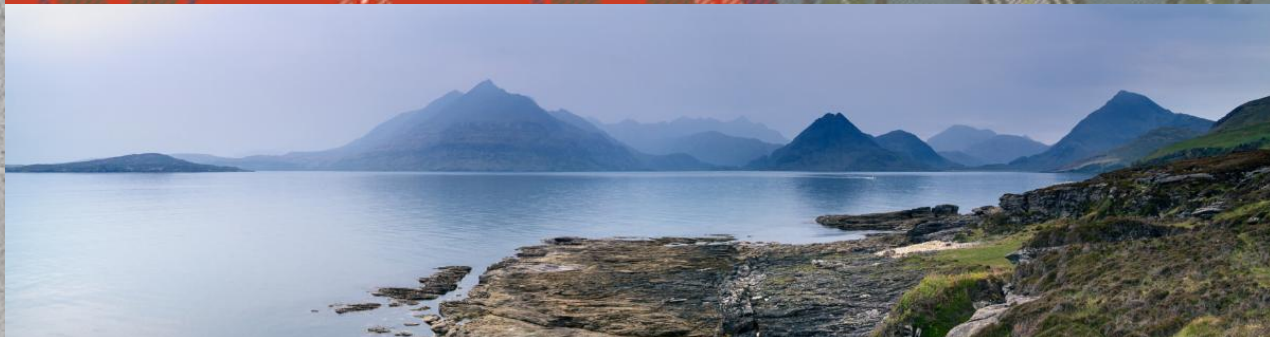




I indicated last month that our year-end “Member Renewal & Contribution Campaign” was off to a strong start. Now that the campaign has concluded, I can report that your contributions have added up to be the most successful fundraiser in the history of our Society! The commitment you have all shown enables our charity to have the resources it needs to fulfill our purposes, to the benefit of our Clans.

We can not thank you enough!

We’ve previously told how the Society was able to contribute £6,500 to assist with the development of a new exhibition of items from The Hope MacDougall Collection at the museum in 2022. Now, thanks to your generosity, our Board of Directors has approved two additional contributions. One is related to the preservation of our heritage sites and the other is assisting with archaeological research.

Last year, the Society pitched in £1,500 toward the stabilization of the west wall of the kirk at Kilbride. We have repeated that donation this year. The south wall is now the focus and will complete repairs to the fabric of the structure. The gothic-style arch on the southwest window will also be rebuilt. Stonemason Michael Hogg has been selected to complete the work.

It is exciting to see the progress being made by the **Friends of Kilbride**. In addition to the structural work, I am sure you’ll remember that they also cast a replica of the bell from the kirk last fall. The video of this event is on **YouTube** and you can **read about the process** on their website. I encourage you to take a look, if you haven’t already.



The second donation approved was to Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mòr (Lismore Historical Society). CELM, a nationally accredited museum, has undergone a long-term program of archeological work to explore and interpret the rich heritage of the area round the medieval cathedral (built by the MacDougalls, late 13th century). In September 2021 digging uncovered 16 early burials. The next stage is for experts to carry out detailed post-excavation analyses to reveal the full extent of information that can be gathered from the samples such as date of burial, age, gender, height, state of health, origin and full DNA analysis.



The analysis of these remains is of great historical value in widening our understanding of the population of the island, to which Clan MacDougall is known to have strong ties. We are thrilled to be able to contribute £1,500 toward this project and can't wait to discover what the analysis will reveal. You may wish to read **The Big Dig 2021 February 2022 Update** on the CELM website to learn more. (Poke around on both websites. There is a lot to see!)

It has been a very busy year already, and there is always more to tell. You'll see below that Highland Games season is upon us already! Maybe next month we can talk about upcoming plans for more local events and genealogical resources... and how you can help! For now, I am aware that this is a big issue already and will stop here. Stay healthy and hopefully we can all be together again soon.

Kyle Jones
President, CMSNA

Highland Games Season is Here!



Northeast Florida Scottish Games

February 26th, 2022

Clay County Fairgrounds
2497 State Road 16 West
Green Cove Springs, FL
9am - 10pm

Discounted Admission Online - \$12

Adult at Gate - \$15

Children 10 and Under - Free!



