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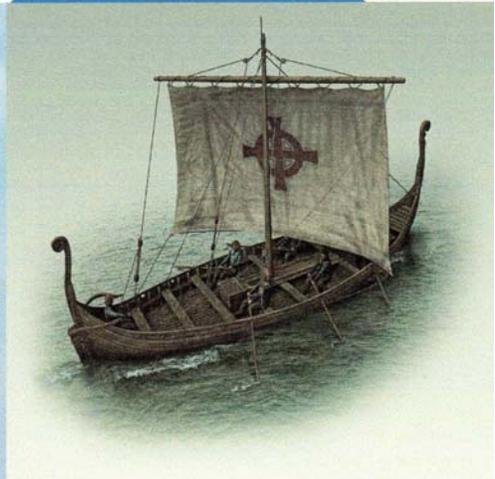
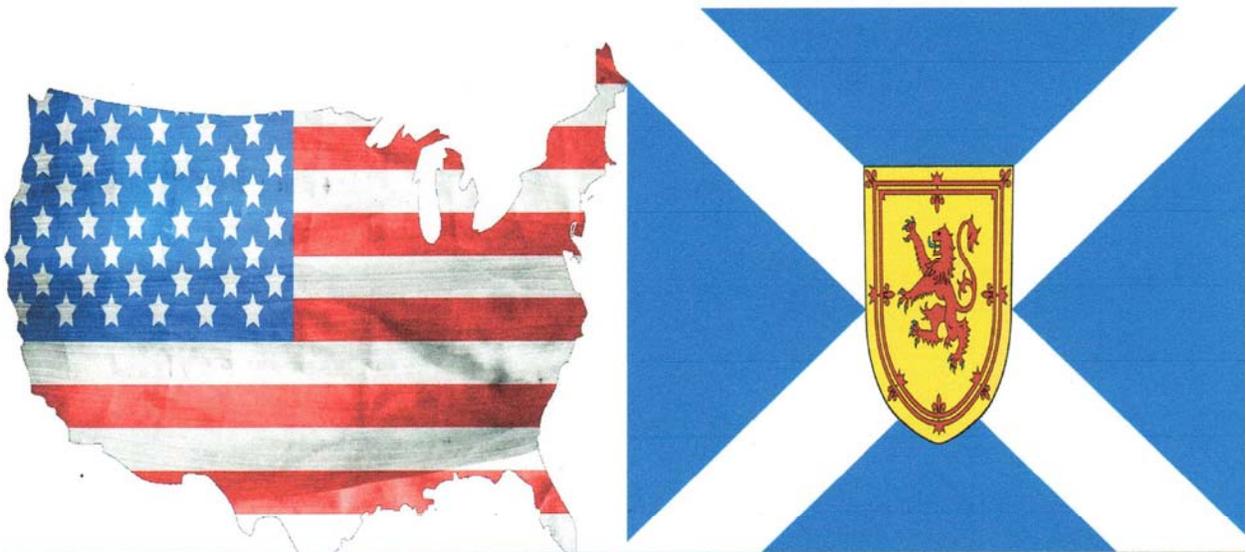
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## **2020 Report from the President**

Hello! to all our Clan Society members safely surviving the Pandemic and hopefully getting some normalcy back. The perfect weather for both the 2019 Games may have contributed to jinxing the Games for the 2020 Year of COVID. It has just felt odd all year to experience all the usual markers of time canceled or seriously delayed...baseball, graduations, internships, school, the start of football and of course no Highland Games. We will move past this scourge.

We did however have a bright spot as the Loon Mountain High Games “convened” a Virtual Games on the normal date of their fall gathering. If you have not had a chance to view the Virtual Loon Games you will want to check it out on YouTube as they used three photos of our Clan Society Tent in the video. They also introduced a great new song about the Standing Stone that you may enjoy....it is also just nice to hear bagpipes...no really!

### **Scottish Heraldry**

Since we have no photos or Games stories to share for 2020, I thought it might be an opportune time to introduce Scottish Heraldry and then continue Heraldry Articles in further issues of the Clan Chatter.

First, the good news. Revd. Dr. Joseph J. Morrow CBE, QC, LLD, The Right Honourable Lord Lyon King of Arms in Scotland, has granted posthumous Arms to my (our) ancestor, John McDuffee (1690-1752) and matriculated those Arms, with congruent differences, to me and my heirs. I now have Arms and other descendants of John McDuffee (1690-1752) may also make petition.

