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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 year 2017 has gone by very quickly and I am pleased to report on behalf of the Executive Committee and our officers that we had another successful year which included sponsored tents at three Highland Games. I also want to stop and thank our Clan Chatter editor, Julie, as she has been very much on time in her publications and I will take full responsibility for this late edition this fall due to numerous conflicts including a couple weeks in Scotland.

Our 55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the MacDuffee Clan Society was held July 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the Chief's Tent on Grandfather Mountain. We had over 40 members stop by the Clan Society tent. Membership has continued to grow.

The 2016/17 financial report was provided by David N. McDuffie, VP and Treasurer. Our operating fund and investments remained consistent and growing for the year and we are in a solid position for 2017.

David McDuffie noted that we were the second Clan Society of all Clans/Organizations on Grandfather to be fully subscribed for the new Games Memorial and encouraged everyone to stop by our new Stone, in the first row, and look at the excellent carving which is stylized from the Murdoch MacDuffie 1539 Grave Slab on Colonsay.

All current members of the Executive Committee were elected to their next term and all officers' appointments will continue for 2017/18.

There were no scholarship applications for 2017. In addition to seeking scholarship applicants we have one opening for a student board member.

The attendance at all three sponsored Highland games for 2017 increased. Grandfather has been a "full-house" the last few years and Loon Mountain has grown as well. The Indianapolis games had about 15 McDuffees from Indiana in attendance and were sponsored by a member donation.

Donna McDuffee Infantino attended the International Clan Parliament in September in Scotland as our representative. The final decision regarding a land donation in Scotland was respectfully rejected due primarily to tax and control provisions which were not acceptable. Multiple administrative issues were discussed. The group of delegates then visited Stirling Castle prior to a small group visit to Colonsay and Oronsay our ancestral home in Scotland. A special thank you to Donna for representing the MacDuffee Clan Society and making a presentation covering our Scholarship program to all the Societies represented.

It is time to plan your Scottish family travels for 2018. It has been announced that our 56<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting will be held on Grandfather Mountain, Saturday July 14, 2018. The Society also plans to sponsor a tent at the 2018 New Hampshire Highland Games held at Loon Mountain near Lincoln, NH, September 14, 15 and 16. Contact hotels early as the Games in these smaller communities make reservation planning important.

As always, your support of the Clan Society and attendance at the games is greatly appreciated. It is always fun meeting new cousins and sharing in such a rich family of Scots. We'll see you at the Games!

All the Best for the Holidays and Have a Great New Year,

Tom

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## **GENEALOGY**

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

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

## 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](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.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.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### MacDuffee Clan Society Women Win Wrestling Again!

For the second year in a row MacDuffee women have earned a medal in the Highland Women's Wrestling on Grandfather Mountain.

**Kayla Ingram**, whose mother is our Clan Society Technical Officer Staci Ingram, and the great granddaughter of Celia Mahaffey, is a 12th grader living in Alexander County, North Carolina. Kayla loves to draw, build Lego creations, read, and celebrate her Celtic ancestry which is fairly obvious with her amazing red hair.

Kayla has been competing in the children's highland wrestling event at Grandfather Mountain for the last 5 years. This past year was her first time to medal in competition. She decided to take up highland wrestling after trying regular wrestling with her mother and then learning that there was a highland version while watching the children's events at Grandfather Mountain. Despite having autism, Kayla has been very successful in her school studies and this year **placed 2nd in Women's Highland Wrestling** in her division proving that hard work pays off. She is quoted as saying, "I love Clan MacDuffee. It is the best clan ever!"



## Mostly forgotten today, former resident was auto pioneer

BY GEORGE J. TANBER  
BLADE STAFF WRITER

Joseph McDuffee sits in a Morgan steamer at Madison Square Garden for a stunt demonstrating new brakes

In November 1900, at the country's first automobile show at New York City's old Madison Square Garden, Joseph H. McDuffee sat perched in a Morgan steamer on a rooftop ramp. Sitting at his side was a lookalike of the era's most famous actress, Lillian Russell.

