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Spring 2004

Clan MacDougall Society Of North America, Inc.
announces the
Annual Meeting of the Membership
to be held



Friday, July 9, 2004 at 5 o'clock in the evening
in the Pool Pavilion of the Eseeola Lodge
Linville, North Carolina

Following the meeting, join members at the Pool Pavilion for the
Cocktail Hour at 6:00 p.m. • Piping in to Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Directors meeting to be held at 2:30 p.m. at the Pool Pavilion





The Editor's Desk

by Pat McDougal

Clan MacDougall Society is now in the 39th year since its inception at Grandfather Mountain Highland games of 1965. Next year will be the celebration of 40 years of continuous attendance at those games and for the society as a whole.

Much has been accomplished since **John W. McDougall's** first call to order. Eight men have received the call to the office of President, with as many to the Vice President. Regional Commissioners and State Representatives are very active in each of the United States and Canada. We are truly blessed with willing clanspersons who are responding to the call to service as when the Chief of long ago asked for men to battle and women to hold the fort. For this service we offer each a debt of gratitude and give the cry, "*Buaidh-No-Bas.*"

A special thanks to **Donald and Sandra MacDougall** for the work they have completed this year on the Regional Commissioners Handbook. With the handbook is a CD with all the information needed for distribution at games.

Clan MacDougall Society, Inc. continues to grow, with new members added at each game and on the Internet. We are proud of the work being done to continue the society.

Yours aye,
Pat

Correction: Vol. 39 No.1

Jay McDougal,
new State Rep for Maine,
e-mail address is
Jaymac@tdstelme.net.



Official news:

FROM THE COURT OF THE LORD LYON'S OFFICE IN EDINBURGH.

Madam Morag MacDougall of MacDougall has been recognized as the Chief of Clan MacDougall and is free to use that title.

The previous Chief, Madam Coline H. E. MacDougall of MacDougall, died on 5th May 1990, age 85 years. Her niece, who became the 31st hereditary Chief of the clan in 1991, has succeeded her. The new Chief's daughter has inherited the ancient title of "Maid of Lorn." 🍀

This from John Anderson McDougall, Society President of UK/Euro.



KINGS IN THE WEST in 2nd. printing.

As you know, we have been selling Bill MacDougall's wonderful new clan history, "*Kings in the West...and Beyond The Sea*," for the past two years - with all proceeds going to the "Gylen Castle Repair Fund" in Oban, Scotland. I am pleased to announce that the first edition of 500 books has completely sold out. We have ordered a 2nd. printing and those books are now in my home and ready for immediate delivery. You can email an indication of interest to me at: macmendon@juno.com, or send me a check for \$16.50 (including postage is US.) made out to the "Gylen Castle Repair Fund" (be sure to include your address) here at: 18 Teresa Dr., Mendon, MA. 01756. Thank you for your support.

Dick MacDougal, Past Pres.
Co-Chairman, Gylen Castle
Repair Fund, NA.

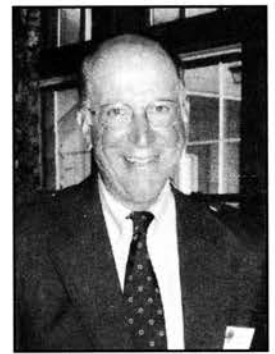
Looking to buy a secondhand kilt for my fourteen-year-old grandson. His waist measure is 29" and kilt length would be 24." You may contact me at:

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1 Poplar Drive
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by A. Wylie McDougall



GREETINGS TO THE CLAN FAMILY AND ALL SOCIETY MEMBERS

It is springtime here in Tennessee, the dogwoods are in bloom and our grass is green again. It is time to make your plans to come out to our annual meeting.

As always, our Clan MacDougall meeting coincides with the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games held in Linville, North Carolina. The games run from July 8th thru July 11th. We will have our meeting Friday afternoon, July 9 followed by our cocktail party and dinner at the pool Pavilion.