After a number of years of working on family genealogy I still was not sure how an individual would complete the challenging task of petitioning for a Coat of Arms from the Lord Lyon of Scotland. As a matter of chance, I met Dr. Bruce Durie while attending the Laurinburg Scottish Highland Games three years ago. Dr. Durie, an expert on Scottish Heraldry and Genealogy, provided the professional guidance which, coupled with a great deal of research, got us off to a great start.

The process of petitioning for Arms has introduced me to the language of Heraldry and the necessary documents required to meet the standards of the Court of the Lord Lyon. I am still learning.

So, I have asked Dr. Durie to write a summary (see below) of the actions taken in order to provide our members, especially those that descend from John McDuffee (1690-1752) of New Hampshire, who may have interest in securing their own Arms a look at what the process involves. First, you must know that Heraldry is Scots Law. For reference Dr. Durie’s website is [www.brucedurie.co.uk](http://www.brucedurie.co.uk).

### **2021 Clan MacDuffee Schedule**

The Board of Directors and 2020 Officers unanimously agreed to extend all terms of service for an additional year due to the cancellation of the 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM). It has also been agreed that the Clan Society will convene our 58<sup>th</sup> 2021 AGM on Grandfather Mountain on July 10. The 65<sup>th</sup> Grandfather Mountain Games run from July 8<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We will also sponsor a tent at the Loon Mountain Games the third weekend of September, 2021. The dates are September 17, 18 and 19. Both Games have very professional websites at [GMHG.ORG](http://GMHG.ORG) and [NHSCOT.ORG](http://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.

Please be reminded that eligible students may apply, by May 1<sup>st</sup> of their Senior year, for the **MacDuffee The Younger Scholarship**. Details are listed at the conclusion of the Chatter.

If you have interest in being a servant leader in our Clan Society please let any of the current officers know of your interest or contact me directly. It is a little work but the reward is a lifetime of friendships and cousins from everywhere.

### **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 that are of interest to the Clan Society or special events in history that you or your family experienced. Thanks!

### **St Andrews and Robert Burns Local Celebrations if Allowed**

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

Be sure to check out photos at our MacDuffee Clan Society website, [macduffeeclansociety.com](http://macduffeeclansociety.com), and on Facebook.

As always, 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 on the Mountain. We all hope that the pandemic is under control and we can meet again in July or September of 2021. Make your reservations for 2021 the Scots will return.

Sincerely,

Tom

Thomas Patrick McDuffee FSAScot

President MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc.

### ***Dr Durie's Article: Thomas Patrick McDuffee has Arms!***

"Yes, Tom McDuffee is now an Armiger in Scotland, all done, dusted and legal courtesy of the Lord Lyon, King of Arms.

It took about a year from soup to nuts, and cost about the same as a small second-hand car or a short family holiday. But it is heritable, and will racket on down the generations for all time.

#### **How did we accomplish this?**

It started from a conversation in a tent at a Games and Gathering in America some time ago, when Tom said something like: "Of course, I can't get Arms, because I'm not Scottish (living in Scotland)", and I said "But a McDuffee ancestor was, and if we can prove that, and every generational step in between, we possibly could. We start with your genealogy".

To cut a very long and involved story as short as possible, this required getting original documents, or certified legal copies/extracts from various County, State and National authorities in the USA, all the way back some eight or nine generations to one Daniel McDUFFEE (1738- ca. 1807), the fifth son and youngest child of eight of John McDUFFEE, who likely emigrated from Ulster to New Hampshire ca. 1718-1721, and most likely as part of the Aghadowey migration of 1718-19 along with Revd. John McGregor and others.

Before that, these McDuffees likely came forth (as we say) of the Isles of Colonsay and Oronsay, and the famous M(a)cDUFFEES or M(a)cFIEs from these isles (both of these names arising from the Gaelic *Mac Duibhshíthe* ("son of *Duibhshíth*"), and nothing to do with M(a)cDuff, a surname from the Kingdom of Fife on the other side of Scotland.

Now, it would have been wonderful – and it is often possible – to trace an American in the straight surname line by to an original emigrant/immigrant Scot....Fabulous. But here we had to exercise another option – an ancestor living in America prior to September 3, 1783.

Why that date? Because that's when the treaty of Paris was signed by representatives of King George III of Great Britain and of the United States, including Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, accepting that the USA was a free, independent and sovereign country. Before then, America was part of Britain (or at least, Britain behaved as if it believed that!) and therefore the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh could have found heraldic jurisdiction over anyone of Scots origin or descent living in America.

