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CLAN MacDOUGALL SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.

Announces its
Annual Meeting
of the Membership
to be held
Friday, July 10, 1998
at 4:00 p.m.

In the Pool Pavilion
of the
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Linville, North Carolina



Members wishing
to participate in the
business of the Society
should attend.



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The Editor's Desk

by Pat McDougal

The report on the games for last year should be very inspiring to us all. At last count 58 games are seeing the MacDougall's presence and the banners are flying high. If you have not been to a highland game, I would encourage you to make this the year for that activity.

The heavyweight tartan material is going fast and will be ready sooner than I thought. Some of you have already received your order. I am certain Jim will sport a new box pleat kilt in the future. It can still be ordered at \$17.75 per yard, with no 1/2 yard orders. Send your order to my address on the back of *The Tartan*.

A personal note: Jim's February tests show no cancer at this time. We hope to see you at the meeting in July. ☺

McDougal Graduates from law school

William Troy McDougal graduates from the University of Tennessee College of Law at Knoxville, Tennessee



May 15, 1998. Troy is the son of Southeast Regional Commissioner Jim McDougal and *The Tartan* editor Pat McDougal. He serves Clan MacDougall as the Recording Secretary-Archivist and is a contributing writer to *The Tartan*. Congratulations, Troy, on this great achievement in your life!

Recognition for the Scots - Canadian Stamp

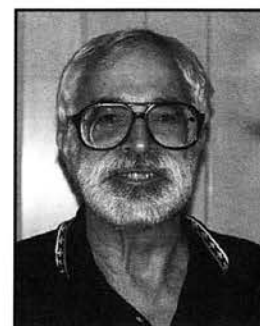
What a wonderful tribute to all the Scots in Canada, and to the organizers of all the Highland Games. From early June to September, somewhere in Ontario alone there is a Highland Game taking place. From Vancouver to the Atlantic Provinces, the story is the same, if it is summer and its Saturday, there is a Highland Game going on somewhere. It is a great photo/collage of the 45 cent stamp, issued to commemorate the Highland Games. It somehow helps to ease the pain of having to pay forty-five cents to mail a letter. The first lot received by my local post office, were gone in two days and I am told that they will soon be out of stock. We thank the Postal Department for this recognition and would like to see the stamp reissued next summer.

From Clan MacNeill Newsletter



Genealogy

by William C. Ermtinger,
Clan Genealogist



In a past column I mentioned that the Internet was such a wonderful resource for genealogical research. The problem for many is that they are unfamiliar with this tool and in fact the whole world of PCs, Internet, Modems, etc. is foreign and bewildering. Trust me I know the feeling. But there is help available. I have found a book that is one of the best resources I know for dummies like me. I use the word "dummies" for I have read the various books entitled "_____ For Dummies" and while they can be helpful the still assume (and you all know what "assume" means) you have some basic knowledge of the computer world. This book, however, assumes nothing but is not patronizing. The book is "Netting Your Ancestors - Genealogical Research on the Internet" by Cyndi Howells. The Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202, is the publisher (1-800-296-6687). The price is about \$20. So why is it so good? It starts with "The Tools You Will Need to Get Online: Computer Hardware and Software" and "Getting a Direct Internet Connection". Ms. Howells takes you through communicating with E-mail, mailing lists and newsgroups, what the World Wide Web is all about and more. It is written in a clear and simple way with detailed step by step instructions. She points out numerous resources that are just the tip of the iceberg of what is available to us. This book was not written by a computer expert for other computer experts but written by a genealogist for other genealogist - especially for amateurs like us.

You should always remember that the internet is mainly a resource to find sources and only rarely does it have the basic information that you may be looking for - but even that is changing as more and more databases are coming on line.

Do not forget my basic message for those of you who want to start out into this fascinating field or are just starting - Contact all your older relatives of your family to get any data possible before that information is gone forever. Get them to tell you not only the facts that they are sure of, but also the stories, the gossip, the skeletons and the speculations. If they do not want to write it down - go interview them and make notes or tape record what they have to say. Do whatever it takes to get that information before it is too late! ☺



Piper Albert E. Skaggs

As a member of the Sacramento Ben Ali Shrine band, Bert performs at the Highland Games in Sacramento, Pleasanton and Fresno. Although he is a member of Clan MacDougall, he wears the band tartan of Douglas. The band will march in 8-10 parades in Northern California this year. His band performs for the MacDougall clan tent at the games.

Editors note: The poem to close the Kirkin o' Th' Tartan following the worship service.

