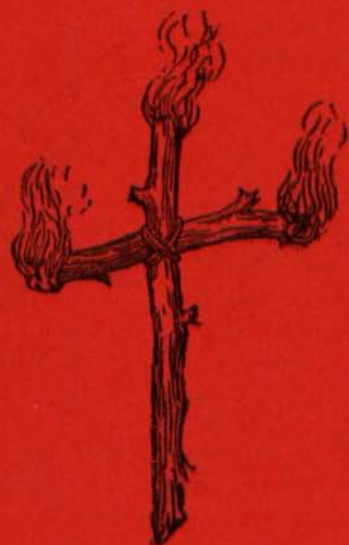


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JOHN EDWIN MUNCASTER

(1869 — 1955)

Last Master of "The Ridge"

JOHN EDWIN MUNCASTER

LAST MASTER OF "THE RIDGE"

John Kennedy Magruder

The death of our venerable and beloved Clansman, John Edwin Muncaster in 1955 was an occasion of general sadness within the American Clan Gregor Society. His long and loyal service to the Society he helped establish lasted for nearly half a century and no single individual has done more by action and example to insure its continued existence and good health. He served on the Council of the Clan from its inception in 1909 until his death. He was Treasurer from 1911 until 1947, thirty-six long years, and he managed our often meager resources with sound Scottish prudence and a touch of earthy humor. Upon his retirement from that office in 1947, he was made Custodian of the Yearbooks and later he was created the Clan's first Honorary Life Member as a token of appreciation for his services.

But to him service was a natural thing, for he loved the association with people of his own blood, with whom he shared such a noble and romantic tradition. He understood this tradition perhaps better than any of us, since it came to him with a purity and continuity unbroken from the time of the first Alexander Magruder. His own story began a long time ago and it is inseparable from the story of "The Ridge", that ancient Magruder property he loved so well where he ended his days.—The Editor.

By the close of the XVIIth Century, the feudal society of the Old World had been firmly established in Tidewater Maryland and the territory of the Coastal Plains was pretty well filled with the great estates and plantations of the early landed families. Of necessity, therefore, the sons of the established proprietors, as well as newcomers to the Colony, were beginning to look toward virgin lands to the west in the fertile plateau country of the Piedmont and during the first half of the XVIIIth Century an unhurried settlement of the region began.

MAJOR JOHN MAGRUDER of Dunblane (1694-1750), who had inherited broad lands to the east from his father, COLONEL SAMUEL MAGRUDER (1661-1711), son of ALEXANDER, the Immigrant (1610-1677), undoubtedly became acquainted with the outlying wilderness, (now Montgomery County), as a youth hunting wild game along Indian trails through the forests, and, true to his Highland blood, must have fallen in love with the gently rolling wooded hills, for he chose several beautiful tracts of land, comprising about six hundred acres, and secured them by Royal Grant between 1733 and 1750. The largest of these tracts was called "The Ridge" because it lay along a low eminence overlooking the Valley of Rock Creek.

The clearing of these lands apparently began soon after acquisition, for a log house still stands on the property, which was built in 1745 and was probably used by John as a lodge when he rode up on horseback from his seat at Dunblane to oversee the development of his new fields and supervise the planning of the first tobacco.

It is possible that he, himself, chose the site of the present brick dwelling and

saw its foundations laid before his death in 1750, but it is more likely that the actual building was directed by his son, COLONEL ZADOK MAGRUDER, (1729-1811) who, as a youth of twenty-one, inherited his father's Piedmont holdings along with two negro men named York and Hercules.

Zadok, who fought in the French and Indian War and distinguished himself, as a Colonel, in the Revolution and as a leader in the early affairs of Maryland, was obviously a man of parts and it is not difficult to imagine him pushing York and Hercules to the utmost to get the house completed and "The Ridge" and his other lands into production to receive his bride, RACHEL BOWIE, nee Pottinger, whom he married in 1754.

The dwelling the young people were the first to occupy was not a pretentious mansion, but it was substantially built of hand made English style brick molded from local clay. Its main rooms, with an almost unconscious elegance from the simple colonial woodwork, were spacious and designed for generous living and one can easily picture the pleasant company that must have assembled around the broad fireplace flanked by a handsome and ample wine closet in the "great room" as the living room was called in those earlier days. The comfortable atmosphere of this room would certainly produce the proper mood for the numerous Magruder relatives and Scottish family connections to remember stories of Alexander MacGregor and his turbulent youth in Scotland, for in that era traditions were not so easily forgotten and family anecdotes were treasured and retold many times.

Prior to his death in 1811, COLONEL ZADOK MAGRUDER deeded "The Ridge" to his son, DOCTOR ZADOK MAGRUDER (1765-1809), who made quite a name for himself as a physician and helped found the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland. Under his hand the property flourished and the fields were worked by many negro slaves. This period of prosperity continued under his son, JOHN WILLSON MAGRUDER (1798-1849) and until the Civil War and Emancipation. After JOHN WILLSON MAGRUDER's death in 1849, ownership of "The Ridge" passed successively into the hands of his heirs until it was acquired by JOHN EDWIN MUNCASTER (1869-1955), his grandson in 1928.

JOHN EDWIN MUNCASTER's ties with "The Ridge" were deep rooted and numerous. His mother, HANNAH SMITH MAGRUDER (1837-1914) was the daughter of JOHN WILLSON MAGRUDER and she was married to John's father, WILLIAM EDWIN MUNCASTER (1839-1922), a great-great grandson of COLONEL ZADOK MAGRUDER, at "The Ridge" in 1867. Upon the death of John's uncle, ZADOK MAGRUDER V (1836-1896), his father took over management of "The Ridge" for the heirs and continued his trusteeship until his own death in 1922. In 1928, when the ancient property was in danger of passing out of the family, John bought out the other heirs and together with his wife, ALLETTA MAGRUDER WATERS (1874-1947), a great-great granddaughter of COLONEL ZADOK MAGRUDER, took possession as the great-great grandson of the Colonel on his mother's side and great-great-great grandson on his father's. No couple could have been more qualified to maintain its gracious tradition or to watch over its treasured memories.

JOHN EDWIN MUNCASTER was born at "Milton Farm" on September 29, 1869 about five miles downstream on Rock Creek from "The Ridge". "Milton Farm" had been in the family since about 1797 and the prerevolutionary house,



ARTIST'S CONCEPT OF "THE RIDGE" RESTORED



"THE RIDGE" as it appeared in February 1954

Paul Schmick, Staff Photographer, The Washington Evening Star

(demolished 1896) like "The Ridge" was steeped in the atmosphere of the XVIIIth Century. In fact, the rhythm of existence at John's birth and during his early youth had changed little in the course of time. People still travelled the countryside on horseback or in wagons except on state occasions when a carriage was called for. Men and horses or oxen still furnished the motive power for farm equipment. A blacksmith and carpenter shop in the farmyard and a nearby grist mill gave the farm a large degree of self-sufficiency and the open hearth was still the center of family life on winter evenings and people took time to visit and know each other.

John's recollections of his boyhood give a charming picture of rural living in those days with poignant memories of the realities and joys of life on "Milton Farm" and in the surrounding country. John and his younger brother, Luther took over their share of the multifarious farm duties as very small boys. They fed the sheep and nursed the orphan lambs. They helped in the blacksmith shop and with the necessary carpentry. They dropped corn in the long rows at planting time and helped to cultivate and harvest the crops. They drove the sheep to market down winding country roads to Benning in the alien territory of the District of Columbia and rode the farm wagon to Rockville and Georgetown for supplies.

In the spring they searched for bird eggs and trailing arbutus in the thickets and along the wooded slopes. They fished and navigated the waters of Rock Creek and the mill pond on fence rail rafts and in boats of their own fabrication and hunted rabbits and squirrels with an old Civil War musket. There were frolics and visits with numerous cousins and relatives and on Sundays they met their neighbors at services in the old Presbyterian Church in Rockville.

Education began for the brothers just as it had for the sons of planters for generations. Their mother and later "Cousin Minnie Bowie, Aunt Laura Magruder's niece", their governess imprisoned them on winter mornings after breakfast and drilled them with reading and arithmetic and such irrelevant subjects as algebra and Latin. Their instruction must have been thorough, for, when John later attended Rockville Academy he captured the scholarship medals for mathematics and languages for three years in a row and finally was awarded his A.B. Degree magna cum laude with the Class of 1888 at Hampden Sydney at the age of eighteen.

A taste for scholarship and an interest in letters endured throughout his lifetime. He enjoyed reading the Bible in the original Greek and he taught himself to read German in 1917. He wrote an impressive number of historical sketches and articles on farm management. Soon after his graduation from college, he contemplated a career as a printer and publisher and actually edited a small newspaper, "The Anonymous News" (1893-1895), which he printed on his hand operated press.

But his real love was the land and he found himself irresistably drawn into the responsibilities of the joint operation of the lands of "Milton Farm" and "The Ridge" with his father. These activities constituted the largest single agricultural operation in the County and called for a maximum of skill and managerial ability, but he appears to have set about the task with a happy acceptance and a willingness to adopt the advanced methods of the Twentieth Century. Improvements, which he initiated on his own land, were profitably imitated by his friends and neighbors in the surrounding country.

His leadership in the community was unquestioned, although he never evinced much interest in politics other than to needle erring politicians with an occasional

slyly humorous but devastating letter to the local papers. His active participation and willingness to assume responsibility in the various farm associations in the County and State is evidenced by the long list of offices he held and the universal respect and affection of his agricultural associates. His wise councils were also appreciated in the Parish of St. John's Episcopal Church at Olney, where he served as Vestryman and Junior Warden for many years.

When the Muncasters took up residence at "The Ridge" in 1929, after equipping the house with the necessities of the present century, John was already sixty years of age, but it was as if MacGregor had indeed returned to his native hearth, for it came alive again as the center of his numerous interests and the old house hummed with life and the farmyard with activity. Magruder relatives and friendly neighbors once more warmed themselves at the ancient hearth and enjoyed the generous fruits of Magruder land in the spacious colonial dining room.

But, when his devoted wife, Alletta died in 1947, John Muncaster's active life gradually ceased. His son, John, Jr., a graduate in Agriculture from the University of Maryland, resided nearby and took over farming operations and his daughter, Emma assumed the duties of housekeeper.

During most of his last years, he lived peacefully at "The Ridge" and received the tribute and love of his community and family as an honored patriarch, but his sense of completion urged him to make several final pilgrimages to the South and Midwest to pay fairwell visits to his relatives and clansmen and even his surviving classmates. In February 1954 he was host to his beloved Senior Farmers' Club, the oldest agricultural society in America, for its 110th Anniversary and in October of that year he received the American Clan Gregor Society to show them "The Ridge" and tell some of its story.

He passed away on June 27, 1955 and at his funeral there was Evergreen Pine and the Tartan of the MacGregors on his casket. His friend and clansman, the Rev. Enoch Magruder Thompson assisted in the services for the last Master of "The Ridge".

John Edwin Muncaster will continue to live in the hearts of all who knew him, but "The Ridge" he loved so well has passed into alien hands and lies neglected and forlorn in the beautiful countryside. The land Alexander Magruder's grandson cleared more than two centuries ago has been reached by the long tentacles of suburbia and will soon be subdivided, but there is still hope that some discerning person will recognize the sturdiness and simple beauty of the house's old walls and rekindle its ancient dignity and warmth. But there is also a possibility that it will topple in the path of the bulldozer and the bones of COLONEL ZADOK MAGRUDER, which have lain in peace for so long within its shadow, will be scattered and trampled by strangers.

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THE REVEREND DANIEL RANDALL MAGRUDER
*Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society
in his Highland Dress (Clerical)*

THE CHIEFTAINS ADDRESS AT THE 1956 BANQUET

October 20, 1956

Our Chieftain was a distinguished figure as he delivered the following talk to his clanfolk at the Banquet. He looked every inch the Scottish Laird as he stood at the High Table placed on a dias at the end of the long dining hall and dominated by a large MacGregor Coat of Arms painted on a medallion surrounded by generous boughs of Evergreen Pine on the curtain which formed a background. Those who were seated at the far end of the hall looked down a vista of columns hung with circular shields bearing the MacGregor Crest flanked with panels of the red and green MacGregor Tartan and long pendant pine boughs.

Appropriately enough the Coat of Arms and eight crested shields were painted for us by a member of the proud House of Steuart, the well known Washington artist, Miss Emily Nourse Steuart and the Evergreen Pine came from "Glenmore", the Maryland Estate of our clanswoman, Mrs. Frank Pelham Stone. The handsome floral centerpiece at the head table was given jointly by the two sons of Mrs. Rex Hays Rhoades, who are now serving overseas.—*The Editor.*

As I stand before you I cannot help remembering that had he not been promoted to the higher service it would be Gen. Marshall Magruder who would still be our Chieftain today. And so I feel that I am really filling out his unexpired term. I only hope I may approach his interest and devotion to the Society. We do owe him a never ending debt of gratitude.

I have recently come across in a box of papers at home a copy of the Baltimore Sun of October 2, 1904. The reason it was saved was because of a long article by Mrs. Hester Dorsey Richardson entitled: "Exiles from Scotland", chiefly about the MacGregors. Much of it is in her excellent History of Maryland. What struck me especially was the statement: "It is a wonder that the descendants of these proud Highlanders do not unite in an organization for perpetuating the memories of their ancestors, than whom no prouder race ever trod upon Maryland soil". Certain it is that five years later the American Clan Gregor Society came into being, in another three years to celebrate our fiftieth anniversary.

It is a great tradition that we are pledged to carry on. I do not know of another family whose roots go back as far as ours. Beginning with Gregor, the third son of King Alpin who reigned in Scotland about the year 787, a kingly race has come down through the centuries, bearing the proud motto, "My race is royal". That was some six hundred years before the House of Stuart acquired royalty through the marriage of a Steward with the daughter of King Robert Bruce. Former ruling families of Europe like the Hapsburgs, Hohenzollerns and Romanoffs do not go back nearly so far. It is almost unique in human history that a family should preserve its identity through almost twelve centuries and not deteriorate. Still does it produce sturdy descendants who hold their own in the world today.

Of course, the MacGregors were a Clan, and that explains many of their

characteristics. They willed to dwell apart, except when attacked by mortal enemies. Condemned to oblivion, finally, deprived of name, home and heritage, the uprooted oak tree became their tragic symbol. Well, a vigorous branch of that tree was transplanted by our ancestor, Alexander Magruder, when he came to Maryland, bring with him all those traits and tendencies that were the heritage of the Clan. "MacGregor despite them shall flourish forever."

It has always been a mystery to me, how arriving in this country in 1651, a prisoner of war, in one short year Alexander should have been granted five hundred acres of land in Calvert County (now Prince George's), and by his death in 1677 owned many more hundreds of acres, and had founded the dynasty that we represent today. It is all the more remarkable when we remember that the terrible Oliver Cromwell was yet to dominate Great Britain for another eight years. Perhaps his marriage to Margaret, daughter of William Braithwaite, whom Lord Baltimore called "Cousin", was a contributing factor.

It is a matter for us to regret that Alexander Magruder did not set down in writing the history of his life and experiences. But we can imagine he was content to leave behind him all the centuries of turmoil and strife in Scotland, and seek forgetfulness and peace on his estates, and in the midst of his growing family in Maryland.

It remains for us to carry on the tradition, and build for the future of our Society. You will find that I have a mania for raising the Endowment Fund. We have existed for forty-seven years on slender financial resources, and that need not continue if we will all be generous now. It is imperative that we have an adequate headquarters for our archives and to exhibit all the interesting things that have accumulated. Let us all show our gratitude for the MacGregor blood that flows in our veins!

DESCENDANTS OF HUGH McGEHEE OF PANOLA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

by ETTA LEONE STEPHENS STOKES

(The lineage of JAMES MacGREGOR alias THOMAS MACKGEHEE showing his descent through the Chiefs of the Clan Gregor from King Alpin of Scotland appears in the Yearbook, American Clan Gregor Society Vol. XXXIX, 1955. See p. 26, Gen. XVIII, Item 2.)

Hugh McGehee of Panola County, Mississippi, was the fourth generation of his family in America. His immigrant ancestor, Thomas MackGehee (1629-1727), was also known as James MacGregor. Thomas' son Edward MackGehee (1699-1770) was the father of Micajah McGehee (1741-1811).¹

Hugh McGehee, son of Micajah McGehee, was born 4 Jan. 1793 in Oglethorpe County, Georgia. In February, 1812, he married Sarah White, daughter of Shelton and Mildred (Clark) White of Georgia.

On 15 June 1836 he bought two sections of land in Panola County, Mississippi, at Como, "Sardis Court House," in the First District, for \$7000. He made his will 17 July 1855 and died six days later on 23 July 1855. His will was probated 3 September 1855 in Panola County and although he did not name his children therein, they are identified by the records in his family Bible which was owned

in 1953 by Miss Caroline Charlotte McGehee, of Como, Mississippi.

Hugh McGehee, Sr., had nine portraits of himself painted by Cooper, of Memphis, Tennessee, at a cost of \$500 each. He gave one to each of his nine living children and a number of his descendants own them today.

