion for a resource to add, you can post to: MEMBER RECOMMENDED RESOURCES. This part of the forum is unlocked for members to add their own suggestions. I will then act as librarian and help to keep our book and website lists organized. This may be an impossible task, but I'll try. Current volumes listed include: Heraldic Visitations, Publications of the Harleian Society, Books by John Burke and John Bernard Burke, Dictionary of National Biography, Northumberland Biographies, and Histories of Northumberland.



The next category: DOCUMENTS contains HISTORIC DOCUMENTS AND MEMBER WORKING DOCUMENTS. HISTORIC DOCUMENTS contains a hodgepodge of items including: Memories of Thomas Knight by his grandson Charles Edward Knight Gregson, Will of John Gregson of Murton 1607, Under a Border Tower: The Death of Thomas Knight, Under a Border Tower: A Shooting Incident Involving Arthur Knight Gregson. In the near future I will likely move this content to positions in the forum dedicated to each individual. This is an example of how as our forum changes as content grows. MEMBER WORKING DOCUMENTS contains draft manuscripts of Don Falkenburg's Knight Gregson manuscript and Ellen Stoddart's Report on the Descendants of John Gregson of Murton.



GENERAL DISCUSSIONS contains topics that don't necessarily fit into any category above. There are two discussions here. The first deals with Lowlynn House, the Gregson home built by John Gregson around 1771 and inherited by Henry Knight from his cousin Anthony Gregson. MYSTERY OF THE COFFIN LID TALBLE is a query about content in a manuscript written by George Selby Knight Gregson (son of George Charles Knight Gregson). Member David Allen is researching this artifact.

QUERIES is a catch-all for members and non-members to ask questions. MEMBER GUIDES AND NEWSLETTERS contains those items. The BLOGS are intended for members to share thoughts that are not strictly connected to the content—sort of a



social network for KG Forum members. You can get an idea what this looks like by viewing Don Falkenburg's BLOG. The BLOGS cannot be viewed by non-members or search engine bots. Initially, when I registered each new member of our community, I set up a BLOG for that individual. I have decided to make this an option so we don't use too much of our KG Forum to display unused BLOGS. If you would like to join the KG blogspace, you can post a new Topic in the forum OUR BLOG SPACE. I will then create a blog for you and include your post there.

Finally, ARCHIVED POSTS is a place where I generally park discussions that may no longer be relevant to the main forum discussions. This will preserve the discussion while keeping the main topics easier to read.

Keep in mind that the structure I have documented here is a snapshot in time. In a week or two I may decide to shift some of the the discussion topics to new places in the forum. If you are having difficulty in finding a post try using the SEARCH feature located on the main menu directly under the Knight Gregson coat of arms. As our KG space grows, it may become difficult to find information; just use SEARCH to query the site.

If you have some material which you would like to share but do not feel comfortable with the details of posting pictures and links (this is described in the user guides) just email material to Don Falkenburg. I will post the information and list your name as the contributor.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our Knight Gregson forum, please don't hesitate to send me an email.

Feel free to send this newsletter to anyone you know who may be considering joining our community.

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