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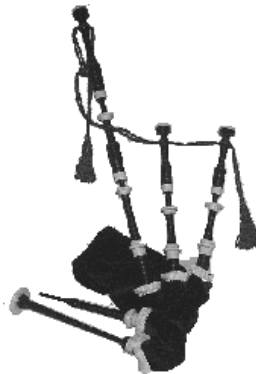


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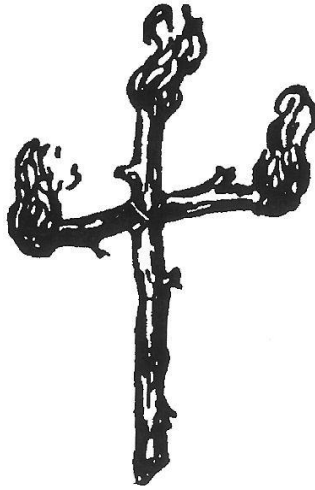
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| Brig. General Marshall Magruder | 1952-1956 (Deceased) |
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2009 - 2010

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Mr. Howard R. Grossnickle

CENTENNIAL ANNUAL GATHERING

Charlottesville, Virginia

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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.
100th Annual Gathering – Charlottesville, Virginia
01-02 October 2009

Attendees, Officers:

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Thaddeus G. Osborne, ACGS Chieftain
Scott F. MacGregor, Assistant Chieftain
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Joseph C. Tichy, Trustee
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Ian Greig, Member-At-Large

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Carrington Ewell, Member-At-Large
Frederick Magruder, Member-At-Large

ACGS Chieftain Thaddeus G. Osborne called the Council meeting to order at 8:30 AM on Thursday, October 01, 2009. He opened the meeting with a prayer.

Sir Malcolm addressed the Council. He brought greetings from his mother, Fanny Lady MacGregor, his brother, Ninian, and the Clan Gregor Society of Scotland. He proceeded to update the council on what is happening in Scotland. Sir Malcolm discussed the Clan Convention held in the Scottish Parliament consisting of approximately 400 delegates that was convened to define the role of clanship in the twenty first century. Then Sir Malcolm commented on the great international gathering that took place on the day following the convention.

The scribe, Donald Gregg, made a motion to accept the General Meeting minutes of the 99th Annual Gathering as published in the 2009 ACGS Annual Yearbook. The motion was seconded by Ron MacGregor. No corrections or additions 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 complete a final report. All accounts presented were believed to be accurate with the exception of the gathering reservation deposits and checks not cleared until after the close of the September statements of accounts. Total net worth is \$307,527.76. The interim report was received by the Chieftain.

The **Historian's** report was given by Thaddeus Osborne. Lillian's report included four births, two marriages, fourteen deaths of members and four deaths of relatives of members.

A motion to receive this report was made by Maggie Sanderfield. Seconded by Ron MacGregor, the motion carried.

Yearbook Editor's report was not available. The yearbook has been distributed and our Chieftain remarked that Lori Connery was doing a great job on behalf of the Society.

The **Librarian's** report was given by Steven C. Grier. The processing of the ACGS archives located at the University of Baltimore is now complete. Mr. Hollowak arranged for society books contained in Langsdale Library holdings to be re-cataloged and identified as belonging to the Marshall Magruder Library (MML). The surplus yearbooks now located in a climate controlled storage unit in Kennett Square, PA are available for purchase for \$13.50 including shipping. A motion to receive the report was made by Sandy MacGregor and seconded by Maggie Sanderfield. The motion carried.

The **Registrar**, Lois Ann Garlitz, presented her report. She reported a total of forty seven new members. Lois Ann said that the membership application has been changed to a letter sized form. Motion to receive the report was made by Ian Greig and seconded by Carol Ann Spitznagel. The motion carried.

The **Trustees** report was given by Joseph C. Tichy. He reported a market value of \$250,000 last year which fell to \$170,000 and was last valued at \$220,000 for a net loss in value of \$30,000. Income last year was \$32,000 and he projects an income of \$26,000 this year. A motion to receive his report was made by Maggie Sanderfield and seconded by Peter Gregg. The motion carried.

The **Assistant Chieftain's** report was given by the Chieftain. He noted that Scott has worked very hard on this our centennial gathering. His performance has been outstanding. A motion to receive this report was made by Joe Tichy and seconded by Carol Ann Spitznagel. Sandy rose to recognize the great job that had been performed by the Gathering Committee. The motion carried.

The **Webmaster's** report was submitted by James B. MacGregor. The Society's Web Site was re-hosted in order to gain a more sophisticated Web hosting with more potential functionality. A motion to receive his report was made by our Chieftain and seconded by Ron MacGregor. Sir Malcolm reported that the CGS in Scotland is working to produce a professional website designed to attract new members and expand the information available online. It is a serious project for the future and is recommended to the ACGS. The motion to receive the report carried.

The **Assistant Chieftain** brought the council up to date on his activities. Scott apologized for not having selected a site for next year's gathering at this time. Joe Tichy made a motion to accept the report. Second was made by Carol Spitznagel and the motion carried.

The **Scholarship's** report was given by Joe Tichy. The Scholarship Committee is composed of Joe Tichy, Susan Tichy, and Nolan Sanders. The Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship fund awarded eight scholarships of one thousand dollars each for a total of eight thousand dollars this year. Looking forward, the committee expects to award seven scholarships of one thousand dollars each next year. Howard made a motion to receive the report. John Grier seconded the motion which carried.

Reports of the Committee Chairperson

- A. Status of By-laws and Procedures Manual: **Committee Chairperson's** report was given by Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. The council members received a copy of the proposed Bylaws dated October 2009. These have been under revision for four years now and are close to being published for adoption by the general membership. There a numerous small changes made to most sections of the Bylaws. A major change contemplates placing the Trustees in charge of the 501(C3) provisions and separating it from the 501(C4) funds. A motion to receive the proposed Bylaws was made by Ron MacGregor and seconded by John Grier. The motion carried. Ian Greig made a motion for the Council to recognize the hard work put in by Sandy over the past four years. Lois Ann Garlitz seconded the motion. Carried.
- B. The progress report on the Corporate Grant of Arms was given by Howard Grossnickle and Ian Greig. He reported that we have received a description of the Grant of Arms from the Lord Lyon Court. We are sometime away from receiving the rendition of the artwork; however, they noted that the court has worked very hard on behalf of the Society. Much has been accomplished and there is much more to come.
- C. Digitizing membership applications – MS Lois Ann Garlitz, Registrar. The Council recognized that we needed to protect our membership files and make them easier to access. Thad appointed Lois Ann and Steve Grier as co-chairman to organize an Archives and Records Management Committee.
- D. The Council was recessed at 10:50 AM to reconvene at 8:30 AM the following morning, 02 October, 2009. The Council reconvened at 8:29 AM in order to finish the published agenda.
- E. Society corporation type; pre 1962 Act or current laws – MS Diana Browne. The Society is incorporated in the District of Columbia. If the Society would elect to opt in and complete the form for New Act Incorporation it would allow the Society to solicit donations. The New Act requires a registered agent in the District of Columbia. The 1962 Act would also require an annual fee to be paid. Howard Grossnickle made a motion to proceed with a resolution that would put the Society on a path explaining the situation to our membership prior to the next general meeting. That action would require a vote on the subject at that meeting. Seconded by Ron MacGregor and carried.

New Business:

- 1. Purchase of relevant books for the library collection - Mr. Steve C. Grier. Ron MacGregor made a motion to authorize our Librarian to purchase new books or other material for the MML not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars per year. The motion was seconded by Carol Spitznagel. The motion carried.
- 2. Develop a mechanism for paying Mr. Aiden Faust as a private contractor – MR. Steven C. Grier. Steve was directed to proceed with discussions with Aiden in order to work out procedures and other details required to have newly acquired ACGS material to be properly archived at the MML.

3. Placing the PDF files of early yearbooks on the university website - MR. Steven C. Grier. Scott MacGregor made a motion to digitize the societies' yearbooks in PDF format and place them on the University website for public access. The motion was seconded and passed.

Election of Officers:

The **Nominating Committee's** report (as amended) was presented by Scott MacGregor.

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| Registrar ... | Lois Ann Garlitz |
| Treasurer ... | Howard Grossnickle |
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A motion to amend the nomination report to include the name of Howard Grossnickle as Ranking Deputy Chieftain was made by Ian Greig. The motion was seconded by Fred Magruder and was carried.

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

For the good of the order: Ron MacGregor announced the he will appoint Carol Spitznagel, John C. MacGregor, and John Bellassai as Members-At-Large. He will also name Howard Grossnickle and Ian Greig to continue with armorial committee tasks.

Adjournment: With no further business from the Council, the Chieftain declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:21 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Donald Gregg

Donald A. Gregg

ACGS Scribe 2007-2009



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.

100th Annual Gathering – Charlottesville, Virginia

03 October 2009

Attendees, Officers:

Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Hereditary Chief

Thaddeus G. Osborne, ACGS Chieftain

Scott F. MacGregor, Assistant Chieftain

Ronald A. McGregor, Ranking Deputy Chieftain

Donald A. Gregg, Scribe

Lois Ann Garlitz, Registrar

Diana Browne, Chancellor

Steven C. Grier, Librarian

Joseph C. Tichy, Trustees

Edward K. Gregor, Jr., Member-At-Large

Nolan S. Sanders, Member-At-Large

Carol Spitznagel, SDC – FL

William E. Tyler

Ian Greig

Lady MacGregor

Howard Grossnickle, Treasurer

Randy Walker, State Deputy, South Texas

Carrington Ewell

Robert F. MacGregor, Jr., Trustees

Margaret A. Sanderfield, Member-At-Large

L. Dan Megehee, Jr., SDC – MS

Prof. Richard MacGregor

John C. MacGregor

The General Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM on Saturday, 03 October 2009 by Thaddeus G. Osborne, ACGS Chieftain. He opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and requesting first timers to stand. Thaddeus then gave a wee prayer over this assembled body.

The chair recognized Sir Malcolm. He brought greetings from his mother, Fanny Lady MacGregor and his brother Ninian. Upon conclusion of Sir Malcolm's opening remarks, he presented the Society with a pipe banner decorated with his crest to be used on the pipes of the MacGregor Pipe Band.

Prof. Richard MacGregor brought greetings from Clan Gregor Society of Scotland and presented a copy of *The Braes O' Balquhider: A Historical Guide to the District* by Elizabeth Beauchamp for our library to Steven C. Grier. Our library also received the book *The Lairds of Glenlyon: Historical Sketches Relating Mainly to the Districts of Breadalbane, Glenlyon, and Rannoch* by Duncan Campbell donated by Keith MacGregor.

The ACGS Scribe, Donald A. Gregg, read the interim minutes of the council meeting held Thursday morning 01 October 2009 and continued the following day. There were no corrections or additions from the floor. The report was placed on file and a corrected copy will be published in the yearbook.

Howard Grossnickle gave the Treasurer's Interim Annual report. The figures in the report were complete to the end of August 2009. The General Fund Checking Account balance was \$54,600.63. The preliminary net worth in the societies' accounts was reported as \$307,527.76. The September records will be appended to complete his report. There being no changes offered to the report before its audit, the report was received for the files.

Lois Ann Garlitz gave the **Registrar's** report. She reported forty seven new members. As their names were called, new members present at the gathering were asked to stand and were warmly welcomed. Lois Ann also announced that two former members were reinstated. Ron MacGregor made a motion to accept her report and it was seconded by Fred Magruder. No changes were made to her report and the motion carried.

Ms Lillian Magruder was unable to be present to give the **Historian's** report. Scott read her interim written report; he detailed the four births, fourteen deaths of members, four deaths of relatives of members and two marriages contained in her report. Dan Megehee made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Maggie Sanderfield. The motion carried.

The **Yearbook Editor** was unable to attend this meeting. Thad stated that the yearbook constituted her report. There was general agreement that Lori had done a wonderful job on the yearbook. No changes were made to the report and it was received for the file.

The **Librarian's** report was given by Steve Grier. Steve covered the general details concerning the General Marshall Magruder Library (MML) located at the University of Baltimore. The MML consists of two distinct elements: (1) cataloged books available for circulation or local library on-site use; and (2) processed and unprocessed materials, e.g. genealogical charts, correspondence, photographs, registration documents and financial records. He discussed the climate controlled storage unit in Kennett Square, PA which is used to store the surplus supply of yearbooks, dating from 1909 to present, as well as other duplicate archival materials and books.

Steve said that we have completed the initial archival process and noted that Tom Hollowak and Aiden Faust would be making a Power-Point presentation about utilizing the library. He wishes to reduce the number of yearbooks currently in storage in PA and will mail a yearbook to anyone requesting one for \$13.50 which includes handling and shipping. A motion to accept his report was made by Dan Megehee and seconded by 'Sandy' MacGregor. The motion carried.

A **Trustees** report was given by Joseph C. Tichy. The trustees manage and invest the funds of the society. Given the volatility that the stock market has seen this year, the value of our assets has fallen to \$220,000. Joe said that our dividends remain good and that the Society is invested in solid companies. We have a good portfolio and we can expect the stock market to recover. A motion to accept the report was made by Howard Grossnickle and seconded by Maggie Sanderfield. The motion carried.

The **Scholarship's** report was given by Joe Tichy. There were eight recipients of the Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund. A motion was made and seconded to receive his report. The motion carried.

The **Assistant Chieftain's** report was given by Scott MacGregor. He regretted not being able to announce the site of next year's gathering. Scott then addressed the procedures for this afternoon's Pipe Band Concert and tonight's Centennial Banquet. He added that Katie Gregg would be available to teach or help interested ladies to make sash rosettes.

The **Newsletter Editor** was not available to give her report. The new editor, Carol Spitznagel spoke for a minute about the newsletter. The artwork contained therein is being produced by Lori Connery.

A report concerning the status of the By-laws and Procedures Manual was given by Robert F. MacGregor, Jr. The work to split the By-laws into two separate elements has been in progress for four years now. Sandy met with the committee in March in order to go over the documents line by line. We intend to have a finished product to present to the General Meeting next year for a vote on the proposed By-laws.

Howard Grossnickle and Ian Greig brought the attendees up to date on the progress toward approval of the society's request for a Corporate Grant of Arms. They noted the great help they received from the Chairman of the Heraldry Society, Mr. Romilly Squire. Ian discussed the very unofficial and temporary description of the blazon and displayed his artwork of our unofficial Coat of Arms.

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

The nominees are:

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| Hereditary Chief ... | Major Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Baronet |
| ACGS Chieftain ... | Major Ronald A. McGregor |
| Ranking Deputy Chieftain ... | Howard Grossnickle |
| Scribe ... | Randolph Walker |
| Registrar ... | Lois Ann Garlitz |
| Treasurer ... | Howard Grossnickle |
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There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion was made to approve the slate of officers by Dan Megehee and was seconded Fred Magruder. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

Scott F. MacGregor was appointed to be the Assistant Chieftain for the following year during the Council Meeting. Carol Spitznagel was confirmed as the Editor of our Newsletter by Thad and Ron.

Our Chieftain related the long history of association and work performed by Eileen Pruett. She was honored with a Certificate of Commendation for her many years of loyalty and service to the American Clan Gregor Society.

Peter Gregg presented the book Wild Delaware to Sir Malcolm.

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 11:15 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Donald A. Gregg

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ACGS Scribe 2007-2009





REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEFTAIN

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.
Centennial Gathering – Charlottesville, Virginia
03 October 2009

This past year was extremely busy with the organizing of the society's Centennial Gathering, representing the society while traveling to Scotland for the Homecoming Gathering and a session in Scotland's Parliament. Due to these circumstances my official report was prepared following the Gathering.

You probably noticed over the years that I've used a society logo on my reports. This logo reflects Sir Malcolm's crest and to my knowledge was first used by our society at the Williamsburg Gathering in 1999. Our treasurer, Howard, has worked with the Lord Lyon's office in Scotland over the past year towards obtaining the society a Corporate Grant of Arms. At the Centennial Gathering a preliminary sketch was display. All this is being mentioned here because once the final Corporate Grant of Arms is awarded by the Lord Lyon any and all past society logos and images will no longer be used to represent the society.

Additionally, the digitizing of the yearbooks was placed on hold due to the Centennial Gathering planning. Along this note the council gave permission during their meeting at the Gathering to allow the digitized yearbooks to be placed on the Marshall Magruder Library web page on the University of Baltimore for public access. Mr. Hollowak at the library has also agreed to have some of his student interns tackle digitizing the rest of our yearbooks.

Much was accomplished during the year in preparation for the Centennial Gathering and in moving the society forward with its daily activities towards bring fellow MacGregors together and preserving our history. I look forward to continuing my support of the council members and objectives over the next year.

Respectively submitted,

Scott F. MacGregor, ACGS #2450
mcgregr@verizon.net
Assistant Chieftain 2008



REPORT OF THE **RANKING DEPUTY CHIEFTAIN**

American Clan Gregor Society, Inc.
100th Annual Gathering – Charlottesville, Virginia
03 October 2009

Ronald McGregor, *14505 E. Pacific Place, Aurora, Colorado 80014*
Phone: 303-752-4333 E-mail: ronmcgregor@earthlink.net

Our State Deputy Chieftains continue to be our front line forces in making first contact with the men and women of our extended clan. As such, they might be looked upon somewhat as a college freshman's first Professor. And individual that will open to them a new world of learning – in this case learning about their own family/clan history. Such first time, and usually very brief, introductions might evolve into mentoring and long term tutoring. Speaking from personal experience, it is quite comforting to see individuals that you first introduced to our Society become deeply involved and very production members of our Society. I trust that all of our State Deputy Chieftains appreciate the importance of their role and I likewise hope that our Society appreciates their efforts on our behalf.

In 2009, we added two new State Deputies bringing us up to thirty-one State Deputy Chieftain positions filled. In 2010, we are looking at the possibility of adding two more. These men and women have been doing an outstanding job. As the new SDCs get more comfortable in their duties and with our support we should be able to look forward to increased growth in our society. For the first time that I can recall, we had a gentleman residing in Canada and a member of the ACGS requesting our assistance in setting up a Clan Gregor tent at one of their Highland Games. He had been disappointed in not seeing Clan Gregor represented at their major highland games in his area. So he took it upon himself to sponsor one and asked for a little assistance. I was happy to offer to loan him several items but he only asked to borrow my parade banner and some handouts. I also sent him a set of the two-volume CDs that Howard Grossnickle produced. I think that Howard also provided him with one of our table covers. With our Chieftain's approval we authorized reimbursement of up to \$100 US. Perhaps this may be the opportunity to look into establishing Deputy Chieftains for the Canadian provinces.

What I believe to have been another first for our Society, during this past year we have been able to provide our SDCs with standardized high quality table covers for use at our ACGS tents. The covers were designed to fit either six foot or eight foot tables with the skirting covering the front and sides of the table down to the ground. The covers are burgundy in color. An example can be seen at our ACGS welcoming area at here at the hotel.

Communications among our State Deputies has been commendable. As RDC, I have received and/or sent over eighteen hundred emails, hundreds of which have been to or from SDCs. Most of the more than ninety-five long distant phone calls have been to or from our SDCs. This year, the tapestry of Sir Malcolm was displayed in five of our clan tents, drawing favorable comments. The tapestry will continue to be available on loan next year to

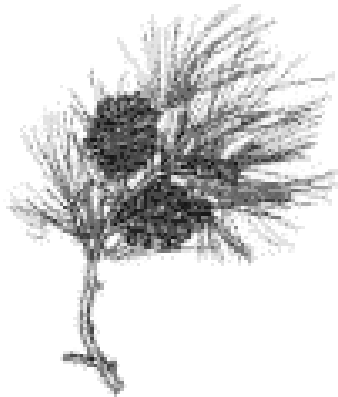
the SDCs. Again at this year's SDC meeting, one SDC will taking home a beautiful Scottish broadsword. One side of the blade is engraved "The American Clan Gregor Society". The lower half of the other side of the blade is engraved "State Deputy Chieftain" leaving room above for either their name or their state to be engraved. Also at this year's meeting, one SDC will be given a Regimental Officers styled Scottish Dirk. I hope both of these presentations will become an annual events.

I only have one set of the two volume Clan Gregor informational CD package left. I distributed dozens of sets of this very informative work to our SDCs over the past two years. This excellent project was prepared by Howard Grossnickle. I understand that he may be working on an even more comprehensive set. Howard deserves our profound gratitude for his many efforts on our behalf.

This will be my last as your Ranking Deputy Chieftain. It was indeed an honor to be able to work with our State Deputy Chieftains and become to know them better. Please know that as I move into the position of Chieftain I will continue to recognize the tremendous debt our society owes to the contributions of our SDCs.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. McGregor
Ranking Deputy Chieftain.

