

The Society of Scottish Armigers

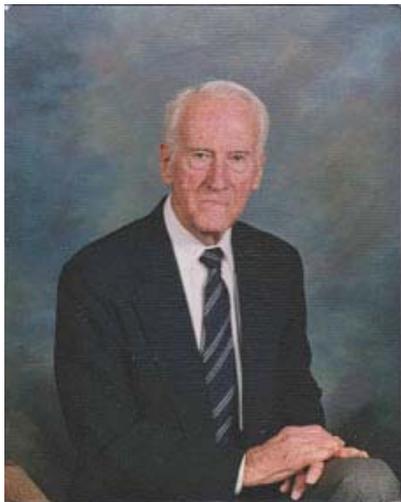
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1. Jacksonville, FL, (January 2009) – Although we decided not to officially participate in these Games, the chairman attended with several family members. Surprisingly, for that early in the year and that far north in Florida, it was a fairly warm day, and being incognito the chairman appreciated that wearing 14 oz. wool was not required. The highlight of the games, from the chairman's perspective, was a lengthy program featuring numerous raptors, including two peregrine falcons (the chairman's crest is a peregrine).

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2. George Willard Campbell, (February 2009) - the only son of Alonzo McKenzie Campbell and wife Suzanna Clara Rieber, was born on 20 July 1914 in Miami, FL and passed away in Winter Park, FL on 25 Feb 2009 at the age of 94.



George graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Florida and with a commission as a 2LT in the USAR (Field Artillery) on 8 June 1936. In 1937 he moved to Washington, DC, to take up employment in an engineering firm and met his future wife, Mildred Estelle Draper, whom he married in 1940. He served in the Philippines and Japan during the War World II in the US Army Air Force and post war in the USAF and retired from the United States Air Force Reserves on 30 November 1958 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Later on, he had his own consulting engineering firm, finally retiring when he was 91 years old.

He also was a long-time member of the St. Andrews Society of Washington, DC, the Clan Campbell Society (North America), the Heraldry Society of Scotland of which he was the oldest living member at the time of his death, the Society of Scottish Armigers as well as several professional engineering societies. He was a sixth generation Floridian.

George is survived by his son Donald Draper Campbell and his wife, Beth, and their children, Thomas Walker Campbell and Laura Dent Campbell. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Contributor: Donald Draper Campbell



3. Loch Norman, NC (April 2009) - Several members attended these Games, which are a perennial favourite. The weather cooperated and the chairman was an Honoured Guest on behalf of the Society.

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4. Glasgow, KY (May 2009) – Our member the Marquess of Ailsa (a/k/a Lord Charles Kennedy) was the Chief of the Games. Weather (why do you suppose this always comes up?) was in the high 60s and especially pleasant. In attendance were the chairman, Randal Massey of Dunham and his wife Holly, Sandy MacLean, and John Glynn of Glynstewart and his wife Kathryn. As always the music was excellent, especially the performance by Seven Nations:



Their new fiddler alone was worth the journey and he could compete with any violinist in the world and win hands down.



*L to R:
John Glynn of Glynstewart
Lord Ailsa
William Boswell of Toberchurn, SSA
Chairman
Randal Massey of Dunham
Sandy MacLean*

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5. Office of the Lord Lyon (26 May 2009)

The Lord Lyon, William David Hamilton Sellar, has offered Mr. Mark D. Dennis, Chairman of the Heraldry Society of Scotland, the office of Ormond Pursuivant of Arms with effect from 1st of June 2009 and he has been please to accept.

Source: <http://www.lyon-court.com/lordlyon/556.html>

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6. Greenville, SC (June 2009) – Our member the Earl of Glasgow (a/k/a Patrick Boyle) was the Chief of the Games. Lovely day all around with a reception, followed by huge parade the night before in downtown Greenville, followed by a reception. (Yes, two receptions; Greenville knows how to party.) The Glenlivet folks were on hand to let all of us sample a wee dram or four at both receptions. Romilly Squire gave the Ode to the Haggis, which had been carried in procession by the chairman. Mark Harden wielded the knife with great verve and wrist action, but unfortunately the haggis, which looked so lovely encased, turned into haggis potage when pricked. Brown and Righton McCallum were also in attendance as was our official genealogist Cornelia Bush. Mark and his lady wife, Beth, who moved to Greenville a few months ago, hosted a barbecue at their house which was attended by Glasgow and the rest of us, as well as by world-renowned science fantasy writer Katherine Kurtz, the wife of Scott McMillan. The chairman, who has been reading her books since the first one came out in 1970, was reduced to a state resembling that of the aforementioned haggis but recovered in the end (although he did succeed in snagging an autograph for his eldest daughter who's also been a fan for over 20 years).



L to R:

Romily Squire of Rubislaw

Katie Hyman (Mrs. Richard Hyman)

Patrick Boyle, the Earl of Glasgow

*Beatrice Bath, cousin to the Earl, Chairwoman of
Clan Boyle*

William Boswell of Toberchurn, SSA Chairman

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7. The AGM at The Gathering is rapidly approaching.

All attendees are requested to either send a cheque for £ 20 or \$35 to the treasurer for themselves and each guest to cover the cost of lunch or to do it through the website via PayPal. The meeting is at the Holyrood Hotel from 11:30 – 1:00 on Saturday the 25th July 09. A menu from which you must choose both a first course and an entrée will follow later this month. Dress is daywear or equivalent, but we will not be terribly fussy if it's a warm day (that means a polo shirt would work; with Romilly as a member one can't be too careful).

If you are attending the separate Armiger's Reception on the 23rd, it is at the Roxburgh at 6:30. It will be bubbly and hors d'oeuvres and is black tie with decorations. Cost is £ 26 and must be paid in advance to Michael Grewar; you may also use the HSS PayPal site to send the money along.

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8. From the Wedvick Armorial: (15 June 2009)

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Wilson



Miss Vivien Wilson

Arms: Per pale Argent and Azure on a fess cottised three lions' gambes erased fesswise all counterchanged; in dexter chief quarter a wolf's head erased Sable.

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Miss Dorothy Vivien Wilson, a living armiger, was born in 1928, younger daughter of Sir Frank O'Brien Wilson, Kt. Bach., a substantial rancher in Kenya and member of the Kenya Land Commission, who was the fourth son of John Gerald Wilson, CB, of Cliffe Hall, Piercebridge, Darlington, England.

Miss Wilson was a sometime member of the Lyon Office Staff at the time when David Reid of Robertland, Carrick Pursuivant, volunteered to prepare the "Ordinary of Arms", Volume II, 1902-1973 in March of 1972. His request was approved by Sir James Monteith Grant, KCVO, the Lord Lyon, who allowed Miss Wilson to assist Reid in this work. Unfortunately Reid died suddenly on 20 December 1973 (see WA entry on Reid) with the work in its early stages. Miss Wilson bravely carried on alone the huge task of compiling the thousands of entries and for spending countless hours and several years to its final completion in April 1976.

Miss Wilson has made a lasting contribution to the Heraldry of Scotland and is still alive and very well & very active, we are told, as we write.

The artwork is a rendering by John Hamilton Gaylor

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