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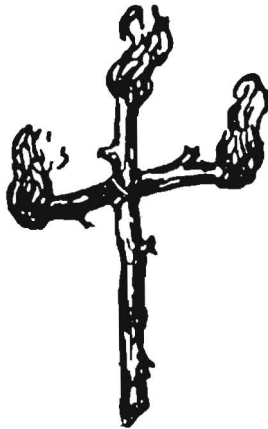


Episcopal Cathedral of St. Phillip, site of Friday Luncheon and Memorial Service



Clan Gregor members entering Atlanta Historic Center Museum,
site of Friday afternoon tour

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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.

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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.

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AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC. COUNCIL MEETING — OCTOBER 13, 2000

The meeting was called to order by the Chieftain @8:40 am. in the Nichols Hall of the Hilton Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Invocation was given by Thaddeus Osborne.

The minutes of the 1999 Council meeting as recorded by the Scribe and presented in the last yearbook, were accepted by acclamation.

The Treasurer, Sandy MacGregor, distributed copies of his report to the Council, which was approved as presented.

The Report of the Registrar, Millie Gregg, was accepted as presented. The past year we have had a significant drop in our new members applications and Millie made some possible reasons for such a decline.

Tess James, our Historian, presented her report to the Council, which was accepted as presented.

Lillian Magruder, the Editor of our Yearbook, gave her report, which was accepted as presented.

Marshall Grier, our Librarian, was absent and no report was given.

The Report of the Trustees was given by Hallam Walker and was accepted as presented. He gave a report on the Scholarship Committee and passed around pictures of some of the recipients.

Joe Tichy, our Assistant Chieftain, reported a small increase in the total membership figures for the year and requested that he hold the balance of his report till the General Meeting. This was agreed to. The Council was informed that Carrington Ewell, Joe's Assistant, is ill and currently in Hospital. The Council unanimously agreed to send him their wishes for a speedy recovery. A card was supplied by Helen Garrett and was signed by the members of the Council. The scribe was tasked with sending it to Carrington.

Newsletter editor Ron McGregor gave his report stating that last year there was not a single issue of The Archoille due to the lack of input from our membership.

Jim McGregor, our Webmaster, was unable to attend but indicated by letter a considerable increase in 'hits' on our ACGS Website, from 100 - 160. 204 people now subscribe to Archoile e-mail that Scott McGregor handles. Among these are 37 who are new this year. Our Registrar Millie Gregg commented that the downloading of Membership Application

Forms and the processing of these has been working extremely well. Ron McGregor suggested that our Chieftain should send some kind of Certificate of Appreciation to Jim and Scott McGregor for their efforts on the Website.

Helen Garrett, recently returned from Scotland, conveyed the good wishes of Sir Gregor and Lady Gregor to all members of ACGS.

Our outgoing Chieftain Malcolm MacGregor limited his remarks to thanking the Council and Officers for their support over the past 4 years.

Unfinished business: The recommendations submitted by the By-Laws Committee were discussed at length. The 7 recommendations were actually divided into 14 separate items and were discussed on an individual basis. Of the 14 items discussed 7 were accepted and the remainder were rejected. The 7 accepted items will be voted on by the membership at the General Meeting.

New Business: (a) The Chieftain had commissioned Bill Garrett to explore the possibility of the ACGS participating with the Scottish CGS in their efforts to restore and preserve Clan gravesites, monuments and other artifacts. Bill passed around copies of his report and after some discussion, our Chieftain Malcolm MacGregor made a motion that we send out Pledge Cards with our next Membership renewals to solicit pledges to assist the CGS in their endeavors. This motion was seconded and passed by the Council.

(b) Ron McGregor presented a report on the preliminary plans for the 2001 ACGS Gathering at Denver Colorado.

Election of officers: Past Chieftain Paul Gregg presented the Nomination Committee's slate of new Officers for the coming year. The Council approved the slate for presentation and vote at the General Membership meeting on Saturday 14th October.

With the concurrence of the council, Malcolm MacGregor appointed Joe Tichy as Assistant Chieftain for yet another year and Carrington Ewell as Deputy Assistant Chieftain.

With no further business coming before the Council, a motion was made, and seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried and the Council adjourned their meeting at 10:38 am.



Respectfully submitted,

John C. McGregor, Scribe

AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING — OCTOBER 14th, 2000

Chieftain Malcolm MacGregor called the 91st meeting of the American Clan Gregor Society to order on October 14th, 2000 at 9:10 a.m. Invocation was given by Thaddeus Osborne.

Helen Garrett addressed the Gathering and at the request of Sir Gregor and Lady MacGregor brought greetings and good wishes from the Clan in Scotland to the American Clan Gregor Society for a very successful gathering.

The meeting began with the reading of the Minutes of the 2000 Council Meeting by Scribe John McGregor. A Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the 1999 General Meeting as recorded in the yearbook. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sandy MacGregor gave the Treasurer's report. Sandy reported a total ordinary income of \$28,227 and a total interest/dividends income of \$15,027.90. Interest/dividends for the month of September are projected at \$2,227.00. The all-inclusive total income is therefore \$45,481.90 and the total expenses are \$46,806.07, leaving a negative cash flow difference of \$1,324.17. Sandy reported no extra ordinary expenses this year. Annual dues received for 1999/2000 totaled \$9450.00. Last year we had an unrealized profit on our investments of \$13,029.32, whereas this year we are showing an unrealized profit of \$16,814.79 on our investments. This is an increase of \$3,785.45. This year our net worth (projected) is \$218,949.77 versus \$216,581.47 for last year, an improvement of \$2,368.30. \$3,785.47 is in the unrealized increase in the value of the stocks. This is a deficit of \$3,644.17, not counting the unrealized increase in the stocks for each year. This is skewed by the gathering income and expenses, which occur over two fiscal years. Sandy offered copies of his report to anyone present. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Registrar Millie Gregg reported the acceptance of 25 new members into the society this year. This is a decrease from previous years. Millie encouraged the members to get out and recruit new members. Millie read aloud the names of all the new members and asked them to stand and be recognized and welcomed. One new member was present and he was welcomed with an enthusiastic round of applause. Millie also reported three members have converted to Life Membership and seven junior members were enrolled. The Registrar's report was accepted as presented.

Historian Tess James presented her report. Tess read aloud to the audience the names of twelve who have passed away this year. Amongst the deceased was Evelina Magruder, our last living charter member at the age of 102. She was present at the original meeting in

1909 and died in the home where the meeting was held. Tess announced that there were three weddings this year. She also proudly announced that a long held wish was being fulfilled and she would be present at the wedding of her granddaughter in January of next year.

Yearbook Editor Lillian Magruder gave her report and thanked the members for all the wonderful pictures she received this year. She reminded members to write identity of subjects on the back and send a self-addressed envelope if the photographs are to be returned, otherwise they will be turned over to Millie for our Clan scrapbook. Lillian reminded the members that she would like picture, articles for the yearbook by March 1st of next year. The Yearbook Editor's report was accepted as presented. Ron McGregor, Newsletter Editor, reported that he has not published a newsletter this past year. This is due to the fact that he has received only four submissions for the newsletter all year. In a limited chastisement, he indicated that he would be unable to continue as editor and publisher without the support of the membership. A member inquired as to the type of input he would like and Ron replied that he would like any articles that applied to our clan, events taking place during the year and any activity of the Scottish Community in general. Ron suggested that maybe the members were not interested in a snail mail newsletter but would like to have only the e-mail Newsletter put out by Scott McGregor. The members voiced the opinion that not everyone was on e-mail and that Ron's version was needed and an effort will be made to send him contributions.

Librarian-Elect Marshall Grier was not present. No report was given.

Hallam Walker gave the report of the Board of Trustees and also of the Scholarship Committee. Hallam reported that the Trustees are sort of a nebulous entity. In principle they oversee what the Treasurer does and since they have absolute good faith in Sandy, it makes it very easy. Besides which the Chieftain can always appoint an audit committee should the need arise.

The function of running the Scholarship Committee is important. Last year, Hallam requested Ron to publish again the guidelines for the Blunt Scholarships in the Ardchoille and it is important that all members with upcoming college students to be aware of the availability of these funds. It is not a tremendous scholarship but it does buy some books. This year, our applicants numbered two, both excellent college students and we were very pleased to give an award to Christopher White, son of member Charles K. White of Connecticut and to John Andrew Grier, son of our Richard M. Grier of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

We particularly want the word to get out that applications must be submitted in March and April. Decisions are made in the month of May. Malcolm thanked Hallam for his report.

Ron McGregor reported on the 2001 Gathering. The Colorado McGregors are very excited about hosting the Clan Gathering again. The location is Denver Colorado. The information has been set up sixteen months in advance of the occasion; it includes the Hotel - The Hyatt Regency Tech Center Hotel on Oct 11th - 13th. The hotel is a new modern hotel with tremendous views. The hotel has agreed to a rate of \$82.00/night and is located close to two (2) of Denver's nicest shopping center malls. There are several nice restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

Memorial Service will be held at the Montview Presbyterian Church. We have two options for the wreath laying ceremony. The first is at Denver's most beautiful and famous cemetery - Fairmont where about twenty-one MacGregors are buried. The second option depends on which of three tour options we choose. If we go back to the famous MacGregor Ranch at Estes Park it would be appropriate to lay the wreath at the family tomb at the ranch. The three tour options being considered are the Molly Brown House in Denver, the Kimball Castle on the Cherokee Ranch located about twenty-five miles south of Denver, or the aforementioned MacGregor Ranch at Estes Park. Each has benefits and drawbacks and careful consideration will be given before making the final decision.

Loretta Thompson and her three piece band will provide entertainment for the ceilidh. Loretta is an accomplished musician who has performed at highland games throughout the Rocky Mountain region. Her music covers Celtic, Irish, Scottish and western. She plays both the fiddle and guitar. Of course, our very own ACGS Pipe Band and dancers will also entertain us.

Our committee has three people in mind as guests. The first is Don McKee, Pipe Drum Major for the City of Denver Pipe Band. He is an ex-marine aviator. He is also a world famous sculptor, who made the Scottish Collar of office for the Lord Lyon of Scotland to replace the current English collar. The second guest being considered is Susan Thornton. She is a McGregor and also a Piper and the Major of the City of Littleton. She arranged a magnificent undertaking of 150 pipers and drummers who played at the Columbine Memorial Service. Our third guest is Mrs. Betty D. Freudenburg, author of "Facing the Frontier" - the story of the MacGregor Ranch. She has studied the history of the MacGregors so much that she almost considers herself a MacGregor. She presented to the CGS as a memento, a horseshoe from a genuine cowboy's horse mounted on a plaque. The horseshoe came from a genuine American western cattle ranch, founded and worked by MacGregors.

Arrangements are being made with a local bus company for the tour. They come highly recommended.

Malcolm thanked Ron for his report and quipped that he could hardly wait for our next Gathering.

Assistant Chieftain Joseph C. Tichy Jr. was called upon to give his report to the Gathering. Joe reported on his trip to Denver last June to arrange for the 2001 gathering and advised that everything is in the very capable hands of Ron McGregor.

We currently have 654 members and we continue to grow year by year. Joe has visited other clan societies and is convinced that ours is highly motivated and is probably the best anywhere in the world.

Joe noted that he has been here for 27 years and has experienced a lot of Registrars, a lot of Treasurers and a lot of Yearbook Editors and we have the best we ever had right now.

Joe, his son and daughter have donated the 'Black Book of Taymouth' and the Book of The Dean of Lismor to the Library. Joe's daughter Susan did a great deal of research and read all the books and all the poems and decided that these books would be a much-needed addition to our Library. These two volumes have more written information on the McGregors in the 1500's and 1600's than any other artifact in the world. The Book of the Dean of Lismore is available to everyone and may be obtained by having it mailed to your Library and then you can read it there. The cost will be for mailing only. The Black Book of Taymouth cannot be mailed and will be located in our Library at the University of Baltimore.

Joe reported that Carrington Ewell, our Assistant Chieftain in training, was unable to attend the Gathering due to illness.

The Chieftain thanked Joe for his report.

Malcolm now directed the attention of the membership to the decision of the Council of the American Clan Gregor Society to make a yearly contribution to the Clan Gregor Society in Scotland. These funds would be for the express purpose of restoring, maintaining and preserving historic Clan Gregor artifacts. The Scottish CGS has a large number of urgent projects for which there is little or no funding. Malcolm received a list of projects from Richard McGregor in Scotland (the CGS President) and read some of the projects from the list.

Loch Doine (the burial place of John MacGregor Murray of Glencamock (d. 1744): This is a quite ruinous structure lying in a field some 6 miles west of Balquhiddier. It contains, so far as can be ascertained, only the one gravestone. Access is over 50 feet of boggy moorland. The part of the glen in which it lies is not accessed by many tourists. Cost for repair would be 14,000 pounds. Richard and Malcolm share the view that this is too much money to spend on something like this when other projects are in progress. An alternative (uncosted) approach would be to raise the stone and display it somewhere after restoration (it is in two parts). If reparation work were done the stone could still be lifted and a replica put in its place.

