



The Lion & Thistle



**CULZEAN, THE EISENHOWERS AND
SCOTTISH HERITAGE USA: A legacy Lives On**

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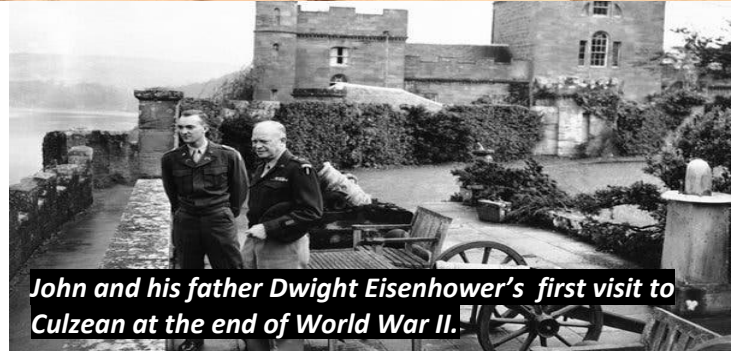


Culzean Castle overlooking the Firth of Clyde.

Scottish Heritage USA's storied history of support and partnership with the National Trust for Scotland reaches back to our very founding in 1965. As we celebrate our 60th Diamond Jubilee year, a tale of historical significance to both Scotland and the United States springs forward. It starts with John Sheldon Doud Eisenhower, an early supporter and board director of Scottish Heritage USA.

Son of President Dwight D. Eisenhower and First Lady Maime Doud Eisenhower, Hon. John Eisenhower served in the US Army first as a second lieutenant in 1944 until working his way up the ranks until his retirement as a Brigadier General in 1975. He also served as the US Ambassador to Belgium in the Nixon administration, was a military historian who authored several books, and served under President Gerald Ford as chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees. Eisenhower was an early member of Scottish Heritage USA in the 1960's and 70's, elected to the board in 1972, and a significant supporter of building our organization's relationship with the National Trust for Scotland.

At the end of World War II, John and father visited Culzean Castle at the invitation of the 5th Marquess of Ailsa and his Kennedy Clan family. Like a storybook castle, this wondrous example of Robert Adam's genius stands dramatically on a cliff with jaw dropping views across the sea to the mountains of the Island of Arran. Between 1777 and 1792 Adam converted an old, fortified tower castle for David Kennedy, the 10th Earl of Cassillis, creating Culzean.



John and his father Dwight Eisenhower's first visit to Culzean at the end of World War II.

When the Kennedy family donated Culzean to the National Trust for Scotland in 1945, they asked that use of the top floor be given to General Eisenhower for his lifetime as a thank you from the people of Scotland for his role as Supreme Commander in WW II. Two decades after the initial gift, the quarters needed renovations. Scottish Heritage USA came to the rescue with an initial \$12,000 donation for refurbishments in 1969, and we continued to give generously to help maintain this historic treasure that so well represents the strong ties between Scotland and the USA. Over the next 22 years, Scottish Heritage USA contributed a total of \$250,000 to the Eisenhower rooms at Culzean.

Today, as a Scottish Heritage USA member, you can visit Culzean Castle and Country Park for free with your complimentary National Trust for Scotland member card. You can also sleep where Ike slept if you book one of the Eisenhower accommodations on the second floor of Culzean Castle.



*Planning a trip to Scotland on your own in 2025? Be sure to renew your membership with Scottish Heritage USA *at least two months ahead* of your travel dates to ensure there's time to process both your Scottish Heritage USA and National Trust for Scotland cards and separate guidebook with parking pass mailing.*

Photos & info from Scottish Heritage USA archives and The National Trust for Scotland.

