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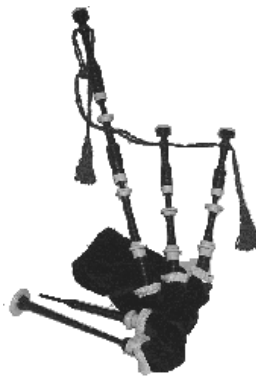
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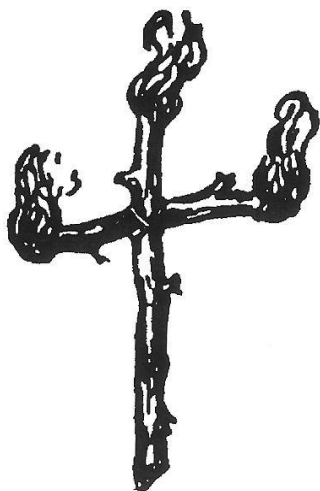


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2007-2008

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NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GATHERING

Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

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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.

Walkers Shortbread graciously donated the cookies and gift baskets of products to be raffled off in support of our efforts towards organizing and cataloging our General Marshall Magruder Memorial Library collection at the University of Baltimore Langsdale Library.

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.
 98th Annual Gathering – Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
 Council Meeting -- 05 October 2007

Attendees, Officers:

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ACGS Chieftain Thaddeus G. Osborne called the Council meeting to order at 08:10 AM on Friday, October 05, 2007. He then gave the invocation.

The scribe, Donald Gregg, made a motion to accept the General minutes of the 97th Annual Gathering as published in the 2006 ACGS Annual Yearbook. The motion was seconded. No corrections to the minutes were presented. Motion carried.

An interim Treasurer's report was given by Howard Grossnickle due to the late collection of fiscal reports necessary to prepare a final report. All accounts presented were believed to be accurate with the exception of the gathering reservation deposits, account interest or dividends and checks not cleared until after the close of September statements. The registrar's records were transferred to Lois Ann Garlitz in Utah at a cost of \$1,872.55 and \$1,080.99 for storage material and equipment. The Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship fund

awarded four scholarships of two thousand dollars each totaling eight thousand dollars. Total net worth is \$411,990.35. Motion to receive the interim report was made by Ronald A. McGregor. The motion carried.

The Registrar, Lois Ann Garlitz, presented her report. She reported forty-three new members. She also submitted a new and updated Application of Membership form along with an Application for Junior/Associate Membership. Her report included an article concerning the rapid computerizing of 1900 Census data. Lois Ann brought up a proposed agreement to digitally computerize approximately 2500 Society records in order to preserve the records and be able to access them rapidly by computer for Society purposes. A detailed discussion followed amidst several concerns for legal liability, etc. It was proposed that some research be done for a method that would keep the information within our control. It was accepted that we should complete the work if at all possible and within clear budget limitations.

Motion to receive the report was made by Ronald A. McGregor and seconded by Scott F. MacGregor. The motion carried.

Historian's report was given by Lillian Magruder. Lillian reported seven births, ten deaths, and four marriages. Motion to accept made by: Margaret A. Sanderfield. Seconded by: Scott F. MacGregor
The motion carried.

Yearbook Editor Lori A. Connery's report was given by Scott MacGregor. Lori published guidelines for correspondence that echoed her desire that reports be submitted electronically to her. All messages to her should be identified on the subject line by the originators name, followed by their position and then the subject of the message. Motion to receive her report was made by Steven C. Grier. Carried

Librarian's report was given by Steven C. Grier. Sizeable efforts were made by Steve and several other members in getting a better handle on the material located at the University of Baltimore and yearbooks/archives now located in a climate controlled storage unit in Kennett Square, PA which is a location close to Steve so that he has access to the materials in storage. There is a large quantity of unprocessed material at the Langsdale Library. This material has been preliminarily processed and sorted and is being kept together in a separate area in the library. John and Lillian were most helpful in sorting this material.

The ACGS and Langsdale Library web sites have limited functionality for those wishing to do relevant research. To locate a book in the General Marshall Magruder Memorial Library (MML) collection one can either look at the listing in the ACGS web site and then enter the title via a link to the search page on the Langsdale Library web site or go directly to Langsdale Library search page and enter information about the book to determine if the book is available. An inventory of all the books in the MML needs to be conducted and the "call number" for each book identified. As noted under new business we need to employ the services of a professional archivist. Motion to receive the report was made by Lillian Magruder. Carried

Trustees report was given by Joseph C. Tichy. He reported interest and dividends of \$17,000 that went to the general fund to support the activities of the society. The Blunt Scholarship received \$8,800 and \$6030 went to the Peg Tichy Fund. Total income from investments amounted to approximately \$29,000. A motion to receive his report for filing carried.

Scholarship's report given by: Susan Tichy. The Scholarship Committee congratulated the recipients of the Blunt Scholarships for 2007; Julius M. Bosch, Elizabeth (Liza) Marie Magruder Sonnenberg, Casey James Wach, and Zachary Allen Wach. The Harry and Edith Blunt scholarships may be used at any institution of higher learning and are available to members and their children. In previous years, these scholarships were available only to children of members entering college for the first time. Under new guidelines adopted this year, those applicants still receive preference, but when funds are available the committee will also consider applications from adult members entering or returning to school, and from prior scholarship recipients who wish to receive funds for a second year. Available funds and numbers of scholarships may vary from year to year, but it is the intention of the committee that awards not fall below \$1000.

New guidelines for the Blunt scholarships were announced in February, via the Newsletter and ACGS web page. All members are encouraged to read the guidelines and to note the new deadline: April 1st of each year. More information was made available on the website identifying the other three scholarships that are administered by the individual colleges. Motion to accept made by: Howard Grossnickle.

The Webmaster, James B. MacGregor's report was given by Scott F. MacGregor. Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor complimented us on our web site for both appearance and content. Suggestions that he made have been implemented. Jim MacGregor reinforced the notion that we need regular input from State Deputy Chieftains and Society Officers to help efforts to recruit new members. Everyone must contribute; please continue to submit articles and other material. Motion to receive this report for the file was made by Steven C. Grier. The motion carried.

Assistant Chieftain's report was given by Scott F. MacGregor. Scott reported having a busy year and a rather steep learning curve in his new position. Improvements were made to our membership database and were implemented by Bill Tyler. Registrar Lois Ann Garlitz was mentioned as being more than helpful. The Librarian has inventoried our yearbook collection and some yearbooks may be offered for sale after a policy has been determined and set out for publication. Motion to accept the report was made by Diana Browne. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Status of By-laws and Procedures Manual:

Committee Chairperson's report was given by Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. A great deal of progress has been made on revising the bylaws of the Society and adding a Procedure Manual. Much remains to be accomplished. Suggestions are still coming into Sandy and more input would be welcomed by the end of February. Ian Greig thought that the bylaw (Article VIII, Section D) requiring a male to be named as Chieftain should be changed; however, that idea was tabled until the committee could meet in March. Hopefully, they

would have a finished product published and forwarded to the Council Members next summer so that there could be a vote on a Manual at the next gathering that would not have to be reworked for a long time.

Allied Members – Ron McGregor. This question will be covered by a section on provisional members in the Bylaws and the intent right now is to give the provisional member five years to convert to a lineal membership.

DNA Membership Requirements – Lois Ann Garlitz. DNA would not be available for the female gender in determining membership and for the present time DNA should be considered as supporting the application for membership and not determining. The council would prefer the approval basis to be on the applicant having a recognized Sept name and genealogical documentation.

Corporate Grant of Arms – Howard Grossnickle. The process is well underway with the Lord Lyon Court. We hope that approval by that court can be made prior to the 2009 International gathering in Scotland.

Digitizing membership applications – Lois Ann Garlitz, Registrar. This idea should be followed up if we are able to maintain the privacy of the information and eliminate any exposure to litigation. Several council members will investigate possible venues for proposals and quotes.

Inventory of yearbooks in storage – Steven Grier, Librarian. This is considered a good idea and some language will be incorporated into the Manual for the maintenance and sale of these books.

New Business

1. Creation of Council positions for Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron McGregor, Ranking Deputy Chieftain. Treated as two separate items, the motion for the Newsletter Editor position on the council was made by Lillian Magruder and seconded. The motion carried. Joe Tichy suggested that these positions be permanently appointed by the Chieftain on a yearly basis. The Webmaster appointment was made by Ron McGregor and seconded. The motion carried.

2. Implementation and funding of a Part-time Collections Archivist at U of B – Steven Grier, Librarian. This proposal was made in recognition of the need to properly address the archival materials owned by ACGS. This material is recognized as part of the MML at the Langsdale Library of the UofB. The identification of this need was made through the approximately fourteen hours of onsite evaluation of the ACGS Librarian, Steven C. Grier and concomitant conversations with the Special Collections Librarian at Langsdale, Mr. Thomas Hollowak. An urgent need was recognized by the Council and our Chieftain will support this effort with a writing campaign. It is intended that a method to fund the approximately \$25,000 cost will be sought. This motion was made by Lillian Magruder and seconded by Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. Carried.

3. Either the purchase of a fire-proof security box to be kept in the library storage unit or the rental of a safe deposit box for storage of important society documents (i.e. the UofB Library signed contract). - Scott MacGregor, Assistant Chieftain. He has that authority.

4. Recognize the position of Pipe Major of the ACGS Pipe band as an honorary member of the society. Purpose being that the Pipe Major is the primary point of contact for the pipe band, which is an integral part of the annual Gatherings. - Scott MacGregor, Assistant Chieftain. We must keep this individual in the information loop and this could be accomplished in the new Procedural Manual. The item was tabled pending publication of the Procedural Manual.

5. Implement a Policies & Procedures Manual for State Deputy Chieftains. - Ron McGregor, Ranking Deputy Chieftain. Ron felt that there was entirely too much delay in getting necessary changes enacted. We should be able to get more done with telephone conferences and/or by e-mail and not have to bring items up once a year at the gathering and voting on them at the next year's gathering. The new By-laws and Procedures Manual will address this issue.

6. 100th Anniversary Gathering planning: location, booklet, Sir Malcolm, committees, etc. - Scott MacGregor, Howard Grossnickle, Lois Ann Garlitz, and Ron McGregor. A discussion was entered over the selection of Washington, DC vs. Charlottesville, VA for the 2009 gathering. Lillian Magruder made a motion to select Charlottesville (Double Tree), seconded by Randal Zimmerman. The motion carried

Election of Officers.

The Nominating Committee report was presented by Thaddeus G. Osborne.

ACGS Chieftain ...	Thaddeus G. Osborne,
Ranking Deputy Chieftain ...	Ronald A. McGregor,
Scribe ...	Donald A. Gregg
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7. A motion to receive the report was carried.

8. Appointment of Assistant Chieftain. Scott F. MacGregor was appointed to be our Assistant Chieftain for the following year.

9. Ronald A. McGregor stated that in certain years past the Grandfather Mountain games were allowed to be reimbursed at the rate of \$500 per game while other venues were only allowed \$100. He objected to individual Scottish Highland games being treated differently

and requested that all games being treated the same with the exception of a game where the Chief was present. This was understood to be the current policy of the council. Any reimbursement over \$100 was rebutted by Thaddeus Osborne, Lillian Magruder, and Elizabeth Joiner. They personally covered the 2007 Grandfather Mountain expenses in excess of the one hundred dollars reimbursed by the society. This clarifies council discussions from previous years.

10. With no further business from the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Randal Zimmerman and seconded by Lois Ann Garlitz. The motion was carried and the Chieftain declared the Meeting adjourned at 11:14.

Respectively submitted

Donald Gregg

Donald A. Gregg
ACGS Scribe 2007



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



American Clan Gregor Society, Inc. 98th Annual Gathering – Valley Forge, Pennsylvania General Meeting -- 06 October 2007

Attendees, Officers:

Thaddeus G. Osborne, ACGS Chieftain
Scott F. MacGregor, Assistant Chieftain
Ronald A. McGregor, Ranking Deputy Chieftain

Lois Ann Garlitz, Registrar
Howard Grossnickle, Treasurer
Steven C. Grier, Librarian
Joseph C. Tichy, Trustees
Donald A. Gregg, Scribe / Member-At-Large
Margaret A. Sanderfield, Member at Large
James E. Woolley, Jr. Member-At-Large

Lillian Magruder, Historian
Diana Browne, Chancellor
Susan Tichy, Scholarships
Robert F. MacGregor, Jr., Trustees
Edward K. Gregor, Jr., Member at Large
Nolan S. Sanders, Member-At-Large

The General Meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM on Saturday, 06 October 2007 by Thaddeus G. Osborne, ACGS Chieftain. He began by welcoming the attendees to a great gathering and thanked Steve Grier, Scott MacGregor and “Sandy” MacGregor for their combined efforts in making this such a special event. Thaddeus then gave a wee prayer over this assembled body.

