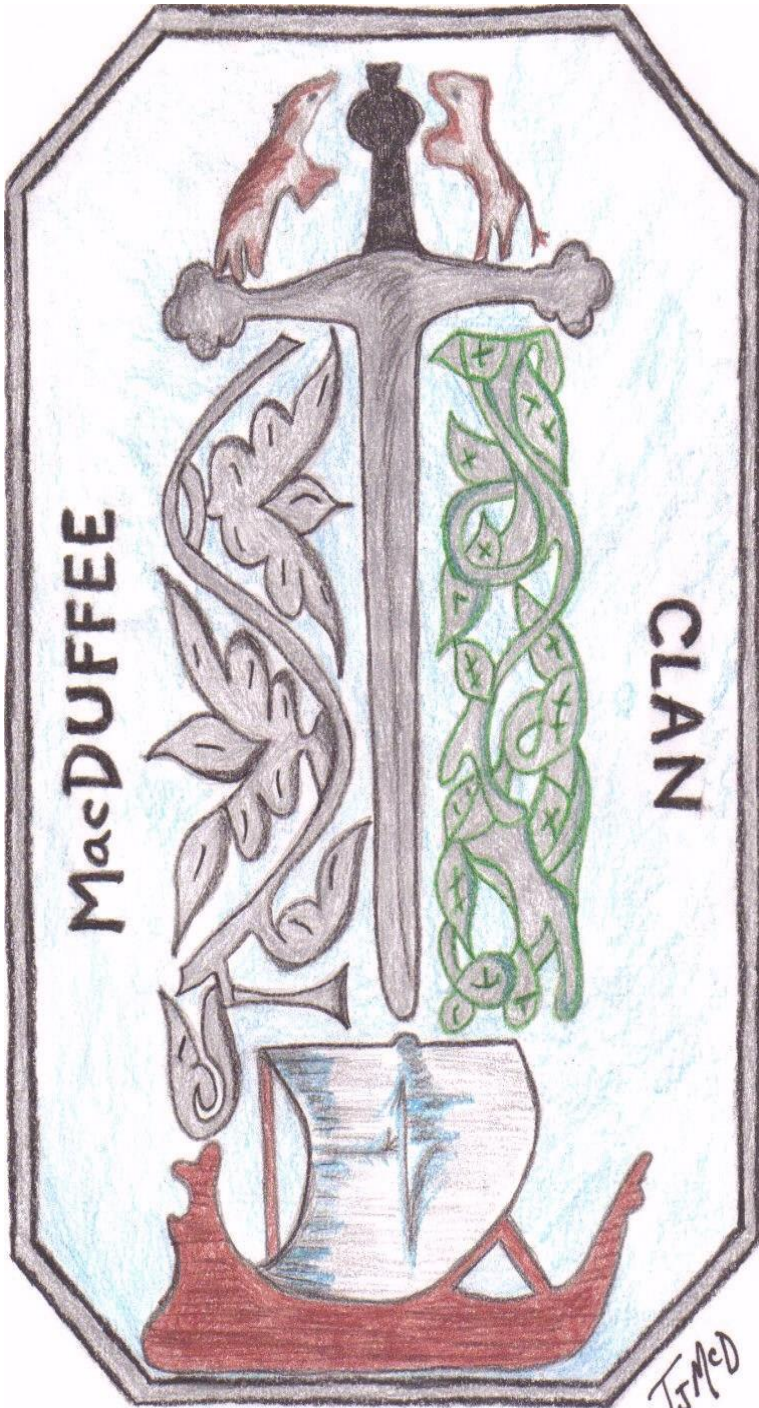


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Pictured on the cover page are the stylized version of Murdoch MacDuffie's Grave Slab and an actual picture of the slab on Oronsay. The actual carving is "MacDufie" from the mid 1500s.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Well, we've survived the coldest winter in Watertown on record being -36 on average for the month of February. Spring is having a hard time getting here, but I think winter is finally gone.

