



The Spectator

The Quarterly Newsletter of Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

Summer 2006

From the President

Dear Members,

The summer has drawn to a close. The Williamsburg Scottish Festival and Celtic Celebration has passed, and it looked like we had a better than usual attendance. We had our tent there as usual, but we missed a lot of you folks there. Unfortunately we didn't pick up any new members; we almost got one but unfortunately he wasn't of Scottish descent.

Our upcoming events include Members Night, when we elect new Board Members. If you would like to serve on the Board of Directors or know someone that you think would be a good Board Member, Contact Jack Kane at jkk28ga@cox.net. Another event coming up is the SABA (Saint Andrews Benevolent Association) general membership meeting. This will be a very important meeting because it will decide the future of SABA. These two meetings may be held separately or together. We will be sending out proxies with the announcements of these meetings. If you are unable to attend these meetings it is essential that we have your proxy, especially for the SABA meeting.

Other events coming up include the Kirkin' of the Tartans, to be held at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church on Richmond Road, and Burns Night on January 20th; the place has yet to be determined.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Joyous and Prosperous New Year.

Yours aye, Taylor C. Fraser, Jr.
President, SAS Williamsburg

The Williamsburg Scottish Festival

The 29th annual Williamsburg Scottish Festival and Celtic Celebration was held on Saturday, September 30 at the Jamestown Beach Campsites. It was a perfect day, sunny with cool breezes, and attendance was very high. Clan Bruce was the honored clan for 2006 and Charles, Lord Bruce was the honored guest. Activities included welcoming ceremonies, pipe band demonstrations and competitions, the parade of the clans, various highland games, sword duels, music, whiskey tasting, traditional dancing, and sheep dog demonstrations. There were also plenty of clan tents and Scottish/Celtic vendor tents where husbands could buy neat stuff that their wives claimed they didn't need. It was a fine way to spend a sunny Saturday in this beautiful part of the country, and our thanks should go to Wil Phillips and everyone else who helped set up this wonderful celebration of our heritage. Below are some of the photos your editor took. Many more are available on-line at <http://www.mstomas.com/gallery.htm>



St. Andrew's Society tent at the Scottish Festival



**SAS President Taylor Fraser with Ernie Shackelford
The Clan Davidson tent (below)**





**The parade of the clans begins (above).
The massed bands march across the field to pipes and drums (below).**



A burly Scot tosses a 54 pound weight for distance. This is a good way to injure yourself if you're not a burly Scot. Weight can be seen floating gracefully at upper right.



The whiskey tasting tent (below) was well attended





Several generations of Clan Ramsay join the Parade of the Clans.

The Battle of Green Spring

The 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Green Spring was held at The Winery on 15 and 16 July 2006. This commemorated the July 6, 1781 clash between British General Lord Cornwallis, who had recently occupied Williamsburg, and French General Lafayette, who commanded a small force of American colonials including the 2d Virginia Regiment and other units under the American General "Mad Anthony" Wayne. The British forces included the 84th Highland Regiment of Foot, 2nd Battalion, No. 5 company, The Royal Highland Emigrants. That was all your editor needed to report on this battle for the Spectator.

It was close to a hundred degrees when the battle occurred, with the colonials emerging from a forest to confront the British in an open field. With muskets and cannons blasting away and sending blue clouds of smoke rolling across the fields, the British at first fell back, then rallied and moved forward. Vastly outnumbered, Lafayette realized he faced defeat and ordered an orderly retreat after a costly frontal attack by Wayne which surprised and stunned the British. Although it was a defeat for the colonials, Lafayette saved his forces and they proved useful later when Cornwallis moved to Yorktown where he was subsequently trapped, besieged and forced to surrender his command, leading to American independence. Liberty or Death!



Your editor poses with his Commanding Officer (left) and Major Michael McAvoy (right) of the 84th Highland Regiment of Foot, 2nd Battalion, No. 5 Company, The Royal Highland Emigrants.



Above: Royalist forces prepare for the battle in camp. If you think these guys look slack you should have seen the colonials.



British forces prepare a cannon for the upcoming bloodfest as an officer looks on.



Above: The Redcoats let loose with a volley of musketry and cannon fire
Below: American forces move up to attack the British lines.



Happy Anniversary!

SAS congratulates Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Goodwin, who have recently celebrated fifty years of love together. Bruce was Secretary of SAS for several years. A Virginia Gazette article on 15 July 2006 noted this milestone, and we reproduce it here. Thanks to Byron Adams for forwarding the article.

