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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

Special greetings from your President as this is our first communication with a settled Clan name that you helped decide. As you can see on the cover page after much effort and research the worldwide Clan made a decision which has been recognized by the Court of the Lord Lyon.

The decision to unite our Clan under the Gaelic name is one that will allow all Clan members to focus on our ancient Scottish heritage and the enormous impact of the pictured Oronsay Priory that was controlled for centuries by our ancestors as Priors, Canons, and Chiefs of Clan MacDubhsith.

As you know all current Societies representing the following surnames, as listed by the Lord Lyon, were represented in this historic process: MacDuffie, MacDuffee, MacDuffy, MacFee, MacFie, MacPhee, MacPhie and other accepted cognates. The Societies and the Clan in general were led by a Council of Society Presidents that unanimously proposed the Gaelic name to the worldwide Clan.

We now may begin the next phase of our task as a Clan which is to identify a Clan Commander candidate for presentation to the Court for review and approval. There is a description later in the Chatter announcing this process which is open to any eligible Clan member.

The 2025 Annual General meeting was held on Grandfather Mountain and was well attended. The 2024-25 Financials were presented and showed solid growth despite significant cost for a new supply of Society Shirts and publication costs. More members are needed to engage the Clan Chatter on line for savings versus print.

The slate of Society Officers was unanimously approved for 2025-26 including a new Vice President, David Thomas MacDuffee of Virginia. All other officer appointments will carry over to the new term.

The Society was pleased to present the 2025 Student Scholarship to Audrey McDuffee a student at Purdue University from Indianapolis, IN.

The 2026 Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain will mark a couple of special occasions: The 250th Birthday of the United States, the 70th

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, and our first gathering as a Society of Clan MacDubhsith.

PARTICIPANTS in the REVOLUTION

The 250th Celebration of America: Please submit to our Editor Julie or me the names of any ancestors who participated in the American Revolution with your supporting data. We would like to tell their story in the Spring Chatter Issue. Send us names, rank, where served and other facts about them. Yes, we'll take names from both sides as long as they were your ancestors...no grudges.

Thank you for your support and active participation in our Society and the worldwide Clan.

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Thomas Patrick McDuffee FSAScot

President MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc.

Clan MacDubhsith Council of Presidents

REPORTS

Search for a Clan MacDubhsith Commander. The Clan has launched a search for a Commander with a deadline of 30 November 2025 for Notices of Intent (applications) to be submitted. Please go to our Society website (macduffeeclansociety.org) and open the article regarding the Commander Search. It contains a direct link to the Council's website that has all the detail regarding the process and the form called the "Notice of Intent" for your use if you intend to apply as a self-nominated candidate for Commander.

Once we have candidates you will receive information regarding the process for the Clan to select a final nominee for submission to the Court of the Lord Lyon who has final approval. The current plan is for a Family Convention to be held in Scotland in May 2026 for the Clan to decide on the successful candidate nominee. The Family Convention may be in person or attended digitally to maximize participation. There are numerous details to be determined.

The primary task of the Commander is to identify a genealogical Chiefly line or failing this to recommend a new line. Two documents on the Council site describe in detail the Role and Duties of a Commander.

Please stay connected to this process as it is a critical step in establishing a Chief for Clan MacDubhsith.

2025 Student Scholarship Award.

We were very pleased to announce that the 2025 MacDuffee Clan Society Heritage, Scholarship & Service Award was presented to Audrey McDuffee. The Scholarship Committee voted unanimously in support of her award.



Audrey demonstrated knowledge of her Scottish Heritage and her long family history dating back to 1650. She also provided service to Scots in Indianapolis by participating in celebrating numerous St Andrews days at her Church and attending local Highland Games. She served as VP of her High School Environmental Club and as Section Leader for the Children's Choir of Christ Church in Indianapolis and during international trips to Europe. She currently performs with the Purdue University Choir. Audrey was admitted to the John Martinson Honors College at Purdue and is currently an intern at the Daniel's School of Business. Audrey was also VP of the Best Buddies Club and a member of Key Club both being service organizations serving her classmates and the community while in High School. Audrey is the daughter of Life Member Jake N. McDuffee of Indianapolis, IN.

