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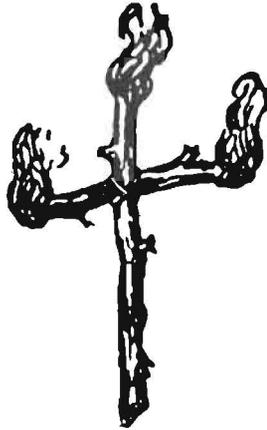


The lovely church, Christ Episcopal Church, where the memorial service was held on Friday afternoon.



Chaplain Thaddeus G. Osborne with Sir Malcolm MacGregor at church memorial service.

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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.

95th Annual Gathering – Jacksonville, Florida

Council Meeting -- 8 October 2004

Attendees, Officers:

Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr., ACGS Chieftain

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Jeffery R McGregor, Nominating Committee

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Scott F. MacGregor, Virginia

Special Guest: Major Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor 7th Baronet, 24th Chief of Clan Gregor

Past Chieftains:

R. James MacGregor

George F. MacGregor

Paul C. Gregg

Malcolm G. MacGregor

Jeffery R. McGregor

ACGS Chieftain Robert F. McGregor, Jr. called the Council meeting to order at 08:40AM on Friday, October 08, 2004. Recognition was given to our five past ACGS Chieftains and our special guest who are in attendance this year.

The Chaplin, Thaddeus G. Osborne, gave the invocation.

The scribe, Scott F. MacGregor, made a motion to accept the Council minutes of the 94th Annual Gathering as printed in the 2004 ACGS Annual Yearbook. The scribe noted several items of unfinished business from last year to include creating a policies and procedures manual, a recognition committee, and amending the by-laws. No changes to the minutes were presented and a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed.

The Treasurer, Howard Grossnickle, presented his report. As this was his first year as treasurer, he tried to show the transition from previous treasurer. This is an interim report. The final report will reflect the individual investment accounts once Joe Tichy has briefed him. The antiquities fund raised over \$5,000 towards the projects in Scotland. Expenses this year are coming in a couple thousand under last year not counting the expenses of the AGM. The motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Due to the absence of our Registrar, William E. Tyler, due to family health issue a summary of his report given by Assistant Chieftain, John C. McGregor, who noted we had 1 new Associate Member, 17 new Members, 4 new Life Members, 2 re-instated Members, and 9 new Junior Members. The motion was made and seconded to accept the Registrar's report as read.

The Historian, Tess James, presented her report that since the last Gathering there were 6 deaths, 2 marriages, and 2 births. Thaddeus Osborne provided an additional death. The motion was made and seconded to accept the Historian's report as amended.

The Yearbook Editor, Dianne Gregg, presented her report noting that the yearbook went to the printer in March but due to problems at the printers delayed the mailing. Dianne informed everyone that Lillian Magruder now has the time necessary to handle the duties as Editor and will be taking over in the coming year. The motion was made and seconded to accept the Editor's report as read.

The Librarian, Marshall V. Grier, was not present and no one received a report from him on the status of the library to present to the council. The Chieftain reminded everyone that our library is located at the University of Baltimore in Baltimore, Maryland. It was noted that this is the second year without a Librarian's report.

The Trustees report was presented by Hallum Walker who noted that the trustees function is to audit the books; we have never found any need to do so, trusting explicitly our treasurer's recording accurately. The Blunt scholarship did not receive many applications again this year, even though an article ran in the ArdChoille newsletter. The committee regrets this poor response and will try to improve publicity in the coming year. This year two excellent applicants were approved; Ms. Hallie B. McGregor of Boulder, Colorado and Ms. Kathleen H. Wood of Edina, Minnesota. Each will receive \$1500, which is determined from the proceeds of the Blunt scholarship investments and divided the up. Members are encouraged to spread the word of the availability of the Blunt scholarship. The Chieftain noted that eight years ago we were giving scholarships in the \$300 range and now we're giving scholarships in the \$1500 range. That shows excellent improvement. Fellow trustee, Joseph C. Tichy, added to the trustees report that the various investment funds did very well during the past year despite the current investment trends. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Trustees/Scholarship report as amended.

The Assistant Chieftain, John C. McGregor, presented his report reflecting that he maintains the membership database and 2004 was a good year for membership growth. In 2003 there were 562 members and today we have 601 not including the new members reflected on the registrar's report. Due to bad addresses 34 members were lost. 111 address changes made during the year. This reflects one sixth of our membership moving about per year. He is still trying to get a handle on the postal service and the cost of return mail that can run from seventy-five cents to over four dollars per item. In an attempt to utilize the postal service address forwarding mailing are being made every three months. This has been successful half the time; there are many instances where the postal service scribbling is illegible. John concluded his report with "I'm John McGregor and I approve of this message." A motion was made and seconded to accept the Assistant Chieftain's report as presented.

The Chieftain, Robert F. MacGregor, Jr., recognized that two individuals ran the society business for nearly fifty years with Mr. Joe Tichy being the last one. As we go forward from this point on we're going to need to rely on committees that function to get the work done. We're going to need volunteers for these committees. To keep this organization going we need working committees that function. We have to progress to where we have some history in the turnover. Help is needed in determining how to best handle establishing these committees. We're getting to big and spread out across the country for just one person to handle everything.

Our Chieftain then proceeded to introduce our hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, who addressed the council expressing his great pleasure at being present for the council meeting as the Chief. "It is significant and an honor to be here". He expressed great appreciation by both his mother and himself for the flowers sent in recognition of the sad occasion of his father's death. While here sir Malcolm is looking forward to meeting as many people as possible from the American Clan Gregor Society. He recognizes all the effort that's required to organize the Gatherings and manning tents at the many Highland games.

Public relations were recognized by Sir Malcolm as bedeviling most societies and have come to the forefront of membership. That we need to get the word out to more MacGregor's about their heritage, the clan Gregor has a great story to tell and we should promote it in as many publications as possible. A public relations drive can only increase membership; we have to show people what's in it for them if they are to join. While we don't want to be a part of the "Tartan Army" there is a lot of interest in MacGregors. Sir Malcolm has expressed a willingness to help where he can to get people to join.

Sir Malcolm is very grateful for the money put aside for the MacGregor interests in Scotland like the Dalmally stones. Long-term aim is to establish a clan Gregor center somewhere in Scotland that visitors can go. At present there's no focal point in Scotland for clan Gregor. This is believed to be an achievable goal. Both companies and celebrities with MacGregor ties are being sought. This needs to be handled very carefully; it needs to be properly organized to put on a good presentation to the supporter and visitors. Awareness of clan Gregor needs to be increased.

A dislike expressed by Sir Malcolm is our great Clan crest being used in any negative ways. It's been done before. This is absolutely sacrilege to me, our history, and our ancestors.

The links between Scotland and the American Clan Gregor have always been strong. To this extent Sir Malcolm presented the American Clan Gregor a pencil designed by his father as a symbol of these strong links and the strengthening of them.

Old Business:

The Chancellor, Diana Browne, addressed the two proposals to amend the By-Law concerning 1) excluding the membership pins for new members. This is a simple change of removing the line that

references the pin as part of the membership package. 2) disbursement of funds from the Charity and Education Fund to society members on hard times. Funds could be distributed under emergency bases not to exceed \$500 per emergency with the approval of the Chieftain, Assistant Chieftain and Treasurer. An execution document created to cover both items was presented and circulated to gather the 10 signatures required to bring before the general membership. A motion was made to accept the changes as written.

Discussion followed concerning the membership pins it was noted that the registrar is out of pins. Current bids for new orders would cost about \$17 per pin. The cost is due to the physical size, the number of colors, and the limited quantity (60) ordered at a time. The new pins would have a tie tack backing. The membership pin would still be available to members only, purchased from the registrar or at the annual Gathering. Historically the pins have not been a big seller. Currently the society absorbs a loss on the pins as they're cost is more than what's collected with the membership fees.

Discussion followed concerning the emergency funds disbursement and how this amendment could not be used to assist any society functions, such as the annual Gatherings. Because the Charity and Education fund is a 501c3 account the money cannot be used to bail out society functions.

New Business:

1. An official photograph of Sir Malcolm that can be displayed in Clan tents and possibly sold at the highland games with the money going to the society. At present Sir Malcolm doesn't have an official picture; the CGS is working towards this goal but there would be a copyright issue towards selling the pictures. Sir Malcolm suggested the ACGS do similarly and commission having a picture taken that would become the property of the ACGS. This would allow selling the picture at the Clan tents. Sir Malcolm would be quite happy to oblige in accomplishing this goal.
2. Inquiry into Sir Malcolm's views on acceptable and recognized MacGregor tartans. Sir Malcolm, like his father, only recognizes four MacGregor tartans: Rob Roy, MacGregor of Glengyle, MacGregor of Deeside, and MacGregor of Comrie. There has never been a recognized MacGregor Hunting tartan. He injected that the vast number of color variations is a product of the wool industry to increase sells and that we don't want to be a part of the "Tartan Army". Sir Malcolm is open to recognizing a new tartan to celebrate a rare special occasion, but not just color variations designed to sell more tartan material. The multitude of color variations is a PR problem in that it dilutes the recognition of our tartan as MacGregor. An official memo was requested and will be forth coming from Sir Malcolm outlining his views on acceptable tartans and the clan crest. A follow-up article will be provided in a future issue of the ArdChoille newsletter.
3. Our treasurer should apprise the Clan Gregor Society treasurer as to how much money is available to them from the Antiquities fund. The two treasurers are already communicating and to date \$4,000 has been sent over. Sir Malcolm noted communications is crucial to keep support strong and that people need to see what progress is being made. He will inquire with the CGS as to how the monies provided through the Antiquities fund are being spent and the promised progress report from the CGS annual meeting.
4. An article explaining the ACGS Magruder medical scholarship at the University of Virginia will be in the future issue of the ArdChoille. This scholarship is maintained solely by the university, was established in 1927, and is currently over a half million dollars in value. Joe Tichy elaborated that when the society recommends an individual that person normally receives it, otherwise the university is free to award the scholarship as they see fit.
5. It was suggested to establish the membership directory on the Internet to reduce the cost of printing and keeping the information updated. Concerns were expressed about having personal information placed him on the Internet. Suggestion made to place a checkbox on the annual dues form asking if a printed membership directory is desired. Life members would receive a form about donating to the Antiquities fund and a checkbox for the membership directory would be present. This would reduce printing costs by limiting the quantity to those requested.
6. Announcement of items to be raffled off during the banquet Saturday night. These items include a MacGregor Collage, embroidered napkin set, embroidered table runner, novels by society member Laurin Wittig, and an animated Rob Roy DVD.
7. It was suggested getting together with John Bellassai who headed a committee twelve years ago to identify the society's long-range goals. John noted most objectives have since been initiated but that it may be time once again to identify new long-range goals.

Discussion followed about the establishment of committees to handle reworking the by-laws and developing the policies and procedures manual. That by-law changes require approval of the general assembly, where as policies and procedures can be changed at the direction of the council. Hopefully during the coming year everyone will have a chance to comment on these changes.

Election of Officers:

Jeffrey R. McGregor presented the Nominating Committee report. He provided the 2005 slate of officers with the only position change being the Yearbook Editor to be filled by Lillian Magruder. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed slate of officers as presented.

The Chieftain asked that the same group head up the Nominating Committee for next year. John C. McGregor was asked to continue in the position of Assistant Chieftain, which he has agreed to do so.

For The Good of the Society:

Our Chieftain implemented a new item here where preceding around the table each individual voiced any concerns or desires then may have related to the society.

1. Ben Delany, State Deputy of Delaware, is currently in ill health. Also Helen Tyler is under going surgery. Gregory O'Brien, pipe major, recently retired as pipe major of the band and had one of his knees replaced. It would be nice to recognize him somehow this weekend.
2. Suggestion that the 100th anniversary of the society in 2009 be held in Charlottesville, Virginia the founding location. Possible problem in securing one of the two hotels that could handle our size in October because it's peak leaf turning season and the UVA football home schedule will be unknown until three years out. The Gathering could possibly be moved to late September.
3. Uniformity of Clan Gregor banners at the Highland Games. Provide some assistance with furnishing the Clan tents at Highland Games.
4. An official document from Sir Malcolm stating his views about the MacGregor tartans and Clan crest. Along with which tartans he officially recognizes.
5. Would like to see both societies brought together as one. It's thought that 75% of the ACGS members have dual memberships in both societies.
6. Invites to attend the Stone Mountain Highland Games, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Estes Park Highland Games, and the Gatlinburg Highland Games where in May 2005 the honored guest will be the ACGS.
7. Need to lock in Sir Malcolm for the 2009 Gathering, the ACGS 100th anniversary. Sir Malcolm stressed he needs a long lead-time should any event desire his presence. His roles and duties must be clearly stated.
8. Recognition of several of our MacGregor youth who've excelled in the world this past year.

A final word from Sir Malcolm, we've thrown a lot of ideas around and a society such as this is about people. I'm afraid that unless people in the membership actually get more involved and perhaps finding the right people and talent is part of the quest. There is a tremendous amount of talent within this society that can be harnessed by getting them onboard. Asking each to do things to help out, otherwise the society's responsibilities fall unto a few people and it's a heck of a lot of work. These people do a tremendous job as it is. It is identifying these people to come forward with their talents and skills. Future projects will happen through the harnessing of the skills of a society such as this one.

Our Chieftain further expressed his appreciation at having Sir Malcolm present for this Gathering.

With no further business from the Council, the motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Chieftain declared the meeting adjourned at 10:42AM.

Respectively submitted,



Scott F. MacGregor, ACGS #2450
ACGS Scribe 2004



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95th Annual Gathering – Jacksonville, Florida
General Meeting -- 9 October 2004

Attendees, Officers:

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Diana Browne, Chancellor	Jeffery R McGregor, Nominating Committee
Dianne Gregg, Editor	John King Bellasai, Member-At-Large
Hallum Walker, Trustees/Scholarships	Nolan S. Sanders, Member-At-Large

Special Guest: Major Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor 7th Baronet, 24th Chief of Clan Gregor

ACGS Chieftain Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. welcomed everyone to Jacksonville, Florida and called the General meeting to order at 9:00AM on Saturday, October 09, 2004. Recognition was given to our five past ACGS Chieftains and our special guest who are in attendance this year.

Our Chaplain, Thaddeus G. Osborne, gave the invocation.

The Scribe, Scott F. MacGregor, read the minutes from the Council minutes held on Friday, October 08, 2003. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried.

The Treasurer, Howard Grossnickle, presented his report reflecting that this was his first year in the position and that the various society bank accounts had to be transferred. He proceeded to summarize the figures for each account. There was some confusion this year due to the change of treasurer and also change in mailing address. In the future he's hoping to accommodate the large expenses like Sir Malcolm's visit over a long period of time to reduce the impact in any one year. Nearly \$6,000 was raised this year towards the Antiquities (Dalmally stones project) Fund. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented

Due to the absence of our Registrar, William E. Tyler III, who's wife Helen is undergoing surgery, a summary of his report was provided by Assistant Chieftain, John C. McGregor, who noted we had 1 new Associate Member, 17 new Members, 4 new Life Members, 2 re-instated Members, and 9 new Junior Members. The motion was made and seconded to accept the Registrar's report as read.

A request made that all names of new members be provided to the ArdChoille for printing in the next issue. This is the only way the general membership learns of new members between the printed directories, which are done every few years. It was further noted that this information is reflected in the yearbook that is printed every year.

The Historian, Tess James, presented her report by reading aloud the names of those individuals who passed on, were married, or were born since our last Gathering. She recorded 10 deaths, 2 marriages, and 4 births that were reported during the year. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Historian's report as read.

The Editor, Dianne Gregg, was unavailable, so the Editor-elect Lillian Magruder provided a few words. Lillian first recognized and thanked Dianne for stepping in to handle the responsibilities of editor "at a time when it was absolutely impossible for me to handle it. She deserves the deepest thanks and was much appreciated." She reflected on past yearbooks from the twenties and thirties and how they all had some very interesting articles by members detailing their family history or a single ancestor. Lillian has been challenging members since 1993 to write similar articles and has finally received her first article for next year's yearbook. Hopefully this will break the ice and encourage more members to contribute such articles. These are very important for genealogical reasons and just to make the yearbook more interesting. The deadline for yearbook submittals is the end of February; please don't wait till the last minute. Request that pictures be printed with names of individuals on back. Include a SASE if you want the pictures returned. No approval required since Lillian is not the editor.

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The Trustee's report given by Hallam Walker consisted of a double-barreled report speaking as trustees and also as scholarship committee. The trustees are well pleased with the treasurer's report and noted a substantial increase in funds over last year. The scholarship committee awarded scholarships of \$1,500 to two excellent applicants, Ms. Hallie B. MacGregor of Boulder, Colorado and Ms. Kathleen H. Wood of Edina, Minnesota. The committee was disappointed that only a few applications were received and will work harder next year to get the word out. All members are encouraged to spread the word about the availability of the Blunt scholarships. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Trustee's report as presented.

The Assistant Chieftain, John McGregor, presented his report reflected that the society membership has gone from 562 to 601 not including the new members announced by the Registrar. Still having some troubles with the post office with rule constantly changing, returned mail and associated costs. Thirty-four members were lost in the past year due to bad addresses. These members were provided to the ArdChoille newsletter editor for publication. We have found some member through this process. John concluded with "I'm John McGregor and I approve of this message". A motion was made and seconded to accept the Assistant Chieftain's report as presented.

The Chieftain, Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr., made a few brief comments to remind everyone that this is a volunteer organization. If asked to be on a committee, please consider it, they're not to taxing. Recognized the Dalmally stones presentation and reminded everyone that money is still being collected for the preservation of MacGregor Antiquities in Scotland.

With that our Chieftain introduced our Hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, who proceeded to address the society membership. He expressed that it is with great honor and appreciation to be attending this year's Gathering as Chief. How he enjoyed the festivities on Friday including the tour and Ceilidh, and is looking forward to meeting many more members over the weekend.

Sir Malcolm recognized two major problems identified in Scotland, these being membership and the need in Scotland for a MacGregor focal point. He elaborated on both how the Clan Gregor Society is working to attract new members in Scotland and what's being done towards financing a future Clan Gregor Center. He noted how often these endeavors come down to individuals with motivation.

He extends his thanks along with that of the Clan Gregor Society for the donations made by members of the American Clan Gregor Society towards the preservation of MacGregor artifacts in Scotland. As our Chief he is asked to participate in many events annually across the globe and if his presence is desired at a function he needs to be given notice well in advance.

In conclusion Sir Malcolm presented the society a pencil designed by his father in recognition of the strong links between our society and our hereditary Chief in Scotland. He also presented the society with an engraved wine coaster.