The **Treasurer's Interim** Annual report was given by Howard Grossnickle. The figures in the report were complete to the end of August 2007. The General Fund Checking Account balance was \$20,048.89. The preliminary net worth in the societies' account was recorded as \$411,990.35 in Howard's report. The September records will be added to complete the report. There being no changes offered to the report before its audit, the report was received for the files.

The ACGS Scribe, Donald A. Gregg, read the interim minutes of the council meeting held Friday morning 05 October 2007. There being no changes to the minutes from the floor, the report was placed on file. A corrected copy will be published in the yearbook.

The **Registrar's** report was given by Lois Ann Garlitz. She reported forty-three new members; as their names were called, new members present at the gathering were asked to rise and they were warmly welcomed. Lois Ann also announced that nine former members were reinstated. No changes were made to her report and it was placed on file.

The **Historian's** report was presented by Ms Lillian Magruder. She detailed the seven births, ten deaths, and four marriages contained in her report. The Chieftain remarked that these life events, both happy and sad, remain important to the society. He asked that everyone keep Ms Lillian informed. There were no additions or changes to the report at this time and the report was received for the file.

The **Yearbook Editor's** report was given by Scott F. MacGregor. Scott hoped that everyone had received the yearbook by the gathering. Lori Ann Connery has managed to reformat 8 ½" x 11" inputs into the printers required 6"x9" format and thinks that the next yearbook will be mailed in a timely fashion. Once again, please submit reports, articles or pictures with a subject line consisting of your Name, Title or Member, and the subject of the message. No changes were made to the report and it was received for the file.

A **Trustees** report was given by Joseph C. Tichy. The trustees manage and invest the funds of the society. This involves investments of approximately \$360,000 and Joe said that the market was a little bit like a roller coaster ride this year. The trustees are proud to report that their efforts have produced an overall return of something like 10.2% over the years. There were no changes to his report and it was received for the file.

The **Scholarship's** report was given by Susan Tichy. Our Chieftain had asked Susan to join the committee after Hallam Walker stepped down earlier. We have a wide variety of scholarships available to our members; information can be obtained on the web pages or by direct contact. The committee focused their work on the Blunt scholarship fund this year. Susan noted that available funds will vary from year to year, but the committee hopes to keep the minimum scholarship award at \$1000. The Chieftain thanked Susan for her work on behalf of the society. There were no changes to her report. It was received for the file.

The slate of officers for the coming year was announced by Thaddeus G. Osborne, ACGS Chieftain. The nominees are:

Major Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Baronet ... Hereditary Chief	
ACGS Chieftain ...	Thaddeus G. Osborne,
Ranking Deputy Chieftain	Ronald A. McGregor,
Scribe ...	Donald A. Gregg
Registrar ...	Lois Ann Garlitz
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The Chieftain expressed his thanks to the nominees for their willingness to serve. There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion was made to approve the slate of officers by Bill Tyler and was seconded. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

Scott F. MacGregor has been appointed to be the Assistant Chieftain for the following year.

Remarks of Chieftain: Thad offered his personal welcome to the many first timers. Last year there was a particularly large turnover in council officers; he told the audience how much he appreciated the council's efforts on behalf of the society. These officers have performed with great zeal and he was proud of his team. They contribute greatly to the smooth operation of the society.

Normally next year's gathering would have been held west of the Mississippi River, but since Clan Gregor will be the honored clan at the Stone Mountain games in October it is possible that Sir Malcolm might be persuaded to stay and join ACGS the following week. The Chieftain announced that the 2008 gathering would be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the Marriott Hotel over the 23rd-25th of October. He stressed that you should get your room reservations in as soon as possible after receiving notification (they can always be cancelled in a timely fashion). Thad also announced that the 2009 gathering would be at the Charlottesville Double Tree Hotel, in Charlottesville, VA. No firm date has been determined. It will be sometime mid September through October depending on when 2009 UVA football schedule is published and there is either an open date or an away game.

On the Tuesday previous to our gathering, the Librarian led a party including our Chieftain to view the genealogical library material. Thaddeus was not aware of the current condition of this historical material. He said that this was the most valuable asset that the society owns and we need to address the problem of care, storage and archival of our records.

The **Librarian's** report was given by Steve Grier. After his lengthy report, Steve went into great detail as to why we needed to hire a professional part time archivist to properly process the archival materials owned by ACGS. This material is part an important part of our heritage and it is not searchable in its present state. In order to preserve this genealogical material, he proposed to hire a professional employee of the University of Baltimore (at a Masters level) experienced in archival processing and under the supervision of the Special Collection Library. This would be for a period of one year; covering twenty hours a week at the rate of twenty-five dollars an hour. The total one thousand hour cost would be \$25,000. As you can tell, there is a great need for monetary contributions large and small.

We also need to be thinking about estate planning; if you are considering a future donation of material to the library, please consider applying a portion of your estate toward the cost of cataloging and proper storage of your records. The Librarian's report was place on file.

Thaddeus G. Osborne, ACGS Chieftain asked the members to consider two changes to the Bylaws. The first would appoint the Newsletter Editor as an officer of the society on a yearly basis by the Chieftain. A motion to accept the change was made by Lillian Magruder and seconded. The motion carried. A similar change was recommended to make the Webmaster an officer. A motion to charge our bylaws was made by Dan Magehee and seconded. The motion carried.

New Business:

1. Howard Grossnickle was asked by Thad to discuss the progress on our petition for a Corporate Grant of Arms. Howard reported on his discussions with Ian Gregg, Sir Malcolm and court officials. The symbols that the ACGS has employed in the past on various instruments are in no way authorized. The process to obtain this Corporate Grant of Arms is fully funded and could be approved prior to the 2009 World Gathering in Scotland. The description issued by the court will be painted on vellum and could be used on our society brochures, letterheads or other products by the 2009 Annual General Meeting. Howard also stated the 2009 gathering will certainly be well attended and any person interested in ACGS could attend even if they were not a member. The only restriction would be that they could not vote.
2. It was announced that a local kilt maker, USA Kilts, was offering to make kilts/skirts in a modern MacGregor tartan if they could reach an order for about twenty items. The material is not currently in stock and kilt maker needs the minimum order to have the weaving done in 60 inch width Poly Viscose cloth. The material is Teflon coated (stain resistant) and machine washable.
3. Steve Grier wished to acknowledge Walker Shortbread for their donation of shortbread for both the dinner table and raffle.

With no further business from the Council, the motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried and the Chieftain declared the general meeting adjourned at 1100 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Donald Gregg

Donald A. Gregg
ACGS Scribe 2007



REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEFTAIN

98th Annual Gathering – Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
October 4-6, 2007



Wow! I find it hard to believe that a year has passed and I've survived the duties encompassing this position of Assistant Chieftain. I could not have done this without the support and assistance that you all have shown me.

Have I made any major earth shattering accomplishments this year? I would have to say no, and as I'm sure many of you have noticed things have run a little late getting out to you our membership. This is due in large part to my completion of my duties as the Scribe which ate into the first part of my year in this position. In addition we also had a large transition of officers last year. Dues notices ran late because of the learning curve with our membership database. Improvements to the database have occurred as a result and were promptly implemented by Bill Tyler. The mailing lists supplied to printer are now extracted in Excel format directly from the database. Time was spent ensuring that the data is up to date from member's comments returned with their dues, inquiries with our registrar, Internet searches, and general correspondence with our members.

I've worked with many of our new officers in their positions. Each of whom have and continue to do an exceptional job for their first year. Of these are:

Our Registrar, Lois Ann Garlitz, who has been my first line of searching for missing "Lost Souls" members, after searching the Internet. She always promptly responds and provides an abundance of information on the members often providing missing data for inclusion in the database.

Our Librarian, Steven Grier, who has achieved a lot towards the understanding of what all is contained within our collection at the University of Baltimore. He's moved our storage unit from Alexandria to Kenneth Square so the contents can be readily accessed. During this process our yearbook collection was inventoried. Steve has strived at his duties as our liaison to the UofB library getting to personally know and work with the library archivist, Mr. Tom Hollowak. Steve is working to identify items within our collection that can be carried safely to our Gatherings for display highlighting various aspects of our wonderful past. In addition to all this he has submitted and continues to compose articles for our ArdChoille newsletter.

Our Scholarship Chair, Susan Tichy, jumped in with the new committee assembled by our Chieftain, Thad, and awarded a number of scholarships to some fine young recipients, children of our members. Susan along with the committee revised the scholarship requirements and worked with our webmaster, Jim MacGregor, to get the information posted on our website. This includes identifying the three other scholarships administered by the individual colleges.

Our Yearbook Editor, Lori Ann Connery, took on a formable task in taking over the duties of the yearbook editor. Her final product that was provided to the printer needed to be laid out in the final size, format, and provided as a PDF file. She overcame a number of obstacles but produced another yearbook that reflects the long established high standards of our society. In addition she continues to handle the layout of our newsletter making it lively and exciting.

While I'm sure that each of these individuals could have handled their duties without me, I hope I've been of some small assistance when needed. We have several additional council members who will perform their duties this weekend and I have the utmost confidence that they too will do an excellent job.

Our Treasurer, Howard Grossnickle, a veteran of the Council has really had his work cut out this past year with my constant requests for checks for the various venues. Yes, all check writing and deposits have been made through Howard. Accounts for services like the printer and our ads have been setup for direct billing to the treasurer. Howard's been just an e-mail away and has stepped right in to take the initiative to resolve concerns with our Gathering sites and our magazine ads. In addition he has used his years of knowledge about the society to write several forthcoming articles for our newsletter. Besides all this he is heading up the efforts to acquire a Grant of Arms for the society from the Lord Lyon in Scotland.

Throughout the year I've worked to promptly respond to all inquiries received via e-mail or phone. It's been wonderful hearing from everyone and I hope we've been able to satisfactory resolve whatever concerns there were.

I've continued my work throughout the year to establish locations for our 2008 and 2009 Gatherings. Initially my thoughts were to take the Gathering to St. Louis where Maggie Sanderfield and her son and daughter-in-law even took a weekend to explore the city for me. But just prior to settling on a hotel an important factor became known and we were back to square one working to find a site in another city. We're all aware that for the 2009 Gathering we are looking at either Charlottesville, VA or Washington D.C. With the assistance of local representatives, sites were settled upon for these two Gatherings. Our Chieftain, Thad, will make the appropriate announcements about these locations. I must extend a very special thanks to the local representatives, Sandy MacGregor, and Howard Grossnickle for all their assistance in evaluating the different Gathering sites.

While accomplishing much over this past year, I believe my biggest achievement over the past year has been working in support of my fellow council members and assisting our society members at large.

Respectively submitted,



Scott F. MacGregor, ACGS #2450
mcgregr@verizon.net
Assistant Chieftain 2007

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES FOR YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

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>	
		2005-2006	2006-2007
1. General Fund Checking Account	305-0425796	\$ 18,027.46	\$ 29,286.30
2. General Fund Invested Assets	305-0425812	\$ 3,263.26	\$ 2,274.49
3. Peg Tichy Memorial Fund	719-3125247	\$ 6,132.02	\$ 9,796.60
4. Marshall Magruder Library Fund	719-3125239	\$ 1,985.86	\$ 2,005.79
5. Charity & Education Fund	719-3125254	\$ 10,615.04	\$ 27,147.47
6. Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund	719-3125221	\$ 2,004.00	\$ 2,407.09
Total WF cash Balance September 30		\$ 41,038.87	\$ 72,929.12
 Firstl Bank	 0531004332	 \$ 2,645.31	 CLOSED
Total Q&R /brokers Xpress Portfolio Equity		\$396,388.23	\$368,214.04
Total Dividends and Interest		\$ 43,684.19	\$ 72,929.12
Total Net Worth		\$440,072.42	\$441,143.16
Total brokers Xpress Portfolio (Unrealized Profit/Loss)			
2005-6 Market Value \$339,674.69		Est. Annual Income	\$ 56,713.54
2006-7 Market Value \$266,167.66		Est. Annual Income	\$102,046.38

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.
2. See addendum of BrokersXpress Investment Account in the appropriate account summary sheets for Interest income to be carried forward.
3. The Trustees decided to maintain all accounts with BrokersXpress, El Paso, TX. 79913-0630 to maintain the Investment Management team with BrokersXpress for this reporting period.

Howard R. Grossnickle
Treasurer ACGS

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

(Listing new members or other change in membership status between the 2006 Gathering at Virginia Beach, and the 2007 Gathering at Valley Forge.)

NEW MEMBERS

#2808 MONTMENY, Donna Jane Cox, 1857 East 4650 South, Salt Lake City, Utah; she the sister of Lois Ann Cox Garlitz, (ACGS# 2561); they the daughters of Donald Cox and Jeanette Sneath.

