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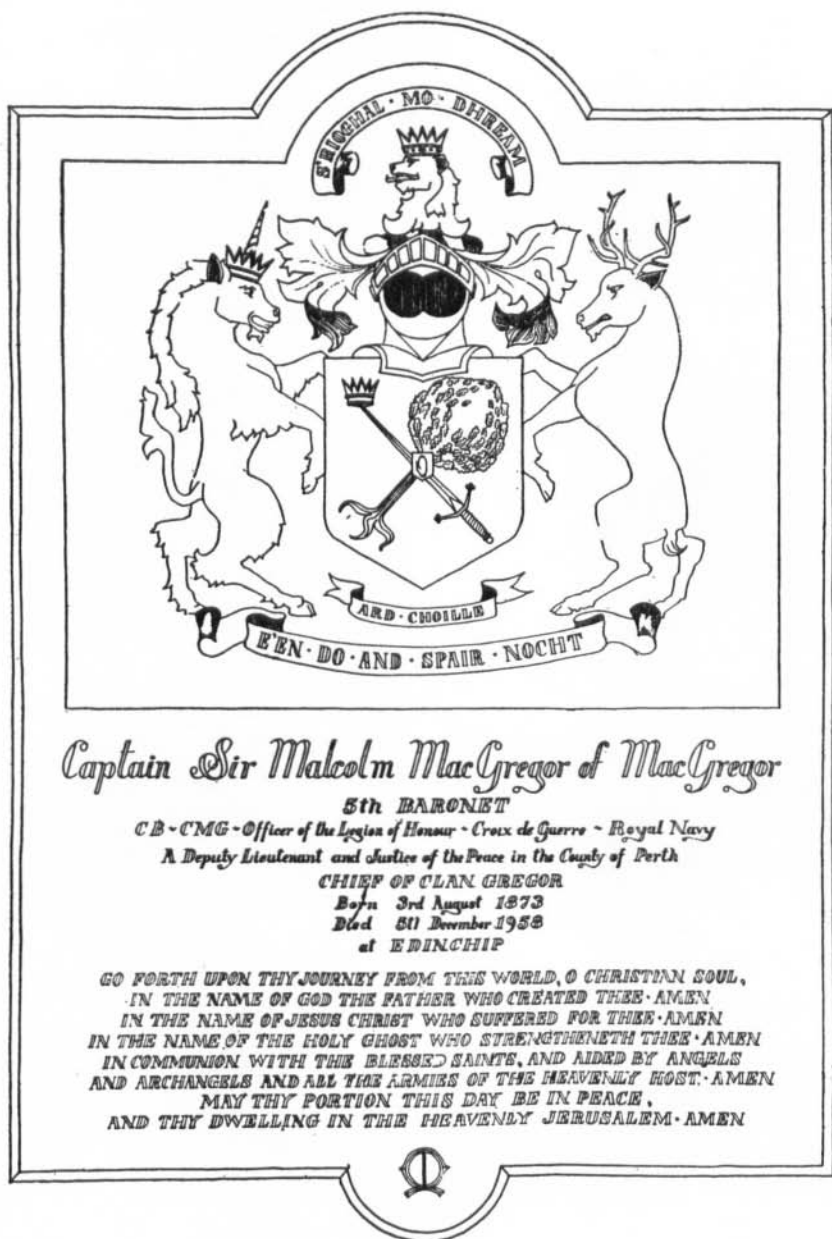
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## GREETINGS

October 15, 1959.

Dr. Gregory Magruder  
Farmington, Charlottesville, Virginia, USA

My thoughts are with you on this important occasion. May the American  
Clan Gregor Society continue to grow and flourish.

Gylla MacGregor of MacGregor

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Edinburgh via Mackay  
October 16, 1959.

The Chieftain, Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder  
Farmington, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Greetings from The Clan Gregor Society, and congratulations and good wishes  
on the Golden Jubilee of the Clan Gregor Society of America.

M. R. MacGregor, Secretary. Edinburgh, Scotland.

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Black Mountain, N. C.  
October 16, 1959.

American Clan Gregor Society  
Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder  
Farmington, Charlottesville, Virginia

Clan Hay Society of America congratulates you on your Golden Anniversary Gathering. Regret greatly inability to accept your invitation to attend. Best wishes for a wonderful Gathering.

Clan Hay Society of America,  
Townsend Hay, Lieutenant to the Chief.

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456 Rose Lane  
Lexington, Kentucky  
September 29, 1959.

Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder, Chieftain,  
Farmington, Charlottesville, Virginia  
Dear Chieftain:—

In reply to yours of September 24th, and also to previous letters of the same nature, we have concluded that neither Mrs. Magruder nor myself are just able to make the long hard drive over there this time. Since last Clan Gathering, we had planned to make this the Fiftieth Gathering, but at our age physical conditions change our plans.

I am sure that you will have a wonderful Clan Gathering this time, and we regret more than all that we cannot attend.

Sincerely yours,  
W. M. Magruder.  
William Marion Magruder.

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Miss Anna Louise Reynolds, Scribe,  
American Clan Gregor Society  
Dear Miss Reynolds:

I want to express through you, as Scribe, how deeply I regret that I could not attend all of the exercises of the Golden Anniversary; but "As twilight melts beneath the noon smog," just so the frailties of declining years deprived me of that pleasure. However, the short glimpse I had of our Chief, Lady MacGregor and members of the Society here in my home, was a pleasure and will be a cherished memory always.

I, also, want to express my sincere appreciation of the gift of the tablet in commemoration of my husband and the honor paid to his memory during the Gathering for the Golden Anniversary of the American Clan Gregor Society, which he so dearly loved.



The remembrance of me in sending the beautiful roses touched me deeply. With my thanks for them and very best wishes for all; and may Clan Gregor flourish forever!

Sincerely yours

(Signed) Mary Cole Gregory Magruder

November 3, 1959.

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Washington 11, D. C.

November 18, 1959.

Mrs. Edward May Magruder

100 West Jefferson Street

Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Magruder,

This is to acknowledge your interesting letter of November 3, and to thank you for it.

We, too, are sorry that you were not physically able to attend all of the trips and social functions in connection with the celebration of our "Golden Anniversary Gathering," but we are most grateful that God spared your life to help us celebrate this 50th milestone in the history of the American Clan Gregor Society, that meant so much to your husband, Dr. Edward May Magruder. Even though we were not honored with your presence at some of the events, we knew that you were there with us in spirit.

The Reception and Cocktail Party was enjoyed by all who attended and it was a great pleasure to meet you and your lovely daughters in your home.

The bronze tablet placed by this Society on the grave of our First Chieftain, Dr. Edward May Magruder, symbolizes only a small portion of the love, esteem and respect held for him in the memory of all members; even those who did not know him personally.

We are delighted that you liked the roses: you deserve roses every day of the year.

God bless you abundantly! May you live to attend many more Gatherings of the American Clan Gregor Society.

Yours in Clanship,

Anna Louise Reynolds, Scribe,

"American Clan Gregor Society."

CHIEF,  
Dr. EDWARD M. MAGRUDER  
CHARLOTTESVILLE,—VA.,

THE AMERICAN BRANCH  
OF  
CLAN MACGREGOR

SCRIBE,  
Dr. JESSE (MACGREGOR) EWELL,  
RUCKERSVILLE,—VA.

*"Honored and blessed be the evergreen pine."*

Whereas, the history of the Clan MacGregor of Scotland is one in which the descendants of that Clan should feel just pride; and

Whereas, there are many descendants of that Clan in America, most of whom are unknown to each other and who would enjoy meeting their brethren and learning more of the Clan history in Scotland and America;

Therefore it seems advisable to organize Clan MacGregor in this country.

To this end, a meeting of MacGregor descendants was held June the 10th., 1909, in Charlottesville, Va. at which a temporary organization called the "AMERICAN BRANCH OF CLAN MACGREGOR" was formed by the election of Dr. E. M. Magruder of Charlottesville, Va. as Chief, and Dr. Jesse (MacGregor) Ewell of Ruckersville, Va. as Scribe.

These officers were instructed to issue an invitation to all in America, who have the MacGregor blood in their veins, irrespective of name, to meet in Washington, D. C. at the NATIONAL HOTEL, on October the 8th & 9th 1909, for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization of the Clan, which shall hold annual meetings at some central point then to be determined. The wives and husbands of those who may have married outside of the Clan, and all children of the blood are included in this invitation. The purpose of this organization is to bring together the members of the Clan for Mutual acquaintance and to obtain and disseminate information whereby the various members may be enabled to construct or complete their family trees, and by which a history of the American MacGregors may be compiled.

Those receiving this invitation are requested to extend it to others of their acquaintance entitled to membership who may not have received the official notification. Besides the reunion feature there will be addresses by clansmen to add to the interest of the occasion and such other functions as may be decided upon. All who may be in possession of interesting data are especially asked to come prepared to let the organization have the benefit of them.

The National Hotel will give special rates to members of the Clan on October 8th, 9th. and 10th 1909, as follows: European plan, \$1 per day. American plan, \$2 to \$2.50 per day; and will allow the gratuitous use of its Auditorium. Headquarters will be opened at the National, early on the 8th and at 11 A. M. the first session will convene. Come early to get acquainted. Please write to the Scribe at once and say if you expect to attend.

Also send him the name and address of every one you may know, who is entitled to clanship. An invitation includes the whole family. Mark with asterisk each one to whom a separate invitation should be sent.

JESSE (MACGREGOR) EWELL, Scribe.

E. M. MAGRUDER, Chief.

*The First Call To Those of MacGregor-Magruder Descent  
To Meet Together In Clanship, 1909*

ADDRESS OF CHIEF OF CLAN GREGOR,  
MAJOR SIR GREGOR MACGREGOR OF MACGREGOR, BART.

Ladies and gentlemen, clansmen!

I am very conscious of the honor which you have done me in asking me to speak to you tonight. When I received Dr. Gregory's letter, inviting me to make the address, I accepted with considerable trepidation because I am only too aware of my lack of experience, and limitations as an after-dinner speaker. In the last few weeks in Great Britain we have heard a great many speeches, some good and more bad, during the general election campaign. The situation was quite amusing. At the start everybody announced that they would keep it clean and that there would be no mudslinging. These good resolutions, like many made by politicians, were short-lived and in no time at all there was a really good free-for-all in progress, in which no epithet was too bad when describing your opponents. However, I am lucky—this is not a political meeting. I am among friends and propose to talk about less controversial subjects.

The last occasion on which the Chief of Clan Gregor had the privilege of speaking to his clansmen in America was when my father spoke to you at the annual banquet during his visit to the United States with my mother in 1952—a visit which he enjoyed enormously and to which he was able to look back with the greatest possible pleasure during the last years of his life. My mother and I were deeply touched by the many letters of sympathy which we received after his death, from our friends and clansmen in the United States, as it showed us once again the deep affection in which you held him. I thank you most sincerely for all the many tributes, which he so richly deserved and which, coming as they did from far across the sea, made us feel how close our friends over here were to us in spirit and sympathy.

Now, after eighty years, you have a new Chief. During that long period my father worked to serve his clansmen, and I want you to know that it is my intention to carry on where he left off and to help to serve the Clan Gregor in every way possible. It is my sincere wish that my wife and I will have the opportunity of seeing many of you in many years to come at our home—Edinchip in Scotland, which is also the headquarters of the Clan. Eighty years have gone by since the chiefship of our Clan passed from father to son. Let us for a moment look back over those years which have seen so many great changes in the history of the world. Let us consider, for example, that as a young midshipman in the Royal Navy in 1887 my father crossed the Atlantic under full canvas; yet when he came to visit you toward the end of his life he traveled in an aircraft on a journey which lasted twelve hours as compared to the earlier one which lasted some twelve weeks. In his lifetime he lived through some of the greatest and most rapid advances in science, medicine, and engineering which have been made in the history of mankind—from the square rig "Man of War" which carried him on his earlier crossings of the Atlantic, to the sailing of the first great passenger liners, to the latest atomic submarines equipped with every device of modern warfare which have been crossing the Atlantic without surfacing during the last eighteen months. Very different is this, from the point of view of comfort and safety, from the square rig ships of Sir Malcolm's early days, and even more so compared to those frail sailing ships used by our ancestors who fled Scotland and sought a new life on the then almost

unknown continent of America. Let us also remember that when my father succeeded to the Chiefship of the Clan the internal combustion engine had barely been invented, and that the possibilities of air travel had progressed no farther than an idea in the mind of a dreamer who was considered to be mad by his contemporaries. My father lived through all the stages of this great adventure, from the first powered flight by the Wright Brothers, the historic flight by Alcock and Brown across the Atlantic, and the early military aircraft of the 1914-18 war, to the great fleets of bombers which flew across the seas to bring destruction to the enemy in 1943, '44, and '45, and finally to the emergence of air travel as you know it today with jet aircrafts circling the world daily on scheduled routes. The situation which we accept as normal gives us no cause for comment. It is in the field of medicine that perhaps the greatest progress has been made. The primitive conditions, dearth of knowledge, and neglect which existed in my father's youth are now, thank goodness, mere memories of a bygone age. Let us not forget the part which Scotchmen have played in this advance. One of the greatest discoveries in the history of medicine, Penicillin, was made by a Scotchman—Sir Alexander Fleming. There must be many of us gathered here tonight who have reason to be thankful for his genius which saved so many lives in the last war. In Scotland also are those two great Universities of Medicine—Edinburgh and Glasgow—from which each year young men go out to the corners of the earth to combat disease, pestilence, and ignorance.

When we turn to the lighter side of life we can be grateful to the genius of another Scotchman, James Baird, who made possible a miracle of this modern age—television, which plays such a major part in carrying news of important events across the world and provides entertainment for millions of people. By what means had my father, in his early days in the Navy, of knowing what was going on at home in Scotland? None. The developments of telegraph and wireless had hardly begun; the international press as we know it today was in its infancy; and the news of happenings on other continents, if reported at all, was actually months out of date—whereas, last week, in one minute of Mr. Gaitskell's conceding the British general election to the Conservatives this news had reached every nation in the world.

In the sphere of government and politics the influences of Scotland and Scottish ideas have a profound effect on the shaping of world affairs. Our Prime Minister, Mr. Harold MacMillan, who has in recent months done so much in the cause of peace, is a Scotchman. In the new government which he has just formed, he has appointed Mr. Iain MacLeod Secretary of State for the Colonies. It is a fitting tribute to those many Scottish pioneers of the past who worked so hard for the betterment of people in backward countries that one of the most brilliant, liberal, and progressive of her sons should be appointed to bring these people to nationhood. But the influence of Scotland does not end with the politicians of Great Britain. Last month, at the end of his arduous tour of the capitals of Europe, your President succumbed to the lure of Scotland and went there for a brief well-earned rest.

All of these things of which I have spoken, I have chosen for one reason only: the connection between my country and yours. I say them because of the influence our common Scottish heritage has had on all of us, and because during the eighty years of my father's leadership of Clan Gregor these discoveries and

inventions and the spread of Scottish culture on both sides of the Atlantic have been used for the mutual good and benefit of us all.

So, we see, that the links which bind the United States and Scotland have become, during this century, stronger than ever before—so strong, in fact, that in two World Wars you have sent your sons across the ocean to fight and die with us in order that, together, we may preserve our ever precious liberty.

And now I come to you as your Chief to continue in fostering this great work of strengthening the bonds which link us. Although a soldier by profession—and by my service I hope that I played my small part in the protection which the armed forces of the free world give to us—I can no longer lead you into battle like the chiefs of bygone days. But, perhaps, by gentler means I can help to draw our two countries closer together so that we may share a deepening understanding of each other and the problems which from time to time may beset us. It is to this end that I shall strive increasingly during my life.

Tonight is a memorable occasion for us all. For you it means the Fiftieth Anniversary of the American Clan Gregor Society which had done so much to bring MacGregors in the States together and to strengthen your ties with Scotland. To me it means all this and more—tonight is the highlight of my visit to your great country and is the first major engagement I have attended as Chief of the Clan.

Fifty momentous years have gone past since the Society was founded in 1909, years which have seen great progress and great strife—progress which we all hope will attain even greater achievements for the welfare of mankind, and strife such as we all pray we may never see repeated. To mark these fifty years and to thank you all in some small way for the wonderful hospitality which you have shown to my wife and me during our stay here I shall now ask Dr. Gregory Magruder, your Chieftain, to accept, on behalf of the American Clan Gregor Society, this Quaich as a memento of this great occasion in our lives.

## ADDRESS OF THE CHIEFTAIN

Chief of Clan Gregor, Lady MacGregor, Members of the Society, and Guests:

We are assembled here to celebrate an historic point, the Golden Anniversary Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society. It is with feelings of great honor and pride that I now address you, not only in the capacity of Chieftain, which you have honored me with, but also because on this memorable occasion we have the great pleasure of having in our midst the hereditary Chief of Clan Gregor, Major Sir Gregor MacGregor, and Lady MacGregor of MacGregor. I shall postpone until the annual dinner a more detailed introduction of our distinguished Chief and Lady. To all of you I extend a most cordial and hearty welcome to this Gathering, and to Charlottesville.

History has recorded the great and valiant heritage, which has descended to us from the Clan MacGregor—the Clan which sometimes has been known as the "Children of the Mist," "The Nameless Clan" and "The Fighting Clan." Why? First, because the origin of this Clan dates back so far that its beginning is clouded by the mists of antiquity. The great antiquity of our race is proved in an ancient chronicle stating there is "none older, than the hills, the locks and clan Alpine," as the MacGregors were anciently called because of their royal descent from Griogar or Girig or Gregor, the third son of Alpin, sixty-eighth King of Scotland, who succeeded to the throne in 878.

Secondly, because of the effort to obliterate the Clan MacGregor by official acts covering a period of almost three hundred years, proscribing and outlawing the names and imposing the death penalty on anyone bearing that name. "These unjust parliamentary acts against the Clan resulted from spite, greed and jealousies of some of their neighbors, because of the power and consequence the MacGregors had acquired." "Every method was used to excite the suspicions and render them odious in the eyes of the King, who alone could curb their spirit of independence." The MacGregors had no friend at court. The Battle of Glen Fruin in 1603, while a victory for the MacGregors, was their undoing. This conflict was misrepresented to the King, who then ordered by official act that the name of MacGregor should forever be abolished. However, all during these ill times the Clan continued its existence in spite of all that could be done to stamp it out. "The Clan had a name, which was nameless by day."

Lastly, because of the fighting qualities of the members of this great Clan. But, one must not conclude that fighting was the chief occupation of the clansmen. The records suffice to show that "in the main, the highlanders were influenced precisely by the same motives that effect their descendants today." "They never fought without an adequate reason, as they regarded adequacy." "Economic needs, love of freedom, points of honor and the administration of retribution were the main causes." "For several hundred years Clan Gregor strove against overwhelming odds rather than bow to injustice and wrong." "Through all those years of persecution and hardship their loyalty to the House of Stuart continued and to whom they rendered great service." Finally during the reign of George III in 1774 the enactments against the Clan Gregor were struck from the books. "Thus did the unquenchable spirit of Clan Gregor get free play once more." "Since then the members of the Clan have won such conspicuous places on their country's roll of honor that the name MacGregor stands preeminent." It has been said "there is no clan name which has earned more honorable distinction than that of Mac-

Gregor." "The world has never witnessed greater patience, bravery, fortitude, devotion and loyalty with community of action and interest." "It was the tie of kinship and courageous nature that bound them together."

With the passage of time the sons and daughters of Clan Gregor went forth and established themselves in many parts of the earth. Some went on missions, some no doubt because of the acts against the Clan; some involuntarily as Alexander MacGruther (Magruder), who was brought to the shores of Maryland in 1652, as a prisoner of war after being captured at the Battle of Worchester in 1651 by the forces of Cromwell, while he was fighting for the cause of Charles II. Finally, many left Scotland for the reason illustrated by the following anecdote: A Scot bored his English friends by boasting about what a fine country Scotland was. When asked by a Londoner why he left Scotland, since he liked the place so much, he replied that in Scotland everybody was as clever as he was and he could make no progress, but here in London, he chuckled, he was getting along very well.

Wherever the Scottish people have gone, and the MacGregors are no exception, "they have carried with them those distinctive traits which distinguish them on their native heath." "No people have been more tenacious of racial traits." "The characteristics which marked them have appeared in their descendants in the lands of their adoption, modified in but a single manner. As the horizon widened for them, they have found a broader field for the employment of their energies and special virtues."

With these very brief remarks of some of the historic facts of Clan Gregor, let us now turn to a review of the American Clan Gregor Society, which would seem fitting at this half-century mark in our Society. Time and space do not permit me to give due credit to the many members, both men and women, of this Society, who have devoted so much time and energy toward making it a success. Without their great interest, loyalty, sacrifices and countless hours of work on its behalf the American Clan Gregor Society would not be alive today. Its history has been duly recorded in the Year Books. It is an interesting story, which I can recommend to you for a detailed account, since only some of the main events can be covered at this time.

The Society owes its beginning to two general practitioners of medicine, the late Dr. Jesse Ewell, V, and the late Dr. Edward May Magruder. These two sturdy descendants of Alexander Magruder, the immigrant, were practicing their profession in neighboring communities in the counties of Greene and Albemarle in Virginia in the days of the "horse and buggy doctor" in the early part of this century. Through the practice of medicine, they were brought together professionally. This resulted in the development of a warm and lasting friendship. Dr. Ewell, who had read much of Clan Gregor, imparted to Dr. Magruder his idea of an American gathering of the descendants of Clan Gregor. In Dr. Magruder, also a student of history, who was inspired by this vision of an organization of those persons of kindred blood and social sympathy, a very responsive chord was struck when Dr. Ewell's proposal was made.

Following this, in June 1909 a preliminary meeting was held in the office of Dr. Magruder in Charlottesville, Virginia "of 5 persons who could be readily assembled." Following a temporary organization, an invitation was issued to "all in America who have the MacGregor blood in their veins" to meet in Washington,



D. C. in the National Hotel on 8th and 9th of October 1909 "to effect a permanent organization." The purposes of this movement were: "to perpetuate the memory of our ancient Clan Gregor; to bring together the descendants of the Clan for mutual acquaintance; and to obtain and disseminate information whereby the various members of the Clan may be enabled to trace their lineage; and by which a history of the American Clansmen may be compiled."

Needless to say this first Gathering in Washington was a momentous occasion and very successful. A permanent organization was completed. Dr. Magruder was elected first Chieftain and Dr. Ewell, scribe. The Society was born. The sprig of pine, the traditional MacGregor badge was officially adopted as the emblem of membership.

Correspondence with the late Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Chief of Clan Gregor at that time, had already been instituted, in the hope that a plan could be worked out whereby this Society could become affiliated with the Clan Gregor Society in Scotland as the parent organization, and that it could be placed under his patronage and he would become our Chief.

Sir Malcolm MacGregor outlined certain prerequisites which should be fulfilled. One of these was that the Chieftain shall bear the name Magruder or one of the Clan names of Gregor, MacGregor, Grigor, MacGrigor, McGregor, Mc-Grigor, Gregory, Grigorson. Also, that our organization was a Society and not a Clan because of its membership with many family names which were not Clan names. In 1909, he kindly presented the organization with a "History of Clan Gregor," written or compiled by one of the Vice-Presidents of the Clan Gregor Society of Scotland, Miss Amelia Georgianna Murray MacGregor, a great aunt of Sir Malcolm.

By the end of the first year the organization had grown to over two hundred members.

In 1911 the rules and regulations of the organization were amended to meet the requirements submitted by Sir Malcolm. The name of the organization became officially The American Clan Gregor Society. The Society was recognized by Sir Malcolm MacGregor, who was offered and accepted the position of Chief of the Society. Further steps were necessary before it could become affiliated with the Clan Gregor Society of Scotland.

By the end of three years much had been accomplished in the primary purpose of the Society in the matter of bringing together kindred, the formation of new friendships, the collection and writing of genealogical data and the publication of the Year Book, to mention a few. In 1913 a United States flag was presented to the Society by Mrs. Roberta Magruder Bukey, Regent of Magruder Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution of the District of Columbia.

The beginning of World War I in Europe brought great concern for our kinsmen across the seas, who were so gallantly waging a war in defense of freedom and honor, not only for themselves, but for us too. Those "Ladies from Hell" as the Germans called the Highlanders from Scotland, among which there were thousands of MacGregors, were winning further honors in the armed forces of Great Britain. In 1915 an appeal was sent out by the Chieftain of our Society to the members, asking financial "aid for the relief of those of Clan Gregor in Scotland who may be wounded or imprisoned by their enemies." The response was very gratifying for those days and \$245.66 was sent to Scotland.



By 1915 the membership had grown to over 400.

In 1917 the United States entered the war and a large number of the members of this Society entered the armed forces, while others, including the women, did heroic work as civilians. In view of the war there was no Gathering in 1918. Fifty-two members of the Society, including two who made the supreme sacrifice out of a membership of approximately 460 men, women and children were placed on the Honor Roll of the Society. Medals were given those members at the tenth annual Gathering, and at that time a service flag was presented to the Society by the Captain Joseph Magruder Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

There were 529 members in 1920. "They had shown great literary talent in the number of historical, genealogical and biographical papers written, original papers composed; and family records including wills and pictures collected." However, death had begun to take its toll and 45 members had passed away. Dr. Jesse Ewell, who had been reelected scribe each year resigned from this position in 1920. In the following year, 1921, he "passed over the river and is resting under the shade of the trees." The Year Book records reveal the high esteem in which Dr. Ewell was held by those who knew him.

At this point it is interesting to note that the record, probably incomplete, reveals that the total casualties of over-seas MacGregors were 1,430-1,436 with 366 being killed or dying of wounds, 150 missing, and 99 winning honors and distinctions including 2 who won the Victoria Cross. This is certainly striking evidence of the sacrifice made by our kinsmen across the seas.

In 1923 "about 98 per cent of the members of this Society were descended from Alexander Magruder."

During the 1924 Gathering there was initiated the custom of placing memorial tablets in memory of individual Magruders in a place previously associated with the one whose name was remembered. The first tablet was in memory of John Magruder and his wife, Susanna Smith. It was placed in old St. Barnabas Church in Maryland. This custom continued at intervals during the ensuing years.

January 1925 marked the death of the first Chieftain, who had been honored by being unanimously reelected to this position annually. In the later years of his life he was severely handicapped by failing health. "However, his work for the Society continued unabated, due mainly to his deep feelings of friendship and a sense of loyalty to the members to whom he was sincerely devoted." But, "uppermost in his mind was the success of this Society." The very affectionate regard in which he was held by the members of the Society, no doubt, gave him strength to persevere in his efforts. To quote from the record as written by Mr. Caleb Clarke Magruder, on whose shoulders the mantle of chieftainship was then placed, in speaking of Dr. Magruder, he said, "To my mind he was the only member of this Society who could have assumed the Chieftainship in the beginning and wrought the fabric we now present, for shot through it like a golden thread is the genius of his guidance."

In looking through the Year Books during the Chieftainship of Dr. Magruder, it was noted that he was usually the "committee" for the program. It was also noted that at all the sessions of the Gatherings, music, usually in the form of singing, had a prominent part. This seemed rather amusing to me, knowing the Chieftain's lack of a musical ear, and having heard him state that he could dance as well to the sound of a sewing machine, as he could to an orchestra. However,

he did state that his favorite tune for dancing was "Dixie". So, I expect those Scottish songs really brought out a latent musical talent which really inspired him at the Gatherings.

Mr. Caleb Clarke Magruder, the second Chieftain, was well versed in the affairs of the Society when he was elected in 1925, having been a charter member. He maintained the high standards of the Society. "His work in genealogical research has been of inestimable value to the annals of our Society and we all have benefitted therefrom." By 1926 the membership had extended to more than 600 members, representing the District of Columbia and 31 states. Also in that year, following a unanimous desire by an unusually large assembly gathered to pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Edward May Magruder, the first Chieftain, a sum of \$1,200.00 was contributed as a memorial. After an expressed desire by his widow, Mrs. Edward May Magruder, this memorial took the form of a scholarship in the School of Medicine at the University of Virginia, the alma mater of the first Chieftain, and to be known as the Dr. Edward May Magruder Medical Scholarship.

1927-1929 marked the grand finale of the "Roaring Twenties" in this country. A distinguished Episcopal clergyman, the Reverend James Mitchell Magruder was made Chieftain. I feel sure this was only coincidental with the times, and that he was not elected in order to hold the members on the straight and narrow path in those days of "jazz" and "speakeasys". In any event he guided the destiny of the Society well. He brought out the fact that "if the Society is to be worthy of its traditions and to add to its laurels, each member must shoulder a degree of responsibility for its future success."

Mr. Egbert Watson Magruder was elected Chieftain in 1930 at the start of the depression. The Society carried on with markedly decreased attendance, which had been noticeable for several years before. In 1931 a tablet in memory of Alexander Magruder, the immigrant, was unveiled in the Hyattsville Presbyterian Church. To stimulate interest among members and to better keep them in touch with each other, the Chieftain suggested that the Society issue a periodic bulletin. This culminated in the appearance of the "Bard Notes" in 1932, '33 and '34. These were received by the members with many expressions of approval. But the tremendous amount of work entailed in collecting information, the cost of printing, etc. resulted in this being only a temporary edition.

