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President's Message

Lads 'n Lassies,

Welcome to the website and newsletter of the Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg. Although most of you reading this letter are members of the society, to the rest of you I wish to take some time to tell you about our society. Earlier this year the St. Andrews Society of Williamsburg celebrated the fortieth anniversary of its founding. Since 1968 the society may have grown in size, but more importantly, it has become recognized as the voice of the Scottish community in Virginia's "Historic Triangle" one of the premier Scottish organization in the commonwealth of Virginia, and an organization well respected well beyond the borders of the state. The Society is thoroughly committed to the fundamental Scottish values of integrity, civic responsibility, benevolence, loyalty, and patriotism. We are dedicated to nourishing this Scottish identity through the celebration of both traditional and contemporary Scottish activities and commitment to charitable endeavors. We are recognized by the IRS and Commonwealth of Virginia as a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) tax status society.

We are delighted to sponsor and participate in a variety of Scottish events and activities each year. These include our gala Burns Nicht dinner, Tartan Day recognition, the St. Andrew's Society Family Ceilidh and Picnic, our participation in the Williamsburg Scottish Festival and Celtic Celebration, spring and fall Kirkin' o' the Tartans, quarterly luncheons, and other activities. These activities allow the members and friends to gather together socially and promote and celebrate our Scottish heritage and culture. I hope you will continue to browse through our website to learn a more about our organization and who we are. I particularly encourage you to take time to review our fine newsletter, "*The Spectator*," and the galleries of photos from our recent events.



Being a member of the Society isn't just about being of Scottish birth or descent, it is about embracing a way of life and a set of values that we endeavor to uphold every day. We welcome anyone who is Scottish by birth or descent. If you would like to know more about the society, please feel free to contact me at sas40@craigmiles.org. For your convenience, a copy of our membership application is available for download on this website.

In closing, welcome to the website of the St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg. I hope you're your visit will be enjoyable and rewarding.

Yours aye,

Howard S. Topp Clan Sutherland

Summer Luncheon

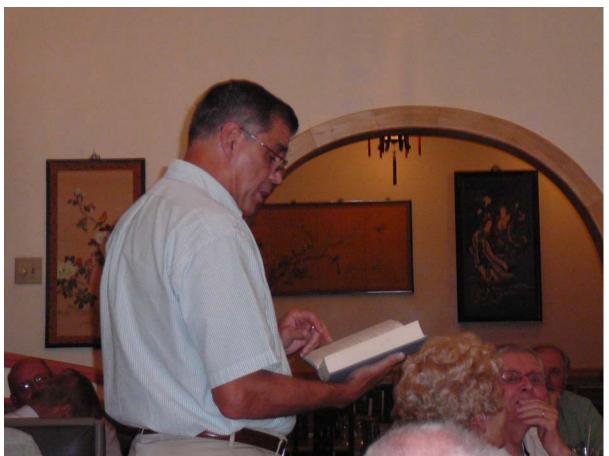
On August 23 SAS held our Summer Luncheon at China's Cuisine in the Village Shops of Kingsmill. What? A bunch of Scots eating Chinese food? Well, why not? The superiority of Scottish food is a given, so why not try something new? We all know that haggis tastes a lot better than General Tso's chicken, and a bottle of Scotch is certainly far superior to a pot of jasmine tea, right? Anyway the food at China's Cuisine turned out to be delicious! Our thanks to Bob Young and Byron Adams for arranging this fun get-together. Attendance was good and it was great to have Jim Anthony back with us again.

Bob and Byron presented the program, a reading of some of the poetry of Robert W. Service. He was the Scottish "Bard of the North" who traveled to Alaska in the days of the gold rush. Most everyone has heard his poems but I had never known he was a Scot. Byron gave us a great reading. Following are a few photos – the rest are online at www.scotsofwmbg.org









Williamsburg Scottish Festival

The annual Williamsburg Scottish Festival and Celtic Celebration was held this year at the Rockahock Campgrounds on Saturday October 4. It was a spectacular day with bright sunshine and cool breezes, just perfect for our gathering. The clans were all there, and it was a wonderful sight when the massed bands and the parade of clans assembled on the field with pipes blasting and drums rattling.

