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The House Of Somerled And The Chiefs Of The Clan MacDougall

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Preface by ALEXANDER MacDOUGALL
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It is to the cohesiveness under one leader, and the fraternal spirit, which is so inseparable from all true Clanship, that Scotland owes her proud position of being an oft-times challenged but never conquered Nation.

Clanship has been the great and leading characteristic of the Gael Albanich, or Highland people, since the very dawn of our recorded history. Long may it prevail! ! It is the same feeling, which has to-day prompted our worthy Publishers, to render feasible the publication to "The Galley of Lorn," a title which has always been associated with the Clan Mac Dougall, for was it not this galley which proudly sailed upon the Fifths and storm-swept seas of Lorn, under their great progenitor and warrior—The Mighty Somerled. Long many it survive and prove a faithful record of the doings and achievements of our famous Clan! ! In conjunction with his father, and not without considerable research, the writer has endeavoured to furnish an accurate list of our Chiefs (the privileged wearers of Three Eagles Feathers in their bonnets) in their descent from Dougall, the eldest surviving son of Somerled, giving sufficient authentic details concerning each, as will dispel the doubts of those who may be sceptical as they pass along the line, and remember that no less than seven hundred and forty-five years have passed away since Somerled and his hardy son, Gillecolum, fell fighting at the battle of Renfrew. The record is surely a remarkable one, and we doubt whether any Clan or family can historically trace a longer and more distinguished line of Chiefs.

Ancestral pride may excite the sneer of the philosopher, or the hatred of the vulgar, but it often supports the fortitude of men who are grasped by the mail-clad hand of adversity, inspires their courage in the hour of peril, and preserves honour midst this world's temptations! !

Proud of their ancestors the MacDougalls can ever be, and no one can take exception to that pride, so long as they keep the escutcheon of their well-known name untarnished, and emulate the example of those brave forefathers who collected when "The Fiery Cross" went around, and wearing the Fraoch dearg, (or bell heather) as a badge upon their plaids, fearlessly followed their Chiefs to Victory or Death, when the freedom of their dear Braid Albin was menaced, or their families and homes attacked.



COL. ALEXANDER JAMES MacDOUGALL
of MacDougall and Dunollie
1872-1953

Succession of MacDougall Chiefs

- Somerled First Lord of the Isles.....1114-1154
1. Dougall MacDougall—1st of Dunollie and Lorn.....1164-1207
 2. Duncan MacDougall.....1207-1248
 3. Sir Ewin MacDougall—Lord of Lorn.....1249-1266
 4. Sir Alexander MacDougall (Defeated Bruce 1306).....1266-1311
 5. Sir John MacDougall of Lorn.....1311-1337
 6. Duncan MacDougall of Dunollie.....1337-1353
 7. Alan MacDougall of Dunollie.....?
 8. Ian MacDougall of Dunollie.....?
 9. Dougall MacDougall of Dunollie.....?
 10. Alan MacDougall of Dunollie.....?
 11. Sir John MacDougall of Dunollie.....1428-1480
 12. Alexander MacDougall of Dunollie.....-1493
 13. John MacDougall of Dunollie.....1518-1535
 14. John MacDougall of Dunollie.....1536-1563
 15. Dougall MacDougall of Dunollie.....1563-1567
 16. Duncan MacDougall of Dunollie.....1567-1596
 17. Sir John MacDougall of Dunollie.....1596-1634
 18. Alexander MacDougall of Dunollie.....1634-1669
 19. Ian MacDougall of Dunollie.....1669-?
 20. Duncan MacDougall of Dunollie.....?-?
 21. Allan MacDougall of Dunollie.....?-1695
 22. John (Ian Ciar) MacDougall of Dunollie...1695-1737
 23. Alexander MacDougall of Dunollie (Alaister Dubh).....1737-1801
 24. Patrick MacDougall of Dunollie.....1801-1825
 25. Admiral Sir John MacDougall of Dunollie..1825-1864
 26. Capt. Alexander John MacDougall of Dunollie.....1864-1867
 27. Lt. Col. Charles Allan MacDougall of Dunollie.....1867-1896
 28. Henry Robt. Lawrence MacDougall of Dunollie.....1896-1900
 29. Lt. Col. Alexander James MacDougall of Dunollie.....1900-1953
 30. Madam Coline MacDougall of Dunollie...1953- —

Father Of Our Chief

Colonel Alexander James MacDougall of MacDougall and Dunollie, father of our first female Chief, was born January 7, 1872. Colonel MacDougall succeeded as head of the Clan on the death of his father, Deputy Surgeon General Henry Robert Lawrence MacDougall, and therefore held the Chiefship for over 53 years, a period only exceeded by one other MacDougall Chief, Alaistair Dubh, who was Chief of the Clan at the time of the '45. Colonel MacDougall was a grandson of Admiral Sir John MacDougall of MacDougall.

