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'DISA & DATA' LETTER FOR MAR./APR., 1989

I TOOK advantage of Joe & Annie Thomas being out of school for Spring Break last week and got the Jan./Feb. newsletter copied and most of it sent; so figure it's time to start on the next one before we get to May!

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The quilt features the song-birds of Scotland and was done by Gleeda Graham Mc Conahay for the Society. Gleeda donated the beautiful Maple-leaf Quilt we had last year. Chances are still \$1 per chance and we'd like to show Gleeda how much we appreciate her efforts and we really do need the some assist in the treasury.

Please do check your membership cards and send your dues if you forgot last year. Sometime this year I will be forced to cull my list. I KNOW there are a number of people who did forget, but I also know I made some mistakes so have leaned over backwards to keep from culling the wrong people!! Please help us!! Regular dues remain \$17.50. Retirees \$12. Life membership \$100.

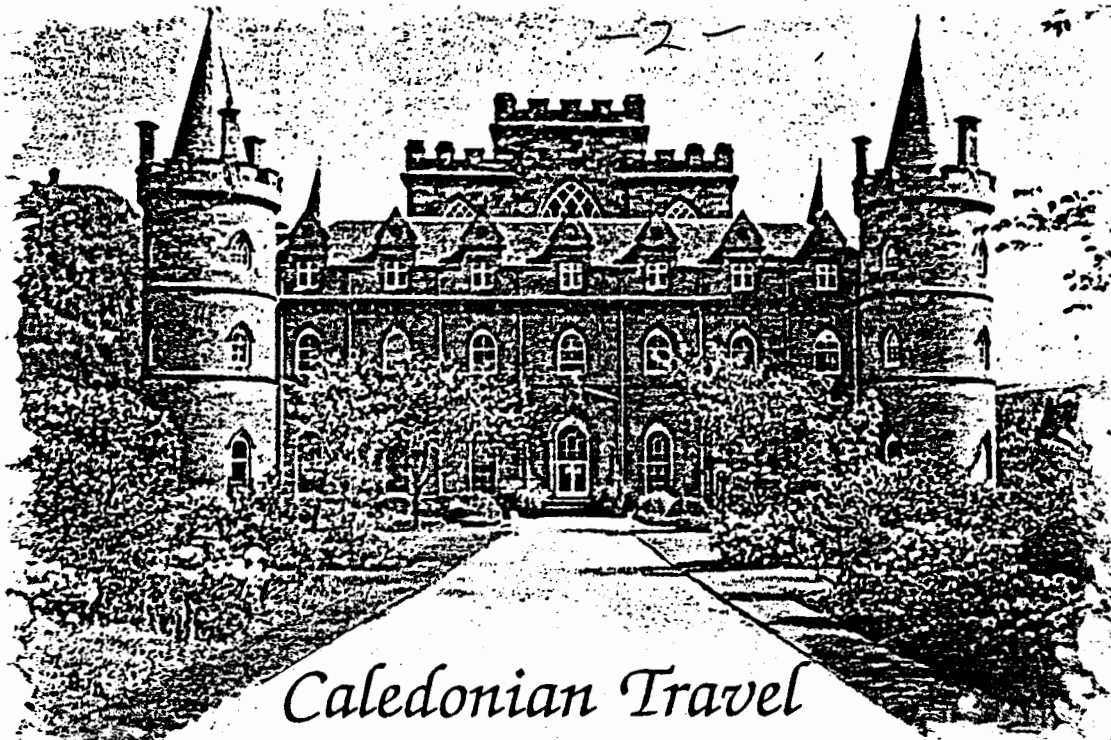
Gathering will be \$35 per person this year. We just cut things too close last year; so something had to give. I really think you get your money's worth, however and hope YOU will want to join us in 1989!!

New Members: Already in 1989 we have R. K. MORGAN, Warsaw, NY, R. Todd CLARK, Houston, TX; and Linda KEYES (Mrs. David), Hilliard, OH of the Ligonier line and James RUMBARGER, Toronto, Canada of the Punxsutawney line as new members. That's one a month so far! That's another way to GROW --- new members!!

I'm going to include three pages of a recent mailing I received about Scottish travel. I think you will find it of interest.

Clyde has already planted part of his garden. We're still 'thinking' about it, but Greg does have some seeds waiting for the right time. We had winter again yesterday with snow and all. Today is cold, but no snow.

I still haven't found everything. I did finally find BOTH instruction booklets for the SMith-Corona typewriter (electronic) that I took to Florida and couldn't use because I didn't have the instructions. Still missing is the spare battery pack for the car phone and a letter from Mrs. Clawson which she wrote in 1988 and I told her I would answer in detail when I returned from my cruise in Feb.-Mar. 1988! She wrote again in 1989 when I was in Florida; and, although I answered her, I had to ask her to repeat the question, since I couldn't find the letter. I guess she gave up in disgust and I can't hardly blame her! Her name is Olivia Clawson, Box 295, Ramah, NM 87321, in case you want to help me out!! I hate it when I foul up this badly!!



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#### HOUSE OF GORDON TOUR OF SCOTLAND 1988

After an opportunity for the majority of the group to meet and get acquainted in Atlanta, we excitedly set off on our adventure, meeting up with others in London and still others awaiting our arrival in Scotland. Our first welcome to Scotland was made by our guide, Ailsa Porter, dressed in a beautiful red jacket and matching red bonnet, displaying a large sign with CLAN GORDON on it, she immediately began to "shepherd" us towards the coach. She was so delightfully Scottish and I knew we were in good hands.

