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In Memorial to John A. McDougall

John's affiliation with Clan MacDougall Society began with the forming of the society in 1965. His membership #21 was listed in the first issue of the *Tartan* and he was appointed a member of the Directors in 1969. John was a valued member of the Board and was appointed Secretary-Treasure of the society in 1974. Ten years later, in 1984, he was appointed as the President of the Society.

His term ended in 1986 when George MacDougall became the President. George served until his death in January of 1991 and John stepped in to fill the vacancy until the election of Walter Macdougall in the fall of 1991. John remained on the Board of Directors until his death and was present at all meetings but 1 or 2 of the 42 years since the founding of Clan MacDougall Society.

John A. McDougall, age 90 years, died September 4, 2007 in Atlanta Georgia. He was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, the son of Grover K. McDougall and Bessie Court McDougall. He graduated from Lincoln Consolidated High School, and his first job was in the powerhouse of Ypsilanti State Hospital and later served as a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII. After leaving the Coast Guard he spent the rest of his professional career with Westinghouse as an engineer.

He was proceeded in death by two former wives: Marie Bramble and Cherry Canup, his parents and 2 brothers, Kenneth and Court McDougall, all members of Clan MacDougall society. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla K. McDougall; sisters, M. Phyllis Hutchings, Mildred R. Young and her husband, Fred; Son, Wayne Bramble; daughter-in-law Barbara Bramble; grandsons, Buzzy Bramble and wife, Susan; Todd Bramble and wife, Cindy; and 7 great grandchildren. Memorial services were held September 8 in the Horis A. Ward Stone Mountain Chapel.

John A. McDougall will be sorely missed with his leadership to the direction of the society and the concern that things are done correctly. Our heartfelt condolences go to Priscilla and the members of John's family. 🌹



The Editor's Desk



by Pat McDougal



Beacham McDougald has had the Oban Exchange students here for a fun holiday 4-18 of October when they enjoy the mountains of North Carolina and the School system in Laurinburg. Thank you, Beacham, for your work with this wonderful Exchange program and the Laurinburg Rotary Club.

Yours aye,
Pat

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In Memory of John A. McDougall

In writing this, it is difficult to select from the store of good memories. In my years as a member of our Clan Society, John was always there. He was a rock and a never failing source of sound judgment. He was of the old guard but not uncomfortable with progress. John believed in the founding mission of the Clan MacDougall Society: to bring a "...proud heritage of good Scottish Ancestry and all it implies to help in building a better world." John was not one for personal fanfare; he worked quietly and like a capable engineer he built solid foundations.

For many years there was a group of us who stayed at the Shady Lawn in Newland (it advertised as naturally air conditioned) when attending our annual meeting and the games at Grandfather Mountain. Forgive an old clansman but those were halcyon days, and John, his lovely wife, and his brother Ken richly contributed to the joy and significance which we discovered in belonging to our Clan Society. Our family would arrive at the Shady Lawn, our excitement renewed by having again looked up at grandfather's craggy face, and there would be John A. sitting on the porch with a smile and a wave of his hand.

Of course our Society will go on and even to grander accomplishments - it will because that is our rousing heritage - but, nevertheless, the death of Past President John A. McDougall is a real loss. We honor his memory, are thankful for his service to the Clan and treasure the memories of his friendship.

Walter M. Macdougall,
Past President





Flowers of the Forest

*Please accept our expression of sympathy
at the loss of your loved one...*



ARNOLD BEACHUM, 72, of Charlotte, died Thursday, August 30, 2007 at his home. Masonic Funeral Honors September 1, 2007 in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro.

Arnold was born in Anson County, NC July 4, 1935, a son of the late Arnold Edward Beachum and Julia Gertrude Niven Beachum, and was the grandson of the late Carlton Malcolm Niven and Isabella Florence Niven and Alberta Egbert Beachum and Radie Cleo Edwards Beachum. He was a graduate of Clemson University and was a registered architect in North Carolina, South Carolina and Missouri.

He was a master mason, currently serving as Master of the Joppa Masonic Lodge #530 in Charlotte, a member of the Scottish Rite - Valley of Charlotte, and the Ararat Shrine Temple in Kansas City, MO.

He was also a member of the Construction Specifications Institute, Catawba Valley Scottish Society, Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, and a veteran of the United States navy having served aboard the USS Hancock. Arnold was also serving as President for the Niven Family Foundation and a member of Clan MacDougall Society. Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Stroud Beachum of the home; his daughter, Tamara DeAnne Beachum Gehle and husband, Kenneth, of Decatur, GA; his grandchildren, Elis Anne Gehle and Eric Duncan Gehle, both of Decatur, a sister-in-law, Mary Beachum of Augusta, GA; nephew and niece, Robert Arnold Beachum of Augusta, GA and Julia Niven Beachum of Charlotte, NC; brothers-in-law, Ernest Stroud and wife, Monica, and Bobby Stroud and wife, Theo, all of Kershaw, SC; and sister-in-law, Virginia Faile and husband, J.T., of Lancaster, SC.



