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LUNGA HOUSE FIRE

by Walter Macdougall

On the evening of December 27th Lunga House, the seat of the MacDougalls of Lunga, was filled with family and preparing for a ball to be held in the paneled hall. That evening at around 10:00 o'clock a fire broke out in a first floor apartment next to the main staircase. Those above, including several children climbed through a bathroom window and were attempting to make a rope of curtains to let themselves down. They were rescued by a ladder and no one was injured. Others escaped by using a back staircase. In the meantime the fire was working its way upward between the walls of lath and plaster and into the roof area.



Colin Lindsay MacDougall stands before the ladder used to rescue guests from the fire at Lunga house

Fire companies arrived from Oban, Lochgilphead and Ardforn along with a large group of neighbors who began carrying furnishings, paintings and heirlooms to a convenient barn. Another convenience which helped save the building was a pond which Colin MacDougall of Lunga had built as part of a water garden at the end of the lawn.

The *Oban Times* reports that the fire crews worked hard and were able to contain the fire. Our distinguished clansman reports that little furniture was lost but that the conflagration destroyed three rooms (perhaps five will have to be completely rebuilt) and left behind a huge mess and a large hole in the roof.

The MacDougalls of Lunga are descended from the MacDougalls of Raray, the hereditary Captains of The Clan. (As there are no proven direct descendants of the MacDougall line of Raray, this hereditary position falls to the MacDougalls of Lunga). The "Lunga" derives from the island of that name which is part of the archipelago of islands which lies off the mainland of Argyll. By 1740, the Lunga MacDougalls had moved to the mainland and established themselves in an enlarged 16th century towerhouse. Many of the MacDougalls of Lunga have established distinguished military records, and Colin Lindsay MacDougall has endeavored with equal spirit and tenacity to retain his family lands, to make the estate he

has inherited a supporting business (a very difficult task) and, above all, to maintain the heritage in which we all take such pride. We of Clan MacDougall owe a great deal to this Highland gentleman, and we express our condolences that he and his family should have suffered this serious loss.

Those wishing to contact Colin Lindsay MacDougall may write to him at: Lunga Estate Ardforn, Lochgilphead, Argyll, Scotland, PA318QR. ☺



The Editor's Desk

by Pat McDougal

2004 - New Year Greetings to all!

With this issue of the Tartan, begins the count-down for the trip to Scotland and the Oban Highland Games. It would be a pleasure to see many clan-folk at that time. There is plenty of time to make that dream come true this year. Look for the schedule in this issue and plan accordingly.

Our Burns Night Dinner was very well done. I am certain Burns would have been very happy. Your Dinner was much the same I'm sure, as Burns wrote the script for all.

Clan MacDougall Society is hosting many Clan tents throughout the world and it will make a fine statement if you will attend and help with these games. Contact your Regional Commissioner for areas where your help is needed.

Dues to the Society can be paid on line at our web site, or by mail. \$20.00 a year will help our tent sites remain beautiful. Thank you for your help.

Yours aye,
Pat

Corrections Vol. #38 #4

I would like to correct several discrepancies in two items on page 10. I won't speculate on the how or why, perhaps the lateness of the hour or the gremlins that inhabit my computer. Anyway, here are the corrections:

West Gore NS Gathering of the Clan - Ruth Armstrong was from Alberta rather than Quebec. (I am the Quebecer). She lived in Ottawa, Ontario for about 50 years before moving to Olds, Alberta to live near her son Brian.

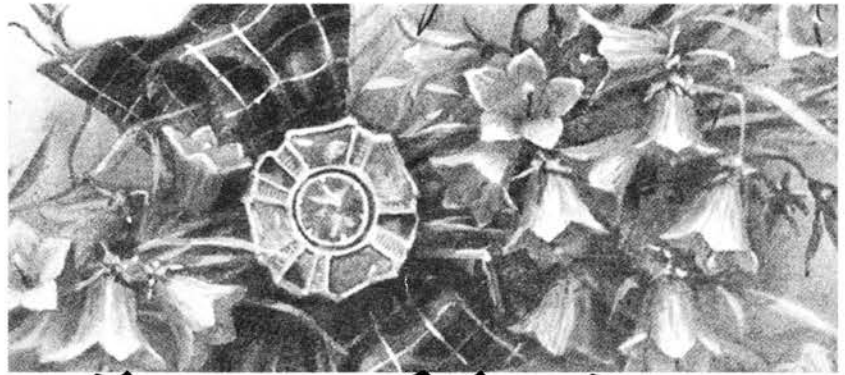
Mabel (MacDougall) Crocett - I don't know if she is a Society member or not; sisters Mary and Marita are.