With a guided tour of Edinburgh on route to our hotel, Ailsa fed us little "dollops" of her Scottish sense of humour, with the promise of much more to come during our tour. After settling in at the hotel, the more energetic were off for a tour of the Castle, whilst others took advantage of the opportunity of a short nap before dinner and a meeting with several members of the Edinburgh Branch of the House of Gordon, where friendships were immediately made to be rekindled when we went up north to Aberdeen.

Our first day was spent in the Borders, a beautiful land of rolling hills, forests and rivers with only the ruins of castles, abbeys and forts to bear witness to it's turbulent history. A picture stop at the GORDON sign at the town of Gordon, made everyone immediately feel that they were in fact in the right place. Our first day included a visit to Mellerstain House, built by the famous Adams father and son, Abbotsford House, home of the poet and novelist, Sir Walter Scott and a lunchtime stop at the town of Melrose, affording a short visit to the ruins of Melrose Abbey. With pretty constant commentary from Ailsa, the foundation of the Gordon history was made real to everyone.

Following the footsteps of the earliest Gordons, we then travelled north to Aberdeenshire stopping at Scone Palace, where history goes back to the 8th century and where all Scottish kings up to James VI and Charles II were crowned. In the gardens, some creative attempts to excite the peacocks were alas in vain, but no-one could resist the opportunity of being photographed on the replica of the famous Crowning Stone. A very leisurely lunch stop was then made at Crathes Castle with the opportunity of a stroll round the exquisite gardens. The evening was certainly one of the highlights of the tour since we were guests of Lady June, Marchioness of Aberdeen, at the beautiful Haddo House. Lady June was there to personally greet us and after a tour of this beautiful house, we joined the Edinburgh members of the House of Gordon at a supper in the exquisite dining-room. The warmth and friendliness of the evening were quite memorable and I don't believe there were really words to express how everyone felt as they said their goodbyes at the end of the evening.

The fourth day was spent at the Aboyne Games, where, once again the local Gordons hosted the American group, with refreshments and warm welcomes. An opportunity to meet with the Marquis of Huntly was thoroughly enjoyed and the evening was spent, once again by the more energetic, at a dinner dance hosted by the Clan Hay, at which many of the Gordons were also present. By the end of this day, some very lasting friendships were made with lots of encouragement being passed out to entice the Scottish Gordons to visit in America!

The next day was spent in and around Aberdeen rich in Gordon history and artifacts with visits being made to Marischal College, the 'Great Gardens' of Pitmedden, Fyvie Castle with it's five towers which are named after each of the five families who owned the Castle - Prestons, Meldrums, Setons, Gordons and Leiths. It was glorious weather and we managed to enjoy a little sunning on the lawn before returning to Aberdeen to visit St. Andrew's Cathedral, mother church of the Episcopal Union in America.

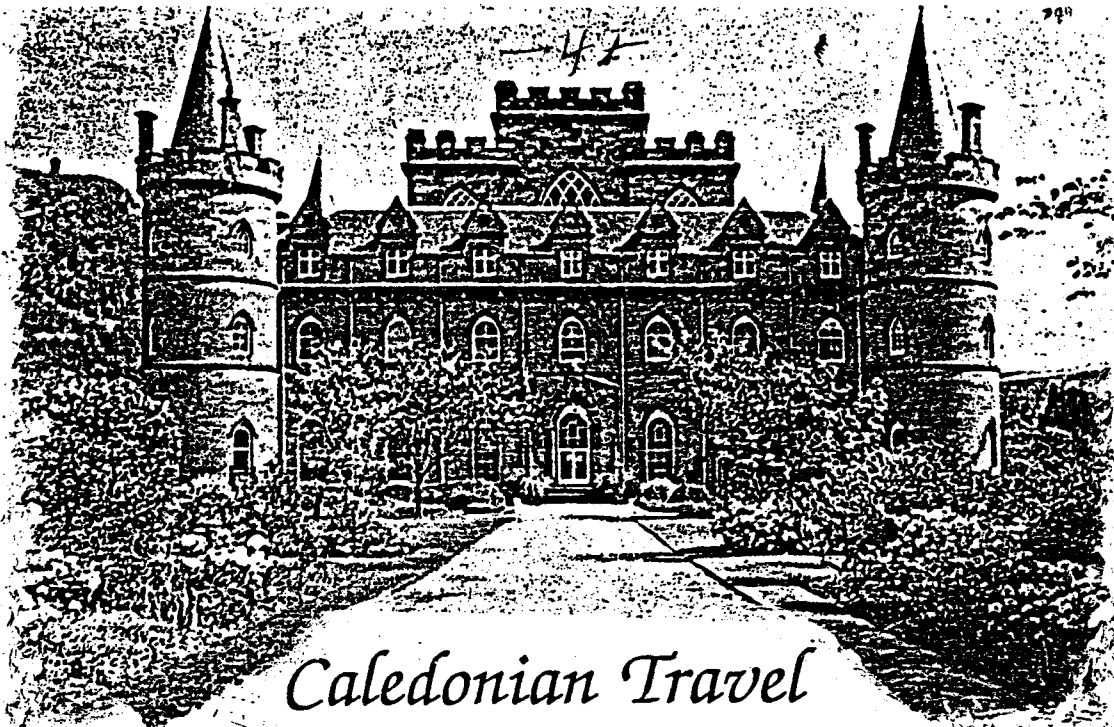


The sixth day began with a short visit to Huntly Castle, a ruin with historical associations going back to the 12th century. The lands and Castle were granted by Bruce to Sir Adam Gordon after the Battle of Bannockburn and were formerly known as Strathbogie. The Castle was the home of the Gordon chiefs from 1376 to 1752. After a visit to a distillery, where we were treated to a little taste of the Water of Life, lunch at Baxters of Fochabers, we proceeded to the grounds of Gordon castle where we had permission to view the grounds and take pictures. We were, however, in for a delightful surprise when we were personally greeted by Lady Gordon-Lennox, who insisted in giving us a tour of the Castle and the beautiful gardens. Gordon Castle is the home of the late Sir George Gordon Lennox and was founded about the end of the 15th century on an existing 12th century stronghold and was transformed into a ducal palace by the 4th Duke of Gordon on his marriage to the celebrated Jane Maxwell in 1767. The late Sir George was responsible for a great deal of restoration work. Lady Gordon Lennox had a captive audience as she showed everyone around her beautiful home was a most interesting commentary on the portraits and various artifacts. We were totally enthralled by this most charming Lady and left feeling that we had just been treated to an unforgettable afternoon.

