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The Clan Has Settled on a Gaelic Clan Name

**After Two Rounds and Three Years of Research and Work
The Worldwide Clan has Settled on**

Clan MacDubhsith



Oronsay Priory on Oronsay-Colonsay Tidal Isles in Scotland

Message from the President

Greetings to all the MacDuffee Clan Society members of Clan MacDubhsith. One question that is now often asked is what is the proper way to pronounce the settled Gaelic Clan name? We have used a recommended method but have recently engaged with a Gaelic Speaking College located on the Isle of Skye for a short definitive video produced by their language department. We are in the creation phase and hopefully we will have the proper method to post on the Council and Society websites for all members to reference and to continue to refer back to as we become accustomed to MacDubhsith. The Gaelic College was quite complimentary of the Clan's decision.

Following the settling of the Clan name the Council of Presidents embarked on the process to identify a Commander for Clan MacDubhsith. We had about four candidates that submitted their Notice of Intent (sort of like an application) for consideration as a candidate for Commander. Following multiple reviews by the Council it was unanimously decided that while the candidates offered varied and interesting backgrounds that no clear candidate emerged. The explanation for the role of the Commander and the required duties is listed on the Council's website and will be communicated again for another attempt at finding a qualified candidate. The candidate we select and present will require review by a Supervisory Officer appointed by the Court with a final determination made by the Lord Lyon as the final step. The process is detailed and challenging which is appropriate for the responsibility that the position demands. The primary duty of the Commander is to determine if a Chief exists or, if not, may a new Chiefly line be proposed. This will require many skills and knowledge to complete the task.

As a reminder our Annual General Meeting will be held on Grandfather Mountain Saturday July 11, 2026. The scheduled time is 1:30 to 2:30pm. We will also sponsor a Clan/Society Tent at the Loon Mountain Highland Games which run from September 18th to the 20th, 2026. The Loon Games are held near Lincoln, New Hampshire. Please check websites for both Games to secure tickets. This year we will have a special guest from Canada join us for the Grandfather Games. Gary MacPhie President of the Clan Macfie Society in Canada, see note below about Gary.

A special 250th Birthday of the USA follows as we asked all members to let us know if they had ancestors that fought during the American Revolution. We have list one that follows and will prepare a second list for the Fall Clan Chatter. So, please check your records and let us know if you have ancestors that fought in the Revolution.

Regards,

Tom

Thomas Patrick McDuffee FSAScot, Armiger
President MacDuffee Clan Society of Clan MacDubhsith

American Revolutionary Ancestor Patriots of the MacDuffee Clan Society of Clan MacDubhsith

We are honoring our 250th Birthday of the United States and those who fought for this grand experiment in self-governance. Following is a list of our ancestors who fought in the American Revolution as reported by the genealogical work of our members. We will have a second list in the Fall Clan Chatter.

These Patriots were reported by **Donna McDuffee, David Thomas MacDuffee, Staci (Mahaffey) Ingram, Julie MacDuffie Hall, Tom McDuffee and David N. McDuffie:**

James H. McDuffee (Birth 1750 • Freehold, Monmouth, New Jersey; Death 1825 • McDuffie Town, Seneca County, New York)
Private serving in the Militia in Captain Barnes Smock's Company, Artillery
Present at the capture of the British ship, *Britannia*, December 1779 (age 29)

Cornelius Genung (1746-1828) New Jersey US Revolution Militia Minuteman. Later served as a soldier substitute for a brother. (MacDuffie Cousin)

John McDuffy (1750-1820) Was 26 years old when he joined the Richmond County Militia in Augusta, Georgia. Served under Brigadier General Andrew Pickens, Lt Col. Elijah Clarke and Col. John Cunningham. Fought mostly in the backcountry of Georgia and South Carolina employing guerilla tactics. Was present at battle of Kettle Creek, the siege and recapture of Augusta and at Cowpens.

Soloman Barnes (1742- date requested from State Records) was a Corporal in Captain Jonathan Brown's Company of Artillery. Born in Maryland and settle in Taylorsville, North Carolina. His regiment was at the Battle of Monmouth, the defense of West Point and the siege of Yorktown.

Martin Hugh Mahaffey served as a "horseman" in the Revolutionary War from South Carolina and eventually settled in Lauren County, SC.