HUBERT A. LOWMAN, 93, of Arroyo Grande California died on December 11, 2006. Born April 15, 1913 in Clay County, Missouri to Edward and Stacia Inez Potts Lowman, Hubert was the oldest of three children and the last to survive.

His paternal grandmother was Sarah Ellen McDougale (1838-1902), and her great grandfather was John McDougale, born in Scotland in 1731 and married to Charity Duvall of Prince Georges County, Maryland in 1757. John enlisted in the 2nd Maryland Regiment on April 21, 1778 and died during the Revolutionary War July 1, 1778.

Hubert was a commercial artist and also played violin for a dance orchestra. In 1939 he married Martha Guynn Howard and were married nearly 52 years until her death in 1991. After the war he began a long career as a freelance scenic photographer and publisher. He was active in his business, Lowman Publishing Co. until his death.

Hubert and Martha had two sons, Edward A. Lowman, who died in 2004 in California, and Robert P. Lowman of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Hubert remarried in 1992 and is survived by his wife Elsie Parmelee Lowman of Arroyo Grande, also by four grandchildren.

Hubert was active in the Presbyterian Church of Grover Beach, Ca. and the Sons of the American Revolution. He was a lifetime genealogist and was a member of Clan MacDougall Society.



Word has been received from next of kin concerning the following members:

CORINNE MCDOUGALD GADDY
of Baton Rouge, LA died August 17, 2007

MISS ANNE D. MACDOUGALL
of Lexington, MA died March 16, 2007

ARCHIE M. DUGUILD
of Eugene, OR died March 13, 2007

FRANCES D. TILL
of Edinburg, TX died February 12, 2007

AUSTIN E. MACDOUGALL
of Bedford, NS, CA died January 2006

JOHN M. THARP
of Nickerson, KS died in 2005



Nollaig Chridheil or... Happy Christmas to all the MacDougall Family!

We have been pleased to have Clansfolk visiting Dunollie this year and we are still working on opening the House more 'officially' in the near future, when we can get funding.

We are very grateful for what we have already received and look forward to building up the funds which will initially go into the *MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust*. We will keep you informed as the project develops.

By the time you read this message, Walter MacDougall's book, *Journeying in MacDougall Country*, will probably be in print in its second edition. I would like to warmly recommend the book to all Clansfolk who wish to know more about the Country of their ancestors, all told in a delightfully readable narrative.'

We wish you all a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2008. All the Best.

Mary MacDougall of
MacDougall



May each of you have joy
and health!

Walter & Judith MacDougall
Past President



Holiday
Blessings of
joy & peace
to all.

Don & Sandra MacDougall
Past President



Sandy and I send our warmest holiday wishes to all within the Clan MacDougall Society. May all the wonder and good cheer of the season be yours.

Fergus Macdowall of Garthland



Once again, as the New Year begins this McDougal family wishes your family all the joy life can bring with good health and much happiness.

Pat & Jim McDougal
Tartan Editor

Jeanne and I send our greetings to all our kinsmen and women and friends for a blessed Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Alan M. MacDougall
Northeast Regional Commissioner



Noo let us hope our years may be
As guid as they ha'e been,
And trust we ne'er again ay see,
The sorrows we ha'e seen.
And let us wish that ane an'a'
Our frinds batith far an' near,
May aya enjoy in times to come -
A hearty guid New Year!



Merry Christmas!

Martin, Oliver,
Jennifer & Terry
McDougall
McDougall Design



William and Mary
Jeanne Ermatinger &
Kelly Wright.



Deputy returns from trip to Oban, Scotland

By Rachelle Kenworthy
Staff Reporter, *Oban Times*

Strathclyde Police Department is the name of their law enforcement agency and they cover all of Scotland with approximately 7,500 officers.

“Where we have city, county and state, while theirs is just one big organization,” said Tunstall. According to Tunstall, he didn’t get a lot of hands on experience over there, because if he had ended up witnessing a crime, there was the possibility he would have to come back and testify in the case. “They also ride doubles, meaning there are two officers on patrol at the same time. Jeremy was more or less a community policeman, as well as working at the high school as the Resource Officer. While I was there, we didn’t work the streets as much as he probably would have normally,” said Tunstall. “We mainly went around and visited the primary schools and talked with the kids. They thought that American policing was like...?”