Sherman Celtic Festival

March 19-20, 2022

Pecan Grove West Park
3200 Canyon Creek Dr
Sherman, TX 75092

March 19 - 9am - 6pm

March 20 - 10am - 5pm

12 and over - \$5

Under 12 - Free!



Savannah Scottish Games

May 7, 2022

9570 Ferguson Ave
Savannah, GA 31406-6332

7am - 3:30pm

Adult - \$15

Student (11-17) - \$5
Under 10 - Free!



**Gallabrae
Greenville Scottish Games
May 27-28, 2022**

Parade: May 27, 2022, 6pm on Main Street in
downtown Greenville, SC
Games: May 28, 2022 8:30am at Furman
University in Travelers Rest, SC
Adult (13 and above) \$20 in advance,
\$25 day of Games.
Children (5-12) \$10



**Garrett County Celtic Festival
June 4, 2022**

Friendsville Community Park
Friendsville, MD
10:30am - 6pm
Adults \$15
Youth (11-18) \$5
Under 10 - Free!



**Cumberland Valley Scottish Games
June 11, 2022**

Veterans Memorial Park
Shippensburg, PA 17257
9am to 4pm
Early Bird \$5.50



**Grandfather Mountain
Highland Games
July 7-10, 2022**

MacRae Meadows
Linville, NC 28646
Opens 4pm on Thursday
Concludes Sunday after Kirkin
Complex Pricing, See **Details**.

**COVENANTER
SCOTTISH FESTIVAL**
AND HIGHLAND GAMES

**Covenanter Scottish Festival
September 10, 2022**

1199 Valley Road
Quarryville, PA 17566
9am - 5pm

Adult \$20
12 and under - Free!



Kalamazoo Scottish Festival

September 10, 2022

Kindleberger Park Dr

Kalamazoo, MI 49004

9am-5pm

Free Event - Open to Public!



Ligonier Highland Games

September 17, 2022

Idlewild Park

Ligonier, PA 15658

8am - 6pm

Adults (18-54) \$20

Seniors (54 and Up) \$18

A Brief History of the Covenanters

By Lindsay Davis

This article was researched and written based on a Facebook request from Neal T.

It is no secret that much of the world's historical conflicts have occurred due to a difference of opinion on religion. A quick look at Scottish history reveals that the Scots were no different – in fact, Scots have always been quite passionate about their religion and desire to practice however they may choose. The Covenanter's Period is but one of many instances of government and religion clashing. The entire conflict is extremely complex and tied with additional political motivations, and cannot be adequately explained here. However, additional sources are cited at the end of the article for further reading.

One of the primary conflicts through the rule of Mary, Queen of Scots was her religion and how the citizens of Scotland felt it would affect their lives. Mary was Catholic, while many of her subjects were not. She found a firm adversary in John Knox, who founded the Presbyterian Church of Scotland. This conflict did not die with Mary or John – Mary's son, James, inherited these same issues, though he focused primarily on religious conflict in England, leaving a divided Scotland for his son Charles.

The Stuart line generally believed in the divine right to rule – that is, they were the monarchs because God deemed it so. This fact was not argued by Presbyterians in Scotland. Their sticking point came when considering the head of the Church. The Stuarts believed that, as the monarchs, they were the head of the Church as well as the government. Covenanters, as they would come to be known, did not believe that any man should be above God. The National Covenant of 1638 was written and signed to establish the Presbyterian belief that the government should not interfere in Church affairs (it was very similar to the separation of church and state laws of the United States). People who signed this document became known as Covenanters. Ultimately, this angered the crown and being a Covenanter became akin to treason, with many being tortured, imprisoned, and/or executed.

