Clansmen, all.

I know that you are not unaware of the actions of the current clan chief and his corps. Many of you have wondered why we don't continue to rebuttal the innuendos and accusations on their various websites.

To do so is a waste of time on our part. We published two letters on the subject calling for substantiation of their claims and nothing but doctored emails was ever produced. Therefore, as they have no basis for their claims, nor their apparent hatred and disdain for an organization that has served this clan well since 1997/8, to continue to refute their ridiculous allegations are unnecessary. Once is enough. You can do nothing with people so consumed by the need for power and control that would discard their own honor. Steven and Patricia Adams even wrote highland games instructing them not to allow us to participate! The games know, even if they don't, that we have a right to attend and are sending additional invitations and personal invitations to their games!

Our intent and commitment are shown by the fact that we have finished all things promised in our letters to you. The bylaws were re-written, the books reviewed, elections are being held, we are doing the games and promoting our history and genealogy and our AGM is happening on schedule.

It's been a rough six months, but we aren't looking backward. Dunardry Heritage Association is a positive, industrious group working on our future, together. Cruach Mor!

Editor's note: This is the original and authentic "Non Oblitus" Newsletter and has been published for over five years by the Dunardry Heritage Association/Clan MacTavish /Thom(p)son Worldwide. The use of our publication's name by other organizations for their newsletter is unauthorized and unoriginal, but not unexpected.

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Dear Friends

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to participate in our annual general meeting. Your Directors have decided to meet in Williamsburg, VA on the 5th of August for this event. See the website at http://www.mactavish.org and click on the AGM links for further details. All the things we promised in our February newsletter will have been completed before the meeting.

As you know, our membership database was misappropriated and given to an unauthorized person in violation of our Privacy Act and the Graham Leach Bliley Act. This has resulted in much confusion and misunderstanding. We are unable to verify the membership status of some past members and, as we don't have a current membership list, those who took no action to verify or update their status with DHA to date must be considered defunct.

A committee met in April and produced a new set of By-Laws and Constitution. The Directors met in May and approved the recommendations. They are available to <u>current</u> members on request. We will also have copies at the AGM. Two major changes are that <u>ALL</u> members in good standing will be able to vote for the Directors and Officers, either in person at the AGM or by mailing in your ballot. The other major change is that since we are a family organization; <u>both</u> spouses/partners will be equal members and able to vote on one paid membership.

Have you seen our new WEB Page? http://www.mactavish.org It's totally new and more information is being added all the time, so be patient if your favorite info or research isn't on it yet!

Even more good news!! Tom Thompson of Australia has donated his DVD which includes the Memorial Service for Chief Dugald in Scotland. There are also videos of Iona, Ireland and other Celtic sites. We have combined the new DVD with his older one. which includes a video tour of Dunardry Lands, into a fantastic offering to our members ONLY. We will have some at the AGM and you can order them through the Office of Record address.

<u>Disk one:</u> "Clan Pilgrimage" is 58 minutes

<u>Disk Two:</u> "Thompson Family Heritage" is 13 minutes.

Total cost is only \$24.95 including S&H

This generous man has also sent several bottles of his famous Australian "Lavish MacTavish" wine from the Thom(p)son Family Heritage wine Series - "Children of the Mist" Chardonnay and his "Cruach Mor" Cabernet Sauvignon. We will offer the wine by silent auction at the AGM. Those of you unable to attend the AGM can make a bid by mail before the AGM . We will add the S & H. Remember high bid gets this fine wine, and it's tax deductible. Send bids to the Office of Record Address on right.

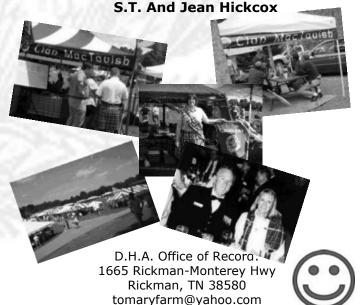
The Dunardry Heritage Association was well-represented at the Gatlinburg, Tennessee Glasgow, Kentucky and the St. Andrews Society of Illinois games. We added some new members, answered a lot of questions about recent events, were invited to too many games to attend, and had lots of laughs and good times with our clan "family." The weather for all our games have been perfect – rain <u>before</u> the Gatlinburg games, but not during! Our International Representative, Ernest Thompson,

from Australia came over and went to his first US games. He had a great time except for getting stuck in the elevator with Tom, Harold and Fred at the hotel on their way to the Whiskey Tasting! A story best told by one of the participants!