Glengyle House: This is presently owned by West of Scotland Water Authority and lies on their land in the vicinity of Loch Katrine. It is a listed building but the Water Board has allowed it to deteriorate. Currently WSW is reviewing its housing policy. CGS has been keeping an eye on it but are unable to do anything. If it came on the market it would need a lot of renovation but is one of the few original houses of the clan left (it dates from the 18th century though the original MacGregor settlement is much earlier). Rob Roy's father was born there. Unfortunately, its position is quite remote, well off the tourist trail and access is heavily restricted at the present time by West of Scotland Water. Vehicular access is difficult. Cost is impossible to say - it might sell for 20,000 pounds but would probably need another 40,000 pounds to renovate and repair.

Clan Heritage Center (formerly known as Drumkinnon Bay Project):

This proposal unites a number of clans with a view to the provision of a Clan Center (historical, cultural, interactive and commercial) on the banks of Loch Lomond. The financial commitment of the Clans is not clear at this stage as to the building costs (that is, how much fund raising might be expected, or looked-for from the various Clans). However, once the venue is built or renovated each Clan will be responsible for its own display and for a contribution to maintenance. On the basis of the Killin display it is likely that this will be in the region of 15,000-25,000 pounds for the display. The maintenance and staffing costs - these are difficult to predict at this stage, though as a commercial venture, it would be expected that this aspect would be largely self-financing.

Dalmally Stones: This project is largely being co-ordinated by Keith MacGregor and the Great Lakes Chapter. It is envisaged that the raising of the stones and their display will be dealt with internally, but there remains the need for ongoing maintenance and development. At present the sum for this is not determined and particularly interesting here is the possibility of some kind of joint venture with the Dalmally Historical Association (which may or may not link in with the following):

A Clan Gregor Center: Although no developments are currently underway, the possibility alluded to above, suggests we should keep this idea very much on the agenda. A comparative project involving building conversion and restoration in Grantown-on-Spey cost more than 100,000 pounds for maintenance/staffing etc. The building work however might qualify for local, regional or even national funding. The first stage would be a feasibility study, which would require separate funding (as yet uncoded as no suitable site is available, although the Bridge of Lochay Hotel at Killeen may be coming onto the market in the near future).

Dalmally Historical Association is initiating discussion with field archaeologist Heather James on the possibility of mapping the old settlements, including the ancient MacGregor site of Stronmelchan, once home of the Chiefs (pre 1600). The CGS has been invited to participate though at this point there is no fixed programme. Costs would involve contribution to the hire of specialist ground surveying equipment and the fees for the archaeologist. Length of the project would determine cost but might be 6,000 pounds inclusive for two months - to be shared between the participants.

Acquisition of Artifacts: This is considered if and when such artifacts come onto the market. For example, CGS recently purchased James Mor's sword.

CGS supports the School of Piping, currently to a modest level. They have a lot of things over there that needs attention and they are not getting it. A small contribution to these things will be greatly appreciated, no matter how small they may be.

To support these projects, the Council is asking each member to pledge an annual donation for the next five years. A pledge card will be mailed with the next dues statement.

There being no unfinished business from last year The Chieftain moved on to new business. The first involves the by-law changes as proposed by the by-law committee and somewhat accepted by the Council.

At this point Joe Tichy introduced the by-law changes to the General assembly. Of the fourteen proposed changes, seven were approved by the Council and seven were rejected.

Approved changes: #1. (Ref article III, Section III)

The Associate Members description should now read *"Any person is eligible for associate membership in the Society who is married to a lineal member, or a lineal life member or was married to a person who is deceased and was a lineal Member of the Society or a lineal life member, or eligible for lineal membership, or a stepchild of a lineal member. An Associate Member shall have the right to vote and fully participate in the activities of the Society."*

Approved change: #2. (Ref. addition of Section VI to Article III) Adding the new paragraph on 'Honorary Members' as follows: The amended section now reads: - Honorary Members: *"A person who is not eligible for lineal or associate membership but who has shown great and sustained interest in the work of the Society may be nominated for, and elected to Honorary Membership in the Society. An Honorary Member shall not be required to pay dues and shall not have the right to vote or hold office. To be considered for Honorary Membership, a petition to this effect shall first be presented to the Council in writing and signed by no fewer than three current Council members, setting out the achievements and accomplishments of the nominee which are considered by the petitioners to be deserving of honorary membership. The said petition shall be submitted for consideration at any duly convened meeting of the Council and may be debated or discussed at the said meeting. However, a vote on the said nomination shall not be considered until one full year has passed, whereupon the Council shall automatically take the matter up again."*

We have only had three Honorary Life Members in this Society. They are Nester MacDonald, who started the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, J. Gregory O'Brien, the Pipe Major of our great Band and John Masterson a wonderful singer who you will hear tonight.

Approved change #3. To renumber those sections of article III, beginning with the current Section VI, *Application for Membership*, to reflect the addition of a new Section VI, *Honorary Members*, as typed above. With this change, the current Section VI, *Application for Membership*, becomes new Section VII, and so forth.

Approved change #4 (Ref Article VI, Officers, Section XV)

Assistant Chieftain.

Should be amended to add a new last sentence as follows, to the existing text: *"The Assistant Chieftain shall maintain and shall update, at least annually, the official listing of all members in good standing of the Society. Copies of the said membership listing shall be made available upon request to any member in good standing of the Society."*

Approved change #5 (Ref Article VI Section VIII)

Signing of Checks for the Society.

In the past, the by-laws required two signatures on each check, by either the treasurer, the Chieftain or the Assistant Chieftain. This was cumbersome and the by-laws changed to read a Single Signature by any of these three people. The amended Section will now read as follows. (New words are in boldface):

*"The treasurer shall collect all dues, and collect and have charge of all other funds of the Society, except as otherwise designated by the Council; he shall deposit the funds in a bank designated by the Council; he shall disburse these funds as directed by these by-laws, the Society, the Council, or the Chieftain, **by check signed by any one of the following: the Chieftain, the Assistant Chieftain, or the Treasurer.** He shall be elected to term of office covering one year."*

Change #6 (Ref Article VI Section VIII) Auditing the Treasurers Accounts.
We changed the paragraph concerning the Auditing Committee just to clarify it a little bit. The amended section should now read as follows. (New words are in boldface:)
*"Within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year, the accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited by the Auditing Committee, which shall consist of two persons drawn from the current members of the Council **excluding those who have control of funds.** These Committee members shall be appointed annually by the Chieftain, subject to reappointment. The Auditing Committee shall promptly report the results of their audit to the Chieftain, who shall in turn report it to the Council no later than the next scheduled Council meeting."*

Change #7 (Ref Article VI Section IX) Chancellor,
Add the following new sentence to the end of the existing text: *"The Chancellor shall be the parliamentarian of the Society. He shall rule on all questions of parliamentary procedure as they arise, resolving them according to Roberts' Rules of Order."*

A motion was made to accept these changes, was seconded and carried.
There being no further new business the Chieftain proceeded to the election of Officers.

Past Chieftain Paul Gregg presented the Nomination Committee's slate of new officers for the coming year. Paul read as follows:

Chieftain	Jeffrey R. McGregor
Ranking Deputy Chieftain	Robert F. MacGregor
Scribe	John C. McGregor
Registrar	Mrs. Paul C. Gregg
Historian	Mrs. R. Russell James
Treasurer	Robert F. McGregor
Surgeon	Dr. Thomas M. McNish
Chancellor	Miss Diana Brown
Librarian	Marshall V. Grier
Yearbook Editor	Mrs. Abbey W. Magruder
Piper	J. Gregory O'Brien

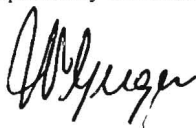
For election to the Board of Trustees:
E. Magruder Passano, Hallam Walker and Carrington W. Ewell.
The Chieftain then called for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion from the floor was made to approve this entire slate of officers and the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Election of a new nominating committee was next on the agenda and the following were proposed: Robert F. McGregor, Joe Tichy and Malcolm MacGregor. A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

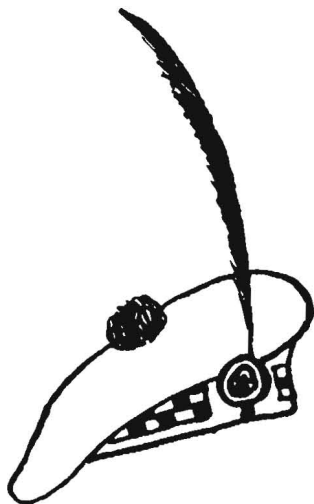
The Chieftain made a series of announcements concerning various functions, which would take place this day, including the Deputy Chieftains meeting and the pipe band concert.

With no further business brought from the floor, the Chieftain accepted a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:12 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. McGregor'.

John C. McGregor, Scribe



AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

	1998/1999	1999/2000	DIFFERENCE
<u>ASSETS</u>	\$	\$	\$
Cash - Checking Accounts			
Wachovia Bank, Smithfield, Va.	4,299.45	7,682.37	
First Savings Bank of Moore County, Southern Pines, N.C.	17,239.48	4,676.29	
Quick & Reilly Money Market Account	<u>16,876.99</u>	<u>1,710.53</u>	
Total Cash in Checking Accounts	38,415.92	14,069.19	(24,346.73)
Cash - Savings Accounts			
General Fund Invested Assets	3,117.04	5,428.94	
Special Account Fund	3,511.23	5,318.56	
Marshall Magruder Library Fund	3,618.94	3,934.76	
Charity & Education Fund	1,277.07	2,404.48	
Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund	<u>2,033.83</u>	<u>4,566.68</u>	
Total Cash in Savings Accounts	13,658.11	21,653.42	7,995.31
Short Term Investments			
First Savings Bank of Moore County, Southern Pines, N.C. (Certificate of Deposit)	79,000.00	79,000.00	
Quick & Reilly Investment Account	151,708.73	166,296.57	
Unrealized Profit/Loss on Q & R Equities	<u>13,029.32</u>	<u>23,445.86</u>	
Total Short Term Investments	243,738.05	268,742.43	25,004.38
 Total Assets	 <u>295,812.08</u>	 <u>304,465.04</u>	 <u>8,652.96</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
John Kennedy Magruder Scholarship Fund	<u>79,230.61</u>	<u>79,230.61</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Liabilities			
Total Liabilities	<u>79,230.61</u>	<u>79,230.61</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Net Worth 9/30/99	<u>\$216,581.47</u>		
Total Net Worth 9/30/00		<u>\$225,234.43</u>	
Net Difference			<u>8,652.96</u>

Note:

An estimated value for tangible assets, such as the collection at the University of Baltimore Library, inventory of tent sale items, inventory of old yearbooks, and other miscellaneous items, is not included in the above net worth figures.

Robert F. MacGregor, Jr.

Robert F. MacGregor, Jr., Treasurer

REGISTRAR'S REPORT — 2000

New Members

- 2645 BRITT, Janice Kay Greer**, 1040 St. Rt. 307 South, Wingo, KY 42088; she the wife of Michael Gene Britt; she the daughter of Joseph Perice Greer and Dorothy Sue Mosley; he the son of Jewellvan Greer and Virginia (Virgie) Walker; he the son of William Asa Greer and Rosa Bugg Jackson; he the son of Preston Lowe Greer and Harriet Lorena Owen; he the son of Asa Greer and Nancy Phelps; he the son of Solomon Greer and Hannah Law; he the son of Aquilla Greer and Hannah ?; he the son of John Greer, Jr. and Ann?; he the son of John Greer, Sr. and Sarah Day; he the son of James Greer and Ann Taylor.
- 2646A MACGREGOR, Martha C.**, 1649 Old Charlestown Rd., Stephenson, VA 22565; she the wife of R. James Macgregor.
- 2647A WARD, Gertrude R. King**, 3024 Donnegan Bay Dr., Las Vegas, NV 39117-2451; she the wife of William Ward.
- 2648A GREGG, Winifred M.**, 8 Glenmoor Place, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926-1342; she the wife of E. Stuart Gregg.
- 2649 CURTIS, Barbara Lucille Black**, 315 Pinewood Rd., Greenville, NC 27858; she the wife of Douglas Curtis; she the daughter of Daniel Jasper Black, Jr. and Catherine Cecelia Barbara; he the son of Captain Daniel Jasper Black and Hyacinth Shaw Peterson; he the son of Murdock Black and Antionette Burns McLean; he the son of John Martin Black and Nancy Ray; he the son of Archibald Black and Flora Martin; he the son of Kenneth Black and Catherine Patterson.
- 2650 MacGREGOR, John C., Jr.**, 806 Dundee Circle, Leesburg, FL 34788; he the husband of Lynn Spender; he the son of John C. MacGregor, Sr. (of Scotland) and Edna Mitchell.
- 2651LM BEDARD, Catherine Ellis**, 1209 8th Ave. 4L, Brooklyn, NY 11215; she the wife of Anthony Jerome Laurence Bedard; she the daughter of Luther Harrison Higdon and Jane Catherine Gregg; she the daughter of Thomas Albert Gregg (Clan No. 2030LM) and Margaret Anna Weed; he the son of Albert Sherman Gregg and Celia Mary Bowen.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT — 2000

