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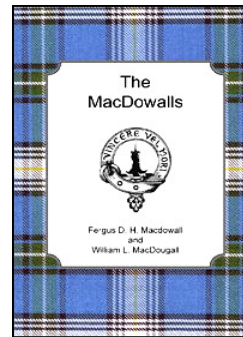
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This is the first issue of our new newsletter, which will have news from Chief of Name and Arms of MacDowall, Fergus D.H. Macdowall. There will be clan stories raising the bar on family heritage, knowing who we are, and insuring our future. We will learn of MacDowall places. Visit MacDowall/McDowell families of the world. We will feature news and events about McDowells today. Our Newsletter name: ("Vincere Vel Mori": The Clan Motto, meaning Victory or Death).

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"The MacDowalls" traces the glories, tragedies, and amazing accomplishments of MacDowall kindred from the beginnings in Scotland and Ireland hundreds of years ago to their illustrious present in such countries as the United States, Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, and Russia. The cast of characters ranges from kings and barons to artists and generals, farmers, homemakers and teachers. Their stories unfold as a history in progress, as each has made a unique and significant impact on the world.

Fergus D.H. Macdowall & William L. MacDougall



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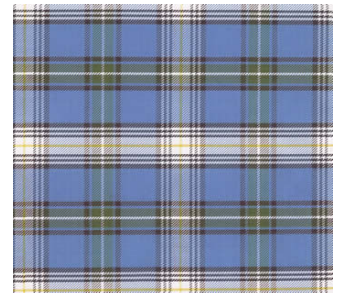
WHAT OUR CLAN COLORS TELL US

When studying MacDowall colors it is important to understand the science and art of “Heraldry Language”: it gives the colors a voice from our family past . The White Lion = courage, heroism, strength, and power: the Gold Crown= nobility: the Oak Badge= self reliance. Below is a note and article extract from Garnett Macdowall, describing our clan colors which are shown on cover of “The MacDowalls” book (see page one).

The “MacDowall of Ancient Galloway” is a modern tartan which was used on the book cover of "The MacDowalls" published in June 2009. This modern tartan was designed over a seven year period by Dr. Fergus D. H. Macdowall the present Clan Chief through alteration of the sett of Hunting Stewart, Lords of Galloway, by differences and by the symbolic use of colors from his plain Arms of ancient Galloway. The central device, the silver (white) lion rampant, is represented in the tartan under the covers' labels by a white square crossed by the yellow over stripe as the gold crown. The lion romps in a blue field indicative of the Irish Sea around the Rhinns of Galloway where the original families were based. Their family seats and the oak badge are represented by the crossing green bands, with the white over stripe to symbolize the widespread family. This clan tartan was registered by the Scottish Tartans Authority on November 12, 2007 and it is before the Lord Lyon to be recorded in the Court Books following the new Scottish Tartan Register under passage by the Scottish Parliament.

Clansmen may officially wear any of the following four tartans:

MacDowall of Ancient Galloway, Hunting Stewart, Galloway Hunting, MacDougall



Material For “MacDowall of Ancient Galloway” is now available

The material is 14 oz 100% Scottish wool and custom woven.

Request to purchase the”MacDowall of Ancient Galloway” Tartan Material

May be e-mailed to Garnett Macdowall at garnett_mac@hotmail.com

McDowells On The George and Ann

The *George and Ann* turned out to be a death ship. Beleaguered by continued head winds, wrought with epidemic and dwindling rations, the journey took almost six months. ***"The death of over 100 of their number, including 42 children, had meant almost daily burials at sea."***⁵



At last it was discovered by Col. Clinton that it was intentionally caused by the Captain, to starve out the passengers and lessen their number by death or otherwise, and thus possess himself of their money, of which there was considerable on board. The captain was seized, put in irons by the passengers, and the command given to the mate, who brought the ship in, in a few days." **NOTE:** I have heard there is information about the trial and hanging of the Captain in England. Anyone information found on the trial, will be published in another issue.

The accompanying ship John of Dublin presumably continued its voyage and arrived at the port of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1729. Possibly on board the John of Dublin were additional members of the McDowell family, as well as, related Campbell's, Irvine's, Mitchells, McElroy's family members.