The children of Hugh and Sarah (White) McGehee and their descendants are:

1 The family of Micajah McGehee's son Edward is discussed in *Year Book*, 1936, pp. 66-79.

1. Lucinda S. McGehee, born 1 January 1815. Married her cousin, Col. Frank M. White, who was born 16 December 1810 in Jones County, Georgia. Died 5 May 1887 and buried in Friendship Cemetery, one and a half miles south east of Como, Mississippi. They had two children:
 1. Edward White.
 2. Sarah (Sally) White.
- II. Edward G. McGehee, born 27 January 1818. Died unmarried.
- III. Mildred A. McGehee, born 19 October 1819. Married George Tait, M.D. Their child was:
 1. Sarah (Sallie) King Tait married Monroe Pointer.
- IV. Charlotte Caroline McGehee, born 5 November 1821, died 6 October 1859. She married, in 1846, The Rev. Stephen Gilbert Stark, who came from Vermont to Mississippi where he established a reputation as a preacher and became president of The Seminary for Young Ladies at Holly Springs, Mississippi. They had four children:
 1. Hugh Stark.
 2. Sarah Gilbert Stark, born 16 October 1854, died 19 April 1939.
 3. Frances Scott Stark, born 7 April 1857, died 26 November 1931.
 4. Mary Clark Stark, born 25 June 1858, died 4 April 1890. She married, 8 December 1880, Alfred Alexander Young, who was born 5 January 1847, died 23 October 1925. They lived in Como, Mississippi. Their children are:
 - A. Stark Young, born 11 October 1881, never married.
 - B. Alfred Alexander Young, Jr.
 - C. Frances Scott Young.
 - D. Sarah Gilbert Young.
 - E. Julia McGehee Young, born 20 June 1884 at Como, Mississippi. She married, 19 May 1914, John Benjamin Robertson. Both were living in 1953 in Austin, Texas. Their only child:
 - a. Stark Young Robertson, born in Austin, Texas, died young.
 - V. Thomas T. McGehee, born 5 January 1824. Killed by a horse. He never married.
 - VI. John F. McGehee, born 15 August 1826, died unmarried.
 - VII. Abner Francis McGehee, born 27 February 1828, died 22 May 1892. He married first, in 1850, Virginia W. Cox who was born 1 February 1833 and died 1 November 1854. They had three children.

He married second, in 1857, Sarah (Sallie) W. King, daughter of Col. John D. and Mary (Cheatam) King of Alabama. They had eight children.

1. Parrella McGehee, born 16 October 1850, died 30 May 1852.
 2. Fannie Alice McGehee, born 10 July 1852, died 1 September 1863.
 3. Jennie Marian McGehee, born 21 October 1854. She married Charles R. Brown on 2 January 1877. Their children are:
 - A. Jenny May Brown.
 - B. Charley Brown.
 - C. Grace Brown.
 4. Mary (Mollie) McGehee, born 15 July 1858, died 30 July 1861.
 5. Abner Francis McGehee, Jr., born 14 December 1859. He married, 26 December 1892, Jennie W. Estes. They had two children:
 - A. Cornelia Wallace McGehee married Albert Edward Nelson. They had four children:
 - a. Eula McGehee Nelson.
 - b. Albert Edward Nelson, Jr., married and had three children. He inherited all of Miss Caroline Charlotte McGehee's property and heirlooms.
 - c. Virginia Frances Nelson.
 - d. Cornelia Wallace Nelson.
 - B. Abner Francis McGehee, III, married but had no children.
 6. Hugh Shelton McGehee, born 19 November 1861, died 23 October 1862.
 7. Rose King McGehee, born 30 September 1864, died 15 August 1942. She married Robert Moon Irby on 14 February 1901 but had no children.
 8. Sarah (Sallie) Wheeler McGehee, born 27 January 1866. She married, 17 November 1886, Watkins M. Tait and was living in 1953. They had one child:
 - A. Abner Francis Tait, born 29 May 1896, died 6 January 1924.
 9. Kate K. McGehee, born 5 October 1867, died 21 October 1868.
 10. Anne Lucinda McGehee, born 21 August 1871. She married Edward Waller Taylor on 10 January 1900 and was living in 1953. They had no children.
 11. Caroline Charlotte McGehee, born 7 October 1873, died 24 July 1955. She is buried in Friendship Cemetery, Como, Mississippi. She lived in her father's large colonial home in Como and owned one of the nine portraits of Hugh McGehee, Sr.
- VIII. William McGehee, born 31 March 1830, died unmarried.
- IX. Sarah Mildred McGehee, born 20 April 1832. She married Col. Benjamin W. Bedford. They had three children:
1. White Bedford.
 2. Euella Bedford.
 3. Benjamin W. Bedford, Jr.
- X. Hugh McGehee, Jr., born 3 October 1834, died 18 March 191-. The last figure of his death date on his gravestone in Friendship Cemetery, Como, Mississippi, has been chipped off. He died at his Montrose Plantation, near Natchez, Mississippi. He married, about 1861, Julia Vallette Little, of New Orleans, who was born 2 April 1845 and died 7 February 1930. She is also buried in Friendship Cemetery. They had seven children:

1. Abner McGehee, born 1862.
2. Son not named, born and died 1864.
3. Hugh McGehee, III, born 3 October 1866.
4. William McGehee, born 1868.
5. Son not named, born and died 1869.
6. Julia Vallette McGehee, born 6 April 1871, died 11 June 1946. She married, 12 November 1902, Joseph Brown Sledge, who was born 15 May 1867 and died 29 November 1940.
7. Ann McGehee, born 1873.

His children, by his first wife, were:

1. Edwin Price McGehee, born 1862, died young.
- XI. Micajah Shelton McGehee, born 24 June 1838 and died 18 June 1893. He married first, 20 October 1861, Mary Ruffin Price, who was born 20 October 1843 and died 9 November 1863. He married second, 25 November 1866, Mrs. Agnes Dandridge Price White, who died 20 May 1884. He married third, 22 October 1885, Anne P. Irby, who was born 28 November 1849 and died 18 June 1893 at Mineral Wells, Texas. Buried at Como, Mississippi.
2. Mary Leila McGehee, born 1863. She married W. B. Taylor of Como, Mississippi, and has two children. She was living in 1948 and then owned one of the portraits of Hugh McGehee, Sr.

THE EDWARD MCGEHEE FAMILY CEMETERY

Bowling Green Plantation, Wilkinson County, Miss.

In the Year Book published in 1936, on pages 66 through 79, and for 1937, on pages 62 through 77, are two very interesting articles on Edward McGehee and Micajah McGehee of Bowling Green Plantation, Miss., both by our deceased Clansman John Hanson Kennard, formerly of New York City.

In the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. 44, No. 3, for September, 1956, on pages 124 through 126, is an article on The Edward McGehee Family Cemetery on Bowling Green Plantation:

"Foreword by Bickham Christian, 644 Herndon Ave., Shreveport 39. Inscriptions copied by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Parker, Liberty, Miss.

"For the many admirers of Stark Young's tender and moving historical novel, *So Red the Rose*, a visit to the Edward McGehee family cemetery will be a poignantly nostalgic experience, for just a quarter of a mile away stood Bowling Green. It was there that the characters who peopled the novel actually lived, loved, suffered, and died 'in a certain hope of a blessed resurrection'.

"Edward McGehee, the progenitor of this distinguished branch of the family in Mississippi, built his magnificent home, Bowling Green, in 1831. It was burned to the ground by negro Federal troops in 1864 and the family was allowed ten minutes to evacuate the building. Nothing was saved but the clothes they were wearing. Today three towering Doric columns, standing over a vine and bramble grown heap of brick and marble rubble, are left to show where those gentle and gracious people once lived.

"The cemetery, however, is an enduring proof of the elegance and wealth of this family. No where in the South is there a more impressive group of monuments, it being a small forest of soaring Carrara marble shafts, interspersed with

beautifully designed Roman type vaults of various kinds of marble. The whole area, enclosed by a heavy and elaborately designed iron fence, is shaded and softened by Live Oak and Magnolia trees dripping with funereal Spanish moss, and century old specimens of Camelia Japonica, Magnolia Fuscata, and English Box Wood have almost hidden some of the graves. All of the monuments are covered with engraved verses of poetry and quotations from the Bible, selected for their aptness in describing the character of the deceased.

"On this beautiful spot, where one feels half in love with death, it can be truly said, 'no where blows so red the rose . . .'"

¹ The total valuation of the estate of Edward McGehee at the beginning of the War (1860's) was \$2,717,000, including 29,800 acres of land and 825 slaves, a fortune probably only exceeded by that of Wade Hampton of South Carolina.

The gravestone inscriptions follow this article, and the entire article is on file at the Headquarters of the American Clan Gregor Society.

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND A MAGRUDER

by COL. WILLARD WEBB

Chief, Stack & Reader Division, Library of Congress

(Remarks before the American Clan Gregor Society at the Parish House of St. John's Episcopal Church at 2:00 P.M. October 19, 1956.)

I think there are few experiences which are quite so flattering as to be asked to come back to speak to a group of people, and this is the second time that I have been asked to address the Clan Gregor at its annual Clan meeting. If an admiration for Scotland and a deep affection for Scots would qualify me, then I would say that I was eminently fitted to address you. My only other qualification is that since last I had the pleasure of being with you I have been in Scotland twice.

My assignment today, however, was to discuss the Library of Congress and a Magruder. To do this I must reach back into the history of the Library and recall its most tragic experience. For the Library of Congress was once destroyed by an act of war. In the year 1814 British troops captured the city of Washington and they burned the public buildings, including the Capitol of the United States, which then housed the Library of Congress. The Library was virtually destroyed in this operation. I myself have seen something of the waste and the indignity of war and I believe most thinking people are always inclined to ask, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Very often we are inclined to think of this burning of the Library of Congress as comparable to the destruction of the library in Alexandria, or in Louvain, or of the Stadts Bibliotheque in the recent war. Actually this was no great Library of Congress at the time of its destruction. Washington was being cut out of the wilderness. A far more important library was the one at Georgetown University. But this lay at the end of a long and muddy street far from the Capitol. For this reason Congress had established its own small reference library for its own use.

The war itself was a see-saw affair and frequently the engagements reflected very little technical credit to American arms. The British expeditionary force was commanded by Sir George Cockburn, who had been made an Admiral in 1812

and who was a friend of Nelson. It was on Cockburn's ship that Napoleon was taken to St. Helena. This very business of taking Napoleon to St. Helena meant that the war with France was over, that the experienced and hardened veterans of the Peninsula were released to settle a smaller disturbance which had been going on with the United States. The troops of the expedition were commanded by Major General Robert Ross, destined to die before Baltimore. Among the honors which accrued to him was the right of his family to call themselves Ross of Bladensburg, and in his coat of arms the crest was "the arms of a Major General grasping a broken standard of the United States." General Ross appears to have been the charming gentleman to whom arson was somewhat distasteful. The British expeditionary force advanced through Bermuda, the Chesapeake, the Patuxent, to Benedict, Maryland, whence they marched overland in inexorable advance despite the great heat of the summer of 1814. At Bladensburg, Maryland, they met with American resistance. This was the feeble resistance of militia and it well demonstrated all the military incompetence of a nation which does not stay prepared.

We are presented here with the amazing spectacle of a completely undefended capital. It is true that Fort Washington was on the flank, but the American attitude was that Baltimore was such an attractive target that no attack would be made on the capital itself. Steel says that the defense was left to providence. (I think it is interesting that this lack of preparedness caused the phobia for the defense of the capital which developed in the American Civil War, when gigantic military movements were affected by comparatively minor operations in the Shenandoah Valley by means of which Stonewall Jackson appeared to threaten the capital city.) The British were opposed by hastily assembled, unorganized, and inadequately equipped militia which could not have been expected to stand against Washington's hardened veterans. You would probably know better than I that there were Magraders in the Maryland Line helping to defend the capital in the Bladensburg engagement. But it was a startling situation. The President was riding futilely here and there and the Secretary of State was acting as an aide to a brigadier general. The feeble American resistance was brushed aside, and the British advanced on the city of Washington. They formed just east of the capital and discussed whether to burn or blow up the Capitol. They did fire some volleys through windows of the Capitol doing some damage. And moving into the chamber of the House, Admiral Cockburn took the chair and propounded the question "Shall this harbor of Yankee democracy be burned?" The motion was unanimously carried. Chairs, powder, and rockets were piled up on the floor and used as kindling and the building was set afire. The wings then had wooden roofs; and the Library of Congress was housed on the 2nd floor of the Senate wing. The fire spread rapidly and the building and the Library were destroyed. At that time the Library consisted of only about 3,000 volumes, but their destruction raised a great hue and cry. The words of Vandal and Goth appeared in the press.

From a purely propaganda standpoint this event might even be said to have been a good thing. It roused the will of the people to fight, and it gave a consciousness to the people of the existence of the Library of Congress which undoubtedly did not previously exist and which probably would not have existed but for this.

But you may ask and probably should have asked me before now, what has all this to do with the Gregors and the Magraders. Well, perhaps it is a *tour de force*, but this is the connection: the Librarian of Congress from 1807 until

1815 was one Patrick Magruder. I am sure the people seated in this audience are related to this same Patrick Magruder, and that you probably know a good deal more about him than I do. He served in the 9th Congress from March 4, 1805, until March 3, 1807, and on March 4, 1807, he was elected Clerk of the House of Representatives. This position he continued to occupy until January 8, 1915. At that time it was the responsibility of the Clerk of the House of Representatives to serve also as the Librarian of Congress.

When the British invaded, Mr. Magruder was away sick, but his assistants did make some effort to remove the books from the Library. There still exists a doubt as to whether or not they succeeded in rescuing some of the material. But since the military had made so little effort and so inadequate an arrangement had been made for the evacuation and for the defense of the city, it appears that too much censure should not come to the Librarian for not anticipating trouble and removing his materials. Despite vigorous efforts, the Library assistants were unable to obtain wagons with which to remove the books before the British actually took over the Capitol building. Some members of Congress spoke rather unkindly of Mr. Magruder in subsequent investigations, with the result that he resigned on January 18, 1815, and moved to Petersburg where he died on December 24, 1819.

It was because of the destruction of the original Library of Congress, however, that the private library of Thomas Jefferson was purchased to replace it. An estimated 6,487 books in that library was estimated. Today the Library of Congress has grown to more than 35,000,000 pieces and has become one of the great cultural institutions of the world, concerned with the preservation of the culture of all people and making the great riches of its resources available to all of the people who wish to use it. It is an establishment in which I think all Americans can take considerable pride. Many of you know its ornate architecture, but perhaps you have not noticed that in its halls, carved in stone which will last as long as the Library will last, is inscribed: "Patrick Magruder, Librarian of Congress, 1807-1815.

JAMES DRANE

(Another son of William Drane and Cassandra Magruder)*

by JOHNSTON STAPLES ROWE

James Drane (February 24, 1808-March 8, 1869) was the youngest son of William Drane (July 14, 1765-February 26, 1847), who married Cassandra Magruder (September 13, 1768-February 26, 1860), daughter of Ninian Beall Magruder (Samuel "Ye" 3rd, Ninian, Samuel, Alexander the immigrant). William Drane was the youngest son of tobacco planter James Drane, Sr. (will executed April 28, 1887, proved October 6, 1887, Liber T1 folio 254, Prince Georges County Maryland) and wife Elizabeth, apparently the daughter "Elizabeth Drane" mentioned in the will of Leonard Piles executed March 19, 1773, proved February 21, 1774, Liber T1 folio 57, James Drane serving as surety of Elizabeth, the widow of Leonard Piles and administratrix under the will, Prince Georges County, Maryland: Leonard Piles was the son of Francis Piles, will executed May 23, 1726, proved April 24, 1727, VI "Maryland Calendar of Wills" 26.)

James Drane, Sr. performed loyal civil services during the Revolution, signing



PLANTATION HOUSE OF JAMES DRANE, ESQ. BUILT 1848.
Choctaw County, Mississippi

the Oath of Fidelity and Support, together with his sons James, Jr., Anthony, and Walter (I "Maryland Colonial Records" 276, Brumbaugh), serving as coroner in 1777 (XVI "Archives of Maryland" 273), and as grand juror at county court in Upper Marlboro 1780, 1781 (I "Revolutionary Records of Maryland" 32, Brumbaugh and Hodges).

* 1926-27 Yearbook 68, "Ninian Beall Magruder;" 1928 Yearbook 26, "General Stephen Drane;" 49, "Hiram Drane."

According to some sources, James Drane, Sr. was the son James named as remainder devisee after the life of his mother Elizabeth (born c. 1669—died after 1733) of "Greenfield," under the will of Anthony Drane (born c. 1666—will executed March 28, 1719, proved March 27, 1723, Liber 1, folio 132, Prince Georges County, Maryland). Anthony Drane is said to have been one of the Rangers of Prince Georges County in 1698, and on March 26, 1700 purchased "Greenfield," a 109 acre tract, from John Demall for 32 pounds and 14 shillings sterling "money of England" (Liber A, folio 211, Prince Georges County, Maryland); that same March he had been fined one hundred pounds of tobacco "for absenting himself from off ye jury." Pages 207-208 of "The Hoyes of Maryland," by Captain Charles E. Hoyer; "The Drane Family of Accident," Vol. 6, No. 2, page 81 of "The Glades Star," featuring James Drane, Jr. (1755-1828) as "the first permanent settler of Accident," Garrett County, Maryland; V Compendium of American Genealogy 163.

