

# THE WILLIAMSBURG SCOTTISH WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

## Scottish-Americans Abroad:

Jerry Russell has linked up with Tony McClure in Belgium. There was a Burns Nicht at SHAPE Headquarters. A Scottish major has started a Country Dance group. Both Jerry and Tony belong to the Saint Andrew's Society of Belgium. Jerry and Joanne are at long last settled in--in a 75-year-old house with 16-foot ceilings!

fast and round of drinks thrown in!! This cannot be beat; two years ago it was thoroughly delightful, in the same setting. George urges that you make your reservations early; a block of rooms is set aside in the name of the Society and George.

Burns Nicht January 28, 1988  
Fort Eustis Officers' Club  
Ken Garrison

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Quarterly Luncheon June 22, 1988  
Mr. Lui's Sam Redd

Tartan Ball September 24, 1988  
[In conjunction with Williamsburg  
Scottish Festival] Commonwealth Hall [former Motor House  
Cafeteria] Jacks:Rouzie/Robinson

Quarterly Luncheon October 26,  
1988 ? Sam Redd

Kirkin' November 30, 1988  
Bruton Parish/Williamsburg Lodge  
Jack Robinson

Alexandria Scottish Walk 2-3  
December 1988 Hotel is the Olde  
Town Holiday Inn [1-703-549-  
6080]. George Haviland reports  
that three days-two nights will be  
\$111 per room, with a free break-

## ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES:

In the latest issue of *The Scottish-American*, two organizations previously described in these pages have had significant changes.

The Scottish Tartans Society of Comrie, Scotland, announced the opening of a Society museum and office in Highlands, North Carolina, a small resort town located at elevation 4100 and "midway between Stone Mountain and Grandfather Mountain". Just approved in December and scheduled to open this spring, the Museum will have up to 1,000 or more clan, district, and family tartans on display. For further information, , contact The Scottish Tartans Society, P. O. Box 645, Highlands, NC 28741, or call [704] 526-5413.

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The Caledonian Foundation has sprung up to encompass the former Friends of Scottish Opera, Inc., to support various cultural entities: Scottish Opera; the Scottish Theatre Royal; Scottish Ballet; Balnain House at Inverness; and others.

Key officials are: John B. Flowers, III, President; Earl of Dalkeith, Chairman; Ellice McDonald, Jr., C.B.E., Treasurer; and Duncan MacDonald, Secretary. Contact the Foundation at Suite 300, Building C, Greenville Center, 3801 Kennett Pike, Greenville, DE 19807.

**Skrillings from the Isles:** [A sampling of the mail]

The University of Edinburgh is offering Gaelic Summer School, Basic and Intermediate: Sgoil Shambraidh Ghaidhlig. **Sgoil Shambraidh Ghaidhlig.**

Not to be outdone, the Gaelic College of Sabhal Mor Ostaig **Sabhal Mor Ostaig** announces that it is offering courses in: Language; Song and Story; Highland Bagpipe; Highland Fiddle; Hebridean Genealogy; Hebridean Dance; and Clarsach.

There is an organization known as Friends of the Scottish Monuments.

Also, the National Trust for Scotland announced the 1987 opening of the Bannochburn Heritage Centre. Then there is the Society of Friends of the Frigate *Unicorn*, which was commissioned in 1824 and thus is the longest lived British ship still afloat.

The St. Andrews Festival Society announces the 10th St Andrews Festival [of the performing arts] for 16-26 February 1989. This is a wholly student run undertaking.

## BRUNSWICK STEW.

The following information is from an article in the South Hill Enterprise, December 2, 1987, by J. R. Orgain, Jr, and Meade Flinn, and was sent to us by Society member Bob Flinn, the son. It is perhaps more palatable than Cullen Skink!

"It is generally agreed that Brunswick Stew was originally made around 1828 in Brunswick County, Virginia. Dr. Creed Haskins of Mt. Donum, near the Nottoway River, was a Virginia legislator who wanted stews made for picnics and public gatherings. 'Uncle' Jimmy Matthews perfected a stew for Dr. Haskins made of squirrels, onions, and stale bread.

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## First Quarterly Luncheon

The Society's first quarterly luncheon was held April 20, 1988 at Mr Lui's Restaurant in the Kingsmill Village Shops. 52 members and spouses attended. Despite the Oriental setting, the event was definitely Scottish. Dr. Neil M. Stevenson, Board Member and Society Chaplain, spoke on the evolution of Scotland from a land of "ignorance, superstition, and savagery", characterized in 1700 by an Englishman as "a land of beggars, serfdom, and forced labor," and further denounced as the "last [most recently] civilized country in Europe." Scotland, as we all know, rose to preeminence in nearly every field of endeavor--and did it all through sheer dint of education--an almost singleminded national effort. The effort spanned centuries and ultimately led, in the nineteenth century, to a sixteenth century Parliamentary ideal--that of the schoolmaster being the equal of the priest and minister. The next luncheon will be on June 22, and again at Mr Lui's. Come on out to this next one and experience something a little bit different from our regular fare.