This conflict between the Covenanters and the monarchy of Scotland continued for many decades, with armed conflicts coming to pass. This culminated in a conflict known as The Killing Time, which spanned 1680 – 1688. The Covenanters had supported the rule of King Charles II in Scotland on the

condition that he accept Presbyterianism, but he reneged on the agreement at his Restoration in 1660. Charles II essentially then reversed any progress that the Covenanters had made in legislation, and formally rejected the National Covenant of 1638. Charles II's government attempted to stamp out any resistance, levying fines and using torture to discourage any religion but the King's. When Charles II died and his brother James VII came to power, this action continued and tensions rose. The Scottish Privy Council ordered the execution of around 100 people for political sedition based on this conflict of religion.

The Glorious Revolution of 1688 saw James VII abandon the throne. The Scottish Privy Council asked William of Orange to accept the throne, and King William II ascended to the throne in 1688. William II read the room, so to speak, and allowed a greater freedom of religion than his predecessors. By the time William II came into power, many Covenanters had fled Scotland in search of peace and freedom to practice their religion as they pleased. Many initially settled in Ireland, but by the 18th century many had moved on to what would become the United States of America. While there are many denominations of Presbyterianism today, the religion accounts for approximately 1.4% of Christians in the USA.

Sources

[Wikipedia - Covenanters](#)

[Wikipedia - The Killing Times](#)

[Scottish Covenanters Memorial Association](#)

The John A. MacDougall Memorial Scholarship Program

Applications are **now** being accepted for the John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarships.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to financially support learning endeavors that enhance knowledge or appreciation of the Society and/or our cultural heritage. Applications will be accepted **until April 1, 2022**.

We are so very proud to be able to support such talented, passionate students through the generosity of our members. Thank you for making a difference! To join in this effort, please consider making a donation using the button below.

[Program Details](#)

[Application Form](#)

[Donate Here](#)

Scholar Update from Audrey Trawick

This past weekend I had the opportunity to compete at the Orlando Highland Games and Championship! It was very exciting to be once again participating in area events and to be able to visit with both new and old friends. It was equally thrilling to see Clan tents in abundance around the games, my heart was truly filled with joy as we were all able to ring in the New Year with our first event of the 2022 season!

I wanted to take a minute to introduce someone very special to me. This incredible lady is Ms. Kasey Hawkins. I first officially met her when I was a beginner dancer dancing in the Spokane



area. I had the privilege to reconnect with her at the Orlando games and share my story of her inspiration into my life.

Kasey was a premier dancer and fierce competitor back when I was just starting out about 6.5 years ago, and still is. When I first saw her dance, I was so awe struck by how talented, kind, studious, and caring she was to ALL the dancers, no matter what their dance status. Kasey has always been incredible, confident, and a pleasure to watch on stage; and as a young dancer of 13 years old at the time, all I ever wanted was to one day be just like Kasey Hawkins. It was a secret that I carried with me for 6.5 years. Kasey was my inspiration to become a competitive dancer, but she was more than that as well.

I loved how she genuinely treated people. I saw how she encouraged everyone, whether they were a beginner, novice, intermediate, or premier dancer. Kasey was always there to lend a helping hand to teachers, event coordinators, students, or parents. When I moved to Florida to begin my journey to become a highland dance instructor, I had a very good idea of what kind of dancer, instructor, and person in general that I wanted to be. It all started because of a beautiful community that I was a part of in the Pacific Northwest, and because of the example that Kasey Hawkins is within the Scottish community. I am very lucky to once again find myself in a beautiful community here in Florida, much like the one I originally came from 6.5 years ago.

This past weekend was the first time that I shared this story with Kasey. I felt impressed to tell all of you as well and to please look for Kasey Hawkins at community events. She is someone who is absolutely inspiring to everyone around her. She has a beautiful heart, is dedicated, hardworking, and loves her Scottish roots above most people I know. She has talents that are transcendent and she could use the Scottish Community's support as she transitions from the Pacific Northwest to the Jacksonville, Florida region.