The rest of our tour concentrated on some of the spectacular scenery of Scotland, as we travelled from Inverness, following the Caledonian Canal via Fort William and Glencoe to the seaside town of Oban. The sunshine seemed to be following us and we had a lovely few hours along the seaside.

Heading south, we took advantage of the cruise on the beautiful Loch Lomond and finished off our tour with a visit to the Garden Festival in Glasgow.

It was a very busy ten days. We saw a great deal of Scotland and experienced some renowned Scottish hospitality. It was a trip to remember.



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ONE OF my Gregory correspondents sent the following reference: "6 May 1661/ 1 Jun 1661 Lancaster Co., VA: John Simpson sells to Ennys Macenicee (spelled Maconaghey on p. 212) & Robt. Ross pt of 600 a. bought of Alex. Porteus. s/John Simpson, Ann Simpson. Wit.: Will Stokes, Bryan STott/Scott. 13 May 1663 Robt. Ross assigns land to Enny Macenicee, s/Robert Ross. Wit.: Edward Dale, Minor Doodles (Doodles MINOR), 12 May 1663/30 May 1663." I don't know what to make of it. I don't recall any of 'us' there that early, but my William was supposed to have been there by ca 1755-6 and the Jay Co., IN bunch were supposed to have been there before they went to Ohio and then Indiana; so the Lancaster Co., VA location is very interesting!!

I'm going to include a copy of Mary and Bob Burt's Christmas letter which has much of interest. Bob is currently the Genealogist General for the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution). He'd welcome your SAR aps while he's in charge. Let's put the McConnauthey Society on the map! His address is: Robert Burt, 9708 Northwest 75th St., Kansas City, MO 64152. Bob worked full-time with the Boy Scouts of America on a national and international basis until he retired. He was also a champion dahlia grower. Sounds like he's still going strong.

Elizabeth Nolan turned 90, but you would never know it from her handwriting which is great!

Former member Edna Marquis Howard of Portland, OR also had her 90th birthday and her brother, Hugh Marquis and his wife, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in Dec. 1988.

From Betty Matthews at Christmas time: "Had an interesting two weeks in Ireland in spite of the rain. Northern Ireland was beautiful. Spent a night in Lurgan with Charles' cousin, Sean McConaghy. We were in Acapulco for a week in Nov. for the mid western KY Bar. Nice weather, expensive dining -- few bargains. Not my favorite place. Our Kate is four & excited about Christmas. Rob is 21 months and not quite cognizant of the Season." Seems to me Betty wrote more about her visit to Lurgan in another letter and Sean really rolled out the red carpet.

I'll also enclosed Bob & Marthellen Hogue. They really get around! Seems most summers find them in South America, so we haven't enjoyed their presence at the Gatherings but once since he retired. They have stopped by and they did have a lovely meal several years ago and I couldn't be there. It was right after my stay in the hospital with blood clots in my lungs. From all reports, it was gorgeous and I would love to have been there. As anyone can plainly see --- food is one of my favorite things!

Speaking of food and Hob Hogue. He'll be glad to know we're still deep into turkey 'meats'. We use turkey ham almost exclusively. We use smoked turkey sausage for sauer kraut and some other things. We even substitute ground turkey for hamburger in such dishes as chili and it's great! Of course we also have the whole bird or a turkey breast and turkey barbeque. It's great stuff.

In case you haven't 'found' it yet, "Sweet 'N Low" has a new cake mix out and frosting, too. Cake mix comes in white, yellow, lemon, banana, & chocolate. Frosting is chocolate or white. There's also a chocolate chip cookie mix and a pancake mix. I thought you might want to know about it. It was in the Dietetic dept. at Kroger's here. ask your local grocer. We tried the white cake with white icing and put a little lemon in the icing. Very tasty. They advertise "Low-Cholesterol; Low-Sodium" -- just add water and, it's on the box -- "Certified KOSHER by the Chicago Rabbinical Council."

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# Season's Greetings

DECEMBER 1988

Our retirement days are filled with exciting things to do and we all enjoy the opportunities it provides.

Thirteen Hauensteins flew from Switzerland to attend the 100th Ann. of the Howenstein reunion at Washington Ctr., IN. This was a hi-lite for mother and all that attended, namely Paul & Erline; Pat & Jim; Lowell & Iris; Bob & Mary, this was a first for us all. Mother traveled to MI, AZ, IL, WI, & IN. Mother now has a jacuzzi to help with aching bones.

Research in OH & IN this summer on the Sell, Sellers, Hauenstein and Pence families proved to be exciting and most rewarding. Bob attended the NSSAR Congress in VA while Mary and Bobbie, our oldest daughter, traveled to CO Springs, CO to attend a Sloggett reunion, Mary's first. Much information was obtained to fill gaps in the Sloggett tree.

With more than 7000 names on floppy discs, Mary is inching closer to writing our family histories. Her church activities included a UMW "School of Missions" in Warrensburg, MO. She serves as registrar of her DAR chapter and completed her term as Regent of her DAC chapter and is now their registrar. Paper work has been accepted in the First Families of Franklin County, PA on Hance Michael Miller.

