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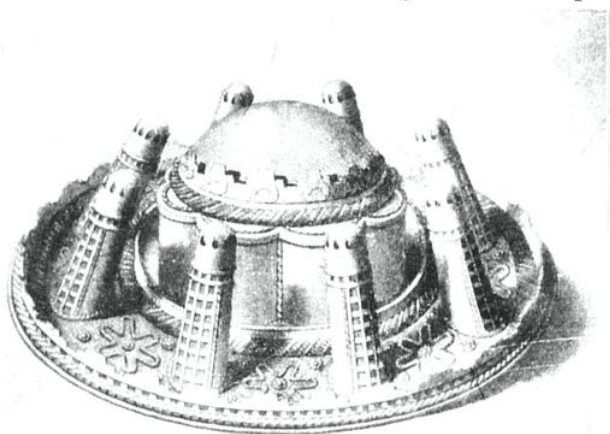
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THE BROOCH OF LORN

Family Treasure of the MacDougalls

The ancient pin called the Brooch of Lorn is blanketed in an almost mystic aura of violence and secrecy.

Although it is the most treasured of MacDougall possessions, very few present day MacDougalls have ever seen it. There are only one or two pic-



tures of it is existence. A very few small replicas of the Brooch have ever been made, for members of the immediate family only, to wear on their tartan sashes.

However, generations of MacDougalls have heard of the Brooch of Lorn at their mothers' knee. And a handful of MacDougalls, outside of the Chief's own family, have been privileged to see it taken from its wooden box and held up for inspection.

The Brooch is four inches or more in diameter, of silver, and very heavy. It is a reliquary brooch: that is, the center boss uncrows leaving a cavity in which small bones or relics of a saint or martyr were kept. Within modern or remembered times, the boss has never been unscrewed for fear of wearing the very old screw away. The center stone is believed to be crystal; the surrounding spires are mounted with a pearl on the top of each.

Workmanship of the Brooch is not Celtic. It is continental, which is what one would expect because Robert the Bruce, himself, was a Norman and King Robert Bruce was wearing the Brooch on his mantle that day in the year 1306 when it became a prize of battle of the MacDougalls.

A feud between the MacDougalls and Robert Bruce, then aspirant to the crown of Scotland, traced back to the killing of the Red Comyn in the Priory Church in Dunfries. Sir Alexander Mac-

Dougall, fourth Lord of Lorn, had married the Red Comyn's daughter. To avenge the killing of the Red Comyn MacDougalls would in any event have been committed.

But so shockingly evil in those days was considered the crime of fighting or killing within the sanctuary of a church that something akin to a personal vendetta developed.

Thus in 1306 when Bruce was defeated at Methven, his retreat through Perthshire towards Argyll with about 300 followers was cut short by MacDougall forces led by Sir John MacDougall of Lorn. The retreating band was no match for inflamed MacDougall fighters and the situation became so desperate that Bruce turned to flee for his life.

In Dal Righ, the dark "Dale of the King", three MacDougalls intercepted King Robert and threw themselves at his horse. One of them got a fierce grip on the King's mantle and, though the MacDougall was mortally wounded, he clung to it in a dying grasp.

Bruce had just time to undo the pin and let his cloak and brooch fall to the ground, thus escaping and saving his own life.

From that day the Brooch was constantly in MacDougall possession until 1647 when the MacDougall Castle of Glynen, on Kerrera, was looted by the army of General Leslie.

For nearly 175 years the Brooch then disappeared, and came to light finally in the charter chest of the Campbells of Braglean in 1819. There was quite an elaborate ceremony at Inverary in 1824 when the Brooch of Lorn was returned to the great grandfather of our Chief.

With what pride this gentleman, Admiral Sir John MacDougall, was wearing it not long afterward when he steered the Royal Barge on Loch Tay with Queen Victoria on board. The Queen admired the Brooch greatly and would have liked to be presented with it, but it stayed firmly on the Admiral's plaid!

The Brooch is not now kept at Dunollie Castle and is very seldom shown as, owing to its great age, too much handling has to be avoided.

Our Chief, Madam Coline MacDougall of MacDougall, has worn the Brooch only once—when her Majesty the Queen visited Oban and the Chief and her mother were presented to her.

Locked away in a dark vault, unseen and untouched by those bearing the name, the venerable and ageless Brooch of Lorn, however, seems a catalyst of MacDougall pride and somehow a symbol of enduring MacDougall solidarity.

Dr. Mary Stuart MacDougall

Distinguished Biologist



DR. MARY STUART MACDOUGALL wearing the famous red robe of her doctorate from the Universite de Montpellier

"It was a very pleasant surprise for me to learn that there is a MacDougall Clan organized in the U.S." says Dr. MacDougall who recently has become a member.

Dr. MacDougall plans to write a short history of Clan MacDougall as an opening for the book she is currently working on. The book, itself, is to be what she calls a sort of history of the period (1919-1952) in which she was associated with Agnes Scott College, devoting much of a lifetime to science and becoming one of the foremost woman in the field.