Scotland County Sheriff’s Deputy Larry Tunstall recently returned from his trip to Scotland after participating in an 11-day “Officer Exchange” program with Laurinburg’s sister city, Oban.

Tunstall stayed with an Oban Police Officer and his family, Jeremy Moore, who will be visiting Scotland County this coming October.

“There were a lot of similarities between the laws we have and the ones they have over in Scotland. Basically, even the structure of the departments was the same. The way they go about pressing charges, issuing warrants, writing tickets, and stuff like that. Lots of similarities,” said Tunstall.

There were some differences that Tunstall noted while he was there. “The main difference is that they do not have a gun crime issue, it’s mostly knives. None of their officers carry guns, and of course all of ours do.” they’ve seen on TV, you know running people off the roads, and shooting their tires out, like they’ve seen in the movies. So after the first school, I started out by telling them not to believe all they’ve seen on TV,” said Tunstall.

Moore took Tunstall with him six of the days, and they walked around the town, which according to Tunstall is very similar to Laurinburg’s downtown area, being very compact, but spaced out much more.

“We walked around town and I could tell the people were staring, because we were in our uniforms. They wear an all black uniform, and I’m there is my gray shirt, people were straining to see the patch. They had never heard of Scotland County or knew it existed,” said Tunstall.

The exchange program has been in place for several years, after the initiative of Beacham McDougald and Mark Durham, returned home from vacation to Scotland in 1991. With the help from Laurinburg Rotary Club, Senator Bill Purcell, and the City of Laurinburg the program stays active and can even offer scholarships for those who need them. There are ten students from Scotland High School that accompanied Tunstall, and another Chaperon to Scotland.

“We are hoping that this Officer Exchange program will become an annual event. Something designed to compare the law enforcement differences and similarities between the two cities. It also promotes both forces as each one walks the streets in their homelands uniform,” said McDougald.

They already have someone from Laurinburg Police Department in mind to go next spring. 🍷



I was deeply sorry to hear of the passing of Past President John A. McDougall. My wife and I send our heartfelt condolences to those whom he loved. I am glad that I had the opportunity of knowing him. He was deeply devoted to the welfare of the Clan MacDougall Society and shall be greatly missed.



Fergus D. H. Macdowall
Chief of that name and the
MacDowells of Galloway



My gratitude goes out to all of you who sent beautiful cards, email messages and made telephone calls following the passing of my dear, sweet husband, John A. I was deeply touched by the evidence of your friendship and affection, and I shall be forever in debt to those of you who made the long trip to Atlanta in order to pay your respects to this exceptional man. I felt sincerely blessed to have been his wife for 3½ wonderful years. He truly was one of a kind. Thanks for all of your support and kind wishes!

~ Priscilla McDougall



A new banner has been produced by Bruce McClintock for use at games, public functions, or for personal use in your home. It will come without or with stitching at the top and bottom so you can buy and inserting a rod for easy hanging.

For information on purchase price and shipping see: www.macdougall.org and click on "other resources" then scroll down to find "e-store" or write to:

Bill Leroy, 333 W. Broadway St., Frankfort KY 40601-1939.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION Clan MacDougall Society of North America, Inc.

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the criteria for the new Scholarship Program for Clan MacDougall Society of North America, Inc. Its purpose is to financially support learning endeavors that enhance knowledge or appreciation of the Society and/or our cultural heritage. This may include a scholarship, fellowship, award, prize, or other method of financial assistance at North American and/or Scottish universities, colleges, other appropriate institutions, or from an appropriate tutor/instructor.

Scholarship emphasis is based on *monetary support* for "learning" rather than "doing." Examples would be: Payment for instruction in playing bagpipes or Scottish dance is definitely "learning" where payment for participating in competition is "doing." Likewise, taking a course in Gaelic is "learning", teaching Gaelic is "doing."

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. Submit a written application including:
 - Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, and Email.
 - If a student:
 - a. Official transcript of grades
 - b. Parent Name and address
2. A short written explanation of the purpose of the request showing desire to learn particular endeavors that enhance knowledge or appreciation of the Society and/or Scottish cultural heritage.
3. Two written references, either academic or professional.
4. The applicant must agree that, upon completion, Clan MacDougall Society of North America will be provided with a write up of his/her experience, suitable for publishing in the Tartan.
5. Subject to approval, up to \$1,000 is available.

Send application and references to:

Clan MacDougall Society of North America Scholarship:
William Ermatinger, 7 Owl Branch Lane, Parkton, MD 21120
wce34@qis.net

You may email any questions to:

Note: Financial need or a Scottish connection is not a requirement, or a connection to the MacDougall's or MacDowell's. This program is open to the public.

