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Report of the 2004 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Clan MacDougall Society Annual Meeting

by Sandra MacDougall, Recording Secretary

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America was held at the Pool Pavilion of the Eseeola Lodge in Linville, North Carolina on Friday, July 9, 2004 at 5:15 p.m. There were 34 members and guests in attendance. President A. Wylie McDougall announced that this year's meeting would be informal. He reported that after hearing the officer's reports at the earlier directors meeting, the Society is in good financial health with an active membership. He welcomed everyone and expressed thanks and appreciation for those who had to travel a great distance to attend the meeting and be part of the Annual Meeting and Society festivities. Wylie was proud to announce that the Society's honored guest this year was Colin Lindsay-MacDougall of Lunga. In keeping with tradition President McDougall then asked everyone to introduce themselves. Among the many personal announcements were John A. McDougall's recent marriage and Buzzy Bramble's recent engagement.



Parade of Tartans proudly presents Clan MacDougall.

Walter Macdougall, Past President and Tosheadear for MacDowell, gave a report on the new CD presenting the history of Clan MacDougall. Walter with the help of Sheila McDowell created this wonderful CD in 2003. It was presented at last year's Annual meeting. The CD includes 109 beautiful photographs of the MacDougall Castles and the historic Lorn countryside around Oban. Accompanied by the music of our heritage the CD is a wonderful way to learn about the MacDougall heritage. The proceeds of the sale of this CD will be given to the Dunollie Historic Trust and/or a future MacDougall Cultural Center. President McDougall asked Pat McDougal, *Tartan* Editor, to include an article in the next issue of the newsletter about the CD and how to order copies.

Sibyl McDougald Wilkinson told a wonderful story about all the celebrations that her family and the Huntsville branch of the Clan surprised her with for her 80th birthday in Huntsville. She was thrilled when the Birmingham Marching Band dressed in MacDougall kilts came all the way to Huntsville to play for her birthday. Nancy, Sibyl's daughter, and her husband, Richard Van Valkenburgh invited everyone to the Huntsville, Alabama Games next year (the third Saturday in June) when Clan MacDougall will be the honored Clan. President McDougall said that he would be sure to attend.

Bruce & Beth McClintock expressed appreciation for being appointed as Co-Commissioners of the Midwest Region. Bruce & Beth are very active in their region and from their report it appeared they also attend many Games & Festivals in other states and regions. They spoke about their participation last year and their commitment to bring new members to the Society in their region.

Don MacDougall, 1st Vice President, thanked everyone that sent suggestions and commentary on the New Regional Commissioners Handbook. He asked for further comments or suggestions to help improve it in any way. He will be making updates to both the Handbook and the CD and sending out the new versions in January of 2005.

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The Editor's Desk

by Pat McDougal

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games for 2004 are past and we had a blast. The meeting and dinner in the pool pavilion was a wonderful experience. We had plenty of room, about 80 people in all, and also seated latecomers. Some people came a long distance to be in our midst and that was a treat, thank you for the effort.

Now I'm not prejudice or anything, but I must say the MacDougall's marching in the Parade of Tartans were certainly a handsome group of clanspeople! Just seeing our clan Banner on the move in that setting is enough to bring tears to the eyes. Like some people say, you just had to see it! Next year, plan to see it at our 40 years of Society organization and consecutive attendance at these Games as we celebrate this milestone.

In previewing the advertised CD by Walter M. Macdougall for *The Tartan*, I would like to give my recommendation for purchase. If you have never traveled to Scotland and have no plans to go, the photos alone are worth the price. A lot of work has gone into making this a very enjoyable experience.

Support your Regional Commissioner and State Representatives by attending all the Highland Games in your area. Don't know where they are or when? Try our web site to find the answer. See you at the games!

Your aye,
Pat



Membership in Clan MacDougall Society is important. It provides funds for the **Tents at the Highland games** as well as funds for **The Tartan Newsletter** and various other projects of the Society to numerous to list. Without this support we would not be able to do all we do. If you or someone you know wishes to become a member

contact the Membership secretary: Bill Leroy at: macdougall.org a membership application is also located at this site. Or write to:

Clan MacDougall Society, PO Box 1279,
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Pat McDougal, the *Tartan* Editor, had extra copies of the *Tartan* available and invited everyone to take copies to hand out at the games. Pat reminded everyone to send in stories and pictures of Clan activities and milestones. She is always looking for articles for publication in the *Tartan*.

Bill Leroy, the Membership Secretary/Treasurer gave a short report on attending the MidAtlantic Regional Gathering that was held after the Annual Christmas Walk in Alexandria, VA this past December 2003. Bill said that many brave souls joined the festivities, in spite of the snowy weather. Bill provided a presentation of the new CD created by Walter Macdougall at the gathering's luncheon after the Walk and many copies were sold to the attendees. He presented the CD again at the Louisville, KY Games and said it was enjoyed by all.

Bill had given the detailed Membership/Treasurer Report at the preceding Board Meeting. He has reported that Society closed the year financially in the black, and that 61 new members were added to the membership for a total of 1,146 active members. A total of 2,690 people have joined the Society since its inception. Bill reported additional contributions in the amount of \$1759.50 were given to the Foundation and \$1059.00 was given to the Dunollie Preservation Trust. These contributions are always appreciated.

