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of the  
American Clan Gregor Society*



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Thursday evening Reception: Diana Browne, Betty Empkie, Fran Browne, Joe Tichy and (back to camera) Peg Tichy.



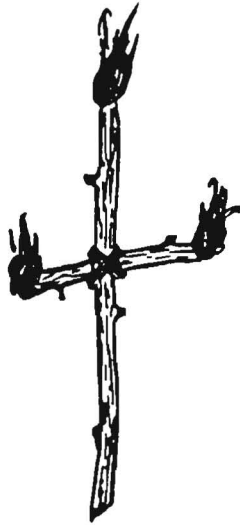
Pipe Band Concert at Fountain Park in downtown Cincinnati.

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## American Clan Gregor Society

*Containing the Proceedings of the  
1992 Annual Gathering*



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Edward May Magruder, M.D.....	1909-1925	(Deceased)
Caleb Clarke Magruder, M.A., L.L.D.....	1925-1927	(Deceased)
James Mitchell Magruder, D.D.....	1927-1930	(Deceased)
Egbert Watson Magruder, Ph.D.....	1930-1933	(Deceased)
Herbert Thomas Magruder.....	1933-1936	(Deceased)
William Marion Magruder.....	1936-1941	(Deceased)
Frank Cecil Magruder.....	1941-1947	(Deceased)
Douglas Neil Magruder.....	1947-1950	(Deceased)
Commodore John Holmes Magruder.....	1950-1952	(Deceased)
Brig. General Marshall Magruder.....	1952-1956	(Deceased)
Daniel Randall Magruder, D.D.....	1956-1958	(Deceased)
Roger Gregory Magruder, M.D.....	1958-1962	(Deceased)
John Kennedy Magruder.....	1962-1965	(Deceased)
Wm. B. Hamilton Magruder.....	1965-1966	(Deceased)
Thomas Garland Magruder, Jr.....	1966-1967	(Deceased)
John Murdoch MacGregor.....	1967-1970	(Deceased)
R. James Macgregor.....	1970-1972	Boyds, M.D.
Frank R. McGregor.....	1972-1975	(Deceased)
William E. McGregor.....	1975-1976, 1979-1981	Charlotte, NC
Archibald McGregor.....	1976-1979	(Deceased)
L. Burns Magruder, Jr.....	1981-1984	Barnstable, MA
Russell C. McGregor, Ph.D.....	1984-1987	(Deceased)
Abbey W. Magruder, Jr.....	1987-1990	Jackson, MS

## THE COUNCIL

The Council consists of the Officers of the Society, the former Chieftains, the Trustees and ten members-at-large appointed by the Chieftain for a three year term. The term of office ends at the adjournment of the annual Gathering of the year indicated.

## TRUSTEES

LTC E. Phillips Grier, '92  
Mr. Winfield S. Mayne, '93  
Capt. Howard T. Bierer, '94

## MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Mr. Joseph A. Foss, '92	Mr. Rob Roy MacGregor, '93
Mr. Donald W. Gregg, '93	Dr. Thomas M. McNish, '92
Capt. Paul C. Gregg, '94	Mr. Thaddeus G. Osborne, '94
Mr. John A. Grier, '92	Mr. E. Magruder Passano, '94
Mrs. Abbey W. Magruder, Jr., '94	Mr. Thomas G. Walker, '93

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**1992-1993**

Mr. William E. McGregor, Chairman  
Mr. Abbey W. Magruder, Jr.  
Mr. Joseph C. Tichy

## **EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL GATHERING**

**Cincinnati, Ohio 1992**

### **Chairmen**

Mr. & Mrs. James B. McGregor

### **Gathering Committee**

Mrs. Herschel M. Browne.....Registration Chairman  
Mrs. James B. McGregor.....Decorations Chairman  
Mr. James B. McGregor, Mr. Joseph C. Tichy.....Tour Chairmen  
Capt. & Mrs. Paul C. Gregg.....Sales Chairmen  
Mr. George F. McGregor, Mr. J. C. Tichy.....Ceilidh Chairmen

The Council and Gathering Committee wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to our Pipe Band, who, as usual, contributed so much to making this Gathering such a delightful and enjoyable weekend.

## **STATE DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS**

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**AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 9, 1992**

The Council Meeting of the American Clan Gregor Society was held at the Netherlands Omni Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 9, 1992. It was called to order by Chieftain George F. McGregor at 09:02 hours.

Chaplain Horatio Richardson gave the Invocation and asked the Lord to aid us in our struggle to perpetuate our heritage.

Scribe Malcolm MacGregor read the minutes of the last meeting as prepared by retired Scribe MacGregor Gray. These were accepted as read.

Treasurer James E. Woolley, Jr. distributed the financial statement for the past year, and noted that declining interest rates had reduced the income from our investments. Some discussion regarding investment mediums other than bank CD's followed. The financial report showed a total net worth of \$136,269.16 for the Society, so things are on an even keel.

Mrs. Herschel Browne, Registrar, reported a total of eleven new members, one of whom came in as a life member and two of whom changed from junior to regular members.

Three regular members and one associate member changed their status to life members.

Mrs. William Garrett, Historian, reported two marriages, three births, sixteen deaths, plus the death of one relative of a member.

Editor Miss H. Elizabeth Dorsett stated that although things had gotten off to a slow start, the Yearbook should be ready by the Holidays.

The report of the Librarian was given by Joseph Tichy in the unavoidable absence of Mason Lummis.

This report touched upon the ongoing problem of a proper repository for our records. In his report, Mr. Lummis suggested a more accessible facility than we presently have, but Joe Tichy pointed out the imperative need of a controlled atmosphere in the D. C. Area. Mr. E. Magruder Passano suggested a possibility of space at Lansdowne Library at the University of Baltimore. This will be investigated.



The report of the Trustees was given by Mr. Howard T. Bierer, as follows:

"The Edward May Magruder Medical Scholarship at the University of Virginia has a present market value in excess of \$170,000.

"This year's scholarship will be given to Mr. Thomas Richardson, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ramsey Richardson, who are members of the Society.

"The John Kennedy Magruder Scholarship at Virginia will be given to Christina Stephenson in the School of Nursing.

"The Dorothy Magruder Scholarship at Randolph Macon Women's College will be given to Wendy Knick, a sophomore.

"The Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship fund will award three scholarships — one to Granville Lloyd, one to Robert Swanson and one to Russell McGregor, each in the amount of \$500."

Assistant Chieftain Joseph C. Tichy, Jr. remarked upon the large number of deceased members this year, and also stated that thirty usual Gathering attendees were forced to cancel at the last moment due to illness. The list was long and grim. But, on the up side, he reported that we now have 609 active members and we had representatives in attendance at sixteen regional Scottish Games.

He indicated that we must anticipate major changes in the present Council: Mrs. Herschel Browne desires reprieve after ten years as Registrar, and Mr. James E. Woolley, Jr. wants to be relieved after ten years as Treasurer. Both have agreed to stand for re-election but would like to be replaced as soon as replacements can be found.

The site of next year's Gathering has not yet been decided upon, but news will be forthcoming.

Mr. Tichy thanked Mr. and Mrs. James B. McGregor for hosting this year's Gathering. He announced that the State Deputy Chieftains' Meeting would immediately follow the General Meeting.

Chieftain George F. McGregor announced the possibility of donating a set of American Clan Gregor Society Yearbooks to the National Library of Scotland. This was moved and seconded.

This engendered a long discussion of how best to preserve and reproduce these volumes. It was voted to have Abbey Magruder, Mason Lummis and Mac Passano investigate the cost of computer imaging and report to the next meeting.

Mr. Donald Gregg asked the Council to consider changing the dates of our Gatherings, as they conflict with the Stone Mountain Games. This will be considered when possible.

Mr. William McGregor, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for next year, as follows:

Chieftain.....	George F. McGregor
Ranking Deputy Chieftain.....	Capt. Paul Gregg
Scribe.....	Malcolm MacGregor
Registrar.....	Mrs. Herschel M. Browne
Historian.....	Mrs. William Garrett
Treasurer.....	James E. Woolley, Jr.
Chaplain.....	Rev. Horatio M. Richardson
Surgeon.....	Dr. Tom McNish
Chancellor.....	John K. Bellasai
Librarian.....	Lt. Col. Mason M. Lummis
Editor.....	Elizabeth Dorsett
Piper.....	Dr. William C. Stokoe
Trustees.....	LTC E. Phillips Grier
	Winfield S. Mayne
	Capt. Howard T. Bierer
Nominating Committee.....	William E. McGregor
	Abbey W. Magruder, Jr.
	Joseph C. Tichy, Jr.

The slate was approved and will be presented to the General Meeting.

Unfinished Business: Abbey Magruder reported for the Committee investigating Forbes MacGregor's latest book, "Too Rampant for the Lion". It was the opinion of the Committee that this did not contain enough new MacGregor information to be worthy of our monetary support. It was so voted.

Lou McGregor asked to close the Cook Book account set up in 1980. After two editions, it shows a profit of about \$1,500. There are books left for sale.

The Council voted to commend Jim Woolley, Fran Browne and Lou McGregor for their work.

The Chieftain appointed Joseph C. Tichy, Jr. as Assistant Chieftain, which was warmly approved by the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 hrs.

Malcolm G. MacGregor  
Scribe

## GENERAL MEETING

### October 10, 1992

The Chieftain, George F. McGregor, opened the meeting in Parlor F at 10:13 hrs.

Chaplain Horatio Richardson gave the Invocation and thanked the Lord for giving us such a fine heritage and asked for the strength that we may meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Scribe Malcolm G. MacGregor read the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on October 9, 1992.

Reports of the Treasurer, the Registrar, the Editor, the Librarian and the Trustees were given (for the contents of these reports, see the Minutes of the Council Meeting, 10/9/92).

Assistant Chieftain Joseph C. Tichy, Jr. reported on some of the trials of staging a "Gathering", such as problems in obtaining the Haggis, and numerous problems in the banquet seating, which were attended to by Peg Tichy.

