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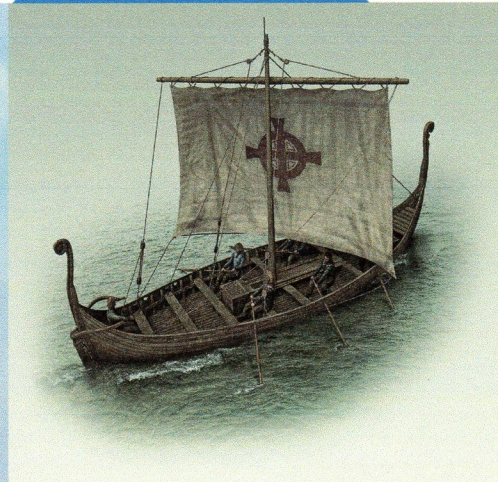
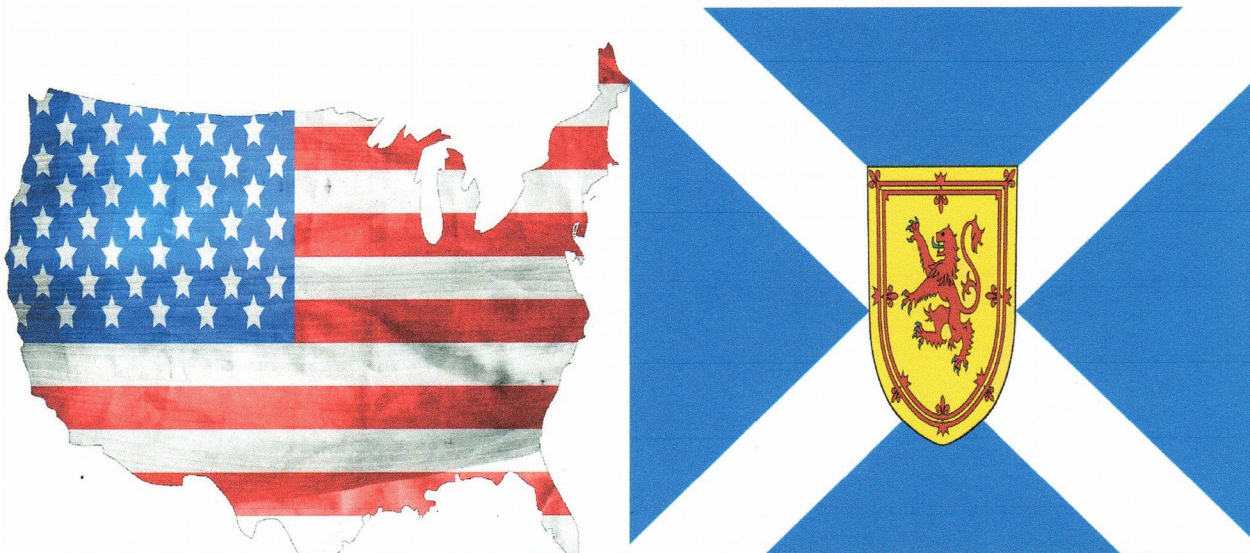
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2019 Report from the President

Hello again to all our Clan Society members! Amazingly the 2019 Grandfather Mountain and Loon Mountain Highland Games for the first time in my memory (since 1981) both had perfect weather for all days. This is rare for two mountains. Both games enjoyed record crowds and we had many visitors to our tent. Be sure to check out photos at our MacDuffee Clan Society website, macduffeeclansociety.com, and on Facebook.

2019 Annual General Meeting of the MacDuffee Clan Society

The 57th Gathering of the MacDuffee Clan Society, Inc. was convened on Grandfather Mountain in Linville, North Carolina at the Clan Chieftain's Tent on Saturday July 13. The minutes of the 2018 were read and approved and David McDuffie our Treasurer provided the excellent financial report which as in the last number of years was very positive and approved and accepted.

The 2019-2020 slate of officers were elected unanimously and all appointments by the President were reconfirmed as well. We are looking for interested and engaged individuals that may be interested in leadership positions within the Clan Society.