Dr. Stevenson, currently of the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church and

formerly Chief of Chaplains Corps, USN, recommends the following books for further reading on the subject of Education: Scotland's Heritage and America's Future:

*The Social Life of Scotland in the Eighteen Century*, H. Grey Graham, A. & C. Black Ltd., London, 1937 (first published in 1899)

*British Education*, H. C. Dent, Longmanes, Green and Co., London, 1946.

*A History of Adult Education in Great Britain*, Thomas Kelly, Liverpool University Press, 1962.

*Memories Grave and Gay*, Dr. John Kerr, Thomas Nelson and Sons, London, 1902?

## BLAZER PATCHES:

Our Quartermaster reminds everybody that he has Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg blazer patches at a modest \$5.00 each. These patches are beautiful replications of our Society's crest. See Pat Bierer at our next gathering, or give him a call and a check.

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## Board of Directors Notes:

Larry Leonard, a veteran reporter and editor, has accepted the post as Public Affairs Officer. He will coordinate notice of Society events with the local media.

The Society will sponsor and try to have tents at:

Tidewater Scottish Festival

June 25, 1988

Blue Ridge Scottish Festival

August 20, 1988

Williamsburg Scottish Festival

September 24, 1988

## On Flags and All That

The Saint Andrew's Society [Post Office Box 84, Edinburgh] is trying to link together all Saint Andrew's Societies around the world. One of their short term goals, however, is to promote the usage of the Saltire [the blue and white Saint Andrew's Cross flag] as a symbol of Scottish nationhood, and to discourage the improper [and probably illegal] use of the Rampant Lion flag. According to their Fall 1987 Newsletter, [the first seen in a very long time], their survey of Edinburgh on Saint Andrew's Day, 1986 was very dis-

couraging. Of 146 properties with flag poles surveyed, 65% or 95 sites were flying no flag at all. The Saltire was flown alone at 14% [20 sites], with the Union Flag at 10% [15 sites], and with the House flag at 3% [5 sites]. Union Flag [the "Union Jack"] and House Flag [the Rampant Lion] flyings accounted for the rest.

The Society is also promoting a greater observance of Saint Andrew's Day as a symbol of national recognition. It has also taken up the issue of wearing of the kilt in public, to such events as the Sitting of Parliament, Royal Weddings, and other such workaday events. It is in favor of kilts and has had apparently some success in convincing Government officials in "the South" of the rightness of same.

Our Vice-President, "Woody" Woodward reports that the Canadians are as bad as we in displaying the Rampant Lion Flag; at the Fergus, Ontario, Games a few years ago, he noted a 9-1 ratio of Rampant Lions to Saltires. [The title, Saltire, incidentally, is a heraldic term that denotes the Saint Andrew's Cross style of design].

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"The tradition of this stew was continued by Dr. Aaron Haskins who was succeed by Jack Stith and Col. Thomas Mason as stew chefs. When citizens of Red Oak District moved away from the county and made a similar stew, they called it "Brunswick".

"As years passed, different stew chefs changed the meat from squirrel to chicken and beef and added tomatoes, corn, Lima beans and other vegetables.

"The original stew as made by 'Uncle' Jimmy called for this recipe:

Take six squirrels, put them in cold water, raise the heat slowly and let them parboil for one hour. Take up, wipe, and scrape free from all scum. Then put them into a pot of boiling water with a pound of good, fat bacon cut into inch cubes. Add one quart of onions sliced, salt, red and black pepper; cook slowly, stirring well until the meat is well done and will come to pieces [about four hours]. then add, a little at a time, a pound of butter and stale bread crumbs until the stew is no longer watery, but not too thick. To be good, this stew must be well cooked, and rich and seasoned."

**Spring Ceilidh.** The Spring Ceilidh was held 14 May 1988 at the Queen's Lake Community Center, and was catered by the George Washington Inn. 85 members and guests were in attendance. The ByLaws that were overlooked at the Burns Nicht Banquet were passed in an extension of the Annual General Meeting. Paul Ritchie gave a history of the Saint Andrew's Society on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. We have a number of 20-year members, many of whom [\*] were present at the Ceilidh:

Jim Anthony\*  
T. J. Baxter\*  
Gerald Finn  
John Fletcher\*  
Arthur Gordon\* [86!]  
Gilbert Granger\*  
Raynor MacGillivray\*  
Rob Roy MacGregor  
Phil Magruder  
Willie Munro  
Paul Ritchie\*  
Jerry Russell (In Belgium)  
John Stewart (in USSR!)  
Howard Topp\*

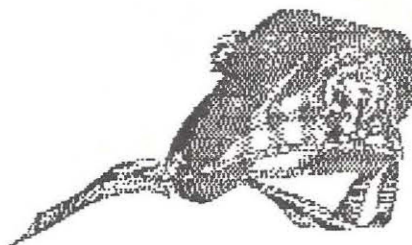
NOTE: If any member is is hospitalized or in poor health, contact our chaplain, Neil Stevenson.

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