*If after the kirk, ye bide a wee,
There's some would like to speak to ye:
If after the kirk, ye rise and flee
We'll all seem cold and stiff to ye.
The one that's in the seat we've ye
Is stranger here than you, maybe;
All here has got their fears and cares,
Add then your soul unto our prayers,
Be thou our angel unawares.
Unknown*



Above: Ben Ali Shrine Pipe Band of Sacramento, CA. Albert E. Skaggs is standing third from left.

Victoria British Columbia

Fergus MacDowall will be hosting a clan tent at Victoria British Columbia, Sunday May 17th at the Victoria Highland Games and Scottish Gathering. The Sundown Harness Raceway is located off McDonald Park Road. ☼



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Richard T. MacDougall



Dear Clanfolk everywhere,

I have been saying for some time now that, if we have faith and patience, Spring will come; and we can come out of our caves and uncover the flowers (and play some golf). Well, over the last couple of weeks mother nature has tested our patience and reminded us of who is boss with early spring freezes even into the deep South. We have had some nice Bobby Burns dinners, etc. to get dressed up and kilted for over the Winter, but now I long to get outside. The forecast is for some sunny days and warmer weather, so let's start thinking about going to some highland games. In the southwest and southeast the games of '98 have already started, so many of you can start gathering and hearing the pipes.

With all that in mind I come to the main item of business for this letter. You will soon be receiving notices and reminders included elsewhere in this issue of *The Tartan* about the Clan MacDougall Society annual business meeting and gathering to be held on Friday, July 10. As usual, it will be held in conjunction with the Grandfather Mountain HG, in Linville, NC over that three day weekend. As I reminded you in the last *Tartan*, when talking about our AREA meeting in NH, accommodations for these popular activities are not easy to come by unless you start early. I would suggest you consult the Chambers of Commerce in Linville or Boone, NC or pick up a AAA tour book and map of the area and start calling. If you like to stay in campgrounds, these facilities are easier to come by. You may have to drive a ways to Linville either way. I am looking forward to meeting a lot of new people whom I have never shaken hands with.

Finally, I need to repeat my request in the Winter issue. Many of our Regional Commissioners, who are charged with representing our clan in the various areas of North America, are stretched far too thin by the great distances in these areas. We are very much in need of more new clan people to volunteer as assistants to the Commissioners in many of our states and provinces - particularly in our Southwest, Midwest, and central Canada.

Slainte mhor,

Dick



MacDougalls of Lorn: A Brief History

Mac means "son of" while the term "clan" comes from the Gaelic word for children. Thus, Clan MacDougall

signifies the children of

the son(s) of Dougall. The MacDougalls of Lorn are the senior branch of the royal house of Somerled, King of the Hebrides and Regulus of Argyll. As a Highland clan, the MacDougalls are one of the three oldest in existence dating from 1164 when Dougall, Somerled's oldest son and the clan's patronymic forebear, inherited the central portion of his father's kingdom. Dougall's heritage from the Gael and the Norse is shown in the present arms of the MacDougall Chiefs which quarter the lion of the ancient Scottish Kingdom of Dalriada and the black royal galley of the Norse. From their principal seats of Dunstaffnage and Dunollie Castles, The MacDougall Lords of Lorn and chiefs of the clan exerted a major influence in what is now Argyll and in the islands to the west. This era of widespread power

ended during the first years of the 14th century when the MacDougalls chose the losing side in the struggle for the Scottish throne. Beyond the complex political forces at play during the time, the murder of Red Cummin, brother in law of the fourth MacDougall chief, by Robert the Bruce during a meeting in the church at Dumfries added the motive of vengeance. In the warring which followed the forces of the MacDougall chief nearly captured Bruce, who in order to escape, was forced to leave his brooch - the famous Brooch of Lorn - along with his cloak in the hands of the MacDougalls. Less than two years later, Bruce, having consolidated his power, brought it to bear on the MacDougalls, whom he defeated in the pass of Brander. Despite this defeat, the Clan continued to play an important role in Argyll suffering a large loss at Dunaverty for the royal house of Stewart and again under it's fighting chief Iain Ciar in the rising of 1715.

Through the following years the proud history of the clan has been reflected in the distinguished service of the MacDougall chiefs to their country and in the pride they have taken in their

stewardship of the old clan lands. Equal distinction has been shown by the clanspeople, many of whom left their homes to be pioneers in far off places and to bring their spirit, faith, and abilities to the building of new nations. But the link with Lorn and the tie to Clan and Chief have not severed. The heritage prospers and the old belonging takes on new dimensions in the Clan MacDougall Society of North America and a sister society in Australia.

