

## Stirrat's Bench Dedication

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Dr. Webster, Dr Hunter, Piper Masterson,  
Members and Friends of the St Andrew Society

I have the honor today of representing the Society in the presentation of this Memorial bench to Webster Groves Presbyterian Church.

A few months ago the Board of the Society decided we should take some actions to honor the memory of William and Agnes Stirrat. Donations from the Society and from several individuals were used to procure this beautiful bench.

For 300 years, Scots have come to North America. The surroundings may have changed over the years but we are all pioneers in our own ways.

Bill and Agnes Stirrat were pioneers who arrived in America in 1947. As their family grew they embraced the opportunities presented by this great country - as many of us have done.

At the same time it is important to remember the culture and heritage of your native country -- the Stirrats knew this well. Not only did they practice this within their own family, they saw the need to have a larger community relationship around things Scottish.

Bill and Agnes were among the founding members of our St Andrew Society, and over the years proved to be great leaders of our organization. Their actions built the foundation of our Society and it is one we have all gained great enjoyment from.

Today the Stirrats are gone from our visible human world and we intend that a visible monument be present to remember them by.

Dr Webster, on behalf of the members of the St Andrew Society I present this bench to Webster Groves Presbyterian Church, in loving memory of William and Agnes Stirrat.