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High Commissioner, John W. McDougall, President George McDougall, and Vice President Simms McDowell lead the largest MacDougall contingent ever at Grandfather Mountain Games.

Clan MacDougall Society Annual Meeting and Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Revisited

Neil MacDougall

The following comments have an avowed purpose: to encourage those who have not done so recently to revisit our Society's annual gathering in North Carolina on the first weekend following the Fourth of July.

I can recall, for instance, a family from California who attended nearly twenty years ago with young children and can envision what a rewarding experience it would be if the children returned now in full adulthood. No matter what the circumstances of the original visit or the change of circumstances, the important underlying factor is the need to overcome human inertia and commit to another visit to Grandfather Mountain. Doing this well in advance of the July dates will make the planning and preparation part of the fun.

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Antigonish Chapter Celebrates Tenth Anniversary and Wins Best Tent Award

John H. MacDougall

The Clan MacDougall Society of Antigonish held its 10th Annual Clan MacDougall Day in conjunction with the Antigonish Highland Games on July 13, 1989.

Founded in 1979, The Antigonish Chapter of the Clan MacDougall Society of United States and Canada, has continued active since that time with this year no exception.

A large number of Clanspeople and friends met at the John Paul Centre for a short walk to the MacDougall Cairn led by piper Sheila Lawrence and standard bearers Shirley (MacDougall) Farrell and Howard MacDougall.

Following the invocation by Rev. Vincent MacLellan and a warm Gaelic welcome by Mary C. (MacDougall) MacLellan, tribute was paid by John MacDougall Clan President to "our MacDougall forebears who left their Highland homes, sailed the seas and settled in this far off land."

The MacDougall Cairn built in 1981, "stood then as it stands now, a memorial to the faith, courage and determination of those early settlers in Antigonish. It is here to symbolize their dreams, dedication of purpose and hard work as they helped in the building of our Nation."

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Antigonish Chapter wins the best clan tent award. Left to right: Barbara McDougall, Agnes MacDougall, Florence MacDougall, John MacDougall (president of the chapter), George McDougall (society president), Shirley MacDougall Farrell, Debbie Helm, and Natasha Farrell.

Report from the Genealogist

It was with a great deal of pleasure that I started my duties as Clan Genealogist immediately after the annual Clan meetings at the Grandfather Mountain games this past July. At that time our retiring genealogist, Dewitt Patterson turned over several boxes of society records to me. Later during the summer our High Commissioner, John W. McDougall, Sr. sent me additional records based on state and province groupings. Subsequent, to receiving all these records, I have been busy reorganizing them alphabetically, by MacDougall surname or variation thereof, and alphabetically by state and province. All the records have now been placed in new three-ring binders which should provide for easy access.

At our annual general meeting in July the suggestion was made to look into the possibility of having our records computerized in accordance with a system adaptable or acceptable to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) Genealogical Department system. The ultimate goal would be to have our genealogical records incorporated into their data bank. I recently had a preliminary discussion with the Director of the Family History Center (LDS) here in Newport News, and am planning to discuss our program with her in more detail in the near future. I am very fortunate to have acquired the assistance of Mrs. Carolyn Vassos, a member of our society, to help in computerizing our records. Carolyn, a longtime friend and fellow Scottish country dancer, is a past officer in the Tidewater Genealogical Society and should be able to provide valuable knowledge and assistance.

In organizing the records, I have noticed several things; while some of the personal data records are quite complete, a great deal of the data is incomplete, i.e. abbreviated names, lack of birth and death dates for parents and grandparents, and lack of birthplaces. It is realized that many of us joined the Society at the various games and at the time of filling out the application form couldn't remember this important type of data. An article I read recently in the June issue of the "Clansman" stated that a clan historian/genealogist "should encourage members to prepare and to submit genealogical information about their own individual families." The article also says that one of the tasks of the historian/genealogist is to "ensure that the records and vital documents of the clan society are preserved, in complete and orderly form, for posterity." With this in mind, I appeal to all members, particularly those that submitted incomplete family data, to please send me an up-date with more complete information; complete names, dates (birth and death), and birthplaces. I can assure you that any information of this type that is received will be appended to your original application form.