Down the ramp Mr. McDuffee went 20 times a day, and up it too – in reverse. The feat astounded the curious gallery. Up to that point, the automobile brakes had never been able to stop a car travelling in reverse.

Mr. McDuffee was the star of the show, and the press coverage did wonders for Locomobile Co., and its Morgan steamer.

It was just one highlight in a distinguished career for Mr. McDuffee, a former executive with Willys-Overland and Electric Auto-Lite, who is buried in Calvary Cemetery on Dorr Street. A key player over the auto industry's first four decades, he was considered a savvy publicist.

Joseph McDuffee sits in a Morgan steamer at Madison Square Garden for a stunt demonstrating new brakes. Yet the man who accumulated a long list of firsts in the field is largely forgotten today, a footnote in the 20<sup>th</sup> century's most significant industry.

Consider that Mr. McDuffee:

- ~ Was issued the country's first driver's license and slapped with the country's first speeding ticket
- ~ Opened the first retail automobile dealership in the country in New York City
- ~ Introduced warranties to automobile sales
- ~ Sold the first shipment of Fords
- ~ Won the first "unofficial" Vanderbilt Cup automobile race
- ~ Sold the first motor vehicle to a fire department

If that wasn't enough, Mr. McDuffee was instrumental in the development of Miami Beach and was the first executive to use an airplane for corporate travel.

"He has fallen through the cracks; it happens lots," says Dr. Timothy Messer-Kruse, Associate Professor of Labor history at the University of Toledo.

The automobile industry, much like the internet field today, exploded onto the scene, catching skeptical consumers, who believed nothing would replace the horse-drawn carriage, by surprise. Bike shops were converted into small manufacturing shops and, seemingly, auto plants were on every corner.

Success was as difficult and fleeting as it has been for the dot.com's. In 1940, the American Automobile Manufacturers Association reported that 534 cars once on the market were no longer being made.

But, in the early days of the business, failure was not on the minds of the men who pioneered the industry. Among them was Mr. McDuffee.

Born near Boston in 1879, Mr. McDuffee and his brother, Eddie, were superb racing cyclists as youths, then the country's most popular sport. His father wanted him to be a doctor, and he obliged by attending Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, but he dropped out after one year.

"He was fascinated with motor cars," says 90-year-old Marge Rocap of Indianapolis, the only survivor of Mr. McDuffee's nine children.

He joined Locomobile sales department in Newton, Mass. The company made steamers, which bridged a brier gap between electric cars and gasoline-powered vehicles. Figuring the best market was New York City, Mr. McDuffee's bosses sent him there in September 1899, to sell one of their cars and open a dealership.

Seeking prominent first customer, he zeroed in on Manhattan's Fire Chief, Edward Croker, hoping that the chief would exchange his horse-drawn carriage for a steamer. "What do I want with the thing?" Chief Croker told Mr. McDuffee. "The horses are doing alright."

Mr. McDuffee, a persistent man, spent four weeks pitching his car to the Chief before landing the sale, which paved the way for the country's first dealership, according to car historians. It was while Mr. McDuffee was attempting to impress Chief Croker that he was ticketed by a bicycle-riding police officer for doing 10 mph down Broadway, another first.

Once he began delivering the steamers to his New York customers, city officials ruled that drivers would be required to pass a license test, which Mr. McDuffee did, becoming the country's first driver to do so.

The Smithsonian Museum had listed Harold T. Birnie of New Rochelle, NY as the holder of the first license, but Mr. McDuffee, in a 1941 letter to *Automotive News*, noted that he sold Mr. Birney his first car and was with him when he received his license – after he had his. "It makes little difference to me whether I am given credit for the first license issued or not," wrote Mr. McDuffee, revealing a modesty that earned him many friends and admirers.

A number of the early pioneers raced care; it was one of the best ways to promote the industry. In 1900, Mr. McDuffee won a five-mile race in Newport, RI, that, in four years, evolved into the Vanderbilt Junior Cup in Long Island, NY, the most famous of the early races prior to the Indianapolis 500.

A few years after his success at the New York Auto Show - by then he was selling Mobile Steamers for a Tarrytown, NY Company. Mr. McDuffee headed west to ease the tuberculosis he had contracted. Along the way he married Della Scott in Kentucky and started his family.

