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All About the MacDowalls!

A Message from the Chief of Clan MacDowall



To the editors and writers of The Tartan newsletter.

President Ashby McCown and I send our thanks for this special issue of the newsletter focusing on Clan MacDowall and stories of our clan for your readers far and wide. Our Gathering in Victoria in May which is reviewed in this issue continued the close bonds between our two clans in our Clan MacDougall Society of North America. Other articles in this issue about our Tartans and about the DVD, The Clan and Kindred of MacDowall, speak of the ancient heritage and traditions of Clan MacDowall. We look forward to reading the entire issue from cover to cover as always.

Fergus Macdowall of Garthland



Society Gathering at Victoria May 20–23, 2016

Victoria, British Columbia sits at the southern tip of Vancouver Island in a pleasant Pacific coast climate near the Canada-US border. The Victoria Highland Games have been held every year since 1863, making them one of the oldest continuously held Highland Games in the world. This beautiful area is proud of its Scottish heritage and traditions. This year the 153rd Victoria Highland Games & Celtic Festival was the venue for our first Society Gathering with Fergus Macdowall of Garthland, the Chief of Clan MacDowall who makes his home here.

Friday Night Reception – Our Gathering began on Friday night when the organizers of the Highland Games held a reception for key volunteers who make the Games successful. Representatives from our two Clan Tents were invited to attend. There we learned that the Chief of Clan MacDowall had a surprise for us. The Games Officials announced to the assembled guests that Fergus Macdowall of Garthland had been chosen to be the Chief of the 2016 Victoria Highland Games. He would officially open the Highland Games at Topaz Park the next day.



Saturday – The morning was cool and pleasant when we arrived early at Topaz Park to assist Regional Commissioner Garnett Macdowall with our tent set up. Topaz Park is a spacious field of lush deep green grass with shade trees set upon gently rolling inclines. Garnett was already there setting up our two adjoining Clan Tents to accommodate the many visitors seeking out Clan MacDowall and Clan MacDougall. He was well started but we pitched in to help him to finish our tent decorations. Visitors soon began to stop by our clan table displays with our new Clan Display Binders upon them. Attendance would be good this year. By 11:30 AM we were forming up for the Noon Opening Ceremony. In the ranks for the Parade of the Clans, Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall stood together in alphabetic sequence among the other clan representatives. Ashby McCown and I with our MacDougall marching banner were accompa-



nied by Ruth MacDougall whose late husband, Martin, was our NW Regional Commissioner.

Alexis Stevens carried the Standard for Clan MacDowall. The Clan MacDowall marchers included Darleen Weisz our Southern California State Representative with her sister Diane. Precisely at noon the loud boom of the 78th Highlanders' brass cannon and its big twirling smoke ring started us all into motion on our clan march towards the Games field where we formed up in line in front of the podium. As we stood in our line of clans the ceremonies carried on directly in front of us.

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Next to arrive on their march to the podium were the Chief of the Victoria Highland Games and his party led by his piper Derek Davidson. The blue Pipe Banner draping from the drone of Derek's pipes displayed the heraldic White Lion of the Clan MacDowall Chief. After their piper came the Chief of the Games, Fergus Macdowall of Garthland with his wife, the Lady Alexandra (Sandy). The tail of the Chief's party was Garnett Macdowall bearing the Chief's banner, followed by the acting Mayor of the City of Victoria and other dignitaries. Each marched past us before ascending the stage directly behind our line of clans.

Then the massed bands flowed over the crest of the hill and down onto the Games field in a rolling wave. These included two world class Grade 1 pipe bands: the World Champion Simon Fraser University Pipe Band, and the Los Angeles Scottish Pipe Band. The notes of their world class pipes and booming drums resounded clearly from their spectacular marching mass of tartan clad pipers and drummers. As we watched some of the very best pipe bands in the world, their formation wheeled en masse to the right and came straight at our line of clans. What a sight! As they closed in upon us their powerful music grew louder and their presence grew larger with every step. Then at the last moment the massed bands formation abruptly halted in a flourish before the podium, only a caber toss away from us. The effect was spectacular!

As the announcer introduced the officials and celebrities on stage each spoke briefly. The designated Chief of the Highland Games, Fergus Macdowall, welcomed all those in attendance, spoke of ancient games, and wished good



Clan MacDowall heading for the Opening Parade led by Piper Derek Davidson and Clan Chief Fergus Macdowall of Garthland with The Lady Alexandra



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luck to the competitors. He specifically welcomed Society President Ashby McCown and President-Elect Scott MacDougald as we stood in the clan line before his stage. Then he declared the 153rd Victoria Highland Games to be officially open.