"MacGregor, despite them, shall flourish forever"



TREASURES REPORT 2008-2009

AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES FOR YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO THE COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP THE ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE NORMAL END OF THE FISCAL YEAR REPORTING PERIOD ENDING ON 30 SEPTEMBER, 2009. I BELIEVE THAT ALL ACCOUNTS PRESENTED ARE ACCURATE WITH THE EXCEPTION FOR THE GATHERING RESERVATION DEPOSITS, AND CHECKS NOT CLEARED UNTIL AFTER CLOSE OF THE SEPTEMBER STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS. I DID NOT ADD ESTIMATED AMOUNTS TO THE REPORT, BUT I HAVE PRESENTED PRESENT ACCOUNT STATEMENTS AS INDICATED BELOW:

Wells Fargo Bank,
Consumer Banking Small Business
MAC N9829-011

| <u>Account Name</u> | <u>Account Number</u> | <u>Acct. Balance</u> | |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 |
| 1. General Fund Checking Account | 305-0425796 | \$ 39,352.93 | \$ 65,081.26 |
| 2. General Fund Savings Account | 305-0425812 | \$ 2,290.33 | \$ 2,291.79 |
| 3. Peg Tichy Memorial Fund | 719-3125247 | \$ 9,855.85 | \$ 9,876.98 |
| 4. Marshall Magruder Library Fund | 719-3125239 | \$ 2,017.28 | \$ 2,021.35 |
| 5. Charity & Education Fund | 719-3125254 | \$ 32,102.94 | \$ 27,663.09 |
| 6. Harry & Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund | 719-3125221 | <u>\$ 2,420.88</u> | <u>\$ 2,426.06</u> |
| Total WF cash Balance 9/30/2008 | | \$ 88,040.21 | \$109,360.53 |
| Total brokers Xpress Portfolio Equity | | \$249,372.12 | \$161,457.70 |
| Total WF Cash Balance Dividends and Interest | | <u>\$ 88,040.21</u> | <u>\$ 59,291.17</u> |
| Total Net Worth | | \$337,412.33 | \$330,109.40 |
| Total brokersXpress Portfolio (Unrealized Profit/Loss) | | | |

2008-9 Market Value \$220,745.87, Unrealized Gain/Loss of **(\$31,590.50)**
Est. Annual Income \$19,712.66

Note:

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

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 BrokersXpres, El Paso, TX. 79913-0630 to maintain the Investment Management team with brokersXpress for this reporting period.

Howard R. Grossnickle
Treasurer ACGS

2009 REPORT FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Nolan Sanders, Joe Tichy, & Susan Tichy

This year the Society awarded eight scholarships, of \$1000 each, from the **Harry and Edith Blunt Scholarship Fund**. We hope you will join us in congratulating the recipients.

Last year we had no Freshman applicants, even though we give preference to Freshmen, and we asked members to spread the word about availability of these scholarships. Your efforts have paid off, and we happily report that this year six of our eight Harry and Edith Blunt Scholars are Freshmen.

The eight recipients are Rueben Bosch of Napa, California; Kelsey Crane of West Jordan, Utah; Brett Darrow and Josh Darrow, of Poland, New York; John Garrett of Norfolk, Virginia; Thaddeus Gregg of Etters, Pennsylvania; Austin Killam of Midland, Texas; and Michelle McGregor of Ormand Beach, Florida. Further details for all eight scholars are attached.

The Harry and Edith Blunt scholarships may be used at any institution of higher learning, and are available to members and their minor children. 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.

We ask members to continue to spread the word about these scholarships. We also ask applicants to be mindful of the April 1 deadline. Late and incomplete applications make for a lot of extra work for the committee, and even sometimes for our treasurer. The application process is relatively simple and all details can be found on the ACGS web site, where you can also find Susan Tichy's email address, in case you have questions. The scholarships are not competitive and no letters of recommendation are required. All we need are a letter from the applicant, introducing herself or himself; a current school transcript; and (for freshmen) a letter of college acceptance.

The American Clan Gregor Society Scholarship in Memory of John Kennedy Magruder is awarded each year to a deserving nursing student at the University of Virginia. In 2008-2009, this scholarship, in the amount of \$3,350, was awarded to Jillian Sennet, of Charlottesville, who is training to be a medical missionary in rural India. She sent a most gracious letter of thanks, which is also attached to this report. Ms. Sennet is also an EMT, and at the time she wrote to us was training for work in heavy technical rescue. We are waiting for news of this year's recipient.

The Edward May Magruder Medical Scholarships, awarded annually to students at the University of Virginia, School of Medicine, are the Society's largest scholarships. Recipients are selected in keeping with the need-based award policies established by the School of Medicine; however, ACGS members, or others who have lineage to the Clan Gregor are given first preference for these awards. In the absence of MacGregor applicants, preference goes to others of Scottish descent.

To apply for a scholarship, an applicant should follow all normal procedures for applying to the Medical School and for Financial Aid. Magruder scholarships are awarded as part of complete aid packages put together by the financial aid office and cannot be awarded directly from the ACGS. However, to receive preference as a Society member applicants do need to request a recommendation from ACGS, and that request must be received by us no later than

February 15 in order for us to meet UVA's deadlines. We currently have one member, Liza Sonnenberg, in the admissions process at the School of Medicine and preparing to ask us for her letter of support.

This year, as last year, the Edward May Magruder scholarship funds were divided among ten medical students, all of whom demonstrated financial need and indicated on an optional information form that they were of Scottish descent. A first-year student named Drew Saylor has received a scholarship of more than \$13,000, with an additional \$30,000 divided among the other nine students. I won't include all their details here, but I do have their names, as well as letters from all of last year's recipients. Should anyone care to peruse them. We expect to receive letters from this year's recipients later this month. The scholarships are renewable until graduation, so many of this year's names are familiar from last year. They include seven men and three women, at all stages of their medical education. One has made a career change from finance and international business to medicine; one is from a small town in southwestern Virginia; several have already done medical work in developing countries, or hope to do so during their medical studies. Several of last year's letters describe their Scottish heritage; one student told us nothing at all about his medical studies but enclosed his Allan and Stewart genealogy back to Scotland!

The American Clan Gregor Society Scholarship in memory of Marion Virginia Magruder, at Randolph College, is awarded each year to a deserving student, giving first preference to those referred by the Society, then to students of Scottish descent, and then to other students. We are awaiting news from the college regarding this year's recipient.

2009 Harry and Edith Blunt Scholars

Reuben Bosch, a junior member and the son of Milton and Elizabeth Bosch of Napa, California, is a freshman at UC Santa Cruz where he plans to study Computer Science and Video Game design. He was a straight-A and A+ student in high school, so I think they're going to be terrific games. His older brother Julius had a Blunt scholarship in 2007.

Kelsey Crane, a Society member from West Jordan, Utah, is a freshman at Utah State. She is a Highland dancer who has studied and competed across the country, in Canada, and in Scotland, and who also teaches younger dancers. She has won at least four National Championships, and in 2007 finished in the top twenty at the World Championships in Scotland. She didn't tell us what she plans to study, but she had a high GPA and had already earned some college credit while in high school, so we're sure she's doing well.

Brett Darrow, a Society member from Poland, New York, is a freshman in the Physical Therapy curriculum at Clarkson University of New York, attending with both academic and athletic scholarships. Brett is the son of Randy and Carla Darrow, and grandson of Charles & Marian Skinner.

Josh Darrow, a Society member and Brett's older brother, is in his second year at Mohawk Valley Community College, in a joint program with Oneonta State, working toward a degree in elementary education. He is also active in a youth outreach program.

John Garrett, a Society member from Norfolk, Virginia, is a freshman at the Virginia Military Institute, where he also holds a baseball scholarship. John is the son of Bill and Patty Garrett, and grandson of Bill and Helen Garrett. He was an Honor Roll student all through high school and a member of the Italian and Latin Club.

Thaddeus Gregg is our State Deputy Chieftain for Pennsylvania. He is in the midst of a career change, attending Millersville University to become an earth sciences teacher.

Austin Killam, a junior member from Midland, Texas, is a freshman at Sul Ross State University, in the Industrial Technology Program, and planning to minor in business. He is the son of David and Anne Killam, and his family have been active in the Society for a long time. He had a high GPA in high school, where he was active in the band. When we last heard from him he was expecting any day to receive his Eagle Scout rank in the Boy Scouts.

Michelle McGregor, a member from Ormand Beach, FL, has finished hospital training as a Medical Laboratory Technician and has begun work toward her Bachelors degree in Applied Science of Supervision and Management at Daytona State College, where she also plans to study molecular biology.

From Susan Tichy, for the Scholarship Committee



REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

(Listing new members or other changes in membership status between the 2008 Gathering in Chattanooga, Tennessee and the 2009, 100th anniversary celebration at Charlottesville, Virginia. If you should notice a discrepancy, please notify the Registrar)

Readers are reminded that the genealogies presented here are as they were submitted by the member. Any inquiries should be sent to that member.

NEW MEMBERS

#2881 TOULMIN, Priestley Chewing, 300 Yoakum Parkway - #1408, Alexandria, VA 22304; he the son of Priestley Toulmin III (ACGS#1405) and Martha Jane Slason.

#2882 KRUIDENIER, Susan Rachael Meister, 3202 E. Cloud Road, Cave Creek, AZ 85331; she the wife of Lawrence J. Kruidenier; she the daughter of Paula Jean Thoms (ACGS#2877) and Richard Louis Meister.

#2883LM MCGREGOR, Michael Allen, 28 Quail Hill Drive, Greenville, SC 29607; he the husband of Brenda Mae Whitlow; he the son of Allen Harris McGregor and Margie Cocke; he the son of Harris Elmo McGregor and Sally Maude Nuckolls; he the son of Daniel Chase McGregor and Florence D. Rossetter; he the son of Noah McGregor and Mahala M. Duncan; he the son of Bartlett McGregor and Anna Harris.

#2884 CRANE, Kelsey Luella, P.O.Box 1738, West Jordan, UT 84084; she the daughter of Jared W. Crane and Janene Gourley Crane (ACGS#2828). Advanced from Junior member.

#2885 GREER, Happy Lois Lynn, 12965 W. Coventry Lane, Huntley, IL 60142; she the wife of Burton Raimier; she the daughter of John Robert Greer, Sr. and Virginia Lee Bradford; he the son of John Leamon Greer and Lula Earle Chappell; he the son of John H. Greer and Mary Elizabeth McCormick; he the son of Jonathan Greer and Mary Ann Hopson; he the son of Jonathan Greer and Mary (unknown); he the son of James T. Greer and Elizabeth (unknown).

#2886 JENKINS, Billy Dean, 1420 Markham Ravine, Lincoln, CA 95648; he the husband of Marianne Graham; he the son of Calvin Jenkins and Francis Atkins; he the son of William Wilson Jenkins and Lula Christine Parsons; he the son of Daniel Jenkins and Essie May Johnson; he the son of Thomas Jenkins and Margaret Davis; he the son of William H. Jenkins and Sarah Greer; he the son of William Jenkins and Tabitha White; he the son of Jesse Alan Jenkins and Alayna McGregor; she the daughter of James S. McGregor and Anna MacGillivaray.

#2887 DARROW, Brett Thomas, 282 Plumb Road, Poland, NY 13431; he the son of Randolph Edward Darrow and Carla Marie Skinner (ACGS#2834).

#2888 PRESSNELL, William Ray, 2812 Bridle Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129; he the husband of Deborah Ann Burns; he the son of Luther Ray Selby and Lena Bozarth (adopted by Pressnell family at age 3 – was born Billy Ray Selby); Luther Ray the son of William Walter Selby and Susannah Minerva Randolph; he the son of Elly Ell Selby and Euna Unity Stamps; he the son of William Joshua Selby and Millie Orme; he the son of James Wilson Selby and Ruth Hoskinson; he the son of William Magruder Selby and Martha Wilson; he the son of William Selby, Jr. and Sarah Magruder.

#2889 MAGRUDER, Andrew Marshall, 3006 Bronsford Road, Augusta, GA 30909; he the husband of Lillian Owen; he the son of Richard L. Magruder (ACGS#1523LM) and Carolyn Watkins.

#2890 BARRETT, Emily Watkins Magruder, 1318 Pembroke Dr., Charleston, SC 29407; she the wife of William White Barrett, Jr. ; she the daughter of Richard L. Magruder (ACGS#1523LM) and Carolyn Watkins.

#2891 JOHNSON, Ralph John, Jr., P.O.Box 793,5436 So. Highway#23, Ozark, AR 72949; he the husband of Colba Lee Jones; he the son of Ralph John Johnson and Mildred Etta Moore; he the son of Benjamin Whitney Johnson and Jennette Leckie; she the daughter of Alexander Leckie and Georgia Cairns; he the son of Dan Leckie and Jeanette Burns.

#2892 GREGORY, Ellen Lucille, 2525 21st Ave., Gulfport, MS 39501; she the daughter of James Edward Gregory and Iris Lucille Yarnell; he the son of Hiram Everett Gregory and Ellen Nora Pearl Cheney; he the son of Eugene Adelbert Gregory and Almira Rogers; he the son of Hiram Forskit Gregory and Augusta M. Noyes; he the son of Josiah B. Gregory and Caroline Fosket.

#2893 SMITH, Sarah Greer, 615 Tulip Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42104; she the wife of Adam Geoffrey Smith; she the daughter of Richard M. Greer (ACGS#2515) and Retta E. Poe.

#2894 GREER, John Andrew, 615 Tulip Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42104; he the son of Richard M. Greer (ACGS#2515) and Retta E. Poe.

#2895 SKINNER, Charles LeRoy Jr., 3508 Fox Ridge Road, Waldorf, MD 20601; he the husband of Teresa Lynn Wilson; he the son of Charles L. Skinner (ACGS#2661) and Marian J. Skinner (ACGS#2672A) .

#2896A GRIER, Lillian Ruth Quatmann, 914 Chester River Drive, Grasonville, MD 21638; she the wife of John Arthur Grier (ACGS#2243).

#2897 GREER, Philip Alan, 43 Virginia Road, Littleton, NC 27850, he the husband of Margaret McCullough; he the son of Richard M. Greer (ACGS#2515) and Alice Cain (div).

#2898 McGREGOR, Michelle, c/o John C. McGregor, 303 Cherrywood Lane, Edgewater, FL 32132-2017; she the daughter of Ian McGregor and Patricia McGregor; he the son of John C. McGregor (ACGS#2379) and Ena McGregor (ACGS#2742A).

#2899 ADAMS, Richard Eric, 2304 E. Chestnut Ave. Orange, CA 92867-4421; he the husband of Sukie Chun Yi; he the son of Robert Ferrin Adams and Nila Guave Burns; he the son of Eli Joseph Adams, Jr., and Katherine Beatrice Coburn; he the son of Eli Joseph Adams (McAdams) and Angeline Moyer; he the son of Samuel McAdams and (unknown).

#2900 KILLAM, Austin David, 1207 Neely Ave., Midland, TX 79705; he the son of David Thomas Killam (ACGS#1651LM) and Eleanore Anne Hawthorne. Advanced from Junior member.

#2901 GREER, Lawrence Raymond, 42 State Road C., Buffalo, MO 65622; he the husband of Debra Jane Stoneking; he the son of John Franklin Greer and Kathleen Ann Herman; he the son of James Watson Greer and Rose Belle Christian Schaller; he the son of James Martin Greer and Sarah R. Petty; he the son of John W. Greer and Elizabeth Doak; he the son of Joseph Greer and Mary "Polly" Mitchell; he the son of Martin Greer and Mary

Elizabeth Wright/Brown; he the son of Benjamin Greer and Rachel (Rachael) Lowe; he the son of John James Greer and Sarah Day.

#2902 JENSEN, Dorothy Gregg, 2166 Clinton Ave., Alameda, CA 94501; she the wife of John Albert Jensen; she the daughter of William Kirker Gregg (ACGS#2557) and Louise Lydecker.

#2903 BECK, John Daniel, 7006 Heather Drive, Bryans Road, MD 20616; he the husband of Teri Allison Lactao; he the son of Daniel Beck and Kathy Lakey; he the son of Donald Lakey and Kathleen Roebuck; he the son of John Ephriam Leakey and Bessie Boekeloo; he the son of Ephriam Leakey and Catherine Kinnirk; he the son of Aaron Leakey and Anna Paul; he the son of Joseph Routh Leakey and Abigail Briggs; he the son of Levi Leakey and Susannah Routh; he the son of William Leakey and Elizabeth Bray.

#2904 PORTER, Warren Matthew, 4016 Tenth Avenue South, Minneapolis MN 55407-3202; he the husband of Judy Lynn Broman; he the son of James Lane Porter and Julia Neill McGregor; she the daughter of Rob Roy McGregor and Eva Anna Goff; he the son of Robert McGregor and Julia Roberta Neill; he the son of Alexander McGregor and Clementine McArthur; he the son of Malcolm McGregor and Christian Blakie.

#2905 INGHAM, Nancy Lee, 432 Oak Street, (P.O.Box 616), Henderson, NC 27536; she the wife of Donald Ingham; she the daughter of Adrian James Gregor and Irene DeFoy; he the son of Adrian Ignatis Gregor and Marry Emma Oliver. Nancy's pedigree here joins that of her cousin Edward K. Gregor (ACGS#933LM).

#2906 SCHMIEG, Dr. Robert Eugene, Jr., 215 Highland Place Drive, Jackson MS 39211; he the husband of Susan Elizabeth Pilchard (ACGS#2907A); he the son of Robert Eugene Schmiege and Rena Jean Whittington; she the daughter of Dr. Homer Alexander Whittington (ACGS#2259) and Elizabeth Wood. Dr. Schmiege passed away 23 October 2009.

#2907A SCHMIEG, Susan Elizabeth Pilchard, 215 Highland Place Drive, Jackson, MS 39211; she the wife of Dr. Robert Eugene Schmiege (ACGS#2906).

#2908 CHEMSAK, Maureen Jeanne, 104 Windsor Way, Madison, AL 35758; she the wife of Michael Andrew Chemsak; she the daughter of Joseph Griffin McGinn and Margaret Louise Magruder; she the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Magruder and Edna Margaret Cozad; he the son of Robert Pottinger Magruder and Nettie A. Valentine; he the son of Dr. William Seaton Magruder and Ruth Elizabeth Gorrell; he the son of Robert Pottinger Magruder and Margaret Seaton Kearney; he the son of Zadok Magruder and Martha Willson; he the son of Zadok Magruder and Rachel Bowie Pottinger; he the son of John Magruder and Susanna Smith.

#2909 SORAT, Jenna Lester, 680 Carriage Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30046; she the wife of Nahlunat "Mao" Sorat; she the daughter of James Adams Lester and Lynne Owen; he the son of Paul Lester and Myris Peters; he the son of James Henry Peters and Cora Pearl Adams; he the son of James Monroe Adams and Nancy E. Malcolm; he the son of George Washington Malcolm and Sarah Mary Jane Preston; he the son of George W. Malcolm and Susannah Allen; he the son of James Malcolm and Nancy Sally Ganaway; he the son of John Ganaway and Mary MacGregor; she the daughter of Edmund MacGregor and (unknown).

#2910LM HARRIS, Gregory Magruder, 1317 Upper Brandon Pl., Norfolk, VA 23508; he the husband of Brooke Mouvain (ACGS#2911ALM); he the son of Henry Upham Harris III (ACGS#2914ALM) and Eleanor Magruder Harris (#1566LM).

#2911ALM HARRIS, Brooke Mouvain, 1317 Upper Brandon Pl., Norfolk, VA 23508; she the wife of Gregory Magruder Harris (#2910LM).

#2912LM HARRIS, Edwin Upham, 1503 North Shore Road, Norfolk, VA 23505; he the son of Henry Upham Harris III (ACGS#2914ALM) and Eleanor Magruder Harris (#1566LM).

#2913LM HARRIS, Johnston Moseley, 1503 North Shore Road, Norfolk, VA 23505; he the son of Henry Upham Harris III (ACGS#2914ALM) and Eleanor Magruder Harris (#1566LM).

#2914ALM HARRIS, Henry Pratt Upham III, 1503 North Shore Road, Norfolk, VA 23505; he the husband of Eleanor Magruder Harris (#1566LM).

#2915A HAGLER, Louise Josephine, 1034 Fleming Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514; she the daughter of Mildred Louise Hatcher Gregg (ACGS#2385A) and step daughter of Capt. Paul Charles Gregg (ACGS#1939).

#2916 JOHNSON, Kimberly Lynn, 7080 Kingsmill Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610; she the wife of Michael H. Johnson; she the daughter of Dallas Ramsey Davis and Janice Ruth Shankland (ACGS#2628).

