

The Tartan



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Wylie and Mary McDougall,
Founding Editors

*Clan MacDougall Society
Of North America, Inc.
announces the
Annual Meeting
of the Membership
to be held
Friday, July 7, 2000
at 5 o'clock in the evening
in the Pool Pavilion
of the
Eseeola Lodge
Linville, North Carolina*

*Members wishing to participate in the business of the Society should attend.
Following the meeting, join members at Eseeola Lodge for the
Cocktail Hour at 6:00 p.m. 🍷 Piping in to Dinner at 7:00 p.m.*

*In connection with Grandfather Mt. Highland Games
Directors meeting to be held at 3:00 p.m. at the Pool Pavilion*



The Editor's Desk

by Pat McDougal

Thank you, each one who sends information, to fill these pages. As the Tartan grows, it becomes of more interest to all the Clan.

With the coming of spring here in the south, the Highland games are also going on with large attendance here and around the world. With such attendance, how can we not be excited for the advancing of Clan MacDougall. Make plans to attend one or more of these games this year and you'll be glad you did.

Grandfather Mountain Games is just around the corner and it is a joy to see so many of you attend the MacDougall annual meeting and dinner. The long weekend together gives time to get acquainted and connect with a new relative in the process.

Yours aye,
Pat



Note:

Nancy Black's new book, *From a Hollow on the Hill*, can be purchased from Walter Macdougall for \$33.00 plus \$3.25 for postage U.S. or \$7.20 postage Canada.

Correction:

Proud Grandfather, Ian H. MacDougall, Regional Commissioner Western Canada, says the baby picture on page 2, Vol. 35 #1, belongs to his grandson, John Andrew Flett. John Andrew was born on August 26, 1999 weighing 8 lbs., 1 oz.

(I suppose everyone noticed that baby looked like a boy. I'm sorry about this confusion. The information given was correct for baby Kayly Devin Michelle Howell and we now have two new members.)

From the Heartland Region!

The Scottish Cultural Society of Ft. Wayne welcomed in the Millennium with a Burns Birthday Celebration and dinner at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on February 12. Now plans are well underway to host the 13th Annual Indiana Highland Games July 22, 2000. Bravehearts we are as last year's heat wave (Saturday July 24 broke heat records of long-time standings!) nearly sank our ship but we are determined to recover. To date our summer schedule for the Heartland Region includes:

Kentucky Scottish Weekend, Carrolton, KY	May 12-14
Alma Highland Games, Alma, MI	May 26 - 28
Indiana Highland Games, Ft. Wayne, IN	July 22
St. Andrews Society Games, Detroit, MI	August 12 - 13
Kalamazoo Scottish Festival, Kalamazoo, MI	August 26

The Clan MacDougall membership continues to grow in this region. The Donovans of Wayne, Michigan are adding new members hosting the tents at Alma, Detroit and Kalamazoo. Bill Leroy covers the Kentucky Games and it is our desire to host tents in Ohio and Illinois by 2001. Springfield, IL Games are May 20 and at Oberline College, OH, the weekend schedule starts June 22 thru June 24. A web page will soon be up at Fort Wayne, with up-to-date news. ☺

☺ The Water of Life ☺

or Usquebaugh in Gaelic, refers to nothing less than Whisky. Though the English spell the word "whiskey" the proper spelling is without the "e." According to the late Sir Fitzroy MacLean, whisky is worth more than £1,000,000,000 (that's one billion pounds sterling) to the Exchequer. The French drink more whisky each month than they drink cognac in a year. In the USA we consume six bottles of whisky each minute.

Excuse me for just a minute....

Display Plan for the Brooch of Lorn

By Alastair Dalton

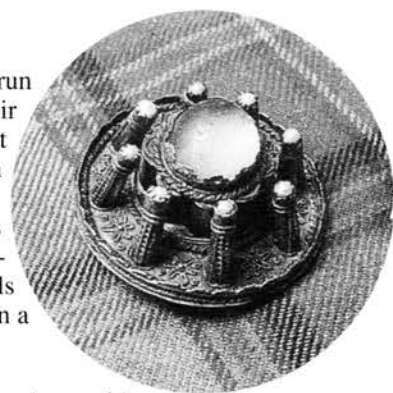
In the MacDougall clan, memories run long. They were outraged when their prized war trophy--ripped from the breast of a fleeing Robert the Bruce--was stolen in a Campbell raid in the 17th century.

The fabled Brooch of Lorn was returned at the beginning of the 19th century, and so fearful were the MacDougalls of again losing it, that the relic has lain in a bank vault, which the clan chief alone can open.

The distrustful Highland clan is cautiously considering allowing the public to see the historically significant relic. The royal jewel is said to have been torn from the Scottish king's cloak as he fled from defeat at the battle of Dalrigh, near Tydrum, in 1306.

It was later stolen from the MacDougalls during the religious wars of the 1640's and has been closely guarded by the clan since its return almost 200 years later. One of its last appearances was when a previous chief wore the brooch for the Queen's visit to Oban in 1956.

Mary McGrigor, a historian and author of "Land of Blood and Beauty" said the brooch is of major historical significance. "It is one of the most important relics in Scottish medieval history and I will be extremely interested to see it." It may be included with a major folk art collection, amassed by Miss Hope MacDougall, aunt of the current clan chief, at the proposed new museum in Dunolie House. ☺



Flowers of the Forest

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

Clan MacDougall Society

Beulah S. Ward MacDougall, 104, Indianapolis, died March 20, the mother of Dr. John D. MacDougall who is a member of the Clan Society. She was also a member of the DAR Chapter.