This was followed by the MacGregors in Utah presenting Sir Malcolm with a photographic book about the state of Utah. The MacGregors from Colorado then followed suite. The Florida contingent noted that they had a wonderful book on Florida but it blew away in the hurricanes.

Unfinished Business:

1. Review of the by-laws and possibly initiate a procedures manual something we don't have. Input was solicited and minimum response was received. Input is again being requested for any concerns members would like to see addressed in the by-laws or procedures manual. These should be sent to the Chieftain, "Sandy" MacGregor.
2. Status of the recognition program. Last year's committee has provided the Assistant Chieftain with an excellent report. This report is available from the Assistant Chieftain or Chieftain should anyone desire reviewing it. It was overlooked during the Council meeting. This is one of the items to be addressed in the procedures manual.

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3. Recognize that Gregory O'Brien our long-standing pipe major has retired after recently having knee replacement surgery on one knee with the other knee to follow in the future. Gregory is with us for this Gathering as many saw at the Friday night Ceilidh.

New Business:

1. Two proposed by-law changes were brought before council yesterday to be presented to the general membership here.
 - a. The elimination of the membership pin that's included in the initiation fee. A motion was made and seconded to accept this change. Hearing no opposition the motion passed. The pins will still be available for purchase at Gatherings or through the Registrar.
 - b. Removal of the need for full council approval to distribute emergency funds not to exceed \$500 per emergency to members. Changed to require approval of only the Chieftain, Assistant Chieftain, and Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to accept this change. Hearing no opposition the motion passed.

Election of Officers:

The Nominating Committee chaired by Jeffrey R. McGregor presented the 2005 Slate of Officers as follows: Chieftain - Mr. Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr., Ranking Deputy Chieftain - Mr. Thaddeus G. Osborne, Scribe - Mr. Scott F. MacGregor, Registrar - Mr. William E. "Bill" Tyler, III, Historian - Ms. Tess James, Treasurer - Mr. Howard R. Grossnickle, Chaplain - Mr. Thaddeus G. Osborne, Surgeon - Dr. Thomas N. McNish, Chancellor - Ms. Diana Browne, Librarian - Mr. Marshall V. Grier, Editor - Ms. Lillian Magruder, Piper - Mr. Gregory O'Brien, Trustees -- Mr. E. Magruder Passano, Mr. Hallam Walker, and Mr. Joseph C. Tichy. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers as presented.

That ends the formal agenda and the floor is open for comments from anyone.

An announcement was made that the society owns a desktop copier that is available for any of the officers to take home and use for official business.

The State Deputies meeting will reconvene following a ten minute break at the conclusion of this meeting.

The American Clan Gregor Society will be the honored clan at the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival Games on May 19-22, 2005. A good turnout is desired; these are wonderful Games.

An announcement of the raffle items, which are on display at the merchandise table, will be drawn during the banquet on Saturday evening. Get your tickets now.

Several outstanding MacGregor youths were recognized for their achievements in highland dancing and cycling.

R. James MacGregor provided the following special insight *"As the senior living past chieftain of this society I go back forty years. It may have been mentioned last year in New Orleans, I'm sure it was, but I think we can never talk about it enough. You can't have a society without a Clan; you can't have a Clan without a Chief and we have as great a Chief as we could ever find in this country or around the world. A year ago many of us met in Stirling Castle at a banquet where Malcolm was formally recognized as Chief with all the ceremonies and so forth. Meeting in a room where four hundred years ago James VI signed a proscription outlawing the Clan, but it wasn't successful and here after all these years we have a beautiful Chief and a great Clan. We have more history than any other Clan because of all the penal action against us. We go back a thousand years and we should never forget."*

The DNA study sponsored by Clan Gregor is still going on, so far there are 125 participants. The cost is about \$200.

A desire was expressed for either a historical or genealogical session to be held at these Gatherings perhaps in the interim time between the general meeting and the banquet. A volunteer to head this up would be required, which we have not had since Millie Gregg organized them a few years back.

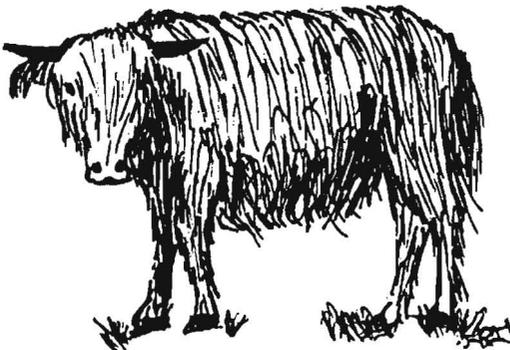
Notice was made of several efforts to gather and make available MacGregor genealogical information; this includes the scanning of past ACGS yearbooks.

Hearing no further business from the floor, the meeting was adjourned by our Chieftain at 10:22AM.

Respectively submitted,



Scott F. MacGregor, ACGS #2450
ACGS Scribe 2004





American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.

95th Annual Gathering – Jacksonville, Florida

Deputy Chieftains Meeting -- 9 October 2004

Attendees, Officers:

Thaddeus G. Osborne, Ranking Deputy Chieftain

State Deputies:

Rosamond Jean Simon, Alabama

Ronald A. McGregor, Colorado

John King Bellassai, Washington, D.C.

Donald W. Gregg, Georgia

Margaret A. Sanderfield, Southern Illinois

Nolan S. Sanders, Kentucky

L. Dan Megehee, Jr., Mississippi

Edward K. Gregor, Jr., New York

Thaddeus G. Osborne, Eastern Tennessee

Lois Ann Garlitz, Utah

Scott F. MacGregor, Virginia

Guests:

William "Bill" Campbell of Clan Campbell

Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr., ACGS Chieftain

Meeting called to order at 10:44AM on Saturday, 9 October 2004 by Ranking Deputy Chieftain Thaddeus G. Osborne.

Thad thanked everyone for attending the Gathering and making this meeting recognizing that it's a much long journey for some then others but that everyone's presence is important. More important is the work that's done at the events in each person's region every year. Reflecting that this is how our society grows. One may think after a long, hot weekend at the Games we have nothing to show for our efforts. You're encouraged to think of it this way, many of our society members are here because someone recruited them at a Games or a festival or a similar event.

Mr. William "Bill" Campbell, past president of the Clan Campbell society, was recognized. His lovely wife is a MacGregor and member of our society.

Thad acknowledged receiving some of the annual State Deputy reports via e-mail, unless someone feels it necessary we will not go through reading each report. At this time I'd like to entertain questions and share with all the deputies what works and does not work. What has been successful to each is what this meeting is about.

First, it was noted that the State Deputy Chieftain for Washington D.C. has changed hands in the past year and that Mr. Donald Lynd has accepted the duties of representing the society in the D.C. area. Don is just getting started and everyone is encouraged to provide him with any assistance required. He is open to suggestions and is active with e-mail.

This brings up a good point, just because someone is relatively new in the society doesn't mean they cannot be an effective deputy or represent the society at a particular event. If they're new and enthusiastic and you need some help ask them, it's a lot of fun. Of course we pay \$100 towards the cost of representation at a Games. A lot of societies don't pay anything. So if we can give them a tent, a place to be at a Game, and get them involved with our society. They'll be hitting the ground running.

How are everyone's feelings towards being kept informed via e-mail? One concerned expressed was that the e-mail was infrequent and not received often enough. It was stressed not to expect the messages to be coming from only one source, the top down, that all the State Deputies have access to the list and should play an active role in posting informative e-mail messages to each other. Send an announcement and let everyone know when there's an event in your area. At the same time inform the ArdChaille newsletter editor, Ron McGregor, so he may include it in the next issue. The editor is always looking for input from the State Deputies and Society Officers. It was noted that the e-mail solicitations for input for an upcoming issue were a welcome reminder.

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What are the chances of getting the \$100 ceiling for reimbursement for Games tents raised? With the constantly rising costs of manning a tent at Games it often costs individuals \$50 plus out of pocket to represent the society. This is something that has been brought before council over the past few years and it would have to be part of the policy and procedures. Recent discussions have focused on uniformity of clan tents among the games and to achieve this, possibly acquiring similar banners to provide all State Deputies with for use at the various Games. Mention was made of the cost of Games ranging from \$30 to \$150, that officers and state deputies representing the society at these Games can write off the out-of-pocket expenses on their taxes. Where as this is not available to those enthusiastic individuals who don't hold a position within the society but willingly represent the society at local Games. It was reflected how hard it is to recruit new individuals as deputies with the extent of out-of-pocket expenses incurred. This does affect individual willingness to volunteer.

Mr. William Campbell was asked how Clan Campbell handles the cost of clan tents at the Games to which he noted the society covers all Games cost to include tent, tables and chairs. It was also noted that the Clan Campbell society has three thousand members compared to the six hundred members in the American Clan Gregor Society. He mentioned that west of the Rockies all of the clan societies provide their tents and north of the Ohio nearly ninety percent of them do. The deal of requiring clans to use tents provided by the Games and not their own is a regional thing noticed primarily in the southeast United States. This is a trend to provide uniformity and consistency in appearance, and the tent rentals is a profit center for Games.

Further discussion on the matter provided a suggestion to more closely watch the money and allowing higher snippets to be paid out where Game fees are more expensive borrowing from those areas where the cost is much less. It was noted this would place an added burden on the treasurer. It was also noted that the treasurer's current figures are skewed because nearly one-third of our deputies do not submit claims for reimbursement for Game fees.

The current process for obtaining reimbursement of Game fees is to submit a copy of the receipts from the Game to the Assistant Chieftain, John McGregor, who will then properly code the submittal and send it to the Treasurer, Howard Grossnickle for payment. The turn around time for the checks is generally ten days.

To help defray the cost of some Games some state deputies place a donation jar out on the table, which may bring in between \$20 and \$60. While this isn't much every little bit helps. The cost of banners doesn't have to be an expensive burden on any one person as noted in several states where the banner costs the price of material and the labor was donated. Other individuals have donated professionally produced banners to the area representative for our society's tent. So it's a matter of working with our fellow clanspersons and letting our needs be known.

If the society is going to continue to have strong representation at events, the society is going to have to cope with this issue in a reasonable. This issue will continue to be raised at future council meetings until it is realistically addressed. This is all about recruiting and representation. If the society is going to implement Sir Malcolm's response and have a quality presence at these events we want to put our best foot forward. The society has to be realistic about what to expect from the individuals hosting these tents. These costs are hurting our ability to recruit the need help.

It was noted for tracking purposes that there is no standard way to determine how an individual came to join the society. Some state deputies mark the application worksheet so the registrar can identify the state of origin. Worksheets downloaded from the website could be marked in a similar fashion. This would be an effort to identify what percentage of the annual budget allotted is working. We see a lot of people at our clan tents, but really how many actually follow-up and join the society? The society no longer produces business cards but these have become easier to make and some members create their own to distribute at the Games.

It was suggested that local St. Andrew's Societies be contacted and asked if they have any MacGregor members and if it would be possible to obtain contact information for them. These individuals would be good prospective members as they already have an interest in their Scottish culture. In today's post 9-11 society there is no way to obtain from the British Consulate's office at the Embassy a listing of British subjects living locally due to their strict privacy laws. The society possibly could use church directories from Presbyterian or Episcopal churches, or even the old telephone book. These directories could pose a problem, as you don't know the quality of the people being contacted.

Thad, our merchandise chairman, noted that our stock of color society brochures is dwindling and when depleted in the near future we will be ordering new ones that reflect our new hereditary Chief, along with the URL for our website.

With no further business from the State Deputies, the motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion was carried and the Ranking Deputy Chieftain, Thaddeus G. Osborne declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45AM.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott F. MacGregor". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Scott F. MacGregor, ACGS #2450
ACGS Scribe 2004

AMMENDED INTERIM REPORT

AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES FOR YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

<u>ASSETS</u>	2002/03
Cash Checking accounts	
Wachovia Bank, Smithfield, VA.	2,087.69
First Bank, Southern Pines, NC.	8,883.65
Quick & Reilly Money Market Account	<u>33,166.98</u>
	Total \$44,138.30
Cash Savings accounts	
General Fund Invested Assets	9,672.44
Special Account Fund	9,887.77
Marshall Magruder Library Fund	6,048.59
Charity & Education Fund	14,173.91
Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship fund	<u>11,254.68</u>
	Total \$51,027.39
Short Term Investments	
Quick & Reilly Investment Account	\$228,365.86
Unrealized Profit/Loss on Q&R Equities	<u>\$27,583.40</u>
	Total \$255,949.26
Total Assets 2003	\$351,114.95
Liabilities 2003	
No outstanding Liabilities for 2003	
Total Net worth 9/30/2003	<u>\$351,114.95</u>

Transfer of Cash Balances from Wachovia Bank to Wells Fargo Bank 2003/2004

From:
Wachovia Bank, N.A.
2700 Washington Avenue, VA9543
Newport News Virginia 23607

Bank Contact person: Carol Jones
E-mail Address:
Phone Number: 757-928-6500
Fax Number: 757-380-6623
Bank ABA/Routing Number: 051000253

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Acct. Balance</u>
1. General Fund Checking	2009004726525	\$1,586.16

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Acct. Balance</u>
2. General Fund Invested Assets	3070029708899	\$8,630.00
3. Special Account Fund	3070029708624	\$8,932.92
4. Marshall Magruder Library Fund	3070029708970	\$5,642.93
5. Charity & Education Fund	3070029709267	\$15,810.77
6. Blunt Scholarship Fund	3070029709186	\$10,707.41
Total cash Balance Transfer		\$51,310.19

To:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
5353 W. Dartmouth Avenue
Denver Colorado 80227

Bank Contact Person: Shane Wood
E-mail Address: Shane.A.Wood@wellsfargo.com
Phone Number: 303-980-7605
Fax Number: 303-986-0864
Bank ABA/Routing Number: 10200076

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Acct. Balance</u>
1. General Fund Checking Account	305-0425796	\$15,262.18
2. General Fund Invested Assets	305-0425812	\$ 6,656.90
3. Peg Tichy Memorial Fund	305-0425853	\$ 9,962.10
4. Marshall Magruder Library Fund	305-0425846	\$ 5,240.02
5. Charity & Education Fund	305-0425861	\$10,570.09
6. Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund	305-0425838	\$10,262.61

Total cash Balance 9/30/2004	\$57,953.90
Total Quick & Reilly Portfolio Equity 8/31/2004	\$ 316,222.94
Total Dividends and Interest	\$ 19,783.34
Total Net Worth	\$ 393,960.18

*Total Q & R Money Market Funds	Market Value: \$ 30,411	Est. Annual Income: \$ 170.00
*Total Q & R Equities Account	Market Value: \$164,392	Est. Annual Income: \$11,722.00
*Total Q & R Fixed Income	Market Value: \$ 16,340	Est. Annual Income: \$ 2,000.00
*Total Q & R Mutual Funds	Market Value: \$104,860	Est. Annual Income: \$ 9,528.00
*Total Cash (net portfolio balance)	\$ 107	
*Total Q & R Priced Portfolio (Unrealized Profit/Loss)	Market Value: \$316,111	Est. Annual Income: \$23,420.00

Note:

1. 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.

*Note:

2. See addendum of Quick & Reilly Investment Account in the appropriate account summary sheets for Interest income to be carried forward.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT – 2004

New Members

- 2751 WEAN, Tyler Fletcher**, 2612-C S. Arlington Mill Dr., Arlington VA 22206; he the son of Raymond John Wean, III and Susanne Cole (Clan No. 1695LM); she the daughter of Loren Fletcher Cole and Anne Magruder; she the daughter of Gen. Marshall Magruder (Clan No. 507) and Anne Louise Peyton; he the son of George Corbin Washington Magruder and Eleanor A. H. Marshall; he the son of Julian Magruder and Margaret Ann Johnson; he the son of Zadok Magruder and Rachel Cook; he the son of Zadok Magruder and Martha Wilson; he the son of Col. Zadok Magruder and Rachel Pottinger; he the son of John Magruder and Susanna Smith; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder, the Immigrant, and Margaret Braithwaite.
- 2752 McGREGOR, Patrick E.**, 10605 N. County Road #15, Fort Collins, CO 80524; he the husband of Lorri D. Lee; he the son of Paddy Charles McGregor and Helen Delores DeWitt; he the son of Lewis "Doc" McGregor and Fern Grace Burns; he the son of George McGregor and Alice Almirs Morgan; he the son of Alec McGregor and Unknown.
- 2753 SMITH, Peter Leonard**, 4834 Langdrum Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; he the husband of Janet Andrews; he the son of Purcell Leonard Smith, Sr. and Elizabeth Ann Wright; she the daughter of Charles George Reade Wright, MD and Ethel Stuart Seaborne; she the daughter of George Seaborne and Elizabeth Bryne Connell; she the daughter of James Connell and Elizabeth Campbell Stuart; she the daughter of Robert Andrew Stuart and Elizabeth Catherine MacGregor.
- 2754 HOLDEN-RYAN, Julia Gregory**, 905 St. Paul Island, Pribilof Islands, AK 99660; she the wife of William P. Holden, Jr.; she the daughter of Mark J. Gregory and Julia Gillete Bowen; he the son of Benjamin Thomas Gregory and Ella Cecelia Downey; he the son of John Jefferson Gregory and Laura J. Lucas Hunt; he the son of Hardy Battle Gregory and Irene Elizabeth Hudson; he the son of Hardy Gregory, Jr. and Cyrene Humphrey; he the son of Hardy Gregory and Lucy Battle.
- 2755 A TOMA-DRANE, Mariana**, Box 5326, Columbia, SC 29250-5326; she the wife of John Wanzer Drane (Clan No. 1868LM).
- 2756 ROBERTS, Joan Onita McGehee**, 7325 Ortega Hills Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32244; she the wife of Jimmy D. Roberts; she the

daughter of Josire Tomas McGehee (aka Thomas Joseph and Thomas Joe) and Liddie Corene Wise; he the son of William Jackson McGehee and Amy Elizabeth Dixon McCrory; he the son of William L. McGehee and Emillie (Millie) Unknown.