#2809 HODGES, Barbara Lou Walters, 8752 Cottonwood Lane North, Maple Grove, MN 55369; she the wife of Houston Hodges; she the daughter of John Bruce Walters and Esther Louise Fash; she the daughter of Joseph Tyler Fash and Joanna Frances McGregor; she the daughter of John D. McGregor and Lucy Ellen Riley; he the son of John McGregor and Mary Ellen Stirling; he the son of Duncan McGregor and Helen McPherson; he the son of Duncan McGregor and Ann Cameron.

#2810 DENETTE, Janet Orr, 2471A So. Xanadu Way, Aurora, CO 80014; she the wife of Richard Denette; she the sister of Dennis Mark Orr (ACGS#2774); they the children of Mark U. Orr and Clara Belle Riley.

#2811 BOSCH, Arielle Eva (advance from Junior member); 3432 Crestview Way, Napa, CA 94558; she the daughter of Milton K.D. Bosch (ACGS#2743) and Elizabeth A. Walker.

#2812 CONDIT, Carole Richardson, 689 Hwy 71 W. #245, Balstrop, TX 78602; she the wife of James Anthony Condit; she the daughter of Clyde Cecil Richardson and Ella William Fisher; she the daughter of John Franklin Millard Fisher and Dovie Catherine Anders; he the son of Millard Clay Fisher and Mary Elizabeth Boswell; he the son of Everard Geary Fisher and Muriel Elizabeth Dawes; she the daughter of Benjamin B. Dawes and Rebecca Perry; she the daughter of Erasmus Perry Sr. and Elizabeth Harding; he the son of Benjamin Perry and Elizabeth Magruder; she the daughter of Ninian Magruder, Sr. and Elizabeth Brewer, he the son of Capt. Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder, the Immigrant and Margaret Braithwaite.

#2813 MCGREGOR, Scott Sanders, P. O. Box 254, Firestone, CO 80520; he the son of Ronald Alvie McGregor (ACGS#2142LM) and Elizabeth Ann Blackwell.

#2814 RICE, Joshua, 13001 79th Pl. NE, Kirkland, WA 98034; husband of Christy Nutkez; he the son of Patrick Rice and Margaret McCreery (ACGS#2806).

#2815 MEIKLE III, James MacGregor, 13928 Auberry Drive, Helotes, TX 78023; he the son of James MacGregor Meikle II and Sally Ann; he the son of James MacGregor Meikle, Sr. and Joan Cartwright Turnbull; he the son of John Buchanan Meikle and Mary McGregor Docherty; she the daughter of James McGregor and Annie McGregor Shurp.

#2816 DEBASIO, Janet Gregg, 2051 Illinois Ave. NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33703; wife of Daniel J. DeBasio; she the daughter of William K. Gregg (ACGS#2557).

#2817 MILLER, Carol Jane, 12023 NE 22nd Street, Ankeney, IA 50021; wife of Randy R. Miller; she the sister of Howard R. Grossnickle (ACGS#2638), they the children of Harold J. Grossnickle and Marian J. MacGregor.

#2819 MEGEHEE, Laura Elizabeth, (advance from Junior member) 33 Sunset Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003, she the daughter of Louis Dan Megehee III (ACGS#2581LM) and Elise Brandon Graham,; he the son of Louis Dan Megehee, Jr. (ACGS#2478LM) and Josephine Elenor Zeller (ACGS#2576ALM).

#2821 MEGEHEE, Raymond Gregory, (advance from Junior member) 64 Alan Deen Rd., Bassfield, MS 39421; he the son of Raymond Zeller Megehee (ACGS#2690) and Debora Kay Deen; he the son of Louis Dan Megehee, Jr. (ACGS#2478LM) and Josephine Elenor Zeller (ACGS#2576ALM).

#2822 MAGRUDER, Bailey, 567 SE Marydale Ter., Port Saint Lucie, FL 34983; he the brother of James Magruder (ACGS#1032); they the children of Lawson Magruder and Athene McGarrity.

#2823 MACGREGOR, Tobey Allen, 8011 Kenne Road, Norfolk, VA 23505; he the husband of Melissa Carol Lovett; he the brother of Scott Fredric MacGregor (ACGS#2450), they the children of Burton Fredric MacGregor and Miriam Elizabeth Dowling.

#2825 WICKLINE, Robert E., Jr., 2553 Moore Road, Bethel, OH 45106; he the son of Robert E. Wickline, Sr., and Patricia J. Link; she the daughter of Chester C. Link and Mary Catherine Magruder; she the daughter of James S. Magruder and Lida Mayne; he the son of Ezekiel Magruder and Mary Martha Downs; he the son of Levi (or Levin) Magruder and Elizabeth Jane; he the son of Archibald Magruder and Cassandra Offutt; he the son of John Magruder and Jane Offutt; he the son of Ninian Beall Magruder and Anne Arundel; he the son of Col. Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall; he the son of Alexander Magruder, the Immigrant and Margaret Braithwaite.

#2826 STADDEN, Ann McGregor, 293 Ridout (PO Box #5), Rodney, Ontario NOL2CO; she the wife of James William Stadden; she the daughter of James H. McGregor and Ida May Pearson; he the son of Gregor McGregor and Cora Lee.

#2827 GRUBBS, Horance Ronald, PO Box 1866, King, NC 27021; he the son of Horance Alexander Grubbs and Ellie Fletcher; she the daughter of James Calvin Fletcher and Lettie L. Westmoreland; he the son of Andrew H. Fletcher and Charlotte Ryans; he the son of Azariah Fletcher and Mary Polly Moore.

#2828 CRANE, Janene Gourley, 2765 W. 8870 S., West Jordan, UT, 84088; she the daughter of David Richard Gourley and Pearl Warner; he the son of David Gourley and Dora Louise West; he the son of George Gourley and Mary Elizabeth Broadbent; he the son of Paul Gourley and Margaret Glass; she the daughter of Alexander Glass and Grizel Whyte;

she the daughter of Alexander Whyte and Elspeth Bannatyne; he the son of Archibald Whyte and Geils Lyon; he the son of John Whyte of Scarral and Mary Leitch.

#2829 LAWS, Crane Dunbar, P.O. Box 450, Hanover, MD 21076; he the son of John Kohlsaats Laws and Anna Gwendolyn Wade ACGS#1657LM.

#2830 LAWS, Nancy Marie, P.O. Box 189, Placitas, NM 87043; she the daughter of John Kohlsaats Laws and Anna Gwendolyn Wade ACGS#1657LM.

#2832 MCGREGOR, Stuart Walton, 13 Windsor Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404; he the son of Lawrence Walton McGregor, Jr. and Ann Freeman Morrison; he the son of Lawrence Walton McGregor, Sr. and Mary Willis; he the son of Mack Bruce McGregor and Inez White (nee Adams?); he the son of Wylie McGregor and Ann (Sarah Ann) Young; he the son of Ezekial McGregor and Sarah (Sally) Ware; he the son of William "Old Scotch Preacher" McGregor and (unknown); he the son of William McGregor and (unknown).

#2834 DARROW, Carla Marie, 282 Plumb Road, Poland, NY 13431; she the wife of Randolph Edward Darrow; she the daughter Charles LeRoy Skinner (ACGS#2661) and Marian Joan Storandt.

#2835 DOBKINS, Paul L. Ernest, 103 Russell St., Laramie, WY 82070; he the husband of Virginia Vieyra; he the son of Theodore Ernest Dobkins and Lula Ann Enloe; he the son of Willie Devol Dobkins and Emma Ora Mae Gregory; she the daughter of Winfield Scott Gregory and Susan Jane Compton; he the son of Joseph Elliott Gregory and Anna Campbell; he the son of Wright Gregory and Margaret Bragg; he the son of Joseph Gregory Sr. and Alice Davis; he the son of Richard Gregory and Mildred Washing Smith; he the son of Richard Gregory and Catherine.

#2836 DOBKINS, Linda Gail, 1038 County Road 143, Burns, WY 82053; she the daughter of Paul L. Ernest Dobkins (ACGS# 2835) and Virginia Vieyra.

#2838 FRYE, Nancy Hill DeJarnette, Blue Ridge School, St. George, VA 22935; she the wife of Carl Boyce Frye; she the daughter of Joseph Spencer DeJarnette and R. Morise Larrabee; he the son of Elliott Hawes DeJarnette (ACGS#619) and Margaret Averill.

#2839 CONRAD, Dorothy Ann Gregg, 2520 Evans Road, Hendersonville, NC 28739; she the wife of Elroy C. Conrad; she the daughter of Maurice Adgate Gregg and Marion P. Whittier; he the son of George Adgate Gregg and Grace Blair Gregg; he the son of Adgate T. Gregg and Philena Johnson; he the son of Jonathon Gregg and Philinda Adgate; he the son of Joseph Gregg and Sarah Reynolds; he the son of James Gregg and Mary McCurdy; he the son of John Gregg and Agnes Rankin; he the son of Captain James Gregg and Janet Cargill.

#2841 WILBURN, Lavinia Elizabeth, 29 Armory St. #3, Ilion, NY 13357; daughter of Adolph Michael Kop and Debora Joan Skinner (ACGS# 2671); and granddaughter of Charles LeRoy Skinner and Marian Joan Storandt.

#2842 WILBURN, Christopher Lewis, 165 Riverside Dr., Utica, NY 13502; he the son of Adolph Michael Kop and Debora Joan Skinner (ACGS# 2671); and grandson of Charles LeRoy Skinner and Marian Joan Storandt.

#2843 McGREGOR, Jonathan, 794 McClure Ave., Firestone, CO, 80520; he the son of Scott Sanders McGregor (ACGS#2813) and Gini Ayrton; he the grandson of Ronald Alvie McGregor (ACGS#2142LM) and Elizabeth Ann Blackwell.

#2844 GREGG, Thaddeus Bartholomew, 10 Palmer Drive, Eters, PA 17319; he the son of Charles Stone Gregg (ACGS#2313) and Patricia Joanne Hagerty.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

#2818LM MacGREGOR, Jacob Roy, 2396 S. King Street, Denver, CO 80219; husband of Jennifer Marie Seely; son of Howard R. Grossnickle (ACGS#2638) and Joan M. Rogers.

#2820LM DONNELLY, Harold Irvin III, Box 116, Rapidan, VA 22733; he the son of Harold Irvin Donnelly, Jr. and Ellen Taylor Donnelly, ACGS#2129.

#2824LM McGREGOR, Larry Leon, 8517 E. Krail St., Scottsdale, AZ 85250; he the husband of Dorothy Jill (Preest) Kirk; he the son of Morris "Mutt" Erastus McGregor and Eva Aloysious O'Brian; he the son of Erastus "Rast" Azariah McGregor and Lilliau "Lilly" Zeiua Evert; he the son of James William McGregor and Sarah Ann Coon; he the son of Harry V. McGregor and Luanna Church; he the son of James Henry McGregor and Elizabeth Love.

#2831LM WUEBKER, Charlotte Radcliffe Donnelly, 100 Patterson Road, Dayton, OH 45419; she the wife of James Frances Joseph Wuebker; she the daughter of Harold Irvin Donnelly, Jr. and Ellen Taylor Donnelly, ACGS#2129.

#2833LM JONES, Alma Anita, 427 Elm Creek Drive, Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103; she the daughter of Thomas Horton Jones and Violet Draper Vance; he the son of Ambrose Cicero "Horton" Jones and Annie Mae Gregory; she the daughter of Thomas Adolphus "Tobe" Gregory and Mollie Hylton; he the son of Richard Dennis Gregory and Elizabeth H. Pigg; he the son of William Gregory and Martha Tucker; he the son of John Gregory and Mary Clark.

#2837LM DONNELLY-MINSHALL, Margaret Wetherbee, 55 Mt. Hermon Road, Gill, MA 01354; she the wife of Glen Minshall; she the daughter of Harold Irvin Donnelly, Jr. and Ellen Taylor Donnelly, ACGS#2129.

#2840LM GREGG, Susan, 80 Trommel Dr., Mahwah, NJ 07430-1533; she the daughter of William Kirker Gregg (ACGS#2557) and Louise Lydecker; she also the niece of Richard Thornton Gregg (ACGS#2312), brother of William.

CONVERT TO LIFE MEMBER

#1180LM **EMBREY, Charles A.**, Rhodes, VA 22542

#2561LM **GARLITZ, Lois Ann Cox**, American Fork, UT 84003

#2797LM **MAGRUDER, Mark Michael**, Amhurst, VA 24521

#2798LM **MAGRUDER, Conan McGinnis**, Amhurst, VA 24521

#2799LM **MAGRUDER, Mia Gresa**, Amhurst, VA 24521

NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS_ (# indicates the year they turn 18 years of age)

#2007J **DARROW, Joshua Robert**, 282 Plumb Road, Poland, New York 13431; he the son of Carla Marie Skinner-Darrow (ACGS#2834) and Randolph Edward Darrow; and the grandson of Charles LeRoy Skinner (ACGS#2661).

2008J **CRANE, Kelsey**, 2765 W. 8870 S., West Jordan, UT 84088; she the daughter of Janene G. Crane (ACGS#2828) and Jared W. Crane.