Minor edits to the 2018 Revised Bylaws as proposed by the Board Chair, Norma Lockwood, were presented, discussed and approved unanimously by the members present.

A special Clan Society Scholarship presentation was made to Ms. Virginia Lockwood Zeigler who became the 3rd Recipient of our Scholarship Program. See story and photo below.

It was agreed that the 2020 58th Annual General Meeting of our Clan Society will be held again on Grandfather Mountain in the Chieftain's Tent on Saturday July 11th with the time to be announced in the Spring Chatter. The 2020 Games, which will be the 65th GMHG on the Mountain, run from Thursday afternoon July 9th, opening ceremony at dusk to Sunday's closing ceremony at 4:00pm July 12th. You can never be too early to make hotel arrangements for the Games as they seem to grow in size each year. Our Clan Society has been involved in the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games for every year of its existence and a few years before the official Games began in the late 1950's. We will also be sponsoring a tent at the 2020 45th Loon Mountain Highland Games which will run from September 18-20 in Lincoln, New Hampshire.

Your Family Tree Story

As a reminder we have added a section to include short stories about your family trees. Please send our Editor Julie MacDuffie Hall your best short story about your history, significant family achievements (or maybe not) that are of interest to the Clan Society or special events in history that you or your family experienced. Thanks!

Annual Scholarship Applications

Clan Society Scholarship applications are due for submission by May 1st 2020. Details are available at our website: macduffeeclansociety.org. In addition to seeking scholarship applicants we have one opening for a student board member. Please contact any Clan Society Officer if you have interest in serving on the Board as a student representative.

Macfie Clan Progress

There is still not a complete update to report regarding the International Clan affairs at this time with no change in the health status of our Commander. We certainly wish him well and look forward to their updates.

2020 Games

Please include us in your Scottish family travels for 2020. We would love to meet you, share family histories and enjoy the weekend as a Scottish Clan should. Hopefully we can see you at either the 65th Grandfather Mountain or 45th Loon Mountain Games in 2020. Both Games have very professional websites at GMHG.ORG and NHSCOT.ORG where you can view videos about the games and review all the ticket options available for the times you would like to visit.

St Andrews and Robert Burns Local Celebrations

Be sure to check out local celebrations for St Andrews Dinners and Dances which are typically held in November each year. It is officially recognized on November 30th in Scotland. Another opportunity to break bread with other Scots is the annual Burns Night suppers also held in many local sites around the last week in January. Great chance to try Haggis and wear our Tartan Scottish finest.

Your continuing support of the MacDuffee Clan Society and attendance at the games is greatly appreciated. We all enjoy meeting new and old cousins and sharing in such a rich family of Scots. See you in July or September 2020. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Tom

Thomas Patrick McDuffee FSA Scot
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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.

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=4jvr8koklvjs9smas4a8pkfh7>

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

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

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

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

<http://govgenealogysearch.com/>

<http://mt-spurr.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/> This is the Allen County, Indiana Public Library, genealogy section. They have volunteers that, for about \$10, will research everything in the state for you. <http://www.colonsay.org.uk/Housechart.htm>

CLAN SOCIETY ITEMS 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 McDuffee, our VP and Treasurer.

CLAN Society T-SHIRTS are also available by contacting David Nathan McDuffee. They are \$18.00 for S-XL, and \$21

Welcome our Newest Members

BETTY LYNN ARNOLD of Cleveland, TN., is the 8th generation from Daniel McDuffee.

DAVID THOMAS MACDUFFEE of Hillsboro, VA is the 10th Great Grandson of John McDuffee (1625 – 1670)

JEFFREY ALLAN MCDUFFIE of Dunwoody, GA is 7th generation from Daniel McDuffee

KITTY COOPER HOLTZCLAW of Anderson, SC 7th generation of Martin Mahaffey, Sr

New Feature: MacDuffee Clan Society Family Stories

Scottish History

This is a story taken from Tait's Edinburgh Magazine in 1851...