McDougall graduates from West Point



John McDougall, son of Pacific Northwest Regional Commissioner Martin and Ruth McDougall, is graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York in May at the top 2% of his class. He will graduate with a mechanical engineering major and be commissioned as a 2nd Lt. His branch choice is Infantry. His first duty station after officer training at Fort Benning, Georgia will be in Vicenza, Italy.

John is the pipe major for the Pipes and Drum Corp. and some of the highlights have been play-

ing at the Waldorf Astoria in Limerick, Ireland and at the Army-Navy games.

In soccer he played sweeper in all 4 years in the Patriot League-Division I. He was named the varsity MVP this year and was also named the Patriot League Scholar Athlete for men's soccer.

In his Academics was named as a West Point Distinguished Cadet and on the Dean's list all semesters. He also has been inducted into Phi Kappa Phi in 1999 and carries a sparkling 3.859 grade point average.

In his military record, he was awarded the Bronze Star in 1999 for being in the top 5% of his class of 1000.

Clan MacDougall Society congratulates this fine young man on his accomplishments and outstanding record, "Buaidh no bas" John.



Welcome to a New MacDougall

We have a new McDougall to carry on our line. On

February 7, 2000, A. Wylie McDougall IV was born to Monica and Alec McDougall. He weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces and was 22 inches in length.

He was born 100 years after his namesake, Wylie McDougall, one of our co-founders of Clan MacDougall Society and our first editor of the *Tartan*. He is the great grandson of our society's first president, co-founder, and High Commissioner, John W. McDougall.

Reported to our editor by a proud grandfather, A. Wylie McDougall II.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Richard T. MacDougall



Spring is finally here MacDougall Clan folk, and I send you greetings.

The games have begun! This is a thought which is motivating and energizing to all of us. Apropos to the fact that spring symbolizes new growth, I am personally excited by the news of all the new growth in our Clan Society. We are a continuing growing presence in the North American Scottish culture. Just a year ago in the Spring issue of the *Tartan* I made an appeal for Clan folk to become representatives for us in our Southwest region. Since then we have appointed a new Regional Commissioner, Harold MacDowell, with reps in both Arkansas and New Mexico. Harold reports a very successful first ever MacDougall clan tent at the Oklahoma City Games, with five new members and many new friends. Donny MacDougall is getting ready to man our first tent in New Mexico on May 20, at the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival in Albuquerque. Next will be our first tent in Texas, in Arlington, June 2-4.

The Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, and Northwest Regions all report new games for 2000. And Bill Leroy reports that we have a record number of new member applications for the first three months of the year.

Is all this exciting or what!? I wish I could go to all these places to meet you.

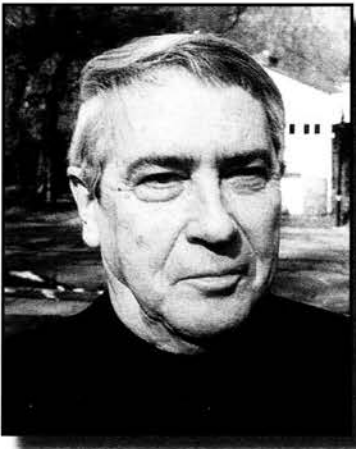
Elsewhere in this *Tartan* you will find the announcement about our clan society annual meeting, July 7, at Linville, NC, as well as a reservation form for the dinner. As usual I urge you to make your plans and reservations early. It is important that we know how many are coming to dinner and room accommodations tend to sell out early. Grandfather Mountain is a very popular games and gathering.

A familiar name has made the news from two different directions lately. I will discuss it in more detail on my President's page on our website, but I want to mention them briefly here. Gen. Alexander McDougall was a revolutionary war hero on Gen. Washington's staff. One of his biographers, William MacDougall, now living in Virginia, is a welcome new member of our society and has made a number of copies of his book available to us with the profits to go to the Gylen Castle Fund. Please contact Don and Sandra MacDougall, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Commissioners if you are interested.

Also, Robert MacKenzie, President of the Glasgow Islay Association, has sent me a program from their annual gathering and concert. In it is featured a short biography of Gen. McDougall, focusing on his early roots on the Island of Islay. He has graciously given us permission to use this bio, properly credited.

Slainte mhor,

Dick



Mid-Atlantic Profiles by Don and Sandra MacDougall

While visiting Mel MacDougall, Pacific Crescent Commissioner and his wife Nyla, in the mountains of California last year, he asked if we had heard of William L. MacDougall of Arlington, Virginia. It seems that William had written several books, one of which was about a famous MacDougall ancestor. As Mid-Atlantic Regional Commissioners, we were embarrassed to admit we had not heard of the author, or the book, "American Revolutionary: A Biography of General Alexander McDougall," one of the unsung heroes of the American Revolution.

Mel's question began an interesting quest to locate William MacDougall, the author. So, to make a simple problem difficult, we misplaced the address Mel had given Don. However, Sandra began a search and located William "Bill" MacDougall. A few questions and Sandra found out that he had written the book about his ancestor to commemorate the Bicentennial. We are including a brief review of the book in an accompanying article.

William "Bill" MacDougall Following is a short biography of our new member William L. MacDougall:

William is an author of several books including "American Revolutionary: A Biography of General Alexander McDougall," and "The Search for Virginia Dare." He was managing editor of "Arts Review," the quarterly of the National Endowment for the Arts, assistant managing editor of the "U.S. News & World Report," and Washington correspondent for the Los Angeles Times. He was born in De Moines, Iowa and now lives in Arlington, Virginia. He is a graduate of Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, and the Graduate School of Journalism of Columbia University, New York.