Photo at right - everyone in our family uses the spelling "Mac" although when Mary and Marita were born, most of the families used "Mc".

Montreal Games - Gentleman in the photo is Scott MacDougald, Quebec Commissioner and V.P. for Canada. I am not that handsome, but do claim credit for the photo.

June (Duncanson) Campbell is one of my former schoolmates from N.S.

Paul MacDougall



Flowers of the Forest

*Please accept our expression of sympathy
at the loss of your loved one...*

The Most Reverend Gilbert C. McDowell, 66, of Palm Harbour, Florida, died Friday Oct. 24, 2003 while in Rome, Italy. He was born in Duluth, MN, and moved to Palm Harbor in 1991 from Arlington, VA.

An archbishop and leader of the United Anglican Church, he had also served from 1992 to 1996 as executive vice president of the Christian Network where he was a television worship leader and program creator and host of the program "In the Word with Gil McDowell."



He was an associate from 1988 to 1991 for the Fellowship Foundation in Washington, D.C. with international, national and local prayer breakfast programs. He was an alumni of the University of Minnesota, received a Doctor of Divinity in 1995 from Cornerstone College and Theological Seminary, and a PhD in Psychology from New York University, and attended Bangor Theological Seminary and Nashotah House Seminary. He was Jaycees Man of the Year in 1967 in Maine, received the Main Blood Program Citizenship Award in 1975, the 1995 Alumni of Notable Achievement award from the University of Minnesota.

Among his memberships were the Oblates of Holy Spirit, International Conference of Police Chaplains, American Association of Christian Counselors, Association of Former Intelligence Officers, the Anglican College of Chaplains, Lions Club International, American Counsel of Development Specialists, the National Religious Broadcasters, American Guild Organists, **Clan MacDougall Society of North America**, Scottish Pipe and Drum Corps, Salinas Valley Highlanders and Anglican College of Preachers.

Survivors Include his wife of 26 years, Barbara J.; a daughter, Deborah McDowell, Hillsdale, NY; two sons, Craig, Great Barrington, MA, and Timothy and wife Cindy, New York, NY; two stepsons, Brent Johnston and wife Mako, Palm Harbor, FL and Matthew Johnston and wife Mary, Sacramento, CA; a stepdaughter, Julie L. Johnston, Clearwater, FL; a half brother, the Rev. Robert Aspling, Duluth, MN; a half sister, Judy Fontaine, Gordon, WI; and eight grandchildren: Nicholas, Christopher and Kaitlyn, Palm Harbor, FL; Brian, Neil and Amanda, Sacramento, CA; Sophie and Frances, Hillsdale, NY. ☹



Births

Society President A. Wylie and Debbie McDougall II are new grandparents to **Rogers W. McDougall** born December 18, 2003. A wonderful Christmas present. Congratulations to the Nashville McDougall Family. 🍀



Wedding News...

Priscilla Boner Rike and John A. McDougall of Atlanta announce their marriage which took place January 31, 2004.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by A. Wylie McDougall

GREETINGS TO OUR MacDOUGALL CLAN FAMILY

I am sure you will read somewhere in this *Tartan* about the 50th Anniversary of Pat and Jim McDougall. Pat and Jim live in Ooltewah, Tennessee, near Chattanooga. The two of them have been great supporters of our organization for years. Pat is our current *Tartan* editor and does a great job. I am sure all of our members join me in wishing them congratulations on 50 years of marriage.

We are working on the restructuring of the Clan MacDougall Society and the Foundation. I hope to have more to report on by our next issue. We are at the mercy of our lawyer who is doing this for us pro bono.

I received a letter from John Anderson McDougall, Clan MacDougall Society UK, about the Clan gathering in Oban next summer (*see below*).

This international gathering should be a fabulous experience. I encourage all who can to attend. Make reservations early. I hope we have a good representation.

Remember, our *Tartan* is the voice of our society, Pat McDougall, our editor, needs your information on births, deaths, events, or stories so let her hear from you.

Our annual meeting in Linnville, North Carolina, will be the second weekend in July. It's hard to believe it is only six months. I hope to see many of you there.

A. Wylie McDougall
President CMSNA

Dear Wylie,

I have just received your e mail address and first of all introduce myself and the Clan Society UK who are as no doubt you know organising the five day International Clan Mac Dougall Gathering event 25th to 30th August in Oban, Scotland. You are most likely aware of the outline plans we are presently engaged in working through, basically over the time period it embraces receptions, Oban Highland Games, tours forums, a celebration theatrical musical production based on the Clan and a celebration dance.