As a trustee at church, Bob maintains six beautiful flower beds. Golfs one day a week with church retirees. Elected to the position of Genealogist General, NSSAR; as KSSAR Centennial chair. he held two Genealogy Happenings; is host chair. of the 101st NSSAR Congress to be held June 1991; Bob is Treasurer of the Weatherby Lake Park Board.

Our roses have been spectacular this year with blooms in our home on Thanksgiving. Just a few dahlias this year.

The family continues to be active-Carl, Kathy, Jesse & Kelley have moved a log house to their property near Eveleth, MN; Bob, Carl and Jesse went fishing on the MN opener while Mary, Kathy & Kelley plus 299 other girl scouts camped out in a Virginia, MN mall; Lori and Charles moved back to Overland Park, KS. Lori is active in DAR and Charles in SAR; Rodney, Debbie, Chrissey, Matt & Shawn Patrick were visited in October by Mom & Dad Burt; Kenneth & daughter Charlene went on a Caribbean cruise during Thanksgiving week; Bobbie, Jim, Robbie, & Jon Adsem are still most active in sports. Robbie is a senior and plans college next fall.

Mary and Bob volunteer at the Great Plains Branch of the National Archives and the Heart of America Genealogical Society libraries once a month. They also present workshops and attend genealogical activities.

May the true spirit of this Joyous Season continue to bless you and yours!

The Burt Family

*Bob*

*Grace*

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December 1988

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year when we look forward to writing and receiving Holiday cards and letters.

As usual we started our year with friends in for the football games on the 1st of January, it is always a fun time. The last of January we went to Virginia for a long week-end with Stuart and family before going on to the Southeastern Poultry Show in Atlanta. On the way home we visited with Claude and Mary Virginia Moore in Auburn, this is always a looked forward to visit.

Robert went to the Midwest Poultry Show in Minneapolis, MN in February and Stuart paid us a quick visit.

In March we went to the Michigan Poultry Federation Program in East Lansing, MI and received the files of Dr. Howard Zindel for the National Poultry Archives. We had a visit to Kirk and family in Texas. On March 29th we left for Brasil, South America for a visit with our family there, and returned on April 22nd. Robert traveled nearly 5,000 miles with Alfredo, mostly by plane and was up in the Amazon and North East regions. Marthellen stayed with Marcia and enjoyed the time resting, shopping and visiting with other friends and being waited on by Marcia and her maid, that was fun and she enjoyed it very much.

In May we flew to Texas for a short visit with our family there and Guto Andrade who came to visit and go to High School. Kirk came for a long week-end visit from a meeting he attended in Chicago.

Heather and Guto spent 10 days with us in July and August. On August 28th we flew to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, returning home the 1st of September. Our friends Joe and Mary Wiltshire went with us and it was a fun trip. Our card is a photo that Robert took of a fine display of waterfowl in The Royal British Museum.

On September 20th Marthellen had knee surgery, she is recovering nicely. Both of us are in good health for which we are thankful.

In October Robert celebrated his 75th birthday with 20 friends in for dinner - fun. We had another trip to Texas in October and then back to Little Rock, Ar for the US Animal Health Meeting.

We went to Virginia for Thanksgiving and Kirk, Bev, Heather and Bev's Mother are planning on coming here for Christmas. Stuart and family won't be able to come, nor the Andrades from Brasil, they will be missed.

Robert had several Bar-B-Ques and County Fairs this year. He is also doing some quality control work for Kroger, he spends lots of time working with the American Poultry Historical Society and with the National Agriculture Library.

*Bob & Marthellen*

4/11/89 -- I've been delving into the Punxsutawney line again, which remains an interesting and slightly mysterious line. David McConnaughey b. 1790 married Sarah Thompson, dau. of Robert Thompson and Margaret McElhaney. Robert has a proven DAR line, which is nice. There's a slight gap where there is no 'for sure' proof that George Washington McConnaughey b. 1826 was David's son; but I personally have no doubt about it. Some one needs to put the nail in the box, so to speak. Also, I know that Rev. Ernest MacConnaughey, who was David (b. ca 1828) grandson said that his grandfather's Uncle David died in the War of 1812 and I seem to recall a Ligonier McConnaughey who died in the War of 1812 and I think I tried (and failed) to put that all together years ago. Now with some renewed interest, maybe some of you can help and maybe all of us can help Jim Rumbarger carry on. I'll try to get Rev. Ernest' letters copied for him. I haven't heard further from Margie Serra; so don't know if she's still interested or not. In reviewing David's Civil War file I found the references to his death from chronic diarrhea in Andersonville, GA prison and I also found a copy of his picture (in uniform) which Rev. Ernest sent to me many years ago. Any help you can give will be appreciated.

In Sylvia's latest report from Salt Lake City (Mormon Library) there's an excerpt from f805384 Wood Co., VA 1860, p. 449, Fountain Springs:

David McCONNAHA	34	PA	Farm Labor
Mary "	33	PA	\$400 R.E., \$50 Pers.
Eppey " (female)	11	PA	
Horace "	10	PA	
Melissa "	8	PA	
Harvey "	5	PA	
John S. "	3	PA	

Apparently taken 22 June 1860. This IS David of the Punxsutawney line who died at Andersonville prison.

Another excerpt which I frankly can't immediately place, f803260 Fulton, IN 1860, p. 586, Liberty Twp., 4 July 1860:

John McConaghy	52	PA	Farmer, \$3,000 RE, \$100 Pers.
Eleanor "	50	PA	
John "	18	IN	
David "	15	IN	
Emily "	12	IN	
Jane "	27	OH	

Fulton Co. is next to Pularki and Kosiosko (SP??) and White is the nearest heavily populated McConnaughay territory at that time and I guess it might be John, the school teacher, of that line, since I don't recall his spouse's name.

