



The Virginia Highlander

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Gerald P. Finn, editor



WOULD YOU ATTEND THE FALL CEILIDH AT JAMESTOWN FESTIVAL PARK?

It was a well planned, and ably managed occasion, graced by the presence of Lady MacGregor of MacGregor, wife of Lt. Colonel Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart., 23rd Chief of the Clan, who is visiting in the U. S. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Magruder of Williamsburg.

Those who had the opportunity of meeting her have found her to be a very charming person, interested in our area and its people. She is English, being descended from two of Queen Victoria's prime ministers,

Sir Robert Peel and Lord John Russell, through whom she traces her ancestry to the Dukes of Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Magruder were entertained at "Edinchip," the family home of the Chiefs of Clan MacGregor, when they visited Scotland several years ago. Mr. Magruder is a former chieftain of the Clan Gregor Society.



A N N O U N C E M E N T - Pursuant to the By-laws of the Society, the duly appointed Nominating Committee, consisting of Messrs. Duncan, Banner, Lindsay, Spurgeon, and Riley, met and agree on the following nominations for the Society's Board of Directors to be voted upon at the annual meeting in January, 1971:

Gerald P. Finn
Raynor V. MacGillivray
Lloyd V. Young

Each of the three nominees has agreed to serve if elected.

As specified in the By-laws, any five members in good standing may also submit a nomination. Such nominations are to be transmitted in writing to the Secretary not later than November 1, 1970. All nominations will note the consent of the nominee to serve.



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*One hundred thousand welcomes
to our new members*



Our Vice-president, William J. Monro was given a farewell party here recently on the occasion of his retirement as supervisor of Colonial Williamsburg's Mimeograph-Addressograph office. He had previously retired ten years ago from the U. S. Army as Chief Warrent Officer in an armored division. An Aberdonian, whose father was a member of the Gordon Highlanders, Bill expects to make a sentimental journey to his home land, then to return and do a lot of golfing. Best wishes Bill Monro.

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We Celts often make quite a point of the difference between names beginning with Mac and Mc. Authorities on this subject say that actually they are all Macs and that the Mc is a printer's contraction like Jno., Jas., and Wm.

JOHN E. DONALDSON APPOINTED ASSOCIATE DEAN

ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE RECENTLY OF THE appointment of John E. Donaldson to the position of Associate dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary.

James P. Whyte, dean of the law school, in announcing the appointment, said the position of associate dean would be enlarged to give Mr. Donaldson considerable responsibility in the area of law school administration.

He is a native of Richmond, an alumnus of the University of Richmond with his law degree from William and Mary. He has the Master of Laws degree from Georgetown University and has served as attorney and consultant for the Internal Revenue Service.

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If you missed the Fall Ceilidh, you missed a good time -- and you were missed by your fellow members.

COMMENDATION FOR MAJOR MacGILLIVRAY

Major Raynor V. MacGillivray, who was in charge of arrangements for our successful Burn's Night Dinner is to be commended for the success of this affair. Of course, if every one of our members had been there, how much better it would have been. We missed your good fellowship. We hope you can make it to our next gathering.

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BUYERS DIRECTORY - We have here in Williamsburg two merchants who are set up to fill your needs in Scottish Imports, books, maps, Highland dress, jewelry, Tartan yardage, men's neckties, etc.

THE SCOTTISH SHOP, 105 Bacon Street,
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185
and,

SCOTLAND HOUSE at Williamsburg, Ltd.
Duke of Gloucester Street
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

A venerable Scottish joke from Joe Miller's Joke Book. 18th Century source book of humor;

A Scotch pedestrian, attacked by three highwaymen, defended himself with great courage, but at last was overpowered, and his pockets rifled. The robbers expected, from the extraordinary resistance that they experienced, to find rich booty; but were surprised to discover that the whole treasure that the man had been defending at the risk of his life was only a counterfeit twopence. "What the devil," said one of the thugs, "if he had had a six-pence I suppose he would have killed all three of us."

ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY IN EARLY VIRGINIA

We are fortunate to have an historian in our Society. Here are accounts of St. Andrews Society discovered by Dr. Riley which may be the earliest in our history.

"The Virginia Gazette - December 15, 1738

December 1, 1738

Yesterday being St. Andrews' Day, there was a meeting of several Gentlemen at the House of Mrs. Nicholas Waters in Hanover County, where a handsome dinner was provided for the company. After dinner, they formed themselves into a Club, having chosen a President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, and agreed upon certain rules for the better Regulation of the said Society. The principal of which are as follows, viz.:

1. A Sermon is to be preached annually, on St. Andrews' Day at the Lower Church in St. Paul's Parish, in the aforesaid county....either by the Rev. Mr. Henry or some other Clergyman of the Scotch Nation.
2. Every member is to pay 7s. and 6d. into the Treasurer's hands; 2s. and 6d. whereof towards the expence of the Day, and the rest to be applied to charitable uses.
3. Swearing and other Profaneness, committed in the Club, to be punished by Fine.
4. Any Gentleman is to be admitted into the Club upon his paying the aforesaid sum of 7s. and 6d. And after such admission, every member, whether absent or present, is to be taxed annually with the said sum.

As the Design of this Institution is at least innocent, 'tis hoped, that Gentlemen of the Scotch Nation, and others, who are desirous to see their friends and countrymen from the most distant parts of this Colony, and enjoy a cheerful and harmless conversation, upon the annual return of the said Festival, will meet at the aforesaid Church, in the neighbourhood of which the Club is to be held; and the situation of the Lower Part of Hanover being so commodious, both to the Southern and Northern inhabitants of this Country, and such accommodations for lodging, convenient to the place of meeting, 'tis not doubted, but there will be a great appearance upon the next return of the said solemnity.

