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RUCKERSVILLE,—VA.

**CLAN MACGREGOR**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Also send him the name and address of every one you may know, who is entitled to clanship.

An invitation includes the whole family. Mark with asterisk each one to whom a separate invitation should be sent.

JESSE (MACGREGOR) EWELL, Scribe.

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To Meet Together In Clanship, 1909*

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The 76th Annual Gathering  
of the American Clan Gregor Society  
will be held  
at the Northwest Atlanta Hilton  
Atlanta, Georgia  
on  
November 1 and 2, 1985  

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Plan Now to Attend.  
We look forward to seeing you!

AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 2, 1984

The Council Meeting of the 75th Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order by the Chieftain, L. Burns Magruder, at 9:15 A.M. Friday, November 2, 1984 in the Tack Room of the Boar's Head Inn, Charlottesville, Virginia. A quorum was present, to wit: L. Burns Magruder, Joseph C. Tichy, Russell C. McGregor, McGregor Gray, Mrs. Herschel M. Browne, Miss Letitia D. Walker, John G. Urquhart, Rev. Horatio M. Richardson, Dr. Mary Louise Rutledge, William E. MacGregor, Jr., Mrs. Harry W. Blunt, Mrs. Russell C. McGregor, Dr. William C. Stokoe, Douglas Neil Magruder, Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder, William E. McGregor, Mrs. Howard T. Bierer, Hon. Hugh B. Campbell, Capt. Paul C. Gregg, D. Neil Magruder, Jr., C. Coleman McGehee, George F. McGregor, Capt. Loren F. Cole, Winfield S. Mayne. Also present by invitation were Sir Gregor MacGregor, Hereditary Chief; Abbey W. Magruder, candidate for Ranking Deputy Chieftain; and Mason M. Lummis, Co-Chairman of the Gathering.

The Council Meeting was opened with a prayer by the Chaplain, the Rev. Horatio Richardson.

'ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, as we gather in Council this day, we are all deeply conscious of our seventy-five years of existence as a Clan Society and we are most grateful that Thou has prospered our endeavors. Grant us the wisdom so to act that our Society may continue to flourish and abound in the years ahead. This we ask in the name of Christ, our Lord.'

The Hereditary Chief of the Clan Gregor, Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart, was introduced by the Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society, L. Burns Magruder. Sir Gregor spoke briefly to the Council, expressing wittily his pleasure to be at this Gathering after an absence of 25 years from Charlottesville, and offering his best wishes for the next 75 years.

The Scribe's Minutes of the 1983 Council Meeting and General Meeting were accepted as published in the Yearbook.

The Treasurer's report was presented by John G. Urquhart. He gave the check book balances as of 9/28/84 as \$2,937.00 (Sandy Spring National Bank) and \$1,316.71 (ACGS Branch Office, Whispering Pines, NC). The Value of Funds as of 9/27/84: Charity and Education Fund \$5,915.98; Marshall Magruder Library Fund \$16,862.50; General Fund Savings Account \$20,333.53; and Special Account \$5,345.77. The report was accepted.

Mrs. Herschel M. Browne, the Registrar, reported that there were 42 new members added during the year, of whom 6 were Life Members; 33 converted to Life Membership; one was reinstated; and there were three new junior memberships. The report was accepted.

The Historian, Miss Letitia Walker, gave a brief overview of her report which will be presented in full to the General Meeting. There were 11 births; eight deaths of members; three deaths of relatives of members; and no marriages.

The Editor of the Yearbook, Mrs. Russell C. McGregor, reported that 800 copies of the Yearbook had been printed. Because of the late date of the 75th Gathering the deadline for material for the Yearbook has been set for December 15, 1984. The Editor of the Yearbook was congratulated by the Chieftain for a job well done, which was seconded by applause from the Council. The report was accepted.

The Librarian, Mrs. Harry W. Blunt, reported that the Library was not used very much. Numerous letters were received and 14 were answered, often with xeroxed copies of material in the library and the Yearbooks. Further details will be included in the Librarian's Report in the Yearbook. John Urquhart read excerpts from a letter just received from the Cathedral School stating that Hearst Hall, where the Library is located, will be closed for renovations and that the Library must vacate the premises by June 1985. The future of the space is unknown. If no space is found by June it is hoped that the Library's contents can be stored on the Cathedral Grounds until such time as a new home can be found. A motion was made and approved that Mrs. Blunt pursue the search. She stated that the Library can no longer be maintained in a private home. She was authorized to seek a place in Hearst Hall expending up to the present \$242 per quarter. John Urquhart noted that the Library Fund is more than adequate to pay the present costs of the Library from interest income.

The Piper, Dr. William C. Stokoe, reported that he had furthered peace between the clans by serenading some McLeods who were on a Lake Sunapee excursion boat as it passed Edith Blunt's Woodhidden Estate, where he stood on the shore in his swimming trunks. His report was accepted with amusement.

The Assistant Chieftain, Joseph C. Tichy, Jr., reported that the total membership now stands at 660 members of whom 558 have paid their 1984 dues. The Society was represented at the Highland Games of: Grandfather Mountain; Stone Mountain; Central New York; Alexandria; Savannah; Golden, Colorado; Scotch Plains, New Jersey; and Santa Rosa, California. William E. MacGregor, reported that the Society was also represented at the MacAllister College Games in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Assistant Chieftain proposed that next year's Gathering take place at the Northwest Atlanta Hilton on November 1 and 2, in Atlanta, Georgia. This report and proposal were accepted. J. Bruce Macgregor, Donald Mayberry, and Jerry Gregory will constitute the Committee for the Gathering.

The Gathering Co-Chairman, Roger Gregory Magruder, reported that 190 had signed up for the tour, 304 for the banquet, and 325 have registered, an all-time record. Because of the record turnout there will not be enough commemorative plates to go around. Those not receiving theirs now will receive them in the mail later. He also reported that there will be a kirking of the tartan (MacGregor) in Christ Church on Sunday at 10:00 A.M.

The Chaplain, Horatio M. Richardson, displayed a tippet with Clan Gregor motif which he and Margery have donated to the Clan and which will be dedicated in the memory of Harry Blunt in Christ Church on this date.

The Report of the Gathering Committee was acclaimed and the co-chairmen congratulated.

Mr. Winfield Mayne, in the absence of the Chairman of the Trustees, Gordon M.F. Stick, reported that the Trustees had not yet met, so there was no report. The Trustees will meet and decide upon a proposed donation to the Edwin May Magruder Fund of the University of Virginia. (SCRIBE NOTE: At a reconvened meeting of the Council, with a quorum present, just before the General Meeting, on November 3, 1984, a donation of \$5,000 was moved and approved.)

R. Gregory Magruder reported for the Scholarship Fund Committee that the University of Virginia had reported to him that the Edwin May Magruder Scholarship Fund, as of September 30, 1984, had a book value of \$45,700, and a market value of \$76,053, including the 1983 gift from the ACGS of \$1,000. He was pleased to report that one of the two students awarded a scholarship (\$1,000) was Ernest Pugh, great grandson of Dr. Jesse Ewell, co-founder of the Society, on whose grave the Society will place its memorial wreath this year.



Dr. Mary Louise Rutledge, reporting for the Cookbook Committee, stated that the cookbook had made a profit of \$500. A check for that amount was turned over to the Treasurer. She also announced that the cookbook was on sale for \$7 rather than the normal \$8. The Chieftain reported on a new book by Helen McGregor and John Cooper. It is entitled *Barra* and describes this beautiful island in the Outer Hebrides. A copy may be seen at the Registration Desk, and order forms are available there.

The Report of the retiring Chieftain, L. Burns Magruder, touched on four points. (1) The steady flow of membership applications sent to him by the registrar, Mrs. Herschel Browne, has attested to the good health of the Society. (2) The Russell McGregors hosted a meeting in Washington, D.C. on March 1, 1984 to begin planning for the 75th Annual Gathering, attended by the Chieftain, the Registrar, Mrs. Herschel Browne, the Librarian, Mrs. Harry Blunt, the Stokoes, and the Tichys. At the Grandfather Games, further planning was undertaken. Most helpful and gratifying to the Chieftain have been the excellent and regular progress reports from the Gathering Co-Chairman, R. Gregory Magruder. (3) Problematical relations with the Clan Gregor Society, which has its headquarters in Scotland, and its affiliate in Georgia, have largely been resolved by the dismissal of the Atlanta suit against an ACGS member, and the discussions with Sir Gregor and Lady Fanny at this Gathering. (4) Four new officers assumed their duties this past year. The post of Scribe became vacant in March on the death of Mrs. McGregor Gray (Dorothea M.); we were saddened by the loss, but pleased that McGregor Gray was willing to take on the duties.

He expressed his thanks to the new officers and the seven who continued in office for their loyal work.

The presence of the Hereditary Chief, Sir Gregor MacGregor and Lady Fanny is an important event in his tenure as Chieftain, "We welcome them warmly to this, the 75th Anniversary Gathering. Thank you all."

Lady Fanny MacGregor of MacGregor appeared before the Council to read a letter from the President of the Clan Gregor Society, Sheila MacGregor, to the American Clan Gregor Society, bearing fraternal greetings and best wishes for the next 75 years. "Let us plan to develop and extend our mutual contacts and interest for the greater good of Clan Gregor and to the mutual advantages of members of both Societies and specifically to cooperate in the development of a Clan Gregor Centre which shall be a permanent home for all MacGregors worldwide." Appeal Fund brochures were handed out and a notice will be placed in the Yearbook.

**OLD BUSINESS.** Turning to unfinished business, the Assistant Chieftain, Joseph Tichy, reported that the Georgia Clan Gregor suit against a member of our Society was thrown out of court. Relations have improved and both groups shared a tent at the Stone Mountain Games. Next year's Gathering in Atlanta will give the Georgians a chance to attend our meeting. There followed a discussion of the past and present differences. Russell C. McGregor, William E. McGregor or Charlotte, N.C., and Joseph Tichy were appointed to a committee to improve relations with the Clan Gregor Society. Sir Gregor commented that he had been upset by the Atlanta "mavericks" and pointed out that the American Clan Gregor Society was in a unique position. All other clan societies in the United States are children of a parent organization in Scotland. He emphasized that the purpose of clan societies is to get members of a clan together, that there should be no quarrelling among clansmen! He wants close relations, but no dominance by the Scottish Society. He gave Sheila McGregor credit for having done more for the Clan Gregor Society in four years than had been done in the past forty years. The differences are healthy since the goals are the same. The Clan Gregor Centre has raised £7,000 so far but before purchase of a site or the beginning of construction £100,000 will be needed.

The Assistant Chieftain reported on another item of old business, the purchase of permanent name tags. Not enough members signed up for them last year. It is hoped that another effort this time will produce enough signatures to make a mass purchase possible.

**NEW BUSINESS.** The Assistant Chieftain requested permission to increase communication through the issuance of a Fall Letter to members to fill a gap which has existed in the past. It will be sent out between the Gathering and Christmas, possibly with the dues bills. This proposal was moved and approved.

The Chieftain and Assistant Chieftain joined in proposing a raise in the initiation fee from \$20 to \$30, with the addition to cover the issuance upon acceptance of membership of a lapel pin. Moved and approved.

The Assistant Chieftain pointed out that only the Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain receive ACGS support. Elsewhere, those setting up Clan Gregor tents often end up with out-of-pocket expenses. It was approved that "up to \$50" be authorized for other games upon application from the State Chairman. The Chancellor William E. MacGregor, Jr., suggested that this is an excellent first step, but more help is needed, through flags and other materials. The Assistant Chieftain stated that he could help in some areas now and would investigate other possibilities.

The Assistant Chieftain also proposed that funds be provided for a reception for the Clan Gregor Society in Edinburgh, Scotland next summer (Sept. 2, 1985). \$400 was moved and approved.

The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate:

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Mrs. Russell C. McGregor	Editor
Dr. William C. Stokoe, Jr.	Piper
Dr. Charles Kurz, Jr.	Trustee

The slate was approved for presentation and confirmation at the General Meeting.

A Nominating Committee consisting of William E. MacGregor of Charlotte, N.C., L. Burns Magruder, and Joseph C. Tichy was proposed and approved.

Dr. Russell C. McGregor, the incoming Chieftain, then spoke, thanking the Council for the compliment of selecting him for this post at this point in the Society's history which he sees as critical. As his first act, he thanked the retiring Chieftain for his service to the Society. As his second act, he appointed Joseph C. Tichy, Jr. to be Assistant Chieftain; to whom he expressed appreciation for past service.

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
McGregor Gray, Scribe



## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

John G. Urquhart

### GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance, September 10, 1983 ..... \$ 2,819.43

Income:

Deposits .....	\$26,806.43	
Interest .....	<u>331.26</u>	
Total Income .....	27,137.69	27,137.69

Expenditures:

1983 Gathering .....	7,252.58
Assistant Chieftain .....	1,697.57
Registrar .....	254.93
Chieftain .....	75.33
Treasurer .....	60.00
Scribe .....	5.80
Secretarial Services .....	1,224.90
Printing .....	5,041.26
Library Rent .....	948.68
Library Insurance .....	161.00
Book Purchases .....	847.80
Souvenir Plates .....	2,091.50

Fund Transfers:

C&E, Library .....	5,013.57
Interest on C/D, maturing in 1983 .....	1,845.20
First Federal S&L, Whispering Pines, NC .....	<u>500.00</u>

Total Expenditures .....	27,020.12	<u>27,020.12</u>
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Balance, September 28, 1984 ..... 2,937.00

Balance is on account at the Sandy Spring National Bank, Sandy Spring, Maryland.

### GENERAL FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance, September 10, 1983 ..... \$ 3,314.43

Income:

Life Members ..... \$ 5,570.00

Interest:

Money Market Account .....	542.86	
Certificate of Deposit (1983) .....	<u>867.24</u>	
Total Income .....	6,980.10	<u>6,980.10</u>

Money Market Statement Balance ..... 10,294.53

Certificate of Deposit, Matures 10/27/84 ..... 9,400.00

(47% of \$20,000 pro-rated to this fund)

Total Value .....	19,694.53
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## CHARITY AND EDUCATION FUND

Balance, September 10, 1983 ..... \$ 3,953.34

**Income:**

Donations .....	\$ 2,506.00	
Interest .....	456.64	
	2,962.64	
Total Income .....	2,962.64	2,962.64

**Expenditures:**

Edward May Magruder Scholarship Fund .....	1,000.00	
Balance, September 25, 1984 .....		5,915.98

Balances are held in accounts as follows:

<b>Money Market Account, National Permanent Bank,</b>	
Washington, D.C. ....	5,415.98
<b>Checking Account, National Bank</b>	
of Washington, Washington, D.C. ....	500.00
Total .....	5,915.98

## MARSHALL MAGRUDER LIBRARY FUND

Balance, September 10, 1983 ..... \$14,280.50

**Income:**

Donations .....	\$ 523.88	
<b>Interest:</b>		
Money Market Account .....	744.59	
Certificate of Deposit (1983) .....	756.53	
	2,025.00	
Total Income .....	2,025.00	2,025.00

Balance, September 25, 1984 ..... 16,305.50

Balances are held in accounts as follows:

<b>Money Market Account, National Permanent Bank,</b>	
Washington, D.C. ....	8,105.50
Certificate of Deposit, Matures 10/27/84 .....	8,200.00
(41% of \$20,000 pro-rated to this fund)	
Total .....	16,305.50

## SPECIAL FUND

(For Pipe Band, Clan Tent, Banner, and 1985 Gathering)

Balance, September 10, 1983 ..... \$ 2,200.72

**Income:**

Interest: Money Market Account .....	\$ 252.17	
Interest: Certificate of Deposit (1983) .....	329.88	
	582.05	
Total Income .....	582.05	582.05

Balance, September 25, 1984 ..... 2,782.77

Certificate of Deposit, Matures 10/27/84 .....	2,400.00
(12% of \$20,000 pro-rated to this fund)	

Total Value .....	5,182.77
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Balance is on account at the National Permanent Bank, Washington, D.C.