Ensign James McDuffee (1731-1800) Served in the Revolution from Rochester, NH. Served on the Committee of Safety and signed the Association Test which was required by all towns to assure who supported the Revolution and who refused. This was a critical and "revolutionary" action taken by the new government for all towns. Served throughout the war.

Captain Daniel McDuffee (1738-1807) He signed the Association Test in support of the Revolution. Was Captain of the Rochester, NH Militia. He led a 58-man Rochester Militia unit to the Battle of Saratoga where British General Burgoyne surrendered his army to the American Colonials. Captain Daniel served under General John Stark. General Stark, months before had won the Battle of Bennington setting the stage for the British, Tory and Hessian mercenary's defeat at Saratoga. Served as Militia was called up. Served in Fall 1777 at Bennington and Saratoga.

Captain William McDuffee (1728-1804) Captain Willian served in the New Hampshire 2nd Regiment. He first served under Col. Daniel Moor. The New Hampshire 1st, 2nd and 3rd Regiments fought in numerous battles during the Revolution. Served throughout the war.

Lt Colonel John McDuffee (1724-1817) Served in the French and Indian War and was a Lieutenant in Roger's Rangers at the siege of Louisburg, serving under General Wolfe at the capture of Quebec. Was an officer at Fort Ticonderoga and served as one of 4 original members of the Committee of Safety and the Committee of Correspondence for Rochester, NH again to assure who supported the Revolution and who were Tories. All men of a certain age had to sign unless they were conscientious objectors to war, such as Quakers.

He was appointed, based on previous service, as Lt Colonel 3rd New Hampshire Regiment under Col. Poor. This unit being one of three New Hampshire Regiments to fight the British and their allies. John McDuffee also served in the New Hampshire Senate becoming the State's Senior Senator. He died at age 93. He too had served throughout the war.

Next List: Fall 2026

In the Fall Issue of the *Clan Chatter* we will list other ancestors of our Society that served during the Revolution. Please take a look at your genealogical records and submit your family connections to Tom McDuffee (tpmijm@aol.com) or Julie Hall (juliehall522@yahoo.com) our Clan Chatter Editor.

The Revolutionary fighting began April 19, 1775 at Lexington and Concord and concluded September 3, 1783 with the signing of the Treaty of Paris. That 1783 date is critical for us as that is the date we became Americans and no longer were considered citizens of Great Britain (Scotland). In order to become eligible to become an Armiger a candidate's family had to have established residence (as a GB Citizen) before 1783 in the former Colonies.

Congratulations to the many current Scottish families that relate back to this amazing event in world history. Thank you for your input to this project and your family's patriotism.

Tom

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Special Canadian Guest to Join Us in July

Gary MacPhie who has been President of the Clan Macfie Society in Canada for 22 years and a Society member for 45 years will be joining us for the 2026 Grandfather Mountain Games. He is originally from Toronto, Canada, where he attended the University of Toronto to become a teacher and began his career teaching in Toronto in the early 80's. In 1988, he ventured overseas and he and Barbara, his wife, spent 25 years working and teaching internationally. With stops in Singapore, Taiwan, and then as an elementary principal in Tanzania, Qatar and China. He started playing the bagpipes in the same Pipe band as his father in the 80's and is currently a member of the York Region Police Pipes & Drums. Gary plans to bring his pipes to Grandfather.

Gary has been valued member of the Council of Presidents and very supportive of the settled Gaelic Clan MacDubsith name and its connection to our ancient Scottish Heritage. He currently serves as Co-Chair of the Council as we continue the search for a qualified Commander for Clan MacDubsith.

Please welcome Gary to our Home Games.

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HISTORY

Heather Diver contacted me in regards to Joseph McDuffee (DOB 1879 in Lawrence, Essex, Massachusetts. DOD 17May1943). Her daughter who is working at the Ford location in Michigan wanted to nominate her Papa Duff for the Automobile Hall of Fame on her campus. I was able to locate the information for her and she provided me with the following article on him from the Blade.

