

Buffalo Gordon Highlander History

"D" Company Buffalo City Guard was organized in December 1837, at the time of the Caroline incident. The Caroline, was a vessel in the Buffalo harbor, and set afire and sunk with the loss of one life by the British. James MacKay, a leading citizen of the time, issued a call to arms and within 24 hours a unit consisting of 5 companies of 20 men each was formed and their services were offered to the City of Buffalo. On December 30, 1837, Mayor Barker issued a proclamation accepting the unit and thus Buffalo City Guard was born.

With the cessation of hostilities and the passing of time, the ranks dwindled until only "D" Company remained as an active military force. When the state militia laws were changed in the 1870's, "D" Company, rather than be incorporated in the state guard, became a military society



In the 1890's the Buffalo St. Andrews Society Pipes & Drums consisting of several immigrants from Scotland who had served with the 92nd Regiment of Foot, The Gordon Highlanders of the British Army combined with "D" Company to form "D" Company Buffalo City Guard Gordon Highlanders.