As you can imagine a lot of planning time is going into this effort and we are keen to make it an enjoyable experience for clansfolk and their friends. We see this as a community event. So the Clan cry is going out for clansfolk to come to Oban.

The Society has arranged two central hotels in Oban to act as dual HQs and to include accommodation. In addition we have arranged with the official Tourist Board to arrange general accommodation arrangements to suit the requirements of clansfolk.

We want everyone to spread the invitation from the Clan Chief to come to Oban and meet with others in this beautiful locality with its historical links. I'm happy to provide further information if this will be helpful to you. I do know many clansfolk on your side of the Pond is being very supportive.

A happy New Year to you and yours.

John Anderson Mc Dougall
Clan MacDougall Society UK

Fifty Years of Marriage...



Photo by Tom Smith Photography, Chattanooga, TN

James W. McDougal and his wife **Percilla W. McDougal** of Ooltewah, TN, celebrated fifty years of marriage fifty years to the day on Sunday, December 28, 2003. A reception was given in their honor by their sons and daughters-in-law, D. Todd and Renita McDougal of Hendersonville, NC, Timothy J. and Vicki McDougal of Richardson, TX, Terry L. and Jennifer McDougal of Cleveland, TN, and W. Troy and Barbie McDougal of Ooltewah, TN. The reception was held on Sunday afternoon at the Collegedale Town Hall, near their home.

Many friends and family members attended the wonderful reception. Among the guests were Jim and Pat's three grandsons, Eric McDougal of Richardson, TX and Martin and Oliver McDougal of Cleveland, TN. The happy occasion was replete with delicious refreshments, a beautifully decorated room, an exquisite anniversary cake and much love, laughter and memories shared. Among the highlights of their reception were a time-line of Jim and Pat's fifty years together, a video presentation of family slides and a table of precious memorabilia they had saved through the years.

Jim and Pat received many greetings of congratulations, including messages from President and Mrs. George W. Bush, Governor Phil Bredesen of Tennessee, Senators Bill Frist and Lamar Alexander of Tennessee and Congressman Zach Wamp. They also received warm, well-wishes from Clan MacDougall Society President A. Wylie MacDougall and his wife, Debbie and from many members of Clan MacDougall.

Another highlight of the celebration was when Jim, dressed in full Scottish attire, and his four sons had their picture taken together. Father and sons were each wearing MacDougall plaids made by Jim. The plaids were secured to their shoulders by hand crafted replicas of *The Brooch of Lorn*, a gift to their sons from Pat and Jim.

Congratulations, Jim and Pat on fifty fabulous years of marriage. Your loving example of devotion to one other is appreciated very much, as well as your tireless, good efforts on behalf of Clan MacDougall Society! 🍀

The Art of Kiltmaking Revealed

If you've ever wondered how the kilt is made, how to evaluate its fit and quality or how to make a kilt yourself, you'll find the answers and information you need in *The Art of Kiltmaking* (ISBN 0-9703751-0-7). Using over 200 drawings and 70 color photos, the book offers step-by-step instructions for making a traditional Scottish kilt, plus details on how to wear the kilt properly, how to alter the length and size of a kilt, where to find tartan suppliers and much more. The 142-page soft cover book costs \$29.95 plus \$4.75 shipping and may be ordered from Celtic Dragon Press, P. O. Box 244, Deansboro, NY 13328. Further information is available at www.celticdragonpress.com, or by e-mailing celtdrgrn@borg.com or by faxing (315) 841-4069.



Kilt-Lending Program

Several *Tartan* readers were impressed with Max MacDougall's idea to get used kilts for the boys attending games so they could participate in the Children's athletic program he runs at games. Several readers of *The Family Tree* took notice of the article Beth Gay used in her publication about Max's program and both articles have sparked an interest for yet another program. (*Tartan*, Vol 38 #2 pg. 3 for article)

A **kilt-lending** program has been established with Pat McDougal as the lending librarian. The program is for young girls who have no kilt and wish to borrow one for any reason. The program, established after the initial donation by Rosemary MacDougall of Ontario, Canada, will have basic guidelines for extended use and returning the kilt for another to wear. Sizes of kilts now available are 24" to 29" waist, 24" length.

At the present time, two MacDougall kilts are ready for girls to borrow. Slightly worn and dry cleaned kilts may be donated for use in this program and will be greatly appreciated. Funds for mailing may also be donated to Pat for this program.

