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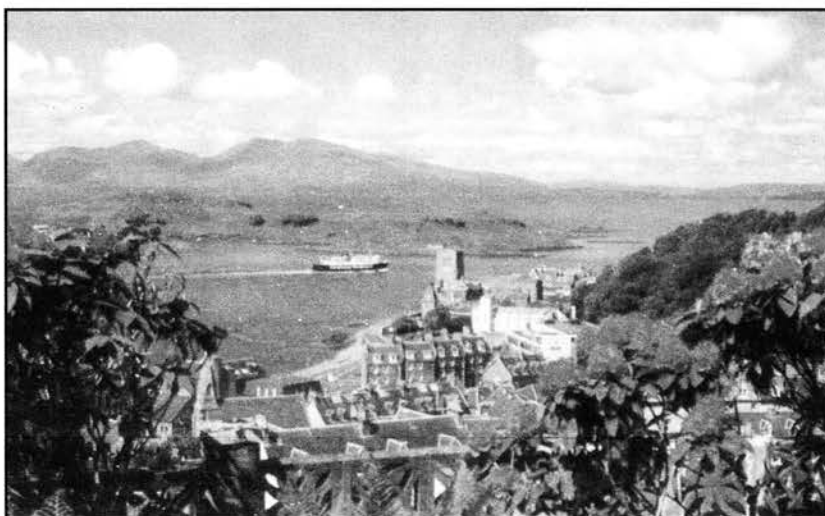
Wylie and Mary McDougall,
Founding Editors

Oban, *a city of History*

This impressive city is one you are unlikely to forget. You glimpse this bustling port from the top of the "Bealech-an-Right". Sweeping down the hill towards the expanse of the bay, the view opens up before you and one begins to appreciate why Oban has developed into Scotland's most popular west-coast holiday town.

Beyond Oban ("little bay", in Gaelic) lie the islands of the Inner Hebrides: Kerrera, which holds the remains of Gylen and protects the town from Atlantic storms, the low, green island of Lismore, majestic Mull and the granite mountains of the Movern peninsula. Beyond are the sacred island of Iona, Coll, Colonsay and Tiree.

Oban today has a population of about 8,500 and is the unofficial capital of the West Highlands - The "Gateway to the Isles". The panoramic view of the mountains, lochs and islands which have captivated artists, authors, composers and poets for centuries. These are as striking now as they were when Dunollie Castle, seat of the MacDougall's, a ruined keep which has stood sentinel over the narrow



entrance to the sheltered bay for around 600 years, was the northern outpost of the Dalriadic Scots.

Indeed once Oban had the royal seal of approval from Queen Victoria, who called it "one of the finest spots we have seen"; the town's destiny as an enchanting holiday destination was as firmly set as the lava column of Fingal's cave in Staffa.

Lorn boasts beauty spots too numerous to mention. Just five miles north of Oban, beneath Connel Bridge are the racing waters of Loch Etive form rapids at the "Falls of Lora". This world renowned spectacle is Europe's only seawater falls.

Crossing Connel bridge and on the northern shore of Loch Etive, one can enjoy a visit to Ardchattan Priory and Gardens. The Priory is Scotland's second oldest inhabited house and it was here that the last Gaelic speaking Scottish Parliament was held in 1308. Gaelic is still spoken in the Oban area and bi-lingual signs are in evidence to show the importance of preserving the cultural heritage.

Ardchattan is not Oban's oldest surviving building. This honor falls to Dunollie Castle, which according to Scottish records was captured by the Irish brothers Loarn, Fergus and Angus in AD498. Loarn governed the area around Dunollie-which still bears his name (Lorn as it is known) and the Scots became firmly established in what is now modern-day Argyll. ☺





The Editor's Desk

by Pat McDougall

*I*t's been a great year, we have attended six games and have three yet to attend. We meet new MacDougall

friends every place we go! One question always comes up for answering: What is the difference between the Scottish and the Scotch. Well, to tell the truth, the Scottish people drink the Scotch. Unless your bound up with Scotch tape and that's another story!

