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FROM THE MARQUESS OF AILSA:

It is always a pleasure to communicate with our Kennedy kin across the water. It has been a very busy summer. In June I attended the Highland Games at Glasgow, KY and enjoyed them very much. I was pleasantly surprised to see several people whom I had met at games I attended last year. My mother, the Marchioness of Ailsa, and I spent some time in Sweden where I have business interests, and I just returned August 28th from a business trip to India. I expect to be with you next July for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Game and look forward to seeing all of you again.

FROM THE CHIEF AND EDITOR:

Septmeber! It seems now that it was a short summer, but when we were sweltering in those long stretches of 90+ degree weather we thought that it would never end. The leaves have not yet begun to turn color, but there is that unmistakable feel of Autumn. Our century is rapidly winding down, but there are still some highland games to attend and still time to meet and visit with our great Kennedy family. We hope to see you before the snow flies.

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CEUD MILLE FAILTE

One hundred thousand welcomes! We greet our new members:

SARAH LEAH (SALLY) CRUTCHER; 1017 Starhill Way, Lawrenceburg, KY. SARAH is office manager of Hopper & Associates. She and husband THOMAS S. CRUTCHER have two children; JAMES E. HOPPER and VIRGINIA L. TAYLOR. SARAH's father was EDWARD BRUCE KENNEDY of Frankfort, KY. THOMAS, retired, is a tour guide for Labrot & Graham Distillery.

RANDELL BYRON FLYNN; 8226 Merriweather Drive, Raleigh, NC. RANDY is a Paralegal. He joined us at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this July. RANDELL's mother is PATRICIA MURIEL CANADY FLYNN.

HEATH ALEXANDER KENNEDY; 450 Loop Rd, Hendersonville, NC. He also joined us at Grandfather Mountain. HEATH is a student. His father is RICHARD ALLEN KENNEDY of Hartford, CT.

PAMELA MACLEAN CARR HELTZEL; 1710 Privateer Dr, Titusville, FL. is an Insurance Specialist. She is married to MATTHEW BLAIR HELTZEL. PAMELA'S grandfather is one of our co-founders HUGH MACLEAN KENNEDY.

ASHLEY ANN HOWELL; 13584 Feather Sound #2004, Clearwater, FL. She is a secretary at Silver King Broadcasting. Her father is DAVID H. HOWELL, Jr of Post, TX. We do not yet have her Kennedy genealogy.

JEAN KENNEDY NOLAND; 118 Shady Lane Drive; Wellford, SC. is a bookkeeper, and her husband SEABORN WYATT NOLAND is retired from Southern Railroad. They have one son, MAURY JEROME CAIN. JEAN'S father was WILLIAM RAY KENNEDY of Richland Co. KY. Her 3rd Great Grandfather was ALEXANDER KENNEDY.

PAMELA KENNEDY COOK; 123 Hallmark Estates, Statesville, NC, is a Patient Representative married to LINDY JAMES COOK. She has a stepson, KANE MACKENZIE COOK. Her father is ROGER KENNEDY of Trophill, NC.

SHERRY CANNEDY COLE; 34 North Country Lane, Orem, UT. is a homemaker. Her husband is EDWARD JOHNSON COLE and they have two sons, CHRISTOPHER and SCOTT. Her Father is WILLIAM PHILLIP CANNEDY of Wichita TX. She reaches back to JAMES CANNEDY of Darlington SC and her 3 X Grandfather, JOHN KENNEDY.

DOROTHY KENNEDY HARTER; 310 Jamestown Manor; Lower Burrell, PA. is a retired school teacher. She has one child, REBECCA HARTER WIGGINS. DOROTHY's father was ELMER ELSWORTH KENNEDY of Tarentum, PA

SYLVESTER HARRIS McDONNIEAL, Jr, 4215 Canterbury Court, Jackson, MS. is a retired Physician. He is married to ANN REESE McDONNIEAL, and they have two children: ANN and JAN. SYLVESTER's maternal grandmother was MARY KENNEDY GLISSON of Mize, MS.

J. PAUL KENNEDY (of Lochaber & Glengarry), 571 Broadway Avenue, Toronto, Ontario. He is a teacher. J. PAUL's father is LLOYD W. KENNEDY, born in Alberta of parents from Glengarry, Ontario.

