THE CLAN MACDOUGALL SOCIETY of North America, Inc.

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GENEALOGICAL HANDBOOK

A guide to researching and tracing family lineage and history for people with surnames MacDougall or MacDowall, regardless of spellings, or family names associated with Clans MacDougall or MacDowall.

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this handbook is to provide a basic guide to getting started with genealogical research. Consider it at most an introduction. It does not attempt to be "the be-all and end-all" on genealogy, as there are a great many excellent resources readily available to aid the serious student.

What we hope to provide is information that will assist with basic genealogy research and direct Clan members and people interested in membership to methodology and sources that will start them on their journey of discovery.

Also included are spelling variants of our names, listings of associated family names (or "septs"), and some brief notes on our Society's excellent reference materials on the broader histories of Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall.

Clan MacDougall Society of North America, Inc.

The purpose of Clan MacDougall Society is literary, historical and educational. Among other endeavours the Society:

1. Promotes interest in Scottish heritage and Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall.
2. Helps to research the clans' history and support their heritages and historic places.
3. Communicates news, feature articles on clan history, book reviews and other items of interest to Clan members through "The Tartan" newsletter, and to the broader online audience through its website www.macdougall.org and Facebook page at www.facebook.com/clanmacdougall
4. Will provide access to a genealogical database on the Clan website www.macdougall.org to current paid members. The database includes input from hundreds of members.

Membership in the Society is open to all persons, their families and descendants who support Clan MacDougall, Clan MacDowall or the Families associated with these two clans.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Before you begin, remember – very few of us are descended from anybody historically important or of royal blood. But we are descended from the important people that formed our personal and family history and contributed to the way we are and the values we hold.

1. Obtain your own birth certificate. It usually contains parents' names, birth dates and places.

2. Using the information obtained in "1.", obtain your parents' birth certificates. Continue doing this as far back as you can.

3. Attempt to ascertain each couple's marriage date and place and obtain marriage certificates.

4. As early as possible contact your oldest living relatives and interview them as to family history, people, dates, places, etc. and record this information.

5. Select a genealogy program to enter information. Initially this can be simple ancestry charts, but in time you may decide on something more detailed and electronic. Make sure it is GEDCOM compatible to ensure you can exchange information with many other systems.

6. Consult books on how to do genealogical research. Locate a library of the Church of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon Church), a huge repository of free information.

7. Access the internet – especially the websites listed later in this handbook. Again, get some guides to help you – "Genealogy Online for Dummies" is excellent.

8. At some point be prepared to travel as that may be the only way you will be able to locate information and documents that you seek.

9. Consider joining your local genealogical society to get help. Professional genealogists are also available, but the journey in finding one's roots is as satisfying as locating that missing relative.

Specific Sources for Genealogical Research on Clan MacDougall & Clan MacDowall

1. **Clan MacDougall Society Genealogical Database.**
   This database has recently been digitized and is being made accessible exclusively to active members of Clan MacDougall Society. However, this is a limited database. It only contains some members' direct ancestors' names, dates of birth, death, and marriage, and places of birth, death, and marriage – IF THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE MEMBER.

2. **Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library**
   The Odom Library is located in Moultrie GA and is the official repository of Clan MacDougall Society records.

Scottish (and General) Genealogy on the Internet

www.familysearch.org Mormon, The Family History Library.

Use Search for Ancestors, in International Genealogical Index, Ancestral File, Pedigree Resource File; vital records indexes and FHL catalog.

www.ancestry.com

Commercial site: UK & Ireland, Scottish & Scots Irish parish & probate records, births, deaths, marriages, census, immigration, naturalization, & military records.

www.ancestralscotland.com

Many links to source documents, the Mitchell Library in Glasgow, family history Societies and historical local resources.

www.genuki.org.uk

Ref. library on Scottish genealogy, a wealth of info on history places and records.

www.rampantscotland.com

More than 10,000 links to all things Scottish, with a genealogy section.

www.geo.ed.ac.uk/home/scotland/genealogy.html

A vast collection~~s~~ of resources for tracing your Scottish Ancestry.

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

Official online source of parish register, births/baptisms, marriage/bans, deaths, and census records ranging from 1553-1952. Fee based.