His ancestors, James and Agnes McDougall, emigrated from Scotland to Washington County, New York, in the late 1700s. They were the last of seven McDougall families to settle there--Alexander McDougall and his family were the first.

We are proud to have Bill as a member of the Mid-Atlantic Region of Clan MacDougall. Bill has donated 10 of his books, "American Revolutionary," to the Mid-Atlantic Region offering all sales proceeds as a donation to the Gyle Castle Repair fund.

For those who wish to purchase a copy of this interesting and historically enlightening MacDougall book, contact:

Greenwood Publishing Group • 88 Post Road West • PO Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881-5007 • 203-228-3571

American Revolutionary: A Biography of General Alexander McDougall

Alexander McDougall is one of the unsung heroes of the American Revolution. Like Samuel Adams, a principal agitator of the Revolutionary movement, and like Thomas Paine a flaming penman, if a less gifted one, McDougall chose jail in order to test the liberty of the press and the right of free men to criticize public authority.

As the author of this informed biography reveals, McDougall was one of that new breed of men of humble origins whom the Revolutionary movement propelled forward to seats of power. Sailor, privateersman, and merchant shipper, he had achieved a considerable affluence by the time of the revolution. Still, even his enemies conceded that he never lost the common touch. To his foes he remained a very common man, for he talked the language of sailors and artisans, a group long excluded from meaningful political power.

To Alexander McDougall there would have seemed nothing inconsistent in his advocating the causes of the common man while at the same time being dedicated to the protection of property rights. Humble in origin, working class in his early associations, McDougall remained very much the middle class entrepreneur. One should not be surprised, therefore, that, in actively espousing the claims of the unpaid officers of the Revolutionary army, he was prepared to unite their cause with that of the civilian public creditors, nor that he should become a federalist in the postwar years and even a bank president.

As his biography reveals, McDougall's greatest triumphs occurred

at the start of the Revolution. Thereafter, despite a solid military career, his contributions were of a lesser order. Other men whom he and a small nucleus of radical associates had drawn into the conflict proved more gifted on the field of battle and more creative in stagecraft. But Alick McDougall, who more than any single man, nudged New York into the Revolutionary movement, quite appropriately stood in that select company of top officers who embraced Washington at Fraunces' Tavern when at wars end the general delivered his parting remarks.

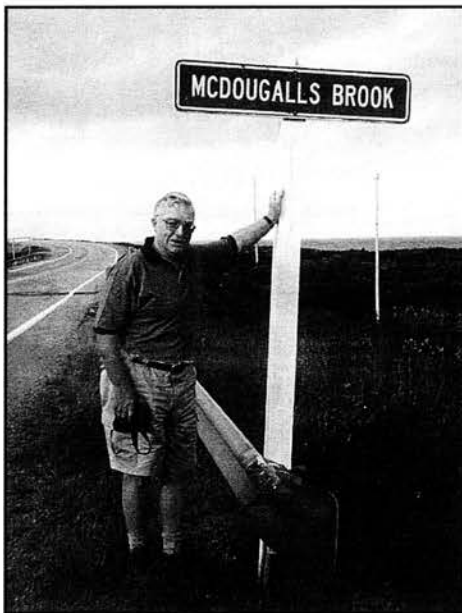


Alexander McDougall

Historians and the general reader alike will be greatly indebted to the author for restoring Alexander McDougall to his central role among the radical agitators, mass organizers, political manipulators, and propagandists of the American Revolution and for showing how his improbable career was not atypical of that group of extraordinary men who in a few brief decades changed the face of history.

Extracted from the forward written by Richard B. Morris.

editor's note: For more information on this war hero, log on the internet at:
www.ileach.co.uk/glasgow-islay/connections/liberty



Lt. Col. Vance McDougall at
McDougall Brook
Newfoundland, Canada

On a recent trip to Newfoundland travelling the main highway of the island, I was surprised to see a highway sign stating McDougall Brook. This sign was located just a few kilometers from Port Au Basque where the Canadian National Railway Ferry arrives from the mainland. After passing the sign no village appeared hence my curiosity was aroused. Conducting inquiries with the locals, I learned that McDougall had been a long-time Newfoundland native whose duty it was to call the railroad office in St. Johns, the capital, and give them the local weather conditions. It seems the train in dear old Newfie up until the early 50's was a narrow gauge model called the "Newie Bullet." The Bullet apparently could be blown off it's tracks by high winds which are prevalent in Newfoundland. It was McDougall's job to check wind conditions and advise as to whether the train should run each day. This task, which was duly carried out for many, many years, plus having the only telephone for miles around, ensured McDougall's place in the history of the island forever. ☺

Major General McDougall key to the war effort

by Lt. Col. Vance McDougall

World War I was primarily a defensive war requiring the construction of untold miles of trenches, fortifications, railways and roads. To carry out these jobs the allies enlisted highly trained professional engineers and contractors. Major General Alexander McDougall was one of these sought after professionals. Prior to the war, Major General McDougall had been one of Canada's leading lumber barons. Residing near the town of Renfrew, Ontario just north of Ottawa, the Capital of Canada, he had the resources, organization and know how to cut and ship vast quantities of lumber. Lumber was so important to the war effort that the Canadian government established the Canadian Forestry Corps. A great many of the men making up this Corp came from the Ottawa Valley as did three of the five senior officers, Major General McDougall being one. Throughout this terrible war Major General McDougall, although not a young man, served with distinction eventually returning after the war to his home in the Ottawa Valley. Just north of Renfrew in the village of McDougall. ☺

The Definition Of A Mother

by Louise Shattuck

Do you know that Webster defines a mother as "a female parent"? This is the understatement of all time, and I'd like to tell Mr. Webster why his description should be revised. A mother is a walking encyclopedia who is expected to know Stan Musial's batting average, how to tie a half hitch, and where somebody left last Sunday's Comics. She must answer unhesitatingly such questions as where the sun goes at night, how jet propulsion works, what the principal exports of Thailand are, and where baby kittens come from.