#2917LM VanMETER, Kathleen Smith, 5405 Poling Road, Elida, OH 45807; she the wife of Michael S. VanMeter; she the daughter of Calvert Taylor Smith (ACGS#2370) and Patricia Lee McDonough.

New JUNIOR MEMBERS (# indicates the year they turn 18 years of age)

#2015 ALLRED, Danielle Rae, 1005 View St., Rock Springs, WY 82901; she the daughter of Zen Allred and Becky Garlitz; she the daughter of Lois Ann Garlitz (ACGS#2561LM).

#2012J ALLRED, Gilean Michael, 1005 View St., Rock Springs, WY 82901; he the son of Zen Allred and Becky Garlitz; she the daughter of Lois Ann Garlitz (ACGS#2561LM).

#2015J GARLITZ, Nicholas, 1083 So. Slate Canyon Drive, Provo, UT 84606; he the son of Don Garlitz and Julie Knowles; he the son of Lois Ann Garlitz (ACGS#2561LM).

#2011J GARLITZ, Rachel Lea, 1083 So. Slate Canyon Drive, Provo, UT 84606; she the daughter of Don Garlitz and Michelle Davey; he the son of Lois Ann Garlitz (ACGS#2561LM).

#2027J GROVER, Brennen Christopher, 23207 Conestoga Road #1, Ft. Riley, KS 66442; her the son of Donald C. Grover and Jamie Sue MacGregor (ACGS#2758LM); she the daughter of Scott F. MacGregor (ACGS#2450LM).

#2020J JENSEN, Robert Theodore, 2166 Clinton Ave., Alameda, CA 94501; he the son of John Albert Jensen and Dorothy Gregg Jensen (#ACGS2902).

#2025 JENSEN, William James, 2166 Clinton Ave., Alameda, CA 94501; he the son of John Albert Jensen and Dorothy Gregg Jensen (#ACGS2902).

#2027J SCHAUF, Emerald “Emma” Adeline, 405 MacDonald Road, Norfolk, VA 23505; she the daughter of Aaron T. Schauf and Darcie Rae MacGregor (ACGS#2757LM); she the daughter of Scott F. MacGregor (ACGS#2450LM).

Convert to LIFE MEMBER

2370LM SMITH, Taylor, Lanexa VA

#2638LM GROSSNICKLE, Howard, Oregon WI

#2773LM MASSEY, Timothy E., Afton, TN

#2830LM LAWS, Nancy Marie, Placitas, NM

REINSTATED MEMBERS in 2009

#1951 LM MacGREGOR, Robert Bruce, Atlanta, Georgia – and covert to Life member

#1488LM KILLAM, John Douglas, 540 Ulumamu Dr., Kailua, HI 96734 – restored because had moved with no new address available

#1659 METZ, John, Alexandria, VA

RECRUITER for the Year 2009 is Eleanor Magruder Harris (ACGS#1566LM) who assisted five family members to join ACGS. Congratulations! Runners-up who assisted 3 or more persons to join this year were: Richard M. Greer (ACGS#2515), three adults; and Lois Ann Garlitz (ACGS#2561LM), four juniors.

Active recruiters from a couple of prior years:

In 2007 – Gregg Elliot (ACGS#2655), Charles Skinner (ACGS#2661) and Ellen Donnelly (ACGS#2129LM) each assisted three family members to join our ranks.

In 2008, the busy recruiters were Gregg Elliot (again) with three family members, plus Gene Dennison (ACGS#2853) who not only joined himself, but also signed up his three sons. Way to go folks!

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Lillian Magruder

Since the last Gathering of the Society in Chattanooga, Tennessee in 2008 until the Gathering in Charlottesville, Virginia in 2009, there have been reported four births, two marriages, fifteen deaths of members, and four deaths of relatives of members.

BIRTHS

GREGG, Emma Kay, born June 28, 2005, daughter of Ross T. Gregg, III and Carol Gregg and granddaughter of Ross T. Gregg, Jr. (Clan No. 2090) and Virginia K. Gregg (Clan No. 2091-A).



GROVER, Brennen Christopher, born July 21, 2009, son of Donald C. and Jamie S. MacGregor Grover (ACGS No. 2758LM), and third grandson of Scott F. MacGregor (ACGS No. 2450).



SCHAUF, Emerald “Emma” Adeline, born July 31, 2009, daughter of Aaron T. and Darcie R. MacGregor Schauf (ACGS No. 2757LM), and first granddaughter of Scott F. MacGregor (ACGS No.n2450).



RICHARDSON, Mackay Filson, born December 28, 2008, son of Daniel and Susan Garlitz Richardson, grandson of Lois Ann Garlitz (ACGS No. 2561).

MARRIAGES

Gregg – Manuelian

Rebecca Kay Gregg and Peter John Manuelian were married on October 31, 2008. Rebecca is the daughter of Ross T. Gregg, Jr. (Clan No. 2090) and Virginia Gregg (Clan No. 2091-A).



Kaplan – MacGregor

Linda Mariel Kaplan and Stuart James MacGregor (ACGS No. 2759LM) were married on November 21, 2008 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Stuart is the son of Scott F. MacGregor (ACGS No. 2450) and Randa-Lynn (Harland) Gordon.



DEATHS OF MEMBERS

THOMS, Frances Evelyn Paul, (Clan No. 1583), died on November 2, 2008, at the age of 93.

CLAGETT, Dorothy (Mrs. Page B.), (Clan No. 1703ALM), died in 2005.

CLAGETT, Page B., (Clan No. 1223LM), died on September 21, 2008.

GREIG, Hugh Scott, (Clan No. 1910), died on November 20, 2008.

GREGG, Capt. Paul Charles, (Clan No. 1939), died on January 6, 2009.

ROBERTSON, Bernard E., II, (Clan No. 2039LM), died on February 28, 2006.

ROBERTSON, Eleanor M., (Clan No. 2038ALM), died on March 21, 2006.

MAGRUDER, John J., (Clan No. 2491), died on October 24, 2008.

BLACK, Charles Franklin, (Clan No. 2521), died on February 16, 2008.

GAY, CDR Harold M., (Clan No. 2003LM), died on August 1, 1989.

MOBLEY, Jettie Marie Holley (Mrs. Leonard), (Clan No. 2546A), died on May 18, 2009 in Richmond, Virginia.

GANTT, Alvin E., (Clan No. 630), died on April 14, 2009.

THOMPSON, Evana Shelby, (Clan No. 2201), died on April 6, 2001.

CAUTHEN, Campbell C., Jr., (Clan No. 2136LM), died on July 21, 2009.

VAN DYKE, Jerry, (Clan No. 2306), died on June 12, 2009.

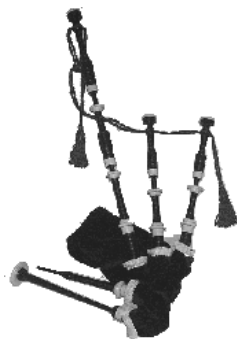
DEATHS OF RELATIVES OF MEMBERS

LONG, Doyle Byron, husband of Carolyne McGregor-Long (Clan No. 2412), died on December 9, 2008.

MACGREGOR, Almut, wife of James B. MacGregor, (Clan No. 2354LM), died on February 9, 2009.

ELLIOTT, Mildred Lynn Andrews, wife of Millard Gregg Elliott, (Clan No. 2655), died on March 11, 2009.

MAGRUDER, Eleanor Ruth Moseley, mother of Eleanor Magruder Harris (Clan No. 1566LM) and widow of Roger Gregory Magruder, M.D. (Clan No. 46), died on April 23, 2009, in Norfolk, Virginia. Eleanor Magruder Harris is the granddaughter of one of our founding fathers, Dr. Edward May Magruder.





MEMORIALS

Paul Gregg

Paul Charles Gregg, age 83 of Pensacola, died January 6, 2009 at Covenant Hospice Facility on Hillview Drive.

He was born March 8, 1925 in New York, NY. He was a physician in private practice before returning to the Navy where he was CO of 4 Navy Hospitals. He was a graduate of Union College, John Hopkins University School of Medicine where he received a MD, MPH, and Aerospace Medicine. He was in the Regular Navy and Reserves for 37 years. He was the Occupational Health physician at NAS Pensacola for 5 years. For several years he served as a physician member of a medical survey team for the Correctional Medical Authority of Florida and with the Florida Lemon Law.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin Paul Gregg and Catherine Jane Fales Gregg; and by his first wife, Ann Taylor Garner.

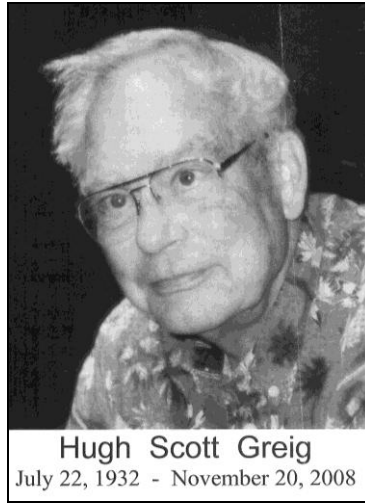
He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Mildred Louise Hatcher Gregg of Pensacola; sons, Paul Jr. of Los Angeles, CA; Michael of Gulf Breeze, FL; daughters, Katherine Quinn of Austin, TX; Patricia Gregg of Gulf Breeze, FL; Jane Wilkins of Pensacola, FL; Elizabeth of Gulf Breeze, FL. and three stepchildren, Riley R. Reed, Jr. of Olympia, WA; Edith Farrell of Granite Falls, WA; Louise Jo Moore, Pensacola, FL with 18 grandchildren; a brother, Donald B. Gregg and wife Audrey of Pompano, FL, 6 nieces and nephews.



Capt. Paul Charles Gregg USN (Ret.)

1925-2009

Captain Gregg was The American Clan Gregor Society's chieftain from 1993 to 1996. Paul was a loyal and motivating spirit for his clan. He never failed to have a smile and a kind word for his fellow clansmen and women. Paul will be sorely missed by all who knew him.



As the setting sun was slipping away from Monday, November 24th, Estherville was saying a very fond farewell to a favorite native son, Hugh Scott Greig, who died on Thursday, October 20, 2008.

The day's glow was fading from the stained glass window at the First Presbyterian Church as those in the congregation gathered with his family to recall his gentle kindness, endearing qualities and his friendly manner. Hugh knew no strangers as he embraced everyone he met with his genuine charm. In the words of George Shadle, a boyhood friend, "Where do I begin?" On how to describe who Hugh Greig was and what he gave us.

As he stood in front of the assembled in the church, Shadle said he, like most everyone, recalled a flood of Hugh memories when receiving news of his passing. "For Hugh, family always came first," Shadle said. As the family grew, so did his love and concern for every member of his clan. Shadle reminded of how Hugh and his brother John were so vitally interested in the service for this community as well as the State of Iowa. "He had many interests; a man for all seasons," Shadle noted. Hugh was always on top of whatever subject was at hand, from banking to agriculture.

Hugh was a banking director for 40 years and most recently, the chairman of the board at NorthStar Bank since 1997. To know Hugh was to know well his love for the military, especially the Iowa National Guard. His long-time pal put it so eloquently that "Hugh's fingerprints are all over Estherville" through his many civic involvements including Rotary, Iowa Lakes Community College, VFQ, Avera Holy Family, among others.

Shadle recounted how Hugh and his wife Jan had traveled near and far in their 52 years of wedded bliss. They drove, flew, trained and walked while meeting new people around the globe, enjoying every minute. But Hospice was the last stop for this Scottish descendant, and Shadle pointed out Webster defines hospice as "a refuge for travelers."

A friend said he could envision Hugh being on a reconnaissance mission on orders from the Supreme Commander. But one question remains: As Hugh stand before St. Peter, is he in his dress blues or his kilt and dress coat? It could be that Hugh S. Greig was Estherville's best cheerleader. His civic, political and benevolent involvement is legendary.

In visiting with Hugh, for the last time, he was a Hospice patient at Avera Holy Family Health. He shared his disbelief that no medical professional he encountered in facilities from Des Moines, IA and Rochester, MN had ever heard of Estherville. That really disturbed him. He was assured that the Newspaper would do everything humanly possible to get Estherville recognized in its own right.

Hugh planned his entire “Celebration of Life,” From the selected musical arrangement that filled the church, his beloved granddaughter Sarah Wedebrand reciting, “Foot Prints in the Sand,” the rich tones from the bagpipe playing “Scotland the Brave,” Sister Patricia Murphey reciting “The Irish Blessing (renamed “The Scottish Blessing” for the occasion) to his making the ultimate gift in that he had his body donated to Sanford School of Medicine – University of South Dakota.

Hugh S. Greig was one of a kind, whose joyous and compassionate spirit touched many hearts in Estherville, Emmet County, State of Iowa, the U.S. and abroad.

He will be missed. And it can be said without a doubt, he will never be forgotten.



REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

OCTOBER 2009

INTRODUCTION

The General Marshall Magruder Memorial Library (MML) is located in the Langsdale Library at the University of Baltimore. The MML 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, financial records. A climate controlled unit, located in Kennett Square, PA is used to store the surplus supply of yearbooks, dating from 1909 to present, as well as other duplicate archival materials and books.

MML

This has been an exciting and rewarding year for the MML. First, the processing of the archives is now complete. I would like to thank Aiden Faust, our project archivist, for doing an outstanding job of organizing and preserving the existing archives at the MML as well as creating a framework for the integration of archival materials received in the future. Mr. Faust completed his contract on June 30, 2009, but the very good news is he accepted a full time position in the Special Collections section of the Langsdale Library. He is available, along with Tom Hollowak, Head of Special Collections for the Langsdale Library, to assist with inquiries about the MML and to serve as consultants to the ACGS Librarian.

Second, Mr. Hollowak was able to arrange for the books contained in the MML to be entirely re-cataloged. This re-cataloging was deemed necessary because when the books were originally cataloged they were not noted as specifically belonging to the MML. The books were identified as a part of the larger Langsdale Library holdings. Thus, one could not readily search the content of MML. To correct this problem, each MML book was pulled from the shelf and correctly cataloged as belonging to the MML. The ACGS seal was then affixed to the spine of each book. A great debt of thanks is owed to Ms. Lucy Holman, Director of the Langsdale Library and Ms. Ivy Owens, Cataloging Librarian for completing this important task. Accordingly, our Chieftain, Thaddeus Osborne, sent thank you letters to Ms. Holman and Ms. Owens.

Both Mr. Faust and Mr. Hollowak will be presenting a workshop on the organization and content of the MML at this Gathering. Mr. Faust will also have on display some of the many important documents and materials contained in the MML.

With the completion of the processing of the archives and the re-cataloging of the books, I requested the ACGS formally recognize and thank Mr. Hollowak for his effort in ensuring the MML was brought up to standard. Essentially, Mr. Hollowak assumed the day to day tasks associated with the administration and supervision of the archivist project. Mr. Hollowak showed great patience and understanding throughout this process and provided much needed advice. The Chieftain has approved a certificate of recognition and appreciation to be given to Mr. Hollowak at this Gathering.

CLIMATE CONTROLLED STORAGE UNIT

-- Sale of Yearbooks/Archival Material

In effort to recover the costs of renting the storage unit and to reduce the inventory of yearbooks, the ACGS now offers yearbook for sale. The cost of a yearbook is \$13.50 and

includes all mailing costs. Not all years are available. Interested purchasers should check with the Librarian to determine if a particular yearbook is in stock.

At this year's Gathering, many duplicate and excess items, will available for sale.

PATH FORWARD

-- Our Missing History

There is a continued need to locate and collect all relevant ACGS documents that maybe in the hands of ACGS members or families. There are extensive chronological gaps in the ACGS archives. All members should be on the lookout for such items.

-- Internet access

To create better access ACGS archives, consideration should be given, at a minimum to post the Yearbooks and Newsletter on the internet. Mr. Hollowak has indicated these items could be posted on the ACGS portion of the Langsdale Library website. It should be noted some of the Yearbooks have already been scanned and posted on the internet by third parties. The Yearbooks are the primary source material for researchers. Secondly, if agreed upon, this would allow for the possible phase out of the storage of excess Yearbooks. Having the Newsletter on the internet would provide members and the public up to date information on ACGS activities and events.

-- Continued Archivist Support

A mechanism needs to be developed and implemented for the contracting of ongoing archivist services. Mr. Hollowak and Mr. Faust are willing to process small amounts of archival material from this point forward. Any large projects, as deemed by them, would require the services of a qualified archivist. Mr. Hollowak has suggested the ACGS contract directly with Mr. Faust. The benefits for ACGS are twofold: (1) Mr. Faust is obviously quite familiar with the ACGS archives; and (2) he has permitted access to the MML because he works full time in Special Collections at the Langsdale Library.

-- Fundraising and Book Purchasing

From this Gathering forward, I would like to request any proceeds from fundraising done by the Librarian be deposited in the MML account. From this account, I would like to purchase books appropriate for the MML. The ACGS has not purchased books for the MML in quite some time. As long as the balance in the account is at an acceptable level, I would like to be permitted to spend \$250 annually for the purchase of books.

-- Membership Records

Now that the MML is up to acceptable standards, it is now time to begin planning for the preservation, processing and management of membership records. An appropriately staffed committee needs to be established to make recommendations in this matter.

Respectfully submitted by:
Steven C. Grier
Librarian

YEARBOOK EDITOR ANNUAL REPORT

Yearbook Editor Report for 2008-2009

Greetings and salutations!

I am very sorry that I am unable to join you all for this most auspicious occasion! I am sure I would have given you all a run for your money in the Idol contest! Perhaps there will be another! *wink*

I think this year has been the best year yet! So next year will be even better!

This year I only have reminders! Well, okay, I have one small request! If you submit a handwritten report please be sure to print! The new guidelines I set forth last year worked very well. Thank you to all of you who followed them.

Reminders:

The desired way to submit is via e-mail. If you have multiple reports please send them individually.

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;

1) Here is an example:

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

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

If you do not have the photos on your computer, please send me the original! I can scan there into my computer. Please include your return address! Copies of originals are not high enough quality and come out grainy. Please DO NOT write on your photo. If you wish for a caption to be considered please list that on a separate piece of paper along with the names. (See above on how to list names.)

Deadlines:

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 January 1st. **Please Print!** This will ensure I have time to transcribe. Please have Electronic submissions to me no later than February 1st.

The desired way to submit is via e-mail. If you have multiple reports please send them individually.

Submit to the following:

Snail Mail:

Lori Connery

4610 Russell Ave. N

Minneapolis, MN 55412-1145

Or

E-Mail:

Clan-gregor-mn@comcast.net

Respectfully Submitted

Slàinte, sonas agus beartas,

Lori Connery

ACGS Yearbook Editor & ACGS State Deputy Chieftain, Minnesota

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2009 GATHERING

American Clan Gregor Society (ACGS)

Centennial Gathering Charlottesville, Virginia

For most of us members of the American Clan Gregor Society our past trials and tribulations were pushed to the back of our minds as we gathered in the beautiful and historic Blue Ridge Mountains. This wasn't just another Annual Gathering like so many we have enjoyed in the past. This was a Gathering of rather historic proportions. At least for we MacGregors of America. For this year we were in a sense be returning "home". Not necessarily "our" physical home, for a few it was. But our "spiritual" home here in America. Just as MacGregors around the world look to Scotland as their "spiritual" home as it was the home of their ancestors and their proud heritage. The members of the ACGS look to Charlottesville as our "spiritual" home on this side of the pond. For Charlottesville was the home of the founders of our Society and the beginning of a new heritage. And, it is a heritage we can feel justly proud. Because of the significance of this Gathering we scheduled five days instead of the normal three and if it had been six days it would still have been too short. And indeed there were some attendees that made it a six day event. What a happy occasion.

This year we were remembering and celebrating one hundred years of our 'new' heritage, with the society being founded in 1909 by Dr. Edward M. Magruder and Dr. Jesse Ewell. Joining us in the celebration was our Hereditary Chief Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor and his lovely wife Lady MacGregor. Accompanying them from Scotland was Professor Richard McGregor, President of the Clan Gregor Society's Council; and from here in America their Overseas Representative Keith MacGregor.

The weekend's festivities took place at the DoubleTree hotel in Charlottesville, Virginia over the weekend of Wednesday, 30 September to Sunday, 04 October. Throughout the weekend there were over three hundred society members and guests in attendance for some very exciting activities. It was grand to have so many young people, from infants to young adults, joining their families for the festivities. It was also great to see again a number of our older members who have been unable to attend in recent years due to health issues. These include J. Gregory O'Brien, past Pipe Major, R. James Macgregor, oldest living past Chieftain, and Millie Gregg, widow of past Chieftain, Paul C. Gregg to name a few. From early afternoon on Wednesday through noontime on Sunday the hotel was bustling with MacGregors. Each day was full of none stop activities.