Our dinner this year should be special. As always we will have the piping of the haggis, the address to the haggis, awards, toasts and songs. What will make this year unique is that we will have Colin Lindsay-MacDougall of Lunga as our honored guest and speaker. Our past President, Walter M. Macdougall, is a personal friend of Colin. According to Walter, Colin is a great storyteller and has a tremendous fund of Clan MacDougall lore. It will be great hearing this Scottish lore from a true Scotsman. It should make for a great evening.

I urge all of you to come to the games and to our Clan MacDougall functions. We have a special kinship.

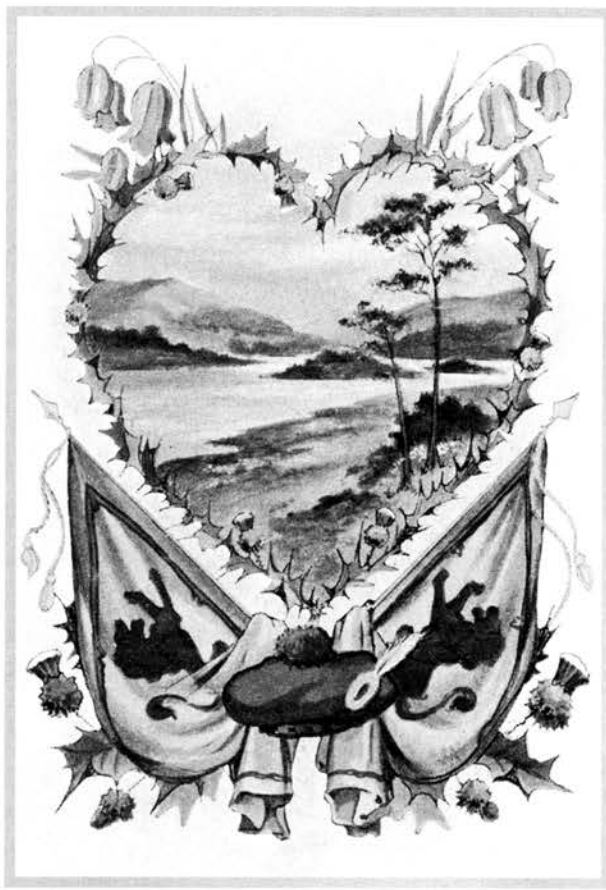
A. Wylie McDougall
President CMSNA

June Brides or August Brides in Argyll

*Have your wedding in the
West Highlands*

If you are planning a wedding, an essential guide provides you with a budget planner checklist, tips and ideas. Also what you need to consider when choosing the products and services you require to ensure your day is special and hassle-free as possible. You will find an array of hotels, florists, caterers, jewelers, bride and groom outfitters, gift ideas and honeymoon destinations plus much more, in fact everything you need to make it a truly memorable occasion.

Contact "West Highland Weddings" at: www.west-highland-weddings.co.uk for more information.



Gaelic Wedding Blessing

Mìle faìlte dhuit le d'bhre/id,
Fad do re/ gun robh thu sla'n.
Mo/ran laithean dhuit is sìth
L d'mhaitheas is le d'ni\bhi fa's.

Translation

"A thousand welcomes to you with
your marriage veil,
May you be healthy all your days.
May you be blessed with
long life and peace
May you grow old with goodness, and
with riches."

Rev. Donald McLeod, 1760
Duirinish, Sky, Scotland



Back Row L/R: Charlie Dixon, father of groom; Mark Hillard, married to Carrie; Carrie Hillard, sister of groom; Paul Dixon, groom; Katie Miller, bride; Lorraine McDougall, grandmother of groom.
Seated L/R: Susan McDougall, mother of groom; Diane McDougall, aunt of groom.

A Scottish Wedding

By Allen MacDougall

On September 1, 2001, **Katie Ann Miller** joined the Clan MacDougall when she was joined in marriage to **Paul Allan Dixon** in the highlands of Washington State, Crystal Mountain Ski Resort, approximately 5200 feet in elevation. The ceremony was scheduled to take place at the ski lodge which is at the highest elevation at the resort. Elevation-7200 feet. Due to typical highland weather, it rained and the only mode of transportation was the ski lifts, the ceremony was, to the relief of everyone, moved to the ski lodge. As the piper played, the bride was escorted down the aisle, also wearing her Clan MacDougall sash and stood radiantly next to her future husband. After the ceremony was concluded, the skirl of the pipes could be heard playing Mari's Wedding as the bride and groom walked down the aisle.