There's a 'cute' one toward the end of the report: f1375758, 1910 census, Bighorn, Wyoming, p. 115:

Alex McConichie	25	Eng., single.
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Who's HE??

4/12/89: Yesterday was an almost disasterous day (business wise -- whatever could go wrong, DID go wrong) and today disn't start out much better; so I was delighted to find the new Genealogical Helper in the mail. On the back cover The Original Scots Colonists of Early America 1612-1783 by David Dobson is advertised. I'm going to quote the description as many of you may find it of interest.

"About 150,000 Scots emigrated to America before the Revolutionary War-- but records identifying them are notoriously hard to find. Nevertheless, in archives in both Scotland and England there is a wealth of information on a number of these emigrants. Now, thanks to Mr. Dobson's arduous labors



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"370 pp., indexed, cloth, 1989. \$28.50 plus \$2.50 postage & handling. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan residents add 4% sales tax."

The book is available from the Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202 or (my preference) Ye Olde Genealogy Shoppe, P. O. Box 39128, Indpls., IN 46239, Phone 317-862-3330, Pat & Ray Gooldy, owners of the Shoppe, have printed our bulletins most of the time the past 10-12 years. I did try some one else for 2-3 years, but went back to Gooldy's who have been more reliable as to time quotes, money quotes and the over-all quality of the work; so I go to them whenever I can. I'll probably have more about that book later. Sounds like a real winner to me!!

CAPS: Suggested by some for the Gathering. I've been checking costs with our suppliers since we buy a lot of these things for the construction business. The smallest 'batch' is 24 and the price range from \$3.76-\$5.51; batches of 144, \$2.38-\$4.29; batches of 288, from \$2.04-\$3.74. I like that \$2.04 price best, but my salesgal says the really quality ones (made in USA) run more like \$3-4. Then you have to add 5% sales tax, shipping and mailing -- probably another 20-25% to be sure you don't get caught in the middle; so the 144 batch prices (which is probably the most logical one) would run \$ 2.85 to \$ 5.36. If some of you would volunteer to advise us how many you might want and what price you are willing to pay, it could help me make a decision and you wouldn't be 'held liable' if you changed your mind or if you didn't like the product.

FUNDING: The treasury is beginning to 'perk up' a bit, but not enough, I'm afraid. We really need several 'shots' in the arm!!

COOK-BOOK: We'd still go ahead with that project if we could get enough recipes. You can send them here and I'll forward them to Rowena and Violet.

ATTENTION "BUCK-EYES": I have Bob McConaughey, 7370 Brush Run Rd., Cambridge, OH 43725 which was returned "Addressee Unknown". Will someone in the area check their phone-book & give him a call for correction? Please and thanks!!

I think Thelma (Elliott) sent this, but don't hold me to it!: From "Union & Confederate Navies -- Civil War", p. 244: "McConigly, Patrick. I, 14+." Don't have the foggiest what the I, 14+ indicates, but McConigly certainly COULD qualify as another aberration of McConaughy!!

Verna McConchie Hoffman: I still haven't fully unpacked my material received in Florida and have not gone over (carefully) much that I have unpacked and I still have something like ten (10)boxes from my old office which I am gradually reducing to 'empty'. I really NEED a good helper, which I may be able to get for a while when school is out if I can beg, borrow, or kidnap one of my three oldest granddaughters. Yes, I do wish to be kept informed as you never know when something will come together for me here. I think I wrote to you from Florida, but can't swear to it since I didn't make copies of my letters & sometimes forgot to make notes on the letter I was answering.

Diarmud, I am again asking your forgiveness for my laxity! Your welcome letter postmarked Dec. 21, 1988, arrived right at Christmas and we left shortly after for the South. I took the letter with me in order to respond right away, which was defeated by the loss of the typewriter instruction booklet; so the letter came back, still in the envelope, but it has really been around! How many letters get to spend the winter in Florida? Anyway, I will include it and the Argyll article as they will be of interest to many. Another reason to put my sheepish look on is that Betty & Don Johnson very kindly stopped here on their way from PA to IL and we copied the tracing they made of the famous Robert McConaughy b. 1691 gravestone with the crest or whatever on it; but, the moving and all and so many changes of help make it very difficult to locate things in the library and, since I can't stand very long to look for it, I just can't find it right now; so I will bow to Betty & Don and get down on my knees (if someone will promise to get me up!) and ask them to respond to your request about the stone. They are much better about such things than I am; so expect it! By the way, some time you might call Thelma Coons Elliott, 4644 So. Adobe Drive, Littleton, CO 80127, Phone (303)-979-8129. She asks more intelligent questions than I do! And I DO want your article for this year's Bulletin, please!! Thanks!!

Remember back a few pages there was a John McConaghy in Fulton Co., IN in 1860? In Sylvia's March report there's the following: "F1254279, Fulton, IN, p. 122, Wayne Twp., 1880:

John McConaghey	32	IN	Farmer
Hannah "	28	<del>Kansas</del>	IN
Murtle "	4	IN	
Violet "	1	IN	

John's father from Ohio. Taken 9 June 1880"

In 1860, John, son of John, was 18; so he should be 38 in 1880, but it could have been misread. I heard a terrible statistic about Indiana census one time. Something like 2/3rds± is illegible; so whatever is left can't be to great, wouldn't you say?