In 1909, in Denver, he opened McDuffee Motor Co., selling the Chicago-made Woods Electric. His company offered the country's first warranties on new cars, according to car historians.

It was in Denver that Mr. McDuffee achieved another unique feat = he bought space in *The Denver Post* on Oct. 31, 1909, to announce the coming of the Fisher airplane – the first such advertisement in the country. Mr. McDuffee had started hawking planes before consumers had gotten accustomed to motor cars. That was not surprising given the man's drive and ambition, according to Mrs. Rocap. "He was always looking for a challenge, and he wanted to best that challenge," she says.

The McDuffee's constantly were on the move, as Mr. McDuffee continued to seek opportunities, New Mexico, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Chicago, where he sold Henry Ford's first batch of Model T's.

Mother always said we were gypsies because we moved so much, "says Mrs. Rocap." He would have considered his hometown the United States of America because he fit in anywhere.

In 1915, the McDuffee's moved to Toledo, buying a house on Bronson Place in the Old West End, after Mr. McDuffee became an executive sales manager at Willys. He worked for Willys in Chicago and California before leaving the automobile industry in 1918 to work for Carl Fisher. Mr. Fisher, had co-founded the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Pres-O-Lite Corp., and was intent on developing a piece of swampland near Miami that he called Miami Beach. Mr. Fisher wanted someone who could sell winter home lots to automobile executives and, as the *Seattle Times* reported, "Mr. McDuffee knows more men in the automotive field than any other one man."

It was her father's idea, Mrs. Rocap says, to replace the wooden bridge between Miami and Miami Beach with a concrete causeway, now known as the Fisher Causeway.

As with everything else he did, Mr. McDuffee's Florida stint was successful, but he missed the car business. In 1921, he moved his family from Miami Beach to Indianapolis, where he became general manager of Cole Motor Co. The next year he joined Pres-O-Lite Battery as its sales manager, he eventually rose to president. Five years later, Mr. McDuffee made history again when his company bought the Spirit of St Louis' sister plane and he became the country's first executive to travel by private plane. His five-week, 9,500 mile trip in May 1930, made headlines at every stop. Reporters were particularly taken with Mr. McDuffee's office aboard the Ryan aircraft, including a mahogany desk and Dictaphone.

Mr. McDuffee moved to Toledo in 1938 after Pres-O-Lite was bought by Electric Auto-Lite Co. He died suddenly of a heart attack in his Scottwood Avenue home five years later at 64.

In 1939 letter, Carl Fisher referred to Mr. McDuffee's tight demeanor. "You always were as high strung as an A string on a Stradivarius that was ready to bust," he wrote.

Says Mrs. Rocap, "He was intense in everything he did. You know how Tiger Woods is? My father was like that. If he was playing golf, that's all he was thinking about. If he was shooting pool, it was the same thing."

In 1979, Mr. McDuffee's late son, J. Robert McDuffee, petitioned the Automotive Hall of Fame to induct his father, but to no avail. Ernest Weaver, vice president of the Lucas County-Maumee Valley Historical Society, says Mr. McDuffee and

H.H. Doehler, the Toledo inventor of die casting for automatic transmissions and aluminum transmissions are glaring local omissions to a hall that includes Charles Dana, John N. Willys. R.A. Stanahan, St and former Dana Corp President Rene MacPherson.

Mr. McDuffee's Granddaughter, Dr Patricia Metting, Associate Provost at Medical College of Ohio, says she may continue the crusade. She has kept a thick scrapbook of her Grandfather's exploits, including scores of telegrams from top automobile executives at his death. She laments he did not live longer. "You always wish you'd have been able to meet him," she says. You have this proud heritage but, unfortunately, there's not much personal connection.

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## Ethnic groups of Scotland

In the Early Middle Ages, Scotland saw several ethnic or cultural groups mentioned in contemporary sources, namely the Picts, the Gaels, the Britons, and the Angles, with the latter settling in the southeast of the country. Culturally, these peoples are grouped according to language. Most of Scotland until the 13th century spoke Celtic languages and these included, at least initially, the Britons, as well as the Gaels and the Picts. Germanic peoples included the Angles of Northumbria, who settled in south-eastern Scotland in the region between the Firth of Forth to the north and the River Tweed to the south. They also occupied the south-west of Scotland up to and including the Plain of Kyle and their language, Old English, was the earliest form of the language which eventually became known as Scots.