A mother is a master mechanic who can get a trouser leg out of a bicycle chain, and can fix anything with cellophane tape and a hairpin. She is a plumber who knows that the water won't run out of the bathtub because the tissue-paper sails have come off the children's boats and are clogging the drain. She is an electrician who can make the electric train back up without blowing a fuse.

On days when a lemonade stand appears on the front lawn, a mother is the supply sergeant who never runs out of lemons. She has an endless supply of sharpened pencils and bandages on hand, and a drawer full of presents for the birthday parties her children have been invited to but have forgotten to tell her about.

A mother is a practical nurse who knows how to make a splint for a bird's broken wing. She must also be able to remove splinters and loose teeth painlessly, stop an earache in the middle of the night, and cure a case of measles before the fourth-grade picnic.

A mother is a detective who finds the missing mate to every sock. When her scissors and flashlight disappear, she can recover them long before the culprits plead guilty.

A mother is an untiring seamstress who sews on Scout badges, designs tricky patches for jeans, replaces lost buttons, and lets down and takes up dozens of hems. She must also be able to make such a beautiful halo and pair of wings that the school-play audience will never notice that the angel's two front teeth are missing.

She must be an industrial designer who can decorate a tricycle that will win a prize in the Fourth of July parade.

She is a mathematician who doubles and triples recipes in a split second when her daughter asks the whole neighborhood to lunch. Her bookkeeping must be accurate enough to keep track of overdrawn allowances, Christmas-fund borrowings and hours owed for dishwashing assignments.

She must be an athlete--old enough to remember how to do the Charleston, but not too old to play hide-and-seek.

A mother is a lady-in-waiting who is never too busy to help look for a lost ball, too tired to read another story aloud, or too squeamish to bait a hook with a wriggling worm.

A mother is an heiress! Although she may not feel wealthy when she is trying to stretch the family budget to include braces on teeth and dancing lessons, she is rich in rewards. She is rich in the pride that engulfs her when her teen-ager offers to mow the neighbor's lawn while they are away on vacation, or her Little Leaguer insists on pitching with a sprained finger rather than let his teammates down. She is rich in investments. As she watches her small daughter tenderly tucking her doll into bed, she hopes her child will grow up to know the happiness of being a mother.

It is then that she knows, Mr. Webster, that a mother deserves the longest definition in the world!

Gylen Castle

by Bill Stewart

“There are 2 derivatives of the place name Gylen:

Caisteal nan Goibhlean - Castle of the forks or promontories and

Caisteal nan Gaoilean - Castle of the narrow glen.

Gylen castle is perched on a precipitous promontory and except from the North side it is quite inaccessible. The narrow approach has been guarded by earthworks of which traces are still visible. It is thought that Norsemen may have had a stronghold here but the architectural style dates from 16th Century onwards. Apparently it is an excellent example of a fortified Baronial Residence. It has/had crow stepped gables, turrets, dormer windows and chimney stacks.

Above the entrance door is some Old English lettering - a bit obliterated now - but which read “Trust in God and not in me: my son do well and let them say.” There are also Armorial Bearings on a stone tablet, as well as other ornamentations on the front wall. Dr. John Leyden relates in his “Journal of a tour in the Highlands and Western Islands of Scotland in 1800” that when he visited Gylen Castle he saw 3 busts over the Gateway in the dress of Queen Mary’s reign, with the figure of a bagpiper playing.

Apparently on the right as you enter there is a vaulted room and a spiral stair of the Round Tower. The steps of the stair are intact to the first floor, but are broken further up. The big fireplace and several Recesses in the walls will be noticed. The building had been 4 stories high - (floors to you). There has been a square tower on the southside. The rock underneath the Castle is said to be Dungeon.

The outstanding event in Gylen Castle’s history is the siege it underwent in the autumn of 1645, immediately after the defeat of the Marquis of Montrose and his West Highlanders by the Covenanters under General David Leslie at the Battle of Philliphaugh. Six successive battles Montrose had won for King Charles the First but his defeat at Philliphaugh negated the victories. Cromwell dispatched Generals David Leslie and Montgomery to the West Highlands on a punitive expedition. They concentrated their attacks on Dunollie, Duart and Gylen Castle because the Macleans and the MacDougalls fought on the Royalist side. Duart was captured, Dunollie was besieged but Chief John held out and Gylen succumbed and was looted and burned.

Apparently during one of these battles a fierce hand-to-hand encounter took place and a Campbell swordsman by the name of Ian Beg MacIain Mhic Dhomhnuill, little John, son of John, son of donald, of Braghlin found himself up against a MacDougall warrior, Ian Kerrerach, John of Kerrera. The ensuing tussle was tough and long, till with one wild sweep of his keen claymore, the little Campbell with the big name hewed completely off both legs of his opponent. Now, by all laws of anatomy and physiology, Ian Kerrerach ought at once to have been hors de combat, yet according to tradition he fought on for some time! (Can’t keep a good MacDougall down!!!)”

Apparently the MacDougalls thought the famous “Brooch of Lorne” had been destroyed in the fire, but it had apparently been taken by a Campbell. The Brooch was returned to the MacDougalls in 1825.

From a more modern source - Walk Mull, Oban and Lochaber (1999).