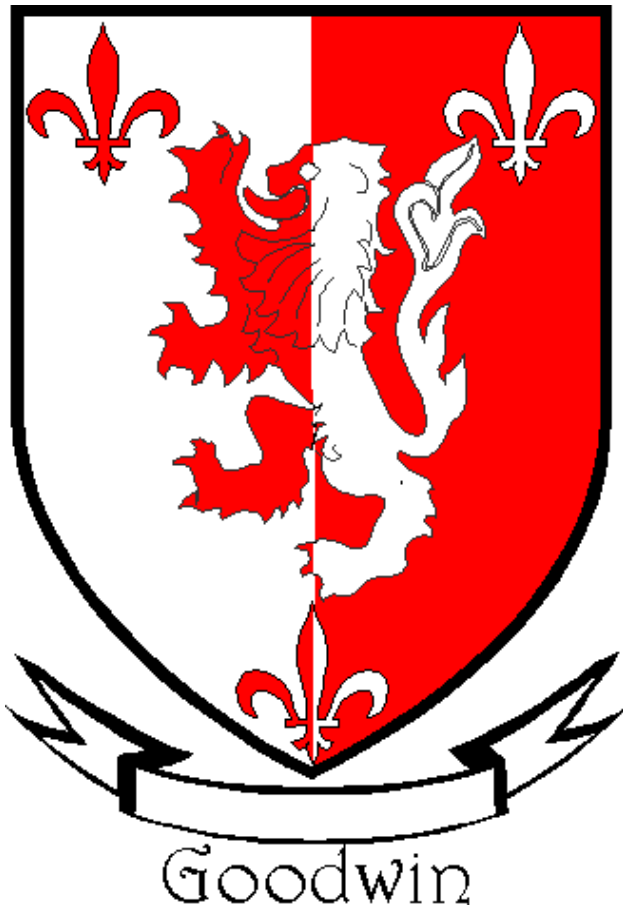


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**Dr. and Mrs. Bruce
Goodwin**

Goodwins celebrate 50th with a luncheon

Bruce and Joan Goodwin of Williamsburg celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 9, 2006.

In honor of the occasion, their children hosted a luncheon for friends and family at Warner Hall in Gloucester on July 13. The couple was married at Asbury Methodist Church in Warwick, R.I.

The family includes son Stephen of Lafayette, Ind., daughter Susan and her husband, Ernie Nolen, of Hamilton, N.Y., daughter Jennifer and her husband, Brian Smith, of Annapolis, Md., and grandchildren Corey, Keslie and Eliza of Hamilton, and Thomas and Liam of Annapolis.

The Goodwins have lived in Williamsburg since 1963, when Mr. Goodwin accepted a position as a geology professor at the College of William & Mary, where he taught until his retirement in 1996. Mrs. Goodwin has worked in nursing and real estate, most recently as the school nurse at Berkeley Middle School, until her retirement in 2001.

In recent years, the Goodwins have enjoyed art, ballroom dancing, gardening and traveling.

Attention MacDougalls!

The September 2006 edition of the Scottish Banner informs us that Gylen Castle, a late medieval tower house and ancient home of the MacDougall clan, has been rebuilt. The castle, located near Oban on the island of Kerrera, was built in 1582 as home to the MacDougalls. 65 years later it came under siege during the Scottish Civil War and the inhabitants were massacred and the castle burnt and destroyed. For 359 years it has been a desolate ruin. Now, after ten years of restoration work and 500,000 Pounds from Historic Scotland and MacDougall clan members around the world, it has arisen once more, like a phoenix. What a magical event! Can you imagine where Scotland would be now had our ancestors cooperated with each other instead of doing their best to exterminate their own race?



Gylen Castle, 2005 – Charles Dixon-Spain photo

www.flickr.com/photos/dixonspain/

Upgrading of Burns National Heritage Park

According to the Highlander magazine July/August 2006 issue, Robert Burns' birthplace and an attached museum have been saved from total closure by an infusion of funds from the National Trust. The thatched cottage where Burns was born at Alloway in Ayrshire and the 'Tam O'Shanter Experience' museum will be renovated with an 11 million Pound restoration. It will include a new visitor center, restaurant and study center. Thanks to Clarissa Young for alerting us to this news item.



Burns' Cottage, from www.rampantscotland.com

A New Senator?

No, we're not going to make any recommendations on how to vote in the upcoming Virginia senatorial campaign, but we will mention that Jim Webb is a candidate, that he is posing a real threat to the incumbent, and that local voters of Scottish heritage may wish to consider him. Jim Webb is a former Secretary of the Navy and also a former Marine and novelist who wrote *Fields of Fire*, a gritty novel about our involvement in Vietnam. He is also the author of the more recent work *Born Fighting: How the Scots-Irish Shaped America*. Webb's own heritage is Scots-Irish and I reviewed his book in the Spectator's Spring 2005 issue (still available on-line). The book is well worth reading and will give you insights into Webb's personal philosophy, which I believe is more important than party labels in this era of wholesale fraud and deception by both major parties. The online encyclopedia Wikipedia has a good article on him at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_H._Webb



Jim Webb, from the Wikipedia article.