For some strange reason, it must be in our genes that the Gathering seemed to get started in the hotel's bar Wednesday evening. You could feel the excitement in the air as more and more of our clan's men and women arrived. As with all past Gatherings the almost three hundred attendees at this event enjoyed the company of old friends, making new ones and capturing of some wonderful memories.

Beginning Thursday morning with the meeting of the Council, activities went into high gear from early morning to late evening for three days. Each day was busier than the day before. Even when free time was scheduled for the attendees, many members of Council were unable to avail themselves of these opportunities due to a number of additional business meetings that were essential. Thursday's special highlights included a visit to Ruckersville

where a wreath was laid at the grave of Dr. Jesse Ewell. In attendance were several of his descendents making the ceremony all the more touching. Afterwards it was on to our fourth President's, James Madison's "Montpelier" home for lunch and a tour and a drive-by visit of the famous Rotunda at the University of Virginia, home of a couple of our society scholarships. Later, back at the hotel, a fascinating presentation on the MacGregor DNA project was given by the previously mentioned Professor Richard McGregor. The evening Ceilidh featured entertainment provided by the well known Scot, Carl Peterson, who is also a MacGregor, and our own ACGS Pipes and Drums.

Friday found us attending our traditional Memorial Service, held this year in the Christ Episcopal Church which Thomas Jefferson subscribed to the building fund and furnished the plans of the original church. The very moving service accompanied by a single piper was conducted by our ACGS Chaplain Thaddeus Osborne. Following the Memorial service, our wreath laying ceremony was held at the grave of Dr Edward M. Magruder the co-founder and first Chieftain of our Society. It was made even more memorable having several of his descendants in attendance. I can only imagine how pleased he would have been if he could have seen all of us there and hear the pipes played in his honor. Perhaps he did.

After lunch we visited our third president, Jefferson's home of "Monticello". What a beautiful location he chose to build his magnificent home with innovations seldom seen before or since. Upon return to the hotel Keith MacGregor gave a presentation on the Dalmally Stones. Keith has been working diligently for several years on this project that is so important to preserving our heritage. We all owe Keith and Richard a great deal of gratitude for all their efforts towards discovering and preserving our past history.

Later Friday evening found us enjoying one of most memorable Ceilidhs ever. It proved to be an exceptional evening from the opening act to the finally. The merriment kicked off with a local duo, James Leva and his brother Chris, who gave a very lively performance of Celtic music to get things started. This was followed by a brief video of our Clan Bard, Paraig MacNeil of Scotland, who gave a brief historical account of the Clan in the old way that it was done, verbally. The sensation of the night had to be when our own member, Vida Ann Burtis, took the stage and sang a number of Scottish tunes while her father, Randy Walker, narrated between songs. Oh what a breathtaking voice Vida has. It's hard to follow such great acts but we have just the pipe band to do it and what a job they did with nearly every band member and dancer present.

A surprise event occurred when Maggie Sanderfield took over the microphone and asked Sir Malcolm and Thad Osborne to come forward. Perhaps thinking Maggie was playing a joke on him, Thad remained in his seat until he saw Sir Malcolm walking up to stand beside her. When he got up there Maggie asked to see the sword one of dancers had just finished using in the "Sword Dance". The dancer handed her the sword which Maggie drew from its scabbard and reminded Thad that at last year's Gathering Thad admired the broadswords on display. She then began reading the inscription engraved on the blade. On one side it read "Thaddeus G. Osborne, The American Clan Gregor Society", on the other it read "Chieftain, 2006 – 2009". Sir Malcolm stepped forward and added his own personal remarks and presented the sword to Thad. Thad was very moved by the thoughtful gift of his friends.

Saturday morning the very essential Annual General Membership (AGM) meeting was held. It is at this meeting that the members of our Society provides their guidance and approval to our Council and thereby sets our course for the coming years. While there were a good

number of members in attendance, the Council would have loved to see many more members present.

Following the AGM Sir Malcolm conducted a forum with the membership. He openly discussed and took many suggestions on how we might invigorate Clan Gregor, both societies, with new members. Noted how wonderful the Homecoming Gathering in Edinburgh with so many MacGregors in attendance over the weekend. What a presence we displayed marching up the Royal Mile with one of the largest number of clan participants. Might there be a similar gathering of the clan in the future, it's far too early to say.

Then the State Deputy Chieftains meeting was held where the outgoing RDC, Ron McGregor, officiated at his last SDC meeting. In addition to giving the SDC his thanks for all of their efforts supporting our Society he conducted the drawing for the door prizes for the SDC. Carol Spitznagel, SDC for South Florida won the beautiful Scottish broadsword with the blade engraved on one side "The American Clan Gregor Society" and on the other side "State Deputy Chieftain". Fred Magruder, SDC for South Carolina won the Scottish Regimental Officers styled dirk. Ron then officially introduced Howard Grossnickle as the new Ranking Deputy Chieftain and turned the meeting over to him.

After lunch a very interesting presentation on our vast and historical Marshall Magruder Memorial Library Collection was conducted by Steven Grier, with extensive support by Tom Hollowak and Aiden Faust of the University of Baltimore. They explained how both our book and papers collection are organized and how members can search the collection via computer from their homes.

Following this presentation we were transported by bus and private vehicles to the center of old town Charlottesville where our Pipes and Drums led our Clan parade several blocks through this pedestrian only shopping area. Following the band was Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor and two clansmen carrying the Saltire and Sir Malcolm's personal banner. Behind them came our many clan's men and women splendidly decked out in our colorful tartans. The sound of the pipes brought hundreds of spectators to observe and admire such an unexpected sight providing us with even greater pride in our clan heritage. The parade ended at a large outdoor pavilion with a raised stage and huge seating area. Our pipe band and dancers performed on-stage for the assembled MacGregors and local spectators. When a breeze came up and nearly toppled our free standing flags in the front of the stage, our two kilted flag bearers reacted as one. Each catching the flag they carried in the parade and for the remainder of the program stood at the position of 'parade rest' while holding their flag closely to their side. It was obvious that both had served in the military.

Then back to the hotel for everyone to take a breather, bath and dress up to our 'nines' in preparation to attend our Daniel Randall Magruder Reception and Centennial Banquet. Many of our men were in formal highland attire or 'tuxes' with a number proudly wearing their military decorations. But no matter how handsome we men might have tried to become, we couldn't hold a light to the beauty of the ladies that truly adorned our company. We enjoyed the traditional pomp and ceremony of the members of the Society and guests being piped into the banquet hall and the piping in of the head table. Then our Chief was then piped in. Following our Chieftain's, Thaddeus Osborne, welcoming remarks he called for the traditional Blessing and toasts. The highlight of the evening's event was the very memorable remarks of Sir Malcolm. His remarks were entertaining, enlightening, thoughtful and at some points quite passionate. The standing ovation he received that night, as he has received at every such occasion, was not contrived, but was genuinely felt and expressed by

all. Following his presentation our Chieftain presented Sir Malcolm with a gift from our Society of a crystal figure of a lion crowned as depicted on his arms. There was great entertainment by our pipe band and dancers, numerous great door prizes including bottles of wine, two Scottish broadswords, and a Scottish dirk. Several individuals won bottles of excellent wine produced by McGregor Winery of New York state and a lucky few received bottles of Alamo Red distilled by our own Randy Walker of Texas. The special centennial sword was won by Ralph & Carol Wade, whose son “Mac” is a piper with the ACGS Pipes and Drums. The broadsword’s blade was inscribed on one side “The American Clan Gregor, Charlottesville, Virginia” and on the other side “Centennial Gathering, 1909 – 2009”. The second broadsword was won ACGS member Andrew Greig, SDC for the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia. The blade of the sword was inscribed on one side “Proscription of Clan Gregor - April 3rd, 1603 – November 29th, 1774”. On the other side “MACGREGOR DESPITE THEM”. The Scottish Regimental Officers styled dirk was won by ACGS member Miss Deirdre Garrett.

This was followed by the installation of our Society’s twenty-ninth Chieftain Major Ronald McGregor. Surrounded by the State Deputy Chieftains, the medallion of office was presented by our Chief and our outgoing Chieftain. Ron retired after serving twenty-six years in the U.S. Air Force and ten years in the aerospace industry. He joined the ACGS in 1984 and served for eighteen years as the SDC for Colorado and twelve years as the editor of our newsletter Ard Choille. In 2001, Ron was in one of the first groups of Clan Gregor to submit his DNA for the MacGregor project. In 2008, he was one of the first five members of the Clan Gregor Society to be accepted as a Fellow of that society.

A most fitting grande finale was the performance by our balladeer Mr John Masterson performing “MacGregor’s Gathering” with its thrilling finish and “Auld Langs Syne”. For the stout hearted, a follow-on party was held in our headquarters suite into the wee hours.

Sunday morning many of the attendees bid their fond farewells while others gathered to attend a ‘kirkin’ at Christ Church.

Thus our Centennial came and passed – *MacGregor Despite Them!*

To put together a Gathering of this magnitude requires the efforts of many dedicated individuals and a lot time involved. Efforts to organize this milestone Gathering started years in advance with identifying the host city and hotel. There were only two acceptable cities in the running: Washington D.C. where the first Gathering was held and the society incorporated was incorporated in 1959 and Charlottesville, Virginia where the society was organized and home to the society’s founders. Both cities presented their own problems with Washington D.C. being way too expensive and Charlottesville had the conflicting University of Virginia football schedule.

The Gathering committee was organized from a wonderful group of local volunteers comprised by Alan J. and Adele Shotwell, Nathaniel M. Ewell, III, Carrington W. Ewell, Sarah M. Smith, Leighton and Mary Stradley, III, Robert F. MacGregor, Jr., William E. Tyler, III, Alice Schaefer, Ellen Donnelly, Eleanor Harris, David King, and Claire Crain. In addition, several members stepped up to assist during the Gathering weekend, these include: Jane Montmeny and Kay Britt on Registration, Steven C. Grier with the help of his parents, John A. and Lillian Grier, and his uncle and aunt, Donald A. and Elizabeth Grier with the handling of the raffles, Lillian Grier also undertook creating the elegant centerpieces for the banquet, Michael A. McGregor who was instrumental in obtaining the wonderful crystal lion

gift presented to Sir Malcolm during the banquet. Even the pine worn by everyone throughout the weekend had a special meaning. It was donated by George and Lynn Worthington who currently own the Edmont property that was once home to a line of the Magruders.

As previously noted this Centennial Gathering of the society was graced by several key individuals in the daily happenings of Clan Gregor. We were honored to have our hereditary Chief Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor participate in all activities of the Gathering. In addition we had Professor Richard McGregor, Chairman of the Clan Gregor DNA Project, Mr. Keith MacGregor, Chair of the Dalmally Stones Project, Tom Hollowak and Aiden Faust, University of Baltimore Archivist for our Marshall Magruder Library collection. Throughout the weekend each of these dignitaries provided a very knowledgeable presentation on their subject matter and quickly responded to members questions. Tom and Aiden also brought a collection of rare items from our library collection. The opportunity to meet and hear each of these individuals was a chance of a life time not to be missed.

AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY PIPE BAND



Standing Front Row: (L to R) Eileen Grant (left of drums), David Close (Drum Major).

Lady MacGregor, Sir Malcolm MacGregor or MacGregor Bart,
Matthew Kuldell (Pipe Major), Caitlin Christianson, Jennifer Dondero

Standing Second Row: (L to R) Dave Taylor, George Hayes, Ron Schneider, Doug Nelson,
Pat O'Brien, Tim Kirkpatrick, Mac Wade, John Masterson, Norm Weaver, Henry Irion,
Kevin O'Brien, Jamie Fountain

SIR MALCOLM'S

ADDRESS FOR THE 2009 GATHERING

Speech to ACGS Charlottesville 2009

Chieftain of the American Clan Gregor Society Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a pleasure to be able to address you on this the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American clan Gregor society. As this event only comes round by definition every 100 years, we are indeed fortunate to be able to mark this momentous occasion. Naturally I was interested to know what did happen 100 years ago, – and yes, I have the first yearbook that contains the proceedings at the gatherings of 1909 and 1910, as compiled by Caleb Clarke Magruder, historian to the society at that time.

In that magazine under the heading '*call of the clan*' the chieftain Dr. Edward May Magruder said "whereas there are many descendants of the clan MacGregor in America, most of whom are unknown to each other and who would enjoy meeting their brethren and learning more of the clan history in Scotland and America: therefore it seems advisable to organise clan macgregor in this country". Seeing everyone here tonight clad in their magnificent tartan – it was one of the best pieces of advice offered or taken in the history of clan Gregor.

It was somewhat prescient that the founders of American Clan Gregor, Dr Magruder and Dr. Ewell should contact my grandfather on the subject of forming a society, for little did they realise that they were going to form an active and enduring bond between two countries, based around our clan, that in time and on a much grander scale would become known as the special relationship. In those days before air travel, there were very few if any, overseas clan societies. My grandfather must have thought 'My word whatever next – a branch of clan Gregor in America.'

When asked in 1898, to name a defining factor in recent history, the German chancellor Otto von Bismarck replied: 'North America speaks English'. As has been commented it is far more than kings, princes, states or economies, it is language-communities who perhaps are the real players in world history.

So I suppose my theme is really to look at some aspects of the evolution of the ACGS over the past 100 years and which should be considered in relation to Scotland – why we are so closely connected – why this important – why it is enduring – and why in my view this will continue for many years to come – indeed for another 100 years!

But no assessment of the ACGS can really begin without looking at the context in which it found itself – the evolution and development of America from a resilient group of 13 colonies into a superpower and some would say hyperpower in under 180 years. Its nearest rival, Russia or the Soviet Union took over 1000 years to achieve such status and had to fight off invaders many times. I need hardly tell you that the American story is the most remarkable on earth and one that is admired and studied in my country – in fact more so than our own Scottish history.

Way back in 1620 the Plymouth brethren (from England) endured an horrendous crossing of the Atlantic and arrived at Plymouth New England. These families established a community and agreed to abide by its laws. This was a voluntary act by a free people. 150 years later

their descendants gave their fortunes and in some cases their lives to the establishment of the United States of America under George Washington.

In 1652 Alexander Magruther the immigrant, carried out a similar journey but via Barbados to Virginia and thence to Maryland after defeat at the battle of Worcester for he was an officer in Charles II's army. His story is in some ways more surprising than that of the Plymouth brethren as he traveled as an individual and single handedly established himself in a foreign country creating estates with names such as Dunblane and Craighigh.

Of course neither of these acts was easy, and they reveal a sense of how America came to be the country that it is today. Secondly, these are but two examples that show what America is primarily about – immigration. These two examples set the pattern of what was to come over the years. Groups and individuals arriving on these shores and establishing communities in adverse conditions. There was of course constant movement across the atlantic all the time – a mixture of groups and individuals. And of course the restless movement of people westward which is another story in itself. Those from Scotland primarily moved as families. Perhaps then it was no surprise that at some point clan societies came to be formed of which American Clan Gregor was one of the first. Perhaps there is also in their outlook an uncanny resemblance to the values and spirit of the clans of Scotland. Honour, freedom, generosity, community spirit, selflessness, living peacefully under the law of the land. These were the attributes brought by many immigrants, not just the Plymouth brethren into America. They were then honed and developed, creating the greatest free nation on earth. The American Clan Gregor society is a product of that nation. A nation of people, who when confronted with misfortune say “what can we do?” NOT “do we have the capacity to do anything?”

America is founded on ideas and aspirations and traces its history to a concept of liberty and constitutional order that was unique in the world when it was proclaimed in 1776. We had a feel for this in our visits to Monticello and Montpelier. Anybody could become an American – and most of the world has tried.

I have always liked the following story. Back in the 1970s Fidel Castro was giving one of his regular speeches in Havana to some 20,000 people. He became irritated when a voice in the crowd began saying 'popcorn/peanuts/juice'.

Castro shouted: ‘Will you please stop that’ – but the voice continued “popcorn, peanuts, juice”.

This happened a few more times to his annoyance and after about the fourth time Castro announced: “the next time I hear “popcorn/peanuts/juice” I am going to find out who he is and kick him all the way to Miami”.

At which point the entire crowd shouted “popcorn/peanuts/juice” !!

There are those who say that America has reached its zenith – has had its day. That China or a resurgent Russia will emerge in due course as the world's superpower. People who say that do not understand America. There are two essential flaws here; that neither China nor Russia has ever had any semblance of liberal democracy as we know it in the west. I don't see many people trying to get into either China or Russia. When a western leader dies such as a president or prime minister his legacy is debated. Not so in China. When Mao died schoolchildren were commanded to put their head down on their desks and cry. Interesting

how in 1989 the Tiananmen Square protesters built a monument in Beijing that looks much like the statue of liberty.

The American dream as it has come to be known, was born in Europe. For America represented a perfect country. Whatever people disliked in Europe they could escape it to the New World. America was the most exciting discovery in an age of exciting discoveries. Migrants did not head east to China or Russia. They still do not to this day.

A friend of mine recounted the following story on a visit to Moscow. Having checked into his hotel room he examined what was in his spartan room and noticed pretty quickly a modern looking clock radio. On examining the radio he noticed something odd and somewhat chilling. It had no dial – only an “on/volume” switch. He was in a country with only one voice – the government’s. With little freedom there can be no creativity. China and Russia do not actually invent things though in the case of China I would agree that they are very good at copying. And they have lived for too long on slogans and state organization.

I am always amused by the following tale told in the twilight days of the old Soviet Union. A state commissar was visiting a state collective farm and asked one of the farmers how things were going. ‘never been better’ he replied –

“how so” asked the commissar.

“the potatoes will be piled so high they will reach the foot of God” said the farmer.

“But in the soviet union there is no God” replied the commissar to which the farmer answered “Well that’s alright because there aren’t any potatoes”.

Whilst America did not invent the World Wide Web, (an Englishman – Tim Berners-Lee did that) it was America that brought it to life. 8 of the top 10 websites are American: the whole world is familiar with Google, Wikipedia, Amazon, Facebook, and eBay to name but a few. Space exploration has not been matched by any other country. As JFK said in 1961 ‘We choose to go to the moon in this decade not because it is easy but because it is hard, and because that goal will organize the best of our energies and skills’. His words came to fruition in that decade of the 60s with a moon landing 40 years ago this year. It is these energies and skills that are difficult to replicate.

Entrepreneurship – a French word that has manifested itself over the years in America. All those internet sites that I have just mentioned were built by entrepreneurs taking risks. With that success comes the creation of wealth – wealth that endures. With that wealth Americans are the most generous on earth – they give more to charity per capita than citizens of any other country. Bill Gates and Warren Buffett have established the wealthiest charitable foundation in history. But whilst they may be in a league of their own, this generosity expands right across American society – and I have seen it and experienced it here in this society. Many of you contribute to heritage projects in Scotland such as Dalmally, where tonight you donated \$7,000.

This generosity both in terms of money and spirit trickles down throughout the country. Observers from Alexis de Tocqueville onward have commented on American willingness to join voluntary organisations from civic group to teaching circles. Clan societies fit into that ethos of community spirit. It is also part of the ethos of the clan system generally and therein lies the connection between the USA and Scotland.

For American clan Gregor that connection has now officially spanned 100 years as an entity of its own within the clan and a chieftain at its head. And what a 100 years it has been. One of the key points in the history of the society was when we as a family lived at Fort Benning, Georgia for two years and we came to know many people in the society. Two of whom were the redoubtable Harry and Edith Blunt. I remember one occasion when they invited us up to their home on Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire. Harry leant us his station-wagon which we picked up from his other home near Washington. A kind gesture but not such a good idea as my father had been a racing driver in his youth. He was determined that during his tour of duty that he would reach a speed of 100 mph however momentarily, perhaps only for a few seconds, in each state he visited. Well we made it to Lake Sunapee but Harry's car did not!

I would not imagine that either Dr Magruder or Dr. Ewell would have thought that one day the chief would be driving the assistant chieftain's car at speeds of up to 100 mph across America. He also, along with my grandfather and many others probably had no idea what was coming on the world stage and how America would evolve, or how strong the relationship within the clan would become between our two countries.

In the past 100 years America and its allies defeated Nazism and communism two of the greatest scourges in history. It must have been in the middle of World War 2 that America really became a superpower. The statistics are phenomenal. Hitler scoffed at President Roosevelt's plan to increase the size of the US air force. At the Willow Run factory in Detroit, Ford built more than 8,000 B-24 liberator bombers in the last 16 months of the war. By my calculation that is one bomber rolling off the production line every 1 hour and 15 minutes. And that from just one factory. At US ship building yards, a liberty merchant ship of some 10,000 tons could be built in four and half days. 2 days after that, the ship was fully equipped and ready for service. Perhaps most staggering of all was the increase in size of the US Army from less than 200,000 men at the time of Pearl Harbour to 7 million by the end of 1943. An increase by a factor of 35 in two years. That was down to General George Marshall, who did this in addition to fighting a war on two fronts against the Japanese and the Germans. In Britain we have a lot to thank America for.