Next Society Gatherings: July & September 2026

The 2026 AGM will be held the second weekend in July 2026. The dates are July 9th to the 12th with the Annual General Meeting Convened July 11th from 1:30-2:30 in the Chieftain's Tent.

The 2026 New Hampshire Highland Games will be held September 19th, 20th and 21st, at Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH.

Both events have great websites with details regarding tickets and scheduling.

From The Home McKinney Farm of DUFFEE our "Heiland Coo"

DUFFEE's son (calf) now has a name. The younger members of the Society proposed about 8 names for Django McKinney to select from. He selected Finn McCool. Finn now also has a sister as another calf has arrived as the herd grows in North Carolina.



DUFFEE and Finn at Home

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Leadership Recognition Allan McDuffie

Allan McDuffie of Wilmington, NC has retired from his position as Vice President effective July 2025 but will stay active on the Society's behalf in North Carolina along with his wife and "source of encouragement" Margaret and his extended family. Allan is pictured receiving recognition of his work.



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The Society thanks Allan (on the left) for his service and continuing support.

HISTORY

Short Account of the Emigration from the Highlands of Scotland to North America

And the establishment of the Catholic Diocese of Upper Canada (1939)

Continued

Mr. MacDonnell's next object was to get Churches built and Schools established. On his arrival, he found only two Catholic Clergymen in Upper Canada, one of them a Frenchman, who could not speak of work of English, and the other an Irishman, who left the province a short time afterwards; so that Mr. Macdonell had to travel from one end of the province to the other, at that period without roads or bridges, oftentimes carrying his vestments on his back, sometimes on horseback, sometimes on foot, or in the rough wagons of the people, and sometimes in Indian bark canoes, traversing the great inland lakes and descending the rapids of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence. Mr. Macdonell succeeded partially in the object of his ambition, but the apprehended and threatened hostilities between the province and the neighboring republic militated against his endeavors.

When the United States of America in the 1811 declared War against Great Britian, and invaded Canada, Mr. Macdonell prevailed upon his countrymen to form the second Glengarry Fencible Regiment which with two Militia Regiments, raised also in the Eastern District, contributed not a little to the preservation of the province; and by their activity and bravery, the enemy's frontier posts of Ogdensburg, St. Regis and French Mills, were taken with their Artillery, Ammunition and other Military Stores.

After the conclusion of this War, in the year 1816 Mr. Macdonell returned to England and waited upon Mr. Addington, President of the Privy Council, (by this time raised to the Peerage, by the title of Viscount Sidmuth,) who received him most kindly, and congratulated him on the good conduct and success of his countrymen in Canada, during the recent War. Viscouth Sidmuth introduced him to Earl Bathurst, then Colonial Secretary, who presented him to the Prince Regent, and by way of favor and encouragement to the Catholics of Upper Canada, authorized him to appoint three Clergymen and four schoolmasters to his flock, with a promise of a salary of one hundred pounds a year each. Upon Mr. Maconell's return to the province next year, these Clergymen and schoolmasters were appointed, but the Provincial Government declined to pay the salaries; and Mr. Macdonell, after spending seven years in memorializing the Provincial, as well as the Home Government, and after being obliged to borrow money to pay these Clergymen and the schoolmasters, was compelled at last to repair to England in the year 1825, where after an infinity of delay and trouble, he obtained, through the intercession of the present Lord Glenelg, the arrears of these salaries, which however were not continued.

On Mr. Macdonell's return to Canada in 1826, he was appointed the first Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada, and the Government settled upon him a salary of £400 per annum, which was afterwards increased to £600. Bishop Macdonell then succeeded in obtaining an increase to the number of his Clergymen; some he educated at his own expense, and other be received from Europe; and the Government allowed him the sum of £750 to be distributed among his Clergymen and Ecclesiastics. In the year 1830 this sum was increased to £1000. In the year 1832 the Provincial Government granted £550 towards the building and repairing of Catholic Churches, and in the following year the grant was increased to £900; but shortly afterwards, William Lyon McKenzie and his radical associates prevailed upon the Home Government to issue no more money for religious purposes; and in consequence several Churches which were then in progress could not be finished.