#2008J **RYAN, Christopher Thomas**, 1100 Glenheath Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28791; he the son of Thomas Alan Ryan and Laura Jean Pratt Ryan; and the great-grandson of George Franklin McGregor (ACGS#1828LM).

#2011J **RYAN, Stephen Patrick**, 1100 Glenheath Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28791; he the son of Thomas Alan Ryan and Laura Jean Pratt Ryan; and the great-grandson of George Franklin McGregor (ACGS#1828LM).

#2024J **GROVER, Logan Alexander**, 3057 Moore Ave. #5, Ft. Riley, Kansas 66442; he the son of Jamie Sue MacGregor (ACGS#2758LM) and Donald Christopher Grover; and the grandson of Scott F. MacGregor (ACGS#2450LM).

#2024J **TYLER, George William**, 1616 West End Place, Greensboro, NC 27403; he the son of William E. Tyler IV and Laura Van Haut; he the son of William E. Tyler III and Helen Louise Diffie



REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Lillian Magruder

Since the last Gathering of the Society in Virginia Beach, Virginia in 2006 until the Gathering in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in 2007, there have been reported seven births, four marriages, ten deaths of members, and one death of relatives of members.

BIRTHS

STAVELEY, McLain Kent, born September 8, 2006, son of Susan Wassell Staveley and Robin Staveley, and grandson of Elizabeth Field Wassell (Clan No. 2182) and John Randolph Wassell.



McLain Kent Staveley at his baptism with his grandparents John and Beth Wassell.

McNISH, Dylan Grace, born July 27, 2006, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. McNish, Jr. (Clan No. 2562) and granddaughter of Dr. Thomas McNish (Clan No. 1764LM) and Yona McNish (Clan No. 2333A).

HAMMONDS, Timothy Dale, Jr., born September 22, 2006, son of Timothy Dale Hammonds and Amy McNish Hammonds and granddaughter of Dr. Thomas McNish (Clan No. 1764LM) and Yona McNish (Clan No. 2333A).

McDONNELL, Emma Nelson, born September 2, 2003, daughter of Catherine Magruder Passano (Clan No. 2336JLM) and Seth Allen McDonnell, and granddaughter of E. Magruder Passano, Jr. (Clan No. 1636LM) and Helen Passano (Clan No. 1637ALM).

McDONNELL, Abigail Alden “Abby”, born November 2, 2005, daughter of Catherine Magruder Passano (Clan No. 2336JLM) and Seth Allen McDonnell, and granddaughter of E. Magruder Passano, Jr. (Clan No. 1636LM) and Helen Passano (Clan No. 1637ALM).

GREGOR, Meredith Page, born October 10, 2004, daughter of David Arleigh Gregor (Clan No. 2298LM) and Jamie H. Byrnes, granddaughter of Edward K. Gregor (Clan No. 933LM) and Marilyn A. Gregor (Clan No. 1594ALM).

GREGOR, Samantha Storm, born June 20, 2007, daughter of David Arleigh Gregor (Clan No. 2298LM) and Jamie H. Byrnes, granddaughter of Edward K. Gregor (Clan No. 933LM) and Marilyn A. Gregor (Clan No. 1594ALM).

MARRIAGES

BRADSHAW – HOHENSTEIN

Lori McNish Bradshaw and Wesley Hohenstein were married on December 3, 2006. Lori is the daughter of Dr. Thomas McNish (Clan No. 1764LM) and Yona McNish (Clan No. 2333A).

PASSANO – McDONNELL

Catherine Magruder Passano (Clan No. 2336JLM) and Seth Allen McDonnell were married on September 29, 2001. Catherine is the daughter of E. Magruder Passano, Jr. (Clan No. 1636LM) and Helen Passano (Clan No. 1637ALM).

PASSANO – WIGGS

Tamara Ann “Tammy” Passano (Clan No. 2164JLM) and Justin Adam Wiggs were married on November 4, 2006. Tammy is the daughter of E. Magruder Passano, Jr. (Clan No. 1636LM) and Helen Passano (Clan No. 1637ALM).

PASSANO – MEECH

Sarah Rebecca Passano (Clan No. 2165JLM) and Michael Ryan Meech were married on June 30, 2007. Sarah is the daughter of E. Magruder Passano, Jr. (Clan No. 1636LM) and Helen Passano (Clan No. 1637ALM).

DEATHS OF MEMBERS

McADAMS, John P., Clan No. 1498, died on June 25, 2006.

GRAY, Eleanor Homes, Clan No. 2748, died on July 7, 2006.

MacGREGOR, Clark, Clan No. 1413, died on February 10, 2003.

PHILLIPS, Robert Kerr, Jr., Clan No. 2765, died on August 16, 2006.

WALKER, Thomas Greene, Sr., Clan No. 2126, died on March 3, 2007.

DORSETT, Ms. H. Elizabeth, Clan No. 2175LM, died on February 27, 2007.

TYLER, Lt. Col. James O., Clan No. 977, died on December 9, 2006.

GREER, William H., Clan No. 2347LM, died on August 21, 2007.

BIERER, Lib (Mrs. Howard T.), Clan No. 1856LM, died on September 26, 2007.

BRADSHAW, Eleanor (Mrs. Leon S.), Clan No. 2235LM, died on May 23, 2007.

DEATHS OF RELATIVES OF MEMBERS

DeFREESE, Edna N., died on December 27, 2006. She was the mother of Lillian L. Magruder, Clan No. 1977ALM.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

OCTOBER 2007

The ACGS Librarian is responsible for the care and supervision of the General Marshall Magruder Memorial Library (MML) located in the Langsdale Library at the University of Baltimore and the yearbooks/archives stored in a climate controlled storage unit in Kennett Square, PA. The MLL consists of two distinct elements: (1) cataloged books available for circulation or on-site use; and, (2) processed and unprocessed archival materials, e.g. genealogical charts, correspondence, photographs, registration documents. The climate controlled unit is used to store the surplus supply of yearbooks, dating from 1909 to present, as well as other duplicate archival materials and books.

After approximately 14 hours of on-site review at the MML, the following can be reported:

1. A working relationship has been re-established between the ACGS Librarian and the Special Collections Librarian, Thomas Hollowak, at the Langsdale Library.
2. The cataloged book collection of the MML is in good condition and has been transferred to the fourth floor of the Langsdale Library. This is the Special Collections area of the Langsdale Library and provides more security for the collection.
3. The rare and valuable book collection donated by Joseph Foss is now cataloged and is available for viewing. The unpublished manuscript submitted by Don Magruder is now cataloged and available for viewing. Thank you to both of these gentlemen for their contributions.
4. Yearbooks missing in the MML book collection have been replaced.
5. The archive material is stored in the Special Collections area of the Langsdale Library. A review of the archive material revealed many problems. Some cataloged material needs to be reprocessed, e.g. documents were found rolled up and wrapped with rubber bands—this is not the correct procedure for processing of such materials. There is a large quantity of unprocessed material. This material has been preliminarily processed and sorted. This processing included: (1) removing items which were moldy; (2) removing rusty paperclips and other types of fasteners; and, (3) removing books which needed to be cataloged. The unprocessed material is kept together in a separate area in the Library. I would like to thank John and Lillian Grier for helping sort this unprocessed material.

Climate Controlled Storage Unit

In March of 2007, the Yearbooks and archive material stored in the Virginia climate controlled storage unit were moved to a climate controlled unit in Kennett Square, PA. This was accomplished with the help of Robert “Sandy” MacGregor, Jr. and Scott F. MacGregor. The unit is in close proximity to my home. The unit in Virginia was cleaned, and the contract for it discontinued. New plastic ventilated shelving was purchased for storage of the Yearbooks. A complete inventory of the contents of the unit has been conducted. Copies are available upon request. Keys and pass codes for the unit are held by the Librarian, Mr. Scott F. MacGregor and Mr. John A. Grier.

ACGS and Langsdale Library web sites

It should be noted the above two web sites have limited functionality for those wishing to do relevant research. To locate a book in the MML collection one can either look at the listing in the ACGS web site and then enter the title via a link to the search page on the Langsdale Library web site or go directly to Langsdale Library search page and enter information about the book to determine if the book is available. The situation exists because the books in the MML were not given an uniquely identifiable “call number.” In short, one cannot request a print out of all the books in the MML.

In reference to the archive portion of the MML, the ACGS web site displays the contents of boxes moved to the MML several years ago. Some of the contents of these boxes have been processed, and this processed material can be found on the Langsdale web site via a link from the ACGS web site. The unprocessed material is not available for use at this time.

Wording in the ACGS web site has been changed to reflect the above situation.

Call numbers for the MML books

An inventory of all the books in the MML needs to be conducted. During this inventory, the “call number” for each book can be identified. A list of all books and their respective call numbers can be then entered on to the ACGS web site. This information would then be turned over to the Langsdale Library so that the books could be uniquely identified in their system.

Archives

A professional archivist is needed to: (1) assess the state currently of processed material and take what ever corrective action is necessary; (2) properly catalog and store all unprocessed material; (3) prepare for the anticipated storage of ACGS registration records; and, (4) prepare for anticipated donations of archival materials from members or friends of ACGS. A proposal to hire a qualified part time archivist has been submitted by the ACGS Librarian, with the assistance of the Langsdale Special Collections Librarian, to Thaddeus G. Osborne and Scott F. MacGregor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Steven C. Grier
Librarian

WEB SITE OF THE AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY (ACGS)



The web site, <<http://acgs.thecapitalscot.com/>>, received a lot of interesting and useful attention during 2007. Our Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, complimented us on the appearance and content of the site and made suggestions for enhancements that we readily implemented. To quote Sir Malcolm in part "I think you have done a great job with the ACGS website ...". To be meaningful to members and useful in recruiting new members, we need up-to-date input about events from the State Deputy Chieftains (SDC). The Web site was very successful this year in that regard. We had a lot of early information about the Annual Gathering and several Scottish festivals and games, notably Colorado, Mississippi, Utah, Virginia (including DC), West Virginia, and Wyoming.

The e-mail address to the Registrar <gregor@webcom.com> was extremely busy with questions from prospective and actual applicants, from persons wanting advice on tracing their Clan Gregor heritage from non-English speaking lands, and from persons asking about non-Gregor related Scottish heritage matters. The notice about donations to preserve McGregor gravesites at Dalmally Kirk <http://acgs.thecapitalscot.com/acgs_Dalmally.html> drew kudos from the Clan Gregor Society (Scotland) and a link from their "Clan Gregor Web Site Directory" <<http://www.clangregor.org/directory.html>>.

A new article was added to the "MacGregor Variety Page" about the Clan Gregor Society Archives (Scotland) <<http://acgs.thecapitalscot.com/gregorvariety/gregstuf.html#Archives>> which were donated to the National Library of Scotland on behalf of the Clan Gregor Centre in February 1999. Links are provided to those resources. The ACGS site was consistently among the top 30 destinations for readers who went to the site's host domain. Yes, 2007 was an interesting year for the Society's Web site.

Below is a photo of the flag presented to us by SPC John Savery, a U.S. soldier serving in Afghanistan. The flag was flown over his unit in Afghanistan and the certificate in front attests to it being flown there.

Submitted by:
Jim MacGregor;
Webmaster



Flag flown in Afghanistan

YEARBOOK EDITOR ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings and salutations!

I am very sorry that I can not be with you all this week.

As your new Yearbook editor I wanted to say a few things regarding this year's edition!

Let me first express my deepest gratitude to Scott MacGregor. Scott has literally held my hand through out the entire process of putting this edition of our yearbook together. Without his support and encouragement I would have given up long ago! Since beginning to collect the needed information Scott has been there for me. From being ill to my computer crashing/dying Scott has been a constant friend. Thank you Scott!

With that being said, it is no small wonder that I am in awe of all the work and effort that Lillian put in over the years! While I know most of you share this sentiment I wonder how many of us realize the work and time involved. Well, I do now! Lillian, you are amazing! Thank you!

With the first issue done and at the printers I can heave a sigh of relief. Well, for a moment! Because here we are with the next issue almost upon us!

This year was of course the learning year. PC issues and health not withstanding, we also reformatted the entire document to fit the final size requirements of the printer. And thinking that I "knew it all" I found myself challenged almost every step of the way! It is amazing how much I have learned about Microsoft Word. I have also learned that I need to come up with a few guidelines for submitting materials for inclusion. I have included these and nope to also have them available in the next newsletter.

So going forward, with a restored computer, a new understanding of Word, some new guidelines on submitting materials, and a new template, next year's edition should be on time!

Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Submission Guidelines for Year Book Articles/Reports

The desired way to submit is via e-mail.

When submitting an article via e-mail please use the following guidelines:

Please put your name, title and title of report in the subject line of the e-mail.

Here are a few examples:

Subject: Lois Ann Garlitz; Registrar, registrar's report

Subject: Lori Connery; SDC, Minnesota SDC Report

Subject: Thad Osborne; Chieftain, 2007 Stone Mountain Games

If you have multiple reports please send them individually as this makes it easier for me to sort and keep things organized. Staying organized can be very difficult with so many submissions.