Having seen in other clan society newsletters' a section devoted to genealogical queries, I would like to devote a small space in *The Tartan* for this purpose. Therefore, if anyone is interested they can send me a short query with their name and address and I will include it in the next issue.

They Will Be Missed

Our sympathy to John J. MacDougall of Chappaqua, New York, whose father, Joseph Frank MacDougall died on January 27, 1989 at the age of ninety-four. Joseph was born in Grand Mira, Cape Breton, where his great grandfather had migrated after leaving Morar, Scotland, in 1826. Joseph is survived by five daughters, three sons and by grand and great grandchildren. John notes that while his father left Cape Breton when still in his teens he could recite in Gaelic the names of all his line reaching back to three generations before his family's migration to Canada.



High Commissioner's Report

The twenty-fifth annual meeting and Clan Gathering of our Society was held the second weekend of July in Linville, North Carolina. It was a milestone in the history of our Society and a great success in every respect. It was a year to elect officers and as chairman of the nominating committee, I will give you my report. The election of officers, directors and appointments made, are as follows:

President - George E. McDougall, Greenville, S.C.
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Co-Editor of the Tartan - Malcolm A. Macdougall, Bristol, Tn.
Society Genealogist - John Kent Kane, II, Yorktown, Va.

My next report is as Executive Director of Clan MacDougall Society Foundation. The fifth annual meeting of the Directors of the Foundation was held July 7th in Linville, North Carolina. A. Wylie McDougall, Treasurer, reported the Foundation had on deposit in a savings account \$9,822.71 and \$407.09 in a checking account. David J. MacDougall, Secretary, reported that the Foundation had made contributions to the following Highland Games: Charleston Highland Games; Highland Games, Blue Ridge, N.C.; Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, Ga.; Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, N.C.; Drumming Trophy, G.M.H.G.; Dunedin Highland Games, Dunedin, Fla.

Pictures were shown to the Directors of the cast aluminum plaque that was furnished and installed by the Foundation on the walls of Dunollie Castle. The plaque tells of the history of Clan MacDougall and Dunollie Castle. This was a major expenditure but it was pointed out that interest on savings accounts went a long way on paying the cost of the plaque.

The Directors discussed what might be done to encourage members to make a tax free contribution to the Foundation. Contributions have been coming in regularly to this worthy cause.

Newest Members of the Clan

Jessica Dale Macdougall born October 5, 1988 to Malcolm and Cindy Macdougall of Bristol, Tennessee. Jessica attended her first annual meeting of our Clan Society and highland games at Grandfather Mountain this summer.

Alexander Marshall Macdougall born to Captain Arthur and Susan Macdougall of Ogden, Utah. Alexander was born on May 4, 1989. All indications point to caber tosser.



Letter from the President

Your President and wife, Barbara, had the pleasure of visiting the 1989 Highland Games in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, and participating in Clan MacDougall day with a parade to the MacDougall Cairn and an afternoon filled with music and Scottish dancing at the John Paul Center.



Congratulations to John H. MacDougall for winning the award for the best tent at these Games. His report is published on page one.

We had a nice letter from Mrs. Francis Eliades, from Bakersfield, California, whose ancestors settled in Grey County on Georgia Bay, Ontario, around 1850. She is interested in tracing her ancestors back to Scotland.

Our general meeting held at Esceola Lodge on Friday, July 8th, was well attended, followed by dinner and entertainment at the Lodge.

John McDowell Moore was elected Secretary/Treasurer; Walter M. Macdougall and Malcolm Alan Macdougall were elected co-editors of *The Tartan*.

Our thanks to Alan MacDougall for his many years of service as Secretary/Treasurer and to Howard and Marjorie MacDougall for their years and dedication of service as Tartan Editors.

The Clan MacDougall Society has joined the Scottish Tartan Society in Highlands, NC, and has forwarded our Tartan to the museum. If you are in the area this would be a worthwhile stop to view their Scottish memorabilia as well as fine mountain scenery reminiscent of Scotland.

