

The Tartan News

Spring 2016 Issue

Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania

www.pennscots.org

SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING - NOT ALL BUSINESS!

WHEN: Tuesday, May 3, 2016
TIME: 6:30 pm
WHERE: Camp Hill Presbyterian Church
101 N. 23rd St.
Camp Hill, PA 17011

At the 2016 Annual Meeting, "business" is just one of four parts of the night.

- ❁ Come ahead of the meal time and chat with friends old and new!
- ❁ Bring your favorite Scottish dish to share – mains, soups, sides, desserts, or whatever. The Society will provide lamb as the main course.
- ❁ Business meeting: brief reports by President and Treasurer, nomination and election of Officers and Board, discussion of future plans and ideas.
- ❁ Program: To be announced!

Need a ride. Email President Ken at scotsocietycpa@gmail.com.

NOMINATIONS

The vitality of the Society depends on the willingness of members to serve in leadership positions contributing ideas for the future of the Society. The Board meets about four to six times a year. If YOU are interested – pleased talk to President Ken or any other officer or Board member.

OR: email President Ken at scotsocietycpa@gmail.com.

BURNS SUPPER 2016

The Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania held another successful Burns Supper in early February. Guests attending enjoyed not only a full course, Scottish-themed meal, but also the traditional ceremonies of a piper leading the procession of board members, the Address to a Haggis, toasts to our national leaders, a poetry reading with musical interludes for the Immortal Memory to Burns, and toasts to the lads and lassies.

These traditional events were followed by a sensational performance by our top-billed performers, Celtic singer Charlie Zahm of Coatesville, PA and fiddler Tad Marks of Baltimore. Charlie also led us in the circle of friendship with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

We want to again thank our sponsors for Burns -- L.B. Smith Ford and Mercury of Lemoyne, M&Z Carpets and Flooring in the Harrisburg area, and the West Shore Rotary Club. We ask that you support these donors with your patronage, for their assistance helps make possible a reasonably priced event that honors Scotland's most renowned poet and promotes the culture and history of Scottish Americans in our region.

In 2017 The Burns Night Supper will again be held at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill on January 28. Please place the event on your calendar and start thinking now about whom you want to invite to enjoy our most prominent evening.

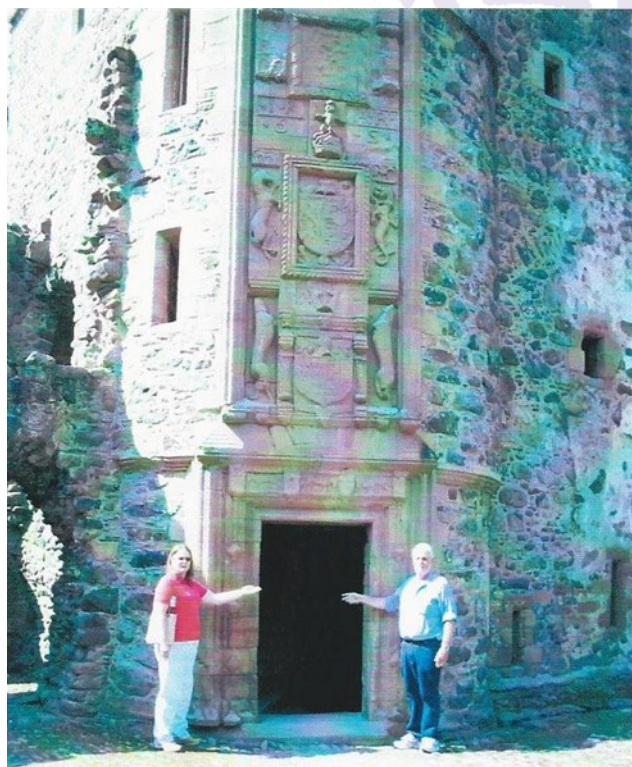
This continues a series of stories about our Clans by Society members. Members are invited to send in stories of their family tartan for later issues.

CLAN GORDON

By Member Allen Gordon

Whether they came from France or even earlier from Greece, by the 1200's the Gordons were well established in Berwickshire. Siding with Robert the Bruce, brought Adam, Lord Gordon, lands in Aberdeenshire which became their stronghold. Adam was an Ambassador for Robert carrying the Declaration of Arbroath to Rome in 1320.

