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The Hereditary Chief, Lt. Col. Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart., pictured in 1968 with Mr. John Murdoch MacGregor, our Chieftain

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<sup>\*</sup>Indicates genealogical material in content.

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## PROGRAM OF THE 1968 ANNUAL GATHERING

# The Sheraton Motor Inn, Fredericksburg, Virginia

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1968

- 9:00 A.M.-Registration-Lobby, Sheraton Motor Inn
- 9:30 A.M.—Council Meeting, Sheraton Motor Inn
- 12:30 P.M.-Lunch, Sheraton Motor Inn
  - 1:30 P.M.—Bus leaves for Aquia Church and Tour
- 6:00 P.M.—Dinner of your own choice
- 8:00 P.M.—Ceilidh, under direction of Mr. and Mrs. R. James Macgregor and Dr. and Mrs. William C. Stokoe, Jr.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1968

- 9:00 A.M.—Registration—Lobby, Sheraton Motor Inn
- 9:30 A.M.—General Meeting, Sheraton Motor Inn
- 1:00 P.M.-Lunch, Sheraton Motor Inn
- 3:00 P.M.—American Clan Gregor Society Pipe Band Concert, Fredericksburg City Park, Fredericksburg, Virginia
- 6:30 P.M.—Clan Society Reception, Sheraton Motor Inn
- 7:30 P.M.—Annual Banquet, Sheraton Motor Inn:

Piping in of the Clan Society

Piping in of the Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society and Honored Guests

Singing of the Star Spangled Banner

Grace by the Chaplain

Piping in of the Haggis

Introduction of Honored Guests, Past Chieftains and others

Remarks by the Chieftain

MacGregors Gathering and other Scottish Songs, by Hugh Laughlin

Bagpipe Music by the Pipers and Drummers of the American Clan Gregor Society with The St. Andrew's Society Pipe Band, Mr. Greg O'Brien, Pipe Major

Auld Lang Syne by the Assembly.

(Entertainment for the evening under the direction of Dr. Wm. C. Stokoe, Jr.)

### HONORED GUESTS

Mr. Junius A. McCartney, President of St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. McCartney;

Mr. James H. Monroe, Secretary of the Clan Monroe in America, and Mrs. Monroe.

# COMMITTEE FOR THE 59TH ANNUAL GATHERING (1968)

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MISS ELLEN S. SLAUGHTER (Decorations)

## COUNCIL MEETING

### **OCTOBER 11, 1968**

The Council meeting was opened at 9:35 a.m., with a word of welcome from the Chieftain, Mr. John Murdoch MacGregor. The Invocation was given by the Chaplain, the Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder. The following members were present: Mr. John M. MacGregor, Mr. R. James Macgregor, Mr. John Kennedy Magruder, Rev. Daniel R. Magruder, Mr. Archibald McGregor, Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder, Dr. Nathaniel M. Ewell, Jr., Mr. John P. McAdams, Mr. Frank R. McGregor, Mr. Harry W. Blunt, Mr. Thomas Garland Magruder, Mrs. Thomas B. O'Loughlin, Miss Evelina Magruder, Miss Helen M. Gassaway, Miss Virginia Tyler, Mr. Gordon M. F. Stick, Mrs. R. James Macgregor, Mrs. Harry W. Blunt and Miss Eunice B. Haden.

There was a motion that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with since they had already been published in the yearbook. The motion was seconded and passed. The report of the Scribe as printed in the Yearbook was accepted.

The Treasurer, Miss Virginia Tyler, read her report of the General Checking Account. Mr. Frank McGregor, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, read the reports of the Special Accounts and explained them. He led a discussion of the advisability of investing the funds so as to receive higher interest. It was pointed out that the Council has full authority to do this. The report of the Treasurer was accepted and filed. A complete copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Dr. R. Gregory Magruder reported on the "Dr. Edward May Magruder Medical Scholarship Fund" which is administered by the University of Virginia. As of September 30, 1968, this fund had a book value of \$3,020, but a market value of \$5,730. This year the University selected Michael C. Collins, a student at the Medical School, to receive the scholarship which amounted to \$350. After discussion, it was recommended that our Chieftain write to the University of Virginia to express our continuing interest. Any future donation made to this fund by a member of the Society should be by a check made to "The Dr. Edward May Magruder Scholarship Fund at the University of Virginia." Such gifts are fully tax deductible.

Mrs. Blunt, the Registrar, reported 26 new members and 2 applications pending. The total number of members in good standing is 404.

In the absence of Mr. Bernard Magruder, Mrs. Blunt read the Report of the Historian. Since the end of the 1967 Gathering (Oct. 1967-Oct. 1968) there have been reported to us: 4 births, 5 marriages, 8 deaths of members, and three deaths of relatives of members.

Mrs. R. James Macgregor, Librarian, read her report which listed several new books acquired. This year there were a few new users of the Library and many repeat users. Several requests from out-of-town members for specific research were complied with. Some back issues of the Clan Yearbook were donated to the Mormon Genealogical Branch Library in Silver Spring, Md.

Old Business. None.

New Business.

The Chieftain suggested that the Council be made a Committee of the Whole to consider the lawyer's report on the matter of Income Taxes possibly owing to the Internal Revenue by this Society. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Chieftain appoint a Committee of three to have authority to deal

with Counsel and bind the Society in any way necessary for the determination of our tax status and to resolve it to the point of payment.

The Nominating Committee presented the following Slate of Officers which

was accepted unanimously by the Council:

John M. MacGregor	
R. James Macgregor	Ranking Deputy Chieftain
Mrs. Joseph C. Tichy, Jr.	Scribe
Mrs, Harry W. Blunt	Registrar
Bernard F. Magruder	Historian
Miss Virginia E. Tyler	Treasurer
Rev. Daniel R. Magruder	
Dr. Nathaniel M. Ewell, Jr.	
Hon. E. Barrett Prettyman	
Mrs. R. James Macgregor	Librarian
Miss Eunice B. Haden	
Dr. William C. Stokoe, Jr.	
For the Board of Trustees: John K. Magruder	

Mr. Blunt reported that the next Gathering was set tentatively for the second week in October 1969, somewhere in Maryland. In this connection, the Chieftain reported on his trip to Scotland where he met with the Hereditary Chief of the Clan, Lt. Col. Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor. It is hoped that Sir Gregor will be able to be with us for our 60th Anniversary Gathering in 1969.

The Council approved the suggestion that the date of the Gathering be set on any weekend between September and November which would suit the convenience of Sir Gregor. Reference was made to the authorization of funds for the 60th Gathering which was made by the Council at its meeting on Oct. 13, 1967 (See page 11, the 1968 Yearbook).

The Council Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE B. HADEN

Acting Scribe in the absence of Mrs. Tichy

NOTE: Mr. Hiram T. McGehee has been appointed Historian to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Bernard F. Magruder, on October 27, 1968.

### GENERAL MEETING

**OCTOBER 12, 1968** 

The General Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Oct. 12, 1968, by the Chieftain, Mr. John Murdoch MacGregor.

The Chaplain offered the opening prayer.

A motion was passed that the reading of the Minutes of the 1967 General Meeting be omitted since they had already been published in the Yearbook, and that the report of the Scribe be accepted as printed.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of Oct. 11, 1968, were read by the Acting Scribe. Mr. Blunt pointed out one omission in the reading of the list of names brought in by the Nominating Committee. The correction was made. The Minutes were accepted as corrected.

The Treasurer, Miss Virginia Tyler, read the full report covering the financial transactions from October 1, 1967 through September 30, 1968.

In the absence of Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. R. James Macgregor read the Report of the Registrar and then introduced the newest member present, Mr. Archie MacGregor of New York. Also introduced was a prospective member, Mr. Wm. MacGregor of Charlotte, N. C.

Then, Mrs. James Macgregor read her Librarian's Report.

The Chieftain thanked all the Officers for their reports and complimented the Chaplain for the beautiful Memorial Service which he had conducted at old Aquia Church on the previous afternoon, Friday, October 11th.

The Clan Yearbook for 1968 was praised. Miss Haden, Clan Editor, responded that much of the credit belonged to Mrs. Blunt who had guided her, and to the author-members who had contributed items of interest.

The Chieftain spoke on "Membership in the Society," and told of the scholarships offered by the St. Andrew's Society. Male descendants of Clan Gregor Members are eligible to apply for these scholarships which offer an opportunity for study at any university in Scotland. Each scholarship is worth \$3,750 for an academic year. The Chieftain passed around some information sheets which described this program for sending good scholars to Scotland as ambassadors of good will from America.

The Chieftain suggested that it might be well for our Society to affiliate with the "World Federation of Scottish Societies and Individuals." Mr. Blunt pointed out that the budget of the Society regularly carried an authorization for such fees.

Our Chieftain was acclaimed by the rising of the whole membership while they applauded.

Dr. Gregory Magruder moved that our Society be a sponsor of the "Grandfather Mountain Games of 1969" and the "National Trust of Scotland." There was a second to the motion. Mr. Blunt moved to amend the motion to include the "National Trust for Historic Preservation (in USA)," and the "World Federation of Scotlish Societies and Individuals." Dr. Magruder accepted the amendment. The motion as amended was passed.

A report on the 1968 Grandfather Mountain Games was requested and Mr. Blunt suggested that the Chieftain should give it. Mr. MacGregor gave a most interesting report full of amusing details. The Rev. Mr. Arnold Pope who won the wrestling contest, also won the caber toss. Mr. Pope wore the MacGregor Tartan and the hope was expressed that he could be recruited as a member of this society.

Mrs. Lecky reported that Mrs. Eleanor McNish had waited nearly a year for some word of her son, Lieut. Thomas McNish, who is a prisoner in North Vietnam. Then, two letters from him were received close together. His letters indicated that he had received all of her letters and that he was in good spirits.

There was discussion about a place to hold the 60th Anniversary Gathering in 1969.

The Slate of Officers as it appears in the minutes of the Council Meeting was submitted and approved.

Mr. Blunt announced that the Pipe Band would give a concert at 3 p.m. that afternoon in the City Park of Fredericksburg. The Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce had sponsored this event and it had received much publicity.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE HADEN

Acting Scribe in the absence of Mrs. Tichy

# AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

# GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT

Deposited in First National Bank of Sandy Spring, Maryland

Balance as of October 1, 1967	\$ 603.08
1967 Gathering	
1 dues paid for 1966 @ \$5.00	AC 4000-400-001-001-001-001
17 dues paid for 1967 @ \$5.00	
351 dues paid for 1968 @ \$5.00	
2 dues paid for 1969 @ \$5.00	
25 initiation fees @ \$20.00	
6 initiation fees @ \$10.00	
1 part initiation fee @ \$20.00	
Sale year books	
Deposit on T. G. Magruder, Jr. book	
Angus Duncan MacGregor for Endowment Fund	
2 life memberships fees @ \$100.00	
Refund on Copyright year book	
Donation for pipe band	
r-fr	
Total to be accounted for as of October 1, 1968	\$5,670.08
EXPENSES	
	75.00
Harry C. Ways, St. Andrews dance group	
Hugh Laughlin	
Films Inc. Movie	
Frank R. McGregor refund for gathering	
Baltimore Transit Co.	
Sheration-Belvedere banquet and lunches	
Scotland house Cross for R. M. Morton	
Printing	
Flowers for 1967 gathering	
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games	
National park service Fort McHenry	
Dieges & Clust, Medallion for Chieftain	
Addressograph Corp.	
Cussons, May & Co., Inc. year book	
Scotland house for neck ties for pipe band	
2 life memberships transferred to life membership account	
Postage	
Small flags 1967 gathering	35.85

Rent tent for 1967 Grandfather Games 1/2		18.03
Cards and return envelopes 1967 gathering		8.23
Telephone		11.89
Account charged for check book		7.99
Total expenses	\$4.	722.70
Total Income 5,670.08		
Total Expenses 4,722.70		
947.38		
Balance in general account as of October 1, 1968	s	947 38
VIRGINIA E. TYLER, Treasurer	Ψ	717.50
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ENDOWMENT FUND		
Deposited in Saving Institution of Sandy Spring, Maryland		
Balance as of October 2, 1967	\$5.	200.00
Interest		222.56
Balance as of October 1, 1968	\$5	,422.56
VIRGINIA E. TYLER, Treasurer		
CHARITY AND EDUCATION FUND		
Deposited in Saving Institution of Sandy Spring, Maryland		
Balance as of October 2, 1967	\$	100.00
Interest		3.42
D. I		102.42
Balance as of October 1, 1968  VIRGINIA E. TYLER, Treasurer	\$	103.42
TROME E. TIBER, Trusure,		
MARSHALL MAGRUDER LIBRARY FUND		
MARSHALL MAGRUDER LIBRARY FUND  Deposited in Saving Institution of Sandy Spring, Maryland		
Deposited in Saving Institution of Sandy Spring, Maryland	\$	400.00
		400.00 15.87
Deposited in Saving Institution of Sandy Spring, Maryland Balance as of October 2, 1967		
Deposited in Saving Institution of Sandy Spring, Maryland Balance as of October 2, 1967		15.87

# AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

# Deposited in Saving Institution of Sandy Spring, Maryland

Balance as of October 2, 1967\$	800.00
Deposited	300.00
Interest	27.47
Balance as of October 1, 1968	,127.47

VIRGINIA E. TYLER, Treasurer

# DR. EDWARD MAY MAGRUDER MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Principal Account (at U. of Va.)  Balance: 1 October 1967\$2	2,870.00
Additions during the year	150.00
Balance 30 September 1967 (Book Value)\$3	,020.00
Gifts to fund 1 Oct, 1967-30 Sept. 1968	
Income Account (at U. of Va.)	
Balance: 1 October 1967\$	158.10*
Additions: Income for year ended 30 June 1968	230.79
\$	388.89
Deductions: Scholarship payments \$	200.00
Balance: 30 Sept. 1968\$	188.89

<sup>\*</sup>The reported balance of \$273.10 at 30 September 1967 erroneously excluded scholarship payments during 1967 of \$115.00 to Charles L. Baltimore.

The scholarship for the current year has been awarded to Michael C. Collins, Second Year Medical Student \$350.00

R. GREGORY MAGRUDER, M.D., Chairman

### **REGISTRAR'S REPORT 1968**

#### EDITH LLOYD BLUNT

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

- 1519a—Douce, William Clarke, 3425 Hawthorne Court, Bartlesville, Oklahoma: he the husband of Willene Grady Magruder Douce, Clan member #1518.
- 1520a—Clagett, Martha (Mrs. John Clagett) 2524 Marian Lane, Wilmette, Ill. 60091: she the wife of Clan member #1514.
- 1521 —Branson, Joseph Holmes III, 1615 Belle Haven Rd., Alexandria, Virginia: he the grandson of Elizabeth Smoot Fuller, Clan member #466.
- 1522 —Ruppenthal, Caroline Magruder (Mrs. Carl Ruppenthal) 2607 Hampshire Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44106: she the daughter of Richard Lamar Magruder, Clan member #1126.
- 1523 —Magruder, Richard Lamar, Jr., M.D., 3115 Applegate Lane, Augusta, Georgia 30904: he the son of Richard Lamar Magruder, Clan #1126.
- 1524 —Pattison, Dorothy Serviss (Mrs. Clifford Pattison) 507 N.W. Inwood Dr., Bartlesville, Oklahoma: she the granddaughter of Edna Greer Porter Hatfield, Clan member #990.
- 1525 —McGehee, John Lucius III, 191 South Perkins Road, Memphis, Tenn. 38117: he the son of John Lucius McGehee II and Mary Louise Berry; he the son of John Lucius McGehee and Ada Knight Hartridge; he the son of James Blanton McGehee and Eugenia Harriett Wittick; he the son of Edward Scott McGehee and Melinda Hill; he the son of Edward McGehee and Elizabeth DeJarnette; he the son of Thomas Mackgehee (James MacGregor) born in Scotland.
- 1526 —Simon, Rosamond J. MacGregor (Mrs. Jack Simon) 9537 Old Creek Drive, Fairfax, Va. 22030: she the daughter of Dr. Judson Stewart Mac-Gregor and Gladys Burton Allen; he the son of Rev. Peter Stewart MacGregor and Elizabeth Maria Hatfield; he the son of Donald Mac-Gregor and Betty Stewart; he the son of Donald MacGregor and Margaret MacGregor, relatives both born in Scotland.
- 1527 MacGregor, Donald D., 307 1st Ave., North, Park Falls, Wisc. 54552: he the son of John Lawrence MacGregor and Gertrude Barber; he the son of Duncan McGregor and Kezia Collins; he the son of Duncan McGregor born in Scotland and Mary McTavish.
- 1529 —Patterson, Helen Strange (Mrs. Charles G. Patterson) 1611 Longhorn Road, Lynchburg, Va. 24503: she the daughter of Gideon Alloway Strange IV and Helen Inez Kelley; he the son of Gideon Alloway Strange, III and Eva Garrett Shakelford; he the son of Gideon Alloway Strange, Jr. and Catherine Marion Mayo; he the son of Gideon Alloway Strange and Harriett Magruder; she the daughter of John Bowie Magruder and Sarah Jones; he the son of Ninian Magruder and Elizabeth Brewer; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder of Scotland.
- 1530 —Perdue, Estelle Strange (Mrs. Warren R. Perdue) she the daughter of Gideon Alloway Strange III—see line above.
- 1531a—McGregor, Mabel Louise (Mrs. Frank McGregor) 2700 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, D. C. 20007: she the wife of Clan member #1404.
- 1533 —Williams, John Horter Williams Jr., 6633 Timberlane Road, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105: he the son of John Horter Williams, Clan #1493.