The wife of Roger Magruder, ex-Chieftain and Charter member, has donated all his records to Mason Lummis - 16" of files, to be put in the Library. These should cover the entire history of the American Clan Gregor Society.

The article about our Clan Meeting which appeared in the October 9, 1992 issue of the *CINCINNATI ENQUIRER* attracted some new members.

The 1993 Clan Gathering had been scheduled to be held in the Roanoke Hotel in Roanoke, Virginia, which is being refurbished and will not be finished in time for our meeting. Therefore, we are looking at Asheville, North Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina or perhaps Florida for next year's meeting site.

Rev. Horatio Richardson read "The MacGregor Prayer", which was written by the Rev. James Benson, Pastor of the Church at Balquhiddy, Scotland. It read as follows:

*"Lord God, we thank you that your hand has guided Clan Gregor through long ages, preserving within us, in times of peace and in times of trial, qualities of courage, loyalty, and open-handed generosity.*

*"Forgive us and cleanse us of our freely admitted sins of the past, of which we truly repent.*

*“As we gather in this place, united by our common past, our present love, and our future commitment to walk together in your ways, grant us, we pray, strength and courage to uphold the honor of our Clan in days to come.*

*“Bless us, each one, and keep us, we pray, close and faithful to You, loyal to our Chief, and loving to one another.*

*“In the name of Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord, and Chief of all.*

*Amen”*

Rev. Richardson suggested we use this prayer somewhere in our annual ceremonies.

There was no Unfinished Business and no New Business to come before the General Meeting.

William E. McGregor presented nominations for Officers, Trustees and the Nominating Committee. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. The motion carried.

Mr. Joseph Tichy thanked Robert McGregor for his service as Ranking Deputy Chieftain. He has resigned from this position due to illness.

Chieftain George F. McGregor reserved his remarks for the Banquet.

New Members and those attending this “Gathering” as their first Gathering introduced themselves.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 hrs.

Malcolm G. MacGregor  
Scribe

# AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

## GENERAL FUND INVESTED ASSETS

Balance, Savings Account No. 131941

Home Federal Savings & Loan

Charlotte, N.C. 10/1/91

\$

\$

\$ 7,113.34

### RECEIPTS and MATURING INVESTMENTS:

Initiation Fees..... 559.00

Life Memberships..... 1,275.00

Interest Earned, Savings Account..... 337.67

Interest Earned, C.D. matured 7/20/92. 2,313.46

Certificate of Deposit matured 7/20/92. 38,000.00

Total for Year

42,485.13

### DISBURSEMENTS and INVESTMENTS:

Invested in C.D. maturing 1/21/93..... (38,000.00)

Trans. C.D. interest to G.F. Checking.. (2,313.46)

Total for Year

(40,313.46)

Net change, Savings Account for year

2,171.67

Balance, Savings Account No. 131941

Home Federal Savings & Loan

Charlotte, N.C.

9,285.01

Certificate of Deposit No. 655452480

maturing 1/21/93

38,000.00

Total General Fund Invested Asset Value

9/30/92

\$47,285.01

**AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.**

**SPECIAL ACCOUNT FUND**

Balance, Savings Account No. 131966

Home Federal Savings &amp; Loan

Charlotte, N.C. 10/1/91	\$	\$	\$ 5,658.33
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**RECEIPTS and MATURING INVESTMENTS:**

Interest Earned, Savings Account.....	252.14
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Donations.....	85.00
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Total for Year	337.14
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**DISBURSEMENTS and INVESTMENTS:**

..... 0.00

Total for Year	0.00
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Net change, Savings Account for year	337.14
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Balance, Savings Account No. 131966

Home Federal Savings &amp; Loan

Charlotte, N.C. 5,995.47

Total Special Account Fund Asset Value

9/30/92	\$ 5,995.47
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# AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

## CHARITY & EDUCATION FUND

Balance, Savings Account No. 131974

Home Federal Savings & Loan

Charlotte, N.C. 10/1/91

\$

\$

\$ 1,960.05

### RECEIPTS and MATURING INVESTMENTS:

Donations, Memorials..... 0.00

Interest Earned, Savings Account..... 338.45

Total for Year

338.45

### DISBURSEMENTS and INVESTMENTS:

..... 0.00

Total for Year

0.00

Net change, Savings Account for year

338.45

Balance, Savings Account No. 131974

Home Federal Savings & Loan

Charlotte, N.C.

2,298.50

Total Charity & Education Fund Asset

Value 9/30/92

\$ 2,298.50

# AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

## MARSHALL MAGRUDER LIBRARY FUND

Balance, Savings Account No. 131958

Home Federal Savings & Loan

Charlotte, N.C. 10/1/91

\$

\$

\$ 3,881.76

### RECEIPTS and MATURING INVESTMENTS:

T-Shirt Sales..... 753.53

Interest Earned, Savings Account..... 176.52

Interest Earned, C.D. matured 7/20/92. 1,217.61

Certificate of Deposit matured 7/20/92. 20,000.00

Total for Year

22,147.66

### DISBURSEMENTS and INVESTMENTS:

Invested in C.D. maturing 1/21/93..... (20,000.00)

Trans. C.D. interest to G.F. Checking.. (1,217.61)

Total for Year

(21,217.61)

Net change, Savings Account for year

930.05

Balance, Savings Account No. 131958

Home Federal Savings & Loan

Charlotte, N.C.

4,811.81

Certificate of Deposit No. 655452449

maturing 1/21/93

20,000.00

Total Marshall Magruder Library Fund Asset

Value 9/30/92

\$24,811.81



# AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

## HARRY AND EDITH BLUNT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance, Savings Account No. 131974

Home Federal Savings & Loan

Charlotte, N.C. 10/1/91

\$

\$

\$ 1,669.49

### RECEIPTS and MATURING INVESTMENTS:

Interest Earned, C.D. matured 4/2/92.. 727.06

Interest Earned, C.D. matured 7/22/92. 1,306.82

Certificate of Deposit matured 4/2/92.. 10,000.00

Certificate of Deposit matured 7/22/92. 20,000.00

Donations..... 550.00

Transfer unused scholarship

funds..... 2,255.70

Total for Year

34,839.58

### DISBURSEMENTS and INVESTMENTS:

Invested in C.D. maturing 4/8/93..... (10,000.00)

Invested in C.D. maturing 1/21/93..... (20,000.00)

Total for Year

(30,000.00)

Net change, Savings Account for year

4,839.58

Balance, Savings Account No. 131974

Home Federal Savings & Loan

Charlotte, N.C.

6,539.07

Certificate of Deposit No. 655554517

maturing 4/9/93

10,000.00

Certificate of Deposit No. 655452464

maturing 1/21/93

20,000.00

Total Harry and Edith Blunt

Scholarship Fund Asset Value 9/30/92

\$36,539.07

# AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

## GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance, 10/1/91

Home Federal Savings & Loan

Charlotte, N.C.

\$ \$ 11,519.68

### RECEIPTS:

Transfers from First Federal Savings Bank of Moore

County, Southern Pines, N.C.....

32,657.69

Interest Earned.....

276.89

Interest Transfers.....

3,531.07

Total for Year Ended 9/30/92

36,465.65

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Total for Year Ended 9/30/92

(See Schedule for Detail).....

(29,609.61)

Balance 9/30/92 Home Federal Savings & Loan

Charlotte, N.C.

\$18,375.72



**AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.**

**FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF MOORE COUNTY,  
SOUTHERN PINES, N.C.**

Balance 10/1/91 \$ \$ 34,662.46

**RECEIPTS:**

Gathering - 1991.....	16,861.69
Gathering - 1992.....	6,355.00
Sales - T-Shirts, Pins, Histories.....	1,342.53
Dues.....	8,055.00
Life Memberships.....	950.00
J. K. Magruder Estate.....	9,930.94
Donations .....	635.00
Initiation Fees.....	0.00
Interest Earnes.....	<u>1,866.25</u>

Total for Year Ended 9/30/92 45,996.41

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Transfers to General Fund Checking.....	(32,657.69)
Transfers to Other Funds.....	(2,338.53)
Richmond Roundabout (Gathering '91 Tours).....	<u>(2,750.00)</u>

Total for Year Ended 9/30/92..... (37,746.22)

Balance 9/30/92 First Federal Savings Bank of  
Moore County, Southern Pines, N.C.

\$ 42,912.65

# AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1992

### ASSETS

	\$	\$
Cash - Checking Accounts:		
Home Federal Savings & Loan, Charlotte, N.C.	18,375.72	
First Federal Savings Bank of Moore County Southern Pines, N.C.	<u>42,912.65</u>	
		61,288.37
Cash - Savings Accounts:		
General Fund Invested Assets.....	9,285.01	
Special Account Fund.....	5,995.47	
Marshall Magruder Library Fund.....	4,811.81	
Charity & Education Fund.....	2,298.50	
Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund.....	<u>6,539.07</u>	
		28,929.86
Short Term Investments:		
General Fund Invested Assets.....	38,000.00	
Special Account Fund.....	0.00	
Marshall Magruder Library Fund.....	20,000.00	
Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund	<u>30,000.00</u>	
		<u>88,000.00</u>
Total Assets		178,218.23

### LIABILITIES

John Kennedy Magruder Scholarship Fund.....	41,949.07	
Total Liabilities		41,949.07
Total Net Worth		<u><u>\$136,269.16</u></u>

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James E. Woolley, Jr., Treasurer

# AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

## GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES FROM 9/30/91 TO 9/30/92

CHECK#	DATE	PAYEE AND PURPOSE	AMOUNT
232	10/10/91	Whistle Stop Press - 1990 Yearbooks.....	\$3,895.50
233	10/14/91	Austin's - Office Supplies.....	31.23
234	10/14/91	Pine Prints - Letterhead.....	126.35
235	10/15/91	Office Depot - Copies for Treasurer.....	8.66
236	10/18/91	Richmond Roundabout - '91 Gathering Tour & Lunch....	220.00
237	10/18/91	John Turner - '91 Gathering - Ceilidh.....	300.00
238	10/18/91	John Masterson - '91 Gathering - Ceilidh, Banquet.....	125.00
239	10/21/91	Pine Prints - Tickets.....	74.20
240	10/29/91	M.R.W. International, Inc. - Library Storage & Ins.....	261.00
241	10/29/91	Jellison Press Printers - Gathering Programs.....	275.60
242	10/29/91	Robert W. MacGregor - Gathering Refund.....	73.00
243	10/29/91	Winfield Mayne - Gathering Refund.....	146.00
244	10/29/91	Carol Clark - '91 Gathering - Ceremonial Haggis.....	25.00
245	11/20/91	Austin's - Office Supplies.....	28.14
246	11/20/91	Joseph C. Tichy, Jr. - Expenses (Postage 193.90, Phone 103.98, Office Supplies 26.97, Gathering Expenses 261.41, Richmond Trip 9/15/91 245.60).....	831.86
247	11/20/91	Void - Covan	
248	11/20/91	Granvill L. Lloyd - Blunt Fund Scholarship.....	1,000.00
249	11/20/91	Sam's Fund - Sam Grier.....	500.00
250	12/15/91	Austin's - Office Supplies.....	82.63
251		To Tichy	
252		To Tichy	
253		To Tichy	
	12/20/91	Transfer Unused Scholarship Funds.....	2,255.70
254	12/27/91	The Jefferson Hotel - '91 Gathering Expense.....	12,522.57
255	12/27/91	Joseph C. Tichy, Jr. - Expenses (Postage 54.16, Office Supplies 7.75, Phone 25.99, '91 Gathering Expenses 226.16).....	314.06
256	12/27/91	Paul C. Gregg - Games Expenses.....	40.00
257	12/27/91	Mason M. Lummis - Games Expenses.....	100.00
258	1/9/92	Joseph C. Tichy, Jr. - T-Shirts.....	509.10
259	1/16/92	Austin's - Office Supplies.....	8.55
260	1/16/92	M.R.W. International - Library Storage & Ins.....	261.00
261	2/13/92	Fran Browne - Registrar Expenses.....	215.76
262	2/25/92	Pine Prints - Dues Statements.....	50.88
263	2/25/92	Austin's - Office Supplies.....	11.77

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## GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES FROM 9/30/91 TO 9/30/92

CHECK#	DATE	PAYEE AND PURPOSE	AMOUNT
263	2/25/92	Austin's - Office Supplies.....	11.77
264	2/25/92	Ronald A. McGregor - Games Expenses.....	100.00
251	2/13/92	Jack Sandrock - Typewriter Repair.....	45.00
252	2/14/92	Southern Reprographics - Dues Letter.....	73.03
253	2/18/92	Postmaster, Southern Pines, NC - Bulk Mailing.....	176.57
265		To Tichy	
266		To Tichy	
267		To Tichy	
268	3/10/92	Austin's - Office Supplies.....	6.28
269	3/19/92	Joseph C. Tichy, Jr. - Expenses (Postage 68.69, Phone 40.36, Office Supplies 25.71, Name Tags 25.00, Lucky Flowers 42.40, Copy Machine Repair 90.90).....	293.06
270	4/7/92	Pine Prints - Envelopes.....	99.85
271	4/17/92	M.R.W. International - Library Storage & Ins.....	261.00
265	4/30/92	B B Riverboats - '92 Gathering - Tour Deposit.....	875.00
272	5/6/92	Malcolm McGregor - Games Expenses.....	204.00
273	5/6/92	Austin's - Office Supplies.....	9.94
267	5/19/92	Stellar Printing.....	83.00
274	5/30/92	Joseph C. Tichy, Jr. - Expenses (Postage 55.52, Phone 33.44, Office Supplies 25.92, Council of Scottish Clans Assoc. Dues 20.99, Cincinnati Trip 796.62.....	931.50
275	6/17/92	Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.....	356.00
276	7/20/92	M.R.W. International - Library Storage & Ins.....	261.00
278	8/2/92	Joseph C. Tichy, Jr. - Expenses (Postage 175.04, Office Supplies 27.53, Phone 52.60, Baltimore Trip 231.27, GMHG Expenses 248.76).....	735.20
279	8/2/92	George F. McGregor - GMHG Expenses.....	21.68
280	8/2/92	Pine Prints - Letterhead.....	136.69
281	8/10/92	Joseph C. Tichy, Jr. - '92 Gathering Invitations Postage.....	144.00
282	9/15/92	Austin's - Office Supplies.....	21.73
283	9/23/92	Emplus Distribution - Forbes MacGregor's History.....	434.30
284	9/25/92	James E. Woolley, Jr. - Postage.....	23.20
		Total Operating Disbursements for Year Ended 9/30/92...	<u><u>\$29,609.61</u></u>



## REGISTRAR'S REPORT — 1992

### New Members

- 2370      **SMITH, Calvert Taylor, Sr.**, Route 2, Box 570, Lanexa, VA 23089; he the son of Calvert Grey Smith and Mary Louisa Taylor, Clan No. 1418, and brother of Sarah Minor Smith, Clan No. 2183.
- 2371      **DAVIDSON, Mary Seward Dugger** (Mrs. Charles E. III), P.O. Box 182, Brodnax, VA 23920; she the daughter of Richard Henri Dugger and Mary Lloyd Ezell; she the daughter of Gregg Ezell and Meta Seward. Here the line joins that of Alice E. Samford, Clan No. 1439.
- 2372      **FORTENBERRY, Roberta Christine Anderson** (Mrs. William L.), 1740 Orchard Drive, Columbia, MS 39429; she the daughter of Robert Buckner Anderson and Christine Haile; she the daughter of Henry Boyd Haile and Sophie Lee Davis; she the daughter of Martha Elizabeth Cookendorpher and William Thomas Davis; she the daughter of George Cookendorpher and Elizabeth Magruder; she the daughter of Ann Thorn and Elias Magruder; he the son of Priscilla Beall and Thomas Magruder who was born in Maryland in 1750.
- 2373      **BOSTELMAN, Janice Elizabeth**, 5806 Greenlawn Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814; she the daughter of William John Bostelman and Claire Kurz Bostelman Crain, Clan No. 1781-LM and granddaughter of Claire MacGregor Sessford, Clan No. 1398-LM and Dr. Charles G. Kurz, Clan No. 1750-ALM.
- 2374      **GREER, Charles Alan**, 1503 Quail Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408; he the son of Clara Ruth Reeves and Billy Joe Greer; he the son of Ruby Lee Eller and Joseph Frederick Greer; he the son of Minnie Gertrude Church and George Washington Greer; he the son of Doane Vannoy and Elijah Calloway Greer; he the son of Rachel \_\_\_\_\_ and Riley Greer; he the son of Sarah (Sallie) Church and Samuel Greer; he the son of Nancy Wilcockson and Benjamin Greer; he the son of Nancy Walker 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 Dumfriesshire, Scotland.
- 2375-LM      **SHOTWELL, Alan James**, Box 36, "Middle Earth", Rapidan, VA 22733; he the son of James Henry Shotwell and Alice Peyton Taylor; she the daughter of Franklin Minor Taylor, Clan No. 998. Mr. Shotwell is the nephew of Ellen T. Donnelly, Clan No. 2129-LM.

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT — 1992

### New Members

- 2376      **TAYLOR, Louise Elizabeth**, 2501 Hackworth Street, Ashland, KY 41101; she the daughter of George Keith Taylor, Clan No. 526.
- 2377      **BOSTELMAN, William C.**, 5806 Greenlawn Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814; he the brother of Janice E. Bostelman, Clan No. 2373 above.
- 2378      **GREER, William Harrison II**, 3212 John Court South, Hurst, TX 76054; he the son of Jeanette Weickert Hubbs and James Cecil Greer; he the son of Jessye Carolyn Holland and Walker Greer, who was the father of William Harrison Greer, Clan No. 2347.
- 2379      **McGREGOR, John Charteris**, 303 Cherrywood Lane, Edgewater, FL 32132; born in Glasgow, Scotland; he the son of Helen Charteris and William McGregor; he the son of Jane Culver and James Barr McGregor; he the son of Mary Barr and William Colquhoun McGregor; he the son of Margaret Colquhoun and Thomas McGregor; all were born in Scotland.
- 2380      **GREER, Robert Lewis**, 761 Brightridge Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330; he the son of Marjorie Sue Lewis and Michael D. Greer, Clan No. 1933.

### Members Who Became Life Members:

- 1107-LM      **COLE, Anne Magruder**  
1661-ALM      **COLE, Loren Fletcher**  
2351-LM      **McGREGOR, Robb A.**  
2368-LM      **McGREGOR, William R., Jr.**



## **REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN**

### **Helen MacGregor Garrett**

Since the last Gathering of the Society at Richmond, VA in 1991 until the Gathering in Cincinnati, Ohio of 1992, there have been reported 3 births, 2 marriages, 16 deaths of members and 2 deaths of relatives of members.

#### **BIRTHS**

**MacGREGOR**, Kirsty June, born March 20, 1987 in Burlington, Ontario, Canada, daughter of Malcolm Curtis MacGregor and Sandra Margaret Turner, granddaughter of Bruce M. MacGregor, Clan No. 2210, and Pamela Mary MacGregor.

**MacGREGOR**, Megan Justina, born February 12, 1992 in Pte Claire, Quebec, Canada, daughter of Ian Duncan MacGregor and Patricia Mary Dota, granddaughter of Bruce M. MacGregor, Clan No. 2210, and Pamela Mary MacGregor.

**SWANSON**, Amanda Marie, born July 10, 1991 at Fairfax, Virginia, daughter of Clarence Floyd Swanson III and Janis Marie Kaye Swanson, granddaughter of Margery Anne Mobley Swanson, Clan No. 963, great-granddaughter of the late Margery Lockhart Magruder Mobley, Clan No. 786.



