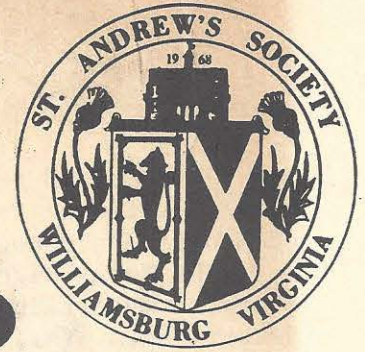


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1980 FALL CEILIDH DRAWS RECORD CROWD

The Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg had a record turnout of over 160 members and guest at its Fall Ceilidh held on September 20th at Berkeley Plantation in nearby Charles City County. Those attending enjoyed fine hospitality of host Malcolm Jameson and family while touring the gardens and house of the beautiful 18th Century home of the famous Harrison family of Virginia.

Following a cocktail hour on the lawn the Strath James Pipes and Drums entertained with Scottish music. A home cooked chicken dinner was later followed by a slide show and tours in the main house. Mr. Jameson is a member of the Society.

MARY ADAMS NAMED 1979 SCOT OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Mary Griffith Adams of Williamsburg was named Virginia Scot of the Year by the Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg. This annual award is made to a Virginia resident of Scottish descent who has made significant contributions to his or her community and has helped advance Scottish culture and education.

Mrs. Adams, wife of member Byron Adams, has been doing Scottish Highland dancing since the age of eight and has won numerous trophies and awards in Canada and the United States. She is a certified Scottish Official Board Teacher and has taught highland dancing in Williamsburg for the past fifteen years. She is presently one of the few approved highland dancing judges in the Mid Atlantic region.

In 1978 Mary almost single handedly staged the first Williamsburg Scottish Festival for competitive highland dancing. She continued to give her time and effort in 1979 and 1980 to the expanded Williamsburg Scottish Festival. She presently has about thirty students taking dancing including her two daughters.

COMING EVENTS

October 18-17	Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain, Ga.
November 30	Kirking of the Tartan, Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg
February 24, 1981	Burn's Night, Ft. Magruder Inn, Williamsburg

The Society's 1980 Officers

The following Board members were elected to serve as officers of the Society for 1980: President, Henry Wann; Vice President, Colin Govan; Secretary, Lee Ticknor; and Treasurer, Marshal Hale.

BURNS NIGHT HELD IN WILLIAMSBURG

Two hundred members and guest of the Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg gathered on February 4 at the Fort Magruder Inn to commemorate the birthday of Scotland's famous bard, Robert Burns.

The Burns Night Dinner, an annual affair, featured a night of traditional Scottish entertainment and the Burns Dinner Address by the Rev. Walter Kennedy of Newport News, Va.. Rev. Kennedy is a native born Scot. The Address to the Haggis was made by Mr. Stewart Walker, another native born Scot. Outgoing Society President, J. Kenneth Graham gave the annual State of the Society report.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Scot of the Year Award to Mrs. Mary Adams. Col. Paul J. Ritchie made the presentation.

Special guest at the dinner were Dr. Janet Kimbrough, a direct descendant of the Burns family; Mr. William E. MacGregor, President of Clan Gregor of America, and his wife; and member Howard Topp who was recently elected President of Clan Sutherland of America.

Scottish entertainment was provided by the Mary Adams' Highland Dancers, the Strath James Pipes and Drums, National Scottish Fiddling Champion John Turner, and the Scottish Country Dancers directed by Lee Ticknor.

SCOTTISH HERITAGE USA, INC.

In 1964 the Scottish American Heritage, Inc. was chartered in the state of New York to give support to the National Trust of Scotland and to encourage people to people exchanges between the two countries. Recently the name of the organization was changed to the Scottish Heritage USA, Inc.. Its purpose is to recognize and enhance the original bonds of ancestral and national character between the people of Scotland and North America.

An on-going program for the advancement of conservation began in 1967 with the establishment and funding of the Gardner Exchange Project. Graduate horticulture students from Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa. and from the Threave School of Practical Gardening in Scotland are exchanged annually for 12 month internships. The American students receive valuable experience in the many gardens of the National Trust of Scotland.

The Heritage finances other comparable projects which encourage the interchange of experiences and ideas in other areas such as art, education and parks operation. An exchange of staffs is funded for the U.S. National Parks Service and various Scottish Parks and museums.