Gylen was built at the end of 16th Century (we have found a date of 1587) by Duncan MacDougall of Dunollie the 16th Chief. It is rare example (for the west coast) of a tower build in the Scots Baronial style, tall thin and I-shaped. It is much smaller than the examples to the east of the Grampians, but it matches them for its exquisite proportions, and its position is better than any; perched above a cliff between two narrow inlets. Sadly the castle was besieged, taken and burnt by the Covenanters in 1647 and, although occasional repairs to the masonry have kept the walls intact, Gylen has never been rebuilt.

On further research I have found out a bit about Alexander Faichney - apparently he came to Oban in November 1885 from Lerwick, he became the headmaster of the evening school in Oban as well as teaching in the High School. At one stage he had 70 pupils in his class. He apparently wrote other guide books of walks around Oban “His Guide” and Oban and the District Around” - he presented 2 copies of these books to the school library on the occasion of the recognition of Oban as a Burgh of Barony. ☺

Somerled Award Recipients

Marjorie and Margaret McLeod were honoured by the Clan MacDougall Society of North America by receiving THE SOMERLED AWARD in recognition of outstanding services to 1998.

Marjorie and Margaret have been members of the Clan MacDougall Society of North American since 1966. The award was presented by our Ontario Chapter President Maxwell McDougall at the MacDougall booth at Scarborough Town Centre in February 1999.

Pictured right are Margaret McLeod, Maxwell McDougall and Marjorie McLeod.





Andrea C. Blackburn, a Life Member (Mid-Atlantic Region) and professional travel consultant, has become a SCOTSMaster, a designation granted by the Scottish Tourist Board to travel professionals who complete the QUEST FOR SCOTLAND. This rigorous program, created by the University of Edinburgh, requires participants to develop and in-depth knowledge of Scotland--its history, culture, geography and issues related to scottish travel and tourism. To date, there are only 153 SCOTSMasters in the U.S. and Canada.

Andrea lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband, Gregg A. Rubinstein and, in keeping with the Clan's Norse heritage, their two Norwegian Forest cats.

To better serve her group and individual clients travelling to Scotland and beyond, Andrea started her own company, HALCYON TRAVELS, this winter. Inquiries from Clan members about travel to Scotland are always welcome at email: andrea@halcyontravels.com, or tel: 202-234-6990. ☺



Andrea C. Blackburn recieving her SCOTSMaster diploma from Lord Gordon of Strathblane, Chairman of the Scottish Tourist Board.

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Vice President - Investments

Salomon Smith Barney *Retired*

I was born April 2, 1932, in Tulsa, Oklahoma--the youngest of four children. I graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a BBA degree from the School of Business Administration.

I married the former Gelene Gish of Tulsa in 1958. We have two sons, Harold F. MacDowell, III and Jeffrey N. MacDowell, who with their wives and our four grandchildren, live in Dallas, Texas.

For 29 years I worked for Griffin Grocery Company in Muskogee, Oklahoma and Fort Smith, Arkansas. I was division president when the owner of the company died in 1985 and the Food Distribution Division was sold in January of 1986. I began my career with Smith Barney in 1986 until retirement in January of 2000.

In Muskogee I served as Republican County Chairman, board member of the Y.M.C.A., senior warden of Grace Episcopal Church, and President of the Rotary Club.

In Fort Smith I am a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and have served as senior warden, vestry member, Adult Sunday School teacher, lay reader, chalice bearer, and choir member. Presently I am a member and past president of the Salvation Army Advisory Board; member of the Fort Smith Symphony Board; member of the Fort Smith Heritage Foundation Board; vice president of the Board of Trustees of Bost Human Development Services; secretary of the Sebastian County Republican Committee; and member and past president of the Fort Smith Rotary Club.

I was appointed Southwest Regional Commissioner of the Clan MacDougall Society of America in 1999 and look forward to increasing our membership and influence in the states of Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana. ☺



FROM HIGHLAND GAMES & GATHERINGS

New Northwest Chapter - for B.C., CANADA

By Barbara MacDougall, Regional Representative

As a "Millennium project," Dr. Fergus McDowall, Honourary President and resident of the Pacific Northwest, had decided that the time had come for British Columbia to have its own Chapter. The enthusiastic interest shown by "MacDougalls" who came forth to the clan tent during the Clan gatherings last summer in the lower B.C. region, gave strong indications that the MacDougalls here, were ready to *organize and be counted!*

Acting on this Fergus approached Donald R. and Mary J. MacDougall - progenitor of a large family - with the proposal that they become interim Regional Commissioners until such time as the membership wished to select one of its choosing.

Donald and Mary are originally from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Donald's grandfather came from Scotland on the "Hector" and eventually settled in the Cape Breton Highlands' most northerly tip - Cape North. Donald has been a "fiddler" of the Cape Breton style since 7 years of age and spent many an evening entertaining with his fiddle AND his storytelling (so characteristic of that area). He is a retired Hoisting Engineer; Mary J. is a retired Post Mistress. They had 11 children and all have gradually migrated to the Pacific Northwest. All are very active in keeping the Cape Breton Celtic culture alive to the enjoyment of friends and neighbours.

This summer there will be at least 5 separate Highland Games galas and the MacDougall tent will be there. Donald's daughter, Barbara, will be acting as Area Representative, and she can be reached by email: bmacd@pacificcoast.net.

The B.C. Chapter invites one and all to come celebrate our inaugural "Outing" with us at the summer games in this spectacular region. Call (250)472-7577 for accommodation suggestions (or use email address).