As the massed bands marched off the field we followed them, leaving the suddenly quiet Games field to the seven Drum Majors with their big batons now starting their Drum Major competition

Our Clan Tents were full of visitors as well as guests attending our Society Gathering with the Chief of Clan MacDowall. Pitching in as Clan Tent volunteers were two of our Clan MacDowall members, our California Representative Darleen Weisz and her sister Diane from Oregon. They were meeting their Clan Chief for the first time.

Saturday Evening – Society members gathered with Fergus Macdowall and his family at his home for a cocktail before proceeding to the Beacon Landing restaurant in the lovely little seaside town of Sidney. This was the first time that our Society had come to an Official Dinner or Clan Gathering with the Chief of Clan MacDowall. Fergus Macdowall warmly welcomed all of the guests in a brief opening address. Then President Ashby McCown replied on behalf of our Society. He spoke of our happiness at coming to such a beautiful part of North America for our long overdue Gathering with the Chief of Clan MacDowall. Then he turned to President-Elect Scott MacDougald to make the presentations of the gifts we had brought. Beginning with the ladies, Scott presented the Lady Alexandra with a book about Vimy Ridge, a historic battle where her father had fought as a Canadian soldier in 1917. Then to Ruth MacDougall he presented a copy of the DVD “The MacDougalls of Lorn” as a special thank you gift for her support of the work of her late husband, North West Regional Commissioner Martin MacDougall.

For Fergus Macdowall, Clan Chief of Clan MacDowall, our Society had brought a special gift as a surprise.



Scott MacDougald and Ontario Regional Commissioner Chris MacDougall had just completed the first copies of our new DVD “The Clan and Kindred of MacDowall”. A portion of it had been previewed at Grandfather Mountain in July 2015 during our 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Scott now presented the first two copies of this new DVD to the Chief of Clan MacDowall to his surprise and delight. After more presentations the evening dinner continued with fine conversation about Clan MacDowall, our Society, and the wider world of Scots heritage and culture in which we flourish. Then it was time to say good-night.

Sunday – The 153rd Victoria Games continued at Topaz Park at 9 AM the next morning with sunny skies attracting heavy attendance to the Sunday events. Numerous visitors to our Clan Tents made us feel very welcome at their Games. Clearly many of them were knowledgeable as well as curious and perceptive. We were impressed by the quality of the questions our Victoria visitors were asking us. Hundreds of very



The Chief of the Games Making His Opening Address



Society Gathering at Victoria May 20–23, 2016 (cont)

good questions were asked of us and our expert team had the answers to almost every one. Before the games ended five families joined the Society, representing both clans .

MacDowall and MacDougall from the US and Canada. Once they had found us and gotten to know us as their Clan Society representatives, joining our Society was a natural outcome of our conversations and our mutual sense of our kinship. This again reminds us of the value of bringing our Society Tents to venues far and wide where our clansmen can come to meet us, often for the very first time. Meeting and assisting our clansmen and seeing their appreciation of what we do is indeed one of the rewards of being a Society Officer.

This was a delightful Society Gathering with the Chief of Clan MacDowall and his family. The days were cool and not too damp, the piping was superb, the dancing excellent, the music exciting, the athletes skilled, and the Gaelic well represented. We are looking forward to future Gatherings.



Chief Fergus Macdowall with grandson Garnett



MacDougall

Why We Are Together

The clearest statement of intent and mission for the Clan MacDougall Society of North America appears on the certificates originally issued to new members. This statement proclaims that the recipient is a member "...of the Society which joins those of this name and septs and brings their proud heritage of good Scottish Ancestry and all it implies to help in building a better world."

That there were two "heritages" involved in the growing membership is quite clear. In an article appearing in *The Tartan* in the Spring of 1967 (Vol. 1, 4, p.5), one finds the following observation: "At the moment it is not apparent what the relationship is between the MacDougalls of Lorn and the MacDougalls of Makerstoun." (This question was not unimportant as the principal founders of the Clan MacDougall Society were descended from the MacDougalls of Makerstoun and thus from the Galloway Macdowalls.