In 1933 the Society chose one of its distinguished members from the State of New York, Mr. Herbert Thomas Magruder, to be the Chieftain in the twenty-fifth year of its history. The eloquence of his literary talent in both prose and verse is recorded in the many extremely valuable contributions he has made to the Year Books. His interest in the Society has continued through the years since his first attendance at a Gathering. His wise counsel and service to the Society has been of tremendous value. He is a real pillar. In 1934 he presented a flag of Scotland to the Society. This very appropriate and appreciated gift has adorned the banquet hall at many Gatherings. He was the Chieftain at the time of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Gathering. Also in 1934 a Research and Genealogical Committee was started in order to codify the records.

The financial hardships exacted by the depression in the early thirties were reflected in the resignations from the Society, and the difficulty in obtaining new members (who by a large majority have never been wealthy people). This decrease

in membership was of concern to our Hereditary Chief. In a letter to the Chieftain in 1934 he stated: "Surely the past and glorious history of the Clan shows that adversity only made the MacGregors hold more closely together, and that in times of stress they did not desert their fellow clansmen. The same should hold good now if they have not lost the spirit of their forefathers."

In that year a visit to the State House in Annapolis, Maryland was made, where a bronze tablet on the wall was dedicated "in memory of the descendants of Alexander Magruder, who have held high public office in Maryland."

In the year 1935 the custom of presenting each past Chieftain and the present Chieftain with a bronze medallion, emblematic of his office, was instituted.

In 1937 the Society paid tribute to the Magruders of Kentucky by electing one of her sons, Mr. William Marion Magruder to the Chieftainship. The Society numbered almost 800 members in 1938. War clouds were again collecting over the countries of Europe with another tyrannical power loose. In 1939, the Thirtieth Anniversary Year of our Society, once again those plaided mountaineers from Caledonia were fighting for "a cause that was just." Again our deep concern in that tragic hour went out to them. Our Chieftain in 1940 reminded us that "this blood-bought liberty of ours is a sacred heritage from our forefathers, and we should renew our vows to preserve it for ourselves and our posterity." 1941 witnessed the spread of the war to one of global conflict, with the United States joining Britain, who had stood alone against the Berlin-Rome Axis Powers, after the subjugation of the other countries of western Europe. The determination to win of the men from Caledonia, in the face of stark adversity during the Battle of Britain is exemplified in the following conversation of two Highlanders in England during the London Blitz. The first Highlander said, "It looks as if it will be a long war." The second Highlander replied, "It *will* be a long war if England capitulates."

In 1941 another long-standing member and a resident of Washington, D. C., Mr. Frank Cecil Magruder, was chosen to guide the Society through the period of the Second World War. With America's entry into the war, the time and efforts of most of those physically able were given toward winning the war. Transportation was difficult and hotel accommodations scarce. As a result, there were no gatherings in 1942 and 1943, but there were meetings of the Council in 1943 and 1944 at the home of the Chieftain. The members of our Society were not idle. The Honor Roll for those who served in the Armed Forces numbered 415 with 13 losing their lives. These were reported for the Service Flag. Many others, both men and women, did war work in various capacities. Thus did our Society respond in the battle for freedom.

In 1945 a committee was appointed "to plan for a fund to be created by gifts, legacies, etc. with the money therefrom to be used for activities of the Society." In that year a gift to the archives in the form of four genealogical charts showing every line of the ancestry of Alexander Magruder, immigrant, was received from Mrs. Olive Magruder Smith, a member who compiled them. These charts are of superb workmanship and of great value.

Also, a motion was passed to have state gatherings of the members therein, to be presided over by state deputy chieftains.

At the 1946 Gathering, medals and certificates of appreciation were given the next of kin of World War II Gold Star Heroes. The Service Flag was presented

and the Honor Roll members received emblems and certificates of appreciation by the Chieftain. Fifty-one dollars in memorial gifts were received for the permanent fund of the Committee for Future Planning. The Society was greatly enervated that year with widely aroused interest and with the enrollment of 69 new members.

In 1947 a Southerner from the deep South, Mr. Douglas Neil Magruder of Mississippi, was elected Chieftain. He, along with other members of his family, contributed 300 song books to the Society, a most appreciated gift.

In 1949 the by-laws were amended so that the Society could be incorporated with a charter as a "patriotic and charitable organization." Reasons for this were: that the Society could receive gifts or legacies without liability to taxes, and the officers of the Society would be released from the danger of liability.

The custom of piping in the traditional haggis was instituted in 1948 and this custom has been continued. The first 1,000th member was enrolled in the Society.

By 1949 there was a balance of \$490.48 in the treasury of the Committee for Future Planning, and work on the Archives was progressing. Membership pins were designed and put on sale to the members at \$3.00 per pin. The profits derived from the sale of these pins were to go to the Committee for Future Planning. Work on compiling the Generation Charts made progress. Many letters were sent to the members to gather information for these charts.

In 1950 the Society elected as their Chieftain, Commodore John Holmes Magruder, Jr., U.S.N., Retired. He had just ended a distinguished career in the Navy. So, it was a Navy man, who became the first Chieftain from the ranks of the military members. In 1951 in a message from Sir Malcolm MacGregor he stated, "Annual gatherings are, I think, an important part of Clan activities, as they bring together clansfolk from all over the country and provide an opportunity for personal contact and the making of friendships, which are the backbone of clanship and which would not otherwise occur."

In 1951 the Chieftain raised the question of a headquarters for the records, documents and equipment of the Society, where research work could be carried on by members. A large room in the apartment of the registrar, Mrs. O. O. van den Berg and the Historian, Miss Regina Magruder Hill, which was available, was made the headquarters.

The 1952 Gathering was a memorable one. The Society was greatly honored by the presence of our Hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor and Lady MacGregor of MacGregor, who flew over from Scotland especially for the occasion, to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the coming of Alexander Magruder to Maryland. It was a source of great pride and happiness to have them with us. During his remarks at the annual dinner Sir Malcolm mentioned, "What a wonderful thing this Clan spirit is. For centuries in Scotland it has held together the descendants of a common ancestor and now we see evidence here tonight of this same spirit where the descendants of Alexander Magruder are gathered together."

A pilgrimage was made to St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, where a tablet was unveiled "commemorating the coming to Maryland of Alexander Magruder, and to the men of his blood who have been students there." Following this our honored guests were shown a number of interesting and historic places in the Eastern United States while visiting some of the members.

The Army was not far behind the Navy, for in 1952, Brigadier General

Marshall Magruder, who had recently retired from the United States Army, was elected Chieftain. General Magruder's career in the Army had been a distinguished one too. He was a man of great energy and interest in the Society. He issued a call for the State Deputy Chieftains to organize the members in the separate states into groups, so that the potential work value of the members could be greatly increased for many activities.

In 1953 an Endowment Fund Committee was created to establish a fund for the purpose of using the interest from invested funds for work of the Society and possible permanent headquarters. A pilgrimage was made that year to Ruckersville, Virginia where a memorial service was held and a tablet in honor of the founder and first scribe, Dr. Jesse Ewell, V, was placed in the Baptist Church.

The Life Membership Fund was combined with the Endowment Fund in 1954, with the combined fund being known as the Endowment Fund.

Following the death of General Marshall Magruder in 1956, the Chieftainship passed to the Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Reverend Daniel Randall Magruder, a distinguished Episcopal clergyman from Massachusetts, and he became the second minister of God to become Chieftain.

As a tribute to the late General Marshall Magruder, in 1956, the members of the Society decided that the library of books owned shall be known as "The General Marshall Magruder Library" and certain funds were allotted for the procurement of more books.

In 1956 and 1957 the Chieftain's reception immediately before the annual dinner was a very sociable and pleasant event. The Chieftain, Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder, became the first Chieftain to acquire and appear in full highland attire at the reception and dinner. This added greater dignity and color to the occasion.

The Society Headquarters Office in 1957 was moved to 1862 Mintwood Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., in the apartment of the Registrar Emeritus and the Historian. The Endowment Fund had increased to \$2,000.00 at the time of the 1958 Gathering.

On 5 December 1958 our Hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor passed away after a period of failing health. His interest in the Society and very helpful advice from time to time had been of great value to us. During his visit to our Gathering, he and Lady MacGregor had won the hearts of all and they were held in high esteem. All were deeply distressed over his death.

Happily for all, he had a son to carry on the MacGregor name and all that it implies. Major Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Sixth Baronet, became the Chief of Clan Gregor. His military career in the service of his country has been of such great distinction that I feel sure the many great chiefs in his ancestral line, should they be alive today, would be very proud to have him as one of them. We of the American Clan Gregor Society are also very proud of him, and happy and honored that he has accepted the position as our Hereditary Chief, as his honorable father had before him.

On 8 February 1958 Major Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor and Miss Fannie Butler were married. They have an infant son, Malcolm Gregor Charles, who was born on 23 March 1959.

In 1959 our Society became one of the sponsors of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, which take place each summer at Linville, North Carolina. These Games, sponsored by a number of Clan Societies and individuals, include

athletic events, Scottish country dancing and piping contests, which are presented in the Scottish tradition in a beautiful mountainous location.

Not unlike many other Societies, the question of finances to carry on the work and other activities has been quite a matter of concern to the treasurer and other members through all the years. No fairy Godfather has stepped forward to ease this situation. Though limited in this respect the Society has been able to keep out of debt while accomplishing much. One may wonder how so much has been done with so little.

In 1911 the first Chieftain, in speaking of the accomplishments of the American-born members of this Society, stated that our kindred "have not left blanks upon the pages of history. Nor have they been omitted from the scroll of fame. They have graced the judicial ermine, the ecclesiastic robe, as well as the forensic and Aesculapian arts, and have made their mark as scholars and statesmen and in the fields of finance and business. Finally it has been learned that, though but few may have been found within the Congressional Halls, their name is legion on the field where duty and honor call to bloody sacrifice." In reviewing the roster of members in the ensuing years it was noted that they have continued to make a name for themselves largely in the same fields as noted above, thus maintaining the same high standards, as their predecessors.

In closing I should like to mention a few statistical figures. It is interesting to note that the Society has had a total of over 1,300 adult members and about 600 minor members, making a grand total of over 1,900 in 50 years. There is a total of 412 members with 340 actively paying members. The Society has members in 38 states and Canada. A total of 47 annual Gatherings have been held, with the year 1918 omitted, and in the years 1942 and 1943 only a Council meeting was held. Forty-seven Year Books have been published with the years 1918, 1942, and 1943 omitted. Thirteen memorials of various types have been dedicated. The number of photostat copies of wills and abstracts of wills, records of marriages and deaths, biographical sketches, historical papers and poems in the Year Book and Society archives runs into the thousands. A wealth of genealogical material has been collected and published.

It is readily seen that the accomplishments of our Society in all these material things have been great. However, of even greater accomplishment and importance, and of inestimable value have been those intangible factors, as the warm ties of clanship which have developed and been maintained through the years. These cannot be measured in terms of statistical figures.

Though only a few family names have been mentioned in tracing events of the past, I cannot close without mentioning the family names of many who have the MacGregor blood, if not the name. Some of these who have contributed much are: Muncaster, Ferneyhough, Bowie, Gantt, Bukey, Sheriff, Tutwiler, Cunningham, Dorsett, Higgins, McDonnel, Marshall, Jenkins, Hill, Thompson, Taylor, Woodward, Battey, Rhoades, Adams, and many other Magruders.

The potential is here for an even greater role and greater accomplishment for our Society in the next fifty years, if the members continue to have the traits and characteristics of those of this Society who have trod this path before them. I believe this will occur, because of those stirring lines written by Sir Walter Scott:

"While there are leaves in the forest and foam on the river, MacGregor despite them shall flourish forever."

ROGER GREGORY MAGRUDER

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## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY GATHERING

*Contributed by*

MRS. EDITH B. LLOYD

On October the fifteenth we drove to Charlottesville, Virginia, for the Golden Anniversary Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society. I had been to two other banquets, but to be a guest at this one was something very special. The Hereditary Chief of Clan Gregor, Major Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, of Edinchip, Scotland, and his wife Lady Fanny, had come from Scotland for the Gathering. This was their first visit to the United States.

We found the hotel in Charlottesville full of Magruders and MacGregors, complete with tartans, clan crests and caps. There was a feeling of fun and excitement in the air. The dining room was full of people waving to and greeting old friends and acquaintances.

Friday morning was Registration and the Council meeting. I sat and watched the Registration and attendant excitement with interest and pleasure.

After a buffet luncheon we had a bus tour of the city and the University of Virginia. It was a lovely warm day and the hour spent at the University was truly delightful.

Then back to spruce up for the cocktail party at the home of Mrs. Edward May Magruder, widow of the first Chieftain. It was crowded and gay and we had a chance to see Dr. Magruder's office where the first meeting was held to form the American Clan Gregor Society.

After dinner we saw a short play "American Clan Gregor is Born". Present in the play was Mrs. Mary Ewell Hundley who had been present at the original meeting. She is the daughter of the late Dr. Jesse Ewell, one of the founders. The play was followed by colored movies of Scotland.

Saturday the gayety and excitement were increasing. In the morning there were more people registering, more friends being greeted from gray haired oldsters to little children. There was a business meeting open to all. At that meeting Dr. Gregory Magruder, the present Chieftain, and his sisters and mother, presented a thousand dollars to the Dr. Edward May Magruder Scholarship Fund of the University of Virginia Medical School.

It was while we were at this meeting that an amusing episode occurred. One of those unexpected happenings that are fun to chuckle over. A Mr. Thomas Moore, the Piper from the St. Andrews Society of Washington, a MacGregor descendent but not a member of the clan, having read in the paper about the Gathering, arrived with his Pipes to see the fun. As the MacKensie Pipe Band which was to take part in the banquet had not arrived yet he was asked if he would pipe the Chief in to lunch. He was pleased with the idea but said he needed a place where he would be able to walk around and warm up his pipes.

Across from the hotel on a corner below the Court House is a fine statue of General Stonewall Jackson on horseback set in a little park. So the Piper went there and marched round and round the statue blowing away on his pipes. Soon the children began to gather and heads began to pop out of the Court House. Finally they adjourned Court and the clerks, lawyers and judges came out to see the show. There is something about the pipes that tingles your blood whether its Scotch or not. I am sure old Stonewall had Scottish blood and that he enjoyed





HEAD TABLE, *left to right*: MRS. ROGER GREGORY MAGRUDER, THE CHIEF OF CLAN GREGOR; DR. ROGER GREGORY MAGRUDER; LADY FANNY MACGREGOR OF MACGREGOR. The two in the background are the Singer and his wife.



THE CHIEF OF CLAN GREGOR PRESENTING THE QUAICH TO THE CHIEFTAIN OF THE AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY.



QUAICH (*drinking vessel*) PRESENTED BY THE CHIEF OF CLAN GREGOR  
TO THE AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY AT THE  
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY GATHERING.



ENTERTAINMENT BY THE MacKENSIE-SCOTT PIPE BAND AT THE  
BANQUET.

it too. Then the Piper piped The Chief and Lady Fanny in to lunch.

After lunch we all walked over to the First Presbyterian Church for a Memorial Service to all the deceased members of the Clan. It was a very simple and dignified service in the quiet old church. Then we went to the graveyard at the back of the church where a bronze tablet honoring Dr. Edward May Magruder was presented. It was warm and sunny and peaceful as the tablet was dedicated and in the distance the Piper played The Flowers of the Forest.

Then we rushed for busses to go to Monticello and Ashlawn. Monticello was so lovely with the autumn haze turning the hills a dusty blue and the soft yellows and browns of the trees against the pinky red of old bricks and the white columns.

We had to hurry a little to be back and dressed for the final big events. The Chieftain's reception at his home and the banquet at the Farmington Country Club. Dr. and Mrs. Magruder were charming hosts, their home was lovely and the party gay and colorful with all the kilts and tartans, sashes and vests. The Chief was in his dress kilts and Lady Fanny was beautiful in white with a diamond tiara and the tartan sash across her shoulder and breast and fastened at the waist. The same sash worn by generations of Lady MacGregors.

The Chief and the Chieftain and their ladies were piped in to the banquet by the full pipe band, to a room charmingly decorated with MacGregor tartans and crests. The Head Table was set down one side of the room with the Honor Guests facing the room all on one side so everyone could see them. The table was decorated with bunches of heather and, of course, flowers. There was a bit of heather at each place on every table in the room. The heather was brought from Scotland by the Chief and was a gift from his mother.

The first high point was the piping in of the Haggis. It was carried on a tray with a bottle of Scotch whiskey and proceeded by the pipers. The Burns Address to the Haggis was recited in fine style by the Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder, Past Chieftain. After a little of the Haggis had been served to all the guests there were toasts in champagne to the Chief and his Lady, and to the Chieftain and Mrs. Magruder, and various speeches. A high point of the banquet was the address by the Hereditary Chief in which he brought greetings from his Clan to all the American Clansmen. It was a delightful and interesting speech. This was followed by Scottish Songs and our own "MacGregor's Gathering", and dances and bagpipe music, and I wished the pipes would never stop, it was all so gay and happy.

And so it was all over until another year and all the people who had met and enjoyed each other were going back to the many places from whence they had come, from 37 various States and Canada, and Scotland.

And I am thrilled to think that I was privileged to be a part of it all and to realize that all these loyal Americans whose great-great grandfathers and grandmothers were run out of Scotland and forced to change their names, still claim allegiance to Clan Gregor, the Clan that would not be exterminated! Such loyal stubborn blood is good to have in our American blood stream.

#### RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF SIR MALCOLM MACGREGOR OF MACGREGOR, BART.

Members of the American Clan Gregor Society, meeting in the 50th Anniversary Gathering of the Society, held in the city of Charlottesville, Virginia, on the 17th

day of October, 1959, recall with deepest feelings of sorrow the death of their greatly loved Hereditary Chief:

Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart.

which occurred on the 5th day of December, 1958; and wish to record their sense of loss of one highly esteemed by all, do by unanimous vote

Resolve that in the death of Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, American Clan Gregor Society has lost a leader of sterling character and warm affection; who from the Founding of this Society has given to it the sanction of his recognition, leadership and support, in Scotland, land of his birth and domicile; and by coming in the year 1952 with his devoted and greatly loved Lady, to attend a Gathering of this Society;

And resolve that in thus recording their feelings of sadness and loss they have reliance on the firm belief and comforting assurance that he has entered into the greater Clanship in the blessed Country of God's Elect;

And be it further resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes of the Society; a copy sent to the Honorable Lady MacGregor, whose grief we share; and a copy to the Clan Gregor Society of Scotland.

*(Signed)*

ANNA LOUISE REYNOLDS, *Scribe*

ROGER GREGORY MAGRUDER, *Chieftain*

## RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF MR. FRANK CECIL MAGRUDER, EX-CHIEFTAIN

WHEREAS, our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has chosen to take from us our former Chieftain and friend, Frank Cecil Magruder, therefore,  
BE IT RESOLVED:

That we, the Council of the American Clan Gregor Society, herewith present this, our tribute to his memory.

Be it remembered that, during his years of unselfish service to the Society he loved, he endeared himself to all who knew him.

Be it further remembered that his many deeds of kindness and his readiness to help in so many ways will never be forgotten, as it is now gratefully acknowledged.

Now, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That it be spread upon the minutes of this meeting the intense sorrow we feel at our loss, and that we tender to the family of our late friend and leader our heartfelt sympathy at their bereavement, and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to his family.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEALS

THIS 17th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1959.

*(Signed)*

ANNA LOUISIE REYNOLDS, *Scribe*

ROGER GREGORY MAGRUDER, *Chieftain*





SOME OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE BANQUET.



CHAPLAIN DANIEL RANDALL MAGRUDER RECITING BURN'S "ADDRESS TO THE HAGGIS" AT THE BANQUET

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY THROUGH A FIFTY YEAR PERIOD

1909-1959

The American Clan Gregor Society started out in the Spring of 1909 as an idea conceived by Dr. Edward May Magruder of Charlottesville, and Dr. Jesse Ewell of Ruckersville, Virginia. After much discussion and letterwriting an organization meeting was held in the office of Dr. Edward May Magruder, at 100 West Washington Street, Charlottesville, Virginia. At this meeting it was decided to invite all of the descendants of Alexander Magruder, the emigrant from Scotland to Maryland in 1652, who were known and could be contacted, to gather at the National Hotel in the City of Washington, D. C. on the 8th, 9th and 10th of October, 1909. At this Gathering a permanent organization was formed and officers elected. The photographs of these first officers appear in the first Year Book of the Clan, 1909-1910. The Year Book published in 1953, gives a photograph of Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor and Lady MacGregor, and in the 1958 Year Book the pictures of the present Hereditary Chief and his wife Lady Fannie, appear.

Following the organization of the American Clan Gregor Society in 1909 the Clan members set out to accomplish their Aims and Purposes as set forth in the Rules and Regulations:

1. To perpetuate the memory of our ancient Clan Gregor,
2. To bring together the descendants of the Clan for mutual acquaintance, and
3. To obtain and disseminate information whereby the various members of the Clan may be enabled to trace their lineage, and by which a History of the American Clan Gregor Society may be compiled.

**YEAR BOOKS:** The first Year Book was published following the Gathering in 1910 covering the proceedings of the Annual Gatherings of 1909 and 1910, and there has been a Year Book published every year since with the exception of the War years of 1918, 1942 and 1943. Annual Gatherings have been held every year except in 1918, 1942, 1943 and 1944, but in 1943 and 1944 a Council Meeting was held at the home of the Chieftain, Mr. Frank Cecil Magruder in Washington, D. C. These meetings did much to hold the Clan together during the War years. The Year Books contain not only the Proceedings of the Annual Gatherings but articles on Magruders and allied families and related subjects; Genealogical Data; Write-ups on the early Magruder families with pictures of many of them and of their homes. The Year Books have been indexed through the issue of 1940. This index is on 3 x 5 cards and is on file in the Headquarters Office.

**MEMBERSHIP PIN:** At the Gathering in 1949 a committee was appointed to suggest and work out a design for an official pin for the society. This was accomplished and in July 1950 the pins were ready for distribution. They are very lovely, the design being the Shield of the Coat of Arms and they carry the colors. They sell for \$3.00 and can be ordered from the Headquarters office. (Year Book, 1950, pp. 13, 37.)

**SERVICE HONOR ROLL:** World War I. At the Gathering of 1919 the Honor Roll Committee for the First World War gave its report. Fifty-one of our members received a bronze medal, and a blue Star was placed on the Service Flag

for each one. There is one Gold Star for Dr. Ernest Pendleton Magruder who served and died of typhus fever in Belgrade, Serbia. A bronze medal was presented to his widow, Mrs. Maryel Alpina MacGregor Magruder. (Year Book, 1919, pp. 22-32.)

World War II: The Service men and women of World War II were honored at the Gathering of 1946. The Honor Roll contains 394 names of those of Magruder-MacGregor ancestry who served in any way, in every branch of the Service. The record shows several taken prisoner, 17 wounded, and 18 serving in the Army of Occupation. Thirteen lost their lives. To these thirteen special honor was paid by the planting of a pine tree and the placing of a bronze plaque in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, D. C., on which their names are inscribed. All of those on the Honor Roll received a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Clan Gregor Society, and those who were members of the Clan received a lovely bronze medal of honor. A medal of honor was presented to the nearest of kin of those who lost their lives. Record of the services rendered by these Honor Roll Members are on file in the Headquarters Office.

The Service Flag for World War I was made and presented on behalf of the Captain Joseph Magruder Chapter of the D. A. R. by Mrs. Blanch Turner Strong. Mrs. Strong was a member of the American Clan Gregor Society, number 470. (Year Book 1919, page 9. )

The Service Flag for World War II was made and presented to the Clan by Mrs. Ruth Worthington Bowie Houghton, a Magruder descendant. (Year Book 1947, page 14.)

REVOLUTIONARY WAR: An effort is being made to find the Revolutionary War Service of each of the Descendants of Alexander Magruder who fought or served in any way in the War of the Revolution. The results of this search to date, 1959, appear in the Year Books published in 1955, 1956 and 1957. The search is being continued.

The Service Records of World War I will be found in Year Book published in 1919; and for World War II in the Year Books published in 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947.

STATISTICAL RECORDS: The Individual application forms give statistics of birth, marriage and death for the generations back to Alexander Magruder or to the Clan MacGregor of Scotland. These forms are on file in the Office and each form has been briefed on 5 x 9 cards for easy reference. Birth, marriage and death notices are sort among the membership and hundreds have been sent in and recorded. The Year Book carries a section for these records and those found in other ways, such as newspaper clippings, letters, questionnaires, etc., have been recorded in card form or in the Archives records. All are indexed. (Send in these records to the Headquarters office.)

ARCHIVES MATERIAL: The vast amount of material collected over the years is being assorted and put into loose-leaf binders and indexed. WILLS: The Clan has collected, bound and indexed several hundred wills of Magruders and allied families. CENSUS Records for Prince George's, Montgomery, Frederick, Allegheny, and Washington Counties, Maryland and for the District of Columbia, have been searched from 1790 through 1880, and all Magruders recorded, as well as Beall's and others known to be of Magruder ancestry. The Clan has many Census Records from Virginia and Kentucky and a few from other states. These

records are most helpful in tracing lines. All of these Census Records have been indexed. RESEARCH: Research work is being done in order to complete, with proof, many Magruder-Beall and Allied lines. Wills, Land Records and Census Records are of the greatest help.

SCHOLARSHIPS: At the 1925 Gathering it was suggested that a fund be raised and used in some appropriate way as a Memorial to our dearly loved deceased Chieftain, Dr. Edward May Magruder. At the Gathering in 1926 it was announced that the sum of \$646.86 had been collected. (Year Book 1926-1927, page 7, 11.) At the Gathering of 1927 this memorial fund had grown to \$1200. At that Gathering the American Clan Gregor Society established a Memorial Scholarship at the University of Virginia Department of Medicine to be known as the "Dr. Edward May Magruder Memorial Scholarship", and further, that the holder of same be a deserving student of good moral character, a member of the American Clan Gregor Society or son of such a member; his nomination to be made by the Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society, but in the event of his failure to so nominate by January 1st, the holder of such scholarship to be named by the President of the University of Virginia. The sum of \$1200 received from donations by the Clan members, was turned over to the University of Virginia on October 13, 1927. (Year Book published in 1926-27, pages 85-87.) The requirements for holding this scholarship were amended in 1943 by adding after the words "or son of such a member" the words "or a person eligible to membership in the American Clan Gregor Society". (Year Book published in 1944, page 9.) BIBLE RECORDS: There are a number of Bible Records recorded in the Year Books and many others on file. Bible Records are badly needed. Anyone having an old Bible will do a great service to the Clan if they will have an Attested or photostat copy made and send it in. With the copy (but not made a part of it) please send a note telling the relationship of those recorded in the Bible to each other, as most Bibles do not carry this information.

COAT OF ARMS: At the Gathering in 1936 a committee was appointed to report on the correct Coat of Arms and the cost of having copies made. The committee appointed were: Miss Catherine Sloan (now Mrs. Thomas B. O'Loughlin), Mr. John Hanson Kennard and Dr. Egbert Watson Magruder. (Year Book 1936, page 10.)

At the Gathering in 1937 a report on the coat of arms project was submitted. (Year Book 1937, page 9.) The Year Book for 1938, pages 24-25-26, gives the full report on the Coat of Arms as presented by Mrs. O'Loughlin. The project of having copies made was decided on during 1946 and the Coat of Arms in color was prepared and made available. They sell for \$18.00 and can be ordered from the Headquarters Office. (Year Book 1947, pages 83-87.)

TABLETS AND MARKERS: The American Clan Gregor Society has placed 14 Tablets and Markers in memory of places and events in which those of Magruder lineage have participated. (Year Book 1956, pages 21-23.)

FAMILY HOMES: In the splendid articles written about our Clansmen in the early Year Books there are many photographs of the early Magruder Homes. The Clan is running a series of short articles entitled "Homes of Yesteryear" giving photographs of these homes. This series started in the Year Book of 1953 and has run in each issue since. This feature will be continued.



**PRESENTATION OF PINE TREE AT MOUNT VERNON:** A lovely little Pine Tree was planted and dedicated at Mount Vernon during the Clan's celebration of the Bi-Centennial of the Birth of George Washington, on October 16, 1931. (Year Book 1931, page 20, 21.) On October 21, 1932 the Clan returned to Mount Vernon and placed soil from 27 States around the roots of this Pine Tree. (Year Book 1932, pages 16-23.) On October 16, 1948, the Clan made a visit to this Pine Tree. It is a beautiful tree, and the Clan members are proud of it. (Year Book published 1949, pages 34-36.)

**HEADQUARTERS:** In 1944 an unofficial Clan Office started to shape up in the Westmoreland Apartment House at 2122 California St., Washington, D. C., in the two room, kitchen and bath apartment of the Registrar, Mrs. O. O. van den Berg, and the Historian, Miss Regina Magruder Hill. Office equipment consisted of a second-hand typewriter belonging to Miss Hill, and cardboard boxes of various sizes, in which records were kept. The indexing of the Year Books started in this apartment and the index cards were kept together in shoe boxes. In June of 1949, Mrs. van den Berg, Mrs. Rosalind Magruder and Miss Hill moved to The Highlands, 1914 Connecticut Avenue, and this became the Clan Headquarters Office.