A new history of Clan MacDougall has been written entitled "The Heirs of Somerled," by Dr. Stephen M. Millet, 4577 Olen-tangy River Road, Columbus, OH 43214. We strongly recommend that you include this history as part of your library on the MacDougall Chiefs. The cost to members is \$6.50, plus postage.

From Our Clan Family

Christopher Alexander Major and **Carole Ann Graves** were married on January 14, 1989 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Herndon, Virginia. Cris is the son of Linda McDowell Major Swann and the grandson of Geraldine McDowell.

Dr. Robert A. McDougall sends along the news that his son **Bruce William** graduated last spring from Marshall-Wythe School of Law (William and Mary). Bruce will be moving to Washington, D.C., to join a branch of the Pittsburg based law firm, Kirkpatrick and Lockhart. Bruce hopes to become active in Scottish activities in the Washington area. Robert also reports that for a second year a flag of MacDougall tartan was included in the kirling of the tartan ceremony held by the Scottish Society of Indianapolis.

More graduation news: **Bruce Comyn A. MacDougall** son of the late George Allan MacDougall and Margaret M. MacDougall of Jonquiere, Quebec, received his masters in business administration from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

John A. MacDougall of Carapopolis, Pennsylvania, reports with just pride that his son, **John**, is teaching English in Spain while adding Spanish to his already acquired German and French. John's second son, **James**, is also teaching — physics and French at a small university in Sierra Leone. John, senior, has recently been promoted to the position of general manager of mechanical engineering for his firm.

Our very best wishes to **Martha MacLellen MacDougall** of Inverness, Cape Breton, who will be eighty on December 1, 1989.

WISHING ALL MEMBERS
OF
CLAN MACDOUGALL
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A PROSPEROUS
AND A HAPPY 1990

*Coline MacDougall
of MacDougall*

How About A Clan Gathering In Scotland?

An exciting two week tour of Scotland and MacDougall country is in the planning stage. Suggestions thus far for an itinerary include: Dunollie, other MacDougall strongholds, Ardchatten and Kilbride where our Chiefs lie buried, Loch Ness, Inverness, Culloden, Gleneagles, Edinburgh, London

Fall 1990 has been suggested for this adventure, but we need your input. When and where would you like to go? What would you most like to do and see?

Please contact as soon as possible: Sugar McAdams, c/o Norfolk Tours, 424 Lovers Lane, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806.



Howard and Marjorie MacDougall. Our deepest appreciation to you for the great service you have rendered as editors of *The Tartan*!

Ontario Chapter News

Marjorie McLeod, Correspondent

Ontario Chapter members will be holding their annual gathering in October after a busy summer of Scottish activities in which we raised the MacDougall banner and pitched our clan tent at five Highland games: Georgetown, Cambridge, Molson (Barrie), Fergus, and Sarnia. We met MacDougalls from far and near, both from Canada and from the United States.

Our annual gathering will be held at one of the local colleges where there is an Olympic size pool which has proven very popular with young and older members alike. The pot luck supper has proven popular as well.

Present Chapter officers are: President Maxwell McDougall of Scarborough, Ontario; Treasurer Miss Elizabeth Shaw of Toronto; and serving as secretary as well as editor of the Chapter's newsletter is Marjorie McLeod.

We have a very talented fifteen year old dancer who has been collecting medals galore. Her name is Anne Marie MacDougall.

(We hope to have a photo and feature on Anne Marie MacDougall in the next issue of *The Tartan*. Marjorie and the Ontario Chapter deserve special recognition for the newsletter which they publish. It is filled with news and interesting Scottish Lore. The editors)



Nathan McDougald lifts his opponent off the ground. Nat placed third in the heavyweight wrestling at Grandfather Mountain. We owe much to this clansman who organized the winning tug-of-war team and supplied a stand of arms featured at the tent and in the parade of clans. (by permission of Charles Gordon)

Clan Featured

Clan MacDougall has been featured for a second time in that outstanding publication, *The Highlander*. Appearing in the "These Are Your People" series, our clan was first featured in the May/June issue of 1983 with D. MacDonall MacDonald as the author. Now our Clan is featured again in the September/October issue. The author this time is Archie McKerracher. While an error places Chief Ian Ciar in the sixteenth century — a confusion which apparently leads the author to suggest that the MacDougalls early acknowledged the Chief of the Campbell as their superior, the account as a whole is very well done.

