

NOVEMBER 2020 MMCA NEWSLETTER

From the President's Corner:

Greetings to each of you, and hoping you are all in good health! What a year this has been! In defiance of COVID, we began our August 1st 2020 reunion with the usual resounding "Cruachan!" and banging the table with our Clan Rock (from Scotland—anyone remember where from?)—only this time in "2D" (2 dimensions) on Zoom. A small but very dedicated and enthusiastic group of members braved the challenges of Zoomland to enjoy sharing the year's news and well wishes in this strange new world.

From our Hollywood Squares-like roosts on our devices, we had a fine gathering, celebrated our first non-profit status (thank you, Cary!), conducted the needed elections and passed the bylaws amendment, and exchanged ideas about how to make our exciting **100th Reunion Anniversary, Aug. 7-8, 2021**, as fun, welcoming, and affordable as possible! In keeping with our revered clan tradition of levity, I donned my Viking helmet complete with horns to conduct our election as your Lassie Brunhilde. We recognized **Mal Davis** for his 50 (!) years of service as our Treasurer, and **Peter Flewelling** for 47 (!) years as a Council member. We elected our new Treasurer, **Jeannette Wood** from Cape Cod, and **David McIntire** of western MI as Council Member at-Large (spell that Webmaster Guru!)—who led a tour of our **awesome website** <https://micummcintireclanassociation.org/>

It was tough to have to postpone our 100th Anniversary Reunion due to COVID, but that gave us more time to improve the plan based on **valuable input from the clan** (e.g. all activities are optional, we found more down time for Saturday, a more comfortable meeting space, and Foster's will provide our lunch). We are *very* excited to be sharing our plans for 2021's celebration with you and are eager to receive your feedback about the reunion plan AND future ways the clan can best serve you in our enclosed SURVEY.

It is our great desire to help defray the cost of Saturday's meals (lobster rolls box lunches from Foster's, and a buffet dinner in the Three Chimneys ballroom) as much as possible, so we're asking those of you who can to consider becoming a sponsor for our **"\$100 for the 100th"** fundraising campaign. We want to celebrate in style and leave a healthy budget for a bright future!

Of course, we realize that **COVID** could cause us to postpone yet again if ANY restrictions in gatherings are in place next summer. Our priority is your SAFETY above all—gotta keep the clan going and set the stage for the next hundred years! With the addition of our website and Zoom, we have opened new horizons to allow our little band of Micum's and Dorothy's descendants to flourish—even between reunions!

Be sure to complete and return our enclosed **SURVEY by 11/25!** We urgently need some ballpark numbers for planning, and we want to know *your* interests in how the clan can develop and serve you and our community in the future! Personally, I'd love to see us 1) honor our elders in our meetings and on our website, 2) share our stories and learn more about each other as family, and 3) take advantage of our website and Zoom to help each other update our giant and growing family tree, and even offer fun zoom educational/fun classes during the year—just imagine—recipe demonstrations (from our cookbook, naturally) by our closet Julia Child members, a subgroup of genealogy lovers sharing expertise to explore McIntire roots/DNA, ...)

Cruachan! And **DO stay safe** out there so we can all meet again next summer to celebrate our First 100 Years and kick off the Next 100 Years! **Thank you and looking forward to seeing you in August!** Jan Maier



100th Anniversary Update – Micum McIntire Clan Association

Your Council/Board is continuing to develop an exciting 100th Anniversary Reunion celebration in August 2021. What follows is our suggested itinerary. We'll tally your interests and plans from your returned survey, re-check the budget, and then send out registration forms with meal costs reflecting our subsidies in the Winter Newsletter.

- **COVID precautions are PARAMOUNT: The church where we have our meeting will not rent to us if there are ANY COVID restrictions at that time**, and they'll refund our fee. Let's be clear—if COVID continues to be a risk, we will be compelled to postpone it *again* (notification in late May/early June) and meet by Zoom as the next-best way to enjoy each other's company! Here's hoping there will be plenty of really good vaccines by that time!
- **Travelers should make hotel reservations ASAP**, as lodging is rapidly filling hotels from the many reunions and weddings already shifted to 2021. Three Chimneys Inn (hosting our Saturday evening celebration) is holding a block of rooms for us at a discount (mention McIntire Reunion). See their address/phone and several other choices in the area in our Lodging Information following the itinerary below.

