

# CLAN CHATTER

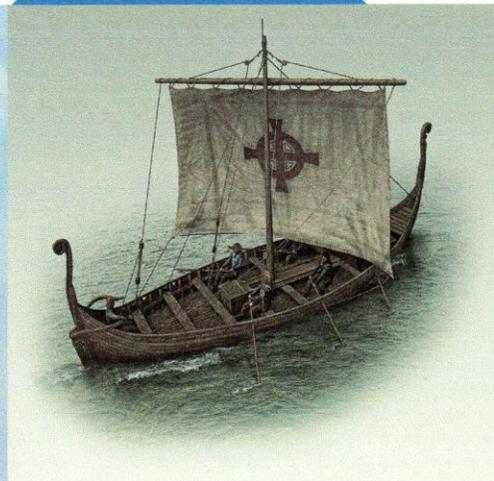
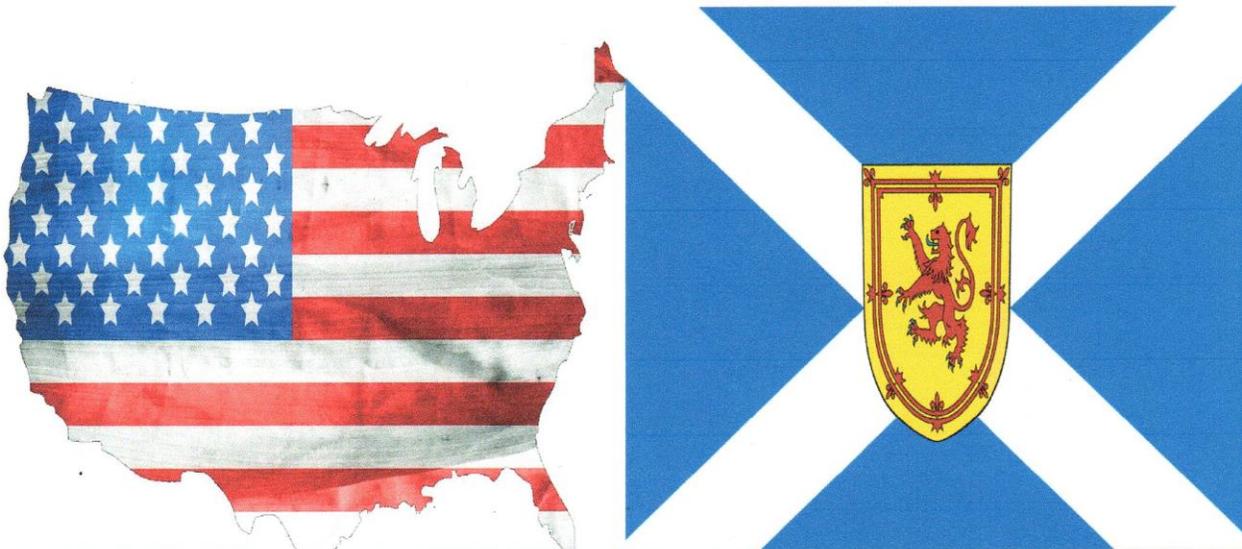
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## MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc.

Organized 1962 on Grandfather Mountain

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## 2018 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2018 has been a busy and important year for the MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Incorporated. Society officers and members of our new Board of Directors have had a productive year. Our participation in additional Highland Games has been exciting and improved our outreach to prospective members. We now have attended during the last year: Grandfather Mountain, Loon Mountain in New Hampshire, Scotland County Games in North Carolina and the Indianapolis Highland Games and Festival in Indiana. We now have a potential Clan Society Piper who will be a great addition to the Society...story to come.

The 2018 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games were well attended and again we were blessed with great weather as we held our 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the Chieftain's tent Saturday July 14th.