Another 'lost' letter was one from Susan Burns, P. O. Box 462434, Garland, TX 75046-2434 or 1106 Delmar Dr., Garland, TX 75040 to Jeanne McConaha Puckett, 419 N. W. 7th St., Richmond, IN 47374 about the Centerville line. Susan had been very quiet for a while; so we were particularly happy to hear from her. She had called me Dec. 27, 1988 and she checked out the 1850 Wayne Co., IN census and was able to determine that "'Leeman' is in fact Leven, the son of James and Ruth McConahay who was said to be 'insane' in the census records." Go to the lower half of page #13 -----

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Dear Pat,

I do hope that you had a good Christmas and that your move goes well.

Thanks for the Newsletter in which I noted a letter from Betty (The Johnsons of Hoit House). In her first paragraph she mentions a "crest" (coat of arms?) in Gettysburg which, she says, there is no question but that it is "that of Clan Campbell". x

I would be intrigued to know what it is she saw there, whether a "crest" (ie a boar's head on top of a helmet, with or without the helmet) or a coat of arms with a full shield, helmet and crest on the helmet.

Incase it is of any interest to her I enclose an article which appeared in the Clan Campbell Society (USA) Journal in Spring '87 which deals with a coat of arms of the Duke of Argyll which was found on an old mortar at Yorktown, along with an article of explanation.

I am so delighted to hear that she enjoyed her visit to my home county of Argyll and also was able to visit Inveraray Castle.

I have still not got the second half of my article on the Argyll MacConnochies done for you, partly because more and more keeps coming to light! I have sent for an old book on Scottish mercenaries in Ireland which may hopefully tell me more about John Dubh MacConnochie (often then spelt McCondoquhey etc.) who spent some time in Ireland in the late 1500s.

All best for '89!

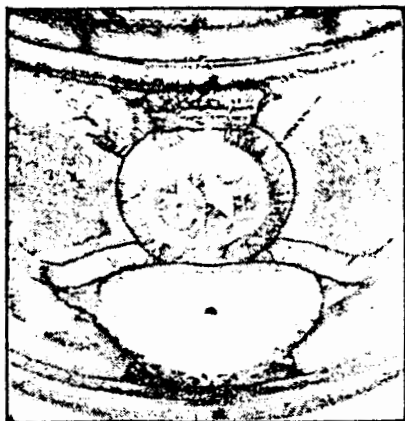
Yours ever,



Diarmid A. Campbell

x If she could spare a picture & some notes I would be happy to publish it in the Clan C. Journal also. *JAC*

# ARGYLL ARMS IN THE USA



## PART OF A MYSTERY SOLVED

Why the Arms of the Duke of Argyll Were Found Cast in the Metal of an Eighteenth Century Howitzer at the Battlefield of Yorktown in Virginia

SP6 Charles T. Bagby, USA Medal (KAH), West Point, NY 10996, submitted a photograph of the Howitzer with a question about the arms to the Journal. This was printed in the Winter 1985 edition. Recently Major G. W. E. Farrow (Rtd.), Royal Artillery, was in touch with Alastair Campbell, our Chief Executive at Inveraray Castle, on another piece of ordnance connected to the Argyll family, and was subsequently sent a copy of Bagby's contribution. The resulting article, now somewhat edited to explain some technical terms, was sent to the Journal at Alastair's request by Major Farrow, to whom we are most grateful for this explanation.

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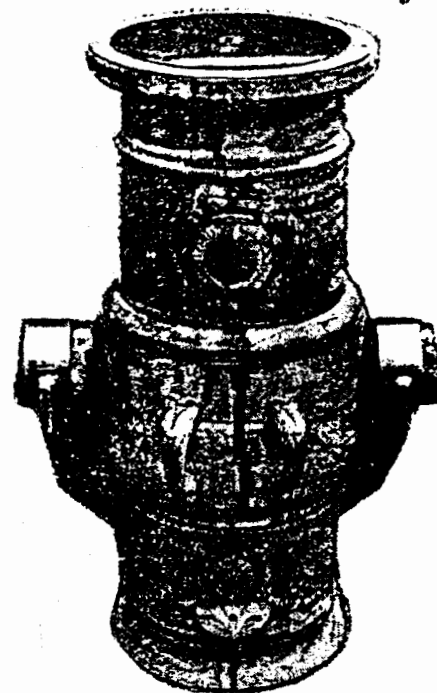
John, Second Duke of Argyll, was Master General of Ordnance from 1725 to 1742. He also served again for a brief but disputed period during 1742. When early British ordnance was cast in the foundry it was customary for the arms of the Master-General of Ordnance to be cast into the piece.

Howitzers (or howitzes) were not in use by the British service before about 1720. They were designed to project explosive shells and so, for safety, used a limited propellant charge. They could fire a larger projectile than a gun (what the layman would call a cannon) and did not have the weight and immobility of a mortar. Thus they could fire over the heads of friendly troops and to some extent do so from behind cover.

During the whole of the Duke's period of office as Master-General the Master Gunfounder at Woolwich, where most British ordnance was cast, was Andrew Schalch. Schalch held the post from 1716 to 1770, and had built the Royal Brass Foundry where all the brass pieces were cast, completing construction of the Foundry in 1718. The first 8 inch Howitzers were cast in 1719, the first 10 inch in 1727, and the first 4.4 inch in 1728. The first two models continued to be used by the British army until the pieces failed during the Peninsular War (1808-1814), when the Duke of Wellington was chasing Napoleon out of Portugal and Spain. Experts suggest that the failure was due to age and wear rather than to metal fatigue, or what they called "softening of the metal". The smallest Howitzer continued in use until the 1860's.

Although it was not possible to be certain from the photographs, the Yorktown Howitzer was most probably the relatively more mobile 8 inch piece, which weighed 1,400 pounds. It looks smaller than the 10 inch, which weighed 2,880 pounds. The 4.4 inch appeared much slimmer. If the Yorktown Howitzer is 8 inch, it would be 31 inches long, have fired a shell weighing 46 pounds, with a charge of 3-1/2 pounds, and reached a range of 1,700 yards when set at a 12 degree elevation.