The piper that played for Katie and Paul's wedding was Allen MacDougall. Allen has played the pipes for 14 years and currently plays with the Keith Highlanders Pipe Band located in Seattle Washington. Allen competes in grade 3 and also competes with the Keith Highlanders and has taken 20 awards in individual competitions. The Keith Highlanders have also taken awards and are the current grade 4 state champions for Washington State. The band traveled to Scotland in 2002 and competed at the Pipe Band World Championships in Glasgow and placed 11th in grade 4 competition. This was quite an accomplishment since this was the first time the band had competed at the World's. The band will be traveling again to Glasgow and will compete at the World's August 14, 2004. 🍷

Bagpiper, Allen MacDougall; Trumpeter, Mark Hillard; Trumpeter, Carrie Hillard; Dancing, The bride and groom, Katie Miller and Paul Dixon.





Hannah & Chanel MacDougall

A MacDougall Discovery

For the past several years Betsy and I have discovered that the best way to allow our aging bodies to escape the deep freeze of Massachusetts winters is to rent a small condo in Palm Springs, CA for 4-6 weeks.

This past February, just before we came back home, we attended the very first annual Palm Springs International Tattoo. To my delighted surprise the first "act" on the program was: HANNAH & CHANEL MACDOUGALL. These 8 year old twin sisters performed a wonderful assortment of Scottish dances, were the hit of the evening (for me), and sent me scurrying back stage at intermission to meet and congratulate them, and tell them how proud the Clan was of their talent and willingness to perform. From the tattoo program I gleaned the following information:

At the ripe old age of 8, these medal and scholarship winning young ladies have spent half their lives involved in Celtic dance and competition. They have come to be know in the Scottish community, and especially in Clan MacDougall, of Southern California as the "Highland Mascots." Chanel and Hannah have performed with Alex Beaton and the Wicked Tinkers, and are in strong demand at Celtic events throughout So. California.

Dick MacDougal
Past President

Update:

Corsicana native returns home April 1, 2004

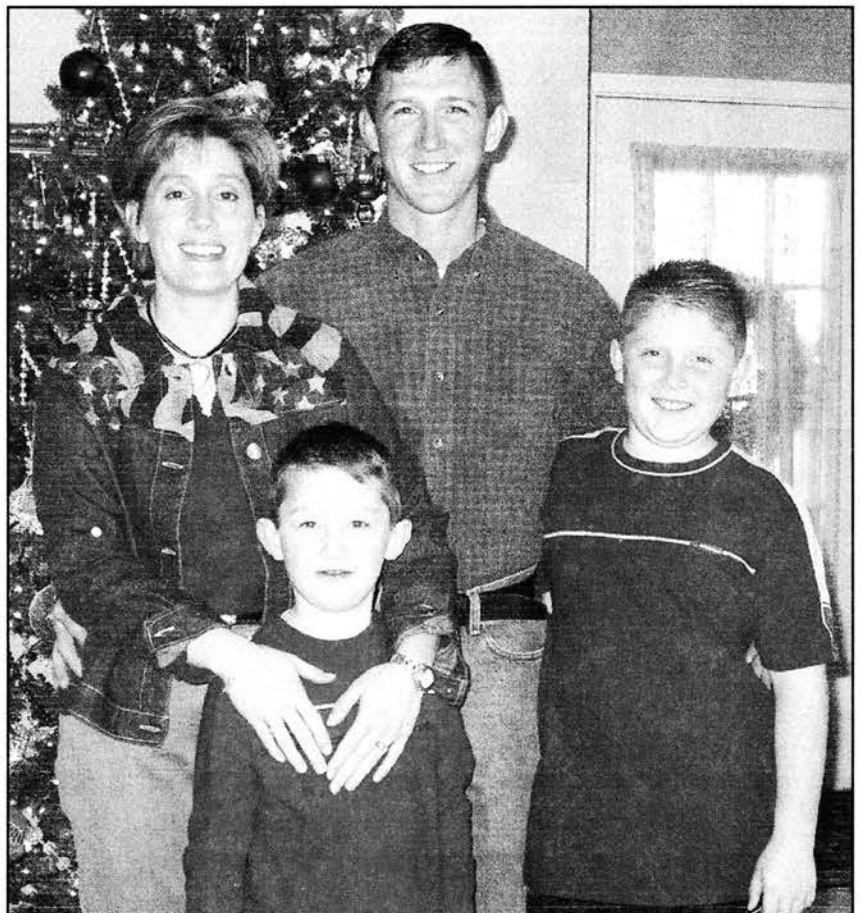
Reported by proud father, Gene McDougald
Texas State Representative