New Members

- 2652 GRIERSON, Fredrick Charles, Jr.**, 105 St. James Dr., Glen Burnie, MD 21061-4084; he the husband of Deborah Biocco; he the son of Fredrick Charles Grierson and Eleanor Virginia Hooper; he the son of Thomas Edward Grierson and Christina (?); he the son of James Fredrick Grierson and Mary Rebecca Cockrane; he the son of Andrew Grierson, Jr. and Martha Dorsy; he the son of Andrew Grierson, Sr. and Jean Brown.
- 2653 MERCER, Charles DeWitt, II**, 4300 S. Church St., #6, Rocky Mount, NC 27803-5715; he the husband of Mary Doris Rackley; he the son of Charles DeWitt Mercer and Annie Mae Little; he the son of Dennis Mercer and Welthis Skinner; she the daughter of William Skinner and Queenetta Webb; he the son of Gardner Skinner and Sally Flowers; he the son of Dempsey Skinner and Lydia (?).
- 2654 SMITH, Janet MacGregor**, 60 River Rd., Merrimac, MA 01860; she the wife of Milton H. Smith; she the daughter of Allan Baker MacGregor and Katharine Glover; he the son of Fred David McGregor and May C. Bennett; he the son of David McGregor and Maryette Nesmith; he the son of Robert McGregor and Polly Haven; he the son of James McGregor, II (adopted by James McGregor of Londonderry, NH) and Agnes Cochran; he the son of Alexander McGregor and (?); he the son of Rev. James McGregor and Marion Cargill.
- 2655 ELLIOTT, Millard Gregg**, 1841 N. Alanton Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; he the husband of Mildred Lynn Andrews; he the son of John Elliott, III and Mary Hathaway Gregg; she the daughter of Otis Tiffany Gregg and Juliette Kirker; he the son of William Cephas Gregg and Mary M. Newton; he the son of Cephas Gregg and Susan Clymer.
- 2656 GREGG, James Richard**, P. O. Box 1325, Bowie, TX 76230-1323; he the son of Floyd Clarence Gregg and Sallie Faye Shilling; he the son of Hiram Quincy Gregg and Una Virginia Hornbeck; he the son of James Monroe Gregg and Amanda Lavonia Jane Hartin; he the son of Daniel Gregg and Susan McFadden; he the son of John Gray Gregg and Rebecca Reynolds; he the son of John Wesley Gregg and Judith (Frances) Rushing; he the son of Edward Gregg.
- 2657A LIVERMORE, Judith Hubbard**, 3203 N. Tacoma St., Arlington, VA 22213; she the wife of Richard L. Livermore, Clan No. 2200.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT — 2000

New Members

- 2658 ANDERSON, Laurie M.**, 2223 Astor St., Lido 10, Orange Park, FL 32073; she the daughter of Edmund B. Anderson and Nadine Waldmann.
- 2659 PELHAM, Susan**, 2058 Deerfield Cir., New Market, TN 37820; she the wife of Norman Pelham; she the daughter of Lauris W. Jackson and Estella Marie Jones; she the daughter of William Columbus Jones and Little Goldie Trivett; she the daughter of Jefferson D. Trivett and Rosetta Lois Morlan; he the son of Squire O. Trivett and Elizabeth (?); he the son of Owen Trivett and Dicia Wilcox; she the daughter of Isaiah Wilcox and Francis Greer; she the daughter of William Greer and Hannah Cartwright; he the son of Benjamin Greer and Nancy Wilcox; he the son of John Greer and Nancy (?); he the son of John Green (1st) and Sarah Day.
- 2660 REES, Sarah Lynn**, 618 Saranel Ct., Lawrenceville, GA 30043; she the wife of Alan B. Rees; she the daughter of Charles Edward Freeman and Marilyn Meyer; she the daughter of Herbert Albert Meyer and Margaret Bloom MacGregor; she the daughter of Alexander Pringle MacGregor and Laura Augusta Pritchard; he the son of John MacGregor and Margaret Roussei (Russell).
- 2661 SKINNER, Charles LeRoy**, 741 Figert Rd., Ohio, NY 13324-4114; he the husband of Marian Joan Storandt; he the son of Ralph Bastow Skinner and Frances Jeanette Collins; he the son of Charles Henry Skinner and Martha Ann Bastow; he the son of Charles Benjamin Skinner and Harriet Sutherland.
- 2662 GREGG, Victor Scott**, 436 Nelson Ferry Rd., Decatur, GA 30030; he the husband of Susan Webb; he the son of Donald Waid Gregg (Clan No. 2239LM) and Joann Eugenia Smith.
- 2663 LYND, Donald Emerson**, 8219 Smithfield Ave., Springfield, VA 22152-3060; he the husband of Suzanne Joyce Lockhart; he the son of Bernard Acres Lynd and Nancy Lucille Gregg; she the daughter of Ellis Abner Gregg and Almeda M. Anguish; he the son of Joel Gregg and Cassandra Buchanan; he the son of Stephen C. Gregg and Hannah White; he the son of Caleb Gregg and Hannah Warford; he the son of John William Gregg, II and Ruth Smith Sherwood; he the son of Thomas Gregg and Dinah Harlan; he the son of John William Gregg and Elizabeth Cooke (Cork); he the son of William Gregg, Jr. and Alice (?); he the son of William Gregg, Sr.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT — 2000

New Members

- 2664** **BLACK, Roy Turnbull, III**, 4656 Kings Down Rd., Dunwoody, GA 30338.
See Clan No. 1732LM.
- 2665** **McGEHEE, Carden Coleman, Jr.**, 4907 Rockmere Ct., Bethesda, MD 20817;
he the son of Carden Coleman McGehee (Clan No. 1732LM) and Caroline
Yarnall Casey.
- 2666** **McGEHEE, Margaret Fox Verner**, 5905 Kensington Ave., Richmond, VA
23226; she the daughter of Carden Coleman McGehee (Clan No. 1732LM) and
Caroline Yarnall Casey.
- 2667** **GREER, Marsha**, 11 Whittlesey Dr., Bethel, CT 06801; she the daughter of
Ralph Greer and Evelyn Chiddix; he the son of Archibald Greer and Mary
Madelyn Gearhart; he the son of Eli Greer and Sarah Ann Poulson; he the son of
William Greer and Rachael Smith; he the son of James Greer, Jr. and Mary
Patchel; he the son of James Greer.
- 2668** **McGEHEE, Stephen Yarnall**, 924 Buckingham Circle, NW, Atlanta, GA
30327-2702; he the son of Carden Coleman McGehee (Clan No. 1732LM) and
Caroline Yarnall Casey.
- 2669** **TOERNER, Mary Power**, 94 Shoshone, Flagstaff, AZ 86001-9528; she
married first to James Sweeney, second to Richard Toerner; she the daughter of
James William Holloway Power and Jane Roberts; he the son of James
Franklin Power and Millie Elizabeth Sisco; he the son of Holloway B. Power
and Mary Ann Burrows; she the daughter of David Burrows and Elizabeth
Beatrice King; she the daughter of Thomas King and Elizabeth (?); he the son of
John King and Hannah (?).

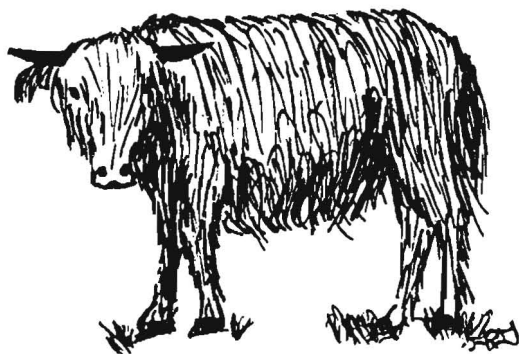
The following converted to Life Member status:

1722LM HODGE, Mary, (Mrs. Charles), 5925 Sunrise Rd., Fairway, KA 66205.

2190ALM MAGRUDER, Helena, (Mrs. Abbey W., III) 294 Longmeadow Drive,
Ridgeland, MS 39157.

2651LM BEDARD, Catherine Ellis, (Mrs. Anthony), 1209 8th Ave., 4L, Brooklyn,
NY 11215.

2622ALM MAGRUDER, Dr. Mary Jane Park, (Mrs. Leslie Charles), 10512 Jeremy
Ridge Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89134.



REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Tess James

Since the last Gathering of the Society in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1999 until the Gathering in Atlanta, Georgia in 2000, there have been reported two marriages and twelve deaths of members.

MARRIAGES

Wassell - Staveley

Susan Elizabeth Wassell and Robin Charles David Staveley were married on February 5, 2000 at Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Susan is the daughter of Elizabeth F. Wassell (Clan No. 2182) and John Wassell. The young couple will reside in Atlanta, Georgia.

McGehee - Lindermann

Mrs. Caroline Y. McGehee (Clan No. 2484A) and Mr. Bohn C. Lindermann were married in October of 1999.

DEATHS OF MEMBERS

MAGRUDER, Richard Lamar, Sr., Clan No. 1126, died on April 6, 2000 at the age of ninety-three. He and his wife, Mary Fiske Magruder, were married for sixty-eight years.

PASSANO, Mrs. Edward M. (Mary), Clan No. 2064ALM, died in March of 2000.

MAGRUDER, Mrs. Douglas Neil (Marjorie M.), Clan No. 949A, died on July 31, 2000 in Tupelo, Mississippi. She was the widow of Douglas Neil Magruder, a former Chieftain.

MAGRUDER, Evelina, Clan No. 128CLM, died on August 7, 2000. She was our last living charter member and was present at the original meeting in 1909 and died in the house in Charlottesville, Virginia, where that meeting was held.

ROBERTSON, Bernard E., Sr., Clan No. 2037LM, died February 13, 2000 in Silver Spring, Maryland. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Harris Robertson; a daughter, Eleanor Robertson Wilder; four sons, Bernard Robertson, II, Donald Robertson, James Robertson and William Robertson; two sisters, three brothers, 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

THOMAS, Mrs. Clarence A. (Gene), Clan No. 1702, died July 3, 1999.

DEATHS OF MEMBERS

LIVERMORE, Richard L., Clan No. 2200, died October 29, 1999.

STREET, Lt. Col. William A., Clan No. 1838, (date of death unknown).

STOKOE, Dr. William C. Jr., Clan No. 1385, died in the summer of 2000. He was our piper from 1964-1999 and was voted Piper Emeritus in 1999.

OFFUT, Mr. Thomas, Clan No. 1643 (date of death unknown).

TAYLOR, Louise E., Clan No. 2376 (date of death unknown).

SMITH, Mrs. Calvert Grey (Maria Louisa Taylor), Clan No. 1418, died July 17, 2000 in Richmond, Virginia, at the age of 94. She was the daughter of Lucy Ann Gilmer Magruder Taylor and Garland Burnley Taylor. She is survived by her daughter, Sarah Minor Smith, Clan No. 2183LM; and two sons, Calvert Taylor Smith, Clan No. 2370, and Houston Hamilton Smith; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her late brothers, Henry Magruder Taylor, Franklin Minor Taylor and George Keith Taylor, and sister, Lucy Ann Gilmer Taylor, were also Clan members.

Special Birth Announcement

A baby boy was born to Ninian and Fiona MacGregor on Sunday, April 1, 2001. His name is Callum, and the proud grandparents are Sir Gregor MacGregor and Lady MacGregor. This is the first child for Ninian and Fiona and the first grandchild for Sir Gregor MacGregor and Lady MacGregor.

I am sure that the entire American Clan Gregor Society joins me in sending congratulations to Ninian and Fiona MacGregor.

MEMORIALS

EVELINA MAGRUDER

1898 - 2000



Evelina Magruder died on August 7, 2000, at the age of 102. This extraordinary woman was born in 1898, the daughter of Edward May Magruder of Glenmore in Albermarle County and Mary Cole Gregory of Elsing Green in King William County. Her father was a physician in Charlottesville and the Magruder home at 100 West Jefferson Street was originally built to serve as an infirmary and hospital. Her father was one of the founders of the American Clan Gregor Society and Evelina was its last surviving charter member. She was always very enthusiastic about the clan and attended clan meetings throughout her life.

The eldest of six children, all of whom she outlived,

Evelina was educated at St. Anne's School and received a diploma from the Parsons School of Design in New York. She was the first woman to graduate from the University of Virginia School of Architecture, receiving her degree in 1935. She maintained that she never felt the slightest degree of discrimination as one of the very few women attending the university at that time.