Mary, Donald and Barbara MacDougall

2000 Scottish Heritage Symposium and Banquet

By Beacham McDougald

The North Carolina Scottish Heritage Society held its tenth annual Scottish Heritage Symposium and Awards Banquet at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC on March 25, 2000. Over 150 people were present coming from as far as Pennsylvania, Florida, Texas and Kentucky.

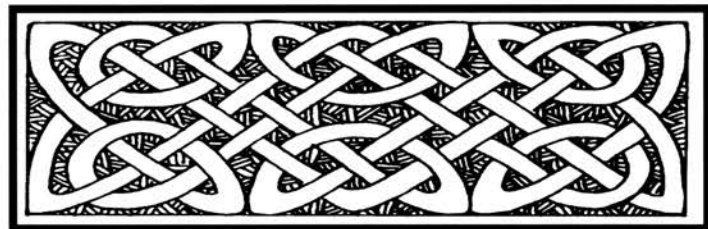
Flora MacDonald Gammon was the recipient of the 2000 Flora MacDonald Award for her contributions in the organization and operations of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Due to failing health, she was unable to attend and her daughter, Flora MacDonald Gammon Jr., accepted her award. Also in attendance for the family were her brothers, Donald F. MacDonald of Edinburgh and Rae MacDonald of Dunbar, South Carolina.

Neil Kennedy Ray, editor and publisher of "Scottish Life" and "The Highlander" magazines was awarded the 2000 Scottish Heritage Award for his contributions to the Scottish-American community. His publications have a combined circulation of 150,000. Neil and his wife, Lynn, reside in Hull, Massachusetts.

Dr. Murdo MacDonald, archivist for Argyll, and Dr. David Forsyth of the Royal Museum in Edinburgh were present and were part of the symposium.

Donald F. MacDonald is a retired professor of journalism at Edinburgh University and a native of the Little Rock, SC community--about 15 miles from Laurinburg. Donald moved to Edinburgh in 1962 and was the 1992 recipient of the Scottish Heritage Award. Donald hopes to meet the Scotland High School exchange students when they are in Scotland this summer as a part of the exchange program. On their agenda is a trip to Edinburgh where the Costorphine Rotary Club will host them.

A new and first time award, the Cape Fear Highlander Award, which honors the North Carolinian who contributed efforts to bring closer relations between Scotland and North Carolina, was awarded to Beacham McDougald. The award recognized the exchange program established in 1993 between Scotland High School and Oban High School. Over 170 students have participated in the annual exchange program. In all fairness the award would not be possible without the help of Tom Laurenson and Anne Stewart on the "other side of the pond." Additionally, the Laurinburg Rotary Club and the Oban Rotary Club are to be commended for their efforts in organizing the program. ☺





FROM HIGHLAND GAMES & GATHERINGS

Clan MacDougall Society

Highlights of the Long's Peak
Festival 1999

by Marta MacDougall

Our Clan attended the Friday night Tattoo en masse. Dave Acton had reserved box seats and Richard McDougall sat amongst us. The pageantry was particularly spectacular and included the Air Force Drum and Bugle Corps from Colorado Springs, as well as the 78th Highlander Regiment along with many other fine pipe bands and groups from around the world. Jousting and the many breeds of dogs that originated in the British Isles were also presented.



Clan MacDougall/MacDowell was an honored clan this year, as we had our Area General Meeting at the Festival. We were very pleased to have our President, his wife Betsy and our Vice President Mel McDougall and his wife Nyla in attendance at all our functions. Our tent/booth looked especially nice thanks to Dave Acton's hard work. He designed a special flag for the Rocky Mountain Area, as well as providing us with our beautiful shield, and our tartan flag, along with many other fine items. Phyllis and Sandy (Malcolm E) MacDougall had recently returned from Oban and brought us large photos of our castles which they took when in Scotland. Several other clans claimed Dunstaffnage Castle as their own!! We did not start a feud, however our children were armed with wooden swords and shields and stood ready to defend our honor, just in case!!

This year there were more MacDougall/MacDowells in the parade than ever before...at least 40 of us, including our piper from Grand Junction, Sandy Ellis MacDougall. We all proudly wore our plaid and it looked a bit like Christmas in September!

Our area meeting was held at the beautiful View Restaurant overlooking the village of Estes Park, with the Rocky Mountain National Park in the distance. Richard spoke of clan unity and the importance of keeping our heritage alive. Marta MacDougall of Wheat Ridge will succeed Dave Acton as the Regional Commissioner of the Rocky Mountain Region as of the new year.

Some of our favorite entertainers at the Festival were Alex Beaton, Seamus Kennedy, 7 Nations Band, Men of Worth, Lalla Rookh and Jennifer Rowland of Nova Scotia. Some of our clansmen were seen following the many pipe bands around the entire weekend!! Clan Row was the warm-up area for several of these bands. What a treat!! The children's favorite site was Lake Estes where a very large, very old cannon attempted to sink an inflated "Nessie" anchored in the middle. Luckily they were unsuccessful!

Many thanks to Bill and Liz MacDougall of Breckenridge, Tim McDowell and his wife from Cheyenne, and Phyllis MacDougall of Colorado Springs for their wonderful and very friendly help in the booth!! Also thanks to Barry MacDougall for the ride!! We found many new friends and members and renewed established ones this year. Please join us next year - I'm told Estes Park is very much like the "Old Country." I guarantee you'll find it beautiful and your fellow clanspeople here friendly and fun!! ☺

Mesa Highland Games

Blue skies and magnificent weather welcomed the 34th Annual Scottish Gathering and Highland Games of the Arizona Caledonia Society in Mesa on February 26 and 27, 2000. The temperature was in the high 70's to low 80's both days to welcome the crowds that came to renew their Scottish ancestry or to just enjoy the games and the fun involved.

