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Pictured is the stylized version of Murdoch MacDuffie's Grave Slab located on Oronsay in Scotland. The actual named carved on the slab is "MacDuffie" from the mid 150s.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2016 MacDuffee Clan Society calendar was really full, fun and successful. We were able to sponsor Clan Society tents at three Games. It is even more packed with events for 2017 as it is time again to plan your Scottish family travels. We have multiple USA and Scotland International events for your schedule.

It was announced last summer that our 55th Annual meeting will be held on Grandfather Mountain, Saturday July 8, 2017. The Grandfather Games extend from July 6th to the 9th.

The Society will also sponsor a tent at the 2017 New Hampshire Highland Games held at Loon Mountain near Lincoln, NH, September 15, 16 and 17. Loon has been very good to us the last two years as we have been recognized with two awards...pressure is on. Both Games offer outstanding top level entertainment.

The International Clan Macfie announced that a Clan Gathering will be held September 6th to 9th 2017 in Stirling, Scotland. Details follow in this issue of the Clan Chatter including registration and a description of activities. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

It was reported that the MacDuffee Clan society is fully subscribed to the new Clan Cairn Memorial to be constructed on Grandfather. Following the announcement last year of this new opportunity our members "stepped up" and provided donations that funded our \$1,000 contribution in 30 minutes. Even though we are funded if you would like to be included as a contributor to the memorial please send your support to David McDuffie our Treasurer. Attached below is a picture of Clan and Society Chiefs and Presidents around the original Cairn on Grandfather which includes MacDuffee.

Allan McDuffie of Wilmington, NC was appointed in 2016 as a new Vice President for the Clan Society. An important part of his new responsibility is to identify future leaders for the Society. If you have interest in serving as a Clan Society Officer please let your interest be known to Allan.

Please remind college age students that the deadline for Scholarship applications is May 1st. We are also seeking student applications, age 16-18, for the Student Board position.

The MacDuffee Clan Society officers invite you to join us at either of the Games or in Scotland this year to enjoy meeting new relatives, sharing & discovering family histories, the amazing entertainment and all things Scottish. The Games are perfectly located in areas that are also great for family trips. Your support of the Clan Society is sincerely appreciated.

Thank you and Best Wishes for a Great 2017,
Tom

Thomas P. McDuffee FSA Scot, NHSSAR
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GENEALOGY

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

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

WEB SITES for RESEARCH

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

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

http://www.tartansauthority.com/web/site/tartan_resultsoc2.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.recordslogin.com/members/?stid=4jvr8koklvvs9smas4a8pkfh7>

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

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

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

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

<http://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>

<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.

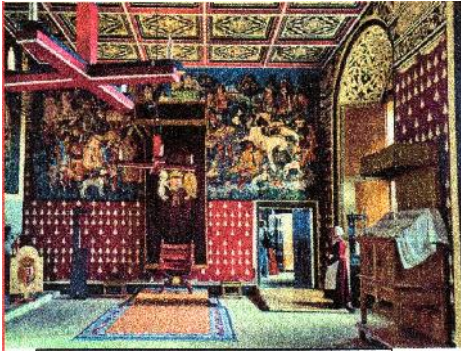
Come One, Come All to the 20th International Clan Gathering and 12th Parliament of Clan Macfie!! (from the Clan Mcfie Newsletter April 2017)

September 6th through September 9th, 2017 in Stirling, Scotland. It is very important that all of you who are planning on attending the Gathering beginning September 6th, even if you are in the "might attend" category, advise our Gathering planner, Lorraine McFee, at: gathering2017@clanmacfie.co.uk. Please provide your email address, and give full details of who will be attending, where they are staying and a contact email address so that we can send out updates about the schedule etc., as things become finalised. She needs an estimate of numbers attending so she can plan for rooms, dinners, etc. Also, will you tell her if you're planning on going on to Colonsay Island after Parliament. This includes everyone from all countries...even if you've talked or emailed Lorraine so you think she knows you're coming. The Registration Form is included in this Clan News. **Preliminary Schedule:** Wednesday 6th September: Arrival of delegates. Commander's Reception. Thursday 7th September: Opening of 12th Parliament; Clan Session, half day outing (this will probably be to the smallest whisky distillery in Scotland), or time on your own. Friday 8th September: Day tour or your own plans. Clan Dinner that evening. Saturday 9th September: Clan Society Session. Half day tour on your own. Sunday 10th September: Depart for Colonsay (most return on 13 September). This is a preliminary schedule and open to suggestions and change. If you have something that you think would be interesting for others to do or see, please let us know as we always appreciate your comments and ideas. We have a deal with the Stirling Court Hotel (www.stirlingcourthotel.com). This hotel is on the University campus. We have no special deal with any other hotels. If attendees choose to stay elsewhere they will not be on the campus. All the Parliament sessions and evening events will take place at the Stirling Court Hotel on the campus. There are many other accommodation options in and around Stirling, hotels, Bed and Breakfasts, etc. We have not listed them, but they can be found online by searching *Stirling Accommodations*. Travel from the centre of Stirling to the University Campus, and the Stirling Court Hotel is apparently very easy by a regular bus or a short distance by taxi.

