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Pictured is the stylized version of the sixteenth century (1539) carved grave-slab of Murchardus MacDufie of Colonsay located in the Oronsay Priory as presented on our new Parade Banner for the Highland Games. It is displayed on the Ancient Colors of our Tartan.

Message from the President

This past year has been a most important time for our Clan as the Council of Presidents has worked diligently and by consensus to manage the process of identifying qualified candidates to replace our former Commander who stepped down February 2021 as well as prepare for the settling of our Clan name. Please read the Council of Presidents Progress Report later in the Chatter.

Lord Lyon has appointed an Officer of the Court to oversee the process to assure transparency, accuracy and above all inclusion of members from around the world. To participate in the decision individuals of the name will need to review the documents on the website (under construction) for eligibility. The process is no longer for Armigers only.

Please note the dates for the major Highland Games where our Clan Society will be hosting tents for 2024 at Grandfather in July and Loon in September and make your reservations. If you have an interest in serving as an Officer in any position, please let me know by June 1, 2024.

To date we have one nominee for our MacDuffee Clan Society Scholarship. The guidelines for participation are included at the end of this issue. The deadline is May 15th for consideration.

Our Editor, Julie has kicked off a section for sharing your family genealogy. The intent is to further share family data with other researchers. We invite and encourage other members to share their information. Please be sure that data is shared as proof for reference.

Our Society continues to be represented well in athletic competition at the Highland Games as Kayla Ingram, Technical Officer Staci's daughter won 2nd place in the Lassie's Highland Wrestling earlier this month. Kayla has previously received medals in wrestling including one presented by Lord Lyon. Well, done Kayla!

There will be a Commander Process update at the Annual General Meeting on Grandfather on July 13th. This is an important opportunity for all eligible Clan members to participate in an important decision that will affect the Clan for decades and your participation is encouraged.

See you in July,

Tom

Thomas P. McDuffee FSAScot, Armiger

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MACFIE CLAN COMMANDER: Vacant
COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS PROGRESS REPORT
NEW COMMANDER AND SETTLING THE CLAN NAME
April 2024

As reported before, the Council of Presidents for our Clan was formed in the Spring of 2023 to lead the process for finding a new Commander. Our Previous Commander Iain McFie following many years of service had stepped down in 2021.

During our Gathering in September 2023 Dr. Bruce Durie, our consultant, presented to the attendees what the process would entail and held a Q&A session for attendees as an integral part of communications. Since the Gathering in Scotland the Council has made considerable progress on behalf of all Clan members worldwide with the guidance of Bruce Durie.

The Petition to convene a Family Convention for selection of a Commander candidate was presented to the Lord Lyon King of Arms Dr. Joseph Morrow. That Petition has now been approved and in the last few weeks Lord Lyon has appointed Linlithgow Pursuivant Extraordinary, Professor Gillian Black as our Supervisory Officer. Linlithgow's role will be to monitor our progress for communication, openness and how we build consensus for our actions. Lord Lyon has also asked the Council to settle the name of the clan prior to the submission of a candidate for Commander. These decisions will be made by eligible clan members. Please note that membership in a Clan Society is not required for participation.

Our next actions as a Council are to communicate our opening effectively and broadly for a new Commander to all members of our clan worldwide. There will be a dedicated website for all individuals to access multiple background documents to review the necessary information regarding the process. The website will also have application documents for eligible individuals wishing to be considered for the position, for registering to participate in the decisions and for participation in the selection of a Clan name. We will announce when this site is completed for your use and reference. You are highly encouraged to review the material and understand eligibility. In addition, there will be a dedicated email account for specific questions that may arise. Based on discussions with the Court all communications with the Court regarding this process will be made via a designated representative of the Council of Presidents.