The new magazine, *Scottish World*, published in Oban, fittingly plans to feature Clan MacDougall as well as Oban, "the queen of the west," in its October 1989 issue. This will be a special issue for our clan family.

Dunedin Highland Games (Florida)

Mary Anna Leroy-Marler

Our day at Dunedin was lovely. We did have to compete with winds and rains several times during the day, but

We had ten members, eleven visitors, and one perspective member. One of our visitors, Grace Ellen McCrann, lives in Oban and knows Madam MacDougall and her two sisters. She came by the tent just to bring greetings from Scotland. How thoughtful of her. We all thank the Clan MacDougall Society for the opportunity of having a tent again this year and would like to host it again next summer.

Maine Games

Pauleena MacDougall Seeber

The MacDougalls were well represented at the Maine Scottish Games at Thomas Point Beach, Brunswick on August 19. Jean Macdougall Horr, sister of our new editor, proudly carried our flag in the parade of tartans.

Other members of the clan comported themselves well in the tossing of the sheaves and caber. These included Jean's son Arthur and my brothers, Michael and James. In the junior games, my nephew Douglas MacDougall of Bristol, Maine, brought home the second place trophy. Douglas is a student at the Choate Rosemary Hall preparatory school in Connecticut.

Our clan tent was resplendent with MacDougall tartan and other interesting materials including a claymore and sgian dhu. We had many MacDowells and MacDougalls stop by and visit us. We were blessed with a perfect summer day and went home with the pipes ringing in our ears.



Douglas MacDougall wins second place in the junior division of the Maine Scottish Games.

Memories of Our Chief's Visit to Nova Scotia in 1979

[I met young Donald MacDougall as the echoes of a day of piping were fading away into an Antigonish twilight. "This," said Donald, "has been a grand day in all respects." It had been as was every day of our Chief's visit to Nova Scotia. Several of us who were privileged to participate in that event would like to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Madam MacDougall's visit with a bouquet of memories. W.M.M.]

Mary MacDougall Falt remembers how she felt when the Chief was piped through the south gate of Antigonish's Columbus Field. "I just could not believe I was about to see a clan chief — especially our Chief." Charles MacDougall had made arrangements for that entrance, and piper Hugh MacDougall of Calgary and a large group of MacDougalls were waiting at the gate. The Chief was riding in Charles's black Ambassador (polished to a high gloss by Charles's sons). The MacDougall Girl's Pipe Band, with their wonderful lace collars on dark velvet, formed an honor guard, and at the tent the Chief's own flag went up — the quartered gold and azure filled with afternoon sunlight.

Everyone who was in that throng must remember the placement of our MacDougall canopy. It was under that huge elm and in its welcome shade while close by the stream flowed silver over its cobblestones. Charles MacDougall escorted the Chief to her special chair which he had upholstered in MacDougall tartan and which was placed before a background of tartan and the fine shield representing the Chief's arms which Ian MacDougall of Stellarton had furnished. Nearby stood the carved symbol of Galley of Lorn with its burning beacon which the Milo Macdougalls had brought. And all around there were those who had come to meet their Chief. Later, Madam MacDougall was to remark that never had she seen so many MacDougalls in one place.

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Charles MacDougall introduces clanspeople to our Chief under the canopy at Antigonish.

Welcoming the Chief

Caroline C. MacDougall

Tempus fugit! It seems impossible to believe that ten years have passed since I was contacted by the Clan MacDougall Society to help plan for the first visit to Nova Scotia of Madam MacDougall of MacDougall, the thirtieth Chief of our Clan.

