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

Message from the President

Report of the MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc. November, 2023

What a busy year for the MacDuffee Clan Society of America. Both major Highland Games where we sponsored Clan Tents reached record attendance and as an addition this year, we also attended regional Games in New England led by our Northern Convener and Assistant **Vice President Donna McDuffee**. The busy schedule continued as **Vice President Allan McDuffie** and his wife Margaret represented our Clan Society by attending the International Gathering in September of our worldwide Clan Societies in Scotland followed by a visit to our Ancestral Home on the islands of Colonsay and Oronsay in the Hebrides.

I will be brief in my comments as much is reported in this Issue. Our Clan Society attendance at both primary games was excellent with a well-attended Annual General (AGM) on Grandfather. The slate of current officers was elected to serve the 2023-2024 term. We have set our 2024 AGM for July 13, 2024, at the Grandfather Highland Games which will run July 11th to the 14th, 2024. The Society will also sponsor a tent at the Loon Mountain Games in Lincoln, New Hampshire September 20, 21 and 22, 2024. Society finances and membership growth are strong and continue to meet our needs and expectations.

The Cathey and Coffee Societies have withdrawn from the International Clan MacFie.

The International Gathering asked for a report highlighting our MacDuffee Clan Society activities since the last Gathering in 2017.

Following is that report: 2017-2023

Since the time of the last Gathering in Scotland in 2017 there have been a number of positive developments. Many of our Clan Society officers and members have contributed to our success.

Most importantly our financial status has strengthened each year and we have incorporated the MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc. with the Secretary of State for the state of Indiana, USA. Formerly it was in Delaware.

Our activity for new members has experienced a gain of 4-8 new members each year. We continue to hold our AGM at our "home away from Scotland" on Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina every year in July since the late 1950s. We have recently appointed a Vice President and Convener for games that are held in New England which is rich with potential members from our Northern Lines. The plan is to also expand activity in the Carolinas. Both areas, near Boston, MA and Wilmington, NC, are where our ancestors generally entered North America.

We continue to provide MacDuffee Clan Society Scholarships to our student members. Last year was special as we added our first Student Board Member, Kayla Ingram. Her achievement was recognized by Finlay McFee of our International organization as well as the MacDuffee Clan Society.

Special MacDuffee Clan Society Memberships

Dane Vogelpohl of Vogie Forge was granted Honorary Membership in 2023 following his creation of two Claymores, The Oronsay and a MacDuffee, that celebrate the history of Colonsay and Oronsay in design, materials, and workmanship. Most importantly Dane was contracted in late 2022 to be a part of a small team of Artisans in Scotland to create a new Sword of State for Scotland. The sword named “The Elizabeth” was presented to King Charles III while he was in Edinburgh July 2023 and Dane attended the presentation, actually meeting the King. It replaced the sword presented in 1507 by Pope Julius and is on display as part of the Crown Jewels of Scotland.

Two other Honorary Members were also unanimously added. 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 elected as MacDuffee Clan Society Honorary Members. Both monitor over 9,000 FAG grave sites providing genealogical data to assist many researchers. Their primary focus is on McDuffie/ee lines and related spellings. They are both outstanding researchers and excellent additions to the MacDuffee Clan Society.

Second Scottish Memorial Opened at Grandfather Mountain

The original memorial, The Cairn, was dedicated to the Clans on Grandfather Mountain in 1980 on the Silver Anniversary of the Games which began in 1955 and, have had MacDuffees in attendance each year. 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 “flat cairn” memorial has “Clan Memorial Plaques” set permanently in concrete as a second lasting memorial at MacRae Meadows to the Clans and approved Societies based on past participation over many years. Our Clan Society was the second group to donate funds for the new construction only bested by the Frasers.

“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 deep association of Grandfather Mountain to the Annual gathering of Scottish Clans and Families.”



