



Scottish Heritage U.S.A. Newsletter

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SCOTTISH HERITAGE BIDS A SAD FAREWELL TO CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ALEXANDER "PETE" HAMILTON

Alexander Reid "Pete" Hamilton, Chairman of the Board of Scottish Heritage USA, died July 11, 2010 in New York City of natural causes. He was born in Paris, France December 8, 1920 to parents of Scottish descent. His grandfather, Robert Hamilton, emigrated from Ayrshire, Scotland to the United States of America in the mid eighteen hundreds.

Pete attended the Hackley School, and graduated from Hamilton College in 1943. He served as a Lieutenant in the US Navy, where he saw action at D-Day and in the Pacific Theater. In 1949 he graduated from Yale Law School. He was a Partner at the law firm Satterlee, Stephens, Burke and Burke in New York City.

In 1973, Pete was introduced to Scottish Heritage USA by Ann Warren Robinson. Then Chairman Wallace Jones invited Pete to be the Secretary of the newly forming Board of Directors. In the decades that followed, Pete served in various capacities, including Secretary, President, and in 2000, was elected Chairman of the Board.

He and his wife Mary Morgan Hamilton were a presence at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, North Carolina from 1973 to 1998, where they faithfully worked in the Scottish Heritage USA tent.

In those early days, regional directors and staff of the National Trust for Scotland traveled from Scotland to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games to promote the work of the Trust and sell NTS merchandise. Pete and Mary Hamilton formed close bonds with the hospitality at their New York City home "Hotel Hamilton", or as Lord Weymss, the NTS Director from 1946 to 1991 dubbed it, "The Hamilton Arms".

Mary and Pete visited Scotland many times, often staying with NTS Directors in their homes or in NTS properties. They were honored guests of the NTS at Culzean Castle where they stayed in the Eisenhower Suite, named in honor of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who considered Culzean Castle his Scottish "Whitehouse".

Shortly after the death of Scottish Heritage USA's Chairman Dugald McLean in the 2000, there was a failed attempt by some of the then Scottish Heritage board members to donate 100% of the Scottish Heritage funds to the NTS, which would have resulted in the dissolution of Scottish Heritage USA. Pete worked tirelessly to protect the future of Scottish Heritage for which the Scottish Heritage's Board of Directors recognized his efforts with a trophy was inscribed, "Alexander ("Pete") Hamilton, who single-handedly saved Scottish Heritage USA, Inc., with grateful appreciation 11 March 2000."

In 2007, at the completion of the new Culloden Battlefield Visitor Center to which Scottish Heritage USA donated \$300,000, the National Trust for Scotland dedicated a plaque to Scottish Heritage USA honoring Pete and Mary Hamilton for their many years of dedication to the work of NTS through their membership in Scottish Heritage USA.

In addition to his long standing involvement with Scottish Heritage USA, Pete served on the Vestry of the Church of the Heavenly Rest for many years. He was a member of the St. Andrews Society of New York and the American-Scottish Foundation, was the former President of Clan Hamilton, and Honorary Councillor to the National Trust for Scotland. His son Bruce Thomas Hamilton currently sits on the Scottish Heritage USA's Board of Directors.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years Mary Morgan Hamilton, daughter Virginia Hamilton of Sacramento, son Alexander Morgan "Sandy" Hamilton and his wife Linnae Hamilton of New York City, son Bruce Thomas Hamilton and his wife Rosemary M. McAndrew of Boston, and grandchildren Alice Popejoy, Ellen Popejoy, and Angus Hamilton.



Mary & Pete Hamilton at Grandfather Mountain Games



FLOWERS OF THE FORREST

Our sympathy goes to the families of

Mrs. Katharine "Kitsy" Chalmers, St. Augustine, FL, 10/21/2009
Alexander "Pete" Hamilton, New York, NY, 7/11/10
Mrs. J.D.M. Hardie, Scotland & Atlanta, GA, 9/21/10
Lorna R. M. Klose, Scottsdale, AZ, 1/15/2010
Marion Munro Seaman, Mineola, NY, 1/9/2010
Brock McGeorge Dear, Jr., Southern Pines, NC

SCOTTISH HERITAGE IS
CONDUCTING A RAFFLE TO
BENEFIT OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND.
CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED
TICKETS. DRAWING WILL BE
DECEMBER 2011. SEE ENCLOSED
FLYER FOR SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION

"HADDO BABIES"

The National Trust is searching for people born in Haddo House

During World War II, Haddo House in Ellon, the historic home of the Gordons, the Earls and Marquesses of Aberdeen, was turned into a maternity hospital, and from 1939 to 1945, nearly 1,200 babies were born there. The stately home remained in the Gordon family until 1978 when it was given over to The National Trust for Scotland. Now the trust is planning an exhibition that looks at the lives of the so-called "Haddo Babies" and is asking everyone who was born there to step forward with photos and stories.

If you or anyone you know falls in this group, please contact the National Trust for Scotland and share your stories.