Mostly forgotten today, former resident was auto pioneer

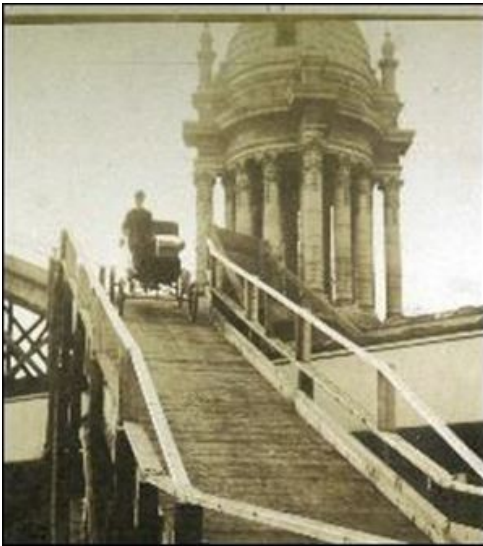
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BY GEORGE J. TANBER
BLADE STAFF WRITER

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

Down the ramp Mr. McDuffee went 20 times a day. And up it too – in reverse. The feat astounded the curious gallery. Up to that point, automobile brakes had never been able to stop a car traveling in reverse. Mr. McDuffee was the star of the show, and the press coverage did wonders for Locomobile Co. and its Morgan steamer. It was just on highlight in a distinguished career for Mr. McDuffee, a former executive with Willys-Overland and Electric Auto-Lite who is buried in Calvary Cemetery on Dorr St. A key player over the auto industry's first four decades, he was considered a savvy publicist.

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



Yet the man who accumulated a long list of firsts in the field in largely forgotten today, a footnote in the 20th century's most significant industry.

Consider that Mr. McDuffee:

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

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

“He has fallen through the cracks; it happens a lot,” says Dr. Timothy Messer-Kruse, associate professor of labor history at the University of Toledo.

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

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

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

Among them was Mr. McDuffee.

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

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

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

Seeking a prominent first customer, he zeroed in on Manhattan’s fire chief, Edward Croker, hoping the chief would exchange his horse-drawn carriage for a steamer.

“What do I want with these things?” Chief Croker told Mr. McDuffee, “The horses are doing alright.”

Mr. McDuffee, a persistent man, spent four weeks pitching his car to the chief before landing the sale, which paved the way for the country’s first dealership, according to car historians.

It was while Mr. McDuffee was attempting to impress chief Croker that he was over taken and ticketed by a **bicycle-riding** police officer for doing 10 mph down Broadway, another first.

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

The Smithsonian Museum had listed Harold T. Birnie of New Rochelle, NY., as the holder of the first license, but Mr. McDuffee, in a 1941 letter to Automotive News, noted that he sold Mr. Birney his first car and was with him when he received his license-after he had his.

“It makes little difference to me whether I am given credit for the first license or not,” wrote Mr. McDuffee, revealing a modesty that earned him many friends and admirers.

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

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

It was in Denver that Mr. McDuffee achieved another unique feat – he bought space in The Denver Post on Oct 31, 1909, to announce the coming of the Fisher airplane – the first such advertisement in the country. Mr. McDuffee had started the hawking of planes before consumers had gotten accustomed to motor cars. That was not surprising given the man’s drive and ambition, according to Mrs. Rocap.

“He was always looking for a challenge, and he wanted to best that challenge,” she says.

The McDuffees were constantly on the move, and Mr. McDuffee continued to seek opportunities. New Mexico, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Chicago where he sold Henry Ford’s first batch of Model Ts.

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

In 1915, the McDuffees’ moved to Toledo, buying a house on Bronson Place in the Old West End, after Mr. McDuffee became an executive sales manager at Willys.

He worked for Willys in Chicago and California before leaving the automobile industry in 1918 to work for Carl Fisher. Mr. McDuffee had co-founded the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Prest-O-Lite Corp. and was intent on developing a piece of swampland near Miami that he called Miami Beach.

Mr. Fisher wanted someone who could sell winter home lots to automobile executives and, as the Seattle Times reported, “McDuffee knows more men in the automotive field than any other one man.”

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

As with everything else he did, Mr. McDuffee’s Florida stint was successful, but he missed the car business, In 1921, he moved his family from Miami Beach to Indianapolis, where he became general manage of Cole Motor Co. The next year he joined Prest-O-Lite Battery as its sales manage. He eventually rose to president.

Five years later, Mr. McDuffee made history again when his company bought the Spirit of St. Louis’ sister plane and he became the country’s first executive to travel by private plane.

His five-week, 9,500-mile trip in May 1930, made headlines at every stop. Reporters were particularly taken with Mr. McDuffee’s office aboard the Ryan aircraft, including a mahogany desk and Dictaphone.