The Scottish Regiments – the Seaforth Highlanders

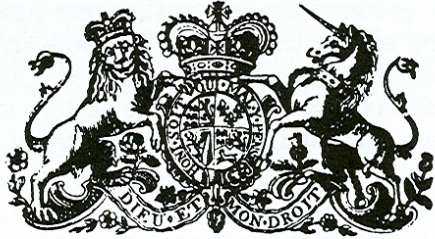
Your editor has just purchased a book entitled *The Scottish Regiments, 1633-1996* by Patrick Mileham. This new edition was published in 1996. It is an impressive coffee-table type book with numerous color and black and white photos and illustrations. As the UK government proceeds with the plan to do away with Scotland's historic regiments it is surely useful to reminisce about the past over a book such as this one. Mileham covers all of the Scottish regiments in great detail, and I thought it might be useful to present Spectator readers with very brief summaries of these units taken from the information in his book. For this issue we look at the Seaforth Highlanders.

The Seaforth Highlanders (The 72nd Duke of Albany's Own Highlanders) was formed in 1777 and originally known as the 78th Highland Regiment of Foot. The regiment was initially stationed at the Channel islands where they successfully repulsed two French attempts on the islands. In 1782 the regiment was sent to India to counter the French and their native allies, and they captured several major towns from the enemy, including the successful siege of Bangalore. In 1795 the 72nd participated in seizing Ceylon from the Dutch who had allied with the French.

The regiment's next major battles were in South Africa where they engaged the "Dutch" (Afrikaners) successfully until Cape Colony was ceded to the British Crown. The regiment then took part in the war against the native "Kaffirs," an arduous campaign that was ultimately successful.

The regiment also served in the Crimean War, storming Sevastopol. They were then dispatched to India for hand to hand combat during the Indian Mutiny. The 72nd also participated in numerous hair-raising adventures during the Afghan War. In 1881 the 72nd was integrated into the 78th Highland Regiment to become the 1st Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders (Ros-shire Buffs). The further adventures of the Seaforth Highlanders continued until 1961 and are covered in detail in Mileham's book.





SEAFORTH'S HIGHLANDERS

To be forthwith raised for the DEFENCE
of His Glorious Majesty KING GEORGE the
Third, and the Preservation of our Happy
Constitution in Church and State

All LADS of *TRUE HIGHLAND BLOOD* willing to shew
their Loyalty and Spirit may repair to SEAFORTH,
or the Major, ALEXANDER MACKENZIE of *Belmadutby*;
or the other Commanding Officers at Head Quarters
at _____ where they will receive
HIGH BOUNTIES and *SOLDIER-LIKE ENTERTAINMENT*.

The LADS of this Regiment will LIVE and DIE together;—
as they cannot be DRAUGHTED into other Regiments, and
must be reduced in a BODY in their OWN COUNTRY.

Now for a stroke at the *Monsieurs*, my Boys!

KING George for ever!