Seventy-two clans were signed in to fill Clan Row for the weekend. A few didn't show. The MacDougall Clan Tent was hosted by Denise and Don MacDougall of Sun City, Arizona, and Baldwin, Michigan. This year Marcia McDowell Shehorn of Mesa assisted with the chores for the first time and we look forward to having she and her sister Rosemary there next year as well.

Mel MacDougall, first Vice President of the Clan MacDougall and Commissioner for California, Arizona and Nevada, and his wife Nyla also came and assisted with the chores both days and proudly carried the MacDougall Banner in the Parade of Tartans on Saturday and Sunday. They've sold their home and are motor homing around the country and were staying in Casa Grande, Arizona at the time. We were glad to have them with us.

Judging from the number of clan relatives we had visit, 25 in all signed in, which I think is the largest number to date since the Clan has sponsored a tent at the Arizona Games, there were far more people in Clan Row both Saturday and Sunday than we have seen at any other games of the Caledonia Society. Several of our registered visitors indicated that they would be interested in helping with the Clan Tent at future games, which shows that more and more MacDougall relatives are appearing each and every year and becoming interested in their Scottish roots. Several left with Clan membership applications and we hope they'll be new Clan members before time for the next Mesa Games. ☺



This year, **The Jasper Highland Games and Irish Festival** is looking forward to an outstanding festival! Our event will be on **Saturday, April 29, 2000 in Jasper, Alabama** from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Jasper Memorial Park. In addition to the Gathering of the Clans, **The Jasper Highland Games and Irish Festival** will feature Pipe and Drum bands, Scottish Country Dancing, Irish Step and Set Dancing, Highland Dancing, Scottish Heavy Athletics, Weaving, Blacksmithing, Scottish and Irish food and and Ware Vendors, Border Collie Demonstrations, Celtic Canines, Children's Activities and much more. Our featured musical guests are *Colin Grant-Adams, Hoolie, Bound Street Ceili Band and Two Black Sheep*. For information: paige.g.smith@mindspring.com

Reason For Pride

by Walter M. Macdougall

We have many reasons to be proud of our Clan MacDougall Society of North America as it enters a new millennium. Among its many distinctions is the way it has united the efforts of two ancient and noble heritages: The MacDougalls of Argyll and the Macdowalls of Galloway.¹ To fully appreciate the significance of this accomplishment, we need to be aware of another scenario which might have evolved.

The rather recent assertion "one surname therefore one Clan" has become a popular means of building larger Clan organizations. While this principle may be correct from a heraldic standpoint, its practice can be disconcerting to those who wish to celebrate their true lineage. Recently we have experienced just such a situation when a newly designated Livingstone Chief began to draw all those with his surname into his fold. This effort was made without regard for the different lineages and heritages found in the lowland and highland families of that name. The result was confusion and contention.

We can quickly imagine a similar situation within the MacDougall/Macdowall population. MacDougall, MacDowall, McDowell and a host of other variations in spelling all represent attempts to phonetically reproduce the Gaelic MacDhughail. They are, in fact, the same surname or patronymic but from distinctly separate eponyms. Apply the "one surname therefore one clan" concept, a "pan-MacDougall" Clan Society might have been established in which all the richness of two noble heritages would have been lost in a pale homogenization.

Fortunately this did not transpire. The Clan MacDougall Society of North America celebrates two ancient lineages. We are a Society in which two Chiefs are recognized both of whom bear plain or undifferentiated arms with all the accouterments of hereditary peers. Fergus Macdowall of Garthland bears the arms of Galloway as senior representatives of the ancient Lords of Argyll. What has materialized within our Clan Society is the revitalization of an old alliance rather than an invention or a meaningless amalgamation.

This successful alliance is not a fabrication superficially based upon similar surnames. It predates the founding of our Society by nearly a millennium and it



springs from hereditary and political linkages which date back to the 1100s and that tumultuous world along the west coast of Scotland--and era about which we have too few records. The Arms of our two Chiefly families show this early interconnection. They share the silver lion on a field of blue and the war cry "Victory or Death."

We know that Affric the daughter of Fergus, Lord of Galloway, whose line continues in Fergus Macdowall of Garthland, married Olaf the King of the island of Man whose daughter, Ragnhild, married Somerled, Regulus of Argyll and later King of the Isles. Their eldest son was Dougall from whom the MacDougalls of Argyll take their name.

During those years when the Bruces wrestled the Balliol Kings and Lords of Galloway for the Scottish crown, the alliance between the MacDougalls of Argyll and the Macdowalls of Galloway became a matter of victory or death...MacDougall forces from Argyll joined those of the Macdowalls in Galloway in an attempt to capture their mutual enemy Robert the Bruce who started the blood-feud by murdering their cousin Sir John (the second Red) Comyn of Badenoch. Again the linkages between the MacDougalls and the Macdowalls were strengthened by marriage. Alexander, fourth chief of the MacDougalls of Argyll had married the granddaughter of Alan--the last of the ancient Lords of Galloway--a marriage which also connected the MacDougalls of Argyll with two other royal Galloway names: the Balliol Kings of Scotland and Comyns who were the new Lords of Galloway through King John's sister after he resigned the crown.