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

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

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

In 1979, Mr. McDuffee’s late son, J. Robert McDuffee, petitioned the Automotive Hall of Fame to induct his father, but to no avail.

Ernest Weaver, vice president of the Lucas County-Maumee Valley Historical Society, says Mr. McDuffee and H.H. Doehler, the Toledo inventor of die casting for automatic transmissions and aluminum transmissions, are glaring local omissions to a hall that includes Charles Dana, John N. Willys, R.A. Stranahan, St, and former Dana Corp. president Rene MacPherson.

Mr. McDuffee’s granddaughter, Dr. Patricia Metting, associate provost at Medial College of Ohia, says she may continue the crusade. She has kept a thick scrapbook of her grandfather’s exploits, including scores of telegrams from top automobile executives at his death. She laments he did not live longer.

“You always wish you’d had been able to meet him,” she says. You have his proud heritage but, unfortunately, there’s not much personal connection.”

Joseph McDuffee standing beside his famous plane.



BOOKS

Princess Anne At 70 A landmark portrait of this hugely popular royal mold-breaker: the Princess who refused to follow the script. We enjoy exclusive access to the Princess, her family, her staff and her work, discovering a steely quick-witted mother, grandmother, Olympian and Nobel nominee who shows no sign of slowing down. Added this video around 4/5th of the way down the page at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/leaves/index.htm>

Anne, Princess Royal A wikipedia pdf file at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/leaves/Anne_Princess_Royal.pdf

Scotland-America tartan to celebrate 250 years of cultural ties Students at a Scottish university have been asked to design a tartan to mark the 250th anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence. Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cn0wdqevwdpo>

WEB SITES for RESEARCH

Come view our photos us on Facebook at - MacDuffee Clan Society of America

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://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>

[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.

St. Andrews University & The Scottish Heritage Center

The University has been closed and this is an update regarding the Heritage Center by Bill Caudill, Curator.

Many have been wondering and asking what is going to happen to the vast collection of genealogy materials of the old Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews University. I'd like to share a little update and a request.

Following the closure of St. Andrews in May I was forced to find a worthy 501-c-3 organization which might be willing to take possession of all of the 7K volumes of books and research materials, as well as the artifacts and items on display – some of which date to the 18th century.

The organization which was I chosen was **Scottish Heritage USA**, Inc. which has since the late 1980's had its corporate headquarters or office in nearby Pinehurst. In fact, I had been in dialog with SHUSA for a couple of years regarding possibilities for the future continuation of the Center- possibly under their auspices – if something were to happen to St. Andrews or in the event of my retirement.

The materials and resources held in the old Center are currently in storage, and I am very thankful that **Scottish Heritage USA** not only agreed to take them on but to explore options for creating a “NEW” Scottish Heritage Center which might be located in the Sandhills (i.e. the Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Pinehurst areas). Though I hate to see these collections leave Laurinburg – the history they interpret is bigger than just our community or locale. With the thriving tourism and community interest in cultural activities in that region, we feel that this region would be most conducive to the success of a “new Center” in this region.

Though I am currently unemployed outside of piping sessions, speaking requests, and teaching piping students I am managing somewhat on what was career wise the “icing on the cake” for me. Now that cake is a “cupcake” – HOWEVER I have been working very closely with Scottish Heritage USA in providing information and in exploring possible locations for such a new venture. The new Center would be “The National Scottish Heritage Discovery Center” and would not only provide interpretation of the history of the large Scottish settlement of this region, but also the story and experiences of Scots throughout the USA.

Scottish Heritage USA has been very kind to ME in sharing my vision for a new Center and we feel it could potentially be a way to heighten awareness of the organization as well as a new way to foster its mission. Nonetheless, we must be certain that such a project is truly viable and sustainable for the future... as there is no longer a St. Andrews University to provide space or staffing.

In early 2026 SHUSA will begin a Feasibility Study for creating a new Center. This is a wise business move-and many of us feel that the support is there for this type of project. Nonetheless, this effort will be costing a significant 5-figure amount. I am honored that SHUSA at least has the faith in this project-and in me-to explore a continuation of what was my life's work and a resource for the Scottish-American community. It is going to take a substantive sum to make this possible – finding the right location, rental or lease space, and the list could go on. Nonetheless, this Feasibility Study is going to be crucial to continuation of this idea and the hope of bringing it to fruition.

