

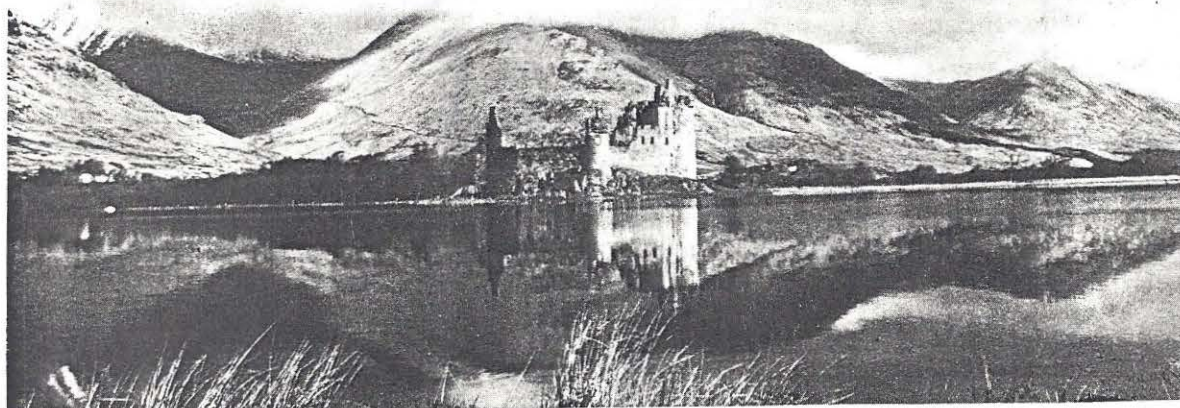
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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY
OF WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

CASTLE FOR SALE - THE PRICE IS RIGHT!



"UPON INSTRUCTIONS OF ARMORER, COUNTESS OF BREADALBANE, KILCHURN CASTLE, BY DALMALLY, ARGYLL, UNDER GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINISTRY OF WORKS, FOR SALE PRIVATELY - OFFERS OVER £50,000" So reads the add offering up one of Scotland's most famous castles for private sale. What the add doesn't say is that the castle, long a Campbell stronghold, is now in ruins. This does not in any way however detract from its impressiveness as the castle stands majestically on a peninsula jutting out into the north end of Loch Awe. Started in the 15th century and added to over the years, it became, in 1693, quarters for the family army of the Lairds of Glenorchy and later the Earls of Breadalbane, whose descendant now offers it for sale. It was gutted by government forces, who used it as a temporary garrison during the '45, and has not been lived in since. We can only hope that this stately symbol of past glory doesn't end up in Arizona or refurbished to support a set of golden arches. If any of our members are a bit handy with tools, and can spare a couple of weeks each summer on Loch Awe, it wouldn't take long to have yourself a great summer retreat.

"THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER"

Lads,

As the new President of your Society, I have had an exciting year working with a terrific Board of Directors. The officers presently serving are:

Vice-President-----Lt. Col. Jerry W. Russell
Secretary-----Jack K. Robinson
Treasurer-----Paul J. Ritchie
Quartermaster-----Howard T. Bierer

My special thanks go to Jerry Russell for taking on the arduous task of producing this publication for us.

The Society has been very active this spring and summer with the Tartan Ball, Spring Ceilidh and participation in the Highland Games at Tidewater and Grandfather Mountain. Although the two sponsored functions were well organized and all who attended had a great time, we were disappointed with the lack of attendance. After evaluating the low attendance, the Board has decided that we could attract a larger crowd and promote the Society better if one of our major functions was held during the week-end of the Williamsburg Scottish Festival. Since most Scottish Games have a Tartan Ball, we have decided to sponsor, in association with the Williamsburg Scottish Festival, a Tartan Ball to be held on the evening of the Festival, September 28th. We have planned a gala evening at the Williamsburg Hospitality House's new Westminster Room. Music will be provided by the Sound of Swing Band, along with Scottish Entertainment and a Hors d'Oeuvres Buffet. We would hope that all of our members and friends will make reservations early to attend. We have already started promoting our Tartan Ball by inviting other St. Andrew's Societies from Tidewater, Richmond, Washington, and Baltimore.

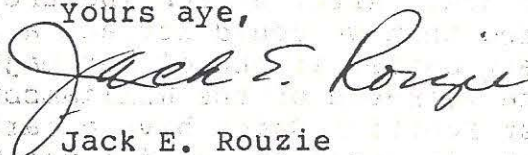
An added attraction at the Tartan Ball will be the display of many new clan banners. I would like to thank Woody Woodward and his wife Jean for all of their hard work in promoting and preparing these clan tartan banners submitted by our members. If you would like your clan banner displayed at our Ball and Kirkin of the Tartans in November, please submit a yard of the material to the Society and Jean will prepare the banner.