The equipment was increased by a duplicating machine, a portable typewriter which was given by the Chieftain, Douglas Neil Magruder; and in 1950 the equipment was greatly increased by one steel cabinet, and one steel card index file for 3 x 5 cards, two steel file boxes for 5 x 9 cards. The Year Book Index cards were immediately transferred to the new steel file case. In 1952 a new typewriter and a four-drawer steel letter file was added to the equipment as well as a 6 foot steel cabinet.

In 1955 the subject of moving the Headquarters Office and securing additional space was discussed. The Highlands had been sold and Mrs. van den Berg and Miss Hill were taking a smaller apartment. A committee was appointed to make recommendations, and this committee presented its report at the 1955 Gathering. When a vote came up, Mrs. Esther Pitts Previsch stated that she would be glad to allow the Society the use of a basement room in the Woodbine Apartment building owned by her, and located at 2839 27th St., N.W. This offer was gratefully received. Most of the Clan equipment and all Year Books, Genealogical and Historical material not in daily use by the Registrar and Historian were moved to this room. The necessary files, the typewriter and material in daily use were moved to the new apartment located at 1862 Mintwood Place, N.W., Apartment 201. In October of 1957 it was voted that the Clan rent a room in the above mentioned apartment and that all of the material be moved from 27th Street. This move was made in December of 1957. The American Clan Gregor Society now has its first paid-for Headquarters Office. (Year Books for 1950, page 33; 1956, page 40; 1958, page 36.)

**LIBRARY:** The General Marshall Magruder Library was established at the 1956 Gathering. All books on hand which had been given to the Clan during past years have been put on the library shelves. A committee was appointed to select suitable books for the Library.

**INCORPORATION:** At the Gathering in 1948 the question of having the Society incorporated with a Charter as a "Patriotic and Charitable and Educational" organization was discussed. The suggestive draft for the corporation papers was

prepared by the Chancellor of the Clan, C. Virginia Diedel and was read and explained by her. Commodore John Holmes Magruder, Jr., made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Forrest Dodge Bowie, that the Council recommend to the Society that this plan be adopted, and that the By-Laws be amended accordingly. The motion carried. At the Business Session October 15, 1948, the motion was presented and discussed and approved, and Henry Magruder Taylor moved that a committee be appointed to make the necessary investigation at the United States Bureau of Internal Revenue on Income Tax Exemption; and that the committee proceed with the completion of the incorporation. Seconded by Mr. John Franklin Adams, voted on and carried. (Year Book 1949, pages 13, 15, 17.) At the Gathering of 1949 the Articles of Incorporation were signed and the American Clan Gregor Society is now incorporated as of October, 1949. (Year Book 1950, pages 13, 16.)

**ENDOWMENT FUND:** The Endowment Fund was established at the Annual Gathering of 1953. An Endowment Fund Committee was appointed with Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder, Chairman. (Year Book 1954, page 66.) The other members of the committee are: Henry Magruder Taylor, C. Virginia Diedel, Herbert Thomas Magruder, Mrs. Rex Hays Rhoades and Clarence William McCormick. This committee will direct all endowment fund activities of the society. The object of the Endowment Fund is to raise a sufficient sum of money so that the interest thereon will carry the expenses of the Clan.

**THREE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMING OF ALEXANDER MAGRUDER TO MARYLAND:** In 1952 the Clan celebrated the 300th Anniversary of the coming of Alexander Magruder from Scotland to Calvert County, Maryland. At this celebration the Hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, and Lady MacGregor were the Honor Guests. Sir Malcolm died in 1958 and his son Major Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor succeeded him as Chief of the Clan in Scotland and as Hereditary Chief of the Clan Society in America.

**STATE UNIT MEETINGS:** In order to bring Clansmen in closer touch with one another Brig. Gen. Marshall Magruder, deceased, Chieftain of the Clan in 1953, wrote to the State Deputy Chieftains and submitted his plan for State Unit Meetings to be held in various parts of the States. They were urged to invite those eligible to membership, so that they may know their Clan people and become members. They were asked to arrange for a group to attend the Annual Gatherings in Washington, D. C.

The following State Unit Meetings have been held:

1. Texas: on May 30, 1953, in the Historic "Cos" House in LaVillita, San Antonio, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Hamilton Magruder, Deputy Chieftain for Texas.
2. Texas held its second State Get-Together in 1954, when Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Magruder took a large group to see "Rob Roy" the wonderful Highland picture.
3. Mississippi: On June 21, 1953, in Port Gibson at "Idlewild" the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Eaton. The meeting was arranged by Douglas Neil Magruder, Deputy Chieftain, and Mrs. Magruder.
4. Georgia: on September 25, 1954, at the home of the then Chieftain, Brig. Gen. Marshall Magruder and Mrs. Magruder, at their home in Atlanta.

5. Arkansas: The Deputy Chieftain for Arkansas, Mrs. Etta Stephens Stokes, sent out letters to 25 eligible descendants, and will try for a Unit Meeting later. (Mrs. Stokes died March 28, 1958.)

6. Virginia: The first Unit Meeting of the Virginia members was in June 1956, and took the form of a picnic luncheon. The meeting was arranged for by Mrs. Ellen Ewell Hord, and was held at her home in Ruckersville.

Mrs. Hord held the second Virginia Unit picnic meeting at her home in June of 1957.

On June 22, 1958, the third Virginia Unit meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, in Eheart, Virginia. This was the largest of these three picnic meetings.

The fourth Virginia Unit meeting was held on June 22, 1959 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hamilton.

This State Unit plans to keep active through the years.

7. Kentucky: A report on the state was sent in by Mr. Guy Russell Henderson, Deputy Chieftain for Kentucky. They hope to do something in their state later.

8. District of Columbia: Invitations were issued by the Chieftain, Brig. Gen. Marshall Magruder and Mrs. Magruder, to Clansmen in the District of Columbia and nearby Maryland and Virginia, to attend a box lunch get-together picnic in the Mansion at Parklawn, Montgomery County, Maryland, on Saturday, June 9, 1956. Twenty-one of our members and nine of their friends attended this delightful affair. To the great disappointment of everyone, because of serious illness of our Chieftain, General and Mrs. Magruder could not be with us.

The picnic was for the purpose of laying the foundation for a State Unit to be formed at a later date. Another meeting is planned to be held to organize the District and Maryland. (Year Book 1956, page 28.)

ROB ROY PICTURE PROJECT: Wednesday evening, May 12, 1954, was a gala occasion for the members of the American Clan Gregor Society from Washington and nearby Maryland and Virginia, when they gathered at R.K.O. Keith's Theater to pay honor to the famous Scottish rebel "Rob Roy" MacGregor.

About 130 Clansmen and prospective Clansmen with a few of their friends assembled at Keith's Theater by invitation of the Manager, Mr. Baker. A section had been reserved for them. The guests met in the Lobby and had about an hour together before the picture started. There were some present who had never attended a Gathering of the Clan, some of them being new members who had just joined. Many had on their MacGregor colors; ties, scarfs, etc., and were wearing the ribbon badge and pin, all of which lent color to the occasion.

There was a display in the Lobby of the Clan Banner, the Coat of Arms, and the Scottish Flag with the little Information Leaflet so displayed that each page lay flat and could be easily read. Two Pipers were playing in front of the Theater, one our own Jimmie Garrioch. The Clan attracted the attention of all who came to the Theater and many asked "Are you the MacGregors?" and "Look, there are the MacGregors." Many spoke to the members and asked questions. The Clan received good publicity both in the Press and over T.V. There were four T.V. shows on three major stations. Mrs. Ruth Lowe (Walde) Lightfoot arranged these T.V. shows.

CHARTS: A set of charts showing the Descendants of Alexander Magruder from 1652 to the present time is the largest single undertaking of the Clan. Miss

Regina Magruder Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Garland Magruder have this project in hand and an unprecedented piece of work has been done by them. With a few exceptions the descendants through the 4th generation have been completed and is supported by wills, copies of which are on file in the Office. Many generations are complete to the present time.

Material for this project has been collected from every possible source, checked for proof, and arranged in Chart form. There is a vast amount yet to be done before these charts are in shape for publication, but some individual lines can be had at present. Anyone wishing to work out a line, if he can give his ancestry through his great grandparents, it can probably be carried to Alexander Magruder from the Charts at this time. The first four generations were reproduced and sent out with the 1954 Year Book. Since then there have been a few changes and some additions. New material is being constantly received. (Year Book 1954, page 64.)

Mrs. Olive Magruder Smith Pope of Dunwoody, Georgia, prepared three wonderful Charts on the Ancestry of Alexander Magruder and on May 2, 1943, she presented them to the American Clan Gregor Society. They are hand written in the most beautiful penmanship and illustrated by pictures drawn and colored in water colors by Mrs. Pope. Mrs. van den Berg had two copies made at the Library of Congress and one set was given to the Library. The other set is on file in the Clan Office. As the originals were so valuable and so lovely, Mrs. van den Berg took them to the Hall of Records in Annapolis, Maryland in August of 1947, and obtained the consent of Dr. Morris G. Radoff, Archivist, to take care of them until such time when the Clan will have a suitable place to display and keep them. The Chieftain, Mr. Frank Cecil Magruder, sanctioned this plan, and they were deposited in the Vault at the Hall of Records. They were on display during the Gathering of 1951 in the drawing room of Rev. James Mitchell and Mrs. Magruder in Annapolis. Miss Louise Magruder arranged to take them from the vault and return them afterwards. There were other valuable papers also on display, one being the original Will of Alexander Magruder in the form of a photostat. (Year Book 1952, pages 9, 42.)

**SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLAN:** The Silver Anniversary of the forming of the Can was held in Washington, D. C., October 19th and 20th, 1934, at the Willard Hotel. The principle features were: the dedication of a bronze tablet placed in the State House in Annapolis in memory of the Maryland descendants of Alexander Magruder who have held high civil office in the State since the Revolutionary War; and the planting of a pine tree from Anchovie Hills on the grounds of St. John's College Campus. (This tree has since died.) After the Buffet Supper a display of antique relics were shown. (Year Book 1934, pages 7, 23.)

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CLAN:** The most important anniversary in the history of the American Clan Gregor Society was the Golden Anniversary of the Founding of the Society by Dr. Edward May Magruder and Dr. Jesse Ewell. This celebration was held in Ruckersville, Virginia, on October 16 and 17, 1959. The Year Book to be published during 1960 will carry the account of this celebration.

## MUSTER PLACES OF THE AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY THROUGH FIFTY YEARS

The American Clan Gregor Society was organized in the Medical Office of the first Chieftain, Dr. Edward May Magruder, located in his home at 100 West Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, Virginia.

The first Annual Gathering was held in the City of Washington, D. C., at the Old National Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue between 6th and 7th Streets, N.W. This was the Muster Place through 1914, when it was changed to the Ebbitt House at 14th and F Streets, N. W., where the Gatherings were held through 1925. These two hotels are no longer standing.

In 1926 the Muster Place was the Willard Hotel at Pennsylvania Avenue at 14th Street, where the Clan met through 1941.

There was no Gathering or Council Meeting in 1942, but Council Meetings were held at the home of the Chieftain, Mr. Frank Cecil Magruder and his wife, in Washington, D. C. in 1943 and 1944.

The Muster Place from 1945 through 1947 was St. Paul's Parish Hall in Rock Creek Cemetery, where our bronze plaque was erected to those who lost their lives in World War II. This plaque is on the road leading from the front gates to the St. Paul's Chapel, and has a lovely Pine Tree growing by it.

In 1948 and 1949 the Muster Place was a charming old District of Columbia Mansion, owned as the Headquarters of the Arts Club of Washington, and located at 2017 "Eye" Street, N. W.

The Muster Place for the Gathering 1950 through 1958, was the Sheraton-Park Hotel.

The Muster Place for the Golden Anniversary Gathering, October 16th and 17th, 1959, was the Monticello Hotel, Charlottesville, Virginia. The Council meeting was held in the Office of the first Chieftain, Dr. Edward May Magruder, where the Clan was organized, with the Banquet at the Farmington Country Club, following a delightful cocktail party at the home of our Chieftain, Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder and his charming wife, Eleanor.

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## SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE CLAN LEADING UP TO THE BANQUETS OF TODAY

1909-1959

The American Clan Gregor Society started a Social Hour entitled "Reception", with or without refreshments, at its first Gathering in 1909 and continued this custom until 1934, when the first Buffet Supper and Reception was inaugurated. This custom was continued through 1952, and all of the above social events were held at the Headquarter's Hotel with several exceptions. In 1945 an informal Reception was held at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church; In 1946 a Reception was given by the Magruder Chapter, D. C., D.A.R., at the District of Columbia Chapter House; In 1947 a wonderful luncheon was given by Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin Adams, at their lovely and hospitable home in Mechanicsville, Maryland; In 1948 the Buffet Supper was held at the Hotel "2400" Sixteenth Street,



EMMETT McDONALD MAGRUDER



Washington, D. C., and in 1949 a Social Hour was held at The Arts Club of Washington.

From 1950 through 1952 the Buffet Suppers were held at the Headquarter's Hotel, Wardman Park (now the Sheraton-Park), and in 1953 regularly served Banquet Dinners started and have continued through 1958 at the Sheraton-Park; the 1959 Banquet being held at the Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville, Virginia, the place of the 1959 Golden Anniversary Gathering.

The charming Chieftain's Reception was started by our Chieftain in 1956, Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder, and has continued since, being held just ahead of the annual dinner.

These various social events have been greatly enjoyed by all who have attended through the years.

*The three preceding articles were compiled by Regina Magruder Hill*

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## EMMETT McDONALD MAGRUDER

### *Outstanding Farm Builder, Citizen and Local Leader*

By WM. LESLIE MAGRUDER

Emmett M. Magruder, the last of the ninth generation removed from Alexander, the Immigrant, was born September 26, 1865 and lived longer by fifteen years than any of the American paternal forbears.

Here is the family story: Emmett's father, Wm. Joseph Magruder, died October 14, 1869, leaving Euphemia J., his wife, with the five children to raise: John, Mary, Virginia, James, and Emmett. The board of commissioners appointed to divide the 565 acre estate among the heirs in 1872-1876 assigned to Emmett the 60 acre tract located to the south, valued at approximately ten dollars per acre.

He married 18 year old Susan Elizabeth Shields October 14, 1885 and they began house-keeping at the Lloyd Belt Magruder place situated near the center of the estate. Their eldest child, Wm. Leslie, was born there, January 20, 1887.

He built a new house and barn and granary on the 60 acre tract and moved the family to it, in 1889. Most of the land was covered with forest trees which had to be cleared to provide his crop requirements. He set out two acres of grapes, four acres of tomatoes, and a half acre for tobacco sales. He did carpentry, traded in livestock which he shipped by steam-boat down the Mississippi to St. Louis markets—or by rail at a later date. Susan Elizabeth took butter and eggs to local trading posts at Argenville, Snowhill, and Chantilly — on her favorite riding horses.

Four more of their children were born here: Ezra, January 10, 1891; Lloyd, March 25, 1893; Alva, September 15, 1896; and Mary Susan, September 18, 1899.

As a young man he began service on juries; committeeman to political conventions; district school clerk; and church clerk at New Salem; and a member of the board of deacons to the end of his life. He attended all of the annual Cuivre River Baptist Associations as a delegate. He was a persistent and aggressive campaigner for or against any proposition in which he was interested. He was a bitter foe against strong drink and excesses of all kinds.

Susan and Emmett were expert at preparing fine meals at wheat threshing seasons, fish-frys, family reunions; and they provided many games for long winter evenings; a tennis court for summer visitors; and a string orchestra of local musicians played at the home parties.

He helped to introduce the first telephone service locally and the first bank at Winfield.

In 1900, he moved from the 60 acre farm to his mother's place, a mile north, and contracted to buy her 175 acre inheritance and a 70 acre tract from his brother, John. By this date James who had been farming on the mother's land had married and moved to his own place, the mother Euphemia having decided to break-up housekeeping to live with her children.

With his four sons, Emmett could then easily handle the 305 acres which originally was part of the 656 acre estate of his grandfather and father. In 1901, the year of the great drought in Missouri, he dug a deep well on a tributary of Big Sandy, located 550 feet from the house. He installed a pump, powered by a wind-mill at first; and later used delco electric current; until 1943 when he powered all the farmstead with electric power carried by the rural electrification line.

In 1904, he was awarded a bronze plaque and a beautiful scroll on a peck of wheat at the World's Fair in St. Louis.

Ida Katherine, their youngest child, was born July 13, 1905; she died January 4, 1908, of scarlet fever.

That summer and fall he moved the family into their new two-story, eight room home he had constructed near his pioneer home; completed in 1908. From then on he equipped it with all the labor saving devices and conveniences, as they became available on the local markets. Among the early Christmas presents he gave to the children was the first Edison phonograph which attracted all the children in the neighborhood to the home.

Emmett helped to organize the farm bureau in Lincoln county, in 1914, which channeled scientific farming methods from the Missouri College of Agriculture to the local farmers.

The citizens of the county voted an \$800,000.00 bond issue for the construction of gravel roads. He contracted to build seven miles of gravel road from Asbury church to Foley. It was completed within a year at a cost of \$2,500.00 per mile. He used the farmers along the route with their wagons and teams to haul the gravel from the creek-beds.

Emmett and Susan Elizabeth celebrated the golden wedding anniversary on October 14, 1935. One hundred seventy-five friends and guests attended the happy occasion at their farm home.

In 1943, he was elected member of the rural electrification board, in which capacity he served for fifteen years, a number of years as Treasurer of the board.

His home ranked first among the rural homes in eastern Lincoln county in changing to electric devices and conveniences: eventually, the home had hot and cold water fixtures in the bath room, General Electric cooking range; fuel-oil heating furnace, piped to all rooms; deep food freezer; radio, television; complete house lighting and lawn flood light; barn and other buildings wired; and the deep well-pump power changed from Delco to REA wires.

The land was acquired after most of it was run-down by many tenants who farmed it, coupled with the forces of soil erosion at work for fifty years. Emmett,





MRS. SUSAN ELIZABETH (SHIELDS) MAGRUDER



SISTER PHILIPPA HENDERSON

with Alva's help and all his power farm equipment rebuilt the old farm and left it to posterity more productive than when he first owned it.

Here is how he did it: He applied a thousand tons of commercial fertilizers and agricultural limestone with the cropping system thru the years; removed cultivated crops from the steeper slopes; seeded them to grasses and legumes; planted more of the row crops on contour and terraced a few of the fields; he bull-dozed the crab apple, sassafras, and hedge thickets; cultivated them and planted such waste land to economic uses; and he dug a dozen ponds at convenient locations over the farm for beef cattle and hog enterprises, in which he was especially successful.

He farmed thru the reconstruction period after the Civil war, the great financial depression of 1929-1933, and into the new era of government controlled production of the 1940's and 1950's. He lived thru the terms of eighteen Presidents from 1865 to 1953—93 years in all.

He left the 305 acre tract one of the most productive hill farms in the township, inventoried at \$70,000.00 by his children in 1958.

Susan Elizabeth died December 26, 1946, of a stroke; Emmett M. died September 22, 1958, of cancer.

They were laid to rest at New Salem cemetery, the Baptist church where they were among the 42 converts during the revival meeting in 1882.

*Testimonials of respect from two letters—quote:*

1. Congressman Clarence Cannon, Washington, D. C.—“No one man in this section of the state rendered a greater service to good government and to his church than Mr. Magruder. And no one man of his zeal and devotion can be expected to take his place in the community or Cuivre River Association.”

2. Lieut. J. C. Harlow, World War I, Oklahoma City, Okla.—“Your father was a man who stood out among his fellow men as a great tree in the forest stands out above the lesser trees surrounding it. His enthusiasm for doing good things for the good of his neighbors, I believe, was the greatest I have ever known. Years after his passing many people will just begin to appreciate the greatness of his efforts and his accomplishments. You rightfully may be proud of your Dad.”

GENEALOGICAL LINE: Emmett MacDonald Magruder goes back to Alexander Magruder through his great-great-grandfather, Captain Joseph Magruder; whose grandparents were Ninian Magruder I, and Elizabeth Brewer, the son of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall.

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TWO LORETTINE NUNS CELEBRATE  
50th ANNIVERSARY IN ORDER

*Sister M. Philippa Henderson Being One of Them*

Ceremonies Saturday and Sunday, August 1st and 2nd, 1959, at Loretto Motherhouse saw Mother M. Edwarda Ashe and Sister M. Philippa Henderson mark the 50th anniversary of their entrance into the Loretto Congregation.

Mother Edwarda, former superior general of the Sisters of Loretto, now is superior of St. Mary's Academy, Denver, Colorado. Sister Philippa, onetime principal of St. Augustine Elementary School here, until recently headed the

historical museum at the Motherhouse. An accident a few months ago forced her to relinquish this assignment.

Saturday's ceremony included a Solemn High Mass with the Rev. Edward J. Waechter, Motherhouse chaplain, as celebrant. At another High Mass on Sunday, all the officiating clergy were former pupils of Sister Philippa.

Both Mother Edwarda and Sister Philippa are graduates of Loretta (Ky.) Academy. Sister Philippa taught at Springfield, Mo., and Kankakee, Ill., before coming to Lebanon as principal of St. Augustine Elementary School. In 1922, she opened St. Benedict's School, Louisville, and was its principal for several years.

Sister Philippa joined the American Clan Gregor Society in 1946. Since then she has contributed articles to the Year Books and on several occasions sent donations to the work of the Clan. One such donation was sent on the occasion of her 50th Anniversary celebration. We thank Sister for her interest, Prayers, and help.

Sister Philippa is the sister of the State Deputy Chieftain of Kentucky, Mr. Guy Russell Henderson.

Your Registrar has visited Sister Philippa at the Motherhouse and also her two brothers, Guy Russell and Robert, who live on the home plantation "Ridgeview" at Shephardsville, Bullitt County, Kentucky. (See articles in Year Book published in 1956, pages 26 and 27.)

The Museum at the Motherhouse has many articles, pictures and writings which Sister has personally collected. She has a wonderful personality and her eyes sparkle when she talks to you. Her charm and personality manifests itself in her love of the museum, and everything beautiful, and in the loving care she has given for the beautiful flowers in and about the Motherhouse and Museum. She has a deep love for her personal family and for her many relatives and friends.

I am sure I speak for the Clan members in congratulating Sister Philippa on having reached her Golden Anniversary in the Sisterhood, and that it occurred the same year that her beloved Clan was celebrating its Golden Anniversary.

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#### GENERAL MARSHALL MAGRUDER LIBRARY

Mr. Willett Clark Magruder, Jr., has presented to the General Marshall Magruder Library a set of books entitled "The History of Scotland, Its Highlands, Regiments and Clans" by James Browne, L.L.D., published by Francis A. Niccolls & Co., Edinburgh, London, Boston, in 1909. This set consists of eight volumes.

This set of books was given by Mr. Magruder as a memorial to his father, Mr. Willett Clark Magruder, Sr., a long time member of the Clan, who passed away on October 25, 1958. A Memorial and a photograph of Mr. Magruder appear in the Year Book published in 1959 on page 47. An appropriate bookplate is being prepared by the family to be placed in these books.

The Clan wishes to thank Mr. Magruder for this valuable contribution to its Library.

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The San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society received its Charter from the State of Texas on May 11, 1959. They are the publishers of "Our Heritage" which can be secured from them at P. O. Box 6383, Alamo Heights Station, San Antonio, Texas. The Clan has received a complimentary copy of

"Our Heritage", Vol. I, No. 1, published in 1959, and it has been placed in the Library.

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The Clan has just received the Genealogical Society Bulletin, published by the Fort Worth Genealogical Society, Box 864, Fort Worth, Texas. This volume, Vol. II, No. 7, July 1959, is a most interesting number for those working on records from Texas. It has been placed in the Library.

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The Clan receives the Quarterly Bulletins of the Montgomery County Historical Society which contains much of interest and value. Also being received is the Newsletter from the University of Maryland.

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### OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS

**JUNIOR MEMBERS:** It was most interesting to note the number of Junior members who attended the Golden Anniversary Gathering. They were: Jeffrey Magruder and Wendy Kammer, children of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Kammer, and the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thomas Magruder of New York; Mary Guilford and Donald Kirk Prevish, children of Mrs. Esther Pitts Prevish of Virginia; Anna Neil, Katherine Elizabeth, and Douglas Neil Magruder, Jr., children of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Neil Magruder of Mississippi; Charles Joseph III, and Susan Elizabeth Tichy, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Joseph Tichy and grandchildren of Mrs. Ralph Bubb of Silver Spring, Md., and Eleanor Murray Magruder, daughter of our Chieftain and Mrs. Roger Gregory Magruder of Charlottesville, Virginia. It is the hope of the Clan that these and others will attend the 1960 Gathering. It is when children are growing up that they should be told of their forefathers and taught to have pride in their family heritage.

*Mr. John William Ericson*, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Magruder Ericson, deceased, has purchased an 18 acre country place in Verona, Pennsylvania, and given it the name of "Glen Magruder".

*Francis Abbott Hayden*, one of the early Junior Members and son of Mrs. Lida Jane Magruder (Hayden) Wood, is a student at Trinity College in San Antonio, Texas, and has had a job at a Radar Concern. Abbott is the grandson of Mrs. Martha Magruder and the late Frank Cecil Magruder, a past Chieftain. We hope Abbott will take up his membership as an adult member of the Clan.

# OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INCORPORATED AND THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE

*from 1909 to 1959*

## HEREDITARY CHIEFS:

Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor.....	1909-1958	Died 1958
Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor.....	1958-	

## CHIEFTAINS:

Dr. Edward May Magruder.....	1909-1925	Died Jan. 10, 1925
Caleb Clarke Magruder, III.....	1925-1927	Died 1946
Rev. James Mitchell Magruder.....	1927-1930	Died June 1955
Egbert Watson Magruder.....	1930-1933	Died Jan. 10, 1947
Herbert Thomas Magruder.....	1933-1936	
William Marion Magruder.....	1936-1941	
Frank Cecil Magruder.....	1941-1947	Died Apr. 24, 1959
Douglas Neil Magruder.....	1947-1950	
Comdr. John Holmes Magruder, Jr., U. S. N. Retired.....	1950-1952	
Brig. Gen. Marshall Magruder, U. S. A. Retired.....	1952-1956	Died July 4, 1956
Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder.....	1956-1958	
Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder.....	1958-	

## RANKING DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS:

Caleb Clarke Magruder, Jr.....	1909-1922	Died 1923
Caleb Clarke Magruder, III.....	1922-1925	Died Aug. 27, 1946
Rev. James Mitchell Magruder.....	1925-1927	Died June 1955
Egbert Watson Magruder.....	1927-1930	Died Jan. 10, 1947
Robert Lee Magruder.....	1930-1932	Died Aug. 8, 1955
Herbert Thomas Magruder.....	1932-1933	
Kenneth Dann Magruder.....	1933-1934	
Egbert Watson Magruder.....	1934-1937	Died Jan. 10, 1947
Kenneth Dann Magruder.....	1937-1940	
Frank Cecil Magruder.....	1940-1941	Died Apr. 24, 1959
Maj. Marion Milton Magruder.....	1941-1946	
Comdr. John Holmes Magruder, Jr. U. S. N. Retired.....	1946-1950	
Brig. Gen. Marshall Magruder, U. S. A. Retired.....	1950-1952	Died July 4, 1956
Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder.....	1952-1956	
Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder.....	1956-1958	
John Kennedy Magruder.....	1958-	

## SCRIBES:

Dr. Jesse Ewell.....	1909-1920	Died May 30, 1921
John Bowie Ferneyhough.....	1920-1927	Died Sept. 24, 1954
Robert Lee Magruder.....	1927-1930	Died Aug. 8, 1955
Kenneth Dann Magruder.....	1930-1932	

Marion Myrl Harrison.....	1932-1934	Died July 26, 1946
Henry Magruder Taylor.....	1934-1945	
Mrs. Jane Magruder (Hayden) Wood.....	1945-1947	
Miss Emma Waters Muncaster.....	1947-1950	
Miss Anna Louise Reynolds.....	1950-	

## HISTORIANS:

Caleb Clarke Magruder, Jr.....	1909-1912	Died, 1923
Mrs. Maryl Alpina (MacGregor) Magruder.....	1912-1914	
Mrs. Jennie (Morton) Cunningham.....	1914-1917	
Caleb Clarke Magruder, III.....	1917-1919	Died Aug. 27, 1946
Judge Calvert Magruder.....	1919-1922	
Miss Mary Therese Hill.....	1922-1944	Died May 15, 1944
Miss Regina Magruder Hill.....	1944-1959	
John Frederick Dorman.....	1959-	

*Assistants:*

Miss Martha Porter Miller.....	1951-1953
Mrs. John Rochford Dwyer.....	1953-1959

## REGISTRARS:

Mrs. Roberta Julia Buckey.....	1909-1924	Died	1924
Rev. James Mitchell Magruder.....	1924-1925	Died June	1955
Miss Mary Magruder.....	1925-1928	Died	1945
Mrs. O. O. van den Berg.....	1928-1958		
Miss Regina Magruder Hill.....	1958-		

*Assistants:*

Miss Martha Sprigg Poole.....	1953-1954
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## EDITORS:

Caleb Clarke Magruder, III.....	1912-1914	Died Aug. 27, 1946
Egbert Watson Magruder.....	1914-1927	Died Jan. 10, 1947
John Bowie Ferneyhough.....	1927-1947	Died Sept. 24, 1954
Ninian Edward Beall, Jr.....	1947-1950	
Thomas Garland Magruder, Jr.....	1950-1955	
John Kennedy Magruder.....	1955-1958	
J. Maynard Magruder.....	1958	

## CHAPLAINS:

Rev. Ivan Marshall Green.....	1909-1912	Died	1912
Rev. William Magruder Waters.....	1912-1915	Died	1915
Rev. James Mitchell Magruder.....	1915-1924	Died June	1955
Rev. Enoch Magruder Thompson.....	1924-1953	Died Nov. 18,	1958
Rev. Reuel Lanphier Howe.....	1953-1958		
Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder.....	1958		

## SURGEONS:

Dr. Stuart Brown Muncaster.....	1909-1942	Died Sept. 11, 1942
None between 1942-1945		
Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder.....	1945-1956	
Dr. Thomas Garland Magruder, III.....	1956-	



## CHANCELLORS :

Alexander Muncaster.....	1909-1942	Died Dec. 4, 1942
None between 1942-1947		
Judge Calvert Magruder.....	1947-1949	
C. Virginia Diedel.....	1949-	

## TREASURERS :

Dr. Jesse Ewell.....	1909-1912	
John Edwin Muncaster.....	1912-1947	Died June 27, 1955
Henry Magruder Taylor.....	1947-1953	
Douglas Neil Magruder, Treas. Pro tem.....	1953-1954	
Clarence William McCormick.....	1954-	

## ASSISTANT TREASURER :

Miss Amy Belle Hunter.....	1956-
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## DEPUTY SCRIBES :

John Francis MacGregor Bowie.....	1909-1916	Died Dec. 21, 1933
John Bowie Ferneyhough.....	1916-1920	Died Sept. 24, 1954
Mrs. Ann Wade Wood Sheriff.....	1920-1947	Died June 28, 1958
Miss Elsie Magruder Thrift.....	1947-1949	
Mrs. Leo J. Shaudis.....	1949-1952	
Mrs. Colma (Meyers) Allgeyer.....	1952-1956	
None since 1956		

## ASSISTANTS TO CHIEFTAIN :

Forrest Shepperson Holmes.....	1952-1956
Harry Woodward Blunt.....	1957-

## VIRGINIA STATE UNIT

The annual picnic of the Virginia State Unit of the American Clan Gregor Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, at Eheart, on the afternoon of June 20, 1959, and was well attended.