CLAN CHATTER INFORMATION

The Clan Chatter is scheduled to be published in April and October of each year. Clan Society members with articles need to submit them by the 15th of March or September for consideration. We report Clan births, deaths, marriages, and new Members and other achievements. Guest articles about your Scottish family history are welcomed. All information may be sent to the Editor at – 506 Stone St., Watertown, NY 13601 or emailed to: juliehall522@yahoo.com.

IF YOU HAVE HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS, YOU NEED TO PASS THIS ALONG TO THE EDITOR. IF YOU CURRENTLY RECEIVE A PAPER COPY WE ENCOURGAE ALL MEMBERS TO SUBMIT THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS. .

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As Julie noted above I think we all have survived a cold winter however I really feel for everyone in the New England area including Julie. My cousin Eileen McDuffee Frisby of Bennington, Vermont also suffered and has confirmed that the snow is gone.

ANNUAL MEETING

We will convene our 2015 Annual General Meeting at Grandfather Mountain. The 60th year of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games will be held July 9th through the 12th, 2015. Our Clan Society has been on the mountain for every one of the games. Our annual meeting will be held about 2:30 pm on Saturday July 11th. Please take a look at the details of the game's website at www.GMHG.org. There is also a ticket order form and schedule of events.

Also, we will sponsor a tent at the 40th New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival being held September 18th through the 20th, 2015. The games are held at the Loon Mountain Resort, Lincoln, NH.

We look forward to seeing old friends and new friends at Grandfather. The last two to three years have been very successful for reaching out to new members. Last year we had our first representative in the Grandfather Marathon, Fred McDuffee, and coincidentally had a McPhee win the Kilted Mile at Loon Mountain...not bad for a Clan that comes from an island only about 13 miles long and three miles wide.

Please join us at either of these great events as we share and celebrate our Scottish history. Please bring copies of your family background that we can incorporate into our data. Thank you.

Best Regards,
Tom McDuffee

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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.

http://www.tartansauthority.com/web/site/tartan_results0c2.asp?surnameSearch=MacFie&surName_search=Go+fubd!&PageStatus=firstload

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.ancestryireland.com/> Source of Irish genealogy, particularly Northern Ireland. Pay for research.

<http://www.recordslogin.com/members/?stid=4jvr8k0klvjs9smas4a8pkfh7>

<http://www.newspaperarchive.com/keywordlanding.aspx?key=obituaries>

<http://www.raogk.org/> Random Acts of Genealogy Kindness. A list of people in different places that might help with research.

<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>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Official-Clan-Macfie-Page/177565770680>

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 T-SHIRTS are also available by contacting David Nathan McDuffie. 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.

CLAN TOTE BAGS are now available. It's a medium size tote bag in green or colors available, embroidered with the shield on one side, and the claymore on the other. The cost of each bag will be \$20.00. We also, have available an appliqué, that is only \$5.00. You can mail your order with payment that does include s/h to Julie MacDuffie Hall, Editor.

A New Lord Lyon - Dr Joe Morrow

A new Lord Lyon, Dr. Joe Morgan, was sworn in by the Lord President of the Court of Session in the Supreme Court building in Edinburgh. He took the Traditional Oath of Allegiance and the Judicial Oath before a large Bench of Judges and a full court of spectators. All heraldry in Scotland is controlled by the Lord Lyon. Modern Scots heraldry may be said to have begun in 1672 when a law was passed by the Scots Parliament that set up the “Public Register of All Armorial Bearings in Scotland” which is called the Lyon Register. This register was set up to enable the Lord Lyon to effectively administer heraldic law by ensuring a central place of record keeping. Unless a coat of arms is registered here it generally has no legal standing in Scotland.

Degree in Golf?