JUNE CANADAY SUMPTER, 4379 Mikandy Drive, Kennesaw, GA. JUNE is a retired writer and editor. Her husband, ROBERT E. SUMPTER is retired from the U.S. Government. Her father was JAMES FLETCHER CANADAY of Madison County, GA.

STORK CLUB

ELEANOR GIBSON McLAUREN to JENNIE McLAUREN, and SARAH MARGUERITE LASSITER to CATHERINE LASSITER. Both little girls are the granddaughters of DR. NAT and MARGUERITE SMITH. These two make 12 grandchildren for the SMITHS!

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

We learned just before the Grandfather Mtn. Games in July that MRS. MARGARET FRIEDA BARSH KENNEDY, mother of H. CURTIS KENNEDY had passed away. Our deepest sympathy to CURT, JANET and MIKE.

**** AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL ****

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR CHANGES OF ADDRESS. IT COSTS THE KENNEDY SOCIETY DOUBLE POSTAGE WHEN WE MUST RE-MAIL YOUR GAZETTE, AND YOU RISK MISSING A COPY THEREBY. PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY CHANGES.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you have an E-Mail address, please send it to the Editor, and state if you do not want it published in the Gazette. I plan to publish the E-mail addresses in a future Gazette, and update the list as required.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Chieftain JOHN SID KENNEDY tells us that in April the survivors of the 1906 earthquake commemorated the event. One lady has a unique membership, she was conceived in Golden Gate park at the time of the quake. He does not tell how she proved her claim.

Member STEPHANIE GLASSING is taking part (late August) in watersport competition in the U.K. and after that she and her mother will do some touring in Scotland and England. She is the granddaughter of founder HUGH MACLEAN KENNEDY of Charleston, SC.

Member KATHY CANEDY LOBE, Lilburn, GA tells us she had health problems last year, but is now well and catching up on her tasks.

Our Secretary BERNIECE CANADAY, was elected Treasurer for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio in May of this year. She is a member of the Marietta Ohio colony.

Games Representative ROBERT TOUCHSTONE; Clinton, MS was in Arlington, TX to help Game Repr HEATHER K. MOBLEY set up for the games there. He left early because of some aches and pains but reports that he now has recovered and has played some golf.

Member, and co-founder of the Kennedy Society, HUGH MACLEAN KENNEDY has been in ill health this summer. He has been hospitalized since April. His wife CHRISTEEN says she expects him home in the very near future. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Chieftain JOHN A. KENNEDY, CD, Alliston, Ontario had to miss the Highland Games at Cobourgh, ON this summer. He had twisted a knee and needed to give it a rest.

Member VIRGINIA K. MOREY, Littleton, CO wrote a short note to thank us for the response last spring to the tragedy at Colombine High School. As she says, "one only hopes that it will result in something being done about guns." We agree.

Member KIP KENNEDY wrote they had just returned from a reunion for the descendants of his 4 X Grandfather in Southwestern Virginia. There were almost 100 there. His mother's broken leg is healing, but at the GMHG on Sunday he had to put her into the handicap tent because of the cold

and rain. We were glad you and your mother were able to get to Grandfather Mountain, and sorry that you did not get to eat the steaks which we cooked for you. Next year!

Chieftain JOHN SID KENNEDY has had a busy summer. He has been making some changes in the house to make it more accommodating for DOROTHEA's cart. She will have more room to get around. SID has been doing some of the work himself, and finds that 12-13 hour days are a little more than he expected.

We had a letter from the teacher of Beth Swinehart, one of our scholarship winners of this year. Beth will perform at the Burns' Night celebration January 2000 in Cambridge, OH. Beth was thrilled with the scholarship and her teacher says deserving.

J. PAUL KENNEDY, 571 Broadway Avenue, Toronto, Ontario not only is a high school teacher, but also teaches a night class in Gaelic at Woodlands High School, Mississauga, ON. on Monday nights, for beginners and intermediates, Fall and Winter sessions. For more information call Peel Board of Education, Call (416) 425-5511.