Submitting Photo's.

When submitting photo's please be sure to include the name of the individuals in the photo's.

Please list names from left to right and from back to front;

Here is an example:

(Back row; L to R) John Wayne, Yule Brenner, Ronald Regan

(Center Row L to R) Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, Pluto

If you do not have the photos on your computer please have copies made at your local drugstore or Target. Please do not send me the original! I can scan the copies. I am terrible at returning pictures and would hate to have something happen to them while in transit!

What if you don't have a computer or access to the internet?

No computer; PLEASE print; I am not very good at deciphering handwriting! See deadline below.

Don't have access to the internet? If at all possible please save your article/report to a disc and send to me.

Can't save it to a disc or cd? Please print the submission and mail to me.

If you are unable to send me your reports/articles via email please be sure to have them to me via US Postal Mail by February 1st. This will ensure I have time to transcribe.

Please have Electronic submissions to me no later than March 1st.

Submit to the following:

Mailing Address:

E-Mail: Clan-gregor-mn@comcast.net

Lori Connery

4610 Russell Ave. N.

Minneapolis, MN 55412-1145

Respectfully Submitted

Slàinte, sonas agus beartas,

Lori Connery

ACGS State Deputy Chieftain, Minnesota

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2007 GATHERING

Ninety-Eighth Gathering American Clan Gregor Society (ACGS) October 4 - 6, 2007 Valley Forge, King of Prussia PA Submitted by Jean (MacGregor) Simon

The 2007 glamorous gathering was held at historically-loaded Valley Forge, PA, in the comfortable Crowne Plaza Valley Forge Hotel, about 25 miles west of Philadelphia PA. The area is most famous for the rugged encampment spent there by General George Washington and his 11,000 American troops during the bitter winter of 1777 - 1778. American Morale couldn't have been good. Washington and his brave soldiers arrived in Valley Forge for the winter without any housing accommodations waiting for them. The soldiers constructed crude log huts. Many saw replicas of those huts on our bus tour to the encampment sites.

Thursday, October 4th was both a family and a clan affair! We reveled in meeting again and enjoying our old friends and new friends at this gathering. My husband and I were especially pleased to see our younger two sons Donald and Douglas. The higher the number of gatherings one attends, the more fun it is! The ride in from the airport was 25 miles but, the van was packed with familiar faces including Lillian Magruder, our Historian

Early Thursday afternoon, my husband Jack Simon handled ACGS registration. Registration's hours were from 4 - 6 p.m. and I saw Lois-Ann Garlitz's sister, Jane Montmeny, among those working at our ACGS Clan registration table in the lobby of the hotel. A nice touch at the registration table were pins bearing the blue and white flag of Scotland for every attending ACGS member and registered guest. The welcoming cocktail and soft drink reception was held later on Thursday. Everything went smoothly.

Friday, October 5th, the ACGS Council meeting was held early and afterward, the State Deputy meeting was held. Good to get the business meetings conducted early, for then the real fun begins!

At 10:45 we all scrambled aboard the 2 tour buses, to visit and sight-see, like the tourists that we were, to enjoy the beautiful, rural countryside. We were in for a big history lesson and lectures from the tour guides. There were tour guides at both the sites and also on our buses! The professional tour guides on our buses really enhanced our knowledge about the Winter Encampment

Also, on this our fantastic, educational tour, we had our special memorial service for our dear departed ACGS members, those deceased since our previous gathering in Virginia Beach, VA in October 2007. A flower was placed on our memorial wreath for each recently departed member by our Historian, Mrs. Lillian Magruder, and by her daughter, Council Woman at Large, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Joiner. This took place at the large and imposing Valley Forge Presbyterian Church. Its beautiful gothic architecture was quite impressive. A member of the church kindly gave us another history lesson, about the church, during our

visit. A box luncheon and drink was distributed to us all, which we ate outdoors. This was a fun change.

Late in the afternoon, after our 5+ hour bus tour, we arrived back at our spacious hotel in King of Prussia, all pleasantly tired out, from our very ambitious bus tour! We were treated to history lessons, we worshiped, we ate, we visited and drove past many important, historical sites, and we placed our wreath adorned with commemorative flowers at the grave of a deceased, unknown clansman named Robert MacGregor in the Valley Forge Memorial Gardens Cemetery. This clansman's parents were buried there as well, in another spot.

To end our full day Friday night, we had professional entertainment for our ceilidh, especially in the vocal performance of the very well known Scottish folksong artist, Mr. Carl Peterson. Delightfully, Mr. Peterson is a MacGregor, born and raised in Greenock, Scotland. Besides singing Irish, Scottish, and American folksongs, he has received the Vintage Album of the Year 2007 award from the Southern Heritage Music Awards. Of all his professional works, surely his most important one, to us as members of the MacGregor clan, is his "Songs of Rob Roy & the MacGregors". He researched the ancient MacGregor-related songs, with the help of an excellent research librarian, as per the Peterson websites, and Carl produced the recording with the MacGregor songs! Our more youthful members of ACGS will be interested especially in Carl Peterson's albums entitled "Celtic Lullabys" and "Children's Songs: For Yours and Mine".

Saturday, October 6th, our final day, included a delectable luncheon after the General Meeting. At 1 p.m. we had a meeting for Genealogy, DNA, and Antiquities. At 3 o'clock we had the glorious pipe band performance at the local people's touted pride and joy, the acclaimed King of Prussia Mall, once two separate malls, I was told. Perhaps to escape the intense heat on this day, the band performed at a little King of Prussia Mall pub, across from the Valley Forge Crowne Plaza Hotel. The pub was called the Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery and it was mercifully air-conditioned! There was standing room only, and we were packed in there, just like on a crowded subway train. We could hardly pass by the regular patrons in the pub, in order to join the rest of our family!

It is always such a thrill to see our MacGregor kilts and handsome uniform on every single member of our band! ACGS is a sponsor of our Washington D. C. located band, officially named the American Clan Gregor Society Pipe Band, directed by Pipe Major Matthew Kuldell. The excitement in this little pub was electrifying. It was fun to watch the faces of the packed bar's local people who enjoyed watching the band, all agog they were, listening and watching the dancers as well. These very supportive locals were getting a fascinating free show! Our band is essential to our annual gatherings. They, with their bagpipes, very loud drum, and the dancers are indicative of what makes every Scottish American proud!

The band and the dancers generously perform at several functions during our annual gatherings each year. The highland dancers for this year were Eileen Grant and Julia Bogolin. They always perform my favorite, the very swift of foot highland sword dance. Never a click nor a clang did we hear of the two swords touching each other, quite an exacting feat, while they danced over the crossed swords. We all really did have a rousing good time at the Rock Bottom. We literally had to shout, all the time, to communicate with

each other, and so did the local customers of the little bar. The local customers applauded enthusiastically with us, for they really enjoyed participating with us in our energetic MacGregor clan's loud, boisterous revelry and Scottish music! We got to witness the traditional "paying of the piper" with a little drink of whiskey usually served in a silver quaich. We American Scots call it "scotch", but in Scotland, they call it "whiskey". The quaich is a shallow drinking cup with two handles.

The evening banquet would be the final ACGS event of this year's gathering. The banquet's honored guest was Dr. Andrew McGhie, president of the Philadelphia St. Andrews Society. He delivered the traditional "Address to the Haggis", a poem written by the ever renowned Robert Burns, accordingly in the heavily accented Scots Doric dialect of Burns' poem. At the banquet the food and the table decorations were superb. The familiar, genial John Masterton, a distinguished member of our band, graciously entertained us with his guitar and pleasing voice. We all joined in with the singing, quite a few times. The highlight for me at the banquet, year after year, always is that the male members of ACGS sing the final chorus of the music to Sir Walter Scott's poem with the words, "MacGregor Despite Them Shall Flourish Forever", and jump up on the table, practically shouting the famous words, or at least put their foot on the table, with their glasses raised high

All said and done, we give our hearty thanks to the very efficient, diligent, hard-working ACGS volunteers who so successfully and joyfully labored in 2006 and 2007 to give us that wonderful first weekend in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania last October 4 - 6, 2007. I shall probably remember that weekend all my life! How about you?

Jean (MacGregor) Simon
ACGS State Deputy Chieftain, Alabama



~ THE GATHERING IN PICTURES ~
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Friday



Scott MacGregor getting things together for the Friday Afternoon Local Tour....Did you see that hat?

Friday Afternoon Tour

Preparing for a wonderful Picnic Lunch!



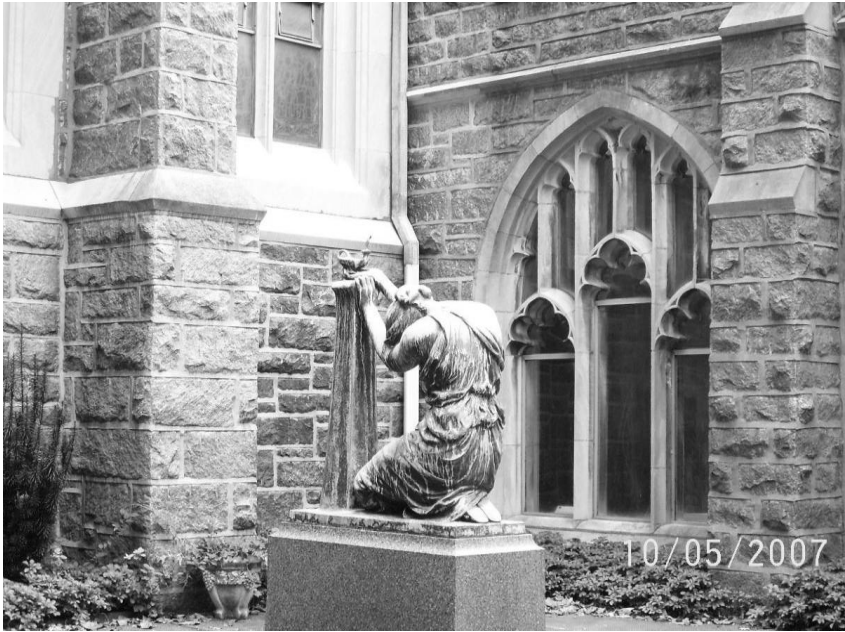


Members viewing one of the reconstructed houses for the troops at the Valley Forge National Park

Friday Afternoon Tour



Robert "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr. standing inside the reconstructed house for the troops. The house slept twelve people, six on each side on two three bunk-beds.



Washington Memorial Chapel at the Valley Forge National Park

Friday Afternoon Tour

**Doug Simon with
his mother Jean
Simon at The Valley
Forge Presbyterian
Church.**



Thaddeus G. Osborne giving a few words the wreath laying in the Valley Forge Memorial Gardens Cemetery.



Friday Afternoon Tour



Pipe Major, Matt Kuldell playing “Flowers of the Forest” at the wreath laying ceremony.



Friday evening Ceilidh, Pipe band entrance led by Pipe Major Matt Kuldell!

Friday Evening Ceilidh

Junior member William Edward Scott Schauf (aka WESS), son of Darcie Macgregor Schauf and Aaron T. Schauf and grandson of Scott F. MacGregor... Look at him go! Could this be a future dancer?





**Jonathan McGregor,
grandson of Ronald A. McGregor celebrates his 18th Birthday!
Happy Birthday Jonathan!**

Friday Evening Ceilidh



**Assistant Chieftain Scott F. MacGregor with his grandson WESS,
Introducing balladeer Carl Peterson!**



**Members Mary
Zimmerman and her
son Mitchell
Zimmerman dancing!
So lovely!**

Friday Evening Ceilidh



**Enjoying good company Friday night,
(L to R) Joseph C. Tichy, Susan E. Tichy,
Frances Browne and Diane Browne**



**Relaxing after a full day
(L to R) Mary Kate “Katie” Gregg, Brian Gregg,
Diana Moore, and Keith D. Gregg**

Friday Evening Ceilidh



**Scott “Moose”
MacGregor
chatting with
Members Joe and
Susan Tichy!**

So ends, yet another great Friday!

Saturday

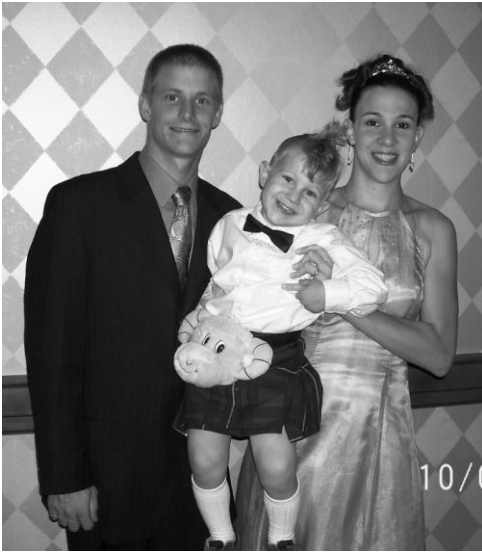


**Local customers of the
Rock Bottom
Restaurant and
Brewery enjoyed a
concert from the
American Clan
Gregor Society Pipe
Band!**

Saturday Afternoon Concert

**With hardly any
room to stand, our
dancers managed
to show off their
thrilling dance
moves! Pictured
here is dancer
Eileen Grant!**





Aaron T. Schauf, Darcie MacGregor Schauf and William Edward Scott Schauf aka WESS, are ready to go!