GOLF MANAGEMENT BA (HONS) Scotland is known as the ‘home of golf’ and the industry contributes £220 million to the Scottish economy. One in every 125 jobs is dependent on golf. The BA (Hons) Golf Management, based in Dornoch close to the world-renowned Royal Dornoch Golf Club and the first Honours degree of its kind in the UK, is aimed at those aspiring to a career in the golf industry, and offers the opportunity to work in various roles, with a particular focus on all aspects of managing within a golf context. The degree provides a balance of golf-specific and management subjects to give graduates the range of skills necessary to take advantage of excellent employment opportunities. Our strong links with the industry provide opportunities for work placements, guest lectures from leading industry figures and study trips. You will work alongside our BA (Hons) Professional Golf students. Special features You will benefit from our strong industry links, including the Royal Dornoch Golf Club; the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews; and Castle Stuart; as well as top clubs in the UK and abroad. You will gain event management experience at various venues eg Dunhill Links Championships (Ryder Cup 2014) and the Scottish Open. Work placements can be arranged locally, across the UK and internationally, including an international internship programme. We have a full-time member of staff who is a PGA Professional. You will enjoy a unique student experience and can participate in activities such as running the student golf club; individual coaching; personalised training and development; regular play; and competition, including Scottish Student Sport and British Universities and College Sport events.

BOOKS

A Tour in Sutherlandshire With extracts from the field-books of a Sportsman and Naturalist by Charles St. John, Esq. in two volumes 2nd Edition (1884). A new book we're starting.

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE AUTHOR, By Captain H. C. St. John

I have been asked to jot down some few reminiscences of my father. I was only eighteen when he died, and as I had been to sea for four years, my recollections of him are almost those of a child. I remember him — a slight, active man, of middle height, wiry and strong, with a handsome, animated face, blue eyes, and a singularly sweet smile. He became bald early, which showed to advantage the intellectually-formed head. In disposition he was calm and collected, and I never remember him violently excited about anything. When young, I have always heard he was gay, mixing a great deal in society; but my own recollections of him are as a thoroughly domestic man, devoted to his children, natural history, and sport. Perhaps he was rather too indulgent a father, for we boys had little difficulty in getting extra holidays, and this rather too frequently for our progress up the ladder of learning. In one way these holidays were not wasted; they were almost always spent with him on some long wild ramble, or shooting excursion, which he made valuable and instructive by his conversation,

teaching us to observe carefully all we saw in nature. In the winter evenings he taught us drawing and chess, so graphically described by Mr. Iunes in his memoir of my father. A first-rate sportsman, an excellent shot, and fond of making a good hag for home use or for friends, yet he had no delight in killing, and thoroughly disliked battue-shooting. His chief pleasure was in watching and noting the habits of all creatures ferce nacturcc—as his hooks show. I shall never forget those happy young days, when trotting in my kilt by his side, or left in the path or track by which the roe-deer would leave the wood, while he went round with the dogs to drive them to where he had placed me. In this way I killed my first deer—a feat my father was as proud of as I was. The love of natural history fostered in us has always been of good service to my brothers and myself; never have I visited any part of the world, however wanting in general amusements, without being able to find continual interest and pleasure. Of all our many Scotch homes, Invererne was, I think, my father's favourite; it was charmingly situated, close to the river Findhorn and the lame bay of that name. The wild sandhills, and the equally wild stretch of coast, made an excellent locality for the naturalist and sportsman. About a mile and a half from the mouth of the river it divides (or did so in those days), forming an island in the fork, the habitat of rabbits and all kinds of wild-fowl. Here an almost fatal accident occurred. One day, after refusing to let my brother and myself fish in the river, he took us to the island ferreting. In the course of the afternoon, without the least warning, we saw the river "coming down," like a great brown wall, ten feet high, sweeping everything before it. We had barely time to reach the highest point, for in a few seconds the island, barring a dozen square yards on which we stood, was a seething mass of water several feet deep. If we boys had been fishing nothing could have saved us. My father often spoke of this providential escape, as he did not anticipate the rise of the river, and had no reason for refusing our request. At all our homes we had a varied menagerie of the tamest and most intelligent of pets. He had great power and influence over animals; and his dogs, from being his constant companions, were remarkable for their sagacity. The "College," our Elgin home, rejoiced in a great walled garden of about four acres. In one part was a grass plot, where my father kept trained Peregrine falcons, which he used to fly after the fashion of bygone days, and much amusement it afforded him and us boys. The art of training and flying hawks was taught us by our dear old friend Mr. John Hancock, the celebrated naturalist. My father was fond of flowers, and the lighter kinds of gardening, budding, pruning, etc. He must have been a very even-tempered man. I cannot remember a single instance of his being angry or irritable. When out shooting with him once, he caught sight of a poacher, who, on being run down, threatened to shoot my father. Giving me his gun to hold, he very quickly took the gun from the poacher, whom he simply made promise not to trespass again, and allowed him to go home. This was all done in the coolest manner, without anger, and with very few words. When at Invererne he was often warned by Dr. Allan (then at Forres, since well known in London) that he was ruining his constitution by over-exposure to cold and wet, particularly in duck-shooting during the winter; but no one anticipated that fatal results were so soon to be developed. At the time of his seizure my father was alone at the "College" (the rest of the family being at the sea-side). He then occupied an unused room—the proverbial haunted room which belongs to most Scotch houses. Something very strange seems to have happened to him in this room, hut what I know not, as he never would speak of it. The next day he went out shooting in company with Major Campbell, and was suddenly seized with loss of power in the left side—paralysis. Strange to say, the only other time my father was in company with that gentleman he met with a very nasty accident: A dying roe-deer kicked the hunting-knife into his foot, inflicting a deep wound, severing the tendon of the big toe, which was stiff ever after. My poor father never regained power after his first attack, and became a confirmed invalid. He bore this terrible affliction for two long years with wonderful resignation and patience. The enforced idleness was particularly trying to one so active in mind and body; and yet, I believe, he never lost his cheerfulness. I left England for China in January 1855; and in October 1856 my father died, at the early age of forty-six.