Corrections for the center fold of Vol. 33, #3 issue: Don Stancik is really Robert Stancik, David McDougall is really David McDougall, Daniel MacDougall, Reg. Comm. is really Donald MacDougall. (No matter where he is pictured.) Sorry about any problems this may have caused.

As you saw in the "Summer" issue of *The Tartan*, the threads are still on the loom and 300 yards more have been ordered for sale. If you ordered and were told the material was sold out, try again, you might be in luck. If you did not order and want material, it will be sold on a first come basis. Contact the *Tartan* Editor, prepaid orders only at \$17.75 per yard. ☺

Genealogy

by William C. Ermtinger,
Clan Genealogist



*A*t the Annual General Meeting of the Clan at the Grandfather Mountain Games, the following duties were adopted by the Board of Directors for the Clan Genealogist to follow:

1. Receive members direct line genealogical information and enter into a GEDCOM compatible database and forward copies to the Odom Library.
2. Receive members GEDCOM compatible genealogical information and add to our database and forward copies to the Odom Library.
3. Receive member's paper and/or non-GEDCOM compatible genealogical information and forward to the Odom Library.
4. Search our electronic database upon request from any individual and reply.
5. Write a Genealogical Column for *The Tartan*.
6. Upon request assist members doing genealogical research.
7. Upon request hold beginner genealogical seminars for our members (travel and incidental expenses to be paid by the requester).

GEDCOM is the standart format that almost all geneaological software packages follow.

If you have any questions on this, please do not hesitate to contact me! ☺

Twenty-two US\$100.00 Partial Scholarships to be awarded by the Society and Foundation

by Bill Leroy, Chair of the Scholarship Committee

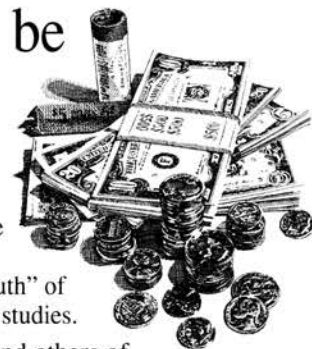
*A*t the 1998 AGM, the Boards of Directors of the Society and the Foundation voted to make available a total of US\$2,200.00 for partial scholarships for studies in the area of our Celtic heritage. Alan Miles MacDougall, Society Youth Vice-President, asked that the partial scholarships be for the "Youth" of our Society, and that the money be "seed" money, to help encourage them and their parents to further their studies.

The purpose of the scholarships is simply to offer some modest financial assistance to MacDougalls and others of Scottish descent who are age 19 or younger. Areas of study could include, but not be limited to: Athletics, Drumming, Fiddling, Gaelic language, Harp, Highland dance, Piping, and Scottish Country dance.

All members who are interested should contact their respective Regional Commissioners for applications. The Regional Commissioners will then review each application, and decide who the awardees are for their respective Regions. Guidance may be sought from the Youth Vice-President. Each awardee will receive a check and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Society, and will be publicized in *The Tartan*.

In deciding the number of scholarships for each Region, the Scholarship Committee wanted to help the small Regions to grow, but to also be fair to the big regions. Therefore, it was decided for 1998-99 to award one US\$100.00 one-time partial scholarship per 50 active members in each Region as of June 30th, 1998, for a total of twenty-two. This allocation would be reddecided each year, based on funds available.

The future of our Society is in our youth, and in some small way, we need to encourage them to learn more about our Scottish heritage. If you would like to make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund, please send your check made payable to the *Clan MacDougall Society*, and marked for the Society Foundation, to Bill Leroy, Treasurer, PO Box 1279, Frankfort KY 40602-1279, USA. You may also make a contribution on your dues notice by checking the Foundation line. Any US contributions marked for the Foundation are US tax deductible. ☺



Flowers of the Forest

James Peyton MacDougald, II passed away April 25, 1998, in Magnet Cove, Arkansas. He was the father of Nathaniel Maxwell MacDougald, III of Vero Beach, Florida. Clan MacDougall extends to the family our sincere sympathy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Richard T. MacDougall



Fall greetings to our Clanfolk everywhere,

As you no doubt read in the Summer edition of *The Tartan*, we had a very successful annual meeting of our Clan MacDougall Society, in conjunction with the Grandfather Mountain HG in July. The weather was the best I can remember for the whole weekend. We had very productive and congenial business meetings; and we had a wonderful social hour and dinner where old friends were reunited and many new friends were made.