Use of the Gaelic language spread throughout nearly the whole of Scotland by the 9th century, reaching a peak in the 11th to 13th centuries, but was never the language of the south-east of the country. King Edgar divided the Kingdom of Northumbria between Scotland and England; at least, most medieval historians now accept the 'gift' by Edgar, in any case, after the later Battle of Carham the Scottish kingdom encompassed many English people, with even more quite possibly arriving after the Norman invasion of England in 1066. South-east of the Firth of Forth, then in Lothian and the Borders (OE: Loðene), a northern variety of Old English, also known as Early Scots, was spoken.

As a result of David I, King of Scots' return from exile in England in 1113, ultimately to assume the throne in 1124 with the help of Norman military force, David invited Norman families from France and England to settle in lands he granted them to spread a ruling class loyal to him. This Davidian Revolution, as many historians call it, brought a European style of feudalism to Scotland along with an influx of people of Norman descent - by invitation, unlike England where it was by conquest. To this day, many of the common family names of Scotland can trace ancestry to Normans from this period, such as the Stewarts, the Bruces, the Hamiltons, the Wallaces, the Melvilles, some Browns and many others. The Northern Isles and some parts of Caithness were Norn-speaking (the west of Caithness was Gaelic-speaking into the 20th Century, as were some small communities in parts of the Central Highlands). From 1200 to 1500 the Early Scots language spread across the lowland parts of Scotland between Galloway and the Highland line, being used by Barbour in his historical epic *The Brus* in the late 14th century in Aberdeen.

From 1500 on, Scotland was commonly divided by language into two groups of people, Gaelic-speaking "Highlanders" (the language formerly called *Scottis* by English speakers and known by many Lowlanders in the 18th century as "Irish") and the Inglis-speaking "Lowlanders" (a language later to be called Scots, often considered a dialect of English). Today, immigrants have brought other languages, but almost every adult throughout Scotland is fluent in the English language.

## Second Scottish Memorial Opened at Grandfather Mountain

As noted in a prior issue of the *Clan Chatter* the first memorial, **The Cairn**, was dedicated to the Clans on Grandfather Mountain in 1980 on the Silver Anniversary of the Games. Each of the major clans donated a stone from its homeland territory in Scotland such as ours on Colonsay Island. These stones were inlaid into four panels on each side of the Cairn. The stones are identified by location. Our MacDuffee Stone is located at the bottom left of the front right panel with a bronze plaque listing all clans in front of the Cairn.

The new memorial has "**Clan Memorial Stones**" each 24" square by 2" thick set permanently in concrete as a second lasting memorial at MacRae Meadows to the Clans and approved Societies based on past participation.

"MacRae Meadows is the most appropriate US location for such a memorial because of many factors: the permanent association of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games with the Meadows, the visibility of the event worldwide, and the especially deep association of Grandfather Mountain to the Annual gathering of Scottish Clans and Families."

Next time you are at Grandfather look for both Memorials. The MacDuffee Clan Society was the second Memorial Stone placed in the new location at the entrance to the meadow just above the stone for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Thanks to donations from a number of special MacDuffee Clan Society members we were placed in the front row which is appropriate as we also had the opportunity to speak with Donald F. MacDonald co-founder of the Games and a friend of our first President from the late 1950's at the 2017 Games.

Picture #1 is of the new Memorial Stones placed in the entrance and Picture #2 is of the entrance of Grandfather Mountain Games where the new Memorial Stones lie as you walk into the Games.



