



June 2015

Welcome to our monthly report to you of happenings in our Society. We are always looking for information about YOU, so if you have a birth or wedding or special event, please send us a photo and information to president@macdougall.org. For more information, please check our website at www.MacDougall.org.

Malcolm's Meanderings -- Notes from our President

Greetings,

In three weeks we install new directors and officers, led by incoming President Ashby McCown of Maryland and President Elect Scott MacDougald of Ontario.



Our Society has a grand heritage and all of us should be proud to be a part of it. As I look back, it's been wonderful to see an influx of new members who are eager to get involved. Many are helping in Clan tents at games around the continent. Others assist with our communications, helping to enrich our membership experience. Likewise, it's always inspiring to watch our longer-term members like Ashby, Scott and many others carry on our traditions with fire-in-the-belly enthusiasm.

Thank you MacDougalls, MacDowalls, and all of you who represent our many associated family names or septs, for your support of Clan MacDougall Society and our incoming officers.

Malcolm MacDougall
President

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New Members

Donnie Culkin

Goose Creek SC

Barbara Edelman

Telford PA

Jo Ann Gardner

Wilmington DE

Bonnie MacDougall Hetrick

Tarzana CA

Ellen Johnson

Pewaukee WI

Gail MacDougal Kelly

Narvon PA

Tom L. MacDougald

Suwanee GA

Katie McDougall

Nashville TN

Beverley Mundt

Winter Springs FL

Brad Mundt

Winter Park FL

Lindsey Mundt

Venice FL

Edward J. Stapanon, Jr.

Lexington MD

One "perhaps unreported benefit" of membership

In response to our request for members to tell us what they expect in return for their membership, Joe McHoul of Maryland shared the following "perhaps unreported benefit" of the Society:

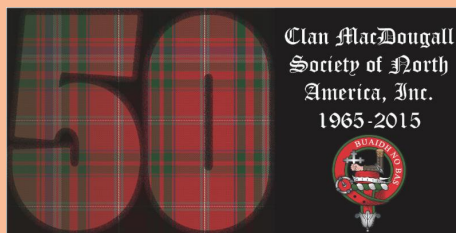
"I thought it was worth noting that I have found cousins that I've never previously met, by way of the Society. Several months ago a sidebar in the newsletter reported new members. Seeing our not too common last name among new members surprised me. Well, it turns out that we were both aware of relatives that had fallen out of contact with extended family. After several emails, we've met for lunch and learned more about our fathers. (His father, the oldest, my father, the youngest brother of a fairly large family.) We plan to meet again at the Fair Hill, MD games and meet even more extended family members. Thanks, MacDougall Society!"

Meet the McHoul cousins below, in the report on the Fair Hill Games. This kind of outcome is a primary reason we're trying to overcome some obstacles and

One last reminder: Hope to see you at the Society's 50th Anniversary Celebration and Founders Dinner

Last call for reservations for our 50th Anniversary Celebration, July 10 - 12 at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG) in Linville, North Carolina.

Join your fellow clansfolk for the Annual General Meeting, Founders Dinner, Porky Campbell BBQ, Saturday evening Celebration, and old fashioned fellowship.



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**Plan now to join
the celebration of our
50th Anniversary
July 10 - 12, 2015**

MacDougall Tents at Highland Games

Please notify our webmaster if you've signed up to host a tent at any games (and please submit photos). We want as accurate a Games Calendar as possible. Games listed here are found on our website.

JUNE

27-28 - San Diego Highland Games
- Vista, CA

JULY

1 - Embro Highland Games
- Embro, ON, Canada
3-5 - Kincardine Scottish Festival
- Kincardine, ON, Canada
10-12 - Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
& Society 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Linville, NC

AUGUST

7-9 - Fergus Scottish Festival
- Fergus, Ontario, Canada
14-15 - Bracebridge Highland Games
- Bracebridge, ON, Canada

SEPTEMBER

12 - Middle Tennessee Highland Games
- Nashville, TN

OCTOBER

10-11 - Seaside Highland Games
- Ventura, CA

Clan MacDougall is there as the 2015 Games season begins around the country

Please, if you host one of our tents, share a brief report and / or some photos with us.

Dunedin, FL Highland Games, March 28



Clan MacDougall's tent was hosted by our Florida Representative, Mimi Leroy-Marler: "A little over 10 families stopped by and signed in, telling stories of their families. Andrew, a teenager from Clearwater, has taken an interest in his family's history and plans to help out at the tent in the future, as well as Bev and her son from Winter Springs. Clan MacDougall members Alan and Joan McHale were busy as President

and Treasurer of the Games. The highlight was the Parade of Tartans, and Clan MacDougall 'marched' proudly waving their tartan flag."

Fair Hill, MD Colonial Highland Games, May 16

This year turned out to be the year of the McHouls at the Clan MacDougall tent. Of approximately 15 visitors, an amazing 11 shared the McHoul spelling. An article above mentions Joe McHoul's earlier surprise at discovering others of that "not too common last name," and his intention to meet up with some at Fair Hill. Well, there were more than he could imagine. McHouls blanketed our Fair Hill tent like heather in a Scottish moorland, many of them meeting for the first time.

"The Clan MacDougall Society has helped to reunite some long lost family connections."

Cousins Bill, Bill and Joe McHoul are shown at right.



Improv Time: Greenville, SC Games, May 23



This was to be Clan MacDougall's first effort in the Greenville (Gallabree) Games. Mark Lucas had agreed to host our tent, his first-ever experience. But due to some last-minute glitches, he didn't receive expected display materials or a banner. At the very last minute, Mark and his wife were able to produce a banner and arrange a clean, basic display that received compliments from Society members who attended. Sometimes less is perfectly sufficient.

