

IN MEMORY OF
G E O R G E H U M E

Born at Wedderburn Castle, Scotland, 1698

Died in Culpeper County, Virginia, 1760

Second but only son with issue of

Sir George Hume of Wedderburn, Baronet

and tenth baron of his line

Served in his father's command in the

Rising for King James VIII & III, 1715

Captured at Preston, England; imprisoned in the Marshalsea;

but permitted to come to Virginia, 1721.

Officer of the Colonial Militia, 1729 and Crown Surveyor

for Spotsylvania, Orange and Frederick Counties

From him George Washington learned Surveying

By Act of the General Assembly of Virginia

he laid out the Town of Fredericksburg, 1727

He was Vestryman of this Parish and in 1733

planned the Church

Married Elizabeth, daughter of George Proctor

of Spotsylvania County, 1728

His son, Captain Francis Hume, was an Original Member

of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia

Instituted at Fredericksburg, 1783.

Mr. Edgar M. Young, Senior Warden of St. George's Church, accepted the tablet for the Church, saying:

"On behalf of the Vestry of St. George's Church, I accept this beautiful tablet honoring one of the early vestrymen of this parish. We are happy to have his name thus inscribed at the door of the church where it may be seen by visitors of the present and of the future. We thank you for placing it here."

*On this occasion there were present several descendants of Colonel James Monroe, fifth President of the United States and father of the Monroe Doctrine. They have asked permission to use parts of the design of the tablet to Mr. George Hume in preparing a tablet in honor of President Monroe to be placed on the other side of the entrance to the church, that is, in a position corresponding to the Hume tablet. It would be fitting that this be done since President Monroe was also of Scottish lineage, was a Vestryman of St. George's Church, and was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia. Thus the Monroe tablet could have the same border of thistles, and the Eagle of the Cincinnati at the bottom. It is understood that the seal of the United States will be placed at the top. Colonel Monroe was sixty years junior to George Hume and was but two years old when George died, but he knew Francis, George's son, as a fellow member of the Cincinnati.

The Rector then pronounced the Benediction and the ceremony was at an end.*

There were read, after the formal dedication was ended, the following two letters:

First: from the head of the house of Hume, The Right Honourable Sir Charles Cospatrick Archibald Home, thirteenth Earl of Home, eighteenth Lord Home of Home, Baron of Dunglass in Scotland, Baron Douglas of Douglas in the United Kingdom, Baronet of Nova Scotia, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Lord-Lieutenant for Berwickshire, Honourary Colonel of the Third and Fourth Battalions of the Cameronians, Ensign of the Royal Company of Archers, the King's Bodyguard for Scotland.

Lord Hume's letter is from his seat, The Hirsel:

"The Hirsel
Coldstream

June 1st, 1938.

"Dear Colonel Home:

Many thanks for your kind letter and most generous donation towards the preservation of Hume Castle. I am sending it to Lord Haddington, who will be most grateful. The bronze tablet you mention will be most interesting. Please give my best wishes to those gathered together for the dedication of the tablet and my earnest hope that they will have good health and prosperity in their different callings, and that if they are in Scotland they will come to see The Hirsel where my wife and I will give them the most cordial welcome.

"We will look forward to seeing you and all who are in the old land at any time. Many thanks again for your kindness and generosity.

Yours sincerely,

Home.

Colonel E. Erskine Home"