**Amanda Marie Swanson, grandchild of Margery A. Mobley Swanson.**

## **MARRIAGES**

### **CRENSHAW — MAGRUDER**

Anne Crenshaw and Dr. Christopher H. Magruder, Clan No. 1535, were married on September 26, 1992, in Greenwood, South Carolina. Dr. Magruder is the brother of former Chieftain Abbey W. Magruder, Jr.

### **HOWE — COLE**

Sarah Jane Howe and Loren Fletcher Cole, Jr. were married in December, 1991. Sarah Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Howe of Louisville, and Loren is the son of Capt. and Mrs. Loren F. Cole of Palm Beach, Florida and Cashiers, North Carolina, Clan Nos. 1107 and 1661A. Loren is a grandson of former Chieftain Brig. General Marshall Magruder.

## **DEATHS OF MEMBERS**

**BASH**, Rosalee Harding, Clan No. 1767, died July 4, 1992. She is survived by her husband, Ivan C. Bash, two sons, C. Malcolm Bash, Clan No. 1863LM, and Keith Bash, Clan No. 1857LM, and two grandchildren.

**CHRISTIAN**, Eveline, Clan No. 1447, died in November, 1991.

**EATON**, Fannie Magruder, Clan No. 576, died February 13, 1992. She was 92, and the daughter of the late Robert Walter and Annie Neil Magruder, and was born in Claiborne County, MS. She was a past regent of Pathfinder Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. She taught elementary school for many years. She was a sister of former Chieftain Douglas Neil Magruder.

**GUY**, Kathryn E., Clan No. 1677, died March 1, 1992. She was 56. She was born in Baltimore, MD, the daughter of the late Bernard and Iola Guy. She was employed by the United States Government in the Art Endowment Department and the Army Map Service. She was a member of the National Cathedral Association and Clan Campbell in addition to American Clan Gregor Society.

**HOLMES**, Miriam, Clan No. 931LM, died April 2, 1992. She was 98. She was a retired teacher and principal in Prince George's County public school system. Mrs. Holmes published a book of poetry and childrens books. She was a charter member of the Prince George's County Historical Society and regent of the Magruder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is survived by her two children, Margaret H. Kelly and Forrest S. Holmes, Jr., two granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

**HUGHES**, Ruth, Clan No. 79, died February 19, 1992. She is survived by a daughter, Barbara Robins, Clan No. 1251. Her mother was Mary Magruder Wade.

**KENNEY**, Bess (Mrs. H. Gordon), Clan No. 2153A, died in September of 1991. She is survived by a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gordon Kenney, Jr., Clan Nos. 2169 and 2170A, and her sister-in-law, Dorothy E. Kenney, Clan No. 1996.

**LECKY**, Betty, Clan No. 1565A, died December 17, 1991. She is survived by her husband, Arthur S. Lecky, Clan No. 1499. Betty was very active in American Clan Gregor Society and for many years helped with the tent at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

**MacDONALD**, Nestor J., Clan No. 1595HLM, died October 17, 1991. He is survived by his wife, Helen, Clan No. 1596HLM.

**MacGREGOR**, Bruce M., Clan No. 2210, died June 28, 1992. He was the husband of Pamela MacGregor.

**MacGREGOR**, Joanne L., Clan No. 1940ALM, died August 1, 1992. She was the wife of the late Chancellor of Clan Gregor, William E. MacGregor. She is survived by sons William E. MacGregor, III, Clan No. 2258, Shawn MacGregor and Donald L. MacGregor, and daughter Molly Wepsala, and 5 grandchildren. She was a past treasurer of the Woman's Club of Minneapolis and was a board member of the Opportunity Workshop, Inc. for 34 years, which named a residential facility in her honor in 1991. She was a former board member of Woman's Christian Association, and at the time of her death served on the board of St. Andrew's Society.

**MAGRUDER**, Paul R., Clan No. 1005LM, died September 26, 1989.

**POLLOCK**, Mary Jane, Clan No. 1683LM, died April 23, 1992.

**REYNOLDS**, Julia Sue, Clan No. 1384, died February 24, 1990. She is survived by her sister Kitty Reynolds and Agnes Reynolds Lipscomb.

**TRIPP**, Ruth, Clan No. 1752, died August 21, 1990. She is survived by her son, John S. Tripp, Clan No. 1773, and her niece, Margarite Shewman, Clan No. 1768.

**UMHAM**, John B., Clan No. 1806, died April 27, 1992.

## **DEATHS OF RELATIVES OF MEMBERS**

**EMPKIE**, Frederick D., Jr., of Longboat Key, FL, died November 20, 1991. He was the husband of Betty Empkie, Clan No. 1914.

**McGREGOR**, Marie Cunningham, of Charlotte, NC, died July 16, 1992. She was the wife of Robert Polk McGregor, Clan No. 1707. She is survived by son Robert Polk McGregor, Jr. and daughter Catherine McGregor Kouri and five grandchildren.

# *Memorials*







**ROSALEE MacGREGOR HARDING BASH**  
**1920 - 1992**

Rosalee MacGregor Harding Bash, Clan No. 1767, died July 4, 1992, of lung cancer at her home in Yardley, Pennsylvania. After funeral services in the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, she was buried in the Trenton Ewing Cemetery Mausoleum.

Rosalee was born January 27, 1920 in the Jocelyn St., Chevy Chase, D.C. family home of her parents and grandmother, Florence Wallace MacGregor. Rosalee's parents were Joseph Henry (Harry) Harding and Nannie Bowie MacGregor Harding, Clan No. 369.

Rosalee was educated in the Chevy Chase, D.C. public schools, and the Washington School for Secretaries. As World War II loomed she was employed by the War Department. Her supervisor was Major Ivan C. Bash, a young lawyer from Trenton, NJ, whom she married January 6, 1945, in Arlington, VA.

At the end of World War II, Rosalee and her husband moved to New Jersey, residing in Trenton and later in Princeton when she became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Rosalee is survived by her husband, Ivan C. Bash; two sons, Charles Malcolm Bash, Clan No. 1863LM, and Keith Harding Bash, Clan No. 1857LM; and two grandchildren, Jessica Cleary Bash and Maxwell Ian Bash.

Rosalee was descended from John Smith Magruder, who in 1821 had the Maryland Legislature change his children's name to MacGregor. Proud of her Scottish heritage, Rosalee attended the 1975 Bicentennial Pilgrimage to Scotland to celebrate the restoration of the name of MacGregor, with her late sister, Nancylee MacGregor Harding Markanich, Clan No. 1766. The last meeting Rosalee attended was the 1989 Gathering in Annapolis, MD, with her Hundley, Dorsett and Kurz cousins.

## NESTOR MacDONALD

The passing of Nestor MacDonald leaves a large void in the Scottish scene in the United States. He was a major force in developing many of the activities and functions which are at the very heart of our participation in things Scottish.

He served as President of St. Andrews Society of New York, the Clan Donald Society and the Scottish Heritage Foundation. He was instrumental in establishing the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, serving as its President for many years.

We remember him best as one of the most stalwart supporters of the American Clan Gregor Society. He and his lovely wife Helen were, for many years, fixtures at our Gatherings. His great support and advice were deeply appreciated down through the years, so much so that he and Helen were made Honorary Members of our Society in 1970.

For many years after the death of Edith Blunt's mother, Mrs. Lloyd, Nestor and Helen were our only Honorary members. It is a very ironic twist of fate that the very weekend that Greg O'Brien was made an Honorary Member, Nestor passed away.

We will miss him very much.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1992 GATHERING

October 9, 10, 1992

Cincinnati, Ohio

We hardly knew what to expect as we drove into the outskirts of Cincinnati, having never been to that well known but unknown city. Our route had taken us through the beautiful scenery along the Ohio River, but we were a little apprehensive as we approached the city, since recollections of many dingy waterfronts ran through our heads.

Much to our surprise and delight, the closer we got to downtown, the nicer the waterfront appeared. There were walks, playgrounds, parks, pleasure craft, restaurants and all sorts of other amenities designed for people's enjoyment. It all climaxed with the appearance of gracefully flowing Riverfront Stadium, home to the Reds and the Bengals.

Only about five blocks away was our hotel, the Omni Netherland Plaza, a luxurious art deco creation set right in the middle of the city. It has been completely restored to all of its grandeur, including all of its artwork, sculpture and its five magnificent ballrooms. We were to find out that the staff and service were also magnificent. An excellent location for the MacGregors to spend a weekend celebrating their heritage.

From curbside to registration desk, we were continually running into other MacGregors, and with all of the hellos, kisses and how-have-you-beens, it must have taken us twenty minutes to get registered. You would have thought it had been a year since we had seen some of these folks!

They had to tell us of the wonderful skywalk just off the lobby, which allows you to walk anywhere in downtown one story off the ground in any weather. It connects all of the hotels, stores, office buildings, theaters, etc. in one huge network. The ladies had to tell us of the brand new shopping arcade of 70 stores also just off the lobby. I was beginning to wonder if anyone was going to stay around for the Gathering.

I needn't have worried. Thursday evening we all gathered for a reception so that everybody could say hello to everybody else. It is really strange, but wonderful, that after two or three Gatherings it seems that you have known all of these "cousins" all your life. The warm friendship just seems to permeate the atmosphere. A reporter from the Cincinnati Inquirer walked into this atmosphere to find out what we were all about, so we obligingly offered up a pot pourri of MacGregor clan history and lore. He got so absorbed in us that he stayed throughout the whole reception, talking to just about everyone in the room. By the time it was over, we were all pretty much in a tartan mood.

Friday morning saw the arrival of a few more cousins, as well as a lot of chatter around the Registration table. A few of the addicted shoppers tried out the arcade, much to their satisfaction. The Council met, deliberated and decided to adjourn in time for the Tour. A wise decision indeed.