NOTE: some believe that Ephraim McDowell and family were aboard the Ship "John of Dublin"

Members of the McDowell Family (18 total) on board the George and Anne:

Group 1: The James McDowell Family

James McDowell (survivor)

Margery McDowell (wife of James) (died at sea)

Matthew McDowell (survivor)

Patrick McDowell (died at sea)

Margaret McDowell (died at sea)

Margery McDowell (daughter of James) (died at sea)

George McDowell (died at sea)

Sarah McDowell (died at sea)

Group 2: The Andrew McDowell Family

Andrew McDowell, (Jr.) (survivor) (he later married Martha Giverans of Westchester Co., NY)

Elinor McDowell (survivor) (wife of Andrew who died a few years later)

James McDowell (survivor)

Mary McDowell (died at sea)

William McDowell (died at sea)

Jean McDowell (died at sea)

Sarah McDowell (died at sea)

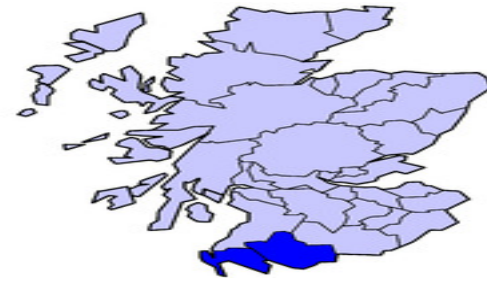
Margaret McDowell (died at sea)

Boy McDowell (brother of Andrew) (died at sea)

Group 3: John McDowell (died at sea, along with traveling companion Thomas Cowin)

This was a very sad, true story reminding me that life is fragile, and we must love our family, and friends while we can. The information above is shared from Leo B. McDowell's website "Older than The Sun"

WHERE IS GALLOWAY ?



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galloway>

Galloway ([Scottish Gaelic](#): *Gall-Ghaidhealaibh*, pronounced [[əŋ ɡaul̪ˠ v̪el̪ˠ əv̪](#)] or *Gallobha*

Galloway, meaning "Land of the Foreign Gaels") is an area in southwestern [Scotland](#). It usually refers to the former counties of [Wigtownshire](#) (or historically West Galloway) and [Kirkcudbrightshire](#) (or historically East Galloway). It is part of the [Dumfries and Galloway council area](#) of Scotland.

Galloway is contained by sea to the west and south, the [Galloway Hills](#) to the north, and the [River Nith](#) to the east; the border between Kirkcudbrightshire and Wigtownshire is marked by the [River Cree](#). The definition has, however, fluctuated greatly in size over history. Galloway has always been slightly isolated due to having 150 miles (240 km) of rugged coastline and a vast range of largely uninhabited hills to the north. Generally however the landscape is rugged and much of the soil is shallow. The generally south slope and southern coast make for mild and wet climate, and there is a great deal of good pasture. The northern part of Galloway is exceedingly rugged and forms the largest remaining wilderness in [Britain](#), south of the [Highlands](#). This area is known as the [Galloway Hills](#).

The [Romans](#) named the inhabitants of Galloway the [Novantae](#). According to tradition, before the end of Roman rule in Britain, [St. Ninian](#) established a church at [Whithorn](#) which remained an important place of [pilgrimage](#) until the [Reformation](#). The county is rich in prehistoric monuments and relics, amongst the most notable of which are the Drumtroddan Standing Stones (and cup-and-ring carvings), the [Torhousekie Stone Circle](#), and Cairn Holy (a Neolithic Chambered Cairn).

There is also evidence of one of the earliest pit-fall traps in Europe which was discovered near Glenluce. In the west, the city of Rerigonium (literally 'very royal place'), shown on [Ptolemy's](#) map of the world, is a strong contender for the site of [Pen Rhionydd](#), referred to in the [Welsh Triads](#) as one of the 'three thrones of Britain' associated with the legendary [King Arthur](#), and may also have been the *caput* of the sub-Roman [Brythonic](#) kingdom of [Rheged](#). Rerigonium's exact position is uncertain except that it was 'on [Loch Ryan](#)', close to modern day [Stranraer](#); it is possible that it is the modern settlement of [Dunragit](#) (Dun Rheged).

Our Home Sweet Home, has a lot of links on Wikipedia shown above as underlined here, each of these can be investigated by clicking on the Http: link to Wikipedia at the top of the Page... The connection to Pen Rhionvdd.... Sweet, Ancient Yes Ptolemy's map of the world... Rerigonium literally means a "very royal place".... WOW All these things will give me lots to investigate, till next time...

Best Regards Always Charlotte McDowell Baker

For more information on any of the articles in this newsletter, or to contact the editor to submit your MacDowell/MacDowall family stories for review, Please contact the Editor Charlotte McDowell Baker at this e-mail address: charlotte_baker@tds.net



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