Saturday Evening Reception



At the Saturday Evening Reception Randal Zimmerman, Bill Zimmerman, Doug Simon and Sonia Garcia enjoy the festivities!



Gavin MacGregor-Skinner and Elizabeth MacGregor-Skinner

Saturday Evening Reception



Bill and Helen Tyler, our recent past Registrar and his lovely bride enjoy the evening!



**The family of Donald A. Gregg with (L to R)
Scribe Donald, Brian,
Katie and Keith Gregg and Diana Moore**

Saturday Evening Reception



**Stuart J. MacGregor and
Linda Kaplin were dressed
to impress! Stuart is the son
of Scott MacGregor.**



(L to R) Carol Spitznagle, Eileen Pruett, Lisa Smith, LouAnn MacGregor and John R. MacGregor take a moment to stop for the camera before the evening festivities begin.

Saturday Evening Reception



Ronald A. McGregor and his grandson Jonathan McGregor pose for a snap shot in front of the Sir Malcolm tapestry. Jonathan celebrated his 18th birthday on Friday evening!



**(L to R) Members
Diana Browne,
Frances Browne
and Thaddeus G.
Osborne our
Chieftain!
What do you have
in the glass Thad?**

Saturday Evening Reception



A friend (?) enjoys a drink with William P. Cosgrove (Center) and Elizabeth M. Cosgrove (R) before dinner!



**Dave Taylor and
his wife Lana.
Dave is our band
bass/tenor
drummer!**

Saturday Evening Reception

**Our Assistant
Chieftain Scott
MacGregor with
Nolan S. Sanders!**





**Address to a Haggis! Sword bearer
Thaddeus B. Gregg and
Haggis Bearer Jonathan McGregor!**



Ahhh, The Haggis!

Saturday Evening Banquet

**Address to a Haggis:
Presenter; Honored
Guest Dr. Andrew
R. McGhie and
Whiskey bearer
Gavin MacGregor-
Skinner!**



The evening's festivities begin as the band leads the way! Shown here is Dave Taylor the band bass/tenor drummer!



Saturday Evening Banquet



Bag Pipers Piping! A wonderful shot of (L to R) Matt Kuldell, Doug Nelson, and John Masterson!



The American Clan Gregor Society Band performing at the Head Table!

Saturday Evening Banquet



**Our dancer
Eileen Grant
performing the
Sword Dance!**

Dancers Eileen Grant and Julia Bogolin performing the Sword Dance.



Saturday Evening Banquet



**The American Clan Gregor Society Pipe Band and Scottish Dancers!
(L to R) Dancers: Eileen Grant and Julia Bogolin
(L to R) Pipers/Drummers: Matt Kuldell, Jamie Fountain, Doug Nelson,
John Masterson, Kevin O'Brian, Dave Taylor,
Paul Berilla, and Ron Schneider!**

**New Member Jane
Montmeny pictured here
with the tapestry of Sir
Malcolm in the lobby of the
hotel. Jane is the sister of our
Registrar Lois Ann Garlitz.**



Til' we meet again!

2007
GATHERING ATTENDEES
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

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Member	City/State	Number
Appleby, Clinton E.	Middletown, MD	Guest
Appleby, Martha	Middletown, MD	2307
Browne, Diana	New York City, NY	1737LM
Browne, Frances	Fairfax, VA	1550LM
Campbell, Clyde	Sheffield, AL	Guest
Campbell, Paula	Sheffield, AL	2550
Cosgrove, Elizabeth M.....	Mitchellville, MD	1156
Cosgrove, William P.....	Annapolis, MD	Guest
Darrow, Carla.....	Ilion, NY.....	Guest
DeBiasio, Janet Gregg	St. Petersburg, FL	2816
Donnelly, Ellen T.....	Rapidan, VA	2129LM
Donnelly, Harold I.	Rapidan, VA	Guest
Elliott, Lynn	Chesapeake, VA	Guest
Elliott, M. Gregg	Chesapeake, VA	2655
Galloway, David	Pensacola, FL.....	Guest
Galloway, Rosalie Tess.....	Pensacola, FL.....	2305
Garcia, Sonia.....	Washington, DC	Guest
Garlitz, Lois Ann	American Fork, UT.....	2561
Glowka, Patricia Gregg.....	Southport, NC	Guest
Graham, Erin	Bloomfield, NJ.....	Guest
Gregg, Brian	Crystal Lake, IL	2779
Gregg, Donald A.	Holiday Hills, IL.....	2580
Gregg, Henry	Etters, PA.....	Guest
Gregg, John F.....	Southport, NC.....	Guest
Gregg, Keith D.....	Wolcott, NY.....	2618
Gregg, Louise.....	Keene Valley, NY.....	Guest
Gregg, Mary Kate "Katie".....	Holiday Hills, IL.....	Guest
Gregg, Olivia	Etters, PA.....	Guest
Gregg, Paul L.	Southport, NC	1922
Gregg, Peter	Dover, DE.....	2686
Gregg, Richard.....	Hackensack, NJ.....	2312
Gregg, Samantha.....	Etters, PA	Guest
Gregg, Susan	Mahwah, NJ.....	2840
Gregg, Thaddeus B	Etters, PA.....	2844
Gregor, Jr., Edward.....	Rochester, NY	933LM
Greig, Alma	Tampa, FL	Guest
Greig, Ian	Tampa, FL	2535
Grier, Donald E.....	Forest Hill, MD.....	2731
Grier, Donna	Kennett Square, PA	Guest
Grier, Elizabeth C.	Forest Hill, MD.....	Guest
Grier, John A.....	Grasonville, MD	2243
Grier, Lillian	Grasonville, MD	Guest
Grier, Lou Ann.....	Baltimore, MD.....	Guest

Grier, Marshall.....	Fallston, MD.....	2432
Grier, Michael.....	Baltimore, MD.....	2737
Grier, Rose Marie.....	Fallston, MD.....	Guest
Grier, Steven.....	Kennett Square, PA.....	2552
Grossnickle, Howard.....	Oregon, WI.....	2638
Grubbs, Horance R.....	King, NC.....	2827
Hodges, Barbara W.....	Maple Grove, MN.....	2809
Joiner, Elizabeth Magruder.....	Melbourne Beach, FL.....	2172LM
Kaplan, Linda.....	Pittsburgh, PA.....	Guest
Latimer, Judy Gregg.....	Ramsey, NJ.....	Guest
Latimer, Rich.....	Ramsey, NJ.....	Guest
Lloyd, Frances L.....	Washington, DC.....	1052LM
MacGregor, John R.....	Boulder, CO.....	2717
MacGregor, LouAnn.....	Boulder, CO.....	Guest
MacGregor, Jr., Robert F.....	Smithfield, VA.....	2316LM
MacGregor, Scott F.....	Norfolk, VA.....	2450LM
MacGregor, Stuart J.....	Bethlehem, PA.....	2759LM
MacGregor-Skinner, Elizabeth.....	Washington, DC.....	2769
MacGregor-Skinner, Gavin.....	Washington, DC.....	2769
Magruder, Fred A.....	McCormick, SC.....	2433
Magruder, Jr., Jerry B.....	Sparta, NY.....	2716
Magruder, Leah.....	Chicago, IL.....	Guest
Magruder, Lillian.....	Ridgeland, MS.....	1977ALM
Magruder, Paul L.....	Chicago, IL.....	2692
Marguder, Robert S.....	Sparta, NY.....	Guest
Magruder, Warren A. E.....	Pasadena, MD.....	872
McGregor, Donald.....	Clinton, CT.....	1957LM
McGregor, Jonathan Scott.....	Aurora, CO.....	Guest
McGregor, Larry.....	Scottsdale, AZ.....	2824LM
McGregor, M. Christine.....	Clinton, CT.....	Guest
McGregor, Ronald A.....	Aurora, CO.....	2142LM
Megehee, Elise.....	Bloomfield, NJ.....	Guest
Megehee, III, L. Dan.....	Bloomfield, NJ.....	2581
Megehee, Josephine.....	Carriere, MS.....	2576ALM
Megehee, Jr., L. Dan.....	Carriere, MS.....	2478LM
Megehee, Laura E.....	Bloomfield, NJ.....	Guest
Megehee, Victoria J.....	Bloomfield, NJ.....	Guest
Mercier, Claude.....	Perkasie, PA.....	Guest
Mercier, Dorothy.....	Perkasie, PA.....	Guest
Mercier, Francis.....	Perkasie, PA.....	Guest
Mercier, Michelle.....	Perkasie, PA.....	Guest
Mercier, Roland.....	Perkasie, PA.....	Guest
Montmeny, Jane.....	Salt Lake City, UT.....	2808
Moore, Diana.....	Denver, CO.....	2619
Morgan, Gene.....	Pasadena, MD.....	Guest
Osborne, Paula.....	Berkeley Springs, WV.....	2733
Osborne, Robert S.....	Berkeley Springs, WV.....	Guest
Osborne, Thaddeus G.....	Knoxville, TN.....	1929
Osborne II, Thad.....	Berkeley Springs, WV.....	2013J
Pritchard, Donna.....	Ilion, NY.....	Guest
Pruett, Eileen.....	Mason City, IL.....	Guest
Sanderfield, Maggie.....	Athens, IL.....	2253

Sanders, Nolan	Russellville, KY.....	2240
Schauf, "WESS"	Norfolk, VA.....	2022J
Schauf, Aaron	Norfolk, VA.....	Guest
Schauf, Darcie.....	Norfolk, VA.....	2757LM
Shoemaker III, Francis D.	Burke, VA.....	1687LM
Shoemaker III, Joan E.	Burke, VA.....	Guest
Simon, Amy	Atlanta, GA.....	Guest
Simon, Don	Atlanta, GA.....	Guest
Simon, Doug	Chicago, IL	Guest
Simon, Jack.....	Huntsville, AL	Guest
Simon, Rosamond Jean.....	Huntsville, AL	1526
Skinner, Charles L.	Ohio, NY	2661
Skinner, Debora J.....	Ilion, NY	2671
Skinner, Marian J.....	Ohio, NY	2672A
Smith, Lisa	Hollywood, FL.....	Guest
Smith, Sarah M.	Quinton, VA	2183LM
Spitznagle, Carol.....	Hollywood, FL.....	2555
Stradley, Leighton P.....	Fairfax, VA	1938
Stradley, Mary R.	Fairfax, VA	Guest
Taylor, Louise E.	Ashland, KY	2376
Tichy Jr., Joseph C.....	Whispering Pines, NC.....	1321ALM
Tichy, Susan E.	Fairfax, VA	1577LM
Trojahn, Miriam.....	Norfolk, VA.....	Guest
Tyler III, William E.	Waynesboro, VA	2582LM
Tyler, Helen	Waynesboro, VA	Guest
Uebel, Christine	Frederick, MD	Guest
Uebel, Robert G.	Frederick, MD	1898LM
Walker, Randolph	San Antonio, TX	2587
Walker, Teresa M.....	San Antonio, TX.....	Guest
Weisnicht, Catherine Gregg	Chesterfield, VA	Guest
Weisnicht, David B.....	Chesterfield, VA	Guest
Weisnicht, James D.....	Chesterfield, VA	Guest
Weisnicht, Patricia M.....	Chesterfield, VA	Guest
Weisnicht, William Gregg	Chesterfield, VA	Guest
Woolley, James E., Jr.....	Charlotte, NC.....	2050LM
Woolley, Patricia R.....	Charlotte, NC.....	2215A
Zimmerman, Bill.....	Lakeland, FL.....	Guest
Zimmerman, Marilyn.....	Lillian, AL	Guest
Zimmerman, Mary	Lakeland, FL.....	2335
Zimmerman, Mitchell	Houston, TX	2761
Zimmerman, Randal	Lillian, AL	2612

ABSENTEE GUESTS

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.

