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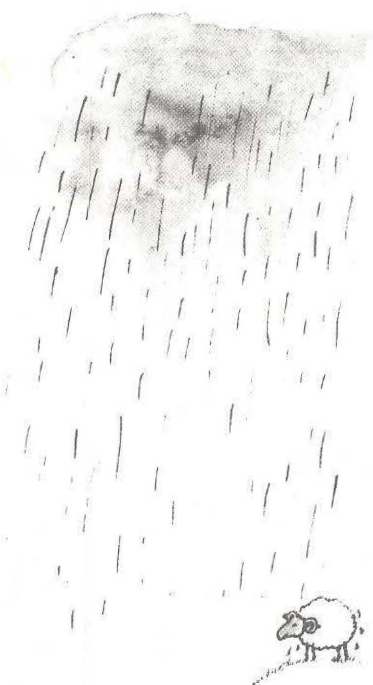


Three Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg members and a member's lady met in the Governor's Office in Richmond last September 30th. The occasion was a presentation by the Honourable Ronald MacLennan of MacLennan, 34th Chief (far right) to Governor Charles Robb of a volume written by the Chief titled "History of the MacLennans". The Chief was the honored guest at last year's Williamsburg Scottish Festival and took the opportunity while in the U.S. to visit Gov. Robb. Both the Governor and Chief have been honorary members of the Society for several years. Looking on during the ceremony are Mr. William "Woody" Woodward, Chief's Lieutenant, Eastern Region, U.S., and his wife Jean. The Woodwards hosted Brig. MacLennan during his stay.

OFFICERS FOR 1986

The following officers were elected, in accordance with the Society By-laws, by the Board of Directors on February 19, 1986:

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WINTER IN THE HIGHLANDS OF SCOTLAND.



SUMMER IN THE HIGHLANDS OF SCOTLAND.

SPRING CEILIDH

The 1986 Spring Ceilidh will be held at the Queens Lake Club House, Queens Lake, Williamsburg on Saturday evening, May 31st. The price will be \$8.00 per person. This price will include a catered meal and open bar, with your favorite beverages available. The Strath James Pipes and Drums will be there to perform with their usual excellence and an informal program is planned to include Scottish Country Dancing. The Club House provides an very pleasant and spacious outdoor setting with the advantage of moving indoors if we have bad luck with the weather. Jack Robinson will be sending out a flyer soon with all the details. Remember to bring as many guests as you like (especially potential members!) to share in the fun.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I would like to thank each one of you for the honor and privilege that has been afforded to me to serve as your President. I will do my very best to be worthy and with the help of your Board of Directors and the many volunteers that make our activities happen, we will have a successful and rewarding year. I would like, on your behalf, to extend to Jack Rouzie our heartfelt thanks for his dedication and hard work in the service of your Society during his term as President. The events we had last year were all great successes and were enjoyed by all who participated - thanks to Jack's leadership. Yet the President can do nothing without the support and involvement by the Board. These sixteen men do the yeoman work that must occur if we are to have a viable organization, and I know Jack would agree that their service throughout 1985 was truly outstanding.

Please take a look at the "Coming Events" section, and mark your calendar with the events the Society is planning for the future. The Spring Ceilidh is first up - Jack Robinson, Byron Adams, and Pat Bierer are putting this together and are looking now at several candidate sites. We plan for our traditional informal ceilidh format that will include a Scottish program, good food and quality libation, and of course plenty of good fellowship. Last year you will recall, because of low attendance in the past, we moved the Tartan Ball to coincide with the Williamsburg Scottish Festival. This turned out to be a great success for a first-time effort, and we will continue this practice for this year's Ball. I encourage you to support this event - block your calendar now and plan to attend with your guests. We'll be sending out more information on time and place soon.