NEW Clan Society Members

We would also say welcome and congratulations to our newest Life Members

Donna Marie Infantino – lives in Londonderry, NH, married to Edward Infantino. She is a descendant of John McDuffee (b1690–d1752) of Londonderry, Ireland (Northern line), and one of our most active genealogist. She was encouraged to join when she met Mary (McDuffee) Nadeau (another new member) at a Colby family reunion...they turned out to be double related through the McDuffee and Colby families. Her sister is Diane McDuffee of Dover, New Hampshire.

Thomas Greely McDuffee and his wife Lois McDuffee - they're members of a professional band that performs near Mt. Airy, Maryland called *The McDuffees*. Tom is also the President of McDuffee Case & Cabinetry, Inc. He is a southern McDuffee, although he was born in Washington, DC. He has traced a bit of his family, and documents that his Great Grandfather (Samuel Gibson McDuffee) was born about Dec 21, 1858 in Georgia and then moved to Arkansas eventually residing in Pensacola, FL. The move out of Georgia has a colorful story as Tom said the family history says that moonshine and the Feds may have encouraged a quick move to Arkansas by Samuel McDuffee. His Grandfather was William Thomas McDuffee born about 1884 and married Abbie Huie June 26, 1912, his father is Earnest Greely McDuffee born 1922 in Pensacola, Fl. The family name on one census document was spelled with an "ie".

"Flowers of the Forest"



Barbara Jean Morris

June 27, 1932 ~ July 27, 2014

Barbara J. Morris went to be with the Lord July 27, 2014. She was born in June 27, 1932 in Miami, Fl to Myrtle and James Winkelman. She grew up in Miami and married her high school sweetheart, William Morris.

She lovingly followed Bill 'down range' (to the Bahamas) and around the nation in support of the United States space exploration program, while raising their three sons. She worked in administrative positions at Jeff Parish Memorial Hospital in Titusville, Fl, and then at Miami Dade Community College where she retired in 1995. In retirement she lived in Demorest, GA, Glasgow, KY, and Jacksonville, Fl. She was a member of the local United Methodist Churches as well as an accomplished quilter/instructor and secretary for the MacDuffee Clan of America.

Barbara is survived by her loving spouse of 63 years, Bill, sons, Carl (MaryLou), James (Tamara), and Steve (Lori); grandchildren, Stephanie, Christopher, Sarah, Carolin and Andrew; great grandchildren, Mason, Vivienne and Bennett; and her sister, Patty (Hobe) Owens.