If not recast, as some were, early ordnance had a long, useful life. There is no reason why a piece, particularly a mortar or Howitzer, which did not have the "drooping"



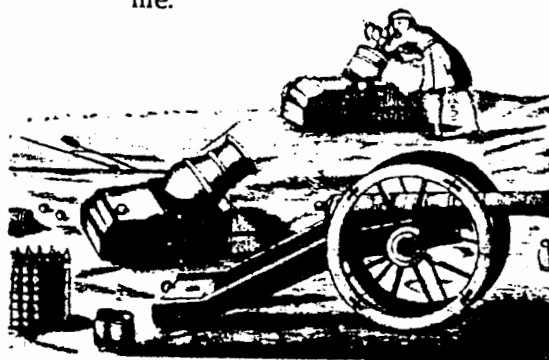
problems of the longer barreled guns, should not have still been in use in 1781, even if cast in the 1730's.

Descriptions of founding methods slightly later in the eighteenth century are not likely to be significantly different from those used when this Howitzer was made. Each piece was cast individually in its own mould, which had to be broken up to release the finished product. Most ornaments had been impressed into the mould by the *cire-perdue* or lost wax method before casting. Such ornaments included the dolphins for lifting handles which followed the baroque style of imaginary sea creatures rather than the style of the real dolphin, and the insignia of origin, founder, weight, and date. These insignia included the arms of the reigning monarch, although later these were replaced with a monogram. In the reigns of George I (1714-1727) and George II (1727-1760), both arms and monograms were in use. The monogram of George II had a figure "2" entwined with the "G". On Howitzers these arms were on the "chase", or part of the barrel in front of the trunnions (supports), but on guns they were on the "reinforce" or breach part of the barrel.

As has been mentioned, further insignia included the arms of the Master-General of the Ordnance. When the royal arms were replaced by monograms, these arms were replaced by the Master-General's initial (which would have been "A" for Argyll), surmounted by the coronet of his rank. However, in fact this did not take place until after the time of the Duke's successor. The position of these insignia was the reverse of those of the royal arms or monogram, being between the trunnions on a Howitzer, and on the chase, in the case of guns.

The name of the founder and the date of casting were cast 'round the base ring. Here the founder would almost certainly have been Andrew Schalch, and the date in the 1730's. The weight of the piece was not cast on, but after casting and weighing, was incised somewhere at the breach end, sometimes on the "cascabel", which was originally the button or knob at the rear, and later, the whole part behind the base ring. The weight was designated as three figures: 25-3-4 would mean 25 hundredweight (an hundred and twelve British pounds), and 3 quarters and 4 pounds.

There is an interesting postscript to this Howitzer, in that its use may not have ended at the capitulation at Yorktown. Horsman in "The War of 1812", mentions "a detached British force sent across to the west side of the Mississippi made some headway, capturing enemy batteries containing sixteen guns and howitzers, one of which bore the inscription, "Taken at the surrender of Yorktown in 1781". If this were a similar Howitzer, what a tribute to the craftsmanship of Duke John's Founder Schalch and the Royal Brass Foundry to have produced a piece with such a length of useful life.



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Susan Burns' letter cont. from bottom of page 10:

"Both Ruth and Leven, as well as Levi, were living with Mary (McConahay) Sealoff and her husband Davniel. As you are aware, Mary was also a daughter of James and Ruth. The 'Richard' mentioned is Ruth, daughter of Burr Hamilton McConahay. I know the census records are very often hard to read, but..... it is plain this person was a female.

"Enclosed is a copy of the will of James McConahue (McConahay) father of my James and your Samuel. According to his will, he had five 'living' children who were to share equally in his estate 'as soon as each child comes of age.' The children listed were John, James, Samuel, Jane and Margaret. It is dated October 22, 1788. I would say this disproves the theory that Margaret and Jane died early.

Also enclosed is the division of estate of Daniel John. Among the names listed in the sale of this estate are James McConihay, Samuel McConihay and John Beatty. I mention this only because it seems to wear out my theory that the Margaret McConahay, discussed in the article from the Warren Co. Sentinel, also enclosed, was in fact the same person who married John Beatty and is the daughter of James and Mary McConahue (McConahay). They all lived in the same area at the same time and obviously knew one another. Of course the records of Loudoun Co., VA. do not verify this fact since so many of them were destroyed during the Civil War. By the way, from this

"marriage descended Shirley MacClaine and Warren Beatty.

"Another interesting fact is the marriage of Price Stigler to Jane Mc Connaha on Nov. 3, 1796. (Marriage Register 1-453 and 2-67) Benjamin John was security on the bond dated Oct. 29, 1796. Here again we have the John/Mc Conahay connection. See also the will of Mary mcConahay/John.....

"I would certainly like to contact Ms. Sexson and Ms. Beaman to see if they may have more information. Let's work on that."

For the records, the term "insane" could include epilepsy, cerebral palsy, and other disorders now not even remotely considered 'insane'. Mildred Beaman did try to call you one time 2-3 years ago, Susan. Maybe you two CAN get together now. The addresses in question are: Betty Sexson, 4525 W. Twain, #155, Las Vegas, NV 89103 and Mildred Beaman, 4042 Cheena, Houston, TX 77025. Sorry it took so lonf to get me in gear! Loved hearing from you!!

By the way, Jeanie, with the room addition and some other schuffling around, I finally have your father's painting in the proper place of honor in the living room. It's interesting (to me) to compare his painting of a Brown County winter scene with a brook and trees with that of Baker, who was one of his teachers, which is in the colorful fall, but it could be the same creek and trees! Also, your father's rural scene, done when he was a student of Baker's, is in that room and the colors --- especially the very bright sky -- relate to one I have done by John Hiner, a young Hoosier artist.

