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The Raven

Monthly Newsletter of the
Clan MacDougall Society of North America



We hope spring is arriving in your area and this finds you all healthy and happy. As you can see from the games listings below, our people are once again representing Clan MacDougall Society all over the continent. We hope 2022 will be a banner year for expanding the membership, which will assist us in our support of historic preservation efforts, scholarships, and other creative endeavors. Your help is needed to meet these goals.

In locations where we have representatives in place, they could all use extra sets of hands. Perhaps you could help carry or set up the tent displays. Perhaps you could offer some time to visit with guests so our representatives can take a break or catch a bite to eat. It is also helpful to just spend some time at the tent to enjoy the camaraderie of your clanmates. This does wonders for morale on long summer days! It is also true that we need more representatives... everywhere. Our States and Provinces are very large and one team cannot possibly make it to every event.

Our need is even greater in other areas where we have no representative. Unfortunately, this is the case in over half of the states in the United States and in the majority of Canada. We do have members in many of these areas and know there are more kin of ours out there. There is so much more we could do if we could find the people to help us expand. It takes a special volunteer who is willing to reach out with a wee bit of time and talent to gather in the "lost sheep" of our Clans. Is that you?

Reach out to me to explore the possibilities.

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Thank you very much for supporting Clan MacDougall Society!

The John A. MacDougall Memorial Scholarship Program

Time is running out! Apply now for your chance at a scholarship in 2022!

Applications are **now** being accepted for the John A. MacDougall Memorial Scholarships.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to financially support learning opportunities that enhance knowledge or appreciation of the Society and/or our cultural heritage. We are so very proud to be able to support such talented, passionate students through the generosity of our members. Thank you for making a difference! To join in this effort, please consider making a donation using the button below.

Applications will be accepted **until April 1, 2022**.

[Program Details](#)

[Application Form](#)

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Scholar Update from Brynn Brown



Dear Clan MacDougall,

I am writing an update on behalf of my daughter, Brynn Brown. She was a recipient of your generous scholarship in Highland dance in 2019. I wanted to write again to share a little bit about what's been happening since 2019/ Covid.

Since Covid, Brynn has been taking Highland dance lessons from her instructor, Victoria Anderson. We were able to relocate out of the country and closer to the interstate this past July. This is important because we only had satellite internet and could not zoom from where we lived in the country during Covid! Add on the drive to lessons each week and we were in the car an hour and a half each way! She also decided to grow legs like bean poles! We just reinvested in every outfit and dance shoes to accommodate her ever growing body.

Our decision to sell our home and move during this crazy real estate time is a testament to the commitment Brynn has to highland dance. We would otherwise have stayed put if she didn't show the passion and drive that she has for this athletic sport. We are not rich by any means.

Brynn just moved up to the Premier level and her main goal this year is to qualify in for Regionals in the Southeast region in which we live, and try her hand at competing at Nationals which is held in Madison, Wisconsin in 2022.

In order for her to achieve this goal, she is practicing and performing as much as she can. She is also gifted by the state and in all advanced classes in her middle school. She maintains straight A's. Plus, she is just one nice kid.

This past weekend was her very first Premier competition at the Scotland County Highland Games. She did really well, despite her jitters! Her plans moving forward are to compete in as many competitions in the SE Region and possibly travel to the NE Region to attend the Ohio Scottish Arts School.

As her mom, I am just so proud of the young lady and athlete she has become. Despite being diagnosed with scoliosis this year, she

just continues to work hard and doesn't let life's challenges weigh her down. I do hope we can meet with your convenors at Stone Mountain and the Charleston Highland Games! Looking forward to seeing the faces of MacDougall in the Southeast Region this year!

