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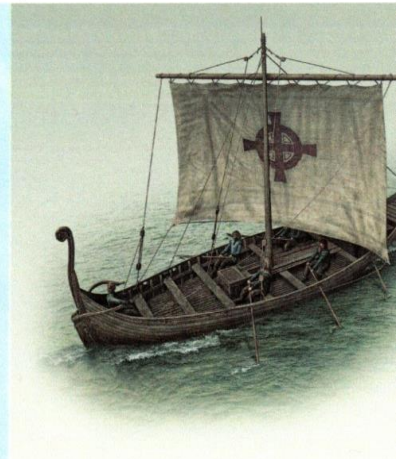
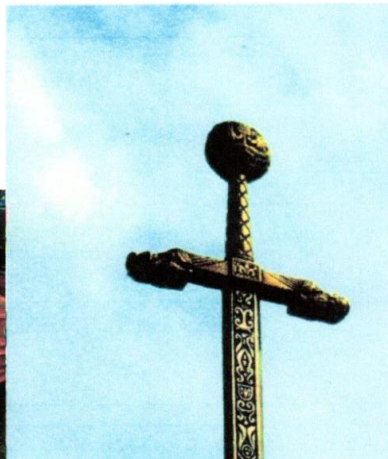
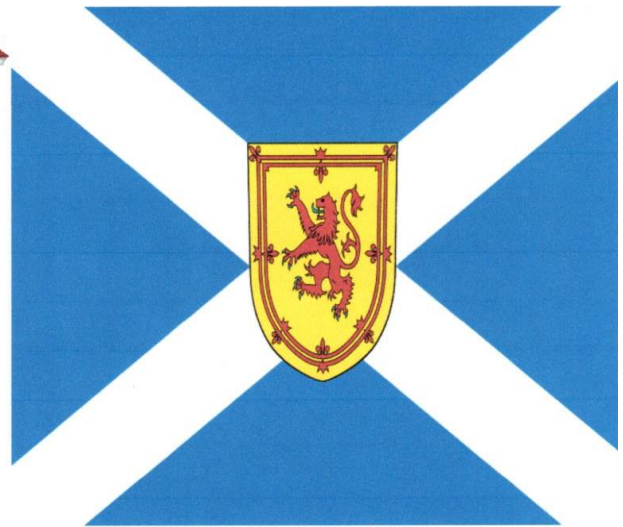
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## **2021 Message from the President**

Hopefully, it is time to move forward as we secure vaccinations, finish our umpteenth zoom video, prepare to find our new normal and maybe attend a Highland Game. The photo on the *Chatter* cover of the Wee Highlander expressing his opinion of COVID is timely.

Last Fall we announced our officer's virtual decision to hold our Annual General Meeting on Grandfather Mountain July 2021 and to convene a gathering on Loon Mountain in September 2021 subject to the then state of the COVID-19 pandemic and state regulations. Grandfather appears to be moving forward however Loon has downsized for 2021 due to the pandemic and we may move to 2022 to attend.

We have been tracking the leadership of the Grandfather Mountain Games and they are moving forward with the event and have an excellent new website that details the four days of activities planned for July 2021. The only missing event at this time appears to be the Friday night reception/dinner. They reportedly have secured contracts with the vendors that usually attend and the registration of over 70 Clans, including the MacDuffees 58<sup>Th</sup> Gathering on the Mountain, and organizations that attend and celebrate Scottish culture and ancestry.

In the event of a need to cancel the 2021 Games the Clans who have registered will have all fees rolled over to 2022.

We also have been tracking the most recent guidance from the Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor of North Carolina, regarding large outdoor gatherings. At the time of this message the Governor's Executive Order of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, #204, still has tight restrictions regarding mass outdoor gatherings which are in effect until April 30, 2021. We will monitor the NC state site for the next executive order. They are available online.

*NOTE: We will also provide COVID-19 impact updates regarding the Games on our website at [www.macduffec clansociety.org](http://www.macduffec clansociety.org)*

### **Safety First**

As we all are aware it is important to note that each of us must make our own informed health decision regarding attending the Games. The officers of the Clan Society do not want any member to take any unnecessary risk. Speak with your family and medical providers to make the best decision regarding attendance. Attendance is truly optional for 2021.

### **Macfie Clan Seeks New Commander**

Our International Clan Commander, Iain McFie, has announced that he is stepping down as commander. The International Clan at this time has reached out to the Court of the Lord Lyon for guidance regarding how to proceed with the selection a new commander. Unfortunately, the Court has been closed due to the pandemic and has informed the International Clan that it may be 2022 before any action may proceed which would include a family convention. We certainly wish Iain well and thank him for his service to the Clan. We were advised that Iain's brother, Bob McFie, will temporarily

fulfill his duties until a new Commander is elected. If any of our members are Armigers, please let me know as they will be directly involved in the selection of a commander.

### **International Clan Parliament: 2023**

The Clan is planning for the next International Parliament to be held in Scotland in 2023. This date is important as our last Clan Chief died in 1623, 400 years earlier. This may, if planning goes well, be the first opportunity for our new Clan Commander to lead the Parliament.