Ah, the Tour! We boarded our buses, which proceeded to wind through the busy city streets and eventually across the Ohio River into Covington, Kentucky. As the bus turned left off of the bridge, we were enthralled to see the entire downtown section of Cincinnati laid out before us. The weaving paths along the river, plus the graceful lines of Riverfront Stadium just behind them, made a lovely setting, while the tall buildings of the city behind them created a stellar backdrop. The overall effect was quite stunning.

We proceeded to Trinity Episcopal Church in the old part of Covington. Built 150 years ago, it is a beautiful example of a blend of intricate woodworking, plaster work and stained glass windows. Reverend Richardson led us through the Memorial Service with his usual impressive style.

It was a very short ride back to the river, where we were to board our ship for a cruise up the river. There is a rather long series of ramps and steps down to the dock area. As we wended our way down, we were suddenly excited to hear the strains of "Scotland The Brave" wafting up from the water. Lo and behold, there was our Pipe Band on the upper deck, sounding absolutely wonderful. What a great way to be ushered aboard!

As we cruised up past the city skyline, we floated the Memorial Wreath on the waters, to the accompaniment of "Flowers of the Forest", and dedicated the wreath to the memory of all the MacGregors who had gone West on the Ohio River.

We were all very pleasantly surprised at the excellent quality of the food served aboard. It was every bit as good as the food at the Netherland Plaza. The trip up the river and then back down was beautiful and educational as well. As soon as their meal settled, the Pipe Band again treated us to a serenade of rousing music. And they were still playing as we happily walked back to the buses.

We only went about two blocks on the buses to the Licking Riverside Historic District of Covington, a pedestrian walkway which winds its way past three long blocks of ante-bellum houses, all built on the south bank of the Ohio, looking across the river to Cincinnati. The architecture was very beautiful and yet varied from house to house. Scattered along the walk is a group of very life-like bronze statues of people pertinent to the history of the area - John Roebling, who built the impressive suspension bridge between Covington and Cincinnati in 1864. At the time it was the longest suspension bridge in the world and the model for the Brooklyn



Bridge, and is still going strong; the first woman licensed as a pilot on the Ohio River; James Audubon, who did much of his painting in the area, and a few others. What makes these statues so impressive is the fact that they are life size, so you can stand alongside Audubon and look at the sketches of birds in the open book he is holding in his hands or you can sit on a park bench beside the first slave from that area to become a college professor. It is a magnificent example of what can be done with statuary if you use your imagination. We were all extremely impressed.

We were also impressed with the beginning of the Ceilidh. Ten Strike, Celtic music performers extraordinaire, were on the stage apparently all ready to start, when all of a sudden the sound of a fiddle filled the room, but no one was playing. Then, we slowly realized the sound was coming from behind us. Down the aisle came their fiddle player playing a beautiful tune, which built to a rousing climax (rousing for a fiddle, that is) just as he got to the stage. The rest of the group joined in to finish amid very appreciative applause. Then they announced that the tune is called "Miss MacGregor's Favorite March", which they thought would be a very appropriate beginning for a MacGregor Ceilidh. They obviously think well.

They entertained us with a wide variety of Celtic music, all played and sung with an obvious talent. It was thoroughly enjoyable.

Not to be outdone, our Pipe Band had been quietly forming up in the back of the room and came parading down the aisle to begin a serenade to finish off the evening in grand style. It was a wonderful Ceilidh.

Saturday morning we attended the General Meeting and were surprised at the number of changes that were made to the officers of the Society. The luncheon confirmed the fact that the Netherland Plaza is a delightful place to eat. It's always pleasing to notice the high level of chatter which goes on during the luncheon. Everybody is settled into the spirit of the occasion and enjoying themselves.

In the afternoon, we all walked over to nearby Fountain Park to enjoy a Pipe Band concert beneath that beautiful statue with the water streaming out of her hands. It's amazing how the sound of bagpipes, even amid city traffic, can attract people.

There must have been five hundred by the time the concert was finished. After hearing how the pipes came through clear and beautiful amid all the noise of the city and the fountain, it is easy to see why they were used to signal troop movements in battles many years ago. Everyone always enjoys the concert. Our band knows how to put on a really entertaining show.

At 6:30 all of the peacocks and pea cocquettes gathered on the gorgeous mezzanine for an hour of drinks and conversation. The Pipe Band led us into the magnificent ballroom, where we stood while the head table was piped in with pomp. We toasted the President and the Chief and then settled down to watch the haggis ceremony (Robert Burns would never have capitalized haggis) as entertainingly presented by our own Scottish-born Bill Garrett.

After an excellent repast, our Chieftain introduced the head table, which included the President of the Caledonian Society of Cincinnati and his wife, and all of the past Chieftains present. He then gave a short talk on our Society and its ties with the Clan Gregor Society in Scotland, as well as the trip last summer to participate in the International Gathering of MacGregors. It was an encouraging and upbeat address.

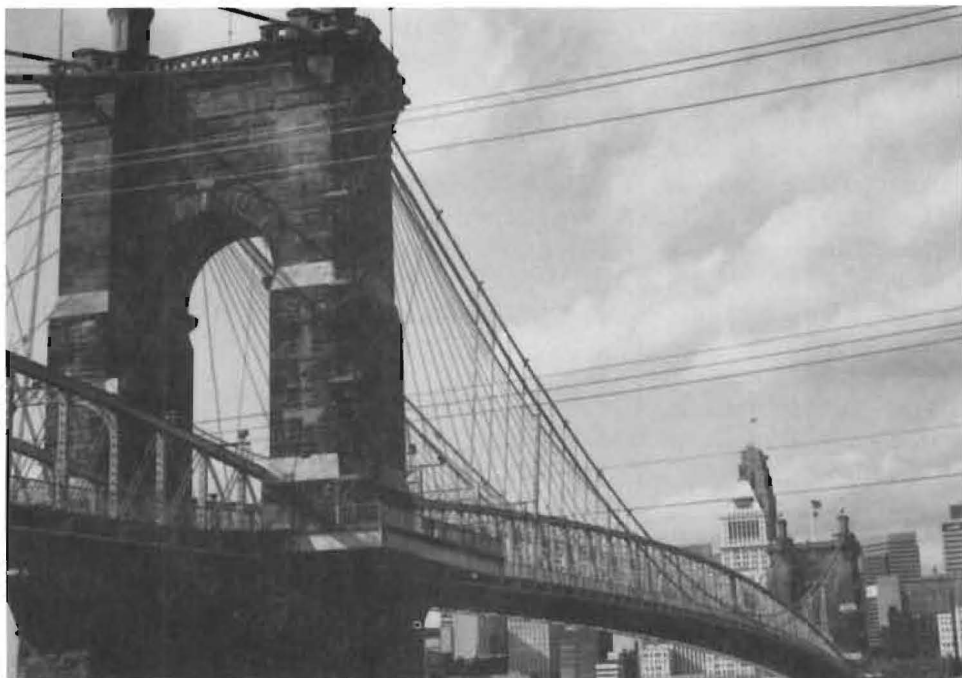
Then the Pipe Band, in all of its "Pomp and Circumstance" regalia, regaled us with a lively show, complete with some very energetic dances and a grand finale of "Scotland The Brave".

The atmosphere became somewhat relaxed as John Masterson, our favorite baladeer, tickled us with his humorous banter and enthralled us with his wonderful renditions of quite a few songs, both Scottish and otherwise. The evening ended with John singing "McGregor's Gathering". It is always great fun to watch the amazement on the faces of the people who have never seen the men climb up on their chairs, put a foot on the table, thrust their daggers into the air and scream "MacGregor, despite them, shall flourish forever!". Once seen, never forgotten.

The Gathering also is something which once experienced is never forgotten. There is a similarity to them which gives them a solid foundation, but each one is individual in its own right. This one was delightful and heart warming.



## SCENES FROM THE CINCINNATI GATHERING



Looking across bridge at Cincinnati.



View of Riverfront Stadium from tourboat.



The entrance to Omni Netherland Plaza



Fiddler entertaining at Ceilidh.



Chieftain George McGregor  
preparing to float the  
Memorial Wreath.



Capt. Howard Bierer and wife,  
Lib, at Reception.



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** From time to time we will reprint articles from past yearbooks as our membership changes through the years. The following article is reprinted from the 1937 yearbook. We think it will be of interest to our present membership.

## **EDWARD McGEHEE (MacGREGOR), OF BOWLING GREEN PLANTATION, MISSISSIPPI**

*By John Hanson Kennard, New York*

Edward McGehee, of Bowling Green Plantation, in Wilkinson County, Miss., was a lineal descendant of Patrick MacGregor, Chief of the Clan MacGregor of Scotland. Patrick MacGregor brought to the army of Montrose one thousand fighting men and was held in very high esteem by his illustrious commander.

After the failure of the Montrose Rebellion in Scotland in 1644, Major James MacGregor, second son of Patrick MacGregor, emigrated to America, and adopted the name Thomas MackGehee instead of James MacGregor. This change was probably made by Major James MacGregor to escape penalties which he feared would be visited upon him because of his participation in the Montrose Rebellion.

The descendants of Thomas MacGehee changed the spelling from MackGehee to McGehee, and as the name McGehee was a manufactured one, it belongs only to the descendants of Thomas MackGehee.

Thomas MackGehee had ten children — six boys and four girls. One of the boys, Edward McGehee, married Elizabeth DeJarnette. They had ten children — seven boys and three girls. Among the boys was Micajah McGehee.

Micajah McGehee, married Anne Scott of the well-known Scott family of Virginia. Sometime after his marriage, he and his wife moved to Oglethorpe County, Georgia. He and Anne Scott had thirteen children — ten boys and three girls, among them being Edward McGehee, his sixth son.