Clan Shaw was the honored clan for 2008 and the Honored guest was Archibald Angus Charles Kennedy, the Chief of Clan Kennedy. The program kept us all busy and entertained with the Welcoming Ceremony, the massed bands and Parade of Clans, a pipe band competition, plenty of Celtic rock from various groups, highland dancing, highland athletics with strong men hurling unlikely objects through the air, swordsmanship, sheep dogs and sheep, and plenty of Scottish handicrafts, attire, jewelry, weaponry etc. Scottish food and drink, including Scotch whiskey, was available in abundance.

Our own society had a tent set up for weary members to pause between events for a wee bit of Scotch and a sandwich or two. It was a day well spent! Following are some photos from the event.













Book Review: Stone of Destiny, by Ian Hamilton. Reviewed by Marshall Thomas

This is the gripping, exciting, inspiring and funny true story of how four determined young Scottish college students liberated the Stone of Destiny from Westminster Abbey in 1950 and returned it to Scotland, where it had been stolen 650 years earlier by Edward I of England. The author was the student who masterminded the plot and carried it out through a series of seemingly impossible obstacles, bungled plans, stupid errors, and ridiculously bad luck. Despite it all they persevered and brought the Stone back to Scotland secretly as all Scotland praised the deed and jeered the English.

I loved this story! This new edition was published this year, and a movie version will follow shortly. I recommend this book for everyone who cheers for the underdog and thrills at a victory over great odds.

I bought my copy through the Scottish Banner, but it should be available on line from Amazon or Barnes and Noble as well.

The Stone of Scone (Stone of Destiny)



The St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg First Kirkin, by Howard Topp.

With our Spring Kirkin' o' the Tartans at historic Christ Church in Irvington in May and our own at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church on November 30th, I was reminded of our first St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg Kirkin'. It was held on May 23d, 1969 at the Williamsburg Baptist Church on Richmond Road. The Reverend Thomas Pugh, then the pastor at the church, invited the society to hold the Kirkin' at his church and President Bob Duncan readily accepted.

Several of us had been to other Kirkin's in the past and had a pretty good idea as to how the event was to be conducted. However, when the officers of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington invited our society to attend their Kirkin', it gave us another opportunity to see how that society performed the service. I acted as the chauffer for Bob Duncan and Dave Shepherd, driving Bob's Caddy on a trip to the Washington Cathedral for the event. The Kirkin' was spectacular within the stately cathedral, but far grander than anything we intended. Regardless, it gave us a program to base our Kirkin' on. Bob and Rev. Pugh worked out the details and established how the actual Kirkin' itself was to be performed and integrated into the regular 11 a.m. service. The

Reverend Walter Kennedy of First Presbyterian Church in Newport News would assist in the blessing of the Tartans, as well.

This Kirkin' was held before Lt. Col. Alex Matheson and Rev. Dr. Jim Forrester formed the St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg Pipes and Drums, now the City of Williamsburg Pipes and Drums. Everyone agreed that the presence of the pipes was essential for a proper Kirkin', but where to find them? The solution was found down the road in Newport News. Warwick High School had the "Warwick Grenadiers Pipe Band" at that time and they were invited to participate in the procession in and out of the church. At the conclusion of the service, the pipe band also delighted the attendees with a short performance of Scottish tunes.

Since the society was only a year old and many of our members had yet to purchase Highland Daywear, those not attired were given Royal Stewart baldrics to provide a touch o' the Tartan. The event flowed smoothly and has pretty much been the template for the St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg's Kirkin' ever since that time.

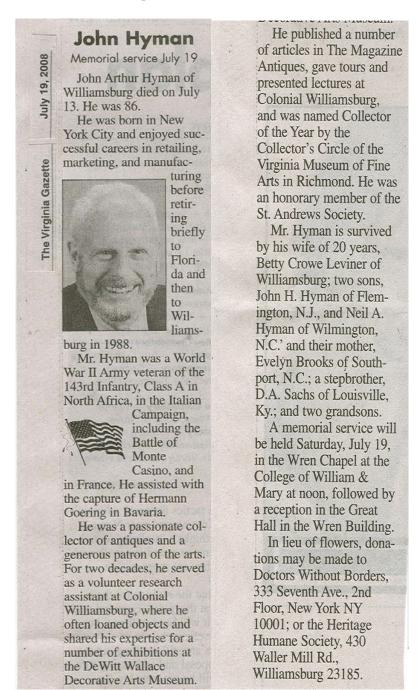
Flowers of the Forest - John Hyman, Florence Graham, Bruce Goodwin, John Williams

John Hyman

John Hyman was a friend and honorary member of St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg. He was a brilliant scholar and an admirer and collector of all things Scottish. Although not of Scottish descent, he probably knew more about Scottish history and culture than any of our members. We greatly admired him and he will be greatly missed. Following are two obituaries.