The main theme of my message this month is international. First, I have two letters from Oban, Scotland to share with you. The first is from Dr. Stephen Hadfield, the father of our Chief, Morag, and one of the nice folks who act as your hosts when you visit Dunollie House and Castle. He is responding to the \$500.00 which we, again, sent for the maintenance of Dunollie House: "Thank you, and through you - all of the Clan MacDougall Society for the generous cheque for Dunollie - which I will soon be able to put to good use."

The other letter is from Hope MacDougall of MacDougall, who is the aunt of the Chief, and is principle custodian of the funds received for the repair of Gylen Castle. "Dear Dick, Congratulations! and very many Scotland thanks from us all to you and members of the Clan MacDougall Society of NA for the very fine contribution of \$1,921.00 to the Gylen Castle Repair Fund. Although it may not be possible to thank individually all those who have worked so hard, ... perhaps you can pass on the message that we are very impressed by those who have made things to raffle (for the cause); it puts a very special value on the contribution."

My last message is from our Chief, Morag, herself. My wife Betsy, and I have just returned from a ten day stay in Oban, during which time we had two very pleasant opportunities, a luncheon and a tea, to become better acquainted with and to talk over some mutual concerns with the Chief and her family. She asked me to carry back to America her greetings to you all as well as her deep appreciation for the loyalty and hard work which many of you give to the Clan and to the Society.

Next time I will be able to report on our successful AREA gathering and dinner at the Loon Mountain New Hampshire highland Games in September. I know it will be a success because we already have a number of dinner reservations which rivals the annual meeting dinner.

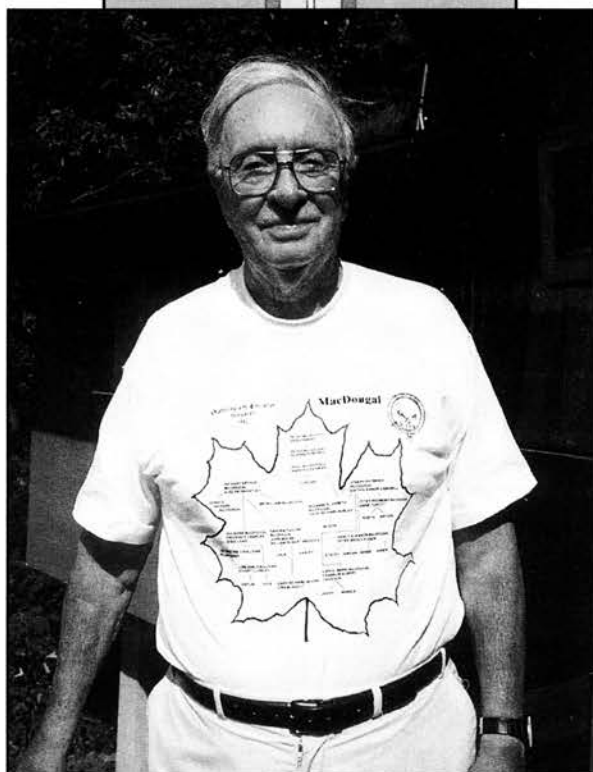
Please stay well and enjoy the rest of your Summer and Fall.

Dick



At the Glasgow Kentucky Highland Games, "Mad Max" MacDougald was inducted into the 78th Frasers as "Volunteer Sargent". He marched with the MacDougall's in the parade of Tartans.

A Brief Biography of Joseph Raymond MacDougall, M.D.



*Joseph R.
MacDougall wearing
a T-shirt designed
for the
annual family
gathering in
Kingston.*

In 1917 while World War I was raging in all of its fury, I was born. The third son to English-Scottish parents whom left the grueling life in Lancashire to start life anew in Toronto. A wise move. I spent nineteen wonderful years growing up in Toronto making life-long friends at the many schools I attended, through church activities and the Boy Scouts Association.

