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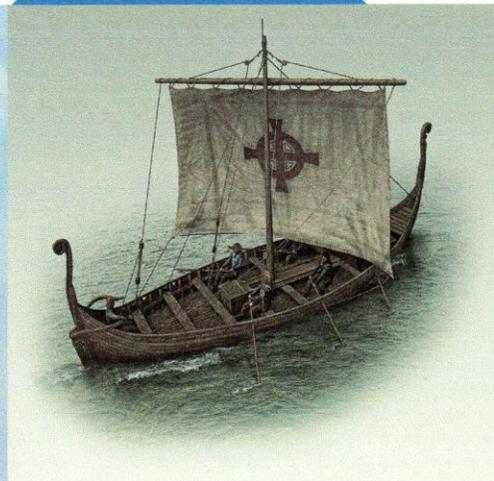
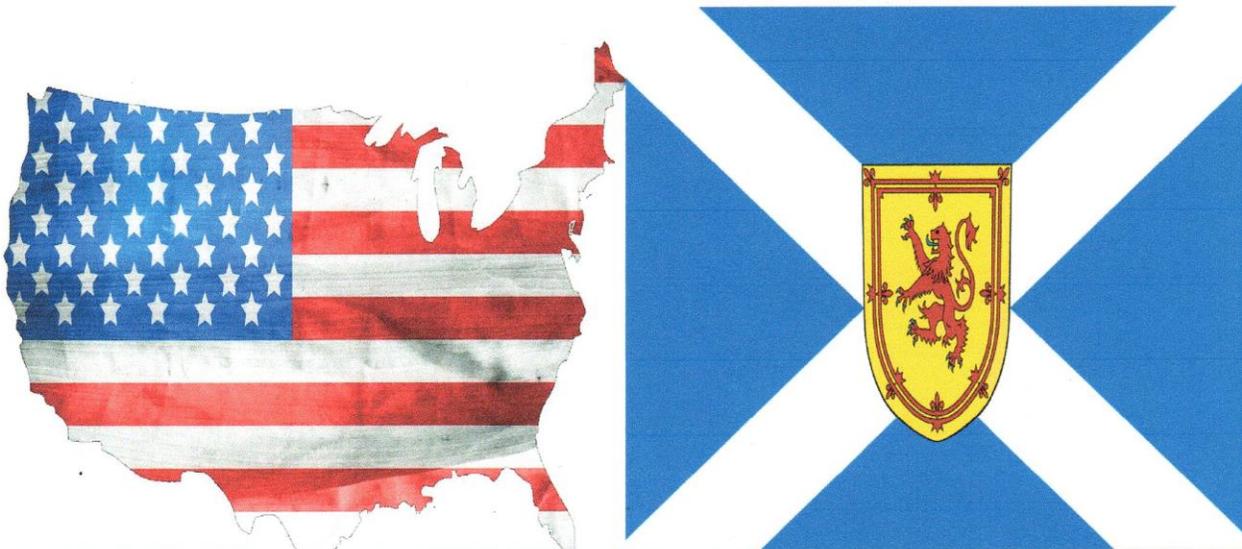
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring greetings to all our Clan Society members. What a challenging time it is. It is difficult to not begin any discussion without talking about the Pandemic. All the Officers and Board member sincerely hope that no members have been directly affected and that all your extended family members are safe and well. As an experienced retiree it was not hard to “hunker down”, no training needed, but as we all can see the issues of confinement and employment are really beginning to wear on everyone. It is amazing, however, to see so many neighbors out exercising, walking their pets and actually speaking to each other...always a positive somewhere.

The pandemic may have a significant effect on the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG) in July. As you can imagine convening 30,000-40,000 guests on a mountain meadow is problematic. Many of the events at the Games are well attended with significant crowds from 25 states and numerous countries. Maintaining a six-foot safe distance inside 12-foot square tents will be impossible when 30-50 MacDuffees attend the Games. GMHG posted a letter on April 14th that indicates that due to lead time, contracts, logistics and everyone’s travel plans that they plan to make a decision in early May regarding the Games. We all can hope for the best but will not be taking any undue risks. A significant number of our members and other long-time Games attendees are in the high risk over 65 category. Please check the GMHG website for their next update in May.