It has been claimed that these Dranes were descended, through James Anthony Drane II, from one Sir James Anthony Drane, horticulturist, said to have been a cousin of the First Lord Baltimore and manager of the Baltimore estates in Ireland; that Lord Baltimore was unable to persuade Sir James Anthony Drane to "leave his beloved gardens in Ireland" for settlement in Maryland, but did succeed in colonizing the latter's seven sons. Chapter XXIX of "Garrett County Pioneer Families," by Charles E. Hoyer, appearing in the "Mountain Democrat" of January 17, 1935; "Genealogy of the Drane Family of Staffordshire, England," manuscript by Frank C. Drane, dated April 16, 1911.

William Drane, above, was recruited in the Revolutionary army just before, and was within sixteen miles of Yorktown at, the time of Cornwallis' surrender to Washington. In 1790 William Drane and his brother Walter settled in Columbia County, Georgia, acquiring lands on Kiokee Creek near the present McDuffie County line, and not far from the lands of Ninian Beall Magruder, who had settled in Columbia County in 1785. Subsequently, the brothers William and Walter Drane married the sisters Cassandra and Allitha Magruder, daughters of Ninian Beall Magruder. II "Memoirs of Georgia" 485; I "Memoirs of Mississippi" 662-665; page 9 "Ancestral Beginnings in America of the McGregor-Magruder, Beall . . ." families, by Caroline Beall Price; "Hezekiah Magruder, His Ancestry and Descendants," by Robert Lee Magruder.

William Drane and wife Cassandra Magruder prospered in Columbia County, Georgia, and at the time of his death February 26, 1847 he had acquired some 1500 acres of land and numerous slaves, 43 of whom were bequeathed by name in his will, together with their "increase." (Book X, page 157, Columbia County, Georgia).

James Drane, youngest son of William Drane and Cassandra Magruder, married first, December 17, 1829, Matilda Blanche Shaw (March 7, 1813-July 27,

1859); second, May 27, 1862, Amelia S. Edwards; leaving issue by the first marriage but none by the second. Matilda Blanche Shaw was a daughter of James Shaw (will executed May 30, 1827, proved February 4, 1828, Book W, page 188, Columbia County, Georgia), who married April 28, 1803, Mary McDonald, daughter of Elizabeth and John McDonald (will executed January 5, 1803, probated January 23, 1803, Book A, page 160, Columbia County, Georgia; see also deeds to John Eads from James Shaw, dated January 29, 1811, Book W, page 91, and from the latter's brother, Robert Shaw, Jr. (who married Nancy McDonald, sister of Mary McDonald), dated February 4, 1811, Book W, page 86, conveying lands on Uchee Creek, inherited by their wives from their brother, Alexander McDonald, to whom the land was bequeathed by John McDonald.) James Shaw was the son of Robert Shaw, Sr. (will executed April 16, 1813, proved July 5, 1813, Columbia County, Georgia), who also owned lands on Uchee Creek. James Shaw's sister Eleanor was the first wife of George Magruder, son of Ninian Offutt Magruder; and James Shaw's daughter Rachel was the first wife of John Archibald Magruder, son of John Magruder, another son of Ninian Offutt Magruder. In addition to the above cited wills of James Shaw and Robert Shaw, Sr., see 1926/27 Yearbook 75, 134, 135.

The Children of James Drane and his first wife, Matilda Blanche Shaw, were:

1. Mary Cassandra Drane (October 10, 1830-March 28, 1892) married, November 18, 1846, William Carroll Staples (February 12, 1822-June 7, 1884), son of John Staples (born in Virginia, January 16, 1780-died November 3, 1843 in Franklin County, Tennessee, son of Fanny and David Staples, whose will was executed April 30, 1821, proved November 19, 1822, Book M, page 94, Elbert County, Georgia; David Staples was apparently the son of David Staples and wife, Christian Ford, of Albemarle and Buckingham Counties, Virginia, and grandson of that John Staples whom it is claimed came from England to Virginia "Early in the date of seventeen hundred." See page 275 of "Memorials of Old Virginia Clerks," by F. Johnston; VI Bruce's "History of Virginia, Biography," 225), who married August 20, 1801, Sally Stovall (born March 6, 1784 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia—died January 18, 1867 in Tarrant County, Texas, daughter of Ann Newton and husband George Stovall, who died in Franklin County, Tennessee, son of John Stovall who died in Granville County, North Carolina in 1781, son of Ann Burton and Bartholomew Stovall, born June 24, 1655 in Guildford, Surrey, England, will proved Henrico County, Virginia May 1, 1721. See Vol. IV of "Southern Kith and Kin," by Jewel Davis Scarborough). William Carroll Staples was commissioned Sheriff of Choctaw County, Mississippi October 14, 1858; owned, together with his wife, twelve slaves in 1860; served as Major, 24th Mississippi Infantry, received disabling wound at Chickamauga while in command of and leading an advance of his regiment on September 19, 1863; after the war was a planter in Montgomery County, Mississippi. William Carroll Staples and wife are buried at Huntsville, Montgomery County, Mississippi, and had the following children:

- a. John Anthony Quitman Staples, merchant (August 22, 1848-April 18, 1918), married December 14, 1874, Mary Caroline Davis (August 31, 1857-November 25, 1942), leaving issue.
 - b. Dr. James Drane Staples, physician (November 13, 1850-January 28, 1891), graduated from the University of Tennessee medical school at Nashville in 1871; married, January, 1877, Nannie Shirley, leaving issue; second, September, 1880, Draper Love, leaving issue.
 - c. Mary Ella Staples (June 23, 1853-March 24, 1940) married, January 28, 1890 Dr. J. Pleasant Hamer, leaving no issue.
 - d. Sarah Ida Staples (December 25, 1856-August 14, 1857).
2. James William Drane, planter (April 14, 1833-August 8, 1896) married, May 7, 1854, Fannie Hemphill (died September 30, 1884), daughter of General James Hemphill, born in the Chester District, South Carolina, later of Rome, Georgia; second, Sarah Guion Whitfield, July 21, 1885. He owned eleven slaves in 1860, served as Lieutenant-Colonel, 31st Mississippi Infantry, and was so severely wounded July 20, 1864, while in command of and leading his regiment in a charge in the Peach Tree Creek phase of the battle of Atlanta, that he was confined to his bed for two years thereafter. He was easily the leading figure of his generation in Choctaw County, and at the time of his death owned a farm of 1,000 acres where he had resided since 1869, located about two and a half miles north of French Camp, Mississippi and within a couple of miles of the farm which his father had owned; was buried at French Camp, Mississippi. He had no issue by his second marriage, but had the following children by his first marriage:
- a. James Drane (April 25, 1854-September 20, 1889) married S. Belle Hemphill (born Choctaw County, October, 1860), leaving issue. He was an attorney at Chester, then the county seat and served one term in the state House of Representatives.
 - b. Butler Drane (October 4, 1858-March 8, 1860).
 - c. William Drane (December 29, 1860-April 17, 1896), never married.
 - d. Francis Drane (October 26, 1863-November 4, 1931) married Lucy Carter, leaving issue.
 - e. Jefferson Davis Drane (December 6, 1865-October 13, 1904) married Louisa Eleanor Sisson, leaving issue; graduated from University of Tennessee medical school at Nashville in 1886, third in class of 61.
 - f. Annie M. Blanche Drane (July 24, 1870-April 26, 1898) married Charles A. Sisson, leaving no issue.
 - g. Mary Drane (January 9, 1872-February, 1955) never married.
 - h. Hugh Drane (September 10, 1874-October, 1954) married Ella Colbert, leaving issue.
 - i. Lillian Drane (March 1, 1877-July 27, 1896) never married.
3. Virgil Leigh Drane (born October 20, 1835), planter Choctaw County, owned six slaves in 1860, served under his brother James William Drane in the 31st Mississippi Infantry, wounded Franklin, Tennessee; married a Dean, leaving issue.

4. Matilda Celeste (May 13, 1838-January, 1865) married September 5, 1860, Hobart Doane Shaw, Sr.; their only child was Anna Matilda Shaw (April 2, 1862-1934), who married July 6, 1887 Thomas Martin Billingsley, leaving no issue.

James Drane, subject of this sketch, in 1836 settled his family and approximately 23 slaves, between French Camp and Bankston in the then virgin timbered hills of Choctaw County, Mississippi, newly created December 23, 1833 from the Choctaw Cession of 1830. An expert rifleman, he killed 110 deer his first year there. He was followed there in 1838 by his elder brother Benjamin Drane (December 29, 1803-1893) and wife Sarah Germany (1808-1859), who settled their family and approximately 24 slaves nearby. The Census of 1860 shows James Drane owned 36 slaves, retained after gifts to his children as shown above.

As a Democrat, James Drane represented Choctaw County in the state House of Representatives 1837-1845, and in the state Senate 1849-1865, serving as President of the Senate 1857-1865. In the 1858 gubernatorial convention he was a popular nominee, but sent his son James William Drane to Jackson to withdraw his name because of the failing health of his wife Matilda, whom he did not wish to abandon in her last illness in order to make the necessary canvassing of the state.

In 1848 James Drane completed, through the labor of his slaves and two carpenters working two years, his home pictured in this issue, located on a commanding hilltop overlooking some fourteen hundred acres of land which he had by then acquired. It is impossible to tract title into or out of the home tract as title had passed out of the family before 1880, when the Court House records of Choctaw County were destroyed by fire. The house and 360 acres were acquired by J. H. Cobb in 1882, and his octogenarian daughters, Misses Bettie and Fannie Cobb, still reside there.

The lumber for the house was cut with a sash saw run by water power, the foundation and framing were secured with wooden pins, and the ceiling with squared iron nails. There are four principal rooms downstairs, two on each side of a large central hallway, faced with huge double doors but open at the back. The fireplace in the two front rooms have matched mahogany mantels. A curved stairway leads from the left rear of the hallway to three second story bedrooms, two large wing rooms with three front windows each, connected by a small hall at the middle front window, opposite which is a small central room with single window opening on the back of the house.

Reserved to the family, in a grove across the road from the house, is a burial plot enclosed by a formerly impregnable cast iron fence, now rusted and crumbled. The first to be buried there was James Drane's infant granddaughter Sarah Ida Staples (Died August 14, 1857), to whom a small marble marker was placed; second was his beloved wife Matilda (died July 27, 1859), to whom he erected an ornate marble monument; and the third and last was James Drane himself, whose grave was separately enclosed by a still strong iron picket fence and whose handsome marble shaft bears the brief but somewhat equivocal epitaph: "Here lies an honest man." James Drane was not a church member, but the members of his family were, and most of his descendants have been, Presbyterians.

During the gathering storm of the War Between the States, James Drane became an ardent secessionist. In a letter dated May 10, 1858, to W. S. Goodwin

of Concord, New Hampshire, published in the Natchez, Mississippi "Free Trader" of June 26, 1858, James Drane wrote that the Union was a losing partnership to the South, and it is a matter of calculation whether we of the South ought longer to continue it in the midst of losses and abuses. See "Economic Benefits of Secession: Opinions in Miss. in the 1850's, by P. L. Rainwater. During the Presidential Campaign of 1860, James Drane openly advocated secession, declaring at the close of a speech in Tupelo, Mississippi:

"I am in favor of no more compromises. Let us have Breckenridge, or immediate, complete, and eternal separation

See "Tupelo," by Rev. John H. Aughey, containing two of the secession speeches of James Drane. Finally, as President of the Senate, James Drane signed the "Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi Declaring Secession to be the Proper Remedy for the Southern States," approved November 30, 1860, by Governor John J. Pettus.

Upon the outbreak of war, James Drane was offered the commission of Brigadier General by his friend Jefferson Davis, but declined as he felt his long experience in the legislature better fitted him for civil duties there. However, he did serve as Captain of the Choctaw Reserves, a local defense cavalry company.

Upon the death of James Drane on March 8, 1869, an editorial published in the Jackson, Mississippi "Daily Clarion" of March 16, 1869, stated:

His elevated character, inflexible will, integrity of purpose, and clear intellect gave him large influence, and at one time he came nigh receiving the democratic nomination for Governor of the State, when a nomination was equivalent to an election. He was a conspicuous member of the class of legislature to which Whitfield, Pettus, Oliver, and their confreres belonged, and who wielded a large influence over the destinies of the State, between the years 1850 and 1860.

HOMES OF YESTERYEAR

THE EWELL HOME, RUCKERSVILLE, VIRGINIA

This picture of the Ewell home, taken in 1895, shows Mrs. Ewell with Susan in her arms, Helen by her side, Mary standing near Robert with his arm around "Old Wise", and Nat on a gate post. Looking over the fence in the rear was Nelson Brown, a colored man. Doctor Ewell and his oldest son, Jesse, were not at home.

In the original house there were eight rooms, each separately heated, lower and upper hall, attic, basement with fireplace; front, back, and side porches. In 1908 four bedrooms were added and in 1916 a Delco electric plant was installed, also a water system. Shown to the left is a greenhouse; not shown was the doctor's office and schoolhouse. To the right is the meathouse and servant's quarters, consisting of four rooms with two fireplaces; not shown was the icehouse and carriage house. To the rear was the well, from which water was pumped twice a day into the dairy. Also to the rear was the vegetable garden and through the center of the garden a walk leading to the gardenhouse (privy). There was a local phone as early as 1907.

According to tradition, no one lived in this home except doctors. It is thought to have been built by Dr. Y. C. Blakey prior to 1843, as the court records of Greene County show that Yelveston C. Blakey and wife sold 6 acres of land to A. Mickie on August 5, 1843. Greene County was a part of Orange County until 1838, but there are no records of this property in the Orange Clerk's office. After 1843 the property changed hands several times, always to doctors, and finally on August 6, 1883, (Dr.) George B. Jennings and wife sold to (Dr.) Jesse Ewell, Jr., 6 acres in Ruckersville, Virginia.

In 1925 the original home was destroyed by fire. The following summer Mrs. Ewell rebuilt on the same site and it is now the home of their daughter Helen, Mrs. Allen L. Hord.

From a historical viewpoint, the village of Ruckersville, Virginia, was located on the old Rockingham Turnpike—a macadam road and main thoroughfare from Richmond to Harrisonburg, Virginia—not far from the ruins of the old Orange Episcopal Church built in 1732. Near the church were the last Indian Trading Grounds, east of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The house was in the center of activity of the village. Directly across the road was an inn which had been converted into a dwelling and is still standing. At right angles across the road was the Court House where three magistrates held court. To the left was a spring, the watering place for all travelers and teams hauling produce on the turnpike. Grouped in the neighborhood were several stores, post office, wheelright shop, blacksmith shop, shoemakers shop, tannery, distillery, and nearby was the Union Church, a two-story structure, built by the Baptist, Methodist, and Disciples denominations and the Masonic order which replaced the Old Orange Church; also nearby was the old "Race Track" where races and tournaments were held by the people of the community.



THE EWELL HOUSE — RUCKERSVILLE, VA.



THE OLD LYLES PLACE — "THE REST"
Boyhood Home of Gen. Marshall Magruder
(BUILT, 1848)

THE OLD LYLES PLACE—"THE REST"

Boyhood Home of Gen. Marshall Magruder

"The Rest" was built about 1780 in what was then called Tenlytown and when Georgetown was an old City, by Charles Jones, an Englishman. The house and surrounding property passed into the hands of the Lyles through an inter-marriage with the Jones family, and finally came into the possession of Eleanor Ann Helen Marshall from her grandmother Mrs. Ariana Jones Lyles. Eleanor Marshall married George Corbin Washington Magruder, and they were the parents of three sons, Marshall, Bruce and Lyles Magruder, and a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Magruder Sharp. The house has beautiful interior wood work.

General Marshall Magruder's sister, Mrs. Eleanor Magruder Sharp, writes: "This home was a veritable Museum, being filled with lovely antique furniture, silver, china and glassware from the Lyles, Jones, and Marshall families."

In the Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institute at 10th and Independence Avenue, on the second floor, is a large exhibit on loan by Mrs. Eleanor A. H. Magruder. It consists of 209 pieces of Italian, Grecian, and Mediterranean pottery and bronze; and 60 ancient Roman and Etruscan Terra-cotta Statutes of Religious subjects.

In later years this property was sold to Lieut. Pinkney Cross and is now owned and occupied by his son and daughter.

"The Rest" stands at the corner of 39th Street and Windom Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., Number 4343, Tenleytown having become a part of the City of Washington.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE

of the

DESCENDANTS OF ALEXANDER MAGRUDER

Compiled by the Historian

REGINA MAGRUDER HILL

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PART III

References used are designated by the following symbols:

#—The Maryland Revolutionary War Militia List, on file in the Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Maryland.

*—Revolutionary War Records Vol. I, by Brumbaugh and Hodges, D.A.R. Library.

A—American Clan Gregor Society Year Books.

B—Beall and Bell Families, by Lieut. Col. Fielder M. M. Beall, U. S. A. Ret.