- 1534 —Williams, Burch Ijams, 6633 Timberlane Road, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105: he the son of John Horter Williams, Clan member #1493.
- 1535 —Magruder, Christopher Herbert, M.D., Chinquapin, Greenwood, South Carolina: he the son of Abbey Wailes Magruder and Christine Herbert; he the son of Leonard Augustin Magruder and Lydia Bell Cropper; he the son of Augustin Freeland Magruder and Julia Abbey; he the son of John Hawkins Magruder (born Prince Georges Co., Md. 1790) and Eliza Biggs Wailes.
- 1536 —MacGregor, Kent L., Box 192, Cashiers, N. C. 28717: he the son of Persuis H. MacGregor and Sarah Jane McLeod; he the son of John MacGregor and Valdora; he the son of John MacGregor born in Scotland
- 1537 —Magruder, Philip Brooke, Jr., 15 Ware Rd., Williamsburg, Virginia: he the son of Philip Brooke Magruder, Clan member #705.
- 1538 —Searcy, Martha (Mrs. John Searcy) 217 Edgewood Dr., Thomasville, Georgia 31792: she the daughter of James Marshall Triplett and Margaret Cullen Gardner; he the son of James Monroe Triplett and Eliza Darden; she the daughter of Moses Darden and Alethia Ann Wilder; she the daughter of William Wilder IV and Polly (Mary) Drane; she the daughter of Walter Drane and Alethia Magruder; she the daughter of Ninian Beall Magruder and Rebecca Young; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Margaret Jackson; he the son of Ninian Beall Magruder Sr. and Elizabeth Brewer; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder of Perthshire, Scotland.
- 1539a—Richardson, Horatio M., Wye Mills, Maryland: he the husband of Margery Muncaster Hazelwood, Clan #215.
- 1540 —McGee, Nancy C. Lambert (Mrs. Wm. Lanier McGee) 1600 South East 8th St., Fort Lauderdale, Florida: she the daughter of Louis Edwin Lambert and Margaret G. Fitchett, Clan member #1458.
- 1541a—McGee, William Lanier Jr. (address above) he the husband of Nancy C. Lambert McGee, Clan member #1540.
- 1542 —MacGregor, Archie, 28 Marvin Avenue, Uniondale, Long Island, New York: he born in Scotland the son of Archie MacGregor and Agnes Scott.
- 1543 —MacGregor, Ruth Jean, 6411 N. Albina Street, Portland, Oregon: she the sister of John Murdoch MacGregor, Clan member #1454.
- 1544 —MacGregor, Margaret Ann, 1320 Ortega Street, San Francisco, California 94122: she the sister of John Murdoch MacGregor, Clan #1454.
- 1546 —Hill, Francis W., 5828 Highland Drive, Kenwood, Chevy Chase, Md.: he the brother of Christabel E. Hill, Clan member #1441.
- 1547 —Miller, Anajean Knighten (Mrs. John J. Miller, Jr.) 1656 S.E. 8th Street, Bellevue, Oregon: she the daughter of Donalda MacGregor Knighten, Clan member #1513.
- 1548 Knighten, Wily W., 4806 Cambridge Way, Anchorage Alaska: he the son of Donalda MacGregor Knighten, Clan member #1513.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

SUE S. MACGREGOR

During the past year a few of our members have had occasion to make personal use of the Library. In addition, two non-members have visited the Library in search of family historical data. The Librarian has also checked and researched material in the Library in response to several mail and telephone inquiries.

Since the last report, the following books have been donated to the collection:

Mr. Bernard F. Magruder gave "History of Maryland" by Matthew Page
Andrews. This is a facsimile reprint of the 1929 edition with a new
foreword by Morris Radoff, Archivist of Maryland. It was the first
comprehensive survey of Maryland history to be written by a professional historian, and is still the one single book that deals with all
the events over the longest span of Maryland History.

Mrs. Sue S. Macgregor gave "The History of Scotland" by Patrick Fraser Tytler, in four volumes, Edinburgh, 1892.

A number of back yearbooks were donated to the Mormon Genealogical Library in Silver Spring, Md. We have also been advised that a new branch microfilm reading room will be opened shortly in Annandale, Va.

I would conclude by making note of the fact that but few members have made use of the Library, and the number of members making donations has been most disappointing. If our Library is to become truly worthwhile, it must grow at a much faster rate.



# REMARKS MADE BY THE CHIEFTAIN AT THE BANQUET OF THE CLAN GATHERING ON OCTOBER 12, 1968, IN FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

On the evening of Saturday, October 12, 1968, the annual banquet of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order by the Chieftain, Colonel John M. MacGregor. He proposed at toast to the President of the United States, following which all present sang the National Anthem. Grace was then said by our Chaplain, the Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder. Shortly thereafter the Chaplain, preceded by Pipe-Major Greg O'Brien and the pipers and drummers of the American Clan Gregor Society and the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D. C., led the traditional ceremony of "piping in the haggis" and delivered, in the manner for which he has become famous and beloved, Robert Burns' "Address to a Haggis." He was given a hearty round of applause.

After dinner, the Chieftain called for a toast to our Hereditary Chief, Lt. Col. Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart., which was received with much enthusiasm. Thereupon he saluted all other clans of Scotland. A response in the form of a toast to the American Clan Gregor Society was presented by Mr. James H. Monroe, Secretary of the Clan Monroe in America and one of the honored guests at the head table.

The Chieftain then presented the other guests on the dais in the following order: Mrs. R. James Macgregor, Miss Ruth MacGregor (the Chieftain's sister), Mr. R. James Macgregor, Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Mrs. Junius A. McCartney, Mrs. Lynn Franklin (of Fredericksburg), Mr. Junius A. McCartney, President, St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. James H. Monroe.

He introduced the three Past Chieftains who were present: Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder, Mr. John Kennedy Magruder, and Mr. Thomas Garland Magruder, Jr. The Chieftain went on to say:

"We have been graciously received in this charming city of cultural people and deeply appreciate the warm welcome. Fredericksburg is proof conclusive that good taste and gracious living carries over easily from one generation to another. Many a MacGregor, bearing other names such as 'Magruder,' has ancestral loyalties to the state of Virginia. Many are present here. Many contributed mightily to the proud history of this commonwealth before going on to the 'land of the leal.' Many have lived in this state for several generations. Mrs. Lynn W. Franklin (Mrs. Butler Robinson Franklin) who graces our dais is the eighth generation of the Thornton family to live in the ancestral and historic home of 'Fall Hill' here in Fredericksburg. We wish we could claim her as a member. She even offered to give a party for us all. To her as one of the distinguished citizens of Fredericksburg, we express with enthusiasm our thanks to our generous hosts. After all, our Society was founded in Virginia in 1909 and many members are descendants of James MacGregor whose name became MacGeehee. He came to Virginia in 1653.

"Every social institution is created and sustained by human ardor and conviction. Members who are satisfied with nothing but the best for their Society are the ones who recharge the spirit of the group. These are the people who know that the more we do for something the more we love it and the more we are willing to do for it. Our officers are the custodians of our work, in whom we put trust and repose confidence. Each of them can quote the scripture, 'Whosoever will be great among you let him be your minister and whosoever will be your Chieftain let him be your servant.' With this, each of our leaders is entirely familiar. The service of each rests on a passion for the things which can be done, not on a sense of duty to act because they have permitted themselves to be selected—witness the monumental service rendered with grace and capacity by Harry and Edith Blunt (at this point the speaker was interrupted by a standing and thrilling tribute to the Blunts). All of our officers and former Chieftains have our grateful thanks. We cherish each of them and to each render our homage.

"While in Scotland recently, I saw and lunched with our Chief, Sir Gregor, and conveyed to him our sincere best wishes. I pointed out that with us he holds the pride of place. As most of you know, he commands the First Battalion of the Scots Guards. He is very much the soldier and commands a part of a very distinguished regiment. Only recently his battalion was selected for the 'Trooping of the Colors' and as the Queen's Color Guard when she visited Scotland in June, I extended to him a warm invitation to come over with Lady MacGregor

to be our guest for the Gathering in 1969. This will be the 60th anniversary and one of importance to our Society. He expressed his thanks and stated that he should like very much to come if his duty at that time could permit. I shall write him soon and report on this Gathering and tell him that we should be happy to convene our next year's meeting to suit his convenience any time during the months of September or October. I am convinced that if the situation makes it possible, he will do us the honor.

"On the day I had lunch with Sir Gregor, I had afternoon tea with his mother, The Honorable Lady Gylla MacGregor of MacGregor. She has vivid recollections of meeting with our Society when she was over the last time and specifically charged the speaker with conveying her affectionate greetings to all those who would remember her. I promised to do so and hereby keep my promise with pleasure.

"I also paid our respects to Commander and Mrs. Findanus MacGregor of Cardney. They, too, remember their visit with us at the Washington Gathering and send their best greetings to our group.

"One day I had the pleasure of visiting with the Executive Committee of the National Trust for Scotland, where I met during the best part of the day with its members. On the following day, I was escorted to the Battlefield of Bannockburn by Pilkington Jackson, Scotland's greatest sculptor, where we viewed his heroic bronze statue of the Bruce, which was unveiled a year ago last summer by Her Majesty.

"Economically speaking, Scotland seems to be busy and prosperous. Everywhere you see the cranes at work constructing high buildings. The Royal Mile is still the great attraction and remains what someone called 'Scottish history fossilized.' George Street is becoming the street of fine shops as Princes Street is being gradually taken over by chain stores and less attractive buildings.

"You cannot be a good Scot alone, nor a successful business or professional man—alone, nor a good clansman—alone. You need congenial associates. We are told that the most distant star is affected when we wind our wristwatch. There is a story about Sandy who missed three Sundays at worship. The minister called upon him. The reception was friendly and they sat in front of the fire, smoking their pipes without saying a word. Finally the minister leaned forward and with tongs took a coal from the fire and set it out on the hearth by itself. Then he leaned back and rocked as they both watched the coal lose its flame, then its color, and then grow dark and dead. Finally Sandy said: 'I ken wha' ye mean, sir, I'll be a' the kirk on the Sabbath.'

"Listen to the Scot at home and abroad state his determination to be free and equal: 'I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon—if I can. I seek opportunity—not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the State look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of Utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act for myself, enjoy the benefit of my creations and to face the world boldly and say, 'This I have done.' All this is what it means to be a Scot',"\*

<sup>\*</sup>Quoted from Dean Alfange.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1968 GATHERING WITH

#### REFLECTIONS FROM THE PAST

#### EVELINA MAGRUDER

In ancient days, the fire of the cross summoned our clan together in Scotland; today, the fiery tints of October relay that message to the members of the American Clan Gregor Society. On the way to the gathering this year, the trees along the countryside waved gay plumes of varying tints of foliage, while the roadsides flamed in welcome.

Throughout the years, our aims have remained as constant as the seasons. However, a blithesomeness has infiltrated the austerity of the organizational years.

As a charter member of this Society, I attended the first gathering in Washington, at the National Hotel, in 1909. The sessions were confined entirely within the building. Extended hours of business, long biographies of clansmen, tedious historical papers and reports, interspersed with music only, were quite an ordeal for the young members. The next year, when the programs were extended over three days, regretfully, at times some of the attending youth escaped for private games of casino and seven up, elsewhere in the hotel. The social gatherings, following evening meetings, were enlivened by conversation only, without benefit of refreshments. Those years of serious planning, regardless of a negligible treasury, were inspired by the vision of its founders, and laid the foundation for our present flourishing organization. It is probably the oldest of its kind in the United States.

The co-founders, Dr. Jesse Ewell and my Father, Dr. Edward May Magruder, enjoyed every phase of history, sociability, and good food. They would have been the first to find delight in the programs of the gatherings of today. Both grew up in the country and would have approved our place of muster this year: the Sheraton Motor Inn, located on the outskirts of Fredericksburg, surrounded by extensive meadows where a black angus herd was grazing and purple thistles were still blooming; the attractive and appropriate architectural blending of the original barn and silos with the needs of a modern motel, combining efficiency and convenience; the genial and cooperative management; and last, but not least, the prompt service of delicious repasts throughout our stay.

At the first gatherings of our Society, there were no evidences that the original members were not teetotalers. There was evidence, in 1968, that the present council members thoroughly enjoyed the gay cocktail party given to them by our gracious Chieftain, Mr. John Murdoch MacGregor, on the afternoon before the formal opening of our gathering.

Those same originators would have approved the private session of the Council on the first morning, to discuss the problems and plans to present to the members at the business meeting later.

The lunch hour in the Silo Room of the motel, enriched by reunions with long-time clansmen and meetings with new ones, and later the tour of historical places (related hereafter), our founders would have entered into with the keenest interest.

At nearby Aquia Church, built 1751-57 in Overwharton Parish, whose history extends back to fifty-seven years after Jamestown, a memorial service was



The Free Lance-Star, Fredericksburg, Va.

# HEATHER MCADAMS DANCING THE SWORD DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF THE CLAN PIPER



Photo by Mead Hartwell

KAREN MACGREGOR ENTERTAINS



The Free Lance-Star, Fredericksburg, Va.

TARTAN, DIRK AND PUBLIC INTEREST



The Free Lance-Star, Fredericksburg, Va.

BOB McCanse of the Pipe Band doing a Highland Dance to the music of the Pipers

beautifully and reverently conducted by our Clan Chaplain, Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder, and, as is our custom, a white carnation was placed in an evergreen wreath, as the name of each member who had died during the past year was read. In the churchyard, the wreath was appropriately placed on the grave of a Scotsman, the Rev. John Frazer, who was the first minister of Overwharton Parish, about 1700. A visit was made to the town house of Mary Washington, and to *Kenmore*, the handsome eighteenth century mansion of Fielding and Betty Washington Lewis, with its surrounding gardens and dependencies. There, tea and gingerbread were served in the original kitchen in the yard, completing a most rewarding afternoon.

After freedom-of-choice during the dinner hour, our first members would have been captivated by the Ceilidh (a Scottish evening of music, dance, and display of talents among the membership). This was introduced for the first time this year under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. James Macgregor and Dr. and Mrs. William Stokoe, Jr. Well remembered will be the stirring numbers piped by our Clan Piper, Mr. William Stokoe, accompanied by his son, Jim, with the drum; several songs of Scotland, never sung more sweetly than by Karen Macgregor to her own accompaniment on a guitar; and a lively and beautifully rendered sword dance by Heather McAdams. Scottish dances by groups of teenagers and older couples, who had practiced during the year, gave many members a chance to contribute to our entertainment. When the invitation was issued for anyone to participate in the Scottish dances, a very lively spectacle ensued. Afterwards, while enjoying coffee and delicious cakes we congratulated the producers of the Ceilidh, and we hope it is here to stay.

At the business meeting the last morning, the problems and plans of the Society were presented to the members to be voted upon, and the Secretary's report will be published in the Year Book.

All gathered for the lunch hour before the outing in the Fredericksburg City Park, where we were welcomed by the Mayor and many townspeople. Here we enjoyed the commanding style of the Clan Gregor Pipe Band, as they paraded and piped in full regalia. Bob McCanse, formerly a sergeant of the Black Watch, displayed his splendid technique as a Scottish dancer during the intermission. We dispersed only in time to prepare for the reception and annual banquet.

Our first Chieftain, Dr. Edward May Magruder, would willingly have donned the kilt to match the gentlemen in their gay attire, at the reception. He would have had many a flattering remark for the ladies in evening dress bedecked with tartan sash. All present gave enthusiastic applause to our Pipe Band for their music which added so much to the conviviality of the occasion.

After the piping-in of the officers and honored guests to the head table at the banquet, the entertainment for the evening followed the customary procedure.

We were most fortunate in recording the famous recitation of Burn's "Ode to the Haggis" by Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder, as he flourished a sword before the slicing thereof. Now, we hope his inimitable delivery will be preserved for presentation at our banquets forevermore.

This year we were happy to welcome our new Chieftain, Mr. John Murdoch MacGregor. His high attainments in law in this country and internationally, his extensive travels and distinguished contacts at home and abroad, supplement his native culture and graciousness. All portend a chieftain who will extend our horizons and leave an imprint of his distinction on our clan.

The Chieftain's welcome to the honored guests and to the clansfolk was followed by his personal reminiscences, mainly of his contacts with the Hereditary Chief and his family in Scotland, related in his gifted style.

Our special entertainers for the evening were Sgt. Bob McCanse, who executed Scottish dances with rare precision and grace, and Mr. Hugh Laughlin who charmed us with Scottish songs, among them, "MacGregors' Gathering," sung as it has never been sung since the first gatherings, when it was sung by Mr. John Francis MacGregor Bowie. Our spirits soared with the music of the pipers and drummers of the American Clan Gregor Society Pipe Band (altogether about twenty in number) as it rose to the ceiling of the Loft Room remodelled for a banquet hall. Without this music our festivities would take place in an atmosphere of the Lowlands rather than our native Highlands. Finally, with the clasping of hands and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," we fervently looked forward to our sixtieth gathering in 1969.

The vision of the founders is reflected in the following excerpt from a notice of the gathering of 1919 in the Washington Herald. When Dr. Edward May Magruder was asked if he thought the meeting was a success, he replied: "I am more than satisfied with the esprit de corps and the high enthusiasm shown by the clan, which presages great growth, success, and usefulness in the future. The object of the organization, as set forth in the rules and regulations, is a guarantee of its usefulness and permanency." Steadily, for sixteen years, as chieftain, he worked, with the early members, to establish a firm foundation for our organization. Now, its development can be attributed to the widespread efforts of its members during the succeeding years.

Were the founders present they would rejoice, with us, over the far-reaching growth and attainments of the American Clan Gregor Society.