"I got one new member!!! Overall a success!! Very tired!! Would love to do it again next year!!," Mark reported. Our thanks to them both for keeping their cool and representing their Clan with such enthusiasm.

John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarships

Our Scholarship Program supports one of the key purposes of our Society. Access our website to apply. Donations to our Scholarship Fund help defray the costs, are accepted year-round and are greatly appreciated by the Society and recipients. The Society is a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions to its endeavors may be tax deductible in the U.S.

FYI: Starforth's Clan MacDougall History back in print

We don't usually carry commercial messages, but we agree with some of our members that this one is worth publicizing.

An Official Short History of the Clan MacDougall, by Michael Starforth, has been reprinted for the first time since 1983. It is available from Unicorn Limited, Inc, P.O. Box 125, Loachapoka, AL 36865 (e-mail: mclead@scotpress.com, Phone: 334-501-0202)

According to the publisher, "This excellent and highly readable history, authorised by the 30th chief of the Clan, provides a wonderful introduction to the activities and personalities of the chiefly line of the MacDougalls... There are few clans today who are fortunate enough to have such a concise, information-packed history for their members."

The book is also available on eBay or amazon. ISBN 978-1559323352.

An Official Short History
of the
Clan MacDougall



Michael Starforth



Famous MacDowalls

Thain W. MacDowell - War Hero

Thain was born in Lachute, Quebec on September 16th 1890. He attended the University of Toronto, where he joined the Canadian Officer Training Corps. After graduating in 1914, the year the Great War erupted in Europe, he enlisted and was commissioned in the 38th (Ottawa) Canadian Infantry Battalion [now the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa (Duke of Edinburgh's Own)].

He was 26 years old, and a captain in the 38th Battalion during the First World War when he was awarded the Victoria Cross.



On April 9th, 1917 at Vimy Ridge, France, Capt. MacDowell, with the assistance of two runners (company orderlies) reached the German position ahead of his company. After destroying one machine-gun nest, he chased the crew from another and spotted one soldier going into a tunnel. At the base of the tunnel, MacDowell was able to bluff a group of the enemy into thinking he was part of a much larger force, resulting in the surrender of two enemy officers and 75 soldiers. He sent the prisoners up out of the tunnel in groups of 12 so that the two orderlies could take them back to the Canadian line. Although wounded in the hand, MacDowell continued for five days to hold the position gained, in spite of heavy shellfire, until eventually relieved by his battalion. He was promoted to the rank of Major following his actions at Vimy Ridge.

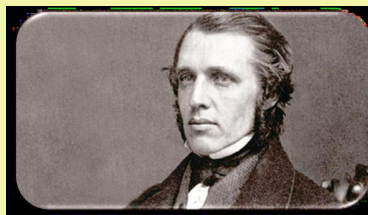
Later he later achieved the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. After the war, Colonel MacDowell served as an executive of several mining and chemical companies, and from 1923-1928 he acted as private secretary to the Minister of National Defence. He died in Nassau, the Bahamas, on March 28th, 1960. Colonel MacDowell's Victoria Cross medal is on display at the University of Toronto.

[NOTE: The above data came from an Internet search for Thain MacDowell and is reported in detail in Fergus Macdowall's book, "The MacDowalls."]

Interesting MacDougalls

William McDougall -- Politician

Born on January 25th, 1822, William began life as the son of a farmer, but eventually turned his attention towards law and politics. After receiving his education at Victoria College in Cobourg (Upper Canada at the time), William began practicing law as an attorney and solicitor in 1847.



From 1858 to 1867, McDougall was a member of the Legislative Assembly of Canada that governed Ontario and present day Quebec. He represented the electoral districts of North Oxford (1858-1863), North Ontario (1863-1864), and North Lanark (1864-1867). He was a delegate to the Charlottetown, Quebec and Westminster Conferences, and as a result, was one of the Fathers of Confederation.

After Canadian confederation in 1867, he joined the Conservative Party and served as a Member of Parliament for North Lanark from 1867-1872, and was Canada's first Minister of Public Works. In 1867 he introduced the resolution in the House of Commons that eventually led to the purchase of Rupert's Land, which was mostly owned by the Hudson's Bay Company at the time (including all of Manitoba, most of Saskatchewan, southern Alberta, southern Nunavut, and northern parts of Ontario and Quebec; there are also some parts of Minnesota and North Dakota, as well small parts of Montana and South Dakota). William accompanied Sir George-Etienne Cartier to London, England, to negotiate the purchase in 1869.

On the advice of Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald, William was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Rupert's Land and the Northwest Territories, effective October 1st, 1869. However, when he tried to enter that jurisdiction at the end of October in that year, he was turned back by Louis Riel's insurgents before he could establish his authority at Fort Garry. Since he was never officially installed as Lieutenant Governor at Fort Garry, many authorities claim that he was never Lieutenant Governor and do not name him as such. After he returned to Ottawa, he served as a Private Member in the House of Commons until 1872. William resumed the practice of law in 1873, but then returned to politics to serve as the Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for South Simcoe from 1875-1878. Following that, he served as the Member of Parliament for Halton from 1878-1882.

William McDougall was knighted Companion of the Bath in 1867 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1881. He died on May 29th, 1905, in Ottawa, Ontario.

[NOTE: The above data came from an Internet search for MacDougalls of interest. If you have any suggestions of MacDougalls or MacDowalls that you would like to see featured here, please let us know.]

Famous Scots