As part of the Petition process Lord Lyon requested that a date for the Family Convention be set before any assignment of a Supervisory Officer from the Lyon Court would be made. For planning purposes, the Council of Presidents has set Saturday May 17th, 2025 (and May 18 for New Zealand and Australia) as the date of our Family Convention to be convened in Scotland. The plan is for eligible members to attend in person or virtually as we prefer broad input from the clan. We need to remember that the Court requires that we reach a consensus on our decisions as voting is not an option. The Council has been successful in maintaining a consensus throughout the process to date and looks forward to settling the Clan name and identifying our next Clan Commander.

There are many additional details to consider, and the Council will maintain open communications. We look forward to your participation in these important and historical decisions.

Sincerely,

Council Of Presidents

HISTORY

Short Account of the Emigration from the Highlands of Scotland to North America And the establishment of the Catholic Diocese of Upper Canada (1939)

A few years previous to the year 1790 a system was introduced into the Highlands of Scotland, converting small agricultural farms into large Sheep Walks, thereby dispossessing small tenants. The landlords found that south country shepherds with larger capital were able to give much larger rents than small tenants. The consequence was, that a large proportion of the tenants throughout the Highlands were ejected from their farms. And they and their families reduced to the greatest distress, as the restrictions of the Emigration Act prevented them from emigrating to the Colonies. In May 1792, the Right Reverend Alexander Macdonell, Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada, then a Missionary Priest in the Braes of Badenoch, Invernesshire, understanding that a great many labourers were wanting in the manufactories of Glasgow and the neighbouring Counties, travelled down to Glasgow, and waited upon the Manufacturers of that city. To procure employment for the dispossessed Highlanders; and on informing the Manufacturers, that the greater portion of these people were Catholics, those gentlemen promised every protection and encouragement to such as would come down to their works, But, as the excitement caused in the year 1780 by Lord George Gordon and his enthusiasts, when the Catholic Chapel and the Priest's House in Glasgow were burnt by a riotous mob, had not yet subsided, the Manufacturers were apprehensive that some annoyance might be offered to the Catholic labourers. When Mr. Macdonell stated the necessity of a Clergyman's accompanying these men, to afford them the exercises and consolations of their religion, they assured him that every countenance in their power would be given to such Clergyman; but, as the Penal Laws against the Catholic Priests, were yet in existence, they could not insure or guarantee protection to him. Mr. Macdonell, however, declared his willingness to accompany the Highlanders, and take his chance of the Penal Laws. The Catholic Labourers to the number of between 700 and 800 souls, accordingly came down from the Highlands and gave every possible satisfaction to their employers, during the following two years they remained in their service.

It was about this time, that French Revolutionary principles began to make very rapid progress among the men of all denominations employed in the Manufactories; and the troubles in France, Holland and other parts of the continent having caused a stagnation in the exports of British Manufactories of all kinds, a general failure among the cotton Manufacturers of Glasgow was the consequence, who were thus compelled to dismiss the great part of their hands Catholics as well others. The men thus thrown out of employment were obliged by necessity to enlist in the several New Corps then raising for the defence of the country.

Mr. Macdonell, finding the Catholics under his charge obliged to enlist into these Corps, and compelled, according to the then universal practice, to declare themselves Protestants, conceived the idea of embodying them into one corps as a Catholic regiment; and with this view, was instrumental in procuring a meeting of the Catholic gentlemen of the Highlands, who drew up a Loyal Address to His Majesty, with an offer to raise a Catholic Regiment, under the command of Young Macdonell of Glen-garry. Mr. Macdonell, together with John Flecher, Esq. of Dunans, were sent to London with the Address and the offer to raise the regiment. Several of the Fencible Corps which had been raised in Scotland, having refused to march out of that country, even to England, Messrs, Macdonell and Flecher offered on the part of the proposed regiment, to serve in any part of His Majesty's dominions, where their services might be required. The Rt. Honourable Henry Dundas, then Secretary at War, approving of the idea of this extending the services of Fencible Corps, procured a Letter of Service for

the First Glengarry Regiment, to be under the command of Alexander Macdonell, Esq. Of Glengarry, to serve in any part of Great Britain & Ireland, and in the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, & c. and Mr. Macdonell was appointed Chaplain to the Regiment, being the first Catholic Corps raised in the British Dominions since the Reformation. The recruiting for the regiment was finished in a few months, including all the unemployed Catholic Highland labourers of Glasgow and its vicinity, and was forthwith placed upon the regular establishment.