We have nine members running for Directors and Officers. We have included a short biographic sketches of each of the candidates. I realize it's customary to have more than one candidate for a position, but in a volunteer organization, you are truly lucky to have enough members to fill your slate of officers. If there are members willing to run for a director's position and we didn't know about you, there will be elections for a portion of the directors each year.

Welcome New Members!

Lorri Duke
Tammy Moore-Pilcher
Amber and David Thomason
Verlon and Amaryllis Cash
Paula Lemmond



SHORT BIOGRAPHIES OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Name: <u>Debra L. Montague</u> <u>Position: Director</u>

My father's family is from Dysart in Fife. They emmigrated in 1841 from Dundee to New York, moving to northeast Iowa in 1847 where they joined a large number of Scottish immigrants settling this section of Iowa.

I have a Bachelors of Arts in English from Viterbo College (now University) in LaCrosse, Wisconsin and currently work as Operations Manager for a nationwide vibration montioring company. I have done PR for several non-profit organizations and currently do the newsletter and web site for the Great Lakes Chapter of the International Society of Explosives Engineers. I have been a DHA/Clan MacTavish/Thom(p)son commissioner for several years.

I've lived in Wheaton, Illinois for 25 years. And have a daughter and 3 cats. My interests (besides my Scottish ancestry) include reading, writing, counted cross-stitch, gardening and cooking.

Name: Mary Thompson Position: Director/Treasurer

I was raised in the Scotch/Irish area of northern West Virginia near Pittsburgh, PA. My Scottish lineage includes Thompsons as well as Gordons and I grew up "knee deep" in kith and kin. I have a B.A. in Secondary Education from West Liberty State College, Wheeling, WV.

I have lived all around the country and much of the world during my 9+ years as a US Air Force officer and with being married to another. I worked with my husband, Tom, on the family farm in Michigan for 25 years and was a library director prior to moving to TN 5 years ago. We have 5 children and nine grandchildren. I have been a hand spinner (yarn) and weaver for over 25 years, activities I find both satisfying and relaxing.

Currently, I am serving as DHA director/treasurer. Prior to that, I operated the clan store, My Clan Tartans and was webmistress for Chief Dugald. I also designed and put up the new DHA webpage at http://www.mactavish.org the first week of July.

Name: Ernest Thompson Position: Director/International Rep.

Born and raised in Sydney, New South Wales the descendent of Scottish immigrants (Thompson/Hunter), an Irish convict (Tierney) serving life for assaulting a gentleman, an English needlewoman (Johnson), a German vine dresser (Diel) and a New Zealand Lady (Smythe). Now residing in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

I spent the majority of my working life in the service of my country

Nam, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, and the Pacific Islands.

I have visited the USA on several occasions including visits to TN with my partner, Cheryl, and also (on my own) to the Gatlinburg Games in May 2006. Both these occasions were enjoyed immensely due to our most gracious hosts, Tom and Mary Thompson, and the great time had in company with other Clan members at Gatlinburg.

I am a devoted member of the DHA, was commissioned by our beloved late Chief Dugald as Commissioner for Australia/New Zealand, and was elected as International Representative at the 2004 AGM and would like to continue in that capacity.

Name: Frederick (Fred) Cash Position: Director/Vice Pres.

My name is Frederick "Fred" Cash of Louisville, Kentucky. I have lived in Louisville, Kentucky my whole life, except for four years in the U.S. Navy on the USS Aeolus. I retired,two years ago, from The General Electric Company- Appliance Division, after 31 years of service. I was in industrial maintenance at this facility.

I have one son and two grandsons. One grandson is nearby, so I see him often.

At the present I have been trying to play golf ,play golf , and play more golf. I also enjoy working in the yard, reading Science Fiction novels and camping in our motor home.

My wife, Barbara, and I enjoy camping with wonderful friends, who are kinsman, and who share our goals of furthering Scottish tradition and increasing membership in the Dunardry Heritage Association/ Clan MacTavish/ Thompson. (Ed. Note)He and Barbara support the DHA and the clan by helping at games throughout KY/TN/IN and will be at the AGM in August.