In 1927 Dr. Mary Stuart MacDougall was the first woman to be named to the Georgia Academy of Science, and later became its president. She was one of the relatively few women to be awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for research by 1931. By 1936 she had added a doctorate from the Universite de Montpellier, France, to the one she had received from Columbia in 1925, and her brilliant red robe stood out among the somber blacks in the academic procession.

Dr. MacDougall's biography appears in the 1950-

51 edition of Who's Who in America, and also in American Men of Science.

On the Agnes Scott campus, however, for 32 years she was known by her most treasured title—their beloved "Miss Mac" for whom they fondly named the biology museum in the new science building.

In 1941 Dr. MacDougall wrote a notable textbook, "Biology: The Science of Life", used in 60 colleges and universities. Only recently has the textbook had to be taken out of print because failing eyesight does not permit her to keep up with scientific readings necessary for revisions.

Dr. Mary Stuart MacDougall was born in Laurinburg, Scotland County, North Carolina, November 7, 1885, one of eight children. Her father who had been born in Johnstone, Scotland, came to this country at the age of about 30 and settled his family in this little bit of Scotland in the new world, where there was at least one other family of McDougalds, though not related.

Educating eight children must have been a difficult struggle but it came to full reward in the accomplishments of young Mary Stuart.

She entered Randolph-Macon planning to become a history teacher. But her parents died and, to help pay her way through school, she had to take a secretarial job in the mornings. There were no history classes at Randolph-Macon in the afternoons—only science classes. So she studied first botany, then shifted to chemistry, and finally biology claimed her for fame.

The Guggenheim Fellowship award, which came after she had been on the Agnes Scott faculty for 12 years, gave her the opportunity to visit the biological laboratories of Europe, including those in Poland, Russia, Germany, Italy, France and England. She visited Madame Currie in her famous laboratory. Dr. MacDougall's research papers were published in England, France and Germany, as well as in the United States.

Perhaps her greatest thrill was when she was asked to read a particular paper before the National Academy of Science at its annual meeting in Washington.

Retired now, she is free to pursue her scholarly research into history, or any subject she chooses. Strangely, or perhaps inevitably, one of the things she is compiling is a record of what has happened to some 200 biology majors she knew in her years at Agnes Scott. What interests her in the rapidly expanding world of space research and similar projects is the use her students have put to what she could teach them.

Dr. MacDougall has made her mark firmly on the past and likely on the future, too. She looks alertly ahead to the many things she has set herself to complete.



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Report From Our President

I am sure that many of our members have wondered why your officers selected Linville, North Carolina, as the site of our membership meetings. Before I give you a report of our latest meeting, which was held in Linville on July 8, 1967, I would like to explain why Linville was chosen rather than some other location.

A few months before our first meeting, the organizing committee scanned our Membership Roster and found that there was a larger percentage of members from the southern states than from any other section of our country. This was reason number one. Knowing that the meeting would last for only a comparatively short time, it was felt that the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games would be a drawing card, and that by attending the Games together after the meeting, the visiting MacDougalls would have an opportunity to really know each other. Also, Linville is in the heart of the Big Smoky Mountain vacation area and offers many recreational facilities. These are our other reasons.

As our membership has grown in the far west and in the east, your officers and directors have talked of the possibility of having regional meetings. I think there is a great likelihood that this might come to pass, and I would be glad to hear from members who have thoughts on this subject.

Our third annual meeting was the best attended so far. There were approximately forty at the meeting, including six officers and directors. After the meeting was called to order, our Secretary-Treasurer, Donald McDougal, Jr., read the minutes of our last meeting and gave us his current report. We have 250 on our Membership Roster, an increase of fifty members since our last meeting. Receipts from contributions totaled \$837.55. Expenses totaled \$676.23. Our balance in the treasury is now \$628.05.

Edward McDougal, Jr., Chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave us a slate of three new directors which was elected unanimously. These new Directors are Allan MacDougall of New York, George E. McDougall of Greenville, S.C., and G. Simms McDowell of Charleston, S.C.

A letter of greetings from our Chief, Madam Coline MacDougall of MacDougall, was read, in which she congratulated our Society on the progress made. She told us how glad she was to know and greet the MacDougalls who visited Dunollie Castle in the past year, and she gave us a brief report on the restoration work being done at Dunollie Castle. It was voted that we send \$200 this year to assist in this work.

An amendment to our By-Laws creating Life Membership at \$100 was voted for unanimously. It was thought that a number of Life Memberships would probably be taken out before our next meeting.

The method for payment of membership contributions was another subject discussed at the meeting. In the past, contributions have been due

on the anniversary of membership. To get out notices so often has been quite a chore for our Treasurer, so it was voted to change this procedure. From now on, billing for contributions will go out to all members in August. Any member whose contribution has been sent in since September of 1966 will not be billed again until August of 1968.