Dennis McDowell, the newly appointed co-commissioner from the Mid-Atlantic Region, thanked the Society for their confidence in him and his wife Donna, who was attending to a new granddaughter. He spoke of how he enjoyed attending the meetings and assured us all that they both would be back next year.

At the close of the meeting the members adjourned to the pool area for refreshments and conversation. After a short social hour the Clan Piper led the members to dinner with a Scottish March. The dinner began with the traditional opening to a Scottish feast the "Address to the Haggis" by Robert Burns. G Simms McDowell's spirited rendition of this class was an inspiration to those hesitant to partake of the Scottish National Dish. Russell Long of Centennial, Colorado, gave the prayer for the meal. Russell and Francis, are first time attendees to the meeting and games.

Following dinner the annual awards were presented by Debbie McDougall assisted by Nancy Kane. A *Clan Society Appreciation Award* was given to **Howard and Marge MacDougall** and to **Sibyl MacDougald Wilkinson**. The Clans highest honor, the *Somerled Award*, was presented to **G. Simms McDowell Jr**, one of the Societies founding fathers. His son accepted the award for his father and spoke about his father's lifelong commitment to the Clan Society and how pleased he would be to receive the award.

Wylie MacDougall introduced this year's *Honored Guest*, **Colin Lindsey MacDougall of Lunga** and his companion Sarah. Colin described his families' sacrifices over the generations to the Clan and country. Colin spoke about the MacDougall's and their existence with over a thousand years of continuously recorded history. His stories and vignettes about ancestors and their exploits swelled the members with pride at this storied past.

A member from Virginia, Kat Cole and Karl Kellar, her guitar-playing accompanist entertained us all by singing a few favorite Celtic tunes. Kat's parents, Russell and Frances Long, her sister Marie and brother in law John Reeves were first time attendees to the Annual Meeting and Grandfather Mountain Games. Kat & Karl entertained everyone with several sing-a-longs, and the evening concluded with everyone joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne." ☺



Flowers of the Forest

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

Marion Della McDougale Mitchell of Olympia, Washington passed away on May 29, 2004, just 24 days after her 93rd birthday. She was born in Charleston, IL on May 5, 1911 and moved to California at age 14 with her parents Charles Augustus and Nellie Lowel McDougale. She was very proud of her Scottish heritage, a very strong and caring woman who was loved by all who knew her.

Thomas Pillow of Winston, Georgia, won the raffle of a bottle of rare Scotch whisky with \$470.00 earned for the Gylen Castle Restoration fund. Thanks to all of you for your donations to the yearly project including donation from Beacham MacDougald and to the winner.

From W.C. Ermitinger

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games 2004 began with a beautiful Torch Ceremony Thursday evening with the *Call of the Clans*. This year **Kelly Wright** was the bearer of the call for Clan MacDougall. Although the men of the other clans taunted her for being the youngest in the group of mostly men, she represented us proudly with these words:

**Pen up your cattle,
Lock up your grain,
Hide your men!
The MacDougall's
are here!**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by A. Wylie McDougall



As I stated at our 39th annual meeting of The Clan MacDougall Society, we are in good shape. We have a membership of nearly twelve hundred members. We are financially solid. We have a great group of officers, board members, regional commissioners, and other volunteers.

Next year will be our 40th annual meeting. It will be the 50th annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Game in Linville, North Carolina. I, like many of us, have attended almost every meeting and Games. I've missed two. We have made so many MacDougall and McDowell friends over these years. Make your plans to attend next year.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the International Gathering of MacDougalls in Oban later this summer. Our past President, Walter Macdougall, is planning on being there and has promised to represent us and give us a full report. Hopefully, many of you will be there to join him. Walter will represent us well and his report will be printed in a future *Tartan*. I am anxious to find out from him on how things are going in MacDougall country and with our chief, Morag MacDougall of MacDougall.

I mentioned at our annual meeting, we owe so much of our success to all the volunteers who take on the hard jobs with no reward. I want to thank Don and Sandra MacDougall our 1st Vice-president and our recording secretary. Bill Leroy is our treasurer and membership secretary and does a great job. Last, but certainly not least, my thanks go to Pat McDougal our *Tartan* editor. We have a great newsletter and it keeps us connected. These good people make my job easy.

It was great seeing so many of you in Linville. Thanks to all of you for making it such a great meeting and time. I am already excited about next year.

A. Wylie McDougall
President CMSNA





The Family Tree, publication of the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library is now an Internet publication only. Just visit <http://electricScotland.com> and click on *The Family Tree*.

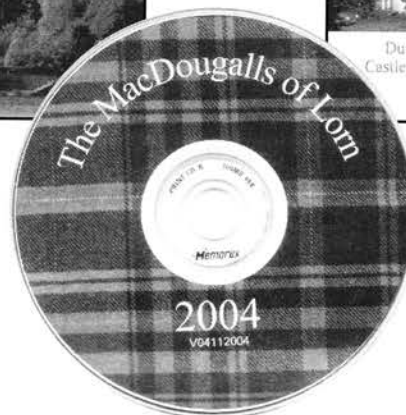
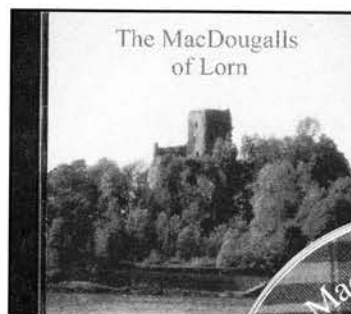
The Odom Library remains safe and secure with its endowment in place and serves as archival and genealogical repository for more than 130 Scottish Clans and groups. You may visit the library in person in Moultrie, Georgia.