## TOTAL ASSETS

### General Fund:

#### Checking Accounts:

Sandy Spring National Bank .....	\$ 2,937.00
First Federal Savings and Loan .....	1,316.71
Savings Account .....	20,333.53*
Charity and Education Fund .....	5,915.98
Marshall Magruder Library Fund .....	16,862.50*
Special Fund .....	<u>5,345.77*</u>
Total Assets .....	52,711.49

\*Includes allocation of interest from the \$20,000 Certificate of Deposit maturing October 27, 1984, as follows:

General Fund, Savings Account (47%) .....	\$ 639.00
Marshall Magruder Library Fund (41%) .....	557.00
Special Fund (12%) .....	<u>163.00</u>
Total Interest .....	1,359.00

John G. Urquhart, Treasurer

## UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

### Dr. Edward May Magruder Medical Scholarship Fund

September 30, 1984

#### Principal Account - University Code 0-65416

Balance: August 31, 1983 .....	\$44,700.09
Additions: Cash Gift January 10, 1984 .....	<u>1,000.00</u>
Balance: September 30, 1984 .....	<u><u>45,700.09</u></u>

#### Approximate Market Value at August 31, 1984

\$393.2418/share × 193.4006 shares .....	76,053.00
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#### Income Account - University Code 6-45416

Balance: August 31, 1983 .....	8,549.59
Additions: Income Earned .....	3,545.97
Deductions: Scholarships .....	<u>(4,000.00)</u>

Balance: September 30, 1984 .....	<u><u>\$ 8,095.56</u></u>
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\$3,000 scholarship awarded to Elizabeth Williams for 1983-84 academic year.

\$1,000 scholarship awarded to Ernest Pugh for spring semester 1984.

Reported by R. Gregory Magruder

## REPORT OF REGISTRAR

Frances A. Browne

- 2123 TUTWILER, Temple Wilson III, 3032 Cherokee Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35223: he the son of Margaret DeBardeleben and Temple Wilson Tutwiler II; he the son of Mary Addison and Herbert Tutwiler, Clan No. 559; he the son of Mary Fendey Jeffray and Major Edward Magruder Tutwiler, Clan No. 194.
- 2124 GREGORY, Jeffrey David, 3675 Titshaw Road, A-18, Gainesville, GA 30501: he the son of Lillie Ree Ponder and Corbett Hollis Gregory, Clan No. 2108.
- 2125 BOWMAKER, Norman John, 523 Nottingham Road, Baltimore, MD 21229: he the son of Cora Lucinda Jenks and Russell John Bowmaker; he the son of Mary Elizabeth Curry and John Bowmaker; he the son of Esther Currey and George Bowmaker; he the son of Elizabeth Wood and James Bowmaker; he the son of Catherine Wilson and James Bowmaker; he the son of Eleanor Pringel and Humphrey Bowmaker; he the son of Margaret Marchel (Marshall) and James Bowmaker; he the son of Margaret Deny and Henry Bowmaker born in Haddington, Scotland. Bowmaker is a MacGregor sept name.
- 2126 WALKER, Thomas Greene, 3513 Clayton Place, Birmingham, AL 35216: he the son of Mary Martin and Ernest F. Walker; he the son of Nancy Francis Ashcraft and Robert Greene Walker; he the son of Elizabeth Johnston and Samuel Taylor Walker; he the son of Jean Evaline Gamble and Andrew Walker; he the son of Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ and James Walker; he the son of Kathleen Rutherford and John Walker of Wigtown, Scotland. Walker is a MacGregor sept name.
- 2127LM MAGRUDER, Sarah Beall, 35 Hardy Avenue, Watertown, MA 02172: she the daughter of Beatrice Hardcastle Lowell and Lloyd Burns Magruder, Jr., Clan Nos. 2035A-LM and 937LM respectively.
- 2128 GILLIS, Michael, 71 Rossmore Road, Boston, MA 02130: he the son of Nancy Pollock, Clan No. 1998, and John Malcolm Gillis, and nephew of Mary Jane Pollock, Clan No. 1683LM.
- 2129 DONNELLY, Ellen Taylor, (Mrs. Harold I.), P. O. Box 2, Rapidan, VA 22733: she the daughter of Alice Peyton and Franklin Minor Taylor, Clan No. 998; he the son of Lucy Ann Gilmer Magruder, Clan No. 386, and Garland Burnley Taylor.
- 2131 THOMAS, Ann Rutledge McGregor (Mrs. Jerry L.), 24 Hunt Club Road, Apt. A, Greensboro, NC 27410: she the daughter of Dr. Mary Louise Rutledge and William E. McGregor, Clan Nos. 1578A and 1532 respectively.
- 2132 MacGREGOR, Norman E., 811 Phoenix Drive, Champaign, IL 61820: he the son of Alice Victoria Ericson and Harold Warden MacGregor; he the son of Marion Winton and James Farquharson McGregor; he the son of Jane Ross Warden and Alexander Farquharson M'Gregor. All members of the latter two generations shown were born in Dundee, Scotland.

- 2133      McGREGOR, David Finley, 122 North Lake, Drive, Lantana FL 33462: he the son of Jessie Aitken and William Higgins McGregor; he the son of Elizabeth Higgins and David Tannehie MacGregor; he the son of Robert Tannehie MacGregor. All ancestors shown were born in Scotland.
- 2134      CRAWFORD, Elizabeth King, 870 Vine Street, #33, Chattanooga, TN 37403: she the daughter of Beverly Elizabeth King and William Milton Crawford, Jr., he the son of Emily Drake, Clan No. 1013, and William Milton Crawford, Sr.
- 2135      CRAWFORD, Mary Alice, 7347 Red Oak Road, Apt. G-4, College Park, GA 30349: she the daughter of Emily Page Drake, Clan No. 1013, and William Milton Crawford, Sr.; she the daughter of Mary Lulu Hunnicutt and Benjamin Magruder Drake, Clan No. 785.
- 2136      CAUTHEN, Campbell Calhoun, Jr., 1744 Homarda Drive, Anniston, AL 36201: he the son of Campbell Calhoun Cauthen and Eva Leavelle McGregor; she the daughter of Sallie Collins and John Alfred McGregor; he the son of Dolly Elizabeth McDaniel and Stokely McGregor. Here the line joins that of Mrs. Hulon McGregor Davis, Clan No. 1590.
- 2137      WISE, Carolyn Ann Cannon Greer (Mrs. Homer R.), P. O. Box K, Kaiser Lake Road, Washington, MS 39190: she the daughter of Luther Robert Cannon and Carrie Starkey Aldridge; she the daughter of Joseph Jackson Starkey and Mary Ann Greer; she the daughter of Mary Ann Busby and Franklin Greer; he the son of Jennie Bladensinger (Basinger) and Jesse Greer, Jr.; he the son of Judith Hampton and Jesse Greer, Sr., he the son of Jancy Lowe and John Greer, Jr.; he the son of Sarah Day and John Greer, Sr.; he the son of Ann Taylor and James Greer who was born in Scotland.
- 2138      MacGREGOR, Malcolm Glover, 2170 Ocean Boulevard, Rye, NH 03870: he the son of Katharine Glover and Allan Barker MacGregor; he the son of Mary C. Bennett and Fred Davis McGregor; he the son of Rhoda Ann Barker and George F. McGregor; he the son of Maryette Nesmith and David McGregor; he the son of Polly Haven and Robert McGregor; he the son of Agnes Cochran and James McGregor (II); he the son of \_\_\_\_\_ and Alexander McGregor; he the son of Marion Cargill and Rev. James McGregor both born in Londonderry, Northern Ireland (a noted haven for Scots in exile) and both died in Londonderry, NH.
- 2139LM      McGREGOR, Robert Alexander, 45 Elmwood Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06854: he the son of Helen Day Tilly and Donald Rait McGregor; he the son of Gertrude Ellen Jewett and Ernest Frank McGregor, grandfather of Dr. Russell C. McGregor, Clan No. 1858.
- 2140      GREEN, Dana Lee, Jr., 6062 Pindell Road, Lothian, MD 20711: he the son of Dana Lee Green, Sr., and Esther Virginia Baker; she the daughter of Laura Virginia Robertson and Robert Wilmer Baker, father of Emily Wenzel, Clan No. 1615.
- 2141A      GREEN, Marian E. (Mrs. Dana L.) 6062 Pindell Road, Lothian, MD 20711: she the wife of Dana L. Green, Jr., Clan No. 2140.

- 2142        McGREGOR, Ronald Alvie, 14505 East Pacific Place, Aurora, CO 80014: he the son of Margaret Ethel Gilbow and Alvie McGregor; he the son of Sarah Ann Wright and George David McGregor; he the son of Georgia Ann Bryant and Edward Ragland McGregor; he the son of Dolly McDaniel and Stokely McGregor. Here the line joins that of Mrs. Hulon McGregor Davis, Clan No. 1590.
- 2143LM     MUNCASTER, William Thomas, Jr., 1611 Trailridge Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903: he the son of Mary Frances Olsen and William Thomas Muncaster, Clan No. 2041LM.
- 2144        MASON, Franklin Pierce, 40 Johnstone Drive, San Francisco, CA 94131: he the son of Willard Franklin Mason and Agnes Armstrong Leckie; she the daughter of Sophia Simpson Irvine and John Taylor Leckie; he the son of Janet Thomson and William Leckie; he the son of Margaret Liddell and William Leckie. The last three generations shown were all born in Scotland.
- 2145A      GREGG, Margaret Weed, 1602 Dunes Boulevard, P.O. Drawer R, Isle of Palms, SC: she the wife of Thomas Albert Gregg, Clan No. 2030LM.
- 2146        BONSER, Elizabeth Ann Bland (Mrs. James G.), 207 East Walton Street, P. O. Box 128, Baconton, GA 31716: she the sister of Rhydonia Bland Allen, Clan No. 1826.
- 2147        LERMAN, Elizabeth Taylor (Mrs. Leonard S.), 118 Salisbury Road, Elsmere, NY 12054: she the daughter of Elizabeth Horner Knox and Henry Magruder Taylor, Clan No. 436.
- 2148        McDANIEL, James Winnard, Jr., 4980 Moddison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95819: he the son of Dorothy Johnson and James W. McDaniel; he the son of Henry Elmer McDaniel and Janet McGregor; she the daughter of Charity Cole and Adam McGregor; he the son of Elizabeth Mary and Andrew McGregor of Ayrshire, Scotland; he the son of John McGregor of Ayrshire, Scotland.
- 2149        MAGRUDER, Harlan Noel, Jr., 116 South 10th, Vincennes, IN 47591: he the son of Mary Ann Tribble and Harlan Noel Magruder, Sr., he the son of Anice Hall and Noel Magruder. Here the line joins that of Paul Jennings Magruder, Clan No. 1005.
- 2150        MAGRUDER, David Noel, 116 South 10th, Vincennes, IN 47591: he the son of Harlan Noel Magruder, Jr., Clan No. 2149 above.
- 2151LM     CRAIG, Margaret Magruder, 1311 Orchard Road, Richmond, VA 23226: she the daughter of William Hutcheson Craig and Margaret Magruder, Clan No. 1235.
- 2152        MacGREGOR, Malcolm Glover, Jr., Bagdad Road, RFD #2, Durham, NH 03824: he the son of Pauline Frances Wiley and Malcolm Glover Macgregor, Sr., Clan No. 2138 above.
- 2153A      KENNEY, Bess Lummus, 8146 Freestone Drive, Jonesboro, GA 30236: she the wife of H. Gordon Kenney, Clan No. 1887.

- 2154 BRUISTER, Daysidel Day (Mrs. Thomas J.), Route 1, Box 166, Tutwiler, MS 38963: she the daughter of James Ozro Day and Maude Barbara Reeves; she the daughter of William Linus Reeves and Mary Belle Greer; she the daughter of Margaret Jones and John Anderson Greer; he the son of Polly Puckett and Jesse Greer, Jr., great grandfather of Mrs. Ann Greer Wise, Clan No. 2137.
- 2155 STREET, Walter Scott III, 3124 Williamswood Road, Bon Air, VA 23235: he the son of Margaret Claire Hoyt and Walter Scott Street, Jr.; he the son of America Virginia Ferneyhough and Walter Scott Street, Sr., the parents of Col. William A. Street, Clan No. 1836.
- 2156 McGEHEE, Henry Corr, P. O. Box 132, Palmyra, VA 22963: he the son of Eva Dora Cobbs and William Overton McGehee; he the son of Kate Henry Harris and Eugene Edmund McGehee; he the son of Elizabeth Katherine Johnson and William Samuel McGehee; he the son of Mary M. Hester and Augustine S. McGehee; he the son of Lavinia Smith and William McGehee; he the son of Ann Graves and John McGehee; he the son of Mary Carr and William McGehee; he the son of Thomas MacGehee, born James MacGregor in Scotland.
- 2157 FERGUSON, David Stanley, 28012 Farm Hill Drive, Hayward, CA 94542: he the son of Robert Stanley Ferguson and Gladys MacGregor, Clan No. 1549.
- 2158 WOODSON, William Lacy, P. O. Box 349, Columbia, MO 65205: he the son of Cornelia Catherine Cole and Robert Everett Woodson; he the son of Amanda Delila Kelly and William Joseph Woodson; he the son of Perlina Leaford Gregory and James Monroe Woodson; he the son of Joseph Munroe Woodson and Elizabeth Hodnett; she the daughter of Lucy Davis and John Hodnett; he the son of Ayres Hodnett and Mary McGehee; she the daughter of Elizabeth de Jarnette and Edward McGehee; he the son of Thomas MackGehee, also known as James MacGregor, born in Scotland, son of Patrick MacGregor, Chief of the Clan.
- 2159 LECKY, Norman Arthur, Route 7, Box 783, Gaffney, SC 29340: he the son of Julia A. and Norman Robert Lecky; he the son of Edith and Samuel Lecky, parents of Arthur Sheldon Lecky, Clan No. 1499.
- 2160 ANDERSON, Edmund Beard, 350 Kensington Drive, Savannah, GA 31405: he the son of Clara Beard and Henry Anderson; he the son of William Anderson and Ann Comrie; she the daughter of Margaret McCowan and John Comrie; he the son of Margaret Kemp and Peter Comrie; he the son of Elizabeth McIntyre and John Comrie. The Comries originated in Comrie, Perthshire, Scotland. Comrie is a sept name of the MacGregor clan.
- 2161 GREIG, N. Andrew, 4527 Fitzhugh Avenue, Richmond, VA 23230: he the son of Patricia Anne Breiding and Norman Alexander Greig, Jr.; he the son of Dorothy Stanton and Norman Alexander Greig, Sr.; he the son of Margaret McCoy and George Wallace Greig; he the son of Margaret \_\_\_\_\_ and Alexander Greig who was born in Scotland.
- 2162 BOONE, Martha Forbes, P. O. Box 365, Waldorf, MD 20601: she the daughter of Martha Forbes Boone (Mrs. William E.), Clan No. 1765.



- 2163      ASHLEY, Lauren Paul, 403 Southerland Avenue, Mesquite, TX 75150: he the son of Ferris Jean Wall and Floy Lauren Ashley; he the son of Floy Lee Ashley and Marguerite Josephin Gibson; she the daughter of Emma Betts Bowerman and Daniel Peter Gibson; he the son of William Gibson and Jane MacGregor of Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 2164LM    PASSANO, Tamara Ann, 3925 Linkwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21210: she the daughter of Helen Catherine Marikle and E. Magruder Passano, Jr., Clan Nos. 1637A-LM and 1636LM respectively: he the son of Edward Magruder Passano, Clan No. 1004.
- 2165LM    PASSANO, Sarah Rebecca, 3925 Linkwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21210: she the sister of Tamara Ann Passano, Clan No. 2164LM above.

**CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP STATUS (from Associate Member to Lineal Member)**

- 1962      MCGREGOR, William E., Jr., 2157 Norton Road, Charlotte, NC 28207

**REINSTATED MEMBERS**

- 1249      LANKFORD, Corrie Clagett (Mrs. Floyd, Jr.), 512 Lankford Road, Harwood, MD 20776.
- 939      PUGH, Louise Ewell (Mrs. Olin S.), 1502 Milford Road, Columbia, SC 29206

**JUNIOR MEMBERS**

CASH, Brandon Joseph  
MacGREGOR, Andrew James  
MacGREGOR, John Scott





## LIFE MEMBERS

(In addition to new members who came in as life members)

1857LM	Keith Harding Bash
1443LM	Louise Drane Burnett (Mrs. Thomas J., Jr.)
1228LM	John Francis Ewell
2036LM	Dallam G. Ferneyhough, Jr.
2032LM	Deirdre MacGregor Garrett
2102LM	William J. M. Garrett
1786LM	McGregor Gray
1729LM	E. Stuart Gregg
2030LM	Thomas A. Gregg
1889LM	Ethel Woodall Grider (Mrs. Cecil H.)
1772LM	Merrill Jenks King, Jr.
1112LM	Lucy Muncy Kirk (Mrs. Harold M.)
1657LM	Anna Wade Laws (Mrs. John K.)
1972A-LM	Ruth Lightfoot (Mrs. Phillip)
1528LM	Robert Bruce Magruder
1745LM	John Webster McGehee, Jr.
2122LM	Robert Kenneth McGregor, Jr.
1941A-LM	Kathleen McGowan McGregor (Mrs. Russell C.)
1858LM	Russell Carhart McGregor
2012LM	Jessie Ewell Mendez (Mrs. William, Jr.)
2013A-LM	William Mendez, Jr.
1840LM	Clifton William Potter, Jr.
1539A-LM	Horatio M. Richardson
215LM	Margery Muncaster Richardson (Mrs. Horatio M.)
1287LM	Kate Nolen Shockley (Mrs. Thomas J.)
1687LM	Francis Dodge Shoemaker III
1425LM	Robert Harrison Slaughter, Jr.
1678LM	Alfred Boynton Stevenson
1048LM	Joseph Charles Tichy III
1577LM	Susan Elizabeth Tichy

## A HIGHLANDMAN'S TOAST

Here's to the heath, the hill and  
the heather,  
The bonnet, the breacan, the kilt  
and the feather.  
Here's to the song that old Scotland  
can boast.  
May her name never die! — That's  
a Highlandman's Toast.



## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Edith Lloyd Blunt

The General Marshall Magruder Library of the American Clan Society was open for use 52 times during the year October 5, 1983 until October 31, 1984.

The Library was manned during the year by: Edith Blunt, Peg Tichy, John McAdams, Nancy Lee Markanich and Kay Guy.

The Librarian xeroxed and mailed 50 pages of requested genealogical material and also mailed five Yearbooks, requested by members and three requested by Hampton Sydney College. In total, \$39.50 was received for xeroxed pages and old Yearbooks.

One book was purchased for the Library: *History of a Family* by Robert McGregor. \$25.00.

The last twelve years of Yearbooks were bound, six to a volume to match the bound set belonging to the Library. The set is now complete through 1984. Cost \$73.50.

On behalf of the Clan Society, the Librarian wishes to thank the following for their donations:

from Mrs. Shirley Lehman Spohr

*Scottish and Scotch Irish Contributions to American Culture*, by William C. Lehmann

from Dr. Charles Kurz

*Early Settlers of Maryland*, edited by Gust Skordus

*Genealogical Gazetteer of Scotland*, compiled by Frank Smith F.S.G.

from Mrs. Clarence Thomas

*Early Homes of Waco, Texas*, by L. J. Barnes

from The Friends of Loch Lomond

*Rob Roy MacGregor, Rogue or Romantic Hero*, by Gilbert J. Summers

from John Murdoch MacGregor

*Registry of MacGregors in America*, published by Halbert's Inc.

*Counting Sheep From Open Range to Agribusiness on the Columbia Plateau*, by Alexander Campbell MacGregor

## REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Letitia D. Walker

Since the last Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society, there have been reported 11 births, 8 deaths of members, 4 deaths of relatives of members, and 1 death of a former member. No marriages were reported.

### BIRTHS

BLUNT, Hannah Williams, born April 11, 1984; daughter of Shelby and Harry Woodward Blunt IV, Clan No. 1594 LM; granddaughter of Edith Lloyd Blunt, Clan No. 1339 LM, and the late Harry Woodward Blunt III, Clan No. 1257 LM.

CURRAN, Molly Grace, born June 22, 1984; daughter of Kevin T. and Nancy Loveless Curran; granddaughter of William Eldridge Loveless and Helen Bowden Loveless; great-granddaughter of Majorie Hill Loveless, Clan No. 779,

HAGAN, Emily Anne, born May 23, 1984; daughter of Daniel Paul Hagan and Deborah Eaton Hagan, Clan No. 1995; granddaughter of Bronson W. Eaton and Anne L. MacGregor Eato, Clan 1777.

MARKANICH, Daniel Harding, born April 7, 1984; son the Kenneth Lee Markanich and Jennifer Linda Dick Markanich; grandson of Nancylee MacGregor Harding Markanich, Clan No. 1766; great-grandson of Nannie B. MacGregor Harding, Clan No. 369.

METZGER, Matthew Bryan, born February 6, 1984; son of Margaret Louise Uebel Metzger; grandson of Wilhelmina Stabler Uebel; great-grandson of Margaret Muncaster Stabler, Clan No. 585. His great-great-grandparents were John and Alletta Muncaster, Clan charter members Nos. 198 and 199.

MUNCASTER, John Walton, born July 19, 1984; son of Francis Riggs and Ruth Muncaster; grandson of John Edwin Muncaster, Jr., and great-grandson of John Edwin and Alletta Muncaster, Clan charter members Nos. 198 and 199.

MUNCASTER, William Edwin III, born February 5, 1984; son of William Edwin Muncaster II; grandson of John Edwin Muncaster, Jr.; great-grandson of John Edwin and Alletta Muncaster, Clan charter members Nos. 198 and 199; great-great-grandson of William Edwin Muncaster, Clan No. 362.

PFEIFER, Leslie Annette, born July 1, 1984; son of Phillip Hunt Pfeifer, Clan No. 2025, and Lori-Lee Pfeifer; granddaughter of Joseph William Pfeifer and Virginia Walker Pfeifer, Clan No. 2024.

RICHARDSON, Donald George, born December 8, 1983; son of Donald Alexander Richardson; grandson of the Reverend Horatio M. Richardson, Clan No. 1539-A LM, and step-grandson of his wife, Margery Muncaster Richardson, Clan No. 215 LM.

SCHULMAN, Caroline Gillis, born August 29, 1983; daughter of George Schulman and Theresa Gillis; granddaughter of John M. and Nancy Pollock Gillis, Clan No. 1998; great-great-granddaughter of Caroline M. Pollock, Clan No. 311.

STINES, Laura Elizabeth, born July 30, 1984; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stines, and great-granddaughter of Edith Lloyd Blunt, Clan No. 1339 LM.



Daniel Harding Markanich



Laura Elizabeth Stines



Hannah Williams Blunt



Molly Grace Curran



Emily Anne Hagan



Matthew Bryan Metzger



Donald George Richardson



John Walton Muncaster



William Edwin Muncaster III  
Father, W. E. Muncaster II  
& Grandfather John Edwin Muncaster, Jr.

## DEATHS OF MEMBERS

- GRAY, Dorothea Marburg, Clan No. 2052-A, died March 29, 1984; wife of McGregor Gray, Clan No. 1786.
- HILL, Thomas B., Jr., Clan No. 1507-A; husband of Mildred Hill, Clan No. 1509.
- HUTCHISON, Mrs. Miller B., Jr. (Marguerite), Clan No. 1354-A, died March 3, 1984. She is survived by a son, Lewis G. Hutchison of Rochester, New York.
- McGEE, Dr. Ambrose, Clan No. 1433, died June 4, 1984; husband of Lois L. McGee. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, two daughters, a sister, 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.
- PATTISON, William Dorsey, Jr., Clan No. 1673; died September 1, 1984. He is survived by a son, William D. Pattison III, 2 grandchildren, and a cousin Kathryn E. Gyy, Clan No. 1677.
- PAUL, Mrs. Francis Jennings (Evelyn Valinda Lewis Paul), Clan No. 1670, died December 1, 1983, at the age of 96; mother of Mrs. Walter R. Thom, Jr. (Frances), Clan No. 1583, and sister of Mrs. Mario Ventura, (Clan No. 1417) and Mrs. Josephine K. L. Smith, Clan No. 1260. She is survived also by a grandson, a granddaughter, and 4 great-grandchildren.
- PETER, Armistead III, Clan No. 1912, died December 9, 1983; husband of Helen Tucker Peter, father of Mrs. Worthington Pearre, and grandfather of Louise Custis Pearre and Peter Pearre.
- WELIVER, Irene, Clan No. 1989-A, died in July 1984; wife of John W. Weliver, Clan No. 1988-LM.

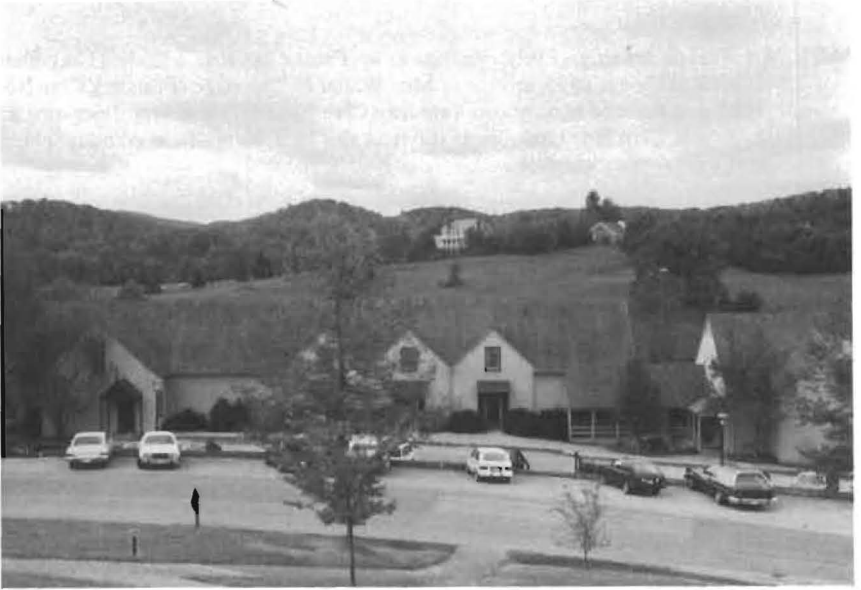
## DEATHS OF RELATIVES OF MEMBERS

- COLES, alene M., died September 8, 1984; mother of Edward K. Gregor, Clan No. 933, of Rochester, New York.
- FIELD, Eugene E. died July 2, 1984; grandson of Mrs. Thomas Shockley of Nashville, Tennessee.
- MacGREGOR, Mrs. John A. died early in the year. She was the wife of John A. MacGregor, Clan No. 2074 of Lee Massachusetts.
- MURDOCK, James Henry, died during 1984; brother of Hon. Robert M. Murdock, Clan No. 1408, and cousin of Margery Muncaster Richardson, Clan No. 215 LM.

## DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER

- WOOD, Eleanor MacGregor, former Clan No. 221, died September 18, 1984; daughter of Edgar Wade Wood and Grace MacGregor Wood, Clan No. 220-C; sister of Roberta W. Smith, former Clan No. 281.





**Boar's Head Inn**

**Photo by Frank Walker**

# American Clan Gregor Society

75TH ANNIVERSARY GATHERING

Organized June 10, 1909



NOVEMBER FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR

BOAR'S HEAD INN

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA



### THE FIERY CROSS OF CLAN ALPIN

*"When flits this cross from man to man  
Vich-Alpin's summons to his Clan,  
Woe to the Clansman who shall view  
This symbol of sepulchral yew,  
Forgetful that its branches grew  
On Alpin's dwelling place.  
Fast as the fatal symbol flies.  
In arms the huts and hamlets rise;  
From winding glen, from upland brown,  
They poured each hardy tenant down.  
Nor slacked the messenger his pace;  
He showed the sign, he named the place."*

(Excerpt from *The Lady of the Lake*  
by Sir Walter Scott)

### HAIL GREGARACH

### YOU HAVE HEEDED THE CALL

The Chieftain and the Gathering Committee welcome all of you to the celebration of our 75TH ANNUAL GATHERING, here in the place where we were founded. Let us join together and make this an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

## OFFICERS

Brig. Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor,  
Baronet . . . . . Hereditary Chief  
L. Burns Magruder . . . . . Chieftain  
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Mrs. Herschel M. Browne . . . . . Registrar  
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John G. Urquhart . . . . . Treasurer  
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Dr. Mary Louise Rutledge . . . . . Surgeon  
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Dr. William C. Stokoe . . . . . Piper  
Dr. R. G. Magruder . . . . . Co-Chairman of the Gathering  
Mason M. Lummis . . . . . Co-Chairman of the Gathering

## THE COUNCIL

Officers of the Society, Former Chieftains, the Trustees,  
and Ten Members-at-Large

### FORMER CHIEFTAINS

Douglas N. Magruder  
Dr. Roger G. Magruder  
John Murdoch MacGregor  
R. James Macgregor  
Archibald McGregor  
William E. McGregor

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PROGRAM  
75TH ANNUAL GATHERING

Thursday, November first

5:00 P.M. — Reception for Sir Gregor and  
Lady MacGregor

Coach Room, #103 Ednam Hall

— Dinner of your own choice

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Friday, November second

9:00 A.M. — Registration, Tack Room, off Lobby

9:00 A.M. — Council Meeting

Trophy Room, Lower Level

11:30 A.M. — Tour — Buses leave from Lobby

— Memorial Service

Christ Episcopal Church

— Lunch, Christ Episcopal Church

— Laying of the Memorial Wreath  
and ceremony at the grave of  
Dr. Jesse Ewell, co-founder  
of A.C.G.S., Ruckersville, VA

— Tour of the Rotunda and the  
McGregor Library at the  
University of Virginia and  
Glenmore, childhood home of  
Dr. Edward May Magruder, co-  
founder of A.C.G.S.

Friday, November second

— Refreshments at the home of Misses  
Evelina and Allaville Magruder,  
Hosted by them and Mr. and Mrs.  
R. Gregory McGruder

— Dinner of your own choice

8:30 P.M. — Ceilidh

Main Ballroom

Selected pieces on the dulcimer by  
Fran Browne

Scottish songs: auld and new by  
John Masterson

Scottish Country Dancing,  
directed by Bill Stokoe

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Saturday, November third

9:30 A.M. — General Meeting of the Society

Main Ballroom

Presentation of our donation to  
the University of Virginia  
for the Edward May Magruder  
Scholarship Fund, to be  
accepted by Dr. Norman Knorr  
of the University of Virginia  
Scholarship Committee

Remarks by Ernest Pugh, current  
recipient of the Scholarship

Saturday, November third

11:00 A.M. — State Deputy Chieftains Meeting  
Main Ballroom

The General membership is  
invited to attend

12:00 Noon — Lunch  
Main Ballroom

2:00 P.M. — Decorations Committee  
Suite 100

3:00 P.M. — Pipe Band Concert  
Location to be determined  
by the weather

6:30 P.M. — Daniel Randall Magruder Reception  
Main Ballroom Lobby

7:30 P.M. — Annual Banquet  
Main Ballroom  
The party following the  
Banquet will be held in the  
Coach Room #103, Ednam Hall

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Sunday, November fourth

10:00 A.M. — Kirkin' of the Tartan  
Christ Episcopal Church,  
with the A.C.G.S. Pipe Band



COMMITTEE  
FOR THE  
SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GATHERING

Co-Chairmen: Dr. R. Gregory Magruder  
Mason M. Lummis

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Tour Chairman: Mason M. Lummis

Ceilidh Chairman: Joseph C. Tichy

Decorations Chairman: Mrs. R. Gregory Magruder

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Mrs. Herbert Henshaw  
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William C. Stokoe  
Mrs. William C. Stokoe  
Mrs. Harry W. Blunt  
Mrs. Mason M. Lummis  
Mrs. Joseph C. Tichy



## 50th ANNIVERSARY

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

Major Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart.  
Charlottesville, Virginia  
October 17, 1959

## 75th ANNIVERSARY



Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Chief of the Clan and L. Burns Magruder, Jr., Chieftan, American Clan Gregor Society, Charlottesville, Virginia, November 2, 1984.