During 2018 our Clan Society amended and restated our Bylaws, established articles of incorporation in the state of Indiana and established a new Board of Directors. Our Society was incorporated effective March 30, 2018 by the Indiana Secretary of State. All relevant documents were then presented at the AGM and approved as required. Our first Bylaws were approved December 11, 1968 and have served us well. Mrs. Norma K. Lockwood was nominated by her granddaughter, Virginia Zeigler, as the Chair of the Board of Directors. Mrs. Lockwood is the daughter and Virginia is the Great Granddaughter of our first Vice President and General Counsel, Frederick H. Kent, Esq. who was elected in 1968. Norma was elected unanimously.

**Scholarship Applications:** Please be reminded that applications for the *MacDuffee Clan Society Heritage, Scholarship & Service Award* are due by May 1st 2019. Details may be found on our Clan Society website: [macduffeeclansociety.org](http://macduffeeclansociety.org) and at the end of this Clan Chatter.

We are fortunate to have a very active and engaged group of officers that were reelected by acclimation and all previously appointed Clan Society positions were also reappointed for 2018/2019.

Our financial report was provided by David N. McDuffie and we continue our strong financial position which included the expense for outside counsel to guide the Society through the new incorporation.

The 2017 Clan Parliament actions were discussed at the AGM and with the Board of Directors. The item of note was a vote of no confidence for the existing Commander to be considered automatically as a candidate for Chief. Overall financial performance, loss of clan land (Standing Stone) and communications are of concern. These issues were voiced by other Mcfie Clan Societies as well at the 2017 Parliament. Last summer a "secretariat" was unilaterally formed by the commander who unfortunately has experienced significant health issues, his spouse and an officer in the Mcfie Society of Scotland to function as our clan leadership.

### 2019 Highland Games Schedule

We announced that our 57<sup>th</sup> AGM will again be held at Grandfather Mountain on Saturday July 13, 2019. We will also return to the New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival to be held September 20 to 22, 2019. We also plan to attend the Scotland County Games in NC and the Indianapolis Highland Games during 2019.

The Officers and the Board thank you for your active support and we hope to see you at Grandfather 2019 or at one of the other Games on our schedule. Make reservations early.

Jen and I send our best to everyone for the Holidays.

Sincerely,

Thomas Patrick McDuffee FSA Scot

President MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc.

MACDUFFEE PHOTOS FROM 2018



1. David McDuffie in front row of the Tartan March Parade 2, The Clan Society in the Parade of Tartans (Tom is behind Virginia) 3. Heather wrestling in the Women's Competition 4. President Tom McDuffie at the Indianapolis St Andrews Dinner with Indy Scottish Society President Robin Jarrett FSA SCOT (Clan Wallace), Matt Douglas and Kristy Stewart Trustees. 5. Champion Kayla Ingram receiving her 1<sup>st</sup> Place Wrestling Trophy from the Lord Lyon of Scotland...Best Picture

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## GENEALOGY

There is a web seminar on family research in Scotland that might be helpful to those interested at: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp> about halfway down the page there is the link, it is under archived webinars: RESEARCHING YOUR SCOTTISH ANCESTORS. Scotland has a wealth of records available to assist you in researching your Scottish ancestry. Scottish statutory records of births, marriages and deaths began in 1855 and are available online together with census returns from 1841-1911. Other records include Old Parish Records of baptisms, marriages and burials, records from Catholic archives and Scottish wills and testaments.

Genealogy library & museum now can be reached by <http://www.masoncountymuseum.org/articles/home/asp>

## WEB SITES for RESEARCH

### Come join us on Facebook at - MacDuffee Clan Society of America

Beth Gay's new web site is <http://www.electricscotland.com/bnft/> Family Tree, a very good Publication covering Scottish Clan & the games.

The Scottish Parliament has finally decided to establish an official tartan register. It will be maintained by the Keeper of the Records of Scotland and kept at the National Archives in Edinburgh. The register will also be available on line

at [www.tartanregister.gov.uk](http://www.tartanregister.gov.uk)

<http://www.ancestry.com/> This site has a plethora of information. It will let you search, but must join to retrieve data.