Proposed 100th Anniversary Itinerary

Having listened to the advice of Clan members, we are considering the following schedule for next year's celebration. Remember--**ALL proposed events are VOLUNTARY**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021 – The principal day for the Reunion, mostly in York.

Times are approximate and subject to change.

- **9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** – Reunion at the United Methodist Church of York-Ogunquit (in York)
 - Greetings, coffee, socializing, badge pick-up
 - Pin the U.S. map indicating where you are from
 - Displays of clan archival documents, genealogy interest table
 - Opening Ceremonies:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Honoring McIntires: Past, Present, and Future
 - Presentation of the weekend's activities, arrange carpooling if needed
 - Very brief (!!) Clan Association business meeting
 - Activities, genealogy, and socializing
 - Sales table of McIntire memorabilia, cookbooks, mugs, genealogy books, prints, etc.
 - Luncheon: Foster's super box lobster roll lunches (and options for non-lobster people) and pbj for children.
 - Special order McIntire Clan Cake for dessert
- **2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** – Tour at Maxwell-McIntire Garrison
 - Drive to the tour of the Maxwell-McIntire Garrison on Highway 91
 - Historic group photo (you can order printed copies at cost)
 - Piper
 - Scottish Athlete Talk and Demonstration, (possible caber toss, other Scottish competition)
- **3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Break to relax and get ready to party!
- **4:30 p.m.** – Drive or take Clan Bus (leaves central area in York) to Durham for ceilidh.

- **5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** – Dinner and Ceilidh (Scottish party!) at Three Chimneys Inn, Durham, NH
 - Cocktail hour and socializing
 - Brief welcome and a peek into a crystal ball for the MMCA's future
 - Historical Hysterical (short musical skit about famous and infamous McIntires, and their reunions across the ages, auditions now open)
 - Dinner (3 choices from buffet plus special diets, cash bar for alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks)
 - Closing Ceremony and Kick-Off of our next century with a Scottish Ceilidh Dance
 - Live Scottish band - entertainment, merry-making, dancing (with Scottish SIMPLIFIED instruction, socializing, and genealogy table time).
 - Clan Bus back to York Village

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021 – A day for optional Micum-related tours and activities in the area around York.

- Possible Durham Community Church (UCC is very close to Three Chimneys Inn) gathering and short service for McIntire Clan before walking tours/gundalow cruise.
- Guided Walking tours of Micum McIntire sites by Local Historical Societies (times to be determined):
 - Tour A: Salmon Falls/South Berwick, ME. Counting House Museum and Salmon Falls mill site in Newichawannock (Native name for South Berwick) where Micum worked after completing his indenture in Oyster River.
 - Tour B: Mill Pond, Durham, NH: Sites associated with Micum and other Scottish prisoners of war in Oyster River, adjacent to Three Chimneys Inn.
- Chartered Gundalow cruise--McIntire Charter up Portsmouth Harbor (replica of long sailboat/barge used in Micum's time to haul goods on tidal rivers). ~\$22/adult
<https://www.gundalow.org/about-us/what-is-a-gundalow/>
- **12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.** Lunch on own--meet up with old and new cousins!

OTHER fun family historic activities in Portsmouth, 15 minutes south of York:

- Public Gundalow cruises at 2 pm and 4:30 p.m., \$30/person (times/prices subject to change in 2021).
- **10:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.** Strawberry Banke living history museum (like Sturbridge Village), Portsmouth, NH (15 minutes from York) <https://www.strawberrybanke.org/visit.cfm> (\$15/adult, \$10/child 5-17)

Lodging Possibilities

Durham, NH Area

Three Chimneys Inn (ask for McIntire Reunion discount)
17 Newmarket Road
Durham, NH 03824
(603) 868-7800

Holiday Inn Express – Durham
2 Main Street
Durham, NH 03824
(603) 868-1234

York, ME Area

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham York
6 Market Pl Dr.
York, ME 03909
(207) 363-0800

Best Western York Inn
2 Brickyard Lane
York, ME 03909
(207) 363-8903

\$100 for the 100th!!