Sincerest thank you's and deepest appreciation for all your continuous support,

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Audrey Trawick, Tampa Bay Highland Dancers, Clearwater, FL

Orlando Championship 2022

Fling: 2nd, Sword: 4th, Trews: 3rd, Reel: 2nd

Placement: 1st runner up for the Premier 18 and over

Are you a MacDougall, McDowell, or somewhere in between?

by Zane R. Dill

DNA testing has become a popular component for those looking to “bridge the gap” in their family

history beyond paper documents and family stories. You may ask yourself what is DNA testing in relation to genealogy? How does it fit in to my genealogy journey? DNA testing can be used for a multitude of reasons such as identifying new family members, personal research, and finding new avenues such as groups or collaborative projects. DNA testing may also be significant for you if you are at a stand still in your family history research. Are you adopted and need answers through DNA? Before embarking on this voyage, it is helpful to familiarize yourself with the different types of DNA testing available; Autosomal DNA testing, YDNA testing and MTDNA testing.

Autosomal DNA is the most popular type of DNA testing available. This commonly advertised DNA test acts as a good starting point for discovering more about your genetics and family history. Autosomal DNA simply breaks down the genetics you have received from your mother and your father (50/50). This DNA is received from living relatives and non-living ancestors and measures autosomal chromosomes that provide pertinent information to help determine ancestry.

YDNA is male specific DNA testing. This test provides results about your grandfather's ancestral line and can only be passed down from father to son. Female DNA testers do not issue YDNA results.

MTDNA testing is used to determine ancestry from a matrilineal standpoint. Unlike YDNA, MTDNA is passed from a mother to all her children regardless of sex. While both males and females can take this test to learn about their maternal line, it is important to note that only females can pass down MTDNA to other females.

Genetics versus DNA: Your genetic traits; meaning what you look like physically, including your eyes, hair, and skin, comes from your parents and grandparents. Your DNA is 50/50 from both parents on both sides. This autosomal DNA you receive is random from recent and or ancient ancestors and it's not the same for everyone, even brothers or sisters can have similar and yet very different results.

Why is it significant?

When you are at a stand still in your family history research DNA testing may be useful in obtaining pertinent information that wasn't apparent in family history alone. "Proof is in the pudding". Family records and verbal stories can always be altered, or just plain lost. Recently I've experienced this amongst my own paper trails and books. You'll have the ability to locate family nationally and/or internationally and find out how connected we all really are!

What are the benefits of taking multiple DNA test from different sites?

Each DNA testing provider may be able to provide a component another may miss. DNA companies use their own algorithms and claim to be over 90% accurate. Different companies also may use different generational timelines. Not all families or individuals test with multiple DNA companies, so it's up to those willing, to branch out and extend those trees! Also, these companies offer different perks from recent to ancient DNA and migrations. Others may include your mother and father haplogroups at extra or no extra costs. From my own experiences I've gained more knowledge of my ancestry by taking tests through multiple DNA companies. Through these companies I've connected with relatives known and unknown all over the world; including fellow MacDougall Society members, via messages, emails, etc. It's been one the best experiences of my life!

Not sure where to start? Here's a list of perks of DNA companies that I've tested with:

DNA Testing for Ancestry & Genealogy at FamilyTreeDNA

McDowell* - Background | FamilyTreeDNA

MacDougall - Background | FamilyTreeDNA

Family Tree DNA also known as "FTDNA". The worlds largest YDNA, MTDNA and surname project databases, including the BIGY 700. They also have very knowledgeable and friendly group/project administrators.

Ancestry® | Genealogy, Family Trees & Family History Records

“Ancestry” helps you start a tree and sends you helpful leaf hints to help confirm potential relatives. This is where I found my first McDowell and MacDougall cousins and started my family tree.

My Living DNA

The included results are broken into sub-regions as well as your maternal and paternal lines. This is where I began learning about my own YDNA and MTDNA haplogroups.

DNA Genetic Testing & Analysis - 23andMe

The included results are broken down by county, like Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Dublin. Also, includes mother and father line haplogroups with famous figures of new and old you may share DNA with. Here I found my Ui Neill Dynasty connection.

CRI Genetics™

This home DNA test kit for ancestry offers recent and ancient results, which also includes an advanced timeline of individuals going many generations back. Also, mother and father haplogroups including, famous individuals or lines. Some of these cost extra credits, which they provide a few initially. This is where I found “Somerled of Argyll”.