I was honored by the request and immediately set to work helping to arrange the many details involved in such a visit. The Society president, John W. McDougall, and Walter Macdougall were kept informed, and they provided much guidance. On the local scene, family members, clan members and friends were all eager to help. Their support and enthusiasm indicated that Highland hospitality still flourished in Nova Scotia.

The great day finally arrived and the lounge at the Halifax airport was filled with MacDougalls wearing kilts or tartan. As the plane landed, our piper, Judith MacDougall, readied her bagpipes to play a greeting for our distinguished visitor. It was a moment to remember as the Chief in MacDougall tartan and bonnet adorned with three silver feathers denoting her rank stepped through the doorway. Her loyal clanspeople gave her a rousing welcome. Following a photo session, Madam MacDougall spoke graciously to many of those who had come to greet her.

On the following beautiful day, with our province at its loveliest, we drove to Cape Breton arriving at our destination in Strathlorne in time for a quiet family dinner. Following dinner, a reporter from the local press arrived and was graciously granted an interview by Madam MacDougall. The rest of the evening was spent in conversation, and we soon felt kinship with our lively and delightful guest.

Next morning, two of my brothers took Madam MacDougall on a tour of the countryside, and she soon won their hearts telling them it reminded her of Scotland. In the late

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Antigonish 1979: Our Chief shows article to John MacDougall, then president of the Ontario Chapter. Behind, Donald MacDougall and George Macdougall flank the Chief's special chair set before the shield from her coat of arms.

The two most important preweekend activities continue to be clothing and lodging, at least in the case of this family. The more items of Scottish dress and especially our tartan, the better. Being present at this weekend without a stitch of our tartan can cause the subconscious feeling of not being dressed! Lodging twenty years ago used to be risky business. Now there is less of a problem since developers have more than speckled the mountainsides with condominiums. The many realtors can find whatever you wish in terms of price, quality, privacy and proximity to both Linville and Grandfather Mountain.

Anyone who has been to the Clan Society weekend before will recall that Friday afternoon and evening are devoted exclusively to Clan MacDougall activities. But what a difference the nearly twenty-five years has made. Now the Escola Lodge, where the decision that brought forth our Society took place, is ours for all the Friday functions of board and membership meeting, cocktail party and dinner. Other than a mountain top, this is the premier site in the area. The pine panels and flooring are reminiscent of the hunting lodge near the famous Balmoral Castle in the hunting heartland of Scotland visited by the MacDougall Clan tour of 1970. Needless to say the ambience is only enhanced by the picture of tartan dressed MacDougalls, MacDowells, etc. who represent all callings and ages and have come from far and near to celebrate and keep alive our unique heritage.

It is here where you catch sight again, if you have been before, of the architect, co-founder, and tireless builder of our Society, John W. MacDougall of Nashville. This man's energy and commitment are as strong as nearly twenty-five years ago even though he is now within a stroke of 90. When you experience again his firm grip, shining eyes and earnestness and affection for the Clan, the Society and Scotland, you will be left spellbound with wonder.

While the cocktail party and dinner are almost like a family reunion for those who have attended regularly for over twenty years, the experience will always be added to and made fresh by the pleasure of meeting new MacDougalls. In particular, this last visit I was introduced to a Chicago MacDougall who was coming for the first time. I found she bore no relation to our other co-founder, the now deceased Edward MacDougall of Chicago, and in fact, it is the exception to find MacDougalls in North America closely related — a sign that there are many, many of us.

The surprise of this most recent Clan dinner was the technological marvel which provided our evening entertainment. Sitting in three corners of our large dining room were three, large TV monitors. All this was made clear when our current president, George McDougal of Greenville, South Carolina announced that we would be transported to Scotland by a product of modern technology, a professionally done video tape covering the scenic wonders of Scotland.

