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SEPTEMBER NEWS FROM OUR CHIEF**

This is a Appeal from your Chief

Your own family history is (not) only important to your identity but also to (all) of us.

I appeal to you for news of your McDowell records.

Among the thousands of the variously spelt MacDowalls I noted in North American telephone directories,

Very few devoted persons have traced back to ancestors in Scotland,

where a connection to a feudal barony might be made.

The lairdships of all but Garthland have been lost and should be open to contention by connected candidates.

These include primarily the Houses of Logan, Makerstoun, Freugh, and Machrimore.

Many other landed stirps occurred but then vanished from public records. Where do you fit in?



With Best Regards

Fergus

For more information about the other MacDowall's that the Chief mentions here is a link to start researching:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donnchadh_Earl_of_Carrick

WHO IS Haplo Group R ?

We ARE R1b , that is who MacDowall, McDowell, Dowell, MacDuel MacDougall are., along with many other families. We are all a part of the R Haplogroup

Our DNA is a part of a very complex group.

R1b is a part of the the largest people group in Western Europe The R Haplogroup.

So large is our R1b Haplogroup, that now scientists, are now breaking it down with extensions, Such as R1b1a2, ect.

All of this information can be very confusing. As we speak here there are several groups of scientists debating ,

even how to determine where the different groups of R began. Some say Iberia (Spain, some say Antoli (Greece)

still others say Egypt. to Africa and back to Egypt again. As the Administrator for the " McDowell DNA Project," I try to keep up

with the current news on these changes and discussions. However it appears to be changing even monthly.

The Truth is we are Older than our surnames. We where once primitive tribes, moving to where we could best survive.

Our DNA is made up by imbedded material from our first or oldest known ancestor, back about 5000 years,

DNA can tell where we lived, what we ate and many other interesting things about our genetic makeup.

Some scientists , are going about their findings on a general basis, they only allow information in there charts

Showing where the largest groups are found, and where they think people have been isolated, for many years, thus saying these isolated

Groups represent a beginning population. Still other Scientists are saying that the people groups moved and changed when farming began.

After the Ice age. All of their theories are very complex, We are waiting in the wings to see what they find. some are convinced that we

have evolved. Some are not convinced. Science and Theory are very interrelated., But as for now (This)New Science is only theory,

When it comes to finding out the beginnings of the R Haplogroup, we will all have to be content to change our mind as often as they do

And see where it may lead us. The one thing this Lady Scot does not like is that they continue to ask us to take deeper clad tests, to discover our roots.

Of course they will cost us more money, time, and there is too much debate about their theories to discover any truth.

I say we need to be more concerned with our Family History and use the Genetic DNA information to show us our unknown close family ties.

The Family Finder tests, will reveal cousins back about 5 generations. YDNA 67, will tie us in closely to our matches,

especially when we only look for our surname matches. As for me I will leave the beginnings of the R people group

up to the ones that feel the need to know. I agree with The Chief let us find OUR personal MacDowall Scottish Roots, in history. Each family has a

Story. Let us leave the Scientist to discover the Prehistoric beginnings of the R tribe. Best regards, Charlotte McDowell Baker

See this link for more information: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haplogroup_R1b_\(Y-DNA\)#Root_of_R1b_tree](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haplogroup_R1b_(Y-DNA)#Root_of_R1b_tree)

A chara, = Oh friend (From the Tara High Kings Festival)

We are delighted that you Vitaliy Negoda have been selected as one of the contestants.

Publicity

We would like to start releasing details of who the contestants are to local and national press, on our own website and facebook and also in a souvenir program

Contestants

The brave souls who will be taking part in our tournament are:

Kirk Lawless, retired police officer from the USA,

Nicky Deasy, founder of Foundation Nepal education project from Galway,

Vitaliy Negoda, Martial Arts Expert and lawyer from Russia, (Our Clan MacDowall Representative)

Darren Cawley, kidney transplant patient and winner in the European Transplant games, Mayo

Jennifer McLean, Youth and community worker, Scotland

Caoimhe Smith, Irish and History teacher and Camogie player, Cavan

Graham Geraghty, Meath and Ireland GAA all star, Meath

Antoinette Rooney Faye, trainer of the Irish Women's Boxing Team, Dublin

3 members of the GAA to be confirmed, local guard to be confirmed and local fire fighter to be confirmed.