Queen Victoria in 1851

Continued from last issue

During the fifteen years that the crown of Great Britain has pressed on the brow of Victoria, we have had revolts in Canada, Afghan and Sikh wars, Chinese wars, boundary-disputes with the United States, revolts in Ireland, Papal Aggressions, Chartist riots, com and navigation citations, & not to speak of European revolutions. On all these matters, and in their numerous collateral ramifications, although doubtless holding her own peculiar views, the Queen's voice has not been heard; her Ministers, as the representative of the people, have done all. The prerogatives of monarchy centre in her person, not dormant because unexercised, but simply waiting until required to be called forth by some extraordinary emergency-In that slow but sure gravitation towards the strong government of the people which causes the three great powers of the country to work harmoniously, few things occur which require to be placed in category of the extraordinary. Industry well developed the people intelligent, the rulers versed in diplomacy, what can occur to call forth the veto of the Throne or the summary dissolution of the Parliament? What if continental kings are frightened into giving constitutions to their people, we have been taught by our National Debt to mind our own affairs and to intermeddle not with those of our neighbors. If Irish rebellions are got up in cabbage-fields, we can sagely leave a railway-guard to collar the ringleader, and the thing is at an end. Or if Chartist rioters threaten the peace of towns, we have only

to put batons into the hands of intelligent mechanics, and there is not more disturbance. The Queen's prerogative is as much in desuetude as the State axe in the Tower. But was it so in her grandfather's time? It was not: the current of Liberalism began to flow in his reign; he resisted it, and the Throne became a seat of thorns. The Regency and Reign of George IV., were a repetition of the same tale. To be respected, high functions must not often be exercised. The Papacy was never so much despised as when it was continually fulminating and pouring forth its anathemas, and parading bell, book and candle; and so, in like manner, if we see a king exercising his veto and dissolving Parliament almost every other year, as was the case with James I., Charles I., Charles II., and James II., we may rest assured there is little wisdom at Court, and that ruin or revolution is close at hand. Speculative Monarchists would say that powers allowed to fall into abeyance are apt to become extinct; and they would probably plead for a more active exemplification of royalty than we have been eulogizing. But they would be wrong. The foundations of monarchy during the wildest days of divine right were never so strong as they are at the present moment, when the masses look on monarchy as a hereditary institution, an expedient arrangement, or something which has its foundations so stable that all attempts to undermine it were useless. We hear Chartists laughing at the House of Lords and grumbling at the House of Commons, but we never hear a word against the Throne, except in the most abstract shape, and never a syllable against the Queen personally. Indeed, if we except our American visitors, who have a morbid aversion to crowns and scepters, and who apparently are annoyed that we do not enjoy the triennial luxury of their presidential contest, we are aware of no class, home, colonial, or foreign that does not rejoice under the mild intelligent Wray of Queen Victoria.

No one can read the history of England as revealed in biography and other internal sources without observing that in all the leadings of the day there was a Court side. A young senator entering Parliament with the hope of rising to high office, him being told by a whipper-in on the spot that he is called on to give an important "If you vote so-and-so you will offend the party." What a stumbling-block this to virtue! Lawyers and clergy, they too must walk circumspectly; and as at one period judges were paid directly by the Crown, there can be little doubt that dice has often been deaf as well blind. From this we have been delivered during the reign of Victoria; we were beginning to shake ourselves clear in the days of King William IV., but good church-building Adelaide was too Conservative in her notions to allow full development. Now, however, we may be said to be free from Court fear. People may do this or that to gain the smiles or avoid the frowns of Lord John Russell or the Minister for the time being, but the insulation of the Queen is so thoroughly complete that reward or revenge at her hands is not considered as falling within the range of probability. Even in personal matters the royal composure does not appear to be affected. It will be recollected that immediately after her Majesty's marriage, Lord John Russell introduced a bill regarding the allowance to be made to Prince Albert. Sir Robert Peel supported an amendment that a smaller sum than the one named by Lord John should be voted; and backed by Mr. Hume and the economists, as well as by numerous Conservatives, the smaller sum carried the day. But we never heard that her Majesty or her Consort resented this movement. The sum proposed would doubtless have met with the approval of Lord John Russell, himself a Whig, and by necessity careful in the administration of the national finances; whilst the Opposition must have borne the ungracious aspect of economizing economy, and of defeating a Liberal Administration on its own ground and with its own weapons; but, as we have just remarked the sin does not appear to have been visited on Sir Robert Peel, unless we are prepared to trace a connexion between the celebrated "bed-chamber plot," and the stem parsimony of the ex-Minister. The promised "Memoirs of Peel" may throw some light on this as well as on more important matters; but as human nature does not generally suffer great evils to be inflicted and passed over in silence, we are fairly entitled, in the absence of public remonstrance, to infer that Sir Robert Peel was not seriously interfered with by the Crown in his abortive attempts to form an Administration.