Rootsweb Scotland – use internet search to access vital records free as an exchange database.

www.cyndislist.com/scotland.htm

More than 1,000 genealogy-related links for Scotland

www.geo.ed.ac.uk/scotgaz/

Gazetteer for Scotland, maps and places or history time-line.

www.ordsvy.gov.uk/

Ordinance Survey Gazetteer – order online the map of your ancestor's village.

www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk

More than 100 maps for towns in Scotland

www.scan.org.uk

Catalogs of over 50 Scottish Archives in electronic format with links to digital images of wills and testaments from 1500-1901, free access to full index.

www.scottishdocuments.com

Scotland's Written Legacy – fee for digital documents.

scotlandclans.com - use internet search

Scottish census and cemetery records and links to sites that posted census transcriptions, cemetery inscriptions, and photographs around Scotland.

National Archives of Scotland wills and testaments – use internet search

www.nas.gov.uk

Main archive holds public, legal, local, and private records 12th to 21st century.

www.gro-scotland.gov.uk

General Register Office for Scotland can purchase copies of original vital records.

www.edina.ac.uk/StatAcc/

Edinburgh Univ: Statistical Accounts by Parish of how your ancestor lived 1790's-1830.

www.safhs.org.uk

The Scottish Association of Family History Societies, 26 areas in Scotland.

www.electricscotland.com/ Genealogy, Burke's Peerage & Gentry

Surnames and Spellings:
MacDougalls of Lorn, MacDowalls of Galloway and Associated Family Names

The Clan MacDougall Society represents the name Dougall in its many variants. Dougall is found in many forms within both Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall. The spellings MacDougall and MacDowall are both attempts to phonetically translate the Gaelic name MacDhùghaill into Scots or English. Through the centuries many spelling variations have evolved. Many are spelled with or omit the "Mac" "Mc", "M^{c}", "M'"; some abbreviate or spell the names phonetically; still others might be spelled with entirely small (lower case) letters. You may encounter some of the archaic spellings in your research. Variant modern and ancient spellings include:

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Family Names within Clan MacDougall of Argyll -- and their Spellings

Certain families lived as part of the clan in the clan territory in Argyll, Scotland and often held important offices in the clan. In some cases the same surname may be historically associated with more than one clan. Variant modern and ancient spellings include:

SURNAME	**SPELLINGS INCLUDE** (These Family Names also demonstrate variant spellings that abbreviate or spell names phonetically and either include or omit the "Mac" "Mc", "M^{c}", "M'".)
MacGillemichael / Carmichael of Argyll	CARMYCHEL CARMICHAEL CARMICHAILL CARMICHEL CARMITELY CARMYCHALE CARMICHELL CARMYCHALL CAYRMICHELL CAYRMICHEL CARMECHELE CARMYCHELL CARMIGELL CARMIGHELL

Conacher (The clan physicians)	CONACHAR CONNACHAR CONNACHER MACCONACHER O'CONOCHER O'CONICHER O'CONOCHAR MACCONACHER MACCONCHER MACCONNACHER MACCONACHER MACCONQUHAR
Cowan	MACCOWAN MCCOWAN MCCOWN MACGILLOCHOAINE MACGILLECOAN MACGILLEQUHOAN MACGILLEQUHOANE MACGILLICHOANE MACGILLICHOAN MACILCHOMHGHAIN MACILCHOAN MACILCHOEN MACILCHOANE MACILLICHOAN MACKILQUHONE MACKILLICHOAN MACLEHOAN MAKILLICHOAN MAKILQUHONE MAKGILLICHOAN MAKGILLECHOAN MACCOAN MACCOWEN MACCOWNE MACKOWEAN MACKOWNNE MACKOWNE MACKOWYNE MACKOWEN MACKOWIE MACKOWIN MACOWAN MACOWEN
MacEwan	EUNSON MACEOWEN MACEWEN
MacKichan	MACAICHAN MACKIACHAN MACKIECH MACKICKAN MCKICHAN
Lintoch	MACLINTOCH MACLINTOCK MACCLINTOCK MACLINDEN
Livingston(e) of Argyll	LIVINGSTONE LEVINGSTOUN LEVINGSTON LEVINGSTONE LEVINGSTOUNE LIVINGSTON LEVINGESTUN LEVINGTON LEAVOCK LEVINGESTOUNE LEVYNGSTOUN LEWYNSTOUN LEWYNSTON LEWYNSTONE LEVYSTONE LEWINGSTOUNE LEAVACK LEVISTONE LEVNSTOUN LIVISTOUN LEVYNGISTOUN LIUISTON LEWYNSTOUNE LEWYNGSTOUN LIUISTONE LEVYNSTON LEWINSTON LEVINSTON LEVYNSTOUNE
Lucas	LOUKE LUCKIESON LUCK LOUK LUKE LUCKIE LUIK MACLUCAS MACCLUCAS MACCLUGASS MACLUGASH MACCLUGASH MACLAUGAS MACLEOUGAS MACLOUGAS MACLUGISH MACLUGUIS MACLUCKY MACLUGAISH MACLUKE MACLUGAS MACLUGASH MACLUGERS MACLUCASE MACLUCKIE MACLUCAIS MACLOWKAS MACLUCAS MACGLUGAS MACLUGEIS MACCLUGEIS MAKLUCAS