Educated at Clifton and Edinburgh University, Colonel MacDougall graduated M.B., C.M., in 1894 prior to what was to become a notable military career.

In 1901 he married Colina Edith, third daughter of Alexander MacDougall, barrister at law, late of Scroba and Battlefields, and their golden jubilee was celebrated in the presence of their family and friends in October, 1951.

They have three daughters: the present Chief who married Mr. Leslie Grahame-Thompson, well known Edinburgh architect, a second daughter is married to Dr. S. J. Hadfeld and has a family of two daughters, and the third daughter is Miss Hope MacDougall of MacDougall of Dunollie.

After Colonel MacDougall's distinguished military service in India and Ceylon, and also briefly in Egypt, France, Macedonia and Palestine, he returned to Dunollie in 1923.

Keenly interested in the welfare of ex-servicemen, Colo-

nel MacDougall was a very active member of the British Legion of which he was president for many years. He was also fond of and greatly interested in the Boy Scout movement and was president of the North Argyll Scouts Council.

A quiet, unassuming man of charm and gentleness, the Chief was an avid reader and possessed an almost limitless fund of information on the history of the Highlands. For recreation he liked nothing better than gardening and took great delight in tending the many fine shrubs and plants which grew in the castle grounds.

Today a monument to his memory stands in these same grounds he loved, though his actual grave is in the family burial plot in the old church yard of Kilbride where he was laid to rest with panoply befitting a mourned great Chief. Three pipers playing the "Flowers of the Forest" headed the cortege. The coffin was covered with the Chief's plaid, and on it were his cromach, a bunch of bell heather, and bonnet with his crest and three feathers of a Chief.



THE DINING HALL DUNOLLIE HOUSE
OUR CHIEF'S MOTHER AND SISTER HOPE
1955

The Argyle Patent

Members of our Society have written in on several occasions asking for assistance in tracing their ancestors, and we are indebted to our member, Mrs. Frank C. Bryant of Asheville, North Carolina, for sending us an article pointing to a potentially rich source of information.

It is the story of the Argyle Patent, published in the 1948 issue of the Daughters of the American Revolution magazine. The Argyle Patent was a land grant made to 107 Scots who emigrated from Scotland to Washington County, New York State, during 1738, 1739 and 1740.

Of the 107 grantees, according to the recorded lot numbers, eight were McDougalls:

Donald McDougall	Lots 7-8-15-17-18
Angus McDougall	Lots 31-40-41-43
Duncan McDougall	Lots 74-76-83-84
Augus McDougall	Lots 79-81
John McDougall	Lots 87-89-94-96-100-101
Hugh McDougall	Lots 96-97-98
Archibald McDougall	Lots 99-110-111
Alex McDougall	Lots 126-128-135

The map of Washington County shows the small towns of South Argyll and North Argyll about six miles apart and 30 miles north of Albany. These towns were undoubtedly within the Argyle Patent.

The county seat of Washington County is Hudson Falls. We think it likely that the records in the County Court House go back to the Argyle Patent and that information concerning descendants of the McDougalls listed might be obtained from these records.

MacDougall's "OIL OF JOY"

The name MACDOUGALL, when it appears out of context, often poses some intriguing minor mysteries.

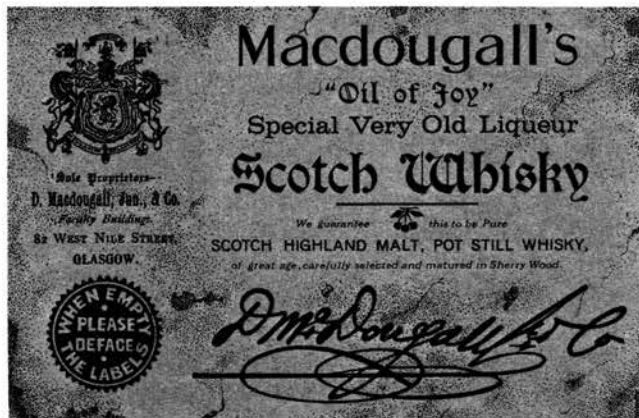
Take "Rat-face MacDougall" for instance, shown in full page magazine advertisements. The reference, of course, is to a fishing fly. But the who, when, and why of the connection is something we do not know. Hopefully, some of our members can, and will, fill us in on details of how a fishing fly acquired such a name and so highly descriptive a qualifier.