#### START PLANNING NOW

for the

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We are expecting our Hereditary Chief,
Lt. Col. Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor and
Lady MacGregor

We are expecting you too!
OCTOBER 17TH AND 18TH, 1969
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# ATTENDANCE AT 1968 GATHERING

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Blunt	Bethesda, Md.
Mr. J. Holmes Branson III	
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brooke	Upper Marlboro, Md.
Miss Bertha Bryant	
Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Canter	
Miss Betsy Chandler	
Mr. David Chandler	
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Clagett	Wilmette, Ill.
Mrs. Ann Stick Clemson	Baltimore, Md.
Mrs. Mary C. Cummings	McMinnville, Tenn.
Mr. and Mrs. Norris Delano	Virginia
Mr. John Dorwood	Galashiels, Scotland
Mrs. June Eanet	Silver Spring, Md.
Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel M. Ewell	Charlottesville, Va.
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Ferneyhough	Warrenton, Va.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ferris	
Mrs. Lynn W. Franklin	
Miss Helen Gassaway	
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gregor	
Miss Eunice Haden	
Mr. and Mrs. Mead Hartwell	
Miss Sarah Hartwell	
Mr. and Mrs. Julian von Heisermann	
Mrs. Richard Horsey, Jr.	
Miss Mary E. Hundley	
Mr. Bartholomew Johnson	
Mrs. Richard R. Kane	
Miss Martha E. Kerr	
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Laughlin	
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lecky	
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lightfoot	
Mrs. H. R. Lipscomb	
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Livingston	Danville Va.
Mrs. William H. Lloyd	
Mr. and Mrs. Archie MacGregor	
Mr. Bruce Macgregor	Rethesda Md
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas D. MacGregor	Crozet Va
Mr. John M. MacGregor	
Miss Karen Macgregor	
Mr. and Mrs. R. James Macgregor	
Miss Ruth MacGregor	
Mr. and Mrs. Archibald McGregor	
Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. McGregor	
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. McGregor	
Mr. Duncan Mackenzie	
Rev. Daniel R. Magruder	
Miss Eleanor M. Magruder	
Miss Evelina Magruder	
Mr. John K. Magruder	
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Dr. and Mrs. Roger G. Magruder	
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Magruder, Jr.	
Mr. and Mrs. John McAdams	
Miss Heather McAdams	
Mr. and Mrs. Junius McCartney	
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McGehee	
Mr. and Mrs. Hiram T. McGehee	
Mr. Andrew Menkart	
Miss Deborah Menkart	
Mr. and Mrs. John Menkart	Bethesda, Md.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Duncan Mills	
Mr. and Mrs. Duncan M. Mills	
Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe	
Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Murray	
Mrs. Ruth Ochsner	
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Loughlin	
Mrs. N. Edward Parlett	
Com. and Mrs. Henry L. Phelps	
Miss Anna L. Reynolds	
Miss Julia S. Reynolds	
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Russello	
Mrs. Henry Samford	
Mr. and Mrs. George Schroebel	
Dr. and Mrs. Leo Shaudis	Pockville Md
Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Shingleton	
Mrs. P. D. Shingleton	
Mrs. Jack Simon	
Mr. Blair Slaughter	
Miss Ellen Slaughter	
Mrs. Robert Slaughter	
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon M. F. Stick, Sr.	
Mr. James Stokoe	
Mr. Wm. C. Stokoe	THE THE THE SEC OF THE SECOND PROPERTY OF THE SECOND
Dr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Stokoe, Jr.	
Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor	
Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Taylor	
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor	
Mrs. Sarah Thompson	
Miss Virginia Tyler	
Mr. Robert Turnbull	
Com. and Mrs. John Urquhart	
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wheeler	Alexandria, Va.

(The total attendance at the Gathering was 154. Included were residents of 14 states and the District of Columbia. The member present who lives at the greatest distance was Miss Ruth MacGregor, sister of the Chieftain. Note that we had a guest from Scotland.)

# ABSENTEE GUEST LIST

Mr. and Mrs. Willett C. Magruder

Mr. Robert Gregg Stone

Mrs. Paul F. Foster

Mrs. Kenneth Gant

Mrs. Hayward B. Drane

Mr. Lloyd R. Killam

Mr. Page B. Clagett

Mr. Arthur Peter, Jr.

Mrs. Florida P. M. Sanders

Mr. Galen L. Stone

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Magruder

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Neil Magruder

Mrs. John R. Dwyer

Mrs. Kent C. Nicodemus

Mr. Forrest D. Bowie

Mrs. Elizabeth M. H. Raidt

Dr. George B. Tyler

Mrs. Homer King Vann

Mr. Eugene Chester Rivers

Mrs. Theodore S. Hill

Mr. Edward M. Passano

Lt. Col. Robert W. Fuller III

Mr. Malcolm D. MacGregor

## PIPE BAND MEMBERS ATTENDING

Pipe Major: Greg O'Brien

Drum Major: Robert McDonald

**Pipers** 

James Dargavel

Don Fairhurst

Gene Hamilton

Lee Kurlansik

John Masterson

Kevin O'Brien Wm. C. Stokoe, Jr.

Randy Swart

Allen van Emmerick

James F. Welsh

Eliot Woodamen

Drummers

James MacPherson: Drum Sgt.

John Bittner

Don Dennison

Dave Heinley

Dancer

Sgt. Bob McCanse of the Black Watch

#### PIPE BAND SPONSORS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Blunt

Miss Eunice B. Haden

Mrs. William H. Lloyd

Eugene C. Rivers

### HISTORIAN'S REPORT

#### HIRAM T. MCGEHEE

For the year 1968 (that is, from the Baltimore Gathering until the Fredericksburg Gathering) the following were reported: 6 births, 7 marriages, and 9 deaths of Clan members; also 2 deaths of relatives of members. From the close of the Fredericksburg Gathering on October 12, 1968, until February 1, 1969, reports have been received of 1 marriage and 3 deaths. There was also the report of a death which occurred in 1965. All are included here.

#### **BIRTHS**

- Nathaniel MacGregor Mendez on June 14, 1967, son of Jessie J. Ewell Mendez and William Mendez, and grandson of Dr. Jesse Ewell who was one of the founders of the American Clan Gregor Society;
- Chad Owen Cullum on July 2, 1967 and Matthew MacGregor Cullum on September 1, 1968; grandsons of Col. Earl O. Cullum (Clan no. 1440);
- Paul Terrance Donnelly on October 26, 1967, the grandson of Elizabeth Hill Dwyer (Clan no. 816);
- Frank Ethan Haden on January 13, 1968, the great-grandson of former Chieftain Frank Cecil Magruder;
- Kenneth Sloan Drane on September 5, 1968, the grandson of Mrs. Hayward B. Drane (Clan no. 1409-A).

### **MARRIAGES**

- January 18, 1968, Clan Member #1474, Marion Augusta Blunt to Julian von Heisermann und von Hohenlohe. (See pp 40-41, 1968 Yearbook);
- June 3, 1968, Helen Marie Stokoe (daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Stokoe, Jr.) to David G. Phillips;
- In July 1968, Mrs. Eva Lee Bonner (Clan Member #1271) to George N. Heath;
- August 2, 1968, Edith Lermond Chandler (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Blunt) to Dr. John Menkart;
- August 3, 1968, Margery Muncaster Hazelwood (Clan Member #215) to the Reverend Horatio Maunsell Richardson;
- August 3, 1968, Gregor Ian McGregor (son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McGregor) to Abagail Sterling Hazel;
- August 30, 1968, Duncan Magruder Mills (son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis D. Mills) to Cornelia Ann Handley;
- December 14, 1968, William Lowe Walde (son of Mrs. Philip Lightfoot and the late Mr. William Lowe Walde, Sr.) to Carolyn Stacey Lamond.

## **ENGAGEMENT**

Clan members Mr. and Mrs. Gordon M. F. Stick of Baltimore, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mrs. Anne Howard Stick Clemson, to Mr. Duncan Henry Mackenzie 2nd, of Washington, son of Mrs. Henry Arnold Mackenzie of Cleveland, Obio, and the late Mr. Mackenzie. The wedding will take place on February 8, at the home of the bride's parents, Guilford House, Baltimore.

The bride is a graduate of the Calvert School, Bryn Mawr School, and Goucher College. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howard Fitchett of Glen Arm, Md., and the late Rev. and Mrs. J. Monroe Stick of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Mackenzie, an alumnus of the University School, Cleveland, Brown University, and the University of Maryland (European Division), is President of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D. C.

This young couple first met at the American Clan Gregor Society Gathering in Baltimore in 1967.

#### DEATHS

Miss Adaline Magruder Muncy, #777, June 24, 1965;

Maryel Alpina Magruder (Mrs. Ernest P.) #318, Nov. 27, 1967 (Memorial p. 45, 1968 Yearbook);

Jacob Milwit, #946-A, Dec. 6, 1967 (Memorial p. 46, 1968 Yearbook);

James Taylor Hurst, #1307, January 2, 1968;

Mrs. Lloyd B. Schwab, #1335, January 12, 1968;

Annesley Bond Baugh (Mrs. Frederick H.) #706, Jan. 28, 1968 (Memorial p. 44, 1968 Yearbook);

Mary Addison Tutwiler (Mrs. Herbert Tutwiler) #560, January 1968;

Judge Calvert Magruder, #127, May 22, 1968;

Claribel Drake, #640, May 1968;

Guy R. Henderson, #653, October 5, 1968;

Doris Hill Freeman (Mrs. Merle Freeman) #861, Oct. 15, 1968;

Bernard F. Magruder, #1297, October 27, 1968;

Willis G. Muncy, #733, Dec. 20, 1968.

# DEATHS OF RELATIVES OF MEMBERS

Lt. Douglas G. Magruder, U.S.A., grandson of former Chieftain, Brig. Gen. Marshall Magruder and nephew of Mrs. Loren F. Cole (#1107), (Memorial pp 42-43, 1968 Yearbook);

Helen Hewett Macgregor (Mrs. Carol Macgregor) wife of Clan member #1486 and mother of Mr. David Hewett Macgregor (#1478) and Ranking Deputy Chieftain R. James Macgregor (#1462).

#### WEDDINGS

### STOKOE - PHILLIPS

Helen Marie Stokoe, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William C. Stokoe, Jr., was married on June 3rd, 1968, in Sage Chapel, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., to David George Phillips, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Phillips of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The wedding took place two days after Helen and David were graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences of Cornell University. They are now living in Poughkeepsie and teaching English and Mathematics respectively. The bride is a daughter and a granddaughter of Clan members.

#### HAZELWOOD - RICHARDSON

Mrs. Margery Muncaster Hazelwood (Clan #215) and the Reverend Horatio Maunsell Richardson were married at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Cumberland, Md., on August 3, 1968. The ceremony was solemnized by the Right Reverend Richard H. Baker, retired Bishop of North Carolina.

The Reverend Mr. Richardson is now the Rector of Old Wye Church near Easton, Md., which many Clan members will recall as the church where they attended a service during the 1966 Gathering.

#### HAZEL - McGREGOR

On August 3, 1968, Abagail Sterling Hazel was married to Gregor Ian McGregor in Grosse Point, Mich. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McGregor, of Grosse Point. The father of the groom is Clan member #1501.



MRS. DAVID GEORGE PHILLIPS



REV. AND MRS. HORATIO MAUNSELL RICHARDSON



MR. AND MRS. DUNCAN MAGRUDER MILLS



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM L. WALDE WITH ASSISTANT CHIEFTAIN HARRY W. BLUNT

### HANDLEY - MILLS

The marriage of Miss Cornelia Handley to Duncan Magruder Mills, took place on August 31, 1968 in Richmond, Va. The Rev. Robert C. Hall, Jr. officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carl Handley of West Point, Va. She is a graduate of the Virginia Commonwealth University. The groom is the son of Clan members, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Duncan Mills of Richmond, Va. He is a graduate of St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, N. C. The couple are now at home at 3867 Caulder Court, Richmond, Va.

#### LAMOND - WALDE

On December 14, 1968, Carolyn Stacey Lamond was married to William Lowe Walde at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Chevy Chase, Maryland. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Angus Lamond and the late Mr. Lamond, of Washington, D. C. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Philip Lightfoot (Clan no. 1072-A) and the late William Lowe Walde, Sr.

It is interesting to note that on May 14, 1830, William Lowe Walde's great-great-great grandmother, Anne Snowden Contee McCarty was married to James Rector Lowe at "Mt. Lubentia," the home of her grandfather, Dennis Magruder.

# OLD GAELIC BLESSING

May the roads rise to meet you And the wind be always at your back; And may the Lord hold you In the hollow of His hand.

### **MEMORIALS**

#### GUY RUSSELL HENDERSON

Guy Russell Henderson, Clan no. 653, died October 5, 1968, in Louisville, Ky., at the age of 82, after an illness of less than three months. A fine man, he was much respected in his community. He had been a member of the Clan Gregor Society for over 35 years and was State Deputy Chieftain for Kentucky for many years.

Mr. Henderson was a prosperous farmer of Bullitt County, Ky. His farm was about 20 miles south of Louisville, and there he resided until his retirement. He never married. For the last two and a half years of his life, he made his home at 1317 S. First Street, Louisville, Ky., with his sister, Mrs. Bess H. Maraman and his niece, Miss Ailene H. Maraman. He is survived by another sister, Sister M. Philippa Henderson, Sisters of Loretta, Nerinx, Ky., who also has been a member of the Clan Gregor Society for many years, and by a brother, Robert Henderson of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Interment was in the family burial plot in Bullitt County, Ky.

#### BERNARD FEWELL MAGRUDER

Bernard F. Magruder (Clan #1297), died October 27, 1968, in Bethesda, Md. He was born on Aug. 11, 1895, in Webb City, Mo. A graduate of the University of Michigan, he served in WW I, then moved to Racine, Wis., in 1919, to establish a cost accounting system for the Webster Electric Co. He later joined the Horlick Malted Milk Co., of Racine, as confidant and adviser to the late Wm. Horlick. In Racine he was active in the Elks (Exalted Ruler in 1927 and 1937); the Masons; American Legion; and civic and professional organizations. A noted bridge player, he was lecturer and master teacher. About 1942, he ran for Congress as a Democrat, but was defeated. In 1945, Mr. Magruder joined the faculty of Wayne State University in Detroit as Adjunct Professor, School of Business Administration and Law. He was co-author of the Modern Handbook of Accounting Theory and contributed many articles to professional periodicals. During WW II he was Chief of the financial branch of the Ordnance Price Adjustment Board in Detroit; from 1952-62 was director of the Detroit office of the Renegotiation Board; and then became director of the Eastern Region of the Renegotiation Board in Washington, D. C. He retired in December 1967, after receiving the Board's Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. Magruder is survived by his wife Martha (Chapman), and two daughters by his first wife, Lillian (Langlund) who died in 1939. They are Marilyn Magruder Jetter of Akron, Ohio; and Jean Magruder Minton of Sacramento, Calif. There are five grandchildren.

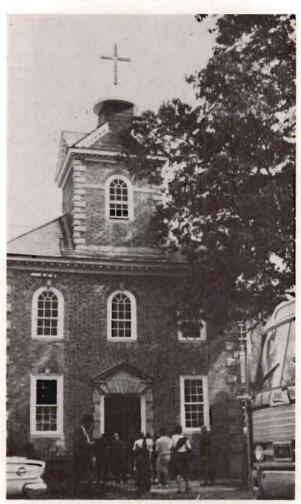
A member of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D. C., he was also active in the American Clan Gregor Society having been Ranking Deputy Chieftain, a valued member of the Council, and Society Historian.



GUY RUSSELL HENDERSON



BERNARD F. MAGRUDER



AQUIA CHURCH
(Erected 1751)
where the memorial service was held

#### JUDGE CALVERT MAGRUDER

Cecilius Calvert Magruder (Clan #127), retired Chief Judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals in Boston, died on May 22, 1968, in Newton Center, Mass., at the age of 74 years. The son of Judge Daniel Randall Magruder and Rosalie Eugenia (Webster), he was born in Annapolis, Md., on December 26, 1893. He graduated from St. John's College in Annapolis, and was a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School. After service in WW I, he joined the faculty of Harvard in 1920, and became a full professor at the age of 31. He rose to be Vice Dean of Harvard Law School before he left to enter Government service. In the 1930's he was a member of President Roosevelt's "Brain Trust" and was nominated by him for the Federal judicial post in 1939. For 20 years, he presided over the court which had jurisdiction in Mass., Maine, N. H., R. I. and Puerto Rico. Following his retirement from the bench, he taught at law schools in California, New York, Ohio, and Puerto Rico.

Judge Calvert Magruder had been a member of the American Clan Gregor Society since 1910. He is survived by his wife, the former Anita Saltonstall Ward of Cambridge, and three sons: Calvert, Jr. of Maumee, Ohio, Robert S. of Mercersburg, Pa., and Michael of Cambridge. Also surviving is his brother, the Rev. Daniel Randall Magruder, our Clan Chaplain.

# Doris Hill Freeman (#861)

Mrs. Doris Hill Freeman, 75, of McLean, Va. died October 15, 1968 at the Fairfax Nursing Home after a stroke. She was the widow of the late Merle F. Freeman of Washington, D. C. who died in 1947.

Mrs. Freeman was born in Landover, Md. and received her education in the Maryland schools. She worked as a secretary for over fifty years for a number of Washington firms. She joined the Clan at an early age and was an enthusiastic supporter. She had assisted her sister, Miss Regina Magruder Hill, for many years in Miss Hill's capacity of Clan Historian and Registrar.

Mrs. Freeman is survived by two sons, John of Duarte, Calif. and Robert of McLean, Va.; two daughters, Mrs. Doris Brant of Winston-Salem, N. C. and Mrs. Mary Baker of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Luke's Catholic Church in McLean and interment was in Congressional Cemetery.

# THE PIPES AT LUCKNOW

An incident of the Sepoy mutiny.

Pipes of the misty moorlands,
Voice of the glens and hills;
The droning of the torrents,
The treble of the rills!
Not the braes of bloom and heather,
Nor the mountains dark with rain,
Nor maiden bower, nor border tower,
Have heard your sweetest strain!

Dear to the Lowland reaper,
And plaided mountaineer,—
To the cottage and the castle
The Scottish pipes are dear;—
Sweet sounds the ancient pibroch
O'er mountain, loch, and glade;
But the sweetest of all music
The pipes at Lucknow played.

Day by day the Indian tiger
Louder yelled, and nearer crept;
Round and round the jungle-serpent
Near and nearer circles swept.
"Pray for rescue, wives and mothers,—
Pray to-day!" the soldier said;
"To-morrow, death's between us
And the wrong and shame we dread."

Oh, they listened, looked, and waited, Till their hope became despair;
And the sobs of low bewailing
Filled the pauses of their prayer.
Then up spake a Scottish maiden,
With her ear unto the ground:
"Dinna ye hear it?—dinna ye hear it?
The pipes o' Havelock sound!"

Hushed the wounded man his groaning;
Hushed the wife her little ones;
Alone they heard the drum-roll
And the roar of Sepoy guns.
But to sounds of home and childhood
The Highland ear was true;
As her mother's cradle-crooning
The mountain pipes she knew.

Like the march of soundless music
Through the vision of the seer,
More of feeling than of hearing,
Of the heart than of the ear,
She knew the droning pibroch,
She knew the Campbell's call:
"Hark! hear ye no MacGregor's,
The grandest o' them all!"

Oh, they listened, dumb and breathless,
And they caught the sound at last;
Faint and far beyond the Goomtee
Rose and fell the piper's blast!
Then a burst of wild thanksgiving
Mingled woman's voice and man's;
"God be praised!—the march of Havelock!
The piping of the clans!"

Louder, nearer, fierce as vengeance,
Sharp and shrill as swords at strife,
Came the wild MacGregor's clan-call,
Stinging all the air to life.
But when the far-off dust-cloud
To plaided legions grew,
Full tenderly and blithesomely
The pipes of rescue blew!