Your Board has discussed an idea to have quarterly luncheons in Williamsburg during the workweek in order to afford an opportunity for more social contact between the membership and offer expanded opportunities to participate in Society activity. We'll give it a try in the near future. It will be very informal, possibly with a very short program, and if it takes off we'll add it to our regular schedule. It should be fun, and I hope you can support it.

A list of your Board Members is included in this edition of the Highlander. They represent you and your interests, and I encourage you to contact any of them or myself if you have any questions, suggestions, observations, or comments on anything to do with the Society. This is the best way I know for you to influence what goes on. Only by letting us know what your interests are, can we structure the activities of the Society to serve them.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our activities this year. Our love of things Scottish and the debt we owe our heritage brings us together to pay homage to our past and work to preserve our legacy for the future. I look forward to working with you to bring these things to pass.

Yours aye,



Jerry W. Russell

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

The 31st edition of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games will take place at MacRae Meadows near Linville, North Carolina between July 10-13, 1986. The oldest and probably the most famous of the major Highland Games in the U.S., this event draws thousands each year to a setting reminiscent of the Scottish Highlands - just a bit warmer, mind. MacRae Meadows is reached by a winding highway that climbs steeply out of the normally sleepy village of Linville. On arrival however, you look up to the grandeur of Grandfather Mountain itself, and realize that you are not as elevated as you thought. The large central field is surrounded with clan and society tents to include a reviewing stand and bleachers. Vendor tents are clustered around the main entrance and offer an extensive array of Scottish wares.

The program begins on Thursday, July 10, with a picnic and the opening ceremony. Friday is set aside for Clan meetings during the day with a piping concert, ceilidh, and Scottish country dancing offered during the evening. Field events begin in earnest on Saturday, with Highland dancing, piping, drumming, mass bands, athletics, fiddling, and sheep dog demonstrations. Another ceilidh and a tartan ball are offered that evening. Daytime Sunday is more of the same, starting with a worship service, and ending with the closing ceremony usually around 4:00pm.

We have sponsored the GMHG since our founding in 1968 which has earned us an excellent and permanent vantage point from our tent on the inner circle. Ken Garrison will be in charge of the Society tent, with help from the other attending members. The tent serves as center of operations for Society members during the Games and will have available a wee dram or two (or six) for fortification against the altitude, the rain, or whatever. Its a good idea to bring your own lawn chair and to wear comfortable shoes. Contact Ken or Jerry Russell if you would like any detailed information on the games. There is a toll-free number you can call for accomodation information: 800-438-7500. If interested, you should start arranging for lodging right now, as the rooms go quickly. If you have never attended the Games at Grandfather and decide to make this your first, you should be suitably impressed with the wide variety of Scottish activities and events, and bring away with you a feeling that Scottish traditions and spirit are alive and growing on this side of the Atlantic.



A wee bit of the Scottish Highland's in North Carolina

THE BATTLE OF CULLODEN
16 April 1746

Early in the morning, the exhausted Clansmen were brought to their feet by the rant of the pipes. False alarms had brought them into line of battle more than once since their return from Nairn. This time the drums of the advancing Redcoats could be heard above the sound of the pipes. The Clansmen gathered across the moor and stared into the distance, sleet driving into their faces. The redcoated infantry of Cumberland's army moved onto the moor and spread out into a solid line of scarlet and white. Artillery pieces were brought up and placed between the front line regiments. Due to the nature of the ground, the two armies were closer to each other on the south side of the field than they were on the northern side. The Jacobite artillery opened fire on the red wall with little effect. The royal gunners returned the fire and the Jacobite Clansmen began to fall in heaps. The only battle tactic used by the Highlanders was the charge. The Clansmen, advancing in Clan regiments, would run toward their enemy, fire a volley with their firelocks, draw their swords, and close. This tactic had worked well at Falkirk and Prestonpans, destroying veteran regiments in minutes. Today, the Prince was commanding his army for the first time and his failure to order the Clans to charge would be paid for with the blood of his followers. The Highlanders stood and died in ranks for more than half an hour. The King's gentlemen gunners could not miss.