The question remained unresolved within the Society as late as 1970–1971 when *The Tartan* carried a three part article the first installment of which was entitled "Lorn vs. Makerstoun." This series concludes in regard to the relationship between the MacDougalls of Lorn and of Makerstoun that: "Perhaps one day genealogy may solve the riddle on which history is so mockingly silent."

While there are still questions on specific genealogical relationships, the following facts are clear: The MacDougalls of Makerstoun descended from the Macdowalls of Garthland who in turn represent the Ancient Lords of Galloway, a royal lineage long prominent in the history of Scotland.

There are interesting genealogical connections between the Macdowalls/MacDowells/MacDougalls of Galloway and the MacDougalls of Lorn. However, they are distinct both historically and by present official recognition by the Lord Lyon. Both are headed by their own hereditary chiefs who bear their own arms and title. What is of equal importance to this account, both have their own heritage and distinctive roles in the history of Scotland. There existed, especially during the so called "Wars of Independence," an alliance between the two royal houses of Lorn and Galloway against common enemies.

The leadership and membership of the Clan MacDougall Society has dealt with the issue of dual representation in various ways. The most flawed assumption has been that the Macdowalls/MacDowalls/Macdowells/MacDowells were, by virtue of their surname, a "sept" of the MacDougalls of Lorn. If a person's genealogy is that of the Galloway MacDowalls (however spelled), or branches thereof, then this is not the case. A second mistaken view has been that the appearance of MacDougall/Macdowell surnames in Galloway simply represented displaced families from Argyll. Perhaps the most prevalent method of dealing with the dual heritage within the Society's membership was to adopt a policy of "the less said about this situation the better."

The major issue involved in the latter "solution" lies in the fact that by following such policy, a Society dedicated to bringing to its membership "the proud heritage of good Scottish ancestry" was participating in submerging the heritage of a considerable portion of the membership.

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This issue became focused during the Society presidency of Walter M. Macdougall. An obvious solution was to encourage the Macdowalls/MacDowells to form their own society. Considering the fact that many of the leadership as well as the general membership in the Society were MacDowells (however spelled) with Galloway genealogies, President Macdougall argued that such a solution would simply create two weakened clan societies. He strongly urged that the old, historical alliance between the MacDougalls of Lorn and the Macdowalls/Macdowells of Galloway be “re-instituted” and that the Society continue in common purpose and in recognition of the two rich heritages involved. This proposition was supported by Madam Coline MacDougall of MacDougall and by Fergus Macdowall of Garthland the two Clan Chiefs directly involved.

The solution, therefore, became one of recognizing that the Society represented two Clan families and that it did so in common purpose and in recognition of two rich and goodly heritages. In 1983, Fergus Macdowall of Garthland wrote a two part feature on the MacDowalls of Galloway for *The Tartan*, and the Society's Board of Directors voted Fergus Macdowall first Honorary Vice President and then Honorary President of the Society taking a place along side of Madam MacDougall of MacDougall. The Clan Crest of the Macdowalls of Garthland (and senior line of all MacDowalls of Galloway) along with that of the MacDougalls of Lorn appeared on the letter head of the Society and upon its brochures. The aim of this alliance was most recently celebrated in the Society's publication of *The MacDowalls*.

In summary, the rationale for the joint representation of two Clan families by the Clan MacDougall Society of North America rests in the conviction that the purposes of both can be better served by their combined strength and through a joint celebration of two heritages which have interconnections at many points.

Makdougals of Makerstoun

Nearly a thousand years ago, a small tower to repel attacks by the English was built on a hill overlooking the Tweed River along the southern border of Scotland. The tower was at the center of an estate called Makerstoun (pronounced Mak-AIR-ston), long a home of Norman feudal barons. By standards of that time, when most of Scotland was poor and isolated, Makerstoun and its neighboring areas were prosperous. Farmers raised abundant cattle and sheep, woolens were exported all over Europe, and trade flowed over a network of old Roman roads to trading centers and ports. The estate is still one of the premier properties in Roxburghshire, graced with picturesque barns and a white mansion, Makerstoun House.

The Barony of Makerstoun is the most easterly portion of ancient Macdowall lands, 115 miles east of Garthland and two miles north of the remains of the ancient castle of Roxburgh, three miles west of Kelso and 30 miles south of Edinburgh.