The story of MacDougall's "Oil of Joy", a trade name for a very old Scotch whiskey, also seems not to be documented. In fact, private inquiry in Scotland last summer of the Scottish Licensed Trade Association brought comment from the Wine & Spirit Trade Review of September 23rd, and attracted the notice of Sir Harry Ross who until recently was Chairman of the Board of the Distillers Corporation, Ltd., the biggest holder of Scotch whiskey in the world—all without producing an inkling into "Oil of Joy" history.

We do have a simple story about it, though, which our readers might enjoy.

Back in about 1905 when your Clan Society president and your editor of the TARTAN were known as the little McDougall twins, we were always allowed in the library for a few minutes of a Sunday when our father and a friend had a ceremony drop of whiskey together after church, and just before Sunday dinner. It was a very grown up occasion for us, dressed for church in the kilts our grandfather had had sent from Scotland and being extremely quiet while we watched the bottle of MacDougall's "Oil of Joy" tenderly brought out, tiny glasses filled, and a nod of a toast drunk by the men. I believe the friend had ordered a case of this whiskey from Pittsburgh especially for this one weekly drink with father. In any event, we remember well how the bottle looked, and the sharp pleasure of being silently a part of this purely masculine rite.

Long after father and the friend were gone, in 1949, two of the unopened old bottles turned up in the attic. What still remained of the whiskey tasted like shellac, but for sentimental reasons we held onto the bottles as conversation pieces since these were the only known bottles of the distinctive brand name.



Finally, a couple of years ago, still as a conversation piece, we had a facsimile of the label made to put on bottles we used for serving drinks to close friends at home.

The label is reproduced here, and we have some labels left which we would be glad to share with other McDougalls who might like to offer a special friend an imaginary drink of the original Macdougall's "Oil of Joy". As Bobbie Burns said in A Bottle and a Friend:

Here's a bottle and an honest friend
What wad ye wish for mair, man?
Wha kens, before his life may end,
What his share may be o'care, man?

Then catch the mountains as they fly,
And use them as ye ought, man;
Believe me happines is shy,
And somes no ay when sought, man.

Although the old instruction is clear enough, WHEN EMPTY PLEASE DEFACE THE LABELS, we somehow feel that the dispensers of this "Special Very Old Liqueur" of bygone years might be glad to see that the label still exists.

Should any member be able to shed more light on the beginning or the ending of Macdougall's "Oil of Joy", we would be glad to know.

Mac versus Mc

Is one spelling of our name Scottish and the other Irish? There is a persistent myth to this effect. Actually, however, a MacDougall, McDougall, or M'Dougall could be a stout Scotsman, or could be an Irishman for that matter, as far as spelling is concerned.

"Mac" is the correct Gaelic spelling of the word for "son". But by placing a macron, which resembles a hyphen, over the "c" the vowel could be omitted without changing the pronunciation of the word.

Thus it was perhaps a lazy writer who first contracted "Mac" by putting a macron over the "c"; and possibly a careless one who placed the macron beneath the "c" erroneously sometimes. In the eighteenth century, an artistically inclined writer even added a second hyphen-like symbol for decoration, which became very popular. While the plainer, more dour relative struck a mere apostrophe in his name to indicate the sound.

So we find there is no really correct or official way to spell our name. It has been suggested that the way each of us spells it might reflect his personality, or that of his forebears. Certainly it is a frequently used prerogative among members of the same family within the same generation to change the spelling of their name at will. The possibilities are many, too. The "d" can be put in lower case, an "l" can be dropped, or a really spirited alteration could lead to MacDhugaill or MacCouil.

Clansman McDougal, U. S. Navy

Macdougalls have been distinguishing themselves in their country's armed services since the beginning of clan history, but never perhaps more brilliantly than Captain Clifford Alexander McDougal in the Pacific and in the present Southeast Asia operations.

Captain McDougal was the two hundred and seventh member to join our Clan Society, so he had found out about us. But we knew very little about him until an article appeared in the San Diego Evening Tribune of May 23, 1966, describing the ceremony at which Airborne Early Warning Squadron 11 was presented with eighty-two decorations.

Squadron 11 was commanded by Captain McDougal, and the citation said in part: "For meritorious achievement as pilots, naval flight officers and enlisted aircrewmen flying fixed-wing aircraft in support of combat opera-

tions in Southeast Asia . . . Their courage and devotion to duty in the face of hazardous flying conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Naval Service”.

This started the search for more information. A letter to Captain McDougal himself brought no reply because, as we now know, he was probably proceeding at that time to his new assignment, Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. PICKAWAY.