DUFFEE the Highland “Coo” HOW IS DUFFEE DOING

Erin McKinney reports that DUFFEE continues to be a healthy and happy Highland Coo in North Carolina. “We recently expanded her pasture area. So, she has indeed become a bit tubby with all the grass she can graze now. Our little herd has grown out their coats and are ready for winter.”

Big News: “DUFFEE will be on calf watch come summer. The gestation of cows is roughly 10 months. When our new bull, DUFFEE’s boyfriend, first moved in he “sprained an ankle” getting used to navigating our hills, so we think any close friendship (breeding) was likely postponed. We will keep a close watch and provide an update in the Spring Clan Chatter.”

As a final note our positive finances and a few COVID (no cost) cancelled games allowed us to have funds to renew the MacDuffee Clan Society Parade Banner and other tent signs with enough for up to three conveners to have necessary materials.

The Clan Society decided to honor Murchadh (Murdoch) MacDuffie of Colonsay who died in 1539 by placing his grave slab in the center of the new banner in high relief silver embroidery. The text on the slab is perfectly readable as it is on the actual Grave Slab in the Priory on Oronsay. The work was commissioned by our Society to the “Tartan Lady” of Georgia who has produced many outstanding works for the Clans on Grandfather. The new banner is over 2x3 feet in size and the tartan is our Ancient Colors.

Respectfully,
Thomas McDuffee FSAScot
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MACFIE CLAN COMMANDER: Vacant

The Council of Presidents has begun
the Process of Identifying a new Commander

**COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS BEGINS PROCESS FOR
A NEW COMMANDER**

The Presidents of all our Societies worldwide plus one trustee formed a Council of Presidents that is comprised most importantly of elected representatives of our memberships. The Trustee has control over the organization's Banking activities. The objective of the Council was and is to complete the required Process of identifying a replacement for our former Commander Iain MacFie who, had personally stepped down effective February 15, 2021. We collectively thanked Iain for his years of service and wish him well.

The funding for this effort has been equally shared with each of the Societies worldwide, demonstrating a great start for working together toward this most important action. The short- and longer-term objective is for our Clan to first identify a Commander whose primary job duty is then to determine if a Chief exists or to manage the process of identifying a new Chiefly line. To date no Chief has been identified over the last 40 years by three Commanders.

In order to properly proceed the Council has engaged Dr. Bruce Durie a well-known Genealogist, Heraldist, Author, Lecturer and Broadcaster who also has Right of Audience at the Court of the Lord Lyon. Bruce, as he requested to be addressed, has provided invaluable guidance regarding the necessary process we must follow in order to meet the requirements of the Lord Lyon, Dr Joseph Morrow. The procedure is detailed and requires the Council to proceed with unanimity.

The Council with assistance from Bruce has submitted a *Petition for a Family Convention* to the Court of the Lord Lyon on behalf of our Societies to convene a Family Convention. If approved the Lord Lyon will assign a Supervisory Office, an SO, to monitor our actions to ensure compliance. It is likely that the family

convention will be held in 12-24 months in Scotland and over the Internet once we are prepared. The process requires us to reach a consensus on a candidate to be presented to the Lord Lyon for his review. It is not a vote. The Council has prepared the official *Notice of Intent* for individuals who wish to be considered candidates. We have also requested that the Court keep us informed of any other actions by individuals that affect the process. Shortly, once our request for a Convention is hopefully approved, we will begin a significant communication campaign to inform all potential candidates in compliance with the Court and make the *Notice of Intent* available.

To initiate a more detailed communication effort for all our members Bruce was invited by the Council to speak at the International Gathering in Scotland to review and provide a background for the process then field questions from the Gathering attendees. This presentation has been transcribed and will be provided in text form when completed for those who could not attend. A recording has also been posted on the Clan Macfie Facebook page with Bruce's consent.

The Council of Presidents will continue to communicate as we move forward through our regular channels of Newsletters, websites and if necessary special announcements.

Thomas P. McDuffee, Chair Council of Presidents

INTERNATIONAL CLAN GATHERING SEPTEMBER 2023

Before describing this successful event, it is important to recognize and thank Vanessa Duffy and Loraine McFee of Scotland for spending the better part of a year organizing this event for our members Worldwide.