As reported in Vol 39 #1 2004 *The Tartan*, **Andy McDougald** spent his time in Iraq flying a Black Hawk helicopter. Had a hand in the capture of Saddam Hussein and even lived in one of Saddam's palaces.

Andy is now at home, having completed his year in Iraq. He is presently stationed at Fort Hood, Texas and glad to be back with his family and doing well.

"He agrees with everything that's happening over there, but he's glad to be home", stated his wife Keitha and added that Mexican food was at the top of his homecoming wish list. *Welcome home and for a job well done, all of Clan MacDougall, Thank You!* 🍀

*Right: Keitha and Andy with sons,
Corey, 9 and Emory, 6.*



McDougals' house featured in tour of historic homes.

In 1903, Frank Curtis and Elizabeth Burckmyer Curtis of Charleston built this home. Over the next 45 years, three Burckmyer families, listed as farmers in the city director, called this home. **Todd and Renita McDougal** purchased the home in 1999. In November of 2003, the garden was replanted with plants and shrubs popular when the home was built.

The home is a two and one-half story classical revival house with cross gable roof. The front door with single-light over panel and center mounted doorbell are original. Many of the one-over-one

windows with architrave molding have the original glass and all have the original brass fingerplates. The interior still has many of the original features including picture rails, window and door moldings, paneled doors and brass hardware and plaster and lathe wall construction. All three fire places are original.

The home is furnished in a unique style the McDougals call "Scottish country." Most of the furnishings are antiques. The living room features their extensive collection of antique maps of Scotland and red Clan MacDougall tartan curtains.

The dining room is home to a large collection of English Staffordshire transferware in the Caledonia pattern by Adams, and framed American fruit box labels with a Scottish theme. Notice the bagpipes on the chimney breast.

The butler's pantry and kitchen still have the original cabinetry lay out. The Scottish themed tins have been collected primarily from travels in Great Britain. The McDougall furniture company made the "Hoosier" style cabinet in the late 1800's. There is a framed display of McDougall magazine ads in the back hallway.



On the landing is a collection of prints and Mauchline ware featuring Dunollie Castle in Oban, Scotland, home of Clan MacDougall. The cabinets in the 2nd floor center hall house Renita's collection of cocoa tins. The master bedroom features an original corner fireplace and a collection of Scottish valentines. All of the bedrooms have ample closet space, unusual for a home built in 1903. ☺

An exterior view of the Curtis-Burckmyer House, owned by Todd and Renita McDougal and recently included in the National Historic Registry of Homes.



Renita McDougal stands in the living room of her home located in the historic 4th Avenue district of Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Mesa Games

Howard W. MacDougall, Arizona State Representative

A Clan MacDougall tent reappeared at the 40th annual Arizona Scottish Gathering and Highland Games Feb. 28th and 29th on the campus of Mesa Community College in Mesa, AZ.