Your Chief DONALD CANADAY was nominated and has been accepted into the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

GENEALOGY CORNER

Member KIP KENNEDY, 2008 Eastwood Ave, Kingsport, TN reports that his book on the Southwest Virginia Kennedy families starting with DAVID KENNEDY should be ready by October of this year. It will be looseleaf, and contains over 250 pages. The cost will be \$30.00 plus postage. It contains much history on the Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina area as well as Scottish/Irish Kennedy information. He also has a Research Document on disc of some 180 pages on area Kennedys that he is willing to share with others for a nominal fee, if they will write to him.

New member SHERRY CANNEDY COLE, 34 N. 920E. Orem, UT writes that she and a sister have been trying to trace the Cannedy line. They found the name spelled many different ways in the county courthouse at Cannedy Cross roads in Bond County, Illinois. They also were told there that there was a letter saying Cannedy was descended from a John Kennedy who departed to the new world from Londonderry, Northern Ireland, and that his wife Anne was from Scotland. They also heard that Cannedy was descended from the Earl of Carrick. Can anyone help them? There are 83+/- ways to spell Kennedy.

Member DOROTHY KENNEDY HARTER, 310 Jamestown Manor, Lower Burrell, PA states she is a 7th generation descendant of a William Kennedy, of Scotland, wife Jane, of Ireland who were in western PA by 1783. She cannot get William & Jane to Baltimore, and then to western PA. The 1810 & 1820 census lists William and his brother Thomas as Canaday. Sons Robert, Hugh, James, John and sister Jane all married and moved to Columbiana County, Ohio. Any suggestion for further research would be welcome.

Member F. ROBERT WALCH, (MD) 6951 Ibis Street, Sarasota, FL writes of an old tale he heard from early childhood that the Kennedy Clan was related to Mary Queen of Scots. It was said that she had an illegitimate child, possibly the Earl of Moray. Actually Janet Kennedy, third daughter of the second Lord Kennedy ensnared the heart of King James IV and bore him a son in 1500 who then was created the Earl of Moray, he left no heir. The third Earl of Cassillis was one of the Scottish commissioners who negotiated the marriage of the infant Mary, Queen of Scots, with the Dauphin of France. The Earl was poisoned at Dieppe on his way back to Scotland.

GAMES REPORTS

Games Representative HEATHER KENNEDY MOBLEY hosted the Kennedy tent at Arlington, TX Highland Games June 4-6. Members present include RESA MOBLEY, Games Representative ROBERT TOUCHSTONE, SEAN KENNEDY & FAMILY. BOB TOUCHSTONE helped to set up and run the tent until his backache forced him to rest. The Arlington games have grown over the years and HEATHER says they are a lot of fun in spite of the heat.

Games Representative NINA EPPES hosted the Kennedy tent at the first annual Southern New Hampshire Highland Games & Celtic Music Festival on 5 June at Greenfield, NH.

!SMASH SUCCESS! Beautiful weather which contributed to the large attendance. When planning for this event they expected 14/15 clan tents; there were 36! There were no band nor piping competitions, but maybe next year. The host band was the New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums. Members in attendance were NINA EPPES, GENEVA niSEOBHAN, PATRICK KENNEDY. One event was a Scottish Trivia Scavenger Hunt; clans submitted the questions. The Kennedy one was "What famous American President was offered use an apartment for life in a Kennedy castle?" Everyone guessed J.F.K. not Dwight David Eisenhower.

Chieftain JOHN SID KENNEDY hosted the Kennedy tent at the Modesto Highland Games at Modesto, CA. Excellent games as usual but the spectator numbers were down. Also traffic on clan row was down from past years.

Chieftain JOHN A. KENNEDY, CD hosted our tent at the Georgetown Highland Games at Georgetown, Ontario on 12 June. Members present included JAMES & JACKIE KENNEDY. The weather was HOT and HUMID. Only 15 clans appeared since the weather was so miserable. Nothing like Fergus or Grandfather Mountain.

Chieftain JOHN A KENNEDY, CD hosted the Kennedy tent at the Loch Sloy Highland Games 19 June at Ft. Erie, Ontario. It was hot during the middle of day but cooled somewhat later. There were 15 clan tents, and good attendance. JOHN reports he is getting inquiries from other Provinces, so we know the word is getting out.