Thanks to all the postage heroes, your kindness will not be forgotten.

Beth Gay, Editor

Clan MacDougall History CD

See Your History in Pictures and Text
by Walter Marshall Macdougall, Milo, ME



Just \$16.00 includes Cost of Shipping
Send your check to: Sheila McDowell
35 Hartford Turnpike; Shrewsbury, MA 01545
Or email: smcdowell@townisp.com for information

*All proceeds will go to
The MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust in Oban Scotland*



Pembroke Pines, Florida

Audrey McDowell Nottage
South Florida State Rep.



The games were held March 6, 2004 and were a terrific event. The tent of MacDougall was up and had many people stop by and Harriet MacDougal from Broward County came by, signed the book and offered to help host the tent next year. As I was proud to host the tent alone this year I am grateful for the help for 2005. ☺

A Weekend of Wonderful Events with "The Clan MacDougall"

(Editor's note: I had joined the Clan MacDougall Society at the 2003 Highland Games but for odd and many reasons had not become "active." This year was different. While waiting for Thursday's Opening Night festivities to begin (and while those incredible runners, participating in "The Bear," were taking their well-deserved lap on the track in front of the growing crowd of audience and clansmen in their initial stages of setting up their tents...) I started looking for my clan, around the dusty, gravel path that encircles the infield of play. I found Beacham MacDougall, William Ermatinger, and his lovely granddaughter, Kelly. It is because they were so wonderfully friendly and inviting that I attended my first Clan MacDougall Society Annual Meeting and Dinner. I will always be grateful and in blissful awe that our paths crossed that beautiful evening on Grandfather Mountain.)

THE FRIDAY ANNUAL MEETING:

Apprehensive? Oh my, yes...but so excited to meet members of my heritage; my Clan. I wasn't sure how to dress. I'd poured over my issues of *The Tartan* for pictures of past meetings. Was my MacDougall sash allowed to touch bare skin? Was there a right and wrong shoulder (or side) to tie it to and was it even okay for me to use the clan crest-pin to secure it? (Obviously I needed the "how to" book...which...I learned about later in the evening from *Tartan* Editor Pat MacDougall.)

Just to make sure, I covered my whole body as to not offend anyone before I knew the score. Simply black pants and white blouse...with, of course, my beautiful, red/with multiple-colored threads. MacDougall sash setting off my outfit. I asked my 15-year-old son how I looked: he shot back, "WHERE are you going looking like THAT, mom?"

So on to the gathering of clan. I remember being aware of my heart pounding LOUDLY as I parked my jeep wrangler. No big deal...I told myself. I've been in lots of crowded, fun situations before. But...this time, I was actually a wee bit scared. I didn't know anyone nor them me! Happily, on arrival to Eseeola's Pool Pavilion...I saw lots of men in red kilts. Thank you, God; I was at the right place! (The Clan could use a couple of directional signs for newcomers. Even as a local, I had never been to the Pool Pavilion but now know it sits across the street and one street over from the Eseeola Lodge).

I just made it to the meeting (only because it started 8 minutes late). During it, clan folk introduced themselves which helped me immensely later on during cocktails and dinner. I stood and introduced myself...stating that my great grandfather was born in Oban. Alan MacDougall was his name. But, I was Tammy Rondinaro. (Rond-a-who? Doesn't sound Scottish at all, does it?) "Well, my mom is the MacDougall and about 20 years ago I married this really nice Italian boy." My evening was set from that point on.

And what an evening it was. I have never met so many people at one event that were so very kind, welcoming, and down-to-earth. I took several pictures (to share with my Florida mom whom I vow to get up here for next year's 40th on Grandfather) of wonderful clan attire and camaraderie. **I had my first haggis.** Oh my, oh my. When it came time to sink or swim, I said **yes** to our server...and **even liked it**...though my table mate, the kindest William Ermatinger,

was going to make sure I tried it come hell or high water. (I beat him to the order...) God Bless you William, for being such a fine and caring host to me. I also met President Wylie, Vice Pres Donald, and 3rd Vice Beacham (and the loveliest realization is that for the most part, you only have to remember their first names!) I also had a very nice chat with *Tartan* Editor Pat MacDougall...and so many more wonderful clan folk. Thank you all, for making me feel so important and part of the clan!

The rest of the dinner and conversation was just plain incredible. Every person at the table was friendly, personable, and interested in what I had to say or offer. (Some what of a ghost chance these days I fear...) Our honored guest speaker, Colin Lindsay-MacDougall of Lunga was absolutely delightful as was the wonderful Scottish music and sing-along. (A special thanks to those who said nice things as I passed around pictures of my family.) Truly, I will never forget the fun I had that evening. It isn't every day you can walk into a crowd of people you don't know and feel right at home!

SATURDAY GAMES:

I came back to the games on Saturday with husband Steve. What a thrill to stop off at "the tent" and introduce people I KNEW! Even as an Italian, Steve is now a "member" by marriage...and he's still shaking his head. If the truth be known (and some of you know this first hand, I'm sure) Italians are not as "open" as Scots. So poor Steve is still in wonderment as to why he's been inducted into this crazy, courteous, caring, and quintessential cobweb of the courageous Clan MacDougall without some sort of a passport! But honestly, he too, had a blast getting to know everyone. We were sorry when closing time came...