Marge and I had looked forward to the opportunity of again greeting members of the Clan MacDougall Society and potential members. From 1981 to 1991 we had hosted a clan tent at the Charleston (SC) Highland Games. We enjoyed our first venture in Arizona when more than two dozen guests (Society members and potential members) signed our registration book. Three of us participated in the Parade of Tartans during the opening ceremonies. Marge carried our Tartan, and our grandson, Aaron Schrank, pushed grandpa in his wheelchair.



Now we are ready to hand out a help wanted sign. We would like to enlist the help of other interested members to install Clan tents for the Games this summer at Flagstaff and at Tucson in November. Interested? Email: hmadou@msn.com or snail mail: 7009 E. Acoma Drive Apt.1086, Scottsdale, AZ 85254-2709. ☺

Florida Games

Attended by Mimi Leroy-Marler, Southeast Regional Commissioner.

February 7th A Clan MacDougall tent at the Zephyrhills Celtic Festival, Zephyrhills, Florida, was hosted by Rusti and Bob Smith.

February 13th Clan MacDougall had a "tent" at the Florida State Celtic Day in Tampa being hosted by Hamish McDowall Copland and his lovely wife Margaret Stirling Copland and Bob Dodd.

April 3rd A Clan MacDougall tent was presented at the Dunedin Games, Dunedin, Florida. Hosted by Wayne MacDowall, Hamish and Margaret Copland and Hugh MacDougall.

It's so grand seeing the MacDougall's stop by the tent. Those who are members, those who have a friend, neighbor, co-worker who are MacDougall's, who accept applications for themselves or others. The care they have to stop by and say "Hello."

My son, Bear was a Clan MacDougall scholarship recipient several years ago and started drum lessons. Well, he is now in his 3rd year with the Tampa Bay Pipes and Drums Band playing the Snare drum. This year he has taken up the chanter. His goal is to be with the snare in the grade 4 (where he is now) and bagpipes in the grade 5 bands. WOW, that's a goal.

It's always great when we hear of the use the recipient of scholarship funds is put to good use and this young man amplifies our aim with these young people. Thanks, Bear, for the hard work in your accomplishments. ☺



New Kentucky State Representative

Ann MacDougall Points has been appointed as the new Kentucky State Rep. The Games she will attend this summer are the Kentucky Scottish Weekend May 7-9, and the Glasgow Highland Games June 3-6.

Bill Leroy, Society Treasurer, will attend both games and Heartland Regional Commissioner, Mike Donovan, will attend the Carrollton Games if plans

allow. Ann and her husband Charlie just celebrated their 12th anniversary, April 17, 2004 and they renewed their vows at that time.



Thank you, Ann, for your service to Clan MacDougall, we all appreciate what you are doing.



The Queen Mary Scottish Festival

Excellent weather at The Queen Mary Scottish Festival in Long beach, held February 14-15, insured a good time at the outdoor events. The clans are always set up aboard the ship. Saturday night some of the MacDougalls repaired to Rockbottom Brewery for dinner. ☘



THE KINGDOM OF STRATHCLYDE

By Adam Bigham

An important kingdom in the history of Scotland is that of the Britons: specifically the Britons of Strathclyde. After Roman rule was withdrawn from Britain at the beginning of the 5th century, several kingdoms gradually emerged. That which was later called Strathclyde was based on the British tribal division of the Dammonii around Dumbarton, or Alcluith, “the Rock of the Clyde.” At its greatest extent it stretched as far south and southeast as to include Galloway and Cumbria. Linguists classify the language of the ancient Britons as a Brythonic (or Brittonic) Celtic language.

A mid-5th century ruler, Ceretic was accused by St. Patrick of capturing young Irish men and women and selling them as slaves to the Picts. It is not recorded that Ceretic ceased his trading, and no doubt the profitability of the slave trade helped establish the strong kingdom of Alcuith. Patrick wrote a second time to admonish the king. In one account of Patrick’s life, Ceretic apparently had a premonition that his time had come and, in full view of his court, he was transformed into a fox and ran away. Patrick identifies himself as a Briton in his works, his autobiographical *Confession* and his *Letter to Ceretic*. He was captured as a young man from his father’s estate, possibly in Cumbria, and escaped from captivity in Ireland after about six years. He later returned to Ireland as a missionary, and his success is legendary.