For further information or to become a member write to the Scottish Heritage USA, Inc.. 30 East 60th Street, New York, NY 10022

WILLIAMSBURG SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

The Third Annual Williamsburg Scottish Festival was held on June 28 at Bruton High School. Over one thousand spectators and competitors braved the torrid 95 plus temperatures during the full day of spectacles. Full slates of competition were held in highland dancing, piping, drumming, track and field, ancient scottish athletic events and a five mile road race. additional entertainment was provided by the Strath James Pipes and Drums, Colonial Williamsburg's Fife and Drum Corps, the Scottish Country Dancers, Scottish Fiddling Champion John Turner and demonstrations of sheepherding by sheep dogs. A number of the events were filmed for TV showing by PM Magazine.

Winners in the highland dancing competition were: Evie Albertson, Elizabeth Crone, Susan Hess, Bridget Glasheen, Anne Hodgson, Alison Hodgson, Kim Lavach, Megan Grant, Elizabeth McLeod, Jan Page, Andrea Rouzie and Wendy White. These girls are all members of the Mary Adams Scottish Dancers.

In the road race overall winners were: Bill Graham and Kevin Johnson in a tie at 26.06 minutes, third - Jim Berka, fourth - Stu Rogers, and fifth - Jim Coogan. In the 17 and under boys the winner was Kevin Allardice, 30 - 39 men was Mel Williams, 50 and over men - 68 year old Vernon Greary, 29 and under women - Mary Pitchford, 30 and over women - Susan Keilitz.

Track and Field winners were: 100 yd dash - Anita Dixon (hang your heads boys), 440 yd dash - James Atwater, Shot put - Knight Smith, and long jump - Sue Farrer.

Ancient Scottish Event winners were: Kilted mile - Henry Sutherland, Sheaf Toss - Mark Kreafile, 16 lbs stone toss - Knight Smith, Caber toss - Mark Kreafile. Mark Kreafile wound up as the Scottish Athlete of the Day. Outstanding piper of the day was Bill Pittman of Williamsburg.

MARY ADAMS SCOTTISH DANCERS

Mary Adams has reported with a great deal of pleasure and pride that her pupils have had a banner year competing at Scottish gatherings throughout the country in 1980. The season began with the Delco, Pa. workshop and Competition held in February at the Holiday Inn in Valley Forge. These two days of dancing were conducted under the instruction of Scottish adjudicators. In March the dancers travelled through a 20 inch snowfall to Alexandria, Va. for the Alexandria Indoor Competition where they made an excellent showing.

April took the girls to Trenton, N.J. via Amtrak train. Then later in the month they were tested by a Scottish adjudicator here in Williamsburg to try to attain various grade levels with the metal tests. All students passed their exams and received high marks on their styles of dancing and technique. The St. Andrew's Society helped make these exams possible with financial assistance.

During the summer several dancers competed at games in Fairhill, Md., Virginia Beach, Devon Competition, Ligioner, Pa., Stroudsburg, Pa., Alexandria Summer Games, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Red Springs, N.C., and in Williamsburg. Highlight of the summer was Elizabeth McLeod's winning of the U.S. Championships, Junior Division, at Grandfather's Mountain Highland Games in July. Elizabeth, 17, is a student at William and Mary and has been studying under Mary Adams since she was six years old.

PIPER BLOWS FUSE?

Electronic bagpipes have arrived. For the first time in history the volumn of Scotland's national instrurment can be turned down. The new electronic bagpipe has been invented by George Smith who comes from Mull in West Scotland's Inner Herbrides. They employ the latest space age silicon chip technology. The Scottish firm of Electro Mechanical Assembly, Ltd. of Glascow plans to produce up to 1,000 a year. Smith's bagpipes produce exactly the same sound as the traditional pipes but do away with the bag and blowing. The cost is just over \$220 as compared with as much as \$1,600 for traditional bagpipes.

SCOTTISH SAFARI

Want to shoot Scottish red deer, grouse, pheasant, or perhaps wild goat? Would you like to fish for brown trout and salmon? There is a new, novel vacation package of hunting, shooting and fishing now available for sportsmen from a firm in Inverness named Sport in Scotland. Prices range from \$20 to \$400 a day.

The visitor is picked vp at his point of arrival and guided and looked after during his entire stay. He has the option to hunt or fish all the game mentioned above, season permitting. There are over one hundred tracts of land offered for hunting ranging from the Robert Burns country in southern Scotland to the wild highlands of Aberdeenshire and the Western Isles.