Round the silver domes of Lucknow,
Moslem mosque and Pagan shrine,
Breathed the air to Britons dearest,
The air of Auld Lang Syne.
O'er the cruel roll of war-drums
Rose that sweet and homelike strain;
And the tartan clove the turban,
As the Goomtee cleaves the plain

Dear to the corn-land reaper
And plaided mountaineer,—
To the cottage and the castle
The piper's song is dear.
Sweet sounds the Gaelic pibroch
O'er mountain, glen, and glade;
But the sweetest of all music
The Pipes at Lucknow played!

-John Greenleaf Whittier



THE MACGREGORS ON PARADE



THE REV. Mr. ARNOLD POPE, WINNER OF TWO TROPHIES, AND MRS. POPE



FORMING FOR THE PARADE

# THE 1968 GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

# by Rob Roy MacGregor

It has been written that early Scottish landowners encouraged the Highland Games because they served to get the minds of the participants and viewers off cattle stealing. If that were the case, there must have been the largest gathering of cattle thieves of all time at the MacRae Meadows on July 13-14, 1968. The 13th annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games attracted representatives of over 60 Scottish clans, three pipe bands, dozens of competitors, thousands of observers, two Scottish sheep dogs, and a flock of sheep (not Scottish).

The Clan Gregor was well represented and the clan tent was a welcomed place to sit, talk and have a wee dram. Our chieftain, although on crutches, was on hand to greet all clan members. Clan members were especially happy to raise their glasses in a toast to the Reverend Mr. Arnold Pope, a MacGregor, who won both the heavyweight wrestling and the caber toss. And, as if that were not enough, he also plays the pipes.

At the Ceilidh on Friday evening, we were entertained by two of the pipe bands, the singing of Flora MacDonald Gammon, Jr., "Sir" Harry Gordon, and Hugh Laughlin, and the dancing of Sally Southerland's talented young students. The group singing of Scottish songs made the rafters of Lees McRae College Gymnasium ring and helped set the stage for Saturday's events on the meadow.

The competitions on Saturday and Sunday were so colorful and varied that it was difficult to decide what to watch. Dancing, piping, track, tossing the caber, wrestling, and tossing the sheaf all vied for the viewers' attention. Of particular interest to many this year was Henry Kuykendall's Scottish sheepdogs. These magnificent dogs put a flock of sheep, which had never been worked by dogs, through gates and pens with hardly a command from their master. There was one stubborn and frightened sheep who bolted the flock and headed, thru the onlookers, to the woods to avoid those strong-willed dogs.

The Tartan Ball on Saturday evening was a colorful and joyous affair. The McBain of McBain and Mrs. McBain were honored guests. Mr. Houston McBain is one of the only three or four Scottish clan chiefs living in North America. The only thing missing at this ball was some Scottish country dancing. Nevertheless, MacGregors, assembled at their table, had a good evening of fellowship and dancing at the Seven Devils resort. Hugh Laughlin, by not so strange a coincidence, sang the MacGregor's Gathering and the table tops were filled with kilted MacGregor men.

The Rev. Dougald Maclean delivered the sermon on the meadows on Sunday morning and the 13th Annual Games began rapidly drawing to a close. N. J. MacDonald, President of the games, and his staff are to be commended for once again organizing a most successful event. Each year sees more MacGregors in attendance. Perhaps you can forego your cattle stealing in July 1969 to join other MacGregors in the Parade of Tartans at Grandfather Mountain.

The 1968 winner of the MacGregor trophy for tossing the sheaf was Philip Clayton of Lexington, Va.

# List of Clan Members attending the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in 1968

John Murdoch MacGregor, Chieftain

Mr. and Mrs. R. James Macgregor

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Blunt

Mrs. Elizabeth Eskridge and 3 children

Dr. Peter A. Haley

Mr. and Mrs. James Kier

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lecky

Dr. and Mrs. Donald McCollum

Mr. and Mrs. Kent L. MacGregor

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Roy MacGregor

Mr. and Mrs. William E. McGregor

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon M. F. Stick, Sr.

Mr. Robert Alan Temple

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Williams

# The 1969 Highland Mountain Games will be held at Grandfather Mountain, Linville, N. C.

ON JULY 12TH AND 13TH

# A CALIFORNIA CABER CAPER

Imagine! with just one afternoon to spend in or around Los Angeles, would you expect to spend it at a Scottish Highland Game Festival?

"Never underestimate the possibilities of variety on a Southern California vacation," wrote columnist John F. McLeod (The Washington Daily News—September 3, 1968). On the campus of Santa Monica City College, only a few minutes from some of the world's most famous beaches, he found himself among kilted bagpipe bands and watching lasses dancing the Highland Fling. For lunch he ate "two piping-hot Scottish Pies."

Mr. McLeod reported that the Scottish games were much like those anywhere, but the caber tossing was a big disappointment. None of the Californians "could get that big pole up and fling it as they do in Scotland and Nova Scotia (and in North Carolina, we would like to add). One contestant lost his balance and staggered around with the big 17-foot-long, 100-pound pole, heading right toward massed spectators." When it crashed to the ground, it barely missed some people. That was when Mr. McLeod departed!

# CIVIL WAR LETTERS

# OF COLONEL JOHN BOWIE MAGRUDER

Transcribed by Miss Allaville Magruder

These letters were written by Colonel John Bowie Magruder, C.S.A., to members of his immediate family during the War Between the States. Colonel Magruder had a very distinguished but short career in the Confederate Army. At twenty-three years of age, he was Commanding Officer of the 57th Regiment Virginia Infantry. His regiment was in Pickett's Division at the Battle of Gettysburg. Colonel Magruder was mortally wounded in "Pickett's Charge" and died two days later on July 5, 1863 in a Federal Field Hospital. He was the son of the Honorable Benjamin Henry Magruder and Maria Louisa Minor of "Glenmore," Albemarle County, Virginia. His brother was Clan member Horatio E. Magruder of "Glenmore," and his half-brother was Clan member Dr. Edward May Magruder, the first Chieftain. For more details of Colonel Magruder's life see Clan Year Books for 1910, 1923.

Fort Dillard, N. C. March 9, 1862

Dear Evy,

I believe I recd. a letter from you sometime since & have failed to answer it-in fact it needed no answer, for I went home within a fort-night after it was recd. We are now in the midst of the sands & marshes of N. C. "with water in front of us", "water to the right of us", "water to the left of us" & a narrow road with a marsh on either side, in rear of us-Such is the point, at the confluence of the Nottoway & Blackwater rivers, which is dignified by the name of Fort Dillard— I suppose there are thirty or forty acres of land (perhaps more) included within the boundaries named above— Other avenues of approach & retreat can be found by winding about through the dense undergrowth of the woods & between the many marshes & swamps— The country is very thinly inhabited & save & except the troops now with us we rarely see a face— Until to-day I had not seen a ladies' face in all this region of country-to-day however being Sunday several dilapidated looking females with their several escorts walked past our camp on the way to the river to see what was going on in those parts, & after an absence of perhaps an hour slowly wended their way whence they came— My boy Alex has searched the country round about closely in search of something to eat besides salt beef & sweet potatoes & after being absent nearly the whole day brought back 6 old hens, & begged not to be sent out again as nobody lived anywhere about here. Alex unfortunately shot himself this morning in the leg— I sent him to Suffolk immediately in the Ambulance. He was sitting Turkish fashion rubbing up Willie Minor's pistol, had it cocked in order to wipe the tubes when unfortunately the pistol went off- The ball entered just below his knee & passing in an oblique direction came out just below the calf—it is entirely a flesh wound & he will, I hope, recover within two months- There is nothing whatever dangerous about it, though it will I fear give him a good deal of pain before he recovers. What we are to do for a servant

now I have not yet determined— Ask Ma if she can't spare Stephen? who seemed to me to be her right hand man— I suppose we shall have to get another free boy though it will be with a great deal of reluctance— Lewis' boy Dick will have to answer for the present— I have not heard from Julia since she was married, nor indeed had I recd. a letter from her for many many months before—this last fact I attributed to her engagement but now that that is over, & par consequence all the foolish blunders that engaged people usually make in supposing that nobody but themselves are in existence, have been rectified, I am completely at my wit's end to fashion an excuse for her— The drum is beating for guard mounting & as I am the officer of the day I must close— So goodbye write very soon to

Your brother J. B. Magruder

Fort Dillard, N. C. April 29, 1862

Dear Henry,

At the request of Nat: Bacon, whom you know very well, I reckon, I write to you to get you to attend to a matter of business for him— A bond for seventy five dollars was executed to Nat: Bacon in February last, payable on or before the first of April by Henry Alvis - This sum to be full payment for a boat gotten by Alvis of him- The bond has been placed in Dudley Boston's hands for collection, & he wishes you now to see Boston & if he has not been able to get any money on the bond, to take it & collect it-to seize & sell the boat for it if necessary- Uncle Horatio or Papa will tell you how to proceed- The money when collected, after paying off the bond which the Union firm holds against him, he wishes handed over to his wife— The boat rarely ever comes higher up than Broken islands— I hope you will succeed in making the money out of him; the bond is properly executed, & Alvis promised to pay fifty dollars on it last Court-You had better see Remington Humphrey & have a talk with him about it as he knows all about the whole affair. Ask Remington Humphrey if he has ever received a letter from Nat: Bacon enclosing ten dollars? The letter was sent on about two weeks ago & it is now high time that it had reached him- We are still at Ft: Dillard, N. C.-The Regt. however has left; & is now (& has been for the last 10 days) stationed at Sandy Crop which is about 20 miles lower down on the banks of the Chowan River— I am left in command of the Fort with a garrison consisting of my own & Capt: Wade's Company (numbering 215 men) together with 29 Cavalry— I have also some 15 or 20 negroes & a steamboat under my command, who are now at work on the blockade of the River at this point- I hear from you & Uncle Horatio right often through some my Company— You are closely confined now I understand— You must write to me more frequently & let me know how you are all getting on at the Union & c- Give my love to Uncle Horatio & tell him that I would like very much to have a letter from him- Write soon-

Your aff: brother J. B. M.

Dear Papa-

I received your welcome letter just before our retreat from Fort Dillard & have been marching ever since— We left the Fort on the morning of the 12th of May-leaving behind us nothing whatever- I was ordered to proceed with my company on board the Steam-boat to Franklin, & about seven miles below Franklin to sink a large schooner in the channel of the Blackwater, in order to delay the Yankees for some time in case they should attempt to pursue us- The Yankees had been hovering about us for more than a week, previous to our departure from the Fort, but had not presented themselves before it-they had committed many atrocities, in burning houses, pillaging, plundering, & 25 or 30 miles below us, but had not come nearer to us than some 15 miles— We had been kept constantly at our guns however, for about a week before leaving, as their boats could have run up the river & attacked us in two hours at any time & also because, from the nature of the country, a boat could reach Fort Dillard before a courier, even though the courier should start before it, from any point 20 miles below the Fort- All of the ammunition and implements, as well as the guns were safely stowed on the boat along with my Company however, on the morning of the evacuation— We started off slowly & soon found that the boat (which was very old and crazy) from its immense load was leaking rapidly— We manned the pumps however & kept her affoat—sunk the schooner at the intended place & reached Franklin at 1 P.M. The rest of the Regt. had left the Fort before us & had marched on to Franklin, arriving there just about the same time with ourselves, as they had made a forced march, & we had been detained fully an hour & a half at the Fort, & more than an hour in sinking the schooner- At Franklin the Regt. was halted to rest, & I disembarked my Company & immediately shipped all the ammunition, guns & to Raleigh, N. C. by the S. & R. R. R.— The County road bridge & also the R. R. bridge over the Blackwater at this point were then burned-& after eating, our line of march was taken up for this place— We then marched 9 miles further & encamped for the night within two miles of Jerusalem the county seat of Southampton— Thus the Regt. had marched 24 miles & my company 9 miles- The line of march was from the junction of the Nottoway & Blackwater in Gates County, N. C. through a portion of Nansemond to Franklin in Southampton County & thence by the regular county road to the County seat- At 8 A.M. the next morning the line was formed & the march resumed, arriving at Jerusalem about 91/4 — Here we remained for more than two hours— Mr. Tyler the County Clerk, as well as many others, in fact, I might include every inhabitant of the village, (which has I suppose some 500 citizens) was remarkably kind & hospitable— He had his cart hitched up & loaded with the knapsacks of the men of my Company, & ordered the driver to remain with us until we encamped for the night & then to return— Not content with this, he sent to my company alone some of the nicest cornbread I ever ate & enough to fill every man's haversack—it must have taken at least six bushels of meal—more than this he had a beautiful daughter, about 20 who made herself exceedingly agreeable— She was about 5 feet 5 inches high, black hair & eyes, a brunette, beautiful teeth & mouth-very agreeable, quite fast, & draped in a beautiful lawn- She gave me a beautiful bouquet, which I was so ungallant as to throw into the ditch about a mile & a half from Jerusalem, as the sun was so oppressively warm that it was really impossible for me to bear anything near me that proved a reminder that I had ever been in the least degree sentimental in my life- From Jerusalem we took up our march for what is known in its immediate neighborhood as Littletown-Prince George County-at the end of the day we encamped in the midst of the woods of Southampton not far from Mr. Urquhart's—having traveled but fifteen miles— We passed during the day not far from Mr. Pretlow's- I was so worn out & footsore however that I went to bed or rather went to sleep under a tree very soon after supper & had to deny myself the pleasure of calling on Mr. Urquhart who is the father of an old college friend of mine—the next morning at 7 we resumed our march through a portion of Surry County to Littletown in Prince George, arriving there about 11 A.M. Here we were ordered to wait for the Brigade & bring up its rear-Armistead's Brigade, consisting of the 3rd & 22nd Georgia, the 14th Va., two Artillery Companies & two Cavalry Companies had started from Suffolk about the same time that we left Fort Dillard & taking a dift. route, were to meet with us at Littletown— After waiting about an hour the advance guard of the Brigade consisting perhaps of fifty cavalry came in sight—these were followed by at least sixty wagons, 12 or fifteen pieces of artillery with their caissons—then came the three regts. followed respectively by their ambulances & wagons with the sick & preceded by their Drum—Corps or Bands— Behind the last of the three regts. we took our position & marched through a dense cloud of dust until sunset when we encamped 24 miles from our encampment of the preceding night— At 1 A.M. the next morning the line was formed with the 57th at the head of the column & at sunset we encamped 21/2 miles north by east of Petersburg in a pine grove having marched nineteen miles—here we are still encamped with orders from Maj: Gen: Huger our division commander to hold ourselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning- The 3rd & 22d Ga. Regts. both belong to Brig: Genl. Blanchard's brigade & have already left us. Armistead's Brigade consists of the 14th, 53rd & 57th, Va. Regts.— The 14 & 57 are here together, the 53rd (Tomlin's) is somewhere on the S. & R. R. R., where, I do not exactly know-The people all along the road seemed to be much distressed at seeing us evacuating the country & it was an every day occurrence to see ladies standing by the roadside, a short distance from their houses, or their door-ways, waving their hands to us & with their hankerchiefs to their eyes. The people in & around Franklin were much exasperated I learned at the destruction of the two bridges over the Blackwater at that point- Many amusing little things happened on our march-Old women would wonder where in the world so many men could have come from, whether they ever got enough to eat, what they wanted with more men to fight, when they had so many already in the field- There was a guard in the rear as well as in front & wo be unto the miserable fellow who fell into the hands of the rear guard. There were two rear guards, one on foot who were ordered to bring along any one who should lag behind his regiment & remain in the road (officers of course excepted) & the other a rear guard of Cavalry who were ordered to scour the country on each side of the road & force any one who should lag behind his regt. & try to hide in the neighboring woods or houses to rejoin his Command-many were the punishments inflicted upon these unhappy individuals who should see fit to allow the rear guard to catch up with them-Among others, they would tie a rope around his body & the other end to a horse's saddle & then give him his choice to keep up & catch up with his Company by double quicking or being dragged up- Again they would make two men fix their bayonets on their guns, place them against the back & hip of the individual & give him his choice between being pushed up with bayonets or going along pleasantly—with others, they would tie them to a sharp rail & ride them some distance— Not one of my Company fell into the hands of either guard at any time, though several fell out of ranks & waited until the guard had nearly come up before they would leave- Tired, worn out & foot-sore as I was, I marched at the head of my Company every step of the way—not backing a horse or mounting a wagon once, nor even resting unless the Company rested- Many of my company, chiefly the new recruits, are quite sick & give me a good deal of trouble as well as cause me a good deal of expense as nothing can be had except at the most exhorbitant prices & as in these hospitals nothing suitable for a sick man to eat is ever furnished except a little bread & coffee or tea- You have no doubt heard the result of the re-organization of the Regt. long before this- I had no opposition for the Captaincy & therefore recd. every vote which was given- Minor would have run, I shall ever believe, if he had had any idea that it would have availed him anything— Minor & Rogers were candidates for the 1st Lieutenantcy— Minor recd. the votes of his brother, his cousin (J. O. Carr) & a man by the name of Roach from Greene—the rest voting for Rogers— Thompson (former Orderly) & Randolph were candidates for the 2d Lieutcy—the vote as well as I recollect stood as follows-1st Ballot-T. W. Thompson 9. O. M. Shifflett 9. Bacon 1. Randolph 13. Galispy of Ga. 3. & J. T Payne 0. Payne announced himself a candidate but recd. no votes-Bacon, Payne & Thompson then withdrew. 2d Ballot-Shifflett 14. Randolph 13. Galispy 3- Randolph was then withdrawn & Thompson again announced himself a candidate-3d Ballot-Shifflett 13. Galispy 1. Thompson 23.— A very small vote indeed was polled— A good many of the men labored under the very mistaken impression that if they did not vote they could go home at the end of their twelve months- I recd. 40 votes, for 1st Lt. Rogers recd. 34. Minor 3.—for 2d Lt, Thompson recd. 41. Randolph none—& the election for 3rd Lt: was as above stated- In the election for field officers Keen had no opposition & recd. 40 votes—for Lt: Col:, James, Allan & myself were candidates—the vote stood James 28. Allan 4. Magruder 3.—for the Majority Hanes & Smith were candidates—the vote was—Smith 30. Hanes 8.— Thus you see that a regular masked battery was opened upon us & that the magazine was blown up under our feet- They had arranged every thing before going into the election so that Pittsylvania & Franklin men should hold all the field offices & had held a caucus bringing out these men, & giving Pittsylvania the Col: & Maj: & Franklin the Lt: Col: They had 28 votes & there were but 40 to be polled & they managed it very well- We did not dream of such a thing but thought that the election would be given to the most meritorious— Four men from Pittsylvania & three from Franklin had pledged themselves to vote for me before the caucus was held but Randolph, Rogers & Thompson also treated him in the same wayit grew out of the fact that we had determined upon giving Bill G. a position & upon throwing him out & we did not wish to mislead him by our bearing towards him- I hope to hear from you very soon- Direct to Petersburg, Va., putting the number of the Regt. in the direction— Give my love to them all at home--- The people generally are delighted with the stand the Legislature have taken in regard to the defence of Richmond & applaud the appropriation of \$200,000 for the transportation of the women & children out of Richmond— T. R. Tyler, a member of my company & a very poor young man, a son of Joseph W. Tyler who lives just 100 yds. below Boyd's Tavern on the Three chop road,

in Alb: County, has complained to me that his wife has recd. no assistance from the County-appropriation fund— His wife & only child live with his father— Will you see that the necessary steps are taken so as to insure her portion being given her regularly— He seems much affected by it—fears she is suffering— & I told him I would attend to it. Ben Pace, Rufus Hawley, Gianniny, Mooney, Jem Harlowe, Tom & Walker Tyler are hale, & hearty, stood the march very well indeed, & followed in the front rank just behind me— Nathan Gillespie, Jacob & Wm. N., Morris are all very well & stood the march well— Dick Morris is at the hospital— not sick much however— My love to all at home— Write soon—

Your aff: son, J. B. M.