Any one interested in this for donation or borrowing may contact Pat, her information is on the back of *The Tartan* under the "Editor" heading. 🍀

Book Reviews...



Roger McWee and Nigel Ruckley from Scotland (Nigel is actually an Englishman) have been working for over two years on cemetery surveys on Islay. Their studies include color photographs, cemetery maps, and monument wordings of all monuments in the respective cemeteries. To date they have completed surveys on three cemeteries and are completing a fourth, due to be finished this fall. There are 15 cemeteries on Islay.

The first three cemetery surveys have been published in *Argyll Colony Plus*, the journal of the North Carolina Scottish Heritage Society. The cemeteries are: Port Charlotte, Kilmeny, and Koldalton. All cemeteries contain either MacDougalls, MacDougalds, McDougals, or McDougalds, etc.

The first four cemetery surveys will be published in a special 120 page book this winter and will be available from Beacham McDougald, editor of *Argyll Colony Plus*. (PO Box 187, Laurinburg, NC 28353 or McDougald@aol.com). The price of the publication has not been determined precisely, but will probably be about \$25-30. The surveys will also be available for purchase in 2004 at various stores in Scotland.

A sample of one of the monuments:
Stone No. 4 (Flat/Metasediment).
Record 17933, 17934. 1853/In Memory of/Peter MacDougald son of/John MacDougald Carpenter/Port Ellen, who departed this/ life on the 17th December 1851/ aged 20 years also his spouse/Margrat MacDougall who/ departed this life on the 1st of February 1852 aged [3]56 years this/stone is erected by the family. ☸

By T.R. Gordon, Author

After spending four years in Scotland, I have written, photographed and published my first "coffee table" book, entitled *Turas Troimh Alba, A Photographic Journey Through Scotland* which translates to *Journey Through Scotland* in the Gaelic language. This volume is a collection of 170 color photos with interesting, historical and amusing text in a hard-bound edition of 120 pages, ISBN 0-9655320-1-1.

It presents a delightful view of the country and its people not often encountered by most visitors. The quality of the photography is superb, as evidenced by a senior editor at *National Geographic* inviting me to their offices after seeing the book.

Favorable reviews and endorsements have come from the *British Heritage Magazine* and the Duke of Roxburghe. I am presently doing freelance and contract work for the *Scottish Life Magazine*, I invite you to look at my website for a preview and information. <http://www.turas-tromh-alba.com/> If you need further information feel free to email me at: alba@netdoor.com/

The cost is \$25.00 + \$3.00 for shipping. Or \$20.00 each if ordering 5 books or more, shipping still \$3.00 for any number of books.

T. R. Gordon
Wanderings and Wonderings Publishing
515 Woodland Hills
Carthage, MS 39051

By Beacham McDougald

The People of the Parish of Jura, Scotland 1506-1811 compiled by Dr. Scott Buie. Almost 20 of its 291 pages deal directly with MacDougalls, McDougalds, etc. (Even found records of my great-great-great grandfather, Alexander McDougald, and his departure in 1767 to North Carolina and the choice of two 300 acre land grants.

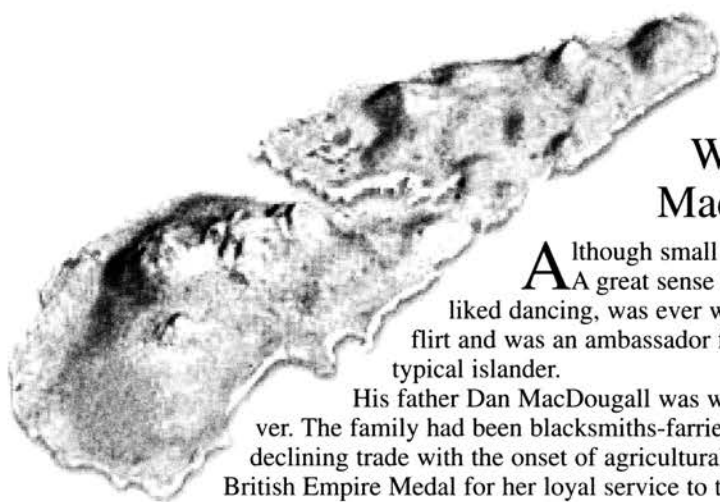
It is worthwhile reading and even notes that there were two distinct MacDougall, etc. clans on Jura. One of them was not really MacDougall, but took the name anyway.

It's worthwhile to note that the last MacDougall on Jura died about 2 months ago.