Bishop Macdonell who had exerted himself to the utmost building Churches and Schoolhouse, and in procuring clergymen and teachers, found himself by this withdrawal of the Government money, inadequate to supply the increasing wants of the growing population of his Diocese, and the multiplied demands for Clergymen and Churches. In fact, by undertaking upon his own responsibility the erection of Churches in various parts of the province, over and above the small grants of money given by the Government, he greatly involved himself in debt. This he necessarily did, as his flock, with the exception of the Highland settlements and the French Canadians of the Western District, consisted of the poorer class of Irish Emigrants, who were little able to assist him.

When Bishop Macdonell first arrived in Canada in the year 1804 he found but two wooden Catholic Churches and one stone Church in the whole province. It now contains 48 Churches, many of them handsome and capacious stone buildings, and these 48 Churches are served by 35 Clergymen. So large, and at the same time so scattered is the Catholic population, that as many more Churches are wanted, and three times the number of Clergymen required, to afford the necessary instruction, and to administer to them the rites of their religion. The great difficulty which Bishop Macdonell had experienced in obtaining properly educated men to officiate as Clergymen, has been a great means of retarding the religious instruction and moral improvement of the Catholic population. Although a comparatively large number of Priests are now distributed over the various parts of the province, yet the increasing wants of the people render the disparity between the Priests and their flocks quite as great as ever. This evil can only be remedied by the building and endowment of a Seminary in Upper Canada, for the education chiefly of young men intended for the Catholic Priesthood. Such an

establishment has long been a favorite project of Bishop Macdonell, who has succeeded in obtaining from the Legislature of Upper Canada, an Act of Incorporation, establishing such Seminary; and he has in consequence bestowed upon certain Trustees a valuable piece of land, being a most eligible site for the intended College in the Town of Kingston, the Catholic Episcopal See of the Province, where the foundations are already dug, but the want of means has hitherto retarded its progress. To further this undertaking Bishop Macdonell purposes once more to visit Europe. As he is now very far advanced in years, and in every human probability, cannot be expected to have his useful life much prolonged, it is considered necessary, both for the interest of Government, and for the support of religion, that effectual means should be adopted for the comfort and satisfaction of the Catholics of Upper Canada, who have ever formed a strong link in the chain of connection between that Colony and the Mother country.

The Scotch Catholics have this strong claim upon the Government, for when the Scotch Protestant Emigrants made the choice of the United States for the place of their residence, the Catholics, without a solitary exception, went to the British Provinces. This preference is by no means confined to Upper Canada, for a large portion of Catholic Emigrants from the western coasts and Islands of Scotland emigrated at various times to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and other of the Lower Provinces, where they and their descendants to this day, are loyal and attached to the British Crown, - Scarcely as are Catholic Priests in the Highlands of Scotland, yet no fewer than nine Clergymen accompanied the Emigrants, and by their Influence may be said, to have mainly directed their steps towards the British Provinces.

The claims of the Irish Catholics upon Government are also powerful and irresistible; for they have almost all of them, to a man, spent the prime of their lives in the service of their King and Country, and a great many brought with them to Canada the wrecks of a constitution worn out in the various climates of the British Empire, with bodies cicatrized with cares, the honorable testimonials of their lengthened service, and now in their old age, enabled to support their helpless families in the forests of Upper Canada. The unjust commutation of the Pensions of these men has been in a great measure the cause of their present distress. A just and generous Government will not surely after such services and true loyalty, deprive them of the comforts of religion, and the means of education their children, in the same principles of loyalty and attachment to their King and Country, which they themselves have so invariably practiced.

During the recent disturbances, arising out of the Rebellion in the province of Lower Canada, and the repeated invasions of Upper Canada from the neighboring Republic, the Canadian Highlanders of the present day have displayed the spirit of their forefathers; no less than four Regiments of Glengarry Militia having been raised in the Eastern District alone, independent of other corps, whose services were mainly instrumental in suppressing the insurrection in Beaubarnois, and in protecting the loyal and peaceable in various other parts of the two provinces. In this well merited eulogy, the Catholic Irish Emigrants must be joined, than whom a more loyal body of subjects. Her Majesty does not possess.