The MacDougall McCallum Heritage Foundation



Darlene Weisz

Recipients of the MacDougall-McCallum Heritage Foundations' John Carasik Scholarship for the year 2007 have been selected. Darlene Weisz and her sister Diane McDowell will share one of the \$1,000 scholarships. The sisters will assist in projects at the Lismore Gaelic Museum (Ionad Naomh Molaug) on Lismore Island and aide in organizing the MacDougall Collection at Dunollie House. Darlene is active in the Southern California MacDougall Clan Society and lives in Mission Viejo, California. She has an MA in education and has been a

secondary teacher, an educational psychologist and is involved in several volunteer organizations. Diane lives in Beaverton, Oregon and has traveled frequently in Scotland learning about the MacDougall and McDowell clans. Diane's background includes a BA in Anthropology/Sociology, has an MS in education and has taught for over 25 years.

The second \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Victoria Rumble from Florence, Alabama who is a member of Clan MacDougall Society and will go to Scotland in August. Vickie has a long list of accomplishments including historian, researcher, genealogist, and author of several historical books. She has traveled in Scotland and studied Scottish artifacts and material culture at the Highland Folk Museum.

Each of these women impressed the committee with their special skills, commitment and enthusiastic interest and all three will be a great asset in volunteering at Lismore and Dunollie.

Scholarships for 2008 will be accepted after January 2008. See web site: www.macdougallmccallumheritagefoundation.org or contact Margaret MacDougall Carasik at 2301 Bayberry Ave., Stillwater, Minnesota 55082. Phone 651-439-4780 her email is carasik@comcast.net. Scholarship of \$1,000.00 each are available for volunteers to assist the Lismore Museum and the MacDougall Collection at Dunollie House in preserving Clan MacDougall history. 🍀

Runner raises funds for disabled vets.

When Julie Lockwood of Huntsville, Alabama first looked into running the Grandfather Mt. Marathon in Boone N.C. in 2001, she decided the steep, high altitude run, dubbed the "toughest marathon in America," would need to wait.

Six years later, she found a reason to run the race that ends near the top of the 5,964-foot mountain and dedicated the race to her grandmother, Sibyl MacDougald Wilkinson. (See photo, Vol.42, #3 pg. 6)

Julie also ran the race to raise money for the "Still Serving Vets," a group that helps disabled veterans and their families. This organization's mission is close to her heart as her grandfather, James C. Wilkinson was a vet and was disabled when he fought with the 2nd Marine division in the Pacific in WWII.

She said the race was one of the hardest things she has ever done and to date she has raised over \$5000.00 and contributions are still coming in. If you would care to make a donation to Julie's cause, send a check payable to: Still Serving Veterans, 2939 Johnson Rd, Huntsville, AL. 35805.

Web site www.stillservingveterans.org. Thank you very much! 🍀

Book Review

Pioneering Journalist

"The Autobiography of a Pioneering African-American Journalist" by Leslie Harrison Pierce MacDougall Brownlee

If you were a news junkie in Chicago the past several decades, you know the name Les Brownlee. He was the first black to break the all-white Chicago newspaper market and later the first black TV reporter.

Les Brownlee finished his book just before his death on November 21, 2005.

He chronicles his courageous journey through a childhood marred by racism and poverty to a lifetime of accomplishments. The late Brownlee was an award-winning journalist for 60 years, reporting for Ebony magazine, the Chicago Defender, the Chicago Daily News and WLS-TV Chicago. He was the first African-American admitted into the Society of Professional Journalists, and the first emeritus professor of Columbia College.

Brownlee's life took many directions and after being in the service during WWII he returned to his home town, Madison Wisconsin only to find no place for him but a tent to live in, so he

moved to Evanston, Illinois where he attended Medill School of Journalism. A professor there named Curtis MacDougall took a special liking to him and they became friends. MacDougall, the author of some famous journalism texts had a daughter named Priscilla, who came to Madison where since 1975 she has been an attorney for the Wisconsin Education Assoc. Council, and she wound up marrying Les when he was 72 and she was 43. Priscilla has contributed a touching introduction to the autobiography.

In the end, it's a book about a black man who worked tirelessly to set an example for others - black and white. Les Brownlee: The autobiography of a Pioneering African American Journalist: Marion Street Press \$24.95 🍀

Editor's note: Curtis D. MacDougall was member #20; Les Brownlee was member #1193, his wife, Priscilla Ruth MacDougall is a new life member of Clan MacDougall Society.

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