One of my friends, Bill Smith, who was later to become my brother-in-law, and I decided on a bicycle tour of Scotland and England where we both had relatives. So in 1936 we set off with the grand sum of fifty dollars each on a journey that lasted a year. We sailed across the Atlantic as deck hands on a cattle-boat that went from Montreal to Manchester where we split up to visit relatives. Meeting up once me in Carlisle and purchased new bicycles for ten dollars.

Then off to spend three months covering England and Scotland. We spent nine months roaming around Europe visiting most of the countries except Switzerland. The thought of cycling up mountains was not very attractive since we had learned that lesson in Scotland. We were able to survive financially by selling advertising space on our bicycles to such companies as Horliks, Philips Electric and Coca-Cola from one border to the other across the country. It was not a gold mine but it did us in food and shelter.

On returning home in 1937, I was indeed fortunate to obtain a position as a Chemical assistant in one of Sir Frederick's laboratories. I very much enjoyed being inducted into the magic world of medical work for three years finishing as World War II broke out. Bill and I quickly enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force and trained as navigators. A year later my flying career ended for medical reasons, but Bill went overseas only to die somewhere over Germany, a country that we had enjoyed a few years earlier. In the meantime I was remustered into the Aviation Medical Research Unit of the Air Force and spent four years working on the problems of high altitude flying.

During the war I had married a lovely girl names Eleanor Campbell whom I had known for about eight years. She was the sister of one of my fellow scouts. We married in spite of the historic incident at Glencoe many years ago. After the war I spent seven long years at the University of Toronto and obtained my M.D. during which time three of our wonderful children were born. A fourth child was born after graduating and moving to Ottawa for three years where I joined the Health and Welfare Department.

Having not lost my interest in medical research, I went into the Pharmaceutical industry, where chemical and medical research was combined. I joined a Canadian company and they were quite successful in their work, however they were taken over by a foreign giant with which I was not too willing to be associated and so I accepted a position with the Wellcome Foundation of England as the Medical Director of the Canadian Burroughs Wellcome Company. This non-profit organization is known throughout the world and is heavily involved in research in many countries.

For twenty years this kept me busy in most fields of medical research not only in Canada but in the United States, England and the Caribbean Islands, also China. Retiring from all of that in 1982, I became the Medical Director and Chairman of the Research Committee of the Tery Fox Medical Research Foundation in Vancouver. Although we remained in residence in Kingston, Ontario.

I wonder now how I ever found time pursue my other interests such as photography, tennis, sailing, building model boats and toys. Unfortunately, early in 1998, my dear wife of fifty-seven years passed away. She has been heavily involved in genealogy and had spent considerable time searching and compiling her family tree. I should have started much earlier when my uncles and aunts were still alive. ☹

GENEALOGY OF JOSEPH RAYMOND MACDOUGALL

Admiral Sir James Douglas, M.D. m. 1760 Elizabeth Ann Scholes

Daughter - Isobel m. 1782 Sir H. Hay MacDougall

Isobel's son Peter MacDougall (b. 1812) m. 1840 Marie Dawes (b. 1815)

Peter's son Peter MacDougall (b. 1848) m. Elizabeth Baines

Peter's son Paul MacDougall (b. 23-10-1883, d. 10-12-1958) m. 23-12-1883 Mary Ellen Swan (b. 15-9-1884, d. 12-2-1961)

Joseph Raymond MacDougall (b. 5-5-1917) m. 18-10-1941 Eleanor Campbell (b. 2-3-1918, d. 13-3-1998)



FROM HIGHLAND GAMES & GATHERINGS



Fort Wayne Highland Games

by Pat McDougal

Congratulations to Mary Wolf, Heartland Regional Commissioner, for winning the runner-up award for the clan MacDougall tent at the Fort Wayne Indiana games.

Many MacDougall's were present at Zollner Stadium for the annual games. A nice buffet was held at the Hilton for many of the Scots. Entertainment for the evening was provided by the "Kwil's" and Mary provided a wonderful breakfast Sunday morning.