MacDowall

Makdougals of Makerstoun (cont)

An old tradition has it that some Macdowalls first moved to the Makerstoun area from Galloway as early as 1230 (about the same time, for comparison, as the Sixth Crusade in the Holy Land). However, it was in the 14th century that the first Macdowall became Baron of Makerstoun. Sir Fergus Macdowyll, youngest son of Duncan Macdowyll, inherited the estate from his mother, Margaret Fraser. He also inherited two nearby properties, Yetholm and Clifton.

The estate became home to the Macdowells/Makdougalls of Makerstoun, who held the lands for five centuries and took their appanage (revenue for their maintenance) from the estate. Their descendants and the descendants of kinsmen they hired as farm workers, probably from Galloway, now number in the thousands. They are located not only in the Borders of Scotland but also across much of the world, including the United States, Canada, the Netherlands, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Germany, Russia, and Australia.

Evolution of the Makerstoun Family Name

Macdowyll—The recorded family surname first appeared as Macdowyll, which was the Anglo-Norman form in which Dougall Macdougall and his brother signed the Ragman Roll of King Edward I in 1296 to distinguish the Galloway family from the MacDougalls of Argyll. The colloquially spelled Macdowell (with Macdowel and Macdowal included) appeared early and persisted through nine generations within two centuries at Makerstoun.

Macdougall—Then Thomas Macdowell and his wife Margaret Hume, with an eye and ear to history in the 16th century, brought in the independent spelling of Macdougall, used by their successors for four generations.

Makdougall—Henry Macdougall and his wife Ann Scott (of Gala) named their children Makdougall as their own distinction, when the “k” was fashionable in the Lowlands, and this was maintained for three generations at Makerstoun.

Makdougall-Hay/Brisbane/Scott—Thomas Macdougall and his younger brother William, a merchant in Edinburgh, granted a discharge of their own claims to Makerstoun on July 27, 1715, in favor of their niece Barbara, the only remaining child of their oldest brother Henry Macdougall of Makerstoun and his wife, Ann Scott. Through Barbara and two more successive heiresses the family and surname merged with Hay (of Alderstone), Brisbane (of Brisbane), and Scott (of Gala). A Scott of Gala eventually sold the Barony of Makerstoun and dropped the Makdougall name in about 1935.

The present Macdougall heir presumptive could be the senior male heir in the direct line from either Thomas or William Macdougall (brothers of Henry 15th of Makerstoun in 1742) or the von Wahl family from six generations prior to them.

The lairds of Makerstoun, like Garthland, consistently used the lower case “d” unlike public scribes accustomed to Highland usage. They also claimed to be “a separate race” from the Highland MacDou-

Makdougals of Makerstoun (cont)

galls, yet their spellings later edged toward conformity with the Gaelic derivation Mac Dubh Ghael (or Gall), “Son of the Dark Stranger,” as the Gaels called the Danish Vikings.

This later return in Makerstoun to their ancient Macdougall patronymic in Galloway, combined with the Logan and later Freugh usage of “McDouall” there, induced some historians to hold that the Lowland MacDowalls are part of the Highland Clan MacDougall. The 18th century historian Nisbet said, “I am of the opinion that the McDouals of McCorston [Makerstoun] are descended from MackDougall or McCoul, the ancient Lords of Lorne.” Another writer, Grace A. Elliot, stated, “From the ancient Lords of Galloway, princes in their own right and sphere, descended Kings of Scotland, and also the Makdougalls [of Makerstoun].”

The Makerstoun family history was written about 1830 by Anna-Maria Macdougall-Hay of Makerstoun and her husband, Gen. Sir Thomas Brisbane. They wrote:

The tradition and belief have long prevailed that the MACDOWALS (for the “MACDOUGALS of MAK-ERSTON” seem of the same stock, and formerly spelt their surname in the same manner) are descended from the old Lords or Princes of Galloway, who were almost sovereigns in their own districts, although acknowledging fealty to the crown of Scotland. Occasionally all the Macdowalls substituted “Macdougall” for “Macdowal”, but the latter is by far the more prevalent, and appears the more correct orthography, and may possibly have been preferred in distinction from the “Macdougalls” of the Highlands, who are a perfectly separate race.

An associated genealogical table (family tree) written by William Fraser in 1840 is in the British Museum, with slightly different information.

Thus, both the MacDougall and Macdowall names evolved from the Lorn heritage in the Western isles, perhaps independently of the Galloway heritage. Yet until proof is shown that Sir Dougal Macdowyl of Gairachloyne was also of Lorn, the ancient Galloway heritage of the Macdowalls is generally accepted.