With the end of World War 2 NATO was formed as it has been jokingly said 'to keep the Russians out, the Americans in and the Germans under control'. NATO leadership by America has been exemplary and the bedrock to our security against communism. Ultimately communism rotted from the inside and there was no need for military confrontation. President Reagan's plea for Mr Gorbachev to 'tear down this wall' was not just a plea but an incentive to Berliners themselves to do just that. The only wall in history that was built to keep people in. And that in one of the main capital cities of Europe.

In this century we face the threat of the Islamists which is more insidious and just as dangerous. They want to turn the clock back and recreate the caliphate of Baghdad of 1000 years ago. Like the Nazis and the communists they are quite happy to kill their own people to achieve their aims. In fact like Nazism and communism its leaders and members are really part of a death cult with a warped interest in violence. Nazism killed some 20 million people. Communism over the years double that. Stalin's great purge liquidated some 700,000 people. Their Islamist grievances about the western world has been lost in their cult of death and violence. In the name of jihad, the al-Qaeda training manual dismisses all "Socratic debates, Platonic ideals, and Aristotelian diplomacy". No discussion and no debate. Ironically, America has done more for the Muslim world over the years than any other country – most notably in the field of petroleum exploration and extraction.

Whilst confronting Nazism and communism were the wars of yesterday, and much has been written about ‘uncertain worlds’, it is of course the war against Islamism, but not Islam itself, that is happening today. This was exemplified by a young man, a British army officer, aged 25, I met the other day who had recently returned from Afghanistan. He said and I paraphrase “If anything the casualties in Afghanistan and the enormity of the challenge only make me more eager to return. It’s not just that the bravery of our troops which is daily inspiring. There is a sense that this campaign, and the wider war of which it is part, will be the defining matter of our time. History is being made out there. This is my generation’s war and I feel there is a place for me in the struggle”.

Interesting comments and the words he used. “History being made.” “My generation’s war.” Words that could have been said in 1915 or 1941. In this, the conflict of our times, success will not be measured by winning on some battlefield or by some other benchmark test that we of today might be familiar with. It will be some other measure such as assimilation or persuasion. There will be a military element but it will not be the full story. Perversely this conflict may be won on the streets of Britain or in the madrassas of Pakistan rather than the mountains of Afghanistan. The younger generation will find the solution as did previous generations in the defeat of Nazism and communism. Whilst the Islamists wish to destroy our way of life and take the world back to some oppressive caliphate, it is perhaps the presentation of our way of life, the freedoms we enjoy, and the fact that we will do whatever it takes to defend those that may ultimately be the factor in achieving success.

These freedoms were essentially British before being adopted and perfected by America. In the 17th and 18th centuries the British state had a modern bureaucracy, military and legal system. It was unique in not moving towards an absolute monarchy. Its citizens were proud of their English liberties in contrast to the oppressive regimes on the continent. Many of these ideals were imported into America. In fact some of them it could be argued were Scottish as well as English. For clans were autonomous groups not likely to support central government, in the same way that small English towns did not like central government interference and still don’t.

It may be one of the reasons for the 45 uprising – the highland clans objection to the fact that the rightful king was not on the throne and their dislike of big government being exercised many miles away in London. There are similarities with the 1776 revolution in America. Those who fought with George Washington took big risks in sacrificing their fortunes, property and in some cases their lives – but none sacrificed their honour.

The 45 uprising consisted of many fine upstanding men and women such as Flora Macdonald. They too sacrificed their fortunes and in some cases their lives. But like their American counterparts of 30 years later, none sacrificed their honour. Indeed Robert MacGregor of Glencarnock, who commanded the MacGregor regiment was beseeched by the Duke of Cumberland, commander of the Hanoverian forces, to switch sides to which Glencarnock gave the duke the following reply.

“That he and his clan thought themselves highly obliged to his royal highness for the honour he had done to them by his communication, but that having embarked in this affair they could not now desert it whatever they might suffer should it misgive. That on the one hand, though his highness might love the treason he must needs hate the traitors; and on the other they would justly incur the odium of their own party, that therefore, they choose rather to risk their lives and fortunes, and die with the character of honest men than live in infamy and hand down disgrace to their posterity”. Soon after the battle of Culloden, the MacGregors

returned to Balquhiddie. All the houses on Glencarnock's estate were burnt and he himself spent three years incarcerated in Edinburgh castle.

That very same castle and that city to which some of you came this summer for the Gathering in Edinburgh.

Ah yes Edinburgh in July! – nobody knows what the weather will do there next – It's the only place you can get sunburn and trench foot in one day! The weather notwithstanding, as a clan there were representatives from at least 10 different countries which just shows what an international organization we are – in line with the history of the restless movement of peoples which I have alluded to.

But what an event it was. What the organisers, Lord Sempill and Jenny Gilmour understood and perhaps the tourist board does not, is the vast network of clans that operates through societies such as ACGS and CGS Scotland. Lord Sempill was able to leverage those via clan chiefs in order to get a good response from those overseas in particular. Surprisingly there were many who came to the gathering who actually lived in Scotland which was gratifying. Certainly the clans were put firmly on the map and the tourist board were somewhat amazed at the turn out – some 20,000 people on each day. This in turn will hopefully lead to a more positive outlook by the tourist board towards what is known as ancestral tourism. As my wife said in her article in Scottish banner the Armstrongs had the best looking women and the MacGregors had the best looking men – you cannot get more diplomatic than that!

The march up the mile was tremendous and was really the first time the MacGregors had done that since 1822. The difference this time was that most clans were represented with many clansfolk from overseas. In 1822 there were only five groupings: The Celtic Society (consisting of many different people) the MacGregors, the Campbells of Breadalbane, the Drummonds of Perth and I think an Edinburgh grouping. So only three actual clans.

Anyway the event was a great success and has in some respects changed the perception of clans, their societies and chiefs. The future needs careful consideration and we all need to think how the society should progress and be clear that we are appealing to people in a relevant and welcoming manner. For despite the gathering in Edinburgh and the myriad of highland games and big events here in the US, clan societies are generally in decline – not in what they do - but in membership. There may well be aspects of modern life that contribute to this. Whilst the internet has ensured we are all well connected – it may be that the same thing is leading to the demise of clan societies. As people do not need to join a society to establish their family or clan history, whether in the USA or anywhere else. It is there on the internet for people.

Even if a lot of that information is false. Nonetheless the internet is a phenomenon that no one can ignore. How we present ourselves on the internet is just as important as presentation in person. I understand that there are some 10 MacGregor groups on Facebook, one of which consists of 800 members – a greater number than the membership of this society. The problem is converting those people into society members.

Presentation of ourselves is crucial. I have never known so much publicity associated with the clans as has occurred this year in Scotland and in particular the MacGregors. We have been in all the major newspapers and will be in a forthcoming BBC programme about the clans. Society and the way people communicate and keep in touch has been changing radically over the past few years. This can only continue and will become even more diverse.

But then Americans were born to communicate. Some of the best known speeches and sayings have been American from Lincoln's Gettysburg address to Neil Armstrong's words from the moon that thrilled the world. The US accounts for 20% of worldwide internet traffic – with only 5% of the world's population. There are more TV stations, radio stations, newspapers and magazines per capita than in any other country. In addition to Scottish Banner, the Highlander, and the ACGS's own Ardchoille.

So with that in mind, I see no problem with being able to deliver our message to the wider world. We are unique in that our history contains all the values that are talked about by politicians of today. From the history of our clan and those that have represented it whether in Scotland, America or further afield we can draw a considerable amount of strength. That we do have something unique to offer; preservation of our heritage, a community spirit, contributions to the world of business, commerce and the arts. But most of all clan members over the years have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defence of their nation in what Abraham Lincoln called "that last full measure of devotion".

Whilst there are many uncertainties in the world today that are complex, our clan and societies here and in Scotland have weathered these storms in the past, moved with the times, and held ourselves strong through a shared kinship in blood and soil. The timeless glens of Glenstrae, Glen Lyon, Glenorchy and Balquidder echo the names of many MacGregors from the past and we are their descendants here tonight. We are the posterity that Robert MacGregor of Glecarnock spoke of. Almost as if an arrow had been fired from the shores of Loch Awe and struck 100 West Jefferson Street, here in Charlottesville.

We are lucky to have such a heritage – we are lucky that those that went before us preserved and promoted our heritage through the formation of this society for us to enjoy – even if Harry Blunt's car didn't make it. We have had a hard act to follow but have measured up fully to the task. The task for us now is to hand it on to a future generation. Whatever difficulties and vicissitudes they may face, I am absolutely confident that in the words, penned by Sir Walter Scott, known to MacGregors around the world: "Macgregor despite them shall flourish forever".

I now propose a toast to the American Clan Gregor Society

OUR HEREDITARY CHIEF AND HIS LADY

Who would have thought you might meet a man at a remote hunting lodge in Alaska who would share your love of salmon fishing? Well, maybe that was the perfect place. Fiona Armstrong was on assignment there to film a fishing program for Sky and Major Sir Malcolm MacGregor was on a photographic assignment.

They were married two years later in 2005 in picturesque Canonbie Parish Church, in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, near her home. Her first trip to the US with him was to the 2008 Stone Mountain Scottish Festival and Highland Games near Atlanta, Georgia where they were honored guests. The next weekend they joined the American Clan Gregor Society for the 99th annual Gathering in Chattanooga, Tennessee. They did not stay away long, as they returned to Charlottesville, Virginia in early October 2009 for the 100th anniversary celebration of the founding of ACGS.

Because Lady MacGregor is a writer, along with her other many talents, we asked her permission to publish these articles, to give our readers an opportunity to enjoy her engaging style and personable perceptions of what it is like to visit among us as the wife of our Chief.

Page 18 • North American Edition • December 2009 THE SCOTTISH BANNER

This month Lady MacGregor travels across the Atlantic Ocean to attend the American Clan Gregor Society's 100th Anniversary!

Lady Fiona MacGregor of MacGregor

Greetings from the Borderlands! This month I'm writing from the south of Scotland about an historic event which took us to America. We've been celebrating the 100th anniversary of the forming of the American Clan Gregor Society. My husband, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, is the clan chief, and together we crossed the Atlantic. It was keeping up a family tradition. My husband's parents were there in 1959 for the 50 anniversary, and while he had packed and sent a variety of swords and dirks through customs (in those days you could), she had carried the family tiara in a brown paper bag to fool would-be thieves. I have to say that after an incident with another piece of clan jewellery, I wasn't that keen to do the same. A jolly dance called the Eight Men of Moidart at a Highland Ball earlier this year had made my ears swell up and the dangling ancient earrings I was wearing, stick fast. At three in the morning they would not come out. It ended in me sobbing as I foresaw the worst; the shame of a trip to accident and emergency to get the things surgically removed. Then there is the problem of getting anything metal or sharp through security. Nowadays you can't even get a pin through, never mind a Highland sword. Even the tiniest dagger and most vital piece of kilt equipment, the skean dhu, is impossible to take through customs. This time my husband's weaponry was limited and confined to hold-baggage. Belts, buckles and brooches, with their sharp pins and edges, also went the same way, as did the ancient sporran found on the field of Culloden. But when we arrived at our destination - the delightful and colonial Virginian town of Charlottesville - I wished I had brought the tiara. This was where the American Clan Gregor Society was formed a century ago and it would not have been out of place.

The AGGS is reckoned to be one of the oldest US clan societies in the world. It could be the oldest - please let me know if that's not the case - and was started in Virginia in 1909 by a Dr Magruder and a Dr Ewell. They were two GP's and they used to ride out together on horseback to see their patients. As they worked together they got talking and discovered they had common ancestry in the Magruders; on further discussion they realised they were related to the MacGregors. They approached the then MacGregor Chief, my husband's Grandfather, Sir Callum, and so the Society was born.

Not Much Tartan

As you can see from the picture, in those days no one wore very much tartan. The founder members bear just a token square on their jackets. There are no kilts and no sashes. Compare that to the sea of tartan we wade through today! Compare that to the picture of the grandchildren of the Macgruders, Ewells and MacGregors from this year's centenary gathering.

Anniversary Gathering

The four-day event began with a tour to homes of past Presidents, including one to Monticello, which is the home of Thomas Jefferson, who, of course, drafted the Declaration

of Independence; the ideals being that ‘all men are equal’ and have a right to ‘life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.’ But the MacGregor highlight was the celebration banquet, which saw us addressing the haggis and being piped in by the MacGregor Pipe Band. It had shades of a Scarlett O’Hara ball - a mix of white and black-tie, 300 MacGregors in silk and satin tartan, their sashes carefully tied; there were some unusual touches - a ballgown teamed with a pair of cowboy boots, but the manners were impeccable. I felt I stepped back into the deep south and half expected the ladies to have to retire when the after-dinner whisky came round. But we stayed and watched the extraordinary sight of a ballroom full of men singing Sir Walter Scott’s MacGregor’s Gathering’, a poem which tells of the nameless clan who will not be kept down. ‘While there’s leaves in the forest and foam on the river, MacGregor despite them shall flourish forever!’ At this point, with much hollering, the gentlemen stand on their chairs, put one foot on the table and brandish their weaponry. Many of those who join clan societies have been in the forces, and their chests are covered with medals. The dinner was sponsored in part by Walkers Biscuits. Indeed the latest boxes bear the extravagant painting of my husband’s ancestor, Sir Evan MacGregor of MacGregor, on the front. He still has the same kilt outfit though he’s not been able to fit into it since he was 18 years old. I sat and prayed that the Walker clan had never, in another life, feuded with Clan Gregor. But it is entirely possible; they fought most people, especially after a few drinks. The drams, by the way were supplied courtesy of Clan MacGregor Scotch Whisky. That’s another chiefly perk — the MacGregor does occasionally get the odd crate or two from the company that uses his name. I learned so much about the US Clan Gregor Society. Not least that they have a wonderful family archive at the University of Baltimore Library, and that they give scholarships to needy students on college courses. They are also very generous and have been putting their hands in their pockets for other things - donating tens of thousands of dollars to help preserve the ancient Dalmally burial clan stones back at Argyll in Scotland.

There are thanks to so many people - to Matt Kuldell, the Pipe Major, for providing us with such wonderful music with the MacGregor Pipe Band, to the outgoing Chieftain Thaddeus Osborne, and the incoming one, Ron McGregor; to Scott MacGregor for his organisation skills to Mary and Leighton Stradley for driving us about and keeping us entertained; to John and Lillian Greer who afterwards took us to their wonderful home on the Chesapeake Bay and gave us all sorts of delicious crab dishes. Also thanks to their son, Stephen, who is a fount of knowledge about all clan matters and allowed us access to the MacGregor archive. And last but not least to Tom Hollowak from the University of Baltimore. We loved our time over there — we will return!



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Once she was ITN’s top newsreader...but then she married a haggis—hunting Burns—reciting clan chief. Here Fiona Armstrong tells how she joined the tartan army

**We Armstrongs could start a fight in a phonebox...
But not with my husband MacGregor of MacGregor**

By Fiona Armstrong

BROADCASTER Fiona Armstrong may be best known as a newsreader for ITN and GMTV, but since marrying Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, 24th chief of the famous Clan Gregor, her life has become consumed by the skirl of the pipes, the blood-soaked history of the Scots and the intricate steps of Highland dancing. As Lady MacGregor of

MacGregor, Fiona is in demand at Scottish events all round the world. She and Sir Malcolm have just returned from the centenary gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society in Charlottesville, Virginia. Here she writes about her tartan life...

The vast Martin Luther King Boulevard in the baking humidity of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was where it first hit me what it means to be married to a Clan Chief. I was slowly marching — like any good wife — a step behind my husband, following the rather moth-holed pleats of the old kilt that his grandfather had worn. Before us was a band of pipers, behind us, an army of red, green and black tartan-clad supporters. Our little band of Bravehearts was on a melting dual carriageway with a parking lot on one side and a shopping mall on the other. It was a Saturday afternoon. To our left, cab drivers were leaning out of their windows honking their horns. To our right, shoppers in the mall laughed and clapped as this snapshot of ancient Scottish life passed by.

In my other world as a TV reporter, I might well have been on the sidelines filming this strange scene. Now I was on centre stage, slowly cooking in my hat and heavy tartan suit and rather envying the men, who at least had fresh air wafting up their kilts.

It was a definitive How Did I Get Here moment. Back home in Scotland, attitudes to the ancient clan system are mixed. To some, it is an intrinsic part of their heritage and identity. Others find the tartan and shortbread image rather ridiculous.

But there is no doubt that those whose forebears left Celtic shores to make a new life in the New World love the whole piping, caber-tossing, Burns reciting, haggis-hunting thing. Yes, the Americans are big on Scotland. And just like the old days, there are thousands of clansmen and women who will follow — and even offer to die for — their chief.

America is a young country and membership of a Scottish clan offers an unbroken heritage stretching back a thousand years, a real link to the MacGregors' battles with the Campbells, to Rob Roy and the Jacobite uprising. Every year there are 400 Highland Games in the USA and Canada and for those in the Clan Gregor, my husband is the living, breathing embodiment of all that their Scottishness means to them.

Of course, I didn't start out as a MacGregor and my interest in Scottish history and the ancient clans far predate my links to Clan Gregor. My own Clan, Armstrong, a lowland tribe from the border country, does not have a chief. He was hanged by the English in 1611. I have pored long and hard over the history books in the hunt for a living descendant of the chiefly line, but no one has come forward to claim the title.

The Armstrongs were to the Scottish Borders what the troublesome MacGregors were to the Highlands — 'unruly and very ill tae tame' — is an old description. A more modern saying is that the Armstrongs could start a fight in a phone box. That's one reason I think that I've met the right man. We don't fight (not yet anyway!) but our two clans have the same story.

Both were persecuted and eventually forced out of their country. We Armstrongs were shipped to Northern Ireland. I also think it is fitting that we met on the banks of a salmon river — though not by the Spey, Tweed or Tay, but in Alaska — where I was fishing for monster salmon and Malcolm, a landscape photographer with an international reputation, was working.

MacGregor the Younger, as he was when I met him, is a handsome, if at times eccentric man. He frequently disappears into the desert or mountains, tells me that ammunition is not

my concern, and always puts sherry in his soup. Irritating as these traits may be, they are not grounds for divorce.

Besides, who could resist the name? The Daily Mail columnist Quentin Letts once complained that MacGregor of MacGregor, as my husband is now, sounds like a stuck record. He should have met my husband's father, the late and legendary Brigadier-General Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, commanding officer of the Scots Guards. We constantly run into people who say 'Aren't you related to...' and their eyes either shine with admiration, or glaze with fear.

When his father died in 2003, Malcolm became the 7th Baronet of Lanrick and Balquhiddy and 24th Chief of Clan Gregor. The title of clan chief is more important, for it goes back centuries to the ancient Kings of Scotland. The baronetcy came much later to an ancestor who devised an accounting system for the Indian army that saved the exchequer millions of pounds.

Given the history of Clan Gregor, whose members include the infamous Rob Roy MacGregor, it is a miracle that the chiefly line survived. Outlawed in 1603, members of the family had been forced to flee to the hills. Their men folk were hunted down with bloodhounds and their women branded on the face with hot irons.

But survive it did, which is why I flew to Washington DC with my husband earlier this month to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the American Clan Gregor Society, one of the oldest of hundreds of clan societies in the USA.

The society was formed in Virginia in 1909 by a Dr Magruder. Don't be confused: many MacGregors changed their names to escape persecution. These offshoots — Gregg, White, Black, MacAlpine and, yes, MacGruders or Magruders — are known as 'septs'.

In a black—and—white picture taken of the founders — reproduced above right — they all look very serious. It is interesting that there is very little tartan in evidence, just a small square on jackets. Our 21st Century snaps with their seas of colour show an almost Hollywood vision of a Highland Gathering.

Remarkably it was my husband's ancestor Sir Evan MacGregor of MacGregor who helped spread the craze for tartan. The fabric had been banned after the Jacobite uprising of 1745, but when George IV came to Scotland in 1822 in full Highland dress, it suddenly became de rigueur. During the visit, Sir Evan was asked to raise a party of men to escort the Crown Jewels up the Royal Mile in Edinburgh. He kitted out all the men with fancy kilts and silver dirks and in the process nearly bankrupted the family.

Centuries ago, the trade-off of belonging to the clan was that you fought for the chief and he saw you clothed and fed. These days we can hardly run to keeping ourselves, never mind providing for the hundreds of thousands of MacGregors around the globe. But my husband takes his job seriously; his role is to be an authority on clan history and the wider Scottish story and an active figurehead for the name.