Name: Barbara Moore Position: Director

I was born in West TN to Kitty (Cash) Thomas and Cecil Marion Thomas. I have very fond memories of spending a lot of my childhood on my Grandfather Cash's cotton farm and the big family get together's with all my Cash relatives. My mother and father divorced when I was 3 and she married my step father when I was 4. We moved to Michigan when I was 10 and I lived 10 years there. Met, fell in love and married my husband in Michigan, he was from Tennessee also. We moved to Florida and lived there 11 years. I worked at and managed a small grocery store until our first daughter came along. We have two beautiful daughters and two beautiful granddaughters. Around 1973 we moved to Colorado and spent ten years there. We owned and operated several businesses including a Building Supply Store

and a Sears Catalog Agency. Due to my husband's ageing parents and failing health we moved back to Tennessee where we live now. We've owned and operated a our own business here until we sold out. I've raised and shown llamas the last 10 years and sadly because of knee problems have had to sell our llamas this past year.

In the 20 years of researching my Cash family line I stumbled upon Clan MacTavish. A Great Aunt told me when I was a child we were of Scots descent. In researching I found out a Cash family member had researched for 50 years, made numerous trips to Scotland and written a book tracing us back to Dunadd. I do not have the book but I have a copy his thesis in which he states King Malcolm IV gave as a dowry many thousands of acres of land to his half sister when she married MacDuff. The lands are in Strathmiglo, Fife, Scotland and are divided into Easter Cash and Wester Cash now. An email friend who lives in Perth, Scotland emailed to me pictures of the Cash lands in Fife. When I found Clan MacTavish and applied for supporting membership I was so shocked and delighted to get a call from Chief Dugald MacTavish, I had found my home! In honor of my ancestors I've been a supporting member of the Dunardry Heritage Association/ Clan MacTavish since 2000 and a director since 2005.

Name: Thomas B. Thompson Position: Director

My name is Thomas B. Thompson and I was born 21 April, 1948. I live in Lafayette, Colorado and have 5 children and 4 grandchildren. I work as a building inspector for a major city in Colorado and enjoy reading, golfing and anything outdoors.

I served 4 years in the Marine Corps and 3 years in the U.S. Army and 3 additional years in the U.S. Army reserves.

I am a 7^{th} generation grandson whose 4^{th} greatgrandfather lived in North Carolina in the 1700s. That is as far back as I can trace my family for now.

It was during the trip to Scotland in July 2005 that I became a truly avid supporter of Clan MacTavish/Thom(p)son and realized much more of my heritage.

Name: Harold Thompson Bennett Position: Director

Harold Thompson Bennett was born in Swanee, TN. His family moved to Kentucky when he was 3 years old and he grew up there. He worked for a number of years as a carpenter and then became a boilermaker for Local 40, retiring a few years ago.

Harold and his wife, Patsy, still live in Kentucky where they raised 4 daughters (one daughter lived in North Carolina and is very active, along with her husband, in Clan Hall and sometimes dons the MacTavish colors

and marches with our clan).

He is a life member at Loch Norman, has sponsored the clan tent at the Glasgow Highland Games for a number of years and is a member of the Evansville, IN St. Andrews Society. He has been the DHA/Clan MacTavish/Thom(p)son commissioner for KY for more than two years and director for one

You would be hard-pressed to find a more dedicated, loyal supporter of the DHA or one who was more proud of his clan.

Name: Tom Thompson Position: Director/President

I was born in Jamestown, IN and grew up through my teen years working on local farms, hunting and fishing. At 18, I joined the US Air Force as an enlisted man, then went to college and became an officer. I served as both navigator and pilot on various aircraft throughout my 23 years of service, retiring in 1979 - too young to quit working.

Mary (my wife) and I took up farming in 1976 and by my retirement were busy with 150 registered ewes and 40 cows. I spent most of my time fencing, feeding and cutting hay. We worked together at lambing/calving season and I would occasionally have to call Mary home from the library to act as midwife - a source of great amusement for the local townspeople. We enjoyed the animals and the peace and quiet of the farm, but in 2001, my doctor told me I couldn't be out in the cold northern Michigan temperatures any longer. So, we sold out, packed up and moved to TN where we still have two ancient horses and peaceful evenings watching the sunset from our porch with three dogs and one cat.

Here, I am active with Toastmaster's International and building a new garage/workshop.

I am currently president of DHA and have been asked by numerous members to run again for the position, so I am. I have done my best to promote DHA and Clan MacTavish and to defend it against any attacks, from within or without.

Name: John Thomson Position: Director/Secretary

We weren't able to get John's biography in time for publication. John was born and raised in Scotland, currently lived in Arizona. He is Dean at a college there, has been the DHA/Clan MacTavish/Thom(p)son Bard for the past 6 months and has been our secretary for over a year. He is a passionate supporter of DHA and will continue to be a great help steering us forward.

DHA/Clan MacTavish/Thom(p)son

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