Cortez Cooledge McDuffie, age 90 died on October 9, 2014. She was a fourth generation Atlantan and the daughter of Norman Peoples Cooledge and Cortez Whitsett Cooledge of Atlanta. She attended Spring Street School, Washington Seminary and Randolph Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, VA, where she was a member of Phi Mu Sorority and O.M.E.G.A. Society. She made her debut with the Atlanta Debutante Club. She was a member of the Atlanta Junior League and Second Ponce de Leon Baptist church. She was an original member and the first treasurer of the Junior Committee of the Atlanta Youth Symphony when it was formed in 1945. The Atlanta Youth Symphony soon evolved into the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

Mrs. McDuffie was predeceased by her husband, George McDuffie of 57 years, her brother Norman A. Cooledge and son Michael Cooledge McDuffie. She is survived by daughters Peggy (Mike) Shepard and Patty (Chip) Peagler. Grandchildren; Wesley Shepard, Emily Peagler, Chad Peagler and Grant Peagler. She is also survived by her brother Dr. John W. Cooledge and sister-in-law Mrs. Edward W. McDuffie. The graveside service was held at Westview Cemetary with Dr. Charles Qualls pastor of Second Ponce de Leon. The family extends their grateful thanks to Cortez's devoted caregivers Elizabeth and the many others that have helped her these last few years.

Clan Member Updates

We have received an email about **Fritz McDuffie**, (the brother of Bruce McDuffie b1921 – d2014) from his son David. They have deleted his email address since he is no longer able to work with it and presently he rests comfortably in an extended care in the NHC facility in Oak Ridge, TN.

He celebrated his 98th birthday on April 20. We gave him a small birthday party with cake and sparkling cider. He enjoyed seeing friends and family and really seemed to enjoy the cider. Friends from Rotary came and we sang happy birthday. They also played a video of the Rotary meeting members singing happy birthday to him. They awarded him a nice big badge size pin stating that he is the oldest active rotary member in Oak Ridge. He wore it proudly the rest of the day.

We all send our best to the other stalwart of our MacDuffee Clan Society of America and his family. The two brothers, Bruce and Fritz, are key players in the history of our Clan Society and both led distinguished careers.



Former Commander Sandy McPhie

Sandy became seriously ill towards the end of last year and was finally able to return home in early February to be cared for by his wife Helen.

Helen provided the following news about his recovery and return home: "Sandy will come under the umbrella of the community transitional care programme which means that we will have the support that he may need in normal day to day activities that I can't provide. I think this support will be minimal as he has improved so much that we will be able to manage very well. He still has some effects from the "mini" stroke with his sight and, occasionally his speech. All in all, apart from being somewhat frail, he is the Sandy we all know and love."

Sandy turned 86 in early February. All members of the Clan worldwide hope Sandy's health continues to improve.

Sandy and Norah's Anniversary

Former Clan Commissioner and Clan Armiger Sandy McPhee and his wife Norah, former long serving historian for the Macfie Clan Society of Australia, recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Friday 20th March.

As their daughter Barbara wrote: "This is quite an event as very few couples ever get there. As you can understand, we left it until the last moment to tell people because they have had bouts of illness recently and we didn't know if it was actually going to happen. As they are getting very frail and not up to a lot of serious partying, we decided to have an afternoon tea for family, friends and neighbors at their place on Saturday 21 March."

Both Sandy & Norah are founding members and life members of the Australian Society.