Photo by Sam Magruder

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1984 GATHERING

by Marilyn Blanck

A glowing jack-o'-lantern leered at us from his position atop a heavy antique table in the subtly-lighted lobby of the Boar's Head Inn, Charlottesville, Virginia, welcoming us, on Halloween, to the "country-elegant" surroundings which were to be the site of the 75th Annual Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society, founded in this same city in 1909. Early arriving tartan-clad MacGregors shared "treats" with ghosts, monsters, and pirates bound for parties somewhere; then met informally with other clan members during dinner, picking up conversations left unfinished in New Hampshire in 1983.

The large number of MacGregors arriving on Thursday gave rise to suspicion confirmed by evening — that this would be the largest ever gathering of the Society! There was tartan in the lobby, tartan in the gift shop, tartan on the grounds, and tartan lost in the labyrinthine corridors of the Inn — while the parking area filled with automobiles from a dozen states. Thursday evening's cocktail party, honoring Clan Chief Sir Gregor and Lady MacGregor of Newtyle, Angus, Scotland, was attended by at least 150 persons, many of whom renewed acquaintance with the honored guests, while others enjoyed a first meeting. Following this highly successful party, Society members made informal arrangements for their own dinners, many choosing one of the dining rooms at the Inn.

Official registration, which began on Friday morning, topped out at 326! In addition to the small items offered for sale during registration, members had the opportunity to donate to a fund being developed to save the historic beauty of Loch Lomond, now threatened with hydroelectric development. Late Friday morning, scores of MacGregors (including many children and **one white goose**) boarded five large tour buses for an extensive tour planned by Dr. R. Gregory Magruder and Mason Lummis, co-chairmen of the weekend. The overflow formed a convoy of private automobiles and a motor home. First stop was Christ Church, Charlottesville, where Society member Ramsey Richardson is rector. He and Chaplain Rev. Ray Richardson conducted a memorial service for members deceased during the past year. Bill Stokoe provided accompaniment on the pipes. Women of the church served a Brunswick stew luncheon. Members had the opportunity to admire the Tiffany windows in the sanctuary, as well as several memorials placed by the Magruder family.

Following the service, we laid the wreath on the Ruckersville grave of Dr. Jesse Ewell, co-founder of the Society. Our buses next followed the road to Glenmore, the Albemarle County estate acquired by Benjamin Henry Magruder in 1843, and held in family hands until 1957. A well-kept Magruder cemetery is on the grounds. The stately home and acreage are now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Casati, who have carried out some restoration of the property and are raising Limousin cattle.

Our next destination was the University of Virginia, whose timeless original buildings, designed by Thomas Jefferson, are considered to be among the most significant works of American architecture. As the tartan-clad group assembled in front of the Rotunda, a UV student was heard to say, "**All** the MacGregors in the United States are here today!" At least one Californian who was on the tour would like to replay her college years, strictly for a room on the "Lawn," cum woodpile and fireplace, even after a stern reminder about the effect of cold winters coupled with the long distance to "modern conveniences."

As the autumn day began to darken, we once more boarded the buses for our final visit - at the home of Evalina and Allaville Magruder, daughters of Society co-founder Dr. Edward May Magruder. As we crowded into the house, built for Dr. Magruder's hospital in 1899 and occupied as a family home since 1901, we met our two gracious hostesses and were served sherry and wafers in the room where the American Clan Gregor Society was organized in 1909. Paintings and photographs attested to the vigor and beauty of many of the Magruder women, and antique furnishings could tell tales of their service in the Magruder household.

The tour complete, our large, enthusiastic group (with one white goose) returned to the Boar's Head Inn, to dress for the evening's ceilidh.

The Inn's ballroom, arranged in concert seating, was the site of a very successful program, where we had a special treat from Fran Browne (Registrar), who demonstrated three varieties of plucked/strummed dulcimers, performing several selections on each. Further entertainment from John Masterson provided us with the opportunity to join in on many old favorites, both Scottish and American. We were reminded of our place in the universe with "All God's critters got a place in the choir; Some sing low and some sing higher..." Perhaps not Scottish, but good philosophy. (And the white goose could identify with this.) Bill Stokoe directed country dancing to wind up the evening.



Fran Browne plays the dulcimer.

Photo by Richard McGregor

Business meetings began early Saturday morning. Highlight of the general meeting was the presentation of the Society's annual donation to the Edward May Magruder Memorial Scholarship fund, accepted by Dr. Norman Knorr, dean of the Medical School, University of Virginia. Ernest Pugh, current recipient of the scholarship, added his remarks.

Clan Chief Sir Gregor stressed to the State Deputy Chieftains their duty in membership recruitment and hospitality toward Society members who live away from the eastern "center" of the Society. Assertive development is planned in parts of the United States where there are now few members, and future annual gatherings may be held in some of these frontier outposts!

Following these business meetings, members enjoyed luncheon together, making new friends. Soon after luncheon it was time for the pipe band concert. The weather was superb, crisp and clear, with no threat of rain! Several hotel guests and employees, and neighborhood residents experienced a live pipe band for the first time. At least one local photographer, "doing" her first piping program for Inn publicity, was totally frustrated by the intricate movements and the fast pace of the performance!

Crowning the day was the banquet, at which more than 300 persons were served. Many thanks to the hotel staff, which managed very well under cramped conditions. Memories were revived by the remarks of Edith Blunt and reminiscences of the earliest days of the Society were given by Miss Evalina Magruder, who was eleven years old at the time of the first meeting. She declared that the most exciting part of that historic evening was playing "quadruple solitaire" in her hotel room!

Sir Gregor made a special presentation of a pinsel, which when carried at Society functions, represents the symbolic presence of the Chief. Who will become the standard bearer?

Retiring Chieftain Burns Magruder relinquished the office he had held for two years to Dr. Russell C. McGregor, new Chieftain.

The Society's own pipe band once more added a very special dimension to the program, as it piped in the haggis and escorted honored guests and officials to the head table. The Hon. Hugh Campbell once more addressed the haggis with the famed words of Robert Burns.

New members are astounded and old members always enjoy the special Highland toast which concludes the singing of **MacGregor's Gathering**, but since the evening is late and many glasses are empty, more of these Highland-clad gentlemen might advisably acquire dirks, with which to affirm that "MacGregor despite them, shall flourish forever." Steel adds a certain ferocity to the vow!

After joining hands for Auld Lang Syne, the banquet officially concluded, but was followed soon after by an enthusiastic after-party gathering, continuing the celebration as the hour grew very late. (The white goose did not attend.)

Sunday morning saw the departure of some of the celebrants, but many remained for a "Kirkin' of the Tartan" at Christ Church, which featured participation by Sir Gregor, the Rev. Ray Richardson, the Rev. Ramsey Richardson (rector), and the Clan Gregor Society Pipe Band, with soloist Gregory O'Brien. Will this ceremony become a tradition at annual gatherings?



Finally, we all dispersed — some to homes only a few miles from Charlottesville, others to Ohio, New York, California, Alabama, Maryland, Mississippi. It had been another fine MacGregor weekend.

See you next year in Atlanta!

And the white goose? You'll have to ask Tamara Passano. She has official custody.



Tamara and Catherine Passano.

Photo by Marilyn Blanck

ALMIGHTY GOD, Heavenly Father, we recall in grateful memory all those who during the past seventy-five years have striven to keep alive the purposes of American Clan Gregor Society. Although we do not remember them all by name, we bask in this Clan Society which their endeavors have helped perpetuate. We do recall the names of those of the Society who have died in this past year.

As is written on the tomb of Scotland's unknown soldier,  
They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn;  
At the going-down of the sun and in the morning .....  
We will remember them.

WE PRAY THEE, that having opened to them the gates of the larger life, Thou wilt receive them more and more into Thy joyful service, that they may win with Thee and Thy servants everywhere the eternal victory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Christ Church

Photo by George McGregor



Christ Church

Photos by George McGregor

## MEMORIAL SERVICE ADDRESS - 75TH ANNIVERSARY ACGS

Each year as we come together in this annual "gathering of the Clan," we hold a "Memorial Service," remembering by name those members who have departed from our midst since the last gathering. This year is no different, except that it is more.

This year we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of our founding and hence any "Memorial Service" has to recall to our minds not only the immediate past, but that which stretches on throughout past years to our founding. For this we are all most grateful to those prime movers, Dr. Jesse Ewell and Dr. Edward May Magruder, who had the idea of stressing their roots and their companionship and clansmanship in this area of the world we all love. Certainly our gratitude to them is best expressed by the heartiness of our present organization.

Yet we all need to realize that it was not always so successful or popular to be a "Scot" and proud of it, let alone being a MacGregor! The Society certainly had its moments of popularity and also its moments of lethargy. Harry Blunt used to never tire of telling us that when he took over the business affairs of the Society, the recorded number of members who received the yearbook was astronomically high and the number who paid their dues was astronomically low. But all that seems to have changed and a new feeling is in the air, and now it is not only proper but terribly "chic" to emphasize one's ethnic roots. Times do change and we have to remember those who struggled to keep us alive when all of this wasn't so.

My immediate predecessor, in this office of Chaplain, Daniel Randall Magruder, was also Chieftan for a number of years. Not only did he introduce the wearing of the kilt to the Society's banquet, he also introduced the cocktail hour before it! Some change for a clergyman who always wore black! Times and attitudes change, and it is fortunate that we have been privileged to be the inheritors of the good fortune of success in this endeavor.

The great tribute which Jesus, son of Sirach, wrote concerning his heritage in that book of the Apocrypha called Ecclesiasticus, points out very specifically that some of the great people of any age have a great memorial in the deeds that they were to accomplish in life, and yet there are those who have no memorial, which is a kind of contradiction in terms because in his remembering of that host upon host of people throughout all generations, he did provide a memorial. And that is what we do, too.

We remember with deep gratitude those who were able to round up sufficient people to begin this Society (and some of those charter or early members are still active among us). I certainly do not know the intricacies of the early membership, I know only the result of what they began.

It may (indeed) be treading close to sacrilege to point out that our Lord Jesus Christ, on the occasion of His Last Meeting with his disciples took bread and wine, blessed and distributed it to them and said, "Do this in remembrance of me," and all of these actions are still commemorated in Churches today, and yet the celebration of that "Remembrance" is a far cry from its original, as well it should be. So, too, however, perhaps American Clan Gregor is now far from what was envisioned some seventy-five years ago in this place, but we still meet in gratitude for our establishment. We do remember them. This, too, is our "memorial."

Reverend Horatio M. Richardson

## DEDICATION OF TIPPET FOR USE AT MEMORIAL SERVICES

PRESENTED TO ACGS BY REV. AND MRS. HORATIO M. RICHARDSON



HEAVENLY FATHER, as your servants prayed of old in the words, "Clothe your ministers with righteousness," so now accept and bless this tippet which we now set apart for use at services of American Clan Gregor Society, in memory of Harry Blunt and his years of service to us. Grant that its use of the ancient tartan may recall in us grateful memories of the hard struggle throughout the years of Clan Gregor and deepen our appreciation of those memorialized at this service year by year. All this we ask in Thy Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



### ARMISTEAD PETER III

Armistead Peter III, Clan No. 1912, died at the age of 87 on December 9, 1983, at Tudor Place, his ancestral home in Georgetown.

Mr. Peter was born in Cambridge, New York. He was graduated from St. Alban's School for Boys in Washington, D.C. He served in the Navy in World War I and as a Commander served in the Pacific during World War II.

He studied art in France and his watercolors have been exhibited both here and in New York. He was also a horticulturist and historian and wrote and lectured extensively on these subjects. He owned "Content Farm" in New York where he raised poultry and sheep.

Mr. Peter was a great-great-great grandson of Martha Washington, one of his ancestors, Thomas Peter, having married Martha Parke Custis, a granddaughter of Mrs. Washington.

He and his wife, the former Helen Tucker of Washington, were great lovers of Scotland and made annual visits to that country.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Peter is survived by a daughter by his first wife, Mrs. Worthington Pearre of Baltimore, and two grandchildren.





### MRS. FRANCES JENNINGS PAUL

Mrs. Paul (Evelyn Valinda Lewis), Clan No. 1670, died December 1, 1983, at the age of 96; mother of Mrs. Walter R. Thom, Jr., Clan No. 1583. She is survived also by two sisters, a grandson, a granddaughter and 4 great-grandchildren.



### DR. W. AMBROSE McGEE

Dr. William Ambrose McGee, Clan No. 1433; died at the age of 85 on June 4, 1984 at his home in Palm Beach, Florida, after a long illness.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, he was a graduate of both the University of Virginia and the Medical College of Virginia. He practiced pediatrics there for 36 years before moving to Florida. He was one of the early pioneers in pediatrics and pediatric allergy and held many important positions in that field.

Dr. McGee is survived by his wife, Lois, a son, William Ambrose McGee III of Stoney Brook, Long Island, New York, two daughters, Mrs. Lois M. Mabry of North Palm Beach, and Mrs. Martha M. Pike of Knoxville, Tennessee, a sister, Mrs. Lina M. Ellett, of Richmond, ten grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



**DOROTHEA MARBURG GRAY**

Dorothea Gray, Clan No. 2052-A, wife of McGregor Gray, of St. Michaels, Maryland, and a dearly-loved member of Clan Gregor, died of cancer on March 29, 1984, scarcely six months after having been elected Scribe of the Society.

Born in Montclair, New Jersey, December 6, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Louis C. and Gertrude Wells Marburg. She graduated from the Buxton School and was graduated from Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, Westchester County, New York, with a degree in Social Work. After her marriage to McGregor Gray, she began a career in teaching — first in Colorado Springs where her husband was serving with the 10th Mountain Troops, and later at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C. She also taught at the Country School in Easton, Maryland, where she specialized in computer literacy. At her home in St. Michaels she tutored mathematics.

During tours overseas with her husband who was in the Foreign Service, Dot was active in intercultural groups at a number of American embassies involved in work with poor, blind and orphaned children.

For many years she was active in the League of Women Voters, and served as president of the Talbot County League. She was a past vice president of the Montgomery County League and recently was serving on the State Board of the Maryland League.

Dot was a member and a past recording clerk of the Third Haven Meeting, Society of Friends in Easton, Maryland.

In addition to her husband, Dot is survived by her son, McGregor Gray, Jr. of Reykjavik, Iceland, her daughter, Hildegard Gray of Clemson, South Carolina, her sister, Hildegard Hennington of Greenwich, Connecticut, her brother, Donald Marburg, of Columbus, North Carolina and five grandchildren.

# TOUR

## NOVEMBER 2, 1984

### CHRIST CHURCH

Old Christ Church, founded in 1820, completed and consecrated in 1826, was the first denominational building in the village of Charlottesville. Thomas Jefferson subscribed to the building fund and furnished the original plans. The brick building, reflecting the Jeffersonian influence in its design, faced its own churchyard on what is now Jefferson Street. In 1895 Old Christ Church, enlarged several times through the years but now inadequate for the congregation, was torn down and the present church structure was built. The towers and parish house were completed in 1928. In 1953 additional property was acquired for Church School use and future growth.

In Christ Church are three memorials of interest to American Clan Gregor Society members. First, a pair of seven branch candelabra given in memory of Edward May Magruder and his wife Mary Cole Gregory, and second, the brass dove centered in three circles representing the Holy Trinity which hangs over the baptismal font, given in memory of their two sons who died in infancy (below); both were given by the family in 1962. The third is the library given in memory of Colonel Irwin Lytle Lummis in 1970, by his wife, Evelina Norris Magruder Lummis.