Warmly,
Michelle Brown



Welcome Jon MacLucas, Mid-Atlantic Regional Commissioner

OK, it is well past the time that I introduce myself as the Mid-Atlantic Commissioner for Clan MacDougall. It has been a startling turn of events that brings me to this post. I am fully aware of the enormous contributions that Cathy and Bill McHoul made to being the Mid-Atlantic Commissioner prior to their departure for Florida. I readily admit that I am trying to “learn the ropes” of what effort and arrangements will need to be made to allow for the Clan to have facilitation equal to what they did. I do hope that you will pardon what may well be my awkwardness and whatever stumbling I do throughout this coming year. It is much easier to savor the meal than it is to concoct it and I am learning how to cook.

My trip towards Clan MacDougall has been a circuitous one. My family letters from the beginning of the 20th century ascribed my family affiliation to be with Clan Lamont but as time has gone on and we have researched family history, it became obvious that the Lamont affiliation was a secondary link that was forged as a byproduct of what happened to the first Scottish Clan Link - which was to the MacDougalls. The Isle of Mull and Iona were places that saw our family surname and ancestry back to the time of Somerled and before. I suspect that my family name originally stems from an affiliation with the Irish god figure Lugh which would possibly have brought us over toward the beginning of Dál Riata. It is likely that the demolition of Clan MacDougall after the Battle of Brander Pass began the pressure on my family under the less than sympathetic over-lordship of the MacLeans (particularly during the time when they were at war with the MacDonalds) to move first from Mull to the mainland around the Kilmartin region, and then further south and east to Athol and into Clan Lamont before the start of the English Civil War in the 17th Century. Clan Lamont paid dearly for supporting Montrose during that conflict and the raising of Toward Castle and subsequent massacre of its defenders by the revenging Clan Campbell. After a formal signed statement of surrender and promise of quarter was given, there was further impetus to move on into lowland Scotland like so many disenfranchised Highlanders, and eventually on to America in the early 20th century. So this is the sketch of my family name – a sketch which depends like many others on the scant records of marriages, deaths, and toll tax records that only go so far back in time.

So here I am. Yes, the picture rather resembles a Scottish version of a garden gnome but alas age and intemperate dining have done their damage. I will strive to do my best to see that Clan MacDougall is well represented at whatever Scottish events it is able to participate in the Mid-Atlantic region and will also look to liaison with other Clan regional and state coordinators so that 2022 can be a year of revival, renewal, and convivial fun!

Your Aye!
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P.S. I personally want to extend my gratitude to those clan members who sent messages of condolence and sympathy on the passing of my wife this past week. Your words and gesture were great comfort.



The Complications of Deafness in Scottish History

By Lindsay Davis

*This article was researched and written thanks to a Facebook request from Danny M.
"I'm curious about MacDougalls who were deaf. I work in the deaf community and my aunt was deaf.
I've been curious to see if there is any historical record of other M(a)cDougalls with hearing loss."*

Oftentimes in history, pieces are lost or forgotten. Much of history has been recorded and passed down orally which means that certain stories and lives are lost to time. This is certainly true of deafness not only in Scotland, but around the globe. Socrates and Aristotle believed that deaf persons could not possess innate intelligence, and were incapable of complex thought and reason. It wasn't until the mid 1500s that some posed that the ability to hear was separate from the ability to think and learn. However, the first recorded instances of educating the deaf don't arise until the 1620s in Spain.

Unfortunately, there seems to be no publically available historical record of MacDougalls with hearing loss. According to multiple organizations to support the deaf in Scotland, there is difficulty finding records of any deaf persons prior to modern history. **Deaf History Scotland**, an organization dedicated to recording the history of deaf persons within Scotland, was founded in 2008 to rectify this problem. They have sought records from schools, clubs, and individuals, with items dating back as far as 1834. They rely entirely on private donations, making cataloguing and ultimately showing items to the public extremely difficult. Their ultimate goal is to develop a Scottish Deaf Archive and Museum.

Deafscotland is a similar organization founded much earlier, in 1927, that serves as the public face for The Scottish Council on Deafness. They work to not only record deaf history, but affect change within Scotland through policy. They developed a virtual museum, where one can explore different aspects of Scottish deaf history, such as art, policy, and individual stories. Deafscotland was instrumental in the passage of the **British Sign Language (Scotland) Act** in 2015, which requires certain public organizations to lay out how they will promote the usage of British Sign Language.