Expanding in the northeast, Gordons added the titles of Earl of Huntly, Marquis of Huntly. The clan chief became known as the "Cock o' the North". Huntly Castle grew and was remodeled and rebuilt several times and was visited by many notables including Mary of Guise and Charles II. The castle was severely damaged during the English Civil War which brought an end to Gordon occupation of the Castle. It remains an impressive ruin which we visited for our picture at the entry:



In 1823 a previous Chief of Clan Gordon, the 5th Duke of Gordon, Lord Glenlivet, sponsored an Act of Parliament which legalized the distilling of whisky in the Highlands.

George H. Gordon, 4th Earl of Aberdeen, was British Prime Minister 1852-1855.

With their long record and broad geographic footprint there are numerous septs of the clan including: Adam, Adamson, Addie, Adie, Addison, Aiken, Aitchison, Atkin, Atkins, Atkinson, Badenoch, Barrie, Connor, Connon, Craig, Cromb, Crombie, Cullen, Culane, Darg, Darge, Dorward, Duff, Durward, Eadie, Eddie, Edie, Edison, Esslemont, Garden, Gardiner, Gardner, Garioch, Garrick, Garroick, Geddes, Gerrie, Harrison, Huntley, Huntly, Jessiman, Jopp, Jupp, Laing, Lang, Laurie, Lawrie, Leng, Ling, MacAdam, Mallett, Manteach, Marr, Maver, Meldrum, Mill, Mills, Milles, Miln, Milne, Milner, More, Morrice, Muir, Mylne, Steel, Teal, Tod, Todd, and Troup.

My Gordon heritage descends from Alexander Gordon (1635 Aberdeen Scotland – 1697) who was captured by the English at the Battle of Worcester in 1651 and sold in England and then resold in Boston 1653. He eventually found his way to New Hampshire and I can see my Gordon forebears in one cemetery dating back to the 1790's. The Alexander Gordon line is the earliest Gordon family in the New World according to the [Gordon Genealogy DNA Project](#), and descends from Adam de Gordoun through Sir William Gordon 1265 Laird of Strathbogie (now Huntly).

SOCIETY EMAIL LIST

From time to time, the Society sends email "blasts" to the membership. Usually, these are reminders about coming events. For example, there was a blast before the Burns Supper.

IF YOU DID NOT GET THAT EMAIL, to be added to the "Blast" list, please send an email to: scotsocietycpa@gmail.com; Subject: Add Me.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scottish Dinner

April 8, 2016

Kitchen Shoppe, Carlisle

www.kitchenshoppe.com

Jesse Weigel, member of the Society's Board of Directors, will be working at the dinner as the sous chef. This promises to be a very enjoyable evening and a way to meet other people who are interested in fine Scottish food and drink.

Scottish Society Summer Picnic

July 10, 2016, 2:00 – 6:00 PM

Lower Allen Township Park, Mechanicsburg

After a very successful picnic last summer, we will be returning to the same location for our summer 2016 picnic. More details will be shared later but put it on your calendars now.

LOOKING FOR A GOOD READ?

Summer IS coming!

Interested in reading about Scotland? Want fiction set in Scotland? Want a Scottish author? Want to explore Scotland's creative spirit beyond Burns?

Then, indeed, there is a new website that will help you find whatever you may want.

booksfromscotland.com

The website is a function of Publishing Scotland, a trade and development membership organization which represents the publishing industry.

PLANNING A TRIP TO SCOTLAND

SOON?

The word from the US State Department is to expect that there will be heavy business in passport renewals and there WILL BE DELAYS!

There is an additional problem. Some nations are requiring that a passport must have been valid for at least six months for entry.

SO: check your passport expiration date and act accordingly!

THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY

Board of Directors

for 2015-2016

Ken Millage President
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CEUD MILE FAILTE

*(A Thousand Welcomes)
To Our Newest Members*

Patricia Groft, Hanover

Jill and Chris Hans, Camp Hill

Marcie Wallace Shore, Harrisburg

James Nelson Family, New Kingstown

James Ware, Mechanicsburg

Bruce Bankenstein, Seven Valleys

Robert May Family, Lemoyne

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Margaret Jane Dunlap
1925 – 2015

Joanne Conley Alwine
1931 – 2016



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Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania Membership Form

For additional information please go to: www.pennscots.org

To become a member of SSoCP, or to renew an existing membership, please complete and return this form with your payment to: SSoCP, PO Box 1006, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Membership Dues: July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 \$15 for individual membership
Please note if you are making a payment for the past year(s). \$20 for family membership

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ year(s) Individual Family Membership. *(Check one)*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I am most interested in the following: *(Check ALL Areas of Interest)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish Art/Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Bagpipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish Cuisine | <input type="checkbox"/> Local History | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/Baking | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing for Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Services | |

2014—2015 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE! PLEASE MAIL THEM!