While her professional practice as an architect was limited, she was a lifelong devotee of preservation and was active in defending Charlottesville's historic downtown from neglect. She was a charter member and served several terms on the board of the Albemarle County Historical Society.

She designed a home in Farmington Country Club for her brother and was instrumental in saving the important McIntire public library building as headquarters for the Albemarle County Historical Society. She designed a dove to be cast in bronze to hang above the baptismal font at Christ Church.

Evelina was also a lover of the visual arts and the ballet, which she enjoyed in both New York and Washington and equally an enthusiast for the outdoors. She commissioned a local painter to create a landscape of her favorite view from the Blue Ridge. She had a favorite rock in the trout stream at Sugar Hollow at the foot of the mountains and would invite friends and family to picnic there.

An inveterate and intrepid traveler, she made two trips around the world, one in 1930/31 and the other in 1963. On the first trip, after touring Europe with her sister Allaville, who is remembered for her gentle nature and beautiful clothes and hats, Evelina went on to Egypt, India, Bali, China, Korea, and Japan. She reported that she had no trouble traveling as a woman alone. The high point of her second trip was her stay on a houseboat in the Vale of Kashmir. She also traveled to Scotland with the Clan Gregor Society in 1974 and was proud of her Scottish blood, attending many clan meetings in an array of the several clan tartans.

As a true lady of the old school, she maintained a gracious home, spoke with a broad a (a fast disappearing local dialect), held strong opinions, and was an enthusiastic raconteur.

Several photographs of Evelina taken in 1915 and 1918 can be seen on the Internet as part of the Holsinger Archive: www.lib.virginia.edu/specol/holsinger.

She is survived by her niece, Eleanor Magruder Harris, and three great-nephews, Gregory Magruder Harris, Edward Upham Harris and Johnston Moseley Harris.

Genealogy: Daughter of Edward May Magruder and Mary Cole Gregory; he the son of Benjamin Henry Magruder and Anne Evelina Norris; he the son of John Bowie Magruder and Sarah B. Jones; he the son of James Magruder and Mary Bowie; he the son of Ninian Magruder and Elizabeth Brewer; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder, the Immigrant, and Margaret Braithwaite.



Scotia

From scenes like these, old Scotia's
 grandeur springs,
That makes her lov'd at home,
 rever'd abroad:
Princes and lords are but the breath
 of kings,
An honest man's the noblest work
 of God.

—Robert Burns

MARJORIE M. MAGRUDER

1898 - 2000

Marjorie M. Magruder, Clan No. 949A, died on Monday, July 31, 2000, in Tupelo, Mississippi. She was the widow of former Chieftain Douglas Neil Magruder. She was born on September 29, 1908, the daughter of Joseph Thomas Murphy and Clara Ann Wheatley, and was a native of Indianola, Mississippi, where she lived until moving to Tupelo, Mississippi in 1986.

Marjorie Magruder was a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Mississippi State College for Women. She formed the Delta Council of Girl Scouts of America, and in her 70s taught leadership training in Kenya. She was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Tupelo and had served as president of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Mississippi.

She married Douglas Neil Magruder on December 26, 1935. He preceded her in death on December 7, 1990. She and Neil were very active in American Clan Gregor Society for many years, until health problems prohibited their attendance.

She is survived by four daughters and one son: Jane Magruder Watkins of Williamsburg, Virginia; Alice Magruder Gordon of Tupelo, Mississippi; the Rev. Anna Magruder Waid of Wilmington, Delaware; Kem Magruder Rutledge of Bayside, New York; and Douglas Neil Magruder, Jr. of Florence, South Carolina. Her son Douglas Neil Magruder, Jr. is our State Deputy Chieftain for South Carolina. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2000 GATHERING

October 12-14, 2000

Atlanta, Georgia

By Suzanne Rankin McGregor

As we approached Atlanta, we saw a very busy city with many people. Our directions to the Northwest Atlanta Hilton Hotel were excellent and very direct. Many familiar faces greeted us as we checked in and found our room quickly.

The Annual Chieftain's Reception at 4:00 and the General Reception at 5:00 initiated the activities on Thursday night in Hospitality Rooms 610-611 of the hotel. Seeing old friends and meeting new ones and early registration were an enjoyable beginning to a fine weekend.

Boutonnieres were given to members and rosettes to Council members. Joe Tichy made available to members the "Kilchurn Heritage: The Black Book of Taymouth with other papers from the Breadalbane Charter Room" and "Bardachel Albannach: Scottish Verse from the book of the Dean of Lismore" for viewing and a condensation compiled by Susan Tichy. The books will be donated to the MacGregor Library by Joe, Susan and Joe (3rd) Tichy.

Registration continued at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning in the capable hands of Barbara MacGregor, Ena MacGregor and Dolores Rengert. The merchandise counter was also made available by Thaddeus Osborne.

We met at the hotel entrance at 11:30 a.m. for our tour of Atlanta, luncheon, and Memorial Service. As we boarded the buses, we anticipated a really inspiring visit to the Cathedral and the historical museum.

Atlanta, founded in 1837, entered the national consciousness during the Civil War, when its rail junction became a war target. Burned by Sherman, Atlanta rose from the ashes to become a state capital in 1868. Today Atlanta is a city of nearly a half million people and has over 400 fortune 500 companies.

The buses took us past many impressive homes in forested neighborhoods and Governor Zell Miller's lovely mansion. The beautiful Episcopal Cathedral of Saint Phillip welcomed nearly a hundred of us and served a delicious luncheon in the Parish Hall, followed by the Memorial Service.

Pipe Major Gregory O'Brien piped in Reverend Conley and Chieftain Malcolm MacGregor and wife Barbara. Thaddeus Osborne opened the service with a prayer. The Reverend Canon Thomas H. Conley officiated at the service honoring those members who have passed away during the past year. A flower for each deceased member was placed on the wreath and carried to the courtyard. It was a very moving service for all members.

We returned to the buses and traveled to the Atlanta Historic Center Museum. There we viewed an excellent collection of Civil War history and memorabilia of life and crafts of that period. We had a guided tour of the Tullie Smith Farm and outbuildings, showing the hardships endured by those who lived there in that time period. Our buses returned us to the hotel, and we spent time relaxing until the Ceilidh started at 8:30 p.m.

The talented Eric Duncan led the Ceilidh with "These Are My Mountains" and many Scottish songs and stories. The 12-member MacGregor Pipe Band and dancers performed with their usual excellence and the evening was most enjoyable for all.

Saturday at 9:00 a.m. members congregated in the Cherokee Room for the Annual Meeting. Thaddeus Osborne opened the meeting with a prayer. Reports were made by officers and old and new business was discussed. Chieftain Malcolm MacGregor announced that our next Gathering, number 92, would be held in Denver, Colorado in October 2001, hosted by Ron MacGregor. Ron announced that he has made many plans for next year's Gathering.

At noon we had a very pleasant luncheon in the Cherokee Room, and at 1:00 Millie Gregg held her Genealogy Seminar in Nichols Hall. She is in the process of computerizing all Clan information and plans to put all yearbooks in the computer. The last two yearbooks are now in the computer, and Lillian Magruder has this information on her computer. Clinton Wells spoke of his research on his ancestors from Maryland.

At 2:00 the committee met in the Goodman Hall to complete the banquet centerpieces, depicting baseball and the Georgia peanut. The centerpieces were constructed by Diane and Don Gregg.

At 3:00 the MacGregor Pipe Band and dancers held their concert beside the hotel pool, and it entertained the whole hotel. As always, the band and dancers gave a wonderful show.

All Clan members met at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom Foyer of the hotel for the Daniel Randall Magruder Reception. The 91st Annual Banquet followed at 7:30 in the Cherokee Ballroom. Pipe Major J. Gregory O'Brien piped the honored guests and Chieftain Malcolm MacGregor in to this gala affair. Thaddeus Osborne gave the invocation. Several toasts were made,

followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Bill Garrett gave his usual excellent "Address to the Haggis", after which the haggis was served to all members. Our dinner, Chicken Georgian, was delicious, with wine for toasting donated by a host of the membership. The clever handmade centerpieces by Diane Gregg helped to give the tables a festive appearance.

Malcolm MacGregor, Chieftain, introduced past Chieftains and honored guests, who included Richard Graham, Chieftain of Clan Graham; Kate Graham, President of the Atlanta St. Andrews Society; Dr. Thorne Winter, President of the Atlanta Burns Society; and his wife Connie.

Chieftain Malcolm MacGregor introduced Jeffrey Rankin McGregor of Delray Beach, Florida, and installed him as the new Chieftain. The new Chieftain spoke of the achievements of former Chieftains and of his hopes to continue Malcolm's efforts to support the preservation and restoration of Clan Gregor artifacts and historic sites in Scotland. He hopes also to place great emphasis on promoting young people to join our Society. His first act as Chieftain was to award Malcolm MacGregor Chieftain Emeritus and thank him on behalf of the Clan for all his work these past four years. He presented Malcolm with a specially inscribed medallion.

The American Clan Gregor Pipe Band entertained the members and guests with Scottish songs and dances. Our own John Masterson also entertained us with unique songs and stories. The assemblage sang "MacGregor's Gathering" and "Old Lang Syne" for the end to a perfect Gathering. Many thanks to our friendly and capable hosts, Don and Diane Gregg.

After the Annual Banquet, some of us gathered in the Hospitality Suite for a final farewell party, cocktails, wine, and socializing. All look forward to the 92nd Gathering in Denver, Colorado next October.



SCENES FROM ATLANTA GATHERING



Charles and Marion Skinner and daughter Debi Kelly
At Welcoming Reception of 2000 Gathering



Colorado Deputy Chieftain Ron
McGregor enjoys the Welcoming
Reception of the 2000 Gathering
with grandson Jonathan



Richard Greer and Suzanne McGregor appear to be enjoying themselves at the Welcoming Reception



Tess James and Betts Daland are toasting a Great Gathering at Welcoming Reception



Dedication of the wreath at Memorial Service held at St. Phillips Episcopal Cathedral



Ron McGregor and grandson Jonathan outside St. Phillips Episcopal Cathedral after Memorial Service



Barbara and Malcolm MacGregor enjoy the sunshine after the Memorial Service



Joe Tichy and Delores
Rengert pose outside
St. Phillips Episcopal
Cathedral



Helen and Bill Garrett and Virginia and Fred Grier appear to be having a good time at the 2000 Gathering



Tess James, Jason Seidman and his mother, Frieda McGregor, at Reception prior to Saturday Night Banquet

Newly installed
Chieftain Jeff
McGregor poses
with Pipe Major
Gregory O'Brien



Scott MacGregor shows off his fine family at Saturday Night Banquet - twins Darcie Rae and Jamie Sue, Scott, Vicky Mountjoy (girl friend of son Stuart) and Stuart



Past and Present Chieftains in attendance at the Banquet are William McGregor, Abbey Magruder, George McGregor, Paul Gregg, Malcolm MacGregor and newly installed Chieftain Jeff McGregor



Ned Magruder, Jonathan McGregor, Ron McGregor and Ned's parents, Blue Magruder and John Hurwitz, at Saturday Night Banquet



The Zimmerman family enjoys the Saturday Night Banquet -
Left to Right are daughter Pat Foster, Bill and Mary Zimmerman
and daughter-in-law Marilyn Zimmerman

Newly
elected
Ranking
Deputy
Chieftain
Sandy
MacGregor
visits with
Carolyn
Smith and
Pat Walochik
at Saturday
Night
Reception





The MacGregor Pipe Band performs at the
Saturday Night Banquet



Past Chieftain
George
McGregor and
wife Ann enjoy
the Saturday
Night Reception
and Banquet



The Highland Dancers perform for the Saturday Night Banquet



Beatrice Magruder
with daughter Blue
Magruder and her
husband, John
Hurwitch



Honored guests of the
Saturday Night Banquet,
Richard and Kate Graham



The thorn
between
two roses
- Tess
James,
Joe Tichy
and
GraceKey

ATTENDANCE AT THE 2000 GATHERING

Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Auld	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Bare	KY
Mr. & Mrs. W. Burke Belknap	CA
Mrs. Howard T. Bierer	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Black	GA
Mr. Joseph Black	GA
Mrs. Helen M. Boyd	GA
Mr. James R. Boyd	GA
LTC & Mrs. William P. Cosgrove	MD
Mr. & Mrs. Kim Chamness	GA
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin M. Daland	DE
Mrs. Ralph Fankhanel	GA
Mr. & Mrs. Will Foster	NC
Mr. & Mrs. William Garrett	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Graham	GA
Mr. Richard M. Grier	KY
Mr. & Mrs. Donald A. Gregg	IL
Mr. & Mrs. Donald B. Gregg	NJ
Mr. & Mrs. Donald W. Gregg	GA
Capt. & Mrs. Paul C. Gregg	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Edward K. Gregor	NY
Mr. & Mrs. Frederic A. Grier	MD
Capt. & Mrs. John H. Hatfield	FL
Mr. Edward H. Hurwitch	MA
Mr. & Mrs. John E. Hurwitch	MA
Mrs. Nell Jahncke	GA
Mr. & Mrs. R. Russell James	FL
Mrs. Debora J. Kelly	NY
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Key	AL
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Keenan	FL
Mr. & Mrs. David R. King	NC
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Liga	FL
Miss Darcie MacGregor	VA
Miss Jamie MacGregor	VA
Mr. Malcolm C. MacGregor	SC
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm G. MacGregor	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Paul F. MacGregor	GA