The lack of MacDougalls within the available historical record does not mean they didn't exist, but it certainly means that it's very likely their stories are lost to time. However, it is never too late to begin to record today, which serves as tomorrow's history. If deafness has been part of your family experience, we would love to hear your story.

Additional Sources

Estonian Association of the Deaf - Historical Timeline

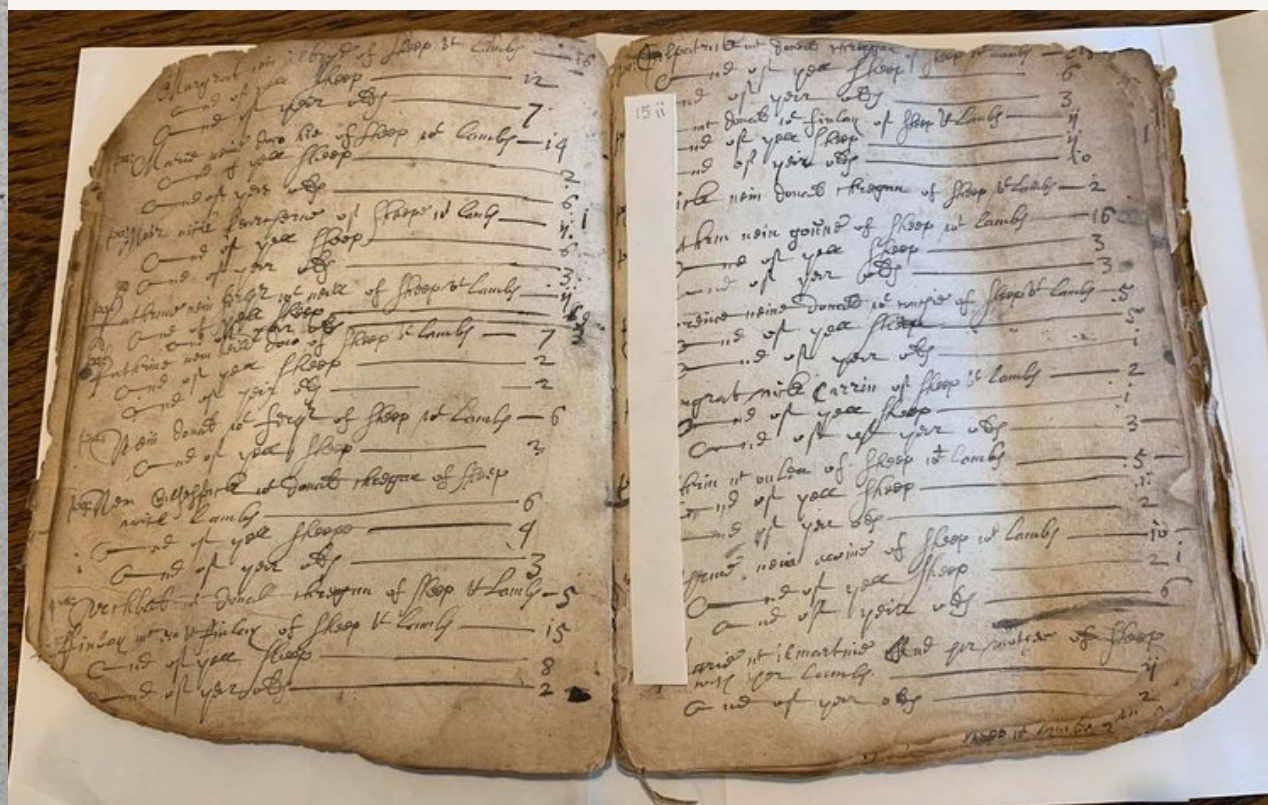
Kilmartin Museum Talk Now Online

"The Rent Book: An insight into the economic relationship between MacDougall Chiefs and their tenants during the mid-17th Century"

Don't miss this wonderful talk by Jennifer Shaw

It is *highly* recommended viewing!