WORCESTER

Had I but been a general In the army of the King We might have won at Worcester 'Twould have been a glorious thing,

It would have changed all history And driven out those thieves Who spent their time in praying And laughing up their sleeves.

Had I but been a general In the army of the King We might have taken Cromwell And strung him up that spring.

And His Sacred Majesty
Our Sovereign Lord, The King
Might have marched to Whitehall
And been crowned that very spring,

Had I but been a general In the army of the King.

Alexander R. Magruder

# **BOOK REVIEW**

THE CLANS, SEPTS, AND REGIMENTS OF THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

by Frank Adam, F.R.G.S., F.S.A. (Scot)
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Here are over 600 pages of authoritative opinions and descriptions of things Scottish, in which, undoubtedly, can be found the answer to almost any question. The book is divided into six parts under the following headings: History of the Clan System, Structure of the Clan System, Celtic Culture, Highland Forces, Clan Insignia and Heraldry, Clan Lists and Statistics. The Appendices are as fascinating and informative as the book proper, containing as they do information on how to conduct a clan ceremonial, Gaelic names with English translations, native dyes used in the Highlands, notes on "Clan Precedence," and a collection of colored plates of the clan tartans.

The sociologist will read with interest the scholarly treatise on the rise and structure of the clan system. The musician will enjoy the sections on clan pipe music. The lawyer may be drawn to a series of articles on "The Courts and the Clan." The genealogist will appreciate the remarks of the greatest genealogist in Scotland, and the soldier will thrill to the chapter devoted to the history of the Highland Regiments. But actually, everyone with a drop of scots blood in his veins, will find much of interest in this encyclopedia of matters Scottish.

And speaking of matters Scottish, how many of us could answer the following assorted questions? 1. What was the "fighting tail" of a Chief? 2. What was meant by "hand-fasting"? 3. Is it considered proper for a woman to wear the kilt? 4. How should a woman wear a tartan sash for evening? 5. What is the origin of the clan badge?

The answers to these intriguing queries are found, along with more serious material, in Clans, Septs, and Regiments of the Scottish Highlands.

One section of the book which deals with clan societies is of interest to all members of such organizations. The author comments, "The past century has seen the development of numerous clan societies and associations, whose services in maintaining the existence of clanship and identity of the clans is invaluable, though it is unfortunate that few of them have gone beyond the sphere of dinners, whist-drives, and bursaries, in place of the wider and more permanent scope of acquiring heritage in the clan country and starting, even in a small way, with a few crofts to resettle the clan races upon the soil of their native districts." He goes on to define the relationship of the clan society to the clan, and comments upon the clan society as "one of the most important members of the clan." The Lord Lyon believes that the clan society should maintain a fund for the purpose of acquiring clan treasures which otherwise might pass from the possession of the clan. His suggestion that clan societies purchase land formerly owned by the clan is apparently meant more for British-based groups, but his comments detailing this step are interesting. According to his beliefs, the clan society should acquire and maintain both a part of the clan territory and some house

associated with the clan or chief. "A 'Mac X—House' in this or that city could not only house the records, but be let out commercially," (where feasible). In the clan territory, he urges that there be a "cottage Ha-Hoose" (kept by some aged member of the clan) where clansmen may repair for tea and meeting. The chief's arms over the fireplace, a few prints and portraits in the "ha," beside the chimney the chief's chair (duly corded across and only used when he is personally present), armorial glass in the windows, and teaset, of course, emblazoned with the arms and crest would, in quite a small way, and within the reach of every clan society's means\*\*\*\*\*\*\* provide a cheerful clan welcome, not only for clansmen at home, but for clansmen from across the seas.

Since the Lord Lyon is the authority in all heraldic matters in Scotland, it is to be expected that he would deal in some depth with heraldic and genealogical subjects. He points out that it used to be custom in Highland families for the children to learn their lineage backwards to the founder of their house, and, in the case of branches, their chief's descent from the beginning to the present. Children thus learned not only the answer to, "Who are you?" but also to, "Name your chiefs," the ability to respond to the latter being one of the tests of a true clansman. Women marrying into a clan were expected to acquire knowledge of their husbands' families.

Some of the disputes involving descent and the bearing of arms which have been settled by the Court of the Lord Lyon are discussed in detail. Less technical is the portion of the book devoted to illustrations and heraldic descriptions of the arms of all of the clan chiefs.

Of particular significance to MacGregors are those sections of the book which deal directly with their own clan. On page 57 there is an account of the famous conflict between the Clan Gregor and the Clan Colquhoun which led to the tragic repercussions against the former. "An inter-clan meeting projected for settling some disputes was, it is claimed, treacherously selected by Colquhoun of Luss for collecting a force of 800 men with which he planned to wipe out the MacGregors. The Laird of MacGregor, however, got warning and came prepared to fight or negotiate as the case might be. When the blow struck, the Clan Gregor, though a smaller force, cut the Colquhouns to pieces, and enraged at Colquhoun's treachery, committed terrific carnage in the ensuing rout." \* After the massacre at Bannachra by the Bastard of Glenstrae, sixty Colquboun widows stormed the Court of King James bearing the bloody shirts of their slain husbands and so shocked that monarch that he issued letters of fire and sword to Argyll, against the MacGregors, at the same time forbidding the latter the use of their proud name. Another tragedy followed in this chain of shocking events. MacGregor surrendered to Argyll who had promised that he would "take him out of the country" if he would give himself up. "Out of the country" indeed was MacGregor ushered, but only as far as Berwick. From here he was hustled back to be hanged!

In addition to this bit of history, there is a three page story of the Clan Gregor and also a list of pipe music distinctive of that clan, including such numbers as "MacGregor's Salute," "Lament for MacGregor of Ruaro," and "The Chase of Glen Fruin."

<sup>\*</sup>See also the account in the story about Alasdair McGregor-The Arrow of Glenlyon, by Mr. James Keir, pages 50-51, 1967 Yearbook.

And then—what about those questions which were asked at the beginning of this review? The answers to questions 1 and 2 were given in great detail on page 50 of our 1968 Yearbook. The answers to the others are:

- 3. With girls in increasing numbers appearing in the kilt, this question may seem a useless one, and yet, the author takes a definite stand on this question. "The kilt is a masculine garment," he states, and goes on to say that nowadays, "various forms of tartan skirts, some pleated and some unpleated, have been adapted and are handsome and practical. Though many are pleated like a kilt, in cut they are quite different from a male kilt (hideous on a woman), as a woman requires quite a different cut and construction for a graceful result."
- 4. "In evening wear the sash is used, worn over the right\* shoulder, except by lady chiefs, chieftainesses and the wives of chiefs or chieftains or colonels. Those who have left their own clan, e.g. by marriage, and not entitled to another, wear it over the right shoulder and tied on the left hip. When worn by ladies of chieftain grades, it is of more flowing proportions (108 by 24 inches with 12 inch fringes) and over the left shoulder. Other women wear the lessersash or arisaidette, brooched to or over the right shoulder only." The woman's plaid or "arisaid" is also brooched to or worn over the right shoulder. A charming contemporary portrait of Flora MacDonald by Alan Ramsay, shows her wearing the "arisaid" brooched to the right shoulder, leaving a loose flowing portion gracefully gathered over the left arm.
- 5. Lords and chiefs customarily gave each follower a badge, a silver plate of the chief's crest affixed by a strap. When not in use, this strap was coiled around the crest. Clansmen today wear pins representing their Chief's crest surrounded by a strap and buckle. The chief, chieftain, or armigerous "duinuasail" is entitled to wear his crest alone or in a plain circlet. A chief surmounts the circlet with three small silver feathers, a chieftain with two.

Space does not permit an in-depth description of Clans, Septs, and Regiments, but before closing some mention should be made of the many and worthwhile illustrations. There is something in this book for everyone. As Sir Thomas Innes of Learney says, "\*\*\*\*the clan spirit remains as strong and vigorous as ever\*\*\*\*. Amongst the things brought home to us is the insistent demand among clansfolk, clan societies, and the younger generation of those no longer resident in their native homes for definite information about clan-life and organization and the symbolic ceremonials and customs upon which the handing down of tradition and thus the prepetuation of the strength and vigor of a race depend\*\*\*\* Let us bear in mind that\*\*\* what survives when powerful states have melted away is THE TRIBE, THE FAMILY, THE CLAN."

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\*Other recognized authorities seem to disagree on this point. See: Tartans and Highland Dress, by C. R. MacKinnon of Dunakin, F.S.A. Scot. p. 106-7; and Robert Bain's The Clans and Tartans of Scotland (as amended 1960) p. 31.

## GHOSTS OF SCOTLAND

Alexander R. Magruder

Bonnie Prince Charlie, King beyond the sea, Gallant, brave and debonnaire What a ghost is he!

Charles, the Merry Monarch, Greatest of England's Kings, Who never received his due Save from the girls, dear things.

Robert, King of Scotland, God bless his very name, Which, throughout the Highlands Will command eternal fame.

Wallace, the fearless martyr, Who died for Scotland's sake; Would that his assassin Had suffered at the stake.

Flora, my favorite ghost, Lovely, sweet and dear, Who would have faced Hell's fire Without a trace of fear.

Bobbie, immortal Bobbie Honored more than King, In every Scotsman's heart His words will ever ring.

Rob Roy, the dying Constable, Called for target and claymore And bade his piper play "I shall return no more."

Charles, the Royal Martyr, Sad indeed his fate Which brought him to the block To open Heaven's Gate.

Montrose, valiant Montrose, We weep for him, but smile Whenever we remember What happened to Argyll.

# GENEALOGICAL SECTION



"It is wise for us to recur to the history of our ancestors; those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future do not perform their duty of the world."

Daniel Webster



MARTIN IAN McGREGOR, Genealogist

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Mr. McGregor writes us that he was educated at Tudor Grange Grammar School for Boys, and at the Birmingham College of Arts. He was winner of the Blythwood Trophy for Public Speaking (team) as principal speaker, and twice won the Hipwell Cup for initiative and physical endurance. His profession is Architectural Assistant, and his residence is at 28 Burman Road, Shirley, Solihull, Warwickshire. As interests he lists Genealogy and History (especially of Clan Gregor); photography; painting; poetry, archeology, and ethnology.

Martin McGregor has embarked on a five- or six-year tour during which he will work his way around the world. Presently he is working on a new housing development in the Fiji Islands. He says he hopes to see most of the sights of the world and meet many MacGregors, His ambition, as he writes it, "is to live eventually in Scotland, where I shall not be so isolated from genealogical records and where I would like to settle anyway. I have it in my mind to enter politics in Scotland, as I think the place has a great future, full of challenge, and that is what I like."

(Ed. Note: "The American Clan Gregor Yearbook is privileged to be the first to publish this genealogical study. Past-Chieftain Thomas Garland Magruder is in touch with this young man. We hope that he will manage to attend one of our Clan Gatherings when he crosses the U.S.A.)

## THE CLAN GREGOR

## by Martin Ian McGregor

#### PART I-GENEALOGICAL STRUCTURE

Clan Gregor genealogy can be divided into the following chronological periods:

The Formative Period—9th Century-1390 A.D. Early Classic Period—1390-1603 A.D. Late Classic Period—1603-1774 A.D. Modern Period—1774-present day.

There is also a Pre-formative Period which is discussed last.

These periods conform to the historical development of the Clan. Like most chronological divisions there is a certain degree of overlap.

# THE FORMATIVE PERIOD. (9TH CENTURY-1390 A.D.)

Genealogies of this period seem almost solely concerned with the House of Glenurchy. Glenurchy was the main holding of the Clan Gregor until it was acquired by the Campbells, and the early Chiefs were styled "of Glenurchy" rather than "MacGregor."

The major work concerning the Clan Gregor is the *History of the Clan Gregor* by Miss Amelia G. Murray MacGregor in 2 vols. published in 1898 and 1901 respectively. She traces the genealogy of the Glenurchy MacGregors from the founder, Gregor (third son of Alpin), to John Cham (last of Glenurchy) who died in 1390. (For detailed lineage see Part II.) She states as her source the *Baronage of Scotland* by Sir Robert Douglas, 1798.\*

\*(Editor's Note: A copy is in our Clan Library.)

Genealogically this period is an uncertain one. Gregor himself, the traditional founder, is an enigma. There is no conclusive evidence of his existence and he even has a rival founder in Gregory, of Cyric, the 9th century King of Scots. Whilst the genealogy in the History of the Clan Gregor is impressive and credible, there is need for more research in order to iron out the enigmas. In some places, the order in which the Chiefs succeeded is open to conjecture. Nevertheless, the genealogy in the book is accompanied by considerable historical infill which is evidence of careful research. The primary early source of information, and one which contributed to the History of the Clan Gregor, is The Book of the Dean of Lismore which contains genealogical ballads in praise of the MacGregor Chiefs. Here are contained Dean Duncan MacGregor's own genealogy of the Glenurchy family (dated 1512), that according to Mac Giolla Fhionntog of the 15th Century, and that of a Gaelic Mss. of 1467. Each version contradicts the other on some points. The Arms of MacGregor are recorded in a Scottish Mss. of 1565-66, an English Mss. of 1589, and in a book belonging to Black Duncan of Glenurchy, 1583-1631. (Ed. Note: Mss. mean's "manuscript.")

Historically, this period represents one of power and influence for the House of Glenurchy. Details are scarce, but it is apparent that they held much territory in Argyll and had lucrative connections with the Crown. It is known that the MacGregors received land from Alexander II as a reward for their assistance in his invasion of Argyll. There is also evidence that they received rewards from King Robert Bruce.

By late 14th century the House of Glenurchy was on the wane. Glenurchy itself for a time passed to the Campbells apparently to return to the MacGregors on the failure of the Campbell line. The last MacGregor of Glenurchy was John Cham who died in 1390. His son Gregor Aulin McAne Cham was styled simply "in Glenurchy" inferring that he had lost possession of it, but there is no information on how it was lost to the Campbells. In 1432, Sir Duncan Campbell of Lochawe was able to grant Glenurchy to his third son, Colin.

It is curious that the decline of the House of Glenurchy coincided with the rise of the House of Stuart as the Monarchy. Further investigation into Mac-Gregor-Stuart relations may prove fruitful.

The formative period saw the formation of the other Siol Alpin Clans as offshoots of the parent MacGregor stock. The Lowland branch of Grierson was formed at this period.

#### THE EARLY CLASSIC PERIOD, 1390-1603 A.D.

Most Clan Gregor branch genealogies trace back to Gregor Aulin, styled "in Glenurchy," and thus this period presents a sudden profusion of genealogies in comparison with the scarcity of material for the previous period.

According to Sir Alexander Hay, Clerk of the Privy Council, there were at the end of the 14th century three major branches of the Clan Gregor, viz: 1) "the laird's ain gang" (Glenstrae); 2) "the gang and house of Roro"; and 3) "the house and gang of Gregor McAne." John dhu McEan Cham vic Gregor, brother of Gregor Aulin, was founder of the House of Glenstrae, which family assumed the Chiefship. As to whether John dhu was the younger or elder brother of Gregor Aulin has been a subject of conjecture and verbal bombardment for some time. The last Glenstrae Chief, Archibald of Kilmanan, died about 1707, and the House of Gregor Aulin succeeded to the Chiefship, which it is suggested, they should have held all along. Certainly the Black Book of Taymouth refers to one John MacGregor, who died in 1528, as "not righteous air to the Mac-Gregor," although it describes him as head of Clan Dougal Ciar and not Glenstrae. There has been a prodigious amount of crossfire between exponents of one theory or another on this question, but the problem, if there is one, has remained unresolved. The family of the present Chief is descended from Gregor Aulin.

This period is marked by the increasing abundance of historical documentation in which the MacGregors make more and more frequent appearances. Historically, the beginning of the 15th century saw the MacGregors still in possession of many of their holdings including Glenstrae. The Clan in fact expanded to the East and North gaining possessions in Rannoch and Glenlyon. But, the Clan became more and more in conflict with the Law, a factor which was capitalized on by the Campbells and others who often provoked the MacGregors into action and then misrepresented them to the authorities. (See "The Persecutions of the Clan Gregor" by James M. Keir, p. 43-47, 1966 Yearbook.) Resistance by the MacGregors only got them into worse trouble. In order to maintain the semblance of a Clan territory, the Clan was faced with a constant search for new holdings and spread over an increasingly wide area. Then the problem of dislocation had to be faced also. Nevertheless, the period ended with a strong chief, Alasdair of Glenstrae, in full control of the Clan.