- 2760** **MAGRUDER, John Baldwin 3rd**, 4827 Chevy Chase Drive, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; he the son of John Baldwin Magruder, Jr. (Clan No. 1882) and Elizabeth Finn.
- 2761** **ZIMMERMAN, Mitchell B.**, 8415 Gentlewood Court, Houston, TX 77095; he the husband of Charlotte Reuwer; he the son of William B. Zimmerman and Mary J. Scott (Clan No. 2335).
- 2762** **TREADWAY, Diane**, 116 Cedar Street, Johnson City, TN 37601; she the daughter of William Irwin Hamilton Treadway and Audrey Arline Anderson; he the son of William Henry Treadway and Bertha Rebecca Collins; he the son of Franklin Marion Treadway and Ellen Eliza Pratt; she the daughter of John Wilkes Pratt and Emily Eliza Savage; he the son of Thomas George Pratt and Christiana B. Tyler; he the son of Thomas Pratt and Eleanor Magruder; she the daughter of Robert Magruder and Sarah Crabb; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Elinor Wade; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder, the Immigrant, and Margaret Braithwaite.
- 2763** **BROWN, Donnie Lamar**, 305 Prospect Dr. S.E., Decatur, AL 35601; he the son of William Russell Brown and Hazel Louise Self; he the son of Thomas Walter Brown and Lula Maude McCormick; he the son of Andrew Jackson Brown and Sarah Callidonia Gregory; she the daughter of William Hunter Gregory and Jane Isabelle Yearwood; he the son of William L. Gregory and Unknown; he the son of William Gregory and Rebecca Lane.
- 2764** **THOMAS, Crystal E.**, 30030 Cochise Court, Mechanicsville, MD 20659; she the wife of Michael D. Thomas; she the daughter of Gary Matthew Johnson and Carolynn Lucille Horne; she the daughter of Edward Cleveland Horne and Delta Bosserman; she the daughter of Walker Greenleaf Bosserman and Helon Frances Burruss; she the daughter of Wilson Montgomery Burruss and Annie Wills Boxley; he the son of Oswald McGehee and Martha A. Cooke; he the son of Edward McGehee and Frances Lumsden.
- 2765** **PHILLIPS, Robert K., Jr.**, Aspen Village at Lowry, 150 Quebec St., Apt. 328-W, Denver, CO 80230; he the husband of Betty Jane Brown; he the son of Robert Kerr Phillips and Abbott Delena Watkins; he the son of Nathen Wilson Phillips and Frances Drusilla Smith; she the

daughter of Sanford Vandiver Smith and Miriam Dean McGregor; she the daughter of William McGregor and Miriam Dean; he the son of Thomas McGregor and Elizabeth Blackerby.

- 2766 SEHON, Robert Paul**, 999 North Silver Springs Blvd., #1211, Wichita, KS 67212; he the son of Robert E. Sehon and Ruby Pauline Burroughs; he the son of Eugene Bennett Sehon and Ruby Jeanette Glover; he the son of George Armon Bennett Sehon and Hettie Mae Langston; he the son of Pinkney Edward Sehon and Mary Elizabeth Walker; she the daughter of George W. Walker and Mary Vern Delitha Earnest; he the son of Richard (Dick) Walker and Unknown.
- 2767 COLE, Kelly Dianne Walker**, 1335 S. Lake Roy Drive, Winter Haven, FL 33884; she the wife of Gregory Wayne Cole; she the daughter of Robert Leslie Walker and Linda Jane Bell; he the son of Leslie Arthur Walker and Annette Moyer; he the son of Isham Walker, Jr. and Martha Jane Boxley; he the son of Isham Walker, Sr. and Mary Jane Wilkerson; he the son of Ansel Walker and Sabra Taylor; he the son of Littleberry Walker, Sr. and Elizabeth McCain.
- 2768 HODUM, Phyllis Lynn McGregor**, 50 Kimberly Cove, Collierville, TN 38017; she the wife of Robert Ethan Hodum, Sr.; she the daughter of Samuel Harrison McGregor and Loella Whitworth; he the son of Willis Nard McGregor and Ollie Mae Fooshe; he the son of George McGregor and Lucinda Jane Tutor; he the son of Willis Nard McGregor and Nettie Ellen Harrison.
- 2769 MacGREGOR-SKINNER, Gavin John**, 813 Briar Vista Way NE, Atlanta, GA 30329; he the son of John Leslie MacGregor-Skinner and Denise Joan Ganderton; he the son of Leslie Courtland MacGregor-Skinner and Olive Elizabeth Byron; he the son of John Frederick MacGregor-Skinner and Elizabeth Harriet Scott; he the son of John MacGregor-Skinner and Eleanore Ann Adam; he the son of Captain John MacGregor-Skinner and Henreitta Collyer; he the son of Brigadier General Courtland Skinner and Elizabeth Kearney; he the son of Reverend William Skinner and Elizabeth Gertrude Van Cortland.
- 2770 MAGRUDER, Clarence Hill, Jr.**, 1566 Darlington Heights Rd., Cullen, VA 23934; he the husband of Janet Whitehead; he the son of Clarence Hill Magruder and Marion Ilene Gordon; he the son of Charles Louis Magruder, Sr. and Nettie Sollars; he the son of Richard Hill Magruder and Eugenia Duckett; he the son of Isaac Grandison Magruder, Sr. and Margaret Elizabeth Hill; he the son of Thomas Baldwin Magruder and Mary Clarke; he the son of Isaac Magruder and Sophia Baldwin; he the son of Nathan Magruder and Rebecca

Beall; he the son of John Magruder and Susanna Smith; he the son of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder, the Immigrant, and Margaret Braithwaite.

- 2771 NELSON, Judith Lynn**, 1321 Lotus St., Columbia, SC 29205; she the daughter of James Beasley Nelson and Cheryl Lynn Falcone; he the son of Paul Robert Nelson and Flora Jane Beasley; she the daughter of Arthur Beasley and Minnie Hamilton; she the daughter of Wright Hamilton and Flora Alma Gaines; she the daughter of Lorenzo Dow Gaines and Mary Devern Davis; she the daughter of William R. Davis and Linna Clara Gregg; she the daughter of Francis Gregg and Ann C. Nancy Riley; he the son of Hugh Gregg and Elizabeth Unknown.

The following converted to Life Member status:

- 2293LM LLOYD, Grandville L.**, Box 4810, Breckenridge, CO 80424-4810.

The following new members joined as Life Members:

- 2757LM SCHAUF, Darcie Rae MacGregor**, 5804 Westerwald Place #202, Virginia Beach, VA 23462; she the wife of Aaron Thomas Schauf; she the daughter of Scott Fredric MacGregor (Clan No. 2450) and Randa-Lynn Harland.
- 2758LM GROVER, Jamie Sue MacGregor**, 939 Thousand Oaks Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454; she the wife of Donald Christopher Grover; she the daughter of Scott Fredric MacGregor (Clan No. 2450) and Randa-Lynn Harland.
- 2759LM MacGREGOR, Stuart James**, 405 MacDonald Road, Norfolk, VA 23505; he the son of Scott Fredric MacGregor (Clan No. 2450) and Randa-Lynn Harland.

The following are new Junior Members:

- 2004J MEGEHEE, Raymond Gregory**, 217 E. Lakeshore Dr., Carriere, MS 39426-7903; he the son of Raymond Zeller Megehee (Clan No. 2690) and Deborah Kay Deen; he the son of Louis Dan Megehee, Jr. (Clan No. 2478LM) and Josephine Zeller (Clan No. 2576LM).
- 2010J GIBSON, Elizabeth Toulmin**, 1928 North Kenilworth Street, Arlington, VA 22205; she the daughter of Robert Gould Gibson and

Catherine Bosier Toulmin; she the daughter of Priestly Toulmin (Clan No. 1405) and Martha Jane Slason.

- 2011J** **SHERMAN, Gerad MacGregor**, 45 Bryants Nursery Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20905; he the son of Gary Bruce Sherman and Laura L. Hungerford (Clan No. 1839).
- 2013J** **GIBSON, Neil Edwin Magruder**, 1928 North Kenilworth Street, Arlington, VA 22205; he the son of Robert Gould Gibson and Catherine Bosier Toulmin; she the daughter of Priestly Toulmin (Clan No. 1405) and Martha Jane Slason.
- 2014J** **SHERMAN, Jacen Fyfe**, 45 Bryants Nursery Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20905; he the son of Gary Bruce Sherman and Laura L. Hungerford (Clan No. 1839).
- 2018J** **TYLER, Olivia Louise**, 620 Northridge St., Greensboro, NC 27403; she the daughter of William E. Tyler, IV and Laura Van Hout; he the son of William E. Tyler, III (Clan No. 2582LM) and Helen Louise Diffiee.
- 2020J** **TYLER, Lillian Francis**, 620 Northridge St., Greensboro, NC 27403; she the daughter of William E. Tyler, IV and Laura Van Hout; he the son of William E. Tyler, III (Clan No. 2582LM) and Helen Louise Diffiee.
- 2021J** **TYLER, Brandon Lee**, 10255 Brickerton Dr., Mechanicsville, VA 23116; he the son of Markham Hall Tyler and Michele Lee Carroll; he the son of William E. Tyler, III (Clan No. 2582LM) and Helen Louise Diffiee.
- 2022J** **SCHAUF, William Edward-Scott**, 5804 Westerwald Place #202, Virginia Beach, VA 23462; he the son of Aaron Thomas Schauf and Darcie Rae MacGregor (Clan No. 2757LM); she the daughter of Scott Fredric MacGregor (Clan No. 2450) and Randa-Lynn Harland.

The following members were reinstated:

- 1839** **HUNGERFORD, Laura L.**, 45 Bryants Nursery Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20905.
- 765** **TAYLOR, David H.**, 8718 Higginbitham Place, Richmond, VA 23229.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Tess James

Since the last Gathering of the Society in New Orleans, Louisiana in 2003 until the Gathering in Jacksonville, Florida in 2004, there have been reported four births, three marriages, eight deaths of members, and two deaths of relatives of members.

BIRTHS

SCHAUF, William Edward-Scott, born June 29, 2004, son of Aaron Thomas and Darcie Rae (MacGregor) Schauf, and grandson of Scott F. MacGregor (Clan No. 2450).

WASELL, Ansley Virginia, born May 23, 2004, daughter of Shari and Stephen Wassell, and granddaughter of Elizabeth Field Wassell (Clan No. 2182) and John Randolph Wassell.

SIMON, Alexandra Anne, born July 15, 2003, daughter of Frank Stewart Simon and Dena Rene Gordon Simon, and granddaughter of Jack and Jean Simon.

LUMMIS, Connor Duvall, born October 2, 2004, daughter of Wayne Magruder Lummis (Clan No. 2264LM) and Melissa Baer, and granddaughter of Mason Lummis (Clan No. 1742) and Shirley Lummis.

MARRIAGES

James - Crawley

Corrie James, granddaughter of Tess James (Clan No. 2305), and Bryan Crowley were married in January of 2004 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Heavener - McNish



Nicole Heavener and Thomas Mitchell McNish, Jr. (Clan No. 2562) were married on May 22, 2004 in Nassau, Bahamas. Thomas is the son of Clan Surgeon Dr. Tom McNish (Clan No. 1764LM) and Yona McNish (Clan No. 2333A) of San Antonio, Texas.

*Thomas Mitchell McNish, Jr.
and his bride, Nicole Heavener,
At their sunset wedding ceremony
in Nassau, Bahamas.*

Teeple - Sadler

Erin Teeple, granddaughter of Tess James (Clan No. 2305), and Bill Sadler were married in May of 2004 in California.



Historian Tess James is all smiles with granddaughters Corrie and Erin and daughter Kela Asfahl at the wedding of Erin and Bill Sadler.

DEATHS OF MEMBERS

LECKY, Arthur S., Clan No. 1499, died on February 21, 2004.

AMLOTTE, Susan Ray (Mrs. William), Clan No. 2437, died on November 15, 2003.

BOYD, Benjamin M., Clan No. 2295LM, died on August 20, 2004.

CAMPBELL, Thelma Welles (Mrs. Hugh B., Jr.), Clan No. 1630A, died June 4, 2004.

McGREGOR, William E., Clan No. 1532, died on January 31, 2004.

ROBERTSON, Bernard E., Clan No. 2037LM, died February 13, 2000.

WALKER, Steven W., died November 29, 2003.

OLIVER, Marie Armezin died April 24, 2004.

DEATHS OF RELATIVES OF MEMBERS

MURDOCK, Robert Bruce, died on February 15, 2004. He was the son of Hon. and Mrs. Robert B. Murdock (Clan No. 1408LM), brother of Douglas J. Murdock (Clan No. 2274LM), and nephew of John R. Murdock (Clan No. 2506).

DECKER, Olivia Andrea, died on October 3, 2004. She was the granddaughter of Ernest R. Magruder (Clan No. 2503) and Betty Magruder (Clan No. 2511A).

MEMORIALS

WILLIAM E. MCGREGOR

1924 - 2004

William E. (Bill) McGregor died on January 31, 2004, at his home in Brighton Gardens. He was born February 29, 1924 in Indiana, Pennsylvania, the son of Maxwell McGregor and Bertha Meyer McGregor.

Bill graduated from Indiana High School in 1942 and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a Corporal during World War II.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Cathedral, the American Society of Interior Designers, the Mint Museum Auxiliary, the Mecklenburg Medical Society Alliance, the St. Andrews Society of Washington, DC and a past president of the Robert Burns Society of Charlotte. He was a founder and past president of the St. Andrews Society of Charlotte.

Bill served the American Clan Gregor Society in numerous ways, most importantly as Chieftain in 1975 and 1976, and again in 1979 – 1981. He and his wife Lou, along with Joe and Peg Tichy, organized several tours to Scotland which were enjoyed by many of our members.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Sandy McGregor and Elizabeth Belt McGregor of Charlotte; his daughter, Ann Rutledge McGregor, of Chicago, Illinois; two grandsons, William Belt McGregor and Benjamin Humphreys McGregor; a sister, Ruth Creamer of Sayreville, New Jersey; and numerous nieces and nephews. His wife, Mary Louise Rutledge McGregor, preceded him in death in 1992.

We as a Society mourn the death of this man who gave so much of himself to the American Clan Gregor Society.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 95TH GATHERING OF THE AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

October 7 - 9, 2004

Jacksonville, Florida

By Dan & Josephine Megehee

After weeks of worrying about our friends in Florida and how they fared with the hurricanes, we were also worried about the effect the hurricanes had on the road to Jacksonville. However, our Assistant Chieftain, John McGregor, assured everyone that the Gathering was a “GO”, so we packed our kilts and fancy duds.

In drippy cloudy weather, we set out for Jacksonville on Tuesday, October 5th. This allowed us plenty of time for detours and any other problems the hurricanes may have caused, particularly the detour around the I-10 bridge over Escambia Bay. As we approached the bridge, they had just opened one span, and we zipped across (at about 30 mph). We spent the night in Crestview – the first town with any available hotel rooms east of Pensacola. We drove on to Jacksonville on Wednesday.

Three hours out of Jacksonville, the weather suddenly changed. Now we had a lovely blue sky with shiny cottony clouds. The sun was bright and smiling and foretold a perfect Gathering. About a mile from the hotel, we managed to get lost on the wrong side of I-95. After a lot of wrong turns, we finally found someone to help us, and we finally arrived. Mike, the Concierge, was great, and signing in was a breeze. While we were checking in, Fran Browne and Louise Taylor stopped by and “Howdied.”

After a short nap and unpacking, we started exploring the hotel and ran into Leonard and Marie Mobley, and they asked us to join them for dinner in the hotel. While we were eating, in walked John and Ena McGregor with Sir Malcolm MacGregor. They were followed shortly by Joe Tichy and Dolores Rengert. Our dinner was nothing but mouthwatering calories, cooked to perfection. (In fact, all of our meals at the hotel were excellent).

Thursday morning began with the setting up of the Registration and Sales tables and visiting with the almost solid stream of MacGregors coming through the doors. The lounge area across from the hotel desk was almost always filled with MacGregors renewing friendships and doing a fair amount of yarning. Our Jacksonville hosts prepared a gift bag for each person. Some talented person had painted, on each bag, a picture of the skyline of Jacksonville.

The Welcome Reception was scheduled for the Hospitality Suite, but, because of the number of MacGregors in the hotel, it was moved to the hotel’s bar. We all enjoyed our time together, and many of us migrated to the restaurant for dinner.

Most of us MacGregors were able to sleep in on Friday morning – only the Council had to be up early for their meeting. We began collecting in the lobby by mid-morning and visited with other arrivals and looked over the various items that were to be raffled. I bought several tickets (Dan said that I had made a donation since he never seems to win). Once the Council Meeting was over we all began to gather near the front door for the Tour, Lunch and Memorial Service.

Promptly, as we MacGregors always are, we started milling around and getting ready to board the tour busses at 11:30ish, and, if memory serves, were starting to leave by a quarter-to-twelve. The drive to Christ Episcopal Church at Ponte Vedra Beach was through beautiful housing area, most with ocean views and many large palm trees. It was a marvelous new Church – their first service was Christmas Eve, 1951 (when Dan and Josephine were still in high school). In 1959, the last moonshine still in the local area was closed down. The copper vat from this still was saved and made into the steeple of the church. They have 2,500 members and it is the 3rd largest Episcopal Church in the U.S.

After the rank and file MacGregors had entered and seated themselves, Matthew Kuldell, the MacGregor Pipe Band's new Pipe Major, piped in the Assistant Chieftain, John McGregor, carrying the MacGregor Banner, our Chieftain, Sandy MacGregor, our Hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, and our Chaplain, Thaddeus Osborne.

Thad led us in a most moving ceremony in which he honored eleven deceased members. Their names are listed in the Historian's Report. After the ceremony, one of the ministers of Christ Episcopal Church gave a sketch of the history of the local area, including how the Florida Crackers got their name. They were cowboys flipping and cracking their ropes as they drove the large herds to cattle that thrived in north Florida. (Your reporter's comment: North Florida was the real "breadbasket" for the Confederate State of America during the Civil War.)

After leaving the sanctuary, we moved on to the Social Hall and enjoyed an excellent lunch served by the Ladies of the Church.

We again boarded our busses and proceeded down the coast road to St. Augustine, the oldest city in the United States. Our first stop was at the U.S. National Cemetery, where the remains of U.S. soldiers killed in the 1835 Florida War were buried. The Memorial Wreath was placed at the monument honoring the soldiers. Next we rode to the start of our guided tour. Our Jacksonville hosts planned a fascinating tour by trolley with an outstanding local historian giving a running commentary of the city. Some of the many different sights we passed were: the start of the Spanish Trail to Los Angeles; the First Ripley's Believe It or Not; the Castillo de San Marcos; and, the grand hotels built by Flagler. These hotels are being restored to their former glory. Many of the wives really wanted to stop and shop, but there was just too much to see.

After returning to our hotel, we headed into the hotel's dining room for supper. One of the highlights at supper was the "surprise" birthday cup cake for Lillian Magruder – we all joined in singing Happy Birthday to Lillian.

By 8:00 p.m., most of us started to move on to the Florida Room for the Ceilidh. The entertainment was provided by kilted Bobby Murray and our own renowned MacGregor Pipe Band. Bobby, an accomplished accordionist, played and sang his way through the gambit of Scottish music and old pop tunes – Bobby is a native Scotsman who now lives in Florida. Through his father, a Black, he is also a MacGregor. A number of MacGregors got up and danced when the tune was appropriate. When Bobby took a break, our Pipe Band with their dancers entertained. Greg O'Brien (former Pipe Major) played the first number, then sat down and laid his pipes aside, but when the band started playing "Amazing Grace", Greg was back up and stayed through "When the Saints Go Marching In." As we have come to expect, the dancers were perfect. I especially liked Matthew Kuldell's last command: "Pipes and Drums, Get a Drink."