Findlay Ohio Scottish Games

by Pat McDougal

The 5th annual Celtic Festival and Scottish Games, founded by Dan McDonald, were held August 8 at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. The Zenobia Highlanders pipe band of Toledo Ohio performed throughout the day. Entertainers were Carl Peterson and George Young, also Youth art by Christina Gossard.



Dates to Remember

Scottsdale AZ

- ★ The Caledonian Society of Arizona
The Tartan Ball will be held on November 21.
Contact Glenda King % Caledonian Soc.
- ★ The Burns Dinner, held in Tempe
on January 23,
Contact Beth Phillips % Caledonian Soc.
- ★ The 33rd Annual Scottish Gathering and Highland Games
February 27-28 Mesa Comm. College

For more information contact Robert McDougal at
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Bill Leroy and William F. MacDowell of West Virginia



When I look

Anonymous

particular dye to be used in a tartan, and that dye to be only available in a particular district. Anyone seeing that color would instantly know that the wearer was from the district which makes that dye. There are 63 districts (see map), and each of these districts has their own associated tartan. In addition to these tartans, there are also several other, more recent tartans representing localities, including Durham, Tyneside, as well as Nova Scotia in Canada and several of the states of the United States. The people whose name is associated with these tartans are permitted to wear the tartan, and should do so with pride, after all, their tartan probably predates ours. The more interesting question arises with the cap badge. A few of these areas have arms which they are authorized to use. In this case, the individual should use the crest of the district from those arms. However, if the district or locality does not have its own

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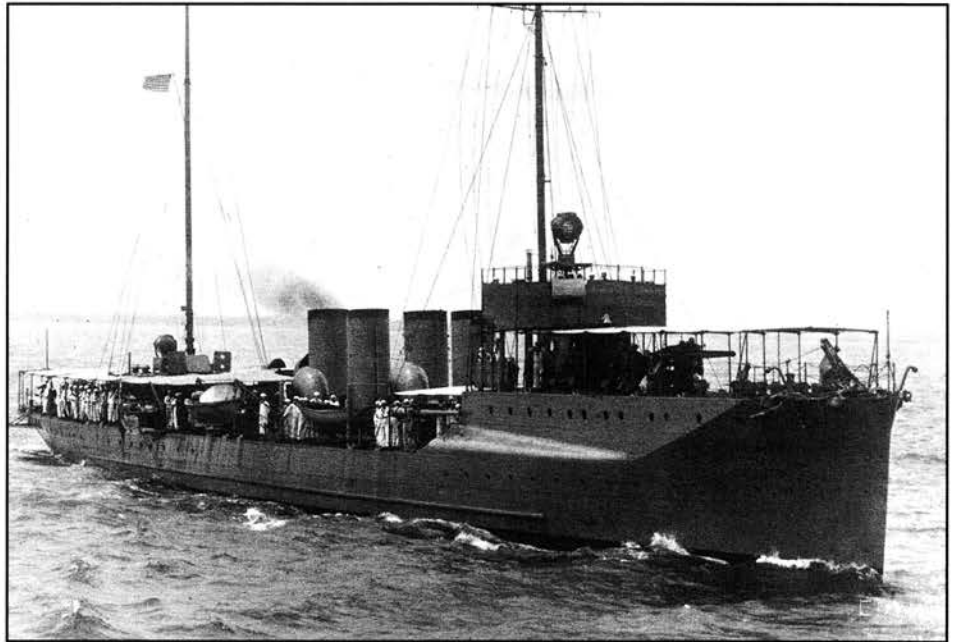
Those Seafaring McDougals

by Jennifer E. McDougal

As a McDougal, my interest is always captured when I see our clan name in the public eye. Imagine my peaked curiosity when I saw the following on a Holiday Inn electronic display in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee, "Welcome to the U.S.S. McDougal Veterans Reunion." I quickly called the Holiday Inn manager who kindly put me in touch with Mr. Herb Watts, president of the U.S.S. McDougal Veterans Association. Mr. Watts of Rydal, Georgia, and I had a pleasant conversation about the McDougal, her crew members and her duty in the South Pacific during World War II. He then told me how I could acquire complete information about her service from the United States Department of the Navy. I contacted the Navy and they sent me information not only about the WWII McDougal but also a synopsis on her namesake and the first commissioned McDougal, which operated during World War I. The following is an abbreviated excerpt about Rear Admiral David McDougal and the first commissioned McDougal from the Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships Volume IV, 1969 from the Department of the Navy, Naval History Division, Washington, D.C.