Our present Chief is Morag MacDougall of MacDougall, thirty-first Chief of the Clan, whose official residence is Dunollie House, close by the castle on its high cliffs. During the centuries that Clan MacDougall was a powerful influence along the West Highland Coast, a number of families became associated with this clan. Those of these surnames whose ancestors shared in this connection are welcomed members of our Society. ☺

Our Chief, Madame Morag MacDougall of MacDougall



MacDowells of Galloway: A Brief History

Our Society has a strong membership of MacDowells who are anciently related to us through "Prince" Fergus, Lord of Galloway, a contemporary ally and relation of King Somerled of Argyll and the Isles. Their name was originally MacDougall, but their patronymic ancestor is said to be Duegald, a younger son of Uchtred, second Lord of Galloway. The "w" was an aglicization introduced under Edward I of England and the "e" is the Irish spelling.

The MacDowalls (M'Dowells) of Galloway are the senior descendants in the male line of the princely house of Fergus (b. 1096) first of the ancient Lords of Galloway who maintained native leadership by adopting Normanization under David I. Fergus' successive heirs through Elizabeth (daughter of Henry I of England), were Uchtred, Roland (Constable of Scotland), and Alan (co-signatory of the Magna Charta) whose daughter Dervorguilla passed the lordship and heirship of the crown to her son John I (Baliol). Roland had a brother Duegald (k. 1185) from whom the MacDowalls are descended according to Garthland records, as a result of which they carry the undifferenced Arms of Galloway, the same Dalriadic



Dr. Fergus Macdowall of Garthland, Chief of MacDowall.

lion used per pale by Somerled, or quartered by the MacDougall, except

crowned in Galloway. Because John ("The Red") Comyn of Badenoch, the grandson of Dervorguilla of Galloway, was murdered by Robert Bruce, Earl of Carrick, in order to usurp the crown, the Galloway MacDougalls were mortal foes of Robert I and close allies of the crowned Baliols of Galloway, of Alexander Comyn Earl of Buchan and of their fifth cousin Edward I of England. After several battles in which the Gallowegians followed their native leader Sir Douglas MacDougall (first translated "MacDowyl" by the English at that time), Sir Dougal was killed and dispossessed by the Bruces. The next generation changed sides several times but were to become through the remaining centuries defenders of Scotland.

The Chief branches of the family eventually included the MacDowalls of Garthland, The MacDougalls of Makerston, The MacDougalls of Logan, The MacDougalls of Freugh and the MacDougalls of Machrimore. The caput baroniae of Garthland near Stoneykirk, Wigtonshire, was lost c. 1810 and moved to Renfrewshire at Lochwinnoch, but Logan House and Gardens are extent under different ownership in Wigtonshire.

The main migrations of the family name were to Ireland during the Plantations of Ulster, and then to America during the Irish potato famine as a result of which most members of the family now live in Canada and the United States. ☺





FROM HIGHLAND GAMES & GATHERINGS

Jacksonville, Florida Games

A very nice day for the games on the Field of North Florida University. Ed and Nancy McDougall sponsored the clan tent and it was the first for them. Ed has a business "Sunshine Enterprises, Inc., is an enrolled agent and Tax liability consultant, also a former Revenue officer. The children had games of their own, face painting in the morning and the athletic competition in the afternoon. Megan Amorosi competed in the Highland dancing with her white MacDougall kilt. ☺



Arizona Highland Games

by Robert A. McDougal, M.D.

The 32nd annual Arizona Highland Games were held on 21-22 February at the Mesa Community College, Mesa, Arizona.

My wife, Lee McCall McDougal and I were helped as in recent years by Don and Denise MacDougall of Baldwin, Michigan, and Sun City, AZ. The games were 2 days again, with a concert by the entertainers on Friday night; inside this year. There were more visitors to the Games than in 1996 but not as many as



last year. Our tent had many visitors. We have used a registration book for McDougalls to sign for years, and there were 25 this year (more than ever), including several Clan Society members.

