

The Tartan

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Ceud Mile Failte From Clan MacDougall Society President

"Ceud Mile Failte" in Gaelic means one hundred thousand welcomes. This is quite a few welcomes, but it is not too many to express my appreciation to the one hundred and thirty MacDougalls who in so few months have so willingly joined our Clan Society.

I humbly appreciate the honor of being chosen as the first president of the Clan MacDougall Society of the United States, and I pledge that I will do my very best to carry out my duties to accomplish the purposes of our Society.

The inspiration behind all that we have done was initiated by our Chief, Madam Coline MacDougall of MacDougall, and I want to thank her for all of us. Those of us on the Organizing Committee have asked many favors of her, and I know that she has given us much of her time.

There have been most rewarding compensations for the work that I have done so far. Working as closely as I have with the other members of the Organizing Committee has been a rich experience. Edward McDougal's assistance in writing the By-

Laws and the papers of incorporation has been an invaluable help. Donald McDougal Senior and Junior have worked hard on our mailing lists. Donald Junior has written to each new member in sending out membership cards and has handled our financial matters. My brother Wylie has spent a great deal of time on research and correspondence, and in offering to edit *THE TARTAN* he will contribute perhaps more than any of us.

Not the least of the rewarding experiences was the enthusiastic letters that were received with many membership applications. Letters were received from thirty states. Nearly all of the letters indicated an intense interest in historical and genealogical facts. We will answer as many questions as we can through articles in "*THE TARTAN*" and by correspondence.

Those who have been fortunate enough to have seen Dunollie Castle will understand the feeling that I had when I first viewed the stone and ivy-covered walls and was told that MacDougalls built Dunollie, lived within its walls and defended it for many centuries. As these facts were told to me, the name MacDougall had a new ring and significance for me. I felt that I would have a special kinship for anyone with the name MacDougall. I believe that any MacDougall would experience the same sensation. If this is true, then surely there is a reason for a Clan MacDougall Society. We certainly have something more in common than just a name to pass on to future generations of MacDougalls.

While the walls of Dunollie Castle are crumbling, they are still nearly one hundred feet high. I would like to see these walls preserved so that the future generations of MacDougalls will have a shrine to visit and can be inspired as other MacDougalls have been. If this is to be accomplished we must increase our membership. I hope you will all join me in this objective. Our By-Laws enumerate our other objectives, which are equally important.

I only wish our entire membership could have attended our first meeting. Getting to know these new friends, with so much in common, was still another rewarding experience, and I am sure that this will become the finest experience of all.

An article entitled, "What is a Scot" that I read recently starts out by saying, "The Scot is, of course, the world's greatest paradox, noted equally for his hard headed down to earth common sense and his unblushing, indeed entirely determined, sentimentality." If this is true of Scots in general then it must be true of MacDougalls, and I do not know of any combination of traits that would lend as much to the success and enjoyment of a Society such as ours.



Madam Coline MacDougall, 30th hereditary Chief of the Clan MacDougall, and her husband, Leslie Grahame MacDougall, Esq. R.S.A.

First Meeting Of The Society

The first meeting of members of the Society was held on Saturday, July 10, 1965, in a gaily striped tent at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain near Linville, North Carolina.

The occasion was a pleasant and happy one and took place during the annual Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans which, for the past decade, have been held with notable success at this beautiful spot.

The President, Mr. John W. McDougall of Nashville, Tennessee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M., warmly welcomed the nineteen stalwart members who, despite cloudy skies and intermittent rain, had responded to the Secretary's notice and assembled from far places.

Besides the large turn out of the John McDougall family from Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. McDougal, Jr., of Libertyville, Ill., and the A. Wylie McDougalls of New Orleans, all members of the organizing committee, there were Mr. and Frank C. Bryant (Camille McDougall) of Asheville, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. McDougal and their two children from Columbus, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. MacDougall of Akron, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas C. McDougall of Anderson, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. George E. McDougall of Greenville, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Simms McDowell of Charleston, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. William Leonard and their daughter Nancy, of Henderson, N. C. As interested observers there were present Mr. John MacDougall of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Wilson L. Blayney.

The President read a letter from Madam Coline MacDougall of MacDougall, 30th Chief of the Clan MacDougall, expressing her cordial greetings and best wishes. He reported that 126 memberships had been issued, including 88 family and 38 individual cards; that the Board of Directors had met in the morning and completed the formal steps of organization, approved the Articles of Incorporation, adopted the By-Laws and elected the following officers:

Honorary President: Madam Coline MacDougall
MacDougall, 30th Chief of
Clan MacDougall;
President: John W. McDougall
Nashville, Tenn.