If you're doing research or want a great book of records:

US (Texas residents)	\$31.82
US (non Texas residents)	\$31.05
Canada	\$31.70 USD
United Kingdom	\$38.15 USD
Australia	\$39.60 USD
New Zealand	\$39.60 USD

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Lindsay MacDougall of Jura

by: Donald Ewen Darroch, Isle of Jura

With the death of Lindsay there are no MacDougalls left on the Island of Jura.

Although small of stature Lindsay tended to make a lasting impression on others. A great sense of humour allowed him to see the funny side in most things. He liked dancing, was ever willing to sing a song or tell a story, like the odd drink, loved to flirt and was an ambassador for his native isle. Attributes considered by many, as these of a typical islander.

His father Dan MacDougall was well known as the pier master at Craighouse and also as a taxi driver. The family had been blacksmiths-farriers but Dan had left that industry in his middle years, as it was a declining trade with the onset of agricultural machinery. His mother Effie (nee Lindsay) was awarded the British Empire Medal for her loyal service to the community, acting as the island telephonist for twenty-five years. Both have been deceased for several years.

Lindsay's early childhood and primary school years were spent in a house called 'Frisco' in the village of Craighouse, along with his parents and sister Mary. His grandfather Neil Lindsay who emigrated to San Francisco in the mid 1800's, was a very well known piper and became part owner of a drinking house called Trevendale & Lindsay's on Sacramento Street. The earthquake of 1906 ended the American dream as the business was destroyed. Neil returned to his native island and gave the house the name it retains today although it is no longer in MacDougall/Lindsay ownership.

At the age of eleven Lindsay was forced to go to secondary school in Dunoon on the mainland of Scotland, as most children had to at that time. Even in the mid 1900's the mainland governments still tried to destroy the culture of the island Gaels by refusing to provide secondary schools on the islands. By removing children at an early age the bond with the island home was frequently broken. That was one thing Lindsay and some of his contemporaries never gave in to, they maintained their links with the island homeland. After leaving school he went to the nautical college at Glasgow but failed his exams so he trained and became an electrician, a profession he stayed with for the rest of his life.

After marrying he settled down in Greenock where his son and daughter were raised. Family holidays were, as you would expect frequent to his beloved island where he participated in all social events, always willing to tell a story or sing a song, especially during the music festival. One of his major interests in island life was the Annual Jura Regatta, on which he served as a committee member for eighteen years. Of these, fourteen were as Commodore, a task he took to heart, spending many evenings planning the annual event. Much time was also spent as an active member and promoter of the Glasgow Jura Association (Comunn Diurach Ghlaschu). This was a group set up in 1892 to assist and act as an umbrella organization for Jura people who went to Glasgow. Today it acts more as a link between the families (ancestors) of those who left and the present island inhabitants.

A great soccer addict he was a passionate Glasgow Ranger's fan, often traveling round the country to see the team play. A staunch supporter of the Orange Order, he often argued that it had nothing to do with anti Catholicism, as is propagated by some. Pointing out that some of his relatives and several of his best friends were Catholic. His belief was in the recognition of history, the Union and the independence of the Presbyterian faith. A faith he showed by attending and supporting Jura Parish Church whenever he could. For several years he had been becoming disillusioned by mainland and city life. The lack of respect for your neighbors, the constant hassle and materialist attitude. These being unfamiliar to those of Gaelic decent. Eventually this year he decided to make the move back to the MacDougall family farm at Ballard and set up an electrical business on the ancestral island.

During the 18th and 19th centuries MacDougall was one of the most regular family names. It is said that the Ballard MacDougalls came as the Campbell's blacksmiths in the early 1600's after the Lords of the Isles lost their power. There is a 'MacDougall's Bay' which lies on the west side of Jura on the Sound of Islay. This is recorded on an early ship pilot's map; date 1794 and has appeared on every Ordnance Survey map since 1882. How the bay derived the name is unclear. It is possible that the name remains from a time when Dugald, son of Somerled, inherited the Mull group of islands and apparently Jura as well. Or perhaps it stems from the period that part of north Jura was under the control of the

Macdougalls of Lorne during the 11th-13th centuries. One of these questions we may never be able to answer.

One of Lindsay's visions was to help reverse the declining economy on the island his ancestors have lived on for generations. Regrettably he was never to see the business established as he 'was taken away' at the age of 53 while undertaking a contract on the neighboring, Island of Islay.