It is to the U.S. Navy that we are indebted for the biographical data we have.

Already a veteran of Pacific Theatre warfare long before the present Southeast Asia operations, Captain Clifford Alexander McDougal's combat duty began in 1944 when he joined the U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO as her Senior Aviator and participated in action in the Marianas, New Guinea, Palau, Okinawa, Philippines and raids on Japan. A year later Captain (then Lieutenant) McDougal was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was also awarded the Air Medal and Gold Stars in lieu of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Air Medal, the Gold Stars being awarded for the completion of five missions each, a total of thirty missions, against enemy Japanese forces.

In addition to the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal, Captain McDougal has the American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with seven operation stars, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal, Asia Clasp, China Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two stars.

Born in Los Banos, California, March 14, 1919, son of Archibald and Magdalena McDougal, Captain McDougal attended Orestimba Union High School and graduated from the University of Santa Clara, California, with the degree of Bachelor of Chemical Science. He began flight training on June 6, 1941, at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base in Oakland.

Commissioned Ensign in the U. S. Navy Reserve in 1942, he was a Lieutenant Commander by 1946. Having subsequently transferred from the Naval Reserve to the U. S. Navy, he attained the rank of Captain in September, 1962.

From the end of World War II until he assumed command of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 11, he served as Training Officer, as Assistant Special Weapons Officer, as Striking Forces Officer, as Executive Officer of Fighter Squadron 14 which made the World Cruise on the U.S.S. TARAWA from October 1948 to April 1949, and was Executive Officer of the U.S.S. SHANGRI-LA.

Captain McDougal is married to the former Marion Sue Hunt of Houston, Texas, and has two sons, Andrew Hepburn and Kieth Alexander. He officially resides in Newman, California.

Third Annual Clan Society Meeting

The official notice of our next annual meeting will be mailed to you. However, we do not want to miss this opportunity to remind you that it will again be held at Linville, North Carolina, on July 8.

Make a note of the place and the time, and plan to be there. Besides enjoying the comradeship of fellow members, who we hope will be there in even increased numbers, you will thrill to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and piper bands—with our own MacDougall Clan Society tent as a gathering place on the Meadow—and the beautiful Tartan Ball to which all of our members are invited.

Report From Our President

My interest and my activities in our Clan MacDougall Society affairs have made me much more aware of the widespread influence of Scotland in this country than I was a few years back. I have been amazed to learn of the number of Scottish societies, associations and organizations that are active in the United States today. I have thought that a few facts might be of interest to you.

The Scots Year Book, published in Scotland, lists 211 Scottish societies and clubs in the United States. There are more than twenty Clan and family societies such as ours, and there are over one hundred Scots pipe and drum bands. There is a United States Highland Dance Association, with chapters in many of our cities.

Nearly every one of our large cities has a St. Andrew's Society. The St. Andrew's Society of Charleston, South Carolina, founded in 1735, was the very first of these societies, chartered years before there was a St. Andrew's Society in Edinburgh or Glasgow. The Philadelphia Society was founded in 1747 and Savannah followed in 1750, Baltimore in 1806 and Washington in 1855. New York, San Francisco, St. Louis, and Chicago have very active Societies. The St. Andrew's Society of the Middle South was organized this summer, and the first annual dinner was held in Birmingham, Ala., on November 30, which is St. Andrew's Day. There were over one hundred guests at this inaugural dinner.

Mrs. McDougall and I were fortunate to have been invited to the Annual Ball of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D. C., held November 18 at the Washington Hilton Hotel. There were over nine hundred members and guests seated in the ballroom, and as many as three hundred fifty kilted Scots and their ladies on the floor at one time to dance the steps of the Scottish reels and dances. It was a colorful and magnificent event.

There are many Robert Burns Societies in this country, which meet on his birthday and dine on haggis and sing Burns' songs and recite his poems.

Highland Games and Clan Gatherings are held every summer in many states. They draw tremendous crowds. Eleven thousand attended the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games at Linville, North Carolina, last July. This event is being talked of as the Braemar of America, second only to the famous Gathering held in Scotland in September and attended each year by the Royal Family.

You can buy short bread and other Scottish foods and delicacies from bakeries in this country that sell nothing but Scottish goods. Each year, there are more Scottish merchants and kiltmakers opening stores all over the country, to sell tartan materials and all sorts of Scottish merchandise to their customers.

There are several magazines, such as "The Highlander" published in Oklahoma City and "The Scotia News" of New York published for Americans who are interested in Scottish affairs.