There is a suggestion of a still closer connection between these two great MacDougall/Macdowall families who wore the silver lion on blue. All the Macdowall family lines in Galloway have held that Sir Dougal MacDowyl of Gairochloyne (fl.1295) was their common

ancestor. It is possible that Sir Dougal was the fourth son of Sir John MacDougall of Argyll. It is hoped that future research will clarify this intriguing possibility.²

Members of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America can take pride in an old alliance given life again. Two noble heritages, with their colorful histories, their beautifully different homelands (viz. Galloway and Argyll), and their intriguing interconnections are again enjoying each other's kinship and support. MacDougalls of Argyll and Macdowalls of Galloway walk side by side into a new millennium as they did in the days of old.

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¹ "Macdowall" is the spelling used by the Chief, Fergus Macdowall of Garthland, thus it is used throughout this piece and is to be understood as representing other spellings such as MacDowell which are commonly found among families which originated in Galloway.

² It should be noted that if Dougal MacDowyl was Dougal the fourth son of Sir John of Lorn, he would not have been able to assume the position of Chief of the MacDougalls of Argyll due to forfeiture of his father and brother John. He would have been, however, heir to that line which had been the ancient Lords of Galloway through his grandmother.





Clan MacDougall Society of North America



The Clan MacDougall Society will host a dinner following the Annual Meeting and the social hour on Friday, July 7, 2000. The meal is a sit-down affair, beginning at 7:00 p.m., and includes all of the normal Scottish festivities: the piping of the haggis and the address to the haggis, as well as several toasts. The price for the meal is \$32.00 per person. Please fill out and return the registration form to reserve your place at the meal. Space is limited, so please send in your reservation early.

Also, the officers of Clan MacDougall Society of North America, Inc. have decided to prepare name tags in advance of the annual meeting. Registration is not mandatory to attend the annual meeting and there is no fee to attend.

----- Registration Form: Please Print -----

_____ Number Attending Annual Meeting (No Charge) _____ Number Attending Dinner (\$32.00 per person)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Names for Name Tags: _____

Send your completed form and check payable to Clan MacDougall Society to:

Bill Leroy, Treasurer/Membership Secretary, P. O. Box 1279, Frankfort, KY 40602-1279.



**Friday July 7, 2000
Lees-McRae College
Banner Elk, North Carolina**

SCOTTISH WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

- 1:00 - 2:30** Musical Tour of Scotland (1)
The Kilt (3)
Celts & Vikings (5)
Beginning Gaelic (7A)
- 2:45 - 4:15** Family & District Tartans (2)
Bannocks to Haggis (4)
Scottish Genealogy (6)
Gaelic Continued (7B)

Checks should be made payable to COSCA.
Registration must be received by **June 25, 2000.**

REGISTRATION FORM

Total cost for the afternoon of workshops is \$20.00.
This includes a choice of one or two workshops.

Workshop Choice(s), (List by number)

1:00 _____ 2:45 _____

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Please return registration to: **COSCA Workshops
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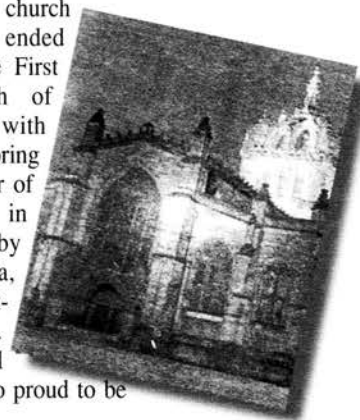
Celebrating Scottish Heritage

by Audrey Nottage

Again we have celebrated the Kirkin of the Tartan and Robert Burns birthday; January has been a busy month. It has been my pleasure to participate in the activities and raise the Tartan banner of our Clan.

The Scottish American Society of Palm Beach Co. Inc. was given a Proclamation for the Scottish People of Palm Beach County by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach Co., FL. This was quite an honor as the Scottish American Society of Palm Beach Co. Inc. works toward and supports the traditions of Scotland. We are very proud of this honor, it gives us pride and strength.

The booklet from Lakeside Presbyterian Church gives the program of the Kirkin, it was a beautiful ceremony, needless to say the church was packed. We ended Scottish Week at the First Presbyterian Church of Boynton Beach with Scottish Sunday honoring John Knox, the father of Presbyterianism in Scotland, followed by refreshments of tea, coffee, Scottish shortbread, and scones. What a wonderful week, it makes one so proud to be of Scottish heritage.



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May 5	Red Bank Celtic Festival	Red Bank, NJ
May 6	COH All the Clans Picnic <i>Craig Regional Park</i>	Fullerton, CA
May 7-9	Scottish Weekend	Carrollton, KY
May 13	Frederick Celtic Festival	Frederick, MD
May 13-14	Monterey Games	Monterey, CA
May 20	Colonial Highland Gathering	Fair Hill, MD
May 27-28	Costa Mesa Games, Orange Co.	Costa Mesa, CA
June 1-4	Glasgow Highland Games	Glasgow, KY
June 3	McHenry Highland Festival	Deep Creek Lake, MD
June 3	The Bonnie Brae Scottish Festival & Games	Liberty Corner, NJ
June 3	So. New Hampshire Scottish Festival	Greenfield, NH
June 3	Modesto Gathering & Games <i>Tuolumne River Regional Park</i>	Modesto, CA
June 3	Ozark Celtic Gathering	Springfield, MO
June 10-11	Potomac Celtic Festival	Leesburg, VA
June 11	Steppingstone Museum Scottish Fest	Harve De Grace, MD
June 17-18	North Alabama Scottish Festival	Huntsville, AL
June 17	Campbell Gathering & Games	Campbell, KY
June 24-25	San Diego Highland Games	Vosta, CA
June 24	W. Massachusetts Highland Games	Brimfield, MA
July 7-9	Grandfather Mt. Highland Games	Linville, NC

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