Another missionary associated with Strathclyde is St Kentigern, the patron saint of Glasgow, there known as St Mungo, which means, “dear friend.” He was brought up and taught at Culross by St Serf, and was active in attempting to convert the Britons of Strathclyde, Cumbria and Wales. King Rhydderch *Hen (the Old)* Summoned Kentigern from the monastery the saint built at Llanelwy, as the king sought to spread Christianity throughout the land. Reigning c580-612, Rhydderch’s Christian practice seems to have become exceptional in his time for he was also called Rhydderch *Hael*, “the Generous,” yet it is unlikely that he ruled with any particular prosperity. He is best known from the story as the king who threw his queen’s ring into the Clyde after discovering she was unfaithful to him. Seeing it on the man’s finger as he slept, Rhydderch pulled it off, and flung it into the Clyde Water. Later, he ordered his wife to give him the ring back, on pain of death. Of course, her lover had lost it, and she could not. Now she told Kentigern, and he prayed and was told that it was in the belly of a salmon in the river. The salmon was caught, and brought to the queen. When she cut it open, there was the ring and thus the queen was vindicated. It is recorded that Rhydderch and Kentigern died in the year 612. The present splendid Glasgow Cathedral, which is mainly medieval, is built over Kentigern’s tomb.

Following Rhydderch’s reign, the Angles of Northumbria and the Scots of Dalriada dominated the north of Britain, but Owen, reigning from 633-c45, restored the supremacy of Strathclyde, especially with a decisive victory over the Scots in 642. The Northumbrian kingdom grew into a great power in the following decades, but in 685 at Nechtansmere, the Picts killed the Northumbrian king Eadfrith and slaughtered his army.

During Teudebur’s reign as king of Strathclyde, 722-52, the ascendance was with the Picts under their powerful king, Angus, who dominated northern Britain during the period 730-750. However in 750 Teudebur overcame the Picts at the battle of Mygedawg, a few miles east of Dumbarton. Angus survived the battle, but his brother Talorgen was killed. Angus lent his help to Eadbert of Northumbria to attack Dumbarton in 756. Dumbarton fell, but, on the homeward journey, the combined army was engaged by the Britons and nearly destroyed. Still, the kingdom of Strathclyde may have become subordinate to Northumbria for much of the next century.

Artgal was ruler from probably sometime in the 850s until 872. From late in the 8th century the power of Northumbria had been on the decline, but the rise in power of the Scots under Kenneth MacAlpin, and the start of Viking raids along the western coast, did not work in Artgal’s favor. The Vikings besieged Dumbarton Rock for four months in 870-1, cutting off the water supply. Thus in 871 Dumbarton was destroyed, and many inhabitants were abducted into slavery. Artgal was murdered in the following year through the treachery of Constantine I, king of the Scots.

Eochaid was the last native ruler of Strathclyde. He allied himself with Giric of Scotland, and for a brief period



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 9, 2004. 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 \$45.00 per person. Please fill out and return the registration form to reserve your place at the meal.

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

_____ Number Attending Annual Meeting (No Charge) _____ Number Attending Dinner (\$45.00 per person)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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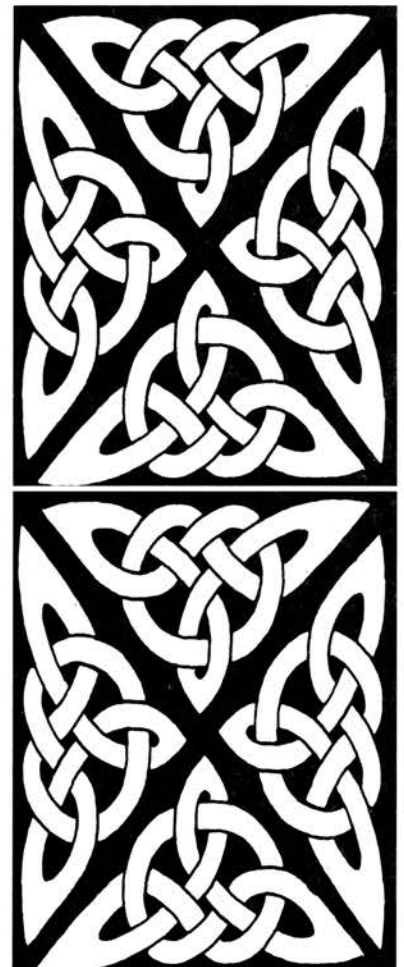
Send your completed form and check payable to Clan MacDougall Society to:
Bill Leroy, Treasurer/Membership Secretary, P. O. Box 1279, Frankfort, KY 40602-1279.