Due to the fact that we had no Commander and obviously no Chief this event was called a Gathering as no official Parliament with attendant agenda and business could be called. As such no business was conducted or minutes recorded. The focus was on a widespread group of distant relatives and friends convening a Gathering to share family ties, Scottish culture and to make new friendships. And, of course, to view the sights of Scotland ending with a special visit to our Ancestral Islands of Colonsay and Oronsay.

It was reported that over 80 clan members attended the Gathering. The primary event was the Clan Dinner with Dr Bruce Durie as the speaker for the evening. Society Reports were shared detailing activities since the last Parliament and 12 members who became Flowers of the Forest were remembered.

Subjects such as a genealogy project, updated websites, The McDuffie DNA Surname Project were all generally discussed and will be areas to address by the next Commander.

Colonsay Visit: About 50 clan members continued their visit in Scotland by traveling together to Colonsay and Oronsay. A number of events were held including an impromptu dinner with local musicians. The events included a church service, a walk to Oronsay to visit the Priory and a remembrance for the last Chief who died 400 years ago. Many new memories were created.

VP Allan McDuffie's Highlights from His Reports in Scotland

(As you may know the driving in Scotland is a challenge for first time visitors as you drive on the opposite side of the road) **From Allan:** " Hello Tom, Quite a trip! I think that I cheated death on the highways. I drove several hundred miles and returned the rental van in one piece. It was mostly a good trip, rained every day, of course I had one unforeseeable disappointment. We stood in line for quite some time to see the Honors...and unfortunately The Elizabeth was not on display! The 1543 Sword of State was still on display, and is pretty impressive, but I would have liked to see the new one. No photography was allowed in the Crown Room so I took the photo below at the entrance."

(Note: The Elizabeth is the new Sword of State that our new member Dane Vogelpohl was part of a team of Scottish artisans engaged to create. It was named for the new King's mother Queen Elizabeth.)

Allan's 2nd Report: "I'm writing to you from Colonsay, arriving late yesterday, September 29, on the McBrayne Ferry. The crossing was rough. Big swells breaking over the bow and spraying back over the observation lounge. There was doubt as to whether the ferry would make the run. I was quite relieved that it was not cancelled.

The Gathering was fun. This is where I met Bruce Durie who was a delightful guy. Bruce made it clear that the root name in Gaelic is some form of McDuffie(ee). I believe he even said that Macfie (and all other spellings) is a truncated form of McDuffie. He talked about the idea of using the Gaelic name for the clan with subgroups...there were two of us McDuffies at the Gathering, me and Cliff McDuffie, from a small town near Tampa, Florida."

Our Society report was read on behalf of our members and a number of our Clan society photos were displayed. Margaret and I were honored to represent our MacDuffee Clan Society and would certainly recommend to all our members to visit Scotland and certainly our islands; an educational, emotional, and wonderful trip. We enjoyed meeting so many other Society members.

Allan McDuffie

Entrance To Crown Room



Photos By Allan McDuffie

Honours Signage



Note: The Sword of State was presented by Pope Julius in 1507 to James IV and first used in a coronation for Queen Mary in 1543. The Sceptre was created about 1494 and the oldest surviving Crown in perhaps all of Europe was dated pre-1540. These three items, the Sword, the Crown and the Sceptre comprise The Honours of Scotland and are informally called the *Crown Jewels of Scotland*.