The first Macdowall baron of the feudal Barony of Makerstoun was identified in mid-14th century charters as “Sir Fergusio Macdowyll.” He was the fourth and youngest son of Sir Duncan Macdowyll of Eastholm (now Heston) Island in the shire (now “Stewartry”) of Kirkcudbright.

Sir Fergus was the only son and heir of Sir Duncan’s second wife, Margaret Fraser of Makerstoun. She was the heiress of Sir Gilbert Fraser and his wife, Margaret Corbet, Anglo-Norman families from Teviotdale.

Because Makerstoun and its neighbors were comparatively rich and much of the rest of North Britain so poor, the region was the target of raids and warfare over much of its history. Roxburghshire was an easy target, just across the border from England, and the estates were often invaded. But the mountains north and west of the Lowlands served to halt most invasions from proceeding farther. Thus, the Borders caught the brunt of much of the warfare and was occasionally occupied by the English.



MacDougall

Makdougals of Makerstoun (cont)

Makerstoun had returned to Scottish governance just before Sir Fergus acquired the estate. He had his hands full with restoration of the property, and he and his successors turned to some of their MacDowall/McDougall kinsmen for help. Many apparently moved from Galloway and settled on or near the estate.

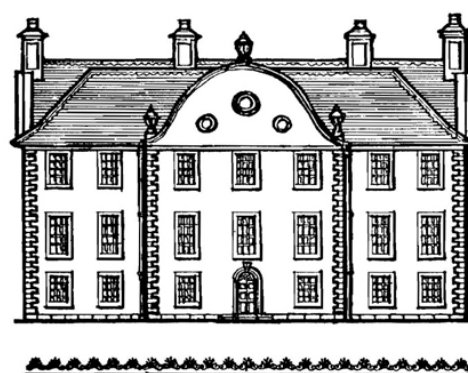
The most famous Makerstoun descendant was Sir Walter Scott, the author. As an invalid boy, he was inspired by frequent outings to the Pringles' Smailholm Tower four miles from Makerstoun. His novels combining elements of Scottish history, romance, and psychology (even before that science was widely known) helped to set the standards for fiction in the 19th century.

Walter was the great-great-grandson of Anne Isobel Makdougal of Makerstoun and Walter Scott. An unusual pair, the couple converted to the new Quaker faith, which was regarded with alarm by some people in the conservative Scottish establishment. Relatives took their children, William, Walter, and Isobel, to Makerstoun.

Over the years, the population of Makerstoun has varied considerably. Before the end of the 18th century, the parish had about 1,000 inhabitants. In 1981, there were 132. Change in land management resulted from a population explosion just when landlords were trying to make their holdings more efficient by clearing out small farmers. The result was that hundreds of Scots marched southward into England where jobs were more plentiful, and others boarded ships for parts of the world where cheap land was available.

At Makerstoun today, surprisingly little appears outwardly to have changed in the past two centuries. Makerstoun House, rebuilt in 1973 after a fire, stands again as the most prominent feature on the estate. The Tweed River still flows quietly, and is now a favored location for paid expeditions to fish for salmon. The rolling valleys and hills abound, as before, in livestock and crops.

Lady Mary Biddulph, whose Maitland family bought Makerstoun in 1921, lived in and restored Makerstoun House from 1961 to 1997, and studied "the history of the name and the estate." Her son, the fifth Baron Biddulph, lives there now.



MAKERSTOUN HOUSE

As restored in 1974 to William Adam's plans of 1714–21 as drawn up by Henry Macdougall and built by Henry Hay Macdougall in 1790

How I got into Genealogy — A Letter From Charlotte

One day in August 1999, I found myself sitting at a waddling in the museum of historic Scotland. I listened as they told how the ladies softened the wool, then watched a film about the clearances and the croftings. They mentioned a man named MacDowall who had left Scotland to come to America.

My mind was racing, my heart was beating so fast; I knew so little about my McDowell family. My father's family had been dead for years, and no one ever told us who our McDowell great grandparents were.

When I came home after that trip, I called my brother. He had found a piece of torn notebook paper with the name Joseph McDowell on it. We decided we would go together to the archives in our area; we went and looked up every Joseph McDowell there.

It took a while to discover which one was our McDowell, but we did it using census records and going backwards, till we found him. We learned from the start to use only actual records on our family. Since then it has been a little here and a little there. I soon became so interested in knowing everything about all sides of my family. I wanted to know all my uncles and aunts, their children as well.