SUNDAY GAMES:

All other members of my family had prior engagements. So what was I to do? It was pretty much a no-brainer; Up to the mountain again for one last time with my new-found family. After a short visit, the rains came and it was then sad but anxious good-byes until the next time we might meet. Promises to keep in touch via email were sworn in near-blood and lots of hugs and best wishes were given all around.

I am still in awe of, perhaps, the most moving weekend of my life with what amounted to sharing with virtual strangers. I can't explain it. I can only feel it. And it was absolutely wonderful.

"Buaidh-No-Bas." Conquer or Die! My husband wants to make it our sales department motto...

With love and renewed respect,
Tammy (MacDougall) Rondinaro
Banner Elk, North Carolina
Near Linville, Host to the
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
Southeast Region

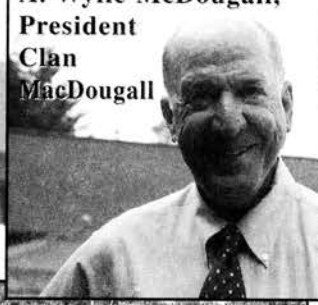
Quick Bio: The Rondinaros own and operate the only local television station in the High Country area. Rondinaro Broadcasting, Inc. operates MTN (Mountain Television Network) out of their studios in Boone, North Carolina located on the local cable channel 18 or UHF 24. For information about the station, visit www.MTNTN.COM or contact them at info@MTNTV.com

Clan MacDougall at Grandfather

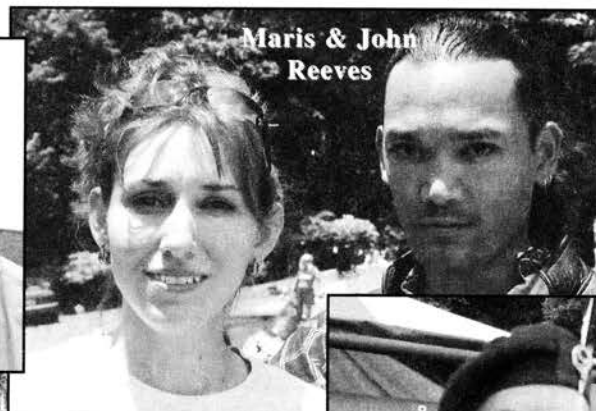
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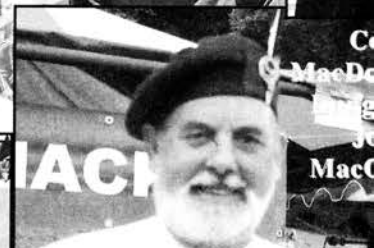
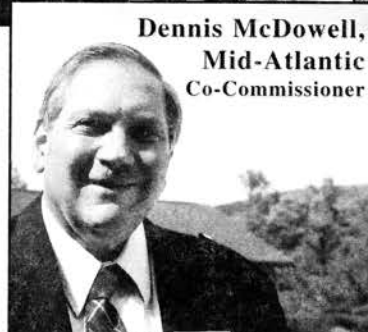
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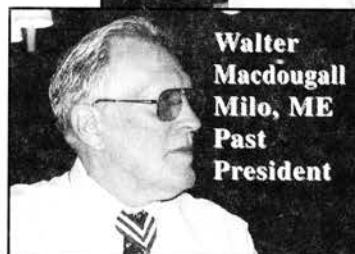
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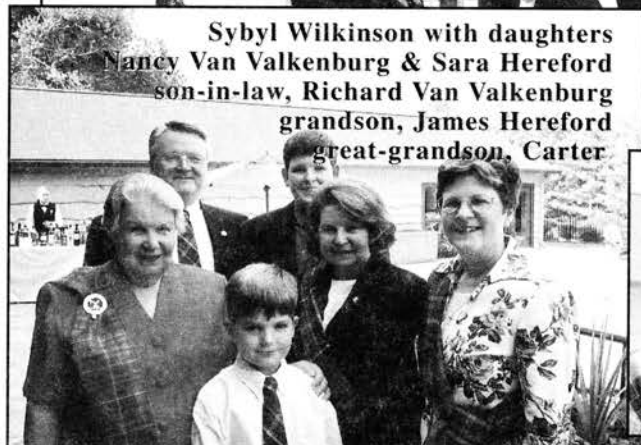
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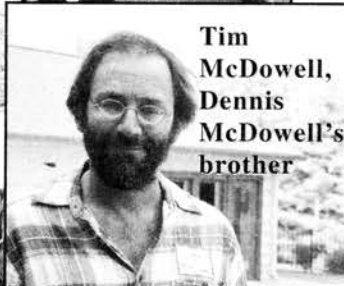
**Nancy Kane &
Judy Macdougall**



**Sybyl Wilkinson with daughters
Nancy Van Valkenburg & Sara Hereford
son-in-law, Richard Van Valkenburg
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great-grandson, Carter**



Tim McDowell,
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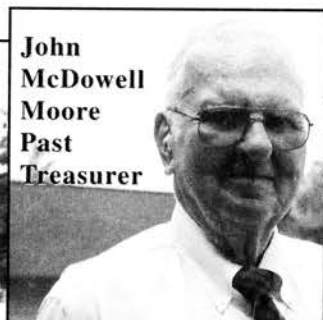