Sincerely, Finlay and Lorraine McFee

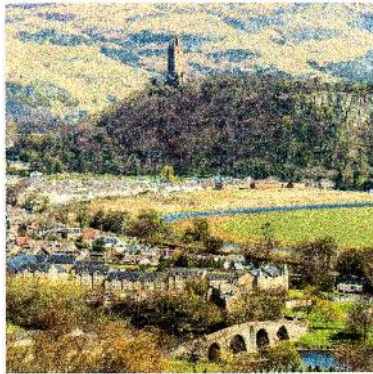
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Stirling Castle

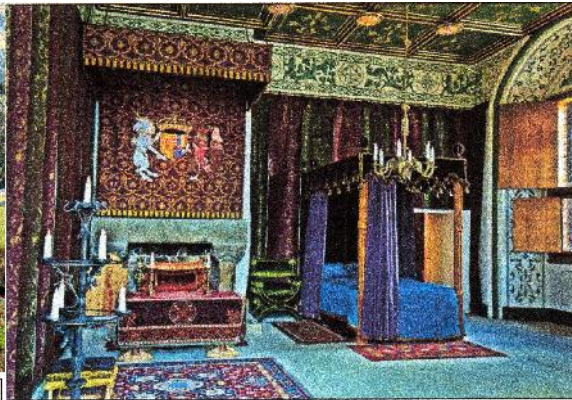


Interior of Stirling Castle

Spend a day exploring the town of Stirling and visit the famed Castle that was once the center of art, culture and celebrity in the 16th Century. Take the time to walk through the many hallways and rooms that only the nobles frequented and learn more about their history and how they spent their time.



William Wallace Monument on the Hill near Stirling



Interior of Stirling Castle



William Wallace Statue

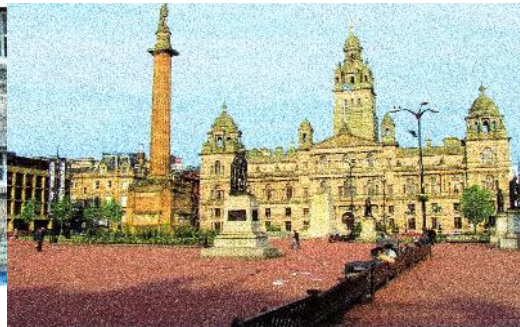
Edinburgh

Visit Edinburgh, Scotland's capital and second largest city. Home of the University of Edinburgh, this city was once one of the major centers of the Enlightenment and earned the nickname "Athens of the North." While in Scotland you may visit Edinburgh's Castle and relive Edinburgh's dark past.



Greyfriar's Bobby near Edinburgh Castle

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George Square in Glasgow

Glasgow

Glasgow, Scotland's most populous city, is located along the Rive Clyde. It is well known for its friendly residents, latest fashions, local music scene and beautiful parks. With its impressive Victorian building, vibrant theatre life and array of restaurants, there is a lot to see and do.

Highland and Loch Ness

Spend a full day traveling through and exploring the beautiful Scottish Highlands, visiting the picturesque city of Fort William along the way. Then make your way up north to the mysterious Loch Ness. Once there, you may explore this vast Loch by boat and hear the fabled stories of the lucky few who have caught a glimpse of the elusive monster, Nessie.