Edward McGehee, married Louisa Cosby, of Wilkes County, Ga., for his first wife on the 6th of July, 1811. By this marriage he had five children — three sons and two daughters. After the death of his first wife, he married on the 17th of December, 1823, Harriett Goodrich. The children of this marriage were three — two sons and one daughter. After the death of his second wife, he married Mary Burruss on the 17th of February, 1829. The children by this marriage were eleven — seven sons and four daughters.

One of the children of Edward McGehee by his first marriage was Sarah Houston McGehee. She married John W. Burruss. They had seven children — three sons and four daughters, among whom was Anne McGehee Burruss, their eldest child. Anne McGehee Burruss, married John Hanson Kennard, 1st. They had four sons and no daughters, their second child being John Hanson Kennard, 2d, the author of this sketch.

Micajah McGehee, who moved with his wife, Anne Scott, and his family from Virginia to Georgia was quite a character. He and his wife and children are all



described at considerable length in the *Georgians* by George Rockingham Gilmer. This book was published in 1855 by D. Appleton & Co. of New York City. George Rockingham Gilmer was governor of Georgia and in the introduction to his book tells how the book happened to be written as follows:

"It may be proper to say a word or two about the contents of this book, and why it was written. The author is an old man, who has passed his sixty-fourth year. Continued ill health rendered him unable for a long while to undergo labor, or bear much jostling from others. He has endeavored to pass quietly on, by getting into an untrodden track. Scribbling, when tired of reading, he found to be a pleasant relief from the tedium of unoccupied time. He wrote until he disliked to lose his labors. He publishes his scribblings with the hope that others may think that he did right in not throwing them away".

One of the families described in considerable detail by Governor Gilmer was the McGehees and the description of Micajah McGehee, a friend and neighbor of Governor Gilmer, is as follows:

"MICAJAH McGEHEE was a native of Virginia, and descended, as his name indicates, from a Scotch family. He was broadshouldered, shortnecked, and showed by his looks and ways that he was a tobacco planter of the right sort. He knew nothing about books, and spoke out what he thought directly, and in the plainest way. Soon after he became his own man, he was employed by Mr. Scott, a wealthy gentleman, of the family to which General Winfield Scott belongs, to do some plantation business for him.

According to Virginia fashion, intercourse between employers and employed was without restraint. Nancy Scott soon saw in the looks of young McGehee that she suited his fancy. It is not in woman's heart to be unmoved by admiration. She looked in return at the hearty, hale, strong-built, rosy-checked youth, until his image became so impressed upon her imagination that she saw others very indifferently. When two such people have wills under such influences, they are very apt to find a way to do as they want. The gentility of the Scotts disposed them to look down upon the working Micajah, and to oppose the union. The young people, nevertheless, got married. Not choosing to belong to the society of those who thought themselves above them, they removed to Georgia, and settled on Broad River. Though Micajah was wanting in polish, his father-in-law understood his worth, as a man of industry, economy, and honesty. He gave him liberally of his property. Micajah made good use of it, by purchasing a large body of the best land in Georgia, particularly suited for the production of tobacco, then the staple of the State. He was an adept at cultivating and packing it up in the best way. Though he was without booklearning, he had the instinctive capacity of the Scotch people and their descendants for making and keeping money. He was the first of the settlers who planted a peach orchard on the waters of Broad River, turned its fruit into brandy, and then into dollars. The habit of drinking what made drunkenness was, in early times among the frontier folks, almost universal. Brandy making and selling was the most profitable of all employments. Micajah McGehee made from his orchard \$1,600 a year, when that sum purchased as much as \$5,000 does now. He had twelve children, upon each of whom he enforced the habit of hard work. He became rich through the labor of his negroes, his children's industry and his own economy. He built the most comfortable frame-house on Broad River. It had four rooms below stairs, several above, was covered with shingles, and painted red. It was a great place for the old Virginia amusement of dancing. Micajah McGehee's constitution was so strong, that he battled with death taking brandy until he was upward of eighty years old. When he was young, it took drinking all day to make him drunk. When he was old he got drunk twice a day. He became a member of the Methodist Church during the great religious excitement of 1809-10-11. He still continued to get drunk. When he was spoken to about it, he said that the habit was so confirmed that he could not live without the free use of brandy. He was requested to say what quantity was necessary for his health. He agreed to try to limit himself to a quart a day, but the allowance failed to keep him alive".

Governor Gilmer than described Nancy Scott, wife of Micajah McGehee as follows:

"MRS. McGEHEE (Nancy Scott) was exceedingly kind and hospitable. It belonged to her Scott temper to be so. After her marriage, she added to the genteel habits of her own family the industry of her husband's. She never stopped or tired of working for her husband and children. Her house was a place of hard work and of good eating. She had a very pressing way of urging her friends to partake of what she set before them. During the early pinching times, when tempting food was reserved for Sundays and friends, Mr. Thomas Meriwether called one day when very hungry — the family meal over — and was set down to what he liked very much. Mrs. McGehee very politely urged him to eat, saying that he was taking so little that he could not relish what she had provided for him. His own candid temper and way of talking made him suppose that Mrs. McGehee might be hurt if he did not consume more than he was disposed to do. He ate until suffering stopped him.

Mrs. McGehee once performed a feat of industry which was hard to beat. She spun, wove, cut out and made up a petticoat in one day and wore it the next.

"Industrious as she was, she continued to have the quality taste of her family for display. She induced her husband to buy a carriage when nobody else on Broad River had one. It was a stick-backed gig. Sunday was their visiting day. The next day after the purchase, the old gentleman and his wife came in to my father's to dinner. The road had just before been cut around a new-ground fence and was very full of stumps. The old man turned the gig over. When they arrived at my father's, the old lady complained of great pain. The old man insisted that she ought not to moan so, for that, when he found the gig going over, he had spread himself, and caught her upon his back, to prevent her being hurt".

Governor Gilmer then described each of the twelve children of Micajah McGehee and Anne Scott in considerable detail. His description of Edward McGehee, the subject of this sketch, is found later on in this article.

In the introduction to his book, Governor Gilmer said that he hoped it might unite once more "in the kind feelings of kinsfolk" the descendants of the families he described. So far as the McGehee family was concerned, the effect was somewhat different from what Gov. Gilmer hoped and expected. It did indeed unite the children of Micajah McGehee as kinsfolk but the union was one caused by the resentment felt from the statements: First, that the Scott family opposed the union between Micajah McGehee and Anne Scott because the Scotts thought themselves a grade above Micajah in the social scale; and, second, because Micajah's drinking habits were described with such minutia. The statements, therefore, were considered untrue and slanderous. Knowing that their father was a lineal descendant of Gregor, third son of Alpin, King of Scots, about 787, they considered few their social equals and none their superiors. Proud of the fact that in spite of eight royal edicts against the Clan MacGregor, the purpose of which was to put the Clan out of existence, it continued to hold together until restored to its ancient state by Charles the Second — the descendants of the Chief of the Clan fully believed the assertion "where MacGregor sits is the head of the table". The brandy drinking of Micajah was not considered as more than a minor fault in a Scotchman and as the MacGregors had always been direct and forceful in their conduct toward others, the resentment of Micajah McGehee's children was very emphatic.



There were twelve children, all blest to a considerable extent with material prosperity, and when they united they constituted a powerful body. They bought up all the copies of the *Georgians* they could get hold of and burned them. As a consequence of this, the book is exceedingly rare. The writer knows of only two copies outstanding: one in the New York City Public Library and the other in the State Library of Texas.

Micajah McGehee's plan for starting his twelve children in life was as follows:

When a son became of age, he gave him \$5,000. in cash and enough additional cash to purchase seven slaves and sent him forth with his blessing.

When a daughter married, he gave her \$5,000. in cash and his blessing. The plan was a great success and few families in this country have contributed more to its increase in population and prosperity.

When Micajah McGehee's son, Edward McGehee, became of age, Micajah gave him \$5,000. and money enough to buy seven slaves, and, in 1808, Edward McGehee went to Wheeling, W.Va., and there bought himself a horse, a flatboat, his seven slaves, and flour and other articles for trade; loaded them on his flatboat and floated down the Mississippi River. On his progress down the river, he disposed of the articles of trade which he had on the flatboat, and finally tied up at Fort Adams, La., where the government had built a log fortification. He then went inland, reaching the new settlement at Thompson's Creek. Being greatly pleased by the grand forests, good soil and the beautiful stream, he bought land and settled there. In about two years, having prospered very greatly, he returned to Georgia, married, and brought his bride back to Thompson's Creek on horseback over the trail running through the Indian Nations. The route was through such a wild country and the safety of the journey was so uncertain that he did not dare to bring with him a very beautiful saddle which was one of his wife's wedding presents, fearing the Indians would steal it.

He arrived at Thompson's Creek and carried his wife over the doorstep of his home on the day he was twenty-five years old. Among the things he brought back on mules was a small library which he installed in his neat log home, feeling as proud as a king.

A few years later, he built what was then considered a very fine frame house. The next thing he built was a church which he erected with his own negroes, and he then employed and paid a pioneer preacher. This preacher not being a very punctual person was often late for his appointments, so Edward McGehee bought and presented to him a fine watch as a rebuke and reminder.

Edward McGehee continued to increase his land ownings and moved from Thompson's Creek to Bowling Green Plantation in Wilkinson County near Woodville, Miss., upon which he built a very nice frame house. From then on he was known as Judge McGehee. In 1831, he replaced the frame house with a large brick dwelling, one

of the handsomest in that part of the South. Most of the bricks had to be brought by wagon from St. Francisville, La., twenty-seven miles away on the Mississippi River.

The continued prosperity of Judge McGehee and the development of that section of Mississippi in which he lived stimulated him to build a railroad, twenty-seven miles long, connecting Woodville with St. Francisville. This was the fifth railroad built in the United States. The larger part of the money required for building the road was furnished by Judge McGehee and the larger part of the stock of the railroad company belonged to him. Until the road was finally sold out to the Mississippi Valley Railroad, the West Feliciana Railroad was practically a family concern with a McGehee as the President and other McGehees as executives. The road did a good business, enough to keep the interest of its indebtedness always paid up and to take care of its operating charges. The people of that part of the country said that passenger traffic could not be expected to pay a profit because all the McGehee family had to be carried deadhead.