This Unit is organized with officers but the picnic meetings are informal affairs which give those attending a real chance for getting acquainted. Every year there are members present who have never attended before and all enjoy knowing these newcomers.

Those in attendance each bring something for the luncheon and everything is put on long tables on the lawn under the trees, then everyone helps themselves. The hostesses serve hot coffee and soft drinks or punch.

Those attending this year were: Mrs. John W. Yarrington (Frances Garth)

Mrs. Holland Garth	Miss Cornelia Mitchell
Mrs. W. M. Hundley (Mary Ish Ewell)	Mrs. Sally DeJarnette Micks
Josiah Hundley	Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel MacGregor Ewell
Miss Mary Ewell Hundley	Miss Evelina Magruder
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hamilton	Mistress Eleanor Murray Magruder
Miss Julia S. Reynolds	Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder
Miss Anna Louise Reynolds	Mrs. Evelyn Heim
Mrs. Agnes Reynolds Lipscomb (H. R.)	Mrs. Lasley and Daughter



Dr. and Mrs. George Boyd Tyler  
Mr. and Mrs. Upshur Mitchell  
Miss Sally M. Mitchell

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hord  
Miss Regina Magruder Hill

Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder, Chieftain, was introduced by the State Deputy Chieftain of Virginia, Mrs. Helen Ewell Hord. Dr. Magruder gave an interesting talk on Clan work, including a report on "Grandfather's Mountain Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans", near Linville, North Carolina.

Other Clan officers present were Miss Anna Louise Reynolds, Scribe; and Miss Regina Magruder Hill, Registrar.

P R O G R A M  
*of the*  
 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY GATHERING  
*of the*  
 AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY  
 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY      THE 16TH AND 17TH OF OCTOBER, 1959  
 CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

OFFICERS, 1909

SIR MALCOLM MACGREGOR OF MACGREGOR, BART.....	<i>Hereditary Chief</i>
DR. EDWARD MAY MAGRUDER.....	<i>Chieftain</i>
CALEB CLARKE MAGRUDER.....	<i>Ranking Deputy Chieftain</i>
DR. JESSE MACGREGOR EWELL.....	<i>Scribe</i>
JOHN FRANCIS MACGREGOR BOWIE.....	<i>Deputy Scribe</i>
CALEB CLARKE MAGRUDER, JR.....	<i>Historian</i>
MRS. ROBERTA JULIA MAGRUDER BUKEY.....	<i>Genealogist</i>
ALEXANDER MUNCASTER.....	<i>Chancellor</i>
REV. IVAN MARSHALL GREEN.....	<i>Chaplain</i>
DR. STEUART BROWN MUNCASTER.....	<i>Surgeon</i>

THE COUNCIL

*The Elective Officers and the following appointees:*

WILLIAM NEWMAN DORSETT  
 JOHN BOWIE FERNEYHOUGH  
 MISS HELEN WOODS MACGREGOR GANTT  
 COL. SPENCER CONE JONES  
 EGBERT WATSON MAGRUDER  
 DR. ERNEST PENDLETON MAGRUDER  
 HORATIO ERSKINE MAGRUDER  
 MISS MARY BLANCHE MAGRUDER  
 OLIVER BARRON MAGRUDER  
 JOHN EDWIN MUNCASTER

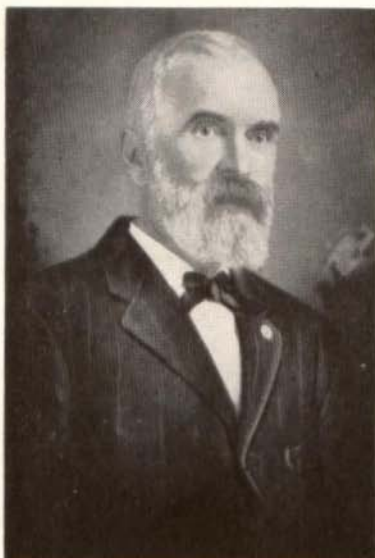
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*Greetings From The Chieftain*

In response to the summons of the symbolic Fiery Cross of Clan Alpin we are gathered here to celebrate this historic date in the American Clan Gregor Society and to do honor to our forebears. A warm welcome is extended to all present; best wishes to those who are unable to attend, and, it is with reverence that we remember those departed from our midst and all from whom our valiant heritage has descended through the centuries.



DR. EDWARD MAY MAGRUDER  
Chieftain 1909-1925  
Born November 27, 1858  
Died January 10, 1925



DR. JESSE MACGREGOR EWELL  
Scribe 1909-1920  
Born July 30, 1853  
Died May 30, 1921



DR. ROGER GREGORY MAGRUDER  
Chieftain 1959  
Born July 23, 1906  
Son of First Chieftain

## PROGRAM

Friday, the 16th of October, 1959

9:15 a.m.—Registration: Monticello Hotel, Court Square at Fifth and East Jefferson Streets.

10:00 a.m.—Council meeting at the home of the First Chieftain, Dr. Edward May Magruder, 100 West Jefferson Street.

12:30 p.m.—Buffet Luncheon, Monticello Hotel.

2:00 p.m.—Bus sightseeing trip around Charlottesville and University of Virginia. Depart from Monticello Hotel.

5:00- 6:30 p.m.—Cocktail Party. Home of the First Chieftain, Dr. Edward May Magruder. Mrs. Edward May Magruder and Daughters, hostesses.

6:30 p.m.—Dinner at the place of your choice.

8:30 p.m.—“American Clan Gregor Is Born”. Technicolor movie films: “Royal Scotland” and “Scottish Highlands,” Monticello Hotel.

Saturday, the 17th of October, 1959

9:15 a.m.—Registration: Monticello Hotel. Court Square at Fifth and East Jefferson Streets.

10:00 a.m.—Business meeting. Monticello Hotel. Presentation of gift to the Doctor Edward May Magruder Medical Scholarship at the University of Virginia.

12:15 p.m.—Luncheon, Monticello Hotel.

1:30 p.m.—Memorial Service, First Presbyterian Church, 500 Park Street. Presentation of bronze tablet honoring First Chieftain, Dr. Edward May Magruder, Maplewood Cemetery, at Maple Street and Lexington Avenue.

2:45 p.m.—Bus sightseeing trip to “Ash Lawn” and “Monticello”. Departs from Monticello Hotel.

5:30 p.m.—Chieftain's Reception. Home of Dr. and Mrs. Roger Gregory Magruder, Sunset Circle, Farmington.

PROGRAM—*Continued*

7:00 p.m.—Annual Banquet, Farmington Country Club.

Piping in of the Chief of Clan Gregor, Chieftain and Honored Guests.

"Star Spangled Banner", by the Assemblage.

Grace by the Chaplain and ex-Chieftain, Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder.

Piping in of the Haggis.

Recitation of Burns' "Address to the Haggis!" by Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder.

Remarks, Salute to "absentee" guests and introduction of distinguished members and guests by the Chieftain, Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder.

Toast to the Chief of Clan Gregor, Major Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart., by Mr. Herbert T. Magruder, ex-Chieftain.

Toast to Lady MacGregor of MacGregor, by Commodore John Holmes Magruder, Jr., U.S.N. Retired, ex-Chieftain.

Greetings from ex-Chieftains, Mr. William Marion Magruder and Mr. Douglas Neil Magruder.

Address by the Hereditary Chief of Clan Gregor, Major Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart.

"MacGregor's Gathering" and Other Scottish Songs by Mr. Samuel Sieg, accompanied by Mrs. Sieg.

Bagpipe music and Scottish dancing by the MacKensie-Scott Pipe Band, Baltimore, Maryland.

"Auld Lang Syne", by the Assemblage.

*Entertainment under the direction of*

MRS. RUTH WALDE LIGHTFOOT

## GUESTS

Major Reginald H. MacDonald, High Commissioner of Clan Donald Society of America, and Mrs. MacDonald

Mr. George E. Baker, President, St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Baker

Mr. Townsend Hay, Lieutenant to The Chief, Clan Hay Society, and Mrs. Hay

Mr. Donald F. MacDonald, Commissioner, Carolinas Branch, Clan Donald Society of America

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY GATHERING

*of the*

AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

*held at*

Charlottesville, Virginia

October 16, 17, 1959

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS OF THE CHIEFTAIN AT THE MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL

I should like to welcome all of you to this meeting of the Council at this Fiftieth Anniversary Gathering. It was in this room in June 1909, where the five persons, namely, Dr. Jesse Ewell, V, Miss Mary Ish Ewell, Mr. Horatio Erskine Magruder, Mr. Franklin Minor Magruder and Dr. Edward May Magruder met for the "momentous transaction which resulted in the invitation to all in America who have the MacGregor blood in their veins" to meet in Washington.

The building in which you are now in was originally built by Dr. Magruder for use as a private hospital in 1899 and was successfully operated for two years until 1901, when the University Hospital was opened. It was then converted into his home, with this room being the reception room of his suite of offices.

It seems appropriate for the Council to meet here on this occasion, and it is a great pleasure to have all of you here.

## THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GATHERING

OCTOBER 16 AND 17, 1959

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 1959

ANNA LOUISE REYNOLDS, *Scribe*

The meeting of the Council of the American Clan Gregor Society, Inc., was held at the office of our first Chieftain, Dr. Edward May Magruder, 100 W. Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, Virginia, on October 16, 1959. The members of the Council present were: Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder, John Kennedy Magruder, Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder, Harry W. Blunt, Herbert Thomas Magruder, Com. John Holmes Magruder, Jr., U.S.N., Retired, Thomas Garland Magruder, Jr., Regina Magruder Hill, Amy Belle Hunter, Emma W. Muncaster, Anna Louise Reynolds, C. Virginia Diedel, Cornelia M. Bowie, J. Maynard Magruder, Mrs. Ruth A. Lightfoot, Henry Magruder Taylor, and Wm. Y. W. Magruder.

The Chieftain, Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder, called the meeting to order at 10:25 A.M. It was opened with a prayer by the Chaplain, the Rev. Daniel R. Magruder. The Chieftain then gave us a brief historical sketch of his father's home in which we had gathered for this memorable occasion, the 50th Council Meeting of our Society.

Miss Reynolds read the minutes of the 1958 Gathering, which were approved as read with one exception: That henceforth, all Recommendations of the Council be written up in full in the Minutes, instead of referring to them by numbers. This was moved, seconded, voted on and approved.

Miss Amy Belle Hunter read the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Clarence William McCormick, who was absent. Miss C. Virginia Diedel made a motion to accept the report as read. It was seconded by Miss Cornelia M. Bowie, voted on and approved. It will appear in full in the Year Book.

The Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee, the Rev. Daniel R. Magruder, read his report, which will appear in full in the Year Book. He expressed the disappointment of his Committee that this important Fund had not increased more rapidly, stressed the need of increasing it, and suggested that everyone present give \$100.00 to it. This was moved, seconded, voted on and approved.

Miss Cornelia M. Bowie told of what she has done in regard to the securing of space in the Calvert Mansion of Riverdale, Maryland; for the purpose of storing the Clan Gregor Trophies and Records, and using it for various social functions with no rental charges. She suggested that the Clan erect a memorial here in the memory of our ancestor, Alexander Magruder. She further stated that Prince Georges County is planning to make this old Mansion a cultural center, as soon as The Planning Commission which has offices there now, vacates.

In view of Miss Bowie's remarks, *Mr. Herbert Thomas Magruder made a motion* that our Chieftain appoint a Committee to investigate what Miss Bowie has presented. Miss C. Virginia Diedel seconded the motion and discussion followed. It was voted on and approved. The Chieftain appointed a Committee to consist of Miss Regina Magruder Hill, Miss Cornelia M. Bowie and three other persons to be named later.

*Miss C. Virginia Diedel made a motion* that in order to help defray the expenses of the 1960 Gathering, a Registration Fee of fifty cents (\$0.50) be charged to all persons attending—members and guests alike. This was seconded by Miss Amy B. Hunter. Discussion followed. It was voted on and approved.

The Editor, Mr. J. Maynard Magruder, made no formal report, but stated that the Year Book for 1958-1959 cost approximately \$1,100.00. He gave credit to Miss Regina Magruder Hill for the valuable assistance she rendered in getting out the Year Book.

*New Business.*—The Chieftain brought up for discussion the need of a Budget Committee to keep a *close eye on the expenditures of the Treasury*. Discussion followed. *Mr. Henry M. Taylor made a motion that the Chieftain name a Budget Committee* of three members, including the Treasurer. This was seconded, voted on and approved.

The Chieftain brought up for discussion the continued sponsorship of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games at MacRae Meadows, Linville, N. C. He reported that he attended the meeting there this past summer and was very favorably impressed. It is a Gathering of Scottish Clans in a setting similar to the Highlands of Scotland. There are games, pipe music, dancing and many other features of entertainment. *Mr. Herbert T. Magruder made a motion that we continue our sponsorship of these games*. This was seconded by Mr. Harry W. Blunt, voted on and approved.

Miss Regina M. Hill read to the Council Meeting the following five, proposed Amendments to the Rules of the American Clan Gregor Society.

## RULE VI—OFFICERS

In order that there shall be at least three new members of the Appointed Council, I propose that the following Amendment be presented to the Council:

*I.—Amend Rule 6, Section 2*, by deleting the balance of the last sentence starting with the word "and" and substituting the following: "and ten Councilmen, who shall be appointed by the Chieftain for a three-year term. At the 1959 Gathering, these ten Councilmen will be appointed as follows: 3 for a one-year term; 3 for a two-year term; and 4 for a three-year term. As their terms expire, the vacancies shall be appointed with a three-year term each. No member of the Appointive Council shall serve more than three consecutive years. This was seconded by Mr. Harry W. Blunt. Discussion followed. It was voted on and approved.

*II.—Amend Rule VI, Section 5, Assistant to the Chieftain*: by adding after the word "Chieftain" the words "appointed by the Chieftain" and by adding a sentence at the end to read: "He shall serve until his successor is appointed." This was seconded by Herbert Thomas Magruder, voted on and approved.

*III.—Amend Rule VI further*, by adding a new section to be known as Section 6, to read: "No person shall be elected an Officer, or be appointed a member of the Council, who is not a member in good standing." This was seconded by Mr. Harry W. Blunt, voted on and approved.

*IV.—Amend Rule VI further*, by adding yet another new Section to be known as Section 7, to read: "No member shall be considered to be a member in good standing who has not paid the current year's dues." This was seconded by Herbert T. Magruder, voted on and approved.

## RULE V—COUNCIL

*V.—Amend Rule V, Section 4*, by deleting after the word "Society" the balance of the sentence. This Section to read: "The Council shall hold a meeting on the first day of each Annual Gathering of the Society." This was seconded by John Holmes Magruder, voted on and approved.

All of the above 5 Amendments were moved, seconded, voted on and approved to be presented to the Business Session.

The Chieftain reported that he sent flowers and condolences to Lady Gylla MacGregor on the passing of Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor on December 5, 1958. He, also, wrote a letter of condolence to Mrs. Magruder when Mr. Frank Cecil Magruder passed away. He will appoint a Committee to draw up Resolutions on the passing of these two prominent persons.

The Chieftain will appoint a Nominating Committee for the year 1960.

Mr. Harry W. Blunt stated that he has already made reservations at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D. C., for the "1960 Gathering." He further stated that he was authorized to make reservations for the "1961 Gathering." Mr. Herbert T. Magruder made a motion that we accept these reservations, seconded by Miss Cornelia Bowie, voted on and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
ANNA LOUISE REYNOLDS, *Scribe*.



In order to amend the Rules of the American Clan Gregor Society, it is necessary to get the consent and signatures of at least ten members before the changes, or proposed Amendments, can be presented to the Council. Twenty-five persons signed their names for the presentation of the above 5 proposed Amendments to the Council, the names are on file in the Clan Office.

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## THE BUSINESS SESSION

OCTOBER 17, 1959

ANNA LOUISE REYNOLDS, *Scribe*

The 50th, or Golden Anniversary Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society, Inc., was called to order by the Chieftain, Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder, at 10:40 A.M. The meeting was held in the Jackson Room of the Monticello Hotel at Charlottesville, Virginia.

First on the program was the presentation of a gift of \$1,000.00 to the "Dr. Edward May Magruder Medical Scholarship" at the University of Virginia. This presentation was made by Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder on behalf of his mother, Mrs. Edward May Magruder, his three sisters: Dr. Betty Allan Magruder, Miss Evelina Magruder, Miss Allaville Magruder, and himself. Dr. James Kindred, Professor of Anatomy of the School of Medicine, accepted the gift on behalf of the University of Virginia. Both the presentation and acceptance speeches will be written up in full in the Year Book.

*The Registrar*, Miss Regina Magruder Hill, reported 45 new members and 11 reinstatements of membership.

*The Assistant Historian*, Mrs. John R. Dwyer, reported 12 births, 3 marriages, and 16 deaths (12 members and 4 relatives of members).

*The Assistant Treasurer*, Miss Amy Belle Hunter, read the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Clarence William McCormick, who was absent. This report was moved, seconded, voted on and approved. It will appear in full in the 1960 Year Book.

*The Editor*, Mr. J. Maynard Magruder, made no formal report but stated that the Year Book for 1958-1959 cost approximately \$1,100.00. He gave credit to Miss Regina M. Hill for the valuable assistance she rendered in getting out the Year Book.

*The Chancellor*, Miss C. Virginia Diedel, had no report. She made a short talk, addressed to the Chieftain, in which she expressed gratefulness and deep appreciation for the gracious hospitality that has been extended to all members of the Clan Gregor attending "The Golden Anniversary Gathering" at Charlottesville.

*The Endowment Fund*, The Rev. Daniel R. Magruder read his report, which will appear in full in the 1960 Year Book.

*Research*, Miss Regina Magruder Hill reported that she had made some genealogical corrections, which will appear in the 1960 Year Book. She, also, stated that she had attended the funeral of Miss Marion Magruder and others who passed away this past summer and fall.

The four Recommendations of the Council were read to this session.

*Recommendation No. 1:* In view of Miss Cornelia M. Bowie's remarks in regard to securing space at the Calvert Mansion at Riverdale, Maryland, for the erection of a memorial to our ancestor, Alexander Magruder, and the storage of the Clan Gregor Records with no rental charges; Mr. Herbert Thomas Magruder recommended that a Committee be appointed by our Chieftain to investigate what Miss Bowie has presented. The Chieftain appointed a Committee consisting of Miss Regina M. Hill, Miss Cornelia M. Bowie, and three other persons to be named later.

*Recommendation No. 2:* In order to help defray the expenses of the 1960 Gathering, Miss C. Virginia Diedel recommended that a Registration Fee of 50 cents be charged to all persons—members and guests alike—attending the 1960 Gathering.

*Recommendation No. 3:* The Chieftain brought up for discussion the need for a Budget Committee to keep a close eye on the expenditures of the Treasury. Mr. Henry Magruder Taylor recommended that the Chieftain name a Budget Committee consisting of three members, including the Treasurer, Mr. Clarence William McCormick.

*Recommendation No. 4:* The sponsorship of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, a gathering of Scottish Clans at MacRae Meadows at Linville, N. C., be continued.

The above four Recommendations were approved by the Council to be presented to the Business Session. After being read to the Business Session, they were moved, seconded, voted on and approved.

Miss Hill read to the Business Meeting the following five, proposed Amendments to the Rules of the American Clan Gregor Society, all of which were approved by the Council for presentation to the Business Session:

## RULE VI—OFFICERS

In order that there shall be at least three new members of the appointed Council, I propose that the following amendment be presented to the Council:

*I. Amend Rule VI, Section 2,* by deleting the balance of the last sentence starting with the word "and" and substituting the following:

"and ten Councilmen, who shall be appointed by the Chieftain for a three year term. At the 1959 Gathering, these ten Councilmen will be appointed as follows: 3 for a one-year term; 3 for a two-year term; and 4 for a three-year term. As their terms expire, the vacancies shall be appointed with a three-year term each. No member of the appointive Council shall serve more than three consecutive years. This was seconded by Mr. Harry W. Blunt. Discussion followed. It was voted on and approved.

*II. Amend Rule VI, Section 5,* Assistant to the Chieftain: by adding after the word "Chieftain" the words "appointed by the Chieftain" and by adding a sentence at the end to read: "He shall serve until his successor is appointed." This was seconded by Herbert Thomas Magruder, voted on and approved.

*III. Amend Rule VI further,* by adding a new section to be known as Section 6, to read: "No person shall be elected an officer, or be appointed a member of the Council, who is not a member in good standing." This was seconded by Mr. Harry W. Blunt, voted on and approved.

*IV. Amend Rule VI further*, by adding yet another new section to be known as Section 7, to read: "No member shall be considered to be a member in good standing who has not paid the current year's dues," Moved by John H. Magruder, Jr., seconded by Mr. Herbert T. Magruder, voted on and approved.

*V. Amend Rule V, Section 4*, by deleting after the word "Society" the balance of the sentence. The Section to read: "The Council shall hold a meeting on the first day of each Annual Gathering of the Society." *This was moved by Miss Cornelia M. Bowie*, seconded by Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder, voted on and approved.

All of the above 5 Amendments were moved, seconded, voted on and approved by the Business Session.

Under new business, Mr. Herbert T. Magruder made a motion that we continue the genealogy of the Magruder Family, looking forward to the time when we shall be able to have a book published on the "Descendants of Alexander Magruder." This was seconded by Miss Cornelia M. Bowie, voted on and approved.

The Chieftain brought up for discussion the bestowing of medals of award to those of "Magruder Blood" who fought in the Korean War. Mr. Henry M. Taylor made the following motion: "That the Chieftain be authorized to appoint a Committee to compile a list of members of this Society who served in the Armed Forces during the Korean War, and to make necessary arrangements for awarding a medal, similar to those of World Wars I and II, to each one eligible to receive it." This was seconded by Herbert T. Magruder, voted on and approved.

Mr. Harry W. Blunt made a motion that the expense of the chartered bus to transport those members of the Society from the Monticello Hotel to the Chieftain's Reception and the Annual Dinner, be charged to the American Clan Gregor Society. This was seconded, voted on and approved.

Miss Hill reported that Mr. James Garrioch passed from this life on October 15, 1959. He was one of our faithful pipers, and entertained the members of Clan Gregor with his music for many, many years. A motion was made and approved that our Chieftain write a letter of condolence to his family.

The Chieftain announced that he will appoint a Nominating Committee for 1960.

At this point, the Chieftain made his Annual Address, which was superb. *The applause from those present was long and loud.* Many remarked that it was the best speech they ever heard. After the applause subsided, Mr. Henry Magruder Taylor made the following motion: "A rising vote of appreciation to the Chieftain for his most interesting and excellent address." This was seconded by all present. I do not believe that the Chieftain heard this last motion, for he left the room as soon as he finished speaking.

Directly following the Business Session the Chieftain announced the following appointments on Committees:

Nominating Committee: Herbert Thomas Magruder, Chairman; Commodore John Holmes Magruder, Jr., U.S.N., Ret.; and Henry Magruder Taylor.

Mr. Harry Woodward Blunt, Assistant to the Chieftain, was appointed General Chairman of all Committees.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M., and most of us assembled in the dining room of the Monticello Hotel for luncheon.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

CLARENCE WILLIAM MCCORMICK

## GENERAL FUNDS:

9-30-1958—Balance Treasurer's Books ..... \$2,216.50

*Receipts:*

Prior Dues .....	\$ 116.00		
Current Dues .....	1,296.00		
Prepaid Dues .....	382.00	\$1,794.00	
Initiation Fees .....	87.00		
Miscellaneous Items .....	161.05		
Gathering of 1958 .....	982.25		
Absentee Guest Contributions .....	15.00		
Expenses, Major MacGregor .....	30.00	1,275.30	\$3,069.30
Total Receipts .....			\$5,285.80

*Disbursements:*

1958 Luncheons .....	\$ 89.25		
1958 Dinners .....	793.50		
Printing, etc. ....	414.00		
Supplies .....	63.09		
Postage .....	117.91		
Research and Membership .....	179.22		
Gathering of 1959 .....	88.25		
Year Books, 1958 .....	932.81		
Rent for Clan Headquarters .....	585.00		
Miscellaneous .....	379.61		
Dues Refunded .....	8.00	\$3,650.64	\$3,650.64

Balance per Treasurer's Books—9-30-1959 .....\$1,635.16\*

Total .....\$5,285.80

## \*—Earmarked Funds:

Brig. Gen. Marshall Magruder Library (Now in special account) .....	\$ 155.00
Year Book for 1959 .....	1,100.00
Major Gregor MacGregor, Expenses .....	30.00

Total .....\$1,285.00

## ENDOWMENT FUND:

Balance per Bank Book #9183—9-30-1958 .....\$1,990.15

## Contributions 10-1-1958—9-30-1959:

Mrs. Rex Hays Rhoades .....	\$ 10.00	
Miss Rosalee Magruder .....	3.75	
Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder .....	16.00	
Sister Philippa Henderson .....	10.00	\$ 39.75
Interest to 1-1-1959 .....	19.90	
Extra Dividend 1-1-1959 .....	9.95	

Interest to 7-1-1959 .....	20.33			
Extra Dividend 1-1-1959 .....	15.26	\$	65.44	\$ 105.19
Balance per Bank Book #9183—9-30-1959 .....				<u>\$2,095.34</u>

#### RECONCILIATION OF BANK STATEMENT WITH TREASURER'S BOOKS:

Balance per Statement from the				
First National Bank of Sandy Spring, Md.—9-10-1959.....				\$1,878.95
Treasurer's Deposits not recorded:				
9-19-1959 .....	\$	70.00		
9-28-1959 .....		119.25		189.25
Total .....				<u>\$2,068.20</u>
Balance per Treasurer's Books—9-30-1959 .....				\$1,635.16
Outstanding Checks:				
No. 341—Chieftain—300 copies Books on Clan Gregor ..		228.35		
No. 342—Registrar, Research and Membership .....		87.26		
No. 343—Leon Business Machine Co., Supplies				
for Mimeograph machine .....		19.95		
No. 344—Bethesda Printing Co., Letter on				
1959 Gathering .....		21.63		
No. 345—Ricker Printing Co., Envelopes .....		9.95		
No. 346—Registrar, Rent for Headquarters .....		45.00		
No. 347—Registrar, Postage on Chieftain's Letter.....		20.90		433.04
Total .....				<u>\$2,068.20</u>

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY GATHERING

This year the American Clan Gregor Society deserted Washington and traveled to Charlottesville, Virginia, to celebrate our 50th, or Golden Anniversary Gathering, in the hometown of our First Chieftain, Dr. Edward May Magruder. It was just wonderful being privileged to visit this lovely city situated in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of the Old Dominion State. Everything got off to a good start, with the weather cooperating and giving us lovely sunny days. And what a perfect setting for the "Gathering of the MacGregors"!