<http://www.recordslogin.com/members/?stid=4jvr8koklvvs9smas4a8pkfh7>

<http://www.scottishcatholicarchives.org.uk/>

<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/>

<http://www.search.labs.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#start>

<http://www.ancestryquest.com/>

<http://govgenealogyseach.com/>

<http://mt-spurr.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/> This is the Allen County, Indiana Public Library, genealogy section.

They

have volunteers that, for about \$10, will research everything in the state for you.

<http://www.colonsay.org.uk/Housechart.htm>

## CLAN SOCIETY ITEMS FOR SALE

**CLAN SOCIETY POLO-SHIRTS** are available. They are green with the MacDuffee Clan Society picture with the claymore behind it embroidered on the left breast. The cost is \$ 25.00. Anyone wishing to purchase items please contact David Nathan McDuffie, our VP and Treasurer.

**CLAN Society T-SHIRTS** are also available by contacting David Nathan McDuffee. They are \$18.00 for S-XL, and \$21.50 for 2X and larger. They are green with red lettering and a black and white logo.

## **New Feature: MacDuffee Clan Society Family Stories**

*Note: We encourage any member to submit a short story about your family ties to the Clan Society to the editor of the Clan Chatter. Please include research facts such as key dates that you are sure are accurate and that you have documented. We hope that these stories provide additional insight and new sources of research for other Clan Society members. This story is from Carol Young.*

It was 1990 and we had just gotten our first computer. My father had introduced me to genealogy years before with visits to ancestors in the cemeteries of Seneca County, NY.

With a computer, I now found Family Tree Maker and Message Boards. I excitedly typed in "MacDuffie". Within minutes, I met Bill Mutch and discovered we shared the same great great grandparents, Andrew and Christina MacDuffie. I had photos of them and of a MacDuffie Reunion from 1900, which I sent to Bill. We were both living in Northern California so he and his wife, Patty, came to stay with us in Hillsborough and we all went to the MacFie Burns Night in San Francisco.

With my new interest in my Scottish heritage, I signed up for Scottish Country Dancing and of course, purchased the necessary "gillies".

Back to the computer, I again typed in "MacDuffie" on the Message Board. Someone answered saying I should contact the head of the clan in Tennessee, which it did. Magic! I was suddenly back in the 1500's on the island of Colonsay.

In 1995, my brother and his family were living in Aberdeen, Scotland. My husband, John, and I spent 2 weeks there exploring the Scottish countryside. Of course, I bought a MacFie tartan kilt at Geoffrey the Tailor in Edinburg (more about that, later!)

Arriving back in California, I became completely immersed in my Scottish roots. I remember my husband telling me, "I liked you better when you were French!". No doubt because he liked pate better than haggis.

In the Fall of 1995, I began preparing to host a Burns Night Party, black tie. Preparation consisted of reading "How to" books, finding 2 Bag pipers, ordering haggis and making sure we had plenty of single malt scotch. Our house was a large 1920 Tudor designed by a Scottish architect so the ambiance was perfect. There were 14 of us at the sit down dinner. The men all wore their Clan tartan cummerbunds. The bagpipers flanked our front door greeting guests with "Scotland the Brave". Our guests were moved to tears as they entered.

The Peruvian couple who helped with the dinner were confused but marched around the table holding the silver tray with haggis. The bagpiper recited "Address to the Haggis" as he cut into the beast with "ready sleight". The evening ended in the living room with a song fest of Scottish music, myself at the piano.

We hosted several future Burns Night parties but none as special as that one in 1995.

We now live on the East Coast, in Skaneateles, NY, just 40 minutes away from MacDuffie Town, NY.

Now, more about my kilt from Geoffrey the Tailor:

The first time I wore it was to Scottish Games in California. As I walked toward the MacFie tent, one of the MacFie's looked at me with horror shouting "that's a MacPherson"! Indeed, it was the MacPherson plaid. After a call to Aberdeen, the tailor apologized and mailed the correct MacFie kilt so I was prepared for the next Scottish event.