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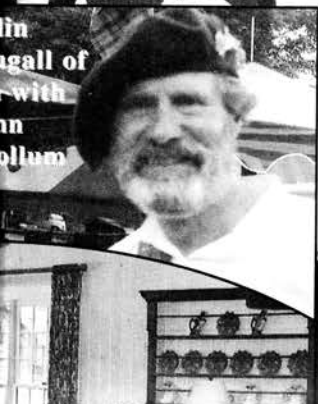
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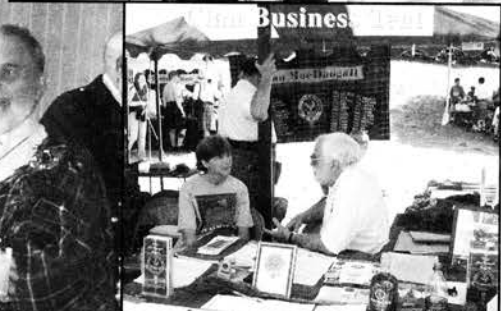
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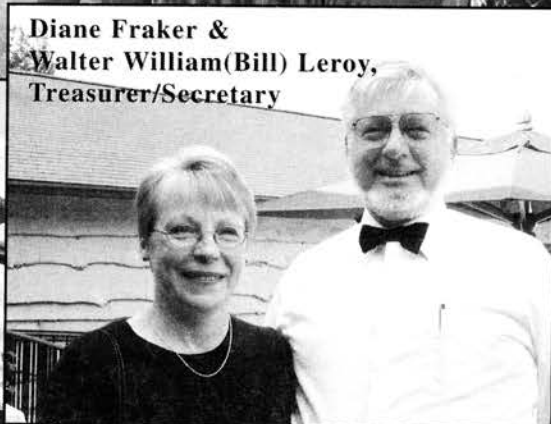
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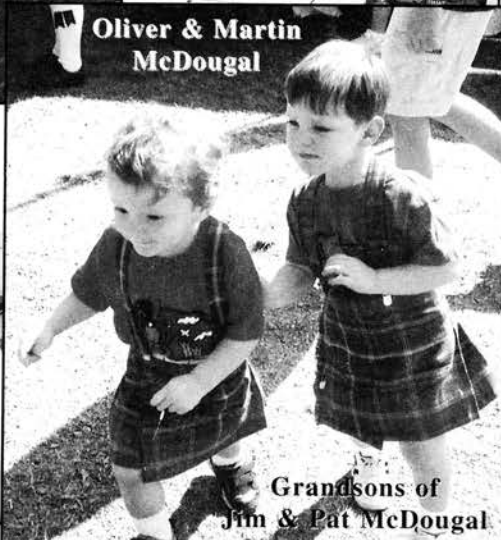
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Lynne & Joe
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Daughter



Diane Fraker &
Walter William (Bill) Leroy,
Treasurer/Secretary



Oliver & Martin
McDougal



Lindsay MacDougall of Lunga
& Walter Macdougall

Grandsons of
Jim & Pat McDougal

Photos: Sandra MacDougall and Pat McDougal

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My compliments to Adam Bigham on his fine article "The Kingdom of Strathclyde" in *The Tartan*, 39, No. 2, Spring, 2004.

This little-known history is very significant to that of Scotland and to Scots and Britons alike. A virtually unknown memorial still marks the grave of Rhydder (i) ch Hael, King of Strathclyde who died in 603 AD, in the form of a huge iron-laden meteorite the "Cloridderck Stone". It is marked with signs of the Cross and marks resembling Ogham script, and it stands alone in a field on my former estate of Castlesemple at Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, a few miles South of the Clyde and West of Glasgow, where we still have that Feudal Barony.

For orientation, the Kingdom of Strathclyde lasted for six centuries until 1018. King Rhydderch (Hael) (521-603) and his ecclesiastical ally St. Kentigern ("Mungo") (525-603) were close allies of Aidan King of Scots and St. Columba* who had selected and consecrated Aidan as King. They were all alive in the final years of King Arthur (died 517) who set the precedent for what they did. Remember that the Dalriadic Scots under Fergus McErc and his brothers settled in Argyll only ca. 500 AD. Arthur was the battle leader of the Gododdin, descendants of the Eastern Votadini Britons, whose "Camelot" was really at the ruins of ancient Roxburgh between the Tweed and Teviot Rivers near Kelso in the Scottish Borders not far from the later home of the Macdowalls/MacDougalls of (1353-) Makerston. Arthur drove the pagan Saxons out of Wales and Cornwall, then Rhydderch et al.

drove the pagan Angles out of Scotland. Mungo was a man of many miracles who besides converting the southwest back to Christianity actually met and converted the real bardic Druid Merlin the day before Merlin died in hot pursuit as an insane wild man. Mungo went to Rome in 590 and convinced Pope Gregory to send emissaries to St. Columba of the Celtic Church and to send St. Augustine to Canterbury in 596 which helped to convert all the British Isles back to Christianity long before Europe was relieved from the Dark Ages. The strong link to St. Columba's Isle of Iona prevailed over Anglo-Saxon pagan turmoil before the pagan Norse Vikings raided Iona in 802 and took over the Western Isles and Coast. That continued until the death of Earl Thorfinn (1008-1064) who ruled half of Scotland when MacBeth ruled the other half, leaving Galloway governed by the native family of Fergus (1096-1161) Lord of Galloway from ca. 1118. The MacDougall's ancestor Somerled recouped Argyll as Regulus in 1130 and won the Kingdom of the Western Isles from the King of Man in 1158.