If any member is interested in having the address of a particular St. Andrew's or Robert Burns Society, please write to me. I also have a list of the names and addresses of stores selling Scottish food products, and another list of stores that handle every type of Scottish merchandise.

From what I have set out above, you will gather, as I have, that there is deep feeling of pride and interest growing in the hearts of thousands of Americans of Scottish descent. You have indicated your pride and interest by becoming a member of our Society, and I hope it is a source of satisfaction to you to know that there are so many others in this country who feel as you do.

JOHN W. McDOUGALL



A Member Passes On

We have received news of the death of Mr. Duncan MacDougall Little, who passed away December 17 at the age of 77. Mr. Little was one of our most enthusiastic members. He joined our Society shortly after it was organized, and attended our first annual meeting and the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July, 1965.

Mr. Little's home was at Ronkonkoma, New York. He was a former director of R. C. Rathbone & Son, Manhattan insurance brokers. He succeeded his father, Frederick, as director of the Wall Street brokerage firm and later opened his own agency at 80 Maiden Lane in Manhattan. He moved to Ronkonkoma when he retired nine years ago.

He was a man of many interests, and among the organizations to which he belonged were the Military Order of World Wars, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Order of Lafayette, the Early American Industries Association, the Insurance Society of New York and the Ronkonkoma Republican Club. He served as a captain in the 350th Field Artillery Division in World War I.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy, two step-sons, David W. Sifton of New York and Air Force 2nd Lt. Richard P. Sifton of Denver, Colorado, and a sister, Mrs. Edith L. Milbank of South Orange, New Jersey.

The officers and members of the Clan MacDougall Society of the United States extend our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Duncan MacDougall Little and the family.



Proposed Increase In Board Membership

In order to better administer the affairs of our growing Clan Society, an addition of three distinguished members to its Board of Directors has been proposed, and all have graciously expressed their willingness to serve, subject to ratification at the next annual meeting. They are:

Mr. Allan MacDougall, Vice-President of Victor Fischel Co., Inc., New York City

Mr. G. Simms McDowell, Jr., Coca Cola Bottling Company, Charleston, South Carolina.

Mr. George E. McDougall, Vice-President of Daniels Construction Co., Greenville, South Carolina.

Background Bits

Edward Dickinson McDougal, Jr., our Third Vice President was born April 13, 1896, in Peoria, Illinois.

Mr. McDougal attended public school at Riverside, Illinois, and Chicago Latin school, was then graduated from Princeton University, A.B., 1918; University of Chicago Law School, J.D., 1923, and attended the University of Caen, France, in 1919. He received the honorary degree of LL.D. from Lake Forest College.

He practiced law as partner in the firm of Sidney, Austin, Burges & Smith of Chicago, was secretary and general counsel of the International Minerals and Chemicals Corporation from 1947 to 1952, and was vice president of that company from 1952 to 1959. Since then he has been acting counsel to outstanding law firms in Chicago.

Mr. McDougal was married to Katherine Lord Blayney May 12, 1923, and has one son and two daughters.

His military service included a Captaincy of Infantry in World War I and, in World War II, he was Captain U.S. Naval Reserve, Legal Assistance Officer and later Chairman of Navy Price Adjustment Board and Vice Chairman War Contracts Price Adjustment Board.

He has been President and Director of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, Vice President and Trustee Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Trustee Presbyterian—St. Luke's Hospital, Director and President United Charities of Chicago, and has served in important capacities in many other outstanding civic organizations.

He has been a member of the Board of Managers of the Chicago Bar Association, and is a member of American and Illinois State Bar Associations, and Association of General Counsel.

His club memberships include the Chicago Club, University Club, Commercial Commonwealth, Princeton, Old Elm, Onwentsia and Cosmos.

And most important, as far as these columns are concerned, it was the friendship that developed between Mr. and Mrs. McDougal and the present Chief and her husband, after their first meeting in Scotland in 1957, which sparked interest for a Clan MacDougall Society for the United States.

The MacDougalls of Makerstoun

Interesting information has recently been brought to our attention about the MacDougalls of Makerstoun.

Their branch of the clan appears in the annals of Gallo-way and Roxboroughshire, in the Border Country, in the thirteenth century. At the moment it is not apparent what the connection is between the MacDougalls of Lorn and the MacDougalls of Makerstoun, but the subject opens a most interesting line of investigation in which it is hoped some of our members may be able to join, from records or stories of their ancestral background.

This history, and possibly that of other branches of the clan could thus be incorporated in an overall picture of the MacDougalls.

Application for Membership

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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 Contributions:

\$3.00 for an individual membership

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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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