Fort William



Urquhart Castle on Loch Ness

**Clan Macfie
20th International Gathering and 12th
Parliament Stirling
6th September – 10th September 2017
ATTENDANCE SHEET**

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING

GIVEN NAME _____

FAMILY NAME _____

PREFERRED NAME FOR IDENTITY BADGE _____

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

GENDER _____

AGE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL IN STIRLING _____

STAYING IN THE STIRLING COURT HOTEL? YES / NO Please delete as necessary

ELEMENTS OF GATHERING REQUIRING PAYMENT

**Costs have not yet been determined, but Please indicate numbers wishing to attend	CHILD COST	ADULT COST	ATTENDING Please enter amount for Each required
REGISTRATION Includes Welcome pack and all entertainment at the Hotel	<u>FREE</u>	<u>*</u>	_____
COMMANDER'S RECEPTION 06/09/17	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	_____
HOTEL NON-RESIDENT CLAN DINNER	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	_____
GOING TO COLONSAY AFTER THE PARLIAMENT Transport to Oban for the Ferry required	N/A	N/A	YES / NO YES / NO
		TOTAL DUE	<u>*</u> _____

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE VIA E-MAIL TO: gathering2017@clanmacfie.co.uk

OR BY POST TO **MR & MRS McFEE, BRAE HOUSE, KILCHRENAN, ARGYLL, PA35 1HD, U.K.**

MISCELLANEOUS

How to Pronounce the Gaelic Version of our Name

As with many families in Scotland our Clan Society name has been Anglicized from Gaelic. So what was the Gaelic form of our name? As always there are multiple options and we have selected two versions one from *The Historical Research Center for Family Name History* and the second from *Scottish Family History*.

The two Gaelic versions are Mac Duibhshithe and MacDubh-shithe. These names were submitted to two linguistic schools for their pronunciation in Gaelic. The first service was Veritas Language Solutions and they provided a phonetically Anglicized version: Mac Duibhshithe as **Mock-dieve-ssh-he**.

The second provider, Omniglot, wrote that it is very close to MacDuffee: **Mac-duvvee-eh**, however, the ff has more of a sound. In both examples provided by the services the D was pronounced as a hard D.

Conclusive? Well we are closer but even the linguistic schools are slightly different. We know that there are other variants that we can find but the past has repeated itself today as we have numerous families with name variants of our Clan Society that are all welcome to share their Scottish Heritage and Family History and join us at the Loon and Grandfather Mountain Games. In fact many of today's researchers report multiple variants in their own first 4-5 generations of direct ancestors with many reasonable explanations for these phenomena.

Maybe this is why my father always went by "Mac" which worked well in Indiana but would certainly fail miserably in Scotland.

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This is a scan of a card that our President Thomas McDuffee received from Allan McDuffie this year. It is very well done with our Tartan as a background.



FOR YOU RAILROAD BUFFS

By Armand Hayes

Though there were rail systems in the 1830's, there were no connected rail systems as there were in England. The 'Caladonian Rail System' was developed in 1845 to connect rail systems between Glasgow, Edinburg, and Carlisle. In 1848, the 'Caladonian Rail System' formed an alliance with the 'English rail System' and the 'London and North Western Railway', supported by both English and Scottish investors. It was connected to what was a then larger system such as the 'North British Railway' and the 'Glasgow and South Western Railway'. In 1848, for the first time a railway ran from Glasgow to London non-stop. Winter Edition 2017 The Scottish Society of Indianapolis Page 9 of 12 As passenger service began, it became obvious that rail systems were indeed the transportation way of the future as did its American counterparts. Prior to the boom in Scotland, railways primarily ran raw materials short distances from its source to its place of direct distribution either in Glasgow, Dundee, or Edinburg and no farther. As a result of Queen Victorian involvement around 1837, all of this began to change such as by the 'Tranent and Cockenzie Wagonway' or the 'Kilmanark and Troon Railways'. The 'North British Railway', built a bridge that did not last across the Tay, which in 1879 collapsed due to improper steel and a storm. The bridge was rebuilt and soon one could get from one end of the British Isles to the other in a matter of hours instead of weeks. As always, this brought culture, goods, and services inwards and

modernization forwards. By 1870, train engines became a key Scottish export industry, and tens of thousands of engines, train equipment, and rails were being sent to India, South Africa, France, and South America. Twentyfive percent of the worlds steam engines were being manufactured in the Glasgow area. Tourism then began to flourish and camps, recreational parks, and hotels were being set up all across Scotland. So for you railroad enthusiasts, see how your ancestry in Scotland rode the rails at the "Museum of Scottish Railways" in Bo'ness, west of Edinburg. There you will find not only railroad artifacts, cars, and engines, but Scotland's only Royal Saloon coach, the Fish Van car with a sloping floor, and Scotland's oldest surviving rail wagon, in Scotland's largest rail museum.