Chieftain JOHN SID KENNEDY hosted our tent at the Campbell Highland Games, 19 June at Campbell near San Jose, CA. The games people treat SID very well (and why not? He is a Kennedy!). He had the first tent inside the gate. When it was time to leave, they would not let any cars on the field until all public had left. SID packed one load out; got his little cart and had the rest out before any of the others had started tearing down. Member KATHY KENNEDY DOBELBOWER was there.

The Western Mass. Highland Games were held at Brimfield, Mass June 26th. Games Representative NINA EPPES hosted the Kennedy tent. The weather was sunny, HOT and HUMID. There were 5 pipe bands. There were supposed to be 57 clan tents, but several didn't show up. The planned torchlight ceremony was cancelled because of the heat and high winds. Members in attendance included GENEVA ni SEOBHAN. Attendance was down because of the weather.

Games Representative NINA EPPES hosted our tent at the Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival, July 17th. It was held at Westfield, MA. Unfortunately it happened to be the day after JFK, Jr's plane went down, and also the temperatures were in the mid 90 degrees range. Attendance suffered as a consequence. Member PATRICK KENNEDY helped man the tent.

Chieftain JOHN A KENNEDY, CD hosted the tent at the Durham/Uxbridge Highland Games at Uxbridge, Ontario July 25th. JOHN had been told the Durham Games were larger than Barrie, but he said after being there, he had his doubts.

JOHN A KENNEDY, CD next hosted the tent at Maxville, ON for the Glengarry Highland Games on 31 July. It was warm, and traffic was light.

August 14/15 was the Fergus Highland Games & Scottish Festival. Chieftain JOHN A KENNEDY, CD was host at the Kennedy tent. There was a huge crowd on Saturday, but lighter on Sunday. This one is busy all the time. There were 43 clan tents, but traffic in clan tent area was slow on Sunday. The featured clans were Elliot, MacIntyre and Moffet. Members present were: JAMES KENNEDY and JOHN F. F. KENNEDY FSA Scot. The clan area had been moved, so there was parking for clansmen at their tents. Saturday was cold and damp in the morning but by mid day it cleared and turned off nice.

August 21st found Chieftain JOHN A KENNEDY, CD at Sarnia, Ontario for the Sarnia Highland Games. The games are held at the Centennial Park, along part of the waterfront, in downtown Sarnia. There were 10 clan tents, but traffic on clan row was very light. The Sarnia Games have always focused on athletics and dancing. They are now attempting to involve clans. It was dark and threatening in the morning but by afternoon the sun came out and it was nice.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Applications are invited for our annual Celtic Arts Scholarships (dancing, piping, drumming, language arts, etc). They may be sent now.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1 Financial need.
- 2 Plan to attend a certified school of instruction.
- 3 Must be at intermediate or advanced level.
- 4 Student should write to Scholarship chairman requesting scholarship.
- 5 We must have a resume and a letter of recommendation from the teacher.
- 6 Preference goes to children of a Kennedy Society member, but lacking a qualified candidate, others are eligible.

The deadline for letters from teachers is May 1st. GET APPLICATIONS IN NOW. Send to: ZORA DRAKE, 2000 Firth of Tay Way, Raleigh, NC 27603. Telephone 919-829-1851. Come on you Western Kennedys. We've never had a candidate from you.

All members are reminded that our scholarships are funded largely by donations, which are always needed and welcome.

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We have had requests to reprint the name and address of the kilt maker in Scotland, whom we have used for kilts, kilted skirts and trews (trousers). Her work is excellent and her prices are lower than any we have found over here.

R & I McDonald, Kilt Makers
#1 Northfield Court
West Calder, West Lothian
EH55 8EA Scotland

Telephone 011-441-506-872678; note new country code: 441 instead of 44. This can be direct dialed. We always call to get the latest price, and then send a draft in pounds/sterling along with measurements. It usually takes 5-6 weeks. Her price includes airmail postage. For the men who hesitate to wear a kilt, trews would be a great compromise and would allow you to show your tartan at less cost than a kilt.

