



The Raven

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Clan MacDougall Society of North America



Report - Mountain State Scottish and Celtic Festival By Cynthia and John Dowdle



Cynthia and John Dowdle attended the Mountain State Scottish & Celtic Gathering (MSSCG) in Doddridge County Park, near West Union, West Virginia over Memorial Day weekend. It was a 1-day inaugural festival, the first held in WV since Bridgeport, WV discontinued their Celtic festival in 2014. This festival was the 1st of Doddridge County's 5-year commitment to the MSSCG. Doddridge County is located in the upper center of WV. The nearest large town/city is Clarksburg located 30 miles away. The weather was cool with intermittent light rain throughout the day. The event had a small footprint with four clan tents, a local historic society, and several non-profit youth oriented tents represented. Scottish event competitors were present and competed as well as a vendor providing authentic Scottish cuisine, a Scottish jewelry, and clothing vendor. Several music groups performed throughout the day including a pipe and drum corp, a pan-celtic and a Bluegrass group. There was also a Scottish dance demonstration. Since there were only a few clan tents we received a constant, steady flow of visitors from the time it opened (10AM) to about 4PM, an hour before closing when heavy rain came in. Our tent was on the main corner where visitors entered from the parking lot, which helped. The people that did stop by were very curious and asked a lot of questions. Most visitors who wanted more information used their cellphone cameras to copy the website, facebook page or QR codes we provided, and a few did take a membership brochure.



Observations:

- Visitors did not want to provide information about themselves. No one filled out the contact list. However, they did use their cellphones to take pictures of the facebook and website page and QR codes to learn more about the Society. A few took brochures. The visitors overall were very Facebook and internet savvy. A community Facebook page is how they communicate and stay in touch with each other on a daily basis.
- Being the inaugural event and due to weather, the schedule was adjusted several times throughout the day, but that mainly affected the musical acts around the stage. However, everyone worked through it and the visitors seemed to have a good time.
- We did not see many MacDougalls or MacDowalls in person, but some did have a sept related name. We did have many visitors that said they knew MacDowalls and MacDougalls, and they took pictures of our website addresses and QR codes to send to them.
- The sword/knife display was very popular with the adults; both male and female. Luckily I brought some synthetic swords for kids to play with. That was a big draw throughout the day as well. I think the interest in the swords and knives may reflect the numerous blacksmiths, metal workers, and other crafts in the region. Not only were women interested in the knives and swords, but they also commented on our banner as it represents both a male and female warrior.



- Cynthia had researched and compiled a desktop flip display with slides on "Famous Women in Scottish History That You Should Know." It proved a big draw for the ladies.



- Cynthia took the family and sept names banner from the MacDougall website and reconfigured it to a 2' x 3' foot laminated/waterproof poster. We then 'velcroed' it to a large poster board and placed it on an easel in front of the tent. That way if the poster board gets warped, we simply replace it and the sheet is still fine. It proved a really good draw with almost everyone stopping by the tent stopping first to look for their names on the board.
- As a test I placed the old Viking chess game Hnefatafl and a small replica of the Scottish Lewes chess set out to see if either would be a conversation starter. The Hnefatafl game surprisingly drew a lot of attention from kids and adults throughout the day. Both were very curious to learn more about it. As you may know, chess eventually replaced Hnefatafl in Europe in the 1200s, but it has had a resurgence in Britain, Ireland, and Scandinavia in the last 40 years. I will definitely use Hnefatafl as a conversation starter from now on. I have learned to play in the last 18 months (thanks to Covid) and it is actually fun as well as a good strategy game. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tafl_games



The WV local people were friendly and open; we found everyone there very warm and hospitable. Though it was a very small event this year, I believe it has the potential to grow. The event coordinator John Snider and co-workers with the Doddridge County Park Service are dedicated to improving and increasing the festival over the next 4 years, their plan is host it at the park for 5 years as a start point. In closing, next year will be the 50th anniversary of the Doddridge County Park and they plan to put extra emphasis on the 2022 games as well as other events for that reason.