While the Pipes and Drums were wetting their whistles, Bobby Murray came back to play and sang some more. At this point many of the MacGregors started dancing. Near the end of the evening, Maggie Sanderfield was dancing with Sir Malcolm, and he asked her if she could do the "Highland Fling", and she agreed to try. Sir Malcolm is an excellent dancer, very light on his feet, and Maggie managed to keep up with him. It was really a wonderful evening to remember.

Saturday morning began with the General Meeting at 8:30 a.m. A couple of highlights that come to mind from the meeting are the need for a member of each family to write a history of his or her family to preserve it for future generations. Sir Malcolm spoke of his role as Chief; first, to meet as many Clansmen as possible, and second, to serve as a focal point for MacGregors all over the world. He thanked us for our donations for the MacGregor Stones, and he gave us his Personal Banner for us to fly when he is not able to be present with us. He also presented our Chieftain with a wine coaster engraved "American Clan Gregor Society – 95 years – from the Chief – Oct 2004". The ACGS gave Sir Gregor a copy of the CD that we produced on the Gathering in New Orleans in 2003. The Utah Deputy gave a book of photos (he is a photographer), and the Colorado Deputy gave a book. Former Chieftain Malcolm MacGregor added: "I had a lovely book on Florida, but it flew away."

Greg O'Brien was honored for his 30+ years as a piper in the American Clan Gregor Society Pipe Band.

New changes to the By-Laws: (1) The ACGS pin will no longer be included in the initiation fee since each pin now costs about \$20.00. New members can purchase their own. (Note from reporter: Most genealogy based organizations require members to purchase their pins); and (2) money from the Education and

Charities funds, up to \$500, can be allocated for member personal emergencies. This allocation requires the approval of the Chieftain, Assistant Chieftain and Treasurer. We also re-elected all officers.

Joe Tichy “returned” the copy machine that ACGS bought for him, and it is being sent to the Registrar, Bill Tyler. Thad announced that the ACGS would be the Honored Clan at Gatlinburg, TN, May 19 – 22, 2005. It was announced that there would be a drawing at the Banquet for heather from the celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the Rout at Glen Fruin. Tickets would be \$2.00 each. Two youths were recognized for their accomplishments: Ian McGregor won top athlete in U.S. in bicycles and Amanda McGregor won for her Highland Dancing. Lastly, the need for volunteers for Genealogy research and to give lectures and to assist with genealogy meetings was stressed.

The General Meeting was followed by a short State Deputies meeting. Again, many of the MacGregors wandered into the hotel dining room for lunch. By mid-afternoon, we congregated out by the Florida Room for the ACGS Pipe Band Concert.

At 6:00 p.m., we began to gather for the evening Reception and Banquet. The ladies were exceptionally beautiful and the gentlemen looked so young and handsome. We could have been at the Ritz in Paris.

At 7:30 p.m., the Pipe Band piped us to our seats for the 95th Annual Banquet. Clan members were followed by the piping in of our Chieftain, Sandy MacGregor, and Honored Guests; next, the piping in of our Hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor. Grace was given by the Chaplain, Thad. We had a Toast to the President of the United States, followed by the singing of the U. S. National Anthem; next, a Toast to Queen Elizabeth II, followed by singing of God Save the Queen. Lastly there was a Toast to our Hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, 7th Baronet of Lanrich and Balquhidder, 24th Chief of Clan Gregor.

After the salad course, The Haggis was presented and served. This year there were two different types of Haggis, the traditional Scottish Haggis and an Americanized version. (Note by the reporter: I tried both and by adding some good Louisiana Hot Sauce, I gave it a “touch of Southern flavor”).

Following the meal, our Past Chieftains were introduced. Our Hereditary Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, gave an inspiring talk about Clan MacGregor, his role as Chief, and what we could do to keep the torch lit for future generations. He concluded with a Toast to the American Clan Gregor Society.

The drawing for door prizes was held and the winners were: Book, “The New MacGregors” to Robert Ellington; Book, “Gift of Love” to Joe Petrie; Table Runner to R. James Macgregor; CD – Animated “Rob Roy” to Josephine

Megehee; table napkins to Paul McGregor; Cross Stitch Prayer, to Randy Zimmerman; Framed Highlander, to Howard Grossnickle; Framed Heather & Tartan, to Ian Gregg; books, to Lillian Magruder; and book, to Nolan Sanders.

The first entertainment of the evening was provided by our own Pipe Band. The dancers performed a sword dance which was followed by the band playing “Becky’s Wedding.” Greg O’Brien wrote this tune for Becky’s wedding to our new Pipe Major, Matthew Kuldell. For the last dance, the girls were hard pressed to top last year’s feather masks, but they did it. They painted half their face blue (like Mel Gibson on “Braveheart”) and danced another sword dance.

John Masterson broke out his guitar and entertained us all – his voice gets better every year – his tones were silvery and added to a general feel of the whole Gathering – Love. If I had to use just a few words to describe the Gathering atmosphere: Love – Friends – Family – Will ye no come back again – Auld Lang Syne. The program was over about 11:00, but lots and lots of pictures were taken. The “die-hards” left for the Hospitality Suite to continue, but lots of us old fogies just headed for bed!

For those of you who could not get to Jacksonville, we want you to know that we really missed you. Our Jacksonville hosts had really planned a wonderful Gathering. Many, many thanks to our hosts: Mr. & Mrs. Randy Zimmerman, Mr. & Mrs. John Wassell, and, of course, our Assistant Chieftain, John McGregor and his wife, Ena. We would also like to thank Mr. & Mrs. John Rogers and Mr. & Mrs. James Mitchell for all that they did. You planned a wonderful MacGregor Gathering in Florida. Of course, the highlight of the Gathering was Sir Malcolm. He is such a warm and friendly person.

We hope to see you all again in Salt Lake City in 2005.



Highlights of the 2004 Gathering

By Randy Zimmerman

For most Floridians and for many folks in the Eastern U.S., the summer of 2004 was defined by a malevolent series of storms that will not soon be forgotten. Some members of Clan Gregor were among those who suffered. Yet, despite the weather, the MacGregors, in the company of their Hereditary Chief, gathered together as they have for ninety-five years. The Clan reunited, rallied together and affirmed their ties to Mother Scotland.

As with many historic occasions, our Gathering got underway in the Marriott's barroom. It was there that MacGregors found old friends and perhaps made some new ones. They talked of hurricanes, gas prices, arthritis, politics and the Campbells. Nothing of this resulted in anything useful but for the need to quench thirsts with another round of drinks.

Friday began with partial sun and warm temperatures. While our council wrangled over the various manifestations of Clan government, the rest of us enjoyed a relaxing breakfast and visits with friends at the registration table...something the council might have preferred to be doing. Our council and its officers work very hard for the good of the Clan. I, for one, would support the notion to have their salaries doubled. Since their current rate of compensation is about zero, I don't see why anyone would object to this. It would look good on paper and it might make them feel more appreciated.

The buses arrived on schedule. Our destination would eventually be St. Augustine. But first, we traveled to the Christ Episcopal Church. Our memorial service there was lead by Thad Osborne, our Chaplain. As always, Thad conducted a heartfelt and meaningful service, paying tribute to those who have passed away and honoring those who remain.

Following the service, the MacGregors feasted on a variety of sandwiches, salads, and deserts provided by the Church staff. The food was delicious. I especially enjoyed the carrot cake. This cake was a massive slab of pastry liberally plastered with thick walls of icing and...Well, I must apologize. Many of you reading this never saw any carrot cake. That's because I ate it, or most of it. I'm sorry, truly. I couldn't help myself.

After a long seaside bus ride at speeds nearly reaching 20 miles per hour, we arrived at the National Cemetery in St. Augustine. Our purpose was to deposit our memorial wreath on the stone of a deceased MacGregor while our Chaplain spoke reverently of the departed. Soon enough, problems were evident with this plan. First, Thad had missed the bus or had somehow misplaced himself and, second, there were no departed MacGregors in attendance. When asked, none of our group volunteered to fill that position.

It was on the road to St. Augustine that I had the opportunity to meet and chat with Sir Malcolm. I found him an engaging man with a warm, genuine smile. He is intelligent, witty, and very gracious. We talked about Scotland, photography (his avocation), hurricanes, travel, and other topics. Our Clan must be quite thankful for the fact that Sir Malcolm assumes his role as hereditary Chief with humility and seriousness. He takes great pride in his position and his dedication to it is very admirable. I liked him.

St. Augustine is the oldest uninhabitable city in the U.S. in July and August, as the temperature soars to many hundreds of degrees then. At other times of the year, St. Augustine is the oldest city continually inhabited by tourists in the U.S. Our group toured the city in an open-air trolley. Our driver told us he was giving us the fourth-grade tour. Generally, we were somewhat offended by this since many of us had gone as far as the sixth grade.

We learned that St. Augustine was ruled by every country except Canada, and that without Henry Flagler there would be nothing to see there but an old fort. Nonetheless, we had a nice and informative tour.

That evening, back at the Marriott, our Clan enjoyed the festive sing-along-dance-along music of Bobby Murray and his bagpipes. Well, he actually had an accordion. It's just that I can't picture an accordion in the arms of anyone but Lawrence Welk. Our dancers performed, as did our pipe and drum band. I think that I speak for everyone when I say how truly wonderful it is to see and hear our dancers and our musicians at the Gathering. They are fantastic!

And say, doesn't Sir Malcolm make for a lively participant on the dance floor! Wow, he was great!

Finally, the banquet. The Gathering's crowning event. A roomful of kinsmen with the tartan in full bloom. There we were united and rejoicing, particularly since the speeches were kept short.

There we honored the Haggis, now offered in two varieties, according to John McGregor. The first is the traditional Haggis which now tastes much better because the Haggis part was actually removed before shipping. The second type is a kind of Spam made of roast beef. I don't know which of the two that I had, but it tasted a little like chicken.

There the MacGregors come together and from there they depart. Sweet sorrow. Don't tell me that our singing of Auld Lang Syne doesn't bring a tear to your eyes.

Our thanks go to Bernice and John Rogers, Beth and John Wassel, especially to John and Ena McGregor, and to many others for another grand Gathering.

Until next time in Salt Lake City.

SCENES FROM JACKSONVILLE GATHERING



John Bellassia, Sir Malcolm, Jean Simons, and Eileen Pruitt wait to board the bus for the Friday tour.



Our piper playing Flowers of the Forest at the wreath laying ceremony.



*Placing of wreath
at cemetery.*

*Ron McGregor
and grandson
Jonathon McGregor
at the cemetery
wreath ceremony.*





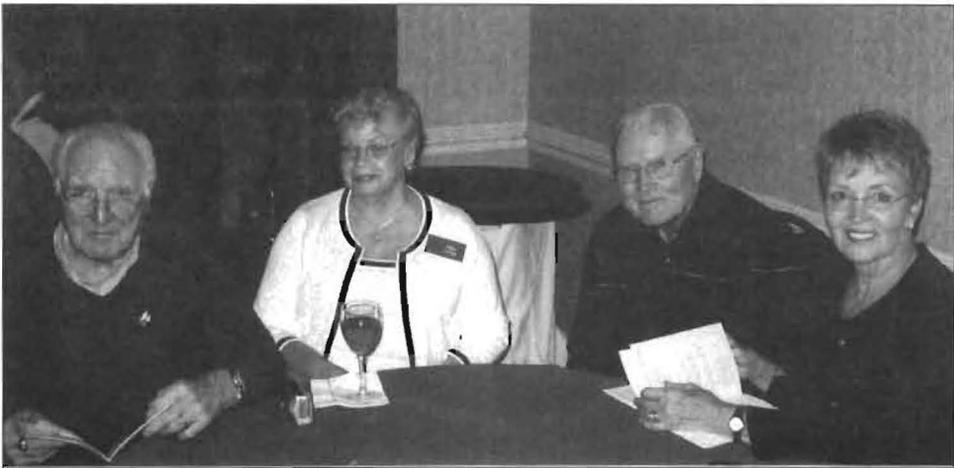
*Ceilidh entertainer
Bobby Murray*



Pipe Band entertains at Saturday afternoon concert.



*Piper with
special shades*



Paul and Millie Gregg with Donald and Audry Gregg.



Smokes, anyone!



Dancers entertain at Saturday afternoon concert.



*Maggie Sanderfield
and Sir Malcolm enjoy
a dance at the
Friday night Ceilidh.*



*Two happy MacGregors – Leonard Mobley and Ernest Magruder, are
ready for a fun night at the Saturday evening banquet.*



*Dancers,
Julia Bogolin
and Eileen Grant,
performing the
sword dance
at the banquet on
Saturday evening.*



*Sir Malcolm paying the piper following the
piping in of the Haggis.*



*What a handsome group – the MacGregor
Pipe Band with Sir Malcolm.*



*Abbey Joiner and
Leonard Mobley
display the claymore
which belonged to
Abbey's grandfather,
Past Chieftain
Abbey Magruder,
and donated
to the Society
by the family.*



*Sir Malcolm
shown at Christ
Episcopal Church
Following the
Memorial ceremony.*



*Sir Malcolm presents Chieftain Sandy MacGregor with Pensile,
which was originally presented to our Society by his father, Sir Gregor. The pensile means
'the Chief is with us' and is flown on special occasions when the Chief cannot be present.*



Chieftain Sandy MacGregor and former Chieftains Jim Macgregor, Malcolm G. MacGregor, George McGregor, Paul Gregg and Jeffrey McGregor pose with Sir Malcolm MacGregor



Society officers pose with Sir Malcolm MacGregor

ADDRESS TO THE FORMAL BANQUET

By Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor

“Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you so very much indeed for that affirmation to myself. It is an extremely generous sentiment on this evening and one that I assure you I do not take lightly. I appreciate it deeply because of the loyalty and friendship that is imbued in that affirmation. So thank you very much. It is an honour for me to be here this evening with you all in Jacksonville. No better evening can be had than being surrounded by fellow Children of the Mist. My room in the hotel is excellent, a perfect MacGregor setting on the top floor overlooking all approaches to where we are. I feel like a sentry of old, and its great. I look out for the enemy. Those who organized that, “thank you”.

As a photographer and having been in the army, I’ve traveled the world a bit. In a hotel in Italy earlier this year there was a notice in my hotel room that said the following: “If you want warm conditions in your hotel room please control it yourself.”

In Italy again in another hotel, which I really must return to, was a note under the details of laundry on how to get that done that read, “the flattening of underwear is the pleasure of the chambermaid”. So I thought to myself, no wonder a Scotsman doesn’t wear anything under his kilt!

My flight was very good and mercifully my luggage arrived intact. I always shudder when I see that sign when I go out to the Middle East to Omar, in the Muscat International Airport, which reads the following, “We take your bags and send them in all directions”. As I’m sure you’re aware, a highlander and his kilt hate to be separated.

My theme this evening, ladies and gentlemen, is the nature of Chiefship and how I think it fits into today’s Clan system. The main reason for this is personal; I don’t believe it’s talked about enough. I think it would be useful for everybody here to know what I think I should be doing as Clan Chief and what I consider my role to be. Particularly as American Clan Gregor is integral to that system that we call the Clan system.

Before I go into what I do as Clan Chief, it is worthwhile to give you my views and what I believe this Clan system to be and its relevance today. Because from that, you’ll have a better understanding of what I try to do as Chief.

As we all know, the Clan system has evolved over the centuries. It was never based on the law of the jungle; it was always hierarchical and disciplined. Being an organization designed for two primary things: living and fighting, with plenty of the latter taking place as we all know. With respect to the endless feuds with the Campbells, I’m often soothed by Oscar Wilde’s dictum “Always forgive your enemies – nothing annoys them so much”.

But since those days, the system has evolved into one based on the Lord Lyon's; that is to say, for heraldic arms. Within the jurisdictions of the Lord Lyon of Scotland, his court is not a court of law but a court of chivalry. The clans of Scotland that come within that jurisdiction are not loose tribes that they may once have been, but are families built around a chief and his family who all claim descent from a common ancestor. In our case Gregor, brother of King Alpin, dating back to 800 A.D. approximately.

Our history is closely linked by blood to the ancient kings of Scotland. That is why my great, great, great grandfather at the banquet for King George IV in Edinburgh in 1822 gave the loyal toast to Chief of Chiefs, the king. It was perhaps the most erudite utterance of the entire evening. Whilst he may have been respectful of the monarch, I believe he was pointing out in a subtle way the deep roots that exist through blood between the monarch and the clans, but most particularly the MacGregors. As MacGregors we are children of the ancient kings of Scotland and therefore of noted descent. This was his point. The word "clan", of course, means children. Historians will always say "where the proof"?

I say proof is in our motto "Royal is my race", which has been good enough for my ancestors and is therefore good enough for me. Our motto is corroborated by the lines from Sir Walter Scott's poem "MacGregors Gathering" – "A signal for fight which from monarchs we drew..."

As I have mentioned, the clan of our forefathers was an organized family primarily designed for two things: living and fighting. As we all know, Scotsmen love to fight and it has to be said, so do the English. It's what we're good at. We may not be able to build cars and we may not be able to send people to the moon, but we can fight. The only time we came up short was against you guys in the American war of independence. That is my excuse and quite honestly the reason why we have such a strong alliance and what people call a special relationship.

So we all descend from a master society where swordsmanship, marksmanship, physical prowess, where great skills to be mastered and demonstrated, along with music and dancing. All this is evidence today at highland games in Scotland and the United States at the rate of one a day. No other system or way of life can claim such an accolade.

We have our badges, mottos, slogans and war cries to distinguish us from other clans. The lion with the crown is absolutely sacrosanct to us. It is so distinctive and tells a story which only MacGregors understand. When my great, great uncle, Frances MacGregor, the fourth son of Sir Ewan, was murdered by the mutineers of his regiment in India in 1857, the barracks was burned down and none of his personal effects were spared the looting and ransacking that took place except one, his MacGregor crest badge. That badge was sent by ship back to his sister Amelia, who you all have heard of, and is preserved today. I wear that very badge in my bonnet as a symbol of survival and endurance in light of the MacGregor story.

Ardchoille, meaning “high wood”, means nothing to anyone except us MacGregors. It is all enshrined in heraldic law distinguishing between clans through different arms and between families within a clan through the differencing of the arms. As you will be aware, the arms of American Clan Gregor Society has my arms but is differenced with the words “American Clan Gregor Society Established 1909”. Our blood connection becomes a visual one through heraldry.