In the event of a cancellation I will discuss options with the officers for convening our Annual General Meeting at Loon Mountain in September or perhaps a brief Zoom live meeting on line about the time we would have met in July, or simply cancel for 2020.

I will keep this message short and stay focused on whether a safe gathering may occur on Grandfather this year. Other than a couple days of bad rain in the past I cannot ever remember the Games being canceled. Fortunately, rain to a Scotsman is a “bright sunny summer day” but this pandemic is very complex and a high risk. If not to be this year, no problem, we prefer all to return safely for 2021.

Best Regards,
Tom

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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>

NEW BOOK Recommendations

Scottish Genealogy by Dr Bruce Durie is highly recommended as an extremely well written and current resource for those new or experienced as Genealogists. He has also written a perfect companion book, ***Your Scottish-American Ancestry*** that will certainly guide your research. Dr. Durie is a master Genealogist, Author, Broadcaster, Lecturer and may be seen at various Highland Games sharing his expertise. He also has Right of Audience at the Court of the Lord Lyon in Scotland.

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.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=4jvr8koklvvjs9smas4a8pkfh7>

<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 McDuffie. They are \$18.00 for S-XL, and \$21

Welcome our Newest Members

Paul H. McAfee III of Lockport, NY, a descendant of J. McAfee Sr. 1673-1738

Christine P. Cabaniss of Mt. Pleasant, SC, a descendant of Arthur McFee & Anna K Wilson

Charlotte W. Ware of Belmont, NC, a descendant of Robert J McFee

Donald C. McDuffie of Raleigh, NC, a descendant of Daniel McDuffie b around 1700 and came to America in Sept. 1739

McAfee/McDuffie DNA Surname Project Update:

Kit Numbers at FTDNA McDuffie Surname Project are at R-BY72848 Haplogroup

This is for the Scots Cluster (old chief's line) of the McDuffie Surname Project:

*H1084 John McAfee=McDuffee b. abt. 1730 Islay, Scotland

369049 James Macfee b. abt. 1795 Ireland

H2124 John McDuffee b. abt. 1650 Northern Ireland (President Tom's data)

Greg Wick, one of the McDuffie Surname Project Administrators states:

"I've estimated the age of SNP BY72848 to have formed sometime around 1424 CE/AD. This indicates that the MacDuffee surname has been in use for at least the last six centuries, if not longer... I have also dated the founding SNP for this subclade, SNP BY23370/A11443, to have occurred sometime around 691 CE/AD, well before the adoption of surnames in Scotland."

*Kit H1084 confirmed at YSEQ DNA & soon (late March/April) at FTDNA by BigY700 testing

New Feature: MacDuffee Clan Society Family Stories

Following is an interesting short story via obituary of a rather colorful McDuffee in our extended family history. He seemed to enjoy speed on the ground and in the air during his life. Joseph Henry McDuffee lived in Indianapolis for a short time and was born September 1879 in Boston.

"J. H. McDuffee, **FIRST SPEEDER**

Toledo, OH (U.P.) 1943

Funeral services will be held today for J.H. McDuffee, 64, president of the Prest-O-Lite Battery Company, and vice president of the Electric Autolite Co., who died Wednesday night at his home after a month's illness.

McDuffee was the first person (age 20) to be arrested for speeding. He was picked up on Broadway in New York City March 30, 1899 and charged with driving faster than 12 miles per hour. He was also the first recipient of a driver's license in New York City, the first man to offer airplanes for sale commercially, and owned the first retail auto store in the nation.

McDuffee was born in Boston, educated for a physician, turned to bicycle racing, and in turn to auto racing and manufacturing.”

This line of McDuffees comes from Monaghan, Ireland just south of County Antrim which provided a number of McDuffees for New England. Joseph Henry (1879-1943) McDuffee’s parents were Peter McDuffee (1837-1904) and Mary Donoughue. Peter descended from James McDuffee (born 1805) and Catharine McKeon of Ireland. Joseph may have also been a cousin to Eddie McDuffee, also of Ireland, who held world records in cycling at the turn of the century in 1898-1900 until he was dethroned by Major Taylor who has a Velodrome named for him in Indianapolis.