(Click the book to watch.)



This fascinating document was discovered in the main house at ☐
☐unollie in 2017, tucked away in a locked drawer of the ☐
☐MacDougall family's monuments chest.

The find was quite a breath-taking one, as the contents of ☐
☐he drawer, let alone the Rent Book, were not known in ☐
☐iving memory. **Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds** excellent and dedicated
volunteer archivist, Jennifer Shaw, spent over a year meticulously
transcribing the contents, which were written in secretary hand.

The rent book opens up a whole new insight into the economic relationship between the MacDougall Clan Chiefs and their tenants preceding the Jacobite era in Scotland.

New Members

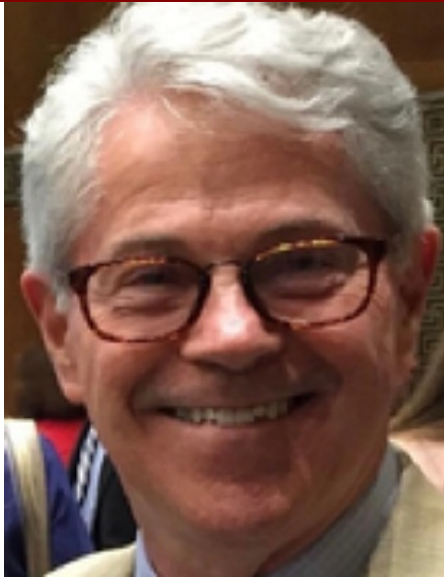
Margaret A. Miller
Arlington, VA

Kenneth L. McDowell
House Springs, MO

Sarah Titterington
Roanoke, TX

Donald B. McDougal, Jr.
Granite Falls, MN

Flowers of the Forest



Bruce MacDougall

From the linked obituary:

"His lengthy career had many highlights: serving the state of North Carolina as Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, directing the National Trust's New England Field Service Office in Boston, serving as an Architectural Historian for the Park Service's National Register of Historic Places program, being elected vice-chair for both the City of Alexandria Board of Architectural Review and the State of Virginia Art and Architecture Review Board, and being selected as the first professional Executive Director of the San Antonio Conservation Society where he served for 25 years."

News from Dunollie

by Emma Sutcliffe, General Manager

You are cordially invited to the Grand Opening of Hope Behind the Lens at Dunollie Museum, Castle & Grounds - an exhibition of Miss Hope MacDougall's photographs of Oban and the surrounding areas. Join us via Zoom from 5:30pm, we will lead you on a short guided tour and then there will be a chance to hear the opening speeches.

Time: Thursday 24 March 2022 05:30 PM London, GMT

Join Zoom Meeting

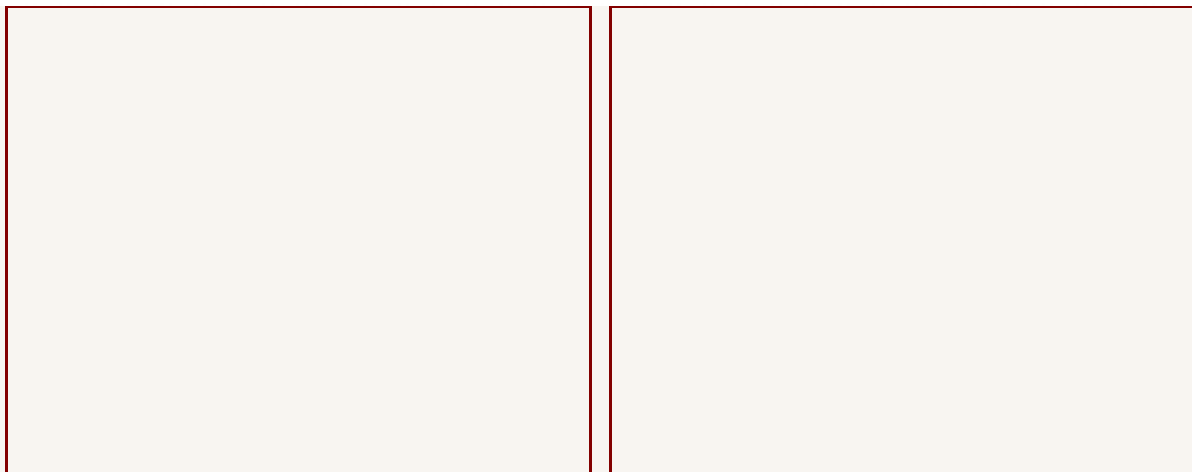
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Hope Behind the Lens
Grand Opening
Thursday 24 March | 5.30pm (GMT)