Bingo! We have Daniel McDUFFEE (1738- ca. 1807) and for good measure, his father John (McFEE) McDUFFEE (whose Will was dated 29 July 1752). So, let's ask the current Lord Lyon to do what his distinguished predecessor Lyon would have done, and grant Arms – albeit posthumously, to John McDuffee (ca. 1690-1752).

**But which Arms?**

By convention – and indeed by law (because Heraldry is fully part of the Statute Law in Scotland, not just some ancient custom-and-practice exercise) – Everyone of the same surname must have Arms which are recognizably similar, but obviously different. Therefore – AND PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY, POSSIBLY TWICE:

- There is no such thing as a “Family Coat of Arms” in Scotland, nor is there any such thing as an “Armigerous Clan or Family” – both of these are utter non-historical fictions dreamed up in modern times by people who want to sell you things;
- Arms belong – personally, legally and heritably – to one person at a time;
- It is not justified to find Arms on some website bearing your surname and adopt them as your own – they are someone's property, even if that person is dead or not otherwise using them;
- And anyway, how do you know you have the correct Arms, as different people in different branched of that surname will have different Arms.

There is no evidence that the Oronsay or Colonsay MacFee/McDuffee folks used Arms, but we do have two ancient examples:

- A MacFie of Langhouse re-matriculated older Arms in 1864, as shown below.
- A Macfie of Dreghorn matriculated Arms in 1867. Other, more modern, MacFie Arms are also shown.

				
MacFie of Langhouse, 1864	Macfie of Dreghorn, 1867	Arms of the Macfie Commander Iain Morris McFie of Coulintyre.	Arms of the previous Macfie Commander A. C. (Sandy) McPhie	Arms of Macfie of Langhouse, Renfrewshire, and of Airds, Argyll

**Tom McDuffee was granted the following Arms**

The claymore and birlinn (galley), is a constant and identifying feature of MacFie/McDuffee Arms. Given the very likely Oronsay/Colonsay connection, and the existence of the famous Colinus MacDuffie Oronsay Cross, the Lord Lyon was persuaded that John McDuffee (ca. 1690-1752) should get these Arms:



*Parted per fess wavy Azure and Or, in chief the Oronsay Cross Proper surmounted of a claymore Argent, point downward, in base a single-sailed birlinn Proper in full sail facing sinister, all within a bordure Argent.*

The *bordure Argent* (white border) indicates that John McDuffee is an “indeterminate cadet” of the original Oronsay/Colonsay line.

If Tom McDuffee had been the direct heir of John McDuffee, he would have borne these Arms. As it happens, Tom is the 1st son of a 5th son of a 2nd son of a 1st son of a 2nd son of a 3rd son of a 5th son of a 1st or 2nd son – which determines the design of his “cadet” version.

*Parted per fess embattled Azure and Or, in chief the Oronsay Cross Proper surmounted of a claymore Argent, point downward, in base a single-sailed birlinn Proper in full sail facing sinister, all within a bordure Argent bearing three flowers of the tulip tree Or.*

The embattled line of division indicates generations of military service.

The three *flowers of the tulip* three recent generations of the



*tree (Liriodendron tulipifera)* are for the family in the Great State of Indiana.

**Is there also a crest?**

Tom McDuffee asked for,



and was granted, a crest and motto.

*A griffin armed and beaked Argent langued Gules holding between its paws a claymore Proper.*

The griffin is a reference to Purdue University, *alma mater* of Tom McDuffee and many members of his family. In medieval heraldry, the griffin became a Christian symbol of divine power and a guardian of the devout. The claymore is obvious.

### Motto

There are various MacFie/McDuffee mottos down the years. Tom chose a variant of one of these: **"Complete the Task".**

### Pennon



He additionally requested a pennon, which was granted:  
*Pennon 120 centimetres in length or thereby of two tracts of the Liveries and with the Arms of the Petitioner in the hoist bearing his Motto counterchanged Azure and Or, the said Pennon being limited to the Petitioner and his heirs successors in he said Armorial Bearings.*

### Can any other M(a)cfie/M(a)cDuffee get Arms?

Possibly. And each of them would start at one of the same places:

- Do you have an ancestor who was granted Arms in Scotland?
- If not, can you PROVE an ancestor who came from Scotland?
- If not, can you find an ancestor who lived in America before 1783?
- Or better still – can you prove a connection to one of the ancestors in Tom McDuffee's line? Because if so, half your job is done.