Your continuing support of the MacDuffee Clan Society and possible safe attendance at the games is greatly appreciated. We always enjoy meeting new and old “cousins” and sharing our rich Scottish family History. Thank you to everyone.

Regards,  
Tom

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**Future Clan Society Leaders**

If you have interest in being a servant leader or have expertise in Genealogy in any family line of our Clan Society, please let any of the current officers know of your interest or contact me directly. It is a little work, but the reward is a lifetime of friendships and “cousins” from everywhere. You may apply for any current position. We need and welcome qualified candidates and backups to assure continuity for our Clan Society to continue and improve.

**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 online.  
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=4jvr8koklvjs9smas4a8pkfh7>  
<http://www.scottishcatholicarchives.org.uk/>  
<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/>  
<http://www.search.labs.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#start>  
<http://www.ancestryquest.com/>  
<http://govgenealogysearch.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

**Clan Society Polo-Shirts** are available. They are green with the MacDuffee Clan Society logo 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 SR VP and Treasurer.

**Clan Society T-Shirts** are also available by contacting David Nathan McDuffee. They are \$18.00 for S-XL, and \$21 for larger sizes.

### Clan Membership Expansion

Our Technical Officer, **Staci Jane Ingram**, was married April 1<sup>st</sup> to Raymond Sean Weiler. They were married in their new home and invited distant guests to observe the ceremony live on a zoom feed, what else for a highly skilled Tech Officer? Congratulations to the newlyweds!!

**Ann Jessup MacDuffee**, Life Member #15, has taken a special step to gift 10 Life Memberships to members of her family. Ann has a very special and long relationship with our Clan Society and even found her "MacDuffee" husband while an officer of the Society. Ann wrote the following message to me last year: *"I attended the first meeting. Early on I was very involved, serving as recording secretary, treasurer and publishing the Clan Chatter. I met my 2nd husband at Grandfather Mountain. I had sent him info on the Clan. After putting it aside for ten years he found it and mailed me a card asking if it still existed. During that time my name had changed, and I had moved twice—the second time to a new city. But I received the card & invited him to our meeting. We married 5 years later. He served as president. He died in 2009."*  
Ann had married Dr Robert Colton MacDuffee, Life Member #58, who became our 4<sup>th</sup> Clan President from 1981 to 1984. It took 15 years but the membership application process and Grandfather Mountain seem to have played match maker.



Here is a special fact about Ann and Robert. Ann, as one of our first members, had previously joined the Clan Society as a McDuffie and then married a MacDuffee. This only adds to the unique number of ways we spell our family name...the rare “double MacDuffee.”

**Our new Life Members are:**

Ross Morehead Jessup of Austin, TX  
Bradford Pierce Jessup of Austin, TX  
Alexander Carl Jessup of Austin, TX  
William Chase Jessup of Austin, TX  
Griffin Ross Jessup of Austin, TX  
Gretchen Greer Jessup of New Bern, NC  
Marc Carlton Jessup of New Bern, NC  
Hanes Morehead Jessup of New Bern, NC  
Gatlin Thomas Werner-Jessup of Moncks Corner, SC  
Austin Tyler Jessup of Moncks Corner, SC

The Jessup family is descended from Daniel McDuffie from the early 1700’s in the Wilmington, NC area. The family has numerous college degrees, awarding winning executives, community leaders, Scouts, a love of the outdoors and one very young man who just enjoys riding his bike. Welcome to the MacDuffee Clan Society and we look forward to meeting you on the Mountain.

**Flower of the Forest**

Robert M. MacDuffee of Winthrop, MA passed away on December 2, 2020 at age 88. Robert was the beloved husband of Marion J. (Colby) MacDuffee. Born in Medford, he was the son of the late George F. and Jennie M. (Bartlett) MacDuffee.

Robert was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War serving from 1951-1955. Robert’s children: Donna MacDuffee Infantino, our Associate Vice President and Northern Line Genealogist, of Winthrop, Lynn MacDuffee Giuliano Berry of Oviedo, FL, Deborah MacDuffee of Winthrop, Diane MacDuffee, a Clan Society member, of Dover, NH, Robert R. MacDuffee and his wife Kristen of Winthrop, Denise Usseglio and of Goffstown, NH and the late Michael MacDuffee and his surviving wife Joanne of Winthrop. Robert was the adored grandfather of 15 grandchildren and the loving great-grandfather of 16. Robert’s brother was the late George MacDuffee.

**MacDuffee Scholarship Application**

Please be reminded that eligible students may apply, by May 1<sup>st</sup> of their Senior year, for the **MacDuffee The Younger Scholarship**. Details and application are listed on our website: [macduffeeclansociety.org](http://macduffeeclansociety.org) and in past issues of the *Clan Chatter*.

## **Past President Health Update**

An update on our past President Thomas A. MacDuffie – Many do not know this, but he has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, and is currently about halfway through his treatment. Tom was President of our Clan Society 2005-2006. Anyone wishing to send well wishes can send them to 640 Wiley Rd. Bowden, GA 30108 or [Tmacduffie@bellsouth.net](mailto:Tmacduffie@bellsouth.net) .