Who are you? Who are you related to? I implore you to explore your results with the tools above and reach out to relatives and fellow Society members. They can also be a great help!

News from Dunollie

by Emma Sutcliffe, General Manager

We are very pleased to share our first **blog post** of 2022 as well as our **online events programme** for the coming year!

To find out more about becoming a Worldwide Clan Supporter of Dunollie Museum, Castle & Grounds, read our blog post, explore our website and please feel free to ask us any questions.

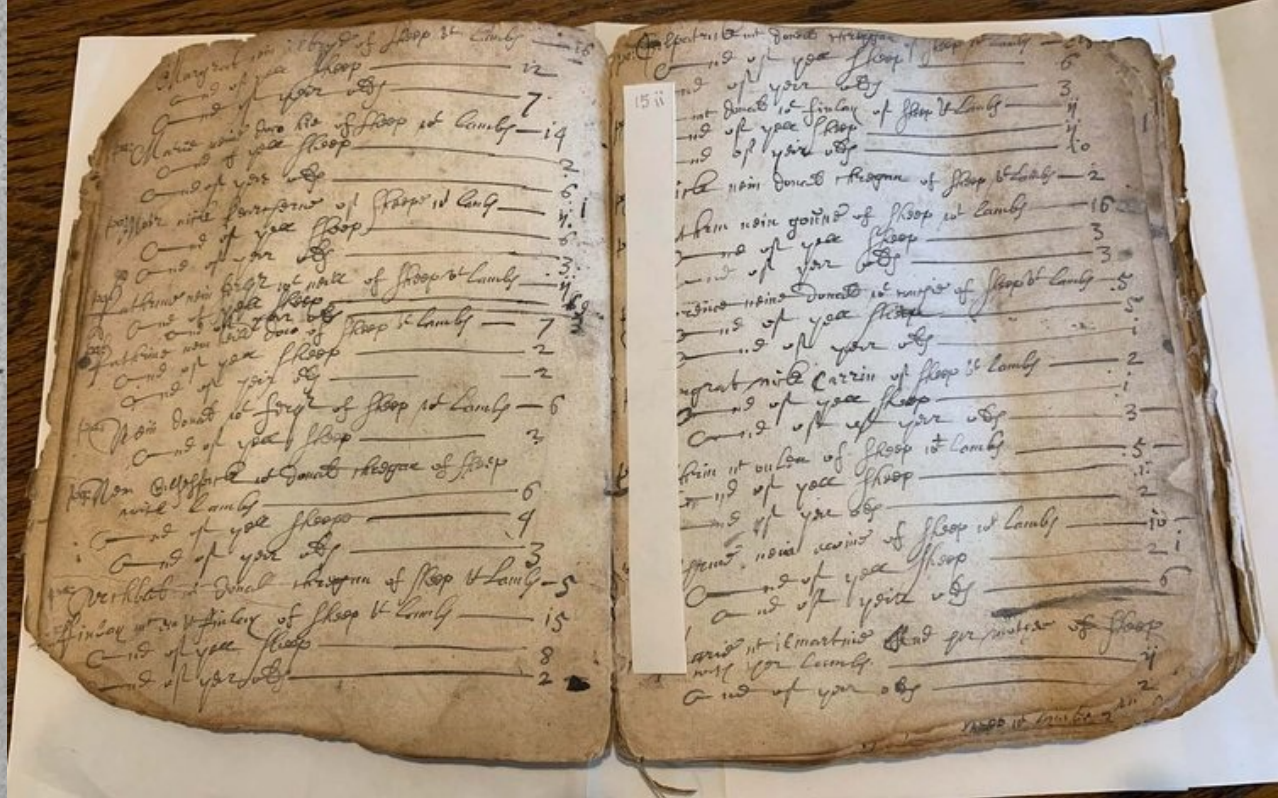
We would like to thank all those of you who have already joined our new Worldwide Clan Supporters scheme, we are very excited to take you on this new adventure with us and can't wait to start sharing some of its benefits with you.