COAST TO COAST & IN BETWEEN, SCOTTISH HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP GROWS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

Let's Give a Hearty Welcome to These New Members

Adrian & Jenn Begley	Calgary, AB, Canada
Jo Ellen Heck	Rancho Mirage, CA
Zellna Shaw	Lakeland, GA
Rebecca Haner	Kihei, Hawaii
Suzanne Howard	Sterling, AK
William & Carol Nordbrock	Gary, IN
Steve & Patty Wright	Seaside, OR
Richard Bond	Plymouth, MA
Susan Cotter	Vero Beach, FL
Amelia Crane	Oshkosh, WI
Coreen Foote	Easthampton, MA
Malachi Johannsen	Modesto, CA
Jeff & Kayla Kleven	North Branch, MN
Steve Morin	Middletown, RI
Mark & Donna McCool	Cochranville, PA
Monica Midgett	Pinehurst, NC
Larry Campbell	Memphis, TN
Karen Stoner	Northfield, OH
Ila Brown	Winthrop, MA
Elaine Youngblood	Nashville TN
Maureen Tschida	Seaside, CA

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~ To New Benefactors Jenn and Adrian Begley of Calgary in Alberta Province, Canada

~ To Renewing Benefactors Bill & Ann Caudill of Laurinburg, NC

~ To Patrons Craig and Jane Long of Louisville, Ky

Thank you to These Members for Renewing Their Support!

Susan Bryant Thomas	Pinehurst, NC
Ken Velky	Saint Paul, MN
Rex & Stephanie Allen	Douglass, KS
Todd & Renita McDougal	Hendersonville, NC
Eric & Cheryl Smith	Loveland, CO
Elizabeth Lynch	Dobbs Ferry, NY
Larry Campbell	Charlotte NC
Rick and Patricia Crosier	Beatrice, NE
Stacy Reid	Jurupa Valley, CA
Catherine Hawks	Upland, CA
Clifford & Claudia Scott	Redford, MI
Glenn & Paula Hall	Cattaraugus, NY
Chuck Garnes	Monroeville, PA
Paul Breit	Tinley Park, IL
Robert & E.J. Strock	Dalton, OH
Evelyn Griffin	Miamisburg, OH
William Williams	Savannah, TN
David Young	Nashville, TN
James & Janet Nelson	Fargo, ND
R. Neal & Jean Henson	Kingsport, TN
Arthur & Susanne Tenney	Starke, FL
Stephen Hill	Cupertino, CA
Thomas & Nancy Brechin	Centerville, GA
Scott & Vivian MacDonell	Clifton Springs, NY
Mark & Marjorie Sellers	Farmington, MI
Rebecca Brown	Dawsonville, GA
John & Nellie Lowry	Chatsworth, CA
Craig & Jane Long	Louisville, KY
Samuel & Louise Caldwell	Kingwood, TX
Patrick & Dawn Kirk	Morehead City, NC

To help sustain our programs, scholarships, partnership with the National Trust for Scotland and highland games support programs, the Scottish Heritage USA Board of Directors recently voted to increase our individual memberships annual cost by a modest **\$5 per person.**

This change took effect March 1, 2025:

Individual:	\$65 per year
Couple:	\$82 per year
Silver Single 65+:	\$50 per year
Silver Couple 65+:	\$75 per year
Family:	\$135 per year
(Two adults and up to 4 children under 18)	
Junior:	\$40 per year
(Full time student 23 or under)	

Renew Today at
www.ScottishHeritageUSA.org

60th Diamond Jubilee Photo Collection

Email us a JPEG of Your Favorite Photo at a Scottish Heritage USA event or program from anytime in the last 60 years! Be sure to include a brief description or story, names and date. We plan to publish a collection in an upcoming newsletter and on our website. Top photos will receive prizes!!

RECIPE CORNER

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

-Heat the butter until soft in a stove top pan.

-Stir in the Dijon mustard, lemon juice, salt, and pepper to make a paste.

-Spread over chicken pieces until coated.

-In an oven-proof casserole or dutch oven, heat the olive oil until hot and brown the chicken.

- Cover and bake 30 minutes.