Having taken as much as they could of the whistling cannon balls, Clan Chattan broke away, running toward the guns which had been killing them. They had seen little of the royal infantry since the firing had begun, nothing to their front but smoke stabbed with crimson. They pulled their kilts high to the groin, their bonnets scragged down over their brows. They ran forward with their bodies bent and their feet kicking at the heather and they didn't notice that the rain and sleet had stopped.

Once Chattan started forward, the Camerons and the men of Atholl started after them, followed by the Stewarts of Appin. They came on "in three great wedges, bearded, ragged, angry men, with their mouths open in yells that merged into one unintelligible shout". Their right arms were lifted, holding their broadswords high, and behind the front ranks there chopped and swayed the axes held by the common men. In mid-field, Appin Stewarts and Camerons collided with Clan Chattan and for a moment the charge halted. Or perhaps it was halted by the first murderous discharge of grape, the balls of iron whispering and whistling their killing way. Father stumbled over son, brother over brother in the sudden slaughter. Then the charge came on, but at a right angle, pushing the Atholl brigade toward a stone wall where they would meet the Campbells and Wolfe's waiting regiment.

Clan Chattan continued its charge and was the first to see the royal infantry. An English officer was to write, "They came running on our front line like troops of hungry wolves." The Government officers shouted, "Make ready!", "Present!", and then as the leaping kilted figures came screaming through the smoke, "Fire!" Of 21 officers who went forward with Clan Chattan that day, only three survived the charge. Most of the Clan died 20 yards in front of the flashing muskets of Price's Regiment and the Royal Fusiliers.

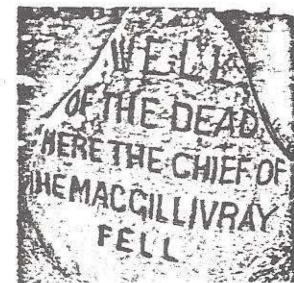
The Athollmen, being forced toward the stone wall, were infiladed by the musket fire of the 140 Campbells deployed behind the wall. 32 officers of the brigade died there. The Athollmen were stopped and were being destroyed. The Campbells fired three volleys into the packed ranks of the Atholl Brigade and



THE STUART CAUSE DIES ON CULLODEN'S BAYONETS

Less than 5,000 troops, supporting the House of Stuart, faced nearly 10,000 soldiers of the House of Hanover at Culloden in 1746. The Jacobites suffered heavily from the English guns; then their charge, which had been the terror of the English, was delayed. Finally, when the two armies met, the Jacobites fell to a new tactic: instead of attacking the man in front of him, each Redcoat bayoneted the exposed side of the

man to the right. The Hanoverian army lost 76 men to the Jacobites' 1,200. After the battle many more Jacobites died of wounds or were executed.



"WELL OF THE DEAD" A stone slab marks the spring where the wounded leader of the Clan Chattan crawled away to die.



then drew their swords and came over the wall. The Campbells didn't have everything their own way as the men of Atholl cut down their Chief and a number of his followers before being forced to retire.

The Camerons, Appin Stewarts, and Frasers came out of the smoke to face the ranks of Munro's and Barrell's Regiments. The King's men waited until the Highlanders were within 20 yards of their bayonets and then fired a volley from each of their three ranks. Wolfe's Regiment, positioned to the right of the Highland charge, opened fire and blew great gaps through the densely packed Camerons. The Jacobites burst into and through the ranks of Barrell's and Munro's Regiments. Four English officers went down in the first few seconds. The Clansmen stabbed and thrust with their dirks as there was not enough room to use a broadsword. Barrell's soldiers fell back and formed on Sempill's Regiment which was stationed to their rear. The Highlanders couldn't get to within sword length of the second Government line through the storm of musketry. They stood and died...their dead piling up in mounds. One by one, then in twos and threes, and finally in tens, the Stewarts and Camerons fell back, running or walking with their heads turned in defiance.