MEDIA RELEASE

15 November 2016

Tattoo unites with Scottish Diaspora to celebrate Splash of Tartan

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo has today (15 November 2016) announced a new partnership with the Scottish Diaspora. The partnership will look to ignite renewed interest in Scotland's national fabric while at the same time reaching out to everyone with a link to Scotland: those that live in Scotland, those with a family connection, those visiting and those simply with an interest.

Taking inspiration from Visit Scotland's *Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology* and a Royal Navy lead, organisers unveiled the 2017 theme as *Splash of Tartan* at the closing of the spectacle's final sell-out show in August this year.

Splash of Tartan will be reinforced through a range of separate partnerships and initiatives, including a tie up with The National Museums of Scotland, The National Trust of Scotland and Historic Environments Scotland who are promoting its own emphasis on *The Jacobites*.

Each year, The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo stages its colourful show for a live audience of 220,000 against the backdrop of Edinburgh Castle, with a TV audience reaching 300 million. The most iconic scene of the Tattoo each year is the Massed Pipes and Drums. Drawn from the Scottish Regiments and across the world, they march across the Castle Drawbridge with tartan and uniforms aplenty, pipe banners fluttering and stirring tunes to the fore. Tattoo and Tartan are always seen together but now organisers want to go a stage further.

Clan Chiefs are being invited to lead their clansmen to the Castle, on their own special designated evenings, and to take part in the opening ceremony of the Tattoo. In addition, clans and families are being encouraged – with some support from the Scottish Government through the *Scottish Clan Event Fund: Splash of Tartan* - to arrange their own family events around Scotland. The Fund is being managed by Event Scotland and applications are open until 9 January 2017. All of this will contribute to an already exciting and colourful summer for all visitors to Scotland.

Everyone who attends the Tattoo - whether they have a clan connection or not - is invited to dress for the part; a rich mixture of tartan clothes, headgear and accoutrements of all forms. Those looking to attend the Show without a clan or family connection are being encouraged to join in with the Clan festivities and enjoy the rich history, talismans and tartan of Scotland.

Brigadier David Alfrey, Chief Executive and Producer of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, said: "In the coming year when Scotland's heritage and history are once again to the fore, *Splash of Tartan* offers a fabulous opportunity for everyone to get involved, dress the part and join in the celebration and pageantry at the Tattoo.

"We are looking to get the word out, not just across Scotland and the United Kingdom but to everyone abroad who is linked to Scotland - in whatever way - to join us in a remarkable set of celebrations in front of our great Castle at the heart of the City of Edinburgh. Kilts, trews, sporrans, plaids, hose and bonnets are all de rigeur.

"We hope the Tattoo will provide a perfect excuse for families to come together at the Show and further afield. We want everyone to celebrate their links with Scotland by looking the part in August."

Malcolm Roughead, Chief Executive of Visit Scotland, said: “Yet again, the Tattoo provides more than just a stage for stunning entertainment but a platform for tourism in Scotland. The 2017 Year of History Heritage and Archaeology will mark an important milestone for us all as we take a look back into our fascinating roots and explore yesteryear traditions. The ancestral market has huge potential for the Scottish economy, with millions of Scottish descendants across the globe and we hope that *Splash of Tartan* will ignite interest even further in this area and encourage people to explore their family roots, traditions and customs.”

Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, 24th Chief of Clan Gregor, and Chieftain of the Children of the Mist, who has been instrumental in setting up the relationship, added: “Our partnership with The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo has been a long-time coming; it’s an excellent way to propel the fascinating history of Scotland’s clan heritage to the fore, and encourage others to explore their Scottish roots, of which there are many. The Clans and Families are steeped in history, but it is within a modern context and making it relevant for today that matters. It’s going to be a wonderful sight to witness people from the Highlands, Lowlands and Borders of Scotland and the world, descending on the iconic grounds of Edinburgh Castle, tartan aplenty!”