Kilmartin Museum Hosts Talk of Interest to MacDougalls

*"The Rent Book: An insight into the economic relationship
between MacDougall Chiefs and their tenants during the mid-
17th Century"*

Originally scheduled for the 17th, will now take place on the 24th of February.
Apologies for any inconvenience!



A wee reminder about this talk, for anyone who hasn't signed up:

This fascinating document was discovered in the main house at ☐

☐ unollie in 2017, tucked away in a locked drawer of the ☐

☐ acDougall family's monuments chest.

The find was quite a breath-taking one, as the contents of ☐

☐ he drawer, let alone the Rent Book, were not known in ☐

☐ iving memory. **Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds** excellent and dedicated volunteer archivist, Jennifer Shaw, spent over a year meticulously transcribing the contents, which were written in secretary hand.

The rent book opens up a whole new insight into the ☐

☐ conomic relationship between the MacDougall Clan Chiefs and their tenants preceding the Jacobite era in Scotland.

To register, please visit: <https://www.kilmartin.org/evening-talks>

New Members

Lee McDougal
Gallatin, TN

Timothy McDougall
Plano, TX

Flowers of the Forest

Leah Faith Macdougall Rawding

From the linked obituary:

"Leah Faith Macdougall Rawding, 96, passed away at home with her family by her side on November 3, 2021. Leah was born in Bingham, Maine on January 5, 1925 to the Reverend Arthur R. Macdougall, Jr. and Leah



Parks Macdougall, the first of four children.

She was a talented maker long before the term was coined. Her passions included sewing, design and carpentry, antiques and collecting, gardening, history, genealogy, and baking. She was a teacher, a naturalist, and a conservationist."

William L. MacDougall

Last month we told of the passing of William L. MacDougall, an accomplished writer perhaps best known to members as the co-author of *The MacDowalls* and *Kings in the West Beyond the Sea*.

A memorial service for Bill was held on February 5, 2022 at Arvada United Methodist Church. Video of the service can be seen on [YouTube](#).



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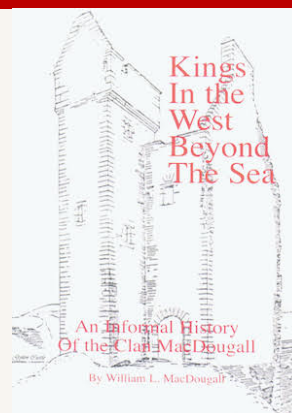
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Now Out of Print. Only 3 Copies Remain!

Bill's book, *Kings in the West Beyond the Seas* is an informal history told through real-life stories, starting with Somerled, whose son Dougall founded the clan, and continuing with their notable descendants up to modern times. The book is intended to be an easy reading narrative containing accounts of dozens of clansmen and women who left Scotland and emigrated to all other parts of the world, where their descendants are thriving today.

Contact **President Kyle Jones** to get your copy.
First come, first served.

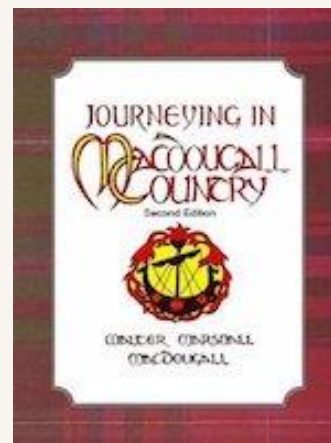
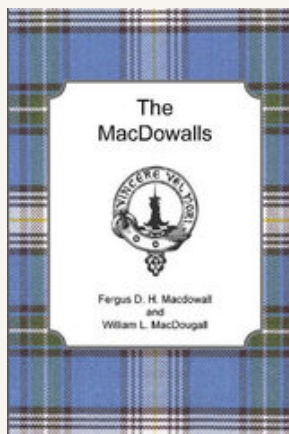


Draper's Shop New Product Launch

The lovely volunteers of our Threads & Yarns sewing group have been hard at work creating The Draper's Shop latest and cutest item:
Heritage MacDougall baby shoes!
Find out more in the [shop](#).



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