## **Scottish History**

### **Rare chance to see the last letter**

Written by MaYy,

Queen of Scots, February 8, 2019, with her claim to the English throne, made her a considerable threat to her cousin, Elizabeth I of England. In the letter Mary expresses concern for the servants she will leave behind who had served her so loyally during her 19-year imprisonment in England. Towards the end of

the letter she beseeches King Henri to have o'prayers offered to God for a queen who has borne the title Most Christian, and who dies a Catholic, stripped of all her possessions. "She was only 44 on her execution day. Although born in Linlithgow Palace, Mary spent the early part of her life in France and was given a French education. This is reflected in her last letter which was written in French. The National Library of Scotland has some 26 million physical items in its collection but few surpass the historical significance of Mary's last letter. Other collection material relating to Mary Queen of Scots will also be on display including a letter she wrote to her mother during her childhood years in France; a letter signed by Mary and her second husband Lord Darnley; and a pardon issued by Mary in 1549 with her Great Seal attached. The last letter of Mary Queen of Scots; written just six hours before her execution, is to go on display at the National Library of Scotland on February 8, 2019 to mark the 430 anniversary of her death. The hand-written correspondence, composed at 2 AM in the morning of 8 February 1567, is one of the most powerful documents in Scottish history. Written by arguably one of Scotland's most famous and controversial figures, the letter marks the end of a life that has been immortalized in novels, film, poetry, drama and song down through the centuries. Interest in seeing the letter is expected to be high as long queues built up the last time it was on show at the National Library of Scotland in 2009. Mary wrote the letter as she prepared to meet her death at Fotheringhay Castle in Northamptonshire. Writing to Henri III, King of France – the brother of her first husband – she says: "I am to be executed like a criminal at dawn in the morning." Her "crime", as she makes clear in the letter, was her loyalty to her Catholic faith. "The life of Mary Queen of Scots has fascinated – people of all ages for generations. She is one of Scotland's most famous monarchs," said National Librarian Dr. John Scally." The National Library is pleased to provide this opportunity to see the last letter she ever wrote only hours before her execution. This is a rare chance to see a remarkable piece of Scottish history."

## MISC

### **The forgotten links between Highlanders and Native Americans**

Despite an ocean separating their ancestral homelands, Scottish Highlanders and Native Americans encountered each other frequently on America's wild frontier, fighting, trading, and even living together. Both cultures were treated as tribal societies and driven from their lands by British authorities who would later romanticize the very ways of life they had destroyed.

The two peoples on the edge of Britain's Empire underwent similar experiences at the hands of colonial powers. Changing Times American Indians and Highland Scots encountered colonizers in eras of major change on both sides of the Atlantic.

In the eighteenth century Scotland's Gaelic speaking Highlanders and the Indians of North America were facing increased pressure and aggression from a rapidly expanding Great Britain that was fast becoming the most powerful nation on earth. In Scotland, there was a clash between two cultures, one that was based on ancient obligations of honour and kinship and the other, an aggressive pursuit of progress and profit. British and American governments believed the Highlands and Indian lands had to be pacified before they could be civilized. This view led to several brutal and bloody confrontations as both sets of peoples – who were fiercely independent – resisted the tide of colonialism. Historian and author Colin Calloway explains: "Both groups of people experienced displacement and other forms of colonial assault on their social and political structures, their cultures, language, and ways of life. "Highlanders and Indians organized their societies around clan and kinship, occupied land communally as tribal homelands rather than as real estate, and found themselves in the way of an expanding capitalist world that stressed individual ambition, private ownership, and aggressive exploitation of resources for profit."

While Highlanders had been traveling to America since the 1600's, one of the first major waves of migration came after the major Jacobite defeat at Culloden in 1745, when many Highlanders left (or were sent) across the Atlantic.