In ordinary circumstances the marriage of a lady is nobody's affair but her own; but one of the penalties attached to the office of Queen of England is, that a tie in which the meanest of her subjects is free to use her wildest discretion, the Sovereign is and must be trammelled by numerous relative considerations. Her own happiness and the welfare of the country require that the public character and station of her intended consort must be taken into account to an extent that may trench harshly on that freedom which ever should guide in forming the marital relation. State marriages furnish many instances where domestic felicity has been sacrificed for supposed public good; whilst the subsequent history of those ill-judged connexions has afforded a happy illustration of how public and private interest may meet and be subservient and beneficial to each other. The Queen might have given her hand to a British nobleman or

commoner; but it is obvious that any individual having sufficient pretension to entitle him to such distinction must have occupied a place so conspicuous with the one great political party of the other, that from thenceforth the Queen's name would have been a tower of strength to Whig or Tory. Passing from a British to an ultramontane husband, it was competent for her Majesty to have formed an alliance with a despotic power such as Austria or Prussia, with an intriguing one such as France, with a powerless and needy heir-apparent such as some of the smaller States of Germany. One or other of these courses was open to her; wealth of choice is said to make wit waver, and like Queen Elizabeth and other ladies embraced by a like cause, she might have abstained from matrimony; but in this view it is obvious that, considering who would have succeeded to the throne had she remained unmarried, the nation would have viewed with anxiety any declaration of celibacy on the part of the Queen. The exact end was gained by affiance with Prince Albert, her Majesty's cousin and second son of the reigning Duke of Saxe-Cobourg Gotha. The consanguinity of the parties added no new foreign connexions to the Court of St. James; while from the circumstance of the Prince being only the second son of the ducal house, there was no danger of his being summoned to assume the sovereignty, or to have his thoughts engrossed by the Duchy of Saxe-Cobourg Gotha.

TO BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT ISSUE

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The 2019 Scholarship Awarded to Virginia Zeigler

The 2019 MacDuffee Clan Society Heritage, Scholarship and Service Award was awarded to Virginia Zeigler of Jacksonville, Florida. Virginia demonstrated her knowledge of her family's extensive Scottish history beginning with Daniel MacDuffie arriving near Cape Fear, North Carolina about 1739. She also wrote about the history of our Clan in Scotland. Community service was another strength for Virginia as, for example, she participated in the Appalachian Service Project helping to repair or rebuild homes for individuals in rural Appalachia. Amazingly, Virginia has attended 19 Grandfather Games out of 20.

Her academic skills and participation in athletics as a varsity Coxswain for her High School Rowing Team are outstanding.

Virginia is the daughter of Elizabeth (Bookie) and Mark Zeigler, granddaughter of Mrs. Norma Kent Lockwood. She is attending the University of South Florida.



Pictured: Tom Zeigler, Norma **Zeigler**, Bookie Zeigler Vice President Award

McDuffee, President, Kent Lockwood, **Virginia** and David McDuffie Sr Recognize Virginia's 2019

Clan Society Secretary Meets Tommy Burleson of Clan MacFarlane

Jen McDuffee, our Clan Society Secretary had the opportunity to congratulate Tommy Burleson whose Clan tent was next to ours and was awarded Best Clan Tent for the 2019 Grandfather Mountain Games.

Tommy played at NC State and in the NBA and stands 7'4".

Mr. Burleson was recognized as the *Ambassador of the Games* for 2019.