Recently, I received a request from The Grandfather Mountain Games to have our Society featured in next year's program. Since only three clans or societies are featured each year, I hope that many of you will make plans to attend and be with us at our sponsorship tent.

Speaking as your president, I would hope that all of our members would make a special effort to join in Williamsburg's biggest week-end for the promotion of Scottish heritage. Plan now to attend the eighth Williamsburg Scottish Festival and make your reservations for the Tartan Ball on September 28th. Sunday, the 29th, there will be a Kirkin at the Jamestown Festival Park Chapel with our neighbor Society from Baltimore joining in the ceremony. All of our members are asked to come and march with the group.

The Board of Directors ask that I remind you of our ongoing attempt to increase our Society's membership. If you have fellow friends who are of Scottish decent and would like to become a member, please submit their name so that we can send them an application. We will have a sponsor's tent at the Festival and plan to welcome any potential members. Also, please feel free to let us know your desires for future activities, projects and sponsored events that you think your Society should do to promote our Scottish heritage.

Yours aye,



Jack E. Rouzie
Clan MacLeod
President, St. Andrew's
Society of Williamsburg

"THAINIG MO RIGH AIR TIR AM MUDEART"

(My King Has Come to Moidart)

GLENFINNAN IN THE '45

On 22 June 1745, Prince Charles Edward Stuart sailed from France to Scotland on the French frigate DuTeilliay. Due to the intervention of H.M.S. Lion the second ship travelling with the Prince, the Elizabeth, was damaged and forced to return with the majority of the expedition's military stores. On the 23d of July, the Prince landed on the island of Eriskay. From that location the party crossed the Minch and anchored in Loch nan Uamh on the 25th of July - St. James' Day.

Charles had arrived but came without the expected troops and munitions of war. He brought only 1800 broadswords, 1000 muskets, seven small field pieces, 4000 Louis D'Or, and seven faithful followers. The Prince remained aboard ship for ten days, receiving a number of important and influential visitors. Among these were Donald of Kinlochmoidart, Ranald (younger of Clanranald, Alexander of Glenaladale, and Angus of Dalilca (all MacDonalds). These gentlemen attempted to persuade the Prince to return to France to gather a more substantial backing from the French King. After a heated discussion, the Prince turned to Ranald MacDonald in despair and exclaimed, "Will you not assist me?" - to which MacDonald replied, "I will, though no other man in the Highlands should draw his sword!" At these words, the others swore similar oaths. The Rebellion was on!

Lochiel (Donald Cameron, Chief of Clan Cameron) received a summons from the Prince commanding (requesting) the presence of the Camerons at the raising of the standard. After some hesitation, Lochiel also promised to raise his "Children" for the Stuart Cause. With the support of the MacDonalds and Camerons, the Prince scheduled a rendezvous for 19 August at Glenfinnan. This location was convenient to both the MacDonald and Cameron lands but was also secluded from prying government eyes. The Clan leaders departed for their own lands to prepare for rebellion. Meanwhile, the DuTeilliay off-loaded its cargo of stores and the Prince landed on the mainland of Scotland for the first time on 4 August - 240 years ago this month. Charles set up his headquarters at Borrodale and sent written requests summoning the Clans to Glenfinnan. On the 11th of August, the Prince moved his headquarters to Kinlochmoidart and continued to plan the upcoming campaign and to seek support. On Sunday, 18th August, the Prince and his party set out for the rendezvous at Glenfinnan. They walked the three miles to Dalilea on Loch Shiel, where boats were provided. They sailed halfway up the loch, spending the night as guests of Alexander MacDonald of Glenaladale. While there the Prince was joined by Gordon of Glenbucket who presented him with the first prisoner taken in the rebellion, Capt. Sweetenham of Guise's Regiment, who had been taken four days earlier by a combined force of Kennedys and MacDonalds.

The next day, the Prince and his MacDonald bodyguards proceeded by boat to Glenfinnan. They arrived a little after noon and were disappointed to discover that none of the Clans had yet arrived. Soon, however, 150 MacDonalds came marching down the hill toward the lochside. Two hours later Lochiel led 700 Camerons onto the plain. MacDonald of Keppoch and 300 of his clansmen arrived next with 70 prisoners, captured three days earlier. Various Clan Chiefs and captains approached the gathering army and promised their support. The MacDonalds and Camerons were drawn up facing each other. The Prince ordered the Duke of Atholl to carry the Standard to the other side of the River Finnan where it was finally displayed. The unfurled Standard was blessed by Bishop Hugh MacDonald. It was made of "red silk, possibly edged with blue, with a white space in the center on which the motto "TANDEM TRIUMPHANS" was worked a few weeks later."