Joseph McDuffee is standing on the right near his company plane.

Scottish History

This is a story taken from Tait's Edinburgh Magazine in 1851...

Queen Victoria in 1851

Continued from last issue

As to the character of Prince Albert, there, there can be but one opinion. Possessed of undoubted talent, he maintains a dignified seclusion; and instead of pushing himself forward to preside at public meetings, or to take part in the proceedings of learned societies, as many noblemen and gentlemen of less ability are constantly in the habit of doing, he has in almost every one of his public appearances been solicited, or rather urged, to come forward. His public appearances have not been numerous, but they have always been successful. His speeches at the meeting of the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge and at the Servants' Institution, were models of what addresses of the kind should be. And as to his share in the Great Industrial Exhibition, we should probably have been disposed to say more on that head were it not that the

subject has become hackneyed. All classes of men have swelled the chorus of his praise, from the unvarnished prose of Messrs. Fox and Henderson, the contractors of the building, up to the prose run mad of the author of the "Lily and the Bee." And we are afraid of saying one word more, in case we should be thought guilty of joining in what seems likely to swell into a hymn of flunkey adulation. We believe the greatest merit of the Prince to have consisted in his untiring perseverance at the outset of the undertaking, and that in the face of discouragements of no ordinary kind. We have reason to believe that men high in office pooh-poo fad the idea of the Crystal Palace, that they looked on it as a whim of the Prince.

Consort, and tried by that "faint praise" so well known in criticism to strangle the bantling before it had well begun to draw breath. To overcome 'such obstacles would to movement-men have, perhaps, been no great difficulty; but to one who, holding an exalted position, had from the first made conscience of not prostituting it to political purposes; to one who, amidst the numerous party strifes incidental to a nation popularly governed as this is, had resolved to stand aloof from such contests; to one who, consistently with his principles, had no Court influence to offer; to one, in short, who had adopted and chimed thoroughly in with the State policy of Queen Victoria-to such an one the objections made to the Exhibition in Ixhom must have presented themselves in a shape more formidable than the public at large may be willing to believe. Industrial progress appears to have been the only argument used, and it carried the day. The alleged difficulties vanished one by one, and the Exhibition became a great fact. That much social enjoyment has been one result is undeniable; and as to effects on arts and manufactures, time alone will develop them. America, which at first was said to have so signally foiled in its contribution to the World's Fair, gave the mother-country several home lessons before that Fair came to an end; and if the display has only the single effect of making us speak more respectfully of our transatlantic brethren, and of causing us to emulate their success in those artistic efforts where their skill is superior to ours, an important end will be gained. As to the alleged effects of the Exhibition on trade and commerce we are not disposed to lay much stress. Traffic has its ebbs and flows, arising from causes too remote to be distinctly appreciable by the masses, who are too apt to ascribe stagnation to the first tangible object that presents itself; and during the present lull the Exhibition is at once, and without much inquiry, made the scape-goat. Wealth and station indispose all men to exertion; and accustomed as we are to whole races of nobility who pass before us in stately pageantry without doing aught to distinguish themselves from the fathers who wore their coronets before, or their sons who will don them after, we are hard to believe that a prince can be possessed of many ability-but in the case now under consideration we bear in mind that, reared in a humbler Court, and with no great expectations before him. Fore Albert was just the species of mind that was likely to improve under the liberal and expansive culture which characterizes German education of our day. The political may be stunted, but in other respects the training in Germany is second to none in Europe; and however it may have read counter to our preconceived notions, no question as to the fact that, born and in a continental state, Prince Albert has not we found unsuitable to occupy the second position of one of the freest nations in the world.