And in crossing the Atlantic, we were keeping up a family tradition. My husband's parents were there in 1959 for the 50th anniversary. Mind you, times were different then. My husband's father waltzed through customs carrying a small armoury of ceremonial metalwork — highland broadswords and dirks — while his mother carried the family tiara wrapped in a brown paper bag to fool would-be thieves.

Nowadays even the skean dhu — a tiny dagger — is impossible to take through American customs. As for our passports, they really confuse the immigration officials. We get ‘MacGregor – Lady — now that’s a real nice name,’ or ‘Hey, Lord, my brother’s called Earl.’

This time my husband’s weaponry was strictly limited and confined to hold-baggage alongside the belts, buckles and brooches and an ancient sporran found on the field of Culloden. Any smuggling was confined to three eagle feathers. A clan chief needs three eagle’s feathers for his bonnet and strictly speaking they violate international agreements on importing endangered species.

When we arrived at our destination — the delightful colonial town of Charlottesville — I wished I had brought the tiara. It would not have been out of place among 300 MacGregors in silk and satin tartan, their sashes carefully tied. There were the odd exceptions; someone wore a ballgown with a pair of cowboy boots, for example. But the manners were impeccable.

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Dress is everything at these events. When MacGregor of MacGregor wore the red and black ‘Rob Roy’ tartan, so would I; ditto with the red and green. In Scotland, no one bats an eyelid when they see a piece of tartan but the Americans are mad keen to touch it. I was told I am ‘just like’ Princess Diana (I wish). My husband was informed that, after Prince Charles, he was the world’s best-dressed Highlander (he wishes that, too).

‘I love your kilt stockings. Where can I buy those?’ one admirer asked my husband. It was explained that these knee-high socks, in a chunky red and black diamond pattern, were 100 years old and irreplaceable, having being knitted by his great-grandmother. ‘Gee, that’s great — will she knit me some, too?’, came the answer. The bonnet was also noted. ‘God dammit, he’s got chicken feathers in his head,’ someone shouted. But anyone daring to ask MacGregor of MacGregor what he wears under his kilt will get short shrift.

There is, of course, a correct way to wear the kilt, but Americans pay scant attention. We saw them teamed with leather jackets and kiss-me-quick T-shirts, worn back to front and, shock horror, even ladies wearing them.

Of course these clan societies may not be the most accurate reflection of Scottish traditions, but they do spread the Scottish story and bring people together in fellowship. What’s more, they do wonders for tourism and Americans will put their hands in their pockets to make sure the story continues. It was an American MacDonald who funded the fabulous clan research centre on Skye and the American MacGregors who offer scholarships to needy students and

donate tens of thousands of pounds to help preserve the ancient clan burial stones at Dalmally in Argyll.

Though I asked myself, in Chattanooga, what on earth I was doing there, I know the answer. We may be separated by thousands of miles, but we are linked by shared history. As one American MacGregor told me: 'How do you know where you are going if you don't know where you come from?'



ACGS GATHERINGS OVER THE YEARS

(Prepared by Major Ronald A. McGregor)

The organizational meeting was held in the medical office at the home of Dr Edward May Magruder, 100 West Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, Virginia on June 10th, 1909.

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| 1918 | According to Caleb Clarke Magruder as published in the 1934 Year Book, page 55: "the prevalence of influenza in 1918, for you will recall that we were then involved in the World War, mainly to help our ungrateful ally – France – made it unwise to gather in large numbers, so that, upon Government advice, no formal meeting of the Society was held." |
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- 1959 Monticello Hotel, Charlottesville, Virginia. This was the Golden Anniversary of the founding of the Society. The Council meeting was held in the Medical Office of Dr. E. M. Magruder, to same room where the original founding meeting was held in 1909. The Banquet was held at the Farmington Country Club. Sir Gregor and Lady Fanny were our Honoured Guests.
- 1960 Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington D. C.
- 1961 The Carvel Hall Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland
- 1962 The Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Virginia
- 1963 The Dupont Plaza Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- 1964 The Francis Scott Key Hotel, Frederick, Maryland
- 1965 The Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- 1966 The Tidewater Inn, Easton, Maryland
- 1967 The Sheraton Belvedere Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland

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 1973 The Chamberlin Hotel, Hampton, Virginia
 1974 The Yorktowne Inn, York, Pennsylvania
 1975 Reston, Virginia: I (Edward Gregor) looked over the Gatherings list for the years..... We had our Gathering near Dulles International Airport before our departure for Scotland. I have a banquet Program for our Annual Gathering, Saturday, the 4th of October. Held at The Sheraton Inn, Reston, Virginia. I don't have too many, but that one was there. Also, included on our Tour of Scotland was a Bicentennial Commemorative Banquet held by The American Clan Gregor Society in the Dunblane Hydro Hotel on Saturday, 11th of October 1975.
 1976 Sheraton Motor Inn, Fredericksburg, Virginia
 1977 The Cross Keys Inn, Columbia, Maryland
 1078 The Hotel Dupont, Wilmington, Delaware
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 1980 The Sheraton Center, Charlotte, North Carolina
 1981 The Fort Magruder Inn, Williamsburg, Virginia
 1982 The Hotel Dupont, Wilmington, Delaware
 1983 The Sheraton Wayfarer Inn, Manchester, New Hampshire
 1984 The Boar's Head Inn, Charlottesville, Virginia
 1985 The Northwest Hilton Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia
 1986 The Hotel Eola, Natchez, Mississippi
 1987 The Fort Magruder Inn, Williamsburg, Virginia
 1988 The Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado
 1989 The Radisson Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland
 1990 The Doubletree Hotel, Santa Rosa, California
 1991 The Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Virginia
 1992 The Netherlands Omni Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio
 1993 The Sheraton Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina
 1994 The Hyatt Hotel, Sarasota, Florida
 1995 The Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland
 1996 The Roanoke Hotel, Roanoke, Virginia
 1997 The Chamberley Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas
 1998 The Airport Marriott Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee
 1999 The Fort Magruder Inn, Williamsburg, Virginia
 2000 The Hilton Northwest Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia
 2001 The Hyatt Regency, Denver, Colorado
 2002 The Harrisburg Hilton Hotel, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
 2003 The Embassy Suites Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana
 2004 The Marriott Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida
 2005 The Radisson at Temple Square, Salt Lake City, Utah
 2006 The Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach, Virginia
 2007 The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
 2008 The Chattanooga Marriott Convention Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee
 2009 **The Double Tree Hotel, Charlottesville, Virginia**



The American Clan Gregor Society Founders

And Now... The Gathering in Pictures!



The Old MacGregors find the perfect sign!



Weekend Registration Jane Montmeny and Janice K. Britt

Registration

Busy at the
registration table!





Maggie Sanderfield with John R. MacGregor!

Wednesday Chieftain's Reception



John R., Fred A.
Magruder, &
Carol Spitznagle
happily posing
for the camera!



It's two for one! John C. McGregor

Wednesday Chieftain's Reception

Members
enjoying
themselves!



Thaddeus
Osborne paying
respects.



Thursday Wreath Laying



MacGregors at
grave of
Dr. Jesse Ewell
(co-founder of
society)

Dr. Ewell's Grave



Thursday Wreath Laying



Sir Malcolm & Lady
MacGregor

Keith MacGregor and
Prof. Richard McGregor
taking pictures!



Thursday Tour Montpelier



MacGregors
visiting
Montpelier
House!



Monument at
Montpelier

Thursday Tour Montpelier



Members conversing with each other!



MacGregors at grave of Dr. Edward May Magruder
(co-founder of society)

Friday Memorial Service



Memorial
Wreath-
Laying
ceremony



Memorial
wreath with
flowers
recognizing
members
who've passed
away during the
year

Friday Memorial Service



Piper and drummer playing at memorial!



Members going into Monticello house!

Friday Tour Monticello



Breathtaking Monticello Garden!



Crazy for Shortbread!

Friday Evening Ceilidh



We are all family!



Thaddeus accepts the sword!

Friday Evening Ceilidh



Hanging out at the raffle table!



MacGregor
Pipe Band
leading the
Clan Gregor
parade to
the concert!

Saturday Afternoon Parade & Concert

Sir Malcolm
&
Lady
MacGregor
Leading
Clan Gregor!





Gregors
going in to
watch the
American
Clan Gregor
Society
Pipe Band!

Saturday Afternoon Concert

The
American
Clan
Gregor
Society
Pipe Band
on stage!





Dalmally Stones Project check!

Saturday Evening Reception



Roses of the
clan!
Carol
Spitznagle,
Diana Browne,
Lou Ann
MacGregor,
& Maggie
Sanderfield



Pipers leading the way!

Saturday Evening Reception

Members
pouring in!





Smile for the camera Marjorie & Michael!

Saturday Evening Reception



Head table led in by piper!



Stuart
MacGregor
& wife
Linda
Kaplan

Saturday Evening Reception



Don't mess with the Gregors! Wess Shauf & Logan Grover



Here comes
the Haggis,
yummy!

Saturday Evening

Toasting the
Haggis!





Pipe band
and dancers
entertaining
after the
banquet!

Saturday Evening





Members
joined in song,
Auld Lang
Syne!

Saturday Evening

And so another
year ends...
...Goodnight
folks!





Sunday Kirkin'





Montpelier

Tour

Clockwise from top left: 1) Margaret Baumgardner, Eleanor M. Harris, Nancy DeJarnette Frye, 2) MacGregors in front of Montpelier, 3) Hickory nuts, 4) Nathaniel M. Ewell III, 5) Keith MacGregor and Prof. Richard McGregor, 6) Frances Honsharuk, Millie Gregg, Maggie Sanderfield

Monticello

Gregor Clan Tour



Clockwise from top right: 1) route to Monticello, 2) gate to Thomas Jefferson's grave, 3) Monticello, 4) Carter Mercier with statue of Thomas Jefferson



Gregor Tour

Monticello



Clockwise from top center: 1) Peter K. Gregg and Henry Gregg, 2) Howard R. Grossnickle, John R. MacGregor, Jake MacGregor, 3) Thomas Jefferson's grave marker, 4) Lady MacGregor and Eileen Pruitt, 5) Monticello.



Clockwise from top center: 1) Sir Malcolm & Lady MacGregor with Gene Dennison, 2) Emerald A. Schauf, 3) William E. & Helen Tyler III with Joseph C. Tichy, 4) Logan A. Grover and WESS Schauf, 5) Carrington W. Ewell, 6) WESS Schauf



Clockwise from top center: 1) Rich Latimer and Peter K. Gregg, 2) Pipe Major Matt Kuldell on the bagpipes, 3) Marilyn Zimmerman, Joseph C. Tichy, Beth Wassell, 4) Thaddeus G. Osborne, Ronald A. McGregor, Jonathan McGregor, 5) Dr. Edward May Magruder's grave, 6) Memorial Wreath, 7) Jacob R. MacGregor and Kyra MacGregor, 8) Wreath-Laying ceremony



Clockwise from top center: 1) John C. & Ena McGregor, 2) Thaddeus G. Osborne and Sir Malcolm MacGregor, 3) Kathleen, Paige, & Patrick VanMeter with Sally Smith, 4) Emerald A. Schauf, 5) Donald E. Grier, 6) William & Deirdre Garrett, 7) Maggie Sanderfield, J. Gregory & Pat O'Brien, 8) Thaddeus G. Osborne, 9) Brennen C. Grover



Clockwise from top center: 1) Lady MacGregor, 2) Ronald A. McGregor, Thaddeus G. Osborne, Sir Malcolm MacGregor with State Deputy Chieftains, 3) MacGregors singing Auld Lang Syne, 4) Pipe Major Matt Kuldell, 5) Greg, Brooke, Edwin “Ned”, Johnston, Henry “Sandy”, & Eleanor M. Harris, 6) Adele Shotwell, Ellen Donnelly, Helen Tyler, 7) Clan Crest and Tartan



Clockwise from top center: 1) Sir Malcolm and Steven C. Grier, 2) Thaddeus G. Osborne and N. Andrew Greig, 3) Thaddeus G. Osborne, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, Steven C. Grier, J. Wanzer Drane, 4) Randolph W. Walker, Thaddeus G. Osborne, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, Ronald A. McGregor, 5) Obadiah Gregg, 6) Betty Avis, Pat Skelton, Sarah Pippin, John R. MacGregor, 7) Sir Malcolm MacGregor and Fran Browne



Banquet



Clockwise from center: 1) William Garrett, 2) J. Wanzer Drane and Linda Page, 3) Sir Malcolm & Lady MacGregor and Thaddeus G. Osborne, 4) John R. MacGregor and Eileen Pruitt, 5) J. Bruce Macgregor, R. James Macgregor, Howard R. Grossnickle, 6) pipers Mac Wade and Jamie Fountain, 7) Milton & Elizabeth Bosch



Clockwise from upper left: 1) James E. & Patricia R. Woolley, Jr., 2) Duncan & Cornelia Mills, 3) J. Hardin & Patricia Gregg, 4) Sir Malcolm & Lady MacGregor with Iseabelle, Annabelle, Judi, Sophie, Sadie Gregg, Gertie Slowik, Terri Robinson, Charlene Turnage



Clockwise from upper left: 1) Claire Crain, Ronald S. MacGregor, Claire Brown, 2) Mike & J. Kay Britt, 3) Lois Ann Garlitz, Larry L McGregor, Elizabeth McDonald, 4) Balladeer John Masterson, 5) Thaddeus G. Osborne, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, Ronald A. McGregor, 6) L. Dan Megehee, Jr., Donald A. Gregg, William E. Tyler III



Clockwise from upper left: 1) Iseabelle, Annabelle, Sadie, Keith D. Gregg, 2) Richard M. Greer & Retta E. Poe, 3) Thaddeus G. Osborne with Deirdre M. Garrett raffle winner of the dirk, 4) Sir Malcolm MacGregor, Steven C. Grier, with Cynthia M. Elliott raffle winner of one of the Walker Shortbread Baskets

THE FAMILY “GREGG”

American Clan Gregor Society (ACGS) Centennial Gathering Charlottesville, Virginia

The Centennial Gathering of the American Clan Gregor Society, in Charlottesville, Virginia, not only brought MacGregor's from far and wide, it brought about 50 descendents of William Gregg. William Gregg, who was two generations removed from the MacGregor surname, traveled with his wife and children from County Antrim, Ireland, and, in 1682, settled in the Christiana Hundred, a part of what is now the State of Delaware.

From these beginnings, his descendents spread throughout the country making many contributions to the growth of this nation. One of these was Dr. Josiah Gregg, frontiersman, who is credited with establishing a trade route between Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Santa Fe in 1839. Another was William Gregg, subject of a book by Broadus Mitchell called "Factory Master of the Old South". Gregg's lived and some fought during the Revolution, War of 1812, the Civil War (both sides) and on.

My Great grandfather, William Cephas Gregg, is credited by the National Parks Service on their web site as being the first to mention creating a road where Skyline Drive now exists. He also explored Yellowstone Park in 1920 and 1921. There is now a Gregg Fork on the Bechler River.

We all gathered in Charlottesville, with our fellow MacGregors, to renew old friendships, develop new ones, and to revel in our shared kinship. I talked with Joel Gregg, who I first met at the 99th Gathering in Chattanooga, to discuss our family link. I shared a few beverages with Gregg Elliott, who is my Second Cousin, I met for the first time at the 97th Gathering in Virginia Beach. There was at least four generations of my immediate family in attendance.

All of the Gregg's visited, learned of our nation's history at Monticello and Montpelier, of our Societies history and our Clans history. We also partied at two Ceilidhs and enjoyed the MacGregor pipe band concert downtown. It all ended too soon and left us all wanting more.

The presence of Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor inspired us to discover our family links, not only as Gregg's, but as MacGregor's. I can't wait for the 101st Gathering and hope to see everyone again, where we can meet and talk about the great time we all had in Charlottesville.

Submitted by Peter Gregg, Deputy Chieftain for Delaware



The Family "Gregg" with Honored Guests, Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor
at the Centennial Gathering



CENTENNIAL GATHERING ATTENDEES

Charlottesville, Virginia

| <u>HONORED GUESTS</u> | <u>CITY/COUNTRY</u> |
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| Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor Bart. | Canonbie, Scotland |
| Lady Fiona MacGregor | Canonbie, Scotland |
| Prof. Richard McGregor | Lancaster, England |
| Keith MacGregor | Redding, CT |
| Tom Hollowak | Baltimore, MD |
| Aiden Faust | Baltimore, MD |

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>CITY/STATE</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> |
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| Barbara Albin | Arvada, CO | Guest |
| Betty McGregor Avis | Hollandale, MS | 2683 |
| Doug Baumgardner | Norfolk, VA | Guest |
| Margaret Baumgardner | Norfolk, VA | Guest |
| Barbara J. Boots | Fairfax, VA | Guest |
| Thomas J. Boots | Fairfax, VA | Guest |
| Elizabeth Bosch | Napa, CA | 2850A |
| Milton Bosch | Napa, CA | 2743 |
| Janice K. Britt | Wingo, KY | 2645 |
| Mike Britt | Wingo, KY | Guest |
| Claire Brown | Palmyra, VA | Guest |
| Cynthia Browne | Ann Arbor, MI | 1967A |
| Diana G. Browne | New York City, NY | 1737LM |
| Frances A. Browne | Fairfax, VA | 1550LM |
| Kingsley Browne | Ann Arbor, MI | 1966 |
| Alex Bryan | Chesapeake, VA | Guest |
| John Burtis | San Antonio, TX | Guest |
| Vida A. Burtis | San Antonio, TX | 2879 |
| Elizabeth M. Cosgrove | Mitchellville, MD | 1156 |
| William P. Cosgrove | Mitchellville, MD | Guest |
| Claire Crain | Palmyra, VA | 1781LM |
| Dallas Davis | El Dorado Hills, CA | Guest |
| Janice R. Davis | El Dorado Hills, CA | 2628 |
| Daniel Debiasio | St. Petersburg, FL | Guest |
| Janet G. Debiasio | St. Petersburg, FL | 2816 |
| Carl Dennison | East Bend, NC | 2861 |
| Eric Dennison | Leeds, AL | 2862 |
| H. Eugene Dennison | Hendersonville, NC | 2853 |
| Joan Dennison | Hendersonville, NC | Guest |
| Harold I. "Don" Donnelly, III | Rapidan, VA | 2820LM |
| J. Wanzer Drane | Horse Shoe, NC | 1868LM |
| Katharine M. Dulacey | Breckenridge, CO | Guest |
| Barbara W. Eggbeer | Glen Allen, VA | Guest |
| Cynthia M. Elliott | Chesapeake, VA | Guest |
| M. Gregg Elliott | Chesapeake, VA | 2655 |
| Mark Elliott | Chesapeake, VA | Guest |
| Richard H. Elliott | Chesapeake, VA | 2655 |
| Whitney H. Elliott | Chesapeake, VA | Guest |
| Nathaniel M. Ewell III | Palmyra, VA | 2114LM |
| Antoinette S. Ewell | Palmyra, VA | Guest |

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| Carrington W. Ewell | Lynchburg, VA | 2292 |
| Mildred H. Ewell | Charlottesville, VA | 2319A |
| Richard S. Ewell | Winston-Salem, NC | 2205 |
| Patricia Foster | Raleigh, NC | Guest |
| William Foster | Raleigh, NC | 2688 |
| David Galloway | Pensacola, FL | Guest |
| R. Tess Galloway | Pensacola, FL | 2305 |
| Kim Gardner-Ewell | Lynchburg, VA | Guest |
| Lois Ann Garlitz | American Fork, UT | 2561LM |
| Deirdre M. Garrett | Charlotte, NC | 2032LM |
| Helen MacGregor Garrett | Norfolk, VA | 1973 |
| William Garrett | Norfolk, VA | 2101A |
| Patricia Gregg Glowka | Southport, NC | Guest |
| Marjorie Greer | Bridgeport, WV | Guest |
| Michael D. Greer | Bridgeport, WV | 1933 |
| Richard M. Greer | Bowling Green, KY | 2515 |
| Anahbelle Gregg | Wolcott, NY | Guest |
| Audrey R. Gregg | Pompano Beach, FL | 2414A |
| Brian Gregg | Crystal Lake, IL | 2779 |
| Donald A. Gregg | Holiday Hills, IL | 2580 |
| Donald B. Gregg | Pompano Beach, FL | 2367 |
| Henry Gregg | Etters, PA | Guest |
| Iseabelle Gregg | Wolcott, NY | Guest |
| J. Hardin Gregg | Louisville, KY | 2801 |
| James "JB" Gregg | Richmond, VA | Guest |
| John F. Gregg | Southport, NC | 2852 |
| Judith A. Gregg | Wolcott, NY | Guest |
| Keith D. Gregg | Wolcott, NY | 2618 |
| Louise Gregg | Mahwah, NJ | Guest |
| Mary Kate "Katie" Gregg | Holiday Hills, IL | Guest |
| Millie Gregg | Pensacola, FL | 2385A |
| Obadiah Gregg | Wolcott, NY | Guest |
| Olivia Gregg | Etters, PA | Guest |
| Patricia Gregg | Louisville, KY | Guest |
| Peter K. Gregg | Dover, DE | 2686 |
| Richard Gregg | Hackensack, NJ | 2312 |
| Sadie Gregg | Wolcott, NY | Guest |
| Samantha Gregg | Etters, PA | Guest |
| Sophie Gregg | Wolcott, NY | Guest |
| Susan Gregg | Mahwah, NJ | 2840LM |
| Thaddeus B. Gregg | Etters, PA | 2844 |
| Edward Gregor, Jr. | Rochester, NY | 933LM |
| Ellen Gregory | Gulfport, MS | 2892 |
| Alma Greig | Tampa, FL | Guest |
| Ian Greig | Tampa, FL | 2535 |
| Dana Grier | Grasonville, MD | Guest |
| Donald A. Grier | Forest Hill, MD | 2731 |
| Elizabeth C. Grier | Forest Hill, MD | Guest |
| John A. Grier | Grasonville, MD | 2243 |
| Lillian Grier | Grasonville, MD | 2896A |
| Lou Ann Grier | Baltimore, MD | Guest |
| Michael J. Grier | Baltimore, MD | 2737 |
| Steven C. Grier | Kenneth Square, PA | 2552 |
| Tara Grier | Grasonville, MD | Guest |