TARTAN DAY CELEBRATION! APRIL 6, 2011

Join us for a Luncheon and Concert with **Alex Beaton** at the North Carolina Country Club. Make your reservation now-seating is limited.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Reservations: _____ @ \$25.00 Each. Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Send reservations (checks or credit card information) to: SHUSA,
PO Box 457, Pinehurst, NC 28387 **OR** call: (910) 295-4448

Welcome New Members

Mr. & Mrs. James Anderson
John Chorlton
Glen Clough
Milinda Dawson
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Denny
Mr. Kenneth V. Duncan
Mary G. Elliott

Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Falconer
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Furches
Bonnie Jean Goebel
Robert & Mary Granger
Rev. Dr. Barbara Griffin
Alex & Claire Grinton
George & Debra Grinton
Stewart & Katie Grinton
Billy & Amanda Groves
Marianna Hancin
Mr. & Mrs. James Hankins
Duncan & Judy Harkin
Russ & Marcia Harper
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Hoff
Mr. & Mrs. Hume
Angus R. Kelly

Mr. Harold H. Kerr III
Ms. Margaret Laffin
Viki Leigh
Ms. Grace Lennox
John & Nellie Lowry
William & Jane Lusk
Stuart Macrae
Harvey & Carolyn Matheny
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Linda Myers
Drs. James & Penelope Nall
John & Sandy Neely
Stephen Peterson
Norm & Shirlee Pruitt
Marilyn Ransberger
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Richard & Nancy Robertson
Elizabeth Roscoe
Gary & Marianne Ross

Ms. Nadine Seaman
Patricia Stewart
Josephine L. Sutlive
Mr. Thomas R. Thebolt
Clinton & Margot Towl
Robert & Mary Whitman
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Woody & Family
Ms. Sarah Wolf



Board Member Bobby Groves with
Piper scholarship winner Hannah
Chavis

2010 RAFFLE WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS JEANNE MORRISON!

The 2010 raffle winners have been picked and **Jeanne Morrison of Woodbridge Virginia is the grand prize winner of the trip to Scotland!** Jeanne has been a loyal member of Scottish Heritage since 1997. We certainly wish Jeanne a wonderful trip and hope she brings back pictures she can share with us. Look for Jeanne and her Scottish memories in future editions of our newsletter.

The second prize, a Fabulous **Scottish Food Basket from Great Scott International** went to Jan McCallum of Ocean Ridge, FL

Other prizes included:

Carolina Scots book – Verner Pike, Pinehurst, NC

Musical Travelogues by Alex Beaton – Barb Clausan, Corvallis, OR; Mike Ralston, Dublin, OH and Ann McNeill from Aberdeen, NC.

Benefit of the Nation books from the National Trust – Greg Hoff, Knoxville, TN and Jane Davis of Jasper, GA

Treasures in Trust books from the National Trust – Rogene Perry, Wrightsville Beach, NC and R. Curl, Pinehurst, NC

Scottish Heritage Tartan Baseball Cap – T.S. Kees, Pinehurst, NC

Scottish Heritage Tartan Visor – Jennifer Thomas, Homasassa, FL

Scottish Heritage Silk Scarves – Dawn Murchison, Charlotte, NC and Sally Epler of Fountain, FL

Scottish Heritage Emblem Ties – Carole Allen, Laguna Niguel, CA; Cameron Hickman, Valdosta, GA and Roland Summers, Savannah, GA

Watch for our 2011 raffle letter in the mail. **You** could be the lucky winner of another trip to Scotland!

Grandfather Mountain 2010



Walker Groves and mom, Amanda, marching in clan parade



Mysti Shoemaker leading the Graham Clan



Tommy Ammons, Doug Kelly, Tom Badger, Jean Ammons



Having fun at the games with Dad



Board members Bobby Groves and Don Boney enjoying a break

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Scottish Heritage updated its Website and you can now renew your membership on-line – www.scottishheritageusa.org . Please visit it and send us your feedback.

ROSS



The Rosses of Balnagowan, a very ancient line, sprang from William, Earl of Ross. His son, Hugh, was killed at Halidon Hill in 1333. From Hugh Ross, second son of Hugh, Earl of Ross, the Balnagowan estates passed on from father to son to David, the last Laird of Balnagowan, who died without issue. The estate passed to Brigadier Charles Ross, son of George, 10th Lord of Ross of Hawkhead. this line expired and the chief arms were confirmed by Lyon court to Miss Ross of Pitcalnie. The Rosses of Shandwick, Invercharron and Pitcalnie are all branches from the Balnagowan family.

Chief: Ross of that Ilk
Patronymic: Mac Gillanreas
Clan Seats: Balnagowan Casdtle, Ross-shire; Delny, Pitcalnie, by Tain
Tryst: St. Duithacs, Tain, Ross-shire
Plant: Juniper
Memorials: Fearn Abbey, Edderton
Pipe Music: The Earl of Ross' March

For Upcoming Scottish Games and Festivals, check out The Association of Scottish Games and Festivals web site: www.asgf.org.

PURCHASE SCOTTISH HERITAGE MERCHANDISE ON-LINE

Our website now offers you the opportunity to purchase merchandise made from Scottish Heritage Tartan material. We have visors, caps, scarves, stoles, ties and other goods on sale. visit www.scottishheritageusa.org to purchase this merchandise Remember, you can also renew your membership on our secure website.



Above: Some Scottish Heritage Tartan merchandise. available via our website www.scottishheritageusa.org.