While the focus of activities on Saturday and Sunday continues to be McRae Meadow set against the backdrop of Grandfather Mountain's majestic peak; the size and scope of today's

GMHG are incredible. (The transportation problem of delivering and returning nearly 15,000 people half way up a mountain has been solved by the Grosemore, North Carolina Volunteer Fire Department with its fleet of buses.) There has been an enormous growth in the number of vendor's tents outside the entrance gates, purveying everything Scottish in ways not even dreamed of in years past. Comparison shopping can be done right on the spot. A second area of growth and change is the series of tents side by side inside the main gate devoted to promoting tourism and historic preservation in Scotland and all of Great Britain. Knowledgeable staffers armed with books and pamphlets were of aid to this family in planning a recent trip to England, Wales and Scotland.

The most striking feature to anyone returning to the GMHG is the nearly two-thirds circumference of the track at Macrae Meadow devoted to clan tents. Nearly twenty years ago I can remember only about one-third this many. Today there are over 70 clans represented. In the case of Clan MacDougall, two tents are erected — the tent nearest the track is for viewing the games and the tent opposite about ten yards along an outside perimeter is an information tent staffed mainly by the Society's directors.

This year Pat and Jim MacDougal of Ooltewah, Tennessee, brought their photo album covering a trip through the Highlands and MacDougall country. It provided another wonderful way to learn about her heritage.

Like so much else, the Tartan Ball on Saturday evening has grown immensely but added many pleasing refinements as well. My wife and I found this year's Tartan Ball better than it ever has been in the years we have had the chance to attend. There were two bands to insure dancers' continuous opportunity to take the floor as well as providing entertainment for those who chose to sit and visit with old friends. The refurbished seating in the large, indoor tennis arena, the softened lighting, smooth dance floor, and the midnight buffet table were welcome additions to the evening's splendor. Malcolm Forbes and his guests (Liz included) could not outshine our beloved clans' gala.

Sunday continues to be marked by the colorful highlight of the GMHG — the parade of tartans. As before, the VIP's and guest of honor, usually from Scotland walk around the track first. Our own Simms McDowell and John W. MacDougall, who have devoted so much to these Games, are always included in this procession. Then the massed marchers in kilts follow each tartan. This picture, an ideal one for those owning a video camera, presents a unique view of Scottish heritage and summarizes the events of the entire weekend as the marchers parade to the music of the pipe bands.

Thousands of Americans find highland games intriguing whether at Grandfather Mountain or the many, many other sites throughout North America. Surely, there must be some mystery and magic associated with that tiny spit of land and islands beyond the North of England. While driving home from the GMHG and at other times as I view the roadside groundcover sporting tiny, pink flowers, I find myself wishing that the beautiful Scottish heather could take its place and provide a taste of Scotland to millions more Americans. The stronger wish, however, is that those who may have been once or more to the GMHG will, "Haste ye back," for that special MacDougall weekend in July will continue only as long as people come and come again.

Todd McDougall Represents Our Clan With Wins

Todd McDougall of Burlington, North Carolina, has been representing our Clan with a series of impressive wins. At Grandfather Mountain, he participated in the amateur division of heavy field events. Todd placed 2nd in the 22 pound hammer throw, 3rd in the sheaf toss, 4th in the 28 pound hammer, and 4th in overall events. Todd also placed 3rd overall in the events at the highland games held at Gatlinburg and at Tidewater. Congratulations, Todd!



Your two new co-editors, Walter and Malcolm Macdougal, flanking Jean Macdougal Horr and Malcolm's daughter, Jessica. Jessica's shirt reads "I'm A MacDougall Not Just Another Pretty Face."

The Scottish Bookshelf

by Nancy Wilkinson-McD. Van Valkenburgh

Scottish blood runs strong and deep and that of Clan MacDougall particularly so. This is evidenced by a book you may be surprised to find on my "Scottish bookshelf."

The book I refer to and am pleased to review is Sally Quinn's *Regrets Only*, which was copyrighted in 1986 by Sally and made the national bestseller lists. The paperback edition was published by Ballentine Books, a division of Random House, in September 1987.

Sally covered the social and national political scenes and was a well-known political reporter for *The Washington Post* for many years. She spent many of her childhood years in Savannah, Georgia but now lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband, Benjamin C. Bradlee, Executive Editor of *The Washington Post*, and their son, Quinn.