## **Your Family Tree Story**

As a reminder we have added a section to include short stories about your family history. Please send our Editor Julie MacDuffie Hall your best short story about your history, significant family achievements that are of interest to the Clan Society or special events in history that you or your family experienced. Thanks!

## **Scottish History**

### **'Exciting' Stone Age discoveries in the Cairngorms**

#### **New research has uncovered rare evidence of people living in Scotland's mountains after the end of the last Ice Age.**

Archaeologists found stone tools and traces of firepits and possible shelters in Deeside in the Cairngorms.

Finds from the Mesolithic period, also known as the Middle Stone Age, are rare and usually made in lowland areas.

Archaeologists describe the evidence in the Cairngorms as "exciting".

- **Hazelnut find sheds light on life 10,000 years ago**
- **Ancient 'rest stop' at store site**

The research, **published in the Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society**, adds to existing evidence from a handful of other upland sites.

These include on the mountain Ben Lawers in Perthshire and at locations in Lanarkshire and Dumfries.

Evidence for those who lived in Scotland after the end of the last Ice Age about 10,000 years ago can be hard to find, say archaeologists.

The population at the time was low and the communities of hunter-gatherers were "mobile, moving around and living off the land".

They did not build permanent monuments and their homes were usually temporary.

What traces of their lives that can be found often amounts to a handful of tiny stone tools, such as flints, and discoloured soil "that hint at an ancient hearth or the stance of a shelter".

Because this evidence has long been buried over time, the "easiest" locations for archaeologists to search are along sea-eroded coastlines or on farmland where farm work can bring buried the evidence closer to the surface.

While archaeologists have long suspected Mesolithic communities occupied mountain landscapes, little evidence to support that has been discovered.

Now a team made up of students from the universities of Aberdeen and Dublin has uncovered evidence confirming people were living in the Cairngorms from as early as 7500 BC.

The team's finds at several archaeological sites - including traces of firepits, flints and possible huts - were made on land owned by the National Trust for Scotland (NTS). Archaeologists believe Mesolithic people headed into the hills carrying their own provisions which they later supplemented by hunting deer, fish and birds and foraging for plants and fungi.

Larger mammals, such as deer, also provided them with skins for use in clothing and shelters, sinews for bindings and antler and bone for use in making tools.

NTS and Aberdeenshire Council were among the organizations that supported the new research.

## MEETINGS, GAMES & GATHERINGS

### 2021 Games Schedule

As noted above the MacDuffee Clan Society *plans* to convene our 58<sup>th</sup> 2021 AGM on Grandfather Mountain on July 10. The 65<sup>th</sup> Grandfather Mountain Games will run from July 8<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We also *plan* to sponsor a tent at the Loon Mountain Games the third weekend of Sept 2021 in Lincoln, NH. The dates are September 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>. Both Games have very professional websites at GMHG.ORG and NHSCOT.ORG where you can view videos about the games and review all the ticket options available for the times you would like to visit. *Again please monitor our website for potential changes.*

May 15, Springfield Highland Games, Sangamon County Fairgrounds, 315 Birch St. W., New Berlin, Il 62670 [www.centralillinoiscelts.com](http://www.centralillinoiscelts.com)

Aug 14, The CNY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival, Long Branch Park, Long Branch Road, Liverpool, NY 13088 [www.cnyscottishgames.org](http://www.cnyscottishgames.org)

Sept 4-5, Virginia Scottish Games & Festival, 5089 Old Tavern Rd, Plains, VA 20198 [www.vascottishgames.org](http://www.vascottishgames.org)

Sept 11, Middle Tennessee Highland Games & Celtic Festival, Percy Werner Park, 7311 Highway Rd, Nashville, TN [www.midtenngames.com](http://www.midtenngames.com)

Nov 13-14, Highland Games & Celtic Music Festival, 15321 County Farm Rd, Gulfport, MS 39503 [www.mshighlandsandislands.org](http://www.mshighlandsandislands.org)



## **Student Board Member**

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 [tpmjim@aol.com](mailto:tpmjim@aol.com).*

### **Duties of the Student Board 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.

### **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)

Be sure to check out photos at our MacDuffee Clan Society website, [macduffeeclansociety.com](http://macduffeeclansociety.com), and on Facebook.

## FROM THE EDITOR

We have faired well this winter and during the Covid, we both have been vaccinated. Currently getting the trailer ready to take to camp for the season, will be nice to get out of the city when we can. As a reminder my phone number has changed to 315-486-3501.

**WE ARE HAVING A PROBLEM WITH RETURNED MAIL AND EMAILS. WE ARE UPDATING ALL INFORMATION ON OUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP. THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE POST OFFICE HAS AGAIN INCREASED POSTAL RATES AND SLOWED DOWN ON DELIVERY OF MAIL, I HAD ONE RETURNED SIX MONTHS AFTER THE MAILING DATE. WE ALSO NEED TO BE UPDATED ON DEATHS SO THAT WE AREN'T MAILING TO THOSE THAT HAVE PASSED. FOLLOWING IS A FORM TO BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED.**

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*From the family of Julie and Clan Officers*