To be continued

BOOKS

The Battlefields of Scotland Their Legend and Story by Theodore Charles Ferdimand Brotchie, FSAScot., Author of Rambles in Arran, etc. (1913) (pdf) You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/battlefieldsOfsc00brotooft.pdf>

Archaeologists Find Long-Lost Monastery in Scotland For 10 years, archaeologists have been searching for Scotland's lost Monastery of Deer. They finally found it 80 meters from the ruins of Deer Abbey, in Aberdeenshire. Read more at: <https://explorersweb.com/archaeologists-find-long-lost-monastery-scotland/>

WEB SITES for RESEARCH

Come view our photos us on Facebook at - MacDuffee Clan Society of America

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.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=4jvr8k0klvvs9smas4a8pkfh7>

<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>

[Scottish Heritage Center | American Revolution Tour of N.C. amrevnc.com/scottish-heritage-center](http://amrevnc.com/scottish-heritage-center)

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

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.

THE LIFE OF MY FATHER

Laurance Robert

(currently the age of 97)- and Mildred Marie County, NY. He would Alfred, and Charlotte He completed grade 11 in high school diploma in /Belleville Central School, He entered the U.S. Army Entering in Rochester, NY European Theater. under General Patton. in Germany down to the river. Across the river bottled up there, then with the war. Guarded displaced persons from Russia, Czechoslovakia, and Poland; lived in concentration camps until they went home. Recalls a Polish wedding while on guard duty; music went on for two days. His awards included: Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman Badge, Silver Citation, ATO, and a Good Conduct Ribbon.

After his discharge, he returned to Rochester and attended the Edison Technical Industries School to become a machinist in 1946. Owning and operating a auto repair shop in Rochester, NY. His father was a mechanic and taught him most of what he knew.

When he moved to Ellisburg, NY in 1949, he ran his own gas station called the “Big Curve”, which also became his home. After that he went to work as a mechanic for Lunman’s, Gibbs & MacIvannie, later Gibbs & Edwards all at the same location in Adams, NY, working there for about 19 years. He then went to work for New York State as a mechanic for region 7 in Watertown, NY, repairing trucks for five counties. He retired in October 1991 at the grade of Inspector after 22 years.

His hobbies have included camping, leather, and wood working, and currently putting together puzzles.

On August 30, 1952, he married June Rose Wheller of Ellisburg, daughter of Iva Rawlings and John Wheller. They have 3 daughters, Julie Marie MacDuffie Hall, Kathleen Ann Patchen, and Laurie Jo Dickinson, 9 grandchildren 19 great grandchildren and 11 great great-grandchildren.

After he came here in 1949, he became a founding member of the Adams VFW in Adams, NY. He also joined the Ellisburg Fire Dept in Ellisburg, NY in the Fire Police section and did serve as Chief in that section. The Masons Rising Light Lodge #506 of Belleville, NY and has served as Past Grand Officers. The Eastern Stars – Belleville Eufora #136 and was Past Patrons several times serving with my mother as she was Grand Matron. All these organizations he has been a member of for WELL OVER 60 years.

By Julie MacDuffie Hall



MacDuffie was born July 1, 1926, the son of Alfred Lawrence MacDuffie Stearman, in Farmington, Ontario soon be joined by siblings, Stuart Marie.

