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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As you have been alerted, there will not be a Society dinner at this year's Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. The hotel and hospitality industry is undergoing fundamental changes. An insufficient number of members responded to the attendance survey to justify facility charges plus the cost of dinner.



We will have two tents at the games for foodservice and member and guest relaxation. More details will be sent before the GMHG July 6-9.

Various members and directors have attended several events since our 50th Anniversary Celebration in December. Several members attended the festive Burns Nights in Wilmington and Fayetteville. On February 26, six members were at the Moore's Creek National Battlefield for the 247th anniversary of the first NC battle of the American Revolution. On March 27, 15 members met locally at the Players Retreat in Raleigh and enjoyed the area's largest selection of single malt whiskys. More local gatherings in other cities are strongly encouraged so that we know each other better and increase camaraderie! We had a contingency that traveled to Washington D.C. for National Tartan Day sponsored by the Scottish Coalition USA.

Slainte mhath,
James R. Graham, President

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**SCOTTISH COALITION USA AND
NATIONAL TARTAN DAY**



Allen James, Mike McIntyre, James Graham, Don McLeod

President James Graham and several SASNC members journeyed to Washington DC to participate in the National Tartan Day sponsored by the Scottish Coalition USA. The first evening was held at the British Embassy with special recognition of Ukrainian dignitaries. A scrumptious reception and wonderful tattoo were highlights of the evening on Tartan Day, April 6.

A Scottish-themed symposium was held in the historic Dacor Bacon House on April 7, followed by the awards ceremony.

The National Tartan Day Award was presented to the Honorable **Mike McIntyre** {D,NC} and Honorable **John Duncan** {R,TN} who started the Congressional Friends of Scotland Caucus in 2005. Mike is a Society member and was congratulated by the Tar Heels present.



Washington DC Color Guard



Performers at Tattoo at the British Embassy

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT OF 2009 – SENDS THANKS

14 years ago now I had the incredible fortune of being introduced to the St. Andrew's Society of North Carolina and selected to receive the scholarship for a Scot to study at a university in North Carolina. Subsequently, I graduated magna cum laude and went on to get a Master of Fine Arts. Now I find myself passionately pursuing a career in acting. I have landed my first appearance on a TV show with an upcoming miniseries to be aired on AppleTV. I am also writing and producing films in Winston-Salem.



I will forever be deeply appreciative of what the St. Andrew's Society of NC has allowed my life to be.

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STEWART APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SASNC member Alexander McLeod Stewart (Sandy) PhD has been named President of the Sandhills Community College in Southern Pines. Sandy is currently assistant commissioner of agricultural services for the state of NC. He is experienced as a teacher, academic researcher, and public administrator, and as an international trade envoy. SCC is nationally recognized for its horticulture and golf course management programs. Congratulations Sandy!

MIKE MCINTYRE TO RECEIVE HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM UNC CHAPEL HILL

UNC Chapel Hill recognized former congressman, the Honorable Mike McIntyre, with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at its Spring Commencement on May 14. The link below contains a summary of Mike's many accomplishments politically, civically, and professionally.

<https://www.robsonian.com/news/287821/mike-mcintyre-to-be-awarded-honorary-doctorate-at-unc-chapel-hill-spring-commencement>

SASNC MEMERS INVITED TO SCOTTISH HERITAGE USA RECEPTION AT GMHG

Many Society members are also members of SHUSA. The office is in Pinehurst and presided by Peter Wilson, Society member and President of Great Scot International in Charlotte. Peter has graciously invited Society members to attend the SHUSA reception at the Best Western Hotel in Banner Elk on Sunday July 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Attendance is limited, but available. Society members are encouraged to register and attend. Follow this link to register and pay for the event:

<https://scottishheritageusa.org/2023-scottish-heritage-sunday-buffet/>



Moore's Creek National Battlefield February 2023

HISTORIC NORTH CAROLINA BYWAYS

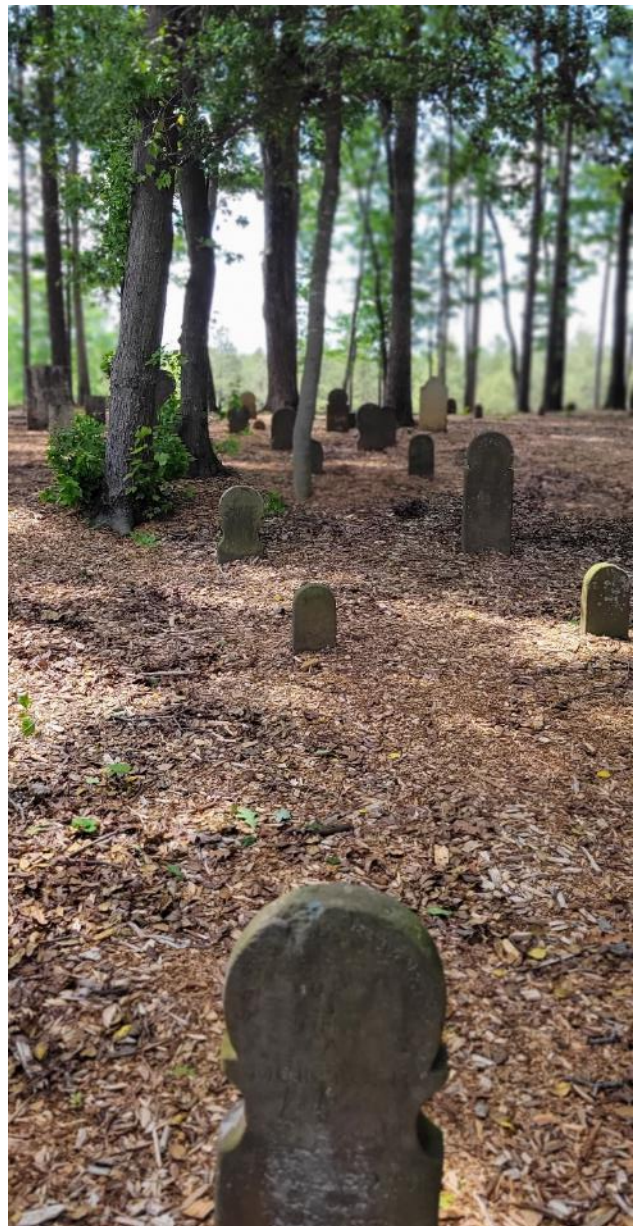
OLD BROWN MARSH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Old Brown Marsh is located near Clarkton and is one of the oldest Highland Scot congregations (about 1756) in NC. The shown kirk building was built in 1818 and several revolutionary soldiers are interred here. The Battle of Brown Marsh occurred in 1781 when Patriot forces attempted to free Gov. Thomas Burke, who was captured by David Fanning at the Battle of Hillsborough on September 12. Burke was delivered to British Gen Craige in Wilmington. Burke was weakened by the imprisonment and died soon after.



OLD SCOTCH BURYING GROUND NEAR CARTHAGE

Started in 1775, the graveyard was popular for Highland Scots and some Scots-Irish who resided as many as 50 miles away. The Moore County Historical Society now owns the 3-acre property and has begun a major restoration project which is well underway. The graveyard was started by Capt. John Martin and his wife Marian McLeod, immigrants from the Isle of Skye. Martin was a Loyalist in the Revolution and, ironically, left NC and is buried in Nova Scotia. More than 100 graves have been identified and many more remain obscure.



**Hurt my arm this morning and
was in hospital for an x-ray.**

**As I was sitting waiting to be seen,
the lad next to me says,
"Fair fa' yer honest sonsie face!
Great chieftain o' the puddin' race!"**

**I turned my head round to the lady
sat on my other side and she said,**

**"Wee, sleekit, cow'rin, tim'rous
beastie, O, what a panic's
in thy breastie!"**

**Surprised, I said to the next doctor
walking past, "here mate is this the
psychiatric ward?" He says,
"no, sorry, this is the Burns unit."**



Young Scots carrying tartan banners at the funeral of Leon Moore McLean, father of Society director Steve McLean. The clans in the family line include MacLean, MacLeod, MacCallum, MacDonald and Campbell.



Society members at funeral of Alexander Caudill, March 8

PORT CITY HIGHLAND GAMES

Saturday, June 3
10 am - 5 pm
3600 Randall Parkway
Wilmington, NC



The Port City Highland Games just keep getting better and better! Join us to see the East Coast Women's Athletic Championships (and other athletes, too), the British Motor Club of the Cape Fear's Annual Car Show, Highland dancing, the Port City Pipes & Drums, music from The Blarney Brogues and the Celtic Music Group of Wilmington, herding dog demonstrations, vendors, food trucks, clan tents, puppies, and much more!

GMHG
July 6 - 9

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS SEPTEMBER 17

Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church will host the SASNC Kirkin' on September 17 at the 11:00 a.m. service in Southern Pines. Twenty kilted clans persons are needed in the tartan banner procession. Please inform Don McLeod of your availability. (donaIdcmcleod@gmail.com or 910-695-5550 mobile)



Kirkin' Exit, Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2019