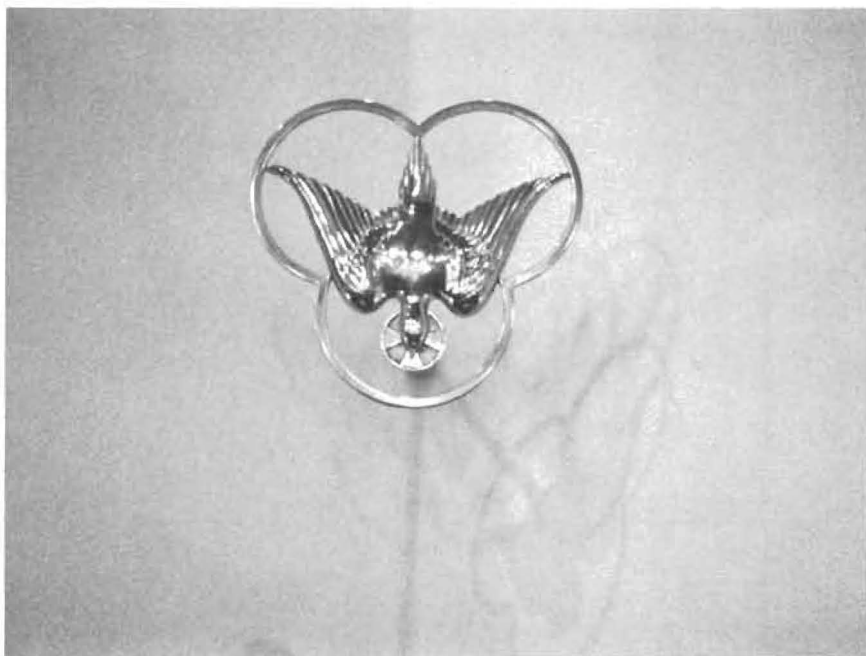


Photo by Frank Walker

## A GAELIC PRAYER

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

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

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

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

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

Amen.

*This prayer was used at the graveside of Dr. Jesse Ewell, this year and at the 50th Anniversary.*



Photo by Richard McGregor



Photo by Marilyn Blanck

## DR. JESSE EWELL'S GRAVE, RUCKERSVILLE

On this momentous occasion in the history of the American Clan Gregor Society it is appropriate to pay tribute to the initiator, cofounder, and first scribe of the society, Dr. Jesse Ewell V. The son of John S. Magruder Ewell and Helen W. MacGregor, Jesse Ewell V was born in Prince William County, Virginia in 1853. His mother having died in his infancy, Dr. Ewell was raised by his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Jesse Ewell IV. His medical education was obtained at the Washington College in Baltimore from which he graduated in 1875.

Dr. Ewell settled in Ruckersville and married Mary J. Ish of Loudoun County, Virginia. Besides an active medical practice he devoted much time to community work and was one of the organizers of the Ruckersville Baptist Church.

Being very proud of his MacGregor lineage, Dr. Ewell found a kindred spirit in a not too distant colleague, Dr. Edward M. Magruder, who was called in for professional consultations at intervals. As these two hardy physicians traveled the roads of Green County on horseback, their conversation turned to their families and common ancestors. Dr. Ewell told of his dream of an American gathering of the MacGregor descendants, which struck an enthusiastic cord in Dr. Magruder. The outcome was a meeting in the home of Dr. Magruder in June 1909 when the American Clan Gregor Society was founded.





Courtesy of Mason Lummis



Photo by Marilyn Blanck

## GLENMORE

The original tract of land, to which acres were added over the years, was a grant issued during the reign of George II in 1732, the name Glenmore being recorded in 1805. The present residence evolved through construction areas by different owners. The first building, anti-dating the Revolutionary War, was a one-story stone structure with basement and is still in excellent state of preservation within the present building. After the Revolution, a two-story frame building with a small porch was erected on the south side of the original structure. About 1814 a room was added over the stone structure and projecting beyond it on the north side.

After acquisition of Glenmore by Benjamin Henry Magruder in 1843, extensive improvements, including two wings at the northeast and southwest sides were added. A porch across the entire front was built with an upstairs porch constructed over the center area. Changes in the roof were made and it was covered with slate from a quarry on the farm. Also the interior design was altered. A brick kitchen with room for house servants was built on the back lawn. In bygone years ten splended oaks shaded the lawn and sides of the house. Storms and age have destroyed all but two. The family cemetery lies to the west of the dwelling.

Benjamin Henry Magruder, the youngest of the twelve children of John Bowie Magruder and his wife, Sarah B. Jones, was born in 1808 in the "Home Place" (later called "Cumber") in Fluvanna County. He attended the first two sessions of the University of Virginia and studied law privately under the distinguished jurist Judge Brockenbrough of Lexington, Va. Mr. Magruder was a man of many talents, namely scholar, linguist, amateur architect, farmer, lawyer and distinguished representative from Albemarle County in the Virginia Legislature.

He was married, first, to Maria Louisa Minor, and following her death, to Ann Evelina Norris. After the death of Mr. Magruder in 1885 and his wife, Ann Evelina in 1897, Glenmore came into the ownership of one son, Horatio E., and Julia Magruder, his wife. Following their deaths, it was bequeathed to certain Magruders and occupied by Egbert W. Magruder, another son, until his death, and lastly by Colonel Irwin L. Lummis and his wife, Evelina Norris Magruder. Finally, in 1957 by mutual consent of all of the joint owners, Glenmore was sold out of the Magruder family.

Several families have owned it subsequently. Mr. Clay Camp converted the farm to one on which thoroughbred race horses were raised with a large stable and exercise tract being built. Changes in the house were made, including removal of that part of the porch on the wings and an addition added on the southwest end. The present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Casati have beautified the house and lawns; and reclaimed more of the land for raising a fine strain of Limousin cattle.

## UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Thomas Jefferson's "Academical Village" founded in 1819, is composed of the Rotunda, of Roman style architecture (focal point), the Lawns, with pavillions and dormitory rooms, and on each side are parallel rows of buildings called the Ranges, consisting of dormitory rooms and hotels where students dined originally. The top floors of the pavillions served as living quarters for the professors and the ground level floors were classrooms and offices. Separating the rear areas of the Lawn and Ranges are gardens, which served various purposes, enclosed by serpentine walls, an art form both functional and beautiful.

In 1895, fire from faulty electrical wiring destroyed the interior of the Rotunda. On reconstruction, the interior design was changed to a Victorian interpretation of the Roman style. However, in 1973 to 1976 the interior of this noble building was restored to its original design. The American Institute of Architects has recognized the academical village "as the most significant achievement of American architecture in the past 200 years."

## THE TRACY W. MCGREGOR LIBRARY

The McGregor Library was presented to the University of Virginia in 1938 by deed of gift from the trustees of the McGregor fund. Housed in a specially constructed room, noted for its handsome appointments, in the Alderman Library is one of the most extensive and outstanding collections of Americana. Through his love of book collecting, covering many years, Mr. McGregor brought together his library of American History which formed the foundation of this outstanding collection.

Tracy W. McGregor was born in Ohio in 1869 and later lived in Detroit and finally Washington. In 1925, he and Mrs. McGregor (formerly Katherine Whitney), created the McGregor fund, a foundation to do good. In the final years of his life, Mr. McGregor visited the University of Virginia and was pleased with its traditions, contributions to education, and intellectual leadership that the University had given the South. Feeling Mr. McGregor's desires would be fulfilled, the trustees established the library here.

## THE MAGRUDER SANITARIUM

With a dire need of hospital facilities in Charlottesville in the 1890's, Dr. Edward M. Magruder designed and had constructed the Magruder Sanitarium in 1899 at the corner of Jefferson and First Streets. It was the first private hospital built in the city. Constructed of red brick, it has large porches on the front and back for enjoyment of patients. The rooms on the east side were Dr. Magruder's offices. The spacious halls and stairways facilitated the use of stretchers in carrying patients between the floors and operating rooms at the southwest corner of the first floor. In case the central heating system failed, fireplaces were in every room, including the attic and basement. Meals were prepared and delivered from a boarding house across the street. This sanitarium was operated successfully by Dr. Magruder until 1901, when the University Hospital opened. He then made it a permanent residence for his family, retained a resident physician and professional nurses and accommodated occasional patients for several years. The home was the site of the founding of the American Clan Gregor Society in 1909. He continued to use the office space until his death in 1925. Members of his family live there to this date, it being the home of two daughters, Misses Evelina and Allaville Magruder, charter members of the ACGS. His son, Dr. R. G. Magruder, returning from active duty in World War II opened his office in the remodeled spaces previously occupied by his father.

Dr. Edward M. Magruder, co-founder and first chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society was born in Charlottesville in 1858 and raised at Glenmore. In 1878 to 1879, he attended the University of Virginia, following which he taught school and tutored children for three years to accumulate funds to pay for his medical education. This commenced at Bellvere Hospital Medical College in New York in 1882 to 1883. He completed his doctorate in one year at the University of Virginia in 1884. Following this, he and his brother, Mason, completed a post-graduate course at New York Polyclinic in 1884 to 1885. Subsequently, he established his home and medical practice in Charlottesville in 1886.

In 1896, he married Mary Cole Gregory of King William County, Virginia. Dr. Magruder was a charter member of the Martha Jefferson Sanitarium Association and served as its president from 1909 to 1925. He was a clinical instructor in physical diagnosis in the University Medical School for 39 years.

Second only to Dr. Magruder's profession was his interest in the success of the American Clan Gregor Society.



Photo by George McGregor



## GENERAL MEETING

November 3, 1984

ALMIGHTY GOD HEAVENLY FATHER, as we join in this seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of American Clan Gregor Society, we ask that Thou wilt always keep us alert to the bonds of clansmanship. As Thou hast made us so that we are at our best in families, so lead us to understand the larger embrace of the Clan as family. Help us to do the business of our Society and do it well, and grant that we may indeed be sensitive and responsive to the needs of others in this world.

The General Meeting of the Seventy-fifth Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society was called to order by the Chieftain, L. Burns Magruder, on November 3, 1984 in the Annex of the Boar's Head Inn at Charlottesville, Virginia. Following an opening prayer by the Chaplain, the Rev. Horatio Richardson, the Chieftain introduced the Hereditary Chief of the Clan, Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor.

Sir Gregor spoke briefly and warmly of his previous attendance at the 50th Gathering, also held in Charlottesville, and gave the Gathering a few words of inspiration for the future.

The Scribe, McGregor Gray, then read the minutes of the Council Meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected. The Registrar, Mrs. Herschel Browne, gave her report on new membership. She introduced those new members present and also those who were attending a Gathering for the first time. The Historian, Miss Letitia Walker, then read her report in full, listing births and deaths since the last Gathering. No marriages were reported.

The Assistant Chieftain, Joseph C. Tichy, Jr. announced additional information on the trip to Scotland and the reception for the Clan Gregor Society in Edinburgh. Interested persons were told to contact him or Mrs. William E. (Lou) McGregor.

The Co-chairman of the Gathering Committee, R. Gregory Magruder, extended the welcome of Charlottesville, his ancestral home, to those in attendance, recalling his childhood memories of the First Gathering of the Society, 75 years ago. He thanked Mason Lummis and other members for a job well done.

The Chieftain expressed his pride and pleasure in the continued good health of the Society and his hopes for further cooperation and association with Gregors worldwide. He then introduced Lady Fanny MacGregor of MacGregor, President of the Clan Gregor Society, who read in full a letter from Sheila MacGregor who is Chairwoman of the organization based in Scotland.

The Chieftain reported that the Trustees had recommended to the Council a gift of \$5,000 to the Dr. Edward May Magruder Scholarship Fund of the University of Virginia; and that the proposal had received approval from a special meeting of the Council. Later in the meeting, Ernest O. Pugh, a fourth year medical student, and descendent of a founder of the American Clan Gregor Society, thanked the Society for its generosity. The check for \$5,000 was accepted with thanks by Dr. Norman J. Knorr for the University Medical School and he reported that 31 students have received grants for varying size over the past 52 years, the first having been for \$60 in 1932. This would not go far today towards the cost of \$27,000 per student per year.

NEW BUSINESS. Dr. Charles Kurz, the former Librarian, told the Meeting that the gavel being used was made from an oak planted by Alexander Magruder, who had come to the colonies in 1652, probably as an indentured servant, on his property, Anchovy Hills on the Patuxent River.

Respectfully submitted,  
McGregor Gray, Scribe

# American Clan Gregor Society

75TH ANNIVERSARY GATHERING



NOVEMBER THIRD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
BOAR'S HEAD INN  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA



## PROGRAM

Piping in the Clan Society

Piping in the Chieftain of the Society  
and Honored Guests

Piping in the Chief

Grace by Rev. Horatio H. Richardson

Toast to the President of the United States  
by E. Phillips Grier

National Anthem by the Assemblage

Toast to the Queen of England  
by Russell C. McGregor

God Save the Queen by the Assemblage

Toast to the Chief, Sir Gregor MacGregor  
by Dr. R. Gregory Magruder

Toast to Lady MacGregor  
by William E. McGregor

Toast to the American MacGregors  
by James Harrison Monroe

## DINNER

Address to a Haggis  
by Archibald McGregor

Introduction of Honored Guests  
and Past Chieftains

Remarks by Mrs. Harry W. Blunt

Address by Sir Gregor MacGregor

Transfer of Office to the New Chieftain  
Russell C. McGregor

Music and Dancing by the Pipe Band  
of the American Clan Gregor Society  
J. Gregory O'Brien, Pipe Major

MACGREGOR'S GATHERING  
by John Masterson

Auld Lang Syne  
by the Assemblage

## “MACGREGOR’S GATHERING”

The moon’s on the lake, and the mist’s on the brae,  
And the Clan has a name that is nameless by day,  
Our signal for fight, which from monarchs we drew,  
Must be heard by night in our vengeful halloo.  
Then halloo, halloo, halloo, Gregalach.  
If they rob us of name, and pursue us with Beagles,  
Give their roofs to the flame, and their flesh to the Eagles,  
Then gather, gather, gather; gather, gather, gather,  
While there’s leaves in the forest, and foam on the river.  
MacGregor, despite them, shall flourish forever.

Glenorchy’s proud mountain, Colchurn and her towers,  
Glenstray and Glenlyon, no longer ours,  
We’re landless, landless, landless, Gregalach.  
Through the depths of Loch Katrine  
The steed shall career, o’er the peak of  
Ben Lomond, the galley shall steer,  
And the rocks of Craig Royston, like icicles melt,  
Ere our wrongs be forgot, or our vengeance unfelt.  
Then halloo, halloo, halloo, Gregalach.  
If they rob us of name, and pursue us with Beagles,  
Give their roofs to the flame, an their flesh to the Eagles,  
Then gather, gather, gather; gather, gather, gather,  
While there’s leaves in the forest, and foam on the river,  
MacGregor despite the, shall flourish forever.\*

- \* It has become traditional in the American Clan Gregor Society that on the last bar, in the manner of a Highland toast, all kilted gentlemen rise on their chair with one foot on the table, dirk or glass raised on high, and in unison sign out the last “...shall flourish forever!”



## “AULD LANG SYNE”

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And never brought to mind,  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And days of auld lang syne.

And here's a hand my trusty freen'  
and gie's a hand o' thine,  
And we'll tak' a right guld willy waught  
For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne my dear,  
For auld lang syne.  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne.



Piping to Head Table

Photo by Sam Magruder

## ANNUAL BANQUET - 75TH ANNIVERSARY

ALMIGHTY AND HEAVENLY FATHER OF US ALL we give Thee thanks that Thou hast enabled us to see the sign and come to this place in gratitude for the seventy-five years of this Society's existence. As we have grown from a few persons in this area concerned with preserving our Scottish heritage to the strong and healthy organization we are at present, so help us always to remember the rugged land from which we have sprung. Keep alive in us the consciousness that a clan is always an extended family and we are responsible one to another. Grant wisdom to all officers who lead us and grant to our Chief a long and healthy retirement from his military duties. And to us all, grant that while "there's leaves in the forest and foam in the river, Macgregors, despite them, shall flourish

Bless this food to our use and increase in us all a deeper sense of brotherhood and sisterhood. Amen.