A Prominent MacDougall: Kevin McDugle

By Misha Lowther

Kevin McDugle was born and raised in the oil country of Oklahoma, USA. Born in Morrison on a livestock farm, Kevin's family eventually moved to Cleveland, OK (a city named for President Grover Cleveland) to take advantage of the swift boom of the oil industry in 1980. Even at a young age, Kevin knew the value of hard work. At age 12, he worked with his father on the oilfield first doing odd jobs then working his way up as an oilfield electrician apprentice all while still attending high school. Soon after graduation from Cleveland High School, Kevin proceeded to enlist in the United States Marine Corps. Serving his country through deployments to Bosnia, Somalia, and Saudi Arabia, Kevin was skilled as a drill instructor and leader. After an honorable discharge in 1996, Kevin proceeded to obtain his Bachelor's degree from Southern Nazarene University in Organizational Leadership, followed by a Master's degree from Phoenix University in Business.



The founder of multiple companies (and twice over CEO), Kevin has made leadership a focus of his career, becoming certified as a speaker, trainer, and coach in John Maxwell Leadership tactics. John Maxwell says that an organization that continues to train its people is an organization that continues to increase its potential and possibilities. Kevin McDugle is the founder of Lawyer Marketing Services, Inc. He is the former executive director and board member of **Soldier's Wish** a nonprofit organization that helps grant the wishes of our active military and those that have an honorable discharge. He authored "**Inside the Mind of a Marine Drill Instructor** " in 2014. In 2016, he ran for Congress and was elected as the Representative in District 12 of Oklahoma. Kevin graduated with a Master of Business Administration from Phoenix University and a Bachelor degree in business from Southern Nazarene University. He was an adjunct professor for Wesleyan University's Tulsa and Miami Campuses. Kevin enjoys leading people and encouraging others to reach their full potential.

Kevin is married to Tosha, and they share five children. Their youngest two children are adopted biological brothers who were adopted through the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. His hobbies include golfing, traveling, and building new businesses. Kevin is also a current member of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America. He is also a member of these organizations as well: Rolling Thunder, Wagoner County Republican Party, Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce, Wagoner Chamber of Commerce and the Coweta Chamber of Commerce and a life member of the Marine Corps League, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the National Rifle Association (NRA).

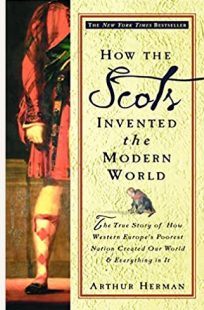
Kevin McDugle was elected to the State House in 2016 for State House District 12 in Oklahoma which includes Coweta, Wagoner, Porter and Okay. Kevin serves in the house as the Chairman of Business and Commerce and he was chosen by the Speaker of the House to serve on the National Energy Council Executive Team. Kevin now lives in Wagoner County, Oklahoma.

Sources

Kevin McDugle for Oklahoma

Book Review: *How Scots Invented the Modern World*

Measuring the impact of one's life is considered fairly commonplace. It could be said that each of us do it at a turning point in our lives, or at its end. But what about the impact of an entire culture? How does one evaluate how the thoughts,



ideas, and customs of a culture permeate that of the world through immigration, war, and communication? How does a culture define our modern world? These are the questions posed by Arthur Herman, author of ***How Scots Invented the Modern World: The True Story of How Western Europe's Poorest Nation Created Our World & Everything in It.***

Herman takes readers on a journey through Scottish history, identifying how the ideals of our modern society - democracy, economics, philosophy - have been shaped by Scottish nationals such as Adam Smith, John Knox, and the thousands of immigrants that spread across the world over hundreds of years. Readers follow a tale through time that connects William "Braveheart" Wallace to James Bond. Such a tale could easily become confusing and too high level for most, but Herman takes it one chunk of history at a time.

However, it is worthy to note that the "world" as Herman defines it focuses primarily on Europe and North America, with a bonus smattering of Australia. This is primarily because these were the primary migratory areas of Scots throughout history. Criticisms of the book have marked Herman's telling as over inflammatory in regards to Scots' impact on the modern world. Regardless, it is a compelling argument for the intellectual impact of a tiny Europe that is most known for broadswords and tartans.