Ellis Island Tartan Day

14th Annual Tartan Day on Ellis Island Delights Thousands New York, NY - "Tartan Day on Ellis Island" – the nation's largest Tartan Day celebration - returned for its 14th annual observance from April 9-12, 2015 serving as a spectacular finale to NY Tartan Week. The highlight of the weekend was "Captain Kidd and the Hangman's Noose," a new exhibition, produced by the Clan Currie Society. While one doesn't normally associate pirates (at least seafaring pirates) with New York City, they were plentiful in the 1600's. Born in Dundee, Scotland in 1645, Captain William Kidd was a major figure in 17th century New Amsterdam (New York City). Pirate money pulsed through New York. Here's a vivid account of NY in the late 1600s from Edwin G. Burrows' and Mike Wallace's Gotham: "This boodling was worth a hundred thousand pounds a year to the city... Tavern keepers, whores, retailers and others flourished as buccaneers swaggered through the streets with purses full of hard money – Arabian dinars, Hindustani mohurs, Greek byzants, French louis d'or, Spanish doubloons." A unique addition to the exhibition was an original screen-worn costume from the first two installments of Disney's smash hit film series, "Pirates of the Caribbean" on loan from Walt Disney Archives. The 2015 edition of Clan Currie's popular program enjoyed impressive attendance records with over 35 thousand visitors from around the corner and around the world. This statistic was effectively underscored by a complete sell-out of ferry tickets to Ellis Island from Battery Park in Lower Manhattan. In addition to the exhibition, a steady stream of visitors came to experience "Scotland in Miniature" on Ellis Island." Weekend VIP guests included the Rt. Hon. Sadie Docherty, Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow. In addition to the exhibition, Clan Currie hosted a performance by piper Andrew Craig from Carnoustie, Scotland. Craig performed the world premiere of "The Immigrant's Lament," a new pipe tune commissioned by Clan Currie for the occasion. See a video of this at: <https://youtu.be/ManDsQlylIE> According to Society president, Robert Currie, "The Immigrant's Lament" is a haunting tune which captures the essence of a Scots emigrant yearning for his homeland far, far away. No doubt countless numbers of Scots yearned for Scotland as they embarked upon a new life in a new world. Inspiration for the lament comes from John Watson Nicol's evocative painting, "Lochaber No More," which vividly captures the loss and despair experienced by a Highland couple as they leave Scotland with just their meager belongings packed in a small wooden trunk or kist as it was known." Weekend guests to the island also thrilled to the sights and sounds of the NY Celtic Dancers, the Rampant Lion Pipe Band, John Grimaldi – the Kilted Juggler, the Celtic Cross Dancers of Ottawa, Ontario and Jerry Dixon – the Piping Pirate as they stepped ashore on Ellis Island. Inside the Captain Kidd exhibition area, visitors enjoyed the delightful sounds of fiddle, guitar and small pipes performed by Amy Beshara, Alex Carmichael and Matthew Christian. Renowned kilt maker, Bonnie Heather Greene, led a kilt making demonstration and had many sample kilts on hand to try on which was a huge hit for young and old alike. The program also included an information table which provided a whole host of information about Scottish history and culture, Tartan Day, and resources to look up family names and clan tartans. Another key highlight of the event was an unexpected visit by 40 choir students from the High School of Grand Rapids, MN. Said Currie, The students had been thoroughly entertained when disembarking on Ellis Island by our company of performers and reported that they wanted to return the favor. They did so with a magical a cappella rendition of "Loch Lomond" in our exhibition room. The sound was incredible and there were very

few dry eyes when they finished. It was magical. This was the 14th observance of Tartan Day on Ellis Island produced by the Clan Currie Society. Past programs have included, "The Life and Legacy of John Muir," "Loyalty and Exile - The Jacobites and America," "Scots Gifts to the World," and "An Leabhar Mòr – The Great Book of Gaelic, Added Currie, "Many of our exhibits are available for loan from the Clan Currie Society for use in Tartan Day programs across the country. In fact, our exhibition entitled "A Celebration of Tartan" served as one of the cornerstone elements of the first Los Angeles Tartan Day celebration this year."



This tartan has been designed to be worn by all individuals that can trace an ancestor through Ellis Island.

About Captain Kidd - Captain William Kidd was a Scottish sailor who was tried and executed for piracy after returning from a voyage to the Indian Ocean. Some modern historians deem his piratical reputation unjust, as there is evidence that Kidd acted only as a privateer. Kidd's fame springs largely from the sensational circumstances of his questioning before the English Parliament and the ensuing trial. His actual depredations on the high seas, whether piratical or not, were both less destructive and less lucrative than those of many other contemporary pirates and privateers. Born in Dundee, Scotland in 1645, Kidd emigrated to lower Manhattan, or rather New Amsterdam in 1691. His story checks off all the boxes for a great Ellis Island exhibition – pirate, Scotsman, immigrant, New Yorker, colorful history – it's got it all. And treasure hunters have been searching for Kidd's treasure chest throughout the NY area on the Jersey shore, Gardiner's Island and even up the Connecticut coast. While Kidd the man left New York in 1696, his historical DNA and even a bit of ectoplasm can still be found throughout the Wall Street area. Ghost hunters have encountered the Captain in the churchyard of Trinity Church, his old haunt at Fraunces Tavern and near the site of his home near what is now the corner of Pearl Street and Hanover Square.