Mr. R. Bruce MacGregor	GA
Mr. Richard A. MacGregor	SC
Mr. Robert F. MacGregor	VA
Mr. Scott F. MacGregor	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Scott S. MacGregor	GA
Mr. Stuart MacGregor	VA
Miss Victoria MacGregor	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Abbey W. Magruder	MS
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest R. Magruder	LA
Mr. Frederick A. Magruder	SC
Mrs. L. Burns Magruder	MA
Mr. Samuel H. S. Magruder	MA
Mr. William W. B. Magruder	MA
Ms. Kimberly Mannik	GA
Mr. & Mrs. David F. McGregor	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey R. McGregor	FL
Mr. & Mrs. George F. McGregor	NC
Mr. & Mrs. John C. McGregor	FL
Mr. Jonathan McGregor	CO
Mr. Ronald A. McGregor	CO
Mr. William E. McGregor	NC
Mr. & Mrs. William E. McGregor, Jr.	NC
Mrs. Mary S. McKee	TN
Mr. & Mrs. Louis D. Megehee	MS
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard A. Mobley	VA
Mr. & Mrs. John R. Murdock	FL
Mrs. Kittie K. Noyes	TN
Mr. Thaddeus G. Osborne	TN
Mrs. Amanda M. Peirce	NH
Mrs. Eileen Pruett	IL
Mrs. Dolores B. Rengert	NC
Mr. Nolan S. Sanders	KY
Ms. Margaret A. Sanderfield	IL
Mr. Troy Sanderfield	IL
Mr. Jason Seidman	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald L. Shankland	MI
Miss Amy E. Simon	AL
Mr. Donald S. Simon	AL
Mr. & Mrs. Jack E. Simon	AL
Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Skinner	NY
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald R. Skinner	FL
Mrs. Susan W. Stavely	GA
Mr. & Mrs. John H. Terry	GA
Mrs. Eugene Tibbs	TN
Mr. Joseph C. Tichy, Jr.	NC

Mr. Joseph C. Tichy, III	GA
Miss Jenny Thurman	IL
Mr. & Mrs. William E. Tyler	NJ
Mr. & Mrs. Hallam Walker	NC
Mr. & Mrs. John R. Wassell	FL
Miss Shari Wassell	FL
Mr. Stephan Wassell	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Clinton F. Wells	MD
Dr. & Mrs. Thorne Winter	GA
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Zimmerman	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Randall B. Zimmerman	VA
Mr. & Mrs. William Zimmerman	FL

ABSENTEE GUESTS

We wish to thank the following people for their generous contribution toward the success of the Gathering; these contributions play a large part to help us keep the Gathering within our limited budget and to let us know you are really with us in spirit.

- Mr. & Mrs. Loren F. Cole, Jr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel M. Ewell, III
- Mr. & Mrs. Jon M. Ferguson
- Mr. Richard T. Gregg
- Dr. & Mrs. Merrill J. King, Jr.
- Mr. James M. Lowrey
- Mr. & Mrs. R. James Macgregor
- Mr. Rob Roy and Mary MacGregor
- Col. & Mrs. Robert B. Magruder
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Marck
- Mr. & Mrs. James B. McGregor
- Dr. & Mrs. Thomas M. McNish
- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Pfeifer
- Mrs. Lydia P. Priest
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Slaughter, Jr.

REPORTS OF STATE DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS

2000 Annual Report for Colorado

submitted by Ronald McGregor

This millennium year has been a very busy and exciting year for this Deputy Chieftain. I have been very busy responding to dozens of pieces of Clan Gregor correspondence as well as several dozen phone calls. And there is still more activity to look forward to.

On May 21st I represented the ACGS at the annual "Kirkin' of the Tartan" at Denver's St. John's Cathedral. The very moving service was even more moving this year because my son Scott had been selected to be one of the Tartan Bearers. He did us (and himself) proud. As usual the weather was beautiful and the service was well attended. The Denver Pipe Band performed both during the services and afterwards with a concert on the lawn.

Also in May was the Highland Games in Kiowa, Colorado. I was unable to attend but Jerry Walker of Cheyenne, WY set up a Clan Gregor tent and I provided him with ACGS literature and handouts. This is a very small event and doesn't create much of a draw insofar as visitors go. But it was nice that our Clan was represented for those few kinsmen who did attend.

The first week of June, our Assistant to the Chieftain Joe Tichy phoned to tell me that he would be arriving in Denver the following week to do an advance site review for the Denver Gathering to be held in 2001. Fortunately most of the arrangements had already been coordinated months prior to his visit. Four of us met with Joe the afternoon of June 15th to go over our plans and arrangements. In addition to myself, the other Colorado attendees were Howard Grossnickle, Don Doles and Mary Stirling.

(Details of plans for the Denver Gathering are omitted from this report.)

The following week found our family at a picturesque ranch in the high Rockies for the wedding of our son Scott, whom many of you met at last year's Gathering in Williamsburg. He married the lovely Heather Cito of Erie, Colorado. As you might have guessed, it was a Scottish style wedding with kilts, our family piper and a lovely McGregor lass entertaining us with Highland Dancing. The ceremony of accepting Heather as a "lady of the Clan" with six ladies of the Clan wearing the MacGregor tartans assisted. Her new "sister"-in-law presented her with her MacGregor sash and her new "mother"-in-law pinned her Clan Crest. Then fourteen-year-old Amanda McGregor of Ft. Collins, Colorado danced for her as her first tribute as a MacGregor. (I would like to add that Amanda and her mother drove nearly two hundred miles so Amanda could dance for the first time at a MacGregor wedding though her parents still had last minute packing to do before they left early the next morning for a

vacation to Scotland.) All went splendidly and we couldn't be happier for them. Heather was already quite familiar with what she was getting into by marrying a McGregor, as she has been a key player in helping set up and man the Clan Gregor tent for the past few years. So she approached the Clan cautiously and entered with her eyes wide open. What more could you ask of a new member to the Clan.

The July highland games that had been scheduled to be held at the Air Force Academy was cancelled because of questions of liability or some such concerns. And by the time it was cancelled it was too late for the organizers to try to find a new location, advertise and get the much-needed support. We hope that they will be able to host the Pikes Peak Highland Games in the Colorado Springs area next year.

August was a really big month for us. I left for a long planned and much looked forward to trip to Scotland early on the Saturday morning that the two-day Denver Highland Games began. Based on the offer by my son Scott and my friend Howard Grossnickle of the ACGS to host the ACGS tent in my absence, I registered the ACGS and paid for the tent rental. Scott and Howard did everything else - from setting up the tables, arranging the displays, organizing our kinsmen for the march of the Clans, providing refreshments, and manning the tent for two days. I heard several favorable remarks after returning regarding their efforts and I owe them a great deal of gratitude. And I am also grateful to those other fellow kinsmen who stepped forward and volunteered to assist Scott and Howard at the Games.

(Details of trip to England and Scotland are omitted from this report.)

September 8 - 10 found us at the three day Highland Games at Estes Park, Colorado. This is the largest Scottish games in the Rocky Mountain region. For the second year we had over 50,000 visitors and this year there were 76 clans registered. Because Clan Gregor made a clean sweep of the awards last year, we were ineligible to compete for clan awards this year. As a matter of fact we had to provide three judges from Clan Gregor to judge other clans. But we were still able to pull off a coup. Clan Gregor was invited to provide a person to go on the radio "live" and gave a 5 - 10 minute history of our Clan. The task fell to me, which I readily accepted. It was a pleasure to share the history of our great Clan with the listeners of KHPN Colorado.

My final item is one less pleasing to bring up. It pertains to the Society newsletter for which I have been the editor. As most of you probably have noticed, there has not been one published this year, although the December issue didn't get out until January. The reason that there was no newsletter is because other than a submission from Millie regarding new members and two submissions from Malcolm for the "From the Desk of the Chieftain" column, I received only one other submission. That last submission I received just a few weeks ago. Oh yes, and I had one item left over from 1999 which was to have been included in the

first newsletter this year. It is very frustrating to ask over and over again for items to include in "our" newsletter and not receive them. And it is even more frustrating to ask specific individuals for items that I know would be of interest to the whole society and be assured that those items would be forthcoming and never receive them - even after reminding them once, twice, three and four times and each time being assured that they "would get on it right away". There is enough going on in Colorado to justify a 6-8 page newsletter two to three times a year with several items that would be worthy of sharing with the rest of the ACGS. And I suspect the same thing is true for several other states. But I cannot in good conscience put out an ACGS newsletter where the bulk of the information is about Colorado members. I don't know if the general membership wants to continue with a printed form of newsletter or not, particularly since we have one on the Internet. But if we do, the various members need to make submissions to their state deputies or directly to the editor. And the state deputies need to make a concerted effort to keep in touch with their state members and notify the society of their accomplishments and losses. Yes, there are many in our society who share the losses suffered by others and are willing to offer a word or two of comfort or say a quiet prayer for our kinsmen. And members of the council were selected to serve important positions in our society and surely have something worthy of sharing with the rest of the society. And if the problem is the quality of the newsletters that have been published, we need to appoint a new editor. Please don't think for a minute that this editor is so thin skinned that he can't take criticism or feel that there isn't someone - no, several - members that could do a much better job. Okay, I am off my soapbox. It is up to "us" if "we" want a viable newsletter for "our" society.

2000 Annual Report for District of Columbia

submitted by John King Bellassai

This report summarizes our public activities in support of promoting the American Clan Gregor Society (ACGS) in the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area over the past 12 months. It marks the end of my first year in the position of State Deputy Chieftain for Washington, DC. In part, I have succeeded Mason Lummis, who for many years handled promoting the ACGS in Northern Virginia. But my charge is broader than that.

We have an unusual geographical situation in our area - parts of Virginia as well as Maryland, together with the District of Columbia, make up the greater Washington metropolitan area (the so-called "inside the beltway" region and its immediate outer environs, the outlying commuter suburbs). In addition, this whole Washington metro area is now quickly fusing with the greater Baltimore area to become what is now widely termed the greater Baltimore - Washington metropolitan area. Yet we in the ACGS have long had established State Deputy Chieftains for both Virginia and Maryland. So the way we have divided things up is for the DC State Deputy Chieftain to take care of promoting our Society in Northern

Virginia (City of Alexandria, plus Arlington, Fairfax and Loudon Counties) plus DC and the adjacent Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince George's. All other Virginia locales are left to the State Deputy Chieftain for Virginia and all other Maryland locales to the State Deputy Chieftain for Maryland.

When I accepted the appointment as State Deputy Chieftain for DC at the end of last year's gathering, I communicated to our Chieftain, Malcolm MacGregor, my overall intention to make the ACGS more visible in the mid-Atlantic region generally and in the greater Washington area in particular - given that the bulk of our membership now as in past years lives within 200 miles of our Nation's capital. To do so, I proposed that we continue our long-time participation as a Society in the Virginia Scottish Games, held each year in Alexandria, Virginia, as well as the Scottish Christmas Walk (the largest Scottish-American parade in the USA), held each year in Alexandria in December. But I proposed to add attendance at three other public events as well - Tartan Day festivities held at and near the Capitol Building in Washington, DC in April; the Potomac Celtic Festival held in Leesburg, Virginia in May; and the Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair held in the City of Alexandria in September. This ambitious schedule called for hosting an ACGS tent at four events plus marching in a parade and hosting related social events. I am proud to say that we did it all this year, as promised - in the process making our Society much more visible in the greater Washington metropolitan area.

Alexandria Christmas Walk

The 29th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk was held in the Olde Towne area of Alexandria, Virginia again this past year. Ranked by the Southeast Tourism Society as one of the top 20 events in the South, the Parade draws nearly 25,000 people. The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC and the Campagna Center co-sponsor the Annual Christmas Walk. As in tradition, our own pipe band, under the command of Pipe Major Gregory O'Brien, leads off the parade each year, followed by the members of the DC Saint Andrew's Society, who march as a unit, then city officials of Alexandria, Virginia and its sister city of Dundee, Scotland, followed by many contingents from Scottish clan societies, who march in an order which is changed each year. Scattered throughout the order of march are 8 - 10 other pipe bands, making it all a grand affair in which thousands participate as marchers and other thousands watch from the city's sidewalks as the parade winds through the residential streets of Olde Towne.