It is an extraordinary thought that from those four glens of Glenstrae, Glenorchy, Glenlyon, and Glengyle, an area not much bigger than a county within a U.S. state, that we should be having dinner together here in Jacksonville some four thousand miles from our origins. It is an interesting evolution of our way of life that from those glens came your ancestors who entered into this vast continent of North America. It's not so extraordinary for all the reasons eluded to already that there should be a social group called the American Clan Gregor Society, whose members sit down to dinner with their hereditary Chief a few centuries later. Because, ladies and gentlemen, blood is thicker than water and we don't let geographical phenomena like the Atlantic Ocean get in our way, whether it be to or from Scotland.

That is my view of what the clan system is about, or perhaps I should say, what we are all about. As Chief, how do I see myself in all of this? In a nutshell, I regard myself as the worldwide representative of Clan Gregor, representing the founder of our Clan and the living embodiment and guardian of our history and traditions.

I try to carry out this work in three ways: first, by being an active figurehead attending events such as this or acting as Chieftain at a highland games; second, by being accessible, whether through the internet or by surface mail and airmail to answer questions; and third, by being an authority on MacGregor history and Scottish history in order to answer the myriad of genealogical questions and points about history of the clan in Scotland.

When I consider those three roles, they really are no different to what Chiefs in Clan Gregor have done in the past except perhaps the role of active figurehead. Rather than being active in battle, the role is now more peaceful, which as a MacGregor is rather disappointing. People come and go but it is to the Chief that the torch of the clan has to be kept lit, being the personification of its spirit and its heritage. My grandfather, who helped with the founding of this society, was Chief for 79 years, a phenomenal record. My father was Chief for 46 years, which will take some beating. Many of you knew my father and may I just say at this point how grateful my mother and I were for all the cards and letters of sympathy that came from this society and the MacGregors in the United States. It was truly magnificent and a great source of comfort. He was a great Chief who will always be held in the highest regard and affection. He rests now in the family mausoleum with his ancestors near Balquidder on a small piece of earth that is forever MacGregor.

A few months ago in Scotland there was a television programme about a family called Fulford and their life in a house that had been in the family for five hundred

years or so. The Fulfords hailed from Devon, England. When asked about his heritage and the wider meaning, Mr. Fulford said and I quote, "It is my heritage and no one else's". I thought to myself how different things are in Scotland and how glad I was of it. Whilst my heritage is my heritage, it is most certainly your heritage and that of every living MacGregor worldwide. The home base of the clan, to use a baseball analogy, is where the Chief is and he secures it for others to be part of.

I met a man the other day in London who said he would join the Scottish society if it wasn't for all that ancestor worship like they do in China. We, I for one would not underestimate the Chinese. Like them, we honor our forbearers, whether they be chiefs, clansmen, or clanswomen. Being mindful of their wisdom, determination, and adversity, survival, flamboyance, splendor, dignity and pride, we try to emulate their achievements.

We all know how the Internet has changed everything. There is no doubt that through the Internet the Chiefs have become more accessible. That is fine with me, because it strengthens the links and bonds between myself and MacGregors wherever they may be. I'm content with this and it is part and parcel of being Chief.

Being accessible has a number of obligations: it means answering letters, e-mails, and so forth. It means commenting on points of MacGregor history in newspapers and other publications. But it also has its pitfalls.

I received an interesting e-mail about a month ago from someone in Texas saying, "did I know that President Bush was a MacGregor? He wears a MacGregor tartan on Tartan Day." Images ran through my mind of the president sweeping through the West Wing, kilted and booted, perhaps preceded by a pipe band. I e-mailed back, saying that this was rather unbelievable and she replied "Oh yes, he wears the Rob Roy tartan on Tartan Day. You know, the red and black squares." Now what then happens, ladies and gentlemen, is a hair gets set off and I start e-mailing other people such as your worthwhile Assistant Chieftain John McGregor and relating to him the story about the e-mail lady in Texas and asking whether this is really true and looking for corroborative evidence. He, of course, e-mails back saying he has no recollection and no justification that this is the case. So now, whenever I see the president on television I look closely at his tie. I decided that accessibility does not really go as far as communicating with the White House on whether or what the president may or may not wear on Tartan Day.

As Chief, the greatest number of inquiries that I receive is to do with history. So although I can never claim to be "The Authority", I do try to be an authority, and at least know where to get the information. I am presently trying to put together a MacGregor archive at home and there really are some fascinating letters, artifacts, such as family trees, not only to do with MacGregors, but with the Greers and the Griersons. Within that archive would be much about the Royal Navy, as my ancestor Captain Thomas Hardy was Admiral Nelson's flag captain on the HMS

Victory at the Battle of Trafalgar. Trafalgar is a point on the corner of Spain where we had a little bit of difficulty with the French some two hundred years ago. Some things never change. Next year is the two hundredth anniversary, which is significant to me personally, as Captain Hardy's daughter married my great, great grandfather, Sir John Athol Balentine MacGregor.

I've been fortunate enough also to have photographed many sites of historical interest within Scotland, such as buildings and castles, even Campbell ones like Finlarig, Taymouth, and Inveraray.

In the production of the book "Rob Roy's Country" I tramped the high ground where he would have gone and visited many unknown MacGregor sites situated well off the beaten track. So I'm well traveled throughout Scotland and that adds to my authority I believe about Scotland, its terrain, geography and history.

As I said in my letter to the Chieftain at last year's Gathering, it is an honor for me to be your hereditary Chief and to follow in the footsteps of my father and grandfather, who were so closely associated with your society. I intend to carry on that tradition to the best of my ability within the MacGregor family. People say the Clan system is dead; it is not. It is very much alive in law by virtue of arms and in social organizations demonstrated by the story of this society and the number of people that we are continually delighted to greet across the water in Scotland from the United States. All of us, whether Chief, Chieftain, clansmen, or clanswomen, all share in keeping the MacGregor story about our valiant Clan alive today and for generations to come.

So on this ninety-fifth anniversary of the American Clan Gregor Society, ladies and gentlemen, I ask you to rise and join me in a toast – "the American Clan Gregor Society". Here, here. Thank you very much.

The Affirmation of Clanship, originally read in Stirling Castle at the International Gathering in July 2003, and read by the American Clan Gregor Society Chieftain Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor at the 95th Annual Gathering in Jacksonville, Florida in October 2004

Affirmation of Clanship

No Substantial Advantage can be derived to the Clan unless they lie connected together in one Strong Chain of true friendship and attachment. And the experience of many ages having proved that no Clan can hold any degree of Importance nor rise to any Situation of Prosperity, without an acknowledged Chief as a Centre of Union, we, being entirely Satisfied that Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Representative of the family of Glancarnock, is lineally and lawfully descended by the male line from the Ancient Root and Stock of our Chiefs The Lairds and Lords of MacGregor. We Do therefore hereby Acknowledge Receive and Declare the said Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor to be Chief of our said Clan or name of MacGregor, Binding and Obliging ourselves to Acknowledge Adere to, and bear true zealous and faithful attachment to our said Chief to maintain and Support his Dignity with the most perfect fidelity, as our Chief in all lawful causes and Occasions whatsoever.



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

CHIEF'S MESSAGE FOR THE YEARBOOK

2004 was a great year for me, in that it was my first official visit to the United States as your Chief. And what a memorable trip it was. It was marvelous to meet so many of you in Jacksonville and to renew some old friendships from my previous trip in 1978. Certainly the camaraderie and spirit of the American Society is still the same as in those days and we can all communicate more easily with each other nowadays. As I said in my speech at the banquet, communication and access to the chief is one of the core aspects of the role, as it was in days of old. Funny how some things never change.

Earlier this year I was in South Africa at the Burns Supper in Cape Town, South Africa, attended by some 350 people. Of the eight speakers, four were in MacGregor Tartan, not to mention the other MacGregors who were present. It never ceases to amaze me how our Scottish and Clan Culture has permeated to all regions of the world. It is difficult to appreciate the international aspects of Clan Gregor, or indeed any other clan, until you actually experience it. Here in Scotland it is easy to be blasé about it and assume it comes with the tartan, but without going to overseas events one cannot appreciate the deep rooted feelings of clanship that there are all over the world and its importance.

As MacGregors, this takes on another dimension, given our turbulent and difficult history. Our ancestors, during the proscriptions, could not have imagined what Clan Gregor would be like 250 years hence, that there would be gatherings and societies in countries they would barely have heard of, let alone known. This is why what we do is important. We do not have the hardships that they endured, but we are testament to their lives, their bravery and their endurance. Never has the history of a clan been better summed up in one line of verse than 'MacGregor despite them shall flourish forever'.

ATTENDANCE AT THE 2004 GATHERING
Jacksonville, Florida

Mr. Bill Allen	GA
Ms. Candace Allen	GA
Ms. Pamela Allen	GA
Mrs. John E. Allen	GA
Mr. James A. M. Allensworth	NM
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Baggs	UT
Mr. John K. Bellassai	DC
Mrs. Fran Browne	VA
Miss Diana Browne	NY
Mr. Clyde Campbell	AL
Mr. Clyde Campbell, Jr.	AL
Mr. Gerry Campbell	AL
Ms. Paula Campbell	AL
Ms. Linda DeJohn	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ellington, Jr.	FL
Mr. David Galloway	FL
Ms. Lois Ann Garlitz	UT
Mr. & Mrs. Donald B. Gregg	NJ
Mr. & Mrs. Donald W. Gregg	GA
Capt. & Mrs. Paul C. Gregg	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Ross T. Gregg, Jr.	FL
Mr. Edward K. Gregor, Jr.	NY
Mr. & Mrs. Ian Greig	FL
Ms. Amy Grier	FL
Mr. Brian Grier	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Frederic A. Grier, III	MD
Mr. Sandy Grier	MD
Mr. Howard Grossnickle	WI
Mrs. Tess James	FL
Miss Abbey Joiner	FL
Mrs. John A. Joiner	FL
Mr. Jack Lowrey	SC
Ms. Nickie Lowrey	SC
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm G. MacGregor	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Paul F. MacGregor	GA
Mr. R. Bruce MacGregor	GA
Mr. & Mrs. R. James Macgregor	VA
Mr. Rob Patrick MacGregor	GA

Mr. Robert F. MacGregor	VA
Mr. Scott MacGregor	FL
Mr. Scott F. MacGregor	VA
Mr & Mrs. Scott S. MacGregor	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Don Magruder	MO
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Magruder	LA
Mrs. Lillian Magruder.....	MS
Mr. & Mrs. David F. McGregor	FL
Mr. & Mrs. George F. McGregor	NC
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey McGregor	FL
Mr. & Mrs. John McGregor	FL
Mr. Jonathan McGregor	CO
Mr. Ronald A. McGregor	CO
Mr. & Mrs. Gary McKee	TN
Mr. William McKee	TN
Mr. & Mrs. Louis D. Megehee, Jr.	MS
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Mitchell.....	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Mobley	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Monroe	VA
Ms. Christy J. Muir.....	UT
Mr. & Mrs. John R. Murdock.....	FL
Ms. Diane M. Olsen	CO
Mr. Thaddeus Osborne	TN
Ms. Gayle Grier Patterson	MD
Mr. James A. Petrie, IV.....	CO
Mrs. Eileen Pruett	IL
Ms. Dolores Rengert.....	NC
Mr. & Mrs. John M. Rogers	FL
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ross	
Ms. Margaret Sanderfield	IL
Mr. Nolan Sanders	KY
Mr. Bruce C. Scott	MO
Mr. Robert D. Scott.....	MO
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Simon	AL
Ms. Barbara S. Skinner.....	NY
Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Skinner.....	NY
Ms. Debora Skinner	VT
Miss Sarah Smith	VA
Ms. Carol Spitznagle.....	FL
Ms. Adrienne Grier Taylor	MD
Ms. Meredith Grier Taylor	MD

Miss Louise Taylor	KY
Ms. Rebecca Grier Taylor	MD
Mr. Timothy Taylor	MD
Mr. Joe Tichy	NC
Mrs. Shirley Triplett	FL
Ms. Mildred E. Trojahn	VA
Mr. & Mrs. Hallam Walker.....	NC
Mr. & Mrs. Randolph Walker	TX
Ms. Judith Walton	DC
Mr. & Mrs. John Wassell	FL
Mr. Joseph E. White	TN
Mr. & Mrs. Randall Zimmerman	AL
Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Zimmerman.....	TX
Mr. & Mrs. William Zimmerman	FL

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We wish to thank the following people for their generous contributions 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.

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 Mr. Richard M. Greer
 Mrs. Lydia P. Priest
 Mr. Galen Stone
 Mr. J. Wanzer Drane
 Mr. Nathan Ewell
 Mr. & Mrs. Bob Flynt

REPORTS OF STATE DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS

2004 Annual Report for California *submitted by Carolyn McGregor-Long*

I hope everyone is happily preparing for the upcoming holidays and the festive season before us. This has been an extremely busy year for yours truly. I'm pleased to report that at the end of December 2004, I will no longer hold the position of Chapter President for Western USA Chapter of The Clan Gregor Society, Scotland. Although I will stay active and remain on the Western USA Chapter Council, at least until the end of 2005, I now happily intend to become more involved in my duties with ACGS. I hope to contact individually all ACGS members in my area to better acquaint myself with my kith and kin. I am very excited about this and look forward to new Clan Gregor adventures in 2005.

2004 Annual Report for Colorado *submitted by Ronald McGregor*

March and July – I completed two more issues of the Ard Choille newsletter and submitted it to John McGregor. I continue to be somewhat frustrated by not receiving more articles from our members, but particularly from those individuals holding key positions within our Society. I believe our newsletter could be an excellent method for our members to share interesting information with the rest of our society and for those holding key positions in the Society to inform our members of their efforts in our behalf.

Also in July, we received the good news that Miss Hailey MacGregor, daughter of ACGS members John and Lou Ann MacGregor, was one of the two recipients of the Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship. For several years, Hailey and Lou Ann have supported our ACGS tent at the Estes Park Highland Games. Lou Ann spent many hours working on our beautiful “MacGregor” banner that we proudly display in our clan tent and Hailey, wearing the Clan Gregor tartan and clan crest t-shirt, was featured in a spot TV promo video advertising these games. Their continued support contributed to Clan Gregor’s outstanding and repeated recognition as “Best Clan” at the largest Scottish venue in the Rocky Mountain region. Hailey and her family attended the 2001 and 2003 Annual Gatherings of the ACGS, where they actively participated in our Society events. Hailey is an intelligent, well spoken and vivacious young lady. I am proud to endorse Hailey’s application for a Harry and Edith Blunt scholarship.

August – The 41st Annual Colorado Scottish Festival was held on August 13 – 15th at Highlands Ranch, Colorado. The weather was perfect and we were very pleased to have had forty-six MacGregors visit our Clan Gregor tent. Of particular note was the visit by ACGS members Donald and Katie Gregg of Holiday Hills, Illinois. Their visit provided us with a new handout that Donald wrote called “Children of the Mist” and a CD containing the very enjoyable

Pipes and Drums march tune “Wee McGregor”. I had been looking for a copy of this tune for several years.

We were also proud to again sponsor the “Clan Gregor Trophy for Highland Dance” in the Novice twelve years and younger category. This year’s winner was Rebecca Veselinovich, age 11. Rebecca was born in Melbourne, Australia and currently resides with her family in Houston, Texas, where she attends the St. Thomas’ Episcopal School. Rebecca is the daughter of the Reverend Serge and Tanya Veselinovich. Her father is a Serbian Orthodox priest with a parish in Galveston, Texas. Rebecca’s school has a Scottish Arts program and she has been dancing since the 2nd grade. She has been dancing competitively for two years. Out of her six competitions in the beginner class, she has won the trophy in three of the competitions. The Rocky Mountain Highland Games was her first competition at the Novice level which she won. The win was made even more exciting as this was her first competition outside of Texas.



Rebecca Veselinovich receives her Highland Dance trophy from Ron McGregor at the Colorado Scottish Festival

Rebecca’s dance teachers are Diane MacPhee Krugh and Donna MacPhee Cusack. They have been teaching Highland Dance at St. Thomas’ for many years and one of their current students in the U.S. Highland Champion. They have taught numerous U.S. and World Champions as well. Last month the dance teachers and several dancers were in Scotland and the boy’s pipe band competed in several games throughout Scotland. The boy’s pipe band won the Juvenile World Championships on Glasgow Green on August 14th. This is the fourth time they have won in the Juvenile competition.

Also in August we were very pleased that Ian MacGregor, brother of the previously mentioned Hailey MacGregor, won the U.S. National bicycling race and left for Italy, where he would compete in an international bike race. See more details in our next ACGS newsletter.



*Ian MacGregor crosses
the finish line as winner
of the
U.S. National
Bicycling Race.*

September – The **Longs Peak Scottish Festival** was held September 9 – 12th in Estes Park, Colorado. In 1999 Clan Gregor made a clean sweep of the clan events, (beating out 70 other clans), and were declared the **Outstanding Clan of the Games**. We were informed that was the first time in the history of these games that a clean sweep by one clan had occurred that was NOT in conjunction with their AGM. By winning all events, we could not compete in 2000 and were required to provide judges for the events that year. In 2001 we were again eligible to compete and again made a clean sweep of the clan events, (beating out 70 other clans again), and again were declared the **Outstanding Clan of the Games**. Those ACGS members that attended that year's Gathering in Denver are sure to remember the huge, one of a kind trophy on display. That also meant we could not compete in 2002 and were again required to provide judges for the events that year. In 2003 we were again eligible to compete in clan events. The Saturday morning parade through the town was particularly delightful for us last year, as Erin MacGregor, Miss Colorado USA, was featured in our Saturday morning parade representing Clan Gregor and the state of Colorado. She rode in a 1939 Rolls Royce, followed by more than twenty tartan-wearing clansmen and ladies of Clan Gregor. All of them were wearing either full Highland attire or simply tartan sashes, and carrying our large Clan Gregor banner, two smaller Clan Gregor crest banners, fourteen tartan flags, and escorted by three clansmen in full Highland attire with broadswords. Last year we again won the **Best Clan Formation in the Parade**, and again the **Best**

Clan Tent on the field. So, we once again made a clean sweep of the Clan awards in the most difficult category, “Large Clans”, and for the third consecutive time of eligibility Clan Gregor was once again named the “**Best Clan of the Games**”. [Note: I wonder if any clan has received a “Best in Games” three times in a row at any of the other large Highland Games? Grandfather Mountain? Stone Mountain? Pleasanton?] The Longs Peak Games is the largest Celtic festival in the Rocky Mountain region, so we are truly proud of our accomplishments.

The fact that we were not eligible to compete did not deter our enthusiasm. One consistent note of Clan Gregor’s participation in these games is that each year we do better than the year before. This year we had thirty tartaned clansmen and ladies march in the Saturday morning parade, including five honor guards carrying broadswords, one stout young man carrying our Clan Crest banner on a flag pole and nineteen carrying flags representing our various tartans. Thomas Peter, an ACGS applicant and resident of Estes Park, was one of the judges for the parade and received the Clan Gregor salute. Thomas informed us that he and the other two judges were very impressed with Clan Gregor.