HISTORY

A Town By Any Other Name

McDuffie County, GA was built in 1870 from Columbia and Warren counties' territories, sits along the Savannah River Basin. It is named for George McDuffie, a native Georgian, who became a governor and senator of South Carolina. At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, some 200 Quaker families heavily settled this region, and then in 1823, McDuffie enjoyed an early gold strike when two Englishmen found valuable ore there. <http://www.thomson-mcduffie.com>

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

It was in the year 1772, that the first Emigration from the Highlands of Scotland to North America took place, from the estates of Lord Macdonell, in the Isle of Sky, and of Lord Seaforth; from Kintail and Loch Broom. These Emigrants went to South Carolina—they were all Protestants. In the year 1773, Macdonald, of Clanranald, began to display some hostile feeling against Catholics. His factor, John Macdonald, of Glen Aladale, who was a Catholic himself, wishing to relieve the Tenants of Clanranald from the hard usage they experienced from their Landlord, sold his property in order to assist them to emigrate, and took a ship load of them to Prince Edward's Island, then called St. John's Island. But not meeting with proper encouragement, many of these Emigrants removed to Acadia, on the mainland of Nova Scotia, where they remained, until the breakout of the Revolutionary War in 1774. The whole of them, that is to say, all capable of bearing arms, then joined the Royal Standard some under Captain Macdonald himself, and others under Major Small, and were called the 84th Regiment. This corps was formed with the addition of another body of Highlanders, under General McLean.

In the year 1773 another large party of Highlanders emigrated from Glengarry and Knoidart, at the invitation of the celebrated Sir William Johnston, to the then British province of New York, and settled in the bush of Sir William, on the borders of the Mohawk River. When the Revolutionary War broke out the Americans tried every means to detain them in the country. When they found that entreaties, persuasions, threats and coaxing were of no avail, they arrested several of the influential men. and confined them in prison; but they contrived to affect their own release, and under the guidance and command of Sir John Johnston, son to Sir William, fought their way to the banks of the St. Lawrence. During this expedition they suffered incredible hardships, both by hunger and fatigue; living chiefly upon the flesh of their horses and dogs, and when that failed them upon the roots of the Forest. On their arrival in Canada, they were formed into a corps under Sir John Johnston, and called "The Royal Emigrants," and their services in the field contributed in a great degree to the preservation of the Canadas. At the conclusion of the War, as a reward for their services, and in compensation for their losses, lands were granted them in Upper Canada, and they located themselves, some on the Niagara frontier; some on the Bay of Quinte; some on the shores of the St. Lawrence, in what is now called the Johnstown District; and others in the Eastern District, in those counties now known by the names of Glengarry and Stormont, the former of which was so called, in compliment to the Emigrants from Glengarry, in Scotland.

Many of the friends and connections in Scotland of these Emigrants, especially of those settled in Glengarry, hearing cheerful tidings from Canada, and suffering from the same causes that induced the former to quit their homes, began to join them in numbers. To such an extent did the emigration proceed, that the Highland Lairds began to be alarmed at the idea of the Highlands being depopulated; so much so indeed, that they procured an Act of Parliament to be passed, restricting emigration by oppressive and vexatious regulations, and obtained ships of War to guard the harbors and lochs of the Highlands, to board Emigrant vessels, and to press into the Naval Service every able-bodied man found on board. By the regulations of this Act, no man could emigrate to North America with a wife and three children, even below the age of five years, unless at an expense of nearly fifty pounds, and the cost of transportation of the rest of his family in like proportion. As American ships carrying out Emigrants Were not subjected to any of these severe regulations, the natural consequence was, that

intended Emigrants to Canada and other British Provinces made choice of those vessels, and emigrated to the United States instead, so that the tide of emigration set in towards that country, to which more or less it has always since flowed. Another consequence resulting out of the first, was, that in the war of 1812, between Great Britain and the United States, the ranks of the enemy were filled with Highlanders and their children, who left home under the irritation of mind, arising from the oppression of their landlords in racking their rents, and from (the illiberality of the Government, in throwing unjust impediments in the way of obtaining relief, by joining their friends in Canada.

To be continued

BOOKS

Memoirs of the War carried on in Scotland and Ireland 1689 - 1691

By Major General Hugh MacKay, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces with an Appendix of original papers (1833) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<http://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/memoirswarcarri02mackgoog.pdf>

**DNA project updates:
DNA results from the 2010 MacDuffee/ McDuff surname project.
Main Bloodline Group 1
Submitted by: David Nathan McDuffie**

This is the dominant bloodline, or MacFie “haplotype” containing the largest number of members.