This is the 100th Anniversary of Micum McIntire Clan Reunions— a once-in-a-lifetime experience that deserves to be something incredibly special!! But, as a non-profit volunteer organization with a limited budget, we will need some help to make it so. The good news is your donations are now **tax deductible!**

We have scoured our modest budget and done our best to find the most reasonable and affordable elements for the Reunion program, but we will still need help to cover the major elements of the program. We want to be able to subsidize part of the cost of the Saturday meals to make them affordable for all. We'll need a police escort (to cross highway 91 for the garrison tour/photo), and we'd like to be able to provide a bus for transportation to and from the ceilidh. We'd also like to have a Scottish band and piper, and a Scottish athlete presentation, and If you want these things, too, we need some help.

There are two principal ways that Reunion participants can help contribute to this event.

➤ **First, you can renew your membership or join the Micum McIntire Clan Association as a new member. Current, former, and new MMCA members who pay their 2021 dues before or with their Reunion Registration by the Early Registration deadline (spring date tbd) will not need to pay the \$15 registration fee.** Reunion Registration and membership/dues forms for 2021 will be included in the Winter Newsletter.

➤ **Second, you can become a sponsor as part of our \$100 for the 100th fundraising campaign!** We want this event to be as affordable as possible, especially for families/travelers. Everyone who can give any amount will receive a frameable certificate of appreciation at the reunion. Those who can give \$100 or more toward the 100th Reunion program will also receive a “Per Ardua” mug in the mail. We will be running this campaign through mid-January, at which point we will re-evaluate our costs. All sizes of donations are welcome and tax deductible! (See enclosed Sponsorship Form or through our website via PayPal.)

Become a part of Clan history—contribute \$100 for the 100th by mid-January 2021!!



<https://micummcintireclanassociation.org/>

Micum McIntire Gift Shop Items---Great Gift Solutions for the Holidays!

Before, during, and after the campaign, Clan Association members and interested folks may purchase MMCA items at the Collectibles gift shop on our website. These revenues can also be used to support our reunion. See the website for the items on offer. Again, all contributions are **tax-deductible!**

SURVEY: PART 1—Celebrating a Century!

This survey is under the assumptions there are not any covid restrictions.

Please complete Parts 1 and 2, and return by November 25, 2020

1. Are you planning to attend the Aug 7-8, 2021 100th Reunion in person?

_____ Yes!

_____ # Adults _____ # Children

_____ Not sure yet but am trying to make it!

_____ # Adults _____ # Children

_____ Not this year. [We'll miss you! You can skip to PART 2 after answering about Zoom session below]

Would you be interested in participating in a Zoom reunion following the in-person event?

_____ Yes _____ No

2. Who Wants to Attend What?

We need a good guesstimate for # of people at various activities. Your estimates are not binding—they just help us plan for the events and anticipate expenses.

NOTE: The Council hopes to partially subsidize meals and possibly the cruise to reduce out-of-pocket expenses listed below with some help from fundraising.

Please check the activities you want to attend below followed by your **BEST GUESS** of the number of people in your party that we should plan for in these activities.

Saturday morning (8/7/2021):

_____ Reunion Gathering: # attending: _____

_____ Luncheon: **unsubsidized** (\$29/lobster roll, \$22/chicken or veggie box lunch, bottled drink) + tax
box lunches: _____ Adult

_____ Children (\$5 PBJ sandwich, chips or apple, bottled drink)

_____ Garrison tour and photo: # attending: _____

_____ Scottish Athlete demonstration and competition at Garrison:
interested in demonstration _____ Yes _____ No

Saturday Evening:

_____ Dinner and Ceilidh at Three Chimneys, Durham, NH
unsubsidized (\$42/adult; \$20 children under age 12) + drinks, tip, tax
adult dinners: _____ # children (under 12) dinners: _____

_____ Bus from York at 4:30 pm to celebration at Three Chimneys; leave for York at 9 pm
seats needed on bus: _____

Sunday (8/8/2021):

___ Durham Congregational Church gathering and short service before starting activities for the day.
attending: _____

___ Guided walking tour A: Salmon Falls, South Berwick, ME: Counting House Museum and Salmon Falls mill site in Newichawannock (Native name for South Berwick) where Micum worked after completing his indenture in Oyster River

attending: _____ **Sunday (continued):**

___ Guided walking tour B: Mill Pond, Durham, NH: Sites associated with Micum and other Scottish prisoners of war in Oyster River, adjacent to Three Chimneys Inn.

attending: _____

___ Gundalow cruise (charter cruise if we get at least 20 people from our clan)

Tickets: _____ adult \$22 _____ 5yrs to 15yrs, \$11 _____ under 5yrs, \$5

3. What did we miss—what would you like to see added?

4. Would you be interested in volunteering to participate in the musical skit at Saturday's lunch?

5. Would you like to participate in an informal Friday evening (Aug. 6) musical gathering with other clan members who enjoy singing and playing guitar or other instruments?

6. Other Comments about Itinerary:

SURVEY: PART 2—Getting Ready for the Next Century!

[Please complete front and back and return this page with PART 1 whether or not you plan to attend the reunion.]

1. Clan Member Interests

What areas below would be of interest to you? These are a broad range of topics so we can learn what clan members are most interested in doing/learning about in the future--

- _____ Genealogy (such as updating the family trees, learning how to do research, etc.)
- _____ Micum McIntire research, learn more about Scottish Prisoners of War in America
- _____ Dorothy Pearce (Micum's wife) research
- _____ Scottish history of McIntire Clan
- _____ Learning more about each other (in our gathering, on the website, zoom)
- _____ Writing a tribute for a clan relative for the Tribute Wall on our website
- _____ Seeing archived clan documents and learning about them (in person or online)
- _____ Learning more about Scottish cooking; exploring/expanding our family cookbook
- _____ A Micum McIntire Clan trip to Scotland (The MacIntyre Trust is organizing an international gathering in Scotland in 2023)
- _____ Learning more about the Native American relationships with the early local settlers
- _____ Attending NH or ME Highland Games with other McIntire cousins
- _____ Writing your own family stories
- _____ Recording oral histories of your family elders (our website can share these)
- _____ Saving written stories, articles about our members for the web or our archives
- _____ Learning from webmaster David McIntire about how to run our website (apprentices welcome!)
- _____ Fundraising activities (future charitable activities/events, gifts from wills, trusts)

2. Other Interests/ideas/comments on how the clan can better serve our members in the coming years?

3. Clan Member Contact Information

Each newsletter mailing costs the clan about \$85, mostly due to snail mail postage/supplies. Please help us save \$\$ by sending us your email (or someone who would print the newsletter and provide it for you). If you could also share your phone #, we could reach more easily for clarification or other questions we might have specific to you.

The MMCA will not share your personal contact information with anyone outside our membership!

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Updating Information:

New address? _____

New email? _____

New phone? _____

Thank you and Cruachan!

Please send the completed survey to the following address:

Denise Threlkeld
62 Autumn Drive
Centerville, MA 02632

MMCA "\$100 for the 100th" fundraising campaign!

There are two ways to become a sponsor:

1. *Mail this form to the address below*
2. *Donate online with PayPal <https://micummcintireclanassociation.org/>*

Name(s) of Sponsor(s):

Mailing Address:

Telephone: (cell) _____ (landline) _____

Email:

I would be delighted to be a sponsor for the MMCA \$100 for the 100th. My donation is tax deductible!

_____ \$100

_____ Other Amount

Please make checks payable to ***MMCA Treasurer***, and mail with this application to:

**Jeannette Wood
MMCA Treasurer
P.O. Box 256
East Dennis, MA 02641**