I was just noticing some of the other names in the documents mentioned, like Jaohn Swart, probably Swartz? Wasn't one married into the McConaha's? In Mary John's will it has Phillip Burroughs who married Susanna John. One of James, Sr's wives was a Burroughs, if memory serves me. Let's get on this horse and ride it while we have some really eager beavers.

From cousin Richard Scott, San Leandro, CA just after Christmas --- again one we carried down and back: "Yesterday, Christmas Eve, I dropped in and saw what a Christmas was like back in the 1880's. It was very interesting and so veautifully decorated. I bought some of the old time Christmas cards they had on sale, and an 'ink drawing' (copy enclosed) of the old estate. I learned that some of the 'gingerbread' was taken off after the 1906 earth quake. The chimney was toppled and some of the bricks came down through the skylight and hit the banister. The marks are still there where they hit. Unfortunately, I did not have my camera nor the time to take pictures. I asked one of the volunteers if she had heard of the 'McConaughy Society of America' and a Pat Gregory? She did recall your name and your inquiry about the estate. I'll have to go back and get some more information."

Richard wondered if we would consider holding a Gathering in Hayward. There are plenty of motels in the area and a nice large park, as well as the McConaghy House. Well, Richard, I ask --- almost every year -- if anyone wants to arrange for and hold the Gathering elsewhere. I even lined up a location, etc. at Lake McConaughy in Ogallala, NB; but they voted for Indianapolis. For one thing, the records are here and it would be logistically impossible to take them all.

For you computer bugs, Richard has "Personal Ancestral File" which is put out by the LDS for \$35 and goes on an IBM Compatible machine.

4/13/89 -- Clyde -- you asked me a question about words to "On the Banks of the Wabash" while we were in Florida and I don't think I answered. The words you gave are all one song, part verse, part chorus. "The moon is shining bright upon the....." etc. is part of the verse. 'Back Home again, in Indiana, in the State where I was born. I see the gleaming lights, still burning bright, through the sycamores, to home.....The new mown hay in all it's splendor, .....And the moon is shining bright upon the Wabash, as I dream of my Indiana home." Don't hold me to it --- I could sing it with a crowd, but I'm not positive although I can 'hear' the melody in my head!!

I sent Dr. Mark McConaughy a Glisson reference or query, a James Glisson in KY working on the family. Sounded like it might have something to do with his Eliz. Glissen!

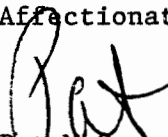
Just today I received a letter from Sally Ord with this interesting post-script: "I am becoming more and more convinced that my Rebecca McConnaughey's father's name was Alexander. She named her oldest son Herbin Alexander (the first name for her husband and his family, the Alexander MUST have been for HER family. She didn't name ANY of her sons Thomas, but she DID name a son Addison BEATTY. I suspect that THOMAS BEATTY (and there WAS one in Nottingham Twp at that time) was her step-father, and that ALEXANDER McCONNAUGHEY may have been her father's name. Any spare Alexanders floating around? She was born in Delaware in 1802. At least, that's what the 1860 census says." Rebecca's mother, Hannah, was in Nottingham Twp., Washington Co., PA near David McConnaughey (mine) in 1810 and it's still logical to believe she was a widow of one of David's brothers. We have leaned toward Thomas for years, but Alexander is just as likely --- maybe more so --- David didn't have any Thomases, but the next generation had several & the name continued to flourish in our family.

Sally's letter also contained this interesting 'tid-bit': Incidentally, I keep forgetting to tell you that periodically, I encounter Mrs. Flower's daughter-- Betty Flower Donahue James who now lives here. (in Carlisle, PA) She is a sorority sister (Pi Phi) of one of my friends who also attended Dickinson College. She also lived in central Virginia at the same time John and I were living in Charlottesville. I met her there and did not realize that she had "Carlisle background" until we met again at a cocktail party here at the Carlisle Barracks Officers' Club several years ago. I saw her most recently at a Panhellenic luncheon I attended on 31 March. Small world! In Virginia, she belonged to the DAR chapter--either the Albemarle or the Shadwell chapter--that occasionally met with our Jack Jouett Chapter." For you new-comers --- Mrs. Flowers did some extensive research on PA McConnaugheys in the 30's for Uncle Mac (Samuel Chalmers McConahey) and in the 60's for me, including traveling from Carlisle to Washington Co., PA for several days to do the ground work for the Washington Co., PA lines, of which there were several, including mine. She did wonderful work. I have her reports in a notebook and they were reprinted over a period of years in some of the earlier bulletins. Sally also worked at the Registrar's Office at the University of Pittsbufgh, PA with the late Mary McConahey Johnston. If you don't talk about the McConnaugheys, you may never know that you have some around you every day!

I hope Susan and Jeanne, etc. notice that Beatty in Sally's letter! Names keep repeating themselves in their McConnaughey connections, don't they? Thompson is probably the greatest repeater, but Patterson comes up often, Donaho, and many others. I still find the two Sawhill/McConaughy connections as very unusual but can't put them together. It's like having a jig-saw puzzle with all but one piece in place and that one piece won't fit the only hole! Sure fun to try!!

I feel this is terribly disjointed, but at least I tried and will continue to try. Next will be the May or May/June issue. I still need a volunteer or volunteers to index the last two Bulletins in time for this year's bulletin. I also am soliciting material (articles) for this year's bulletin. Nothing too small and few things too large -- if they are, we'll put them in installments as we have done with others in the past. I hope someone will write an article about the Punxsutawney line --- maybe Jim? or Dorothy?

Affectionately,



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