#### THE LATE CLASSIC PERIOD, 1603-1774

In February of 1603, occurred the Battle of Glenfruin in which the Clan Colquhoun were routed and slaughtered by the MacGregors led by Alasdair of Glenstrae. (See full account on page 42.) This conflict, believed to have been engineered by the Campbells, resulted in harsh measures including a statute forbidding the use of the name MacGregor. The clear intention of the statute was to destroy the existence of the Clan Gregor for all time. In this it failed. Many MacGregors appear to have disregarded the banishment of the name except when in direct contact with the authorities. Others adopted names which obscured their Clan origin. Fortunately for the genealogist the authorities themselves seemed reluctant to hide the true identity of Clan Gregor individuals and an entry such as "Duncan Stewart, alias McGregour" is very frequent. But large numbers of MacGregors assumed other Clan names such as Murray, Stewart, or Graham, while others took on sept names as Black, Caird, King, etc. Their loyalty to the Royalist cause was rewarded in April 1661 when their name was restored to them, but on the accession of William and Mary the statutes were reenacted, and they became again nameless. Whilst fighting for the Jacobites the MacGregors could disregard the statutes and in later days the attitude of the authorities was very relaxed.

The Clan became increasingly dispersed under alien landlords and this presented another problem. As tenants they were theoretically obliged to fight under the banner of their landlord in times of emergency. This was repugnant to the MacGregors, but as late as 1745 some MacGregors were obliged to fight in the ranks of the Duke of Perth's Regiment, rather than in the Glencarnock Regiment of MacGregors under their own Chief.

In the latter part of this period, some semblance of a Clan territory was reestablished in the Ben Lomond and Balquidder district mainly through the expansion of the House of Dougal Ciar. This important branch grew to take the initiative on its own, particularly under Rob Roy, and was in a state of virtual independence in policy from the Chief.

There is a continuation of comprehensive historical documentation in this period.

#### THE MODERN PERIOD, 1774-TO THE PRESENT.

In November 1774, the penal statutes against the Clan Gregor were finally repealed, thanks largely to the representations of Gregor "Boyac." The name MacGregor became legal and in 1795, the Lord Lyon King of Arms confirmed Sir John Murray MacGregor in the chief arms of the Clan Gregor. His son, Sir Evan John Murray MacGregor of MacGregor (b. 1785 d. 1841) succeeded him in 1822 and instituted the Clan Gregor Society. (See portrait & story p. 38-39, 1964 Yearbook.)

The Clan Gregor had survived. The restoration of the name had the immediate effect of producing reversion to the name of MacGregor by many clansmen, but how many did not make the change? For instance, a MacGregor under the name of Stewart is thought to have been elevated to the Marquisate of Londonderry, and Sir Colin Campbell of Peninsular War fame was originally a MacLiver, a MacGregor sept name.

Whilst MacGregors continued to linger on in Argyll and Perthshire, many clansmen dispersed elsewhere to America, Australia, other parts of Scotland, and to England. This period therefore is a difficult one for the genealogist. The History of the Clan Gregor discontinues its appraisal at the termination of the 18th century and only scattered genealogies exist beyond that time. The intricate machinery of Clan genealogy became relaxed and whilst the Chief's family found themselves adequately recorded in Burke's Peerage and Baronetage the bulk of Clansmen, dispersed as they were, were lost to all but their own family remembrances. This, in fact, is the situation today.

#### THE PRE-FORMATIVE PERIOD

This period has two sections: a) ? -500 A.D. b) 500-800 A.D.

The acceptance of Alpin, King of Scots, as the ancestor of the Clan Gregor leads to interesting research into early genealogy. Alpin was the successor and descendant of King Fergus Mhor mac Earca, who led the Scottish invasion of Argyll about 500 A.D. which resulted in the creation of the Scottish Kingdom of Dalriada. At least two manuscripts given in W. F. Skene's "Chronicles of the Picts and Scots" (Edinburgh 1867) give Alpin's line of descent from Fergus. The Mss, "Chronicle of the Scots MCLXV, Ms. Cob. Bib. Imp. Paris 4126. CHRONICA REGUM SCOTTORUM. CCC ET. IIIJ ANNORUM.," traces the line of William the Lion to Alpin and thence through ten generations back to Fergus Mac Earca, and thence further back to Fiachu Fer Mara, son of the Irish High King Oengus Tuirmech Temrach. It does not end there, but goes on to trace the line to Erimon, legendary first Gaedhil King of Ireland, and finally, but absurdly, to Adam son of God. It also mentions Agamemnon and Noah. The second manuscript, MS.BRIT.MUS.COTT.FAUSTINA.AVIII, covers much the same ground except that it stops short at Noah.

Obviously it is necessary for the modern genealogist to stop far short of that extreme of optimism which obsessed the early Sennachies. However, the Dalriadan line of Kings is well supported and there is outstanding agreement between separate sources concerning the Irish Kings. The Irish Book, "Leabhor Ghaebhala Eirenn" (The Book of the Taking of Ireland) confirms the genealogy beyond Fiachu Fer Mara. Until experts reach a clear decision on the accuracy and authenticity of these early genealogies, each individual must determine the limits of his credulity.

#### PART II-EARLY LINEAGE

Here follows information drawn from Miss A. G. M. MacGregor's *History* of the Clan Gregor, but not directly quoted. Comments are added where appropriate.

 GREGOR. Reputed third son of Alpin, King of Scots, and brother to Kenneth, Donald, and Achaius MacAlpin, the two former of whom reigned as Kings of Scots.

(Ref: Hist. of Clan Gregor, Vol. I, p. 12; Baronage of Scotland by Sir Robert Douglas, 1798.)

- 2. DONGALLUS (or Doun-ghael). His name is derived from his having a light brown complexion. He behaved most gallantly in the wars King Gregory (Cyric) had in Ireland. He married Spontana, a sister of Duncan, an Irish King (not necessarily the High King). Dongallus died ca. 900 A.D. leaving an heir, Constantine, of whom hereafter, and two other reputed sons: Fingon, ancestor of the MacKinnons; and Guaire, ancester to the MacQuarries, and eventually the Irish MaGuires. (Refs. as above)
- CONSTANTINE. He married his cousin, Malvina, daughter of King Donald VI. (Ref: as above and also History of the Alpinian Family). The son of Constantine follows:
- 4. GREGOR NA BRATICH. "Gregor of the Standard." Standard bearer to his uncle, Donald VI, King of Scots. He married Dorviegeldum filiam hostarii, viz. "daughter of the King's Doorward," and was killed in battle with the Danes in 961 A.D. with King Malcolm. Gregor left an heir, John; and another son, Callum nam feidh, "Malcolm of the Deers, Keeper of the Royal Forest of Corri-cheathich. (Ref: Hist. of Clan Gregor, Vol. I, p. 13.)
- 5. JOANNES (or EOIN MOR MAC GREGOR NA BRATICH). Said to be "a comely man of great stature and an excellent bowman." He fought for King Malcolm against Grimus. Eoin married Alpina, daughter of Angus, great-grandson of Achaius MacAlpin. Eoin was killed in battle circa 1004 A.D. (Ref: as above.)
- 6. GREGOR GARBH of GLENURCHY. "Gregor the Stout." A man of martial spirit and great renown in the time of King Malcolm. He fought under King Duncan I against the Normans and Danes 1035-1040, and promoted the restoration of his son Malcolm III. Gregor Garbh married a daughter of the ancient house of Lochaw, and left two sons, John his heir, and Gregorius (Gregor) who was bred to the church: "obiit electus episcopus St. Andria'."
  - (Comment: Here lies a good possibility of proof of the Royal descent of the Clan Gregor. In the early church in Scotland it was customary to draw clergy only from families of Royal lineage. This was particularly the case with the higher church heirarchy. There is no indication of Gregor's rank in the church, but he is the first of Clan Gregor Clergy, and others who followed did attain high rank in the church, for instance his nephew Gregor. In Gregor's time, religion in Scotland was experiencing a change from the old Celtic Church to the adoption of the Roman Church through the influence of Margaret, the Saxon Queen of King Malcolm Canmore.)
- 7. SIR JOHN MacGREGOR, Lord of Glenurchy. (Called "Shir Ian borb an Cath," "Sir John forward in battle.") He was a person of very good account in the reign of King Malcolm III (1057-1093). He married an English Lady who came in the retinue of Princess Margaret afterwards Queen Margaret. He died ca. 1113, leaving two sons: Malcolm his heir; and Gregor the Abbot, later Bishop of Dunkeld, the lay Abbot who was ancestor to Clan-an-Aba, the MacNabs.
  - (Comment: The reference to Sir John's wife is interesting. Princess Margaret escaped from the Normans after the Battle of Hastings being

about the last person alive of the true Saxon Royalty. She landed on the Scottish coast at Fife and was met by the Scottish King who married her. Her retinue doubtless became part of the Scottish Court, particularly as she was anxious to transform the dour and utterly masculine Court into something bearable for a vivacious Saxon noblewoman. Therefore, in order to have met his future wife, Sir John must have been an active courtier, a habit in regal relations which later Mac-Gregors paid less attention to. Further evidence of the MacGregor's closeness to the Kings follows. That the MacGregors had considerable influence and power in those early days, most historians concede. The sudden elevation of a MacGregor to a Lordship would certainly seem to suggest that they had a hand in the downfall of MacBeth and the restoration of Malcolm Canmore, although the proof of this is vague. A curious fact is that the MacGregors used the "Moving wood" tactic in their capture of the old MacNaughton stronghold in Glen Dochart. That is the tactic immortalized by Shakespeare as the method used to storm Dunsinane.)

8. SIR MALCOLM MacGREGOR of Glenurchy, Lord MacGregor. Called "Morefhir Callum nan Caistel: Lord Malcolm of the Castles" from the several castles he built, viz. Caol-charn, Finlarig, Balloch. He also built the chapel of the Blessed Virgin of Finlarig.

(Comment: There are strong Campbell connections with Kilchurn and Finlarig, but they do not necessarily conflict with Clan Gregor claims. Documentary and archaeological proof has yet to be fully applied to the antiquity of these castles, but if they can be dated to this period their Clan Gregor origin would be virtually undisputed. Certainly tradition very much favors the MacGregor claim.) Sir Malcolm was a man of great reputation and authority in the time of St. David, and earned the MacGregor armorial achievement and slogan as reward for saving the King's life. He married Marjoriam, daughter of William, Earl of Murrayse and son of King Duncan II. Sir Malcolm died ca. 1164, and Miss MacGregor notes: "\*\*\*probably the time he flourished was 30 or 40 years later, and it is possible that two generations of Duncan a Straileadh and his son Duncan Beg came in between Ian borb an cath and Malcolm of the Castles."

(Comment: Even placing Malcolm 30 or 40 years later would not seem to leave room for two generations, or would it? I would tend to place Malcolm as the successor of Sir John in view of the fact that there is some continuance of the connection with the Royal family with its consequent reputation and influence. Indeed, if the MacGregors found themselves, under Sir John, in undisputed possession of territories given as Royal reward for services rendered, it is natural for them to want to consolidate this gain by the building of castles as soon as possible. This Sir Malcolm did. Duncan a Straileadh and Duncan Beg are by comparison completely undocumented and unrenowned characters who do not appear to belong to this formative period in the Clan history, but more likely to a later period of comparative withdrawal from Court affairs.)

 WILLIAM, Lord MacGregor. He flourished in the reign of William the Lion and Alexander II. William married "filiam domini de Lindsay, of Bonhill," and died "ad annum 1238 A.D." He left an heir, Gregor; and another son, Alpin, who was promoted to the Bishoprick of Dunblane between 1232 and 1290.

- 10. GREGOR of Glenurchy. Lord of MacGregor. In 1248, he with his followers joined Alexander II on the expedition for the recovery of the western isles from Haco, King of Norway. He also flourished in the reign of Alexander III. He married Lady Marion, daughter of Gilchrist, 4th son of Aulin 2nd Earl of Lennox. He died about 1286 leaving an heir:—
- 11. JOHN of Glenurchy. This John was made prisoner by King Edward of England at the Battle of Dunbar in 1296, and afterwards his lands and possessions were restored by order of that monarch in return for military service in the English wars with France. In the public instruments connected with the fate of the Scottish leaders captured at Dunbar, John of Glenurchy is ranked as one of the "Magnates Scotae," proof that his possessions holding of the Crown were far from inconsiderable. (Comment: It is well-known that the MacGregors gained territory as a result of the assistance they gave Alexander II.) It would seem that he died in France as his name does not appear again. He left a daughter and heiress, Margaret or Mariota, who carried the Barony of Glenurchy to her husband, John, son of Sir Neil Campbell of Lochawe by Lady Mary Bruce, sister of King Robert. This John Campbell fell in the battle of Halidon Hill in 1333, leaving an heir who survived a few months only. Mariota probably died previous to 1333 as there is reference to a second wife, Johanna, Countess of Strathearn. (Comment: Malcolm, whom I have placed 14th in line, is stated in various genealogical ballads to be the father of John of Glenurchy (#11 above). But, Malcolm apparently died in 1374. Why then did John succeed to the title before his father's death? I maintain that Malcolm, despite his reputed long life, is unlikely to be the contemporary and even less likely the father, of the above John. I think this is the logical period to include Duncan a Straileadh and Duncan Beg as this is a period of comparative decline. After all, Duncan a Straileadh (Duncan of Stralee) by his very name is clearly not "of Glenurchy," and this tends to suggest that he lived in the time when Glenurchy was temporarily lost to the MacGregors,)
- 12. DUNCAN A STRAILEADH (?).
- 13. DUNCAN BEG (?).

(Comment: Glenurchy is believed to have reverted to the MacGregors sometime around 1333, most likely to Malcolm. Later MacGregors were designated "of Glenurchy.")

14. MALCOLM, Dominus de MacGregor. He was known as "Morfhear Bachdach" or "Lame Lord." He was a person of great loyalty and attachment to Robert Bruce whom he is said to "have relieved from the Chief of Lorn at Dalrigh" and to "have been mounted on a milk white steed." (Comment: This event would admittedly make him almost the contemporary of John (#11). This whole period is in need of reappraisal, and if possible, reference to original sources.) After the battle, Robert Bruce harboured in a large cave in MacGregor's lands near Craig-Chrostan which is still known as Uamh an Riogh—"The

Kings Cave," from where he crossed over Loch Lomond to meet the Earl of Lennox. Malcolm fought at the Battle of Bannockburn and is said to have been the person who brought the relics of St. Fillansarum from the country of that name (then part of his lands), to King Robert's Chaplain who passed it for a miracle, in consequence of which Bruce founded a priory in Strathfillan, the remains of which can still be seen near Crianlarich. This Malcolm is much celebrated by the bards. He is said to have had a command at Bannockburn (1314). He fought under Edward Bruce in Ireland, and having received a wound at the Battle of Dundalk returned home. He married Mary, daughter of Malise McAlpin of Finnich, and died in 1374, leaving an heir, Gregor (?), and another son, Gilbert, founder of the Griersons of Lag. (Comment: Grierson of Lag genealogies state that Gilbert was the son of the 12th Lord of MacGregor. This period of Clan Gregor genealogy is extremely confusing. The basic information herein is taken from the "History of Clan Gregor" with temporary variation in the placing of Duncan a Straileadh and Duncan Beg, and my placing of Malcolm following John instead of before him. Ancient versions are at variance with this and it is obvious that further thought must be given to the whole issue. Other versions found are as follows;

Gaelic MS. 1467	Duncan MacGregor 1512	MacGi Fhionr	
Malcolm	Alpin	Duncan Beg	
Duncan	Kenneth	•	
•	•		·
Gregor	Hugh of Urchy	•	•
•	•	•	
John	Giolla Faolain	Gregor	Malcolm
•	•	•	•
Patrick	Duncan	John	John
•	•	•	•
Malcolm	Duncan Beg	John the Black	
	•	•	
	Malcolm	Malcolm	
	John		
	•		
	Gregor		
	•		
	John		
	•		
	John the Black		
	•		
	Malcolm		
	Malcolm		

Hugh of Urchy (Aodh Urchaidh), who is recorded in the genealogy of Duncan MacGregor (dated 1512), is the ancestor acknowledged by the MacNabs and therefore equivalent of the Sir John MacGregor (#7

in line) recorded above. His son Giolla Faolain is presumably Gregor, Abbot of Dunkeld, earlier of the Celtic Monastery of St. Fillan in Glendochart. Giolla Faolain means "Servant of St. Fillan." Whereas Giolla Faolain would be an apt nickname for Abbot Gregor, it is less easy to account for the duality of names attributed to his father. There can be no doubt that Sir John (#7) existed and as he was designated "of Glenurchy" he would certainly be a MacGregor. However, the appearance of Aodh Urchaidh in both MacGregor and MacNab traditions bears almost equal weight. Could they be the same person—or brothers?)

- 15. GREGOR of Glenurquhay. This Gregor was known as "Gregor of the Golden Bridles," and some genealogists and historians maintain that it is from him that the MacGregors take their name. They forget that previous members of the House of Glenurchy were "Lords of MacGregor." Very little is known about this Gregor except that he had an heir, John, as follows:
- 16. JOHN CHAM, of Glenurchy. Known as "John, blind of an eye," he is the last MacGregor designated "of Glenurchy," the Barony falling at last into the hands of the Campbells. The Barony of Glenurchy was not however the only barony held by the MacGregors. (Details of other possessions are mentioned in the "History of the Clan Gregor.") John Cham died on 19 April 1390, and was buried in Dysart, north of the High Altar. He had four sons:
  - a) Patrick
  - b) Gregor. Known as Gregor Aulin McAne Chaim in Glenurchy. He married Iric, daughter of his uncle Malcolm McAlpin, son of Malise. Gregor Aulin died in 1415 and was buried at Dysart. He left 5 sons:
    - 1) Malcolm
    - 2) John
    - 3) Gillespie
    - 4) Gregor
    - 5) Dugal Ciar
  - c) John Dhu (John the Black)
  - d) Duncan Leonach.

#### PART III-THE TASK AHEAD

We have mentioned *The History of Clan Gregor* by Miss Amelia G. M. MacGregor as the major source book. It is an admirable book, but it is difficult to follow, is sometimes downright confusing, it discontinues its coverage about the end of the 18th century, and the book is now rare and hard to obtain. Miss MacGregor had planned to write a third volume, but this was never done and attempts to locate any preparatory material she may have collected have been unsuccessful.

There are many other sources of genealogical and historical information. The Chartulary of the Clan Gregor contains information from the Register of the Privy Council of Scotland. There is the John MacGregor Collection which is held at Register House, Edinburgh. It contains a miscellany of genealogical and historical data. Various authors have devoted their attention selectively to one of the many branches of the Clan. Burke's Peerage and Baronetage and Landed

Gentry give ample coverage to MacGregors who qualify for inclusion. Thus there is now a wealth of information in need of welding into one comprehensive whole.