Later Chuck and I would be so very glad we were using only actual records to confirm our ancestors. As computers came of age we noticed many genealogies were not documented, and so many only knew about their direct ancestors, without including brothers and sisters.

Then the inevitable happened: The records were running out or had not been released. We had hit our brick wall. This part of genealogy will drive you to pull out your hair. We had to try to find another way, and that is when we learned about DNA. Now do not get me wrong, this is not the be all to end all, however we have opened our horizons, and found some McDowell relatives by using DNA analysis.

What I am still learning is that when you take on genealogy, you never know where it will lead you. You become so attached to so many dead people, you often find yourself in cemeteries crying for your ancestor, knowing so much about their life struggles. I know now this has become my life ambition, just to know more about each one I find. I see some of my own attitudes, failings, and joys in them.

Over the years my brother and I have learned so much and still so little. That we must continue on...

The one thing I can tell each of you is, if you start searching for your genealogies, get prepared; it is a life-long pursuit. We love each of you in our clan, as you are our deepest roots.

Bye Bye for now, we have go to the archives...

Best Regards Always,

Charlotte McDowell Baker



MacDowall

The Clan and Kindred of MacDowall

At our Society Gathering in Victoria with the Chief of Clan MacDowall in May, the Society presented Clan Chief Fergus Macdowall of Garthland with the first copies of our new DVD: The Clan and Kindred of MacDowall. This half hour program is a long term overview of Clan MacDowall's origins, life in Galloway, and emigrations to Ireland and North America and to places beyond. The DVD's photos, maps and images are supported by written commentary while music from each time period plays in the background. Though it covers more than a millennium of history including periods where records are scant, our creators have done our utmost to ensure accuracy.

The Clan and Kindred of MacDowall is the creation of Society Officers led by our VP-Scott MacDougald with the strong technical support of our Regional Commissioner Chris MacDougall. In July 2015 a preview was shown at our 50th Anniversary Celebration at Grandfather Mountain. The DVD tells the story of Clan MacDowall in a modern way which is easy to understand. Indeed we hope that this DVD will kindle interest in learning more about the Clan MacDowall heritage and history.

After carefully reviewing its contents Clan Chief Fergus Macdowall of Garthland has told us: "I am thrilled and most grateful to have such a clear review on the evolution of Macdowall kinsmen so well described in the novel form of a striking pictorial history, with a background theme of entrancing feudal music."

As yet the Society has not planned out the best ways of making this DVD available to the wider world. However, whatever we do, any profit derived from it will be used by the Society to support the heritage of Clan MacDowall.

Note: If you would like to take part in a project for either or both of our clans please contact our Society President at president@macdougall.org

We hope you enjoy the "The Clan and Kindred of MacDowall" and will share it with your friends and family.

More information about our Clan and Kindred of MacDowall is available on our web site www.macdougall.org of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America.

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Clan and Kindred of MacDowall: A Historical Presentation

Four MacDowall Tartans that Clansmen May Wear

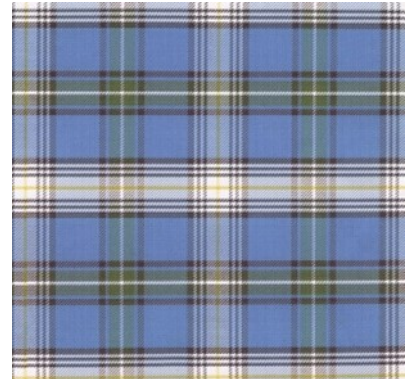
Oh what to wear? When that question arises Clan MacDowall clansmen may officially choose a blue, red or green tartan. We asked Fergus Macdowall of Garthland, the Chief of the Clan MacDowall, what tartans he wears. Here is his response to the question. "Before I designed a specific tartan for Clan MacDowall I wore the standard Hunting Stewart tartan in my Lowlander military trews and the Highland MacDougall Tartan in my kilt, and I still do. I prefer the MacDougall Ancient tartan that is more historically relevant to me. These same tartan options are correctly open to clansmen." Below are the four tartans which are appropriate for men and women of the clan.

Four MacDowall Tartans that Clansmen May Wear (cont)

MacDowall Tartan

On page 6 of the Autumn 2010 issue, and on page 5 of the June 2012 issue of The Tartan newsletter we wrote of the MacDowall Tartan designed by the Chief of Clan MacDowall. The colors of the MacDowall Tartan derive from the symbolic use of the colors displayed in the plain Arms of ancient Galloway carried by the Chief (See Inset).