EXTRACTED FROM GRAHAM'S HISTORY OF NORTH AMERICA.

The End

BOOKS

Ballads from Scottish History By Norval Clyne (1863) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://electricscotland.com/poetry/balladsfromscott00clyn.pdf>

The Use of the Broad Sword In which is shown the true method of fighting with that weapon, as it is now in use among the Highlanders by T. Page (1746) (pdf) You can read this article at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/the-use-of-the-broad-swo_page-thomas-of-norwich_1746.pdf

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome two new families to the Society

Joshua N McDuffie of Moultrie, GA. He is a descendant of Daniel McDuffie b 1697 in Scotland. Joshua is a new Annual Member and spends a great deal of time with his two sons Landon and Levi hunting and fishing.

Joseph Paul McDuffie of Austin, TX. A descendant of Archibald McDuffie b abt 1765 in the Carolinas. Joseph works for the State of Texas Executive Branch and is an attorney. Joseph is a new Life Member of the Society. He and his wife, Kailun, look forward to actively engaging their connections to Scotland.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Edward (Eddie) Allan Falabella	April 2, 2025	Close friend of VP Donna McDuffee
Jerry Dean Ingram	January 22, 2025	Father of Staci Ingram, Tech Officer
Dr. Archie F. McAfee	Feb 15, 2025	Friend of the Society
Lena M McAfee	Dec 20, 2024	Friend of the Society

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://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.

MyHeritage Upgrades Its Consumer DNA Tests to Whole Genome Sequencing

MyHeritage becomes the first major DNA testing company to fully adopt Whole Genome Sequencing; the upgrade leverages technology by Ultima Genomics and processing at the Gene by Gene lab TEL AVIV, Israel & LEHI, Utah & HOUSTON & FREMONT, California October 14, 2025 — MyHeritage, the leading global platform for family history and DNA testing, announced today a landmark move to Whole Genome Sequencing for its at-home DNA test, MyHeritage DNA. Leveraging cutting-edge sequencing technology from Ultima Genomics and processing at the Gene by Gene lab, MyHeritage is the first major consumer DNA testing company to adopt Whole Genome Sequencing at a scale of more than one million tests per year. The enriched data will empower MyHeritage to deliver more accurate ethnicity analysis and DNA matching, and unlock opportunities for future innovation in consumer genomics and genetic genealogy. Whole Genome Sequencing reads almost the entire human genetic code, covering around 3 billion base pairs (nucleotides). This is superior to the standard genotyping arrays used by most consumer DNA tests, including MyHeritage until recently, which read only about 700,000 base pairs. More data enables deeper insights across all types of genetic analysis. Whole Genome Sequencing is now being applied to most new MyHeritage DNA kits currently being processed at the lab, and to every new MyHeritage DNA kit sold moving forward. MyHeritage DNA kits already processed with the older genotyping array technology will not be reprocessed with Whole Genome Sequencing. Customers whose MyHeritage DNA kits are processed with Whole Genome Sequencing will be able to download their entire genome from MyHeritage at no cost, in CRAM format. They may also unlock additional insights by uploading their data to other trusted genetic service providers that support such uploads. Due to its high technological potential, MyHeritage has been eying Whole Genome Sequencing for years. A pioneering study by the MyHeritage Science Team published in 2020 validated Whole Genome Sequencing for reliable relative matching at scale. Following that study, MyHeritage has been collaborating closely with Ultima Genomics since its emergence from stealth mode in mid-2022, and later jointly with Gene by Gene, to prepare the scientific and logistical foundation for upgrading the MyHeritage DNA processing pipeline to Whole Genome Sequencing using Ultima's technology. The upgrade was completed successfully and creates new opportunities for MyHeritage to deliver deeper insights into ethnic origins, family connections, and genetic genealogy, without any price increase to consumers. Even before this upgrade, MyHeritage was consistently the most affordable DNA test on the market among the major DNA testing companies. The upgrade to Whole Genome Sequencing makes the