- Remove the casserole and pour the whiskey over the chicken. Allow the whiskey to warm to warm for a minute, then set it alight.

- Remove chicken pieces out of dish and keep warm.

- Pour the cream into the casserole dish and then re-add the chicken.

-Bake for another 10 minutes without letting the sauce boil. *Serve with turnips and mashed potatoes.*

INGREDIENTS

3 TBS Butter

1 TBS Dijon Mustard

Juice of ½ Lemon

Salt and Pepper to taste

3-4 TBS Olive Oil

1 Cup Scotch Whisky

1 Cup Double Cream

4 Chicken Breasts (without skin)



CULLODEN CHICKEN



A lemony cream sauce is featured in the original recipe (left). Optional flavorful additions include one cup chopped spinach, a small jar of chopped sun-dried tomatoes, minced garlic, and parmesan cheese (above).

Recipe from Scottish Heritage USA's cookbook Piping Hot, published in 1998. Recipe courtesy of Ross Mackenzie, Property Manager, Culloden Moor, Scotland.

ANSWERING THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND APPEAL

NTSUSA's annual appeal recently launched, and thanks to our members, Scottish Heritage USA is there to support this effort with a substantial donation. The project will focus on the conservation of two historic properties associated with Robert Burns: Souter Johnnie's Cottage and The Bachelors' Club.

As you may know, Souter Johnnie's Cottage was built in 1785 by shoemaker John Davidson, who lived there with his family. Today, Davidson is better known as Souter Johnnie, the drinking partner of the hapless Tam O'Shanter whose hair-raising nighttime ride home was immortalized in Burns' poetry.

The Bachelor's Club in Tarbolton was founded by Robert and his brother Gilbert before Burns' first collection of poems was published. It's here that Burns learned to dance to the Gregg fiddle, became a freemason, and created a debating society. The club, where Burns developed the early themes of his poetry, gives a rare insight into male social life at the time.

These buildings convey connections to Robert Burns' formative years and the wider society he lived in. For people who love Burns, they have become evocative places of pilgrimage. But both buildings are suffering from damp and must be repaired and adapted for increased rainfall. This work is expected to cost \$430,000. The National Trust for Scotland has committed \$260,000 to the project, and Scottish Heritage USA is proud to represent our members in donating \$10,000 of our annual National Trust for Scotland gift to this worthy preservation endeavor.



The Bachelor's Club is one of only about 200 thatched cottages remaining in Scotland.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT



Stephen G. Quillin FSA, Scot

Born in Kingsport, TN, and a graduate of Clemson University, Stephen Quillin retired as Vice President of Engineering from S&B Engineers and Constructors of Houston, TX. Mr. Quillin served three terms as President of the Clan MacLaren Society before election to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Board of Trustees. He began service as the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games President in 2019, leading the most iconic highland games in the world. He's the Games and Sponsorship Committee Chair on the Scottish Heritage USA Board of Directors.

True to his Scottish American roots as a storyteller, Mr. Quillin was recently awarded *2024 Historian of the Year* by the North Carolina Society of Historians.

Mr. Quillin and his wife Sylvia enjoy spending time with their three children and two grandchildren.

SCOTTISH HERITAGE USA NEWS

Visit the Scottish Heritage USA Tent at Upcoming Games:

Savannah Scottish Games, Savannah, GA – May 3

Loch Baden Celtic Festival & Highland Games – May 11

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games – July 10-13

Scotland County Highland Games – October 4

Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival – Oct 17-19

The Lion and Thistle Marks Our 60th Diamond Anniversary

Our new e-newsletter masthead is in tribute to two iconic symbols of Scotland and the strength of our organization's enduring ties between Scotland and the USA:



The Lion Rampart - a heraldic symbol used as a royal emblem of Scotland since the reign of Malcolm III (1058-1093) and officially used in the Royal Banner of Scotland.

The Thistle – national flower and emblem of Scotland symbolizing the endurance and determination of the Scottish people.



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