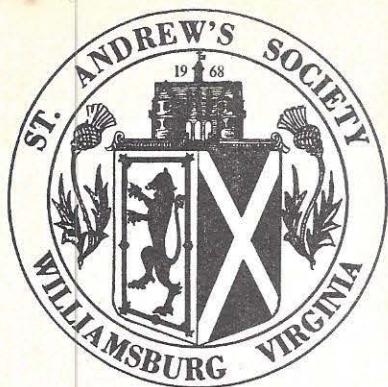




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Saint Andrew's Society

Williamsburg, Virginia

The Virginia Highlander

IN MEMORIUM

ROBERT WOODSIDE ANDERSON

BORN: 9 November 1895, Forres, Scotland.

DIED: 8 January 1981, Richmond, Virginia.

Bob was born where the witches met MacBeth. He was one of eight children, with six brothers and one sister. When the Great War broke out, he and his older five brothers served in the Seaforth Highlanders--the 51st Division--"The Ladies from Hell"! Four of his brothers died in that war. Bob was the youngest quartermaster sergeant in the British Army. While in the army, he met Edward, Prince of Wales, and King George V. At the end of the war, on the advice of the provost of Forres, he and his older brother emigrated to the United States and Canada. Bob earned his diploma in printing from Columbia University. He brought his sweetheart over; they were married four years when she died giving birth to their daughter. Bob and his daughter moved to Petersburg where she graduated from high school--that night she was attacked and killed.

Bob started to develop cataracts and underwent unsuccessful surgery at the Richmond Eye Hospital. He then started going to the eye clinic at the Medical College of Virginia, spending long hours and most of his remaining assets there. One afternoon, while he was at the hospital, his apartment was burglarized and everything was taken, including his World War I medals. Shortly after the robbery, he entered St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, and he came to the attention of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, following which he became a member of the Williamsburg society as well. Bob worshipped in the National Cathedral and Bruton Parish with these societies.

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Robert "Bob" W. Anderson

Robert W. Anderson (continued)

Bob enjoyed the fellowship of fellow Scots and made many friends in this societies, one of whom sent him Scottish Fields which he enjoyed very much. Another friend wrote Elizabeth II to see if he could get Bob's medals returned--with the help of his nurse, this was accomplished without Bob's prior knowledge. The medals were returned at a ball in Williamsburg by Admiral Anderson, Royal Navy.

Bob has lost contact with the rest of his family ; his older brother having died in British Columbia. A year ago, he was able to locate, with the help of a friend who visited Scotland and the current town council, his younger brother and sister after a 57-year silence.

Throughout all his Job-like trials, Bob never lost his sense of humor or his cheerful outlook on life. He frequently wrote humorous vignettes and nostalgic pieces on his boyhood in Scotland.

The funeral took place at the Home where Bob had spent his last years. The service was taken from the Scottish Episcopal Prayer Book. Fr. Stumph and Guy Nelson led the service. Guy Nelson and Kenneth Armstrong represented the societies of Washington and Williamsburg and served as pallbearers (in kilts). The remaining bearers were some of Bob's friends from Maryland. The piper, from Williamsburg, was Rob Roy MacGregor; he led in the casket with "Going Home" and played "Flowers of the Forest" before the Benediction. The words of the "Green Hills of Tyrol" were recited during the homily. Bob was wearing his trews, tartan tie, and the war medals. The chapel was filled with friends from the Home and the community. Many were in kilt, trews, or wore the tartan in other ways. Besides those already mentioned were Henry Wann, Howard Topp, Paul Ritchie, and Kenneth Graham.

Interment was at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Richmond.

By Guy H. Nelson

Thomas G. Magruder

A charter member of the Saint Andrew's Society and the founder of the Scotland House, easily one of the best Scottish shops in America, Tom passed away this past year at his retirement home in Siler City, North Carolina. Past President Paul Ritchie was in attendance at the funeral and a spray of flowers was sent in the name of the Society.

Tom was a retired nationally-known newspaperman and a former staff aide to Congressman Whitehurst. Space does not permit at this time the details of his long and fascinating life; a feature will be run on this, one of our more remarkable Scots, soon.

CEUD MILLE FAILTE!!!

The following new members are welcomed into the Saint Andrew's Society:

Dr. Herbert W. Park, Richmond
Adm John K. Fyfe, Williamsburg
Mr. John M. Spense, Williamsburg
Mr. Allan G. Clark, III, Newport News
Mr. William H. Woodward, Seaford, VA

NEW EDITOR OF THE VIRGINIA HIGHLANDER

Board Member Bruce P. Schoch succeeds John W. Weaver as editor of the Virginia Highlander with this issue. Over the years, a variety of formats have been used, and the trend, as evidenced by this edition, will continue. At this time, I express my appreciation to "Bill" Weaver for his previous stewardship of the paper, and solicit any articles you may be inclined to write. Send to: Bruce P. Schoch, 114 Discovery Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185. The next issue will come out in early July, so try to have them to me by June 15, 1981.