The parade of tartans was at noon on both Saturday and Sunday. Lee, Don, our son James, Clan Society member, with wife Mary and "Wee MacDougall" daughter 8 month-old Katie in his backpack, were able to march in it, also Guilford Prickette and his wife Rebecca (a physician) and two young children. The Clan proudly carried the banner and tartan flag. Guilford, and Janet Wimer of Fremont, Nebraska were the two Clan Society members we could identify. ☺

Mid-Atlantic Region



After the Christmas Walk at Alexandria, VA in 1997 a certificate of appreciation was presented to Dan MacDougall for his tenure as the first Regional Commissioner of the Mid-Atlantic Region. Serving the region from 1991 through 1997, Dan was greatly instrumental in the promotion of activities for the Society and in Society participation in regional highland events. ☺



The certificate was presented to Dan MacDougall after the Christmas Walk (Alexandria) at Alan & Jeanne MacDougalls home. The photo above is the presentation made by Don, right, new co-commissioner to Dan MacDougall at left. Dec 6, 1997.



Anne Arundel County Games
Annapolis/Crownsville, MD (Oct 1997)
Don & Sandra MacDougall
New Mid-Atlantic Region Co-Commissioners
"We welcome one & all to our
Regional Games & Festivals"



MacDougalls participating in the Christmas Walk at Alexandria, VA in 1997 were left to right: Don MacDougall, Alan MacDougall, Sandra MacDougall (front), Bill Ermatinger (back), Ruben Blackburn, Suzanne McDougall, William Ermatinger.



Scot's Wha Hae?

by W. Troy McDougal

Why don't MacDougall Women march in the Parade of Tartans at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games?

Suzanne O. MacDougall, Rockford, MD



In my eight or so years attending the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, I have heard several rumors on this topic, some of which bear repeating. I first heard that the parade of tartans originally included the women and all the participants stayed on the field. When the number of participants outgrew the available space, the games committee limited the participation to "kilted men" only. Then some one came up with the current procedure which allows all the participants to march around the outside track of the field. About 3/4 of the way around, a representative of each clan breaks from the group and carries a tartan banner to the middle of the field. With this change, the games committee again permitted any person who wore tartan material to walk in the parade. However, since the strict rule had been followed for a substantial period of time, word has not reached the membership until now that women are again allowed to walk in the parade. As logical as this explanation is, there is no shred of truth in it.

From my research, I have been unable to find the bright-line answer to this question. The Grandfather Mountain Games Committee has informed me that they never had a rule that women were not permitted to walk. However, this type of rule

is not often documented, especially when you take into consideration the considerable age of the games. Back then, the committees probably would not foresee the need to document in great detail. Their main purpose was to have fun.

John A. McDougall, past President of the Society and an attendee of the Grandfather Mountain games from the early years, supplies part of the real story. He recalls discussing the parade of tartans with John W. McDougall, Sr., a founding member of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Committee. When the parade was founded, the intent was to showcase the strength of the clans for battle. Since the battle strength of the clan lay in the men, and the men generally wore their kilts in battle, the original intent was that only kilted men should march in the parade of tartans. The exception to this policy was that women who were chiefs of their clan were permitted to walk as the clan's leader. This fact is proven by the fact that, as the Honored Guest of the 1969 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, our former chief, Madam Colleen MacDougall of MacDougall, headed the parade of tartans and was then piped to the reviewing stand where she presided over the remainder of the parade. Incidentally, I am sure this occasion, not last year, was the first time a

MacDougall woman marched.

Only recently, when some women broke ground and marched with the men (probably as a result of participation in other games' parades), have people began to wonder why they had never been marching all along. This may have caused the rumor mill to begin grinding out the various reasons why MacDougall women should not do so (and I am sure the same discussion occurred in the tents of the other clans as well).

The really important part of this discussion is, no matter what has happened in the past, the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Committee has informed me that they do not have a ban on women's participation in the parade of tartans. Their only requirement is that every participant should be wearing some sort of tartan material, prominently displayed. So, MacDougall women, show your tartan colors, hold your head high, and march! ☺

Source: Interviews and Correspondence

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Getting Close to Royalty

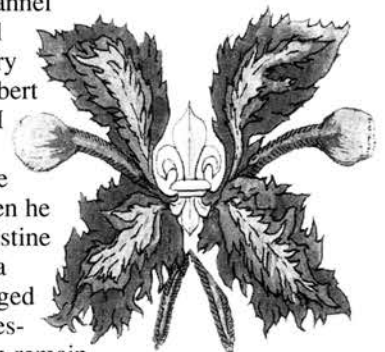
by Don Northcutt

I was surprised to receive an invitation to an evening reception in honor of His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent. HRH Prince Michael was the guest of honor at the Queen Mary Scottish Festival and Anna and I were on the guest list because I wear the hat of president of the St. Andrew Society of Southern California. Though we have been around Presidents, members of Congress and many Generals, being near royalty would be a new experience.