Lorn Tweed Gents Tie

Spotlight Item of the Month

Looking for a different way to dress for work? Maybe a dinner or a date? This Lorn Tweed Tie for Men might be perfect for you or if you buying for your special half. Stylish and sophisticated for any event. Long enough to be able to knot it in a variety of ways to show off your personal flair.

Made from luscious lambswool spun tweed in a gorgeous colour tone, this tie addresses all of your problems.

[SHOP HERE](#)



Click the fabric above to learn the story of the **Dalriada Tartan**, discovered at Dunollie and now available in a variety of forms in **The Draper's Shop**.

Become a Worldwide Clan supporter of Dunollie Museum, Castle & Grounds:

~OPEN TO ALL~

- Connect with Dunollie's heritage
- Benefit from a range of exclusive benefits
- Support Clan MacDougall's ancestral home



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developing fun and educational items for our younger members and has now partnered with Scotland in the Class to carry out that mission. As a first step, we bring you the *Kids Corner* activity sheet for you to download and print out for your little lovelies. (click the cover)

In future, we will share a variety of standards based educational opportunities for grades K-5, all focused on teaching our Scottish traditions. To join the Committee, email **President Jones**.



Join Us at the Highland Games!



Sherman Celtic Festival

March 19-20, 2022

Pecan Grove West Park
3200 Canyon Creek Dr
Sherman, TX 75092

March 19 - 9am - 6pm

March 20 - 10am - 5pm

12 and over - \$5

Under 12 - Free!



Sedalia Center Celtic Festival

March 26, 2022

Sedalia Center
1108 Sedalia Road
Big Island, VA 24526

11am - 5pm

Tickets

Advance \$10, At Gate \$15

Under 12 - Free!



Dunedin Highland Games

April 2, 2022

Dunedin Community Center

1920 Pinehurst Rd

Dunedin, FL 34683

Tickets can be purchased at [EventBrite](#).



NYC Tartan Day Parade

April 9, 2022

Midtown Manhattan

150 E 55th St

New York, NY 10022

2022 Grand Marshall

Karen Gillan



There is NO charge to march or to attend the Parade.

Line-up is at 1:00pm on the side streets near 6th Avenue and West 45th street.

The Parade starts at 2pm at West 45th Street and marches up 6th Avenue to 55th Street.



Southern Maryland Celtic Festival

April 23, 2022

Jefferson Patterson Park

10515 Mackall Rd

St Leonard, MD 20685

10am - 6pm

General Admission Tickets

Adult (13+) \$25

12 and Under - Free with paid Adult



Savannah Scottish Games

May 7, 2022

9570 Ferguson Ave

Savannah, GA 31406-6332

7am - 3:30pm

Adult - \$15

Student (11-17) - \$5

Under 10 - Free!

Gallabrae

Greenville Scottish Games

May 27-28, 2022

Parade: May 27, 2022, 6pm on Main Street in



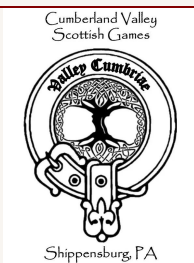
downtown Greenville, SC
 Games: May 28, 2022 8:30am at Furman
 University in Travelers Rest, SC
 Adult (13 and above) \$20 in advance,
 \$25 day of Games.
 Children (5-12) \$10



Garrett County Celtic Festival

June 4, 2022

Friendsville Community Park
 Friendsville, MD
 10:30am - 6pm
 Adults \$15
 Youth (11-18) \$5
 Under 10 - Free!