M.A.—The Maryland Archives—Copy in D.A.R. Library.

N—Maryland Revolutionary Records, by Harry Wright Newman.

S—Scharff's History of Western Maryland.

H—Heitman.

O.A.G.—Office of Adjutant General.

C—Calendar of Virginia State Papers.

D—Unpublished Revolutionary War Records by Hodges. D.A.R. Library.

A.C.—American Archives. D.A.R. Library.

Part I appeared in the 1955 Year Book, pages 51 through 57, and took in the 1st, 8th, and 9th child of Samuel Magruder and his wife Sarah Beall:

"B-I"—Samuel Magruder (called "SR") who married Eleanor Wade;

"B-VIII"—Verlinda Magruder, who married John Beal; and

"B-IX"—Elizabeth Magruder, who married first, Ninian Beall, Jr., son of Col. Ninian Beall, and second, William Beall, son of Thomas Beall, Immigrant.

Part II appeared in the 1956 Year Book, pages 19 and 20, and took in the 3rd child of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall: "B-III", John Magruder of "Dumb-lane" who married Susannah Smith.

Part III appears in this Year Book (1957), and takes in the 4th, 5th, and 6th child of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall: "B-IV", James Magruder who married Barbara Coombs; "B-V", William Magruder who married Mary Fraser; and "B-VI", Alexander Magruder who married Ann Wade.

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PART III Section I

"B-IV"—James Magruder and Barbara Coombs

Their:

1st Son. Enoch Magruder (1723-1786), m. Meek Wade.

Private. 2nd Company Lower Battalion Montgomery County Militia, Return 7-15-1780. #, f. 143, 136.

Patriot. Signed Oath of Fidelity and Support, Return of 1778, *, f. 8.

They had son: Dennis Magruder (1759-1836), m. 1779, Anne Contee (b.1758).

First Lieut., Prince George's County, Maryland Militia, Middle Battalion, May 1, 1778. #, f. 30.

2nd Son: Jeremiah Magruder (1730-Living July 1778), m. 1729-30, Mary Tyler.

Patriot. Commissioned Justice of Peace and a Justice of the Orphan's Court by the Council of Safety, June 4, 1777, and again Justice of the Peace, November 20, 1778. *, f. 26, 27; M. A., Vol. 16, f. 273, 274. Member of Prince George's County Court, April 19, 1775. *, f. 25.

They had son: Henderson Magruder (Will 1797, proved 1798), m. and left issue.

Captain. 25th Battalion Prince George's County Maryland Militia, Jan. 3, 1776. Commissioned Captain, May 1, 1778. #, f. 29, 150; D. Vol. 1, f. 45

Patriot. Appointed to Grand Jury, Upper Marlboro, Md., March 26, 1782. *, f. 34.

3rd Son: John Read Magruder (1736-1811, m. 1772, Barbara Contee. (1741-1796).

Judge of the County Court, Prince George's County, Maryland. *, f. 25.

PART III Section II

"B-V"—William Magruder and Mary Fraser

Their Son: Basil Magruder, (Will 1805), Died single.

Patriot. Signed Oath of Fidelity and Support, Montgomery County, Md.

Private. Middle Battalion Montgomery County Militia, 3rd Company. *, f. 28; D, Vol. 5, f. 38.

Their Son: George Fraser Magruder (1733-1801), m. 1758, Eleanor Bowie.

Patriot. Signed Oath of Fidelity and Support. Member of Grand Jury, appointed at Court held in Upper Marlboro, March 3, 1778. *, f. 28.

PART III Section III

"B-VI"—Alexander Magruder and Ann Wade

Their Son: Major Samuel Wade Magruder (1780 Will, 1792), m. Lucy Beall (1738-1795).

Second Major Maryland Militia, 1777-1780. H. f. 377.

Signed Oath of Fidelity and Support and enlisted other signers. *, f. 8.

Private. 5th Company of 39th Battalion Montgomery Co., Md. Militia, D. Vol. 5, f. 48, and M. A., Vol. 12, f. 464; Vol. 16, f. 296; and Vol. 43, F. 20, 133.

They had sons:

1. Charles Magruder (b. 1761). Second Lieut., 5th Company Lower Battalion of Montgomery County Militia, July 27, 1780. M.A., Vol. 43, f. 234, 327, 328; D, Vol. 5, f.19, 48.

2. Levin Magruder (b. 1759). Private 5th Company Montgomery Co., Md. Militia, 1777, and Private, 2nd Company, Montgomery Co., Md. Militia, 1780.

Patriot. Signed Oath of Fidelity and Support, 1778, Montgomery Co., Md. #, and *, f. 8; also, D, Vol. 3, f. 72.

3. Patrick Magruder (was 8 in Census 1776 which makes him b. 1768 and only age 14 when he took Oath of Fidelity and Support in 1782. But, he was the only Patrick Magruder on record at that time.)
Patriot. Signed Oath of Fidelity and Support, Montgomery Co., Md., 1782.
*, f. 11.
- Their 2nd Son: Nathaniel Magruder (1726-1798), m. Elizabeth Offutt.
Patriot. Signed Oath of Fidelity and Support. *, f. 8.
They had Son: Walter Magruder (1760-1818). Patriot. Signed Oath of Fidelity and Support, 1777, Samuel Wade Magruder's List. *, f. 8.
Private. Second Company, Montgomery County Md., Militia, Lower Battalion, Return of 7-15-1780. D, Vol. 5, f. 19, 48.
- Their 3rd Son: Hezekiah Magruder (1730-1806), m. Susannah Talbott.
First Lieut. in Col. John Murdock's 29th Battalion, Montgomery Co., Md. Militia, known as "Marching Militia", 1777-78. S, Vol. 1; and M.A., Fol. 16, f. 348.
- Their Daughter: Elizabeth Magruder (1707-1751), m. George Beall (1729-1807).
Their Son: Levin C. Beall (b. 1751), m. Henrietta Magruder.
Patriot. Signed Oath of Fidelity and Support, 1778. *, f. 6.
1776, Member of Capt. Burgess Co., Flying Camp.
Ensign. Lower Battalion Frederick Co., Md. Middle Batt. M.A., Vol. 16, f. 296, and Vol. 18, f. 12.
- Their Son: George Beall, Jr. (b. 1749). Patriot. Signed Oath of Fidelity and Support, Richard Thompson's Returns, 1778. *, f. 8.
Major, 29th Battalion, Lower Montgomery County Militia. D, Vol. 1, f. 26; and D, Vol. 5, f. 44.
- Their Daughter: Sarah Magruder, m. John Clagett (1713-1790).
Their Son: Alexander Clagett (1744-1821). Patriot. Was Sheriff of Washington County, Maryland, 1780. M.A., Vol. 43, f. 96, 180.
Their Son: Horatio Clagett (1756-1815), m. and had issue.
Lieut. and Captain 1777, 1779, in the Maryland Troops in Continental Line, Flying Camp. H, f. 155. M.A., Vol. 18, fs. 34, 96, 295, 481; Vol. 43, f. 187. Applied for Pension, # BLWT, 3-300.
- Their Son: Walter Clagett, (1763-1803), m. Martha Williams.
Private. Lower Battalion Montgomery County Md., Militia, under Capt. William Bailey in Class 8, John Murdock's returns, 7-15-1780. D, Vol. 5, f. 18.
- Their Son: Hezekiah Magruder (1754-1832), m.
Patriot. Signed Oath of Fidelity and Support, George Dent's Returns, 1778, Charles County, Md. Private. Lower Battalion Montgomery Co. Md., 3rd Company, Class 5, under Capt. Joseph Magruder, D, Vol. 5, f. 21, 84.

THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN

On Sunday, May 12, 1957 the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D. C. celebrated its 102nd Anniversary by the traditional rite of the Kirkin' o' the Tartan at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul in Washington, D. C. The entire 11:00 o'clock Service was given over to the colorful Ceremony. The Society's

Bagpipe Band piped solemn music for the Processional and Recessional as well as for the Presentation of the Tartans at the High Altar for blessing. The members of the Society in Highland Dress participated in the Ancient Scottish Rite of dedication.

The following prayer was used at the dedication:

CEREMONY OF THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN

¶ Here all shall stand while the Bearers of the Tartans come forward and place them before the Chaplain who shall pronounce the following prayer of Dedication and Blessing.

Almighty God, who has promised that in all places where thou dost record thy Name, thou wilt meet with thy servants to bless them, fulfil now thy promise, and make us joyful in thy house of prayer, that our worship, being offered in the Name of thy Son and by the guidance of thy Spirit may be acceptable unto thee, and profitable unto ourselves.

On this, the One Hundred and Second Anniversary of the founding of our Society, we rejoice in the opportunity to dedicate to thee these tartans as symbols of the unwavering loyalty, steadfast faith and great achievements of our Scottish forefathers. We take pride in their rugged individualism, their respect for law and order, their hatred of cant and hypocrisy, their regard for human personality, and their belief in the equality of all men before thee. Grant, O God that we, too, may ever be true to the Faith of our Fathers which has played such a great part in the building of our beloved land. Use us and all thy servants everywhere, we pray thee, to bring peace and good will, equality and justice to all throughout the world; in the Name of the Prince of Peace, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

The St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D. C., is a charitable and social organization of men of Scottish birth or ancestry. The Society was organized in the year 1855 and was incorporated in the District of Columbia in the year 1908. Among its earliest members was James Buchanan, Fifteenth President of the United States. The Society replaced in the National Capital area the old St. Andrew's Society of Alexandria, Va., founded about 1780. Originally formed "to dispense charity and allay suffering among Scotsmen and lineal descendants of Scotsmen," today in addition to its charitable purposes, the St. Andrew's Society seeks to perpetuate Scottish culture and traditions and promote social intercourse among its members.

OF INTEREST TO CLANSMEN

REV. ENOCH MAGRUDER THOMPSON

Four of Washington's most prominent ministers, whose services here totals 136 years, have announced their retirement. The one of interest to the Clan is our former Chaplain, Rev. Enoch Magruder Thompson. Rev. Thompson served the Clan as chaplain for many years. He established the Nativity and Resurrection Parish as a mission fifty-three years ago, and has served as rector of the Parish since its establishment. His retirement dates from the end of the year 1956. He will continue as rector emeritus of the Parish.

A MEMORIAL MARKER LOCATED IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

IN A PARK ON 15TH STREET, N. W.,

near the corner of Constitution Avenue

East side of Stone facing 15th Street:

To the Original Patentees prior to 1700 whose land grants embraced the site of the Federal City. This monument is here erected by the National Society of the American Colonists, April 25, 1936.

On the North Side:

Robert Troops, 1663
George Thompson, 1663
John Langworth, 1664
John Lewger, 1664
Richard and William Pinner, 1666

On the South side:

Walter Thompson, 1686
Ninian Beall, 1687
John Watson, 1687
William Hutchinson, 1696
Walter Evans, 1698
William Atcheson, 1698

On the West side:

Zachariah Wade, 1676
Richard Evans, 1685
Henry Jowles, 1685
Andrew Clarke, 1685
John Pearce, 1685
Walter Houp, 1685

"WANT WATER"

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Reprinted from The Maryland Historical Society Magazine, June 1955

Marylanders will be pleased to learn that "Want Water" will not go the way of "Barnaby Manor" and so many of the State's other distinguished buildings no longer in existence. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace Collins of "Harmony Hall" are restoring the old house which has crowded the bank of Wide Water Cove in the Broad Creek area of Prince George's County since the 1704-1708 era. Building activity has recently been started and it is believed that its paneling which Dr. Henry Chandlee Forman described as "rich" . . . in ruinous condition" can be saved, for the most part. Most references treat of the old Lyles (and Addison) House and the *Historic American Building Survey* editors found sufficient interest here that its floor plan forms one of the three illustrations in the Maryland section of the Catalog. On completion, the "Harmony Hall" estate will possess an unusual combination of three distinct examples of Colonial architecture: the mansion house of brick; "Want Water" of brick ends and frame sides; and the "Old House near Harmony Hall," all frame. Nearby St. John's church (1723) contributes to a remarkable grouping of early Maryland within the shadow of the Nation's Capital.

James C. Wilfong, Jr.

725 13th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

NOTE: For information on "Want Water" see the American Clan Gregor Year Book, 1935, pages 31 and 32. In *Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland*, by Henry Chandlee Forman, published in 1934, on page 92 will be found a picture of *Harmony Hall* showing the River and the staircase. There is also a picture of *Want Water*. On page 87 of the same book, there are two good views of "Dumblane", one from the back showing the outhouses. The plan of the first floor is also shown. Regina M. Hill, Historian, 1956.

CORRECTIONS FOR 1956 YEAR BOOK

Page 49—No. 1222—line 6 and 7; Change the wording following the word "Hemphill, to read: "their son Jefferson Davis" Drane married Eleanor Sisson.

1956 ANNUAL GATHERING
AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

FRIDAY, THE 19TH OF OCTOBER

Pilgrimage to Arlington National Cemetery and in the District of Columbia

10:00 a.m. — Placing of a wreath on the grave of Brigadier General Marshall Magruder, late Chieftain of the Society.

(The grave site is just off Sherman Avenue, north north-east of the Custis-Lee Mansion, and should be approached *from* the rear of the Mansion so as to park on the south-east side of the Avenue. Parking is not allowed on the opposite side of Sherman Avenue in the area.)

10:45 a.m. — Registration, St. John's Episcopal Church, 16th and H Streets, N.W.

11:15 a.m. — Annual Church Service, St. John's Episcopal Church.

12:30 p.m. — Lunch in the cafeteria of the Parish House of St. John's Episcopal Church.

2:00 p.m. — Address in the Assembly Room of the Parish House by Colonel Willard Webb on "The Library of Congress and a Magruder."

(After the completion of the Address, members and their friends may visit the Library of Congress, or other points of interest, as individuals. Those who do not plan to attend the activities at the Sheraton-Park Hotel on Saturday should make a point of seeing our new Archives Room on the ground floor of the Woodbine Apartments, 2839 27th Street, N.W. The Archivist will be in attendance this afternoon and Saturday.)

SATURDAY, THE 20TH OF OCTOBER

Sheraton-Park Hotel, Connecticut Ave. and Woodley Rd. N.W., Washington, D. C.

9:45 a.m. — Registration in the west end of the Lobby

10:00 a.m. — Council Meeting in the Hamilton Room.

2:00 p.m. — Annual Business Meeting in the Hamilton Room.

Memorial Services.

Reports of Officers.

Reports of Committees.

New and Unfinished Business.

Election of Officers.

Annual Address of the Chieftain.

Announcements.

6:00 p.m. — Registration in the east end of the Lobby, where tickets may be picked up and dues may be paid.

6:30 p.m. — Chieftain's Reception in the Caribar Room.

7:30 p.m. — Annual Dinner in the Burgundy Room.

Piping in of the Chieftain and Guests.

Grace.

Piping in of the Haggis.

Chieftain's Salute to "Absentee Guests."

Address, "Scots in Australia," Dr. Donald C. Gordon.

Social Hour.

Decorations by Miss Emily Nourse Steuart and John Kennedy Magruder

Entertainment directed by Mrs. Ruth Ashley Walde and Miss Pauline L. Mackey

James Garrioch, *Pipe Major* — George M. Kerr, *Pianist*

Andrew Paterson, "Address to the Haggis"

MacElroy-Galloway's Gaelic Pipe Band under the direction of

George MacElroy, *Drum Major*, and Wm. L. K. Galloway, *Pipe Major*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1956 ANNUAL GATHERING

OCTOBER 19TH AND 20TH, 1956

ANNA LOUISE REYNOLDS, *Scribe*COLMA IONE ALLGEYER, *Deputy Scribe*

THE PILGRIMAGE

Arlington National Cemetery, October 19, at 10:00 A.M.

The members of the American Clan Gregor Society met together for the first time of the 1956 Gathering at the graveside of our late chieftain, Brig. Gen. Marshall Magruder, who passed away on July 4, 1956. The Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder in his capacity as Ranking Deputy Chieftain led the clansmen present in tribute to our departed Chieftain with a solemn memorial prayer. He then placed a wreath of Evergreen Pine and autumn Flowers on the grave, while Mrs. Forrest Shepperson Holmes laid a similar wreath on the adjacent grave of the late Chieftain's brother, Maj. Gen. Bruce Magruder.

ACTIVITIES FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19th

St. John's Episcopal Church, 16th & H Streets, N.W.

Registration of members and their guests for the 1956 Gathering took place in the Parish House of St. John's Episcopal Church from 10:45 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.

At 11:15 A.M. the clanspeople gathered in the church for the Clan's annual religious service. The service was conducted by our Chaplain, the Rev. Reuel Lamphier Howe.

At 12:30 P.M. luncheon was served in the dining room of the Parish House by the ladies of the Church. Our chancellor, Miss Virginia Diedel, who is a communicant of St. John's Parish, served as hostess for the Church and made the Clan members feel very much at home.

