

SCOTLAND is a rugged land of lochs, dark rivers and mystical Highlands, a country ruled by nature. Hundreds of islands are strewn around its craggy shores – a thousand miles of cliffs, rocks and spectacular beaches, moulded by wind and weather. The sea shaped and tested the passionate and hardy Scottish soul and determined much of the country's turbulent history.

From the hills and glens of that rugged land, the Scots went forth throughout the world to leave their everlasting mark. Scotland has produced scientists, explorers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, mathematicians, engineers, economists, inventors, writers, politicians and union leaders. From Canada and the United States to India, from Africa to the idyllic islands of the Caribbean, from Russia to Australia, the Scottish influence was rooted and continues to grow.

Scots have made countless contributions to the founding and the ongoing development of Canada:

- Scottish sailors were with the early Vikings landing in Newfoundland in 1010 AD and with Prince Henry Sinclair who sailed from the Orkney Islands to Atlantic Canada in 1398.

- The Fraser Highlanders fought for Wolfe at the Battle of the Plains of Abraham in 1759. Numerous Canadian kilted regiments fought for the world's freedom in the First and Second World Wars. Dr. John McCrae, from Guelph, wrote the immortal "In Flanders Fields" during the carnage of World War I.

- The Scots dominated Canada's early fur trade. A census in 1799 indicated that four of every five employees with the Hudson's Bay Company were Scottish. Sir George Simpson ruled the HBC and three million square miles of what is now Canada and the United States from 1821 to 1860.

- The North West Co. partners explored much of the North American continent in search of furs. The partners were nearly all Highland Scots. Names such as McTavish, MacGillivray and McDonald predominated. Wintering partner Angus Bethune was the son of Rev. John Bethune, the first Presbyterian minister in Glengarry, Upper Canada. A great-grandson of Angus was Dr. Norman Bethune, revered to this day for his medical dedication in China. Sir Alexander MacKenzie was the first European to cross Canada by land in 1793. Simon Fraser descended the river named after him in 1808.

- Sir Donald Smith and Sir George Stephen, along with many other Scots, built the Canadian Pacific Railway across Canada to forge a new nation – "a Dominion from sea to sea."

- Sir John A. Macdonald was Canada's first Prime Minister while Alexander Mackenzie was the second. Thirteen of Canada's Prime Ministers were of Scottish ancestry. Of Canada's 36 Fathers of Confederation, more than half were of Scottish origin.

- Scots were instrumental in the creation and development of every Canadian province and territory. John Sandfield Macdonald was the first Premier of Ontario. James Douglas was tagged the "Father of British Columbia."

- Sandford Fleming invented Standard Time. George Brown, a Father of Confederation, founded the Toronto Globe. William Lyon Mackenzie, Toronto's first mayor, led the rebels in the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837. He was the grandfather of Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King.

- Canada's premier universities: Toronto, McGill, Queen's, McMaster, New Brunswick and Dalhousie were founded by Scots.

- Alexander Graham Bell who lived his early days in Brantford, Ontario, and later in Baddeck, Nova Scotia, invented the telephone. Sir Frederick Banting, whose mother was a Grant, discovered insulin. Famed economist and writer John Kenneth Galbraith, a graduate of what is now the University of Guelph, has been a major influence in the U.S. and throughout the world for more than half a century. These are but a few examples.

It is important to preserve this heritage; an important part of the history and culture of Canada from its earliest beginnings to today's ever-changing world

However, much more needs to be done. The Scottish Studies Foundation needs to continue funding the development of the Scottish Studies program at the University of Guelph in order to fulfill its pledge which established the Chair of Scottish Studies. The Foundation also plans to work with other universities across Canada to create and develop similar programs for the preservation of Canada's Scottish heritage. **You can help by joining the Foundation today.** Members will receive a copy of the *International Review of Scottish Studies*, published annually; and copies of our newsletter *The Scots-Canadian* published four times per year.

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THE FOUNDATION

In 1985, the University of Guelph formally accepted a proposal from a committee of Scots-Canadians that a Chair of Scottish Studies be established as part of its academic structure and gave its blessing to a fund-raising campaign to be launched by the Scottish Studies Foundation.

In its simplest terms, the Chair of Scottish Studies is the permanent provision of a full-time professor dedicated to teaching and research in one specific area, in this case the preservation and nourishment of the history, language and literature of the Scots.

We are pleased to announce that on October 2, 2004 this goal was achieved, thanks to private donations and in the University's faith in the Foundation's ability to continue its fund-raising efforts to fulfill its pledge of \$1 million.

We are grateful to Scottish Studies Foundation Benefactors, Patrons and Members, and the fund-raising committee at the University of Guelph, for helping us attain this tremendous goal and we are delighted that the Scottish Studies Foundation Chair in Scottish Studies is the first in North America.

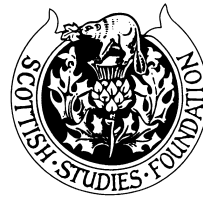
This has now placed Scottish Studies on a permanent footing at Guelph. The program has a proven and much admired track record. The Chair of Scottish Studies at Guelph is now a permanent investment in the massive achievement of the Scots in this country and of their contribution to Canada's history, development and culture.

The Scottish holdings in the University Library are regarded by the Canadian Government as a collection of national importance, and it is widely acknowledged that Guelph has the finest collection of Scottish books, manuscripts, journals and microfilm material outside Scotland. The collection is open to the public and over the years, hundreds of people have used this unrivalled resource. The public is invited to make use of the library collection, attend conferences and other events with a Scottish theme held throughout the year, and to contact faculty about any aspect of Scottish Studies.

FOUNDATION OBJECTIVES

- RAISE AWARENESS OF SCOTTISH HERITAGE IN CANADA THROUGH VARIOUS LEVELS OF EDUCATION
- MAINTAIN A CHAIR OF SCOTTISH STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH IN PERPETUITY
- RAISE FUNDS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE RARE BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
- FUND ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS IN SCOTTISH STUDIES IN CANADA AND SCOTLAND
- PUBLISH THE ANNUAL SCHOLARLY JOURNAL "INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF SCOTTISH STUDIES"
- SPONSOR AND ORGANIZE CANADIAN AND SCOTTISH RELATED CONFERENCES

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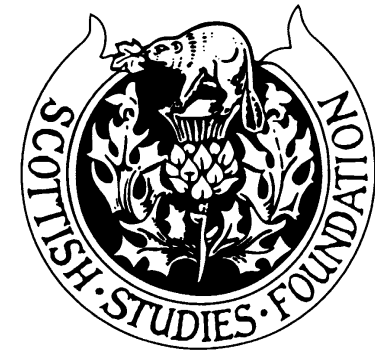


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