Receiving Line

Photo by Richard McGregor

## REMARKS BY MRS. HARRY W. BLUNT

For years I have done a lot of talking at MacGregor Gatherings, as many of you have probably noticed, but this is the first time that I have spoken from the head table. Why I have been chosen for this honor tonight I'm not sure, unless it is because I really love this remarkable organization and love to talk about it.

You may question my choice of the word remarkable to describe our society, but after I have shared with you some of my thoughts concerning the men and women who have built it, you too may think the word appropriate.

The very fact that the organization has survived for three quarters of a century is noteworthy, and so far as I have been able to learn it is the oldest Clan Society in America.

In 1909 being an American Scot was not the "In Thing" that it is today. Our first Chieftain and his friends were not getting together Saturday evenings to do Scottish country dancing. All over the country, pipe bands were not leading 4th of July parades, and no one was winning prizes for tossing cabers. There were St. Andrews's Societies in some cities, but men in kilts were seldom seen. Dr. Edward May Magruder and Dr. Jessie Ewell, our co-founders never wore the kilt in their lives.

What then did inspire those gentlemen to organize this society? Apparently it was their knowledge of the tragic history of Clan Gregor, which few can read without being stirred, and the romantic writings of Sir Walter Scott.

The Virginia Doctors had three aims: to perpetuate the memory of the ancient Clan Gregor, to bring together American MacGregor descendants (irrespective of name) in a bond of fellowship, and to collect MacGregor genealogical and historical material, preserve and disseminate it.

These aims have never been lost sight of by the Society, but through the years manners and customs have changed, and Gatherings today are quite different from those attended by Evelina Magruder (our first Chieftain's daughter) when she was a little girl.

Evelina and her sister Allaville attended the first Gathering and it is wonderful that they are here with us tonight.

Evelina, will you reminisce for us a little?

I have an invitation for all present which I would like to read. You are invited to step upon a magic carpet with me and fly back 75 years to attend the first Gathering of this Society in 1909 at the National Hotel in Washington, D.C., which I attended.

There you will join, oh such solemn clansfolk, seated in stiff-backed chairs, listening for hours, without a break to biographical, historical, and genealogical papers, interspersed with organizational discussions. Then, should you survive to attend the social gathering in the evening, there would be no bagpipes, dancing and songs, with nary a drop of lemonade, or a saucer of ice cream with a cookie. Ah! those penny-pinching Scots!

No wonder, at the first opportunity, my sister, my cousins and I ages 7 to 11, fled to our hotel rooms to enliven the hours with a rousing game of quadruple solitaire.

However, let us raise our glasses for a toast to honor, with deep gratitude, those hard working and thrifty organizers, who laid the foundation for the continuance of our society, which has resulted in this moment of merriment and good cheer, which now enhances the celebration of its 75th anniversary. Deoch Slainte.



Thank you Evelina that was lovely, and I am glad that you ended with that toast. Indeed we should toast those early members, they left us a firm foundation. Thanks to their tireless efforts and that of others through the years, we have collected an amazing amount of well documented information about hundreds of men and women of MacGregor blood. Much of this material has been published in our yearbooks, which, by the way, can be found in fifty public libraries throughout the United States.

After that first meeting, Dr. Ewell, the society scribe, wrote to Scotland to Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, then Chief of the Clan, and told him of the forming of the society. Sir Malcolm responded immediately and at his suggestion a number of changes were made in the bylaws to bring them more in line with Scottish customs. Throughout their lives Sir Malcolm and his wife, Lady Gylla, continued to show an interest in our American society, and in 1952 they made the trip from Scotland to attend a Gathering.

Since his father's death Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Lady MacGregor and their sons have welcomed many of our members to their home in Scotland, and since 1959 have attended numerous American Clan Gregor Society Gatherings and functions.

This warm relationship with the Chief and his family, which continues now to the third generation, has undoubtedly been a factor in making ours a remarkable society.

Besides having a Chief in Scotland of whom we could be proud, this society has been fortunate in having unusually fine men as Chieftains.

I regret that I never knew our first Chieftain or those who came right after him, but of those whom I have known, or served in some capacity, I can honestly say that each of them did something special for their Clan Society. Douglas Neil Magruder added the banquet to our Gathering program, Daniel Randall Magruder, our Episcopal minister Chieftain, introduced the "Happy Hour" and was the first to wear the kilt. Dr. Roger Gregory Magruder, son of our first Chieftain, awakened our interest in Highland Games and gifted the MacGregor trophy for the Tossing of the Sheaf at Grandfather Mt., thus introducing that sport to the United States. Thomas Garland Magruder did years of meticulous family research, and greatly strengthened the Library started by General Marshall Magruder. John Murdock MacGregor broke the precedent of only Magruder Chieftains, and brought into the society many new MacGregor (spelt that way) members. R. James Macgregor planned, organized and led the pilgrimage to Scotland in 1975. Frank McGregor dared to take a Gathering north of the Mason Dixon line, Bill McGregor took one far south to the Carolinas, and our present Chieftain, like those two predecessors, has sought new areas to Gather, thus broadening the base for our membership. Archibald McGregor, only Scottish born Chieftain, pushed into action the State Deputy Chieftains, who had long been only names on page nine of the Yearbook.

According to our bylaws only men bearing specific MacGregor names can be Chieftains. Despite this rule, knowing that the honor of Chieftain could never be theirs, many men and women through the years have worked long and faithfully for this organization. I think particularly of two ladies, Regina Hill and Susie May Van den'Berg. Hour after hour, year after year they compiled genealogies, copied documents, made charts, addressed envelopes, edited Yearbooks and sewed banners.

They were doing just about everything when my husband and I joined the Society. We used to laugh because they kept most of their records in McGregor sweater boxes under their beds.

When Harry became Assistant Chieftain Miss Hill used to call regularly once a week and say, "Edith, I will have nothing on this evening so please ask Harry to come to see me."

Miss Hill would have had a fit had she realized her double entendre, but joking aside, we have a society today because of those two women. However, they were not the only ones, ineligible to become Chieftains, who have given generously of their time and talents to this society. There have been many, but I will name only those who served in offices for more than ten years consecutively: Bill Stokoe, Piper; Ruth Stokoe, Scribe; Ray Richardson, Chaplain; John Urquhart, Treasurer; and Eunice Haden fifteen years our able Editor. I think that I should also include here my husband, Harry Blunt, fifteen years Assistant Chieftain. Last but not least are the wonderful Tichys, Peg served over twelve years as Registrar and Joe now almost that many years as Assistant Chieftain.

It is interesting that some of our hardest working members have no MacGregor blood. Take for instance the Tichys, Peg is a third generation lineal member, but Joe married into the Clan. Like many others in that category Joe has realized that when you marry a MacGregor you have to wear the tartan in earnest.

In finishing let me speak again of the changes which have taken place in seventy-five years. Not long ago I came across an item which emphasized some of those changes. It was the announcement for the 1909 Gathering; it said that the meeting would be held on the 8th and 9th of October at the National Hotel, and that the hotel would charge members \$1.00 a night, and \$2.50 with three meals a day.

If our founding fathers could be with us tonight they would, no doubt, be shocked by the prices on our reservation sheets, and perhaps also by the wine upon our tables, but on the whole I think they would be pleased with our brightly tartaned banquet. Particularly, I think they would be pleased that among us tonight are their children and their children's children.

Also, I think that they would agree that we have perpetuated well the memory of our ancient Clan, reminding all of the bards prophesy that "MacGregors despite them shall flourish forever."



## ADDRESS BY SIR GREGOR MacGREGOR

What a splendid and memorable occasion we celebrate tonight. It is a great joy for Lady MacGregor and me to be with you at your 75th Anniversary Gathering, and what a bumper turnout we have to mark the occasion. It seems amazing that a quarter of a century has passed since our first visit to the United States when you first did me the honour of inviting me to address the American Clan Gregor Society at its 50th Anniversary Gathering. A great many events have taken place, some good and some bad, since that evening here in Charlottesville in 1959 and there is no doubt that the world today is a different place in which to live.

That first visit was the beginning of what was to become an ever closer personal relationship and friendship with the United States in general and members of your Society in particular many of whom we are proud to call our friends. People who have rallied to our side in moments of stress or difficulty and for whose support we will always be grateful. When I retired from the Army four years ago, I bought a small house in Florida and now look on the United States very much as my second home.

The technological revolution in which we are living and the changes which electronics and the silicon chip, to name but two, are going to make to all our lives are probably the greatest challenge which mankind has yet had to face. We hear all the time about the importance of functionalisation, rationalisation, technolisation, computerisation and all the other "ations" leading, in my view to ultimate damnation. It is the spirit of man, his sense of moral values and his personality that has molded events and our history and which will determine how we use this technology and thus our future. In the final analysis it is people who count and it is people that the American Clan Gregor Society is all about.

Dr. Edward May Magruder in his address to the Society at your first Gathering in October 1909 said, "The memory of a virtuous and distinguished ancestry stimulates emulation or even superior achievement and furnishes a fund upon which posterity may draw." What a fund of distinguished ancestry our clan has going back through centuries and what a fund of distinguished example has been continued in your Society since its inception 75 years ago. Edith Blunt has given us an erudite resume of the Society's history and some of the principal personalities in its history and development, but I cannot pass without mentioning five people in particular. It is wonderful for us all to have with us this evening Evalina and Allaville Magruder who were founding members and who with their brother Gregory Magruder have supported and helped the development of the Society to where we are today. Seventy-five years of dedication and service. A very special person who cannot be forgotten on this occasion is, of course, Harry Blunt, that great architect of so much of the American Clan Gregor Society as we know it today and whose work, indomitable spirit and dedication we all so admired. It gives me great happiness that his wife Edith is with us tonight. She too has made a tremendous contribution to the well-being of the Society and I would like to thank her not only for that and for her contribution to tonight's events but also for the wonderful hospitality she and Harry have extended to Fanny and me over the last 25 years.

I am aware that a number of you here tonight were only children or indeed only a twinkle in your mother's eye when I first came to the United States in 1959. It gives me great pleasure to feel that you have grown up to take an interest in the Society and our Clan History and I look forward to seeing you playing an ever more active part in the management of the Society. It is you who are going to guide your Society into the 21st century and beyond; and it is my eldest son, Malcolm, who I hope will be there to speak at your 100th Anniversary.

It is our common heritage, our ancestry, our name and our tartan that brings us together and binds us inexorably with ties of kinship which transcend nationality and distance. It is these ties which led to the creation of the Society and which led you to join the Society so that all of us who have common kinship can meet together to discuss and enjoy our MacGregor history and the company of each other. If the Society is to flourish it must be fun and enjoyable to be a member.

Fanny and I wish you to know how much we have enjoyed your 75th Birthday Party. It has been wonderful to be with you all once again to renew old friendships and make new ones. I do not believe that many if any other Chiefs have attended both the 50th and 75th Anniversaries of one of their Clan Societies. Certainly I feel very privileged to have done so. We offer our warmest thanks to Burns Magruder and Joe Tichy for having made this evening possible not only for us but for all of you as well.

To mark this special occasion, it gives me great pleasure to ask your Chieftain, on behalf of the American Clan Gregor Society to accept this Pinsel to be flown by your Chieftain on appropriate occasions when he is acting as my personal representative in the United States.

Now it only remains for me as I did twenty-five years ago to ask you to be upstanding and drink a toast to the American Clan Gregor Society and to its health, success and prosperity in the next 75 years.



Presentation of Pinsel

Photo by Sam Magruder

# ATTENDANCE AT THE 1984 GATHERING

Charlottesville, VA

Mrs. Dawn McGregor Beetham	CT
Capt. & Mrs. Howard Bierer	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Blanck	CA
Mrs. Mary Louise Bliss	MD
Mrs. Harry W. Blunt	MD
Mr. & Mrs. William E. Boone	MD
Janice E. Bostleman	VA
William C. Bostleman	VA
Miss Patty Brennan	
Miss Diana Browne	NY
Mrs. Herschel Browne	VA
Mrs. T.J. Bruister	MS
Mrs. Jean R. Bruns	VA
Mrs. Grace Bugos	OH
Hon. & Mrs. Hugh B. Campbell	NC
Mr. & Mrs. Ashby H. Canter	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Casati	VA
Miss Tiffany Chadwick	SC
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Clagett	MD
Mr. & Mrs. Page B. Clagett	DC
Capt. & Mrs. Loren Fletcher Cole	FL
Mr. & Mrs. L.F. Cole, Jr.	WA
Mr. Peyton Cole	CA
Mrs. Claire Bostleman Crain	VA
Miss Peggy Craig	VA
Mrs. John Curtis	MD
Mrs. Elizabeth McGregor Deason	RI
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Donnelly	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dozier	CA
Mrs. Frederic D. Empkie	FL
Mrs. Elizabeth D. Eskridge	WV
Mr. William Eskridge	VA
Dr. & Mrs. Nathaniel Ewell	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Dallam Ferneyhough	MD
Mrs. Lamar Field	FL
Dr. Cecile Finlay	
Mrs. Pat Gregg Floreck	
Mr. & Mrs. Harlan B. Forbes, Jr.	VA
Mr. & Mrs. William Garrett	NJ
Mr. William J.M. Garrett	NJ
Mr. & Mrs. John M. Gillis	MA
Miss Catherine Gillis	MA
Miss Joan Gillis	NH
Ms. Martha Gillis	VA
Mr. Michael Gillis	MA
Mr. McGregor Gray	MD
Mr. Andrew Gregg	VA
Capt. & Mrs. Paul C. Gregg	AL
Mr. Paul C. Gregg, Jr.	FL



Cdr. & Mrs. Thomas Gregg	SC
David A. Gregor	NY
Mr. & Mrs. Edward K. Gregor	NY
Mr. & Mrs. Corbett H. Gregory	GA
Heather Gregson	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Gregson	GA
Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Gregson II	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil H. Grider	GA
Miss Alice H. Grier	MD
Lt. Col. E. Phillips Grier, Sr.	VA
Mr. E. Phillips Grier, Jr.	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Frederic A. Grier	MD
Miss Eunice B. Haden	DC
Ms. Judy Hallis	
Mr. & Mrs. Henry U. Harris III	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert P. Henshaw	VA
Mr. & Mrs. William Hobday	WI
Mr. & Mrs. Josiah Hundley	VA
Miss Mary Ewell Hundley	VA
Mr. John Hurwitch	MA
Ms. Yvonne Jane	MD
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kavanaugh	
Mr. & Mrs. James Keith	PA
Mr. & Mrs. H. Gordon Kenney	GA
Col. & Mrs. Merrill J. King, Jr.	ME
Mrs. Berenece MacGregor Kirk	
Mrs. Beverley R. Knight	FL
Dr. & Mrs. Norman J. Knorr	VA
Dr. Charles G. Kurz	MD
Mrs. Corrie Clagett Lankford	MD
Mr. & Mrs. John K. Laws	LA
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur S. Lecky	SC
Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor Lerman	MA
Mr. Harry N. Lewis	VA
Mrs. Evelyn M. Light	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Lightfoot	DC
Mrs. Frances L. Lloyd	CO
Lt. Col. & Mrs. Mason M. Lummis	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Clark MacGregor	DC
Mr. & Mrs. Donald MacGregor	FL
Dr. Donald MacGregor	NY
Mr. Douglas MacGregor, Jr.	VA
Lady Fanny MacGregor of MacGregor	Scotland
Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor	Scotland
Mr. & Mrs. Kent L. MacGregor	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Peter MacGregor	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. MacGregor	NY
Mr. & Mrs. William E. MacGregor, Jr.	MN





**Opposite:** Allaville and Evelina Magruder; Lady Fanny, Eleanor and Greg Magruder, Sir Gregor. Receiving Line: Russ McGregor, Lady Fanny, Sir Gregor and Gordon Kenny; Eunice Haden, Letitia Walker; Marge Richardson, Russ McGregor.