Rochester, NY, getting an honorary from Belleville Union Academy Belleville, NY.

during WWII from 1944 – 1946.

as a Staff Sergeant/Infantry, in the Served with the 94th Infantry, 3rd Army

Memorable experiences: On the line Rhineland; stood guard one side of there were 5,000 German troops

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MY LINEAGE

John McDuffee m. Martha (Matchless Martha) came to America in 1720
Mary McDuffee m. William Miller
Ann McDuffee m. Samuel Gibson
Archibald McDuffee b.1735 m. Elizabeth McPherson
Daniel McDuffee b.1769-1772 m. Ruth Britton
John McDuffee m. Mary Daniels
Matthew McDuffee m. Agnes
Mansfield McDuffee b.1698 m.
William McDuffee b.1738 m.
Thomas McDuffee b.1760-1860/1865 m.
William McDuffee, Jr b.1761-1832 m. Jane Middlesworth
Jane McDuffee b.1765 m.
Martha McDuffee b.1767 m.
Mansfield McDuffee b.1770 m.
Mary McDuffee b.1774 m.
Robert McDuffee b.1776-1845 m. Alcha Means
Rebecca McDuffee m.
James McDuffee b.1785-1860 m. Sarah
Joseph McDuffee b.1788-1859 m. Elizabeth (Betsy) Hood
Clarissa McDuffie b. 1817 m.
Elizabeth McDuffie b. 1818 m.
Jane McDuffie b.1823 m.
Cornelia McDuffie b. 1826-1851 m.
George V McDuffie b.1829-1846 m.
Henry McDuffie b.1837-1865 m.
George V. McDuffie b.1816-1816
James McDuffie b.1816-1892 m.
Andrew McDuffie b.1820-1905 m. Christina Hendrix
Alida McDuffie b.1848 m.
Lucinda Isadore McDuffie b.1838-1853 m.
Ida Lillian Ardillissa McDuffie b.1850-1934 m. John H. Messenger
George Lee McDuffee b.1853-1935 m. Ludusca E Deal
Helen Imogene McDuffie b.1856-1936 m. Almon B Trautman
Charles Delmont McDuffie b.1858-1923 m. Harriet Jane (Hattie) Paddock
Emma C McDuffie b.1860-1912 m. George Eckert
Theodore Eugene MacDuffie b.1864-1938 m. Sarah Jane Impson
Jennie McDuffie m.
Alice Ophelia McDuffie b.1845-1877
Imogene McDuffie m. Troutman
Horace L. McDuffee b.1847-1927 m. Laura Strouse
Robert Laurance MacDuffie m. Lillian B King
Alfred Laurance MacDuffie b.1900-1972 m. Mildred Marie Stearman
Laurance Robert MacDuffie b.1926 m. June Rose Wheller
Julie Marie MacDuffie b.1955 m. Robert R Cowan
m. Wayne Robert Hall
Shawn Robert Cowan b.1974
Michael Thomas Cowan b.1977

Wayne Robert Hall II b.1979
Stephen Hall b.1981
Kathleen Ann MacDuffie b.1958 m. Charles Price
m. Gary Patchen
Charles Theodore Price b.1978
Heather Marie Price b.1979
Laurie Jo MacDuffie b.1963 m. Daniel Dickinson
Joshua Lee Dickenson b.1989
Ben Dickenson b.1990
Jason Dickenson b.1994
Stuart Alfred MacDuffie b.1932 m. Barbara Jean Filtcroft
Steven Alfred MacDuffie b.1953 m. Hilda Omega Rosen
Stephanie Marie MacDuffie b.1975
Michelle Jean MacDuffie b.1980
Rachel Ann MacDuffie b.1981
Thomas Alan MacDuffie b.1957 m. Debbie Denton
Jessica Sweeney b.1980
Christopher MacDuffie b.1988
Matthew Ray MacDuffie b.1962 m. Viola
Matthew MacDuffie, Jr b.1980
Adam L.C. MacDuffie b. 1984
Chad A MacDuffie b.1988
Kyrsten MacDuffie b. 1990
Charlotte Marie MacDuffie b.1936 m. William Herbert Fulkerson
William Clayton Fulkerson b.1954 m. Sharon Dayer
Gregory R Fulkerson b.1983
Kristi E Fulkerson b.1988
Debra Lynn Fulkerson b.1955 m. David Scofield
Chad David Scofield b.1978
Kelly Lynne Scofield b.1981
Joseph A Scofield b.1985
Terri Lee Fulkerson b.1961 m. Stephen Dack
Michael S Dack b. 1986
Yvette N. Dack b. 1987
Cassendra Dack b. 1990
Luann Marie Fulkerson b.1966 m. Brian LaLone
Nicole Marie LaLone b.1993
Bradley J LaLone b.1996
Lillian Augusta MacDuffie b.1902 m. Arthur M Jensen