As a show of thanks to Scottish Heritage USA (SHUSA) for initiating this feasibility study, I'd like to ask any of my friends and acquaintances who may be interested to consider helping the organization as it moves forward with this concept – and to help offset the cost of this Feasibility Study for the organization. It is a leap of faith – and we hope to prove that it can be funded and sustainable for the future....keeping

alive what was started at St. Andrews University and using those resources and others to build an even bigger and better version of what we once had.

If anyone would be interested in helping us offset the expenses of this Feasibility Study I would be personally grateful. It is not only an effort to continue what I was blessed to be able to start some 36 years ago – but to be able to continue and build upon that for the future in a Center that would continue telling the story of the Scottish people who helped build the United States and honoring our ancestors. It would also be an investment which I hope would allow the Scottish community to continue and re-start what I was so proud to represent for 36 years and hopefully usher that work into a new future.

I would invite anyone interested to visit: <https://scottishheritageusa.org/make-a-contribution/>
You can designate your gifts as for “Scottish Heritage Discovery Center”, “for Feasibility Study” or simply note “via Bill Caudill’s research”. And...I can absolutely guarantee that your donations will be used for the purposes intended – as well as being tax-deductible.

It’s been a few years since I made an outreach such as this on behalf of St. Andrews University – and that in part due to the unfortunate misdirection of what were to be restricted funds. I simply couldn’t ask folks to donate to a project and not see direct results any longer. Nonetheless, this project is truly real, worthy, and again, in this case, I can assure that donated funds will be used solely for their intended purposes.

As we embark upon the Feasibility Study in the new year, we will be seeking interested parties who may be interested in sharing our vision for the future and helping us financially to reach that end goal of having a “National Scottish Heritage Discovery Center.” More on that to come, but everyone interested in being a part of this exciting new project in the future is welcome to contact me personally or through the Scottish Heritage USA website link posted above.

Please share this request with interested parties...your support will be much appreciated.

With much love and appreciation to those who have given so much support and love over the past years.
Bill Caudill

Note: The MacDuffee Clan Society has used the Heritage Center for the storage and filing of our Society records which was about 10-15 boxes of private genealogical material that is available to members for research (when not in storage). It is also a perfect location for those with extensive historical material to file their records. Tom McDuffee

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.

MEETINGS, GAMES AND GATHERINGS

Sept 11 - 13, 2026 Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival, Inc. 3542 Aspen Valley Road, Box 4292-
Estes Park, CO 80517 www.scotfest.com

October 10, 2026 Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival www.indyscotgamesandfest.com

June 7, 2025 Garrett County Celtic Festival, Friendsville, MD www.gccelticfestival.com

Aug 15 & 16, 2026 Bitterroot Celtic Games & Gathering, Daly Mansion 251 Eastside Hwy, Hamilton, MT
www.bcg.org

MacDuffee the Younger Scholarship

Following is a summary of our scholarship that is available for eligible students. Application deadline is May 15th. The MacDuffee Clan Society supports education and knowledge of our Scottish & family heritage. The recipient will be announced at the Annual General Meeting in July each year.

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

Criteria: The students eligible for consideration should be graduating high school seniors who have been accepted at either a two- or four-year college or university. Current college students may also apply. 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 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 15th 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 Member (open)

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

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

Submit your input to Thomas McDuffee, President, MacDuffee Clan Society at tpmijm@aol.com by May 15th.

Duties of the Student Board Member include the following:

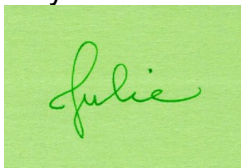
- 1.) Responsible for sharing of the Scottish information, assisting with the coordination of the Clan Society Marches at the AGM at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, and providing Society interface with the children in the MacDuffee Clan Society.
- 2.) Participates in the review of Clan Society Scholarship 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.** I have completed the scanning of all issues of our Society, from the handbook dated 1969 to current. If anyone is looking for a particular issue, please contact me and I can forward to you.

FROM THE EDITOR

We had an old-time winter this year and so far, a wet spring. We had a great-granddaughter born in Jan and in Dec a great-grandson giving us now 12. I have been working on my genealogy and have found some very interesting finds. Queen Elizabeth II is my 9th cousin three times removed, Lucille Ball is my 8th cousin twice removed, and Rosa Parks is my 14th cousin, plus several others that are very historical.



Linlithgow Palace Scotland the birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots



From the Family of Julie & the Clan