First ever McAfee - McDuffee DNA PANEL at YSEQ DNA (R1b) Y-DNA

Link: http://www.yseq.net/product_info.php?products_id=5148

RECIPES

TRADITIONAL RECIPE FOR HEATHER ALE - Ingredients: Heather, hops, barm, syrup, ginger and water. 'Crop the heather when it is in full bloom, enough to fill a large pot. Cover the croppings with water and set to boil for one hour Then strain into a clean tub. Measure the liquid and for every dozen bottles add one ounce of ground ginger, half an ounce of hops and one pound of golden syrup. Bring to the boil again and simmer for 20 minutes. Strain into a clean cask. Let it stand until milk-warm and then add a teacupful of good barm. Cover with a coarse cloth and let it stand till next day Skim carefully and pour the liquid gently into a clean tub so that the barm is left at the bottom of the cask. Bottle and cork tightly The ale will be ready for use in 2 or 3 days and makes a very refreshing and

wholesome drink as there is a good deal of spirit in heather' As recently as 1993, an AlIoa brewery went into production of Heather Ale using an ancient recipe.

TRADITIONAL RECIPE FOR HEATHER WINE.- 1 1/2Ibs. Heather Tips (in full bloom) 1 Gallon water 3-4 lbs. Sugar (according to sweetness desired) 2 Lemons 2 Oranges 1 teasp. dried yeast 1 teasp yeast nutrient. Cover heather with the water and boil for one hour. Strain off liquid and measure. Restore to one gallon, and add sugar. Stir until completely dissolved. When the temperature drops to70F, add yeast and nutrient. Leave for 14 days. Then strain into fermentation jar, and when fermentation ceases, strain and bottle. Keep for at least six months!

HEATHER TEA - Gather the flowering heather and after breaking off the hard woody pieces, spread it in a cool open space and leave for approximately 12 - 16 hours. This should, in theory, allow a slight wither to take place - but with heather having a hard leaf, this is not too noticeable. Put the heather into a liquidiser and bruise and break-up the heather as much as possible. After this, spread thinly in a cool place and leave for a minimum of 3 hours to allow a ferment to take place. This should be apparent from a darkening of the mash. After this, put into an oven, temperature 200-250F until the heather is dry and crisp. The tea retains its misty mauve colour and looks attractive. Used on its own, the product gives it a thin liquor. Mixed in equal parts with ordinary tea however, it gives a much stronger flavor some brew. This is a proper tea - not herbs masquerading as tea.

Scotland's '*space whisky*' will return to Earth next month A vial of malt whisky from Scotland's Ardbeg Distillery was launched to the International Space Station in October 2011 along with some particles of charred oak. A team from US-based space research organisation NanoRacks said it was an experiment to see how the two interacted in almost zero gravity conditions. The whisky has been orbiting the Earth's atmosphere for 1,045 days so far, and is expected to land in Kazakhstan on 12 September. According to the BBC, it was launched by a Soyuz rocket from Baikonur in Kazakhstan, and an identical bottle of whisky has been kept at the distillery as a control. Once the space whisky returns, it will be compared with the Earth whisky to see what changes have occurred. Ardbeg's director of distilling and whisky creation, Bill Lumsden, told the BBC: "This is one small step for man but one giant leap for whisky. The team hopes to uncover how flavours develop in different gravitational conditions - findings which could revolutionise the whisky-making process. We hope to shine new light on the effect of gravity on the maturation process but who knows where it will lead us? It could be to infinity and beyond."

MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

May 27, 2015

Annual General Meeting



THE AMERICAN SCOTTISH FOUNDATION®

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 · 6.00pm at the ASF

Reception to follow at 6:30pm. No charge for Members. Members' guests are invited to join at **\$45** each. Click banner to reserve.

Glasgow Highland Games May 29-31 www.glosgowhighlandgames.com

Utah Scottish Festival & Highland Games June 12-13 2015 www.utahvalley.com

Kansas City Scottish Highland Games June 12-14 www.kcscottishgames.org

Sterling Renaissance Festival July4 – August 16, Sterling NY www.sterlingfestival.com

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games July 9-12 www.gmhg.org

New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain September 18-20 www.nhscot.org

British-American Societies Summer Garden Party



Festival of the Tartans and Highland Games, July 15-19 www.festuvakiftgetartans.ca

Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games, Nov 13-15 2015, Salado, TX, contact office@ctam-salado.org (254) 947-5232

MacDuffee the Younger Scholarship

Following is a summary of our new scholarship that is now available for eligible students. Application cut off was May 1st. The MacDuffee Clan Society supports education and knowledge of our Scottish & family heritage. Winners will be announced at the Annual meeting in July each year. Please plan for next year if you have an eligible student.

- Purpose:** The MacDuffee Scholarship recognizes college bound high school seniors based on citizenship, contributions to Scottish Heritage, academics and service to the MacDuffee Clan Society.
- Criteria:** The students eligible for consideration must be graduating high school seniors who have been accepted at either a two or four year college or university. Consideration will be given to accomplishments and activities such as: academics, community service, activities in their church and school, awareness of Scottish Heritage, knowledge of their family genealogy, and admission to a College or University. Successful applicants will be asked to write a half page paper regarding their family history. All eligible students will be the children, grandchildren, step children or adopted children of active MacDuffee Clan Society members in good standing.
- Guidelines:** Scholarships will be awarded and disbursed each year at the Annual General meeting in July. All eligible candidates are to submit their Scholarship Application by May 1st of their senior year in High School.
- Amount:** Scholarships may range from \$250 to \$500 at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. One scholarship may be granted each year. The scholarship is for one year and is not renewable.
- Deadline:** The deadline for submission of a Scholarship Application is May 1st of each year. The post mark or media date on the submission will be strictly monitored.

Scholarship Committee: (5 Members)

The committee will consist of the President, Vice President and Treasurer, Secretary, editor of the Clan Chatter and one member at large appointed by the President based on recommendations of the Board.

Submission: Applications are to be submitted to the Clan Society Secretary via mail or electronically. Applications may be sent to:

Jen McDuffee, MacDuffee Clan Society Secretary
9902 Woods Edge Dr.
Fishers, IN 46037-9341
Or, sent electronically to: tommcduffee@gmail.com

Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name: _____

Age as of May 1st: _____

Address: _____

Name of active MacDuffee Clan Society parent, grandparent or legal guardian:

_____.

Name/location of College or University attending: _____

The following items are required by the Scholarship Committee to determine each year's winner of the Scholarship:

- 1.) Please demonstrate your general knowledge of the MacDuffee Clan Society in **2-3 written paragraphs**.
- 2.) Identify service oriented organizations that you have supported during your High School career, any leadership positions that you may have held and Awards earned.
- 3.) Who is your oldest know ancestor. Please provide a brief story about a significant contribution(s) that one of your ancestors may have accomplished. **Please limit to a half page.**
- 4.) How many Highland Games or Festivals have you attended?
- 5.) Who do you think is the most famous Scot and why? **Limit to half page.**

Please attach your 5 responses to this application and submit by May 1st to:

MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Secretary
9902 Woods Edge Dr
Fishers, IN 46037-9341

Or scan and email to: tommcduffee@gmail.com

New MacDuffee Clan Society Leadership Position: *Student Board Member*

During the 2013 annual meeting the proposal to create a new Student Board 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 board 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.

The addition of a new Student Board Member along with the "MacDuffee the Younger" Scholarship are seen as additional positive benefits for new families to join the MacDuffee Clan Society.

Duties of the new position 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.) Junior 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.) Junior 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 Board 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 tommcduffee@gmail.com.

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