<u>Member</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Number</u>
Ewell III, Dr. & Mrs. Nathaniel MacGregor.....	Palmyra, VA	2114LM
Greer, Richard & Retta	Bowling Green, KY	2515

Gregg, Donald W.....	Atlanta, GA.....	2239LM
Gregor, Marilyn.....	Rochester, NY.....	1594ALM
Leonardi, Catherine.....	Grand Junction, CO.....	2621
McKee, Gary & Mary S.....	Albuquerque, NM.....	2586LM
<i>(In Memory of Mr. James A. Allensworth)</i>		
McNish, Thomas.....	San Antonio, TX.....	1764LM
Priest, Lydia.....	Gloucester, MA.....	2493LM
Revol, Lise Gregg.....	Revel, France	
Stone, Galen L.....	Westwood, MA.....	1371LM
Megehee III, L. Dan & Elise.....	Bloomfield, NJ.....	2581
Mercier, Claude & Dorothy.....	Perkasie, PA	
Simon, Jack & Rosamond Jean.....	Huntsville, AL.....	1526

WINE DONATION CONTRIBUTORS

We'd also like to thank everyone who made an additional contribution towards the toasting wines for the banquet. Your contributions further assisted in keeping the Gathering within budget and such a success.



Thanks to everyone who made our 98th Annual Gathering such a memorable event through their participation. We are look forward to sharing and enjoying yet another wonderful Gathering in 2008 in Chattanooga, TN. See you there!



State Deputy Chieftains in attendance 2007

(Standing L to R) Thaddeus B. "Tad" Gregg, SDC for PA; Scott F. MacGregor, SDC for VA; Peter K. Gregg, SDC for DE; Howard R. Grossnickle, SDC for Iowa/Wisconsin; John A. Grier, SDC for MD; Thaddeus G. Osborne, SDC for Eastern TN; Ronald A. McGregor, SDC for CO; L. Dan Megehee, Jr., SDC for MS; Nolan S. Sanders, SDC for KY; Randolph W. Walker, SDC for TX; Edward K. Gregor, Jr., SDC for NY; Paul L. Gregg, SDC for NC
 (Sitting L to R) Margaret A. Sanderfield, SDC for IL; Lois Ann Garlitz, SDC for UT; Rosamond Jean Simon, SDC for AL; Carol Spitznagle, SDC for FL

REPORTS OF STATE DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS

2007 Annual Report for Alabama

Submitted, by Jean (MacGregor) Simon

The most joyful ACGS-related event, in my unabashed, proud, Scottish-American opinion, this past year, was an achievement for all of us ACGS members to aspire to. Our nationally, very oldest living ACGS member, a robust Mr. Robert P. McGregor, Sr., of Birmingham, Alabama, set all of us members a stupendous example, that of turning age 99 this calendar year, on 2 July 2007. Robert Sr. was born 2 July 1908 in Brandon, Mississippi to a Mr. Glover McGregor. He is exceedingly proud of being a McGregor and of all things Scottish.

On 9 February 2007, the undersigned, Jean (MacGregor) Simon, and my husband, Jack Simon, drove about 100 miles from Huntsville, Alabama, to perform a low-key, happy award ceremony for the above, grand old gentleman who is almost now a centenarian. His family, Robert P. McGregor, Jr., and attorney; daughter-in-law Molly C. McGregor; and a grandson Patrick were present. We made the little ceremony low-key, so as not to over-excite the recipient, due to his advanced age. We met him and his family in the living room of his assisted living abode, at 3850 Galleria Woods Dr., Birmingham AL 35244-1092.

Just a few, short years back, it was this very ACGS member, Robert Sr., who had quite courteously telephoned me in Huntsville AL to express his regrets, telling me that he would not be able to accept my written invitation to whatever ACGS function in Huntsville that I was running. He was delighted to have been invited, but, at the time, I had no inkling of this very elderly gentleman's vitality and really, extremely advanced age. This reveals the sharpness of his mind!

In February 07 Robert was very spry and quite lucid. He walked only with a cane, which he scarcely needed. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Molly C. McGregor, also of Birmingham, told me on 30 Sept 07, by phone, that Robert has since suffered a stroke last summer, from which he has recovered. He is now upstairs in the nursing home section of the nursing home.

I cannot help but wonder if Mr. Robert P. McGregor, Sr. is possibly the oldest living McGregor in the world! From us, on behalf of ACGS, he received two exquisite, multi-colored Certificates of Recognition for being a 98-year-old ACGS member, one for framing, and a smaller one for a scrapbook. He had an earlier ACGS certificate in his possession as well. The new certificates bore the signatures of our Chieftain Thad Osborne and my signature. Our hereditary chief's name and address were on the heading.

There were again no Montgomery AL "Alabama Games" in Montgomery this year, and no Tennessee

2007 Annual Report for Arizona.

Submitted by Donald Lynd

This is the second year my wife and I have hosted clan tents after moving to Arizona in August, 2005. In 2006 over 400 post cards were sent to announce our presence to all the Greggs, MacGregors, McGregors, and all the related spellings that could be found in the telephone directories and other means. We have also become members of the Arizona Caledonia Society. With this exposure we have now become an expected and recognized clan at the five games around the state. We had to miss the games in Prescott this year and received several e-mails from people who were concerned about us.

Pictures of the Lynd's at the 2007 Caledonia Society Burns Night, and of a typical setup of the Clan tent have been attached. Note the map of the clan locations in Scotland which is a focal point of interest to many of the passers by which generates conversation which often leads to an awareness of MacGregor heritage.

Activities in 2007 started with the Burns night in January. A number of people we met commented about how glad they were to see the clan again represented in Arizona. As a member of the Clan Gregor Society I am seen as the successor to Karen Mauch who had been the focal point for the MacGregors.

The Arizona Scottish Gathering and Highland Games was a two day event on 24 and 25 February in Mesa, AZ. Mesa is a suburb in the East Valley adjacent to Phoenix. This was the 43rd year for the games and is the largest of the games in Arizona with 54 clans represented. We had thirty visitors sign-in, down from forty in 2006.

The Camp Verde Highland Games are held 100 miles north of Phoenix and is the smallest of the games with seven clans hosting tents. This was the fourth year for the one-day games held on March 31. We had three visitors sign-in down from seven in 2006.

The Prescott Highland Games are held 115 miles north of Phoenix. This was the third year for the one-day games and has held on May 19 with seventeen clans attending. We missed the games in 2007, but in 2006 had twelve visitors sign-in.

The Arizona Highland Celtic Festival is held in Flagstaff 155 miles north of Phoenix. The festival became a two-day event in 2006. This was the ninth year for the festival and was held July 21-22 with 24 clans attending. We had thirteen visitors sign in versus twelve in 2006.

The Tucson Celtic Festival Tucson is held 135 miles SE of Phoenix. In 2007 the games will be held November 3 and 4 with thirty-seven clans expected to attend the first two-day event in the twenty-one year history of the games. In 2006 we had seven visitors sign in.

We also attended the three-day games in Estes Park, CO, 7-9 September and had the opportunity to spend some time with Ron McGregor, Lois Ann Garlitz, Howard Grossnickle, and others. It was great just to be a visitor at the games.

The Arizona Pipe Band wears the MacGregor tartan and they always seek out our tent to provide a rousing "serenade" which attracts attention and provides the opportunity to discuss our clan with on-lookers.

Public interest in the games is growing as evidenced by the expansion to two-day games in Prescott and Tucson. Although the attendance is small, I think this is a fertile area for expanding ACGS membership. Several of those signing in are members of the Clan Gregor Society and were not aware of the ACGS. After some discussion, they took the brochures and other literature with the intent of sending in their application for membership. I hope this provides the information needed for the annual report. I am looking forward to 2008 activities.

2007 Report for Colorado.

Submitted by Scott S. McGregor

August – The weekend of August 11th & 12th found us enjoying the 44rd Colorado Scottish Festival. As usual, our Clan Gregor tent was one of the largest and best appointed of the event. Thanks to the able assistance of my father **Ron McGregor**, my son **Jonathan** of Firestone, CO, **Jake MacGregor** of Denver, and **Thomas Peter** of Estes Park, CO we were able to welcome over **sixty-five MacGregors** that visited our Clan tent. That morning at a small ceremony at the Clan Gregor tent, Jonathan was presented with his broadsword and baldric in recognition of his upcoming 18th birthday. He still has and proudly displays the small sword he was presented at age seven along with his complete highland uniform. Saturday afternoon I had the privilege of presenting the **Clan Gregor Trophy** to the winner of Highland Dance for the Novice Under Twelve category, **Molly Elizabeth McGann** of Monument, Colorado. The Clan Gregor Trophy for Highland Dance has been awarded at these games since 1990.

Molly, daughter of Robert and Kimberley McGann, is 10 years old. Molly has been competing in Scottish Highland dancing for five years. Molly, a 5th grader also competes in swimming and art; and plays piano, clarinet and tennis. Molly is a member of the Girl Scouts of America and loves to camp, hike, train her dog and care for her cat. Afterwards Molly visited our clan tent for a delightful visit. Her accomplishments in Highland Dance are impressive, but only represents another of her many talents. Molly artwork submitted to Ducks Unlimited received "Honorable Mention" in the Federal Duck Stamp Program; and she has her own line of original art greeting cards which she so kindly presented samples to us. The cards are truly beautiful with each signed by Molly.

September - The 31th **Longs Peak Scottish Festival** was held September 6 -9th in Estes Park, Colorado. This year we had **forty-one** tartaned clansmen and ladies marched in the Saturday morning carrying our Clan Crest banner on a flagpole, our large Clan Gregor banner, six honor guards with their broadswords and a dozen individuals carrying flags representing our various tartans. The highlight of the parade for Clan Gregor involved one young man. Only moments before our clan began to march, a young man came up to my father and said that his Scottish heritage was both with Clan Gordon and Clan Gregor. He

had traveled down from South Dakota to march with Clan Gordon only to learn that the Gordons were a no-show and asked if he might march with Clan Gregor though he was wearing his Gordon kilt. Dad told him we would proudly welcome him in our contingent. Dad noticed his military style shirt and asked he had served in the Army. The young man responded that he was still in the Army and was home on leave from Afghanistan. He added that he played the pipes and brought them along and asked if we would like for him to play them as we marched. Dad told him “By all means” and placed him in the center of the first rank flanked on either side by two of our honor guards. ACGS member John MacGregor of Boulder, Colorado was asked to run ahead of our formation and let the folks at the four reviewing stands know of our distinguished guest. With an estimated 40,000 spectators lining the street each clan was introduced as we passed the various viewing stands with a polite applause from the crowds. But when our clan march by and presented a snappy salute the applause was much louder. But the applause turned into a thunderous roar when it was announced that our piper was Spc John Savery home on military leave from Afghanistan. I can say without fear of contradiction that our lone piper received a greater reception than any of the “official distinguished guests” in the parade. When John and his girlfriend Lindsey dropped by the clan tent, we learned that is from Custer, South Dakota and is the Regimental Piper for his Army unit.

Our 10 x 20-foot Clan Gregor tent drew a lot of visitors. Well over **seventy** MacGregors visited our clan tent over the weekend. At one point on Saturday, we had over thirty MacGregors at the tent which gave us an excellent opportunity for a group photo. Also on Saturday, about ten of us as a group made an “official” visit to the Armstrong’s for a meet and greet in recognition of Lady MacGregor. They joined us in the hopes that some day Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor might be able to visit these games. We are particularly indebted to the efforts and support of the following individuals:

- a. **Howard Grosnickle**, our ACGS Treasurer Howard Grossnickle and SDC for Wisconsin and Iowa, for transporting and erecting his deluxe, commercial free-standing tent and helping to man the tent on Saturday and Sunday.
- b. **Lois Ann Garlitz**, our ACGS Registrar and SDC for Utah, for setting up her displays on the Dalmally Project and the Clan Gregor DNA project, as well as working at the clan tent both days.
- c. ACGS member **Jake MacGregor**, son of Howard, for his continued support of our Clan Gregor tent operations and photos.
- d. ACGS applicant **Thomas Peter** not only assisted in manning our Clan Gregor tent all day Saturday and Sunday; but donated a three day entry ticket.
- e. ACGS Junior member (and my son) **Jonathan McGregor** who diligently tried to ease the work-load of his dad and grand-dad so they might better enjoy the weekend.
- f. Clansman **Jim Best** and his daughter **Jaclyn** also were big help manning the tent.
- g. I would be remiss if I did not recognize my dad, **Ron McGregor** that worked very hard all three days to make our appearance a success.
- h. I would also like to thank **Donald Lynd**, ACGS SDC for Arizona, and his wife for visiting our games and hope they will come again.

Though I will be unable to attend this year's Gathering, my father and my son will be there to represent our family and will share with me all of the good tidings and joy for which our Gatherings are so well known.

“MacGregor, despite them, shall flourish forever”



**Clan Gregor Tent
Longs Peak Scottish
Festival
Estes Park,
Colorado**



**Clan Gregor Marching in the parade at the 31st Longs Peak Scottish
Festival!**

2007 Annual Report for District of Columbia
(DC Metropolitan Area including Northern Virginia)
Submitted by Jim MacGregor

The year 2007 saw some changes in the events in which the Gregors in the Washington, DC metropolitan area participate.

June 2007 -The Potomac Celtic Festival, near Leesburg, VA, moved to the grounds of the Morven Equestrian Park's mansion. It was a smaller but lovely venue. John Bellassai, Andy Greig, and Jim MacGregor hosted the ACGS tent. The number of visitors to the tent reflected the light attendance at the event. We answered questions about Scotland and Clans, explained the Society and Gregor history, and handed out business cards and literature about the Society.