N.B. If St. Andrew's Day shall happen on a Sunday, or be rainy, the Club is to meet the day following, if fair, if not, then the next fair day."

"The Virginia Gazette , December 14, 1739

We hear from Hanover County, that on the 30th of November last, being St. Andrew's Day, the patron of Scotland, several Gentlemen of that nation, met and went to Church where the Rev. Mr. Henry preached a sermon suitable to the occasion. They afterwards went to the house of Mr. Waters, where a handsome dinner was provided for them. Then they proceeded to the choice of new officers of their Society; and having collected a considerable sum of money, to be applied to charitable purposes, they chose Mr. William Johnson, Treasurer. The whole affair was conducted with great decency and order."

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We wish to thank Mrs. Margaret McGlynn and Mrs. Anna Richardson for their contributions to this issue.

GENERAL SIR GORDON McMILLAN AND GENERAL PATTON

Many have viewed the current movie "Patton", as a character study of the dynamic hero of World War II. Here are some interesting comments with an evaluation of General Patton by the fighting chief of Clan McMillan, General Sir Gordon McMillan, as quoted in the Glasgow Sunday Post:

"When war came again the General was soon in action. In 1941 he took over the 9th Corps and set off for North Africa. 'For a spell I was seconded to the Americans. They'd taken a terrible pounding at Kasserine Pass.' 'Then General Patton arrived. What a shot in the arm he was. He appeared with steel helmet and two pearl-handled six shooters. 'First thing he did was tell his men steel helmets were to be worn at all times - and he'd personally shoot any soldier he saw not wearing one. He certainly put new life into his boys!' 'I joined my own unit at Medjis, near Tunis, and we stayed together for two years.....then with the 51st Highland Division we invaded Sicily. It took us just three weeks. 'Mind you, we we did have some help from the Americans', The General joked."

B I O G R A P H I C A L S K E T C H E S

We would like to resume the biographical sketches started by former editor Ross Weeks. We are all proud of our members and it would be nice to know more about them.

Dr. Edward M. Riley - Secretary of our Society, Director of Research for Colonial Williamsburg was born in Oxford, Mississippi. He holds an A. B. degree from Washington & Lee University and the M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from the University of Southern California. He was head of the department of Social Science at Pacific Military Academy and held a teaching fellowship at the University of Southern California.

He came to Williamsburg from Philadelphia where he was Chief historian for the Independence National Historical Park, site of Independence Hall. He also served as historian for Colonial National Historical Park, and coordinator on Archives and History for the Virginia 250th Anniversary Commission.

Dr. Riley is the author of numerous historical writings, a member of the American Historical Association, Virginia Historical Association, Bruton Parish Church. He served for four years during World War II, holding the rank of Captain USNR (ret.).

He married the former Ruth Annette Powers of Portsmouth, Va. They live in the Greenhow-Ripton House on Duke of Gloucester Street, Williamsburg and are the parents of four children. Patricia Leigh (Mrs. Steven J. Dunlap); Kathleen Ann (Mrs. John H. Lynn); Edward Miles, Jr; Robert Claiborne.

Biographical Sketches continued

G. Alan Morledge - Became a member of St. Andrews Society in 1970. He is a registered architect and serves as Director of Planning and Acting Director of Property Administration for Colonial Williamsburg. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, attended public school in Oklahoma City and graduated from Rice University with a B. A. degree.

During the Korean War he served in the Navy and in the years following returned to earn a Master of Architecture degree at Harvard University Graduate School of Design. He taught architectural design two years and since 1961 has been employed in the field of architecture and since 1965 has been architect for a number of residences. He serves as a member of the Architectural Review Board of Williamsburg and is active in the Naval Reserve.

He is married to the former Anne L. Jackson of Richmond, Va. They live at 15 Forest Hill Drive, Williamsburg, and are the parents of a son, Clarke Howard.



Gerald P. Finn, Graphic artist for Colonial Williamsburg, is a native of Duncansville, Blair County, Pennsylvania, the son of John McNaghton Finn and Margaret McMaster Finn. He is a veteran of World War II, serving with the Army Engineers in North Africa, Italy and Jugoslavia. He was married to the former Jennie Jackson Wilson and has a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Finn of State College, Pennsylvania. Mary Elizabeth is descended, through her grandfather, the late Dr. Henry C. Wilson of Warriors Mark, Pennsylvania, from an 18th Century Earl of Wigton. He is now President of the Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, a member of the Board of Managers of the Virginia State Society, S.A.R., the Treasurer of the Colonial Toastmasters, and a member of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. He recently received the Good Citizenship Silver Citation and Medal of the National Society S.A.R.



PROMINENT VIRGINIA SCOTS IN COLONIAL TIMES

The SCOTS soon became important in the political cultural and economic life of early Tidewater Virginia. Among the leading personalities of this period, Scotsmen all, were: COMMISSARY JAMES BLAIR, founder of the College of William and Mary. GOVERNOR ALEXANDER SPOTSWOOD, well known for his part in the Golden Horseshoe expedition, who designed Bruton Parish Church and the Powder Magazine. GOVERNOR ROBERT DINWIDDIE, the son of a Glasgon merchant, who was governor during the French and Indian War, and JOHN MURRAY, FOURTH EARL OF DUNMORE, Virginias' governor during the American Revolution. Although friendly to Washington, he actively and loyally resisted the American Cause. He wrote the first "Emancipation Proclamation" to free the slaves in the Colonies.