Donations in Lindsay MacDougall's memory can be made to the Jura Regatta, Glasgow Jura Association or the Jura Music Festival. ☺

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MacDougalls Celebrate At Regional Meeting and Christmas Walk in Alexandria, VA

by: Bill MacDougall

The MidAtlantic Regional Gathering began Friday evening, Dec. 5th with a Ceilidh hosted by Alan & Jeanne MacDougall at the All Saints Sharon Chapel Episcopal Church in Alexandria. In spite of the sleet and snow, a large group of brave Scots and guests enjoyed music, dancing, and singing.

On Saturday morning, friends from near and far took part in the Alexandria Christmas Walk and Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the Clan MacDougall Society. The Scottish Walk is an annual fund-raising event to benefit the Campagna Center, a non-profit organization that provides many programs for local children. There are many activities, including concerts and dancing--all centered around the parade.

Braving a snowstorm, participants from as far away as Kentucky and Massachusetts took part in the meeting after the Walk which included presentations of clan history highlighted by the new CD, "The MacDougalls of Lorn," masterminded by Walter Macdougall and Sheila McDowell. Sheila gave a presentation and talk on the CD.

Speakers - Bill MacDougall, Ashby McCown, Linda McDowell Swann, and Bill and Martha Grigg--recounted notable events from the turbulent years of ancestors from Somerled to General Alexander McDougall and to the present day.

Clan genealogist, William Ermatinger led discussions of the rewards of pursuing individual family histories. Peter Clepper and Ashby McCown instructed the group in the fundamentals of the Gaelic language and culture. Jeanne MacDougall showed ways of handling tartan dress, Bill Leroy discussed the Tartan Museum, and Dan MacDougall previewed his planned hand-made Icon of St. Columba, which he is donating as a raffle. The drawing will be Dec. 4, 2004.

The new MidAtlantic CoCommissioners, Dennis and Donna McDowell were welcomed and introduced along with Ashby McCown, the new Maryland State Representative. A sad farewell was bid to Alan and Jeanne MacDougall who will be retiring and moving to Vermont. They will be greatly missed by everyone in the region.

Alan MacDougall was master of ceremonies, Suzanne McDougal with help from Sarah Cushman, coordinated the planning for the session, and Don & Sandra MacDougall, outgoing Regional CoCommissioners, presided. The meeting and workshops were initiated by Bill MacDougall, Peter Clepper and Ashby McCown. Seasonal and Celtic Music and entertainment was provided by Kat Cole and Carl Kellar. A wonderful time was had by all. ☘



Left: Parading down the snow-lined street during the Alexandria Christmas Walk 2003 were from far left, Ed & Sheila McDowell, Pete Johnson, Donna McDowell, Alan MacDougall, Kat Cole, Don MacDougall, Dan MacDougall, Dennis McDowell, Zan Johnson, and Bill Leroy.



Right: Ashley McCown, our new Maryland State Rep with Donna & Dennis McDowell, new MidAtlantic Co-Commissioners.



Maine Highland Games

by Jean Macdougall-Harr, Clan MacDougall Society, Maine Representative

Clan MacDougall of Maine had the best tent ever this summer at the Maine games at Thomas Pt. We had a record number of MacDougalls and MacDowalls registered.

Our Class IV piper trophy was won by Rob Eagan and presented in honor of Piper Charles Williamson MacDougall of Gallanach, Oban, Argyll.

We were represented in the field by Art and Zeb Dingley, son and grandson of Jean MacDougall.

I have retired after eleven years as Clan Representative of Maine. The new rep. is:

Jay McDougal
31 McDougal Road
Hartland, Maine 04943

Jay is on-line at: jaymac@tostelme.net. He is a very capable and personable young fellow, who will do a great job. ☺

Stone Mountain Highland Game

by John A. McDougall
October 17-19, 2003

Bruce & Beth McClintock were a big help in getting the tent set up and talked with visiting people. Bill Leroy spent a lot of time at the clan tent this year, signed up a few new members and sold a few items from his stock. The group for the Tartan Parade was small.

The Lord Lyon was an Honored Guest and stopped by our tent to chat. He seems very knowledgeable on the Clan MacDougall of Scotland also showed interest in our US Clan Society. Lord Kitterege also stopped by to visit. ☺



Icon of St. Columba Raffle ☺

Clan MacDougall Society
Mid-Atlantic Region

Drawing: December 4, 2004 at the
Alexandria Scottish Walk

Cost: \$5 per ticket (5 tickets for \$20)

Description: Icon of St. Columba, written (painted) and donated by Dan MacDougall especially for the Mid-Atlantic Region, with recipient's name inscribed in the blessing.
Icons of this size and type usually retail for \$1200.