### Can Dr Bruce Durie help?

Dr Durie has Right of Audience at the Court of the Lord Lyon. He is also considered internationally to be one of Scotland's foremost genealogists, and can help with those researches (which, often) must come first.

He can advise on, petition for and shepherd through the sometimes confusing and involved processes in getting legal Arms in Scotland, and in other heraldic jurisdictions."

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

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

## WEB SITES for RESEARCH

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

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

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=4jvr8k0klvjs9smas4a8pkfh7>

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

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

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

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

<http://govgenealogyseach.com/>

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

<http://www.colonsay.org.uk/Housechart.htm>

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

## Flowers of the Forest

Thomas E. MaDan, age 61 died May 7, 2020, of Taunton, MA. He leaves behind his wife of 30 years, Mary Elizabeth, brother David R of Bridgewater and a sister Cynthia Shields of Lynchburg, VA.

He was employed as a computer analyst, was a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite, and had a lifelong interest in genealogy. He embraced his Scottish heritage and enjoyed being a member of our organization.

Interment is in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Tauton.

## Welcome our Newest Members

Diane McDuffee has a new grandson. **David Paul Miller III** arrived August 27, 2020.

**Donald Chavel McDuffie** of Durham, NC, descendant of Daniel McDuffie, will dated 4July1782

**Weeden Rockwell Nichols** of Ithaca, NY, descendant of Daniel McDuffie, will dated 4July 1782

## New Feature: MacDuffee Clan Society Family Stories

### Scottish History

#### Story shared by Julie MacDuffie Hall in New York

October 15, 2020

In *Beckers History of Waterloo* for the year 1900 there are two cigar manufactures listed. John J. Carroll made the Bloomer brand of cigars. The other one was Betz & Lozier, which sometime around WWI was bought by LeRoy McDuffie as he is listed in *Beckers History* with John Carroll as a cigar manufacturer in 1921.

L. A. McDuffie had a cigar factory (or store) located on N. Seneca St, Waterloo, NY. He was the son of Knox McDuffie, and Knox was the son of Joseph. LeRoy was married to Mary E. (Hurd) McDuffie. L.A. stands for Leroy. LeRoy had a daughter that married Oswald Kidd and they had a son who married a Kumkey girl also from Waterloo. LeRoy (1871-1944) died in his forties and his business died with him.

Julie currently has two of L.A. McDuffie's cigar boxes that are in very good condition.



## History of the Celtic Cross



The Celtic Cross has been a symbol of both culture and faith for more than 1,500 years and probably far longer than that. The true origins of the Celtic Cross are unknown but there are many theories.

It may have begun as a pagan symbol but it was championed by Christianity in the form of the High Crosses around Ireland and in illuminated manuscripts. The majority of people who use the Celtic cross symbol now are Christian but many people also wear Celtic cross pendants as a symbol of their Irish (or Scottish or Welsh) heritage.

### OTHER MEETINGS, GAMES & GATHERINGS

Nov 7, 2020 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Scottish Games & Highland Gathering, Charleston, SC,  
[www.charlestonscottishgames.org](http://www.charlestonscottishgames.org)

Nov 14-15, 2020 Highland Games & Celtic Music Festival, Harrison County Fairgrounds, Gulfport, MS,  
[www.mshighlandsandislands.org](http://www.mshighlandsandislands.org)

April 24-25, 2021 Southern Maryland Celtic Festival, [www.cssm.org/events/festival/](http://www.cssm.org/events/festival/)

### CELEBRATE SCOTLAND

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

### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR, Julie MacDuffie Hall

**We have changed our phone number you can now reach me on my cell 315-486-3501.**

We have been fairly lucky that we haven't been affected to terribly by the covid-19 virus, just a lot of wearing face masks and staying in place. When the state did start to open up, we've been able to do a LOT of camping and now have a seasonal location. We did have our Minpin cross the rainbow bridge just as we were going into close down in March.

## ***MacDuffie the Younger Scholarship***

**Following is a summary of our scholarship that is available for eligible students. Application cut off is May 1, 2021. The MacDuffie 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 MacDuffie Scholarship recognizes college bound high school seniors based on citizenship, contributions to Scottish Heritage, academics and service to the MacDuffie 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 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](mailto:tpmjim@aol.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:

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Or, scan and email to: [tpmjim@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:tpmjim@aol.com).*

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:juliehall522@yahoo.com)



*From the family of Julie and our Officers*

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