Mr. & Mrs. Abbey W. Magruder, Jr. ....	MS
Miss Allaville Magruder .....	VA
Mr. & Mrs. D. Neil Magruder .....	MS
Mrs. Eleanor Magruder .....	MS
Miss Evelina Magruder .....	VA
Joshua Magruder .....	SC
Mr. & Mrs. L. Burns Magruder, Jr. ....	MA
Ms. Mary Blue Magruder .....	MA
Mr. & Mrs. Neil Magruder .....	SC
Dr. & Mrs. R. Gregory Magruder .....	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Mangerie .....	GA
Mrs. Wanda Marikle .....	MD
Mrs. Margaret Marshall .....	MD
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Maslak .....	VA
Mrs. Roland Maycock .....	NY
Mr. & Mrs. Winfield S. Mayne .....	MO
Mr. & Mrs. C. Coleman McGehee .....	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Frank H. McGehee .....	MS
Mr. & Mrs. Henry C. McGehee .....	VA
Mrs. Anna May McGregor .....	CT
Andrew W. McGregor .....	DC
Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. McGregor .....	CT
Mr. & Mrs. George McGregor .....	NC
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm McGregor .....	CT
Mary Day McGregor .....	CT
Mr. Richard J. McGregor .....	CT
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Dr. & Mrs. Russell C. McGregor .....	DC
Russell C. McGregor II .....	DC
Ryan E. McGregor .....	CT
Mr. & Mrs. William E. McGregor .....	NC
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Miller .....	MD
Mr. & Mrs. Duncan M. Mills .....	VA
Mr. & Mrs. F. Duncan Mills .....	VA
Mr. James Harrison Monroe .....	VA
Angel Muncaster .....	VA
Cindy Muncaster .....	VA
Mr. & Mrs. William T. Muncaster .....	NJ
Mr. & Mrs. W. Thomas Muncaster, Jr. ....	VA

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Nakasian .....	VA
Mrs. Mary Neate .....	MD
Catherine M. Passano .....	MD
Mr. & Mrs. E. Magruder Passano, Jr. ....	MD
Mr. & Mrs. Edward M. Passano .....	MD
Tamara A. Passano .....	MD
Miss Mary Jane Pollock .....	CT
Dr. & Mrs. Clifton Potter, Jr. ....	VA
Edmund Potter .....	VA
Mrs. Louise Ewell Pugh .....	VA
Mr. & Mrs. William W. Quay .....	MD
Mr. & Mrs. James W. Reid .....	VA
Mr. Woody Reid .....	VA
Rev. & Mrs. H.M. Richardson .....	MD
James Richardson .....	VA
Mrs. Jessie M. Richardson .....	MD
Kirk Richardson .....	VA
Thomas Richardson .....	VA
Rev. & Mrs. W. Ramsay Richardson .....	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Robertson .....	MD
Mr. & Mrs. James Robertson .....	MD
Miss Patricia Ryan .....	NC
Mrs. Alice E. Samford .....	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Murray Sanders .....	
Mr. & Mrs. Savvas Schinis .....	
Miss Susan Schmalbach .....	MD
Mrs. Flora E. Schuck .....	
Mrs. Doris Shaulis .....	VA
Miss Elizabeth MacGregor Shaw .....	MD
Mrs. John T. Stanley .....	NY
Mr. J.L. Steenhuis .....	GA
Dr. & Mrs. William C. Stokoe .....	MD
Mr. Leighton Stradley .....	VA
Dr. & Mrs. J. David Stratton .....	NC
Dr. James W. Stratton .....	CA
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph C. Tichy, Jr. ....	NC
Mr. Thomas O. Tongue .....	MD
Miss Catherine B. Toulmin .....	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Priestley Toulmin III .....	VA
Jennifer Tsukayama .....	VA
Jody Tsukayama .....	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Robert G. Uebel, Jr. ....	MD
Cdr. & Mrs. John G. Urquhart .....	MD
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Walker .....	MD
Mr. & Mrs. George W. Walker .....	DE

Miss Letitia Walker .....	DC
Miss Meg Walker .....	DC
Mr. Michael Walker .....	DC
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas G. Walker .....	MS
Mrs. John R. Wassell .....	
Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Wean III .....	PA
Elise Wellford .....	
Mr. & Mrs. Hill Wellford, Jr. ....	
Hill Wellford III .....	
Mr. & Mrs. Barnard Welsh .....	MD
Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Wheeler III .....	VA
Mrs. Nola Willeford .....	KY
Mr. & Mrs. Homer Wise .....	MS
Mr. & Mrs. James E. Woolley .....	NC
Mr. James E. Woolley, Jr. ....	NC
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Youel .....	VA

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Mr. & Mrs. Richard Horsey	Mr. & Mrs. Ted Proudfoot
Mr. W. Howard Kessler	Major Francis Shoemaker
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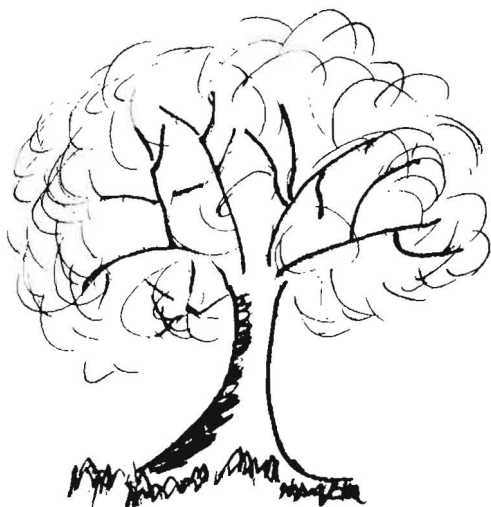
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Alabama	2	New Hampshire	1
California	6	New Jersey	5
Colorado	1	New York	9
Connecticut	12	North Carolina	14
Delaware	2	Ohio	1
District of Columbia	14	Pennsylvania	4
Florida	10	Rhode Island	1
Georgia	11	South Carolina	8
Kentucky	1	Virginia	86
Louisiana	2	Washington	2
Maine	2	West Virginia	1
Maryland	48	Wisconsin	2
Massachusetts	9	Not Indicated	19
Minnesota	2	Scotland	2
Mississippi	12		
Missouri	2	28 States	291



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## GENEALOGICAL SECTION



“A people that takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants.”

Lord Macauley  
(1800-1859)



## A TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS NEIL MAGRUDER ON HIS 80th BIRTHDAY - JANUARY 1, 1984

By Jane Magruder Watkins

Some time ago, my father, Douglas Neil Magruder, showed me an article that he had written about his father, Robert Walter Magruder, to publish in the Yearbook of the American Clan Gregor Society. It gave me insight into how my father felt about my grandfather who had died before I was born. I decided then that I would like to write about my father for the same Yearbook as a record for my children, and as a tribute to my father who, thankfully, is still very much alive. So I am taking the occasion of his 80th birthday to write that article.

As long as I can remember, the American Clan Gregor has been important to my father. One of my favorite childhood memories was of coming, at the age of 12 in 1949, to the Clan gathering at the old Wardeman Park Hotel in Washington. My Dad was Chieftain that year and I felt like an honored guest. My sister, Alice, and I participated in all the activities and I especially remember Cousin Suzy Mae, Cousin Jesse and Mr. John Muncaster. I also remember Commodore John and our trip to see Annapolis. And I was amazed to find a grocery store in Washington with my very own name on it.

When we visited Cousin Suzy Mae in her wonderful Washington apartment, I decided that I, too, would move to Washington and grow old in just such an apartment. I am doing that today! And I love both Washington and my apartment — feelings that started for me on the special trip in 1949.

So it was that I was introduced to my kinsmen and began to understand that quality of my father's which I now know to be loyalty and commitment to his family and kin. I have no doubt that any Magruder anywhere could call on Dad and he would respond.

My childhood memories are full of trips to visit Aunt Fannie and all the relatives in Port Gibson, my father's childhood home. I don't think we missed a single wedding or a special event in the family. I find as I have grown older that the example of loyalty to one's family has stood me in good stead in my own life.

In addition to his family, my father is exceedingly loyal to his friends. As a pre-schooler, I used to go with him as he visited his clients all over the Mississippi Delta. While he was accountant to these businessmen on one level, these trips were more like visiting old friends. There were always horses for me to ride or friends to play with along the way. And we never went home without a mess of peas, or a watermelon, or some other gift from the farms that we visited.

When Dad became the President of the National Society of Public Accountants, it was evident that his fierce sense of loyalty included his fellow accountants. Even today, he and Mom attend NSPA meetings just as they regularly attend Clan Gregor meetings — to visit with the many long time friends that they have made and with whom they have stayed in touch for more than 30 years.

Another of my Dad's traits that has served as a model for me is his generosity. I don't think Dad ever had anything that he wouldn't give away if someone needed it . . . or even if they didn't need it! On several occasions when I have needed a loan or a signature that guaranteed one thing or another, Dad has always been pleased to help. He even seems to like it when I ask for his help, and that too is a good role model for me. Though he never talked about it, I know that there are many people in Indianola who, when they couldn't afford to pay the accountant, didn't get a bill.

I also need to mention about my Dad's trusting nature, almost to the point of naivety, at times, I fear. Since he would never cheat or steal or lie, it is hard for him to believe that anyone else would. He's the only man I know who, at the height of the Second World War when gas and tires were impossible to come by most of the time, left his car, full of gas and sporting new tires, with the key in the ignition, right by the highway in Indianola while he

and Mom went with friends over to Greenville to dinner. He was absolutely appalled that someone took it! It has taken years to get him to take his keys out of the car and to lock his house door . . . and he still grumbles that it really isn't necessary.

Dad is an old-fashioned man with old-fashioned virtues. While his four daughters have gone from "Southern Bells" to liberated women, he has sometimes been confused by it and sometimes been proud of us, but always he has continued to set an example of old-fashioned virtues for us to take into our new-fangled lives. He was saved from being totally confounded by his four female children by the arrival in 1952 of his son, Neil, Jr., who is also an accountant, also a Southern gentlemen in many ways; but, heaven forbid, has also taken to helping Carolyn with the dishwashing from time to time.

No story about my Dad would be complete without mentioning his most endearing quality (Mother, who has to hear this over and over may not agree with the endearing part). Dad is a storyteller — a quintessential Southern raconteur. He loves a good story better than anything and will tell one at the drop of a hat. In fact, most of what I know about Dad's life, his values and beliefs, his likes and dislikes have come from listening to his stories. I know the names of long dead relatives, his childhood friends, facts about his days in Arkansas as a newsman, the events of the flood of '27, stories about how he and Mom courted, and endless anecdotes about his friends through the years. He has taught me, through his stories, much about the history and politics of our home state of Mississippi and he has modeled for me what it means to have roots.

At 80, my father (like his older sister, Fannie) is still going strong. Dad has always hated to be under the weather in any way. I can rarely remember his being sick and I can never remember his complaining. When he got the pacemaker for his heart, it was because he noticed that he got a little dizzy when he leaned over to put his golf tee in the ground. Recently, when I called home to talk to him the day he got out of the hospital from a cataract operation, Mom answered the phone and said that if I wanted to talk to him, I'd have to call the country club.

In thinking about what I wanted to write about Dad, I have had an opportunity to assess myself and my siblings, Alice, Anna, Kem and Neil, Jr., and I must admit that I like what I see. None of us would deny the enormous influence our mother has had on our lives. (When she is 80 I shall write a book about that!) But in thinking about the impact on myself and my sisters and brother that came from Dad, I know that he played a major role in teaching us to be the trustworthy, loyal, and competent people that I believe we all are. And as for me, I have the stamina of a horse and I do love to tell a good story. Thanks, Dad. I love you.





Russell II, Kathleen, Andrew, Russ McGregor

Photo by Ed O'Lenic

## RUSSELL CARHART MCGREGOR

### Newly Elected Chieftain

Russell Carhart McGregor was elected 22nd Chieftain of the ACGS at its 75th annual meeting in Charlottesville, Virginia in November 1984. Russ is a Connecticut Yankee born in Norwalk on May 16, 1926. His great grandfather, Alexander McGregor, emigrated from Elgin, Scotland in 1876 and came to New Hampshire after his missionary service in Newfoundland. His grandfather, Ernest McGregor, a graduate of Yale University, was the Congregational minister in Norwalk having married Gertrude Jewett of Minnesota. Young Russ spent a good bit of time in his grandfather's household. His father, Charles Jewett McGregor, was employed by the Nash Engineering Company. Our Chieftain's genealogy and family history is in the 1984 Yearbook (Volume LXVII, pp 60-66).

Russ attended public schools in his home town of Norwalk and entered the University of Connecticut majoring in agriculture. He soon switched to forestry and obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1951. His master's degree, also in forestry, was earned at Yale University and his doctorate in natural resource economics was granted by the University of Michigan.

Russ spent ten years in Alaska in various natural resource pursuits: fighting forest fires, exploring volcanos, serving in the ski troops, searching for Arctic oil, and investigating forest management problems. He also worked in the forests of East Texas, in the Lake States and in New England.

In the late fifties he joined the President's staff in the Bureau of the Budget (now the Office of Management and Budget), where he worked on agricultural and water research, and on university extension programs. During his ten years of government service he worked for six budget directors serving four Presidents: Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon.

Kathleen McGowan was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on January 22, 1941. She and Russ met in Washington, D.C., where they were married in 1968. Kathy's father, William Sexton McGowan, was a naturalized citizen who emigrated from Liverpool, England in 1923, his father having come from Athlone, Ireland. Kathy's mother, Dewey Marie Patterson was born in Joshua, Texas, and her great grandfather, Daniel C. Payne was a Texas pioneer who fought for the Republic of Texas.

Russell C. McGregor II was born in 1969 in Washington, D.C., and Andrew W. McGregor was born two years later in Berkeley, California. Russ and Kathy and the boys spent five years in Berkeley where Russ was working for the University of California System. In 1974 they returned to Washington, D.C., and Russ went to work as a lobbyist in agriculture, energy, marine sciences and natural resources for the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

Shortly after their return to Washington, D.C., the family joined ACGS. Russ has served on the Council for the past five years and Kathy is the Editor of the Yearbook. Young Russell is the designer of the membership-location map, and Andrew has helped with sales.

The family went to Scotland in 1976 and journeyed through the McGregor country where they called on Lady Gylla McGregor at Lochearnhead.

In January 1985, Russ, Kathy and the boys moved to Maine where Russ became Director of Development for the University of Maine at Orono. They have maintained a summer cottage on the Maine Coast for several years.

Our new Chieftain and his family have moved as close to Scotland as they can get, without leaving the U.S.A. and can be found at home, 11 Edgewood Drive, Orono, Maine 04473.

## NOTEWORTHY NEWS

### "THE RIDGE"

On April 11, 1984, D.A.R. Chapter Bottony Cross, unveiled the bronze plaque placed permanently on this historic and charming house, marked "Revolutionary Landmark."

From the Maryland Hall of Records, Annapolis: "...whereas Thomas Gittings of Prince Georges County has surveyed and laid out for him a parcel of land called "The Ridge," assigns, sells, transfers unto John Magruder of said county...forms as are prepared in our Conditions of Plantation, of our said province bearing date of the fifth day of April sixteen hundred eighty-four and remaining upon word in our province, together with alterations on them ...bearing date at London on the twelfth day of September seventeen hundred and twelve and registered in our Secretary's office of our said province. We therefore grant unto him the said John Magruder all that tract of land called "The Ridge" ...bearing the date of EIGHTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN..."

Present owners, the Richard Connolly's presented a history of the Magruder parcels of land known as "The Ridge" before the retiring of the colors by Dr. Thomas Bessent of Baltimore.

At the champagne reception following and representing the Clan Gregor Society were Mrs. Harry Blunt, Clan No. 1339, and Mrs. John Clagett, Clan No. 1520, Bottony Cross Chapter member.

### NANAIMO'S MCGREGOR PARK

John P. McAdams

Due north of Victoria and west of Vancouver, British Columbia in the town of Nanaimo is another of Canada's recognition of McGregor accomplishments. McGregor Park is in commemoration of all Scottish people who have made that city their home since it was founded in 1852. The park was named for William McGregor who lives there today and is from a long line of pioneers and explorers from that area. Mr. McGregor (born 1 January 1911, married Angela Clovis) is well-known for his athletic accomplishments as a soccer player in that area, as a civic leader and as a member of the city council in the capacity of Chairman of City Parks and Recreation.