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| Lucy Ann Grimm | Rapidan, VA | 2480 |
| Howard Grossnickle | Oregon, WI | 2638 |
| Brennen Grover | Ft. Riley, KS | 2027J |
| Donald Grover | Ft. Riley, KS | Guest |
| Jamie Grover | Ft. Riley, KS | 2758LM |
| Logan Grover | Ft. Riley, KS | 2024J |
| Susan Gundersen | Brooksville, FL | 2476 |
| Josephine Hagler | Pensacola, FL | Guest |
| Brooke Harris | Norfolk, VA | 2911ALM |
| Eleanor Harris | Norfolk, VA | 1566LM |
| Greg Harris | Norfolk, VA | 2910LM |
| Johnston Harris | Norfolk, VA | 2913LM |
| Ned Harris | Norfolk, VA | 2912LM |
| Sandy Harris | Norfolk, VA | 2914ALM |
| Julia P. Henshaw | South Lyon, MI | Guest |
| Brian Hicks | Chesapeake, VA | Guest |
| Chelsea Hicks | Chesapeake, VA | Guest |
| David Hicks | Chesapeake, VA | Guest |
| Holly Hicks | Chesapeake, VA | Guest |
| Barbara Walters Hodges | Maple Grove, MN | 2809 |
| Frances E. Honsharuk | Butte, MT | 1799 |
| Arlene A. Hopkins | Manhattan, KS | Guest |
| Ted L. Hopkins | Manhattan, KS | 2867 |
| Jessica Howell | Norfolk, VA | Guest |
| Nancy Ingham | Henderson, NC | 2905 |
| Kimberly Johnson | El Dorado Hills, CA | Guest |
| Michael Johnson | El Dorado Hills, CA | Guest |
| Alma A. Jones | Manakin-Sabot, VA | 2833LM |
| Linda Kaplan | Armonk, NY | Guest |
| Judy King | Augusta, GA | Guest |
| Thomas King | Augusta, GA | Guest |
| Juliette G. Latimer | Ramsey, NJ | 2846 |
| Richard Latimer | Ramsey, NJ | 2847A |
| Crane D. Laws | Hanover, MD | 2829LM |
| Frances L. Lloyd | Washington, D.C. | 1052LM |
| Granville L. Lloyd | Breckenridge, CO | 2293LM |
| J. Bruce Macgregor | Atlanta, GA | 1512 |
| Jacob R. MacGregor | Denver, CO | 2818 |
| James B. MacGregor | Fairfax, VA | 2354LM |
| John R. MacGregor | Boulder, CO | 2717 |
| Kyra MacGregor | Denver, CO | Guest |
| Lou Ann MacGregor | Boulder, CO | Guest |
| Malcolm C. MacGregor | Burton, MI | 2554 |
| R. James Macgregor | Stephenson, VA | 1462 |
| Robert F. "Sandy" MacGregor, Jr. | Smithfield, VA | 2316LM |
| Ronald S. MacGregor | Yorktown, VA | 1861 |
| Scott MacGregor | Norfolk, VA | 2450LM |
| Stuart J. MacGregor | Armonk, NY | 2759LM |
| Abby Magruder | Glen Allen, VA | Guest |
| Bailey Magruder | Port St. Lucie, FL | 2822 |
| Conan Magruder | Amherst, VA | 2798LM |
| Ella Magruder | Amherst, VA | Guest |
| Fred A. Magruder | McCormick, SC | 2433 |
| James L. Magruder | Glen Allen, VA | 2072LM |

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| Richard L. Magruder, Jr. | Augusta, GA | 1523LM |
| Leah Magruder | Chicago, IL | Guest |
| Lillian Magruder | Ridgeland, MS | 1977ALM |
| Mark Magruder | Amherst, VA | 2797LM |
| Mia Magruder | Amherst, VA | 2799LM |
| Paul L. Magruder | Chicago, IL | 2692 |
| Mary Malone | Pensacola, FL | Guest |
| Elizabeth McDonald | Sarnia, Ontario, Canada | Guest |
| Brenda McGregor | Greenville, SC | Guest |
| Ena McGregor | Edgewater, FL | 2742A |
| Jill Kirk McGregor | Scottsdale, AZ | Guest |
| John C. McGregor | Edgewater, FL | 2379 |
| Jonathan McGregor | Virginia Beach, VA | 2843 |
| Larry L. McGregor | Scottsdale, AZ | 2824LM |
| Michael A. McGregor | Greenville, SC | 2883 |
| Ronald A. McGregor | Aurora, CO | 2142LM |
| Josephine Megehee | Carriere, MS | 2576ALM |
| L. Dan Megehee, Jr. | Carriere, MS | 2478LM |
| Ashley Mercier | Perkasie, PA | Guest |
| Carter Mercier | Perkasie, PA | Guest |
| Claude Mercier | Perkasie, PA | Guest |
| Dorothy G. Mercier | Perkasie, PA | Guest |
| Francis Mercier | Perkasie, PA | Guest |
| Michelle Mercier | Perkasie, PA | Guest |
| Roland Mercier | Perkasie, PA | Guest |
| Cornelia Mills | Richmond, VA | Guest |
| Duncan Mills | Richmond, VA | 2528 |
| Judith Mitchell | South Lyon, MI | Guest |
| Judith Moldenhauer | South Lyon, MI | Guest |
| Chip Monroe | Ashland, VA | Guest |
| Joe Monroe | Ashland, VA | 2425 |
| Jane Montmeny | Holladay, UT | 2808 |
| Kris Muncaster | Charlottesville, VA | Guest |
| W. Tom Muncaster, Jr. | Charlottesville, VA | 2143LM |
| Chantal Murdock | Richmond, VA | Guest |
| Douglas J. Murdock | Richmond, VA | 2274LM |
| Elizabeth Murdock | Virginia Beach, VA | Guest |
| Mary Murdock | Richmond, VA | Guest |
| Mildred E. "Midge" Murdock | Naples, FL | 2507A |
| Robert B. Murdock | Virginia Beach, VA | 1408LM |
| Amy Nease | Rapidan, VA | Guest |
| Thaddeus G. Osborne | Knoxville, TN | 1929 |
| Linda Page | Horse Shoe, NC | Guest |
| Jo Ann McGregor Pippin | Inverness, FL | 2446 |
| Retta E. Poe | Bowling Green, KY | Guest |
| Dorothy T. Potter | Lynchburg, VA | Guest |
| Edmund D. Potter | Lynchburg, VA | Guest |
| Clifton W. Potter, Jr. | Lynchburg, VA | 1840LM |
| Rachel S. Potter | Lynchburg, VA | Guest |
| David Prouty | | Guest |
| Eileen Pruett | Mason City, IL | 2186LM |
| Louise Ewell Pugh | Columbia, SC | 939 |
| Terri Robinson | Wolcott, NY | Guest |
| Linda Rutherford | Burton, MI | Guest |

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| Maggie Sanderfield | Athens, IL | 2253 |
| Nolan S. Sanders | Russellville, KY | 2240 |
| Alice Schaefer | Orange, VA | Guest |
| Aaron Schauf | Norfolk, VA | Guest |
| Darcie Schauf | Norfolk, VA | 2757LM |
| Emma Schauf | Norfolk, VA | 2027J |
| WESS Schauf | Norfolk, VA | 2022J |
| Alice C. Shankland | Jackson, MI | Guest |
| Ronald L. Shankland | Jackson, MI | 2471 |
| Adele Shotwell | Rapidan, VA | Guest |
| Alan Shotwell | Rapidan, VA | 2375LM |
| Don Simon | Huntsville, AL | Guest |
| Jack E. Simon | Huntsville, AL | Guest |
| R. Jean MacGregor Simon | Huntsville, AL | 1526 |
| Max Skelton | Atlanta, GA | Guest |
| Pat McGregor Skelton | Atlanta, GA | Guest |
| Debora J. Skinner | Ohio, NY | 2671 |
| Gertrude Slowik | Wolcott, NY | Guest |
| Sarah "Sally" Smith | Quinton, VA | 2183LM |
| Elizabeth M. Sonnenberg | Falls Church, VA | 2795 |
| Carol Spitznagle | Hollywood, FL | 2555 |
| Henry A. Stone | Harrisville, MI | 1920LM |
| Kathleen Stone | Harrisville, MI | Guest |
| Leighton P. Stradley | Fairfax, VA | 1938 |
| Mary R. Stradley | Fairfax, VA | Guest |
| Louise E. Taylor | Ashland, KY | 2376 |
| Joseph C. Tichy | Whispering Pines, NC | 1321ALM |
| Susan Tichy | Fairfax, VA | 1577LM |
| Miriam Trojahn | Norfolk, VA | Guest |
| Helen Tyler | Nellysford, VA | Guest |
| William E. Tyler, III | Nellysford, VA | 2582LM |
| Kathleen Van Meter | Quinton, VA | Guest |
| Michael Van Meter | Quinton, VA | Guest |
| Paige Van Meter | Quinton, VA | Guest |
| Patrick Van Meter | Quinton, VA | Guest |
| Anna Wade | Placitas, NM | 1657LM |
| Randolph W. Walker | San Antonio, TX | 2587 |
| Teresa M. Walker | San Antonio, TX | Guest |
| Beth Wassell | Jacksonville, FL | 2182 |
| John Wassell | Jacksonville, FL | Guest |
| David E. Weber | Charlotte, NC | Guest |
| Cathy G. Weisnicht | Chesterfield, VA | Guest |
| David Weisnicht | Chesterfield, VA | Guest |
| James Weisnicht | Chesterfield, VA | Guest |
| Patricia Weisnicht | Chesterfield, VA | Guest |
| Lavinia E. Wilburn | Ohio, NY | 2841 |
| James E. Woolley, Jr. | Charlotte, NC | 2050LM |
| Patricia R. Woolley | Charlotte, NC | 2215A |
| Andrea Work | Etters, PA | Guest |
| Wanda Wynne | Fairfax, VA | Guest |
| Bill Zimmerman | Lakeland, FL | Guest |
| Charlotte Zimmerman | Houston, TX | Guest |
| Marilyn Zimmerman | Rutland, VT | Guest |
| Mary Zimmerman | Lakeland, FL | 2335 |

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| Mitchell Zimmerman | Houston, TX | 2761 |
| Randal Zimmerman | Rutland, VT | 2612 |

BAND PARTICIPANTS

Pipes

Matt Kuldell (*Pipe Major*)
 Jamie Fountain
 Henry Irion
 Tim Kirkpatrick
 John & Pam Masterson
 Doug & Ruth Nelson
 Kevin O'Brien
 Pat O'Brien
 Mac, Carol, & Ralph Wade

Drums

David Close (*Drum Major*)
 George & Bonnie Hayes
 Dave & Lana Taylor

Dancers

Caitlan Christianson
 Jennifer Dondero
 Eileen Grant
 Susan Rodgers

Special Guest

J. Gregory O'Brien

HONORED GUEST SPONSORS

We wish to thank the following people for their generous contributions toward the success of the Gathering; these contributions played an important part in helping with the added expenses incurred with hosting our honored guests.

| MEMBER | CITY/STATE | NUMBER |
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| Browne family | Fairfax, VA | 1550LM |
| Harold I. "Don" Donnelly, III | Rapidan, VA | 2820LM |
| J. Wanzer Drane | Horse Shoe, NC | 1868LM |
| John F. & Josephine W. Ewell | Front Royal, VA | 1228LM |
| Lois Ann Garlitz | American Fork, UT | 2561LM |
| William & Helen Garrett | Norfolk, VA | 1973 |
| Peter K. Gregg | Dover, DE | 2686 |
| Richard Gregg | Hackensack, NJ | 2312 |
| Ian & Alma Greig | Tampa, FL | 2535 |
| Virginia H. Grier | Rockville, MD | 2738A |
| Lucy Ann Grimm | Rapidan, VA | 2480 |
| Sandy & Eleanor Harris | Norfolk, VA | 1566LM |
| Nancy Ingham | Henderson, NC | 2905 |
| John R. & LouAnn MacGregor | Boulder, CO | 2717 |
| J. Bruce Macgregor | Atlanta, GA | 1512 |
| Scott MacGregor | Norfolk, VA | 2450LM |
| Elizabeth R. McDaniel | Courtland, VA | 2780 |
| Larry L. McGregor | Scottsdale, AZ | 2824LM |
| Michael A. & Brenda McGregor | Greenville, SC | 2883 |
| L. Dan & Josephine Megehee, Jr. | Carriere, MS | 2478LM |
| John G. Metz, Jr. | Alexandria, VA | 1659 |
| Lydia Priest | Gloucester, MA | 2493LM |
| Ronald L. & Alice Shankland | Jackson, MI | 2471 |
| Sarah "Sally" Smith | Quinton, VA | 2183LM |
| David H. Taylor | Richmond, VA | 765 |
| Louise E. Taylor | Ashland, KY | 2376 |
| Miriam Trojahn | Norfolk, VA | Guest |

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 Centennial Gathering such a memorable event through their participation. We are look forward to sharing and enjoying yet another wonderful Gathering in 2010 in Annapolis, Maryland. See you there!



State Deputy Chieftains in attendance 2009

(Seated): (L to R) Lois Ann Garlitz, (Utah); R. Jean Simon, (Alabama);
Margaret “Maggie” Sanderfield, (Illinois);

Standing First Row: (L to R) Randolph “Randy” Walker, (Texas); Edward K. Gregor,
(New York); John A. Grier, Maryland; Ronald A. MacGregor, Colorado); Sir Malcolm
MacGregor of MacGregor Bart, Carol M. Spitznagle, (Southern Florida);
Frances C.E. Honsharuk (Montana);

Standing Second Row: (L to R) Thaddeus “Tad” B. Gregg, (Pennsylvania); Michael D.
Greer, (West Virginia), Howard R. Grossnickle, (Iowa/Wisconsin);
Ronald L. Shankland, (Michigan); Nolan S. Sanders, (Kentucky); Peter K. Gregg,
(Delaware), Frederick A. MaGruder (South Carolina), Thaddeus G. Osborne
(Tennessee), Scott F. MacGregor (Virginia)

REPORTS OF STATE DEPUTY CHIEFTAINS

2009 Annual Report for Alabama

Submitted, by Jean (MacGregor) Simon

We have very good news for the great state of Alabama this past year. There are Scottish games in Alabama once again, after a 2-year hiatus. On Father's Day weekend, 19 -21 June 2009, our Tennessee Valley Scottish Society put on, in Scottsboro AL, this past year's only Scottish games in all of Alabama. Our North Alabama Scottish festival was held not in the usual Huntsville/Madison, Alabama area this year, but in Scottsboro, Alabama. It was held at a resort on Lake Guntersville called Goosepond Colony in Scottsboro. To be more accurate, Lake Guntersville is not really a lake, rather it is part of the Tennessee River.

This new, Scottish games festival in Scottsboro advertised the successful theme, "The Scots are coming to Scottsboro"! The games exhibited all the customary events, from the Patrons' Reception in the brand new Comfort Inn in Scottsboro Friday night, plus band piping competitions, national athletic competitions, to the Kirking of the Tartan at a Methodist church in Scottsboro, Sunday morning. Chip and Cathy Pharr chaired the whole event, with the very able and talented help from the Tom Lackey family of Scottsboro and Huntsville. Twenty-two clans were represented, and I ran the American Clan Gregor Society contingency and tent. Among those present in celebration of this new venue were the mayor of Scottsboro, and the members of the honored clan, Clan MacKenzie. Our main sponsors were from the hospital administration and the auto industry. We made a very decent profit, and all went well.

We expect to have the North Alabama Scottish Games Festival in Scottsboro again, next year. The Scottsboro people are contemplating holding the Games at Goosepond Colony in 2010 in the fall, instead of Father's Day weekend. The heat at the games was quite intense this past June, even though the Tennessee River was just a very few feet away! The Scottsboro people are quite eager and capable of running the Tennessee Valley Scottish Society's North Alabama Scottish Festival next year and we look forward to it very much.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean (MacGregor) Simon
State Deputy Chieftain, Alabama
American Clan Gregor Society

2009 Annual Report for Arizona.

Submitted by Donald Lynd

This is the fourth year my wife and I have hosted tents in Arizona after moving here in 2005.

Activities for this report start with the Tucson Celtic Festival which was held November 1-2 in 2008. This was the second year the festival was held as a two-day event and the attendance improves each year. We had 18 visitors sign in who were identified as Clan Gregor kin.

The Arizona Scottish Gathering and Highland Games were held in downtown Phoenix February 21-22. This was the second year in a new location after being held in Mesa for 43

years and the organizers are still experimenting with the layout. This year the clan tents were isolated from the athletics, vendors, and dancers which resulted in very little traffic with the result that only 19 kin signed in.

We elected to bypass the Camp Verde Highland Games this year scheduled for March 18th. Hopefully a better site will be available in the future.

The one-day Prescott Highland Games was held on May 16. Attendees braved threats of severe storms and endured periodic downpours – rain is always welcome here in the desert and we had 10 kin sign in.

This was the eleventh year for Arizona Highland Celtic Festival held in Flagstaff July 18-19. The festival became a two-day event in 2006 and improves operationally each year although attendance was down this year with 13 kin signing in at our tent.

We plan to attend the 2009 Tucson Celtic Festival, November 7-8.

Our presence at the festivals and our ability to help all visitors identify their clan relationships, tartans and where their ancestors were located and provide general information about Scotland has been recognized. Clan Gregor was one of three Scottish clans invited to participate in the first Celtic Harvest Festival held September 19th at the Hilton Sedona Resort in Oak Creek, Arizona. Our role was to provide an insight into clan culture as a part of an educational showcase featuring local Celtic performing artists including the Phoenix Pipe Band that proudly wear the MacGregor kilt!

Respectfully submitted this 20th of September, 2009
Donald E. Lynd
SDC for Arizona

2009 Report for California

Submitted by Carolyne J. McGregor –Long

Greetings to you from California!

It is with great pleasure I send you news from my state, along with my warm regards to our Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor and Lady MacGregor. We here on the West Coast have seen an upswing of enthusiasm in recent months, with a resurgence of participation at the games by all clans, and in particular Clan Gregor. Our games season continues, with the next event scheduled on the weekend of 10 October in Ventura. It's a beautiful venue, located adjacent to the beautiful beach.

As many of you are aware, I have been on somewhat of a sabbatical from my duties as your California DC. Not of choice, but of necessity due to life issues beyond my control. With that having been said, I wish to deeply thank all my kith and kin for their many prayers and kind support during my late husband's year and a half hospitalization in the Fresno Veterans Hospital. Having overcome significant odds during the Korean War, deplored with the Army 82nd Airborne Division, he fought for our freedom (in memory his name will appear with the thousands listed in the new proposed Korean War National Museum). He was a man of real courage, but his most courageous battle was his last and final struggle to survive. He's at peace now and, I know if he could, he would salute you, Clan Gregor, as he spent many years behind the scenes dedicated to promote with pride his adopted clan family.

I am finally moving out of the “fog of grief”, and as a descendant of “The Children of the Mists”, I am excited in exploring/expanding ACGS in CA. As most of you know, time stands still for no one, and I find we must be willing to find new, innovative and positive paths to not only maintain our proud heritage and culture, but to keep our Macgregor “torch” leading the way future. I respectfully ask your patience as I research a creative approach to strengthen ACGS here in California. I welcome input and ideas from you, and especially ACGS members in my region of responsibility, that I might better serve our membership and the greater cause.