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THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE 7TH MARQUESS OF AILSA AT THE FOUNDING OF THE KENNEDY SOCIETY OF (NORTH) AMERICA, AND REITERATED BY THE 8TH MARQUESS OF AILSA

As the head of the Kennedy family it gives me great pleasure to associate myself with the Kennedy Society of America. Both in the past and in the present, and I am certain in the future the Kennedy family wherever in the world that they may be, have taken prominent and vital positions in any enterprise with which they have associated themselves. I am sure that your society will do much to ensure that this happy state of affairs continues.

The strength of both our countries was built up by, and is still maintained by the family unit, however large or small this may be. Nowadays when the family as an institution is under constant attack, it is essential that all those of us who believe in the family to show openly that we are not going to permit our standards to be swept away.

May I wish the Kennedy Society of America every success in the coming years.

KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA
Annual General Meeting
July 10, 1999

The Annual General Meeting of the Kennedy Society of North America was held at the cabin of WILLIAM SHERMAN on Sugar Mountain, Banner Elk, NC July 10, 1999. The invocation was given by CURT KENNEDY.

Members present: DAN & CAROL WORLEY, PAT & JACK MONCRIEF, NOMON KENNEDY, ZORA DRAKE, BILL SHERMAN, GENEMARIE & PAUL KLINER, CURT & JANET KENNEDY with son MIKE, DR NAT E. SMITH, DON & BERNIECE CANADAY. Also present as guests, JAMES & NOLA KENNEDY.

DON CANADAY welcomed everyone and gave special welcome to charter member PAT MONCRIEF, one of the very few who are still active with the Society. He recapped the 25th anniversary celebration of last July, with LORD AILSA and his two daughters as special guests, and said that there was a strong turnout of Kennedys at the games at Pleasanton, California in September where LORD AILSA was the honored guest. LORD AILSA was impressed with both celebrations and with the enthusiasm and caliber of our Kennedy membership. DON also gave very special thanks to the many people who contributed to make the celebration possible and the success that it was.

He reported that our member retention is good and that he sent out certificate #752 last week. We look forward to #800 before our annual meeting next year. He said that we are getting good response to our advertisements in the various Scottish publications. We have a new Games Representative, CARVER KENNEDY of Fayetteville, GA who plans to represent the Kennedy Society at Charleston, SC this year. NOMON KENNEDY said that he and KIP KENNEDY and JAMES KENNEDY will try to represent us at the Gatlinburg Games next year. DON thanked all Chieftains and Games Representatives for their invaluable work for the Kennedy Society, and his Executive Committee, DR NAT E. SMITH, JOHN B. FLOWERS III, and DAN WORLEY, who have supplied invaluable support and counsel. The Chief also thanked our Treasurer PAUL & wife GENE KLINER for their unflinching help & support, and wife BERNIECE for her patience, perseverance and help, and Scholarship Chairman, ZORA DRAKE, for her time and efforts in guiding this important work of the Society. He then reported that one of our founders, HUGH M. KENNEDY has had several health problems and that we wish him a speedy recovery.

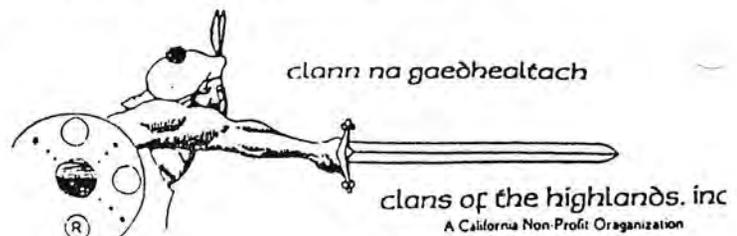
TREASURER'S REPORT: TREASURER PAUL KLINER gave the Financial Report, which is printed elsewhere in this Gazette. DAN WORLEY moved to accept the report, and CURT KENNEDY seconded. The motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: SECRETARY BERNIECE CANADAY read the minutes of the AGM held July 11, 1998. BILL SHERMAN moved to accept the report and DR NAT E. SMITH seconded. The motion carried.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: Scholarship Chairman ZORA DRAKE read the report printed elsewhere in this Gazette. She thanked all those who contributed and emphasized again the need for the contributions which support our scholarships. She stated we must keep this program going in order to keep our tax-exempt status. She mentioned again that our scholarships are awarded for ALL Celtic studies, not just for piping and dancing. PAUL KLINER moved to accept the report and DAN WORLEY seconded. The motion carried.