The Monticello Hotel was our headquarters and we spent two of the busiest and most enjoyable days and nights of our lives here. From the moment of arrival until the time of departure, we were so busy attending the various functions on the agenda that often it seemed that we had scarcely begun to enjoy ourselves at one place, before it was time to start to another. There were two luncheons at the Hotel; a Cocktail Party at the home of our First Chieftain, Dr. Edward May Magruder, with Mrs. Magruder and daughters as hostesses; a play, "The American Clan Gregor Is Born;" two technicolor movie films, "Royal Scotland" and "Scottish Highlands;" two sightseeing trips by bus, taking in Charlottesville, the University

of Virginia, "Ashlawn" the home of President Monroe and "Monticello," the home of President Jefferson. These were climaxed Saturday evening by the Chieftain's Reception at his home in Farmington and the Annual Banquet at the Farmington Country Club.

The "Highlight" of these various functions was that our Hereditary Chief, Major Sir Gregor MacGregor and Lady MacGregor of MacGregor honored us with their presence. They had flown over from Scotland, arriving October 8, being met by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Magruder of Staten Island, New York, and had been guests in the home of Com. and Mrs. John H. Magruder, Jr., of Waterford, Conn. The latter brought them in his car to Charlottesville, where they were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Roger G. Magruder during the Gathering. We found both to be persons of great charm who won our hearts from the moment that we met them. We were most happy that they, our honored and distinguished guests, could be with us to celebrate the "Golden Anniversary Gathering" of the American Clan Gregor Society.

### THE PILGRIMAGE

Early Saturday afternoon, October 17, we walked from the Monticello Hotel to the Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church at 500 Park Street, where a befitting Memorial Service was held not only for the members that had passed away since the Gathering of 1958; but, also, for all of the deceased Officers of the Clan since its beginning. It was conducted by our Chaplain, Rev. Daniel R. Magruder, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Alfred Graham Taylor.

Then Miss Emma W. Muncaster and Mrs. John R. Dwyer laid a large green wreath on the altar. As Miss Muncaster called the name of each departed Chieftain, Mrs. Dwyer placed a red carnation at the top of the wreath. A lavender carnation in memory of Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor was placed in the top center. For each of the other deceased ones, a white carnation was placed below the red ones, practically covering the wreath with flowers.

A flower was then placed in memory of the other former deceased officers of the Society in the order in which they served: (For dates of service and of death, see: Officers of the American Clan Gregor Society, Incorporated, and Their Terms of Office from 1909 to 1959, which is printed elsewhere in this book.)

Chieftains: Mr. Caleb Clarke Magruder, Jr.; Rev. James Mitchell Magruder; Dr. Egbert Watson Magruder; Mr. Frank Cecil Magruder; and General Marshall Magruder.

Ranking Deputy Chieftains: Mr. Caleb Clarke Magruder, Jr.; Mr. Caleb Clarke Magruder, III; Rev. James Mitchell Magruder; Mr. Egbert Watson Magruder; Mr. Robert Lee Magruder; Mr. Frank Cecil Magruder; General Marshall Magruder.

Scribes: Dr. Jessie Ewell; Mr. John Bowie Ferneyhough; Mr. Robert Lee Magruder; Mr. Marion Myrl Harrison.

Registrars: Mrs. Roberta Julia Bukey; Rev. James Mitchell Magruder; Miss Mary Magruder of "Sandy Spring".

Historians: Mr. Caleb Clarke Magruder, Jr.; Mr. Caleb Clarke Magruder, III; Miss Mary Therese Hill.

Editors: Mr. Caleb Clarke Magruder, III; Mr. Egbert Watson Magruder; Mr. John Bowie Ferneyhough.



Chaplains: Rev. Ivan Marshall Green; Rev. William Magruder Waters; Rev. James Mitchell Magruder; Rev. Enoch Magruder Thompson.

Surgeon: Dr. Stuart Brown Muncaster.

Chancellor: Dr. Alexander Muncaster.

Treasurers: Dr. Jesse Ewell; Mr. John Edwin Muncaster.

Deputy Scribes: Mr. John Francis MacGregor Bowie; Mr. John Bowie Ferneyhough; Mrs. Ann Wade Sheriff.

Those who have passed away since the last Gathering in 1958:

#### MEMBERS:

Mrs. Elmer Sterling Clark, May 14, 1957, No. 527

Miss Rosalie Hanson Gassaway, March 24, 1959, No. 254

Mr. Frank Cecil Magruder, June 24, 1959, No. 740, Life Member

Miss Marion Virginia Magruder, August 29, 1959, No. 1204

Mr. Willett Clark Magruder, October 25, 1958, No. 94

Mrs. James F. Neale, July 26, 1959, No. 566

Mrs. William Bunyon Reynolds, November 28, 1958, No. 969

Mrs. Philip Davis Shoup, October 28, 1959, No. 1219

Miss Margaret Salisbury Walker, December 11, 1958, No. 807

#### RELATIVES OF MEMBERS:

Mr. William Wallace MacGregor, October 31, 1958, a brother of a former member Mrs. Mabel Sessford.

Mr. Henry Ward Magruder, August 5, 1959, brother of our member, Mrs. Doc Williams of Colorado.

Col. Rex Hays Rhoades, September 11, 1959, husband of our member, Mrs. Mabel Taylor Rhoades, he also leaves two sons who are Clansmen.

Mrs. Sylvanus Rowe, August 25, 1959, mother of our member Mr. Johnston Stables Rowe.

Mrs. Rexford M. Smith, January 13, 1959, sister of our Charter Member, Dr. Walter A. Wells.

Master Piper James Garrioch, October 15, 1959, who piped for the Clan for 25 years.

The last flower was placed in the wreath for all of the deceased Lay Members who have rendered such valuable service to their Clan during the past fifty years.

The service was conducted by the Chaplain of the Clan, the Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Alfred Graham Taylor. The Historian, Miss Emma Waters Muncaster, assisted by Mrs. John Rochford Dwyer, Assistant Historian, read the various groups and placed the flowers in the wreath. The wreath filled with beautiful flowers was then taken to the grave site of Dr. Edward May Magruder, where a marker was placed on his tomb by the Society. On the hillside near the gravesite appropriate music was played on the Bagpipes by Piper Thomas E. Moore of the St. Andrews Society. He is a MacGregor descendant. (See also this service in part written up in the Minutes of the Gathering.)

At the close of this service, we walked about three blocks down a hill to Maplewood Cemetery and to the grave of our First Chieftain, Dr. Edward May Magruder, where a bronze tablet had been placed by the American Clan Gregor Society. It was unveiled by little Miss Eleanor Murray Magruder, his grand-

daughter. The wreath that was decorated at the church, was brought down and placed at the head of Dr. Magruder's grave. Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder, the son of our First Chieftain, accepted the tablet on behalf of his family. The Rev. Daniel R. Magruder rendered an old Gaelic Prayer, and Mr. Herbert Thomas Magruder, an ex-Chieftain, gave an impressive talk, in which he extolled the virtues of our First Chieftain.

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Deaths Reported Since the Gathering and Obituaries Appear in This Issue

Mr. John Franklin Adams, December 30, 1959

Mr. George Calvert Bowie, November 8, 1959

Mr. Elijah Steele Drake, October 28, 1959

Miss Charlotte Isabelle Ewell, December 14, 1959

Mr. Fielder Thomas Magruder, February 20, 1960

Mrs. Lilly Catherine (Moore) Stone, February 8, 1960

Mrs. Annie Zulika (Magruder) Thompson, February 3, 1960

Mr. Ezra Offutt Witherspoon, January 3, 1960

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While we were assembling at the grave and during the ceremony following, Mr. Thomas E. Moore of Springfield, Virginia, a MacGregor Descendant, stood on the hill above the cemetery, regal in his kilt, and played lovely, Scottish Melodies on his bagpipe. It was a very solemn and impressive occasion.

Below is the Gaelic Prayer given by the Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder:

"May the blessing of Light be on you—light without and light within. May the blessed sunlight shine on you and warm your heart till it glows like a great peat fire, so that the stranger may come and warm himself at it, and also a friend.

And may the light shine out of the two eyes of you, like a candle set in the windows of a house, bidding the wanderer to come in out of the storm.

And may the blessing of the Rain be on you—the soft, sweet rain. May it fall upon your spirit so that all the little flowers may spring up, and shed their sweetness on the air. And may the blessing of the great rains be on you. May they beat upon your spirit and wash it fair and clean, and leave there many a shining pool where the blue of heaven shines, and sometimes a star.

And may the blessing of the earth be on you—the great, round earth. May you ever have a kindly greeting for them you pass as you are going along the roads. May the earth be soft under you when you rest out upon it, tired at the end of a day; and may it rest easy over you when, at the last, you lie out under it. May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be off from under it quickly, and up, and off, and on its way to God.

And now may the Lord bless you all, and bless you kindly."

AMEN!

### THE CHIEFTAIN'S RECEPTION

This social event, an innovation of the Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder during the first year of his Chieftainship, maintained its high popularity at the beautiful country home of our Chieftain, Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder. The "Receiving Line" was long and consisted of our Hereditary Chief, Major Sir Gregor Macgregor and Lady MacGregor of MacGregor, our own Chieftain and Mrs. Magruder, Distinguished Guests and Officers of the Society. Colorful, too, in that many of these were attired in kilts. The MacGregors really gathered for this affair and soon

the entire downstairs was filled to capacity. What a lively and jolly crowd were they! So quickly the time passed that it seemed we were just at the height of our celebration, when it was announced we must travel across the circle a couple hundred yards to the Farmington Country Club, where our Annual Dinner—Banquet was in preparation and awaiting our arrival. "The MacKenzie Pipe Band" of Baltimore, Maryland, played for us while we attended the Chieftain's Reception, and gathered on the lawn to continue the music as we strode along to the Club.

## THE EVENING SESSION

### DINNER—BANQUET

The room at the Farmington Country Club, in which we gathered for the Annual Dinner, was spacious, about twice as long as wide, and large enough to accommodate all comfortably. We entered through a wide door in the middle of one long side of the room, facing the banquet table for the guests on the opposite side. Quite a wide aisle was left open from the door up to this table, and it was in this space that the Pipers and Dancers performed.

The walls were appropriately decorated with sprays of pine, the MacGregor Crest and Tartan. The tables, too, presented a festive air, as they were gay with center pieces of pine and cones. The pine came from "Glenmore," the boyhood home of the First Chieftain. At each plate there had been placed a lovely spray of heather tied with a MacGregor Tartan Ribbon, and also a book, "The Clan MacGregor," autographed by Major Sir Gregor MacGregor and our own Chieftain, Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder. We found our tables and waited while our guests were piped-in to their seats at the Banquet Table. The first to be "piped-in" were four Ex-Chieftains and wives as follows: Herbert Thomas Magruder and Mrs. Magruder of New York City, Douglas Neil Magruder and Mrs. Magruder of Mississippi, Rev. Daniel R. Magruder of Massachusetts, and Com. John H. Magruder, Jr., U.S.N., Retired, of Connecticut and Mrs. Magruder. Also, in this group were Major Reginald H. MacDonald, High Commissioner of the Clan Donald Society of America, and Mrs. MacDonald; Mr. George E. Baker, President of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Baker; Mr. Donald F. MacDonald, Commissioner, Carolinas Branch of the Clan Donald Society of America and Mrs. Mary Ewell Hundley, the only living survivor of the original meeting of Clan Gregor, which was held in Charlottesville in June 1909. The second group to be "piped-in" were our Hereditary Chief, Major Sir Gregor MacGregor and Lady MacGregor of MacGregor; our own Chieftain, Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder and Mrs. Magruder.

The "Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the Assemblage, and immediately following Grace was said by the Rev. Daniel R. Magruder, our Chaplain.

At the beginning of the meal, there was the "piping-in" of the traditional "Haggis," followed by waiters carrying the "Scotch," which was held high above their heads. The haggis was placed on a table in front of our Honored Guests, and the Rev. Daniel R. Magruder while wielding a large knife, recited in a most effective manner Robert Burns' "Address to the Haggis."

The Chieftain saluted our "Absentee Guests," giving the number and stating that the names of these will appear in the Year Book. He also, introduced our Distinguished Guests. He announced that the lovely sprays of heather found at

our plates were grown at "Edinchip," the home of the Honorable Lady Gylla MacGregor of Macgregor, that she had tied and sent them to us as her contribution for the Golden Anniversary Gathering. We are very grateful to Lady Gylla for remembering us so appropriately with heather from the hills of Edinchip. We feel that a part of her dear gracious self pervades each spray and so we shall cherish them as our most-prized mementos.

The Toast to the Chief of Clan Gregor, Major Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart., was given by Mr. Herbert Thomas Magruder.

The Toast to Lady MacGregor of MacGregor was given by Commodore John H. Magruder, Jr., U.S.N., Retired, Ex-Chieftain.

Mr. Douglas Neil Magruder, an Ex-Chieftain, extended greetings to all.

The Hereditary Chief of Clan Gregor, Major Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart., delivered a most interesting address, which will appear in full in the Year Book. At the conclusion, he presented a beautiful "Perth Quaich" (drinking vessel) to the Society and which was accepted by the Chieftain.

Mr. Samuel Sieg, accompanied by Mrs. Sieg at the piano, sang "MacGregors' Gathering" and other Scottish Songs. We feel deeply grateful to these gifted musicians for a superb performance, which was enjoyed by all.

At this point the MacKensie Pipe Band of Baltimore, Maryland, lead by our own Mr. Wm. Lachlin Kennedy Galloway, rendered several stirring selections. Then, Miss Kathy McPherson danced the "Highland Fling" and the "Sword Dance," followed by little Miss Martha Jean Finlayson who danced the "Sword Dance" and the "Shantrub." These girls were lovely in their Kilts and gave us wonderful performances, which we enjoyed ever so much.

After each one had been served Champagne, we arose and drank a toast to our Hereditary Chief, Major Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart., and Lady MacGregor. Then all joined hands and sang, "Auld Lang Syne," which brought this, our "Golden Anniversary Gathering" to a close. Many felt that this was the best and most interesting "Gathering" we had over the period of fifty years.

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#### REMARKS OF THE CHIEFTAIN AT THE PRESENTATION OF A GIFT TO THE DR. EDWARD MAY MAGRUDER MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 1927 the American Clan Gregor Society honored the first Chieftain, the late Dr. Edward May Magruder, by establishing in his name a scholarship in the School of Medicine at the University of Virginia. While members of this Society have priority in receiving this scholarship to help defray their tuition, it has also been awarded to other non-member medical students. This seemed to be a very fitting memorial to one who had served his chosen profession and also his alma mater faithfully for so many years; and also for the recipients who would benefit most from it, the medical students, in whom he had a very keen interest.

Edward May Magruder grew up on the farm and in the era immediately after The War Between the States, when financial hardships, besides many other, were evident everywhere. At the age of fourteen years he decided he would make medicine his life-work, with the resolution that the costs of this should be borne by him. By teaching in private homes and schools and saving the remuneration received, he was able to accumulate enough money to start.

After obtaining his premedical education at the University of Virginia in 1878-79, his medical education was started at the Bellevue Hospital Medical Center in New York in 1882. Here he was a student for one year before matriculating in the Medical Department at the University of Virginia in 1883. In June 1884, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Following this he took a post graduate course at the New York Polyclinic. In January 1885, he passed the examination before the recently appointed board of medical examiners in Virginia, though at that time he was not required to do this in order to obtain a license to practice medicine.

He established himself permanently in Charlottesville in 1886, and was invited to use the facilities of the Piedmont Hospital. Shortly thereafter the Medical Department of the University established its first clinic there under the direction of Dr. W. C. Dabney. Dr. Dabney found the duties too onerous for the condition of his health, so in the fall of 1886, he gave up this position and Dr. Magruder was made Clinical Instructor in his place with his duties covering the whole field of medicine, including all the specialties. In 1890, Dr. Dabney's health had improved and he was able to resume his duties. Two years later the Piedmont Hospital was closed and the clinical work at the University was transferred to the University Dispensary and Operating Building. In 1895 Dr. Magruder was appointed Instructor in Physical Diagnosis in the Medical Department and likewise conducted the Clinics in Internal Medicine, retaining that position until 1920 when failing health caused him to give up active work in this line. He taught his favored subject, Physical Diagnosis, for twenty nine years. The late Dr. John Staige Davis, Professor of the Practice of Medicine at the University, who was recognized nationally in his field said the following of Dr. Magruder: "His patience, care and thoroughness impressed all with whom he came in contact and are an abiding and blessed memory. He was the first man to begin general examinations of the patients at the University."

During his connection with the Medical Department Dr. Magruder wrote a handbook entitled "Guide to Physical Diagnosis," which was used for many years. He was also the author of a number of scientific and historical papers.

After the close of the Piedmont Hospital in 1892, and before the opening of the University Hospital, experiencing the great need of hospital facilities in this community, in 1899 Dr. Magruder erected and opened a small private hospital, which was successfully operated for two years, until 1901 when the University Hospital was opened. He was invited to make use of the new building. His private institution was then converted into his home.

In 1908 he accepted an offer with what is now the Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville to become affiliated with that institution and became its first president in 1909.

He was local surgeon for both the Chesapeake and Ohio and Southern Railroads. During World War I he volunteered his services, but on account of age and health he was turned down for active duty; but was appointed a member of the Medical Advisory Board of the 29th District of Virginia. Dr. Magruder was also a member of a number of state and national medical societies; and was elected to the Alpha of Virginia Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha, which is the highest honorary Greek letter medical fraternity.

Dr. Magruder was a member of that once great body of practitioners of

medicine known as "the family doctor," which has been the backbone of medicine, but whose ranks in this highly scientific and specialized age has become greatly thinned. He was also called in consultation by physicians and friends in neighboring communities and more distant towns. Usually these trips would be made by train, no matter what kind, and occasionally he would ride in the caboose of a freight train and on rare occasion in the cab of the engine, in answer to calls from a distance.

For his local practice before the automobile and also because of the terrible roads, over which no automobile could travel, he used the horse and buggy. He had several remarkable horses in his time. On occasions when returning home late at night from a call in the country he would tie the reins onto the buggy, curl up on the seat and doze while his faithful horse, "Pneurectomy", brought him back home. He also had a horse name "Auto" because of the rapid rate at which he traveled. Some years later I was informed by a friend that in Charlottesville the meaning of the phrase, "quick and the dead" in those days was that the "Quick" got out of Dr. Magruder's way and the "dead" did not. When a small boy in the summertime, I frequently drove him on his rounds, while he sat reading a western story or adventure magazine of which he was very fond as one means of mental relaxation.

In those days patients would not enter hospitals as readily as nowadays. Many had the impression that a hospital was a place to go to die. Also many were reluctant to call a physician until the sick one was critically ill. On occasions Dr. Magruder would arrive at the patient's house to find a situation requiring urgent and immediate attention, or the patient too ill to be moved over almost impassable roads. For such surgical cases the kitchen table or one of the doors of the house would be used as an operating table, and occasionally only by light from an oil lamp. After that the vigil by the patient's bed may have lasted all night.

At this time it is the desire of his immediate family, through the medium of this Society, to present a gift of one thousand dollars to the Dr. Edward May Magruder Medical Scholarship at the University of Virginia. This money is to be invested along with the present principal amount of this scholarship Fund, and the interest therefrom to be used to increase the allowance of his scholarship to the student.

To receive this gift, it is a pleasure to have as the representative from the School of Medicine, Dr. James Kindred, Professor of Anatomy. He was Chairman of the Scholarship Committee for many years. Dr. Kindred, it is my privilege to deliver this gift to you.



RECIPIENTS OF THE  
DR. EDWARD MAY MAGRUDER MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA,  
SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND:

- 1929-'33—Roger Gregory Magruder, member of ACGS.  
1934-'35—Elliott H. DeJarnette, eligible for membership in ACGS.  
1938-'42—Betty Allen Magruder, member of ACGS.  
1945-'47—Nathaniel MacGregor Ewell, Jr., member of ACGS.  
1947-'48—Elliott C. Haley.  
1950-'51—Donald Murdock Allen.  
1953-'54—Alfred Dwyer Morris.  
1957-'58—Benjamin H. Ward, Jr.  
1959-'60—John W. Campbell.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

*Office of the Dean*

October 19, 1959.

Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder  
Farmington, Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Gregg:—

This will acknowledge with many thanks your fine letter of October 14th, together with the check for \$1,000 to add to the fund for the Dr. Edward May Magruder Scholarship. I am sure that you know how very useful this scholarship is and how much we appreciate the generosity of the Clan. Please convey the gratitude of the University for this fine gift to American Clan Gregor Society.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

(Signed) TOM

THOMAS H. HUNTER, M.D., *Dean*



*Photograph of the Memorial Tablet in honor of*

**EDWARD MAY MAGRUDER, M.D.**

*Bronze Memorial Tablet on the foot of the sarcophagus of the First Chieftain, Dr. Edward May Magruder, presented by the American Clan Gregor Society and unveiled at graveside ceremonies during the Fiftieth Anniversary Gathering.*

REMARKS OF THE CHIEFTAIN AT THE PRESENTATION  
OF THE BRONZE TABLET TO THE  
FIRST CHIEFTAIN

I am in the unique position of being Chieftain of our Society and also a member of the family of the first Chieftain in whose name this tablet is dedicated.

Thus it is my privilege to present this memorial tablet in honor of Dr. Edward May Magruder. His great interest in the Society and devotion to the members is well known. Next to his profession the success of the American Clan Gregor Society was uppermost in his mind.

As representative of his family I should like to say that we deeply appreciate this honor in the form of a memorial from the Society, and shall be ever grateful for it.

The tablet will now be unveiled by Eleanor Murray Magruder, the granddaughter of the first Chieftain.

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BRIEF REMARKS OF HERBERT THOMAS MAGRUDER  
*at the GRAVESIDE OF EDWARD MAY MAGRUDER*

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., OCTOBER 17, 1959

We come together again in this place of remembrance. No words of mine can fitly express our feelings—Remembrance, Pride, Affection, Gratitude. All these feelings are implanted deep in our hearts and know no ending.

All who had the good fortune to know our beloved first Chieftain, whose memory we honor and cherish, held him in warm affection. I shall always remember the thrill I felt when he put his arm on my shoulder, as a gesture of welcome as a Clansman. Those Clanfolk who did not know him in life have yet an awareness of the man he was, through his good works that live after him, as does this Society.

Is it too much to say that his great heart is even now gladdened, as this Fiftieth milestone is reached in the history of our Clanship?

No, we can only pause here a moment in honor and respect. Our lives are better and in this relationship more meaningful because he lived and led us in the way strengthening ties of kinship.

## REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 17, 1959.

Our Treasurer reports that the "Endowment Fund" now stands at \$2,085.34. This consists of:

Balance, October 1958 .....	\$1,990.15
Contributions, 1959 .....	29.75
Interest .....	65.44
 Total .....	 \$2,085.34

It is a disappointment to the Committee that this important fund has not increased more rapidly, but we remember that our members have Scotch Blood in them and do not let go of their money without a compelling reason. But in this case we have two such reasons: First, we must eventually have our permanent headquarters in which to store our growing records and exhibit our treasures. At present we are very fortunate, thanks to Miss Hill and Mrs. van den Berg; but we do have to look forward to the future. Secondly, the cost of the "Gatherings" increases every year, and a great many of our members cannot afford to attend for this reason. If these occasions could be subsidized by the Endowment Fund, and the cost made nominal; we could have a much larger attendance.

Let us all do what we can every year, and also remember our Society when we make our wills.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)—DANIEL RANDALL MAGRUDER, *Chairman*.

## RESEARCH COMMITTEE

REGINA MAGRUDER HILL, *Chairman*

Research was done in preparing the article on page 15 of the Year Book published in 1959 "John Bowie, Jr., Married Mary Offutt." I want to call attention to an error on page 16, paragraph 6, where the name of the wife of Ninian Magruder should be "Elizabeth Brewer". On page 41, under Statistical Report, the first line should read: "Baker, Scott Freeman, November 12, 1958, to Captain Russell Andrew Baker, Jr., and". Please make these corrections in your Year Book. These corrections are being sent to the Libraries receiving our books.

Only one trip to Annapolis has been made this year but several Wills have been secured and added to our collection, and much work has been done on compiling material on hand in the working out of lines, and some research has been done by correspondence.

## REPORT ON THE CLAN OFFICE

REGINA MAGRUDER HILL

The Clan Office has been very busy this year. To begin with it was moved into a much larger room in the Apartment. Two articles were edited, prepared and typed for the Year Book and all material was typed and assembled before it was sent to the Editor.

A letter was gotten out from the Membership Committee to those eligible to

Clanship. The response was poor. These prospective members are the brothers, sisters, children and others in the close family circles of our members. We are asking that each member be a committee of one to try and interest their relatives in becoming members of their family Clan.

Four communications were sent out from the Chieftain on the 1959 Gathering.

To get out a communication to the membership is quite a job. After the material has been prepared and sent to the office for mailing it is necessary to address the envelopes, secure and attach the stamps, fold the material, fill the envelopes, seal them, and tie them in bundles by States where there are more than five, and take them to the Post Office for mailing. Many times no help can be secured.

A letter was typed on a stencil and run off on the office Mimeograph Machine, and sent to Mr. Thomas Garland Magruder for posting. This was on the shop he will open shortly, and telling of the MacGregor articles he has at the Gathering.

There has been made a scrapbook made of pictures and articles consisting of 125 pages, and a "Brides" book consisting of newspaper articles on the weddings, many of which have a picture of the bride. These scrapbooks will be continued and when completed each book will have an Index. These will be very valuable in research work in the years to come.

I want to thank Mrs. James Murdock, Mrs. John Rochford Dwyer, Mrs. John Eldridge Loveless, Mrs. Merle Freeman, Mrs. Grace MacGregor Woods, and Mrs. Dixie Noble for their valuable help in typing material, addressing envelopes, making up the membership list, and in making the scrapbooks.

With the help of Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Loveless a complete list of all members of the Clan since October 1909, has been arranged and typed to be printed in the 50th Anniversary Year Book which will be published in 1960.

Mr. Harry W. Blunt and Miss Hill have wrapped in packages of ten each and labeled by years, all of the Year Books on hand. There are no Year Books on hand before 1917.

If you move from your present address be sure to notify the Clan Office of your new address. Many pieces of mail are returned and if we can secure the new address, in the case of a letter it means another 4¢ postage; when Year Books are returned it means that we pay the postage three times, to send it, to get it returned, and then to resend it if the correct address can be secured.

In the early days of the Clan the genealogical material being collected was housed at the home of the Registrar, Mrs. Roberta Julia Magruder Bukey, Mr. Alexander Muncaster, and the early Editors of the Year Books. After the death of Mr. Muncaster the material he had was put in the insurance office of Mrs. Esther Pitts Previsch and later moved to the apartment of Mrs. van den Berg in the Westmoreland Apartments on California Street. At a still later date all material belonging to the Clan was moved to the Highlands in the apartment of Mrs. O. O. van den Berg, Mrs. Rosalind Magruder and Miss Regina Magruder Hill. By this time there was quite an accumulation of material, books, and equipment. The office remained here until January 1956, when Mrs. van den Berg and Miss Hill (Mrs. Magruder having passed away) moved to the Briarcliff, 1862 Mintwood Place, N. W., Apartment 201, and the material not in constant use was placed in a basement room loaned by Mrs. Esther Pitts Previsch, and located at 2839 27th Street, N. W.

At the Gathering in 1957 it was decided to move the Archives, furniture, etc.

which was in the above mentioned basement room, to the apartment at 1862 Mintwood Place, and that the Clan pay rent of \$45.00 per month for the use of a room in this apartment to be known as the Clan Office. This is the first paid-for Clan Office and is still being used as such.

## REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

REGINA MAGRUDER HILL

*Gathering of 1959*

Your Registrar reports 45 new Members and 11 Reinstatements since the Gathering in October 1958 as follows:

The first three numbers are those given to Junior Members in past years, and once given a Clan Number, that number belongs to that particular person from then on, and these are former Junior Members who have now joined on their own as Adult members.

- 669 —Mr. John Beavers Magruder, 6708 Lake St., Apt. 301, Falls Church, Va. He is the grandson of Oliver Barron Magruder and Margaret Janet Graham, and his line goes back to Samuel Magruder "Ye 3rd" and Eleanor Wade through their son Samuel who married Jane Haswell.
- 965 —Mrs. Joseph Wesley Watkins, Jr., (Marjorie Jane Magruder), Baird, Miss. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Neil Magruder, and is on the line of John Magruder "of Dunblane", through his son Nathan and Rebecca Beall.
- 1226 —Mr. Donald Francis Jackson, Odessa, Texas. He is the son of our member Leander Glenn Jackson, and is descended from James MacGregor who upon coming to America changed his name to Thomas McGehee. His son Edward McGehee married Elizabeth DeJarnette.
- 1295 —Mrs. Ralph Harmison (Eva Murrell), Royal Oak, Michigan. She is on the line of Sarah Magruder, daughter of Samuel and Sarah, who married William Selby, whose son William Magruder Selby married Martha Wilson, through their son James Wilson Selby.
- 1296 —Mrs. Robert William Lovett (Ruth Candler), 3057 Black Fox Drive, Atlanta 6, Georgia. Mrs. Lovett is the daughter of Charles Howard Candler, Jr., and Ruth Tolbert; granddaughter of Charles Howard Candler, deceased, and Flora Harper; this line goes back through the Beall line to John Beall who married Verlinda Magruder, she the daughter of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall.
- 1297 —Mr. Bernard F. Magruder, Franklin, Michigan. He is the son of Charles Alburtus Magruder and Old' Fewell, and his grandparents were Jonas Elias Magruder and Columbia Ann Miller. His line goes back to Samuel Magruder the 3rd and Jane Haswell, the son of Samuel (called "Sr.") and Eleanor Wade.
- 1298a —Lieut. Joseph Wesley Watkins, Jr., Baird, Miss. who married Marjorie Jane Magruder, Clan No. 965.
- 1299 —Mr. William Thomas Magruder, Shelbyville, Tennessee. He is the son of William Thomas Magruder and Eliza Warren and his line goes back to Capt. William Thomas Magruder who married Mary Clayton Hamilton.



