



# The Raven & The Rock

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## Will Our Regimental Family Survive?

Below is the start of a Letter to the Editor in a local community newspaper:

*"We are drowning in COVID. Like first time fishermen thrown overboard, we are being pummelled wave after wave, barely able to keep our head above water as we desperately search the horizon for signs of land and safety."*

It has been a rough two years for us. But our forebears survived the wars, the Spanish Flu, Polio, TB, and the Great Depression. Our Regiment has also survived through centuries. While the official start of our regimental history is July 3, 1868, there had been a Militia presence in the area since 1784. Before the closure of the Regimental Museum, the Curator had been working on a display of the Regiment's Family Tree shown below.



If you were to read the initial chapters of "Up The Glens", you would see the challenges that have faced the Regiment over the centuries. There has been the name – The Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders - since May 1922. The Militia in the 20's and 30's continued to face problems.

On the positive side, we were honoured to have an active service unit with our regimental name to serve its country in the Second World War. A reserve battalion was located throughout the United Counties recruiting men for all three services. At the war's end, the name was part of the Occupation Force.

Since the Second World War, the Militia or now the Reserves has faced cutbacks. The idea that amalgamation might work failed. There was the loss of armouries. It was experienced within the United Counties. In recent years, there were the threats of closing the Cornwall Armoury followed by the idea of creating a River Regiment.

Then arrives Covid-19. That has affected the Regimental Family and its projects that have taken years to bring together. So what will it take to survive? How do we continue to honour those who have gone before us.

It is going to take a strong commitment by the members of the Regimental Family. As in the past, the building of community support is vital. Those of us who survive from *drowning in COVID* must take seriously these words – "Once a Glen, always a Glen" and "Dileas Gu Bas - Faithful Until Death".

Until we meet again, stay safe.

Up The Glens!

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