STORK CLUB:

SKYLAR ERSKINE SMITH, grandson of Dr NAT & MARGUERITE SMITH
GRAHAM DANIEL KENNEDY, grandson of CARVER & MARTHA KENNEDY
EDEN ROSE VENTURA, granddaughter of DOUGLAS & ISABEL KENNEDY
GRIFFIN MICHAEL HAYS, grandson of PETER SNELLING
KATELYND ANASTASIA KENNEDY, daughter of JENNIFER & SEAN KENNEDY
ELEANOR GIBSON and SARAH MARGUERITE, granddaughters of Dr NAT & MARGUERITE SMITH



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST:

RICHARD JOSEPH KENNEDY, father of Sean Kennedy
MARY ANN BALTHIS HARTNEY, wife of Thomas Hartney
RICHARD KENNEDY, father of Marie K. Teven
EDITH S. KENNEDY, our Genealogist & mother of Douglas Kennedy
VERNON MACE WILLIAMS, husband of Gayle K. Williams

OLD BUSINESS:

Internet access. KAREN KENNEDY, Renton, WA has volunteered to create a Web Page and to monitor it. She had a disastrous fire last winter, which has delayed her, but it is hoped that it will be available soon. Games Representative RANDY PETERSON has resigned because of the pressure of his business. We need someone to host Kennedy tents at the Colorado games. DON mentioned that RANDY had a web page put on the Internet which had several inaccuracies, and that it has now been removed.

NEW BUSINESS:

DON CANADAY said that we need a membership committee to handle applications once we are active on the Internet. It is expected that applications will increase. CURT KENNEDY, Raleigh, NC volunteered to work with KAREN KENNEDY. DON asked that everyone who has an E-Mail address to forward it to him. PAUL KLINER moved that DON CANADAY be reimbursed for his expenses incurred with LORD AILSA's visits. DAN WORLEY seconded, the motion carried. DON reported that he plans to try to have the games representatives and Chieftains institute regional meetings of the members in their areas in order to garner suggestions or problems needing solution, which could then be brought up at the Annual General Meeting in July.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Dr NAT ERSKINE SMITH, chairman reported that the committee recommended that the present slate be kept. DON asked for nominations from the floor. None were presented. CURT KENNEDY moved that the nominations be closed and ZORA DRAKE seconded. The motion carried. Dr NAT SMITH gave special thanks to PAUL KLINER, treasurer, and to DONALD and BERNIECE CANADAY for their services. DONALD announced he was reappointing all the Chieftains and Games Representatives for the coming year. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The steak fry was enjoyed by all.



A rainy Sunday at Grandfather Mountain this year. L-R Randy Flynn, Berniece Canaday, Mike Kennedy, Paul Kliner, Donald Canaday, Curt and Janet Kennedy.

KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA
Annual Financial Report
June 30, 1999

Balance in Checking 6/30/1998 \$4,945.28

INCOME

Dues	4,329.00
New Members	1,325.00
Banquet tickets	612.50
Contributions	497.88
Other income	2,012.60
Total.....	\$13,732.26

EXPENSE

Gazette Printing, 2000 coies	\$920.00
Postage	844.94
Advertising	656.00
Miscellaneous Printing: aps, dues, etc notices, sign up sheets, etc	158.90
Miscellaneous expense	374.65
Scholarship Fund	600.00
Direct anniversary expense	2,518.78
Games Registration	864.00
Games Representatives expense	710.00
25th Anniversary Book	1,804.75
TOTAL.....	\$9,452.02

Balance in Chcking 6/30/1999. \$4,270.24

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Beginning Balance (7/98)	\$698.22
Deposits	400.00
Interest Earned	8.34
Service Charges	0.00
Scholarships Awarded	(\$700.00)
Ending Balance (6/99)	\$500.00
Gaelic Language Scholarship Kerrie Kennedy Downsview, Ontasrio, Canada	\$500.00
Dancing Scholarship Beth Swinehart Columbus, Ohio	\$200.00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ZORA DRAKE, Chair
2000 Firth of Tay Way, Raleigh, NC 27603
(919) 829 - 1851

FROM THE SPRING ISSUE OF THE 1981 GAZETTE

BRIAN BORU - A KENNEDY

Brian Mac Ceinneidigh (AD 941 - 1014)

Next to Saint Patrick himself, the greatest hero in Ireland's history, was Brian Mac Ceinneidigh, son of Kennedy, Chief of Thomond, including the eastern portion of the present county of Clare, and hereditary ruler of North Munster.