The Kingdom of Strathclyde cont....

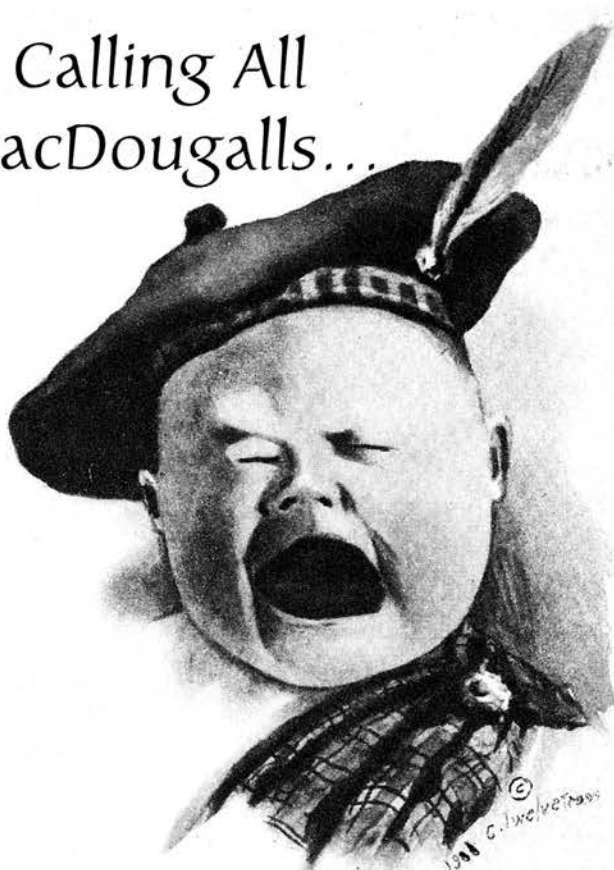
the kingdom regained its independence. Both kings were deposed: Eochaid died in 889, and Giric was killed in a siege at the fortress of Dundurn. This marks the end of Strathclyde as an independent state, and a year later, with the Scottish king Donald II in control of the land, many of the surviving British nobles fled to northern Wales, to the court of Anarawd of Gwynedd.

Direct Scottish rule continued until 908, when the kingship was reestablished. Although the British again had some form of control, Strathclyde existed as a sub-kingdom, which was often ruled by an heir to the Scottish throne. Strathclyde effectively merged with Scotland after king Owen *the Bald* died fighting alongside the Scots at the Battle of Carham in 1018. This was an important victory over Northumbria, which regained Lothian for Scotland. Cumbria was lost to and regained from England several times, until finally lost in 1092, when the Norman king William Rufus fortified Carlisle.

Once a powerful realm in its own right, roughly from Dumfriesshire north to the Lennox district, west to the Firth of Clyde, Strathclyde's history is inherent in that of Scotland. Strathclyde likely remained Cumbric-speaking until Scotland's accretion in the 11th century, as Gaelic became the dominant language. At that time Cumbric agreed closely with Welsh. The Cumbric language was to disappear, but Welsh survived as the Brittonic language (that is both written and spoken) in Britain. At the close of the 11th century, the southern border of Scotland was approximately intent to present day, and so this region's history remains a vital chapter in this history of Scotland. ☪



Calling All
MacDougalls...



Here's hoping you'll attend
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games 2004

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