Interesting information as to the West Feliciana Railroad is found in a thesis on Judge McGehee written many years ago by Clanton Williams, professor at the University of Alabama. Professor Williams says:

"When Edward McGehee began the construction of the West Feliciana R.R., there was only one steam railroad in the U.S. This, too, was in the South. It ran from Charleston to Hamburg, S.C. (opened in 1830). Judge McGehee's railroad was incorporated in the state of Louisiana in March, 183\_\_\_\_.

"Here we might pause to note the foremost place of the South in the industrial world. It was not until 1833 that France, Belgium, or Austria began R.R. construction. The first railroad in Germany was opened in 1833 and the first railroading in Russia was not until 1850.

"The year 1833 saw completed the South Carolina R.R. between Charleston and the Savannah River, one hundred and thirty-six miles. This was the first railway line to carry the mails, and the longest continuous one then in the world.

"To the development of his railroad project, Edward McGehee gave his untiring effort, his powerful intellect, and a large part of his wealth. There remained a monument to his foresight and vision, and that his was the first railroad to use a gauge of four feet, eight and a half inches now the standard gauge of all modern vehicles in America. It was his inventive genius which is responsible for the prevalent use of cattle guards, which he called 'cow-pits.' The West Feliciana R.R. issued the first freight and passenger tariff to be printed in the U.S."

In the same thesis, Professor Williams has the following to say about Judge McGehee:

"Among many deeds, for which he will long be remembered, are the following: he was a member of the legislature of Mississippi, Vice-Chancellor of Wilkinson County, founder of the Carondelet St. Methodist Church of New Orleans, founder of the Woodville Female Academy, afterward the Edward McGehee College, founder of the Bethel Church of his County, one of the founders of the Centenary College, Jackson, La., owner of the first cotton factory of Miss., 'associate' of Samuel B. Morse in constructing the first telegraph line in Miss., and engaged in every enterprise for the welfare of his state.



"In his generation he was unique. He dominated and charmed his fellow men. No man in his sphere could be, or wish to be, his rival, yet he had no relish for public life. He demonstrated that an American citizen may be public spirited and patriotic without seeking official position.

"His legislative career was most honorable and useful, but as soon as he could follow his own wishes without disregarding the obligation of citizenship, he returned to private life. President Taylor offered him the Secretaryship of the U.S. Treasury, but he declined, preferring the independence of a private gentleman, and shrinking from the glare of high official station.

"Above six feet high, large frame, erect, with calm, dark eyes whose kindly magnetism none could resist; straight black hair; a nobility of countenance and dignity of mien that led many persons after meeting him to say that he reminded them of Gen. Washington as he was portrayed in history; a voice singularly gentle, yet commanding; modest as a village maiden, yet grandly brave; a brain of immense power and a heart tuned to the finest emotions; a prince in all the elements of leadership among his fellows; a patriarch in the fatherliness of his great, affectionate nature; the strongest pillar of the church, and a perfect model of a citizen; a friend of the widow and orphan, a builder of churches and colleges; the white man's exemplar and the black man's protector, the benefactor of all accessible humanity. Edward McGehee may be taken to typify one side of the civilization of the Old South in the midst of which good men and women bloomed into a peculiar grace and dignity and reached heights attained only by those who, being tried in the fire, come forth pure gold.

"Though Judge McGehee engaged in many activities, it must not be forgotten that he was primarily a planter.

"He owned a total of 29,800 acres of land and 825 slaves.

The total valuation of his estate before the war has been conservatively placed at \$2,717,000."

Judge McGehee from the time he settled at Bowling Green was the outstanding citizen in his community. He, with some associates, established a bank at Woodville, for which he contributed most of the capital. He supplied most of the funds for the erection of a Methodist Church in Woodville and until his death paid most of the salary of the minister, and, in many instances, for the education of the minister's children. He built the first Methodist Church in New Orleans and there is to this day in that city the McGehee Methodist Church. He established, at Woodville, the first girls' seminary in the State of Mississippi. He contributed generously to Centenary College, his donations amounting to over \$100,000. He built and operated with his slaves a cotton textile factory — the first one erected in the State of Mississippi and one of the very first textile mills to be built in the South.

When the Civil War began, Judge McGehee, though he opposed secession as long as the matter was an open question, supported the Confederacy liberally with money and goods. As a consequence of his support, when the Yankee Army swept through Wilkinson County, it burned his factory, tore up the road bed of the railroad, and destroyed its equipment; and finally burned his mansion at Bowling Green, giving the family only five minutes in which to get out. This burning of the home is described in "*So Red the Rose*" and is graphically shown in the moving picture made from the book. Stark Young, author of the book, is a member of the McGehee family.

The damage done to the West Feliciana Railroad by the Yankee troops was so great that it cost \$100,000 to put the road back into operating condition. This sum was loaned to the Railroad Company by Judge McGehee.

Judge McGehee lived to be ninety-five years old. Up to his ninetieth year, he rode regularly over his plantation and to the plantations of his children on horseback. He preserved his faculties to the time of his death. The writer of this was eighteen years of age on Judge McGehee's death and therefore knew him well.

Judge McGehee followed his father's plan of giving to each son on maturity, and to each daughter when she married, a plantation. In the case of the writer's grandmother, Sarah McGehee Burruss, Judge McGehee gave her land, buildings, and slaves of the value of \$35,000. In the papers of my grandfather Burruss was found an inventory of this gift and its appraisal.

The Civil War greatly reduced Judge McGehee's fortune. When Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, Judge McGehee was paying taxes on slaves assessed at a million dollars. Nevertheless, on his death in 1880, he left an estate in round numbers amounting to six hundred thousand dollars.

The GEORGIANS gives the following description of Judge McGehee at page 169:

"EDWARD, the sixth son, was an active, finely proportioned man, very courteous and affable, very industrious, and of good understanding. His desire for mental improvement was such, that he agreed to pay his father, out of the property he should receive from him when he came of age, twelve dollars per month for the time he went to school more than his brothers had gone. Though he was very industrious, and desirous of acquiring riches, he was liberal, kind-hearted and hospitable. He fell in love with and married Miss Cosby, an exceedingly clever young lady, but without fortune. He removed to Louisiana. The last time I saw him was in Washington City, on his way to place his daughter at Mrs. Willard's School in Troy. He is now (1855) reputed to be worth near a million of dollars. He has given as much as five thousand dollars at a time to benevolent purposes. President Taylor was his near neighbor, and had so great confidence in him that he made him his executor."

(President Taylor offered him the position of Secretary of the Treasury, but the offer was declined. J.H.K.)

Judge McGehee was noted for his excellent treatment of his slaves. Interesting testimony of this is found in letters written in 1856 by Miss Louise Landon, daughter of a Congregational minister of Winsted, Conn., to her sister, Mrs. James L. Alvord, wife of a prominent manufacturer of Winsted. Dr. Landon and his family were all New Englanders and violent abolishmentists, regarding slavery as practically an unforgivable sin, for, in one of her first letters to her sister, Louise Landon, says: "I believe the curse of God is upon this country and that it will remain here to blight and desolate until this horrible system of slavery is replaced by free labor. I hate slavery with all my heart". And, therefore, Louise Landon's testimony is very significant.

The following are excerpts from her letters to Mrs. Alvord:

"Judge McGehee is reputed to be the richest man in the State (Mississippi), owns plantation after plantation and over one thousand slaves, and is a thorough Southern gentleman — a very simple hearted Christian. A finer private library (than his) can, I suppose, scarcely be found.

"He, with his wife, three daughters, two sons and three servants leave next Thursday to spend the summer at the North — spending the longest time at the Sulphur Springs, Virginia.

"This morning, while he was out walking with his girls, we stepped into the blacksmith shop. The blacksmith Edinboro by name, is a splendid looking man, black as he was — a fine head and an intelligent face and a thorough workman. I asked him where he had learned



his trade and he said in Petersburg, Virginia, but he had worked for Master (Judge McGehee, thirty years. Edinboro has everything he wants. He never is denied anything he asks, besides which Judge McGehee gives him regularly so much time every week to work for himself and then Edinboro keeps his fees. He sets his own prices for all that he does. Once a week he comes up to the house and reports to one of the sons — who he has done work for, and how much. Judge McGehee says Edinboro could easily buy himself if he chose, neither do I believe if he should ask for his freedom it would be denied him.

"The carpenter on the Plantation is equally capable and efficient. Such men would have a good support, but Mary, how much better off would they be in Winsted? Here they have all they can eat and drink and wear. They can go to church where we go if they choose. Sunday morning and Sunday P.M. the minister comes out and preaches to them in a little church Judge McGehee has built for them. They spend their evenings visiting each other.

"They will sit and talk with you by the hour of their Master — how good he has been to them, how much pains he has taken to buy all their children, sending sometimes to Georgia or Virginia for them. Old Daddy Charles and Mammy Sukey are an old couple that came out with Judge McGehee from Virginia fifty years ago. The old man has a horse at his command and rides around through the woods looking after the boys, of which there are more than one hundred running at large in the woods. He does that because he chooses. The old woman does anything she likes or nothing, and they have everything that is nice to live on. All their children are here and swarms of grandchildren. Often when I see such things I contrast them with the forlorn condition of old negroes in the North".

Louise Landon, in her correspondence, makes other references to Judge McGehee which are interesting. On the 2nd of August, 1856, she wrote her sister about having gone to a commencement at Jackson, Miss., and says:

"Among other exercises of the week are the laying of the corner stone of a new college building. To this Judge McGehee subscribed \$15,000. on condition that it should not be announced. I never saw a man with such a horror of having his benevolent acts known. A rare combination, great wealth, great benevolence, and extreme modesty".