The biography of Queen Victoria will be written in due time; and if there be defects, they will record them and posterity will not ignorant of the; but in the meantime we are

warranted in saying that no grave contemporary charges can be advanced: and that is a circumstance of no mean significance. The affair of Lady Flora Hastings was a very unfortunate matter; but few will venture to ascribe personal blame to her Majesty. The "bed-chamber plot" may bring out, when Sir Robert Peel's "Life" is published, some curious palace secrets; but as yet we know nothing of them, and may safely suspend out judgment till then. Mr. Birch's resignation as tutor to the Prince of Wales may give rise to some Court gossip, although, had the incident occurred in any other family than the Royal Family, it would never have been heard of, or, being heard of, would have excited no attention. The explanation hinted at by a Puseyite organ, that the tutor to the heir-apparent may have been shocked by the countenance given by her Majesty to the Presbyterian form of worship while resident in Scotland, is one which, if correct, will not find much sympathy out of the diocese of Exeter.

We have no means of accurately knowing, but so far as rumor goes, we are not aware that the Queen has influenced appointments, or, at all events, leading ones, in Church or State. We have indeed heard that it is to royal connexion that the present Chancellor owes his custody of the Great Seal. It may be so, and we are not in a position to say yea or nay to the assertion. Queen Elizabeth was captivated by the dancing of Sire Christopher Hatton, and thereafter raised to the woolsack a personage with whom no one would think of comparing Lord Truro. It is possible, however, that his lordship may have to thank some other cause than the royal sunshine for his good fortune. There is to be a partition in the duties of the Chancellorship: and when the new legal Chancellor makes his appearance, we may then see through more of the mystery; or possibly there may have been other claimants for the honour of such nicely-balanced qualifications so that the selection of a third candidate, less qualified than either, became a matter of imperative necessity; such things have happened before and will occur to the end of time. So, that, on the whole, no case can be made out founded on any of those counts. We are not prying for matters of accusation nor searching for apologetic explanations when they are mooted; we are dealing with the public, state, and ascertained history of the Queen; and we maintain that the calm observer will find that it is not more exalted than it is pure, patriotic and unchallengeable.

Her Majesty gave up her privilege of free postage when Rowland Hill's system was introduced; and it is right that her numerous correspondents should know that when their communications are not prepaid, the royal purse must pay double postage just as ordinary mortals must do. The yielding up of this immunity was a graceful acknowledgement of the importance of a great social improvement; and if her Majesty continue to pursue the course indicated by a step like this, and refuse her royal countenance to such items of expenditure as erection of stables for the Prince of Wales before his Royal Highness can possibly require such accommodation, the people will continue to bless her and hail her as the Sovereign who, of all others, has entered most profoundly into their feelings and sympathized with their hopes and struggles. The million is naturally disposed to reverence the throne; and if our present remarks tend to deepen mere conventionality, when the Queen's health is proposed, or the Queen's anthem is performed, our end shall be served. The people are rising every day, and the higher that they rise the higher does the Sovereign rise; for the chief jewel in the crown is, that it symbolizes rule over a free as well as loyal community.

THE END



The Queen's Drive trail by Creag Choinnich above Braemar in the Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. This beautiful circular walk, a carriage drive once favoured by Queen Victoria, is usually popular with walkers but now very quiet.

Scotland's role in the D-Day Landings

By David Allison Good Morning Scotland reporter
30May2019

In Garlieston village hall there is a small exhibition telling how it played an important role in the run-up to the D-Day landings 75 years ago. On 6 June 1944, Allied forces began to land thousands of troops on the beaches of Normandy in France, laying the foundations for victory in World War Two.

In order to be able to get supplies and other materials ashore after the landings the military had been secretly planning, testing and developing a system of temporary portable harbors. In the months before D-Day, Garlieston in southwest Scotland, was chosen as the perfect place to carry out the tests. It tried out three prototypes; one called the Hippo, one called the Swiss Roll, and the prototype 3, the Spud pier and Whale roadway – which was to become the Mulberry Harbor.

During the first phase of the D-Day landings the flat sandy beaches of Normandy were perfect for troop-carrying landing craft. But, the Allies needed a port to hold the beachhead after the initial invasion and allow the unloading of larger troopships and supply vessels. Because the Germans would strongly defend any conventional harbor, such as Le Havre, the Allies decided to take their own, consisting of concrete docks and roadways floating on pontoons to the shore, Mulberry Harbors were simple but revolutionary, creating a port the size of Dover.