Cumberland Valley Scottish Games

June 11, 2022

Veterans Memorial Park
 Shippensburg, PA 17257
 9am to 4pm
 Early Bird \$5.50



Ohio Scottish Games

June 24-25, 2022

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
 19201 E Bagley Rd
 Berea, Ohio 44017

Tickets

Friday Ceilidh 5pm
 Adults \$10, Juniors (5-17) \$5
 Saturday Games 8am
 Advance Adult \$17
 Juniors (5-17) \$7
 Under 5 - Free!

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

July 7-10, 2022

MacRae Meadows
 Linville, NC 28646
 Opens 4pm on Thursday



Concludes Sunday after Kirkin
Complex Pricing, See **Details**.



Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival

July 16, 2022

Look Park - Northampton

300 North Main Street

Florence, MA 01062

9am - 5pm

Tickets

Adult \$22

Kids \$5, Under 5 Free!



Minnesota
Scottish Fair & Highland Games

Minnesota Scottish Fair

July 16, 2022

Eagan Central Park

1501 Central Pkwy

Eagan, MN 55121

8am - 5pm

This event is free!

COVENANTER SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

AND HIGHLAND GAMES

Covenanter Scottish Festival

September 10, 2022

1199 Valley Road

Quarryville, PA 17566

9am - 5pm

Adult \$20

12 and under - Free!



Kalamazoo Scottish Festival

September 10, 2022

Kindleberger Park Dr

Kalamazoo, MI 49004

9am-5pm

Free Event - Open to Public!

Ligonier Highland Games

September 17, 2022



Idlewild Park

Ligonier, PA 15658

8am - 6pm

Adults (18-54) \$20

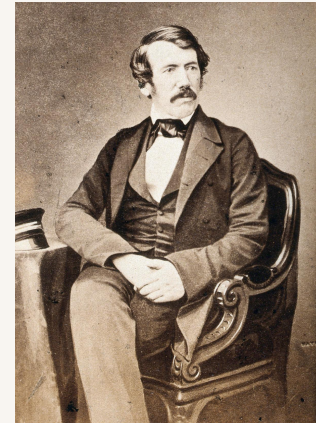
Seniors (54 and Up) \$18

This Month in Scottish History

March 19, 1813

Explorer **David Livingstone** born in Blantyre.

David Livingstone was the son of a shopkeeper. He started work at the age of 10 but nevertheless managed to educate himself and to study medicine and theology at Glasgow University to become a missionary doctor. He arrived in Bechuanaland in 1841 and married the daughter of another missionary there. Livingstone began to explore uncharted areas of Africa and while mapping the upper Zambesi River he discovered the Victoria Falls.



Coming across the horrors of the slave trade, his books on African exploration were influential in bringing it to an end. It was on an expedition which started in 1865, after he had been in the bush for several years that H M Stanley of the New York Herald set out to find him in 1872 and greeted him with the immortal words "Dr Livingstone, I presume?"

Livingstone almost died several times from disease and attacks by wild animals but eventually succumbed from fever in 1873, having refused to return to Britain. His embalmed body was brought back by his servants and was buried in Westminster Abbey. Livingstone's birthplace in Blantyre is now the **David Livingstone National Memorial**.

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4 - THE FALLS FROM THE WESTERN END OF THE CHASM.
(From the Leaping Water and Three Hill Cliff, to Garden Island)

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To perpetuate Scottish culture through the collection, preservation, and distribution of literary, historical, and genealogical materials, especially those related to Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall. Preservation of heritage sites and relics is of particular importance, as is the education of our kin through learning opportunities and scholarships. Donations in support of these causes is tax deductible in the U.S.

Membership is open to all.

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