An attempt to get the second line of the Jacobite army forward to reinforce the charge failed. The MacDonalds, on the left, came forward in rushes. They never had the chance to close with the royal infantry as they had further to go than the right flank Clans and the fire from the Redcoats was devastating. Upon the appearance of Kingston's Horse, coming around their left, the MacDonalds started to retreat, leaving behind half of their strength dead or dying in the heather.

The tartan tide was ebbing back toward the west...the battle lost. Isolated units kept the English horse from riding down the retreating Clansmen. The English infantry started forward, clubbing and bayonetting the wounded and dead Jacobites which they passed over. The Government cavalry started toward Inverness and butchered everyone found on the roads, women and children not being excluded. A group of wounded Jacobites were discovered in a barn near the battlefield...the barn door was nailed shut and the building set on fire. The field was ringed for three days and nights by redcoated sentries who would let no one enter to tend the wounded. Although the battle was over, the slaughter had really just begun.

Aftermath: In May, three battalions of Cumberland's troops marched from Inverness to Fort Augustus to insure that all Clansmen still in rebellion would suffer. These battalions were Cumberland's advance guard; he would follow shortly with the rest of his army. The Jacobite army had gathered briefly at Ruthven Barracks, but had been disbanded by an order from the Prince to return to their homes and look to their own interests. Cumberland boasted that Scotland would be on her knees in six weeks. This was to prove no idle boast.

When Cumberland and the remainder of his army arrived at Ft. Augustus, orders were issued daily for "100 men of this battalion, or 200 of that to draw bread, cheese, powder and ball for a week's march into the glens." These were great days of burning, murder and plunder. An English officer wrote that his men were "Carrying fire and destruction as they passed, shooting the vagrant Highlanders they met in the mountains and driving off the cattle." Another redcoated soldier wrote "Those who are found in arms are ordered to be immediately put to death, and the houses of those who abscond are plundered and burnt, their cattle drove, their ploughs and other tackle destroyed." When

the raiding parties came upon an empty or abandoned house, regardless of whether or not the owner had been out with the Prince, the house and all outbuildings were destroyed. Not only houses were burned in Scotland that summer. On the last day of May, fourteen rebel standards taken on the field of Culloden or in the rout thereafter, were dragged through the streets of Edinburgh and were burned at the City Cross.

From Ft. Augustus, an infantry subaltern wrote to a friend in England "We hang or shoot everyone that is known to conceal the Pretender (Prince Charles), burn their houses and take their cattle, of which we have got 8,000 head within these few days past." Another letter sent home to England stated "There were found last week two women and four children dead in the hills who perished through want, their huts being burnt." Such discoveries were frequent, and starvation was becoming a problem for the homeless Highlanders. The Government used starvation as a weapon, once they realized it's worth.

Cumberland's "pacification" of the Highlands continued after he departed Scotland to fight the French in Flanders. The only battle that Cumberland ever won in his illustrious military career was Culloden. In September, Prince Charles caught ship for France after spending over five months wandering and hiding in the hills and islands of the Scottish Highlands. Charles died in Italy in 1788, an old, lonely, broken, drunken man.

The English named the flower "Sweet William" for William, Duke of Cumberland....the Scots named a weed for him...."Stinking Billy". Cumberland also earned the name of "Billy the Butcher" from the Scots for his "pacification" program.

Aside from the killing and burning being carried out by the Government's soldiers in Scotland, the King and his ministers in London legislated a change in the Highland way of life...the wearing of the kilt was outlawed...punishable, on the second incident by transportation to a faraway colony. The playing of the pipes was also outlawed as the pipes were an "instrument of war"....carrying arms was outlawed....gathering in groups of more than three was outlawed. The Chiefs lost their rights as heads of Clans and then lost their interest in their "children", bringing about the infamous Highland clearances of the 1800s.