The creation of a new comprehensive "History" which would be interesting both to the casual reader and to the serious student would be a great boon to the Clan Gregor. Few Clans have such an interesting history or one so worth coverage in the modern style of literature. We are in particular need of a history which would appeal to the imagination of young MacGregors, for there are lessons in courage and honour which their ancestors could pass on to them.

Whoever is prepared to tackle the task of a new history can count on my support, and will have my help and all my information at his disposal. It is not without temptation that I do not commit myself to that task, but at this time there are too many factors against me.

A genealogy which is easy to follow would be a great asset. It is to this end that I, as a genealogist, am dedicating my work.

To collect and coordinate Clan Gregor Genealogies into one comprehensive work necessitates the following:

Collection. The collection of all existing genealogies. Even a fragmentary family genealogy may open up a new branch or expand an old one. The Modern Period (1774 to date) is the biggest potential source of genealogical expansion available and it must be tackled on a global basis.

Verification, by checking against original source material such as land transactions, Wills and Testaments, Estates and County Records, Deeds, Church Records, and other documentary sources. This will iron out confusion and put the final stamp of accuracy upon the Collection.

Pure Research. It will be necessary to go beyond the collection of existing genealogies and search the original source material to find and document additional lines. An entry found might read "Patrick McGregor of Dundhu married and had issue." Here we have a clue to a new family branch because Dundhu is a place name and it might be possible to trace this family through land transactions.

Historical Expansion. Collected genealogies sometimes contain historical annotation, but sometimes do not. It will be necessary to research the history of every individual in order to augment the genealogy into an organ from which important ethnic facts could be learned.

My collection now includes 25 branch genealogies, some of which are complete up to the present time. Each genealogy is augmented by some degree of historical infill information. I have split the clan into its recognized branches and as each branch is completed as far as possible, I shall publish a book on it. I hope that eventually a full set of the branch genealogies will thus form the complete Clan Gregor Genealogy. I think this is the best way of tackling the task (as each new volume published will provide some sense of accomplishment) rather than to plan one large work which would take many years to complete.

The following are the branches already in various stages of completion:

The Early Line—to John Cham of Glenurchy.
MacGregor of MacGregor. (Basically complete)
MacGregor of Glenstrae. (Basically complete)
MacGregor of Ardlarich. (Basically complete)
MacGregor of Roro. (Basically complete)
MacGregor of Balhaldies. (Mostly complete)

MacGregor of Dunan. (Basically complete)

MacGregor of Learagan. (Complete in parts)

MacGregor of Glengyle. Clan Dougal Ciar. (Reasonably complete)

MacGregor of Marchfield, or Leidcriech. (Reasonably complete)

MacGregor of Venezuela. (Complete)

MacGregor of Raigmore. (Basically complete)

MacGregor Skinner or Cortlandt MacGregor. (Largely complete)

Clann Alister Ruaidh. (Sketchy)

MacGregor of Brackly. (Sketchy)

Grierson of Lag. (Basically complete)

Gregorson of Ardtornish, (Basically complete)

Greer of Grange MacGregor. (Basically complete)

Greer of Tullylagan and Sea Park. (Basically complete)

Gregory of Kinnairdie. (Basically complete)

Gregory of Ireland House. (Basically complete)

M'Grigor of Campden Hill. (Basically complete)

McGrigor of Cairnoch, (Basically complete)

All of the above are traced back to the Early and Common Line of descent with the exception of McGrigor of Cairnoch. Most require further research into the descendants of younger sons' branches. Further historical infill has yet to be added to most of them.

The following branches are yet to be dealt with:

MacGregor of Dundurn and Balnacoull.

MacGregor of Innergeldie.

MacGregor of Dunkeld.

MacGruders of Craigneich.

MacGruders of Belliclone. (the line of Alexander of Md.)

MacGrouther of Meiger.

Grierson of Marquhinn.

Grierson of Dalton.

Grierson of Castlemaddie.

Greeves of Lismachan; and others.

I am anxious to obtain family genealogies no matter how fragmentary in the hope that new branches can be recorded or old ones expanded. I know that many exist which I have not been able to study, and as yet, I have barely touched the John MacGregor Collection in Edinburgh.

The following list of MacGregors known to me to have emigrated to America many generations ago may be ancestors of some members of the American Clan Gregor Society—

Of the Chief's family:

James MacGregor (McPhatrick Abberach) son of Patrick Abberach. Major in Army (17th C.) killed in America and left descendants in New York.

Donald, Captain in the Royal Americans. May have left descendants. (17th and 18th Centuries.)

Of the Ardlarich Branch:

Ian MacPhara Mhoir. Fought in the American War of Independence. Lived near Halifax. Still alive in 1831. Left many descendants.

Of the Balhaldies Branch:

Donald. Died about 1743. Married Miss Ann Grosbeck of New York. Resided at Pitceapsy, N. Y. (Poughkeepsie?)

Of the Dunan Branch:

Callum Mor. Married Isabel MacGregor. Emigrated to America in 1801. Had a numerous family.

Of the Leuragan Branch:

Alexander. Married Janet MacGregor. Died in America in 1817; and his son: Duncan. Married Margaret Kennedy, 1792, and his issue:

Alexander. Born 1795. Married Mary Cumming.

Hugh

Three other sons, and five daughters.

(See also the article by Mrs. Simon, a descendant of this line.)

Of the Cortlandt Branch:

Stephen. Married Miss Johnston.

John. Army Major. Married Miss Hearney, and had two sons.

I shall be pleased to hear from anyone concerning their own family history and genealogy, or indeed, concerning any aspect of American Clan Gregor genealogy. I shall also be glad to give any help and advice I can to anyone interested in tracing their genealogy.

#### CONCLUSION

The task is immense, probably a lifetime work, but well worth it. The long self-centered history of the Clans has produced an hereditary strain of attitudes which is more marked in the Scots than in other races, and the study of genealogy has the tendency to fulfill and clarify rather than to absorb one's own identity.

In ancient times our Clan Gregor ancestors battled against hostile and powerful enemies and against the banishment of their ancient and proud name in order to maintain themselves as a clan. What an example it is to us that they managed to retain their identity and their traditions and to remember their ancestry despite the overwhelming antagonism of the authorities.

The Clan system has been accused of being outdated and in the economic and political sense this is true. However, in the social sense the Clan represents an outward looking approach based on sound traditional standards of kinship and honour in a World where social values are beset by many dangers. Genealogy brings us closer to our ancestors whose actions and attitudes have, perhaps more than we realize, influenced our lives today.

The Clansmen of the American Clan Gregor Society have proven sensationally that in a new world so far from and so different from the land of their forefathers they can find in their hearts and minds the love of their Clan and of the history and traditions associated with it. In America, a great and determined country with traditions and values of its own, it is inspiring to find those who can reconcile so effectively the task of being both an American and a Scot.

## THE RED ROCK BRANCH OF MACGREGORS

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#### Part I

The surname, MacGregor, frequently spelled in Scotland as McGregor, and also misspelled by many 19th century parish clerks, has been borne by countless sons of Gregor who emigrated to America. It is well to keep in mind that, in the eyes of the British or Scottish subject, America may comprise both United States and Canada.

The direct male line in my family is Red Rock MacGregor. I have never met anyone who knew anything about Red Rock MacGregors, with the exception of the descendants of my immigrant Red Rock ancestor, Donald MacGregor, and their Learagan and Rob Roy cousins with whom they intermarried in Nova Scotia, Canada. At this point, I should like to direct an appeal to the readers of this article to share with me whatever information they may have about 18th and 19th-century Red Rock MacGregors.

The Red Rock name, as a branch, originated in Scotland, and there is a family legend about it. The story told to me in 1964 by my father's cousin, Mrs. George Stewart (nee Mary Elizabeth MacGregor but called Minnie, daughter of #18 below) of Bayfield, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia, runs thus:

There was to be a battle, and the recruiters came to the dwelling of my ancestor to summon him to battle. However, the mother of my ancestor cunningly bade her son flee from the dwelling to hide in the *red rocks*. Having heeded his crafty mother's advice, my ancestor eluded the recruiters. Consequently, the recruiters determined to take my ancestor's cows, only to be thwarted again. The cows refused to be driven over a bridge. Resignedly, the recruiters decided, "Oh, let MacGregor's cows go home!"

I was somewhat chagrined upon hearing this story for the first time, but my mother, who is not a MacGregor, kindly pointed out that I might not be alive today, had this ancestor not hidden himself in those red rocks. He might have been killed in that battle, never to produce any heirs! Neither would Minnie Stewart have been alive to repeat the red rock story to me, nor to recite the 23rd psalm in Gaelic for me, during that summer visit in 1964.

Many times have I mulled over that story handed down in the family by word of mouth for many generations. Consequently, I was fascinated to read in Kermack's history of our clan that "the right of alien landlords to military service from their tenants remained inconsistent with the desire of MacGregors to fight as a clan under their chief." (a) In the televised production, "The Battle of Culloden" (shown at least twice during 1968 on Educational Television, Channel 26, Washington, D. C.), the narrator of that British production, while enumerating the various clans who fought in that ghastly battle, mentioned that there were some MacGregors from Rannoch who participated in this battle, "some willingly, some unwillingly." I wonder if the battle that my original Red Rock ancestor escaped was that dreadful battle at Culloden, which was so horrendously disastrous to the loyal supporters of Bonnie Prince Charlie!

Loch Rannoch was the Scottish home of my immigrant Red Rock MacGregor ancestors, but where was the home of the earlier ancestor who hid in those rocks? Was it Loch Rannoch also, or was it Loch Lomond long before the family fled

north to Rannoch? It could well have been the Loch Lomond area for these reasons: Rock in Gaelic is "creag"(b); red in Gaelic is "ruadh," e.g., red-haired, or a red that more russet in tone, such as a red rock, or "creag ruadh." Ruadh is sometimes shortened to, or spelled as, "roy," as in Rob Roy, meaning Red Rob. Rob Roy's land on the eastern shore of Loch Lomond was known as Craig Royston.(b) Therefore, is it not logical to think that Craig Royston means in English, Red Rock Town? But, of course, this does not prove the location of my ancestor's red rocks. On my trips to Loch Lomond and Loch Rannoch, I was busy trying to locate my distant cousins in Scotland and did not look for red rocks.

So much for legend and speculation. Let us move on to the genealogy of the Red Rock MacGregors in America, beginning with Donald Ruadh, or "Red Donald" MacGregor, paternal grandfather of my paternal grandfather.

#### FIRST GENERATION

#1. Donald Ruadh MacGregor, or Red Donald MacGregor. He was also referred to as both "Hugh Donald" and "Donald Ruadh" by Minnie Stewart during my 1964 visit with her. The reasons for it are now a mystery. Donald Ruadh's son Donald was called "New Donald" by his Learagan-Rob Roy cousins in Nova Scotia, to distinguish him from his father, Donald Ruadh, I suppose. Donald Ruadh surely was born and married in Scotland. He necessarily was born in the last half of the 18th century, probably in the Loch Rannoch area of Perthshire, and most probably in Logierait Parish. I have not yet checked the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) parish records (at Register House, Edinburgh, Scotland) for either his birth or marriage. However, present indications are that Donald Ruadh's marriage occurred no later than 1804. He was a member of the Church of Scotland, as was his wife. Donald Ruadh was married to another MacGregor, It is believed that her name was Margaret. Apparently, she was the Miss McGregor(d) (from the Houses of Learagan and Rob Roy) who was the daughter of "Alexander McGregor (b. 1735, m. 1759, d. America 1817) and Janet (MacGregor); issue 1 dau. and Duncan, b. 1760; Donald, b. 1766; and Hugh, b. 1769."(e) Janet MacGregor was the daughter of Rob Roy's son, Ronald.(d) Margaret was surely not born any earlier than 1759.

Donald Ruadh and his wife, Margaret, probably arrived in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, in 1832, the year their son "New Donald" arrived there according to the latter's obituary, later quoted in this article. Their grand-daughter, Isabel MacGregor, junior (see #13) wrote ca. 1924 to my father, Dr. Judson Stewart MacGregor, that her paternal grandparents, Donald Ruadh MacGregor and wife, did come to Antigonish. (8) She did not say what happened to them, whether they died in Nova Scotia, or whether they returned to Scotland. No one in the family, today, recalls.

Children of Donald Ruadh MacGregor and his wife, Margaret (McGregor): at least 5 sons and 1 daughter (order of birth uncertain)

- #2. Hugh MacGregor, died in Scotland
- #3. Duncan MacGregor
- #4. John MacGregor, married, died in Scotland
- #5. Isabel MacGregor, senior; unmarried, died in Antigonish
- #6. Alexander MacGregor, died in Antigonish Co., Nova Scotia
- #7. Donald MacGregor, died 3 April 1892 in So. River Lake, N. S.

#### SECOND GENERATION

- #2. Hugh 2nd MacGregor (Donald Ruadh 1st). Born and died in Scotland. Nothing to date known about his marital status, or if he ever emigrated to Antigonish with his brother, Donald.
- #3. Duncan 2nd MacGregor (Donald Ruadh 1st). Born in Scotland. The following may be the record: The Logierait Parish, Church of Scotland record, maintained in Register House, Edinburgh, lists the following baptism: "19 July 1807, Duncan, to Donald MacGrigor, Labourer, Marg't McGrigor, Drumglass of Drummachain, born 26 April 1807." It is not known for certain if he emigrated to Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Yet, his brother, Hugh, was the only sibling listed as having died in Scotland.(g) To date, nothing is known about his marital status, where he lived, or died.
- #4. John 2nd MacGregor (Donald Ruadh 1st). Born and married in Scotland, wife's name unknown. They had 2 girls and 1 boy, and apparently emigrated to Antigonish. John's wife was disturbed(g) and unhappy, so they went back to Scotland. A short time later, John was killed by the cave-in of the roof of a building where he worked. A bit later, the boy died. Margot and Catherine, presumably John's two girls, were married.

(The 1851 census in Drumglas, Logierait Parish, Loch Rannoch, lists the following: "John McGregor, head of household, married, age 43 (born ca. 1808), farmer, 14 acres, born in Logierait Parish; Janet McGregor, wife of head of household, age 41, born in Logierait Parish; William McGregor, brother to head of household, unmarried, age 50 (born ca. 1801), born in Fortingall Parish." This John of the 1851 census had two boys and a girl listed in the Logierait Parish Record—William, born or baptized 18 August 1843; Elizabeth, born or baptized 12 April 1849; and Dugald, born 10 June 1852. Chances are that this John McGregor of the 1851 census is not the same one as John MacGregor, son of Donald Ruadh. However, should he be the same, then there would be still another brother in the family, namely William.)

Children of John MacGregor and his wife, name unknown: at least 3, 2 daughters and 1 son (order of birth unknown)

- #8. A son, died in Scotland
- #9. A daughter, married, name presumed Margot, died in Scotland? #10. A 2nd daughter, married, named Catherine? died in Scotland?
- #5. Isabel 2nd MacGregor, senior (Donald Ruadh 1st). Born in Scotland, never married, died in South River Lake, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia, date as yet unknown. Isabel senior emigrated to Antigonish probably in 1832 with her brother, Donald. The story, according to Cousin Minnie Stewart, is that Isabel senior was engaged to a Stewart who had emigrated to America, presumably to Antigonish. Isabel bought in Scotland a red dress for her wedding in America. When she arrived, she learned that he had married another. Resignedly, she wore the dress anyway. Minnie Stewart has in her possession a sampler made in Scotland by Isabel senior. Minnie wrote that the date on the sampler is 1820 and that Isabel was in her 15th year when she made it. This would place her birth date ca. 1805.

I have the following baptismal extract from the Logierait Parish record: "26 May 1811, Isabel, Donald Macgrigor, Tanner, Margaret Macgrigor, Drumchine, b. 25 May 1814." She could not have been baptized in 1811

and born in 1814. This is surely a copying error, and the birth date must be 25 May 1804. If so, this Isabel baptized 26 May 1811, and supposedly born 25 May 1804, would be in her 15th year in 1820, until 25 May 1820, to be exact.

(However, there is another matter for consideration. The parents, "Donald Macgrigor, Tanner, Margaret Macgrigor, Drumchine," of this Isabel baptized 26 May 1811 are not necessarily the same as the parents of the Duncan baptized 19 July 1807, who were "Donald MacGrigor, Labourer, Marg't McGrigor, Drumglass of Drummachain." As the late John MacGregor of Edinburgh wrote, "The difficulty of identifying MacGregors . . . is considerable, for there were then so many of the name in Rannoch at that time. . . . There were five principal families of MacGregors in Rannoch for a considerable time, and they had all considerable families." (h) Isabel was a founding member of the Goshen United Baptist Church, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia.

The date of Isabel senior's death might be found in land records. When she and her brother, Alexander, died, they left their farm on South River Lake in Antigonish County, to my paternal grandfather, the Rev. Peter Stewart MacGregor.

- #6. Alexander 2nd MacGregor (Donald Ruadh 1st). Born in Scotland, never married, died probably on his farm at South River Lake, Antigonish County. Date and place of burial not known. He lived with his unmarried sister, Isabel senior (#5).
- #7. Donald 2nd MacGregor (Donald Ruadh 1st). Let me first begin by quoting his obituary from the Messenger and Visitor, published weekly by the Maritime Baptist Publishing Company, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, Wednesday, May 4, 1892, Vol. VIII., No. 18, Printed by G. W. Day, North side King Sq., The Christian Messenger, Volume LV; The Christian Visitor, Volume XLIV:

"MACGREGOR-Deacon Donald MacGregor was born in Perthshire, Scotland, in 1806, and died at South River Lake, Antigonish County, N. S., April 3, 1892. His parents and neighbors belonged to the Established Church of Scotland. From boyhood he was a Bible student, and at the age of sixteen he was led to believe in Christ as his Saviour, and at the same time was convinced that ordinances should follow faith in Christ. After deciding that immersion was the scriptural mode of baptism, he was baptized by a Rev. Mr. MacNaughton and joined a small Baptist church in Perthshire. In 1832 he came to Antigonish, N. S., and was married to Miss Elizabeth Stewart, of East Point, P.E.I., in 1838. He was deacon of the Goshen Baptist church since its organization, and as that church seldom had a pastor, he conducted the services for many years. He was always ready to take part in social meetings of any denomination, and always emphasized the necessity of the new birth. In the home of the afflicted and at the bedside of the dying, he was always welcome, and we have reason to believe that some were led to Christ through his faithful exhortations and prayers. He was a man of strong faith, and had often been heard to say he believed all his children would be brought to Christ, though he might not live to see it. He lived to see all his children converted—four sons and four daughters. Two of them are preaching the gospel-Rev. D. R. MacGregor, of Wausau, Wis., and Rev. P. S. MacGregor, of Hantsport, N. S. During his last days he often quoted the words of Simeon, 'Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.' The funeral was largely attended. Appropriate words were spoken by Rev. — MacLean (Presbyterian). All who — him could say of him, 'Blessed — dead who die in the Lord'."