New Members

David Uhl
Pfafftown, NC

Kristina Jones
Midwest City, OK

Georgiana Daly Lynn
Tampa, FL

Jacquelyn Kyle DiCarlo
Del Valle, TX

Brittany Corley Jones
Knoxville, TN

A hearty welcome to you all!

Scottish Whisky BBQ Sauce

When you think summer, most folks think of a good old BBQ complete with ribs and potato salad! Try out this recipe for a Scottish Whisky BBQ Sauce from **ScottishScran**.

INGREDIENTS

- 3 Garlic Cloves
- 1/2 Small Red Onion
- 1 Cup Scottish Whisky/Drambuie
- 2 Cups Tomato Passata
- 1/2 Cup Apple Cider Vinegar
- 1/4 Cup Worcestershire Sauce
- 1/2 Cup Brown Sugar
- 1 tsp Hot Sauce (or more to taste)
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Chop the onion and garlic if you plan to strain through a mesh strainer for a smooth sauce, or grate both if you are happy to leave them in. We find it easier to leave it and smooth enough for our tastes!
2. Put in a saucepan with the whisky and allow to simmer for 5-10 minutes until soft.
3. In a bowl mix together the rest of the ingredients and then add to the saucepan once the onion and garlic are soft.
4. Stir all together and then bring to a simmer for around 20 minutes, occasionally stirring so it doesn't stick.

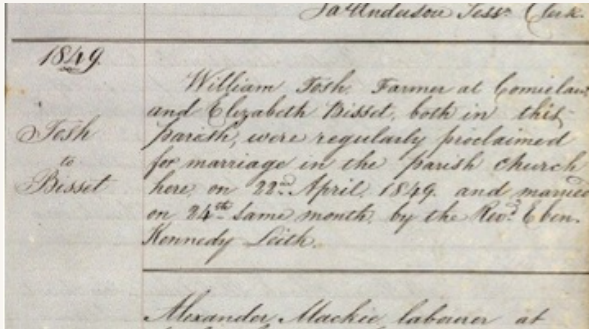
5. At this stage you can taste the sauce and add more seasoning or whisky if you want a stronger flavour. If adding whisky simmer a further 5-10 minutes to allow it to burn off the alcohol.
6. Strain out the garlic and onion if you wish to do so.
7. The sauce can be used immediately, cooled and stored in the fridge for up to 2 weeks, or used as a glaze. For a glaze you can brush over meat and bake/grill or barbeque.

Updated Offerings on Scotland's People

Thousands of volumes of historical records from the collections of National Records of Scotland (NRS) are now available online for the first time. Images of more than a million pages from the kirk session and other court records of the Church of Scotland can now be viewed and downloaded on ScotlandsPeople. These records contain details of key events in communities across the country between 1559 and 1900 and are one of the most important sources for Scottish historical research.

You are able to browse through the kirk session records for free, only using credits when you would like to save an image, as these records are made available without intensive indexing of their contents by personal name, place or other subjects.

The guides below will help you understand how to use the records and how to navigate the virtual volumes system.



Kirk session records

Which records were created and what do they tell us?