Yours Aye,
Bruce

PAST EVENTS

The Kirkin' of the Tartans was held at Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, on 30 November 1980. A large turn-out was experienced; afterwards, 85 members and guests of the Saint Andrews Society met for an incomparable brunch at Adams in Williamsburg.

The annual Burns Night was held again at the Fort Magruder Inn in Williamsburg. 168 members and guests attended. Again we were graced with the presence of Dr. Janet Coleman Kimbrough, a direct descendent of Robert Burns through his youngest sister. At the February 24 event, Past Vice-President Colan Govan made the Burns remarks and President Henry Wann delivered the State of the Society address. Scot of the Year was Colonel (Retired) Paul Ritchie, who acted duly surprised though an unnamed local newspaper "leaked" the story in advance of the event. The "Ode to the Haggis" was delivered by Howard Topp, while John Weaver served as bearer and Marshal Hale did the honors with the claymore. Entertainment for the evening was provided by Cliff Williams, who performed with his fiddle several traditional Scottish airs and led the assembled in singing "The Skye Boat Song." Mary Adams again turned out a magnificent performance with her Scottish Highland Dancers. The Strath James Pipes honored the memory of departed members, Robert A. Duncan and Robert W. Anderson, with the "Flowers of the Forest."

On 4 April 1980, about 60 members of the Society participated in the Scottish Walk at Norfolk's Granby Mall, part of Old Dominion University's Tenth Annual Institute of Scottish Studies Festival. The Saint Andrew's Society Color Guard, commanded by Marshal Hale, led the parade, with included three pipe bands, including one from Radford University. The Walk ended at the Ampitheater of the Omni Hotel, where Mayor Vineent Thomas pardoned Lord Dunmore for burning the city in 1777, and his descendant, the current Lady Dunmore, graciously accepted the correction of the record and the dedication of the waterfront as the Dunmore Docks. The bright but very windy day attracted about a thousand spectators and many remained throughout the afternoon to watch Gail and Leland Ticknor's Scottish Country Dancers perform and to enjoy the general camaraderie of a gathering of Scots.

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

The Tartan Ball has been set for Saturday, May 23, at the Fort Eustis Officers' Club. A beef and burgundy menu is planned, with performances by the Scottish Country Dancers. Major-General and Mrs Small, Commandant of the Transportation School, will be our honored guests. Cost is \$12.50 per person. Due to the Club's cut-off date, all reservations must be sent to: Bruce P. Schoch, 114 Discovery Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185, not later than 20 May 1981. Sorry, no exceptions!

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!!!! The following tentative dates have been selected for the next Saint Andrew's Society functions: Fall Ceilidh--12 September; Kirkin' of the Tartans: 29 November. More details will follow in the next issue.

Our Scottish Dancers, both young and old, will be performing with other area ethnic groups at Fort Monroe's Heritage Week on 2 and 4 July 1981. More details will be forthcoming via this medium. Plan to attend and see how Scots hold their own with the Greeks, Germans, and Poles!!

The Fourth Annual Williamsburg Scottish Games will be held at Bruton High School on September 26, 1981, to avoid the heat wave we had last summer! Turn-out last year was gratifying; plan to help make this event a rival for the other Virginia Games!



SCOTS WHA HAE...TO A BONNIE TUNE DANCED!!

Ah, lads...Th' smile on ma' face shows that
'tis time fa' th' bonnie TARTAN BALL!!!

'Twill be at th' Fort Eustis Officers Club
on the night of 23 May 1981. Aye, there
will be a wee bit o' fun fa' all!! The
schedule of events will be as follows:

- 6:00PM..Social hour (cash bar)
- 7:00PM..Presentation of colours,
Pipes & Drums, welcome
and toasts.
- 7:30PM..Dinner: **STEAMSHIP ROUND OF BEEF
WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S....AND BURGUND'**
- 8:30 to
- 9:00....Scottish Country Dancing
- 9:00 to
- 12:00....Dancing to the "Big Band
Sounds" of the Sandy Sims
Band.....Aye, swing n'
sway ta th' sounds of
Miller, Goodman, and the
Dorsey Brothers!!

Ta be sure, the bar will be open
during th' dancing.

I'm sure ye'll be a wonderin' wa this evening of food an' fun wi' be
costin' ye. The cost is \$12.50 per person.....Aye, not bad atall.
If ye desire to sit as a group wi' ye friends...tis no problem. We can set
up to ten people per table. Please contact your friends, work up a party,
and make a note on the response sheet. Let's have a real big turn out for
this activity. But we must have your reservation in by 20 MAY 1981...So
why not fill it out right now and pop it in the mail!

I will attend the 1981 TARTAN BALL on the night of 23 May. Please make reservations
for _____ people. I have enclosed a check in the amount of _____.

Return to:

BRUCE SCHUCH
114 Discovery Lane
Williamsburg, VA
23185

Member's name _____

First & Last Names
of those attending:
(For "name tag"
purposes)