The name Nanaimo comes from the Indian word "sne-ny-mos" meaning a meeting place. The town was best known as a coal port with extensive mines running a considerable distance out to sea under the harbor. The coal deposits were discovered in 1849 by an Indian Chief named Coal Tyee. As a result of this discovery, there were 100 years of prosperity. With the rush for "black gold", 700,000 tons were shipped in one year to the U.S., Mexico and the Orient. Today Nanaimo has a population of 50,000 and with reduced demand for coal is a major exporter of timber and wood products.

Mr. McGregor's family contributed much to the building of the economy of the area; his father, John C. McGregor, Taught school but could not resist the call of "gold fever" and went to the Klondyke to seek his fortune in 1897. After two years of prospecting and upon notice of the death of his father, William Charles McGregor, who had managed the local coal mines in Nanaimo, John travelled 600 miles up the Yukon River in the dead of winter with temperatures of near 50 degrees below in his route home. Upon his return home,



John was employed by the Pacific Coal Company and married Catherine Thompson, a girl from Glasgow. John C. McGregor was Secretary of the Pioneers Society of Nanaimo and for good reason as the McGregors of Nanaimo were related to the Reverend Simeon Macgregor who sailed from Pictou, Nova Scotia via the cape in 1869 to understudy the Reverend Sommerville, Pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Victoria. When the Reverend Sommerville left St. Andrews Church to accept the charge of the St. Davids Kirk in Tilloch in 1871, Simeon Macgregor was selected as his successor. Reverend Macgregor so expanded the church in British Columbia and with the help of the prosperity of Canada's 1870 gold rush, that four young ministers were sent from Scotland in 1875 to assist him. Their names were: William Clyde, Alexander Dunn, George Murray and Reverend Nicholson. Each was assigned to nearby districts. These ministers became the nucleus of Presbyterianism in British Columbia. A Presbytery was organized and Simeon Macgregor became the first moderator.

As the gold rush prosperity declined in the 1880's, Reverend Macgregor used all of his ingenuity to raise funds and was successful in obtaining a \$5,000 organ from San Francisco in 1881, an organ "nearly as wide again as the Methodist instrument." Reverend Macgregor left the St. Andrews parish in Victoria when appointed to a church on Loch Ness at Fort Augustus. He is remembered as having been a Chaplain of the St. Andrews and Caledonian Society of Victoria. President Thomas Russell of that society praised his charitable work on behalf of his "brither scots" as his highest honor.

Thus McGregor Park in Nanaimo is deserving of the name. The park is beautifully located within the city with a magnificent view of the harbor and of Gabriola Island lying just offshore. Like most Vancouver Island parks, this park is no exception with its lovely floral gardens for all to enjoy.





## NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Yona, Tom, Clan No. 1764, and Tommy McNish enjoyed a trip through Great Britain and Scotland during the summer of 1984. While there they made a visit to Balquhider and the grave site of Rob Roy. Thanks, Yona, for the picture of the McNish men and the new marker at the site.



On May 25, 1984, Helen E. Walker graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School and received the degree, Doctor of Medicine. In the picture below are her father, Robert M. Walker, Clan No. 2019, and her mother, Louise E. Walker. Helen is also the niece of Ruth Walker Zeller, Clan No. 1754, and George W. D. Walker, Clan No. 1696.



Kent MacGregor, Clan No. 1536, won a blue ribbon for his prize winning red rose at the annual Highlands-Cashiers Garden Club Flower Show held in the Cashiers Community Center.

# THE 1984 GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

Text and Photos by  
Alan R. Gregg



Neil Magruder, Jr., leads the MacGregors in the Parade of Tartans

From Massachusetts to Miami to Missou<sup>ri</sup>, clan members gathered together July 12-15, 1984, for the 29th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of the Scottish Clans. MacRae's Meadow on Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC once again was festooned with brightly colored tents and peopled by kilted Scottish-Americans representing over one hundred sponsoring clans.

Despite the fact that we were blessed? with a wee touch of thundering Scottish mist both Saturday and Sunday, spirits and camaraderie remained high in the MacGregor tent. Led by our able Chieftain, Burns Magruder, and his wife, Beatrice, a total of 79 guests, potential members and members signed the clan register. And with hardy Highland voices raised to the tunes of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" and "You Are My Sunshine," we obviously convinced the High Chieftain above that we were undaunted in the quest to enjoy ourselves, as both days He relented and cleared away the "mist."

Among the notables present this year were former Chieftain Neil Magruder and his wife, Marjorie, of Indianola, Mississippi; former Chieftain Bill MacGregor and his wife, Lou, our Clan Surgeon of Charlotte, NC; Assistant Chieftain Joe Tichy and his wife, Peg, of Whispering Pines, NC; Vice-President of the Gams, Abby Magruder, and his wife, Lillian. Youngest clan member honors went to Joshua Magruder, son of Neil(Jr.), and Carolyn Magruder of Rock Hill, SC. Also notable were all the good lads and lasses who volunteered their time to sit at the table and work the clan register. Many thanks.

The Grandfather Mountain Games are a marvelous experience. There are numerous events and activities that can be enjoyed by both young and old. From the opening ceremonies to the Highland dancing competition through the athletic events culminating in the Parade of Tartans, we seem to be enlightened to and inspired by our Scottish heritage. Also this year, we enjoyed a special moment when the massed pipe bands payed tribute to the 23rd Olympiad by piping the Olympic theme song after the Parade of Tartans (a standing ovation).

To those of you who have never joined us at Grandfather Mountain, please consider a short vacation to the mountains of North Carolina in July. The weather is usually pleasant with warm days and cool nights — very amenable to the wearing of the kilt. But most important, you will have the opportunity to meet and establish friendships with so many warm and hospitable people. Be assured too that the MacGregor tent is always stocked with good food and drink. The Games for 1985 are scheduled the weekend of July 12-14. As of this writing the Ceilidh and the Scottish Country Dance are planned for the evening of Friday the 12th. The bulk of events and activities follow of course on Saturday the 13th and Sunday the 14th. If you think that you might be interested in attending, may we suggest that you begin making plans for your "B and B" (bed and breakfast) ASAP. This is because most of the accommodations closest to Grandfather Mountain are normally booked well in advance. We look forward to seeing you. Cheers and out!



Chieftain Burns Magruder leads the Clan.



L to R: Pat McGregor, Newton Gregg, Joe Foss, Bob Gregory, John Falconer (rear), Carroll Richards, Ralph Fletcher and Bob Norton

## SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA, 1984 CLAN GREGOR ENJOYS SMASHING SUCCESS!

by Joe Foss

It was just three short seasons ago that Clan Gregor had its first tent and an uncertain beginning at Santa Rosa. Now, this past Labor Day weekend, we enjoyed a marvelous, enthusiastic turnout with fifteen of our kinsmen in clan color. Most prominent among these was Miss Heather McGregor, a resplendent young lady in vivid MacGregor tartan. We were right to be a proud lot as we marched by on parade. All hail, Clan Gregor!

It is the continuing loyal support which make our tent a success. Thanks goes out again — hearty thanks! — to Gary and Patsy; Ian, Vicki and Heather; and Patrick — all McGregors, Newton and Stuart Gregg, Bob and Sally Gregory, George Masson, Bob Stevens and Patti Shelley. Additionally, were pleased to have with us kinsmen from elsewhere in California: Carroll Richards, Howard Morefield, Bob Horton, John Falconer and Ralph Fletcher. And thanks, generally, to the many who called at the tent.



The Santa Rosa Gathering, itself, continues to grow at a fine pace. Between 30 and 35 thousand visitors passed through the gates on the two days. This year, for their enjoyment, we had 35 pipe bands, including the Vale of Atholl Pipe Band from Pitlochry, Scotland, the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps from Washington, DC, the Marine Band from El Toro, the U.S. Navy Honor Guard from the Twelfth Naval District, and the dazzling 78th Fraser Highlanders in full regalia. The whole affair was a magnificent experience.

Clan Gregor has begun participating in the games and we thank Gary McGregor for representing us in the tug o' war, and Patsy McGregor in the haggis toss. And I do foresee that before many seasons we will have MacGregor pipers with us; several have mentioned that they once played the pipes or will now take them up. What a grand day that will be!

Lastly, I wish to thank Lee Seiffert who so loyally comes down each season from Washington. Thank you, Lee, for taking the photographs.



L to R: Joe Foss, Heather McGregor, Gary McGregor, Bob Gregory, Carroll Richards, Pat McGregor, Bob Stevens, Newton Gregg, George Masson, and Howard Morefield

## 1984 CENTRAL NEW YORK GAMES

by Edward K. Gregor

Edward K. Gregor, Deputy Chieftain for New York, reports that there was local TV coverage of the games this year. They were held on August 11, 1984, at Griffin Field in Liverpool, New York. Ed set up a McGregor tent and reports that he and his family enjoyed answering questions about genealogy and about McGregor septs. A larger crowd than ever before was attracted to the event this year.



## FIRST INTERNATIONAL MACGREGOR'S GATHERING

By Robert L. Blanck

In recent years people in America and other countries around the world have experienced a surge of interest in their heritage. Those of us with Scottish ancestry, especially from the Highlands, are also intrigued by the old clan system. Not only do we wish to learn what life was like at that time, but we wish to see the country and experience the weather.

The Clan Gregor Society in Scotland is taking advantage of this under the leadership of its Chairman of Council, Sheila McGregor, who is recruiting new members and promoting a Clan Gregor Centre.

This year the Council decided it was time to summon a world-wide MacGregor's Gathering. Those of us who "Forsook and Strand" or "Left the Stag at Bay" found the gathering place to be not Lanrick Mead but the North British Hotel, Glasgow. The time was August 29, 1984.

Activities began with a civic reception by the Lord Provost in the banquet hall of the City Chambers, which are very elegant. In his welcoming address, The Lord Provost mentioned that had this been three hundred years ago and a group of MacGregors descended on Glasgow, the militia would have been called out! The reception was attended by about 250 visiting and local MacGregors, including Sir Gregor and Lady MacGregor.

The next day there was a well-presented audio-visual: "Introduction to Clan Gregor and its Country." In the evening a coach trip to Edinburgh for the tattoo, a fantastic show, but the dry spell ended and we sat through the performance, getting thoroughly soaked. We had rain or drizzle most of each day from then on, though the coach tours were very comfortable.



For the following days of tours, evenings of entertainment, the Clan dinner, and the Annual General Meeting, our base of operations was the Dunblane Hydro Hotel. We took leisurely trips to Stirling Castle, through the Trossachs, and to Balloch, where we boarded the "Countess Fiona." Our guide called it the "Wee Fiona." On it we took a trip up Loch Lomond to Luss. The rain gods were kind to us here; only a few windswept sprinkles from the gray skies. At Luss we were picked up by our coaches and proceeded on to Inverarnan House, an old drovers' inn established in 1705. Our Host, Duncan MacGregor, greeted each of us at the door, asking where we were from. Lunch was served here, during which our tables were visited by a Shetland pony, who seemed to have free rein of the bar, until Duncan ushered him out. At Taymouth, we were very near my great-grandfather's birthplace. Along the way our guide pointed out a fortified hill of King Gregor, and near Dunblane the earthworks of a Roman camp that may have accommodated about 26,000 men.

Entertainment was provided by Jim McLeod's Band and the Dunblane Hydro Demonstration Dancers. Plenty of space was reserved for the MacGregors, with easy access to the bar. Country dancing seems very popular and I was impressed with the number of our group taking part. Sheila, members of the Council, and even a couple from our California contingent suddenly appeared in dancing shoes and enjoyed themselves immensely, dancing throughout the evening.

Sunday afternoon we were taken to the Kirk at Balquhider for a memorial service commemorating the 250th anniversary of the death of Rob Roy, and the fact that the MacGregors survived these troubled years of Scottish history. An inspiring address was given in Gaelic and English by Iain MacGregor of Stirling, and piping was provided by Pipe-Major James MacGregor. This trip to Balquhider provided a second chance for shopping at the Clan Gregor Centre store at King's House.

Festivities wound up with a clan banquet including haggis (with bashed neeps and tatties), followed by a Ceilidh, which included more country dancing by those with light feet. The experts demonstrated the new dance "Clan Gregor Gathering," written for this event.

Everyone declared the gathering a great success. Plans are in formation for a 1985 gathering and for an extension of the touring program. The tours were organized by the LEP Travel Ltd., Edinburgh (Ian McGregor), and the guides were specialists in MacGregor history. It is planned that this will be an annual event, as Sheila says, "There are a lot of MacGregors out there."



## MacGREGORS

The clouds did hide the sun that day:  
The mountains were brown with patches of grey.  
A MacGregor man came running to say  
The Calcahoons were on the way...

Eight hundred strong, numbered the band  
Against which we have two hundred, said the man.  
So off he sped to gather the Clan,  
The MacGregors would rally and make a stand.

Down thru the valley they had come to ruin  
The Calcahoons and the MacGregors at Glen Fruin.

The MacGregors entered battle with their Clan call,  
Meeting the Calcahoons with a solid wall...  
The MacGregors fought standing tall,  
The Calcahoons soon started to fall.

Before the day was half way done,  
The Calcahoons were on the run.  
Two hundred were lost, or so it's sung  
For the death of a MacGregor  
And a mother's son.

So terrible was the killing that day:  
The Calcahoon women to the King did say:

The MacGregors came upon our back  
And, my King, they did attack  
Against peaceful men they did hack,  
Those vile men, that unholy pack.

So the King sent a decree throughout the land,  
That forever would the MacGregors be banned  
No more would there be that proud Clan  
No more that name for any man.

Many long years we bore the shame  
For, oh, so long we had no name,  
The MacGregor's honor was like a stain  
And any man who kept it, was quickly slain.

Not until seventeen seventy-five was it proclaimed aloud  
From parliament to the waiting crowd:  
The MacGregors can now cast off the shroud  
That covers the name of which they are so proud.

The cry, MacGregor, sounded throughout the land  
From the top of Ben Moore to the Ocean sand.  
Once more, we were united to the man,  
In the greatest of all, The MacGregor Clan.

by Bernard E. Robertson II

## APPEAL FUND

### THE CLAN GREGOR CENTER

"Rob Roy Macgregor, our most famous clansman, has become internationally renowned as a folk hero. Yet, despite our fame and history, which link Clan Gregor with the earlier Kings of Scotland and beyond them with the Caledonians who defeated Rome, despite our tenacious pride of heritage and name which survived the Acts of Proscription, we have no focal point, no home.

### WE NEED A CENTRE!

"Our Concept: Living, Working, On-Going"

"Our concept of a Clan Gregor Centre embraces all the Clan Country, from Stirling to Rannoch and from Lock Awe to Aberfeldy. Our Centre will be a participative, active one, catering for many activities and needs, where our treasures can be displayed, our past researched, our culture relearned. A Centre where our heritage and identity will be protected, a place to grow from."

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the Clan Gregor Centre may send their checks or money orders to :

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*The paragraphs in quotations were taken from the brochure passed out at the General Meeting, November 3, 1984.*

## PLEASE REMEMBER:

All changes of address should be sent promptly to the *Assistant Chieftain*, since he mails the Yearbooks.

All records of births, marriages, and deaths must be sent to the *Historian* in time to be received before the Gathering, if they are to be included in the next Yearbook.

Material for the Yearbook should be sent to the *Editor* by January 1st in typewritten form. Photographs, with full identity of persons, are especially welcome.

Applications for membership and correspondence concerning membership should be addressed to the *Registrar*.

Dues and correspondence concerning dues should be sent to the *Assistant Chieftain*.

Addresses for the officers will be found on page 7.

Genealogical and family history manuscripts dealing with Clan members, their ancestors and descendants are welcomed by the Editor. Please organize your material in the format specified by the National Genealogical Society. Help us to build the genealogy and history of our clan!

My gratitude to Rev. Richardson this year for the unique quality of his prayers on behalf of us all. Thanks to the officers and to all of the other loyal members of the Clan who have so generously provided photographs, genealogical materials, and the news items that help to make our Yearbook a continuing record of the history and achievements of the members of Clan Gregor.

—The Editor



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