The Tasks

I am attaching a description of the physical tournament tasks, some of you may have already received this already so apologies if I am resending it. As you can see the activities are demanding, but achievable. These tasks represent the first four traditional tasks necessary to join Na Fianna:

No.1 While standing in a hole as deep as his waist he had to be able to defend himself against nine warriors, using only a shield and a hazel rod.

No.2 He had to escape from nine warriors by running through the forest without breaking a twig under his feet, or tearing his clothes on bramble.

No.3 He had to be able to jump over a branch as high as himself and run under another as low as his knee.

No.4 While running at top speed through the forest he had to be able to pick a thorn from his foot without stopping.

Tasks no 5 and 6 will be conducted by interview in front of the crowd in the tournament arena. These traditional tasks are:

No.5 He had to learn twelve books of poetry by heart ,and also know many of the old legends and stories

No.6 When he had passed all these tests he went on his knees and swore to obey the rules of the Fianna, and to serve Fionn and his king

On the day, contestants will be asked to fulfill these two final tasks by explaining the qualities they have which proves them a worthy High King or Queen and reciting a self written poem on Tara and their links (spiritual or physical) to the Hill of Tara and its history.

The Gathering

The Tara High Kings Festival is one of the few first time festivals in Ireland to be chosen as a national signature event!

We can hardly wait to see the results of this rigorous competition, You are very Brave Vitaliy... We stand, and wait to see the results. Do us Proud

The Festival will begin September 14, 2013 from the hill of Tara , Navan, Ireland.

We know our faithful warrior Vitaliy Negoda, will have much to tell us about the competition in our December Issue.

Till then, A chara , to you.

The Angel Of the Stockyards Mary Eliza McDowell



A number of people who contributed to notable causes are not well known in the history books, but that does not make their contributions any less significant. Mary McDowell was one of those individuals. She participated in a number of social issues, promoting health and wellness as well as fairness and justice. Throughout her lifetime, she gave all she had in service to others.

Mary McDowell grew up in a close knit family. She was particularly close to her father, a staunch Christian and abolitionist. He often taught her when he came back from his work at the steel mill rolling mill he owned. The lessons he taught her influenced her for the rest of her life. He encouraged her to seek justice and promote fairness through hard work. She did all she could to take his advice to levels that no one would have guessed.

Mary McDowell got a unique nickname as she started with her efforts. She became known as the Stockyard Angel. She got this nickname because she fought hard both for temperance and for sanitation. She developed a settlement house known as Back of the Yards. Injured and ill treated railroad workers were able to stay there. She did all she could to protect these men and their families.

Mary McDowell was an extremely energetic and determined woman. Despite the fact that she was involved with so many programs, she always gave it her best effort. According to the "Mary McDowell Biography," she was known for the excellence of her work, despite the fact that she often gave up sleep and food to accomplish her goals.

Mary was involved in numerous activities. She helped head up the University of Chicago Settlement. She went on to work with the foundation of the Women's Christian Temperance, and she dedicated significant time to promoting the rights of women to vote. She founded the settlement house Back of the Yards. Then she went on to promote labor reform and assist with the development of Local 183. In 1903, she worked to start the Women's Trade Union League. From there, she went on to fight for fair labor laws and allow for more flexible work schedules.

During WWI, Mary shifted her focus primarily to the working conditions in the factories. She was deeply troubled by the lack of sanitation and the long hours. She was also concerned about safety standards. Before the turn of the century, she helped to ban child labor in factories and get those policies investigated. She promoted the same policies during WWI and made herself a force to be reckoned with.

In the last years of her life, Mary became concerned with the rights of black men and women. She felt that, though their freedom had been won, they were not truly free. She disagreed vehemently with segregation. After the Race Riots of 1919, she turned her efforts to race relations. Her work as an activist took her the rest of her life.

Mary McDowell is not one of history's most famous women. In the course of her life, though, she was involved in dozens of different organizations and causes. She started out focusing primarily on labor groups and their rights as well as women's rights. Her work went a long way in creating the safety laws and the sanitation laws that so many take for granted today. Her attentions shifted during the final years of her life to include resolving racial tensions and promoting justice for all people.

More can be found out about this extraordinary lady, from the link below.:

<http://www.lib.niu.edu/1998/ihy980442.html>

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