In another letter she says:

"This morning we all went over on horseback to Ellera (the plantation of John W. Burruss, son-in-law of Judge McGehee) to breakfast. Mr. Burruss has a beautiful house, the show place of the whole country, though Judge McGehee's place is and will be the place above all others".

In a still later letter of the 12th of November, 1856, she says:

"I am just back from Bowling Green, bringing with me the most exquisite bunch of roses you ever saw. Last Saturday, Judge McGehee passed his 70th birthday and it was a family party — forty-three varieties of roses graced the tables and rooms. The air was laden with their perfume. Tonight as I walked about the garden I could not realize it was nearly the middle of November.

"I should have said my bouquet was roses and japonica. They have a japonica bush that had on it one time last winter, three hundred full blown japonicas".

It is interesting to know that Bowling Green now belongs to and is the home of Charles Goodrich McGehee, great-grandson of Judge McGehee. It is also interesting that Charles G. McGehee married Mary Magruder, so that he did not go outside of the Clan for his wife.

It has been my privilege to meet many a fine man and outstanding personages in my life but I have never known a finer, mental, moral, and physical specimen than my great-grandfather, Edward McGehee. He was exactly six feet tall in his

stockinged feet, weighed two hundred pounds in his prime and up to middle age had the reputation of being the strongest man in southern Mississippi. He never used either tobacco or liquor.

It is not altogether easy to put a MacGregor in his proper place — proper from the point of view of the outsider — but I think that one of Judge McGehee's old family servants did the job for me more thoroughly than it was ever done in my life. I relate the incident because it illustrates the attitude of the old family servants toward the McGehee family, an attitude, the result of years of service to Judge McGehee.

The McGehee family coachman at Bowling Green during my lifetime was Uncle Thomas, an exceedingly competent and dignified person. Uncle Thomas had entire charge of the family coach and the horses that drew it. The coach was one especially built by Brewster, of New York, as suitable to the dignity and the size of the McGehee family. It was the largest and most elegant of all the equipages in our part of the country.

The horses which drew the coach were the largest and handsomest and most distinguished looking in southern Mississippi. I never knew how it was possible for them to be what they were invariably through all the years — majestic bays of the heft and dignity of Percherons but with the clean limbs and elegant appearance of Morgans. One of the coveted privileges in my youth was to be allowed to sit on the box with Uncle Thomas. It was a privilege not lightly granted by him nor lightly accepted by any of the grandchildren or great-grandchildren to whom it was extended.

After Judge McGehee's death, Uncle Thomas lived on at Bowling Green until some years later, when, on returning from my office in New Orleans one evening, I found Uncle Thomas sitting on the front steps of my home. The following dialogue occurred:

J.H.K.: "Well, Uncle Thomas, how are you and what are you doing in New Orleans?"

Uncle Thomas: "Why, Mr. Hanson, I am down here for a visit to my daughter. She has been livin' here for the last two years."

J.H.K.: "Well, how do you like it, Uncle Thomas, and how long do you expect to stay?"

Uncle Thomas: "Oh, I like it fine and I think I am goin' to live here".

J.H.K.: "Well, what will you find to do down here?"

Uncle Thomas: "Oh, I'll take care of your horses".

J.H.K. (*much embarrassed*): "But, Uncle Thomas, I haven't got any horses."

Uncle Thomas (*incredulous*): "You ain't got no horses!"

J.H.K. (*more embarrassed*): "No, Uncle Thomas, I am sorry to say I haven't".

Uncle Thomas (*after a long pause — embarrassing to J.H.K. and evidently very confusing to Uncle Thomas*): “Well, I declare. Ycu ain’t go no horses? You’re the first one of the family I ever knew that didn’t have no horses”.

J.H.K. (*feeling that he was practically dropped from the family rolls*): “I am very sorry Uncle Thomas but maybe I can arrange something for you.”

Although I was able to arrange it so that Uncle Thomas looked after my yard and garden, having the special duty of using the hose on the flowers and grass and street in front of my home, I could see that my status in his estimation was never what it had been before he found out that I had no horses. I don’t think he ever understood how it could happen. I know that the interview set me down with a worst jolt than any other I have had before or have had since.



## SCENES FROM HIGHLAND GAMES



Mr. & Mrs. Orval-Simon Bower and children at Orlando, Florida 1992 Highland Games.



Alan McGrew at Clan Tent at Dunedin, Florida 1992 Highland Games.





Thaddeus Osborne attending MacGregor Tent at Gatlinburg, Tennessee Highland Games.



## A MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY

*by Joe Tichy*

One of the great pleasures in my tenure as Assistant Chieftain has been my association with our Pipe Band. Our Gatherings just wouldn't be the joyous occasions they are without them. Everyone you talk to says the same thing: "I so look forward to listening to our Pipe Band at the Gathering".

One of the reasons the band sounds so good at the Gatherings is the fact that they also look forward to playing for us each year. In fact, there is competition amongst the members of the band (they have about thirty) to see who gets to go to the "MacGregor Bash". Quite a few who do come also bring their spouses and quite often join in all of the activities of the weekend, including the tour and memorial service.

They are at our beck and call and have yet to turn down a request by us for a little something extra. They know that almost anything they do will be deeply appreciated by us.

One of the members of the band was Jimmy Darvangel, a piper who was born and reared in Scotland, talks with a wonderful brogue, and loved to entertain us with his native songs at the parties after the banquet on Saturday nights.

Some time back, Jimmy developed a bad heart condition. His doctor told him that in order to protect his heart from further strain he would have to quit playing the pipes. Jimmy very politely told the doctor that he would rather die happy playing his pipes than to just sit around and die a long miserable death from depression. Jimmy played for ten more years.

Just recently, Jimmy Darvangel retired from playing, but only because of his age. Upon his leaving the band, I received the following touching letter from him, which I think to a great extent sums up our relationship:

"Mr. Joe Tichy,

"Please accept this letter of appreciation for all of the good things you and the MacGregor Society have given to me and the band over these many years.

"I am really speaking for myself but (dammit) the band believes it too. You have given us a lot of fun, always there when we needed you; if a problem comes up you fix it.

"The Clan never forgot our group. What lovely memories, always smiling and a great disposition. Oh! Maybe we went overboard at times, but always forgiven after a performance.

"Sincerely yours,

"Jimmy Darvangel

"P.S. THANKS A LOT"



## 50th ANNIVERSARY

submitted by  
Mrs. Joseph H. Crain

Claire Sessford Kurz, LM 1398, and Charles Godfrey Kurz, Jr., LM 1750A, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 8, 1992, at their home in Bethesda, Maryland.

The party was hosted by their daughter, Mrs. Joseph H. Crain, LM 1781, and her family. Fifty relatives and friends helped celebrate the joyous occasion with a buffet luncheon and the traditional wedding cake and flowers.

Neighbors surprised the anniversary couple with a kilted bagpiper to serenade them throughout the afternoon.



## **REPORT OF EDWARD K. GREGOR ON 1992 HIGHLAND GAMES ATTENDED**

The following is my report for 1992 of Scottish Games and Highland Gatherings attended as representative for the American Clan Gregor Society.

The Genesee Country Museum, Mumford, NY Annual Highland Gathering was held on Sunday, June 7, 1992, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. There was nice weather and lots of interest of people in their Scottish ancestry and locations on my maps of Scotland. Russell C. and Jean McGregor from Rome, NY, and my wife Marilyn, have helped at our display at this event.

The annual Central New York Scottish Games and Celtic Festival was held August 8, 1992, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM at Longbranch Park, Liverpool, NY, off New York State Thruway Exit 39. This was our second year at this new location, and there was a larger crowd, even though there was an afternoon shower. Christine McGregor from Clinton, CT helped carry our banner in the Opening Ceremony.

The annual Capital District Scottish Games, Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, New York, was held on Saturday, September 5, 1992, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. This year there were more people and beautiful weather. Donald and M. Christine McGregor carried our banner in the Parade of Tartans by the grandstand and in the Opening Ceremonies. Christine also performed on her Celtic Harp during three Harp Exhibitions at the Northern Hudson Valley Harpers Group tent. One was a solo she had composed for her harp.

Another event was The Amherst Museum Annual Scottish Festival, held on Saturday, September 15, 1992, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM at Amerst Museum Colony Park, located in East Amherst, New York, midway between Buffalo and Niagara Falls. We didn't have a tent this year, but did last year.

We have been attending these Games and Gatherings for many years and look forward to more of our members attending, sharing the enjoyment, and, if possible, helping out at our tent.

## INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF MacGREGORS

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to include the story about the trip to the International Gathering of MacGregors in Scotland in 1992. We promise to have the story for next year's yearbook. Meanwhile, below is a really great picture of Sir Gregor and our Chaplain, Ray Richardson, taken at the Gathering by Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm MacGregor.



# ATTENDANCE AT THE 1992 GATHERING

## Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. J. A. MacGregor Allensworth.....	NM
Capt. & Mrs. Howard T. Bierer.....	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Blanck.....	CA
Mrs. Herschel M. Browne.....	VA
Miss Diana G. Browne.....	NY
Mr. & Mrs. Harold I. Donnelly.....	VA
Miss M. Elizabeth Dorsett.....	MD
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Mrs. Mary E. Empkie.....	FL
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When Joe Tichy called and asked me to take on the task of editing this yearbook, he gave me certain rules to go by. One rule was that this edition of the yearbook must only contain news of events which happened between the 1991 Gathering and the 1992 Gathering.

Unfortunately for me, I had some especially **BIG NEWS**, but it happened after the 1992 Gathering. I'll just tell you now, if you promise not to breathe a word of it to Joe Tichy, that Abbey and I have a new (our first) granddaughter, Abbey Elizabeth Joiner, born March 23, 1993 in Richmond, Virginia. I'll certainly fill you in on all of the details in next year's yearbook, unless Joe fires me in the meantime for jumping the gun.

Lillian Magruder  
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