The annual American Clan Gregor Society breakfast for Society members and their family/friends was again held prior to the Christmas Walk at the Holiday Inn Olde Towne, on King Street across from the civic center courtyard - the 8th year we have hosted this event for our members and friends. ACGS member James B. MacGregor again coordinated the breakfast. The breakfast got started at 8:00 a.m. and again cost only \$10.00 per person - all you

could eat from a lavish buffet spread. Attendance this past year at the breakfast reached a record high - 16 persons.

After breakfast, it was time for the parade. The ACGS unit position in the parade order of march this past year was 116 - well back, near the end of the parade. Several of our members took the opportunity to march twice - once with the Saint Andrew's Society (the lead unit in the parade), and then again with our Society's unit, which did not step off until well after the lead units had fully completed their 30 - 45 minute march through the entirety of Olde Towne. Society members spent the time waiting to step off chatting and catching up on the events of the past several months since the annual Gathering in Williamsburg, which most of those present had attended.

This past year, despite the December calendar date, we had beautiful, clear weather for the parade, with the temperature in the mid-70's and not a cloud in the sky. The ACGS contingent lined up on Wilkes Street between South Fairfax Street and South Royal Street. (From South Fairfax Street, ACGS was the third unit on the left side of Wilkes Street between the Clans Kincaid and Forbes.) We experienced a record turnout of MacGregor this year for the parade - 18 adults (including our own unit piper), four children (young members of the Society), and one Scottish Terrier (our honorary mascot for the day). All wore the tartan (including the terrier, who sported a MacGregor tartan bow). Though the parade stepped off promptly at 10:30 a.m. from Wilkes and South Pitt Streets, as scheduled, it was not until 11:30 a.m. that the MacGregor unit stepped off and began to march - so many were the clan units in the parade order of march and so many were the participants ahead of us in the line.

After the parade was over, it was time for our annual ACGS house party and luncheon in Olde Towne. We were delighted that ACGS members Bettie and Jim Collins were again willing to host the post Christmas Walk party at their home. They request that we keep the tradition going of everyone bringing an hors d'oeuvre or covered dish, or bottle of wine or scotch. Soups, ham, shortbread, soft drinks, etc. were again provided by our hosts. About 20 ACGS members attended the party, plus many members of our pipe band. Other parade participants from other clan societies, the officers of the Saint Andrew's Society, and many local friends and neighbors of our hosts, the Collin's, also stopped by to visit, pushing total attendance up to about 100. The party finally adjourned about 3:00 p.m.

Tartan Day 2000 Events on the Steps of the US Capitol and in Downtown Washington, DC

The American Clan Gregor Society (ACGS) was very much in evidence earlier this season at both the Tartan Day 2000 extravaganza in downtown Washington, DC (Saturday, 8 April) and at the Potomac Celtic Festival in Leesburg, Virginia (Saturday and Sunday, 10-11 June).

State Deputy Chieftain John King Bellassai, assisted by James B. MacGregor, staffed ACGS tents and display tables at both events. This was the first year the ACGS officially attended either event; plans are to continue our involvement at both next year.

Tartan Day 2000 events in the nation's capital began with a ceremony on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol, presided over by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (dressed in highland daywear dress and wearing the Buchanan tartan, his mother's clan), on Thursday 6 April. (Senator Lott was primarily responsible for Senate Resolution 155, which proclaimed 6 April National Tartan Day in the U.S.A.) Officials from the new Scottish Parliament and the Moderator/Convener of the Church of Scotland were also present and spoke as honored guests.

Tents and tables were set up outdoors by numerous clan societies - including our own - for the first time ever at Freedom Plaza in downtown DC - just a few blocks from the White House, on the following Saturday, 8 April. Many tourists, Scottish American and otherwise, stopped by the ACGS table at the festival, staffed by John King Bellassai and James B. MacGregor, as the event coincided with the Annual Cherry Blossom parade and festival, held just a few blocks away, on the Mall. ("Rob Roy's people" always seem to catch the public's eye - the ACGS table drew much attention from festival attendees.)

The Society also got eight serious membership inquiries from MacGregor descendants - quite a pleasant surprise given that the venue for the event was not a highland games but rather a festival on a big-city street corner open to the general public. (See the May 2000 edition of "The Scottish Banner" for a front-page story about the event; then turn to page 16, where ACGS State Deputy Chieftain John King Bellassai, manning the ACGS table, is pictured along with many other Scottish Americans, and not a few Scots, on hand for the events in Freedom Plaza.)

The Potomac Celtic Festival in Leesburg, Virginia

The Potomac Celtic Festival, a two-day event held in June of this past year, was a much larger affair than Tartan Day, drawing in excess of 30,000 persons to an open-air site near the Equestrian Center, outside rural Leesburg, Virginia, approximately 60 miles from Washington, DC. A pan-Celtic festival featuring the music and culture of all the Celtic nations, the single biggest ethnic group represented, in terms of the number of societies and clans with tents on the field, by far were the Scots.

Despite brutally hot weather (96 degrees recorded in the shade, under the ACGS tent on Sunday), and despite a tent location somewhat off the beaten track, a steady stream of visitors stopped by the ACGS tent - including 8-10 persons seriously interested in ACGS membership, with genealogies partially documented and many questions to ask. Again,

John King Bellassai and James B. MacGregor did their best to answer all inquiries. Our own pipe band was in attendance on Sunday, and came by the ACGS tent to play a few tunes specifically for us - a pleasant surprise, as this was the first year that they had attended this event.

Virginia Scottish Games in Alexandria, Virginia

The ACGS has for many years set up a tent at the Virginia Scottish Games (VSG) - a two-day highland games event held on the lovely wooded grounds of the Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. (The VSG is the oldest Scottish games event in the DC metropolitan area.)

The ACGS was very much in evidence at the VSG again this year - our tent was well-staffed both days by local area ACGS members John King Bellassai, James B. MacGregor, and Clarke and Marcella Magruder, as well as by Robert F. (Sandy) MacGregor, Scott MacGregor, and his mother, who all traveled up to the Northern Virginia area on Sunday to assist.

After a very hot and dry month of May, the Washington area this past year settled down to the coolest (and wettest) summer on record since 1920. Though the temperature for the VSG is usually in the upper 80's, this year the thermometer barely touched 70 degrees, making it a perfect weekend for the games. Many people stopped by the ACGS tent both days, and a dozen or more serious genealogical inquiries, coupled with membership application requests, were experienced. On Sunday, we enjoyed a visit from our own pipe band, which stopped by the tent to play a few tunes especially for us, as has become customary.

Scottish Heritage Fair in Alexandria, Virginia

The Scottish Heritage Fair is held each year in September at wooded and idyllic Fort Ward Park, on the outskirts of Alexandria, Virginia. Unlike the VSG, this event is a one-day affair and entry is free for the public. The Fair focuses on Scottish culture, music, and arts and crafts. There are no athletic events featured. Many events are aimed specifically at kids, including a petting zoo of Scottish animals - highland cattle, blackfaced sheep, Clydesdale horses, etc. - as well as many breeds of Scottish dogs (including border collies and deer hounds). Though smaller than the VSG, over the years 15-20 clan societies have attended and set up their tents, and up to 5,000 persons have attended annually.

This year the ACGS set up a tent at the 23 September Heritage Fair for the first time, staffed by John King Bellassai and James B. MacGregor. Attendance at the event by the public was down this year to only 1,000 or so persons, due to (erroneous) weather reports the day before, calling for rain all day Saturday (in fact, only a 10-minute sprinkle was experienced). Despite the modest turnout, many persons stopped by the MacGregor tent, and

eight serious genealogical and membership inquiries were recorded. We plan to again attend this event next year.

2000 Annual Report for Florida

submitted by Barbara MacGregor

Despite our usual advance notice to all Florida ACGS members detailing in the Florida Newsletter where/when we were manning an ACGS tent for the 2000 Games, overall attendance by members decreased this year. While many people continue to seek information, actual additional new members from Florida also decreased, and we are wondering if the "market is saturated".

As we had predicted, the Games in Lake Placid, Highlands County, Florida were not held due to lack of sponsors, advertising, etc., and Lake Placid will no longer be on the Florida Games schedule.

After our Gathering in Williamsburg, Virginia, the first Games where we manned an ACGS tent were in **Ocala, Florida on November 13, 1999**. Our Chieftain, Mal MacGregor, was on the field from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., when he received the trophy for Best Clan Tent.

Eight other ACGS members attended these excellent games and gave assistance at the tent: Gerry Skinner from Ormond Beach, John and Ena McGregor from Edgewater, accompanied by three of their grandchildren and two of their friends, Bernice and John Rogers from Ponte Vedra, Donald and Katie Gregg from McHenry, Illinois, and Lisa Johnson from Savannah, Georgia. Prospect John C. McGregor from Leesburg, Florida sent in his application immediately after these Games, is now a new member, and is planning to attend the Atlanta Gathering.

Orlando, Florida - January 15, 2000 - Although the weather was fairly nice for Orlando at this time of year, only seven ACGS members attended: Chieftain Mal and Barb MacGregor, John and Ena McGregor, Gerry Skinner, and Don and Katie Gregg. About 14 prospects sought information, and prospect Mary Louise McGregor of Winter Park, Florida donated a dance trophy for these games.

A Girl Scout Troop which had chosen Scotland as the country for their Travel Project came to our tent for information; Gerry Skinner gave them an impromptu speech, even showing them how ladies put on a tartan sash, and totally mesmerized all the girls (you could tell his profession had been in education).

An unusual feature of these games this year was a daylong contest between a team of athletes from Scotland and a USA team (the US team won).

Sarasota, Florida - February 5, 2000 - Despite a fairly good crowd, on a cold but sunny day, attendance by ACGS members was practically NIL. If Assistant Chieftain Joe Tichy and friend Dolores Rengert hadn't visited for the day, Chieftain Mal and Barb MacGregor would have been the only members at the tent. Ron Shankland, who lives in Sarasota, stopped by briefly to say hello. Visitation by prospects was also light. One new feature of these Games: Women competed in the athletic competitions. The Ceilidh, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. after the Games, was held in a building there on the fairgrounds and was quite well attended.

Jacksonville, Florida - February 26, 2000 - Our Florida ACGS Mini-Gathering was held Friday night at Lynch's Pub and we were pleased to have 14 ACGS members present for the frivolities: Chieftain Mal and Barb MacGregor; Gerry and Shirley Skinner (Ormond Beach); John and Ena McGregor (Edgewater); John and Bernice Rogers (Jacksonville); John and Beth Wassell (Jacksonville); and Lisa Johnson from Savannah. These all attended the Games on Saturday, as well as Rebecca Gregg and Don and Katie Gregg from McHenry, Illinois.

Again, we were very proud of our ACGS members John and Bernice Rogers, who were in charge of Clan Tents for these Games, and Beth and John Wassell, who were also volunteers on the JHG Committee. These continue to be some of the best-run, best-attended games in Florida.

Plantation Park - Ft. Lauderdale, Florida - March 4, 2000 - Another fine day in the pretty park brought out a good crowd. Eight ACGS members were present: Chieftain Mal and Barb MacGregor, Suzanne and Dave McGregor from Lantana, Jon Ferguson from Palm Beach Gardens, Carol Spitznagle from Hollywood, and Jon and Mylene White from Pompano Beach. Prospects Dot and Jim Goldie and son Derek came in their full MacGregor tartan dress and joined in the Parade of Tartans. Bob and Mary Wren, with brother and friend, joined us at the Ceilidh on Friday night. We spoke with about seven worthwhile prospects.

Dunedin, Florida - April 1, 2000 - Military Tattoo, held at the Dunedin High School Memorial Stadium, included a "Calling of the Clans" and a Parade of Tartans, which was added to the Opening and Closing Ceremonies this year. Representing ACGS, Chieftain Malcolm and Barbara MacGregor marched, carrying the MacGregor Ancient Tartan Banner and a banner representing the Arms of the Chief. We have been asked to participate in this event again next year.

Gatlinburg, Tennessee - May 19-20, 2000 - John and Ena McGregor from Edgewater, Florida joined Chieftain Malcolm and Barbara MacGregor to attend these Games. They marched with ACGS members Bob and Dore Dumas and Susan Pelham in the parade in downtown

Gatlinburg on Friday night, and marched again with Deputy Chieftain Thad Osborne in the Parade of Tartans on Sunday.

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina - July 6-9, 2000 - Florida ACGS members who answered the "Call of the Clans" at these Games this year were: Tent hosts Jeffrey and Frieda McGregor; David and Suzanne McGregor; Chieftain Mal and Barb MacGregor; John and Ena McGregor; and first-time attendees Mary and Bill Zimmerman, son and wife Randal and Marilyn Zimmerman, and daughter Pat and husband Will Foster. These Games are almost as good a source for mingling with other Gregor kinfolk as the annual ACGS Gathering in October.

We will be having a tent again at Ocala, Florida on November 11th, 2000. These combined Scottish Games and Irish Feis are held at the Ocala Equestrian Complex, 1601 SW 60th Avenue, Ocala, Florida (across from the airport).