**The DC Three at The Potomac
Celtic Festival
Andy Greig,
Jim MacGregor, & John Bellassai**

September 2007 The Virginia Scottish Games were held this year at Sky Meadows State Park, Delaplane, VA. It was a beautiful venue, and the event was blessed with bright, sunny, mild weather which at times became somewhat windy. What a change from 95 degrees in the shade with 90% humidity that we had in the past at the earlier time and venue! Scott MacGregor, ACGS Assistant Chieftain, came to the aid of our group by joining Andy Greig to host the ACGS tent. The tent received numerous visitors.

October 2007 The Alexandria Scottish Heritage Festival was held at its traditional venue, Fort. Ward Park, Alexandria, VA. The weather was delightful. There were many visitors to the ACGS tent which was hosted by Andy Greig and Jim MacGregor. A couple of visitors were potential candidates for membership, and they took home with them copies of our membership worksheet, flyers, and Web address to contact the Society's Registrar. Carl Peterson's visit to the tent for a lengthy chat attracted visitors. Carl has been and continues to be a strong supporter of our Society.

**The Virginia Scottish Games
Andy Greig with Scott
MacGregor, ACGS Assistant
Chieftain**



**Alexandria Scottish Heritage Festival
Andy and Jim hosting the tent!**

Photos by Andy Greig

“ACGS DC Update” Prior to each of these events, Jim MacGregor sent a colorful newsletter-style mailing (e-mail), “ACGS DC Update” to the “Friends of the American Clan Gregor Society”. This mailing, that Jim started a couple of years ago, is addressed to persons who visited the tent of the American Clan Gregor Society and signed our guest register at a previous Scottish or Celtic festival. The newsletter notifies addressees in advance of the Scottish and Celtic activities in the Greater Washington, DC area in which the American Clan Gregor Society participates. This year the newsletter was read by 42% of its recipients. There is no evidence to claim new membership as a result of this newsletter; most of its addressees are persons who are either undecided or not genealogically qualified for membership but interested in the Clan Gregor. The newsletter has shown the Society to be a committed member of the local festival community by being credited with bringing visitors to the events who otherwise would not have thought to come.

2007 Report from South Florida

Submitted by Carol Spitznagle

Two celebrations of Scottish heritage were held in South Florida in 2007. The first was in Ft. Lauderdale on January 13th and 20 people indicated in the guest book that they had MacGregor affiliations. One visitor, Bailey Magruder, subsequently joined the ACGS. Don and Audrey Gregg, who winters in Pompano Beach, stopped by and visited with the guests. These games are gradually rebuilding their attendance which fell off drastically after the terrible hurricane seasons of 2005 and 2006.

The next event was held in Sarasota on March 24th. This was the first time I had attended these games and while they are not quite as large as those held in Ft. Lauderdale were very pleasant and growing. Ron Shankland, the SDC for Michigan, set up a tent representing a Scottish Heritage Preservation Association and gave lots of advice and help. Fifteen people with MacGregor connections signed the guest book. One visitor was Anne MacGregor from Dunnon, Scotland.

2007 Report from Illinois

Submitted by Donald A. Gregg

Katie Gregg and I attended the 70th Annual Milwaukee Highland Games on 2 June 2007 to help in the tent sponsored by Howard Grossnickle, ACGS Treasurer. This event was well attended and we had pleasant weather that followed us to the Illinois Saint Andrew Society Highland Games and Scottish Festival held June 15th and 16th at the Oak Brook Polo Grounds. Our son, Brian, helped us with our ACGS tent and made certain that we had enough free time to lighten our sporan at the numerous vendors. Glenmorangie sponsored the Scotch Seminars so we were able to take a wee dram; just another good reason to attend the Highland Games around the country. For the first time in a while, our entire immediate family was able to join us for the AGM in King of Prussia, PA.

2007 Report for Kentucky

Submitted by Nolan Sanders

For over 20 years the Glasgow Kentucky Highland Games have served as a focal point for the people of South Central Kentucky to demonstrate pride in their Scottish heritage. Held at Barren River State Park the first weekend in June, the games include band competitions, athletic contests, highland dancing and a variety of vendors to provide a range of activities to interest those attending.

This year, over 50 clans and societies were represented and gate receipts showed an attendance of approximately 10,000 for the Saturday and Sunday event. Prior to the weekend games there was also a Chieftain's luncheon on Thursday at the state park lodge and a Ceilidh and Kentucky barbecue, Friday.

One of the highlights for many is the variety of music held at two permanent shelters built on the grounds. With good weather, lively entertainment and comradery among the participants and visitors, everyone maintained high spirits throughout the weekend.

Always appreciated is the help of Richard and Reta Greer. We are also pleased to have our tent located next to Clan Wallace. The Clan of Rob Roy and the Clan of William Wallace together make a team that no other clan or society dares to challenge.

2007 Annual Report for Michigan

Submitted by Ron Shankland

I attended the Alma, Detroit and Kalamazoo Games as Clan Tent Chairman for CGS/ACGS. We sold various clan items at the tent and answered many questions. Tee shirts were the most popular item. Many septs of our clan inquired at the tent for advice on their family tree.



Alma Games, May 2007
(L to R) Rob Roy McGregor,
Dorothy Seager, Nancy
Lepkowski and Ron Shankland



Detroit Games, August 2007
Jason Andrew McGregor

One visitor at the Detroit Games came by with the name of Jason Andrew McGregor and is artistic in nature and employment. He showed much enthusiasm and plans on working with me at the games in 2008. he also told me about the McGregor Library at Highland Park in the city of Detroit which was paid for by a past wealthy, timber barron McGregor family from the thumb area of Michigan.

My studies concerning various visitors at the clan tent have led to discover a reference book, "The Book of Detroit in 1908" with five McGregors listed. One, Tracy W. McGregor is buried in Detroit. His Biosketch is quoted as follows: Superintendent McGregor Mission, born, Berlin Heights, Ohio, April 14, 1869; son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Taitt) McGregor; educated in Toledo public schools, graduating from high school, 1886, and Oberlin College; married, November 20, 1901, Katherine, daughter of David Whitney. Lived in Toledo until 21 years of age; came to Detroit, 1891, and as superintendent of the McGregor Mission (founded by his father, 1890), and has since continued in that position. (The mission is a wayfarer's lodge, for destitute men, and aims to provide them with temporary employment

and also to maintain a working man's hotel for such men as find employment and wish to reside under the retraining influences of the home; the mission has accommodations for 425 men and three-fourths self-supporting). Treasurer Provident Loan Society; Secretary Whitney Realty Co., Republican, Congregationalist. Office: 239 Brush St. Residence: 412 Pasadena Apartments.

Today the McGregor Fund still exists and is still located in Detroit. It can be found by doing a Google search. Programs of the fund are human services, health care, public benefit, arts and culture, education K-12, and collages/universities. President of the fund is C. David Campbell, phone: 313-963-3495; email: dave@mcgregorfund.com.

2006 Annual Report for Minnesota

Submitted by Lori Connery

In January we attended our annual Burns Night dinner. As usual we had a wonderful time. Warren Porter and his lovely wife Judy spent the evening dancing and having fun with us.

February brought us the 2007 Scottish Ramble and Warren Porter attended as the Minnesota Clan Gregor representative as I was unable to attend. He said it was a great time and he had our tartan blessed.

In May we attended the Annual Minnesota Scottish Fair! We had so much fun! Greg Anderson the Great Lakes representative for the Clan Gregor Society joined us in our tent and together we greeted and represented our great Clan. Greg is a 7th generation direct descendant of Rob Roy and is chock full of wonder information and stories. Greg's parents joined him at this year's fair and they too were a valuable and enjoyable addition to our small but proud group. Greg and I had time to chat and go over some of the benefits of re-joining the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans. We took some time during the day to meet with the MCSC President and were able to mend some fences and jointly became members of this organization. We went over some of the different ways this joint partnership will benefit both of our organizations and found a great partnership and new friendship. We are the only clan in Minnesota to be dually represented.

August found us in costume and making merry at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Warren Porter assisted me with manning our tent. This is a two day event and we had great fun.

We had our first Annual Picnic in September. Our turnout was a bit smaller than we had hoped but it was overall a great start. About 10 people attended.

We feel it was a great year. We continue to have more attendance and interest from Macgregor's at our events; it is getting better each year. Any advice or tips will be greatly welcomed and much appreciated!

2007 Report for North Texas

Submitted by Muriel Gregory King

I have tried mightily, without much success, to interest the citizens of Denton and the surrounding area in all things Scottish. The only Scottish venues held in 2007 in this area that I was aware of were held in Arlington, Texas, and the East Texas Renaissance Faire weekend in Tyler, Texas. No one from this area attended either venue citing high gas prices, entrance fees etc. etc. I have distributed some of the American Clan Gregor Society brochures. I am also looking into the possibility of having a Scottish Evening in early January 2008. In addition to that I will be contacting the local High Schools around Tartan Day to see if a short program would raise awareness of the Scottish Heritage. I shall continue to 'move forward, onward, and upward' as I know that persistence pays off in the long run. My report, if you want to call it that, is far short of my goals for this year concerning the Scots.

2007 Annual Report for Virginia

Submitted by Scott F. MacGregor, ACGS #2450

How do you top a magnificent Gathering? You can't, but the next best thing would have to be manning a Clan tent at a Highland Games greeting so many more MacGregor kinfolk. The very next weekend found me, along with Sandy MacGregor, at the Richmond Highland Games doing just that. With good weather we had a steady stream of visitors stop by our tent both days.

The Scottish Christmas Walk in Alexandria was once again a highly enjoyable day trip where I participated with many fellow MacGregors. This was followed up by representing our Clan at the local Burns Nicht celebration, Tartan Day festivities, and Wallace Day recognition events hosted by the local Scottish community.

With short notice I was called upon by Jim MacGregor, our SDC for the Greater Washington D.C. area, to assist with manning the Clan tent at the Virginia Scottish Games. Unfortunately, Jim wasn't able to be in attendance. It was great assisting fellow member, Andy Greig, with the duties of the Clan tent greeting our many members and visitors who stopped by. Jim you were missed by so many visitors who came looking for you.

To prepare for this year's Gathering Sandy and I will once again host a Clan tent at the Games in Williamsburg the weekend prior. This is primarily a one day event that keeps our Clan tent hopping all day with visitors sharing their many questions, inquiries, and stories.

The highlight from 2006 was our hosting the annual Gathering in Virginia Beach along the stunning shores of the Atlantic Ocean. Mother Nature was very kind in providing us with fair weather and calm seas. While location and weather play an important part in all Gatherings, the greatest part is what our members bring with your attendance. You provide the character that makes the event so memorable. All the compliments received regarding the Gathering are truly appreciated. Thanks.

In closing I'd love to have you join me at the many Scottish events around Virginia in the coming year and again at the 99th ACGS Gathering in the fall of 2008.

2007 Annual Report for West Virginia

Submitted by Mike Greer

After being appointed SDC for WV in February, I spent many hours getting ready for our Clan tent in the Bridgeport Highland Games and Clan Gathering, May 5-7. With the advice and assistance of Ron McGregor [which took many forms] and the encouragement of Thad Osbourne, we prepared to welcome McGregors and guests to our first Clan tent.

Saturday morning began with a highland mist blanketing the surrounding hills which soon yielded to warmer sunshine as the day progressed. The weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd. Our tent drew many visitors including 18 McGregors. We greeted and registered Clansmen from Ohio, Pennsylvania and North Carolina as well as those from West Virginia. We distributed many hand-outs of McGregor lore and copies of our Clan crest. Several McGregors took ACGS brochures and expressed interest in the society's activities. I was particularly excited to meet a number of fourth and fifth cousins for the first time.

Joseph Greer, ably assisted by his brothers, Robert and Christopher, carried our Tartan on a flagpole leading the tartaned McGregor lads and lasses. We were enthusiastically welcomed on the march through the parade ground by hundreds of on lookers.

Our participation in the festival and providing a Clan tent would not have been possible without the help of my three sons, Robert, Michael and Stephen Greer and their wives, but especially, my wife Marjorie for the many hours she spent preparing beribboned name tags, the tartan flag and so many other essentials to make our Clan proud of our first Clan Tent.

We remain active in the North Central West Virginia Scottish Heritage Society and their activities including the Annual Burns Night dinner.

The Society will host the World Games in 2008 in Bridgeport as part of the Highland Games and Clan Festival. During the last three years the World Games have been held in Edinburgh, Toronto and California. The arrival of the top heavy athletes in the world for the games is exciting, but requires the best efforts of all the Clan. I hope to see some of you there next year.

Marjorie and I had looked forward to meeting everyone at Valley Forge, but health issues prevented our attending this year's annual meeting, but we plan on seeing you next year.

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