Picture #1



Picture #2

### What Connects the Albion Sword Company, The MacDuffee Clan Society & the National Museum of Scotland?

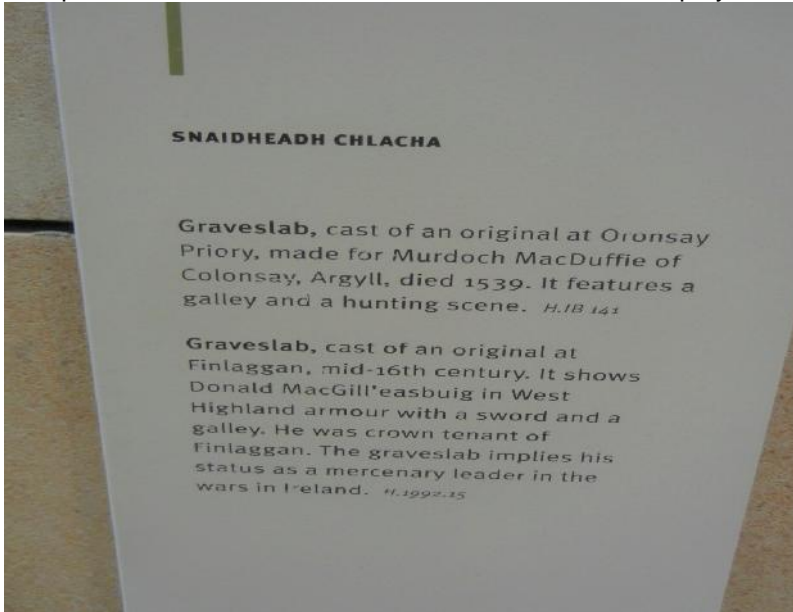
In 1969 James Henry McDuffie, III, President of MacDuffee Clan of America, noted in his letter to the then MacDuffee Clan that “all new members to the Clan would be entitled to wear the Clan’s badge which is copied from the grave slab of Murdoch MacDuffie of Colonsay who died in 1539, a cast of which is in the National Museum of Antiquities, Edinburgh.” David N. McDuffie, our VP and Treasurer, of Georgia has seen it and now Tom and Jennifer McDuffie have seen it as well in 2017. The cast has hung in the museum for many decades, at least the 1960’s, and is an inspiration to see. It will stop you in your tracks. As David said; “of all the clans and graves in Scotland they selected this MacDuffie grave slab.

A Sword Company? As I was looking for information on Scottish Claymores I was drawn to a company called Albion at [www.albion-swords.com](http://www.albion-swords.com). On their site they have a Claymore called **The Chieftain** which is sold out unfortunately. If you go to their site and scroll down on the left side where they note The Chieftain and click on the picture it will take you to their inspiration for this great sword...it is the Malcolm MacDuffie 1539 grave slab. They reference the grave slab as one of the oldest “pictures” of the claymore and have used the dimensions from the slab to create The Chieftain. I have messaged the Albion Company and they were pleased to know that we used the Malcolm MacDuffie grave slab as well for our badge. It also matches our Clan President’s sword.

This was a most interesting and lucky connection to have made however it demonstrates the age and importance of our Scottish roots that are connected to the stone grave carvings of the MacDuffies of Colonsay and Oronsay many of whom



were buried in the MacDuffie Aisle on the east side of the Priory on Oronsay. If you are ever in Edinburgh please include a stop at the National Museum of Scotland to visit this display of Scottish Antiquities. Pictures follow:



Picture of Museum signage for the MacDuffie Grave Slab



Section of Gave Slab: "MacDuffie" from 1539

## BOOKS

### Skye featured in new novel

Are you interested in the beautiful Scottish Isle of Skye? And do you like a good read? Then a new novel by author John Pendleton, entitled "Ill Winds", may be just what you are looking for.

"Ill Winds" is a tale of lust and infidelity, with most of the action taking place on Skye. Although the characters and some of the locations are fictional the novel captures the essential character of the island.

The story is a contemporary one, with a bitter feud over a wind farm development suggesting parallels with barbaric clan battles of the past. It also takes a look at second sight, that mysterious and unwelcome gift claimed to afflict some Highlanders.

The tale revolves around a happily married and creative English couple, who move to Skye to fulfil their pipe dream of a better life.

They become enmeshed in the dispute over the wind farm and meet a rich assortment of local characters – a mixture of the funny, the devoutly Christian and the dangerously violent. And their world is soon turned upside down....