Tickets: Available at Clan MacDougall events throughout 2004 or by sending a check to

Don and Sandra MacDougall
2472 Freetown Drive,
Reston, VA 20191

(Photo is painted on an 8x10 inch gessoed board from Iconboards and is of excellent quality. Gold leaf is applied before painting is applied. Dan used 23K gold leaf. Paint for this Icon are traditional egg tempera.)



New ferry terminal for Oban



A new year in Oban starts with the news that ferry operator Caledonian MacBrayne has been given Scottish Executive funding to build a new ferry terminal building in Oban.

A second Harbour Revision Order is also to be placed before Scottish ministers for a second linkspan on the Railway Pier, based on the final drawings put before fishing representatives on November 14 - which were objected to by them.

Cal/Mac says that it will be starting work on the new terminal building this month.

MacDougalls raise the standard in Oban

The inaugural official **International Gathering of the Clan MacDougall** in 21st century, will be held in **Oban, Scotland, 25th to 30th August 2004**, in view of the historic seat of the Clan, Dunollie Castle and Dunollie House.



A five-day exciting programme has been planned, including participation in the **2004 Argyllshire Oban Games and Gathering**. The event will embrace tours, receptions, forums, a specially written musical and dance production in the Corran Halls, Oban, and a celebration dance to round up the festivities.

The event is being co-organized by the **Clan MacDougall Society UK** and the associated Society in North American with a combined membership of over 10,000 clansfolk. Any persons proudly hosting the name of MacDougall, no matter how spelt, the MacDowalls and sept members of the clan are all encouraged and invited to attend this first-ever Gathering taking place against the breathtaking scenery of Oban.

Wednesday 25th Aug. is registration day. This will be located at either one of the Society HQ Hotels or local office nearby, whichever works out cost-effective. In the evening we will hold a Welcome reception venue to be advised (Dunollie?)

Thursday 26th August (All Day) The Oban Games/March in the morning to the field. Awaiting timing details from Oban. We are looking to plan something for the evening.

Friday 27th August. Tours of MacDougall historical sites and other areas of interest.

Saturday 28th Clan Forum 1 (AM) Free Time afternoon, Evening Somerled Show and Celebration Dance.

Sunday 29th Late AM Clan Forum 2. Afternoon Tours.

Monday 30th AM Farewell Reception.

Clansfolk are encouraged to invite their friends to share their holidays in Scotland.

For details write to the **Clan MacDougall Society, 77 Merryvale Ave., Giffnock, G46 6DE, SCOTLAND** or e mail clan.mcdougall@ntlworld.com.



Corsicana native was on the scene of Saddam capture

By Micah Chaplin, *Daily Sun* Staff

Submitted to *The Tartan* by Gene McDougald, Clan Representative, Texas

While many Americans were waking up Sunday morning to news on the capture of Saddam Hussein, at least one Corsicanan was there, witnessing the event first hand.

Andy McDougald, a 1986 Corsicana High School graduate, is a member of the 45D out of Fort Hood. He is among those responsible for flying Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno around Iraq in a Black Hawk helicopter. Odierno is commander of the 4th infantry, the group responsible for Saddam's capture in Tikrit.

Sunday morning was a unique mission, however, and the soldiers knew it, according to reports given to Andy's wife Keitha.

"Andy said they all knew something was happening, but they didn't really get to know any details until the last minute. All they were told was that it might be a good day to take their cameras," Keitha said.

All of the soldiers eagerly took their digital cameras and snapped photos of the hole and the area in which Hussein had been residing for months. Andy's father, Gene, said Andy had to stay near his aircraft, but that he sent his camera with a friend who went down to the now famous hole leading to Saddam's hideaway.

After the pictures had been snapped, the military took all their cameras and compiled the photos into a mass of images, which were then distributed

back to the troops. Many of those images also made it to the public.

Andy told Keitha the area in which Saddam was found was a familiar one for them.

"He said they flew over the area all the time, but it was very well hidden," Keitha said. "Needless to say, they were all very excited."

Andy has been in Iraq for nine months. Though the environment has been tough, Keitha says Andy knows he has it better than some.

"Most of the time he's been living in one of Saddam's palaces. Others are out in tents," Keitha said. "He doesn't have much contact with the Iraqi people, but he says the people he has seen have been very receptive to them."

Keitha says she hears from Andy daily as he has ready access to Internet and phone.

"It's really hot there in the summer, but it's cooled down now," she said. "He says it's a lot like the movie 'Groundhog Day.' He gets up everyday and goes to work. Everyday is the same and there are no weekends to look forward to. But he's not complaining."