Our 10 x 20 foot Clan Gregor tent drew a lot of visitors, including representatives of several other clans who admitted that they wanted to “look and learn” from a “successful” clan. ACGS member Lou Ann MacGregor (whose son Ian was a 2002 recipient and her daughter Hailey was one of this year’s recipients of the ACGS Harry and Edith Blunt scholarship) was one of the judges of the clan tents. She told us following her judging that it became very obvious the reason our Clan Gregor tent has been a consistent winner because of the very warm and enthusiastic reception we give to all visitors to our tent. Sixty-three MacGregors visited our clan tent over the weekend, including CGS members Jimmy and Angela McGregor from England, ACGS Treasurer Howard Grossnickle from Wisconsin, ACGS Deputy Chieftain Lois Ann Garlitz (Utah), ACGS members James Petrie IV and Dr. Sandra Pitcaithley, and ACGS applicants Thomas Peter, Dennis Orr and David Orr.

Highlights for Clan Gregor over the weekend included several “special” events:

- The delivery of the spectacular ‘Outstanding Clan of the Games’ trophy to our Clan Gregor tent. We won the award last year, entitling us to display it over the weekend until the new winner was announced at the closing ceremonies on Sunday. I think it noteworthy that this year Clan Campbell won best in parade; Clan MacLean won best tent/field; and, Clan Henderson won Best Clan of the Games. What is so noteworthy is there was no ‘clean sweep’ of the awards as Clan Gregor did in all three years we were selected as the “Best”.
- The special invitation for up to twenty members of Clan Gregor to meet Sir Robin Orr Blair, Lord Lyon and King of Arms of Scotland. I will never forget our being announced “My Lord...representatives of Clan Gregor” and

the Lord Lyon's remark..."Wow, and so many." After my introduction to him I then introduced each of the other nineteen clansmen and ladies. I believe we did an excellent job in representing our Clan on that memorable occasion.

- The special recognition entertainer Loretta Thompson gave to Clan Gregor during her performance and singing the 1570's ballad "Beloved Gregor" in our honor.
- The special performance by fiddler Michelle MacGregor and her four member troupe in front of our clan tent and her invitation to a special young man with a fiddle to "jam" with her band.
- The special performance of the El Jebel Pipes and Drums in our honor outside of our clan tent. Following their performance our visitor from England was asked to "pay the piper" with a quail of whiskey. But since they are not permitted to drink while in uniform, Jimmy had to down the brew instead. Which he did with gusto, I might add.
- The special invitation from the Lord Lyon to Clan Gregor to have a group photo with him, which we proudly accepted.
- The visit to our Clan Gregor tent by Miss Kelsey Crane of West Jordan, Utah. Kelsey is a young Clan Gregor lass, for which we can all be proud. This past July, at age 13, Kelsey won the U.S. Champion for Scottish Dance in her age group. See more about this remarkable young lady in our next newsletter.

Summary: *"MacGregor, despite them, shall flourish forever"* is a reality.

2004 Annual Report for Florida submitted by Randy Zimmerman

On the heels of a very memorable gathering in New Orleans last fall, Marilyn and I met Mal and Barbara MacGregor at the Ocala, Florida Games on November 7th. There, with an appropriate measure of pomp and circumstance, Marilyn and I accepted the MacGregor banners, flags, thistles, linens, boxes, crates, emblems, books, dolls, photographs and other paraphernalia that make up the MacGregor tent presentation at the various Florida Games. Malcolm and Barbara, after many years of hard work and devotion to our clan in Florida, passed the torch..er..tent to the Zimmermans. Clan Gregor members, and particularly those in Florida, owe a great deal of thanks to Mal and Barb.

So, let the Games begin! Marilyn and I headed off to our first Highland Games as keepers of the MacGregor tent; it was Sarasota on January 31st. The initiation included Scottish food and drink, Scottish dogs, Scottish Games, and Scottish weather. That is, our initiation came with strong breezes and a cold rain. But we had some much welcomed and appreciated support on our

fledgling trip. Ron Shankland was of invaluable assistance, as was Bill Zimmerman. Mal and Barbara MacGregor and Mary Zimmerman were also on hand to help in every way. Thanks to all!!

Florida MacGregors poured into Jacksonville at the Games on February 28th, and Marilyn and I were very happy to have the support. Though the temperatures were brisk, the sun was bright and smiling. We had 25 prospects sign our register. Planning for the Jacksonville Gathering got underway while we sipped Scotch, nibbled on cookies, and cheered the Pipes and Drums marching by. It was great fun.

On March 13th, Marilyn and I attended the Panama City Games. Our tent was busy with activity but we still had time to visit a variety of clans and enjoy their company. Though the Games there were small, they were intimate and friendly and everyone was quite pleased to have MacGregors among them. This statement would not include the Campbells.

The Dunedin Games were also well represented by MacGregors. The April weather was sweet and kind, as were the crowds and passersby who stopped at our tent to visit or inquire about our Clan. We had a fine time and surely enjoyed ourselves.

2004 concluded with the Tallahassee Highland Games. The Games were situated on an estate with large grassy areas and many stately trees that offered welcomed shade. It was a beautiful setting and our tent stayed busy most of the day. Bernice and John Rogers visited us and Beth and John Wassel were on hand to help answer questions from tent visitors and prospective members. Thanks a lot, John and Beth!

Games Attended: 6
Letters sent to prospective members 86

2004 Annual Report for Georgia
submitted by Donald Gregg

Georgia experienced its usual wealth of highland games, society events, and kirnings. Nearest to my heart are the Stone Mountain Highland Games; the Kirkin' of the Tartans at St. Philips, where we had lunch and the memorial service during the Gathering in Atlanta; the kirking at the Episcopal Church in Blue Ridge, thanks to Thad Osborne; and the relocated and rejuvenated Savannah Scottish Games, where our tent was ably hosted for the fifth year by Michael, Terri and Morgan Patillo.

For the last two years, I have depended on my wife Dianne and my son Victor (Clan No. 2662) to run our half of the MacGregor tent at Stone Mountain. Victor presented the Clan Gregor trophy for the adult kilted mile in my place

last year. Comprehensive exams passed (whew!), my master's degree in psychology secured, and my licensure as a professional counselor and psychotherapist in the works, I look forward to turning my full attention to the Gathering in Jacksonville and to the thirty-second Stone Mountain Highland Games on October 16 and 17.

Along the way, I've been hired as a full-time therapist at a counseling center run by a psychologist friend of mine (from the Atlanta Burns Club), and I'm a part-time adjunct professor of psychology at my university. Things change.

Perhaps the most engaging and difficult activity this year had nothing to do with me. Dianne stepped up to the plate and put together the Yearbook in order to give Lillian a much needed break. Welcome back Lillian!

We'll see you in Jacksonville and, for some of you, at Stone Mountain.

2004 Annual Report for Northern Illinois
submitted by Donald A. Gregg

Who didn't enjoy the Clan Gregor's march down Bourbon Street in New Orleans last autumn? Katie and I had a busy schedule of tours and meetings that week. We ate our share of Beignets at Café Du Monde and finished off enough Cajun food to cause a four alarm fire. We toured Civil War battlegrounds on the trip home. The remainder of our year has been pretty quiet.

We attended the February 2004 Jacksonville Scottish Games. Their new venue made it possible to keep the rain off your body, but it couldn't keep the chill out of your bones. As usual, we ate our fair share at the Friday night mini-gathering.

During May we traveled to Springfield, Illinois and worked the tent for our clans-woman, Maggie Sanderfield. More of that Scottish weather to talk about at the Central Illinois Games. There was wind and rain and a cold breeze. What more can anyone ask to experience? I don't believe there were as many clans present on the field as last year (16 Clans represented in 1999) and we had just enough visitors to keep busy.

Our major event of the year is the Illinois Saint Andrew Society Highland Games held in June at Oak Brook. We had a much better weather day than last year and hope that some of our visitors will become members of Clan Gregor. As usual our son, Brian, was a big help. Katie with her broken wing isn't that much help in putting up or striking our tent.

July took us to the 49th Annual Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain. We arrived early in the week in order to enjoy the local tourist attractions and

attended the Reception and Gala on the ASU campus in Boone, NC on Friday night with John and Ena McGregor. There was a full schedule of activities over the weekend. Katie and I attended the Sunday worship service, which had music with Blue Ridge Brass and Pipes and was followed by the Kirkin' o' the Tartan.

Traveling to Denver in August to see our daughter, Diana, put us in position to visit Ron MacGregor and his crew at the Highland Ranch Scottish Games. I can't vouch for the statistics, but the Games seem to get bigger every year. On the way home we stopped to visit the Quad Cities Games in Davenport, Iowa. We marched in the clan parade with Earnest Rimrodt, who provides the Clan Gregor tent at the Fairgrounds, and were part of a very small group of MacGregors. He normally has a better turn out for the games and he is now busy starting a Scottish American Military Society unit for the regional area. Earnest was planning on going to the Longs Peak Festival and visit with the Lord Lyon during September. Unfortunately, we were not able to get to Estes Park for the games; just too many conflicts. Here we are fully retired and still not enough time to accomplish all the many things we would like to be doing.

2004 Annual Report from Michigan *submitted by Ron Shankland*

I attended the Almas Games and worked with the Clan Gregor Society. I also attended the Livonia and Kalamazoo Games and worked alone at both of these.

Carl Peterson sang folk music all day next to the American Clan Gregor tent at the Kalamazoo Games.

I would like to point out that Annie Stadden and Marshall Gregory are DNA cousins through the DNA project at Clan Gregor Society. Both of these persons have accepted McGregor lineage. By means of osmosis of DNA, when will the surname of "Shankland" be acceptable with documentary evidence for full rights of a legible sept in ACGS?

It appears that some McGregors had property of all or part of a peninsula in the Solway Firth in or near Dumfriesshire, Scotland, being a place name of Kirkudsh or Kirkuds. This reference came from a Glover and Shankland marriage that descended forward through the country of New Zealand of today. This place name probably resulted during the Robert the Bruce timeframe. Lame Lord McGregor and probably other McGregors were supporters of Robert the Bruce. Thus, land grants were issued by King Robert Bruce to them and records could or might not exist. The Kirkudsh, or Kirkuds, grant had to be before 1460, when the Lag Tower (Grierson/McGregor) was executed.

Somehow, Lag Tower and Kirkudsh, or Kirduds, grants must tie together. As DNA data bases grow, more analysis can be made.



Ron Shankland and Carl Peterson at Kalamazoo Games.

2004 Annual Report from Mississippi
submitted by L. Dan Megehee

With the Jackson, Mississippi Highland Games still in suspension (due to a lack of able bodied workers), Mississippi is down to only one Highland Games. This year, the weather did not cooperate, so attendance at the Gulfport, Mississippi Highland Games and Celtic Festival was only about half of what it was last year, but the visitors who braved the weather had a great time.

2004 Annual Report from New York
submitted by Edward K. Gregor

At these Scottish events in 2004 our tent was used to represent ACGS. These were well attended and enjoyed:

“Genessee Highland Gathering”, Genessee Country Museum, Mumford, NY, Saturday, June 5th, 10AM till 4PM and Sunday, June 6th, 10AM till 4PM.

“Central New York Scottish Games”, Long Branch Park, Liverpool, NY, just off Exit 39 of the NYS Thruway, Saturday, August 14th, 8AM till 6PM.

“Capital District Scottish Games”, Altamont Fair Grounds, Altamont, NY, Saturday, September 4th, 9AM till 6PM and Sunday, September 5th, 11AM till 7PM.

The weather was good this year for each event.

2004 Annual Report from Tennessee
submitted by Thad Osborne

Although we have attempted to maintain the Society's presence at the same venues as last year, personal and family illness has made a few absences necessary. We were able to have a nice tent at the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games, and willing helpers David and Nancy King to assist, as we were quite busy with duties as a director of these games. A small quantity of merchandise was sold, and several application worksheets were given.

I assisted the Society at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games by bringing merchandise for sale. Quite a bit was, indeed, sold, and we are grateful for all Society members who helped here.

In September we hosted a tent at the Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival in Elizabethton, Tennessee. This is a smaller event without games, band, or dance competition. We are grateful for the Society's underwriting of tent and space here, but the sale of twenty dollars in merchandise hardly justifies it.

Gary and Mary McKee of Franklin, Tennessee, are representing us at the Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration in October, on the week-end preceding our Gathering in Jacksonville. The Clan Gregor Society (Scotland) is also being represented here, and the tents will adjoin, with permission of the Games. The possibility of combining our presence here in the future needs discussion.

We plan one additional tent this year, at the Foothills Highland Games in Hendersonville, North Carolina in November. This will conclude our activities in this area for 2004.

The American Clan Gregor Society will be the honoured clan at the Gatlinburg (Tennessee) games in May 2005. Additional information will be provided Society members in the very near future.

It is a pleasure to represent our Society at these games and festivals. We need very much people, especially in North Carolina, to get us at some of the events like Lake Norman, the Appalachian Games at Andrews, and the Flora McDonald Games in Red Springs, which we have been unable to cover.

2004 Annual Report from Utah
submitted by Lois Ann Garlitz

Much of my activity this year was invested in the Utah Scottish Association as their secretary/membership person/merchandise sales chairman. Needless to say, I never got out of the Association tent for the two days during our festival in June. It was a very successful event at a beautifully scenic new venue this year (Thanksgiving Point's Electric Park near Lehi, UT). At the festival, the committee offered an interactive opportunity for the public to participate in the

athletic events, dancing, and piping, in addition to the traditional watching of events. The Wicked Tinkers are always fun and drew lots of little (and big) kids onto the field to dance with wild abandon during their performances.

Clan Gregor was well represented by Dodd Greer, president of Utah Scottish Association, as he went about his duties as a wonderfully congenial and friendly host to all the visitors. Dean and Pam Wright (McGregors) were also bright stars as a successful sponsorship team. Bill and Linda Greer from Ogden joined us in walking in the noon Parade of Clans, their 30th consecutive year to do so. Clan Gregor's excellent foot forward in the clan tent area was possible because of the work by Joyce and Jim Baggs, and Joyce's daughter Christy Muir, and their great job of explaining and promoting the Dalmally Project with a beautiful story board and video explaining "a project worth preserving". And there would not have been a McGregor tent at all if it weren't for Randall and Karen Nish and their three very helpful children and a cousin, all attired in McGregor tartan vests.

After I had rested up a couple of weeks, I decided I wanted to be a tourist, a visitor at one games, to see what that was like. In August, at the invitation of my good friend Dave Macfarlane, I drove to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, nestled in the midst of the Grand Tetons. While there, another McGregor athlete, Shawn Nay, was competing and doing well, and had represented the clan at a torch light parade "calling of the clan" the evening before.

Ron and Scott McGregor and Howard Grossnickle were equally enthusiastic hosts at Colorado's Long's Peak Scottish and Irish Festival in Estes Park on September 10, where I took time out to watch Kelsey Crane (a McGregor from Salt Lake City), this year's 13 year old U.S. national champion highland dancer, win yet another trophy as best highland dancer of those games. It was an honor to be included in the group of McGregors who went to visit the Lord Lyon at a reception held under the huge clans' tent.



Kelsey Crane in dancing competition at Estes Park Festival in September 2004



Kelsey Crane receives award in dance competition at Estes Park Festival

Sometimes we state representatives may tend to think our duties are about recruitment at a clan tent, but I discovered this year, there is more. An opportunity to experience Scottish cultural events from the perspective of a visitor and not a presenter and to learn more about what it means to be Scottish

was very thought provoking as well as refreshing. To actually “sit for a spell” and watch the dancing, the piping, the athletes’ Strong man events such as “Dang Big Rock Toss” was very much fun. It was also thought provoking and rewarding to join with many other MacGregors and “sit at the feet” of our hereditary clan Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, in Jacksonville and enjoy the ambiance that comes from being with your clansmen and clanswomen.

2004 Annual Report from Virginia
submitted by Scott F. MacGregor

On behalf of our many clansmen here in Virginia I extend a warm “HELLO” to our fellow clansmen across the United States.

I was saddened to learn in March of the passing of fellow Virginian Robert Bruce Murdock of Troutville, VA, whose brother Douglas Murdock, ACGS #2274LM, has joined us over the years at our MacGregor tent at the Richmond Highland Games. Robert was the son of Judge Robert Barnard and Elizabeth Fitanides Murdock, ACGS #1408LM.

On a happier note, Father Ronald S. McGregor, ACGS #1861, ventured to Scotland during August for a long deserved family vacation. The St. Andrew’s Society of Tidewater recognized our own ACGS Chieftain, Robert F. MacGregor, Jr., in January as the 2004 “Scot of the Year”.

In addition to our usual Games and activities, we returned to Northern Virginia in July to anchor the Virginia Scottish Games with assistance from Jim McGregor, John Bellassai, Deborah Skinner and prospective State Deputy for the DC area, Donald Lynd. The weather was wonderful and our visitors plentiful.

Someone was looking out for the Williamsburg Scottish Festival this year. Last year they followed closely on the heels of hurricane Isabel. This year hurricanes Charlie, Frances, and Ivan caused havoc west of the area and Jeanne stayed out at sea long enough to allow for a beautiful day so everyone could enjoy the Games at their great new location along the James River. With the nice weather our tent stayed busy all day. While we’ve been pretty fortunate during this year’s hurricane season, our prayers go out to our friends in Florida, who’ve had to endure one devastating storm after another.

Following this year’s Gathering in Jacksonville, Florida, we’ll be off to our final Games of the season in Richmond, where we’re looking forward to seeing our many friends and visitors. In December we’ll head for Alexandria to join our fellow clansmen for the annual Christmas Walk.

I’m looking forward to seeing many of you at our local happenings across Virginia during the upcoming year and again at the 96th ACGS Gathering in 2005. Why don’t you make these memories even fonder by joining us at these various events?

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

Reported by Donald Gregg

The Forty-ninth Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games were held July 8-11, 2004 under almost ideal weather conditions. As usual, the American Clan Gregor Society (ACGS) fully occupied two tents and the activity was non-stop. Some of us arrived in the Linville, North Carolina area a few days early in order to take advantage of the many tourist attractions. There are many restaurants and shops in Boone that will keep clan members busy, and if one cannot find enough stores there, you can always head down to Blowing Rock and hit Tanger Outlets.

One carload of carefree clan members, John and Ena McGregor and Donald and Katie Gregg, walked downtown Boone, visited the Wilcox Emporium Warehouse and had a bite to eat before doing The Blowing Rock attraction. They also visited the Mast General Store in Valle Crucis; it was there that they discovered a lovely city park lying on the Watauga River and had a delightful picnic. It is not true that this group traveled to eat, but they did have another picnic lunch when they traveled to Grandfather Mountain. The wind on that day was blowing so hard at the top of the mountain that the ladies were not able to get out of the car and shop at the Visitor Center; however, they were able to enjoy the Nature Museum and see a free nature film.