- 1300 —Mrs. Samuel Douglas Cox (Marion Magruder Andrews), Newport News, Virginia. Descent from Ninian Magruder and Elizabeth Brewer, through their granddaughter Rachel Magruder who married Robert Thrift.
- 1301 —Mrs. Charles Gordon Cossar (Elizabeth Freeland), Vicksburg, Mississippi. She is descended through Alexander Magruder II, and Susanna Busey, through their son Alexander Magruder III and Elizabeth Howard; through their daughter Sarah Ann Magruder who married William Dent Beall.
- 1302 —Mr. Douglas Lloyd Killam, 211 Kuukama St., Kailua, Hawaii. He is the son of our member Lloyd Randolph Magruder Killam of Honolulu, Hawaii. His line is from Lloyd Belt Magruder who goes back to Ninian Magruder and Elizabeth Brewer.
- 1303a—Mrs. Roger Gregory Magruder (Eleanor Ruth Moseley), Charlottesville, Virginia. She is the wife of our Chieftain, Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder.
- 1304 —Mrs. C. G. Fairchild (Miss Scott). This number has been assigned to her, but her papers have not yet been entered.
- 1305 —Mrs. G. I. Resseguie (Miss Scott), Fort Bragg, N. C. These two women are the daughters of our member Col. Don Magruder Scott, U.S.A., Retired, whose line goes back through his mother Elizabeth Magruder, daughter of Levin Wailes Magruder to Alexander Magruder III and his wife Elizabeth Howard.
- 1306 —Mr. Harold Joseph Magruder, West Hyattsville, Maryland. He is on the line of Samuel Magruder (called "Sr.") and Eleanor Wade, through their son Zachariah who married Sarah Beall; through their son Lt. Nathaniel Beall Magruder of the Revolutionary War.
- 1307 —Mr. J. Taylor Hurst, Box 667, Fayette, Alabama. His line goes back to Samuel Magruder "Ye 3rd" and Margaret Jackson, the son of Ninian Magruder and Elizabeth Brewer.
- 1308 —Mrs. Evelyn Gregory Heim, Drawer 1080K, Staunton, Virginia. She is on the line of John Gregory of Danbury, Connecticut. Her Aunt, Miss Jane Waters Gregory, deceased, was Clan Member No. 683.
- 1309 —Mrs. Herbert Ryding (Mary Tutwiler), 3321 Dell Road, Birmingham 13, Alabama. She is the daughter of our members Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tutwiler who descend from James Magruder, Jr., and Mary Bowie, the son of Ninian Magruder and Elizabeth Brewer.
- 1310 —Mrs. Thomas Felton Wimberly, Jr. (Margaret Tutwiler), 3341 Dell Road, Birmingham 13, Alabama. Mrs. Wimberly is a sister of Mrs. Ryding.
- 1311 —Mr. Josiah Hundley, R. 9, Box 494, Richmond 25, Va. Josiah is the son of Mrs. Mary Ish Ewell and Waller Massie Hundley, and a grandson of Dr. Jesse Ewell.
- 1312 —Mrs. Fred George Kelley (Lucy Moss), 4716 S. Gramercey Place, Los Angeles 62, California. Mrs. Kelley is a sister of our clanswoman Mrs. Estelle Moss Mabry. Her line is from Ninian Beall Magruder and Rebecca Young, through their great-granddaughter Harriett Jones Magruder who married Robert L. Dunlop, and their daughter Mary Carnes married Robert Mims Moss, the member's grandfather.
- 1313 —Mrs. Robert E. Franklin (Mollie Ann Kelley), 81 Lincoln Place, Waldwick, N. J.
- 1314 —Fred George Kelley, Jr., 4716 S. Gramercey Place, Los Angeles 62, Cali-



- fornia. Mrs. Franklin and Mr. Kelley are the children of Mrs. Fred George Kelley, Sr.
- 1315 —Mrs. Thomas V. C. Walker (Elizabeth Brayton Almy), Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N. J. Mrs. Walker descends through James Magruder and Barbara Coombs, through their son John Read Magruder who married Barbara Contee.
- 1316 —Mrs. Roy W. Blair, (Gretchen Magruder), 875 W. Cherry St., Troy, Mo. Her line is from Lloyd Belt Magruder through his son David Martin Magruder, and his son Benjamin Ernest Magruder who married Laura Cook, who were the parents of Mrs. Blair.
- 1317a—Mrs. John Kennedy Magruder (Countess Felicia Gizycka), 604 A St., S. E. Washington, D. C., wife of John Kennedy Magruder, Ranking Deputy Chieftain.
- 1318 —Mr. Malcolm D. MacGregor, Assistant Curator, Marine Historical Association, Mystic Seaport, Conn.; His home address is Stonington, Connecticut. He is the son of Malcolm Macgregor and grandson of Malcolm Macgregor who came from Argyle, Scotland, to Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada.
- 1319 —Mrs. Arthur Luther Litke (Miriam Magruder), 1332 Lunt Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Litke is a sister of our member Mrs. Roy W. Blair, No. 1316.
- 1320 —Mr. Leland L. Harris, Chief Warrant Officer, U.S.N., 703 Florida Avenue, Fort Pierce, Florida. His great-grandfather was William L. Harris who married Rebecca Rouse.
- 1321a—Mr. Joseph Charles Tichy, 1109 Crowfoot Lane, Paint Branch Farm, Silver Spring, Maryland. His wife Margaret Elizabeth Bubb Ticky, and his two children are also members of the Clan.
- 1322 —Mrs. A. J. Price (Ella Magruder), 1932 Orchard Ave., Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mrs. Price descends through Nathaniel Magruder who married Jemima Sutherland, he being her great-great-grandfather.
- 1323 —Mrs. William Bernard Sowell (Virginia Howry), Willoway Plantation, Crenshaw, Mississippi. Mrs. Sowell descends from Patrick MacGregor of Ardynconval, who was the great-grandfather of Richard Gregory 1st, who was in King and Queen Co., Virginia, as a Justice in 1699. This Charles Gregory was the 7th generation from Mrs. Sowell.
- 1324 —DeJarnette, E. Hampton, Princeton, West Virginia. Descended from Ninian Magruder and Elizabeth Brewer through their great-grandson, Benjamin Henry Magruder.
- 1325 —DeJarnette, Hampton Magruder, Center St., Princeton, West Virginia. Same lineage as the above, No. 1324.
- 1326 —DeJarnette, Miss Elizabeth Keller, 226 Center St., Princeton, West Va. Same lineage as No. 1324 and 1325.
- 1327 —Mrs. Dan H. Priest (Genevieve Ringo), 5809 ElCampo Terrace, Fort Worth 7, Texas. Her line is from John Gregory of Carlisle, England (of Scotch origin), whose daughter Mary married Col. James Taylor. She is on the same line as our member No. 348, John Bailey Nicklin, Jr., deceased.
- 1328 —Mrs. Melvin Carl Johnson (Myrtle Greer), 610 Old Orchard Road, Bel Air, Maryland. Descended through William Greer and his wife Sarah Freeland, of Virginia.
- 1329 —Mr. Magruder Dent, Jr., Polaris Farm, R. 2, Box 41, Charlottesville,

- Virginia. He is the son of our Clansman Magruder Dent of New York, and descends from Peter Dent who married Ann Magruder.
- 1330 —Mr. Gilbert A. Magruder, 1 Dububon Court, Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Mr. Magruder is a sister to our member Ella Magruder Price (Mrs. Arthur Jerome), No. 1322.
- 1331 —Mr. Pickett Magruder Greig, Rock Hill Farm, Hamilton Ave., Jamestown, Rhode Island. He is the grandson of Rear Admiral Thomas Pickett Magruder, U.S.N., deceased. His mother, Adele Magruder Greig, is also a member of the Clan.
- 1332 —Mrs. John C. Miller (Marie Magruder), 270 El Biaso Way, Palm Beach, Florida. Mrs. Miller is a niece of our member Mr. Denton Adlia Magruder, and descends from Samuel Magruder 4th, through his son John Rezin Magruder.
- 1333 —Mrs. William C. Warren, Jr., (Catherine Candler), 3669 Paces Valley Road, N. W., Atlanta 5, Georgia. Mrs. Warren is the daughter of Charles Howard Candler, deceased, who was a member of the Clan, No. 1240.
- 1334 —Mr. Alexander Scott Offutt, 2120 Kalorama Road, N. W., Washington 8, D. C. His line is from Major Samuel Wade Magruder and his wife Lucy Beall, whose granddaughter Anne Mariah Fisher married Hilleary Lyles Offutt, Sr.
- 1335 —Mrs. Lloyd Benjamin Schwab (Anna Lucretia King), 607 N. Hennepin Avenue, Dixon, Illinois. Her line is through Elizabeth Magruder, daughter of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall, who married Ninian Beall, Jr.
- 1336 —Mr. Lewis Dwight Hutchison, Love's Lane, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. He is the son of our member Miller Reese Hutchison, Jr., He traces his descent from Ninian Offutt Magruder and his wife Mary Harris, through their grandson William Reardon Magruder who married Mary Ann Perry; through their daughter Elizabeth who married William Peter Hutchison.

*Reinstated Members:*

- 19c—Mrs. Walter L. Hammond (Minnie Berry), 4104 Ridgewood Ave., Baltimore, Maryland.
- 20c—Mrs. Claude R. Moore (Elizabeth Ruff Berry), 207 Woodlawn Road, Roland Park, Baltimore 10, Maryland.
- 133 —Mr. Bryan Black, Jr., 100 Wyndhurst Avenue, Baltimore 10, Maryland.
- 319 —Mrs. Herbert P. Henshaw (Elizabeth Dunbar Magruder), P. O. Box 964, Charlottesville, Virginia.
- 320 —Mrs. John Barlow Hopkinson (Sallie Watson Magruder), P. O. Box 1161, Charlottesville, Virginia.
- 617 —Dr. Denton Adlai Magruder, 332 Phillips Street, Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- 648 —Mrs. Irvin T. Hieatt (Lillie Kephart Smith), 1012 East Fort Wayne, Warsaw, Indiana.
- 947 —Mrs. Asa Caperton Overall (Maude Olive Harris), Lawrenceburg, Kentucky.
- 1000 —Mr. Ralph Hemingway Magruder, Jr., 3435 Main Highway, Coconut Grove, Miami 33, Florida.
- 1046 —Mrs. Howard Everett Pelter (Mary May Brenham), Cherokee, Oklahoma.
- 1085 —Miss Susan Alice Taylor, 2475 Virginia Avenue, N. W., Washington 7, D. C.

I attended the funerals of the following: Rev. Enoch Magruder Thompson, Mr. Willett Clark Magruder, Miss Marion Virginia Magruder, Mrs. William Bunyon Reynolds, Colonel Rex Hays Rhoades, and Mr. George Calvert Bowie.

## STATISTICAL REPORT

*of*

MISS EMMA WATERS MUNCASTER, *Historian*, AND MRS. JOHN ROCHFORD DWYER,  
*Assistant*

*October, 1958 to October, 1959*

### BIRTHS

Baker, Scott Freeman, Nov. 12, 1958. (See Year Book 1959, p. 41) Correct name of father is Captain Russell Andrew Baker, Jr.

Berryman, Kevin Christopher, (See 1959 Year Book, p. 41.)

Cook, Robert Shumate, March 13, 1959, to Edward Magruder Cook and Joane Craig Cook, both members of the Clan. Robert is the grandson of Mrs. Mary Emma Magruder Cook, also a Clan member.

Ewell, Carrington Waddell, December 31, 1959, son of Dr. Nathaniel MacGregor Ewell, Jr., and his wife Mildred Carrington Hart.

Killam, Katherine Sue. (See 1959 Year Book, p. 41.)

Loveless, Thomas Eldridge, Sept. 30, 1959, to William Eldridge and Helen Bowden Loveless, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Eldridge Loveless.

Macklen, Forrest Houser. (See 1959 Year Book, p. 41.)

Magruder, Paul Randall (See 1959 Year Book, p. 41.)

Magruder, Scott Wemple, July 29, 1959, to Mr. and Mrs. William Yates Wemple Magruder. Scott is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thomas Magruder.

McGarry, James Frederick, III, June 22, 1959, to James Frederick and Genevieve Lloyd Wolfe McGarry.

McGehee, Duncan Ewell, October 7, 1959, son of Helen Elizabeth Ewell and Fielding McGehee.

MacGregor, Malcolm Gregor Charles, March 23, 1959, to Major Sir Gregor MacGregor and Lady Fanny Macgregor. (See 1959 Year Book, p. 41, but it does not give his name.)

Murdock, James Henry, Jr., July 28, 1959, to Joyce and Henry Murdock. He is the grandson of Rev. James and Elizabeth Higgins Murdock.

Stabler, John Edwin, Jr., July 28, 1959, to John Edwin and Nancy Mann Stabler. He is the grandson of Robert Roland and Margaret Muncaster Stabler.

Ubel, Margaret Louise. (See 1959 Year Book, p. 42.)

Walde, Cathering Florence Ashley, July 6, 1958, to Robert Ashley and Cathering Beauprè Walde. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ruth Ashley (Walde) Lightfoot.

Note: Those marked "See 1959 Year Book" were received too late to be read when the Report was given.

## MARRIAGES

## MISS FRANCES LYTLE LUMMIS TO MR. RICHARD LLEWELLYN GREENING LLOYD

Miss Frances Lytle Lummis and Mr. Richard Llewellyn Greening Lloyd were married on June 20, 1959, at the National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.

Frances is the daughter of Colonel Irwin Lytle Lummis, U. S. Army, Retired, of Charlottesville, Virginia, and Evelina Norris Magruder. After graduation from Duke University Frances received the degree of Master of Science in Physics from the University of Virginia and for several years was engaged in Physical Research at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory at White Oaks, Maryland.

Richard is the son of Mr. Thorne E. Lloyd of Morristown, New Jersey, and of Mrs. Jack Burns of Warrenton, Virginia. He was graduated from the University of Virginia where he later did post-graduate work in Chemistry. He is a Chemical Engineer in Research and Development with the Army Chemical Corps at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd are living in their home at 516 Hampton Lane, Towson, Maryland.

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## MISS MARY CELIA PRICE TO MR. GEORGE GREGORY LONGERMEIR

Miss Price was married to Mr. Longermeir on August 22, 1959. The wedding took place in the Gesu Church in University Heights, Ohio.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Henry Ellis Price and Elizabeth Griffin Price, and the great granddaughter of our deceased Charter member, Mrs. Caroline Hill Marshall.

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## MISS MARSHA REIFSNYDER TO ROBERT ALEXANDER MCCORMICK

On December 27, 1959, Miss Marsha Reifsnyder became the bride of Mr. Robert Alexander McCormick, son of our treasurer Mr. Clarence William McCormick and Ical Rose. The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Myles Reifsnyder of near Westminster, Maryland, where they were married by her father.

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## MISS JACQUELINE ANN ROGER TO MR. JOHN REAGAN WOODWARD

On Thursday, July 10, 1958, in a wedding of international interest, Miss Jacqueline Ann Roger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Roger of Paris, France became the bride of John Reagan Woodward, son of Dr. and Mrs. Max R. Woodward, 1020 Leslie Avenue, Sherman, Texas.

The ceremony took place in the American Church in Paris, oldest Protestant church in Europe, at 11:30 a.m., with Dr. Clayton E. Williams, senior minister, reading the rites in French and English.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Miss Betsy Woodward of Denver, Colorado, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. Hugh Thompson, Jr., of Tucson, Arizona, was best man.

Mrs. Woodward, who spent the 1956-57 school year as a Fulbright scholar at Sargent School of Physical Education, University of Boston, Massachusetts, was graduated June 22 from the University of Paris. Part of her early education

was in England and she later was graduated from Lycee Helen Boucher in her native Paris.

Mr. Woodward, a graduate of the University of Texas, has completed one year at Yale University Medical School, New Haven, Connecticut. He is a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity and of Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Epsilon honorary fraternities.

After two months of travel in Europe Mr. and Mrs. Woodward will return to the United States where Mr. Woodward will continue his studies at Yale.

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MISS SARAH ELIZABETH WITHERS TO MR. JOHN GORDON McDONALD, JR.

Of interest here was the October 25th wedding in Clover, South Carolina, which united Miss Sarah Elizabeth Withers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin Withers of Bowling Green, South Carolina, and Mr. John Gordon McDonald, Jr., of Rockville, Maryland, son of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, 126 S. Van Buren St. The 4:00 P.M. ceremony was performed by the Rev. Angus N. Littlejohn at Bowling Green Presbyterian Church.

Miss Julia Ann Stovall of Charlotte, S. C., was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Miss Carolyn Withers, sister of the bride, and Miss Rachel Crawford of Charlotte. Mr. John Randolph Murdock was best man for his cousin.

The newlyweds are making their home at 703 W. Montgomery Avenue in Rockville, Maryland.

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#### DEATHS

*See "Highlights of the Golden Anniversary Gathering" under "Pilgrimage"*

## AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR IS BORN

*A Presentation in Prologue Depicting the Founding in 1909**Written for the*

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY GATHERING

*of the*

AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

*by*

HERBERT THOMAS MAGRUDER

*Characters**Impersonated by*

Narrator .....	Mrs. Philip Howell Lightfoot
Dr. Edward May Magruder, First Chieftain.....	Mr. David Taylor
Dr. Jesse Ewell, First Scribe .....	Captain Nathaniel Ewell
Horatio Erskine Magruder, A Virginia Gentleman.....	Mr. J. Maynard Magruder
Franklin Minor Magruder, A Virginia Gentleman.....	Mr. Bernard Magruder
Miss Mary Ish Ewell, Daughter of Dr. Ewell.....	Mrs. Mary Ewell Hundley (Herself in person)

The Honorable Caleb Clarke Magruder, of Prince

George's County, Maryland .....

Mr. Herbert Thomas Magruder

John Bowie Ferneyhough, of Richmond, Va.....

Commodore John H. Magruder, Jr.

John Read Magruder, of Maryland.....

Mr. George Hazellhurst

John Francis MacGregor Bowie of Washington, D. C. ....

Mr. Edward Gregor

Reverend Ivan Marshall Green .....

Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder

Narrator (Reading)—

AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR IS BORN

*Prologue*

Scene: Office in Home of Dr. Edward May Magruder, Charlottesville, Va.

Time: Afternoon of June 10, 1909

Dr. Magruder enters carrying a letter at which he glances.

Dr. Edward May Magruder:

A splendid idea! My good friend Ewell is likely to make himself famous today. A Gathering of Clanfolk! Everyone I've spoken to is thrilled. Those who are coming here today are especially enthusiastic. Here comes someone now! It's Rache and Franklin Minor! Welcome clansmen! How does that sound!

Horatio Magruder (in robust out-of-doors voice)

I'm right interested in this idea! Set me to reading Walter Scott again these past weeks. He surely makes these Highland Scotts alive, doesn't he?

Franklin Minor Magruder:

Who else is coming, Ned?

Dr. Magruder:

Just Dr. Jesse Ewell from Ruckersville and his daughter.

Narrator (gazing out the window)

Dr. Magruder sees a doctor's buggy approaching.

Dr. Magruder:

Here they are now, I reckon.

Narrator (he goes to the door to welcome the new arrivals)

Dr. Magruder:

Come in! come in! You're acquainted, I'm sure. (all shake hands)

Welcome Clanfolk! let's get started right. Sit down, sit down everybody!

Narrator: All are seated except Dr. Magruder, who continues to speak, as an air of anticipation fills the room.

Dr. Magruder:

"We can have a share in making today important to all of MacGregor blood in America. I am going to ask Dr. Ewell who conceived the idea of forming a Clan organization, to say a few words now."

Dr. Ewell:

I shall be happy to do so. The spirit of my saintly grandmother, Ellen Macgregor Ewell, who lived at 'Dumblane' in Prince William County, Va., deserves all the credit of inspiring this call to gather clanfolk together. Let me tell you a little about her. She was probably the only woman in America to bear successively the names 'Magruder' and 'Macgregor'; when her father, John Smith Magruder of Maryland had the family name of his children changed back to 'MacGregor'. She was born on March 24, 1800, at 'Grampian Hills' the home place of her father, in Prince George's County, Maryland. On October 21, 1827, she married Dr. Jesse Ewell, my grandfather. They began housekeeping in Washington. After three years they moved to Prince William County, Virginia. Grandmother cherished her Scottish ancestry; and kept green the tradition of Clan and family. Small of stature though she was, she was a tower of strength, of character and of courage. She was a true daughter of MacGregor. I apologize for speaking at such length; but felt that I must give honor where it belongs. And now, if it is in order, it is my privilege, I believe, to suggest that this meeting be called to order, so that we can choose a Chairman, and go on with our discussion.

Horatio Magruder:

I suggest that Franklin Minor Magruder be Temporary Chairman.

Narrator: This was agreed to by all; and taking the chair, he asked Dr. Ewell to act as Secretary.

Franklin M. Magruder:

My important job, I reckon, is to see that a permanent Chairman is chosen.

Dr. Ewell:

I am happy to suggest that Dr. Edward May Magruder be our Permanent Chairman.

Dr. Magruder:

Alright, if that's the way you wish it, and if you, Dr. Ewell, will serve as permanent secretary. (He takes the chair vacated by Franklin Minor Magruder). Well, we're ready to start the ball rolling now; and I am going to ask Dr. Ewell to read a Notice that he and I have worked on. This notice is to be sent to all of Magruder and MacGregor blood we know of or can locate. And of course it is to be given the widest publicity in the press possible.



Of course, also, it is subject to any suggestions or changes you may wish to make.

Dr. Ewell: (reading)

THE CALL OF THE CLAN  
THE AMERICAN BRANCH OF CLAN GREGOR

"Honored and Blessed to the Evergreen Pine!"

Whereas the history of the Clan Gregor of Scotland is one of which the descendants of that Clan should feel just pride, and

Whereas there are many descendants of the Clan in America, most of whom are unknown to each other; and who would enjoy meeting their brethren, and in learning of the Clan history in Scotland and America;

Therefore it seems advisable to organize Clan MacGregor in this Country. To this end a meeting of MacGregor descendants was held on June 10, 1909, in Charlottesville, Virginia, at which a temporary organization called the 'American Branch of Clan MacGregor' was formed, by the election of Dr. Edward May Magruder, of Charlottesville, Va., as Chief, and Dr. Jesse Ewell of Ruckersville, Virginia, as Scribe.

These officers were instructed to issue an invitation to all in America who have MacGregor blood in their veins, irrespective of name, to meet in Washington, D. C., at the National Hotel, October 8th and 9th, 1909, for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization of the Clan; which shall hold annual meetings at some central point to be determined. Wives and husbands of those who may have married outside the Clan, and all children of the blood are included in this invitation.

The purpose of this organization is to bring together members of the Clan for mutual acquaintance; and to obtain and disseminate information whereby the various members may be enabled to construct and complete their family tree; and by which a History of American MacGregors may be compiled.

The National Hotel will give special rates to members of the Clan on October 8, 9, and 10, as follows:

European Plan: \$1.00 per day

American Plan \$2.00 and \$2.50 per day, and will allow the gratuitous use of their auditorium.

Come early and get acquainted. Please write to the Scribe at once, and say that you expect to attend.

(Signed) Edward May Magruder, *Chief*,  
Charlottesville, Va.

Dr. Jesse Ewell, *Scribe*,  
Ruckersville, Va.

You see Clanfolk, we have anticipated your approval; but any suggestions or improvements will be welcome.

Horatio Magruder:

I move that the notice be approved as read; and that the titles "Chief" and "Scribe" be made the designations of our Chairman and Secretary. That's Clan language, isn't it? I think it's fine! I'm proud to be here!

Narrator: The motion was unanimously carried; and with a proud feeling of having shared in really starting something worthwhile, the meeting adjourned.

man, John Read Magruder of Annapolis, spoke on "Alexander MacGruther and the Clan Gregor in America". Miss Mary Magruder of Sandy Spring, Md., gave an extemporaneous talk on "The Ethical Value of Interest in Genealogy". Both of these contributions were listened to with interest. They are to be found in Vol. I of our Clan Year Books. Mr. John Francis MacGregor Bowie then obliged with a fine rendition of the stirring "MacGregor's Gathering", and his magnificent tenor voice gave the assemblage much pleasure. The meeting then adjourned to afford opportunity for general sociability.

## SCENE II

Narrator: The Place. The same Assembly Room in the National Hotel.

Time: 10 A.M., October 9.

A marked air of general friendliness now pervades the meeting room. Many who had met for the first time the day before had developed a feeling of affectionate interest in one another. The organization officers, Dr. Magruder and Dr. Ewell are surrounded by interested groups expressing enthusiasm and promising loyal support. Other distinguished seniors among the clanfolk are speaking of incidents and traditions in family lore that have been handed down by parents and grandparents. Some are comparing notes illustrating family traits evidencing the love of Scottish lore so widely cherished by all branches of the family. At length Dr. Magruder and Dr. Ewell walk to the platform. Slowly the chatter subsides as the meeting is called to order.

Mr. Magruder: (pounding vigorously with the gavel)

Let the meeting come to order, please!

I am sure that I speak for all in saying that we made a fine beginning yesterday. This is an experience never to be forgotten. I hope that all members of the family present will enroll themselves as Founder Members. Here I take the opportunity to introduce those of our Founder members who have honored us with their presence today. (Reads names as they rise.)

Now we are awaiting anxiously to hear the Report of our Committee on Organization; and I call upon the Chairman, the Hon. Caleb Clarke Magruder, to present its report.

Hon. C. C. Magruder: (walks to the front)

Your Committee has labored long and hard, well into the night. I will give you a brief synopsis of its recommendations.

The name of our organization shall be "American Clan Gregor". In making this recommendation we recognize that this name is not in strict conformity with the rules of Clan Gregor in Scotland, where only males of Clan names are eligible for membership. We have already enrolled many loyal clanswomen here in America, and we cannot give them up. It is our recommendation that the officers get in touch with the Chief of Clan Gregor, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, in order to find a solution of this dilemma.

We recommend that Annual Gatherings of Clanfolk in America be held at some convenient place and time. We can suggest no place better than this capital city of Washington.

It is further recommended that a Committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws be appointed by the Chairman; such committee to report at the next Annual Gathering, and that pending the adoption of Constitution and By-Laws

the affairs of the organization be conducted by its elected officers under accepted Parliamentary procedure.

And lastly it is the recommendation of your Committee that the following officers be chosen by election at this meeting: A Chieftain, Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Scribe, Registrar, Historian, Treasurer, Chancellor, Surgeon, Chaplain and Editor.

Also that there be a Council of ten to be appointed by the Chieftain; and this Council, with the elected officers will direct the affairs of this organization.

Our final recommendation is that a Deputy Chieftain be appointed in each State where there are members enrolled.

Dr. Magruder:

Thank you, Sir, and your Committee for such a fine report. The Chair will entertain a motion to approve the Report of this Committee, and to adopt its recommendations.

Horatio Magruder:

I so move.

Narrator: The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Dr. Magruder:

Now we are formerly organized, and will proceed with the election of officers.

John Bowie Ferneyhough:

I submit for your approval the names of the following to fill the several offices created:

Chieftain .....	Dr. Edward May Magruder
Ranking Deputy Chieftain .....	Hon. Caleb Clarke Magruder
Scribe .....	Dr. Jesse Ewell
Deputy Scribe .....	Mr. John Francis MacGregor Bowie
Historian .....	Mr. Caleb Clarke Magruder, Jr.
Registrar and Genealogist .....	Mrs. Roberta Magruder Bukey
Chancellor .....	Alexander Muncaster, Esq.
Surgeon .....	Dr. Steuart Brown Muncaster
Chaplain .....	Rev. Ivan Marshall Green

The offices of Treasurer and Editor to be filled later.

John Read Magruder:

I move that nominations be closed; and that the Scribe be instructed to cast one ballot for those whose names have been submitted.

Scribe:

The ballot has been cast; and those names have been elected to office.

Dr. Magruder:

Thank you for this high honor. You want no more speeches from me at this time. When next we gather together I will be able to show my appreciation by deeds as well as words.

Narrator: The newly elected officers were introduced by the Chieftain to enthusiastic applause.

Dr. Magruder:

That concludes our formal program. I thank you all for coming; and I am sure that you have enjoyed gathering together. I hope that we will all be spared to answer the Call of the Clan to meet another year.

Unless some one has some other matter to present I will declare the Gathering

adjourned with the singing of that good old heartwarming hymn "God Be With You 'till We Meet Again."

All sing together, the audience joining in:

"God be with you 'till we meet again,  
By His counsel guide, uphold you.  
In His arms securely fold you.  
God be with you 'till we meet again!"

Narrator: And so with tears in many an eye that first Gathering broke up.