Fascinatingly, it contains all main surname spelling variants, namely: McDuffie, McDuffee, McAfee, McPhee, McPhie, McFee and McFie and all the Mac’s of variants thereof, thus absolutely and conclusively proving that all were once the same name. One Duffie and three Catheys have also matched within Group 1. This follows a number of non-matches, at the moment, no matches have been logged with Coffey, Coffee, McHaffey, Fee etc, although that is not to say this will not happen in the future.

Tree DNA manages our ongoing MacDuffee DNA, and the results are incredible! We need more Y-100 DNA contributions to the site to complete our Big Y Story. FamilytreeDNA.com Click on group projects, search MacDuffee. Join. We have 372 members so far. Please contact me if you have any questions.

dnmcduffie@gmail.com. Any of the above names are needed for our DNA history map. Modern DNA examination takes us further back, and more accurately determines your ancient ancestry. For example, my test results - positive for R-M269 (R1b1a1a2). This is the haplogroup that most Western Europeans have, 74%. This line goes back to the Yamnaya (river in Ukraine) Culture 4500 BC. Migration to Western Europe and the British Isles by 3000 BC. Markers in my DNA show ancient relatives lived in most of the W European countries, especially the British Isles. Limerick, Ireland 450 AD, a DNA match of a forefather. This test will tell the journey your father’s side took thousands of years ago into the present.

Ancient Family Tree-results from the Y100 DNA

Starting in 4500 BC: Yamnaya Culture from the Caucus mountains North to N Black and N Caspian Seas into Southern Russia.

3000 BC: Corded (cord print on pottery) Ware culture from N Western and Central Europe

2500 BC: Bell Beaker (shape of pottery) Culture from Western Europe and British Isles, discovered Stonehenge.

600 BC: Celtic culture, Celts/Kelts pronounced as K, from Spain, France, Germany, Scandinavia, and the British Isles.

2023 Modern Day Europeans and Americans.

Interesting facts about our ancestors

-The Yamnaya culture modernized farming and domesticated animals such as the Horse, goats, cattle, and pigs. They grew wheat and barley in the black dirt of Southern Russia and made beer. They are the earliest culture to make jewelry out of gold. They introduced the Indo-European language to Western Europe.

-Clan McLaren, Clan Campbell, and Clan MacDuffee share the same forefather in 200 AD.

-All blue-eyed humans share a single common ancestor born 6000 to 10,000 years ago that lived in the area of the Black Sea.

You may contact David McDuffie if you have any follow-up questions.

Just a reminder we have added a section to include short stories about your family history. 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. Thank you.

WEB SITES for RESEARCH

Come view our photos 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 online.

at www.tartanregister.gov.uk

<http://www.ancestry.com/> This site has a plethora of information. It will let you search but must join to retrieve data.

<http://www.recordslogin.com/members/?stid=4jvr8k0klvvjs9smas4a8pkfh7>

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

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

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

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

<http://govgenealogyseach.com/>

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

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

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

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

There is a web seminar on family research in Scotland that might be helpful to those interested at:

<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp> about halfway down the page there is the link, it is under

archived webinars: RESEARCHING YOUR SCOTTISH ANCESTORS. Scotland has a wealth of records available to assist you in researching your Scottish ancestry. Scottish statutory records of births, marriages and deaths began in 1855 and are available online together with census returns from 1841-1911. Other records include Old Parish Records of baptisms, marriages and burials, records from Catholic archives and Scottish wills and testaments.