Our intrepid travelers (less John, who spent the morning golfing) went to see the inside of a mountain. We toured the well-known Linville Caverns located on scenic US 221. The active, natural limestone cavern has a year-round temperature of 52 degrees. US Highway 221 is a road that will wind its way around your heart. Its twists and turns are not the quickest way to get from place to place, but some would argue it's one of the best. This is truly a road for drivers who enjoy moving at a slow pace as they soak in the scenery, culture and charm the journey has to offer.

After these preliminary activities, we got to the important stuff – the games. On Thursday, July 8th, MacRae Meadows opened for business and eating at 5PM. David and Suzanne McGregor, Jeffrey and Frieda McGregor and Josephine and Dan Megehee, were there organizing our clan tents. The aforementioned McGregors – John and Ena – and the Greggs joined them and everyone watched the featured race. It is “The Bear” assault on Grandfather – a five-mile race beginning in Linville that climbs 1,568 feet to the summit of Grandfather Mountain. Following the race was the traditional start of the gathering – the ancient call of the clans giving voice to their heritage, which began at twilight. During this Torchlight Ceremony, our past Chieftain, Jeffrey McGregor, represented ACGS and reported, “Children of the Mist, Clan Gregor is here”.

Numerous activities took place on Friday after the Opening Ceremony. The Patrons and Sponsors Reception and Gala was held at the Broyhill Center, located on the beautiful Appalachian State University Campus in Boone, that

evening. John and Ena McGregor and Donald and Katie Gregg attended the function. I don't believe that the food was meant to be the highlight of the evening, but it was bountiful and there were tables of wicked desserts and plenty of spirits and wine. We just had to have a wee dram for the occasion. Alex Beaton was the master of ceremonies and, though there were many good performances that night, I especially enjoyed the Blue Ridge Brass and Pipes Band. They also played the pre-service music at the Kirking on Sunday.

Needless to say, the weekend was busy with athletic events and numerous entertainments; followed by visits to the various vendors tents. The members that set up our venue Thursday, plus at least the following, staffed our visitors' tent: Chieftain Robert F. (Sandy) MacGregor, Thaddeus Osborne, and Scott MacGregor. Dan Megehee's web site cards will clearly indicate the number of visitors that stopped and signed our register or made inquiries about our clan. He started with fifty cards and quickly ran out of them. Next year he plans to bring several hundred. Directly across the walkway we had a tent stocked with food and beverage to keep our strength up. Over there we found Donald W. and Diane Gregg, Gary McKee, Miriam Trojahn, David and Nancy King, and Dr. Ray Abzell and daughter Allison. Other members included Brandt and Beth Jones, Eric Burkhalter, Margaret Perry, Linda and George Wolff, Alison Swafford, and Elizabeth, John and Abbey Joiner.

Don and Katie Gregg attended the Worship Service on Sunday under the leadership of The Reverend Douglas F. Kelly, PhD. – Thaddeus Osborne carried our banner during the Kirkin' o' the Tartan. Carl Peterson sang a very good rendition of "Flowers of Scotland" for the service. Another of the area's outstanding pipe bands, The Atlanta Pipe Band, led the Recessional. The Parade of Tartans immediately followed the worship service. An august group, including David and Jeffrey McGregor, Thad Osborne, John McGregor, Dan Megehee and a host of others headed Clan Gregor. Carl Peterson also joined us. His son, by the way, entered numerous athletic events, winning some and placing high enough in others to win Outstanding Athlete – Track and Field.

Now if this sounds like a large and vigorous gathering, just think what next year's Highland Games will resemble. It will be the BIG Fiftieth and must be a gathering to be reckoned with from the very start.

And lastly, Flowers of the Forest recognized our much honored and beloved Abbey W. Magruder, Jr. We ask that God bless him. God bless the Clan Gregor and God bless America.

SCENES FROM GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES



Clan Gregor takes part in Sunday Parade of Tartans.



MacGregor youth lead our Clan members in Parade of Tartans.



Christian Matson,
8 year old son of Kate Matson,
was on the 1st Place Children's
Tug-of-War team.



Samantha 'Sam' Matson,
11 year old daughter of
Kate Matson, won 2nd place
in the Children's Caber Toss.



Devin Peterson, son of entertainer Carl Peterson, and a MacGregor, Won 8 different medals, 4 plates, and was selected as Best Overall Athlete.



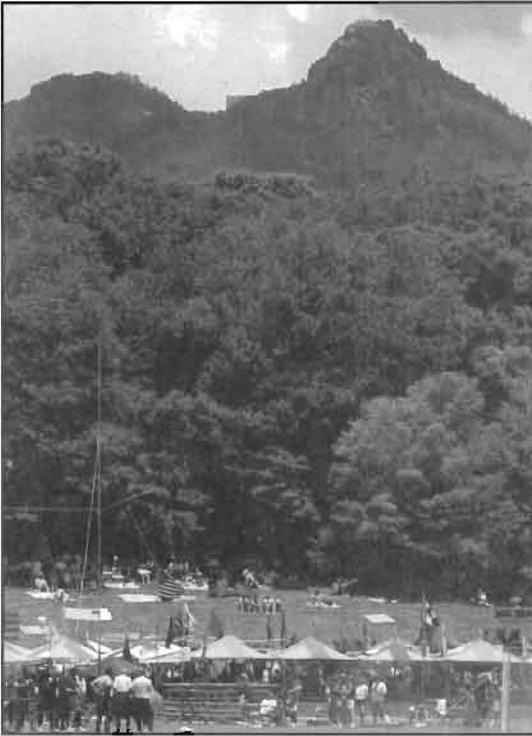
Frieda McGregor, Thad Osborne, Ena McGregor Abbey Joiner and Lillian Magruder pose in the MacGregor tent.



American Clan Gregor members and friends in front of the Clan Tent are: (back row) David McGregor, Don A. Gregg, Linda Tyrell, Miriam Trojahn, John McGregor, Sandy MacGregor, L. Dan Megehee, and Jeffrey McGregor; (middle row) Suzanne McGregor, Katie Gregg, Ena McGregor and Frieda McGregor; (kneeling) Gary McKee, Samantha Matson, Josephine Megehee, Scott MacGregor and David King.



Lillian Magruder and Ena McGregor work the tent while Don and Katie Gregg take a rest.



Lovely view of
Grandfather Mountain
overlooking the
Games meadow.



Frieda McGregor assists
Abbey Joiner with her sash.

Editor's Note: For a number of years I have encouraged members to submit sketches of their Magruder family history for inclusion in the yearbook. This year Don Magruder of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, has compiled a wonderful Magruder history entitled "A Thousand Years of Magruders". It is too lengthy to publish the entire history, but I have pulled his excerpts on his direct line back to Alexander Magruder, the Immigrant, and include it here for your reading. Hopefully, this will encourage others to submit articles for future yearbooks.

A THOUSAND YEARS OF MAGRUDERS

By Don F. Magruder

"The motivation for writing this treatise was a compelling desire to uncover the origin of our family and leave this record as a legacy to my children, grandchildren, future descendants and others of that ilk, who might at some later date find themselves imbued with a curiosity about their heritage."

Alexander McGruder (the elder) 1569 – 1617

Alexander McGruder was born 1569 at Craigneich, Muthill Parish, Perthshire, 2nd son of John McGruder. He was trained as chamberlain, probably by his father, at the Drummond Castle. He served as Chamberlain to James Drummond, of Inchaffray, later First Lord Madertie. On 24 March, 1604, James' nephew Andrew Drummond died, leaving Lady Margaret (nee Campbell, daughter of Nicol Campbell, first Lord of Keithick, and Cathrine Drummond) a widow with six children. Alexander was the chamberlain, official agent and overseer of the Drummond estate, and continued in that office for the widow Margaret, and with the approval of her family they were married on about 25 May, 1605. They had four children born on the Belliclone Estate of Inchaffray lands, now Crief Parish, Perthshire, Scotland.

1. James, born 1607
2. Alexander (the younger) born 1610, who became the immigrant ancestor
3. John born 1614
4. Margaret, birth date unknown, married James Burdoun, later Duncan Burdoun

Alexander and John served in the Scots Army of King Charles II and were captured by Cromwell in the battle of Worcester about 1648 and sentenced to America as Rebels or as Bond servants. Apparently they both bought their freedom in less than one year.

Alexander McGruder (Magruder) The immigrant

Alexander McGruder was born 1610 at Belliclone, Maderty parish, Perthshire, the second son of Alexander (the elder) and Lady Margaret Campbell of Keithick or (Lady Belliclone). When he was about 7 years old, his father died

and his mother remarried shortly thereafter. As it was the custom for boys to be raised among his father's family, young Alexander and his brothers James and John were undoubtedly sent to their McGruder relatives at Craigneich (Rock of the Ravens). Their little sister would have stayed with her mother. Five or six years later the boys were probably in service training at the Drummond Barony and may have been sent to school with the Drummond boys to the school at Dunblane. Both Alexander and his brother John served in King Charles II Scottish Army and were captured by Cromwell at the Battle of Worcester or before and sent to the colonies as prisoners of war or indentured servants 1648 or 1651. They both were educated and probably had access to financial resources (maybe the Drummond connection). At any rate, John returned to Scotland and the position of Chamberlain to the Drummonds, while Alexander stayed in Maryland and became a big land owner before his death in 1677.

A memo in the land office at Washington D.C. (LARH Folio 220) states that in 1652, Alexander Magruder settled on 500 acres of land near "Turkey Buzzard" on the Patuxent River in Calvert County, Maryland, afterward called the "Magruder Ferry Plantation". A patent for several acres of land on the Potomac River in the area where Washington D.C. now stands was issued to Alexander Magruder by Lord Calvert in 1661. By the time of his death, he owned several plantations, one known as "Good Luck", another "Raven Rock" (in Scotland he had lived in "Craigneich", which means Rock of the Raven), and his home place known as "Anchovie Hills" (which is an Anglicized version of what he called "Inchaffray"), a place that had been his home in Scotland. The City of Alexandria, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C., gets its name from him.

Although no record can be found, according to tradition he married first Margaret Braithwaite, daughter of Capt. William Braithwaite, Governor of Kent Island and a cousin of Cecelus Calvert, Lord Baltimore. Then there is a record of him being married to Sarah, who was a close relative of Samuel Taylor or Ninnian Beall. Both names were on his last will as overseers. Either Sarah or Margaret was the mother of three sons; James, Samuel and John. He then married his third wife, Elizabeth Hawkins (or Green), who bore him three children; Alexander who married Ann Hutchison, Nathaniel who married Susanna Blizzard, and Elizabeth who married John Pottenger.

James, a son by his first wife, never had any children, but Samuel, our ancestor, had 12 children and each of his last three children – Alexander, Nathaniel and Elizabeth – had offspring. He had a total of 25 grandchildren.

In his will he provided for the disposition of his land to his 2 families of three each. It provided that survivors in a group only would inherit and all in the first group must die before the second family could inherit. There could be no contest between his three elder sons (as one group) and his last wife with three younger children (other group). For his last wife, Elizabeth, he provided a life tenancy in his home plantation, "Anchovie Hills" of 800 acres, to be divided equally on her death between her two sons, Alexander and Nathaniel.

Alexander left his daughter Elizabeth (who married William Beall, son of Ninnian Beall) the 200 acre plantation known as “Craighneich”. Alexander raised tobacco on his lands and traded it as a commodity, shipping large amounts to Great Britain, and he also paid his taxes with tobacco. Alexander died in 1676-77 and was buried on his own land at a place called “The Valley” or Dunblaine.

Samuel Magruder ca. 1654

Captain Samuel Magruder was born ca 1654, in Calvert County, Maryland, son of Alexander Magruder the Immigrant. His father died before he became of age. (Maryland Archives Vol. 27, p. 30) The same records say that the plantation was raided by Indians in 1681. In 1692 Samuel Magruder was vestryman of St. Pauls at Charles Town, Calvert County, Maryland. In 1694 he was Captain and Civil officer of Prince George County and Gentleman Justice of the same county in 1697-1705; and Burgess from Prince George County 1705-1707. He married Sarah Beall, daughter of Col. Ninnian Beall, and made their home in Upper Marlborough, Prince George County, Maryland. He died in 1711 and Sarah died in 1734 and both are probably buried in the Presbyterian cemetery by the meeting house founded by Colonel Beall. Samuel and Sarah had 12 children..... Samuel was industrious, as was his father, Alexander. By the time of his death he owned the following property: The Plantation called “Good Luck” 1000 acres, “Magruder’s Delight” 100 acres, deceased brother John’s plantation 300 acres and a tract called Alexandria, “Dunblaine” Plantation 250 acres, “Collee Plantation” 300 acres, Turkey Cock Branch 190 acres – a total of more than 2,200 acres plus Lot #48 and Lot #3 of one acre each in Marlborough Town. His tax assessment, the largest in Maryland, was 48,000 pounds annually, paid with tobacco. He owned a quarter interest in the merchant ship called “Pertaxon”, which made regular round trips to Scotland exporting tobacco and importing manufactured goods. His oldest son, Samuel II, was born ca 1686.

Samuel II ca 1686

Samuel II was born 1686 in Prince George County, Maryland, son of Capt. Samuel Magruder. In 1719 he married Eleanor Wade, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Sprigg) Wade in Calvert County, Maryland. They had ten children,.... The third child was Elias, who continues our line. Samuel II and Eleanor both died in 1779.

Elias ca 1725

Elias, second son of Samuel II, was born 1725 (some records say in 1713). He married a woman named Susanna, last name unknown. They had at least one son, who was named Thomas (Thornton Thomas in some records), born in 1750. After the death of Susanna, he married Rebecca Shekell and raised other children.

Thomas, born 1750

Thomas, born 1750 in Maryland, married Priscilla Beall, daughter of Alpheus Beall. They had ten children. Thomas named his seventh child, a son, Elias, for his father.... Thomas died ca 1806. Priscilla died April 2, 1821.

Elias II 1784

Elias II was born 25 March, 1784, in Culpepper Co., Virginia, the 7th child of Thomas Magruder. On 15 November 1804, in Fauquier County, Virginia, he married Ann (Dyson) Thorne. Ann was born 12 March 1785 and died 28 December 1826. Elias died 7 May 1839/40 in Hickman Co., Kentucky. They had 12 children, the fourth, a son named Thornton "Thorn" Jessee. Whether he was named Thornton for his grandfather or Thorn for his mother's family is not clear. He was named Thornton Jessee, but he was called "Thorn". His story follows the list of his children. After Ann died, Elias married Nancy Chadwell ca 18 October 1827, in Henry County.

Thornton "Thorn" Jessee Magruder 1809

Thornton "Thorn" Jessee was born 9 July 1809 in Fauquier County, Virginia, the fourth child of Elias Magruder II and Ann (Dyson) Thorne. He married first Susan Elizabeth (Trafford) Reiger, who was a widow. She was born in 1816 and had been married to George W. Reiger for three years. Her father was a Trafford. They had four children.

1. Frances P. in 1840, who married Sam Bellamy
2. Margaret J. in 1844, who married George W. Magruder
3. Benjamin F. on 15 April 1849, who married Sarah Loutrissa "Babe" Vaughn
4. Mary E. in 1852, who became the second wife of George W. Magruder

After the death of Elizabeth in 1858, "Thorn" married Susan Elizabeth (Rials) West in 1859, another widow. They had six children.

1. Allie Mattie "Nora", married John T. Bailey
2. James Alphaeus, 12 October 1867, married (1) Nettie Porter, and lived in Arkansas near Pocahontas; married (2) Provie Ann (Dotson) Farrow
3. Thornton J. "Bud" in 1863, married Willie May Peebles; died 1937
4. Sally, in 1871
5. Barrett D., 14 February 1874, married Amanda Elizabeth Rose on 18 October 1881, lived in Ballard County, Kentucky
6. Thomas in 1876, married Jessie Dulaney, settled in Ashdown, Arkansas near Texarkana

Thorn was a blacksmith and had the reputation of being the strongest man in Kentucky. It was said that he could lift a barrel of whiskey and hold it while drinking from the bunghole. He was also a drayman (hauled for hire). It is known that he hauled whiskey from Clinton, Kentucky to Arlington, Kentucky. I don't know who owned the distillery; it may have been "moonshine", but Kentucky is noted for its fine whiskey, as is Scotland, from whence the family

traces its origin. Thorn died in 1884 and is buried in the Magruder Cemetery in Carlisle County, Kentucky. His wife, Susan Elizabeth, is likely buried in the same cemetery.

Benjamin F. Magruder 1849-1916

Benjamin F. Magruder was born 15 April 1849 in Kentucky, the first son of Thornton Jesse "Thorn" Magruder. He married Sarah Loutrissa "Babe" Vaughn on 8 February 1876 at Mixville, Ballard County, Kentucky, by Rev. Joseph Ball, who was married to Babe's sister Fanny; witness by David Mix, who was married to Babe's sister Viola. Sarah Loutrissa Vaughn was the daughter of Frances and Elizabeth (Berry) Vaughn. The Vaughns and the Berrys settled in the Randolph County, Arkansas and Ripley County, Missouri area. Ben F. Magruder followed them and settled first in Texas County (supposedly); then on to Ripley County, at Poynor, Missouri, buying land from Vaughn which they had bought from the Berrys. This 60 acre farm became the Ben F. Magruder home place. Ben F. and Sarah Loutrissa had seven children: Zula F. died young at 22, Johnnie Bessie married Jim Rutledge, Berry Alphy married Delia Smith, Jessie married Chris Hengler and then William Ennis, Willie married May Pennington, Fred married Golden McCauley, and Joseph Arnold, who never married.....According to my Dad, Fred, they were religious people, saying Grace before meals and regulars at the Baptist Church; they were of the work ethic, so much so that his father, Ben F., was of the opinion that anyone who didn't earn their living by the "sweat of their face" was dishonest. They were influenced by "hard shell" doctrine (Calvinism or "what is to be will be"), and they had a natural trait of pessimism, which my Dad said he had to fight all his life. Their attitude was "We were born into the present circumstances and things ain't never going to be any different!" Ben F. died 13 October 1916 and Sarah Loutrissa died 27 December 1928. They are both buried in the Poynor Cemetery, Poynor, Missouri.