Ladies and gentlemen; clanfolk and friends, you have witnessed the birth of our beloved American Clan Gregor Society, which has now reached it's Golden Anniversary.

Through the years the Society has grown into a strong, virile organization with a noble purpose. It has brought together in a common cause—Pride of Ancestry—those through whose veins flow the proud blood of MacGregor. We honor our Founders, our Scottish Chief from the Land of our forebears; and also all those who in intervening years have gathered here with us, and are now gone to answer that greater Call to Gather With the Blessed.

THE END.

*This Playlet was given on the evening of Friday, October 16, 1959, at the  
Monticello Hotel, Charlottesville, Virginia.*

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## CHIEFTAIN'S REMARKS AT THE ANNUAL DINNER

OCTOBER 17, 1959

In response to the symbolic "Fiery Cross of Clan Alpin' we are gathered here to celebrate the Golden Anniversary Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society. A half-century ago our Society was founded in this city. It has been a very active one during the ensuing years.

The little books entitled "Clan MacGregor" which have been placed on the tables are presented as a remembrance of this Gathering. The Chief of Clan Gregor spent several hours of his visit autographing each copy. This will add to its meaning and value to all of us.

The beautiful bouquets of heather adorning the tables came from "Edinchip", the home of our illustrious Chief in Scotland. It was gathered and arranged in these attractive bouquets by the Honorable Lady Gylla MacGregor of MacGregor, the mother of our Chief. I am sure we are most appreciative of this gift which she sent especially for this occasion. It certainly adds much to have this added touch from the hills of "Edinchip".

The pine used at this Gathering came from "Glenmore", the boyhood home of the first Chieftain.

I wish to extend to all of you a warm welcome and hope that you will have a most enjoyable evening, which will bring many pleasant memories to you in the years to come.

At the head table we are honored to have our Hereditary Chief of Clan Gregor and Lady MacGregor, several distinguished guests, who have come from a distance for this celebration; and, a number of our honored members.

As they are introduced I am going to ask them to rise for a moment so they may be recognized.

Mrs. Mary Ewell Hundley has the distinction of being the only living member present at the first meeting in June, 1909. She is the daughter of Dr. Jesse Ewell, V, whose idea it was to organize this Society.

Mr. Douglas Neill Magruder, ex-Chieftain and Mrs. Magruder from Mississippi.

Commodore John Holmes Magruder, Jr., U.S.N. Retired, ex-Chieftain and Mrs. Magruder from Connecticut.

Mr. Herbert Thomas Magruder, ex-Chieftain and Mrs. Magruder from New York.

Reverend Daniel Randall Magruder, Chaplain and ex-Chieftain from Massachusetts.

Mr. George Baker, president of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Baker. The St. Andrews Society and our Society have had a very cordial relationship for a number of years.

In the days of long ago, I have been told that the MacDonalds and MacGregors were usually friends. So we are very happy to have with us tonight Major Reginald H. MacDonald, O.B.E. High Commissioner Clan Donald and Convener, Clan Donald Society of America and Mrs. MacDonald. He is also chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games which take place at Linville, North Carolina each summer. Our Society became a sponsor for these Games this past summer.

We also have another MacDonald as our guest, Mr. Donald F. MacDonald. He is Commissioner, Carolinas Branch Clan Donald Society of America, Vice Convener of Clan Donald Society of America; and President of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. He has just returned from a trip to Scotland.

Mr. Townsend Hay, Lieutenant to the Chief Clan Hay Society and Mrs. Hay were unable to attend, but sent a telegram of congratulations to the Society.

Cablegrams of congratulations and best wishes have been received from the Hon. Lady Gylla MacGregor of MacGregor, and the Clan Gregor Society of Scotland, which I shall read to you.

Ex-Chieftain, Mr. Marion Magruder, sent a letter of regret that he and Mrs. Magruder would not be able to attend this Gathering.

Now we have a lass from the cow country, my wife, Eleanor, of Texas. She traces her ancestry back to the MacDonalds. A Campbell sought her hand, but it took a MacGregor to put the brand on her.

Finally, we come to the highlight of the evening. It is my honor and pleasure to formally introduce our Hereditary Chief, Major Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Sixth Baronet and Lady MacGregor. They have come by airliner from overseas, especially for this Gathering.

Our Hereditary Chief has had a most distinguished career. He was born in Edinburgh. After obtaining a certificate at Eton, at age 19 years he joined the Scots Guards in January 1944 and was commissioned in September 1944. He was with the Guards in Germany in the closing stages of World War II in 1945. After completing the parachute course he joined the Guards Parachute Battalion of the 6th Airborne Division on duty in Palestine in 1947-48. In 1950-51 he served in the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards engaged in anti-Communist terrorist operations in Malaya.

The MacGregor was on duty in London for the Queen's Coronation in 1953 and commanded a Guard on the Queen's birthday in the same year. As a member of the Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland (the Royal Company of Archers) he was on duty for the Queen's Coronation visit to Edinburgh in 1953. During these duties as chief, he was a member for the Escort to the regalia of Scotland. The MacGregors have the right to escort the regalia whenever it is moved.

He has served on the staff of four Guards Brigades in Germany 1954-56. He passed the examination for the Staff College and has been selected to attend the Staff College at Camberly next January. At the present time he commands a company in the 1st Battalion Scots Guards in Germany.

Major Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor was captain of the Guards Armored Division Motorcycle team in 1946 which placed second in the British Army of the Rhine Motorcycle Trials. He has also driven different types of racing cars in several International rallies as well as numerous other rallies, and has won various trophies. He has fenced since his school days at Eton, and fenced in the Army finals in 1957. He likes to hunt and fish and plays polo. This will suffice to show our chief is a very versatile young man.

Lady Fannie MacGregor of MacGregor was born in Harfield, Hertfordshire. After obtaining a certificate at Mrs. Forsyth's School, she finished her education in France. She was presented at Court to the late King George VI at Buckingham Palace in 1951. Her marriage was on 8 February 1958 and later the same year she was presented to the Queen at the Palace of Holyrood House. She and the Chief have a son, Malcolm Gregor Charles, born 23 March 1959.

We are extremely happy to have all of you here tonight.

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A TOAST TO  
MAJOR SIR GREGOR MACGREGOR OF MACGREGOR  
*our Hereditary Chief*

GIVEN BY HERBERT THOMAS MAGRUDER  
*a Former Chieftain*

Honored Chieftain, Clanfolk, Friends:

To me has been given the honor and the privilege of proposing the chief toast of the evening.

How keen is our pleasure in having as our guest one who for the time has laid aside his military duties with the renowned Scot's Guards in Germany; and come with his Lady to honor us on this historic anniversary in the history of our American Clan Gregor Society!

How great also has been our pleasure to know them personally, and to show them some of our beloved Country! And in addition to assure our Chief of the pride in his MacGregor blood that we share; and with it loyalty and devotion to the land of his birth—Scotland; to Mother Britain, to whom America's debt is so great.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I give you our Chief, Major Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor.

## TOAST TO LADY FANNIE MacGREGOR OF MacGREGOR

by COMMODORE JOHN H. MAGRUDER, JR., U.S.N., RETIRED

Major Sir Gregor MacGregor, our Chief, and Lady MacGregor of MacGregor; Dr. Gregory Magruder, our Chieftain; Fellow Clansmen and Distinguished Guests:—

Seven years ago, many of us here tonight enjoyed the privilege of welcoming to our shores our late, much loved and distinguished Chief of Clan Gregor, Sir Malcolm MacGregor and Lady MacGregor of MacGregor. Subsequently, some few of us have had the pleasure of visiting them at their delightful home, Edinchip, overlooking Loch Earn. Their memory is with us.

Tonight we welcome his son, Major Sir Gregor and Lady MacGregor to this historic gathering of the American Clan Gregor in Charlottesville, its birthplace. They have already earned a warm spot in our hearts, and we will hope that they will return soon to America.

And now, it is my honor to ask you to join me in raising our glasses in a toast to the beautiful, young and charming Lady MacGregor of MacGregor.

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REMARKS OF THE CHIEFTAIN ON ACCEPTING THE  
QUAICH FROM THE CHIEF OF CLAN GREGOR

It is with deep appreciation and sincere thanks that I accept this Gift to the Clan Gregor Society from you.

It is symbolic of another bond in the ties that bind us together and will bring extremely happy memories of this occasion.

It will be among the most cherished possessions of our Society.

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MEMORIALS

JOHN FRANKLIN ADAMS

1873-1959

John Franklin Adams was born October 28, 1873 near Charlotte Hall, Maryland, son of John Samuel Adams and Jane A. Magruder Adams. He died on December 30, 1959, in St. Mary's Hospital at Leonardtown, Maryland, after a long illness.

He was active for a number of years in the politics of Saint Mary's County and was widely known there. He was perhaps the senior alumnus of Charlotte Hall Military Academy and attended alumni gatherings up to the year of his death. He was active in promoting the growth of the Maryland Tobacco Growers Association. Although he spent many years in the lumber business, he was a farmer by choice and successfully ran the plantation where he lived and where his wife was born and raised, at Mechanicsville, Maryland.

He and his wife came to the Clan Gatherings nearly every year, he having become a member in 1934. He was active in the Clan serving on committees and was a member of the Council for many years. He and Mrs. Adams will be missed in the years to come. They had been looking forward to attending the Fiftieth Anniversary Gathering.



He is survived by his widow, Katherine Clay Adams, of Mechanicsville, who is the daughter of Henry Clay Adams of Saint Mary's County. They were married February 1917. There were no children. Other survivors are his brother, H. Reniger Adams and two sisters, Mrs. Janie Laverty and Mrs. Bessie Magill, both members of the Clan. All of them live in Baltimore, Maryland. Several brothers and sisters predeceased him.

He was a Roman Catholic and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Morganza, Maryland.

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GEORGE CALVERT BOWIE

1889-1959

The Clan has lost one of its outstanding members in the death, on November 8, 1959, of George Calvert Bowie, a Charter member, No. 111.

Mr. Bowie was born in Prince George County, Maryland, on April 17, 1889, the son of Agnes W. MacGregor and Thomas Truman Somervell Bowie. His line goes back to Alexander Magruder through John Magruder of "Dunblane" and Susanna Smith, whose grandson, John Smith Magruder, had the name of his children changed to MacGregor by the State Legislature. A copy of this petition is in the Clan office. Mr. Bowie was the brother of John Francis MacGregor Bowie (the Clan's own Jack Bowie) who charmed the members at the early gatherings with his lovely voice up to the time of his death in 1933. He always sang MacGregor's Gathering.

On November 14, 1914, Mr. Bowie married Susan Beall Sheriff, daughter of Philip Hill Sheriff and his wife Walter Ann McCormick. To them were born two children: Calvert Sheriff Bowie, a pilot in the Marine Corps Torpedo Bomber, who went down with his bomber on a mission on May 30, 1943; and Philip Somervell Bowie, who survives his father. Mr. Bowie established a Scholarship in memory of his son Calvert at St. Albans' Washington Cathedral School to be known as the Calvert Sheriff Bowie Scholarship. (See Year Book published 1947, page 40).

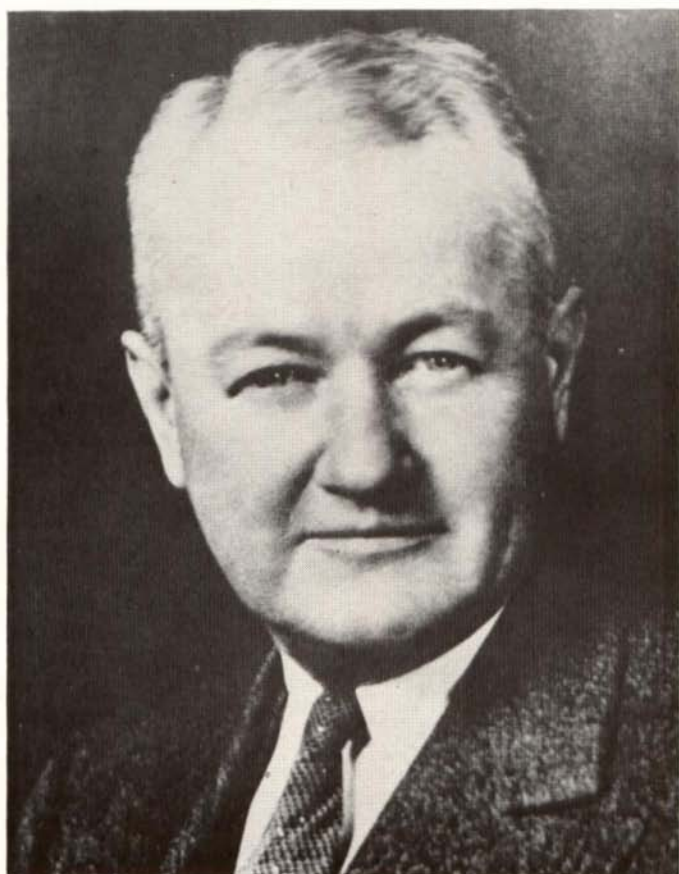
Susan Beall Sheriff Bowie died January 17, 1925, and in 1940, Mr. Bowie married Mrs. Mary Graff Corby, who survives him. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Bowie Mackall, his son Philip and three grandchildren.

Mr. Bowie founded his own real estate and mortgage banking firm, G. Calvert Bowie, Inc., in 1945. Before that he had been associated with the H. L. Rust Co., where he had served 40 years as salesman, secretary, and finally executive vice president.

He attended the District public schools and was graduated from Georgetown University Law School in 1910. He was a member of Delta Chi Fraternity.

Mr. Bowie was on the board of governors of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America from 1933 to 1952, and had been active in Washington Real Estate Board as a director for several terms. He also had been active in the Washington Board of Trade. In 1954, he was elected a director of the Union Trust Company.

Mr. Bowie was active in local fraternal circles, was a member of the Federal Lodge No. 1 of the Masons, the Albert Pike Consistory of the Scottish Rite and the Almas Temple. He also belonged to the Washington Rotary Club, the Chevy Chase Club and the Alfalfa Club. He was an ardent sportsman and was a member of several private hunting clubs.



GEORGE CALVERT BOWIE

Funeral services were held in St. Albans' Church with burial in Rock Creek Cemetery.

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MRS. ELMER STERLING CLARK (VIRGINIA MAYNE)

1868-1959

Mrs. Virginia Mayne Clark, daughter of Philander Townsend Mayne and his wife Mary Jane Steele, died on May 14, 1959. On February 27, 1889, she married Mr. Elmer Sterling Clark. She became a member of the Clan in 1920, Number 527.

She descends from Alexander Magruder through his grandson Ninian Magruder I and Elizabeth Brewer, through their son Samuel Magruder Ye 3rd and Margaret Jackson; her grandparents were Emanuel Mayne who married Grace Magruder, the great granddaughter of Samuel Magruder Ye 3rd.

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ELIJAH STEELE DRAKE

1877-1959

Elijah Steele Drake was born January 22, 1877, at Magnolia Springs Plantation, Jefferson County, Mississippi, the son of The Rev. James Perry and Clara Bell (Wailes) Drake. He died October 28, 1959, at his home at Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, and was buried in the family graveyard in Jefferson County.

He was educated in the public schools of Mississippi and privately. In the Spanish-American War he volunteered in the Vicksburg Company and served until his regiment was mustered out at the close of the war.

In 1903 he settled at Bay Saint Louis where he made his home the remainder of his life. He was a surveyor and civil engineer and an abstractor of land titles. In 1923 he completed the official maps of Hancock County and Bay Saint Louis which were filed in the County Court House.

On May 24, 1905, at Edwards, Mississippi, he married Lida Smith. She died in 1947. They had no children.

Mr. Drake was a member and steward of the Bay Saint Louis Methodist Church for more than fifty years. He was master of his Masonic Lodge and a Knight Templar. He never sought public office but was an outspoken advocate for States' Rights and local self government. He was interested in fishing and hunting and in the growing of camellias and roses. He was a member of the American Clan Gregor Society, No. 1218.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. J. D. Cooper and Miss Claribel Drake, and one brother, Winbourne Magruder Drake, all of whom are members of the American Clan Gregor Society.

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CHARLOTTE ISABELLE EWELL

1864-1959

Charlotte Isabelle Ewell was born March 11, 1864, at "Edge Hill," Hickory Grove, Prince William County, Virginia, daughter of John Smith Magruder Ewell and his second wife Alice Jane Tyler. She was the last of a family of

twelve children and the last member of the Ewell family living in Prince William County, where they had settled before 1750.

She taught school for several years and then entered Johns Hopkins School of Nursing at Baltimore, graduating in 1892. She resided in Baltimore where she continued her nursing career but upon retirement returned to her home at "Edge Hill."

She was a member of the Aldie Horticultural Club, the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association, and at one time of the American Clan Gregor Society. Dear to her heart was Grace Chapel, which was built by her great-grandfather Colonel Jesse Ewell, adjoining "Edge Hill" farm. She was a member of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church at Haymarket, Virginia.

She died December 14, 1959.

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#### JAMES GARRIOCH

##### *Pipe Major*

1865-1959

James Garrioch, honorary Pipe Major of the St. Andrews Society, died at his home in Bethesda, Maryland, on October 15, 1959, at the age of 94 years.

"Jimmy" was an Oreadian, born in St. Andrew's Parish, Isle of Orkney, in April of 1865. In 1909 he emigrated to Virginia, obtaining a post as gardener on a large estate in Orange County. In 1910 he went back to Orkney for Rebecca Eunson and they were married in New York City. The Garriochs moved to Washington in 1922 as gardener and housekeeper on the estate of Mr. Charles Corby. At the time of his retirement in 1953, Jimmy was employed as gardener at the Longfellow School in Bethesda. Apart from gardening Jimmie's whole life was devoted to his pipes, and he was a piper par excellence. Prior to emigrating to America he was a piper in the Brigade of Volunteers, then equivalent to the National Guard. In this country his piping soon became locally famous. Though too old to serve in World War I, he entertained American troops on several occasions. He once "piped-up" 300 children when they paraded before President Harding, and during his career played before five other Presidents: Coolidge, Hoover, Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower. On one occasion he played with the Washington Symphony Orchestra. He played the haunting strains of the "Flowers o' the Forest" at the funeral of Lord Lothian, British Ambassador, in Arlington Cemetery. He excelled in piping the Highland dancers. If Jimmy is to be happy where he has gone, Scotsman may rest assured that among all the Harps up there, there is a piper striding around in his Gordon tartan and playing the sweetest music in Heaven.

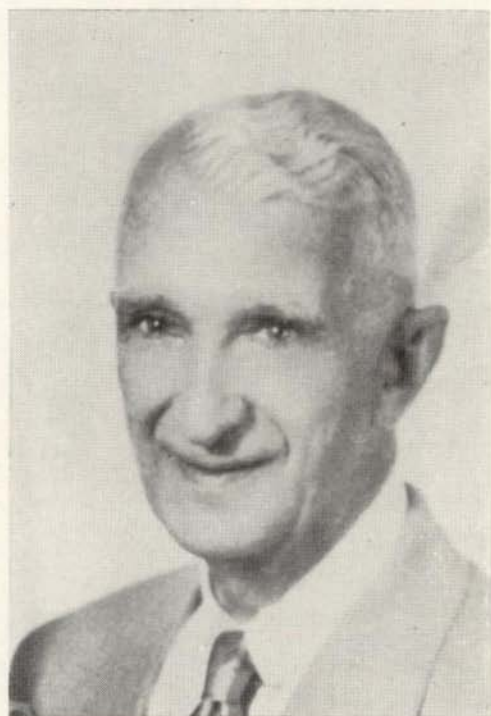
"Home is the sailor, home from the sea,  
And the hunter home from the hill."

Jimmy Garrioch played his pipes at the Annual Gatherings of the American Clan Gregor Society from 1930 through 1956, a period of 25 years. All of the clan members who knew him loved him and he is greatly missed at the Gatherings. The Chieftain wrote him a special letter of invitation to attend the Golden Anniversary Gathering. The day the Gathering opened on October 16th we received word of his death having occurred on the 15th.

*From the Newsletter of St. Andrew's Society,  
by the courtesy of the Editor.*



JAMES GARRIOCH, *Pipe Major*



FRANK CECIL MAGRUDER

## BIOGRAPHY OF ROSALIE HANSON GASSAWAY

1905-1959

*Contributed by MRS. JOHN McDONALD*

Rosalie Hanson Gassaway, daughter of the late Helen Muncaster and John Hanson Gassaway, died on March 24, 1959. Funeral services were held on March 26th at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Maryland, with burial in the Muncaster family lot at Oak Hill Cemetery, Georgetown, D. C. She was born near Germantown, Montgomery County, Maryland, on March 30, 1905. Since 1923 she had made Baltimore her home where she had been a devoted member of the Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church. The following quotation taken from the Church bulletin exemplifies her Christian life:

"A soul so truly fine can never die

But lives and loves and works through all eternity."

Rosalie's life work centered around books, first with the Enoch Pratt Library and for the last fifteen years with the Remington Putnam Book Company. Although she had never held office in the American Clan Gregor Society she had been an interested member for many years. She is survived by a sister, Helen Muncaster Gassaway, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Johns Hopkins University and is now Assistant Director of Nursing Service at the Church Home and Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.

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FIELDER THOMAS MAGRUDER

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Fielder Thomas Magruder, Sr., son of Cassius Clay and Agnes (Harrison) Magruder, died at Hyattsville, Maryland, February 20, 1960. He was buried in Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Magruder is survived by his widow Martha L. Magruder, and four children, Mrs. Florence S. Dennis, Edward T., Lewis A. and Fielder Thomas Magruder. Also surviving are his sister, Mrs. A. M. Graves, and three brothers, Lewis E., Cassius C. and Irie Brian Magruder, the last named being a member of the American Clan Gregor Society. He was a nephew of William Pinkney Magruder.

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FRANK CECIL MAGRUDER

1879-1959

Frank Cecil Magruder was born January 16, 1879 in Webb City, Missouri, third son of William Edward and Mary Alice (Randall) Magruder. His childhood was spent in and around Webb City where he received his early schooling. At the age of nineteen he went to the University of Missouri at Columbia and there graduated with honors in 1903, receiving the Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He was a member of Kappa Alpha and Tau Beta Pi fraternities.

In 1904 he entered the Reclamation Service and the next fifty-three years of his life were spent in the engineering profession.

In 1906 he joined the Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and through the years advanced in that order until he had attained to the degrees of the York Rite Bodies and the Knight Templar Work. In February, 1958, he was presented



a fifty-year Masonic service pin and award for continuous membership. He was also a member of the American National Red Cross, the Elk Lodge and the Izaak Walton League of America, and the Civic Groups of each place where he lived.

On January 8, 1908, he married Martha Frances Driver of Hill City, South Dakota, who survives him. They had two children, Lida Jane (Mrs. William S. Hayden-Wood) of Washington, D. C., and William Henry of Palo Alto, California, and two grandsons, Abbott Francis Hayden of San Antonio, Texas, and Paul Randall Magruder of Palo Alto. On January 8, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Magruder celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. Magruder was initiated in March, 1908, with his wife, into the Order of the Eastern Star at Bellefourche, South Dakota. He was a patron of chapters at Bellefourche, at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and at Enid, Oklahoma (which he helped to organize), and was voted a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star. While living in Washington, D. C. he was an honorary member of Esther Chapter and belonged to its Dramatic Club, taking part in its skits and plays.

He was elected to membership in the American Clan Gregor Society in 1935 and was always an ardent worker, enjoying the Gatherings and meeting the people. He served as Ranking Deputy Chieftain in 1940-41, and then served as Chieftain for six years until October, 1947. He was a life member of the Clan.

He was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in July, 1909, by the Rt. Rev. Frederick K. Johnson, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of South Dakota, at St. James' Church at Bellefourche. He transferred his church membership wherever he moved and in 1953 transferred to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, La Mesa, California. He was a representative at the California Diocesan Convention in 1953 and was a vestryman of St. Andrew's Church in 1954. Mr. Magruder died on April 24, 1959, and the burial service was read at St. Andrew's Church by Fr. Charles Richmond, and his remains were interred near his parents in Mount Hope Cemetery, Webb City, Missouri on April 29 with Knight Templar services at the grave.

After graduation in 1903 he entered the United States Reclamation Service and spent 53 years in the Engineering Profession. He was at once assigned to surveys and stream gaging work in Northeastern Wyoming and Western South Dakota. In August of the same year he was transferred to Belle Fourche, South Dakota, on the same line of work. During 1904 he was Chief of Party on the surveys for canals, dams and proposed irrigation works in South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming. He assisted in the preparation of plans for the Concrete Diversion Dam in the Belle Fourche River at Belle Fourche. Late in 1904 detailed surveys were made of the Diversion Dam Site, and the Reservoir Dam Site and a topographic survey of the entire irrigation area of the Belle Fourche Project. In Denver during that winter season plans and specifications were prepared for the Diversion Dam, and the Inlet Canal, and the contract was awarded in early spring. In March 1905 construction was begun on the Diversion Dam and on the Inlet Canal with appurtenant structures. At that time he was made Principal Assistant Engineer and investigations for the Reservoir Dam Site were started, and plans and specifications were prepared that summer and winter. Also the design, plans and estimated construction of the Reservoir Dam and Canals in that vicinity. The Reservoir Dam is of earth fill one and one-quarter miles in length, one hundred ten feet high above stream-bed and contains about one and a half million cubic yards of earth. The Dam is faced with eight-inch concrete slabs five by six and

a half feet, laid in two feet of gravel. Early in 1906 a contract for the construction of the Reservoir Dam was awarded to Orman and Crook and the work was begun in April of that year. Also the surveys with plans and specifications were made for the South Canal from the Reservoir Dam to Indian Creek.

Work was continued on the Projects through 1907 and 1908 and in March 1909 he was made Manager of Operation and Maintenance, and continued so until October 1910, when the final estimates on the Belle Fourche Reservoir Dam were made and then he was appointed Project Engineer in charge of all further constructions of the Belle Fourche Project, and in charge of Operation and Maintenance. In that capacity he supervised the delivery of water for the irrigation of over 40,000 acres of irrigated lands; built additional constructions of main canals and the lateral systems for another 50,000 acres. That work consisted of the designing, preparation of plans, and the supervision of the construction of concrete and wood stave syphons; a tunnel; some bridges and other structures which are to be found on an irrigation project. During the winter of 1910 and 1911 surveys were made for the New Townsite to be at the extension of the Northwestern Railroad. Those plats and surveys were under the supervision of "Magruder" as Project Engineer. There were a number of names suggested as a name for the new town such as Craig, Walter, Davis, and Newell. The name however was left up to the Project Engineer and he selected the name of Newell. The name plats were approved in the Washington office just as submitted. The construction work was continued on the Main Canals and on the lateral systems, and a large area was included under irrigation each year. The actual engineering work was nearing completion on the Project, only maintenance and distribution of water for the irrigating was about all that remained to be done.

In March 1916 he accepted a position at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, as Chief Engineer and Manager of the Farmers Irrigation District of Western Nebraska. That project consisted of a diversion dam in the North Platte River; about 100 miles of main canals and some 300 miles of lateral or distribution systems with the attendant structures. It had about the same irrigable area as the Belle Fourche Project, i.e. about 90,000 acres. Whilst there he supervised operation and maintenance of the project, re-constructed the diversion dam in the North Platte River, and constructed about 125 miles of drainage ditches for the draining of irrigated lands.

In 1920 and 1921 he was Chief Engineer in charge of the construction of a very large concentration mining mill at Cotopaxi, Colorado. The mill and the development work cost over \$200,000.00.

In August 1921 he went to Grand Island, Nebraska, where he took a position as Hydraulic Engineer for the Kelly Well Company of that city. The well company was engaged in the construction of wells, and in the installation of pumping machinery for industrial and municipal water supplies. He supervised the construction and the installation of pumping equipment in a great many wells in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, and Michigan. In all he engineered the development of over 4,000 areas of land by pump irrigation.

In August 1923 he was called to Enid, Oklahoma, as City Engineer. Whilst there he had charge of the designs and construction of the City's pavements, sewer, a 1½ million gallon daily capacity sewer treatment plant; an incinerator; the development of over two million gallons daily flow of water from wells in the Northwest part of the City; and the installing of water distribution mains. That

work required the construction of 12 wells, and more than 5 miles of cast iron mains from 18 inch to 62 inches. He also constructed a large sewage disposal plant with several miles of connecting sewer lines. The many hundreds of miles of the street pavings were both concrete and asphalt; and over  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles of 9 by 9 inch storm sewers. Whilst at Enid he designed and constructed two large electrically driven hydraulic dredges for the commercial production of sand and gravel. They were near Ames and Ringwood, Oklahoma. One of the Railroad Spurs which was built to the dredges named "Magruder," is still being used and maintained.

In December 1930 he re-entered the Government Reclamation Service and accepted a position as Hydraulic and Municipal Engineer in the Quartermaster Corps at Washington, D. C. That work consisted of designs and preparation of P.S.E. plans, specifications, and estimates for sewers; sewage disposal plants; water development and distribution; roads and pavements; gas and electric plants; water development and purification; gasoline storage and distribution; runways, and drainage of the air-port landing fields at the United States Army Posts in the United States, Hawaii, the Philippines and Puerto Rico.