May your 2009 Gathering be monumental and clanship reigns supreme.... “while there are leaves in the forest and foam on the river...” And, may I, also, take this opportunity to sincerely thank our outgoing Chieftain, Thad Osborne for his great leadership and continued hard work for our people. I’m proud to call him kinsman.

S’RIOGHAL MO DHREAM

Carolyn J. McGregor-Long
State Deputy Chieftain, California

*PS A big hello to those who share my McGregor DNA connection... never forget -
Ardchoille!

2009 Report for Colorado

Submitted by Scott S. McGregor

I sent out a Colorado Clan Gregor newsletter in January of this year with the highlights of Colorado events of 2008. The events included:

- a. Denver’s annual Kirkin’O the Tartan at St. John’s Cathedral where my son Jonathan and I were honored to have been selected as Tartan Bearers for the services.
- b. Our own Kelsey Crane’s extra ordinary accomplishments at the July highland dance competitions held here in Denver winning first place in the Southwest Regional, US National as well as the North American championships. Perhaps her motivation was enhanced by the lovely bouquet of roses and ‘well wishes’ sent to her by Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor.
- c. Rocky Mountain Highland Games were held in August where I had the honor of presenting the ACGS trophy to the winner of the Novice Under Twelve category.
- d. The tribute to the MacGregors by the head of the Colorado Clan Stewart, Mr Ian Wilson. Attached to this report.
- e. At the Long’s Peak Highland Games in Estes Park, thirty-six tartan wearing clan men and women marched as a unit led by Clan Gregor piper before an estimated 40,000 spectators through the town.
- f. Other noted events included in that newsletter included Clan Gregor being the Honored Clan at the Stone Mountain Games in Georgia where Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor were the Honored Guests.

- g. This was followed the next weekend by our annual Gathering held in Chattanooga with Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor in attendance made for a most memorable event.
- h. I proudly included the announcement of the establishment of the order of the Fellows of the Clan Gregor Society with my father being one of the first five recipients being honored.
- i. I also had to sadly report the passing of our Past Chieftain CAPT Paul Gregg of Pensacola, Florida and the passing was Juanita Windes of Denver that was a much loved lady of Clan Gregor here in Colorado.

The newsletter also included the latest details of the “Homecoming” and International Gathering of Clan Gregor in Scotland.

At this year's August Rocky Mountain Highland Games once again the ACGS trophy was awarded to the winner of the Novice Under Twelve category and where we had sixty eight MacGregor visitors to our clan tent.

This September's Long Peak Highland Games were made particularly note worthy for us by having sixty-four tartan wearing clan men and women marching as a unit in the parade through town. This was almost double the number from last year and an all time high for us of which we were justifiably pleased. Of the eighty-seven MacGregors that visited our tent from as far away as Alaska, we had several that asked for membership applications with one filling out the application then and there. That gentleman resides in Wyoming and convinced us that he seriously wants to become a very active member. He is highly motivated, retired and in excellent health. I think we have a real winner.

Though I will unfortunately not be able to attend the Gathering, I submit my report along with my best wishes to all of those attending.

“Toast to the Gregor”

Oh please my kind sir and remain quiet as I lean upon your ear and recite this ancient toast to the clan of clans.

Simmering light is upon the deep running river and I lean upon my staff, I reflect upon the flowing water as I meditate.

Oh stand with me kind laddie and lass, take time to ponder and raise your glass.

That shining beverage within is like a draught of liquid sunshine, from the Highland gold of old.

Drink deep, strong and bold, for we toast our brethren the Gregor.

They have long passed this way on their rounds of life and death.

They have passed this way chased and hunted far into the night of despair and longing.

But as we lift our glass again we toast to their brave gallant hearts and minds.

For you see they came to us from the heart of Scotland, and they have never given in to their enemy.

Let time and age escape us, but let us never forget the Gregor.

Their time and legend live on and on, from time into time immemorable.

They are our ageless brothers and warriors forever.

We salute you!

Ian Wilson

Scott S. McGregor, ACGS Deputy Chieftain for Colorado

2009 Report for Delaware & Pennsylvania

Submitted by Peter K. Gregg & Thaddeus B. Gregg

My events for 2009 started on Armed Forces Day with the 49th Colonial Highland Games in Fair Hill Maryland. The weather was great as Thaddeus and I set up our table. After greeting our friends in the Clachan, we had our standard breakfast of coffee and lamb burgers. The Clachan had a new feature this year. A stage had been set up for the regional Scottish Fiddling Competition. We had the pipes in the background and the wonderful sounds of the fiddles in front. The “find your clan” table was absent so we made good use of our Encyclopedia of Scottish Clans as we helped many discover possible clan affiliations. More than 20 people visited our tent, many of whom were looking for clues to their Scottish descent. 10 brochures were handed out. The first Saturday in September Thaddeus and I set up the Clan Gregor table at the McClain Celtic Festival in Carlisle Pennsylvania. We renewed acquaintances from last year with friends from Clan MacDougall and Clan Scott. One of the vendors came around during set up and took orders for coffee and sandwiches. It was hot and humid, but it didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of the competitors or the attendees. Thaddeus handed out another 10 brochures. Many families came by. The wee ones were given Clan Passports and visited each Clan to receive a stamp. After our 100th Gathering, Thaddeus and I journeyed to Richmond Virginia to visit with our brother James (JB). We all went to the Meadows Highland Games & Celtic Festival where we joined Sandy and Scott in the Parade of Clans during the opening ceremonies. It rained most of the day, but the crowds never seemed to notice. Many commented on the “fine Scottish weather” we were having. We had a grand time at all of these events and anxiously await the 2010 season.

Respectfully submitted.

Peter K. Gregg
SDC, Delaware

Thaddeus B. Gregg
SDC, Pennsylvania

2009 Report from South Florida

Submitted by Carol Spitznagle

The circuit of Scottish Games begins early in the year in Florida to avoid the overwhelming heat and humidity and hurricane threat of the summer. In fact, the Scottish American Society of South Florida held its annual Festival and Highland Games on the second Saturday of January, 2009. The attendance has grown steadily here in the last few years as we have found a permanent home at Ft. Lauderdale Stadium and a fixed weekend. More than fifty people, known or wanna-be Gregors, stopped by the clan tent, which was conveniently located right in front of the athletic field, for a chat and a snack. Just a few weeks later, about a hundred people celebrated the 250th anniversary of the birth of the national poet, Robert Burns, with a lovely dinner.

At the end of March it was Sarasota's turn to have their games. I always have the great pleasure of Ron and Alice Shankland helping at the tent and this year Don and Katie Gregg, who were escaping the Illinois cold, also came by and helped with the hosting duties. While the games are not as big as at Ft. Lauderdale, there is still quite a good attendance and usually we meet "snow birds" from the north and even visitors from England and Scotland.

One of the highlights of my year was attending the International Gathering in Edinburgh in July. There was a magnificent feeling of belonging to a worldwide community of Scots and great pride in marching up the Royal Mile with my "kin". Clan Gregor hosted us during the week following the Gathering and showed us beautiful glens and lochs with historical significance to the MacGregors. As if that weren't enough, I attended our own Centennial Gathering in Charlottesville (which was spectacular- the nicest gathering I have been to) and again felt the warmth of being among my friends and clans members.

The Scottish year will end here with the St. Andrews Day services where I will represent Clan Gregor at a church service and luncheon in Miami.

Submitted by: Carol Spitznagle, SDC Southern Florida

2009 Report for Illinois

We held our Central Illinois Highland Games in Springfield on May 16. Unfortunately, as I was the chairwoman for the VIP tent, I was not able man a McGregor tent, nor did I have any volunteers to man it.

But I was able to attend our Centennial Gathering and bring my ninety-three year old mother. She was thrilled in receiving a Certificate of Recognition for her many years of support of our society.

Submitted by
Maggie Sanderfield

2009 Report for Iowa

Please see Wisconsin State Report

2009 Report for Kentucky

Submitted by Nolan Sanders

The Scottish heritage of the Pennyroyal region of Kentucky reflects itself each year with the Glasgow Kentucky Highland Games held at Barren River Lake State Resort Park. This year the event was held during the weekend of May 28-31, 2009.

Over 40 clan and society tents were represented this year, as well as over 20 vendors' tents providing a variety of food and merchandise. Two large permanent shelters were continuously scheduled with individuals and musical groups throughout the weekend, providing the sounds of Scotland to the 8,000 visitors who attended at some point during the event. Several Scottish pipe bands performed not only in the opening ceremonies, but also in competition and the many athletes provided excitement for the visitors who attended.

Thursday actually starts the weekend event with a luncheon at the Barren River Lake State Park lodge. In the town of Glasgow is a Friday afternoon parade that creates interest and the evening Ceilidh covered by the local ABC television affiliate provides the highland games event the opportunity to promote itself to the regional audience.

The American Clan Gregor Society is fortunate to have been represented all twenty four years and is one of the 14 charter clans who started the Glasgow Kentucky Highland Games. Reta and Richard Greer were of great help in hosting our society tent and welcoming the many visitors who came by to say hello and ask for information during the event.

Also from the Greer sept of American Clan Gregor Society, Kay and Mike Britt hosted the Clan Gregor tent at the West Kentucky Highland Games held Saturday, October 17, 2009 at the Murray City Park across from the campus of Murray State University, in Murray, Kentucky. Harp playing, Bagpiping, lectures on Scottish history and a demonstration area with weaving and athletic activities provided the opportunity for the people of the Land Between the Lakes area to sample the Scottish heritage of their ancestors.

A nice gesture was made by announcer Bob Valentine when he announced to the crowd attending, a happy 100th anniversary to the American Clan Gregor Society.

In the evening, a Ceilidh was held at the Big Apple Cafe with food, drink and friendship being shared along with the Scottish music. Also, that Sunday morning the Western Kentucky event concluded with a Kirkin' of the Tartan at the First Presbyterian Church in Murray.

Approximately a dozen clan tents participated in this 4th annual event. Kay, Mike and myself were glad to see Debbie and William Pressnell, who traveled several hours from Middle Tennessee to visit their fellow MacGregors. We had just visited with them at our 100th Gathering in Charlottesville, VA and were happy to see them again.

Respectfully submitted
Nolan Sanders

2009 Report for Southeast Louisiana

Please see Mississippi State Report

2009 Annual Report for Michigan

Submitted by Ron Shankland

I bought a new tent which goes up very easily, thus I went to the Saline Celtic Festival. It was raised with myself and others at the festival. Then the skies opened up and the rain came down plus lightening. It made you think that it was going to strike in any minute, but fortunately it didn't. The sun came out and dried off the grounds in two hours. Even my wet shoes and socks became dry.

Jason McGregor come over and help out until early afternoon. We sold about \$28.85 of napkins, a Clan Gregor Book, and some clan clothing items. I found that Jason is very well informed about the clan history but he would like to learn more. He gave me the name of a used bookstore in Detroit that's called the John King Store of used books covering seven floors.

Photo One is of Jason and myself working the clan tent. Photo Two is of John McGregor Dodds that comes from Aherstburg, Ontario, Canada. One of his early ancestors was the first Sheriff of Wayne County in the Detroit Area. It is thought that his McGregors might have

come from the Rob Roy line. Photo Three is Doria (Rule) Bable that bought a book on the Clan Gregor. She lives in the town where these Games are held and should be of help at the future games.

We hope to have a good attendance at 1 August 09 Livonia Scottish Games. I am taking plenty of items to sale and see. Come and stop at the McGregor Clan Tent.

Yours truly,
Ronald L Shankland

2009 Annual Report for Minnesota

Submitted by Lori Connery

In February, Warren Porter attended the Scottish Ramble in St. Paul, MN.

May 2009: I attended the Minnesota Scottish Fair in Farmington, MN! The MacGregors were very much presence at the Fair this year! We had a lot of visitors this year and plan to follow up with a pub night in the fall. Once again as we passed the podium we all stopped and cried out: "Ard Choille! Ard Choille! Ard Choille!". And once again we were the only clan to do so! I felt like a bit of a rebel so of course I felt right at home! We had a great turnout of spectators. We continued to work with Greg Anderson this year who is a representative for Clan Gregor of Scotland.

July we went to Scotland for two weeks and attended The Gathering and The International Clan Gregor Gathering! WOW! I learned so much about our clan. It was an amazing trip with so much history to learn, see and experience! We marched the Royal Mile with Fellow Clan members and it was incredible! I met so many people and made so many new friends and of course I was able to see old friends. To have the opportunity to actually see and touch Rob Roy's grave and so many other historical clan locations was very humbling indeed. I have come back with a renewed enthusiasm for my clan.

August was the Minnesota Renaissance Festival Highland Fling weekend in Shakopee, MN! Our clan was represented both days! My "second in command" so to speak, Warren Porter was there both days that weekend. We received several inquiries for pub night and more information. Again, we will follow up on these.

Going forward we will continue to plan informal pub nights and hopefully with the new interest some parties as well.

Lori Connery
Minnesota SDC

2009 Report for Mississippi and Southeast Louisiana

Submitted by L. Dan Megehee

The 23rd Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Music festival on the Mississippi Gulf Coast was held on Saturday and Sunday, November 14 & 15, 2008. After having had Full Contact Jousting at the 2007 Games, the Games Committee decided to bring in another jousting group, this one from Canada -- "The Knights of Valour." This group was much more

professional, and the crowd really filled the viewing stands. I'm looking forward to using the new table cover -- I think it will spruce up our tent.

In April '09, we planned to host the MacGregor Table at the Gonzales, LA, Highland Games, but when I tried to contact them, their website was gone, and I could not reach any of their previous officers, so I presume that it has folded.

There is another Highland Games in Southeast Louisiana -- at Jackson, LA, scheduled the week after the Gulfport Games, but they lost their sponsor, so there will no games this year. I'll try to get there next year.

Submitted by L. Dan Megehee

2009 Report for New York

Submitted by Edward K. Gregor, Jr

August 8th 2009 our car made its last long trip with engine trouble to the 68th Central New York Scottish Games and Celtic Festival. I arrived with plenty of time to unload our equipment and park the car away from the Clan Tents area. The weather was very good this year and located near the solo piping competition made the day more enjoyable.

During the morning we were notified to assemble about 11:30 for the march to the Opening Ceremonies. As I was leaving our tent a prospective new member approached in MacGregor Tartan. I welcomed him to go with me and while waiting for the clans to group we all got better acquainted.

It was another fine year with many stopping by our tent to share information and greetings. Some young MacGregors from Scotland said they enjoyed going to the Games because it reminded them of home. Others shared memories of when they were in Scotland and showed me where on my 34 year old map.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward K. Gregor
SDC for New York

2009 Report for Pennsylvania

Please see Delaware State Report

2009 Report for South Texas

Submitted by Randy Walker

The American Clan Gregor Society participated in the Alamo Tartan Day Ceremony on April 3, 2009. This is an annual event that kicks off Tartan Day in Texas and honors the mostly Scottish Americans who gave their lives at the Alamo.

The event this year was much improved over the last one due to new leadership in both the Highland Games Group and The Scottish Society of San Antonio. The event started off with

a lone piper playing Scotland The Brave in front of the Alamo, and after the rest of the San Antonio Pipes & Drums marched in playing The Yellow Rose of Texas.

My estimate is that about 200 or so people in addition to the invited guests were present this year. After an outstanding explanation as to why we honor the men who died at the Alamo we enjoyed several songs by The Dram Beauties a local singing group. This was followed by a single dancer who performed several traditional Scottish dances. The culmination of the event was when the twelve clan representatives presented a wreath of flowers to a representative of the Daughters Of The Republic who are guardians of the Alamo. I represented ACGS and presented a wreath in honor of the piper John MacGregor.

The San Antonio Highland Games were held on Saturday and Sunday following the Alamo event. The weather on Saturday was beautiful. Sunny and a slight breeze to cool things down. Carole and Tony Condit, ACGS members who live in Balstrup, TX drove down to help out at the Clan Gregor tent on Saturday. It was nice of them to come and Teresa and I enjoyed meeting them and getting to know them a bit. The traffic at the clan tent was slow until about 4:30p.m. when it really picked up and it was very busy up until about 7:30p.m. Our final visitor count for Saturday was 41 and I gave out 9 ACGS pamphlets. I think we may have 3-4 prospective members.

We woke up on Sunday morning to cold, windy weather with winds of 12-16 mph and projected gusts up to 35 mph. The fairgrounds did not open until 10:00a.m. and when we got there we saw clan tents and vendor tents all over the area. We found the Clan Gregor tent in a pile of kilts about 75 yards behind our location. With the help of our friends in Clan Wallace we got the tent put back up. However, we decided to not put up flags and banners due to the high winds. It was a pretty bare presentation for Clan Gregor on Sunday, but it was the same for everyone. In spite of the bad weather the visitor traffic was steady all day. Our final visitor count for Sunday was 23 and I think we may 2-3 possible new members. The high winds continued all day and at 3:30p.m. were gusting to 35-40 mph and we were holding the tent down so we decided to call it a day and go home. There was some damage to the top frame of the tent but I think I can repair it.

I am sending 4 photos by a second e-mail. The first is The Home School Highlanders. This is a new pipe band made up of home schooled kids. They looked good and they sounded good as well. The second and third are photos of Justin McGregor, 9 years old, son of a vendor who took first place in the novice piping competition held on Saturday. The fourth is CPT Jacob MacGregor, his wife Karrie and daughter Victoria. CPT MacGregor is an Army Nurse just back from Germany. I think he is a very likely new member. As you will see he is "kilted up".

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Walker
SDC S-TX

2009 Annual Report for Virginia
Submitted by Scott F. MacGregor, ACGS #2450

Greetings from southeastern Virginia!

Upon returning last year from a magnificent time spent at the Stone Mountain Highland Games outside Atlanta, Georgia as part of the honored Clan and then our society Gathering in Chattanooga, Tennessee nestled in the foothills of the lovely Great Smokey Mountains, I returned home and was right off to the Richmond Highland Games the following weekend. We again greeted many old and new friends at our Clan tent.

Once again I represented our clan and society at the local St. Andrew's Dinner in Virginia Beach, the wonderful Christmas Walk in Alexandria, the local Burns Nighth celebration in Virginia Beach, the St. Patrick's Day parade in Norfolk, and the Tartan Day celebration in Virginia Beach.

The Highland Games front has been quite this year. Unfortunately just about everything fell on the same weekend as our Centennial Gathering in October. The Radford Games moved their festival up a week, so I was unable to attend. While the Williamsburg Scottish Festival was this same weekend, we did have representation with Tobey MacGregor taking the lead in hosting the Clan tent. He reports that they had a good day.

Over the past couple of years I've supported a local young man, José Andres Hernandez Godoy, in his ongoing battle with cancer. You've seen my efforts for St. Baldrick's towards raising funds for juvenile cancer research. José was of Mexican descent but loved everything Scottish. Upon returning home from a wonderful society Centennial Gathering, I learned that José had succumbed to his forth courageous battle with cancer on 30 September at the tender young age of 14. In honor of José I will once again shave my head in March 2010 for St. Baldrick's. Through all our support hopefully one day soon the researchers will find a cure for juvenile cancer so we don't lose more bright young people like José.

I look forward to seeing and chatting with as many of you as possible at the various Scottish events throughout Virginia during the upcoming year. While the ACGS Centennial Gathering is behind us, the Gatherings of this next century are sure to be just as great. This is a wonderful time to meet and greet your fellow clan's folk. I'll see you wherever the 2010 Gathering is held.



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State Deputy Chieftain for Virginia

2009 Annual Report for Wisconsin and Iowa

Submitted by Howard R. Grossnickle

This is my forth year as a State Deputy Chieftain here in Wisconsin and Iowa. The Iowa games started of with the Carlisle Central Iowa Celtic Festival & Highland Games at the east end of the Living History Farms' front lawn. Iowa follows up with the Quad Cities Celtic Highland Games, a one day game that is a big draw and very friendly to vendors and clans.

Wisconsin games started with the Milwaukee Highland Games on Saturday June 7th with very cool wet weather, but still a good turnout. Wisconsin Highland Games is a 3 day game over the Labor Day weekend that is in its 8th year. There were several bands competing on

Saturday, with a very impressive massed band at noon and at Saturday's closing ceremonies. I was unable to setup my tent this year, due to health reasons, but the redesigned tent structure definitely made it easier for one person to set it up. I am sure that everyone will be glad to see what the American Clan Gregor Society will present at our tents as we return for next seasons Games. I hope that the many old friends and those we have yet to meet will enjoy hearing of the 100th Gathering of ACGS.

Howard R. Grossnickle
SDC for Iowa & Wisconsin



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