MyHeritage offering even more compelling. "This is a pivotal moment for genetic genealogy," said Gilad Japhet, Founder and CEO of MyHeritage. "We are proud to take this pioneering step into Whole Genome Sequencing together with Ultima Genomics and with our longstanding partners at Gene by Gene. MyHeritage customers will enjoy the fruits of this technological upgrade for years to come, through increased accuracy, deeper insights, and exciting new products." "MyHeritage's move to Whole Genome Sequencing marks a major milestone for consumer DNA testing," said Dr. Gilad Almogy, Founder and CEO of Ultima Genomics. "It demonstrates the scalability and maturity of Ultima's innovative technology and accelerates the immense value that Whole Genome Sequencing can bring to consumers. It has been a pleasure collaborating with MyHeritage over the past few years, and we are proud to work together with them and Gene by Gene to bring genetic genealogy to new heights for millions of consumers worldwide." "The transition to Whole Genome Sequencing represents the most ambitious project in our years-long partnership with MyHeritage," said Dr. Lior Rauchberger, CEO of Gene by Gene. "We are proud to help set a new standard in consumer genomics and support the growth of what will soon become the world's largest database of whole genomes. The rollout is centered at Gene by Gene's state-of-the-art laboratory in Houston, Texas, which will house a large fleet of Ultima UG100™ sequencing instruments."

<https://www.myheritage.com/dna>

What Archaeologists Just Found Beneath Scotland Will Leave You SPEECHLESS

Beneath the quiet fields of Scotland, where children once played football and families walked their dogs, an astonishing secret had been sleeping for thousands of years. It all began with something ordinary - plans for new school pitches, the kind of project that rarely makes the news. Yet when the soil was broken, the ground revealed far more than anyone expected. Archaeologists soon realized they weren't just dealing with a routine excavation, but with clues to a forgotten world older than anyone could have imagined. What emerged from the earth has left experts stunned and communities proud, rewriting the story of Scotland's distant past. This is not just about broken pottery or ancient postholes. It's about a mystery so deep and so unexpected that it truly left archaeologists - and the world - speechless. Watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/p5v4MtB3smE?si=Nv-dBEMyKOhYfqRw>

Bill Caudill has unfortunate news from St. Andrews University

"St. Andrews University to Close Laurinburg Campus Following Spring Semester April 25, 2025"

Laurinburg, NC – It is with deep regret that we announce that St. Andrews University, a branch campus of Webber International University, ceased operations at the conclusion of the Spring 2025 semester. The final day of campus operations was scheduled for May 5, 2025, unless otherwise needed to support a smooth and compassionate transition.

This decision, as resolved by the Board of Trustees, comes after extensive financial analysis strategic review and exhaustive recovery efforts. We are conveying this news with a shared commitment to transparency, support, and integrity.

For many years, St. Andrews has worked diligently to balance affordability, student experience, and academic quality. Despite these efforts and the steadfast dedication of its faculty, staff, students, and alumni, the financial realities of maintaining operations in Laurinburg have become unsustainable.

"While this marks the end of operations for our Laurinburg campus, the values that defined St. Andrews-resilience, service, learning, and community-will endure in the lives of our graduates and the hearts of all who called this place home," said Dr. Tarun Malik, Campus President/Provost, St. Andrews University, A branch campus of Webber International University.

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

Highland Games & Celtic Music Festival
Harrison County Fairgrounds
Gulport, MS 39503
www.mshighlandsandislands.com
November 8 & 9, 2025

Charleston Scottish Games & Highland Festival
1061 Everglades Ave., North Charleston, SC
<https://www.charlestonscots.org/>
November 1, 2025

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 Members

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 tpmjim@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

I must apologize for the lateness of this edition as I've been sick, and still don't have my voice back yet, much to the delight of my husband. Please note the change of address for Sr Vice President & Treasurer David Nathan McDuffie. We've had an extremely dry summer this year and now we're having rain and a lot of it. We have been extremely busy and finally starting to slow down. This winter we will be adding to our family to our family as we currently have 15 grandchildren and will be adding to the great-grandchildren giving us 12.



From the Family of Julie & the Clan