2000 Annual Report for Central Illinois

submitted by Maggie Sanderfield

In January at the St. Andrew's Society annual Burns Night Dinner, I met George and Janet MacGregor. I invited them to join the American Clan Gregor Society and gave them an application. Janet informed me that they could not trace their family back as far as was necessary on the application. She didn't know how far back her husband had researched so far, but that he was still working on it. George and Janet were eager to help out the MacGregor Clan at the Highland Games, Ethnic Festival, etc.

The MacGregors were represented at the Central Illinois Highland Games and Celtic Festival held in May at Springfield, Illinois. Several people inquired about the Clan Gregor Society and tracing their ancestry resulted in approximately 10 membership forms being distributed. The MacGregors proudly marched in the Parade of Tartans at the opening ceremonies of the Games.

The MacGregors were invited to have a booth (free of charge) at the Irish Festival in Springfield in June. Brian Daughtery, Clan Gregor member, manned the booth in full MacGregor dress. Brian is very knowledgeable about the MacGregors because of enthusiastically studying the MacGregor history. Therefore, he is very informative when answering questions about the MacGregors. He also enthusiastically hands out membership applications.

Labor Day weekend the City of Springfield hosts an Ethnic Festival. The three-day festival has food and entertainment of singing, dancing, folklore, and history from all different

ethnic backgrounds. The St. Andrew's Society had a food booth and a large tent that they offered clans to set up information tables in. The MacGregors took advantage of this offer and had an information table on the Clan Gregor Society at the festival.

The MacGregors of Central Illinois will end the Year of 2000 and usher in 2001 by celebrating at First Night Springfield on New Year's Eve.

2000 Annual Report for Northern Illinois

submitted by Donald A. Gregg

We cannot boast of great success this our first year in office. We can say with certainty that we have stayed busy since the 90th Annual Gathering. Katie attended the Richmond, Virginia games after leaving Williamsburg. Thereafter, we attended games in Ocala, Casselberry and Jacksonville, Florida. With no luck in attempts to sponsor a tent at the Illinois Saint Andrew Society at Oakbrook, Illinois (June), we did get to that event. Our tent and the games at the Rockford - Roscoe Highland Games (July) were flooded out because of a torrential downpour. We cannot be certain that they will take place again next year; they seem somewhat tentative at this point.

The best time was visited on us at the Highland Ranch and Longs Peak Highland Games that we attended with our daughter and three granddaughters. Two wee lassies, Veronica and Sara carried the Clan banner at both events and made us so very proud of them.

Our hands were effectively tied at the Oakbrook games because the Clan Gregor Society would not acknowledge our correspondence or return our telephone calls. They were not willing to share a tent with ACGS and the Saint Andrews Society was reticent about having a "rival" clan in attendance at their games. We do not know how this will play out for next year's event.

2000 Annual Report for Kentucky

submitted by Nolan Sanders

The first weekend in June, 2000, with its pleasant temperatures and varied activities, provided a great opportunity to enjoy the Glasgow Highland Games at Barren River Lake State Park. Approximately 50 clans and societies sponsored tents celebrating our Scottish heritage.

The American Clan Gregor tent was well attended throughout the two days of the Games. Richard Greer and Robert Richard MacGregor helped man the tent, providing hospitality

and information to visitors. Activities during the weekend covered two fields of the State Park and included athletics, dancing, music and even kilted skydiving.

Plans are continuing for the 2001 Glasgow Highland Games, which will be an international gathering.

Also, in May, I attended the Scottish Weekend held at General Butler State Park at Carrollton, Kentucky, and the Scottish Festival in September at Paducah, Kentucky, in which our member, Kay Britt, is an active participant.

2000 Annual Report for Michigan

submitted by Ronald L. Shankland

I worked in the Clan Tent at the Alma Highland Games on 27 May, plus the Saline Celtic Festival on 15 July, plus the Kalamazoo Scottish Festival on 26 August.

Reporting on an article from the Ann Arbor News of July 16, 2000 is defining the Scottish athletic events as follows:

Stone Throw - The stone weighs about 16 pounds, and is thrown like a shot put, resting against the athlete's neck until it is released.

Throwing the heavy weight for distance - The 28-pound weight made out of metal of various shapes is thrown with one hand, with a handle or short chain attached to the weight. The event resembles the Olympic hammer throw, with the athlete whirling around before releasing the weight.

Throwing the 16-pound hammer - This derives from competition between black smiths tossing their big hammers. Competitors face away from the landing area with feet planted as they whirl around, 16-pound weight at the end of a wood pole of about four feet. You release the hammer back over your shoulder.

Tossing the weight for height - A big weight, such as 56 pounds, is attached to a round handle. The athlete crouches and swings the weight to the side or between the legs several times, then launches the weight back over the head and shoulders in trying to clear the bar above. The world record with a 56-pound weight is 18 feet, four inches. Athletes get three tries to make each height as the bar is raised.

Caber Toss - This is the signature event of Scottish games, and the distinctive, as it focuses on the aesthetics of a throw rather than distance. The caber can be a

whittled-down log or perhaps a telephone pole, is about 20 feet long, and weighs about 100 pounds. The caber is placed upright for the athlete, who crouches, picks it up and gets it secure against a shoulder. The athlete then moves forward in a slow run and launches the caber when it begins to tilt away. Athletes seek to "turn" the caber; that is, have it pitch forward past a 90-degree angle after it hits the ground. Ideally, the caber will go straight out from the launching point and hit at a 90-degree angle, with the hand-held end pointing directly away from the athlete as it lands. A clock-faced judging method is used, so a turned throw that lands at 12 o'clock is excellent. A side judge determines whether a caber has turned and a back judge determines the clock-face landing spot. Like all events, competitors get three chances with the caber and take the best toss.

2000 Annual Report for Mississippi

submitted by L. Dan Megehee

In August, the Scottish Highland Games of Mississippi invited the American Clan Gregor Society to be the Honored Clan at the Highland Games to be held in Jackson, Mississippi on March 31, 2001. After consulting with our Chieftain, Malcolm MacGregor, I accepted on behalf of the Clan.

I sent a letter to each member of the American Clan Gregor Society who lives in Mississippi. In this letter I let them know that I had been appointed as Deputy Chieftain for Mississippi and reminded them that I would be hosting the Clan Gregor Tent at the Gulfport Highland Games on October 7 & 8. I also let them know that we would be the "Honored Clan" at the Jackson, Mississippi Highland Games next March. I also sent copies of this letter to a number of my Megehee/McGehee cousins who are not currently members of ACGS.

At the 15th Highland Games in Gulfport, Mississippi this year, Clan Gregor was awarded the prize for "Best Tent" from among the 27 different Clans/Societies represented by tents. Because of our location, we had a steady stream of visitors and acted as a unofficial "information station". We had 20 people who signed our Guest Register. In addition, there were a number who picked up the order blanks, showing interest in the shirts and especially the tote bags. I estimate that there were several who are genuinely interested in the American Clan Gregor Society. I intend to follow up on these with a personal letter inviting them to join our Society.

2000 Annual Report for New York

submitted by Edward K. Gregor

This year the weather turned out just fine at all the events and we were able to enjoy the entertainment and many vendor displays. It was nice to see the new members at our tent. They are more than welcome to help and also increase our members who march in the Tartan Parades and local Scottish events. Make our tent your base and shelter at the Games.

June 3rd and 4th, 2000 - "A Highland Gathering" was held at the Genesee Country Museum in Mumford, Genesee County, New York. Member Ruth Hall from Seneca Castle, New York, with her son and daughter, Curt and Becca, visited to help.

July 8th, 2000 - The first Highbanks Celtic Gathering was held by the New York State Parks Department of Letchworth State Park in the Highbanks Recreation Area. It was well attended and those of Scottish descent stopped by our tent to chat and get more information about the clan.

August 12th, 2000 - "Central New York Scottish Games and Celtic Festival" was held at Long Branch Park, Liverpool, Onondaga County, New York, near Exit 39 of the NYS Thruway. Member Carol O'Brien from Naples, New York visited to help.

August 19th, 2000 - 16th Annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games was held at Amherst Museum, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst, Niagara County, New York. Member William S. Mitchell of Amherst, New York visited our tent.

September 2nd and 3rd, 2000 - Capital District Scottish Games was held at Altamont Fair Grounds, Altamont, Albany County, New York. This games was presented by the Schenectady Pipe Band Ltd. This year we shared our tent with Clan Gregor Canada. Rae Kruger was very handy helping out when my sporran needed repairs. The Niagara Regional Police Pipes & Drums band was nearby to provide some extra entertainment.

2000 Annual Report for Tennessee

submitted by Thaddeus G. Osborne

The past year has been full of Scottish activities in Tennessee. The MacGregors have been represented at nearly all of the Scottish-American social events in the Knoxville area.

The Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games in May 2000 drew their largest attendance ever. This Deputy Chieftain was joined by our Chieftain Malcolm MacGregor and his lady,

Barbara, and by John and Ena McGregor of Florida. Hosting our tent were David and Nancy King of Candler, North Carolina; Bob and Dore Dumas of Knoxville, Tennessee; and Susan Pelham of New Market, Tennessee. In the interest of promoting study of Scottish arts and culture, a trophy in Opening Piping was again sponsored on the Society's behalf.

A supply of membership application worksheets, reproduced from the Society's web site, were available at the tent, as well as a selection of gift merchandise. Potential members were informed of the Internet site, the Magruder library, and the annual gathering.

Your Deputy Chieftain looks forward to representing the Society again in the coming year.

45th ANNUAL GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

Linville, N.C.

July 6 - 9, 2000

On Thursday evening, 7/6/2000, as darkness fell over MacRae Meadows and a first-quarter moon grew brighter in the sky, the male and female winners of "The Bear" (5-mile footrace from Linville to the top of GM) appeared from the woods, carrying a lighted torch, and circled the field, as the sound of a lone piper could be heard in the distance. A hushed silence fell over the crowd as the awe-inspiring Torchlight Ceremony began! To the delight of these ACG members present at this "Calling of the Clans", the stentorian voice of John C. McGregor carried clearly across the meadows as he placed a torch in the saltire cross announcing "While there's leaves in the forest and foam on the river, MacGregor, despite them, shall flourish forever...CLAN GREGOR IS HERE!"

Indeed, a great group of MacGregors mingled at the ACGS tent, hosted again this year by Jeff and Frieda McGregor, assisted by their parents Dave and Suzanne McGregor. Those in attendance during the course of the weekend were: Chieftain Malcolm and Barbara MacGregor, Assist. Chieftain Joe Tichy and Dolores Rengert, John and Ena McGregor, Thad Osborne, Donald & Dianne Gregg, Arthur Lecky, David and Nancy King, Dr. Raymond and Ann Azbell, son Mack and daughter Alison, Eleanor Bradshaw and husband Leon, Laurie Andersen, and Debra Grier Bates. Mary & Bill Zimmerman, daughter Pat and husband Will Foster, and son Randal & wife Marilyn Zimmerman - surprised us with their visit and Mary added some pizzaz to the "business" tent by working there for over an hour! This was their first time at Grandfather, and they enjoyed it so much they were already talking about making advance room reservations for 2001! Prospects (with applications pending) who were present and also helped at the tent were George McGregor and daughters Susan and Lauren from N.C. and Jim and Dot Goldie from Florida.

The games were open again on Friday, as well as Sat. & Sun. and were even larger in scope. This year the Celtic Groves increased to FOUR in number, providing additional Scottish and Celtic music in these cool and restful glens. Special entertainment was also provided by Alex Beaton, Carl Peterson, Colin Grant-Adams and Ed Miller, and you had to schedule your day/evening carefully to take in all the activities you most enjoyed watching and include enough time for hobnobbing in the tent with fellow Clansmen and enjoy the delicious spread set out by Suzanne and Frieda!

Our "Business" tent was positioned along Clan Row on the corner where the runners came up the mountain side onto the track, and many of the pipe bands would stop to perform. One impromptu group from Scotland consisting of GORDON MCGREGOR from Dundee, DAVID NICHOLSON from Perth and JOHN COMRIE from Alva drew quite a crowd as they stood beside our tent and piped a few tunes, some of them their own compositions.

Since the weather was rather damp and chilly on Saturday, sales of merchandise were quite brisk; all except three of the sweatshirts were sold by our "expert salesladies" - Sarah and Lauren McGregor. Many interested Gregor types stopped for information, and by the end of the day Saturday those who worked the tent had nearly lost their voices from talking above all the din.

IAIN MACMILLAN MACAULARY, Commander of the Honourable Clan MacAulary, who lives in Drumberg, Scotland, and was one of the Distinguished Guests at GMHG this year, made a personal visit to our tent with his wife to meet our Chieftain and commemorate the help the MacAulays gave the MacGregors at the Battle of Glen Fruin!!