David Stockton McDougal, born in Ohio 27 September 1809, was appointed midshipman 1 April 1828. During the next three decades he served in the Mediterranean, West Indian, and Home Squadrons as well as on the Great Lakes in *Michigan*. He commanded *Warren* (1854-56), *John Hancock* (1856), and *Wyoming* (1862-64) in whom he cruised in the Far East protecting American merchant ships from pirates and Confederate raiders. On 16 July 1863, *Wyoming* boldly entered the Straits of Simonoseki to engage shore batteries and three ships of Prince Mori, clan chieftain of the Chosus. During an hour's brisk action, she sank one ship, heavily damaged the other two and pounded shore guns. On 23 December 1869 McDougal assumed command of the South Pacific Squadron. He was placed on the retired list 27 September 1871 and appointed rear admiral 24 August 1873. He died at San Francisco 7 August 1882.

The first McDougal (DD-54) was laid down by Bath Iron Works, Ltd., Bath, Maine, 29 July 1913; launched 22 April 1914; sponsored by Miss Marguerite S.



A starboard bow view of the Destroyer U.S.S. McDougal DD-54

LeBreton; and commissioned at Boston 16 June 1914, Lt. (jg.) J. H. Hoover in temporary command and Lt. Comdr. L. C. Palmer in command 27 July.

After shakedown, *McDougal* began duty with the Torpedo Flotilla, Atlantic Fleet. Prior to America's entry into World War I, she operated out of New York and Newport, R.I., and carried out maneuvers and tactical exercises along the east coast. She cruised to the Caribbean and took part in fleet war games between January and May 1916, and in addition served intermittently with the neutrality patrol. *McDougal* departed Boston 24 April 1917 and steamed with the pioneer American destroyer group under Comdr. J. K. Taussig to Queenstown, Ireland, arriving there 4 May. Among the first destroyers to join English Forces for duty after the entry of the United States into World War I, she patrolled off the Irish coast and escorted convoys of merchant ships and troop transports through waters menaced by German submarines to British ports and the French coast. She carried out unrelenting patrols against the U-boats and, in addition, performed rescue operations in the war zone. When British ship *Manchester Miller* was torpedoed and sunk 5 June 1917, *McDougal* sped to her assistance and rescued 33 survivors.

As *McDougal* escorted a convoy off the southwest coast of England, she detected a surfaced submarine in the early hours of

8 September and gave chase at full speed. The U-boat submerged about 500 yards ahead of the closing destroyer, and *McDougal* dropped two depth charges which brought an oil slick to the surface. Her skillful maneuvering and prompt attack saved the convoy from attack and resulted in probable damage to the submarine.

McDougal collided with the British merchantman *Glenmorag* in the Irish Sea 4 February 1918 and until mid July underwent repairs at Liverpool. Thence, during the remaining months of World War I she operated out of Brest, France, as escort for convoys approaching and departing that vital Allied port. Following the Armistice, she served as part of the escort for *George Washington* when the transport arrived at Brest 13 December with President Woodrow Wilson embarked.

Following the war and after various modes of service, *McDougal* was decommissioned in 1922 and on 29 June 1934 she was ordered scrapped in accordance with the terms of the London Treaty and her name was struck from the Navy list.

In an upcoming issue of *The Tartan*, this article will be continued with a look at the second U.S.S. *McDougal*, which was commissioned for service in 1933 and gallantly served her country throughout World War II. ☺

to be continued...

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1998 Highland Games & Gatherings

Sept. 26	Williamsburg, VA
Oct. 3	Murfreesboro, TN
Oct. 10	Crownsville, MD
Oct. 11	Scotland, CT
Oct. 15-18	Stone Mt., GA
Oct. 17-18	Chino, CA
Dec. 5	Alexandria, VA Christmas Walk

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