At 2:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall, Col. Willard Webb presented a paper entitled, "The Library of Congress and a Magruder". (The text of this paper appears in this issue of the Yearbook.) Col. Webb has been an official with the Library of Congress for a number of years and is the author of numerous articles of historic interest.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 1956

The Meeting of the Council of the American Clan Gregor Society was held at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. at 10:00 A.M. on October 20, 1956. Members of the Council present were: Rev. Daniel R. Magruder, Forrest S. Holmes, Mrs. O. O. van den Berg, Miss C. Virginia Diedel, Mrs. Rex Hays Rhoades, Miss Cornelia M. Bowie, J. Franklin Adams, Thomas G. Magruder, Jr., Dr. Roger G. Magruder, Commodore John H. Magruder, Jr., Herbert T. Magruder, Clarence W. McCormick, Miss Regina M. Hill, Miss Anna L. Reynolds, Claude W. Owen, Miss Emma W. Muncaster, and Mrs. Ruth Ashley Walde.

The meeting was called to order by the Ranking Deputy Chieftain, the Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder. The minutes of the 1955 meeting were omitted, since they appear in the 1956 Yearbook.

Mr. Forrest S. Holmes offered a motion that a committee be named to draw up Resolutions to honor our late Chieftain, Brig. Gen. Marshall Magruder. The motion was seconded by Miss Regina M. Hill and carried unanimously. The Acting Chieftain appointed Mr. Herbert Thomas Magruder, Mrs. O. O. van den Berg, and Miss C. Virginia Diedel to compose such Resolutions for presentation at the Afternoon Business Meeting.

Mr. Clarence W. McCormick read the Treasurer's Report and it was approved by the Council.

Miss Regina M. Hill moved the \$100.00 given by Mr. Nathaniel Magruder in 1955 and the balance of the \$300.00 given by Mr. Hamilton Magruder be placed with the Endowment Fund. The motion was seconded by Miss Cornelia M. Bowie and approved by the Council.

Commodore John H. Magruder, Jr. presented an amendment to the above motion that the amount of \$195.00, representing the sum of the above funds, be kept in the General Fund for use at the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration or as the Chieftain designates. This was seconded by Miss Bowie and approved.

Miss Regina M. Hill moved that the Directory be mimeographed alphabetically for the year 1957 and printed in the Yearbook in 1958. This was seconded by Claud W. Owen and approved by the Council.

Miss Cornelia M. Bowie moved that all members, past and present, be included in the 1958 Yearbook with designation as to their status. This was seconded by Commodore John H. Magruder, Jr. and approved.

Herbert Thomas Magruder moved that a concerted effort to be made to arouse and reactivate the status of persons whose membership has lapsed, offering as an inducement return to full membership by payment of dues for the current year. This was seconded by Com. Magruder and approved.

Forrest S. Holmes moved that two sets of the Yearbooks be bound and that one be placed at the disposal of the Editor. This was seconded by Miss Bowie and approved.

Miss Virginia Diedel moved that the Council go on record as acknowledging a gift of \$100.00 from Mrs. Fletcher Cole as a memorial to her Father and allocated for the purchase of books for "The General Marshall Magruder Memorial Library." This motion was seconded by Mrs. Rex H. Rhoades and approved.

Miss Virginia Diedel moved that the library of this organization shall be known as "The General Marshall Magruder Library". This was seconded by Miss Hill and approved.

Miss Regina M. Hill moved that we have a suitable bookplate made for "The General Marshall Magruder Library." This was seconded by Miss Diedel and approved.

Miss Regina M. Hill moved that the Chieftain appoint a Committee to select books for the library. This was seconded by Miss Emma W. Muncaster and approved by the Council.

Commodore John H. Magruder, Jr. read the slate of the nominating Committee. Herbert T. Magruder moved that the slate be accepted and offered for approval at the Afternoon Business Session. This motion was seconded and approved.

The Meeting of the Council adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

OCTOBER 20, 1956

The 47th Annual Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order by the Ranking Deputy Chieftain, The Rev. Daniel R. Magruder at 2:30 P.M.

The meeting began with a Memorial Service to our late Chieftain, Brigadier General Marshall Magruder and a tribute was presented by Herbert Thomas Magruder. (See Memorial Section.) Other recently deceased clan members were memorialized by lighted candles placed on the arms of a Cross.

The minutes for the year 1955 were not read, as they had been published in the 1956 Yearbook.

Miss Reynolds read the Minutes of the Council Meeting including ten recommendations. Miss Hill moved that the Scribe's Report of the Council Meeting together with included recommendations be accepted. Mrs. O. O. van den Berg seconded this motion and it was voted upon favorably by the membership.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Clarence W. McCormick. Details of this report appear in this Yearbook.

The Historian, Miss Regina Magruder Hill reported 14 births, 4 marriages, and 14 deaths. Details appear in this Yearbook.

The Registrar, Mrs. O. O. van den Berg reported 21 new members. Details appear in this Yearbook.

Miss Regina M. Hill, Chairman of the Research Committee read her report, which is included in this Yearbook.

The Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder read the names of the newly formed Library Committee. They are as follows: Miss C. Virginia Diedel, Chairman; Mr. J. Fred Dorman; Miss Cornelia M. Bowie; Miss Regina M. Hill; and Mr. Forrest S. Holmes.

Miss C. Virginia Diedel, the Chancellor read the Resolutions to honor our beloved former Chieftain, Brig. Gen. Marshall Magruder. See Memorials.

It was moved by Miss Regina M. Hill and seconded by Mrs. Rex Hays Rhoades and Mr. Herbert Thomas Magruder that the Rules of the Society be amended as follows:

Rule VI, Officers; Section 2: after the word "Treasurer" add "an Assistant Treasurer".

Rule XVII, Treasurer; Add a new section as follows: Section 3: "There shall be an Assistant Treasurer".

The above Amendments to the Rules were signed by the following ten (10) members present at the Session:

Mr. Herbert T. Magruder	Susan E. Hamilton
Mrs. Forrest S. Holmes	Helen E. Hord
Commodore John H. Magruder, Jr.	Elizabeth H. Dwyer
Mr. J. Fred Dorman	Emma W. Muncaster
Grace M. Wood	R. Gregory Magruder, M.D.

Commodore John H. Magruder, Jr. suggested that the names of Miss Cornelia M. Bowie and Mrs. Ruth Ashley Walde be added to the "50th Anniversary Committee".

The Report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Chairman, Commodore John H. Magruder, Jr. as follows:

CHIEFTAIN: Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder
 RANKING DEPUTY CHIEFTAIN: Roger Gregory Magruder, M.D.
 ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEFTAIN: Forrest Shepperson Holmes
 SCRIBE: Anna Louise Reynolds
 REGISTRAR: Mrs. O. O. van den Berg
 HISTORIAN: Regina Magruder Hill
 TREASURER: Clarence William McCormick
 ASSISTANT TREASURER: Amy Belle Hunter
 EDITOR: John Kennedy Magruder
 CHAPLAIN: Rev. Reuel Lamphier Howe
 SURGEON: Thomas Garland Magruder, III, M.D.
 CHANCELLOR: C. Virginia Diedel
 DEPUTY SCRIBE: Open

Miss C. Virginia Diedel made a motion that the Scribe record a unanimous vote for the slate as presented. This was seconded by Miss Regina M. Hill and approved.

Our newly elected Chieftain, the Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder paid tribute to our late Chieftain in his acceptance by signifying his desire to emulate his fine precedent. He expressed interest in the Archives Room and especial concern for the Endowment Fund.

Mr. Herbert Thomas Magruder made a statement of appreciation of the untiring efforts of Mrs. van den Berg, Miss Hill, and Mr. Forrest S. Holmes.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

EVENING FESTIVITIES

Plans are already in progress to make the 50th Anniversary of the American Clan Gregor Society a major celebration in which the MacGregors in every way put their best foot forward. With this in mind, a special effort was made at the 1956 Banquet to build toward making our evening celebration an outstanding social event. Two innovations appeared in 1956 which contributed greatly to the success of the Gathering. The first was the institution of a "Chieftain's Reception" by our new Chieftain, the Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder. The second was the

presence of the MacElroy-Galloway Gaelic Pipe Band, an outstanding musical organization of fourteen members, which not only contributed a stirring program of authentic Scottish music, but provided a brilliant display of color to the festivities.—The Editor.

THE CHIEFTAIN'S RECEPTION

The Caribar Room, Sheraton-Park Hotel, 6:30 P.M.

Through the generosity of our Chieftain, the Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder, the MacGregors were gathered together before the main banquet at a cocktail party which proved to be one of the most agreeable events in the annals of the Society. The Clansmen not only had a chance to meet and chat with each other in a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere before dinner, but they had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with our Chieftain and Guests of Honor.

The Chieftain, flanked by Mr. Edward S. Smith, President of the St. Andrew's Society in resplendent Highland Dress and his lovely lady in a beautiful dinner gown with a complimentary tartan sash, with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest S. Holmes and other Officers of the Society, greeted the members as they assembled in the Caribar Room. The MacElroy-Galloway Gaelic Pipe Band, after piping the arrival of early comers, mingled with the other guests and gave a thrilling note of color to the party, already brilliant with the show of evening finery of the ladies, many of whom wore the MacGregor Tartan draped gracefully over their shoulders.

The warm friendliness of the Chieftain's Hospitality was definitely contagious and it manifested itself in a spirit of unity which pervaded the gathering and lasted throughout the evening. This spirit came to the fore rather unexpectedly when the whole party fell in behind the Chieftain and his hostess and dinner partner, Mrs. Virginia Spence Lescure in an unrehearsed Grand March through the long foyer of the Sheraton-Park Hotel as the Band piped them into dinner.

It turned out to be quite a procession with the fourteen members of the band, all in kilts, led by Drum Major George MacElroy in splendid Highland Regimentals complete with a gigantic bearskin shako and by our Clansmen, Pipe Major William L. K. Galloway in full MacGregor Dress, followed by our Chieftain and some two hundred very happy MacGregors unconsciously stepping a little higher to the skirling of the bagpipes.

THE BANQUET

The Burgundy Room, Sheraton-Park Hotel, 7:30 P.M.

As the Chieftain and his Clanfolk filed into the Banquet Hall, the elation of the Grand March was sustained by the vibrant color and sound which greeted them and caused the Burgundy Room to take on the atmosphere of the Great Hall of a Scottish Laird with the pipers in position near the head table piping the Chieftain to his seat of honor.

As soon as everyone was in place, a hush fell and Pipe Major William L. K. Galloway solemnly played the beautiful and ancient Scottish Dirge, "The Flowers in the Forest" in memory of our late Chieftain, General Marshall Magruder and

while everyone remained standing, our Chaplain, the Rev. Reuel Lamphier Howe asked grace for the meal to follow.

A few moments later the bagpipes burst forth again in a lilting melody to pipe in the Haggis and the customary fifth of Scotch Whiskey borne aloft by the waiters and set before the Chieftain. The Haggis, that traditional Scottish ceremonial dish, was given proper honors with Robert Burns' "Address to the Haggis" recited by Mr. Andrew Paterson with an authentic Scottish burr and a picturesque flourish of his dagger.

As the Banquet proceeded Mr. George M. Kerr played familiar Scottish melodies on the piano to accompany the pleasant murmur of voices as the MacGregors feasted.

After coffee the Chieftain made various acknowledgments and gave a brief but very impressive talk on "Our Illustrious Ancestors". (The text appears on page 15.) He was followed by the guest speaker of the evening, Dr. Donald C. Gordon of the University of Maryland who spoke with great charm on "The Scots in Australia".

The final climax of the evening came when the MacElroy-Galloway Gaelic Pipe Band presented a supremely satisfying series of Scottish musical features including a solo of "MacGregors' Gathering" sung by Mr. Andrew Paterson and "The Sword Dance" and other Highland dances by the talented Scottish Lassies with the Band.

With the sounds of the drums and bagpipes still ringing in their ears the MacGregors joined hands to sing "Auld Lang Syne" and the 1956 Gathering was over.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

CLARENCE WILLIAM MCCORMICK

Financial Report Year Ending Sept. 30, 1956

ENDOWMENT FUND:

Balance, Sept. 30, 1955, per Bank Book #9183.....	\$1,287.11
Contributions Oct. 1, 1955 to Sept. 30, 1956:	
Life Membership, Mrs. John D. McDonald.....	\$100.00
Mrs. W. A. (Edna G. Porter) Hatfield.....	5.00
Sister Philippa Henderson and Miss Sheila Kelliher....	20.00
In Memory of Gen. Marshall Magruder:	
Douglas Neil Magruder	10.00
Miss Regina Magruder Hill	10.00
Wm. B. Hamilton Magruder	10.00
Interest—1956	25.84
Dividend—1956	6.51
Total	\$1,474.46

GENERAL FUND:

Balance, Sept. 30, 1955, per Bank Book	\$1,641.90
Receipts:	
1954 Dues	\$ 13.00
1955 Dues	106.00
1956 Dues	1,120.00
1957 Dues	107.00
Gen. Marshall Magruder Memorial Library.....	100.00
Miscellaneous	115.50
Sub-Total	\$3,203.40
Disbursements:	
Postage	\$ 51.45
Office Supplies	151.57
Moving Headquarters and work at Archives Room....	218.33
Annual Gathering	103.32
Medallion for Chieftain	11.52
Year Book, printing, postage and mailing.....	721.75
Pictures for Year Book	42.80
Research	224.03
Balance, October 15, 1956	1,678.63
	\$3,203.40

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

MRS. O. O. VAN DEN BERG

*Continuation of the list of new members
From November 7, 1955 to March 1, 1957*

(See Year Book 1956, page 51)

- 1238 Master Sgt. Lloyd Belle Breshears, Bowling Air Base, Washington 25, D. C. Sgt. Breshears is on the line of Major Samuel Wade Magruder whose wife was Lucy Beall, through their son Lloyd who married Caroline Pelham. Their son John Carter died in Yakama, Washington in 1939. He married Flora Collins and their daughter Lydia married Herman Belle Breshears. These are the parents of Lloyd.
- 1239 Mrs. James Alonza Gannon (Virginia Ford Magruder), 3141 34th St. N.W. Washington, D. C. Mrs. Gannon is on the line of the three Samuels through Samuel "the third" whose wife was Jane Haswell. Their grandson Edward married Ann Hellen in 1813. The parents of Mrs. Gannon are James McEvoy Magruder and his wife Ida Kelly Ford.
- 1240 Charles Howard Candler, 980 Briarcliff Road, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Candler stems from the marriage of Virlinda Magruder and her cousin John Beall through their son Josiah who married Millicent Bradley. Their son Col. Thaddeus and his son Gen. Frederick Beall, and his son Noble Phelix Beall. Mr. Candler's parents were Lucy Elizabeth Howard who married Asa Griggs Candler, and his grandmother was Martha Bernella Beall daughter of Noble.
- 1241 Lt. Donald Richard Magruder, 3050 Peary St., Arlington, Va. Donald's grand father was Willis Bogan Magruder whose wife was Susan Harriet De Sales: his forebears are John Belford and Harriet Cozzens, Lewis and Rebecca Duval. Dr. Jeffery and Susannah Bowie Magruder a cousin, Judge Nathan and Rebecca Beall, a cousin. John of Dunblane and Susannah Smith, Samuel, 1st and Sarah Beall.
- 1242 Robert Clifton McGehee, 1915 No. Wayne St., Arlington, Va. Robert is the son of our member Ernest Clifton McGehee whose Clan number is 1234. He descends from Patrick MacGregor, one time Chief of the Clan Gregor.
- 1243 William Woodward Martin, 4204 West 3rd Ave., Amarillo, Texas. William is the son of our member James Woodward Martin and his wife Genevieve Askenback, and his line is from the first Alexander Magruder and his last wife Elizabeth Hawkins, through their son and grandson Alexander, second and third. Capt. James Truman Magruder is the fifth ancestor of William.
- 1244 Miss Mary Louise Martin is a sister of William and has the same address.