The best authority on Arthur is Alistair Moffat, in his "Arthur and the Lost Kingdoms", Orion Books Ltd., London, 1999 (Phoenix Paperback, 2000).

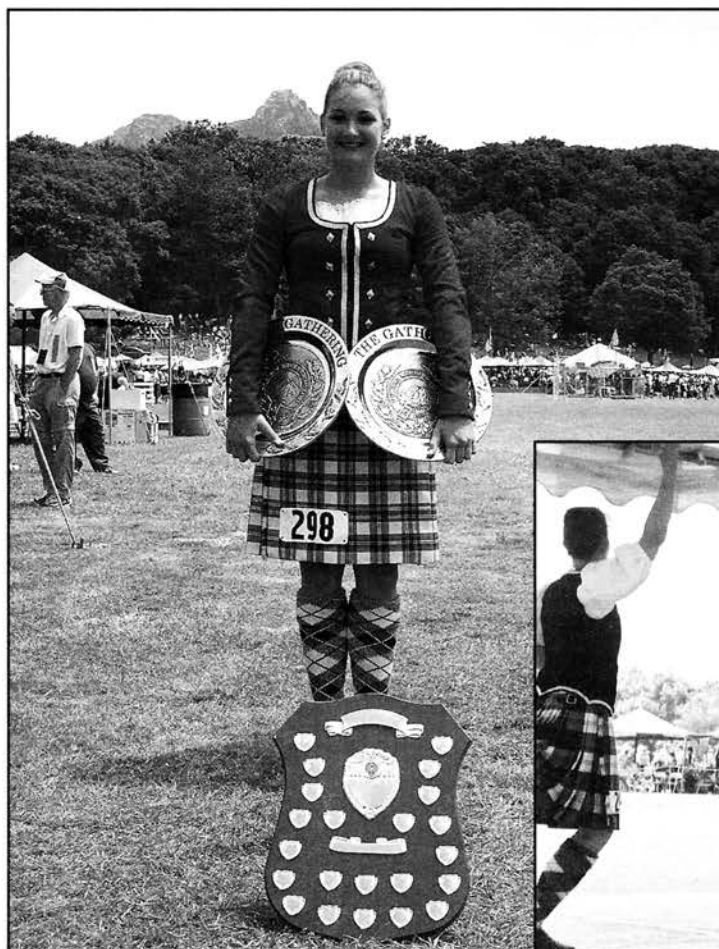
I also recommend the books by my late friend Reginald Hale: "The Magnificent Gael", World Media Productions, 1976. (about St. Columba) "The Beloved: St. Mungo, Founder of Glasgow", Univ. of Ottawa Press, 1989.

Yours Aye!

Fergus MacDowall
Garthland



* ("Columcille", 521-597)



Wins for a Champion!

Erin McDougall was a trophy winner at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Dance competition. She was also named "Dancer of the Day" during the Atlanta Internationals for which she received the plaque pictured at left at her feet. Below shows a graceful and agile Erin as she dances in competition with fellow dancers at Grandfather Mountain.



MORAG MACDOUGALL OF MACDOUGALL

Introduction. These are a few autobiographical notes, compiled by her husband, Richard Morley, to whom she was married on July 30th 1966.

Morag is the Grandchild of the 29th Chief, Col Alexander James MacDougall (1872 -1953) of MacDougall and his wife – Colina Edith (1874 – 1963). Alexander and Colina had three daughters,

Coline, (1904-1990) the 30th Chief, married Leslie Graham Thomson late in life and they had no children.

Jean Louisa Morag (1910 – 2000) married Dr Stephen John Hadfield (1908 -) and they had two daughters – Morag, the subject of these notes, and Sheana Margaret (now known as Anna) who was born in 1942.

Stephen Hadfield also has MacDougall ancestry and, at present (26/07/04) is still living at Oban.

At the time of Morag's Birth on 21st Nov 1939, Dr Hadfield was a General Practitioner (Doctor) living at Beer in Devon. Soon after this, the Second World War arrived and Stephen served throughout as administrative medical officer with the R.A.F. and the family moved around southern England quite a lot during that period, but visits to Dunollie were often made.

Early school days were spent in a Convent School in Seaton, Devon and then in a prep School in Surrey and from 1951 to 1958 she was a boarder Sherborne School for Girls in Dorset, her parents were now living in Surrey, her Father having taken up a senior post with the British Medical Association in London.

Following her School days, Morag studied at the Kingdon Ward School of Speech Therapy in London from 1958 to 1961 and during that time became interested in the Society of Friends (Quakers) and made a fine Youth Hostelling tour of Norway with her friend (and later her Bridesmaid) Judith Ainsworth.

Early in 1962, she took up her first job as a Speech Therapist in Cardiff (the Welsh Capital) where, amongst her various interests, she became active with both the Quakers and the Caledonian Society, where ex-patriot Scots enjoyed their brand Country Dancing. It was mainly at these two venues that she first met Richard Morley who was a young Civil Engineer and the son of a Somerset based Quaker Doctor.