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GLENFINNAN IN THE '45 (Cont'd)

After the Standard had been displayed, the formal proclamation of His Majesty King James as King of Great Britain and Ireland was made. Following this, two declarations were read. One appointed Charles as Regent and the second was in the form of a manifesto exhorting the Clans and all Scots to gather to Charles' side. Lastly, the Prince addressed the gathered clansmen and told them of their duty to his father. After the speeches the highlanders threw their bonnets into the air and cheered. The ceremony ended and the Standard was given into the possession of Keppoch's brother, Donald. According to one Jacobite present, "This was, properly speaking, the beginning of the Prince's expedition. From his departure from Rome to this day, he had kept a kind of incognito; all his motions had been concealed as much as possible. At Glenfinnan he appears publicly at the head of 1,300 men and enounces (sic) open war to the Elector of Hanover, and all his adherents."

In later years of drunkenness and self-pity, Charles would remember the highlanders with maudlin affection, but at the time of Glenfinnan he seemed to share the usual "civilized" opinion of them. Eight days after Glenfinnan, when he first dressed in Highland clothing, he said that he needed only the itch to be taken for the real thing.



Glenfinnan monument, Inverness-shire. It was here the Jacobite stan-

dard was raised on August 19, 1745 and the march toward London began.

THE 1985 WILLIAMSBURG SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

This year's Festival will be held at Jamestown Festival Park on the 28th of September. The gates will open at 8:00 am beginning a day of Scottish music, ceremonies, competitions and special events designed to delight those who love the skirl of the pipes and the excitement of Clan gatherings. Over fifty Clans and Societies are expected to be represented officially with the usual representation of Scottish vendors and specialty events. Highlights of the scheduled events include performances by pipe bands and the Colonial Williamsburg Fifes & Drums, a Parade of Clans with the War Cry Rally, Highland Dancing and Athletic competitions, Scottish Country Dancing, Sheep Dog demonstrations, and individual and band Piping Competitions. There will be a Scottish Pub with story telling, Colonial and Scottish traditional music, and fiddling.

The Williamsburg Saint Andrew's Society has traditionally supported the Festival from its beginnings eight years ago and many of our members serve in many of the leadership roles and many more have devoted much effort toward making the Festival the success it has become. Our immediate past President, Howard Topp, for example, was elected President of the WSF, which keeps him occupied and off the streets. The Society will have a tent at the Festival and all members and their guests can plan to make it their headquarters during the day's events.

As President Jack Rouzie has said in his "Corner" message, The Society is sponsoring a Tartan Ball in conjunction with the Festival. If this is to be a success, we need the support of all of our members for this initial try. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with a reservation form. Please do everything possible to attend the Tartan Ball - you also might take advantage of the opportunity to invite any guests that could have an interest in becoming members. The committee is going all out to provide the means and setting for a Tartan Ball that will be the forerunner of future successes and will provide the WSF with the well rounded Scottish programme needed for growth.

This year's Honoured Guest is Chief Ronald MacLennan, 34th hereditary Chief of the Clan. Brig MacLennan will be the guest of Society member Woody Woodward during his stay here and has been an honorary member of our Society for several years. He has told Woody how much he has enjoyed receiving the Society's mailings and is looking forward to meeting as many members as he can during his stay.

NOTICE: PLEASE HAVE YOUR RESERVATION SLIPS
FOR THE TARTAN BALL IN BY 20TH SEPTEMBER

YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT BY YOUR
ATTENDANCE



THE PHANTOM PIPER OF POLYGON WOOD

Here is a tale credited to various Highland Regiments but which probably belongs exclusively to the 42nd Royal Highland Regiment, The Black Watch. This incident occurred during their October 1917 assault on Polygon Wood. No poppies or shrubs could grow in the area in front of the Scot's parapets. The earth was littered with the debris of years of war and shell holes pocked the landscape all the way to the shattered stumps which used to be Polygon Wood. To the men of The Black Watch, this continued attack was to be a repeat of the ones which had gone before. Each attack met with disaster and the old stories of "The Ladies From Hell" had long since gone out of vogue. Few of the Highlanders cared whether they lived or died for no matter how well they fought, they never seemed to gain anything except a mounting toll in the casualty lists.