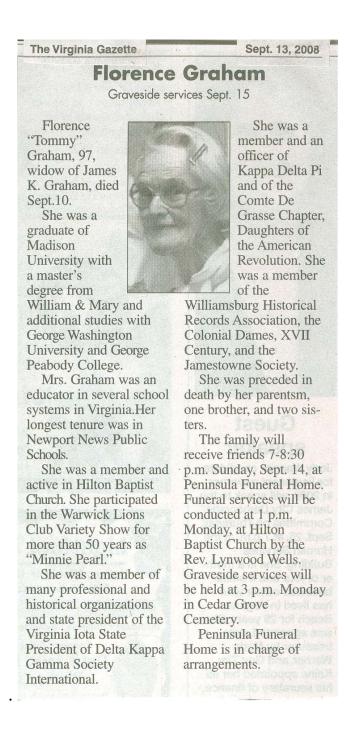
HYMAN, John Arthur, of Williamsburg, Va., passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2008. A native of New York City, John attended Middlebury College and the University of Tennessee, as well as the Horace Mann School and the Williston Northampton School (Class of 1940). After successful careers in retailing, marketing, and manufacturing in Manhattan, North Carolina, Michigan, and Kentucky, he retired briefly to Florida. John moved to Williamsburg in 1988. John was a World War II Army veteran of the 143rd Infantry, Class A in North Africa, in the Italian Campaign, including the Battle of Monte Cassino, and in France. He assisted with the capture of Hermann Goering in Bavaria during the final days of the Third Reich. John was a passionate collector of antiques and a generous patron of the arts. For two decades, he served as a volunteer research assistant at Colonial Williamsburg, where he often loaned objects and shared his expertise for a number of exhibitions at the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum on subjects ranging from Irish drinking vessels, noted silver collections in the Gaiser Silver Gallery and tea caddies to 18th-century dueling pistols, miniature portraits of Lord Dunmore (the last royal governor of Virginia), and Scottish maps. He published a number of articles in "The Magazine Antiques", gave tours and presented lectures at Colonial Williamsburg, and was well-known for his enthusiastic presentation on the "Nine Principles of Collecting", where he attributed his great success in collecting to having found the appropriate

guru in John Davis, Colonial Williamsburg's recently retired curator of metals. In 1998, he was named Collector of the Year by the Collector's Circle of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, Va. He was an honorary member of the St. Andrews Society and a former trustee of the East Tremont YMCA in New York City and of the Louisville Zoo. John is survived by his wife of 20 years, Betty Crowe Leviner of Williamsburg, Va.; two sons, John H. Hyman of Flemington, N.J. and Neil A. Hyman of Wilmington, N.C., and their mother Evelyn Brooks of Southport, N.C.; a stepbrother, D.A. Sachs of Louisville, Ky.; and two grandsons. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 19, in the Wren Chapel at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg at 12 noon, followed by a reception in the Great Hall in the Wren Building. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Doctors Without Borders, 333 Seventh Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, N.Y. 10001 or the Heritage Humane Society, 430 Waller Mill Rd., Williamsburg, Va. 23185. Published in the Richmond Times-Dispatch on 7/16/2008



Florence "Tommy" Graham

Tommy Graham was the wife of Ken Graham, a past President of Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg. Tommy performed in the Lions' variety show until this year. She was a long-time supporter of SAS and the Williamsburg Scottish Festival. She and Ken donated a dancing trophy for many years at the Festival. Tommy has bequeathed funds in her Will for both SAS and the Festival. She was a true friend of SAS and we will miss her.





Dave Bowman/Daily Press

Florence "Tommy" Graham, seated next to Cleve Hall during a rehearsal, has been performing in the Warwick Lions Variety Show for nearly 50 years. Her husband was a charter member of the club.

Performance of a lifetime

Volunteer gives love, laughs and time to Lions

By Beverly N. Williams

HAMPTON

he Warwick Lions Club held its first variety show 50 years ago, and Tommy Graham has been in every one of them.

She was a patron at Alice's Restaurant, a fictional setting in a skit from a show in 1974. She played the wife of a politician who cheated on her with humorous results

There was also the time Graham played Minnie Pearl, and her eyes twinkle with laughter when she recalls the year she played a hillbilly wife.