This book has two interesting female protagonists, one a beautiful, cool, competent, and aggressive national reporter, Alison Sterling, and the other, a ravishing auburn-haired beauty, the wife of Vice-President William Rosewell Grey, III. Her name is Sara Adabelle McDougald Grey (yes, *McDougald*), a native of Savannah. The two ladies are interested in a dashing Boston Irish national reporter named Desmond Shaw and I am not going to tell you any more because I don't want to give away the story.

It was hard for me to be objective about this book as I was so interested in seeing all the familiar family names — Horace, Worth, Shaw, Outland, Annie Laurie, and, of course, McDougald spelled in its own particular way.

Sally and I share a great-great grandfather, Dougald McDougald, who was born on the Isle of Jura and came to America to settle in the Aberdeen-Fayetteville section of North Carolina. His name in the old North Carolina records is spelled in various ways — McDougall, MacDougall, McDougal — but all his descendants spell their names McDougald.

Regrets Only is an interesting look at Washington, its political, social, and journalistic scenes. The characters are well-drawn. The book also sheds some informative light on journalistic ethics and the efforts of many reporters to maintain a high standard in their profession.

It also shies away from becoming either a simplistic women's lib novel or its direct opposite as so many current novels do. The story reflects today's conflicts in women's roles and the efforts of women to come to terms with the conflicts.

The book, of course, is what my late father would have called "racy," but not unduly so by today's standards (which is still to say more so than the standards of the South Georgia that both Sally and I knew as youngsters).

Still, I will have to agree with what many reviewers have said. *Regrets Only* is a "good read."

A "must" for every MacDougall bookshelf is *An Official Short History of the Clan MacDougall* by Michael Starforth, reprinted in 1983 by Scotpress. This history, authorized by Madam MacDougall of MacDougall, 30th chief of the Clan, is a starting point for beginning the exploration of the exciting story of the ancient and illustrious Clan MacDougall. This and other books about the MacDougalls are often available at the booths at various Highland Games as well as Scottish stores in your area, or they can often be ordered through various Scottish book suppliers. One of the largest in the United States is "Unicorn Limited, Inc.," P. O. Box 397, Bruceton Mills, West Virginia 26525. You can add your name to their mailing lists.

Scottish bookshelves now have the interesting option of containing videos as well as books. One particularly interesting video for MacDougalls was brought to my attention by Walter MacDougall. Entitled "Visions of a West Highland Holiday" by Anne Lorne Gillies, this video takes you through the beautiful



John H. MacDougall, president of the Antigonish Chapter; Charles MacDougall, the chapter's past president; and George McDougall, our Society's president, at the Clan cairn in Antigonish. (MacLellan photo)

Con't Antigonish Chapter

Special guests this year were George E. McDougall, President of the Clan MacDougall Society of United States and Canada and his charming wife Barbara. The Clan is indeed grateful to George and Barbara for coming from South Carolina. It was a special occasion for us, and on behalf of our Clan Society they were presented with matching glazed blue pottery pieces handcrafted in Antigonish. The presentation was made by John and Agnes MacDougall.

Albert Livingstone was presented with "The Duine-Cinnidh Award" as the outstanding Clansperson of the year, for his loyalty and dedication to the Clan MacDougall Society. The presentation was made by Charles MacDougall.

Margaret M. MacDougall of Jonquiere, Quebec was given a special award for her loyalty to the Clan over the past ten years. The presentation was made by Albert Livingstone.

John MacDougall concluded the service at the Cairn with: "As Clanspeople, all Clanspeople, as we remember the perseverance, determination and solid faith of our ancestors, let us recommit ourselves in the beliefs and ideals to help in the fulfillment of the dreams of our people, many years ago."

Following a group picture taken at the Cairn, all returned to the Centre for luncheon which included a fine anniversary cake and entertainment under the supervision of Florence (MacDougall) Helm and Shirley (Boudreau) MacDougall.