- 1245 Fred Forrest Magruder, 3608 Perry St., Mt. Rainier, Md. Mr. Magruder's line is through Nathan Magruder whose wife was Rebecca Beall. He is son of John of Dunblane and his wife Susannah Smith. Their son Dr. Jeffery married Susannah Bowie Magruder, daughter of George Frasier Magruder and his wife Eleanor Bowie.
- 1246A Mrs. Fred Forrest Magruder, 3608 Perry St. Mt. Rainer, Md.
- 1247 Mrs. John Roberts: Marion Wells, 3059 Que St. N.W., Washington, D. C. Marion is the daughter of Dr. Walter Augustine Wells a Charter Member, #44 and his wife Frances Gibson. Her great, great grandmother was Elizabeth Hilleary who married John Wells. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Magruder who married Walter Hilleary. She was the daughter of Nathan Magruder and his wife Rebecca Beall. He, son of John of "Dunblane" and she, daughter of Virlinda Magruder and John Beall.
- 1248 Mrs. George Andrew Lund, (Elizabeth Magruder Grieg), 4209 North Mason Avenue, Tacoma 7, Washington. Mrs. Lund is the granddaughter of Admiral Thomas Pickett Magruder and his wife Rose Boush. The Admiral was the son of Lawson William Magruder and his wife Jessie Kilpatrick. "Pickett's" grandfather was Samuel Magruder who married Rebecca Sprigg Drane, and fourth ancestors were Ninian Beall Magruder and his wife Rebecca Young. Both of these born in Montgomery County, Maryland.
- 1249 Mrs. Floyd Lankford, (Corrie Clagett), Hawthorn Ridge Farms, Harewood, Anne Arundel Co., Md. Mrs. Lankford's great grandmother was Cornelia Weems Magruder who married George French Bowie. She was the daughter of Dennis Magruder, Jr. whose wife was Eleanor Beans Mullikin. Corrie's mother is Corilla Mullikin Bowie who married Thomas Fielder Bowie Clagett. The Magruder line is from James whose wife was Barbara Coombs. He son of Samuel 1st and his wife Sarah Beall.
- 1250 Mrs. George H. Raffie, (Renan Beall) 808 Old Mill Road, Pasadena, California. Mrs. Raffie's seventh ancestors in line were Virlinda Magruder who married in 1712 John Beall. She was the daughter of Samuel first and he the son of Alexander Beall, Immigrant to Maryland. Their son Josiah first married Millicent Bradley in 1740; and their great grandson Josiah married Nancy Tatum Dent in 1822. Major Thaddeus Beall and his wife Amelia Jane Beall were the fifth ancestors of Mrs. Raffie. Her parents were Edward Beall and his wife Lillian Isabel Porter who were married in 1890.
- 1251 Mrs. Matthew Leon Legler (Barbara Martin), 80 Walton Drive, Buffalo, N. Y. Barbara is the granddaughter of our late member Mary Sprigg Belt Magruder and her husband Edward Ingersoll Wade. Their daughter Ruth married Henry Graham Martin. The Magruder line is through John of Dunblane, his son Nathan and great grandson Caleb Clark Magruder, first.
- 1252 Nathaniel MacGregor Ewell, 1538 Fendall Ave., Charlottesville, Va., son of Dr. Jesse Ewell and his wife Mary Jane Ish, was named for his great great grandfather Nathaniel Magruder of Dunblane, Md. whose wife was Margaret Magruder daughter of James Magruder and Barbara Coombes.

- This Nathaniel's son John Smith Magruder had the name of his children changed to MacGregor.
- 1253 Edgar Hamilton Fair Funk, 3608 17th St., No. Arlington, Va. Mr. Funk's great, great grandmother was Margaret Agnes Magruder, daughter of the fourth Samuel in line. She married David Stottlemeyer. Their son Daniel married Hannah Recher. Mr. Funk's parents were Joanna Catherine Stottlemeyer who married Lewis A. Funk. She was the daughter of Jonathan Recher Stottlemeyer and his wife, Susan Bleckensdoff.
- 1254 Mrs. Henry Edgar Carmack (Effie Marquess), Rt. 1, Box 235, Atascadero, California. Mrs. Carmack's fourth ancestors were William Kidd Marquess (1744-1813) and his wife Eleanor Magruder the daughter of John Magruder and his wife Jane He being the son of Ninian Magruder and his wife Elizabeth Brewer, Ninian being the son of Samuel Magruder, 1st and his wife, Sarah Beall. Mrs. Carmack's parents were Boanesges Marquess and his wife Susan John Armstrong, both born in Christian County, Kentucky. Other names are Lucy Griffin, Martha Pettipool, William Marquess and Robert Elliott Marquess.
- 1255 Charles Frederick Magruder, Coldon Grove, Mitchellsville, Md. Charles' grandfather was Lewis Gustavus Magruder who married Lillie Duvall. He was son of John Bedford Magruder who was the son of Samuel Magruder (son of Dr. Jeffery Magruder) and his wife Rebecca Duvall the daughter of William Mareen Duvall and Sarah Magruder of Nathan of Samuel and Rebecca Beall.
- 1256A Mrs. Charles Frederick Magruder, (Julia Louise Peak), Coldon Grove, Mitchellsville.
- 1257 Harry Woodward Blunt, 8000 Westover Road, Bethesda, Md. Mr. Blunt stems from John Magruder of Dunblane through his daughter Elizabeth who married Richard Burgess. Their daughter Ursula married Lt. William Bowie, third in 1776. Mr. Blunt's grandparents were Harry Woodward Dorsey Blunt and his wife Marion Augusta Coolidge who were married November 18, 1854.
- 1258 Mrs. Frederick Mayfield Holtz, (Dorothy Yonkers), Long Grove, Iowa. Dorothy's three times great grandparents were Fielder Magruder who married his second cousin, Matilda Magruder. He was the son of Haswell Magruder and his wife Charity Beall, daughter of Dr. Jeffery Magruder and his wife Susannah Bowie Magruder. (See Mrs. John E. Yonkers paper 798.)
- 1259 Charles Ashley Deneen, 2148 No. 76th Ave. Elmwood Park 35, Illinois. Mr. Deneen's grandparents were The Rev. William Lyons Deneen and his wife, Verlinda Moore, she the daughter of Col. William Dent and his wife, Verlinda Beall, whose parents were Col. Samuel Beall and his wife, Eleanor Brooke, he son of Virlinda Magruder who married John Beall son of Alexander Beall.
- 1260 Miss Catherine Louise McDonald, 2550 English Ave., Macon, Ga. Catherine is on the line of the first Ninian Magruder, through his son Samuel Ye 3rd and his wife Margaret Jackson, and their son Ninian Beall Magruder.

- 1261 Mrs. Joseph Smith, (Josephine Kyle Lewis), 4108 Jenefer St., N. W., Washington, D. C. Mrs. Smith's parents were Thomas B. Lewis and his wife, Susan (Sudie) Evelyn Magruder, whose parents were Susan Emma Wilson who married Lewis Magruder, son of Fielder Magruder and his wife, Matilda Magruder, he the son of Haswell Magruder and she the daughter of Dr. Jeffery Magruder.
- 1262 Mrs. Stuart Ormond Greig (Adele Magruder) 15 St. Michael's Alley, Charlestown, S. C. Mrs. Greig's grandparents were Lawson Walter Magruder and his wife, Jessie Kilpatrick. He the son of Samuel Magruder and his wife Rebecca Sprigg Drane. Our Admiral Thomas Pickett Magruder whose wife was Rose Eliza Boush were the parents of Mrs. Grieg. His American Clan Gregor Society number is 12.
- 1263 Mrs. Doc Wilson (Alice Magruder), 529 Alomosa Ave., Alamosa, Colorado. Mrs. Wilson married: first Lawrence E. Bower. Her parents were Amos Covington Magruder and his wife Catherine Virginia Albertson; he born in Lower Salem, Ohio, 1859, the son of William Hamilton Magruder, born 1833: died Hurdland, Knox Co., Mo. 1914. Mrs. Wilson's great grandparents were Covington Magruder and his wife Anna Hockingberry, married in Cumberland, Co. Md. 1823. Question. Who were the parents of this Covington Magruder?
- 1264 Mrs. Ashton Glassell (Wesley Drane), 819 Oneonta St., Shreveport, La. Mrs. Glassell is named for her father Wesley Drane, who is the son of William McClure Drane and his wife Amelia Washington Haddox, he the son of Walter Harding Drane and his wife Elizabeth Jane McClure. Mrs. Glassell's line goes back to William Beall (of Thomas) whose wife was Elizabeth Magruder, daughter of Samuel 1st and Sarah Beall.
- 1265 Lucy Haw Mackall, 3044 O St., N.W., Washington, D. C. Miss Lucy's line is from Verlinda Magruder who married John Beall of Alexander; through their grandson Dr. Louis Mackall 1st, who in 1828 married Sarah Somerville Mackall a cousin. Their son m. Margaret Whann McLean, and their son Dr. Louis 3rd and his wife Lucy Haw Mathews were the parents of Lucy.
- 1266 Mrs. R. T. Thornhill (Wesley Glassell), 819 Oneonta St., Shreveport, La. Mrs. Thornhill is the daughter of Ashton Glassell and his *wife* Wesley Drane whose Clan number is 1264.
- 1267 Mr. Renwick Mack Gregor, 347 Ferguson St., Ontario, Canada. Mr. Gregor is a cousin of our Edward Kenneth Gregor whose Clan number is 1104.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

REGINA MAGRUDER HILL

October 1955 to October 1956

All application papers received since the last Gathering have been examined and signed, and all statistical data received has been turned over to my assistant, Mrs. John Rochford Dwyer, who will give the report.

Material was collected and compiled for the section on "Homes of Yesteryear"

for the Year Book published in 1956. Revolutionary War Service was proven for the descendants of Alexander Magruder through his son John "of Dunblane" and published in the 1956 Year Book.

Following the resignation of the Editor and the death of the Chieftain, I was asked by the chairman of the Editorial Committee and by the Assistant to the Chieftain, to get the material in shape and superintend the publication of the 1956 Year Book. This was done and Copy taken to Richmond to the printer. The envelopes for the mailing of the Year Books were addressed with the valuable assistance of Mrs. Murdock, Mrs. Loveless and Miss Frances Lummis, and sent to the printer. About 12 of these books have already been returned for lack of proper addresses. Please put the Clan on your list to be notified when you change your address. Every time a Year Book is returned and resent, it costs the Clan three postal charges.

There have been fourteen births, eight marriages, and sixteen deaths during the past year. Your Historian attended the funeral of our Chieftain Marshall Magruder, and of Mrs. Enoch Magruder Thompson, and Mrs. Claude Worthington Owen. Some of these were reported after the gathering.

At the opening of the Business Session on Saturday afternoon a Memorial Service was conducted by the Chaplain and the Historian, assisted by the Treasurer. Prayers were offered by the Chaplain and a candle lighted in memory of each of the deceased.

A Tribute to our beloved Chieftain, Marshall Magruder, who died July 4, 1956, was read by Mr. Herbert Thomas Magruder and the first candle on the Memorial Cross was lit in his memory. A memorial appears elsewhere in this book.

BRIGADIER GENERAL MARSHALL MAGRUDER, USA RET.

Our late Chieftain

A TRIBUTE

Members of Clan Gregor—Friends:

We meet to pay honor and respect to a devoted leader so recently taken from his dearly loved family, and from us, his Clanfolk, in the midst of his self-sacrificing and immeasurably valuable labors on behalf of this Society which he loved so dearly.

As his military title denotes, he was in truth a leader—one who lead his brigade into action during his professional career; and one who guided his Clanfolk loyally and courageously toward high goals of achievement, sustaining traditions of blood and pride of race that he prized so much. To us, he has handed on the torch lighted, really fired by his zeal. We must not falter.

Upon him, more than on any other one of us, fell that mantle of lineage which shed the lustre of our Country's immortal Father, whose body rests at Mount Vernon. Yet, proud, as he had every right to be, he was before all else gentle and kindly. Who is there among us who did not love dearly our departed Chieftain?

At the proper time, and by a hand more fitting, the story of Marshall Magruder's life will be given place in our Proceedings, and in the annals of our

Clan—the Year Book. Now, with deepest sympathy for his bereaved wife and family, we cannot but feel pride in one who gave of himself so generously in leadership and loyalty. He sleeps now on a gentle slope beside the home of the Southland's beloved leader; but his spirit hovers about us here I am sure, to sustain us in the bonds of true clanship.

Words from Sir Walter Scott's immortal epic of Clan Gregor; "The Lady of the Lake"; which it was my privilege to speak in honoring our dearly beloved first Chieftain, seem particularly fitting in closing this brief tribute to one who has so recently filled with honor the Society's high office:

"Soldier rest! thy warfare o'er,
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking;
Dream of battlefield no more,
Days of danger, nights of waking.
In our isle's enchanted hall,
Hands unseen thy couch are strewing;
Fairy strains of music fall,
Every sense in slumber dewing.
Soldier rest! thy warfare o'er;
Dream of fighting fields no more;
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,
Morn of toil, nor night of waking!"

Herbert T. Magruder

Other members for whom candles were lit and whose memorials will appear in this book were:

January 9, 1956—Mrs. Ira Cooke Whitaker (Rachel Dorsey Cooke), Clan No. 464.

June 22, 1956—Mrs. Ninian Pinkney Barber (Pauline Regina Adams), Clan No. 928.

February 3, 1956—Mr. Jesse Ewell, Jr., Charter Member No. 88.

March 28, 1956—Mr. Earle Portmess Lee, Life Member No. 636.

July 25, 1956—Mr. James Anderson, Member of the Clan Honor Roll of World War II.

Summer of 1955—Mrs. Maude Drane Buckner, Clan No. 745.

December 28, 1954—Mrs. Harriett Bush Hunt, Clan No. 827.

1956—Mr. Marvin Merryman.

Relatives of our Members

*See Memorials

September 25, 1955—Mr. Harry Edgar Magruder, brother of our former Chieftain, Mr. Frank Cecil Magruder. He was the second son of William Edward and Mary Alice Magruder.

October 22, 1955—Mr. George Robert Ericson, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Magruder and the late Lars Ericson, and brother of our member Mrs. Philip Rood Wheeler.

- October 30, 1955—William Woodward, Jr.*
 March 28, 1956—Mrs. William G. Walde (Mary Lowe)*
 July 21, 1956—Mrs. Louise Georgia Thompson, wife of our member and former Chaplain, Rev. Enoch Magruder Thompson.*
 September 15, 1956—Mrs. Agnes Harrison Magruder (Cassius Clag Magruder).*
 October 16, 1956—Miss Margaret Johns Hill.*
 October 16, 1956—Mr. John Tong, brother of our member Mrs. William Mation Magruder.
 November 28, 1956—Mrs. Clude Worthington Owen.*

B I R T H S

- Brant, William Alexander, October 5, 1956, to Major Robert and Doris Merle Freeman Brant. Alex is a grandson of Mrs. Doris Hill Freeman.
 Burnett, Anna Catherine MacGregor, December 11, 1956, to Thomas Jefferson and Louise Catherine Drane Burnett, Jr., Louise being a daughter of Hayward Benton Drane, Sr.
 Clark, Kathleen Frances, July 14, 1953, and Clark, Moira Susanne, August 5, 1956, children of Raymond Gordon and Frances (Mimi) Villaret Clark, and grandchildren of Col. Gustave and Frances Griffin Villaret, and of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clark.
 Dillon, Kathryn Anne, August 7, 1956, daughter of Edward and Margaret Scott (Sue) Sheriff Dillon. Kathryn is the granddaughter of a former Clansman William Halls Sheriff and his wife, Alice Erskine.
 Donnelly, Patricia Lynn, August 14, 1956, 4th daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Donnelly and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rochford Dwyer.
 Drane, Hayward Benton III, November 28, 1956, son of Clansman Hayward Benton Drane, Jr., and Bobby Jean Hall, and grandson of Hayward Benton Drane, Sr., also a member, and Louise Sloan.
 Ewell, Richard Stoddard, February 12, 1956, son of Dr. Nathaniel MacGregor Ewell, Jr., and Mildred Carrington Hart, and a great-grandson of Dr. Jesse Ewell.
 Freeman, William Allan, October 22, 1956, son of John William and Diane Elaine Farris Freeman, and great-grandson of Mrs. Doris Hill Freeman, a member of the Clan, as well as the father.
 Gruver, Bradley John, October 5, 1956, son of Allan Snyder and Margaret Brooks Duval Gruver. Bradley John is a great-grandson of our deceased member, Mrs. Mary Sophronia McCormick Brooks.
 Kesner, Alfred Peter, October 15, 1956, son of Maurits Peter and Mary Jeanette Toll Kesner. Peter is the first grandchild of Mrs. Hilda Wells Toll.
 Lawrence, Mary Beth, May 31, 1956, 2nd daughter of Wm. Eldridge and Helen Bowdon Loveless, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Eldridge Loveless.
 Magruder, Lee Malcolm, December 30, 1955, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Holmes Magruder III, and grandson of Commodore and Mrs. John Holmes Magruder, Jr., U. S. N. Retired.
 McCaa, Nelson Raeford, December 3, 1956, to Frances Charles Magruder Humphreys and Percy Malcolm McCaa. Nelson is a grandson of Mrs. Fannie Magruder (Humphreys) Eaton, a Clan member.

Rowe, Brian Filley, May 23, 1956, son of Johnston Staples and Velna Elizabeth Filley Rowe. Mr. Rowe is a Clansman.

Stabler, Richard Hallert, April 7, 1956, son of Robert Rowland Stabler, Jr., and Ann Gartnell Stabler. Richard is a grandson of Robert Rowland Stabler, Sr., and Margaret Muncaster, who is a life member of the Clan.

Walde, Mary Lowe, May 4, 1956, daughter of Robert Ashley and Catherine Julia Beaupee Walde. Mary Lowe is the first grandchild of two of our members, Mrs. Ruth Ashley Walde, and William Lowe Walde. Mary Lowe's father is also a Clansman.

MARRIAGES

Miss Margaret Scott Sheriff (called Sue) to Edward Dillon

Miss Margaret Scott Sheriff was married to Mr. Edward Dillon on August 20, 1955, in Mays Landing, New Jersey. Sue is the daughter of William Halls Sheriff and Alice Erskine of Washington, D. C. On her father's side she is a Magruder, being the great-great-granddaughter of Sophia Magruder and Philip Hill. Her father is a member of the Clan.

Sue was graduated from the Academy of the Holy Cross and attended Dunbarton College in Washington, D. C.

Edward is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dillon of Fairfax, Virginia.