New Supply of Clan Society Shirts

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



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

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

NEW MEMBERS

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Elizabeth Robin Salvador of King, NE, a descendant of Duncan J McDuffie
Andrew McDuffie Vincent III of Augusta, GA, a Descendant of John McDuffee
Emily Elizabeth Vasquez, of Bradenton, FL
Dana (Dane) Vogelpohl of Perth, Scotland, Honorary Member
Andrew McDuffie Vincent, III of Augusta, GA

MAKING NEW FRIENDS ONE GAME AT A TIME

A' dheanamh charaidean ura, aon Gheam Ghaidhealach aiga on am

I had the great opportunity to commission a custom Claymore to be created by Dane Vogelpohl of the Vogie Forge. It was a collaboration between Dane and myself to create a family heirloom that told my Family Scottish History. There will be a featured article in the Spring Chatter to cover the story of this Claymore. The sword, a MacDuffee Claymore, became the featured attraction at the MacDuffee Clan Society Tents at the Maine Northern Highland Games and the Quechee Games where new friends were made. I jumped at the chance, when asked, to convene our Tent at new Games in the New England area which is rich in our family history.

At the **Maine Games** a couple of young men came to the tent and asked about the Sword. I told them all about the history of the clan and my ancestors, showing them what each symbol on the scabbard stood for and then

showed them the sword's blade with the engraving of each of my ancestors, starting with my 5th great grandfather that came to Boston. On one side I have all the men listed down to my father and then myself. On the reverse I have all their wives down to my mother; the women being just as important as the men who fought the battles.

The Good News: One of the men later returned to the Tent and asked to join the Clan Society. He said that he was most impressed with the knowledge of our Scottish heritage and the connection to our ancestors. He became a member and left with a new polo shirt.

I also had another family that was fascinated by the Claymore and also returned later in the day to compliment our marching in the parade of Tartans.

At the **Quechee Games**, a man named Robert and his two sons came to the Tent and was very complimentary of the Claymore and the sheer craftsmanship. He also complimented us as having, again, one of the most knowledgeable and well-constructed tent displays. The gentleman shared that he had lost 4 swords in a house fire and was impressed by the quality of my sword. The story, my history, embedded on the scabbard and the blade was truly enjoyed by the guests to our tent.

We had many visitors stop by our tent at both Games.

It was a busy year as I also attended the Grandfather Mountain Games and the Loon Mountain Games. As the Northern convener I truly look forward to the next Highland Games where we can make new friends one game at a time, share our Scottish Heritage and hopefully attract new members.

Respectfully,

Donna McDuffee Infantino, Northern Convener

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Patricia Dodd McDuffie died peacefully at home on July 17, 2023, she was 103. Born in Savannah, Georgia. She attended the University of Maryland for her undergraduate and medical degrees, graduating in 1944, practicing as a general surgeon, and was board certified by the American College of Surgeons. She moved to Asheville, NC in 1954 with her husband, the late Dr. Robert S. McDuffie, Sr. She is survived by sons – Robert S. McDuffie, Jr. of Denver, CO; Peter D. McDuffie of Kingsport, TN; and James F. McDuffie of Asheville, NC. Also survived by 2 grandsons and 1 great-grandson.

Elizabeth H. McDuffie died June 10, 2023, at the age of 103. Born Aug 5, 1919, in Camillus, NY., the daughter of Charles R. Hartkopf and Lumora Whitney Hartkopf. She attended the Central City Business Institute in Syracuse, NY and began working at Solvay Process Division of Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation in 1938. She married Harold Fritz McDuffie on Oct 21, 1944, in the Camillus Methodist Church and lived there until moving to Oak Ridge, TN in 1950.

She became very involved with the First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge, TN., where the couple did extensive travel thru the International Relations program of the Oak Ridge High School.

She is predeceased by her husband Harold Fritz McDuffie and sons Mark Whitney McDuffie and Kurt Charles McDuffie. She is survived by sons – David Ferguson McDuffie and Greg Phillips McDuffie, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and brother Charles Hartkopf.

MEETINGS, GAMES AND GATHERINGS

Reminder: May 27 International Macfie Clan Day

Feb 24, 2024 Suncoast Scots, Manatee County Fairgrounds, 1402 14th Ave W,

Palmetto, FL 34221 <https://www.suncoastscots.com/>

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

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

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

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

MacDuffee the Younger Scholarship

Following is a summary of our scholarship that is available for eligible students. Application cut off is May 1st. The MacDuffee Clan Society supports education and knowledge of our Scottish & family heritage. Winners will be announced at the Annual meeting in July each year.