The early morning mists curled and drifted through the wire front of the Jock's position. Here and there a few rifle bolts clicked as the kilted Scots made certain that their rifles were loaded. There were a number of harsh hisses as bayonets were drawn from scabbards and fixed onto the ends of rifles. Instinctively, a few felt for their fighting dirks which were tucked into the tops of muddy hose tops. The sentries stared into the wasteland in front searching for any sign of movement which might indicate an enemy patrol. As the Scots rested their weary backs against the firestep and their young officer attempted to read the face of his watch in the darkness, a new sound seeped through the sound of the artillery. It was toneless and without cadence at first, but it smoothed out gradually and a hundred war-weary Scots stiffened as their ears caught the opening skirl of the bagpipes. Glengarrys were pulled to a more rakish angle as no Scot would wear the detested tin hat during a bayonet charge. The kilted men jerked to their feet, belts taken in another notch, and seconds before the whistle blew, hundreds of hob-nailed boots were up on the firestep.

The soldiers looked around to ascertain the location of the source of the music. The sound increased in tempo and soon the notes of "The Hieland Laddie", The Black Watch Quick-Step, could be discerned by the waiting men. Through the smoke and across the wire in the middle of no-man's-land, the Scots could just make out the figure of a Black Watch Regimental Pipe Major, dressed in full ceremonials. The Germans failed to fire on the piper and the soldiers looked on in amazement, knowing that they had left all of the regiment's pipers behind when they entered the trenches. The officer blew his whistle and the Jocks floundered to the top, scrambled through the gaps in the wire. Still in view was the massive Pipe Major, striding back and forth across the width of their front, head up, chest out, his kilt swinging as he piped them on. The skirl of the pipes continued as The Black Watch charged with new vigor, shouting clan war cries, into the teeth of the enemy guns. They overran the German positions, wiping out all pockets of resistance and finishing, winded, at the top of the hill at the edge of Polygon Wood. Strangely enough, the attack caused no serious casualties but stranger still was the total disappearance of the Pipe Major, for once the attack was over, he was seen no more. Scouts and patrols were sent out in an effort to locate the missing Pipe Major but he was never found. Some claimed they had recognized him as Geordie Findlater, but all knew he had died winning the Victoria Cross in India in 1897. Whoever he was and where ever he had come from, the ghostly piper had certainly led the Scots to victory at Polygon Wood. Just another war legend? But don't ever try to talk a Black Watch Veteran out of his belief in the story. All you'll get is "Didn't the Jocks take Polygon Wood?"

SOCIETY NEWS PAGE

CAROLYN TOPP HONORED AS SCOT OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Carolyn Topp was honored at the 1985 Burns Nicht as Scot of the Year. Mrs. Topp has been very active in a broad range of Scottish activities, including being Vice President-Productions of the WSF for several years.

BURNS NICHT - 1986

Bill Monroe has picked up the reins as Burns Nicht Chairman from the able hands of Paul Ritchie, who is devoting himself to safeguarding the Society's Treasury. Bill has announced the date for the 1986 Burns Nicht as 25 January 1986. Please mark your calendar! The location is being worked on and will be announced in a future Highlander.

KENNETH GRAHAM MEMORIAL

The Board has authorized the purchase of a book concerning Scotland or Scottish Culture to be donated to the Williamsburg Library as a memorial to Ken Graham, past President of the Society who passed away last year. The book selected was titled "Book of Scottish Games" which reflects Ken's special interest in this subject.

KIRKIN of the TARTAN

Due to the difficulties in the traditional timing of the KIRKIN conflicting with the first Sunday in Advent, the date for the 1985 event has been scheduled on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Again, mark your calendar.

ANTHONY McCLURE LEAVES THE BOARD

With regret, President Jack Rouzie has accepted the resignation of Anthony McClure from the Board of Directors. A defense contractor offered Tony a job opportunity he couldn't pass up, so he retired from the Army and will be working out of Brussels, Belgium. On the Board for almost a year, Anthony was very active in all of our activities and was co-chairman for the Spring Ceilidh. If you need his address in Belgium as a base for your next vacation, its available from the Secretary for a small fee.

ALEXANDRIA CHRISTMAS WALK

A growing number of our members are discovering a unique event that is sponsored by the Washington Society in early December each year - the Alexanrria Christmas Walk. Scots from all over the country gather there and take part in an unstructured "march" through the old section of Alexandria, most in Highland daywear. You may march with your Clan or Society or just spectate from the sidelines and enjoy the color and fellowship evident when Scots "do their thing"! Because of the growing numbers of members attending, thought is being given to a charter trip, or at least a social gettogether during the weekend - more information later. If you are interested, let Jack Rouzie know. The date, this year, is 7 December.