Dr. Betty Allen Magruder to Henry Dent Reck

Dr. Betty Allen Magruder, daughter of the founder and first Chieftain of the Clan, Dr. Edward May Magruder, and Mrs. Magruder of Charlottesville, Virginia, was married to Mr. Henry Dent Reck on July 21, 1956.

Miss Patricia Susanne Skillman to H. Stafford Allison, Jr.

Miss Patricia Susanne Skillman became the bride of Mr. H. Stafford Allison, Jr., on July 28, 1956. Patricia is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Sheriff Skillman and a first cousin to Margaret Scott Sheriff Dillon. Mr. and Mrs. Allison will make their home in Seat Pleasant, Maryland, the home of the bride's grandfather, the late Howard Hill Sheriff.

Miss Rosemary Stokes-Johnson to John Benton Dyke

Nuptial vows were exchanged in a double ring ceremony on August 7, 1956, between Miss Rosemary Stokes-Johnson and John Benton Dyke. The ceremony took place in the First Methodist Church of Clarksville, Arkansas.

Rosemary is the adopted daughter of Mr. Charles Roland Johnson and Camille Hays (Stokes) Johnson, Rosemary's father being Walter Richard Stokes, the son of Mrs. Etta Leone Stephens Stokes.

Mr. Johnson gave his daughter in marriage and Miss Sarah Greer Smith of Ozark, served as maid of honor, while Mr. Curtis Shepley of Brekeley, California, was best man.

A reception was held in the church parlor after which the couple journeyed to Blackberry Farm, Tennessee, for a honeymoon. They will live in Little Rock, Arkansas, where Mr. Dyke is an assistant engineer with the Dyke Associates.

Miss Marcella Shipley Lawson to Alexander Clarke Magruder

Miss Marcella Shipley Lawson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William H. Lawson, Jr., of Eldersburg, Carroll Co., Maryland, was married on August 18, 1956, to Mr. Alexander Clarke Magruder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mercer Hampton Magruder of Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Austin L. Healy in St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Sykesville, Maryland. Mrs. S. Kirk Millspaugh was the matron of honor for her cousin and Mr. Magruder was best man for his son.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Shipley of Baltimore County, and of Mrs. William H. Lawson of Atlanta, Georgia, and the late Mr. Lawson. She is a graduate of Laryvale Trinity College Preparatory School and attended Georgetown University in Washington.

Mr. Magruder attended Calvert School and St. Albans, the National Cathedral School for Boys in Washington. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

Miss Elizabeth Early Lichliter to Henry Magruder Taylor, Jr.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Early Lichliter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Claud Lichliter of Winchester, to Henry Magruder Taylor, Jr., of "Ravenswood", Richmond, Virginia, took place on Saturday afternoon, September 15, 1956. Mr. Taylor is the son of Henry Magruder Taylor and his wife Elizabeth Knox Taylor.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Forrest B. Oglesby, assisted by the Rev. Edward Meeks Gregory of Richmond, in the Braddock Street Methodist Church in Winchester, Virginia.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and Mr. Taylor was best man to his son. Mrs. Andrew Jackson Ellis, Jr., sister of the bride, was matron of honor. One of the Groomsmen was David Higginbotham Taylor, brother of the groom.

Following a reception at the Winchester Golf Club, the couple left for a trip to Bermuda. Upon their return they will make their home in Richmond.

Miss Mildred Suydam to William Yates Wemple Magruder

St. John's Episcopal Church, Rosebank, Staten Island, New York, was the setting Saturday afternoon, October 6, 1956, of the marriage of Miss Mildred Suydam of Dongan Hills to William Y. W. Magruder of West Brighton. The Rev. Raymond G. Rogers, rector of the Church of the Ascension, West Brighton, officiated at the ceremony. A reception at the Richmond County Country Club followed the ceremony.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nichols Suydam, was escorted to the altar by her father. Miss Georgia Jane Suydam was maid of honor for her sister, and little Miss Wendy Kammer, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl.

William Magruder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thomas Magruder and was attended by his father as best man.

The bride is a descendant of two old New York families, those of Hendrick Rycken Suydam and Cornelius Wyckoff. She attended Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs and was graduated from the Hartford Hospital School of

Nursing. Her husband, a member of the American Clan Gregor Society, made up of descendants of Clan MacGregor of Scotland, is a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Yates Wemple. Mr. Magruder studies at the Pingry School in Elizabeth and Wagner College, and is a veteran of the Korean War. He is with the Thomas and Betts Company in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Magruder will make their home in Dongan Hills.

Miss June Lippincott Stockham to Robert Felton Schilling

The wedding of Miss June Lippincott Stockham and Robert Felton Schilling took place in Salisbury, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, on Sunday, the 16th of December, 1956. They are both students at the Salisbury Teachers' College, and they will make their home in Salisbury.

June is the eldest daughter of Mrs. Esther Pitts (Stockham) Previs, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Charlotte McCormick Pitts and Mr. Pitts. All three are members of the Clan and of the Magruder Chapter, D.C.D.A.R.

REPORT OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 1955-OCTOBER 1956

REGINA MAGRUDER HILL, *Chairman*

Genealogical work has been done at the Richmond Public Library, Virginia, and the Hall of Records in Annapolis, and at the Court House at Upper Marlboro and at Frederick County, Maryland.

After a lengthy search over the period of several years one line has been successfully proven, and as a result we have a new member, Mrs. Effie Marquess Carmack, who descends from Ninian Magruder and Elizabeth Brewer, through his son John who had a daughter Eleanor, who married William Kidd Marquiss. Work is continuing on the search for the maiden name of Jane who married John Magruder, son of Ninian as mentioned above.

Several other lines in Virginia are being worked on at present: William Mills Magruder, Dr. Archibald Magruder of Alexander, Thomas Magruder, Zephaniah Magruder and Eleanor Magruder who married Benjamin Thorn. Work will continue on these lines during the coming year. I shall be most grateful for any help our Virginia members may give by the searching of land records, wills and settlements of Estates, at the Richmond Public Library. If any member living in or near Richmond will contact me, I can give the specific information needed.

Many pages of material collected at various times, and that collected during the past year, such as Wills, marriage, birth and death records, Bible Records, and Census Records, have been typed with the help of Mrs. Freeman, and all of this material has been indexed.

I have kept in close touch with Thomas Garland Magruder on the work of the Charts of the Descendants of Alexander Magruder and they are progressing.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS

The members of the American Clan Gregor Society in Annual Gathering in the city of Washington, D. C., on October 20, 1956; wish to give formal expression to the deep sorrow, which they feel in the death of their loyal and greatly



BRIGADIER GENERAL MARSHALL MAGRUDER

BORN 1885—DIED 1956.

Deputy Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society, October 1950 to October 1952, when he was elected Chieftain, which office he held at the time of his death on July 4, 1956.

beloved Chieftain, Brigadier General Marshall Magruder, U.S.A., Retired, and do hereby

Resolve that the loss to this Society of one who by inheritance and training was so eminently qualified for leadership and whose devotion was outstanding both prior to and during his term as Chieftain, and one whose contribution to the Annals of the Society was made permanent in its Year Books, was outstanding and will be long read and remembered;

And further resolved that with this expression of their sense of loss they wish to incorporate this appreciation in the Minutes of this meeting, and that a suitably prepared copy of these Resolutions be sent the family of our Revered Chieftain.

Susie May van den Berg

Committee: C. Virginia Diedel

Herbert Thomas Magruder

MEMORIALS

MARSHALL MAGRUDER

1885—1956

By His Son, Peyton M. Magruder

Our late and beloved chieftain, Gen. Marshall Magruder, passed away on July 4, 1956, at Walter Reed hospital. Independence Day was a fitting date indeed for our chieftain to join his ancestors who, as MacGregors, had fought for Scotland's freedom and later, as Americans, for our own precious heritage.

Gen. Magruder was born on Columbus Day, October 12, 1885, in Washington, D. C., the son of the late George Corbin Washington Magruder and Eleanor Anne Helen Marshall Magruder.

His ancestors settled in the tidewater section of Maryland in 1641 and built Marshall Hall in 1673. He was a collateral descendant of Gen. George Washington through a full brother, John Augustine, as well as Washington's half-brother, Augustine. His father was raised as a boy at Mount Vernon and his mother at Marshall Hall just across the Potomac River.

Gen. Magruder spent his early youth at his mother's home, "The Rest", the old Lyles place, which was built about 1780 in what was then called Tenlytown. This home was a virtual museum packed with priceless antiques and possessions of the Magruder, Marshall, Lyles, Washington, Lee, Bruce, and Jones families which had come from famous old ancestral colonial homes such as Mount Vernon, Cherry Hill, Clean Drinking Manor, Marshall Hall, Haywood Mansion, and many others of equal fame.

Growing into manhood in the midst of constant reminders of Gen. George Washington, John Marshall, Robert Bruce, and other great patriots, it was only natural for our late chieftain to decide to devote his life's work to his country.

Gen. Magruder attended Central High School, Emerson Institute, and George Washington University. While a student he served in the District National Guard where he distinguished himself by winning several national rifle and pistol championships.

He began his army career in 1908 as a second lieutenant with the horse-

drawn Sixth Field Artillery and served on the Mexican border in 1912 with this famous old regiment. In 1915 Gen. Magruder went to the Philippines for duty returning to go overseas with the First Division during World War I.

Gen. Magruder during his thirty-eight years of army service served with every type of artillery regiment including horse, mule, motorized, mechanized, and armored; among them were the 1st, 2nd, 7th, 13th, 17th, and 19th Field Artillery regiments. He was in Hawaii in 1935. Two years later, when the 68th Field Artillery regiment was organized at Fort Knox as the country's first mechanized artillery, Gen. Magruder, then a colonel, was selected to train the regiment.

In 1940, when the 1st Armored Corps was created, Gen. Magruder was made Chief of Armored Force Artillery with the task of developing the tactical use of armored artillery in conjunction with armored cavalry and infantry regiments. He later commanded the 14th and 26th Field Artillery Brigades during World War II retiring in 1946 at Atlanta, where he was then stationed as Chief of the War Department Manpower Board for the southeastern states.

Gen. Magruder was a graduate of the Field Artillery School of Fire, the Cavalry School of Equitation, the Staff and Command School as well as both the Army and Navy War Colleges. For the past four years he was chieftain of the American Clan Gregor. He was a mason, a member of St. Alban's Church, and past president of George Washington University chapter of Theta Delta Chi.

Our late chieftain was a man of great strength of character imbued with a deep sense of humility. He was a tireless worker, devoted to the cause of the clan, on whose behalf he devoted the last few years of his life. Gen. Magruder was proud of his ancestry and dedicated his life to the high precepts, moral standards, and patriotic service of his illustrious forebears. His entire life can best be typified by the immortal motto, "Duty, Honor, Country".

His passing is mourned not only by the Clan and his innumerable associates and close friends in the armed services, but by all who knew him in every walk of life.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 6, 1956 at Fort Myer Chapel and were conducted by the Chief of Army Chaplains, and by the Clan's former Chaplain, Rev. Enoch Magruder Thompson. Burial with full military honors was in Arlington National Cemetery. He lies next to his brother. Major General Byuce Magruder.

ANNE PEYTON MAGRUDER

1888-1957

The beloved wife of our late Chieftain, Brig. Gen. Marshall Magruder, USA passed away on Thursday, May 30, 1957 at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Mrs. Magruder was born in Bolton, Mississippi and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peyton of Washington, D. C. She spent her childhood in the District of Columbia and was graduated from Gunston Hall. She was married to Marshall Magruder in 1909.

She is survived by a son, Peyton Marshall Magruder of Coral Gables, Fla., two daughters, Mrs. Loren Fletcher Cole of Palm Beach, Fla. and Mrs. William H. Craig of Fort Meade, Maryland. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. John S. Sullivan of Washington, D. C. and a brother, Thomas L. Peyton of McLean, Virginia. There are ten grandchildren

She was laid to rest at the side of her husband in Arlington National Cemetery at 9 A.M. on Monday, June 3, 1957.

JAMES ANDERSON

1877-1956

James Anderson, a pioneer in the oil pipeline field, a retired vice-president and treasurer of the Humble Oil Refining Company, and a civic and church leader of Houston for more than 35 years, died in Houston, Texas, on July 29, 1956. He was a native of Maryland, son of James Anderson and Sally Rachel Magruder Thrift, and on the line of Ninian Magruder I, and Elizabeth Brewer.

Mr. Anderson was a graduate of the University of Maryland and of the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, with degrees in naval architecture and marine engineering. In 1942 he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Specialist Corps and was deputy director of procurement for the Eighth Service Command. He was on the Honor Roll of the American Clan Gregor Society for World War II. His son, James W. Anderson, and his grandson James W. Anderson, Jr., also served in World War II and are members of the Clan Honor Roll.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his wife and his son James Anderson, Jr., and two granddaughters. Funeral services were held at Palmer Memorial Church, with burial in Forest Park Cemetery.

MRS. NINIAN PINKNEY BARBER

1886-1956

Mrs. Pauline Regina Adams Barber was born at Charlotte Hall, Maryland, August 23, 1886, the daughter of Jane Magruder and John Samuel Adams. She was a sister of our Councilman, Mr. J. Franklin Adams of Mechanicsville, Md. She and her mother were members of the Clan. She married Ninian Pinkney Barber on January 30, 1909. She died at St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, Md., June 22, 1956. She was a life-long resident of St. Mary's County and a retired school teacher.

She is survived by six children: Mrs. Joseph Russello, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Albert Anderson, Ninian Pinkney, Jr., T. Franklin, Joseph Adams, and Paul Magruder Barber, all of Mechanicsville, Maryland; two brothers, J. Franklin Adams of Mechanicsville, and Renninger Adams of Baltimore; and two sisters, Mrs. Fred Magill and Mrs. Jane Laverty, both of Baltimore.

MRS. MAUD DRANE BUCKNER

1869-1955

Mrs. Maud Drane Buckner died in Clarksville, Tennessee, in the summer of 1955. She was born March 25, 1869, the daughter of William McClure Drane and his wife Amelia Washington Haddox. She is on the line of John "of Dumb-lane" through his daughter Elizabeth, who married William Beall. Mrs. Buckner was a member of the Clan.

JESSE EWELL, JR.

by His Sister, Mary Ewell Hundley

Jesse Ewell, Jr., eldest son of Jesse Ewell, M.D., our first scribe, and his wife, Mary Jane Ish, was born at the home of his parents at Ruckersville, Greene County, Va. on March 17, 1886, and died after a long illness at his home at nearby Quinque on February 3, 1956.

He received his early education in the public schools of his home county, was graduated from William and Mary College and did advanced work at the University of Virginia and Columbia University.

He was first, last and all the time a teacher and a pioneer. He early learned to take responsibilities. As his father was away so much of the time attending the sick, it was Jesse's job to see that his father's orders were carried out. The hired help listened to him; his brothers and sisters looked up to him, and his father depended on him, though he would often say, "Jesse is ahead of his time in his thinking", but never knew so much that he could not learn from everyone with whom he came in contact.

After teaching in rural high schools of Virginia for several years he went to the city of Norfolk as supervising principal. While there he was instrumental in introducing into those schools a class for exceptional children. To him an exceptional child was one who could not keep up in the regular grade, or one who was capable of doing more than one grade in one year. In either case the child was a misfit and needed special attention. He never permitted a child to be kept in at recess, saying that "if it was a problem of behavior, the child needed to get out of doors and get it out of his system; if it was a case of missed lesson, the child needed the rest; and more, the teacher needed the relaxation."

Farming was always near to his heart. When a college student he spent his vacations on the place working with the crops and the livestock. When he was teaching he never forgot the farm and his letters home were filled with plans and suggestions for making the land more productive. He was always ready to try new things. He brought home a farm tractor—the first in the county. He planted peas between the corn rows, peas to be plowed under. He plowed under a clover crop. The most progressive farmers in the county thought he was just plain "nuts". His father was also of the pioneering spirit but at times he wondered if Jesse was not going too fast.

He had to give up teaching on account of his health. Though frail of body he spent his time finding a new way and a better way of doing things—of making two blades of grass grow, where one grew before.

In 1934 the Virginia Agricultural Extension Division decided to put, for the first time, an agent in Greene County and Jesse Ewell was appointed to fill the place. What more could he wish! Teaching and Farming, the two things he liked best and the two channels through which he could serve his community. He carried with him to his new job the same pioneering spirit that he had shown in other fields.

As his father had said of the boy Jesse, "He is ahead of his time in thinking", so said his neighbors, but they soon began to listen and to heed, so as county agent he saw great changes take place in the attitudes of the farmers towards new ideas such as terracing, strip farming, crop covers, rotation, more fertilizer

for permanent pasture. He saw better livestock. The people were living better, had better schools, and better health services. In some of these things he was carrying on what his father had begun.

Dr. Ewell would often say to his children that everyone had a contribution that he could make toward living and that they should so live that the world would be a better place for their having passed this way. Surely the world is a better place in which to live because Jesse Ewell, Jr. passed "this way".

The love and regard his countrymen had for him was manifest in the way they came to pay their last respects. When he was put to rest, men gathered in little groups to talk of what he had done for them and their county.