Scots – Indians despite differences between clan and tribes, eighteenth century observers viewed Highland and Indian ways of life basically the same. They both came from rugged lands, had a strong warrior tradition within a tribal society and were used to hardship and it wasn't long before the two cultures met. As a result the two peoples often filled roles in colonial American society such as hunters and fur traders where interactions were common. "The most common, extensive and enduring interactions occurred in areas where Scots were active in the fur and deerskin trades," says Calloway. "The

beaver trade among the northern tribes across Canada and the deerskin trade among the south eastern (USA) tribes like the Creeks, Cherokees, and Choctaws lasted long into the eighteenth century.” Trading with Indian tribes was commonplace and relations between Highlanders and Indians reached all across North America and entire Scots-Indian families were produced from these unions. Most of these Scots-Indians lived a quiet simple life but some played a significant role in American history. Alexander McGillivray was the son of a Scottish trader father and a Creek-French mother. He was the dominant chief of the powerful Creek confederacy in the late eighteenth century, and played a pivotal role conducting the tribe’s foreign policies with Britain, Spain, and the United States. In 1790 George Washington even invited him to the temporary federal capital in New York City, where he negotiated the first treaty made by the United States after the adoption of the Constitution. Scots-Indian John Ross was the principal chief of the Cherokee during the era of Indian Removal around 1830, when the United States expelled 80,000 Indian people from their homelands east of the Mississippi to new lands in the West, Ross led the majority of Cherokee people in opposing Removal, wrote letters and petitions, lobbied in Congress and led them in rebuilding the Cherokee Nation in Indian Territory. Legacy with prominent ancestors like Ross, perhaps the Highland influence is most keenly felt today among Native Americans in the Cherokee clan. It is believed that up to a half of the Cherokee Nation could be descendants of Ludovick Grant, a laird’s son from Creichie in Aberdeenshire. Grant was captured while fighting for the Jacobite army in the battle of Preston 1715 and was due to be hanged but he escaped death and instead was transported to South Carolina, where he was an indentured servant. Following his release from his seven years of servitude, he began working as a trader for the Cherokee people and ended up marrying into the tribe and producing a daughter who became the ancestress of a huge proportion of Cherokees. In 2004 Cree families from Canada traveled to the Orkney Islands tracing a 200-year genetic link back to the Scottish Islands.

Although the traditional ways of life of both peoples were all but wiped out by colonization and industrialization, Highland and Native American culture endured. Even as Britain and the USA destroyed tribal societies they created romantic images of the people. Highland culture was no longer a byword for savagery but came to represent Scottish culture as a whole in the eyes of people inside and outside Scotland. Native Americans were transformed by paintings and literature into a heroic foe, defeated by a great nation and the barbarity of what happened to them was glossed over in favour of an imagined, nostalgic past.

#### **FLOWERS OF THE FOREST**

HARRIETT WHITE FRANK, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, friend, author and patriot, age 99, passed peacefully in her sleep on October 15, 2017, in Austin, Texas. She was born Harriett White on June 21, 1918 in Birmingham, Alabama. She was a devoted wife for over 60 years to her late husband, Colonel Henri F. Frank a decorated veteran and war hero; they were married June 24, 1943. Throughout her life she sought to encourage American patriotism and family issues. She was an active member of several organizations including the Daughters of the American Revolution through which she sought to honour and keep alive the memory of the significant American traditions and values so valiantly fought for by her husband and her ancestors. She was also a published author. She loved genealogy and she spent many hours researching library archives, tracing her lineage to the age of America’s founding fathers. Her book on genealogy can be found at the Biloxi library.

ANNE GRACE MCDUFFEE, mother of Life Member Frederick Thomas McDuffee passed June 16, 2018 at age 87. She is survived by four McDuffee sons and two daughters, 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Her spouse Frederick Towner McDuffee preceded her in death November 20, 2011.

#### **MEETINGS & GATHERINGS**

Our Clan Society attends the Loon Mountain Games each year in New Hampshire to give us a presence at a major north and major south (Grandfather) game, however, this fall we had a number of conflicts for the Loon dates and instead hosted a MacDuffee Clan Society Tent at the Scotland County Highland Games located in Laurinburg, North Carolina. These games are smaller than Grandfather Mountain, but are located in an area

settled by Scots in the mid-1700's, including many McDuffies whose descendants are represented in our Society today. An interesting side note, is that a portion of Fort Bragg was once McDuffie land.