MacLulich	CULLOCH MACALACH MACCHULLACH MACCOLLOCH MACCOLLY MACCLULLICH MACCOWLACH MACCOULAGHE MACCOULAGH MACCOULACH MACCULLAGH MACCULLOCH MACCULLOCHT MACCULLIE MACCULLAUCH MACCULLAIGH MACCULLOGH MACCULLOH MACCULLOUGH MACCULLO, MACCULLACH MACCULLAGHE MACCULEY MACCULLY MACHULLIE MACHULAGH MACKCULLOCH, MACKOWLOCH MACKULLOUCH MACKOWLOCHE MACKULLOCH MACKULAGH MACKULLIE MACOULIE MACOWLACHE MACOLOGHE MACULLOCH MACULAGHE, MACULAGH MACULLIE MAKCOWLOCH MAKAWLLAUCH MAKCULLOCH MAKCULLO MAKCOWLLACH MAKCOULACH MAKCULLOCHT MAKHULAGH MALCOWLACH MACLULLICH MACLULAGHE MACLULAICH MACLULLIC MACLULICH MACLULLICH
MacNamell	

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Ancestors of Dugall

Father – Somerled Mother – Ragnhild

1 Ingialhe ill ruler
21 2 Olaf tree hewer
3 Halfdan white leg 710 -
4 E–stein the Fart 750 -
5 –alfdan the Stingy 780 -
6 Godfrey the Proud - 810
7 Olaf 810 - 840
8 Ranald
9 Godfrey - 873
10 Ivarr
11 Son unk King of Guthorm - 890
12 Ranald - 921
13 Ivarr - 950
14 Ivarr - 1000
15 Ranald - 995
16 Ranald - 1035
17 Echmarcach - 1065
18 Solmund
19 Gilladamnan
20 Gillebride
21 [2] Somerled - 1164 .+
[1] Ragnhild
22 [3] Dugall

12 Sigtyrg the Caoch - 927
13 Harald - 940
14 Godfrey - 1089
15 Ranald - 1005
16 Olaf
17 Harold the black
18 Godfrey the Croven - 1095
19 Olaf the morsel - 1153
20 [1] Ragnhild + [2] Somerled - 1164
21 [3] Dugall

Source: The Ancestors Of Somerled from The Highland Clans by Moncreiffe & Hicks

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Sources for Historical Information about Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall

Although this handbook is intended to assist with family genealogy, an understanding of the rich histories and traditions of our clans can provide interesting context and background. Recommendations:

1. The Clan MacDougall Society distributes short handouts on the histories of Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall free of charge.

2. A wide range of clan information is found on our website at www.macdougall.org including pages such as http://www.macdougall.org/heritage.html

3. Our clan books are an excellent source of clan histories. Access the Book Pages in the Heritage Section of the Society web site http://www.macdougall.org/books.html

    - For MacDougall history, see especially **Journeying in MacDougall Country** by Walter M. Macdougall. Purchase it through Lulu.com at http://www.lulu.com/shop/walter-macdougall/journeying-in-macdougall-country/paperback/product-2242050.html Or ask your local bookstore for ISBN 978-0-6151-7789-2.

      A complete history soon to be out of print is "Kings in the West Beyond the Sea: An Informal History of the Clan MacDougall," by William MacDougall. Send $17 per book to Richard MacDougal, 63 Murray Hill Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909.

    - For MacDowall history, an excellent 8-page color booklet in PDF format, entitled "**The Clan of the MacDowalls of Galloway"** is available for download from the Clan MacDougall website at http://www.macdougall.org/files/TheMacDowallsHandoutedit04302010.pdf

      See especially **The MacDowalls** by Fergus D. H. Macdowall Editor-in-Chief and Contributing Writers. Your local bookstore may order this book for you ISBN 978-0-578-02679-4. Or purchase through Lulu.com at www.lulu.com/commerce/index.php?fBuyProduct=5017251

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