Following a fascinating Rambling Holiday in Arctic Sweden in 1965, Morag and Richard became engaged and were married at St Columba's Church, (now a Tourist Information Office), Argyll Square in Oban on 30th July 1966 (a day mostly remembered as the day that England won the World Cup (Football) !). After the Wedding there was a fine reception at Dunollie before the bridal couple took the Mull Ferry to enjoy a lovely week in an idyllic cottage near Bunessan and Iona.

After a few more months in Cardiff, we moved to Llandrindod Wells, in Mid-Wales for a couple of years and Morag continued to work as a Speech Therapist and Richard continued his Civil Engineering Career at near-by Builth Wells.

In 1969 we moved to Shobdon – a village in Herefordshire – as Richard had now found work as a River Engineer at Hereford. Morag continued her career in the former County of Radnorshire, mainly helping Children with Speech problems at the neighbouring small towns of Presteigne and Knighton as well as in Herefordshire.

I do not think that either of us expected to stay particularly long at this relatively remote location, but we were wrong. We are still there.

On 18th March 1970 our son, Robin Hamish MacDougall was born in Hereford County Hospital and four years later, our daughter Fiona arrived on May 31st 1974 at the same hospital.

Morag's main interests are Rambling, Natural History including Bird watching, Wildflowers and the Countryside generally. Other interests are Musical – particularly of the Baroque Period and of the Religious/Church type. Her favourite instrument is the Organ (She is still learning how to play it !) (Now that is modesty for you ! – R.M.) and she enjoys playing different types of Recorder with a Consort group. In addition to this she plays in a Hand bell group.

Following our 1965 trip to Sweden, we did not go abroad until 1991, when we Celebrated our Silver Wedding in a beautiful Austrian Village. Since 1996, however, we have often flown to Europe for Rambling Holidays, on Mediterranean Islands, and in the Alps.

Richard took early retirement in 1995 and is now mainly occupied with voluntary driving work, the significance of this note being that we are now able to visit Oban much more frequently than in the past.

In 1990, Morag's Aunt, Coline (The 30th Chief), died, and, having no children, Morag became the 31st Chief .

In 1994 we had a splendid Clan Gathering at Dunollie, attended by about 60 Clansfolk, and blessed by fine weather.

In keeping with her attitude to all of life, Morag is a most caring person. She cares for people, whatever their status, and she cares for the environment. She is concerned about the welfare of all of her tenants, both on the mainland and on Kerrera. It is her great desire to preserve the Island as the haven of peace and quiet that it is, whilst, at the same time attempting to maintain the prosperity of its inhabitants. In these endeavours she enjoys great support from Mr Mike Robertson her factor from the local Solicitors McKinnons.

Do not be deceived by Morag's outwardly shy and modest nature. Although not overtly 'pushy', she is a very determined and strong minded person, every bit worthy of your present Clan Chief.

Finally, she and I hope that everyone of the Clans folk who come to the Oban Gathering will find it a Happy and interesting occasion.

Richard Morley 26th July 2004

Icon of St. Columba

RAFFLE



Clan MacDougall Society, Mid-Atlantic Region



- Drawing:** December 4, 2004 at the Alexandria Scottish Walk
- Cost:** \$5 per ticket (5 tickets for \$20)
- Description:** Icon of St. Columba, written (painted) and donated by Dan MacDougall especially for the Mid-Atlantic Region, with recipient's name inscribed in the blessing. Icons of this size and type usually retail for \$1200. See details below.
- Tickets:** Available at Clan MacDougall events throughout 2004 or by sending a check to:
Don and Sandra MacDougall,
2471 Freetown Drive,
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About St. Columba

From Colum, named Colum-cille, and in Latin Columba (a dove), was born at Gartan in Tyrconnel, County Donegal, in AD 521. He was of noble extraction from Niall, King of Ireland. He learned the Divine Scriptures and the lessons of an ascetic life under the bishop, St. Finian. Advanced to the priesthood in AD 546, in a short time he had many disciples. St. Columba's manner of living was always most austere. It is said he lay on the bare floor with a stone for his pillow, and never interrupted his fast. Yet his devotion was neither morose or severe.

It was in Iona, that St. Columba came ashore from Ireland and began the Christianisation of Scotland. A place of pilgrimage and veneration throughout the centuries, for reasons of faith, it was also the cradle of the Celtic Kingdom of Scotland...

The Island of Iona lies just off the extreme coast of Mull, an island to the West of Scotland [Oban, seat of the MacDougall clan—ed.]. The island is three miles long and one-and-half miles wide. The strait that separates it from Mull (with which it is connected by ferry) is only three quarters of a mile wide.

Although so many centuries have elapsed since the death of St. Columba; it is said that visitors to the sacred isle "can still feel the sanctity of his presence in the atmosphere." Few places can have been so untouched by the hand of time, as Iona, with its barren rock, brightened by heather and other wild mountain plants, and views North, South, East, and West, unchanged from those which met the gaze of St. Columba on that historic Sunday when he first celebrated Holy Mass.

How the Icon Is Made

Finding the Image: The image for this icon (a good image to work from) was found by searching the Internet—the same image offered on two sites:

A color copy was taken to Kinkos to be enlarged.

Board: This icon is painted on an 8x10 inch gessoed board ordered from Iconboards—it is of excellent quality.

Tracing the image: A piece of velum or tracing paper is placed onto the image and each line is traced. The drawing is reversed and all lines are traced with a pencil. It is then placed onto the gessoed board and all lines are etched. Every line on the board is then painted with either black, red, or brown paint, as appropriate.