The central device of the Arms, the silver (white) lion rampant, is represented in the tartan by a white square crossed by the yellow overstripe as the gold crown. The lion romps in a blue field indicative of the Irish Sea around the Rhinns of Galloway where the original families were based. Their family seats and the oak badge are represented by the crossing green bands, with the white overstripe to symbolize the widespread family. This clan tartan was registered by the Scottish Tartans Authority on November 12, 2007.



This Tartan is woven in limited quantities and is not commercially available. However Garnett Macdowall, the grandson of the Clan Chief and our Regional Commissioner for British Columbia, has agreed to accept orders for the custom woven tartan in both wool and in cotton fabric. Inquiries and orders for the material can be directed to Garnett Macdowall through email to garnett_mac@hotmail.com, or by telephone at 1-250-650-1640. His handouts describe the weight, width and fabric type of each bolt of fabric he orders. Garnett also offers other items decorated in this tartan pattern on his web page at: <http://www.zazzle.ca/>

[vincerevelmori](http://vincerevelmori.com)

MacDougall Tartan in Ancient Dye and in Modern Dye

Before the Chief of Clan MacDowall designed a specific tartan for Clan MacDowall he noted that his clansmen may wear the MacDougall Tartan, and he still does so himself on occasion when visiting with MacDougalls or representing them in their absence.



MacDougall Ancient



MacDougall Modern



MacDougall

Four MacDowall Tartans that Clansmen May Wear (cont)

Galloway District Tartan May Be Worn By Clan MacDowall

Galloway has its own District Tartan and families from Galloway are eligible to wear it whether or not they are part of any clan. Galloway District Tartan is also made in the more recent Galloway Hunting pattern. On page 5 of the June 2012 issue of The Tartan the article, "Galloway, Home of the MacDowells", describes Clan MacDowall's ancient home of Galloway in south west Scotland. This article and others in past issues of The Tartan newsletter in our Tartan Archives may be accessed from the Members Page of our Society web site at <http://macedougall.org/the-tartan-archives/>



Hunting Stewart Modern Tartan May Also Be Worn By Clan MacDowall



Tartans, kilts and bagpipes are traditional Highland phenomena now in general use by many Scots-at-large on dress occasions. Only since 1997 has there been a specific Clan MacDowall Tartan. Macdowalls like many other Lowland Families had no tartans even before they were outlawed, until King George IV revived them in 1776 to attract Highlanders into military service. The Stewarts had been rulers of Scotland and for centuries were the Lords of Galloway, our ancient homeland. Having no MacDowall Tartan at the time, as their ancient feudal supporters we chose to wear Hunting Stewart Tartan on occasion and may still do so. For dress occasions it is convenient to wear trews in Hunting Stewart tartan and our clansmen may

Editorial Note

After several issues devoted to MacDougall events, it seems only right to devote an issue to our other membership, the MacDowalls. How fortunate that so much relevant material has come together and has come my way in the last six months. This issue owes a great deal to the generously rendered interest and advice of several colleagues, an interest that covered every part of it. So, except for Fergus Macdowall and Charlotte Baker, our letter writer, I have omitted the usual authorship byline.

Instead, my grateful thanks go to Fergus and Charlotte, as well as to our indefatigable Scott MacDougald, Ashby McCown, Garnett Macdowall, Chris MacDougall and, for his efforts to associate our two names, Walter Macdougall. Grateful thanks also to my associate editors, Malcolm MacDougall who oversees publishing and distribution, and to John McDowall for his wonderful work on layout and design.

I have lifted a good bit of relevant material from our book, *The MacDowalls*, and I apologize for my fear-some abridgments. Some description of Makerston House seemed important because of the names, and their variants, associated with it. The book is an excellent resource as an extensive and authoritative history of this great Scottish family. The genealogical detail is truly extraordinary. It reflects many years' careful and intensive research. *The MacDowalls* is a professionally edited and published book, available at the Clan MacDougall bookstore (www.macdougall.org) for nineteen dollars.

Sir Walter Scott's relationship was noted above; here is his salute to the land of our ancestors.

*O Caledonnia! stern and wild,
Meet nurse for a poetic child!
Land of brown heath and shaggy wood,
Land of the mountain and the flood,
Land of my sires! what mortal hand
Can e'er untie the filial band,
That knits me to thy rugged strand!*



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