We arrived at the Queen Mary in Long Beach harbor but the ship's staff had no idea where we were to go, so we headed for the hotel desk. As we waited to ask our question of the smiling receptionist, HRH Prince Michael, his Scotland Yard detective, and his entourage swept by us. Being quick witted, I figured they knew where to go, so we joined in behind them and entered the elevator with them. It was cozy and handshakes were passed all around. HRH made an impressive entrance into the reception

and our juxtaposition made it look as if we were part of the royal group. We appeared nonchalant about it...we do this all the time. The gathering was small, perhaps 75 people, and several of us who were in kilt and tartan (Anna and I were in MacDougall Ancient) had a pleasant chat with HRH.

When we arrived home later in the evening, I turned on television to watch the History Channel and there was Prince Michael of Kent hosting a documentary on his great-grandparents, Albert and Victoria. A cousin of HM The Queen, Prince Michael, born in 1942, was 16th in line to succeed to the throne. When he married Baroness Marie-Christine von Reibnitz, a German and a Roman Catholic, he was obliged to remove himself from succession, through his two children remain in line for the Crown of Scotland as well as that of England. ☺





Clan MacDougall Society of North America



The Clan MacDougall Society will host a dinner following the Annual Meeting and the social hour on Friday, July 10, 1998. The meal is a sit-down affair, beginning at 7:00 p.m., and includes all of the normal Scottish festivities: the piping of the haggis and the address to the haggis, as well as several toasts. The price for the meal is \$28.00 per person. Please fill out and return the registration form to reserve your place at the meal. Space is limited, so please send in your reservation early.

Also, the officers of Clan MacDougall Society of North American, Inc. have decided to prepare name tags in advance of the annual meeting. If you plan to attend, please fill out the registration form below. Registration is not mandatory to attend the annual meeting and there is no fee to attend.

----- Registration Form: Please Print -----

_____ Number Attending Annual Meeting (No Charge) _____ Number Attending Dinner (\$28.00 per person)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Names for Name Tags: _____

Send your completed form and check payable to Clan MacDougall Society to:

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Proposed MacDougall Centre in Oban, Scotland

*The following was copied from The Oban Times March 5, 1998
"Clan Centre Plan for Oban" by Simon Cox*

Oban is being targeted as the home of an international conference centre celebrating one of the area's historical clans. The plans are a spin-off from the launch of the new Clan MacDougall Society of the United Kingdom and Eire and could culminate with the town staging an international gathering in 1999. A steering group has been set up to explore the possibility of holding the conference during which there will be discussion of a permanent Clan MacDougall Centre in the Oban area. The group, comprising clansfolk, is now drawing up recruitment and marketing plans for the new society.

It is proposed that the conference will be a three-day event including outside attractions, a reception and personal welcome and appearance of the Clan Chief whose clan seat is at Dunollie. Two hotels have already been earmarked to accommodate the large number of clansfolk who would attend. One of the architects behind the proposals, Sussex-based Alistair MacDougall, revealed that initial discussions have already been held with the Clan Chief and her family in Oban. "We hope to develop some physical presence in the Oban area and the conference will be a clan gathering looking at the ways ahead for the clan," said Mr. MacDougall.

The Clan MacDougall already has an established network in North America, Australia, and New Zealand and Mr. MacDougall said that companies and associations who share the clan name or sept names are being approached as potential supporters of the



new UK society. Local members of the Clan MacDougall confirmed they had met with the steering group's John Anderson MacDougall, from Essex, to hear the proposals.

The parents of Clan Chief, Morag MacDougall, Dr and Mrs Stephen Hadfield, who live at Ganavan (about 1 mile from Oban), said they were interested in the idea of reviving the UK soci-

ety, which had fizzled out after the second world war, but were unable to comment on the centre. "We have always had Dunollie as a Clan Centre and until we know exactly what he is going to do and where he is going to get the money we cannot comment." "It is at an early stage and we will wait to see how it develops," said Mrs. Hadfield. ☺

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1998 Highland Games & Gatherings

May 23-24	Costa Mesa, CA
May 30-31	Glasgow, KY
June 6	Kansas City, KS
June 28	Huntsville, AL
June 27-28	San Diego, CA
July 4	Mt. Vernon, WA
July 10-12	Grandfather MT, NC
July 11, 12	Antigonish, NS CA
July 25	Fort Wayne, IN
August 15	Brunswick, ME

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