It has been recommended that we establish a Library to file and catalog the historical and genealogical information we are collecting, also that we appoint a Librarian to be custodian of our Library and to act as correspondent with our members on subjects of MacDougall interest. When this was brought before the meeting, it was discussed most enthusiastically and a number of excellent suggestions were offered. It was proposed that your President make an effort to find a Librarian, and I am glad to report that I have two prospects at the present time.

While space will not permit me to mention all those who attended our meeting, I would like to thank a few who came a long way to attend. MRS. GEORGINA MACDOUGALL DUNN drove by herself from Maryland. MRS. DON MACDOUGALL ALLEN drove from Allegan, Michigan; and the ALBERT MACDOUGALL CHRISTIAN family of five came from Indianapolis, Indiana. There were MacDougalls at the meeting from eight states, and all expressed the hope that they could come again next year.

A resounding vote of thanks was given to Donald McDougal, Jr., for his hard work and contributions to the success of our Society, and to A. Wylie McDougall, Editor of *"The Tartan"*, and to his wife, Mary, his able assistant, for the wonderful job they have done.

In an informal discussion Mrs. Dunn mentioned, in her delightful Scottish brogue, that she would have liked it and would have felt she knew her Clansmen better if *"The Tartan"* had carried pictures of the Officers and Directors. Others attending the meeting for the first time agreed with her. So the Editor was instructed to request photos for this issue.

This concluded our meeting. But we all met later at the MacDougall tent on MacRea Meadow to enjoy together the events of the Highland Games. That evening, there were two large tables of MacDougalls at the Tartan Ball; and the next morning we met on the meadow again for church services followed by more Highland Games, Highland dancing, piper band music, and the stirring Parade of the Tartans. You would all have been proud of your Clansmen and the showing they made among the many Scots of various Clans who attended.

JOHN W. MACDOUGALL

Scotland House

Clan MacDougall members have been hearing a good deal about "Scotland House" in New York City. Our President has been asked to serve on the newly formed Sponsoring Committee of the American-Scottish Foundation, Inc., and several others have expressed interest in supporting it—by joining as dues paying members, of course.

The idea of Scotland House is an exciting one. Intended as the first National Scottish information center, headquarters and meeting place for millions of Americans of Scottish descent and for Scots living in this country, or visiting here, it is to occupy a spacious town house in mid-town New York. The exact location has not yet been decided upon.

Plans for its facilities and uses are ambitious but, basically, Scotland House is to be a club or Scottish center where those interested in Scotland can obtain full and authoritative information and meet socially in charming and gracious surroundings.

As such, Clan MacDougall Society of the U. S. applauds the project and has great admiration for Lady Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton, president of the American-Scottish Foundation, Inc., who spearheads the drive to turn this dream of her late husband's into a reality.

Invershiel, North Carolina

New Old Village

Five new hotels to provide amenities for tourists are soon to be erected in the West Highlands of Scotland and Hebrides Islands, so announces the Scottish Government.

Such new hotels in Scotland will likely be shiny and modern while at the same time, in this topsyturvy world, the mellow charm of a 16th century Highland Scottish village is being re-created for tourists in the mountains of North Carolina.

Invershiel is in a plot of some 1200 acres of beautiful mountainside. It has a Croft house with a flourishing green sod roof and ancient softly rounded corners. Other buildings have crow-step gables, and all have chimney pots. Invershiel Arms, the inn, and shops along "High Street" will all be of the same 16th century architecture, built of stone and wood. Private residences surrounding the village must follow the pattern.

The developers of this novel and enchanting resort, Julian Morton, Jr. and his mother, Mrs. Agnes MacRea Morton, are of the family whose vision brought about the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Background Bits



Donald McDougal, Jr., our personable young Secretary-Treasurer, was born April 11, 1932, in Chicago, Illinois, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McDougal of Monona, Wisconsin.

He graduated from Hinsdale Township High School and attended the University of Illinois, School of Architecture.

Mr. McDougal served in the Public Relations Department of the United States Navy from 1951 to 1955.

Employed by Time, Inc., as Traffic Supervisor for Sports Illustrated Magazine, Mr. McDougal serves also on the Boards of DuPage and Illinois Realty.

Married to Sharon Lea Dearth of Merrionette Park, Illinois, on June 16, 1962, he has two small children—Donald William and Barbara Ann. Mr. and Mrs. McDougal reside at 207 North Clay Street, Hinsdale, Illinois.

MacDougall Musings From MacRea Meadow

Feminine Viewpoint

Winsome PAIR O'BAIRNS Donald William McDougal, age four, and Barbara McDougal, age two, had a gr-r-r-and adventure coming to the Linville meeting in a camping trailer with their mother and their father, Secretary-Treasurer of Clan MacDougall . . .

WOUNDED MCDOUGAL, Edward D., Jr., 3rd V.P., went through meetings, Highland Games and all functions with daily changes of bandages on his hand and in considerable pain. Battle had been with the family lawnmower . . .

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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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