<u>The Prisoners:</u>	Executed	120
	Transported	936
	Banished	222
	Died in prison	88
	Escaped from prison	58
	Conditional pardon	76
	Released or exchanged	1287
	Disposal unknown	684

Gordon Duffus

1985 BURNS NIGHT

Society members gathered last January 25th to honor the Baird's birthday, and to enjoy an evening of fellowship and top class entertainment. The formal dinner, at Williamsburg's Holiday Inn 1776, was hosted by President Jack Rouzie and featured Fiona Ritchie, a talented singer and hostess of the radio show "Thistle and Shamrock" out of Charlotte, NC which features Scottish and Gaelic music and lore. Miss Ritchie's performance was extraordinary and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The presentation of an ode to the Haggis, and the other ceremony, toasts, and speeches surrounding this special event, were carried off with traditional solemnity, supported by the always inspirational pipes and drums of the Strath James Pipe Band. Bill Monroe, the Chairman of the committee, and the members who helped him throughout the effort, deserve a sincere vote of thanks for the best Burns Night in many years.

MEMBERSHIP

The Society has a current membership of around 125, counting several who are a bit late in paying their 1986 dues. Most are centered in Williamsburg, but there are many active members throughout Tidewater and inland Virginia that travel many miles to attend Society functions. Most of us have friends with Scottish ancestry that would entitle them to become members, and we've often thought "I ought to give Tom a membership application - he would enjoy our activities." Attached to this edition of the Highlander is a copy of a membership application so that you can transition your thoughts to action. Any male adult (18 or above) that can trace his ancestry to Scotland, and can be recommended by two Society members, is eligible. Many potential members come as guests to one of our events, and enjoy themselves so much that they end up on the rolls. If you know someone that is a potential candidate, ask him and his family to the Spring Ceilidh to share the good fun. In this way, we will continue to grow and provide more and better opportunity for Scots to enjoy their heritage. If you need additional forms, contact our Secretary, Jack Robinson, who will send them to you.

WILLIAMSBURG SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

The Jamestown Festival Park will be the site again this year for the Williamsburg Scottish Festival. Despite the hurricane that threatened last year's event, the day dawned clear blue, even if the grounds were a bit soggy, and the Festival had found a site that was exactly suited to its needs. The date this year is September 27th and President Howard Topp and his Board are expecting a banner year. This year's honored guests are Chief David Ross of Clan Ross and Lady Ross. Clan Coordinator Jack Kane expects 60 Clans and Societies to be represented on the Field and an additional vendor tent is being allowed for an expanded availability of Scottish wares. All of the traditional events will be back in expanded roles: Highland Athletics, Highland and Scottish Country Dancing, Piping and Drumming Competitions, with the appropriate ceremonies and entertainment that will make the day full and eventful for the thousands of expected visitors. Howard Topp has asked that Society Members and their families that would like to volunteer to help with the WSF this year, please contact him....there are many opportunities to serve!

MACMILLAN CHIEF FATALLY INJURED.

The Chief of Clan MacMillan, General Sir Gordon H.A. MacMillan, was fatally injured in an automobile accident on January 20 near his home in Langbank, Scotland. Sir Gordon, an honorary member of the Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg for many years, was 89 at the time of his death. He had played an active role as Clan Chief, and took keen interest in the affairs of the Clan world-wide. One of the most distinguished soldiers of this century, General Sir Gordon's rise in the British Forces started from his graduation from Sandhurst in 1915 through two world wars and many campaigns in the last days of the Empire. As Lt.Gen. commanding the forces in Palestine, he was the very last soldier to leave at the end of the British mandate. The units he was associated with during his career read like a "who's who" in British military history: the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders during WWI, the 152nd Highland Bde in Sicily, and the 15th Scottish Div at Normandy.