Brian Kennedy was born about 941 A. D. in the town of Borime, near Killaloe on the right bank of the River Shannon. Borime was shortened to Boru, thus Brian Mac Ceinneidigh became better known as Brian Boru. He was the youngest of twelve brothers, ten of whom fell in battle. Brian's oldest brother, Mathghamhain (Mahon), who succeeded his father, and in 968 became King of Munster, was constantly at war with the Vikings and the Leinstermen, allies of the Danes. Mahon was treacherously put to death in 976 by his Irish-Norse enemies. Brian Boru, then 35 years of age, became King of Munster and took quick vengeance on the assassins. Within three years he was undisputed king of the southern half of Ireland.

Much of Brian's early rule was occupied in disputes with Malachy II, King of Meath, Emperor of Ireland. The great Irish historian, Seumas MacManus, in his book, "the Story of the Irish Race" describes in detail how Brian raided Meath and did great damage in Connacht.

Brian gained the coveted title, and later, he and Malachy united to defeat the Danes at Glenmama, County Wicklow, in 999. Seven thousand Danes perished. Brian then sacked Dublin, a city built by Leinster, a pawn of the Danes. In 1002 Malachy again quarrelled with Brian Boru, but Brian's forces were superior, so Malachy renounced his claim and stepped down to be a provincial king.

Brian Boru was a supporter of the Christian Church, a good soldier, a brave warrior, and a skilled strategist. He founded schools, and built roads, forts, and churches. He dispatched agents abroad to buy books and encouraged learning. During his reign the Bardic schools began to rise again.

There are countless stories about Brian Boru, which we will tell from time to time. Brian, his first son Murchadh, and Murchadh's first son Turlough, all fell at the Battle of the Weir of Clontarf, on Good Friday, April 23, 1014. In true Irish fashion, the battle was not at Clontarf at all, but near Clonliffe, between the Liffey

and the Tolka Rivers, just north of the present city of Dublin. In this battle, a huge army of Vikings from the Orkneys, Shetlands, Hebrides and western Scotland, together with Norsemen-Vikings from England, Cornwall, Normandy and Flanders, joined by the Danish settlers in Ireland, and the men of Leinster and Wexford, attacked the Scots-Irish. On Brian Boru's side were the men of Munster, Meath, Connacht, and the Christianized Norsemen who had settled in Ireland. Also he had an army from Scotland under Donald, the great Steward of Mar.

It was a costly victory for the Irish. Four thousand of them died on Brian's side, while seven thousand of their opponents fell on the field. Great numbers of Vikings escaped in boats, but a storm drowned many of them.

Brian Boru and Murchadh were buried in a tomb in Armagh near the sanctuary of Saint Patrick.

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A Heartfelt Plea

Dear God

So far today I have done all right.

I have not gossiped,

I have not lost my temper

I have not been greedy, nor grumpy,

Nasty, selfish, proud, nor overindulgent

I am very thankful for that....

But in a few minutes God,

I am going to get out of bed.

And from then on, I'm probably

Going to need more help...

Amen



UPCOMING GAMES:

- 9/3 Callie Club Highland Games
Pleasanton, CA
- 9/11 Trenton Scottish/Irish Festival
Trenton, ON Canada
- 9/11 Ligonier Highland Games
Ligonier, PA
- 9/16-19 New Hampshire Highland Games
Loon Mountain, NH
- 9/18 Charleston Scottish Games
Charleston, SC
- 9/25 Williamsburg Scottish Festival
Williamsburg, VA
- 10/14-16 Stone Mountain Highland Games
Atlanta, GA
- 10/16-17 Loch Prado Highland Games
Chino, CA
- 11/6 Tucson Scottish Highland Games
Tucson, AZ

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