We got a glimpse of KEVIN O'BRIEN, a member of our ACGS Pipe Band, as he hurried past our tent with bagpipe in hand and the No. 103 pinned to his kilt - on his way to compete in the piping competition.

Another competitor on behalf of ACGS was ALISON AZBELL, who ran in the kilted 1/4 mile race for 9-10 yr. olds - we proudly cheered her on as she breezed past our tent!

Once again, as a climax to this feature, fun and friendly weekend, DAVE & SUZANNE MCGREGOR and JEFF and FRIEDA MCGREGOR hosted an after party gathering at their home in Blowing Rock, NC for those of us ACGS members still there on Sunday evening. What a gracious ending to a grand weekend of celebrating our MacGregor heritage!

Reported by Barbara MacGregor

SCENES FROM HIGHLAND GAMES



Clan Gregor members who marched in Parade of Tartans at Ocala, Florida Games are (back row) John C. MacGregor, Chieftain Malcolm G. MacGregor, Gerry Skinner, Donald Gregg and John McGregor; (2nd row) Ena McGregor and Katie Gregg; and (front row) three grandchildren of John and Ena McGregor with two friends.



Clan Gregor members at Orlando, Florida Highland Games included Chieftain Malcolm MacGregor, John McGregor, Donald Gregg, Ena McGregor, Barbara MacGregor and Katie Gregg.



Mississippi Deputy Chieftain Dan Megehee and his wife, Josephine, manned the Clan tent at the Gulfport Highland Games in Gulfport, Mississippi and won the "Best Clan Tent Award".



Joe Tichy and Delores Rengert enjoy the Sarasota, Florida Games.



Paul Skinner manned the only tent at the Miles City Highland Games in Miles City, Montana.



Shannon and Kelli Skinner help their parents man the Clan Gregor tent at Miles City Highland Games.



John and Bernice Rogers are shown in front of the Clan Gregor tent at the Jacksonville, Florida Games.



A great group of Gregors pose in front of the Clan tent at Jacksonville, FL Games. Back Row: T. Ross Gregg, II, Gerry Skinner, John Wassell, John McGregor, Donald Gregg and T. Ross Gregg, III. Front Row: Shirley Skinner, Bernice Rogers, Katie Gregg, Beth Wassell, Ena McGregor and Barb MacGregor.



Tennessee Deputy Chieftain Thad Osborne displays new tent banner at Gatlingburg, Tennessee Games.

Clan Gregor members in Parade of Tartans at the Gatlinburg, Tennessee Games include John McGregor, Thad Osborne, Barb MacGregor and Ena McGregor.





Then Ranking Deputy Chieftain Jeff McGregor (now Chieftain) poses with his parents, Suzanne and David McGregor, in front of the Clan Tent at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Iain MacMillan MacAuloy, Honored Guest of Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, paid a visit to our tent and visited with our Chieftain, Malcolm G. MacGregor.





Did you ever see a finer group of MacGregors? Posing at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games are Jeff McGregor, Thad Osborne, Arthur Lecky, Mal MacGregor, Joe Tichy, Barb MacGregor, Frieda McGregor, Suzanne McGregor, John and Ena McGregor and Dave McGregor

"Hanging Out" at the After Games Party at the home of Suzanne and Dave McGregor in Blowing Rock, North Carolina are Barb MacGregor, Suzanne McGregor, Joe Tichy, Frieda McGregor, John McGregor (holding Alison Azbell), Donald Gregg, Dolores Rengert, Dianne Gregg, Thad Osborne, Mack Azbell, Ena McGregor, David McGregor, Malcolm MacGregor and Tom, Ann and Ray Azbell.



MEET THE CHIEFTAIN

Chieftain Jeffrey McGregor was born in Batesville, Indiana and moved to Florida as a young child. Jeff grew up in Lantana, Florida where he attended all his schooling and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management from Palm Beach Atlantic College. Throughout most of Jeff's life, his primary interest has been art. Jeff has been a licensed professional photographer since 1971 and has also taught photography at various education levels since 1985. Jeff was nominated and awarded Who's Who Among Americas Teachers in 1999. Jeff's grandparents William and Jessie McGregor came to this country from Glasgow, Scotland while in their early twenties. On his mother's side, Jeff's grandparents Fred and Margaret Rankin also have strong Scottish roots. With Scottish blood on both sides of the family, it is no wonder he was interested in Scottish history. His interest in the MacGregor Scottish roots really took off when his parents purchased his first kilt for him after his high school graduation. Jeff has been very active in the ACGS serving on the general council, serving as scribe, and finally serving as ranking deputy chieftain.

Jeff hopes to further strengthen and stimulate young people into active membership in the society as well enrich the experiences that our society can offer to our elder members. If you would like to contact Jeff, he would be pleased to hear from you via phone, mail, or through the Internet at jrmegreg@bellsouth.net.

Jeff now resides in Delray Beach, Florida with his wife Frieda, stepson Jason and their two Shetland Sheepdogs, Remi and Rally.



Editor's Note: Each year we reprint an article of interest from a past yearbook. This year I have chosen to go back 73 years to the 1928 yearbook. I have chosen to reprint a poem instead of an article. I hope that each of you will enjoy reading it as much as I did.

DUNBLANE

Miss Alice Maude Ewell

Blood is thicker than water,
And Scotch blood thickest of all;
So we have come together,
Drawn by our Chieftain's call.
Some from the far-flung southland,
Some from the East and West;
Blood is thicker than water,
And Scottish blood is best.

There are three places I know of
That have the self-same name,
Right back like a thread they lead me
As to an altar's flame;
The first, it is in Scotland,
Begun in History's morn,
The last is in Virginia —
The place where I was born.

Sing Hey for the Land of Heather!
Sing Hey for Virginia's hills!
For the morning mist of mountains!
And the eves where sunset thrills!
But there's another homestead
On Maryland's fair plain,
And green are the fields still spreading
Around this Old Dunblane.

In girlhood's days I saw it;
My loving eyes it drew,
That mossy mellowed dwelling.
Link 'twist the old and new.
Set in its clumps of boxwood,
Under its spreading trees,
It stood for loved traditions
And dear Colonial ease.

To Dunblane by the mountains
The wrath of war had come,
And then defeat and failure
Make a desolated home;
And tho' young hearts were happy,
Right readily they turned
To tales of days departed
And o'er past glories yearned.

How well she loved, my grandma,
Amid our post-war strife,
To tell of "Uncle Frankie"
And Barbara, *his wife*;
Of all the handsome cousins
With lovers in their train
All lapped in peace and plenty
At blissful "Old Dunblane."

And in thought she further wandered
To him who staked away
This fertile fair plantation
In that card-playing day;
How wife and son redeemed it,
How life went gaily still;
And there was one young hearer
Whose ears would drink their fill.

Blood is thicken than water,
And Scotch blood thickest of all,
So we have come together
Drawn by our Chieftain's call;
Some from the far-flung southland,
Some from the East and West;
Blood is thicker than water
And Scottish blood is best.

Again a war is over,
Again unrestful days,
The end of an old era,
A parting of the ways;
And some are false and foolish,
And some are brave and strong,
But — winter nights are dreamful still
And summer days are long.

Again the old traditions
Speak, e'en against our will,
And when Clan Gregor calls us
It finds us loyal still.
Our Chieftain calls — we follow,
It does not speak in vain
That he should come of that long line
That hails from Old Dunblane.

Editor's Note: Several years ago I started a new tradition of reprinting a biographical sketch from one of the early yearbooks. These sketches are most interesting and a very valuable source of genealogical information. I continue to hope that some of you may be encouraged to submit a sketch on an ancestor for inclusion in a current yearbook. This year I have chosen a sketch on Edward Magruder Tutwiler, which comes from the 1928 yearbook.

EDWARD MAGRUDER TUTWILER

By Friends

Birmingham as a great industrial centre has attached to and incorporated in its citizenship some of the ablest men of affairs in the country.

Edward Magruder Tutwiler had already attained a place of eminence in his profession as an engineer when he came to Birmingham 44 years ago. His keen business sense foresaw the future commercial advantages of Birmingham. He became interested in various industries and it was to his own advantage as well as that of Birmingham that such was the case. A brief sketch of his career is, therefore, appropriate in the Clan Year Book.

Born October 13, 1846, at Palmyra, Fluvanna County, Virginia. He was a son of Thomas H. and Harriet Magruder (Strange) Tutwiler. His great-grandfather Shores served the American Colonies in their struggle for independence and his grand-father Martin Tutwiler was a Sergeant in the second war against Great Britain. Thomas Harrison Tutwiler, his father, was a lawyer and served as a commonwealth attorney and as a member of the State Legislature for Fluvanna County. He had been liberally educated, having attended the University of Alabama (1833-34) while his uncle, Dr. Henry Tutwiler was a professor in that Institution. He later - 1843 - graduated in law at the University of Virginia. Thomas H. Tutwiler espoused the cause of the confederacy when Secession came and held the rank of Captain in the Quarter-Master's Department.

These facts are noteworthy since family connections and home influences are known to be often a determining factor in a life's destiny. Edward Magruder Tutwiler had every incentive to patriotism as a youth. He was a cadet at the Virginia Military Institute in 1864 when the call came to check the Federal advance up the Valley of Virginia. He volunteered with others of his school, and was in the celebrated battle of New Market when forty-three of these boys were either killed or wounded. He served at the front until the evacuation of Richmond. With the close of the war he returned to V.M.I and was graduated in 1867. The following two years he earned his living as a teacher. He then entered upon his profession as a rodman in the engineering corps of the Lehigh Valley and Susquehanna Railroad. He made rapid advance during the next ten or twelve years. He served from locating to chief engineer in connection with the Chesapeake and Ohio R.R., Cincinnati, Southern, Miami Valley, and finally with the Georgia Pacific R.R. Mr. Tutwiler located the eastern end of the C. & O. from Richmond to Newport News during the early seventies. In 1879 he served one year as Assistant Engineer of the City of Cincinnati. His connection with the Georgia Pacific led to his coming to Alabama in 1881. Two years later he became superintendent of Coalburg Coal and Coke Company, and this was the most strenuous period of his existence;

General Superintendent of mines, Sloss Iron and Steel Co., 1885-1889; President Tutwiler Coal, Coke and Iron Company, 1892-96; director in First National Bank of Birmingham in 1894, and later Chairman of the Board. He was director in various other enterprises among them Tutwiler Hotel Co., Birmingham. He was a Democrat; a Junior Warden in the Church of the Advent (Episcopal); President of the Country Club, etc.

Major Tutwiler was a charter member of the American Clan Gregor Society and was Deputy Chieftain for Alabama from the time of the organization of the Society until his death. He attended the gatherings whenever he could and always took a keen interest in the Society and everything connected with it.

Mr. Tutwiler retired from active business in 1906 and devoted his attention only to private interests. He was devoted to travel and with Mrs. Tutwiler and her sister, Mrs. Magruder, left home for a second trip around the world in December, 1924. On the homeward journey aboard the S.S. Empress of France, after a short illness, he passed away April 19, 1925 — his heart having been weakened by age and illness. His remains were brought home and buried in Elmwood. In Birmingham he reared his family, made his fortune and completed his career, taking front rank as a useful citizen and a successful man of affairs. These were the material things of history, but even with such a background of accomplishment he possessed always the qualities of a gentleman and bore himself with the simplicity of a real democrat. There are many from different walks in life who tell of their debts to him for substantial help during the early struggles for a foot-hold. The community, toward which he was never indifferent, the church to which he gave generously of both his time and his substance, his friends to whom he was always devoted and for whose comfort and welfare he was ever concerned, and the family of which he was the head, whose members depended upon him for counsel and sympathy, are now joined together in the realization of a great loss.

Married (1) April 11, 1876, at Crittenden, Ky., to Mary Jeffray, who died 1885; (2) July 11, 1887 at "The Island," Albermarle County, Virginia, to Margaret Lee Chewning (a cousin), daughter of John W. Chewning and Mary Elizabeth (Strange) Chewning. Children by first marriage: Temple Wilson, who very early entered the iron and steel business in which he made an enviable record as General Manager of the Tata Iron & Steel Company, of Jamshedpur, India, married Florence Wilhoyte; Edward Magruder, Jr., served as private in Company F, 2nd Alabama Volunteer Infantry, U.S.A., Spanish American War, General Manager Alabama State Land Company, Birmingham, married Mary Anderson; Herbert, Coal, Coke and Iron Broker, Birmingham, married Mary Addison; Ernest, who died in 1896, age 13.

Edward Magruder Tutwiler was the son of Thomas H. Tutwiler and Harriet Magruder Strange; grandson of Gideon Alloway Strange and Harriet Magruder; great-grandson of John Bowie Magruder and Sarah B. Jones; great-great-grandson of James Magruder and Mary Bowie; great-great-great-grandson of Ninian Magruder and Elizabeth Brewer; great-great-great-great-grandson of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; great-great-great-great-great-grandson of Alexander Magruder, Maryland Immigrant.

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