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The Clan MacDougall Society



An invitation to join
The Clan MacDougall Society
of North America

VARIATIONS IN SPELLING, and SEPTS OF CLAN MACDOUGALL

Like most Scottish clans, Clan MacDougall consists of members who might spell their surname differently or have an altogether different surname because their family is a "sept" or division of the MacDougalls.

Spellings

Through the centuries, many variations have evolved in the spelling of MacDougall and MacDowell, such as the following surnames, which may also omit the "Mac" or use "Mc":

- MacCoull
- MacCowan
- MacDougald, MacDougal, MacDougle
- MacDowall
- MacDowell
- MacHowell

Septs

A "sept" is a branch or division of a family. The term is borrowed from Irish culture to explain the use of a variety of surnames by members of a single clan. In Scotland, it is appropriate only in the case of a larger clan with distinct sub-families -- septs which allied themselves to the more powerful clan and its chief, often for protection.

These septs and family surnames, *among many others and covering a range of spelling variations*, have been associated with the MacDougalls (and may also add or omit "Mac" or use "Mc"):

- Carmichael
- Conacher
- Dowell
- Doyle
- Howell
- Lucas
- Luke
- MacClintock
- MacConnoll
- MacCowan
- MacCulloch
- MacDill
- MacDulothe
- MacEachern
- MacHale
- MacKichan
- MacLugash
- MacLulich
- MacOwen(s)

A full listing of known septs of Clan MacDougall can be found on our website at www.macdougall.org.

WHO CAN JOIN

Anyone can join who is interested or who:

- Has the surname of MacDougall or MacDowell, however spelled (see listing of some of the most common variations)
- Has a surname historically associated with our clan family (see list of Septs)
- Regardless of their family name, is connected by marriage to, or is descended from, someone bearing any of those surnames
- Believes they are affiliated with the clan

HOW TO JOIN

Join by doing any of the following:

- Fill out and mail the Membership Application
- Contact the Membership Secretary
- E-mail to info@macdougall.org
- Or visit our website at www.macdougall.org

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are listed in the Membership Application. Dues are for a calendar year, payable in U.S. Dollars. Life Memberships are also available.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Society dues are payable in US funds on a calendar year basis. International members are encouraged to use a credit card. Canadian members may write a check in Canadian dollars drawn on a Canadian bank using the current exchange rate.

Please circle your membership choice (Memberships include spouse and children under 18 years in the same household):

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|
| Regular Membership US\$ | 1 year | \$25.00 |
| | 2 years | \$48.00 |
| | 3 years | \$70.00 |
| | 4 years | \$91.00 |
| | 5 years | \$111.00 |

OR

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|----------------------|---|----------|
| Life Membership US\$ | Under 40 years of age | \$400.00 |
| | 40 years of age or older | \$300.00 |
| | If you wish, you may pay \$100.00 down and \$100.00 annually. | |

Write the amount \$.00

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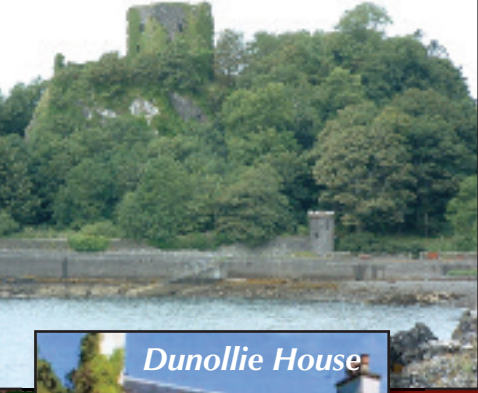
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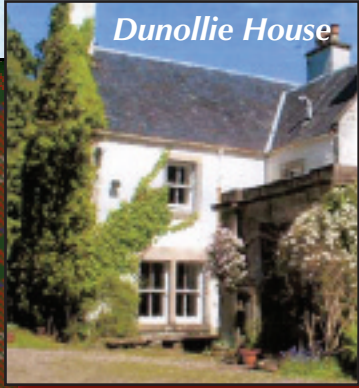
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The Clan MacDougall Society

Dunollie Castle



Dunollie House



The Clan MacDougall Society of North America was founded in 1964 with the full approval of the late thirtieth Chief of the Clan.

Since then, the Society has continued to grow in membership, activities and numbers of chapters throughout the United States and Canada, with

affiliated members worldwide.

The Society, which includes the associated Clan family Macdowall/MacDowell, warmly encourages you to enjoy the pride and camaraderie of membership. (See Who Can Join.)

Together, we are forging a stronger sense of identity, a joy of belonging, and a growing pride in a goodly heritage.

Welcome home to your Clan!



MacDougalls of Lorn

If you are a MacDougall, you share in a proud and distinguished Scottish legacy.

Mac means "son of", while the term "clan" comes from the Gaelic word for children. Thus, Clan MacDougall signifies the children of the son(s) of Dougall. Dougall, our clan founder, was the eldest son of Somerled, King of the Hebrides and of what is now Argyll. In 1164, Dougall inherited the heartland of his father's empire.

Clan MacDougall is one of the four oldest Highland clans still in existence. The principal seats of our chiefs were Dunstaffnage, Gylen, and Dunollie Castles. Our present Chief is Morag MacDougall of MacDougall, thirty-first Chief of the Clan. Her official residence is Dunollie House, which is near the castle on the cliffs of Oban.

During the centuries that Clan MacDougall was a powerful influence along the West Highland Coast, a number of families became associated with the clan. Descendants of these associated families share a clan connection and are welcomed members of our Society.



MacDowells of Galloway

The MacDowells/Macdowalls represent an integral and especially strong membership in our Society, an acknowledgement of our historical alliance and interconnections despite distinct heritages and hereditary chiefs.




Barr Castle

The MacDowells are thought to be anciently related to the MacDougalls through "Prince" Fergus, Lord of Galloway. He was a contemporary ally and possibly a relation of King Somerled of Argyll and the Isles.

The family's name, like MacDougall, derives from the Gaelic *MacDhùghaill*, "son of the dark stranger". But their patronymic ancestor is said to be Dugald, younger son of Uchtred, second Lord of Galloway.

The caput baroniae (seat of barony) is at Garthland Mains in the Rhinns (isthmus) of Galloway, as well as Logan House and Gardens and Freugh of old. The present seat is at Barr Castle, Garthland, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire.

CLAN MACDOUGALL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES AND ENDEAVORS

- Hosting Clan tents at Highland games and Scottish festivals throughout the U.S. and Canada (listed on www.macdougall.org)
- Supporting our Chief and worldwide Clan in maintaining Dunollie and Gylen castles
- Providing ongoing communications and networking through *The Tartan* newsletter
- Reaching out to current and prospective members through our website, www.macdougall.org and our Facebook page 
- Supporting our youth (as well as other deserving young people) through the John A. McDougall annual scholarship program for dance, music, Gaelic studies and related endeavors
- Finding ways to assist with genealogical information
- Preserving and sharing our heritage: music, oral history, folklore and crafts
- Awarding prizes and trophies which encourage excellence in performance within the Scottish community

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www.MacDougall.org



MacDougall MacDowell

- New Application
- Renewal

Name as you want it to appear on your Membership Certificate

Name as you want it to appear on the Mailing List

Spouse

Mailing Address

City _____ State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

E-mail _____

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Names and Ages of Children _____

Today's Date _____

Where did you hear about Clan MacDougall Society?

At Games or Other Event _____

Web Site _____

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