**“Ill Winds” by John Pendleton is available in paperback from Amazon Books, price £7.99, or on Amazon Kindle, price £1.99.**

\*This is what they are saying about “Ill Winds”:

“The story is a fascinating one, with a strong concept that is intriguing from the start. The novel feels very current, with its intelligent engagement with the wind farm debate forming a good background to the compelling story of infidelity and lust that plays out in the foreground. The fast pace of the narrative is a real positive, and we especially liked the wonderful cast of unusual, often amusing, secondary characters too.” Vicky Blunden, Myriad Editions (UK Publisher)

“A thoroughly enjoyable page turner with a very topical theme and the timeless forces of sexual attraction and avarice played out on the idyllic isle of Skye. Sex and wind farms. What more could you want?” Mr P. B. Hancock

“A good read. Really captured the essence of Skye and its inhabitants. Look forward to the next novel by the same author.” Mrs Raye Bray

“I really enjoyed the lively characters in the story and the descriptions of the lovely Isle of Skye. The twist in the plot took me by surprise! Thank you. A great read and look forward to the author’s next book.” Barbara Jeffery

“A thoroughly enjoyable read. The issue of wind farms is currently a hot topic and the story reflects the passions that are raised by it. The beautiful setting on the Isle of Skye just enhances these passions. It all culminates in an ending with a novel twist.” Richard Fowler

### NEW CLAN SOCIETY MEMBERS

*Linda Shaw Olsen* - Pasadena, CA., Linda is also a member of the Shaw Clan and a distant cousin of our President.

*Nicole Jennie Miller* – Dover, NH., Nicole is the daughter of member Diane McDuffee.

Two new **Honorary Members** were unanimously added in 2017 during our 55<sup>th</sup> meeting on Grandfather Mountain. *Sue (McDuffie) Griffin* and *Jean (McDuffie) Colson*, who are distant cousins, have been significant volunteer contributors to the Find-A-Grave (FAG) online service and were invited to join the Clan Society as Honorary Members. Both monitor over 9,000 FAG grave sites providing genealogical data to assist many researchers. Their primary focus is on McDuffie lines and related spellings. They are both outstanding researchers and excellent additions to the MacDuffee Clan Society.

Sue and Jean, welcome to the growing Clan family

### FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Nancy Jeanne McDuffie of Summerville, SC passed on Feb 28, 2017

### MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

Nov 9th–11th 41st Annual Indy International Festival, Indiana State Fairgrounds

Nov 11 Clover Highland Games 300 Clinton Ave., Clover, South Carolina 29710

Nov 11-12 Celtic Heritage & Music Festival 15321 County Farm Road, Gulfport, Mississippi 39503

<http://www.mshighlandsandislands.org/>

Nov 18th SSI St. Andrews’ Dinner, Fort Harrison State Park Inn

March 23, 2018 Saltwater Highland Games (Myrtle Beach) 150 Citizens Circle, Little River, South Carolina 29566 843-

492-0515 <http://www.myrtlebeachhighlandgames.com>

July 12-15 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games PO Box 1095, Linville, NC 28646, 828-733-1333 [www.gmhg.org](http://www.gmhg.org)

### CELEBRATE SCOTLAND

April 6th is Tartan Day

Don’t forget to celebrate St Andrew’s Day, Scotland’s Patron Saint on November 30<sup>th</sup>

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR, Julie MacDuffie Hall

I must say that we've had a very interesting summer. Our weather was all mixed up and should have been either, spring or fall, this fall we've had summer like weather, and only now are we having some fall weather. Lots of flooding that is very unusual for us, and very high winds. In November we are expecting Great Grandchild #5 to arrive; our family is getting way to larger.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> of March or September for consideration. We report Clan births, deaths, marriages, 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](mailto: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. .**

### MacDuffee the Younger Scholarship

**Following is a summary of our new scholarship that is now available for eligible students. Application cut off is May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:tommcduffee@gmail.com)

## Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age as of May 1<sup>st</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

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 1<sup>st</sup> to:

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

Or scan and email to: [tommcduffee@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:tommcduffee@gmail.com).*

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MacDuffee Clan Society of America



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