New Supply of Clan Society Shirts

Clan Society Polo-Shirts are available. They are green with *MacDuffee Clan Society* and the Claymore embroidered on the left breast. The cost is \$ 25.00 for S-XL



Clan Society T-Shirts are also available. They are \$20.00 for S-XL.

The new shirts were a big hit at Grandfather & Loon Mountains this year. T-Shirt front is same as Polo, but the back has our 1539 Grave slab. Our Clan members look very sharp at the Games, and they would also be great Christmas presents. Contact David McDuffie, dnmcduffie@gmail.com, our Treasurer to place your order. We request a \$4 shipping fee for any size order. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS

Patricia Mickunas of Athens, Ohio
Andrew McDuffie Vincent III of Augusta, GA
Roger and Emily Vasquez of Bradenton, FL

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Winston McDuffie of Irwinville, GA, died Nov 18, 2023. He was the uncle of David Nathan McDuffie

Percy W Jessup, Jr. a life member passed Fall of 2023.

MEETINGS, GAMES AND GATHERINGS

Reminder: May 27 International Clan Day

July 11-14, 2024 **Grandfather Mountain** Highland Games, North Carolina

July 29, 2024 Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival, Look Park 300 North Main Street, Florence (Northampton), Massachusetts 01062 <https://www.glasgowlands.org>

Aug 10, 2024 Central New York Scottish Games, Long Branch Park, 3813 Long Branch Rd, Liverpool, NY 13090 www.cnyscottishgames.org

Sept 7 & 8 Middle Tennessee Highland Games & Celtic Festival, Sanders Ferry Park 513 Sanders Ferry Rd, Hendersonville, TN www.midtenngames.com

September 20-22, 2024 **Loon Mountain** Highland Games, New Hampshire

Oct 11-13 Celtic Fest Mississippi on the Rez, 1112 North Shore Parkway, Brandon, MS www.celticfestms.org

Oct 12 Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival, 7300 e. Troy Ave, Indianapolis, IN www.indyscotgameandfest.com

MacDuffee the Younger Scholarship

Following is a summary of our scholarship that is available for eligible students. Application cut off is May 15th. 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.

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, stepchildren 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.

Submission: Applications are to be submitted to the Clan Society Secretary via mail or electronically. Applications may be sent to: Clan Society Secretary Jen McDuffee, 9902 Woods Edge Drive, Fishers, IN 46037.

Student Board Members

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 by May 15th.

Duties of the Student Board Member include the following:

- 1.) Responsible for sharing of the Scottish information, assisting with the coordination of the Clan Society Marches at the AGM at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, and providing Society interface with the 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 16 years of age by the first AGM in which they serve and may serve for 2-year terms unless reelected unopposed until graduation.
- 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 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 address.** They can be submitted by forwarding to Julie MacDuffie Hall (Editor) at 506 Stone St., Watertown, NY 13601 or juliehall522@yahoo.com. **The mailing rate for each newsletter that is mailed with USPS has been raised yet again. THAT MEANS IT WILL COST US OVER \$.84 TO MAIL EACH NEWSLETTER. I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE EVERYONE THAT HAS INTERNET ACCESS TO FORWARD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS (IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY). WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP COSTS DOWN.**

FROM THE EDITOR

Things have been good here. We had a very unusual winter, we only cleaned the driveway three times, otherwise it was rain. We won't be doing as much camping this year due to several reasons. Our family continues to grow as one of Granddaughters has gotten engaged.



From the family of Julie and the Clan Officers