On Clans Day July 15th at the Highland Games, Clan MacDougall was awarded a banner for the best clan tent and display, and lead the Clans Parade that followed to the piping and drumming of the Greater Boston Pipe Band. The prize winning banner was carried in the parade by George and Barbara MacDougall.

We had many visitors to our tent throughout the day and met cousins from parts of Canada, United States and Scotland. Later that day we said goodbye to George and Barbara as they left on a journey over the famous Cape Breton Cabot Trail.

Throughout these few days our thoughts went back to 1979 when Madam Coline MacDougall; our Clan Chief honored us with a visit to Antigonish and we were impressed with her grace and charm. She brought us together and our Clan Society was then formed at that time, ten years ago.

Con't Bookshelf

Land of Lorn and on a spectacular journey into the heartland of Argyll. The film begins at Oban, capturing the hustle-bustle of its harbor and also its tranquility on a summer day. Special for MacDougalls is the good coverage of Dunollie and Dunstaffnage Castles. This video is available for \$49.95 plus shipping from "The Scottish Banner," 421 Center Street, Lewiston, New York 14092.

For our "wee Scots," a charming little book entitled *Argyle* by Barbara Brooks is a real treasure. Illustrated by John Sandford and published by Abingdon Press, Nashville, 1987, this is a wonderful story about how we got Argyle socks. The shepherd in this delightful book is a MacDougall.

And, speaking of children, we close this issue with a quote from *Scottish Proverbs* collected by Julie McDonald — "The bairn (child) speaks in the streets what he heard by the fireside."

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Can't Welcoming the Chief

afternoon, the local pipe band from Inverness arrived and marched on the lawn. Madam greeted the youngsters who were thrilled to have the opportunity of playing for her and meeting her personally. Many clanspeople came to pay their respects to the Chief and to share in a buffet supper followed by a ceilidh.

The following day we left for Antigonish where Madam MacDougall was to attend the Highland Games as the guest of the new chapter of the Clan MacDougall Society. After arranging to meet her at the Halifax airport, I left my charming guest with Charles MacDougall, her host for the Antigonish visit.

The Chief's flight from Halifax scheduled to leave at 9 p.m. was postponed hour after hour due to adverse weather and did not take off till 2 a.m. The intervening hours spent at the airport provided time for lengthy conversation and made me fully realize what a wonderful woman our Chief was and how fortunate MacDougalls are to have such a leader.

Can't Memories

Among so many memories, Ian MacDougall recalls the number of people he met — clanspeople from close by and far away forming friendships and establishing connections. The dinner held in Morristown (some nine miles from Antigonish) was a place where such meetings could take place. Two hundred and fifty rose together as David MacDougall of Edmonton piped in our Chief. There was that greeting in the old Gaelic by Mary MacLellan; the message read from our High Commissioner by society director, John R. MacDougall; and the words of our Chief. There is the remembered image of roses being presented by little Carla MacDougall and the cake with a tartan frosting which had been made by Mrs. Dougall MacDougall of Dartmouth. So many memories crowd together. Who was that lovely young MacDougall lass with a spray of white flowers placed in her hair?

So many faces, so many smiles, so many stories. Yet our Chief never seemed to tire. Never did that genuine graciousness wane.

Each one has recollections which for him or her are special, yet the common memories are of pride and admiration. Charles MacDougall remembers the pride he felt when he escorted Madam MacDougall in the parade of dignitaries at the opening ceremony for the Antigonish Highland Games. He also has another treasured memory of our Chief's visit. "I can see her seated on the wooden rocking chair in our living room enjoying a cup of tea and chatting with the family and with those who had dropped by to say hello."

With pride, with gratitude, with admiration, and with lasting joy we remember the visit of our Chief to New Scotland.

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Clanspeople Escape Injury

To the best of our knowledge, our clanspeople living in the areas of the recent catastrophes in California and the Carolinas escaped injury. Hurricane Hugo swept away our society president's beach house. One of Simms McDowell's family was more fortunate with three feet of mud and water covering their downstairs floor.

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