First Vice-President: Donald McDougal, Sr.,
Madison, Wis.;

Second Vice-President: A. Wylie McDougall of
New Orleans, La.;

Third Vice-President: Edward D. McDougal, Jr.,
Libertyville, Ill.;

Secretary-Treasurer: Donald McDougal, Jr.,
Hinsdale, Ill.;

Mr. Edward D. McDougal, Jr., acting Secretary of the meeting in the absence of Mr. Donald McDougal, Jr., the Secretary, read a statement of income and expenditures during the period March 12, 1965 through June 30, 1965 showing total receipts from annual and special contributions of \$826.00 and total expenditures for printing, postage, organization expense, etc., of \$356.63, leaving a balance on hand of \$469.37, with no indebtedness outstanding.

After full discussion, it was unanimously voted that the President be authorized to transmit \$150 of the Society's funds to the Chief of the Clan to be used solely for the upkeep and maintenance of Dunollie Castle, near Oban, Scotland, in furtherance of one of the purposes of the Society as set out in Section 2d of the By-Laws.

The President was also authorized to take out a membership for the Society in the World Federation of Scottish Societies and Individuals at dues of \$17.50 per annum. This organization has its office in Edinburgh and has for its object the furnishing of information, geneological service and other assistance to Scottish groups and their members throughout the world.

The President then reported on plans to issue a Society Newsletter and urged all members to send him information, articles and material for publication which would be of general interest to our members.

The members showed marked enthusiasm for the Society and there was active discussion of the best ways and means of carrying out its purposes, including the eventual organization of regional chapters.

The meeting closed with an enthusiastic and unanimous vote of thanks to the President and to his brother, Mr. A. Wylie McDougall for their effective efforts in promoting the organization of the Society and in attending to the countless details incident to holding the first meeting.

Background Bits . . .

Our President, John Walton McDougall of Nashville, Tennessee, was born December 26, 1900, in New York City of Scottish Canadian parents. His paternal grandparents were born in Caverton, Roxboroughshire, Scotland, and his maternal grandparents were born in Ayrshire. All emigrated to Ontario during the last half of the eighteen hundreds. A great grandfather, John Armstrong, was one of the founders of Toronto.

Mr. McDougall attended elementary schools in New Orleans, Indianapolis and St. Paul, and finished his education at Upper Canada College in Toronto.

His business career began as sales engineer for the Southern Cement Co. of Birmingham, Alabama. In 1937, after thirteen years with this company, he started his own firm, the John W. McDougall Co., Inc., in Nashville. He heads this firm of air-conditioning engineers and building material specialists as its president and general manager.

Mr. and Mrs. McDougall, who was Elizabeth Wellen of Cincinnati, have a married daughter, Allister McDougall Estes, and two sons, John and Wylie.

Mr. McDougall is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. He is past president of the Cumberland Club, commodore of the Nashville Sailing Association and the Harbor Island Yacht Club. He serves as vice-president of the Distributor's Council, a national association of building material specialists, and is president of the Volunteer Post of the American Ordnance Association.

He is an ardent golfer and an enthusiastic sailor, owner of a Thistle which he races on Old Hickory Lake where he has a summer home.

The affairs of our Society are in the hands of a good skipper.

EDITOR'S ASIDE—From the printer a frantic telephone call:

"Can't set type from this copy. Never be able to get the spelling uniform."

"No, no, no! Those are proper names, people's names, all different."

"Cripes, don't any of you know how to spell your own name?"



John W. McDougall, Clan MacDougall President, of Nashville, Tennessee, Edward D. McDougal, Jr. of Chicago, Illinois, and A. Wylie McDougall of New Orleans, Louisiana, in front of the Clan MacDougall tent at the recent Gathering of the Clans on Grandfather Mountain near Linville, North Carolina.

Calling All Members . . .

We need your suggestions, we need current news about you and your family, we need geneological information of general interest to MacDougalls . . . we need to know all we can about you so THE TARTAN can be a real link between the MacDougalls of the United States and also a link to the MacDougalls of Scotland.

Our Chief has made some suggestions, among them she thought the members might be interested in a few traditional Scottish recipes that MacDougalls have enjoyed through the years; and she would be very happy to answer in these columns any question which would be of special interest to MacDougalls that the members might care to ask.

At present we plan to get THE TARTAN out only twice a year, the treasury being depleted by the expenses necessary to organizing the Society. But we hope soon, by an increase in membership and a chance to build up some capital, to bring it out three or four times a year.

Its worth to the Society depends on getting into its columns newsworthy items about people and things MacDougall. Clanishness is the word for it, in its truly proud sense.

Editor

Application for Membership

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CLAN MACDOUGALL SOCIETY
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Please enter my name for membership in the Society, for which I attach my check for the annual dues:

Name: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

Address: _____

Annual Dues:

\$3.00 for an individual membership

\$5.00 for a family membership (wife,
husband and children under 18)

NOTE: If your name is not MacDougall (in any of its spellings) please indicate how you are connected by birth or marriage with an individual of that name.

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