Fred Magruder 1892-1969

Fred Magruder, my father, married Golden McCauley 26 March 1922 in Doniphan, Missouri. They had five children, four girls and one son, as follows:

Geraldine, born 1922, married Connie L. Creach

Don F., born 1925, married (1) Juanita Webb and (2) Edna (McClure) Morlen

Wanda May, born 1927, married (1) George Powers and (2) Archie Lee Morgan

Sarah Loutrissa, born 1928, married Joseph Anthony James

Eudora, born 1932, married Lewis Dale Lockwood

Fred died 4 October 1969 and Golden died 2 August 1968. They are both buried in Memorial Gardens, Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Editor's Note: This year Sarah Smith sent me several articles relating to her ancestors, and I am including two in this yearbook; one on Maria Louisa Minor Magruder and one on Sarah Gilmer Minor Magruder (Mrs. Henry Minor Magruder), the second being a collection of remembrances written by her grandchildren. Both are most interesting and contain a great deal of genealogical information.

Maria Louisa Minor Magruder First Magruder Mistress of Glenmore

I have been asked to write a sketch of the life of Maria Louisa Minor Magruder, my mother. As I was between three and four years old when she died, it will be quite inadequate, but as most of those gathered here are her descendants and as it is in a great measure owing to her that we can gather under these spreading oaks, I hope the little I know will be of interest.

She was descended from two old Virginia families, Minor and Watson.

“Backward turn backward Oh! Time in your Flight” to about the year 1670, when Doodes Mindert, her paternal ancestor, a Dutch Sea Captain, landed on the shore of Virginia and settled in Middlesex County.

His will dated 1694 leaves a comfortable estate to Mary, his wife, and their four sons. Henning's Statutes of Virginia says Doodes Mindert, II was summoned to court and reprimanded for fishing on Sunday – thus perpetuating the name Doodes Mindert.

In the third generation the name was Minor Minor; then John Minor in the fourth generation, a wealthy planter of Spotsylvania County who married Sarah Carr, daughter of Captain John Carr, gentleman of Caroline County, a prominent man and large landowner, whose motto was “No recompense but love.”

John and Sarah Carr Minor had a large family. Their sixth son, Garrett, married Mary Overton Terrill, a descendant of Gen. Overton of Cromwell's Army, whom Hume, the historian, says “refused to surrender Hull until King Jesus should come.”

Garrett and Mary Overton Terrill Minor had a large family, and their home was “Sunning Hill,” Louisa County, beautifully situated on a hill overlooking North Anna River. He was prominent in his community, owned a large estate, and was on the Committee of Safety for his county during the Revolutionary War. Later in 1793 he represented his county in the General Assembly of Virginia. A well-born Scotsman, Parson Douglas, lived at “Ducking Hole” adjoining “Sunning Hill”, and he and Garrett became warm friends, though they disagreed in politics. The parson became such a violent tory that his friends advised him to go back to Scotland, and Garrett Minor offered to look out for his family in

his absence. The parson left for his native land, returning after the Revolution, to find his family well cared for and his property saved.

Two of Garrett's daughters were to have a double wedding; and while staying in Richmond having their trousseaus made, they met a very charming Episcopal Clergyman, up to date, and a man of fashion. On their return home they told their father that the young city clergyman would officiate at their weddings; their father, who was quite an autocrat in his family, indignantly informed the girls that there would be no wedding under his roof unless Parson Douglas performed the ceremony, showing his loyalty to his life-long friend. The girls remonstrated, saying the Parson was old and feeble and very forgetful and might marry them to the wrong men, but their pleadings were of no avail.

The weddings were to take place in mid-winter and the road to the Parson's house at that time was impassable for a carriage; so an arm chair was placed in an ox cart, with rugs on the floor and four men to keep the chair steady, and the parson was sent for. He arrived safely and a hot whiskey punch steadied his nerves in a way; but during the ceremony he got the names mixed, and, but for the protest of one of the brides, might have married her to the wrong man, but all is well that ends well. Elizabeth married Stapleton Crutchfield, and her great granddaughter married Richard Maury, son of Commodore Maury, the marriage taking place at Ridgeway during the War Between the States. Ridgeway was the home of Cousin Franklin Minor, father of Sallie Minor, who married Henry Minor Magruder. I do not know the name of the other bride of the double wedding.

Garrett Minor's oldest brother, John of "Topping Castle", Caroline County, was a maternal ancestor of Matthew Fontaine Maury, "Pathfinder of the Sea".

Dr. James Minor, son of Garrett and Mary Overton Terrill Minor, was a fine man, practicing his profession near and far. He was the family physician of the DeJarnettes at "Pine Forest". He was slightly lame and traveled over the country in a "gig" – one seat on two large wheels drawn by one horse. He was the father of Maria Louisa Minor.

Her maternal ancestor, James Watson, came from Scotland about 1715 and settled in Hanover County. His son, James Watson, II, owned 3000 acres of the fertile Green Springs land and was called "Wheat Stacks" Watson because he raised so much wheat.

When James Watson, II was about thirty he decided it was time for him to marry. Hearing of pretty Elizabeth Shelton at Hanover Town, on a Sunday morning he went over, got a seat in church from which he could see her, and after gazing at her through the service, decided she would do. Tradition saith not how long the wooing lasted, but it was successful; they were married and he carried his fair bride to "Ionia", his home near the Springs.

About this time Patrick Henry was serving in the tap-room of the Tavern and reading law. Later he married “pretty Sallie Shelton”, sister of Elizabeth. James and Elizabeth Shelton Watson had a large family; and as each son or daughter married they were given a farm in the Green Springs. As they mostly married Minors or Morrisises, they formed a close family community and rather ignored the country around, only claiming residence in Green Springs.

Mary Watson, daughter of James and Elizabeth, called “Polly”, was said to have been such a charming girl that on a visit to Richmond she had seven proposals of marriage. Tradition doesn’t say whether Dr. James Minor was one of the seven; however, he won the fair Polly, and carried his bride to “Sunning Hill”, a fine plantation inherited from his father, Garrett Minor, whose motto was “Omne tulit punctum que miscuit utile dulce” – (Horace) Men in those days had a flair for Latin.

Dr. James Minor died in 1828, leaving his widow “Polly” with three little girls: Maria Louisa, Julia Anne and Virginia. Their mother only lived four years after their father died. The three girls were left well provided for financially, and were taken by their own uncle, David Watson and his wife, Sallie Minor Watson (sister of Dr. James Minor) to live with them at Brackets in Green Springs. They were a fine, warm-hearted couple; for they, in addition to their own family, took into their home five orphan nieces. In the next generation there were five Sallie Watsons, of whom I am one, and the name still goes on in the fourth generation.

The three Minor girls were bright, intelligent and attractive – their educations finished in Richmond. Maria Louisa, when about eighteen, married Benjamin Henry Magruder on December 15, 1836; Julia Anne married John Zachery Holliday; Virginia, a great belle, married Henry Rawlings; all three young lawyers, their weddings taking place at Brackets.

My father, Benjamin Henry Magruder, at that time 28 years old, was living and practicing law in Scottsville on the James River, the largest town in Albermarle County. There were no railroads. Communications with Richmond were by packet boats drawn by horses from Richmond to Milton on the Rivanna River. Milton was a little town of some importance then, having an importing house. The town was situated one mile above my mother’s farm. This farm consisted of 600 acres, extending for a mile and three-fourths along the river. The land and servants to cultivate it was inherited from her parents. They had looked forward to building at some future day on a pretty site overlooking the flats and river.

My mother must have been a very petite girl, judging from the small waists of her wedding gowns and her small white satin wedding slippers – a French make, very narrow, no heels and square toes. From her Chickering piano, the best make at that time, and her large book of bound music with her name on the back in gilt letters, she must have been something of a musician. When a child,

I remember looking with admiration at the pretty things taken from her large hair trunk studded with brass-head nails around the edges and a design of the same on top – it would be a museum piece now. I don't know what became of it, or of other interesting things that would be of value now. My father and mother went to housekeeping in Scottsville where Julia Virginia, John Bowie and Evelyn May were born. When the latter was two years old an epidemic of typhus fever broke out in the town; my mother took it and was very ill. Her brother-in-law, John Holliday, went to them in their trouble, took the dread disease and died. My mother rallied, but was so slow in convalescing that her doctor said she could not live in Scottsville. Just at that time, Glenmore, with a small house and about 300 acres of land adjoining her farm, was for sale at auction; my father bought it and they moved here. In a letter from my mother to her sister Julia dated July 9, 1843 she wrote: "My health is improving. I have left off some of my flannels, but am wondering if I will ever be warm like other people. The carpenters will soon finish the front porch, which is handsomer than the one we had in Scottsville. My chief amusement is in watching the carpenters at work on the house. And when Mr. Magruder is exercising at his carpenter's bench at the barn, I frequently go there to be with him." He was thought to have weak lungs, and his doctor advised the use of a smoothing plane to expand his chest. Years after I remember a little walnut table which he made, upon which we played backgammon with him.

Henry Minor, Horatio Erskine, Sallie Watson and an unnamed infant were born at Glenmore. In my mother's day a woman's mission was to make a happy home for her husband and children, be ever ready to welcome relatives, friends, and the stranger who might knock at the door, and in addition to look after the welfare of the servants on the place, all of which made a very full life. I am sure she did her part well. She died at the age of 35 – June 15, 1853, in child birth, leaving a deep impression on her six children, though the oldest was only fifteen years of age and the youngest between three and four.

About two years after my mother's death my father was elected a member of the Legislature, an honor in those days. In 1857 he married Anne Evelina Norris of Charlottesville. By this marriage four sons, Edward May, James Opie, George Mason and Egbert Watson, were added to the six, making a happy and united family of ten children.

Written by Sallie Watson Magruder Stewart

Glenmore
September 26, 1937

Virginia Minor

Aunt Virginia Minor, the youngest of the sisters, was so gifted with sweetness and magnetic charm that everyone who met her was drawn to her and she was the pet and darling of relations. (There is a hole in the paper where it was folded and much is missing.)

She married Henry Rawlings and died at the birth of her second son, James Minor Rawlings. Aunt "Jue" took the two children. Her husband just pined away and in less than two years, it was said that he died of a broken heart.

Written by Sallie Watson Magruder Stewart

Note by Sarah Minor Smith:

I found this paper, typed and folded into an envelope among some others. At this time I have no memory of where I got it. Possibly it was among Lucy Ann Gilmer Taylor's things. On the front of the envelope was written in Maria Louisa Magruder Thurman's handwriting, "Maria Louisa Minor Magruder, First Magruder Mistress of Glenmore". I have tried to copy it exactly as written, spelling, punctuation, and all, to give you a sense of the writer.

As a note of interest, I received many of Sallie Watson Magruder Stewart's (Aunt Sadie's) monogrammed possessions, since we shared the same initials. Also note that the Sallie Minor of Ridgeway who married Henry Minor Magruder was my great grandmother, Sarah Gilmer Minor Magruder. I didn't know that her nickname was Sallie. Grandma was all I ever heard.



Grandma Sarah Gilmer? (Minor) Magruder
(Mrs. Henry Minor Magruder)

(Born 9 December 1839 – Died in Aug. of 1925)
daughter of Benjamin Franklin Minor (1812-1867)
and Lucy Ann (Gilmer) Minor (1810-1881)

Notes by Lucy Ann “Sister” Gilmer Taylor written on Sept. 3rd, 1985:

Grandma is the first person that all the Robins (Round Robin correspondents) are descended from. Her parents were cousins. She would never talk about the Civil War. “I lost a lot of dear friends and I just don’t want to talk about it.” She lived all her 86 years in only two homes: her father’s home, “Ridgway”, and her Grandmother’s “Edgmont”, which she later received as a wedding gift? Inherited? After her husband’s death, she signed everything S. M. Magruder. She was very deaf.

When I was very small she visited us in Barton Heights and she told mother that she was not going to travel any more because of her deafness. She never came again. We went to see her every summer, went in June and stayed until September.

She was quite short and a little stout. She wore her hair parted in the middle and brushed very smoothly back into a bun. She wore a long, full skirt and a close-fitting waist (blouse) buttoned down the front, always with long sleeves and either black or very dark. She always had on an apron tied around her waist. On Sunday she wore black with a white apron and on weekdays a dark print. She seldom went off the place, but I remember once. Then she wore a widow’s veil. It was a close fitting cap, black with a narrow white band around her face and a black veil hanging below her waist. That was the custom for widows.

Grandma never did much housekeeping but she loved gardening. She got up early and went to pick vegetables before it got hot. In the earliest time we were there the kitchen was in the back yard and we always had a cook. We usually had our big meal at noon and often had 12 vegetables on the table, but no meat. That we had at breakfast or supper.

After her gardening she sat in her writing chair; read, wrote letters and napped. She was very kind to us children and wouldn’t let mother punish us. Unfortunately, it was too easy to take us where she couldn’t hear us and then apply a switch. Keith and I were supposed to stay in the yard. In spite of her deafness, she knew what went on and kept up with what went on.

Notes by Aunt “Punks”, Elizabeth Dunbar (Magruder) Henshaw in 1985:

I was born at “Edgmont” and lived there until I was 7½ years old, when mother took my sister, Sally Watson, and me with her to Saint Anne’s School. She had a position there. We came home for the holidays and summers.

I remember Grandma with the greatest love and affection, “a real Grandma”. She loved her family, she being the center.

I can see her now sitting in her chair (Sister has her arm chair) in the dining room – sitting room. Being deaf, we took turns sitting by her to pass on the conversation to her. She did lip read too. Always interested in everybody and everything going on. She was always hospitable and had many visitors.

She read her Bible every day, belonged to a Bible Society and gave her Bibles to many of the family. I have my father’s. Wrote to her children once a week. Her hand writing was beautiful, letters always interesting. She was a great gardener, raised a lot of chickens. I helped her gather the eggs. Several years she raised ducks and turkeys. Wore a sun bonnet in the summer. Always said a good gardener could have tomatoes by July 4th. She did. Raised the seeds in a cold frame. No smoking was allowed in the house. She told the gentlemen to retire to the front porch even in the winter.

When visitors were expected, she sent us to the main road gate to open the gate. Sometimes we’d get a ride to the house in the car, especially if it was Uncle Edward (Dr. E. M. Magruder), her brother-in-law. He always called her “Sister Sallie”.

The only time I remember her going anywhere was to vote. She went to the precinct at Stony Point.

(She only left “Edgmont” once in the last 25 years of her life. That was to vote at the precinct at Stony Point. Davis was running against Coolidge for president and her son Frank had gone to school with candidate Davis at Pantops Academy in Charlottesville.)

She had a very sweet disposition, a nice smile, always good to us children. Grandma sat at the head of the table, had a good appetite, but only had bread and milk for her supper.

Each p.m. when the mail came (we went to the mail box at the road) she received a lot of letters; after reading them she’d pass them around to all of us to read. We got the weather report in the mail every day.

She gave us a Victrola, one of the first, I think. It had a fluted horn on it. Some records (high pitch) she could hear. One summer she gave us a dance in the parlor with an orchestra from town. All the young folks in the neighborhood were invited, also some from town. Refreshments were served on the front porch.

We had many visitors. In summer time we entertained on the front porch, many nice rocking chairs and two long benches under the windows on both sides. One side of the porch was shaded by climbing rose bushes. That side was used in the mornings, other shade from trees. Visitors always went away with vegetables, apples, grapes, etc. We had to share.

“Winnie Knowe”, “Ridgway”, “Edgmont”, “Pinchern Slye”, “Tha Riggory” and “Gale Hill” were all Minor homes on the road (all kin); also “Buena Vista” by marriage to the McMurdos. In the old days they had ‘At Homes’ every week on certain days of the week. Families would visit, tea was served. The ladies brought their hand work. The men came too. Some played tennis at “Ridgway”. Grandma was very popular, especially with the men. She loved a good joke. It was a lively neighborhood. Grandma took quite an interest in the farming, orchards, vineyards. The grapes were considered fine, were sent in town to the wine cellar.

The year Frank Taylor had heart trouble, she helped nurse him back to health. Henry (Taylor) lived at “Edgmont” when he attended the University of Virginia. Rode his horse in every day. Got back late in the afternoon. Grandma always had a good hot supper ready for him. I sat next to him at the table to keep the water and milk glasses full. In the mornings a good lunch was made for him to put in the saddle-bags, also feed for his horse.

Henry, Frank and Keith were always so good to Sally Watson and me after our father’s death in 1913. My father put the big front porch on “Edgmont” in 1900. He and my mother were married in 1901.

I do not remember Grandpa Henry Minor Magruder. He died before I was born. My father gave up at the University of Virginia to return to “Edgmont” to take care of his mother and three sisters, also to run the farm after his father’s death. “Edgmont” was considered a ‘model farm’ in those days.

I could add more, but feel this is enough. We all loved Grandma and I will always remember her.

Notes by Sallie McMurdo Johnson:

I was named for Grandmother Magruder. At the time of her death I think her only namesake was me, and she remembered me with some stock valued at about \$300.00. That was a good amount in those days and paid for part of my first year at the University. When I was about five or six years old, Mother took Charlie and me back there. One day I was trying to tell her something and couldn’t make her understand and she led me to the refrigerator thinking I wanted something to eat. I felt her love. I have a recipe for Plum Pudding that came from her or her mother. It is cream colored and made with currants, citron, almonds, raisins, white figs, bread crumbs, real butter, eggs and sugar. The butter gives it such a good flavor.

Notes by Charlie McMurdo:

While we were living in Montana, I remember two things from “Edgmont”. For several years, about every six weeks, Grandma and Auntie would send us a bundle of funny papers and rotogravure sections from their Sunday papers. They were a special treat because we never had Sunday papers. The other was a bag of chestnuts every Fall. I remember it was said in later years that they were becoming harder and harder to find, as the trees were dying from a blight.

Notes by Beth Taylor:

I remember mother saying that Dad had to take her to “Edgmont” so that his grandmother could approve of her before he could ask Mother to marry him. She said she was very frightened but felt that she was welcomed warmly. Dad so loved the beautiful secretary his grandmother left him and which he left to Henry. Henry was very proud of it and found out that it was probably made in Virginia. It is with Ibby and Anne on “Willway”.

Notes by Maria Louisa Taylor Smith:

Grandma always wore a white apron on Sunday. One day we had a thunderstorm and Grandma looked up from her reading and exclaimed, “I heard that!” I remember the summer the older ones built a village under the tree near the graveyard out of mud and rocks. The adults usually wouldn’t let us play there. But we used to make a farm every summer. We had a box we kept under the porch that we painted to make a house. Auntie saved string and fence samples so we used them to make fields and gates. We planted weeds in rows for an apple orchard and made animals out of corn stalks and people out of corn ears. It took us a long time.

There were and still are three huge oaks that cousin Maury sent Grandma. Mother and Auntie used to write Aunt Sarah once a week and each sent along the letter they received from the other. We used to say that we knew more about what was going on in Lis and Albermarle than we did in Richmond.

Auntie had a dog that wouldn’t stay home, so they put a chain on a log and tied it to him so he couldn’t jump the fence. In a month that log was as smooth as glass.

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