Gold leaf: Gold leaf is applied either before the icon is painted or when all the painting has been completed—it is easier to gild before any paint has been used. For this icon Dan used 23K gold leaf, and red clay bole as a base. Hot breath is blown onto the bole and the gold leaf is immediately attached. Another method is to use "gold size," fast or slow set—this takes from three to twelve hours to set before the gold leaf is applied.

Painting: Paints are either "gauche" or pigments. This icon is painted in the traditional egg tempera method using pigments mixed with egg emulsion. Pigments give vibrant and lasting colors.

Blessing: This icon is inscribed with "Icon of St. Columba, Written 2004, For..." (name to be added later).

Completion: Icons take 30 to 40 hours to complete, depending upon complexity. The target date for this icon is April 2004.

From Dan MacDougall

I have been writing/painting icons since January, 1995. It is an honor to be selected to write this icon for Clan MacDougall with the specific purpose of raffling it off as a fundraiser, and also an honor to journey with St. Columba as I write this beautiful icon. My hope is that the recipient will receive peace and blessings.

Yours Aye,
Dan MacDougall

Clan McDougal - Scotland



Pictured: L-R Brent, Andy, Ryan, Debbie, Chuck, Matthew, Alan, Erin, Cheryl, Jane, Mac, Heather, Renee, Mark

With time to plan, everyone studied his or her travel books, magazines and videos. We gathered together and discussed where we should go and what we should do. We voted and re-voted. We all, of course, agreed that the trip should begin in Oban. We even ordered matching "Clan MacDougall" sweatshirts from a vendor at the Loch Norman Highland Games so we could have a group photo taken at Dunollie Castle.

Finally, the day arrived for the trip to begin and we were off! After a six-hour flight, our plane landed in Glasgow, Scotland, where we were met by Ronnie Pook of Scotland Tours, and our coach driver, Steven William Wallace. We boarded the coach and headed to Oban. We explored the waterfront area and inquired about ferry schedules to Kerrera. We set out the next morning to explore Dunollie Castle.

Due to lost luggage, two members of our group were without "the Clan sweatshirt". So, unfortunately, we had to postpone the group photo at Dunollie. We all enjoyed the view and could imagine the invaders coming in by sea.

The next stop was a visit to Dunstaffnage Castle. This castle ruin was quite a sight. The historical information provided was quite interesting (those Campbells were a nasty lot!). We returned to Oban (time for a pint) to get ready for dinner. The Waterfront Restaurant was the listed dining establishment on our itinerary.

The next morning Chuck, Cheryl and their daughter, Erin, hired a car and drove across Scotland to the Drumtochty Highland Games in Auchenblane. Erin competed in Highland Dance and came away with a few £'s of prize money. The rest of the clan went on to explore the Isle of Mull and Iona. Unfortunately, we never could work out a time to go to Gylen Castle.

We traveled to Skye where we had planned to do some hiking. The weather got the best of us (30 knot winds were not conducive to hiking the Quirang). That left us to explore Portree's shops and pubs.



Anniversary Cake

From Skye, we headed east, via Culloden Moor and on to the Cairngorm Mountains for our next destination. Along the way, we visited Eilean Donan Castle where we finally took our group picture in the much-delayed "Clan MacDougall" sweatshirts! Interestingly, in Eilean Donan Castle, we saw a proclamation for all MacDougalls to "lay down their arms"! Near the

Scotland 2002

Charles A. (Mac) McDougal and **Jane Gilbert** were married 50 years ago in November 2002. They enjoyed traveling together over the years to many destinations. In between those trips, they raised three boys. The children grew, married and blessed Jane and Mac with six healthy grandchildren. Jane and Mac's oldest son, Chuck, and his wife, Cheryl, had exposed their children to various Scottish activities. Alan plays the bagpipes and Erin is a Champion Highland Dancer. Both would perform at family get-to-gathers for their grandparents. Everyone enjoyed the uniqueness of their Scottish heritage, so when the decision needed to be made for either a party or a trip for the 50th anniversary, the decision was made quickly. The decision: a Trip! The destination: Scotland!

Cairngorms, we stayed in Coylumbridge and managed to get in a round of golf at Boat-O-Garten Golf Club and a trip up the new funicular railroad where we experienced a beautiful view of the valley below and snow in June!



Edinburgh was our last *McDougals in Dunstaffnage Castle* destination. Chuck, Cheryl, Erin, and Jane broke off once again and headed to the Ceres Highland Games. Again the rain added to the excitement. Erin came away with a couple of first places and a few more £'s of prize money. The rest of the clan took a guided tour of Edinburgh's historic city and the two oldest grandsons, Alan and Brent, hiked to the top of Arthur's seat.

Our last night in Scotland was a surprise dinner for Jane and Mac at Preston Field House to celebrate their 50th anniversary. The chef prepared a special 50th Anniversary cake. We asked our tour director, prior to our arrival, for gift ideas for the celebration. We decided upon a gold quaich with their names and anniversary dates engraved. We learned, from our tour director, that the quaich we chose was the second such quaich made- the first being the one made especially for the Queen for her 50th Jubilee Celebration! The MacDougall name is once again connected with the Crown! Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

With many fond memories, we vowed to return again, and sadly bid Scotland farewell.



Jane & Mac w/ grandchildren in Dunollie

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