He is survived by his wife Annie Douglas Ewell, one brother Nathaniel MacGregor Ewell, and three sisters, Mary Ewell Hundley, Helen Ewell Hord, and Susan Ewell Hamilton.

MARGARET JOHNS HILL

OCTOBER 16, 1956

Miss Margaret Johns Hill, daughter of the late William Isaac Hill and Henrietta Smith Sasscer, was born and died at the family home "Pleasant Hills" in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

She was the sister of two of the Charter Members of the Clan, the Misses Henrietta Sophia May and Fredericka Dean Hill. She is survived by these two sisters and by a third sister, Miss Marie B. Hill; a niece and a nephew, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill Maltby, and Mr. William Sasscer Hill.

Funeral services were held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Upper Marlboro, with burial in Trinity Cemetery.

MRS. HARRIETT BUSH HUNT

1881-1954

Mrs. Harriett Bush Hunt was the daughter of William Dudley Bush and his wife Elizabeth Maria Aderhold. She was born in Calhoun County, Alabama, February 6, 1881, and died in Chattanooga, Tennessee, December 28, 1954. She married John J. Hunt on December 23, 1902.

Harriett Bush was descended from Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall, whose daughter Verlinda married John Beall in 1712.

EARLE PORTMESS LEE

1881-1956

Earle Portmess Lee, son of Frank Ludwell Lee and Etta Lee Portmess, died in Rochester, New York, on March 28, 1956. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Rochester, N. Y. He was the great-grandson of Ninian Magruder and Elizabeth Lyons, whose great-grandfather was Ninian Magruder I, and his wife Elizabeth Brewer. On September 15, 1909, he married Hallie Maude Riley.

Mr. Lee was a retired electrical engineer at the Delco Products Division of General Motors, having retired in 1949. He was a member of Hamilton Chapter, Royal Orle Masons, and a life member of the American Clan Gregor Society.

Surviving are his wife and four sons: Dr. John Portmess Lee, Clearwater, Fla., Charles M., Robert E., and Thomas D. Lee, and one daughter, Mrs. R. E. Grinstead, all of Rochester

MRS. CASSIUS CLAY MAGRUDER

1869-1956

Mrs. Cassius Clay Magruder died on September 15, 1956. She was a direct descendant of President Benjamin Harrison. Mrs. Magruder was the former Agnes Harrison. She was born and reared in Calvert County, Md., and was a member of one of Maryland's prominent families. She was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Her husband was a brother of our deceased member, William Pinkney Magruder. Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Anna Graves, of the Drake Apartments; four sons, Cassius C., Jr., 1705 Lamon St., N.W., Fielder T. and Lewis E., both of Hyattsville, Md., and Brian, 4407 Underwood St., University Park, Md. Another son was the late Army Col. Wilson K. Magruder.

Burial was held in Glenwood Cemetery.

MARVIN MERRYMAN

1877-1956

Mr. Marvin Merryman died in 1956. He was the son of Lewis Clayton Merryman and Mary Virginia Howell, and a great-grandson of Edward Magruder and Teresa Barron.

He was an early and faithful member of the Clan, being number 309. He was most interested and enjoyed attending the gatherings as long as he was able. Those who knew him will miss him.

MRS. CLAUDE WORTHINGTON OWEN

1886-1956

Mrs. Claude Worthington Owen, wife of the National Capital Planning Commission member, died of a heart attack at her home, 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.

Mrs. Owen was found by her husband when he returned from his office. He is president of the E. G. Schafer & Co., wholesale plumbing and heating materials firm founded by his wife's late father.

The former Emma Marie Schafer was a second generation Washingtonian. She had long been active in the Women's Society of Christian Service of Hamline Methodist Church and was a member of the board of the Methodist Deaconess Home.

Mrs. Owen was active in charitable enterprises.

Surviving, in addition to Mr. Owen, are two sons and a daughter, Thomas G. Owen, Kensington, Md., Claude W. Owen, Jr., Silver Spring, Md., and Mrs. Marie Gay Lodge, Silver Spring; a sister, Mrs. William C. Hanson, of Mount Prospect Farms, Travilah, Md., and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Hines Funeral Home. Burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery.

MRS. ENOCH MAGRUDER THOMPSON

1876-1956

Mrs. Enoch Magruder Thompson, wife of the rector of the Episcopal Nativity and Resurrection Parish, died July 21, 1956, at her country home, "Little Zoar", in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Mrs. Thompson was the former Louisa Georgia McCalla, daughter of Dr. John Moore McCalla and the former Helen Hill of New York. Mrs. Thompson was educated here in public and private schools. She was married June 12, 1902. Mr. Thompson was then curate at old St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He founded Nativity and Resurrection Episcopal parish.

Mrs. Thompson was active in parish work as a teacher in the Sunday school, the Boy's Guild and among the choir boys. She took care of the altar also. She formerly sang in the choir at St. Paul's Church.

She was also active in the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese and the National Cathedral Guild.

Services were held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rock Creek parish. Burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery.

MRS. WILLIAM LOWE WALDE

1875-1956

Mrs. Mary Lowe Walde a descendant of famous Colonial families, died at Georgetown University Hospital on March 28, 1956. A native of Loudoun County, Va., she was the daughter of Col. Enoch Magruder Lowe and Mrs. Martha Eleanor Powell Lowe. Mrs. Walde, widow of Wm. G. Walde, was a descendant of George Mason of Gunston Hall, Fairfax County; Ninian Beall, a Georgetown founder; Alexander Magruder and Daniel McCarty, Revolutionary War heroes, and the John Contee family of Maryland.

Mrs. Walde was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Magruder Chapter, and the Virginia Historical Society. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Georgetown, for over 40 years.

Mrs. Walde is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Edward Stuart Carter, with whom she resided; a son, Wm. Lowe Walde, and two grandsons, Robert Ashley and Wm. Lowe Walde, Jr.

MRS. IRA C. WHITACRE

1879-1956

Mrs. Ira C. Whitacre, member of an old Maryland family and the widow of a former clerk of Montgomery County, died January 9, 1956, at her home in Silver Spring, Maryland. Mrs. Whitacre was the former Rachel Dorsey Cooke, daughter of Nathan P. and Catherine Sinclair Cooper Cooke. Her family lived in Gaithersburg, Md., for many generations. It was there that Mrs. Whitacre was born in the original house built on land granted to her ancestors in the early 1600's by Lord Baltimore. She was on the line of John Magruder "of Dumblane", through his son Colonel Zadok.

Mrs. Whitacre kept the document, printed by Lord Baltimore with an old quill pen on parchment paper and bearing the seal, among her souvenirs of Colonial days. Her former home, 3 miles beyond Gaithersburg, was known as *Grey Rock*. The house was constructed of bricks made there. The slave quarters were standing in the grounds until recently. Mrs. Whitacre sold the property after World War I, and it has been subdivided into smaller farms and homes.

Mrs. Whitacre was a graduate of Ralston University of Expression and Physical Culture in Washington. She formerly was active in area amateur

theatricals. She and her husband moved to Silver Spring in 1908. Mr. Whitacre was once principal of Gaithersburg High School and Woodside Elementary and was a former vice president and director of the Suburban National Bank in Silver Spring, as well as Clerk of Montgomery County. He died in 1950.

Mrs. Whitacre was a member of the D.A.R., the Clan Gregor Society, the Eastern Star and Woodside Methodist Church. Survivors are two daughters, Miss Pauline E. Whitacre; Mrs. Charles M. Murray, Silver Spring, and two grandchildren. Services were held at the Warner Pumphrey funeral home in Silver Spring. Burial was in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

WILLIAM WOODWARD, JR.

Mr. William Woodward, Jr., died on October 30, 1955, at his Oyster Bay, New York, home. He was the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Ogden Cryder Woodward and the late William Woodward of New York. William Woodward, Sr., was a Clansman for many years.

William Jr., inherited beautiful "Belair", an Ogle, Lowndes, Tasker, Magruder home near Bowie, Maryland, from his father, together with the Belair Stud Farm from which came the Kentucky Derby winner in 1930, Gallant Fox, and the 1955 outstanding horse, Nashua.

Mr. Woodward served his country in World War II. He is survived by his widow, Ann Woodward, and two sons: William III, age 12 years, and James, age 8 years. His mother and a sister, Mrs. Bancroft, also survive.

ABSENTEE DINNER GUESTS

Allgeyer, Mr. and Mrs. James Ernest, Washington, D. C.
 Beall, Mr. Ninian Edward, Jr., Richmond, Va.
 Cox, Mrs. Merle LeRoy, Washington, D. C.
 Craig, Col. and Mrs. William H., Fort Meade, Md.
 Drake, Mr. Winbourne Magruder, Chapel Hill, N. C.
 Elliott, Mr. Herbert Arthur, South Hill, Va.
 Ewell, Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel McGregor, Jr., South Boston, Va.
 Fuller, Mrs. Robert Waight, Washington, D. C.
 Gantt, Mrs. Helen Woods, Washington, D. C.
 Harrison, Mrs. Marion Myrl, West Richfield, Ohio
 Henderson, Mr. Guy Russell, Shepherdsville, Ky.
 Jenkins, Miss Mary Adelaide, Baltimore, Md.
 McFarland, Mrs. I. B., Houston, Texas
 Magruder, Commodore Carl W., USN Ret., Jamestown, R. I.
 Magruder, Mr. George Milton, Sr., Grovetown, Ga.
 Magruder, Mrs. Marshall, Fort Meade, Md.
 Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Neal, Indianola, Miss.
 Magruder, Mr. Wm. B. Hamilton, San Antonio, Texas
 Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. William Marion, Lexington, Ky.
 Meyers, Mrs. Jessie Waring, Washington, D. C.
 Nicodemus, Mrs. Kent C., Walkersville, Md.
 Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Worthington, Washington, D. C.
 Richardson, Mrs. William W., Mt. Rainier, Md.
 Tutwiler, Mrs. Herbert, Birmingham, Ala.
 Wilson, Mrs. John, Washington, D. C.

ATTENDANCE AT 1956 GATHERING

*Adams, Miss Edna, Washington, D. C.
 Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. Franklin, Mechanicsville, Md.
 Addison, Mr. Walter Dulany, Mitchellville, Md.
 *Barber, S. Franklin, Mechanicsville, Md.
 Blunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woodward, Bethesda, Md.
 Bopp, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph J., Chevy Chase, Md.
 Bowie, Miss Cornelia Magruder, Washington, D. C.
 *Cainon, Mrs. Dorothy, Washington, D. C.
 Campbell, Mrs. Guy, Georgetown, D. C.
 Cassel, Mrs. Nellie Lowe, Chevy Chase, Md.
 Craig, Col. and Mrs. William Hutchinson, Fort Meade, Md.
 Diedel, Miss C. Virginia, Washington, D. C.
 Dorman, Mr. John Frederick III, Washington, D. C.
 Dun, Miss Ruth Bryant, Washington, D. C.
 Dwyer, Mrs. John Rochford, Bethesda, Md.
 Everett, Mrs. Hugh, Jr., Alexandria, Va.
 Funk, Mr. Edgar Hamilton Fair, Arlington, Va.
 Galloway, Pipe Major, Wm. L. Kennedy, Washington, D. C.

* Denotes Visitors

- Gordon, Dr. and Mrs. Donald C., College Park, Md.
 Gratton, Mrs Robert M., Jr., Ashland, Va.
 Gregor, Mr. Edward K., Rochester, N. Y.
 Gilliam, Mrs. Harry E., Lynchburg, Va.
 Hamilton, Mrs. John W., (Susan E.) Eheart, Va.
 Hill, Miss Regina Magruder, Washington, D. C.
 *Hoffman, Mrs. Francis S. (C. D.), Arlington, Va.
 Holmes, Mr and Mrs. Forrest S., College Park, Md.
 Holmes, Forrest Holmes, Jr., College Park, Md.
 Hord, Mrs. Allen S. (Helen Ewell), Ruckersville, Va.
 Howe, Rev. Reuel Lanphier, Alexandria, Va.
 *Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W., Washington, D. C.
 Hunter, Miss Amy Belle, Washington, D. C.
 *Hunter, Francis Key, Washington, D. C.
 *Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, W. University Park, Md.
 *Kerr, Pianist, George M., Washington, D. C.
 *Larkin, Mrs. Charles, Arlington, Va.
 Laverty, Mrs. Jane Adams, Baltimore, Md.
 *Leshner, Mrs. Margaret M., Washington, D. C.
 Linson, Miss Dorothy Craig, Washington, D. C.
 *Lescure, Mrs. Virginia Sence, Washington, D. C.
 Lipscomb, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Robert, Alexandria, Va.
 Lloyd, Mr. Richard L., Washington, D. C.
 Loveless, Mrs. John Eldridge, Bethesda, Md.
 Lummis, Miss Frances Lytle, Washington, D. C.
 *McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence William, University Park, Md
 *McCormick, Mrs. Emma Warfield
 McCormick, Mr. Robert Alexander
 McDonald, Mrs. John G., Rockville, Md.
 *McElroy, Drum Major, George, Washington, D. C.
 McGehee, Ernest Clifford, Arlington, Va.
 McGehee, Robert Clifford, Arlington, Va.
 *McGregor, Col. and Mrs. Cecil M., Arlington, Va.
 *McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E., Arlington, Va.
 Mackey, Miss Pauline L., Washington, D. C.
 Magruder, Lieut.-General and Mrs. Carter Bowie, Fort Myer, Va.
 Magruder, Chieftain, Daniel Randall Magruder, Hingham, Mass.
 Magruder, Mr. Harry Augustine (Brother Eric, C.F.X.), Baltimore, Md.
 Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thomas, Staten Island, N. Y.
 Magruder, Miss Jane Beall, Washington, D. C.
 Magruder, Commodore John Holmes, Jr., USN Ret., Waterford, Conn.
 Magruder, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. John Holmes, III, Arlington, Va.
 Magruder, Mr. John Kennedy, Arlington, Va.
 Magruder, Miss Marion V. Arlington, Va.
 Magruder, Dr. and Mrs. Roger Gregory, Charlottesville, Va.
 Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Garland, Jr., Arlington, Va.
 Magruder, Mr. Warren Alexander Edward, Baltimore, Md.
 Magruder, Mrs. Warren K., Baltimore, Md.

* Denotes Visitors

- Miller, Miss Martha Porter, Washington, D. C.
 Milwit, Mr. Jacob, Washington, D. C.
 Muncaster, Miss Emma Waters, Washington, D. C.
 Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. James, Washington, D. C.
 *Newman, Mr. Harry Wright, Washington, D. C.
 Noble, Mrs. Dixie Maraman, Washington, D. C.
 *Norris, Mrs. Forrest Alvin, Mt. Rainier, Md.
 *Offutt, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J., Arlington, Va.
 Owen, Mr. Claude Worthington, Washington, D. C.
 Patterson, Andrew, Washington, D. C.
 Poole, Miss Katherine Riggs, Washington, D. C.
 Poole, Miss Martha Sprigg, Washington, D. C.
 *Porter, Mrs. Charles W., Richmond, Va.
 *Prince, Capt. and Mrs. Howard Riche, (Mary Bruce Mackall), Arlington, Va.
 Rember, Mrs. Raymond F., Jr., Falls Church, Va.
 Reynolds, Miss Anna Louise, Washington, D. C.
 *Reynolds, Miss Julia S., Arlington, Va.
 Rhoades, Mrs. Rex Hays, Washington, D. C.
 Robertson, Miss Mary Victorine Key, Baltimore, Md.
 Sessions, Mrs. Cornelia Magruder, Tampa, Florida
 *Shands, Mrs. Alfred S., r., Washington, D. C.
 *Smith, Mrs. Alma Guthrie, Washington, D. C.
 *Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F., representing the St. Andrew's Society,
 Washington, D. C.
 Smith, Mrs. Josephine Lewis, Washington, D. C.
 Stephens, Mrs. Nel, Fort Worth, Texas
 *Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. David C.
 *Stone, Miss Lilly, Bethesda, Md.
 Talbott, Mrs. William Randolph, Rockville, Md.
 Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Magruder, Richmond, Va.
 Taylor, Mr. David Higginbotham, Richmond, Va.
 Thrift, Miss Elsie Magruder, Madison, Va.
 van den Berg, Mrs. O. O., Washington, D. C.
 Walde, Mrs. Ruth Ashley, Georgetown, D. C.
 Walker, Miss Letitia Dunnington, Silver Spring, Md.
 Walker, Miss Margaret Salisbury, Silver Spring, Md.
 Waters, Mrs. Basil Worthington, Jr., Durwood, Md.
 *Waters, Miss Laura Ann, Durwood, Md.
 *Webb, Col. Willard, Washington, D. C.
 Wells, Dr. Walter Augustine, Georgetown, D. C.
 *Willis, Mrs. Florence C., Washington, D. C.
 *Wood, Miss Eleanor MacGregor, Washington, D. C.
 Wood, Mrs. Grace MacGregor, Washington, D. C.
 Woolf, Miss Elsie Kenzie, Washington, D. C.
 *Woolf, Miss Marie, Washington, D. C.

* Denotes Visitors

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To be included in your Last Will and Testament:

I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH TO *THE ENDOW-
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SOCIETY, INCORPORATED*, A CORPORATION ORGA-
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