The above blanks signify torn places in the newspaper. This obituary appears on page 8, the last page of this May 4, 1892 isue. My late paternal grandfather, the Rev. P. S. MacGregor, subscribed to this newspaper, and probably wrote the obituary.

Minnie Stewart had stated that Donald was born in October 1806, and married in October 1839, in East Point, P.E.I. Her marvelous memory has proven to be quite reliable. Yet, I keep in mind the helpful observations of the British Genealogist, Daniel A. Cooper: "I do not trust any age given on tombstone, census return, and even in the baptismal registers unless in these latter the date of birth is also given. I don't question the date of baptism, just that it gives a poor indication of birth date sometimes. I've found gravestones 10 years out in the given age (not only for women!) and frankly in the earliest census returns, I think the enumerators made wild guess at others' ages." I believe now that Donald's birth date was probably not in 1806, as his obituary and Minnie Stewart state, but earlier. The following baptism is recorded in the Logierait Parish records: "12 November 1804, Donald, to Donald and Margaret MacGrigor in Drumglas, no birth date given." I conclude that Donald forgot how old he was, either purposely or quite by accident over a period of almost 90 years, or his children who wrote his obituary did not know exactly how old he was. I wish to emphasize that Minnie Stewart was indubitably told that his birth date was October 1806, but the information was probably incorrect. Donald decided to become a Baptist while working as a shepherd, according to Minnie Stewart. I attempted to find a record in Scotland of his Baptist baptism, or of a Baptist Church near Loch Rannoch, to no avail.

Donald arrived first in the town of Antigonish, Antigonish County. I attempted to get a passenger list dated 1832 from the Public Archives, Halifax, N. S., but was informed that "The newspapers merely mention the number of emigrants arriving on the ships without giving names, e.g., '22 cabin passengers; 155 in the steerage'." I further attempted to trace Donald through the Crown Land Index at the Public Archives, but the latter has six Donald MacGregors, if I remember correctly, who applied for government land. The government granted Donald ca. 100 acres at South River Lake, some 25 miles from the town of Antigonish, by the Guysborough County border, but I am not certain of the year.

Donald met his wife, Elizabeth Stewart, back in Scotland when she was a girl. Donald made the long, arduous trip from Antigonish to Red Point, Prince Edward Island, to propose to Elizabeth, who was called "Big Betty," according to Minnie Stewart. (See the photograph of Donald and his wife shown with this article.) Donald had a dry sense of humor. Here was his proposal: "Well, Betty, is this the last cup of tea you are going to pour for me?" When Donald brought his bride to Antigonish from P.E.I., they nearly drowned in a small boat. They went to Antigonish and took an

ox cart out to their log cabin home. About 1840, according to my father, Donald built a 7-room house and barn. I have seen all that remains of the dwelling, the cellar and a charred board. The house, sold out of the family, burned as the result of a flue fire. Elizabeth was born May 1814, according to Minnie Stewart, her granddaughter. At Register House, Edinburgh, I found her baptismal date in the records of the Established Church of Scotland, Fortingal Parish, Loch Rannoch, as follows: "Elizabeth, daughter to John Stewart and Margaret Stewart in Temper, July 1, 1814." Both Temper and Drumglas (meaning grey ridge) where Donald must have lived, are about three miles east of the eastern end of Loch Rannoch, about two miles apart from each other. Her obituary appeared in the Baptist Christian Messenger, April 23, 1884, p. 8:

"On the 12th ult., Elizabeth, wife of Deacon Donald MacGregor, fell asleep in Jesus, aged 69 years. She was born in Perthshire, Scotland. Her father (Mr. Stewart) with his family moved to East Point, Prince Edward Island, in 1835. There, she professed faith in Christ, and was baptized by the late Rev. John Shaw. She was married in 1838, and came to South River Lake, Antigonish Co., N. S., where she lived a Christian life until called to the heavenly home. She has been a member of the Goshen Baptist Church since it was organized. Though her religious convictions differed from nearly all her neighbors, true friendship between her and all of them was mutual. She had the pleasure of seeing her eight children trusting in Christ, and members of the Baptist Church. Two of them are Baptist ministers, P. S. Macgregor, now stationed at New Glasgow, and D. R. MacGregor, now studying at Morgan Park, Chicago. She leaves a large circle of friends here and at East Point to mourn their loss. Her husband and all the family greatly miss her cheerful presence in the home below, but they are cheered by the hope of a glorious reunion in the home above.—COM."

Therefore, Elizabeth died 12 March 1884, in South River Lake, of pneumonia, according to my father. However, she had been able to visit her infant grandson (my father) in New Glasgow, before she died.

I am inclined to agree with Minnie Stewart that Donald and Elizabeth (or Betty) were married in October 1839. No one knows any longer what happened to Donald's family Bible, which my father saw as a boy. However, Dad remembers that Donald was upset about his marriage date written in the Bible, and they changed it to a year later. The old man (Donald) used to whistle when he was upset. When the old man was asked why he talked to himself, he would flash back, "Whom better do I have to talk to?" My father says that he used to call to a colt in Gaelic, "Proky, proky, proky," (The spelling I use is phonetic.) Apparently, Donald's children all learned Gaelic. My father's younger brother, Harold, remembers being somewhat frightened as a child, when he heard the people in the church singing in Gaelic, I have a picture (a slide) of the old home believed to be Donald's at Drumglas, in Loch Rannoch, Scotland, which Dan Cooper took and sent to me. A Mr. Crerar, brother of a Mr. Crerar who is the barman in the public bar at the Dunalistair Hotel, Kinloch Rannoch, lives in the house at Drumglas now.

On 28 November 1862 Donald was chosen and ordained a deacon of the Goshen United Baptist Church by a council of the Second St. Mary's Baptist Church. As founding members of the Goshen church, they are listed in the register of church members as "Donald McGregor" and "Elizabeth McGregor," and "by letter Nov. 28, 1862." Her death is recorded as March 12, 1884 in the church record, but Donald is only listed as "dead."

Since my visit to Red Point and East Point, P.E.I., in summer, 1964, I have acquired much information about the Stewarts. Elizabeth's father had a farm at Red Point, just beyond Souris, P.E.I., and she was one of 9 children. Her father's name was John Stewart, Sr., a native of Rannoch, who died 4 February 1866, at Red Point, in his 87th year, according to his obituary which appeared in *The Islander* (newspaper), the Friday, March 9, 1866 issue, Charlottetown, P.E.I. Her mother, name unknown, was alive at Red Point in 1861, according to the 1861 census, which gave her parents, on Lot 46 in Red Point, as over age 60, and members of the Church of Scotland. Her parents are apparently buried at South Lake, P.E.I. There are two small white markers beside their son, John Stewart, Jr. who died Aug. 1, 1886. Donald and Elizabeth are buried at Upper South River Cemetery with no marker, above a foot square stone for day-old Bessie MacGregor and a tombstone for a MacNeil family.

-Children of Donald MacGregor and his wife, Elizabeth (Stewart): 5 daughters and 4 sons, all born in South River Lake, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia. Listed from the eldest to youngest(d) they are:

- #11. i Margaret MacGregor, never married, died in August 1912.(c)
- #12. ii Catherine MacGregor, married Angus MacMillan, 6 children.
- #13. iii Isabel MacGregor (junior), born ca. 1843, became the 2nd wife on October 14, 1884 of Alexander John Hattie, born April 14, 1839 to George Hattie and Catherine Grant. (f) She died at South River Lake on June 25, 1924, at the age of 81 years. No children born of her marriage, but she had 6 step-children. The family spells the name as "MacHattie" today. She is buried beside her husband at the United Church of Canada, South River Lake.
- #14. iv John N. MacGregor, married Ina Chisholm, is buried in Upper South River Cemetery, Antigonish County, N. S., had 3 daughters.
- #15. v Janet MacGregor, died young.
- #16. vi (The Rev.) Peter Stewart MacGregor, born 14 May 1852, married in Yarmouth, Yarmouth County, N. S. on June 15, 1881 to Elizabeth (known as Bessie) Maria Hatfield, born June 3, 1859 to Jacob Hatfield and Eleanor Jane MacKinnon in Tusket, Yarmouth Co. He died 17 May 1918 in Chester Basin, Lunenburg Co., N. S. (i) Both are buried in Willow Bank Cemetery, Wolfville, Kings County, N. S. They had 5 children
- #17. vii Henry MacGregor, never married, died probably in St. Petersburg, Florida.

- #18. viii Christina MacGregor(e) married her second cousin, John Alexander MacGregor,(d) born to Alexander MacGregor and Mary Cumming. She died in 1918; he in 1921. Both are buried in Upper South River Cemetery. They had children.
- #19. ix (The Rev.) Daniel R. MacGregor, married Dama Davison, died probably in Indianapolis, Indiana, had 3 sons and 1 daughter.

Next year, in Part II, I plan to bring the Red Rock MacGregors up to date, i.e., the descendants of #12 through #19. I would appreciate any information on the descendants of #4, presumably in Scotland.

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THE IMMIGRANT RED ROCK ANCESTOR DONALD MACGREGOR AND HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH (STEWART) MACGREGOR



MALCOLM D. MACGREGOR Former Ranking Deputy Chieftain



MR. AND MRS. JAMES M. KEIR

# NOTEWORTHY NEWS

#### MALCOLM D. MACGREGOR

Former Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Malcolm D. MacGregor, back on his feet after a long illness, exhibits his new kilt. He is standing in the Marine Museum at Mystic, Conn. next to a figurehead from an old ship. Mr. MacGregor was a Curator at this Museum from 1950 to 1960. (See article on p. 12, Yearbook published in 1965.)

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Keir celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary on August 16, 1968. The picture was made on the steps of their home, *Glengyle*, at Gap, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Those who attended the 1968 Gathering will be glad to know that Mr. Keir has recovered from his serious illness of last fall.

# MATRICULATED HIS OWN ARMS

Edgar D. McGehee, Sr., has Matriculated his own arms, which arms was granted to him on the 16th day of April 1968, in the name of Edgar Dennis McGehee-MacGregor. An extract description is to be found in the 51st Volume, page 46, of the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland.

# GRADUATE CUM LAUDE

Edgar D. McGehee, Jr. (son of Clan members no. 1444 and 1445-A) was graduated Cum Laude from Loyola University of the South at New Orleans, La., with a degree of Batchelor of Arts with Major in Criminology. Edgar, Jr., was awarded a trophy for achieving the highest scholastic average in all the evening divisions for the degree period.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Scholarship Committee of the St. Andrews Society of New York has a program which sends an American student of Scottish descent to Scotland for a year of graduate study at any Scottish University, and brings a Scottish boy to America for a year of study. These scholarships are offered each year and have a value of \$3,750 for an academic year. Descendants of Clan Gregor members are eligible to apply. Mr. John M. MacGregor, our Chieftain, is Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

Any boy or girl who is studying medicine at the University of Virginia may apply for The American Clan Gregor Society's Dr. Edward May Magruder Medical Scholarship.

# A PERSONAL DISASTER

While Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thomas Magruder were on vacation at Cape Cod in July 1968, their home on Staten Island was ransacked and then set afire.

"Friday, July 12, 1968—1420 hours—3-story frame building—one-family house—407 Henderson Avenue—incendiary fire." Those words of the Fire Department record tell little of the whole sad story.

The fire was discovered by the Magruder's daughter, Mrs. William A. Kammer, early in the afternoon, and it took several fire companies to extinguish the 4 separate blazes which had been deliberately set by an intruder after he had ransacked a good portion of the house. One fire was in the living-room and three were in second floor bedrooms. The damage was extensive. Destroyed by the fire were the Steinway piano and two oil portraits of Rev. Thomas McGee and his wife Rebecca (the great-grandparents of Mr. Magruder) which had been painted in Maryland circa 1850. Jewelry and a collection of daguerrotypes were stolen as were the manuscripts on the genealogy of several of the most distinguished families of Staten Island, which had been written by Mr. Magruder. Most of these things were personal items with very little market value. Some things of value were not touched. All of these facts add incredulity to the tragedy.

Although it will be a slow process, the Magruders who are past middle age made plans to rebuild the house which had been the home of Mrs. Magruder since she was two years old. We are happy to report that repairs progressed so well that Mr. and Mrs. Magruder were able to move back into their home before winter set in.

## WINNERS, ALL

Heather Clary McAdams who danced the sword dance at the Ceilidh on October 11, 1968, was born in Arlington, Virginia, in 1954, the daughter of Mr. (Clan #1498) and Mrs. John P. McAdams. In addition to her interest in Scottish Highland dancing, Heather is an avid skier, enjoying both snow and water skiing. She is also an active member of the Forest Hollow Swim Club's swimming and diving teams. This past summer, Heather and her chestnut horse, Pandora, successfully competed in a number of Northern Virginia shows. After High School, Heather hopes to follow the footsteps of her two sisters who are now enrolled in colleges. Her academic major will be in the field of art.

Francis D. Shoemaker III is now attending the Engineer Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Va.

His sisters, Judith and Sue Shoemaker are active horsewomen. They won 2 Large Pony Championships at Fairfax County Horse Shows with a horse trained by Sue and ridden by Judith. Judith was on the winning Pony Club Team in Division C at the Regional Rally of the Fairfax and Arlington Clubs. Sue is a member of the "B" Team. Judith has also been inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.

Judith, Sue, and Francis are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dodge Shoemaker, II. Mrs. Shoemaker is Clan no. 1506.

Miss Lee Peter, eldest daughter of Mr. (Clan #1515) and Mrs. Arthur Peter, Jr., of Bethesda, is a Junior at Holton Arms and is a member of the Honor Society there. She has joined the ranks of the ardent skiers this year.

Edith Peter, the second daughter in this family, is making great progress in her art studies. We hope she will some day be doing illustrations for the Clan Yearbooks.

Chip is the youngest of the Peters family. He is working hard on his ice-hockey team.

Jimmy Stokoe, son of the Clan Piper and Mrs. William C. Stokoe, Jr., is a Senior at Montgomery Blair High School. He has made the National Honor Society and is Sergeant-at-Arms of the Student Government. He is also an Art Editor of the Latin Newspaper of the school.

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Seated at the young people's table at the 1968 Banquet were Sarah Hartwell, Bruce Macgregor, Karen Macgregor, Eleanor M. Magruder, Blair Slaughter, and James Stokoe. Also attending the banquet were Heather McAdams, and J. Holmes Branson III and his date, Miss Martha E. Kerr.

Among the recently-marrieds present were Henry Taylor's son and his young wife; Augusta and Julian von Heiserman; Ed and Marilyn Gregor; and Duncan Mills and his bride.

Karen Macgregor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. James Macgregor, sang with the chorus in a number of Bethesda area churches and at one of the National Christmas Tree programs during the last Holiday Season. Her solo for these occasions was "And He Shall Feed His Flock" from Handel's Messiah.

Clan members Mr. and Mrs. John H. Williams of Tulsa, Okla., sent us word of their sons: John Horter Williams, Jr. (Clan #1533) is a Lt.J.G., USN, stationed at Washington, D. C.; Burch Ijams Williams (Clan #1534) will graduate from U. of North Carolina and plans to enter the Army in the autumn

of 1969; Miller Williams, 18 this summer, will graduate from the Choate School in June and has been accepted at the U. of North Carolina for the next school year.

#### COLLECTS ART

Mrs. R. James (Sue) Macgregor, our Librarian, is the mother of Karen and Bruce. A horticulturist and flower arranger, she is a past chairman of the Garden Section of the Chevy Chase Woman's Club, and is also interested in collecting Scottish antiques and art. Sue is a descendant of Clan MacDonald.

#### QUALIFIED

Betty Lecky, wife of Arthur S. Lecky (Clan #1499) of Lyman, S. C., has started to take Chanter lessons hoping to toot the bagpipes some day. Seems like she took that advertisement (page 26, 1968 Yearbook) seriously and plans to travel. We think she'll qualify without too much study.

# IN THE PUBLIC EYE

The July 8, 1968 issue of the Republican Congressional News Letter gave considerable space to the opinions of our Clan Member, The Representative from Minnesota, Clark MacGregor. Chicago newspapers speak of MacGregor as a "power in the House" and a possible candidate for Senator in the next election.

This is your Yearbook. It is made more interesting by the family notes and news. Send YOUR NEWS to the Editor any time during the year in care of the Clan Office.—Ed.

# CORRECTION TO YEARBOOKS OF PREVIOUS YEARS

Yearbook published 1967:

On page 19. Correct the spelling of names of Clan #1496 as follows:

In line 1, Mrs. Courtenay Livingstone;

In line 4, William Reid Persinger.

On page 38. Mrs. Knighten of Moro, Oregon, should have been listed as: Donalda M. (Mrs. Wily W.).

Yearbook published 1968:

On page 8, line 7. Correct to read: Mrs. Wily W. Knighten; On page 18. Correct Clan #1513 to show surname as Knighten.

#### A GAELIC CURSE

Kinross, Scotland.-1967.

Accompanied by a police inspector and four constables, electric workers finally slung an overhead power cable across the field of the farm of William McGregor. Unable to prevent the "outrage" which "ruined their privacy," Mrs. McGregor shouted an old Gaelic curse at the men. The engineer in charge laughed, but when a police truck started to return to headquarters after the job, it travelled only a few hundred yards before it was stopped by a flat tire.

Translated, the curse says, "Those who hurt us and our family will one day have nothing." Mrs. McGregor (nee McDonald) explained that she had last heard the curse used by her grandmother against a Lord Dunsmore who had cheated the elderly lady out of her farm. "Now," said Mrs. McGregor, "the Dunsmores have nothing."

# DON'T FORGET

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GALA 60TH ANNIVERSARY GATHERING

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