Purpose: The MacDuffee Scholarship recognizes college bound high school seniors based on citizenship, contributions to Scottish Heritage, academics, and service to the MacDuffee Clan Society.

Criteria: The students eligible for consideration must be graduating high school seniors who have been accepted at either a two- or four-year college or university. Consideration will be given to accomplishments and activities such as: academics, community service, activities in their church and school, awareness of Scottish Heritage, knowledge of their family genealogy, and admission to a College or University. Successful applicants will be asked to write a half page paper regarding their family history. All eligible students will be the children, grandchildren, stepchildren or adopted children of active MacDuffee Clan Society members in good standing.

Guidelines: Scholarships will be awarded and disbursed each year at the Annual General meeting in July. All eligible candidates are to submit their Scholarship Application by May 1st of their senior year in High School.

Amount: Scholarships may range from \$250 to \$500 at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. One scholarship may be granted each year. The scholarship is for one year and is not renewable.

Deadline: The deadline for submission of a Scholarship Application is May 1st of each year. The post mark or media date on the submission will be strictly monitored.

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

Student Board Members

Students interested in applying for consideration as the Student Committee Member should submit the following information to the President of MacDuffee Clan Society:

Name, Date of Birth, Year in School, Organization (school, civic, service) membership(s), your Clan Society membership level or member name of parent and/or grandparent. (Note that all dues must be current.) Please submit a paragraph as to why you would like to serve the Clan Society.

Submit your input to Thomas McDuffee, President, MacDuffee Clan Society at tpmijm@aol.com by May 1st.

Duties of the Student Board Member include the following:

- 1.) Responsible for sharing of the Scottish information, assisting with the coordination of the Clan Society Marches at the AGM at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, and providing Society interface with the children in the MacDuffee Clan Society.
- 2.) Participates in the review of Clan Society Scholarship recommendations unless they are a candidate.
- 3.) Assures that Clan Tents are maintained.
- 4.) Student Board Members do not have a vote in Clan Society affairs unless they are at least 18 years of age prior to the AGM.
- 5.) Student Board Members are to be at least 16 years of age by the first AGM in which they serve and may serve for 2-year terms unless reelected unopposed until graduation.
- 6.) Encourages other youth members of the Society to compete in the Highland Games competition.
- 7.) Attendance at AGMs is not mandatory, but input is important.

CLAN CHATTER INFORMATION

The Clan Chatter is scheduled to be published in Spring and Fall of each year. Clan Society members with articles need to submit them, by the 15th of March or September for consideration. These can include births, marriages, deaths, achievements and, etc. **Please advise the Editor of any changes in address or email address.** They can be submitted by forwarding to Julie MacDuffie Hall (Editor) at 506 Stone St., Watertown, NY 13601 or juliehall522@yahoo.com.

The mailing rate for each newsletter that is mailed with USPS has been raised yet again. THAT MEANS IT WILL COST US OVER \$.84 TO MAIL EACH NEWSLETTER. I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE EVERYONE THAT HAS INTERNET ACCESS TO FORWARD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS (IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY). WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP COSTS DOWN.

FROM THE EDITOR

Hope everyone enjoyed their summer and are well.

We've had a good summer it went by just too fast. We have things ready for winter, but at this rate with our temperatures being so high, winter can take its time coming. Wayne did take a fall this summer with the help of our dog, dislocating his elbow and cracking two ribs, and is well on the mend.

We just through quite the strange situation for us. The main feed water line from the water treatment plant here in the city broke, and some of the shutoff valves failed, thus our reservoirs back fed and

depleted. We now have the repair completed, lines and reservoirs are slowly being filled and we still need to conserve water usage and boiling of water at least for the next few days.



Julie



From the family of Julie and the Clan Officers