General Sir Gordon MacMillan

General Sir Gordon held many decorations, which included the Military Cross (three awards), the Distinguished Service Order, Commander, Order of the British Empire, and Knight Commander, Order of the Bath. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lady Marian MacMillan, four sons and a daughter. The eldest son, George Gordon MacMillan of MacMillan, succeeds Sir Gordon as Chief. The new Chief is a distinguished educator who has held positions in Canada and Great Britain.

ALEXANDRIA CHRISTMAS WALK

The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C. sponsors a unique event in early December each year they call the Christmas Walk. Clans and Scottish Societies gather early in Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia and wind their way through the streets of that lovely city where Scots played the central roles in its founding and subsequent history. The skirl of Great Highland Bagpipes and the spirit of camaraderie keep the chilly December air at bay as Scots, many in kilts or trews, parade with their Clans or Societies beneath tartan banners and flags of America, Canada and Scotland. After the Walk there are ceremonies, demonstrations, and events organized for the enjoyment of the public.

Many of our members are regulars at this event and this year we will make a special effort to participate as a group. We have asked for early information on the Walk and will provide it in future additions of the Highlander or by flyer. If there is sufficient interest, a coach could be chartered and group rates secured at a motel in the Alexandria area. Later this year when details are available, you will be asked to indicate your interest in participating so we can finalize the plan. The one thing we know for sure is the date: Saturday, December 6, 1986 - so reserve that day on your calendar!

TARTAN BANNERS

You will remember the many tartan banners that grace our social functions with their beauty and strength. The tartan symbolizes as nothing else can our proud Scottish traditions and ties of kinship, and their presence among us when we gather reminds us of our heritage. Many, if not most, of these banners have been prepared for display by Jean Woodward, the good lady of Board Member Woody Woodward. Jean has devoted much work and patience to the sewing and labeling of these banners, for which we are all very grateful.

If you would like to donate a yard of your tartan, for a banner to take its honoured place among the rest at our functions, Jean has graciously volunteered to keep sewing as long as the material rolls in. Please send at least a yard of the tartan, so that Jean can maintain the standard size, to her at: 16 Raymond Drive; Seaford, VA 23696. The finished banner, with a label indicating the donor and tartan name, will be turned over to Quartermaster Pat Bierer for display at our next event. For information on the most economical sources of tartan material, write to: Editor, Virginia Highlander; PO Box 533; Williamsburg, VA 23187.

To avoid duplicates, the tartans listed below have already been donated:

Earl of Saint Andrews	Gunn	MacLennan	Rose (Hunting)
Campbell of Argyll	Hamilton	MacLeod	Ross (Hunting)
Duncan	MacFarlane	MacMillan	Sutherland
Fergusson	MacGregor	MacPherson	Urquhart
Gordon	MacIntyre	Munro	

COMING EVENTS - 1986/87

(Society Events in Capitals and Underlined)

MAY 31	-	<u>SPRING CEILIDH</u>
JUNE 21	-	Delco Scottish Games, Devon PA
JUNE 28	-	Tidewater Scottish Festival, Botanical Gardens, Norfolk, VA
JULY 10-13	-	Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC
JULY 26-27	-	Virginia Scottish Games, Alexandria VA
SEPT 27	-	Williamsburg Scottish Festival, Jamestown Festival Park
SEPT 27	-	<u>TARTAN BALL</u>
OCT 18-19	-	Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, GA
NOV 30	-	<u>KIRKIN 'O THE TARTAN</u> - Saint Andrew's Day
DEC 6	-	Christmas Walk, Alexandria VA
JAN 24 (87)	-	<u>BURNS NICHT DINNER</u>

Note: Details on Society Events will be published in future Highlanders or sent out to you by flyer in advance. If you would like information on any of the listed outside events, contact the Editor, Virginia Highlander; PO Box 533; Williamsburg, VA 23187 - we will furnish the data we have.

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NOTE: Dates in parenthesis indicate expiration of term of office