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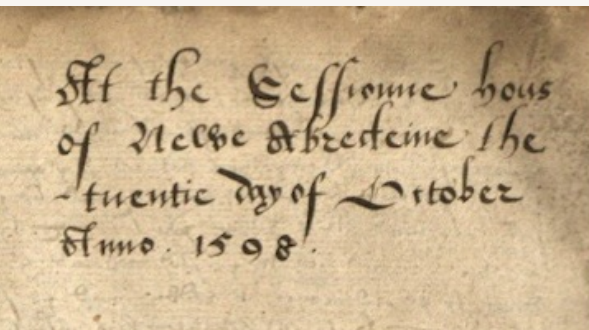
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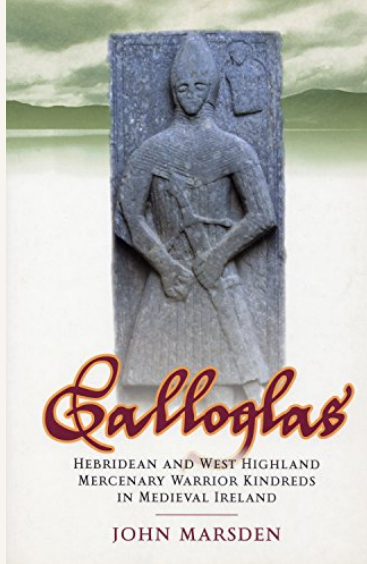
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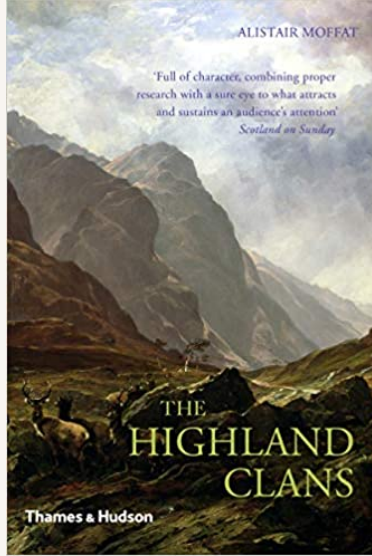
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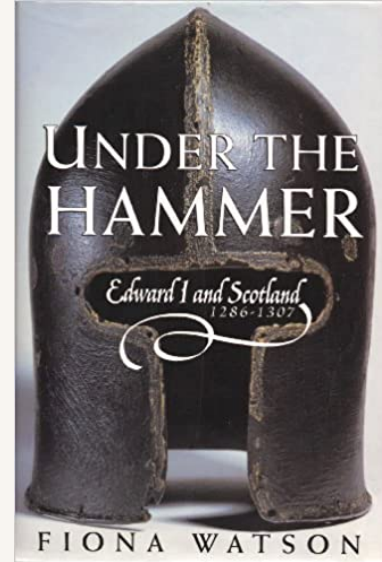
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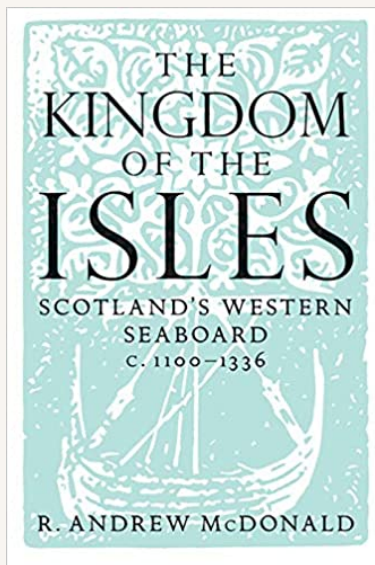
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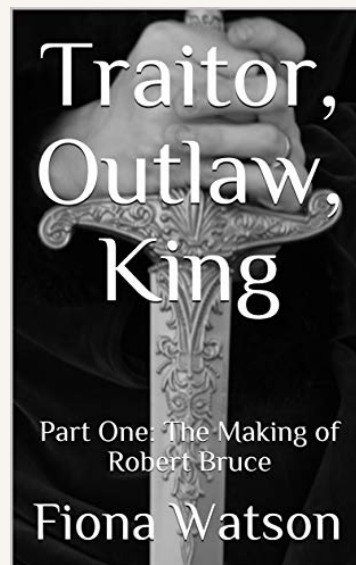
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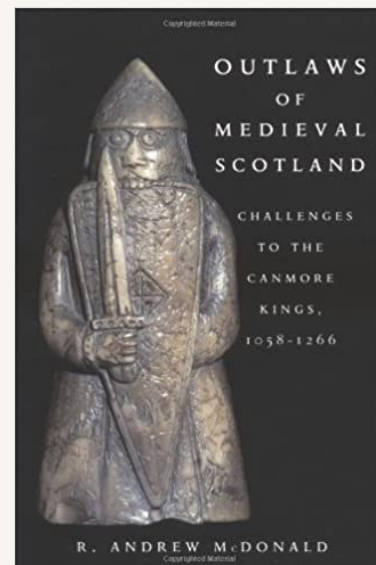
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