Nov2-4 Charleston Scottish Games & Highland Gathering PO Box 31951, Charleston, SC 29417  
[www.charlestonscots.org](http://www.charlestonscots.org)

Nov 9-10 Clover Highland Games & Scots-Irish Festival PO Box 1060 Clover, SC 20710  
[www.cloverscottishgames.com](http://www.cloverscottishgames.com)

Nov 10 & 11 Celtic Heritage & Music Festival and National Tartan Day PO Box 6703 Gulfport, MS 39506  
[www.mshighlandsandislands.org](http://www.mshighlandsandislands.org)

Jan 19-20 Central Florida Scottish Highland Games PO B 915355 Longwood, FL 32779 [www.flascot.com](http://www.flascot.com)

### CELEBRATE SCOTLAND

Don't forget to celebrate St Andrew's Day, Scotland's Patron Saint on November 30<sup>th</sup>

### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR, Julie MacDuffie Hall

On Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, we attended the 77<sup>th</sup> Central New York Scottish Games and Celtic Festival at Longbranch Park in Liverpool, NY. A couple of my cousins were also able to attend: from left Matthew, Gage, Thomas (past President), my husband Wayne, me in front, my mother June and my father Laurance MacDuffie. Tom was up from Georgia on a visit to see his brothers and some of the rest of the family.



The festival was attended by 31 different clans. We enjoyed the food, music, games and vendors. Hopefully we will make it back. On another note we had a daughter in law graduate from nursing school and a granddaughter that graduated from high school. I hope that everyone enjoys the new and improved version of the Newsletter.

### CLAN CHATTER INFORMATION

The Clan Chatter is scheduled to be published in Spring and Fall of each year. Clan Society members with articles need to submit them by the 15<sup>th</sup> of March or September for consideration. These can include: births, marriages, deaths, achievements and etc. Please advise the Editor of any changes in address or email addresses. Anyone that is currently receiving an issue by snail mail and wishes to have an electronic copy please let her know. They can be submitted by forwarding to Julie Hall (Editor) at 506 Stone St., Watertown, NY 13601 or [juliehall522@yahoo.com](mailto:juliehall522@yahoo.com)

**MacDuffee Clan Society Leadership Position: Student Committee Member**

During the 2013 annual meeting the proposal to create a new Student Committee Member was unanimously approved. The objective for this new position was to provide an opportunity for a child or grandchild of a current MacDuffee Clan Society member to join the committee and experience the responsibilities and opportunities to contribute. Hopefully this participation will also yield future leaders for our Society later in life. It was also discussed that this provides leadership experience that will be beneficial for rounding out resumes for school and future organizations.

**Duties of the Student Committee Member include the following:**

- 1.) Responsible for sharing of Scottish information, assisting with coordination of the Clan Society Marches at the AGM at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and providing a Society interface with children in the MacDuffee Clan Society.
- 2.) Participates in the review of Clan Society Scholarship recommendations unless they are a candidate.
- 3.) Assures that Clan Tents are maintained.
- 4.) Student Board members do not have a vote in Clan Society affairs unless they are at least 18 years of age prior to the AGM.
- 5.) Student Board Members are to be at least 13 years of age by the first AGM in which they serve and may serve for 2 year terms unless reelected unopposed.
- 6.) Encourages other youth members of the Society to compete in the Highland Games competition.
- 7.) Attendance at AGMs is not mandatory but input is important.

Students interested in applying for consideration as the Student Committee Member should submit the following information to the President of MacDuffee Clan Society:

*Name , Date of Birth, Year in School, Organization(school, civic, service) membership(s), your Clan Society membership level or member name of parent and/or grandparent. (Note that all dues must be current.) Please submit a paragraph as to why you would like to serve the Clan Society. Submit your input to Thomas McDuffee, President, MacDuffee Clan Society at [tpmijm@aol.com](mailto:tpmijm@aol.com).*



Happy Holidays from  
Julie Hall and family