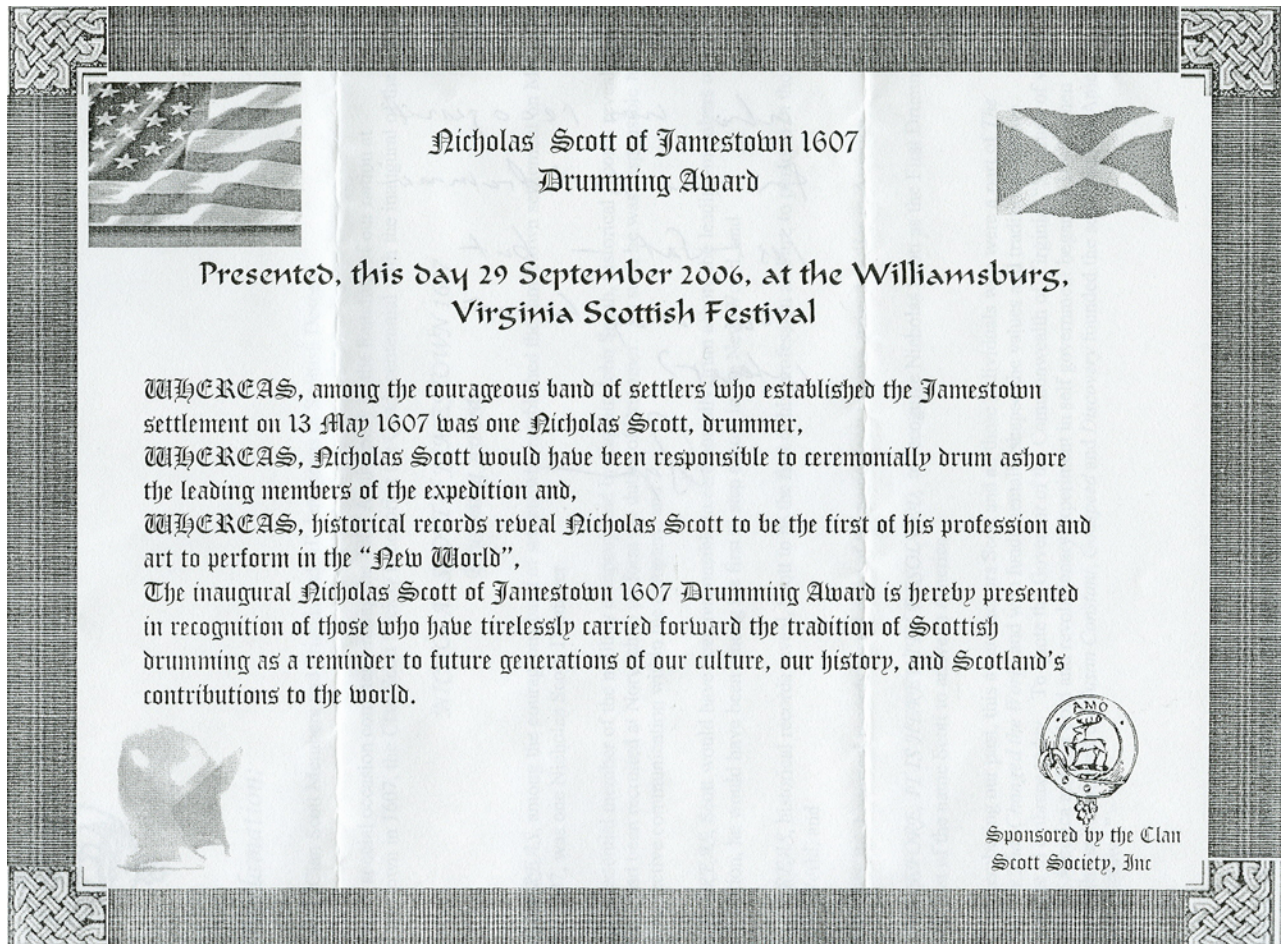
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Recruitment poster, 1793 (left). Drummer John Rennie of the 72nd Highlanders, 1856 (right). Both are from *The Scottish Regiments: 1633-1996*.

The First Drummer

The following award was presented during this year's Williamsburg Scottish Festival. It is interesting to know that one of the first men ashore at Jamestown was a Scot. Scotland's contributions to our country's history and culture are many and varied. Our thanks to Byron Adams for passing this along.



Flowers of the Forest

Long-time SAS member Ken Burns passed away a few weeks ago at his home in Maryland. Ken was well known to many of our members. Our sympathy goes out to his family. Byron Adams just learned this, and suggested we inform all members.



Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

Application for Membership

PO Box 533, Williamsburg VA 23187

Full Name: _____

Date and Place of Birth: _____

Schools/Colleges: _____

Business or Profession: _____

Wife's Name: _____

Names and Ages of Children: _____

Address: _____

Telephone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Years at Current Address: _____

Legacy Application? Yes or No _____

(A Legacy member is the son or grandson of an active member, in good standing, or the son or grandson of a deceased former member, who is age eighteen through twenty-one. Admission fees are waived for Legacy Members; however annual dues are required.)

If Yes, Father's or Grandfather's Name: _____

Membership in Other Professional or Social Organizations: _____

Nature of Scottish Family Connections (documentation not required): _____

Any Visits to Scotland – Frequency and Purpose: _____

General Scottish Interests – (History, Literature, Arts etc): _____

Clan Association(s): _____

Membership in Clan Organization or Other Scottish Society: _____

What tartan(s) do you wear? _____

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

To the best of our knowledge, the above applicant is of sound character and is entirely suitable to membership in the Society. He will actively participate in the functions of the Society as circumstances allow and will perform conscientiously any duties undertaken.

Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

Co-Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

Checklist

Initiation and First Year's Dues (\$60.00) _____

Small Photograph suitable for digitization _____

Current local address and telephone number included _____

Verification of Legacy Member Eligibility _____