In September 1933 he transferred to the Bureau of Public Roads as Highway Engineer in the Division of Designs. That work was the examination of the highways, bridge plans, specifications and estimates for construction of the highways on the Federal Air System and the Federal Air Secondary Systems. He had to write comments on the plans submitted by the several State Highway Departments, Hawaii, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico. He continued on that position until his retirement in May 1949, due to Government Regulations.

His daughter Lida Jane having lost her husband, remarried in April 1950 and they went to Houston, Texas to live; so in June of that year he sold his property in Washington, D. C., and went to Houston; but found that the climate was too hot for him so he went back to Belle Fourche in August of 1951. Whilst there that winter and spring he had employment as Inspector of Structures on a highway from Newell to Nisland.

In June 1952 he went to San Diego, California, having visited there in 1949 when touring the United States and Countries. He purchased the property at 4002 Vivian St., Rolando Heights, San Diego. He made some very extensive improvements on it; landscaping by planting fruit trees, shrubbery, berries, roses and other flowers; seeded the lawns; put in a water-softener; drain pipes on the house, and awnings; concrete walks and stepping-stones around the house; and to the front walk where his name-plate "MAGRUDER" was in prominence.

Upon his retirement in 1949 from government service he took his wife and grandson, Abbott, on a three month tour of the United States, Mexico and Canada. His hobbies were fishing, hunting horses and gardening. He was fond of little children who could be seen with him at any time in his garden and yards. His sports were tennis in his younger days, hockey when he lived in colder climates, and golf in his advanced years.

He was a pure, noble and refined Christian gentleman who will be missed by all Clan members who remember him with affection.

His wise judgments, kindly considerations, fair treatments and counsel will be greatly missed by the organizations and the Church to which he belonged. His life has been worthwhile, and he has paid with something fine, with the achievements of a splendid manhood which the Creator gave him, and at the end of life God has taken him home to Heaven.

## HENRY WARD MAGRUDER

1880-1959

Henry Ward Magruder of Lawrence, Kansas, passed away on August 5, 1959. He was born October 10, 1880, in Knox County, Missouri, the son of Amos Covington Magruder of Lower Salem, Ohio, and his wife Cathering Virginia Albertson of Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Magruder was a Mason and was buried with Masonic services.

Mr. Magruder is survived by his widow, Myrtle, and two sons, S. Henry Magruder of Wilbrasham, Mass, and Hugh Ward Magruder, of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Oren Bingham of Moorestown, N. J., and two sisters, Mrs. Homer T. Little of Hurdland, Mo., and Mrs. Doc Wilson of Alamosa, Colorado, who is a member of the Clan.

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MISS MARION VIRGINIA MAGRUDER

1900-1959

Marion Virginia Magruder was born in Woodstock, Virginia, in 1900, but spent most of her life in Arlington. She was the daughter of Edgar William Magruder and Elizabeth Barron. She is survived by her brother, John Kennedy Magruder.

She was a graduate of old Central High School and received her bachelors degree at Randolph Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Va.

Miss Magruder, as president of the teachers' union and delegate to their national convention, often led the fight for improving teaching conditions in the Washington area. She was often called on to appear at congressional committee hearings on education and the Board of Education to give views on problems confronting the local education system. When the racially segregated teachers union merged in 1953, Miss Magruder was elected president. She was a strong believer of an integrated school system in the District and was considered by her contemporaries as responsible for the smooth desegregation of Western High School.

After graduation, she taught school in West Virginia before coming to the Washington system. After she spent several years as a biology teacher and received her master's degree from George Washington University, she was appointed a student counselor at Western High. In addition to her counsel office, she served as faculty adviser to the school's student council. Recently she was presented with a honorary "W", the school's award for meritorious service.

Miss Magruder was a member of the Central High School Alumni Association, was past president of the District chapter of the Randolph Macon Women's College Alumni, a member of the District's Business and Professional Women's Club, served as a member of the board of directors of the Arlington County Visiting Nurses and the National Audubon Society, and was a member of the American Clan Gregor Society.

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WILLIAM WALLACE MACGREGOR

1877-1959

Requiem mass was said at St. Thomas Apostle Catholic Church for William Wallace MacGregor, 82, a lifelong area resident who died at Doctors Hospital

as result of a traffic accident October 20, 1959, with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

The son of the late John Francis MacGregor and Florence Ellen Wallace MacGregor, Mr. MacGrogor was born near Forestville, Maryland, on a portion of the original 500 acre plantation settled in 1652 by his ancestor, Alexander Magruder. Another ancestor, John Magruder of Dunblane Manor, near Forestville, represented Prince George County in the House of Burgesses from 1728 to 1745.

As a member of one of Maryland's oldest Scottish families, Mr. MacGregor was active in the Clan Gregor Society by attending the gatherings.

He was with the Metropolitan Police Department for 44 years and also worked for the Office of Scientific Research and Development at Johns Hopkins University at Silver Spring before retiring in 1942.

His wife, Anna Margaret Greene MacGregor, died in 1957. A daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Gardner Moore, died last February.

Mr. MacGregor leaves a daughter, Mrs. Zube Sullivan, of the home address 2701 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., and a son, John Francis MacGregor, of the Chesapeake Apartments.

Also surviving are six sisters, Mrs. Mabel Sessford, 3702 Underwood Street, Chevy Chase; Mrs. Florence Calhoun, 804 Richmond Avenue, Silver Spring; Mrs. Nan B. Harding, 3803 Jocelyn Street, N. W.; Mrs. Rosa L. Lockwood, 1700 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.; Mrs. Martha Chaffiot and Mrs. Roberta Etheridge of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, and one brother, William B. MacGregor, 4903 Edmonston Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland.

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MRS. JAMES F. NEALE

1878-1959

Mrs. Lucy Beall Cox Neale, descendant of an old Southern Maryland family and a Washington resident for over 50 years, died on July 26, 1959. She was born in Bel Alton, Charles County, Maryland on March 20, 1878, the daughter of Samuel Cox, Jr., and Ella Magruder, who was the great granddaughter of Major Samuel Wade Magruder and Lucy Beall. On October 26, 1904 she married James F. Neale of the James Neale family of Charles County, another old Maryland family. He was with the Internal Revenue Service at the time of his death in 1943.

Mrs. Neale was a housewife most of her life except for the World War II years when she worked for Veterans' Administration. She was treasurer for over 20 years and vestryman of the former Transfiguration Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Neale leaves three sons, J. Matthews Neale of 7007 Fulton Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland; John R. of 5606 Durbin Road, Bethesda, and James F. Neale, Jr., of Buffalo, N. Y.; 12 grand-children and a great-grandchild.

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COL. REX HAYS RHOADES

1876-1959

Col. Rex Hays Rhoades was born in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, November 30, 1876 and died at Walter Reed Army Hospital on September 11, 1959. On January 25, 1910, he married Miss Mable Taylor.

He was a pioneer of the Army Dental Corps and one of its former commanders,

Col. Rhoades served as chief of the Dental Corps from 1924 to 1928, and again from 1932 to 1934, when he retired.

His service as a dental surgeon predated the establishment of the corps itself by nine years. After studying at the University of California, he was sent as a contract dentist to the Philippines during the insurrection there in 1902.

He was commissioned an officer when the corps was set up in 1911 and served in the Mexican border campaign, working from posts in Texas and Arizona.

During World War I, he arrived in France with the first surgeons sent to the front. Later, he served as chief dental surgeon for the 1st Army.

Col. Rhoades was cited by Gen. Pershing for "exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous service." He also received the Purple Heart.

Col. Rhoades was one of the founders of the Army-Navy Country Club in nearby Virginia, and a member of the Army and Navy Club in Washington, D. C.

He also was a 32nd degree Mason and a fellow of the American College of Dental Surgeons.

Col. Rhoades leaves his wife, Mabel Taylor Rhoades, of the home address, 3228 Cleveland Avenue, N.W., and two sons, William Taylor with the American Embassy in Nigeria, and Col. John Foster, U.S.A., of Washington, D. C.

Services were held in Walter Reed Memorial Chapel. Burial in Arlington Cemetery.

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MRS. SYLVANUS JOHNSTON ROWE

1886-1959

Ella Staples Rowe, mother of clansman Johnston Staples Rowe of Midland, Texas, died August 24, 1959, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Winona, Montgomery County, Mississippi. A native of said county, she was born February 21, 1886, the daughter of John Anthony Quitman Staples and Mary Caroline Davis. On July 15, 1912, she married Sylvanus Johnston Rowe.

Through her father she was of the line of Ninian Beall Magruder. See (James Drane by Johnston Staples Rowe, 1957 Year Book, p. 22; "Ninian Beall Magruder" by Robert Lee Magruder, Jr., 1926-1927 Year Book, p. 67.) Her maternal grandfather was Dr. Joseph Josiah Davis, and her maternal grandmother was Emily Marshall Lane.

Ella Staples Rowe was a graduate of Holly Springs Synodical College, and was throughout her married life active in the First Presbyterian Church, Winona, Mississippi, and the Thomas Rodney Chapter, D.A.R.

In addition to her said husband and son, who was her only child, she is survived by two grandsons, Brian Filley Rowe, and David Robertson Rowe.

Her line to Alexander Magruder is: John Anthony Quitman Staples and Mary Caroline Davis; William Carroll Staples and Mary Cassandra Drane; James Drane and Matilda Blanche Shaw; Cassandra Magruder and William Drane; Ninian Beall Magruder and Rebecca Young; Samuel Magruder Ye 3rd and Margaret Jackson; Ninian Magruder and Elizabeth Brewer of Samuel and Sarah Beall.

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MRS. PHILIP DAVIS SHOUP

1887-1959

Mrs. Ivie Parthenia Jefferson Shupe of Lake Hamilton, Florida, passed away



on October 28, 1959, at the home of her son, William J. Shupe in Winter Haven, Florida. She was born December 22, 1887, at Moundsville, West Virginia, the daughter of James Newton Jefferson and Mary Belle Gordon. On June 29, 1910, she married Philip David Shupe.

Mrs. Shupe was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Clan Gregor Society, and the Lake Hamilton Woman's Club.

She organized the first Girl Scout troop in Lake Hamilton.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Philip David Shupe, Jr., of Landley Forest, McLean, Virginia, Paul C. Shupe of Merritt Island, Florida, and William J. Shupe of Winter Haven, Florida; three sisters of whom one is Mrs. Presley Davis Shingleton a member of the American Clan Gregor Society; and three grandchildren.

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MRS. REXFORD M. SMITH, *Poetess*

1866-1959

Mrs. Rexford M. Smith, a great-great-grandmother, whose love of Shakespeare and Dickens was matched only by her zest for writing poetry, died Tuesday in Green's Nursing Home, Silver Spring, Maryland. She was 93.

Mrs. Smith, "Nanny" to her eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, was the widow of the man said to have been the first to fly over Washington in an airplane.

Her husband, who died in 1923, was a patent attorney, pioneer airplane manufacturer, inventor and athlete.

Mrs. Smith was a prolific poetry and short-story writer. She contributed to numerous magazines and periodicals, and had many of her poems published. "I got a pile of rejection slips, too" she once said.

Mrs. Smith wrote a column called "Wayside Washington" for The Star in the 1930s. A lifelong resident of the Capital, she didn't think too much of present-day Washington. "It's a great big overgrown town," she scolded on her 91st birthday. "Why I used to walk down F Street and knew everybody."

Nearly everybody knew the Smiths.

Her husband invented and patented the aileron and the flexible wing. He helped originate the seaplane and, according to Mrs. Smith, "invented the hydroplane, though he never got the credit." He also once rode down the Capitol steps on an old-fashioned Columbia bicycle.

Mrs. Smith, born in Hyattsville, was descended from an old and distinguished Maryland family. She was a great niece of the founder of Hyattsville, Clark Hyatt, and the daughter of Dr. Charles A. Wells, a State Senator and Hyattsville's first Mayor.

She and her husband achieved a modicum of fame in 1889, when Mr. Smith peddled 23 miles from Washington to Marlboro, Maryland, "in 1 hour and 39 minutes on a Star bike," according to old clippings. The time set a record.

Barnum & Bailey tried to get Mr. Smith to join their show, "but he wouldn't," Mrs. Smith recalled last year. Relatives said she herself could have won a top prize on a television quiz show "hands down" with her knowledge of Shakespeare and Dickens. But she was happier writing poetry.

She had one son who predeceased her leaving eight children.



She leaves, besides her numerous grand and great-grandchildren, a brother, Dr. Walter A. Wells of 3059 Q Street, N.W. Mrs. Smith's home address was 3215 Northampton Street, N.W.

Services were held at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church. Burial will be in Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

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LILLY CATHERINE (MOORE) STONE

1861-1960

Mrs. Lilly Moore Stone, the widow of Frank Pelham Stone, was born July 11, 1861, at "Glenmore," Bethesda, Maryland, and died in Bethesda, February 8, 1960.

Her husband, whom she married on December 21, 1902, was the son of Philip and Olive Dunbar (Magruder) Stone. She was an associate member of the American Clan Gregor Society for many years.

Mrs. Stone was the last living charter member of Hermon Presbyterian Church in Cabin John, Maryland, which her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. W. Moore, had helped to found in 1874. She had always been active in church affairs and her husband was an elder of the church until his death in 1921.

She owned Stoneyhurst Quarry near Potomac, Maryland, which had been established by her family in 1832 to provide stone for the locks on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. The quarry later provided stone for a number of Washington buildings and bridges, including Washington Cathedral.

Mrs. Stone in 1944 was organizer and first president of the Montgomery County Historical Society. She was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She purchased "Samuel's Delight," the home of Samuel Brewer Magruder (1744-1818), which she renamed "Stoneyhurst." A visit of the Clan to this home during the Gathering of 1933 is described in the *Year Book*, 1933, pages 30-35.

A picture of Mrs. Stone with a punch bowl originally owned by Colonel Samuel Wade Magruder (1728-1792) appeared in the *Year Book*, 1958, opposite page 29.

Mrs. Stone is survived by her son, J. Dunbar Stone, of "Glenmore," two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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ANNIE ZULIKA MAGRUDER THOMPSON

1868-1960

Annie Zulika Magruder Thompson was born at Tuskegee, Alabama, September 14, 1868, daughter of William Rearden and Mary Ann (Perry) Magruder. She died February 3, 1960, and was buried in the Thompson lot in the old Tuskegee Cemetery.

She was reared in Tuskegee and attended Alabama Female College there.

On April 13, 1888, at Notasulga, Alabama, she married Joseph O. Thompson (1869-1933). He was for eleven years Collector of Internal Revenue in the State of Alabama, was Republican nominee for Governor in 1910, and ran for Congress on the Republican ticket in 1918. A friend of President Theodore Roosevelt, he was one of five men chosen by the National Republican Convention to notify Colonel Roosevelt officially that he had received the nomination for the presidency.

During her married life Mrs. Thompson lived in Tuskegee, La Place, Roanoke, Opelika, Birmingham, Roba, Montgomery and Milstead, Alabama. She was a

member of the Baptist Church in each city and during World War I served as secretary of the committee of the Southside Baptist Church in Birmingham which kept in touch with the men in service.

Her family and church were first among her interests. She was an artist, an avid reader, and sewed beautifully, even at eighty-odd making garments for her great-grandchildren.

Persian cats were her favorite pets.

She is survived by six children, Lois (Mrs. Miller Martin Krebs of Marietta, Georgia), William Magruder of Birmingham, Grace (Mrs. Renzo C. Bryan of Montgomery), Ruth (Mrs. George Dewey Baker of Nashville, Tennessee), Josephine (Mrs. Wiley D. Ogletree of Milstead, Alabama), and Col. Hundley Thompson of Fort Dix, New Jersey, and by nineteen grandchildren and thirty-seven great-grandchildren.

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MISS MARGARET S. WALKER

1906-1958

Miss Margaret Salisbury Walker, a member of one of Washington's oldest families, died December 11, 1958, in Providence Hospital after a long illness.

At the time of her death, Miss Walker was engaged in research and Government liaison work for the law firm of Klagsbrunn, Hanes & Irwin here. Previously she was a consultant for the Office of International Trade in the Department of Commerce.

The daughter of William Gillespie and Ann Letitia Wheat Walker, she was born in Washington and lived all of her life in the area.

Among her forebears were James G. Blane, Secretary of State under President Benjamin Harrison, and Col. Ephraim Blaine, a member of the staff of Gen. George Washington. John Alden also was an ancestor.

Miss Walker attended St. Cecilia's Academy here and Notre Dame of Maryland in Baltimore. She also studied at Catholic University.

She was employed with the Census Bureau and the Government Printing Office before accepting a post as correspondent and consultant for the Office of International Trade in 1943. Later she became assistant chief of the Export Service Division. She joined the legal firm about eight years ago.

A student of music, Miss Walker played the piano and violin and studied voice. She was a member of the Christ Child Society and the Alumnae Association of Notre Dame of Maryland and belonged to the American Clan Gregor Society. She also had been a member of the choirs at St. Peter's Church in Washington and St. Michael's Church in Silver Spring.

Miss Walker leaves a sister, Miss Letitia Dunnington Walker of the home address, 2302 Colston Drive, Silver Spring, and a brother, Robert Craighead Walker II, Alexandria.

Requiem mass was offered at the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament. Burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

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EZRA OFFUTT WITHERSPOON

1878-1960

Ezra Offutt Witherspoon was born October 3, 1878, at Lawrenceburg, Ken-

tucky, son of Dr. Oran Haws and Mary Edmonia (Offutt) Witherspoon. He died January 3, 1960, at Louisville, Kentucky, and was buried in Saint Louis Cemetery there.

He studied at Georgetown (Kentucky) College and in 1901 graduated from the Hospital Medical College of Louisville, where he later taught chemistry and surgery. He was appointed assistant health officer of Louisville in 1909 and held the post eight years. He afterwards engaged in private practice until his retirement and for about thirty years was head physician in Kentucky for the Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal benefit society.

On October 14, 1908, in Louisville, Kentucky, he married Nell Carpenter Elliott Newman, also a descendant of the Magruder of Maryland, who survives him. They had no children.

Mr. Witherspoon was a member of the American Clan Gregor Society, No. 68, and descended through Samuel Magruder Ye 3rd and his wife Margaret Jackson, through their daughter Elizabeth who married William Offutt. His mother was the great-granddaughter of this couple.

## ATTENDANCE AT THE GATHERING OF THE CLAN, 1959

\*Baker, Mr. and Mrs. George, St. Andrews Society, Washington, D. C.

Baugh, Mrs. Frederick H., Baltimore, Md.

\*Birmingham, Miss Helen, Baltimore, Md.

Bonner, Mrs. Evala M., Silver Spring, Md.

Bowie, Miss Cornelia Magruder, Washington, D. C.

Blunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woodward, Bethesda, Md.

Bubb, Mrs. Ralph S., Silver Spring, Md.

\*Bailey, R. A. and Mrs. W. B., Coronado, Calif.

Campbell, Mrs. Guy, Washington, D. C.

Clagett, Mr. Page Bowie, Mitchellville, Md.

Cole, Mrs. Loren Fletcher, Palm Springs, Fla.

Craig, Col. and Mrs. William, Alexandria, Va.

\*Coalter, Miss Elizabeth, Richmond, Va.

Daniell, Mr. Smith Coffee, Port Gibson, Miss.

DeJarnette, Mr. and Mrs. H. E., Princeton, W. Va.

Dent, Mr. and Mrs. Magruder, Jr., Charlottesville, Va.

Diedel, Mrs. C. Virginia, Washington, D. C.

Dwyer, Mrs. John Rochford, Bethesda, Md.

Eaton, Mrs. Fanny Magruder, Port Gibson, Miss.

Eskridge, Mrs. W. N., Arlington, Va.

Ewell, Capt. and Mrs. Nathaniel MacGregor, Charlottesville, Va.

Ewell, Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel MacGregor, Jr., Charlottesville, Va.

\*Enslow, Col. and Mrs. Philip, Staunton, Virginia

Ferneyhough, Dr. and Mrs. Robert, Warrenton, Va.

Fiala, Mr. and Mrs. James G., Arlington, Va.

Freeman, Mrs. Merle, McLean, Va.

Galloway, Mr. Wm. L. Kennedy, Washington, D. C.

Gassaway, Miss Helen Muncaster, Baltimore, Md.

Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E., Lynchburg, Va.

Gillespie, Mrs. James Stewart, Bala Cynwyd, Penn.

Gillespie, Miss Martha, Bala Cynwyd, Penn.

Gillespie, Mrs. James Stewart, Jr., Bala Cynwyd, Penn.

Gregor, Mr. Edward K., Jr., Rochester, N. Y.

Hamilton, Mrs. John W., Eheart, Va.

Hammond, Mrs. Walter C., Baltimore, Md.

Hazelwood, Mr. and Mrs. George F., Cumberland, Md.

Heim, Mrs. Evelyn, Staunton, Va.

Henshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P., Charlottesville, Va.

\*Higgins, Miss Irene, Boston, Mass.

Hill, Miss Regina Magruder, Washington, D. C.

Hord, Mrs. Helen Ewell, Ruckersville, Va.

Hundley, Mr. Josiah, Richmond, Va.

Hundley, Mrs. Mary Ewell, Richmond, Va.

Hundley, Miss Mary Ewell, Staunton, Va.

Hunter, Miss Amy Belle, Washington, D. C.

Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Miller R., Rochester, N. Y.

\* Denotes Visitors

- Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Louis D., Wynnewood, Penn.  
 Hopkinson, Mrs. J. B., Charlottesville, Va.  
 Hopkinson, Mr. John M., Charlottesville, Va.  
 Kammer, Mr. and Mrs. William A., Staten Island, N. Y.  
 Kammer, Mistress Wendy, 8 years old, Staten Island, N. Y.  
 Kammer, Master, Jeffrey Magruder, 2 years old, Staten Island, N. Y.  
 Kem, Mrs. James Preston, The Plains, Va.  
 Laverty, Miss Janie Adams, Baltimore, Md.  
 Light, Mrs. Evelyn Magruder, McLean, Va.  
 Lightfoot, Mrs. Philip H., Washington, D. C.  
 \*Lloyd, Mrs. William Henry, Bethesda, Md.  
 Lipscomb, Mrs. Agnes R., Alexandria, Va.  
 Loveless, Mrs. John Eldridge, Bethesda, Md.  
 Lummis, Mrs. Irwin L., Charlottesville, Va.  
 \*MacDonald, Donald, Commissioner of Scottish Games, Clan MacDonald, S. C.  
 \*MacDonald, Maj. and Mrs. Reginald, High Commissioner of Clan MacDonald.  
 \*MacFarlane, Mr. and Mrs. Noble T., Charlottesville, Va.  
 \*MacGregor, Major Sir Gregor of MacGregor, and Lady Fanny, Lochearnhead, Scotland  
 \*MacGregor, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Douglas, Stonington, Conn.  
 McDonald, Mrs. John G., Rockville, Md.  
 Magruder, Miss Allaville, Charlottesville, Va.  
 Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard, Franklin, Mich.  
 Magruder, Commodore and Mrs. Cary W., Jamestown, R. I.  
 Magruder, Dr. and Mrs. Denton Adlai, Yellow Springs, Ohio  
 Magruder, Rev. Daniel Randall, Hingham, Mass.  
 Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Neil, Indianola, Miss.  
     and three children:  
         Anna Neil, age 14 years;  
         Katherine Elizabeth, age 13 years,  
         Douglas Neil, Jr., age 8 years.  
 Magruder, Miss Edith, Rockville, Md.  
 Magruder, Miss Eleanor Murray (under 18), Farmington, Charlottesville, Va.  
 Magruder, Miss Evelina, Charlottesville, Va.  
 Magruder, Mr. Gilbert A., Elizabethtown, Ky.  
 Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J., Jr., Hyattsville, Md.  
 Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thomas, Staten Island, N. Y.  
 Magruder, Commodore and Mrs. John Holmes, Jr., Waterford, Conn.  
 Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy, Washington, D. C.  
 Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. J. Maynard, Arlington, Va.  
 Magruder, Dr. and Mrs. Roger Gregory, Charlottesville, Va.  
 Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. Roy, Washington, D. C.  
 Magruder, Miss Rosalie Stuart, Cambridge, Mass.  
 Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Garland, Arlington, Va.  
 Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. William Y. W., Essex, Conn.  
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F., Farmington, Charlottesville, Va.  
 Milwit, Mr. Jacob, Washington, D. C.

\* Denotes Visitors

- Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Upshur, Orange, Va.  
 Micks, Mrs. Sallie, Orange, Va.  
 Moore, Mrs. Claude R., Baltimore, Md.  
 \*Moore, Mr. Tom E., Springfield, Va.  
 Muncaster, Miss Emma Waters, Washington, D. C.  
 \*Muncaster, Mr. Francis, Washington, D. C.  
 Murdock, Mrs. James, Washington, D. C.  
 Pitts, Mrs. Charlotte McCormick, Brandywine, Md.  
 Poole, Miss Kathering Riggs, Washington, D. C.  
 Poole, Miss Martha Sprigg, Washington, D. C.  
 Powers, Miss La Clair  
 Previs, Mrs. Esther Pitts, Lanexa, Va.  
     and her two children: Nancy, age 15 years; Donald Kirk, under 14 years.  
 Price, Mrs. A. J., Ann Arbor, Mich.  
 Reck, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D., New York City  
 Reynolds, Miss Anna Louise, Washington, D. C.  
 Reynolds, Miss Julia Sue, Arlington, Va.  
 Richardson, Mrs. Jessie Muncaster, Mt. Rainier, Md.  
 Ryding, Mrs. Herbert, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.  
 \*Shackelford, Mrs. V. R., Jr., Orange, Va.  
 \*Sieg, Mr. and Mrs. Sam, Charlottesville, Va.  
 Smith, Mrs. Josephine, Washington, D. C.  
 Stephens, Mrs. Uel, Ft. Worth, Texas  
 Talbott, Mrs. William Randolph, Rockville, Md.  
 Taylor, Mr. David Higginbottom, Detroit, Mich.  
 Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. George Keith, Ashland, Va.  
 Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Magruder, Richmond, Va.  
 Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M., Jr., Richmond, Va.  
 Thrift, Miss Elsie M., Madison, Va.  
 Tichy, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C., Jr., Silver Spring, Md.,  
     and their two children: Joseph Charles, III, age 9 years. Susan Elizabeth,  
     age 7 years.  
 Tompkins, Miss Ethel M., New York  
 Tutwiler, Mrs. Herbert, Birmingham, Ala.  
 Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. George B., Staunton, Va.  
 \*Weaver, Mr. Frank, Charlottesville, Va.  
 Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rood, Alexandria, Va.  
 \*Wilson, Mr. Chris.  
 Wimberley, Mrs. Felton, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.  
 Yarrington, Mrs. John, Saluda, Va.

\* Denotes Visitors

### ABSENTEE DINNER GUESTS, 1959

- Gatchell, Miss Dana King, Birmingham, Alabama  
 Harrison, Mrs. Marion Myrl, West Richfield, Ohio  
 Henderson, Mr. Guy Russell, Shepherdsville, Kentucky  
 Kane, Mrs. Richard P., Baltimore, Maryland  
 Magruder, Colonel Lloyd Burns Magruder, Retired, Rumson, New Jersey

Magruder, Mr. Nathaniel, Sarasota, Florida  
 McCormick, Mrs. Emma Warfield, Glenwood, Maryland  
 McFarland, Mrs. Ika B., Houston, Texas  
 Passano, Mr. Edward Magruder, Baltimore, Maryland  
 Pearce, Mrs. J. Chester, Danville, Kentucky

## CHARTER MEMBERS LIVING

*October 1959*

*(\*denotes those attending the Golden Anniversary Gathering)*

### Number

- 111c Bowie, George Calvert, Washington, D. C. (Died Nov. 8, 1959)
- 49c \*Bubb, Mrs. Ralph (Elizabeth Cummins Magruder, Silver Spring, Md.
- 60c Gantt, Miss Helen Woods, Washington, D. C.
- 19c \*Hammond, Mrs. Walter L. (Minnie Magruder Berry), Baltimore, Md.
- 162c Hill, Miss Fredericks, Upper Marlboro, Md.
- 147c Hill, Miss Henrietta Sophia May, Upper Marlboro, Md.
- 101c \*Hundley, Mrs. W. M. (Mary Ish Ewell), Midlothian, Va.
- 50c Leshner, Mrs. Margaret Magruder, Washington, D. C.
- 135c Mackall, Mrs. Laidler (Evelyn Bowie), Washington, D. C.
- 129c \*Magruder, Miss Allavilla, Charlottesville, Va.
- 13c Magruder, Arthur Hooe Staley, Mitchellsville, Md.
- 143c \*Magruder, Mrs. Edward May, Charlottesville, Va.
- 128c \*Magruder, Miss Evelina, Charlottesville, Va.
- 178c Magruder, Oliver Graham, Washington, D. C.
- 20c \*Moore, Mrs. Claude R. (Elizabeth Ruff Berry, Baltimore, Md.
- 75c Myers, Mrs. Jessie Waring Gantt, Washington, D. C.
- 169c \*Thrift, Miss Elsie Magruder, Madison, Va.
- 154c Vest, Mrs. George B. (Edna Sarah Muncaster), Washington, D. C.
- 44c Wells, Dr. Walter Augustine, Washington, D. C.
- 92c White, Mrs. Eliza Thrift (Andrews), Bowling Green, Va.
- 220c Wood, Mrs. Grace MacGregor, Washington, D. C.



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