Clan members wishing to get involved with the event should contact their appropriate Clan Chief for further information.

Details of Clan Chiefs can be found here: info@clanchiefs.org.uk

Notes to Editors

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo:

- The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo first performed in 1950 and is 66 years-old. The event has sold out for the last 18 consecutive years
- The Tattoo is performed to a live audience of 220,000 annually on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle with a further global TV audience of +100M
- Performers from 48 countries have taken part
- In 2010, the event was renamed The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo after Her Majesty The Queen bestowed the Royal title in honour of its 60th birthday

Scottish Highlanders and Native Americans Excerpt

Transplanted Highlanders and Native Americans encountered each other frequently on America’s wild frontier, fighting, trading and even living together. Both cultures were treated as tribal societies and driven from their homelands by British authorities who would later romanticise the very ways of life they had destroyed.

The Jacobite defeat at the Battle of Culloden (1745) forced many Highlanders to leave Scotland. The two “peoples” on the edge of Britain’s Empire underwent similar experiences at the hands of colonial powers. Changing Times American Indians and Highland Scots encountered colonisers in eras of major change on both sides of the Atlantic.

Over the centuries warfare and forced removal pushed many Highlanders across the Atlantic Ocean. In the eighteenth century Scotland’s Gaelic speaking Highlanders and the Indians of North America were facing increased pressure and aggression from a rapidly expanding Great Britain that was fast becoming the most powerful nation on earth. In Scotland there was a clash between two cultures, one that was based on ancient obligations of honour and kinship and the other, an aggressive pursuit profit. British and American governments believed the Highlands and Indian lands had to be pacified before they could be civilised. This view led to several brutal and bloody confrontations as both sets of “peoples” - who were fiercely independent - resisted the tide of colonialism.

Historian and author Colin Calloway explains: “Both groups experienced displacement and other forms of colonial assault on their social and political structures, their cultures, language, and ways of life. “Highlanders and Indians organised their societies around clan and kinship, occupied land communally as tribal homelands rather than as real estate, and found themselves in the way of an expanding capitalist world that stressed individual ambition, private ownership, and aggressive exploitation of resources for profit.”

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

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

"The beaver trade among the northern tribes across Canada and the deerskin trade among the south eastern (USA) tribes like the Creeks, Cherokees, and Choctaws lasted long into the eighteenth century." Trading with Indian tribes was commonplace and relations between Highland men and Native women ranged from casual encounters to enduring relationships.

Intermarriage between Highlanders and Indians reached all across North America and entire Scots-Indian families were produced from these unions. Most of these Scots-Indians lived a quiet simple life but some played a significant role in American history. Alexander McGillivray was the son of a Scottish trader father and a Creek-French mother. He was the dominant chief of the powerful Creek confederacy in the late eighteenth century, and played a pivotal role conducting the tribe's foreign policies with Britain, Spain, and the United States. In 1790 George Washington even invited him to the temporary federal capital in New York City, where he negotiated the first treaty made by the United States after the adoption of the Constitution.

Scots-Indian, John Ross was the principal chief of the Cherokees during the era of Indian Removal around 1830, when the United States expelled 80,000 Indian people from their homelands east of the Mississippi to new lands in the West. Ross led the majority of Cherokee people in opposing Removal, wrote letters and petitions, lobbied in Congress and led them in rebuilding the Cherokee Nation in Indian Territory. With prominent ancestors like Ross, perhaps the Highland influence is most keenly felt today among Native Americans in the Cherokee clan. It is believed that up to a half of the Cherokee Nation could be descendants of Ludovick Grant, a laird's son from Creichie in Aberdeenshire.

Grant was captured while fighting for the Jacobite army in the battle of Preston in 1715 and was due to be hanged but he escaped death and instead was transported to South Carolina, where he was an indentured servant. Following his release from his seven years of servitude, he began working as a trader for the Cherokee people and ended up marrying into the tribe and producing a daughter who became the ancestress of a huge proportion of Cherokees.