Local historian Roy Water feels Garlieston's role in the Normandy invasion has been rather overlooked. He has put together an exhibition for the 75th anniversary of D-Day to help people find out about a largely forgotten part of Scotland's wartime history. Mr. Walter says "There were three prototypes tested here and two of them were quickly discounted. That left the one that was finally worked up to production. Mr. Walter says the 400 harbor sections were produced all over the UK from Glasgow down to the south coast of England. They were then towed over to Arromanches in the days after D-Day and assembled on the French side of the channel.

Willie Drynan worked at a local saw mill in Garlieston when he got his call up papers in 1943. But, instead of heading south for training and possible deployment in the front lines he was told to stay put and was assigned to the top-secret Mulberry Harbor project. Willie, who will 100 year old later this year, remember it all well. When did he realize what he was working on? Well, with a bit of common sense you could see the pontoons and bridge section between them. “They took them out into the bay everyday for a measured mile to get the speed and how fast they could pull them between here and France.”

The remnants of the concrete breakwaters to protect the Mulberry Harbor at Arromanches are still there, visible on Google satellite images. Willie Drynan says he can hardly believe it.

Retired farmer Tom McCreath, who has co-authored a book about the time, remembers the harbors being tied out when he was a teenager. “The first thing I remember was a huge amount of military activity and things floating all around Garlieston harbor,” he says. “Locally people saw it but the military made it quite plain it wasn’t to be talked about.” Mr. McCreath said it was after the landings in Normandy that he discovered what the harbor had actually been used for.

On Rigg Beach in Garlieston, time and tide have taken their toll so not a lot still remains of the secret wartime project. But, you can see the bits called beetles that supported the floating roadways. And there is also something that looks like a bit of a castle but is actually a 5-metre high structure designed to replicate a cliff.

It was part of the experiment which didn’t work. They are listed as national monuments by Historic Scotland. Local historian Roy Walter says: “This type of archaeology is very much at risk from the sea. It means being listed, that they actually get some attention from the national bodies that preserve these things.” A couple of miles down the coast is Cairnhead Bay, where the Mulberry Harbour eventually used at Arromanches was tested – and it proved the most crucial of the two such harbours deployed around D-Day. Because of the worst Atlantic storm for 40 years, the American Mulberry Harbour was destroyed and only the British one survived for any length of time. In the 10 months after D-Day, it landed more than 2.5 million soldiers, half a million vehicles, and four million tons of supplies. Garlieston on the Solway Firth might be a small place, but it played a big role in winning the war.

OTHER MEETINGS, GAMES & GATHERINGS

These places and dates are subject to change or to be cancelled

The 65th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games July 9-12, 2020 at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC.

May 2, 2020 Savannah Scottish Games PO Box 13435 Savannah, GA 31416
www.savannahscottishgames.com

May 1 - 3, 2020 Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games PO Box 511 Clifton, TX 76634
www.texasscottishfestival.com

June 27, 2020 Ohio Scottish Games 226 Weener Street Wellington, OH 44090

www.ohioscottishgames.com

August 15 - 16, 2020 Bitterroot Celtic Games & Gathering PO Box 1774 Hamilton, MT 59840

www.bcg.org

Sept 5 & 6, 2020 Virginia Scottish Games & Festival PO Box 1338 Alexandria, VA 22313

www.vascottishgames.org

September 12 & 13, 2020 Middle Tennessee Highland Games & Celtic Festival PO Box 4

Whites Creek, TN 37189 www.midtenngames.com

CELEBRATE SCOTLAND

Don't forget to celebrate: Tartan Day, April 6th
St Andrew's Day, Scotland's Patron Saint, November 30th

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR, Julie MacDuffie Hall

We hope that everyone is doing well and hasn't caught the killer virus that we have at this time. Here in upper New York State we are away from most of the virus, but do have 100 with it.

Last month we had to have our Minpin put down, having gone blind from a possible aggressive tumor and breathing difficulties from being a small dog, we had him since he was 5 mos. and was almost 14 yrs.

We had a very mild winter with not a lot of snow, and temps are starting to get warmer.

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 15th 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



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