Andy's time in Iraq is scheduled to expire in April, but he is hoping to come home within the next month for a two-week leave. "He was supposed to come home on the 24th, then it got bumped to the 31st, but we don't really know," Gene said. The latest arrival date, according to Keitha is Jan. 6, 2004, but she says she will not know for sure until the end of the month.



"That date is only tentative," she said. "In order to carry out their mission, they need a certain number of pilots, so they have to spread out their leave periods."

Needless to say, the whole family is anxious for Andy to come home, and Andy is just as anxious to be home.

"He agrees with everything happening over there, but he's ready to be home," Keitha said. "He's lost a lot of weight because he says it was too hot to eat sometimes in the summer."

Without hesitation, Keitha said Mexican food is at the top of Andy's wish list when he gets home.

Being apart for months on end, however, is nothing new for the McDougalds.

"Him being gone is nothing new to us," Keitha said. "When you're in the military, that's part of the deal."

Even sons Corey, 9, and Emory, 6, are accustomed to their father's absence.

"They're tough. When we lived in Germany for two years, we were completely alone," Keitha said. "But here, my parents live in Blooming Grove and his parents live in Corsicana, so we have a strong network of support."

Andy has a strong network of support as well.

"Naturally, we're all very proud of him," Gene said. "And we remain concerned about the safety of all the folks over there." ☺



Andy in the "now famous hole" leading to Saddam's hideaway.

Scots paddle down the Lumber

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Exchange students from Laurinburg's sister city of Oban, Scotland continued their two-week journey through the region with a canoe trip down the Lumber River on Monday. It was another memorable occasion and educational experiences.

Since their arrival Oct. 9, the Scots have sampled local cuisine and learned about local industries in Laurinburg. The group of 10 exchange students and two chaperones also visited other parts of North Carolina from the ocean to the mountains, they got a chance to experience the scenery and atmosphere of the Tar Heel State Park.

Monday the students met with a group of leaders at 9 a.m. for an old fashioned canoe trip down Scotland Co. own Lumber River.

Park Ranger N.C. Lee gave the canoeists some helpful tips, and spooked the Scots with talk of alligators before the whole group piled into canoes and headed downriver.

Many of the Scottish guests had never been in a canoe, and none of them had experience with a river canoeing. Through twists and turns, everyone enjoyed a mostly relaxing and peaceful cruise. Occasionally, a canoe would get tangled up in the growth or dead trees lying across the waterway, but no injuries occurred. The guests moved very well down the Lumber River, negotiating many clogged areas even when branches rose out of the water to snag a paddle or shirt. Only two canoes capsized during the whole trip.

Part of that exchange experience is living with a host family. Each student is assigned to lodge with another school student and the family.

Jean Spaciel is one of the hosts for the group. She explained how her family was making the Scottish youth feel at home.

"They stay with us and eat with us and we try to get them to their pick-up points," Spaciel said. "Each family has to chaperone a couple of students. We try to educate them about foods in the area. They are very willing to share their experiences with us. It really is an exchange."

Spaciel talked about one of the activities the guests enjoyed. "We just spent the weekend at Myrtle Beach," Spaciel added. "It was really neat. The kids went into the water but I didn't think it was all that cold. They thought it was better than home. They spent more than an hour and

had a blast."

Group leader, Jim Maxwell said, his kids have really enjoyed their brief time in America. "We have had a wonderful time," Maxwell said. "The weather has been tremendous for the most part, it was quite a culture shock, but the kids enjoyed it very much."

Along with the beach trip, the Scots got to visit the mountains. Maxwell said "The mountains is more my kind of thing," he explained. "We had a cabin up there, and it was wonderful at Grandfather Mountain, and that was quite incredible."

Maxwell also said the group visited West Point Stevens and they were fascinated by the workings of the plant, also noticed some similarities with industries back home.

"I thought the beach was the most fun," Rebecca Pollard said. "All the Americans thought it was to fine. You guys have got the better side of the Atlantic. That's warmer than our sea has ever been." Pollard said Grandfather Mountain was fun, but windy. "I thought I was going to lift off the ground," she joked.

The Scots have one more day in Laurinburg before they go home to Oban Thursday. There are many who will miss them greatly.

"They are very happy to be here," Spaciel said. "They are very willing to try new things, and they have been like members of the family. I am so sad they are leaving."

The Scots visited the Rotary Club at a lunch meeting before departing. ☺



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Members of a canoeing expedition made up of Scottish exchange students and Laurinburg hosts canoe down the Lumber River. For many of the exchange students, the trip was their first canoe trip.

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