FLORENCE GRAHAM

- WHO: Longtime volunteer in the Warwick Lions Variety Show ■ RESIDENCE: Newport News
- OCCUPATION: Retired teacher
- EDUCATION: Graduate of the College of William & Mary COMMUNITY
- INVOLVEMENT: Member of several historical groups, such

as the Daughters of the American Revolution; member of Hilton Baptist Church, volunteers with numerous civic groups; member of the Hilton Singing Saints, which makes visits to retirement homes and senior centers

FAVORITE PASTIMES:
Genealogy

"I was Ma and my husband, Pa, knew everything, and what he didn't, he made up," she said. "He was so funny that I sometimes nearly forgot my lines just looking at him."

One of Graham's fondest memories comes from the time she played a character who spent a lot of time at the Pair of Dice saloon drinking and gambling her time away with one of her sisters.

Not one to tell her age — she'll just say that she's been collecting Social Security for some time — Graham weaves through these years like they were yesterday. And tonight, she'll add another memory to her collection when she performs in this year's variety show, called the "50th Show of Shows."

Graham became involved with the club's shows because of her

WANT TO GO?

■ What: The 50th variety show sponsored by the Warwick Lions Club

■ When: Today, Friday and Saturday

■ Where: Warwick High School auditorium, 15 Copeland Lane, Newport

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Time: Curtain is at 8 p.m.

■ Tickets: \$6; to purchase in advance, call Don Deaver at 596-7142

■ For more information, call Glenn Gurley at 599-4850

late husband, J. Kenneth Graham, who was one of the club's charter members.

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Bruce Goodwin

Bruce was a former SAS member and Board Member. We remember him fondly and we will miss him.

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Sept. 6, 2008

Prof. Bruce Goodwin chaired geology dept.

Bruce Kesseli Goodwin, 76, professor emeritus of Geology at the College of William & Mary, died peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Friday,

He was born on Oct. 14, 1931, in Providence, R.I., the son of Thomas William and Lizetta Kesseli Goodwin. He grew up in Warwick, R.I., spending many happy hours sailing and fishing on Narragansett

He graduated from Aldrich High School in 1949 and received a bachelor of science from the University of Pennsylvania in 1953. After serving in the



where he earned a doctorate in geology in 1959.

He joined the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, teaching geology there for four years. In 1963, he relocated to Williamsburg, where he became a founding father of the geology department at the College of William & Mary. During his 33-year tenure at W&M, Professor Goodwin chaired the geology department for 17 years and conducted extensive research in the Piedmont region specializing in structural geology and petrology of metamorphic and igneous terrains.

He was honored as a fellow of the Geological Society of America and served in various offices of scientific societies. He was instrumental in establishing the long-term relationship between W&M and the Richmond Math and Science Center.

During 1982-83, he initiated the establishment of the



teaching by awarding him the Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award in 1971.

In addition, he was very active in the community. He served as president of the Lafayette High School PTA, was a founder of the Lafayette Education Fund, and was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg and St. Andrew's Society.

After retirement in 1996, he became an accomplished oil painter and ballroom dancer. He enjoyed sailing and fishing throughout his life and traveled extensively in his later years. He will be remembered as a very patient man who had kind words of encouragement for everyone.

Prof. Goodwin is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Joan; his son, Dr. Stephen Bruce Goodwin of Lafayette, Ind.; his daughter, Susan Nolen, and son-inlaw, Ernie Nolen, of Hamilton, N.Y.; his daughter, Jennifer Smith, and sonin-law, Brian Smith, of Annapolis, Md.; and five grandchildren, Corey, Keslie, and Eliza Nolen and Thomas and Liam Smith.

A graveside service will be held Monday, Sept. 8, at 1 p.m. in Cedar Grove Cemetery followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m. at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church.

Virginia Board for Geology, was the first certified geologist in the state, and was the first chair for the State Board for Geology. He actively supported the Virginia Academy of Sciences, was president of the Geology Section several times, and guided many students toward their first scientific presentations. He was awarded 11 grants from the National Science Foundation to support students in undergraduate research.