David Welcomes His Brother as a new Life Member

David McDuffie, SR Vice President for our Society, welcomes his brother Jeffery Allan McDuffie of Dunwoody, Georgia. Jeff and David are descendants of Daniel McDuffie of Brunswick, NC who arrived from Scotland in 1739.



MacDuffie Competes in Caber Toss



On Aug 11th the yearly Scottish gathering was convened at Long Branch State Park in Liverpool, NY, which I also attended last year. This year Matt MacDuffie the nephew of Past President Thomas A. MacDuffie participated in the Open Caber Toss and took 2nd place.

MacDuffie Family Really Shows the Tartan

Attending their 2nd Grandfather Games the MacDuffees of Hillsboro, VA, came really prepared to proudly wear the Clan Society Tartan.



David and Andrea MacDuffee along with sons Trevor & Clay and their sister Emily.

MacDuffee Represents the MacDuffee Clan Society as a Top Runner

Clay Dawson MacDuffee, 4th Grader from Hillsboro, Virginia, represented the MacDuffee Clan Society and finished 2nd in the Kilted Quarter Mile in a large group of competitors. Clay and the eventual winner separated themselves from the pack of racers and finished well in front in a tight race.

Clay was asked how his track interest began. He said a good friend at school, Titus, liked to race and started his competitive interest in running. Clay also plays basketball. We look forward to his running again in 2020.



2019 Grandfather Honored Clan Chief Stops by MacDuffee Tent

Honored guest, Arabella Kinkaid of Kinkaid stopped by our Clan Society Tent and spoke about the history of the Kinkaid Clan (Note the Three Feathers on her badge designates worldwide Clan Chief). In 1238 Alexander II of Scotland granted the “Lands of Kinkaid” to the third Earl of Lennox. The members can trace their Scottish lineage back over 1000 years.



President Tom and Kinkaid of Kinkaid

OTHER MEETINGS, GAMES & GATHERINGS

Nov 1-3 Tucson Scottish/Celtic Festival , <http://tucsoncelticfestival.org>

Nov 2, 2019 Charleston Scottish Games & Highland Gathering, www.charlestonscots.org

Nov 16, 2019 Swamp Fox Highland Games & Celtic Festival, www.swampfoxgames.com

CELEBRATE SCOTLAND

Don't forget to celebrate: Tartan Day, April 6th
St Andrew's Day, Scotland's Patron Saint, November 30th

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR, Julie MacDuffie Hall

After the gathering at Grandfather Mountain, I card signed by all those that were in attendance. I them, it means a great deal and is appreciated. My husband is healing well from his surgery and. no We did adopt a new dog this summer – meet Moose Siberian Husky.



received a Thank You wish to say thank you to longer needs his brace. now 15 mos, a

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 addresses.** Anyone that is currently receiving an issue by snail mail and wishes to have an electronic copy please let her know. They can be submitted by forwarding to Julie Hall (Editor) at 506 Stone St., Watertown, NY 13601 or juliehall522@yahoo.com

MacDuffee the Younger Scholarship

Following is a summary of our scholarship that is available for eligible students. Application cut off is May 1st. (June 1st for 2019) 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, 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 Executive Committee.
- 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: tpmjim@aol.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: tpmjim@aol.com

MacDuffee Clan Society Leadership Position: *Student Committee Member*

During the 2013 annual meeting the proposal to create a new Student Committee 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 committee 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 Student Committee Member include the following:

- 1.) Responsible for sharing of Scottish information, assisting with coordination of the Clan Society Marches at the AGM at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and providing a Society interface with children in the MacDuffee Clan Society.
- 2.) Participates in the review of Clan Society Scholarship recommendations unless they are a candidate.
- 3.) Assures that Clan Tents are maintained.

- 4.) Student Board members do not have a vote in Clan Society affairs unless they are at least 18 years of age prior to the AGM.
- 5.) Student Board Members are to be at least 13 years of age by the first AGM in which they serve and may serve for 2-year terms unless reelected unopposed.
- 6.) Encourages other youth members of the Society to compete in the Highland Games competition.
- 7.) Attendance at AGMs is not mandatory but input is important.

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.



From the
Julie Hall family
And Clan Officers