In 2004 Cree families from Canada traveled to the Orkney Islands tracing a 200-year genetic link back to the Scottish Islands. Although the traditional ways of life of both peoples were all but wiped out by colonisation and industrialisation, Highland and Native American culture endured. Even as Britain and the USA destroyed tribal societies they created romantic images of the people. Highland culture was no longer a byword for savagery but came to represent Scottish culture as a whole in the eyes of people inside and outside Scotland.

Native Americans were transformed by paintings and literature into a heroic foe, defeated by a great nation and the barbarity of what happened to them was glossed over in favour of an imagined, nostalgic past. Colin Calloway is the author of *White People*, *Indians* and *Highlanders*

Read more at: <http://www.scotsman.com/heritage/people-places/the-forgotten-links-between-highlanders-and-native-americans-1-4144811>

BOOKS

THE DEATH OF A FALCON, A Muirteach MacPhee Mystery By Susan McDuffie

1375: Muirteach MacPhee and his wife Mariota leave their home in the Hebrides for Edinburgh Castle, on a mission to assist the Lord of the Isles in negotiations with his sovereign King Robert II. A trading vessel arrives at the nearby port of Leith from the far away Norse settlement in Greenland. The ship brings unexpected diversion and carries coveted wares: gyrfalcons, unicorn's horns, and fine furs. Both King Robert and the Lord of the Isles desire the rare birds, easily worth more than a king's ransom.

Muirteach and Mariota, unaccustomed to the sophistication of castle life, initially find pleasure in the heady and flirtatious glamor of the royal court. Then sudden and unexpected cruelty, followed by the senseless death of a beautiful young girl, plunge the couple into a murky sea of alliances and intrigue that stretches from Scotland across the icy western ocean to the far northern lands of the Norse, leaving trails of treachery and murder in its wake.

NEW CLAN SOCIETY MEMBERS

Charles McDuffee, Jr, of Katy, TX

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Marcella Marie (McDuffee) Staggs, Life Member of the MacDuffee Clan Society suddenly passed April 13, 2017 at age 60 years. Marcy, who resided in Lafayette, Indiana, left behind 7 children and 9 grandchildren. Marcy was the younger sister of Life Member Tim McDuffee and Clan Society President Tom McDuffee. She was preceded in death by her parents Wallace and Anna-Marie McDuffee.



MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

May 13- 17th Bethabara Highland Games & Music Festival, 2147 Bethabara Road, 336-924-8191, www.BethabaraPark.org Winston-Salem, North Carolina

June 2 – 4th 32nd Glasgow Highland Games Barren Burn Loch State Park, Glasgow, Kentucky, glasgowhighlandgames.com

June 15 – 18th Taste of Scotland Festival, Downtown Franklin, NC, 828-524-8008.

June 24th and 25th 44th annual San Diego Scottish Highland Games at Brengle Terrace Park 1200 Vale Terrace Drive, Vista, CA 9am-5pm both days, Presale tickets available until June 10th.

July 6-9 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games – MacRae Meadows, Linville, NC, www.gmhg.org

Aug 19 Scottish Society of Indianapolis “Summer Celebration” 5pm, Latvian Community Center

20th International Gathering and 12th Parliament of Clan Macfie September 6th through September 9th, 2017
A decision has been made to hold the 20th International Gathering and 12th Parliament of the Clan Macfie in Stirling, Scotland near the Wallace Monument. A trip to Colonsay may be organized following the meeting.

September 6 – 9th 20th International Gathering and 12th Parliament of Clan Macfie, Stirling, Scotland

Sept 9-10 Columbus Scottish Festival, Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, Columbus IN

September 15-17 New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain near Lincoln, NH, www.nhscot.org

October 14th The Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, 8th Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival.

October 21st Celtic Music Festival, Sarasota, FL 11AM – 10PM nwc.sarasota@gmail.com or celtoberfest.org

CELEBRATE SCOTLAND

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

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR, Julie MacDuffie Hall

I hope that everyone survived their winter and holidays. Our family is expanding, we are expecting Great granddaughter #2 in late June and Great grandson #2 in mid July bringing the total to 4 boys, 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

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 ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO SUBMIT THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS. .

MacDuffee the Younger Scholarship

Following is a summary of our new scholarship that is now available for eligible students. Application cut off is June 1st for 2016. 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.

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.

Clan Chatter of the
MacDuffee Clan Society of America



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