Professor Goodwin's first love was teaching, and he established a distinguished reputation for his interesting, informative, and challenging courses. The college recognized his excellence in

The family will receive friends Sunday evening at Bucktrout of Williamsburg Funeral Home from 6 until

8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts be made to The College of William and Mary Foundation, Geology Department Founders Fund (1870), P.O. Box 1693, Williamsburg VA 32187, the WJCC Community Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 935, Williamsburg VA 23187; or Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, 215 Richmond Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185.

Bucktrout of Williamsburg is in charge of the arrangements.

John Williams

Published in the Daily Press on 10/8/2008

John William Williams

WILLIAMSBURG - It is with deep sorrow that we announce that John William Williams, long-time resident of Williamsburg, Va., passed away on Oct. 7, 2008, after a brief illness. Family were at his bedside. Born Jan. 8, 1917, he grew up in Grundy, Va., with sister, Mary, and brothers, Edwin, James, PL and Joe. His father, attorney Robert E. Williams, was a member of the Virginia House of Representatives, and his mother, teacher, Garnet Hamilton Williams, was the first female member of a city council in the State of Virginia. He graduated from Emory & Henry College, taught Spanish at Grundy High School, and attended Washington & Lee School of Law. He served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of Captain, and worked for the Veterans Administration. At Fort Eustis, Va., he applied his passion for education as chief of the education center, guiding servicemen to fulfill their education goals under the benefits of the GI Bill. He and his wife, the late Betty Boxley Williams, moved to Williamsburg in 1954 with their four children. He taught Sunday school at Williamsburg Methodist Church, and was active in many civic endeavors, including the St. Andrews Society, the College of

William and Mary athletic boosters, the Crown Colony Club, and the White Elephant thrift shop for Williamsburg Community Hospital. His children will remember him as an organic gardener, student of philosophy, fisherman, and avid reader who could turn a knotted ball of string into a life lesson on patience. John, a consummate gentleman, was a popular resident at Chambrel and Patriot's Colony in Williamsburg, where he resided in his later years. His innate kindness and wry wit charmed all who knew him and he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his sons, Bill and Phil Williams and Bill's wife, Arlene Aitken Williams, of Williamsburg; daughters, Martha W. Gray and her husband, Robert G. Gray, of Silver Spring, Md.; and Frances W. Davis of Clarksburg, Md.; three grandchildren, Sarah and husband, Jason Long, of Clarksburg, Md.; Kathryn and husband, Matthew Brigger, of Boston, Mass.; and Gordon Gray, of Washington, D.C.; two step granddaughters, Sarah Seashols and husband, Robert, of West Point, Va.; and Suzanne Brown and husband, Christopher, of Narrows, Va.; and step grandson, David Aitken of Fredericksburg, Va.; and five great-grandchildren, Hailey and Nathan Brigger, Kaia and Alyssa Seashols, and Piper Long. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the IHEY Varsity Club, Emory & Henry College, PO Box 950, Emory, VA 23427-0947, in memory of John W. "Cocky" Williams. View and post condolences on our online guestbook at dailypress.com/guestbooks.

From the Richmond Times-Dispatch John William Williams

WILLIAMS, John William, longtime resident of Williamsburg, Va., passed away on October 7, 2008 after a brief illness. Family were at his bedside. Born January 8, 1917, he grew up in Grundy, Va. He was graduated from Emory & Henry College, taught Spanish at Grundy High School and attended Washington and Lee School of Law. He served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army and he was chief of the Education Center at Ft. Eustis, Va. He and wife, the late Betty Boxley Williams, were very active in civic organizations. He was a member of Williamsburg Methodist Church. John was a popular resident at Chambrel and Patriot's Colony. He is survived by his sons, Bill and Phil Williams and Bill's wife Arlene Aitken Williams; daughters, Martha Gray and her husband, Rob, and Fran Davis; three grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the IHEY Varsity Club, Emory & Henry College, P.O. Box 950, Emory, Va. 23427-0947, in memory of John W. "Cocky" Williams.



Keep the flag flying!



Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

Application for Membership PO Box 533, Williamsburg VA 23187

Full Name:		
Are you, applying as a new member □ or a	as a Spouse □ Son □ Daughter □ in	the
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Member's Name if you are a spouse/son/da	aughter:	
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Business or Profession:		
Spouse's Name (if not a member):		
Names and Ages of Children:		
Nature of Scottish Ancestry:		
Scottish Interests – (History, Literature, Ar	rts, Clan Affiliation etc):	
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Completed Application with address, phone numb		

NOTE: All memberships are individual and only one applicant per application.