

Micum McIntire Clan Assoc.

October 2022 Newsletter



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Highlights

MMCA REUNION 2022

Honored Eldest Member:

Sumner "Tommy" Thompson,
age 96, of Scarborough, ME

Honored Youngest Member: Jovie Watson, age 9,
of Long Beach, CA

The Farthest Traveled: Susan & Larry Wilson,
of San Diego, CA (3,042 miles!)

FUN FACTS - 81 people attended from 10 states!
17 new members for a total of 85 paid members
on the roster!

THANK YOU for service & contributions:

20 years or more Service Award Recipients:

53 years: R. Malcolm Davis

35 years: Caryl McIntire Edwards

27 years: Kathleen Turner

20 years: Janet Conroy

10 years or more Service Award Recipients:

15 years: Sally Turner

14 years: Dan Davis

11 years: Peter Flewelling

\$100 for the 100th Certificates of Thanks:

Ellen Bergman, Peter Flewelling, Paul Sweeney,
Kathleen Turner, Donald Young



Sumner "Tommy" Thompson
with daughter, Paula



D. Davis for M. Davis, K. Turner,
C. Edwards, J. Conroy



Peter Flewelling, Sally Turner,
Dan Davis

ELECTION UPDATE

President—Jan Maier elected for
one-year term, 2022-23

Treasurer—Denise Threlkeld
elected for two-year term,
2022-24. At the 100th Annual
reunion, MMCA member Donald
Young volunteered to serve and
was elected as a Council

member. However, a review of
the current By-laws has indicated
that Council members must be
"bloodline members of the
Association"—i.e., direct genetic
descendants of Micum McIntire.
Accordingly, in the coming year,
Donald will participate in and
contribute to Council meetings
and business in an advisory
capacity, but not as a voting
member. Donald has been very
generous with his time, his
expertise, historical knowledge,
and networking connections to
help our clan function and grow.
As this circumstance indicates,
our By-laws are in serious need
of updating and that will be a
priority in the next 2 years.



CRUACHAN! ...from the Pres...

It was a HUMDINGER! Micum and Dorothy, and John William McIntire (founder of the Clan)-- and all the cousins before and since-- would have been proud ("busted their buttons" as my mom would have said)! Merry-making with so many cousins all day, celebrating our history and welcoming new members, and even conducting the business meeting, we had a blast! The People (us), Dancers, Piper, Lobstahs, Garrison, Horse Chestnut Tree, and Gundalow Sail are now wonderful memories (check out all the photos on the website's MMCA Galleries), and many thanks to our event photographer, Martha Stavrou! A shout out to the Garrison neighbor, Meredith and Bill, also for all their efforts to help with the parking situation! Would that we'd had even more time to shmooze with each other. Our sympathies go to all who had to cancel or just couldn't make it this year. By all means, mark your calendars for the next reunion, August. 5, 2023!

Perhaps the most poignant moment for many of us was the beautiful dedication of the new Horse Chestnut Tree by Micum Davis at the Garrison...the perfect metaphor for our clan beginning its next century of life. A powerful storm last winter terminally damaged the old horse chestnut that had shadowed the Garrison for about 80 years. Thanks go to Dan Davis for purchasing the tree and working with his son Micum to plant it at the Garrison. Micum, a local arborist, and told its story as we welcomed this newest resident to the Garrison property.

A large bed of day lilies surrounds the huge old stump and the new tree, and in a thoughtful gesture, Micum's father, Dan Davis, gave sealed bags of day lilies with roots to all who wished to transplant them back home. What a beautiful, long-lasting memory of the 100th! Thank you, Micum, and Dan! Special thanks also go to Sean Patch for watering the tree every other day (8-10 gallons each time!) to ensure that our new tree will root well in time to survive a tough New England winter! (See more about the tree and read Micum's words of dedication on page 3)



Name the Tree Contest

Our new horse chestnut tree is now part of the family and it needs a name!

Send in your ideas (no limit to the # of entries per person) to our Secretary:

Kelly Scribner, by email perardua1917@gmail.com or snail mail, 6 Mackenzie Lane, Strafford, NH 03884.

Deadline for submission is **Dec. 30, 2022**. The Council will vote to choose the name and announce the winner in the first newsletter of 2023!



Bridging our Future with the Past-- Dedication of the New Tree



-by Micum Saunders Davis

Welcome everyone! My name is Micum Davis, son of Dan Davis and Susan Smith Davis, and grandson of Mary McIntire Davis of York, ME. As the local arborist in the family, my dad asked me to help plant a new tree to replace the horse chestnut that met its final demise this past year. It's my honor to do so on this historic family site, on this historic occasion, the 100th meeting of the Micum McIntire Clan association. After removing the remainder of the old horse chestnut tree earlier this year, my dad and I did our best to count the rings to see when it may have been planted originally.

The tree had four individual trunks, several of which were quite rotted away, degraded from the various leader failures the tree had suffered over the years, so it was a bit difficult. But we were able to gauge that it was right around 80 years old. 1942, the same year dad was planted, er, um, I mean born, yeah born, right down in York Village. We have no idea who may have planted the tree, or if it was, perhaps a squirrel, hiding away nuts from another, older tree, which had grown some place nearby. Does anybody here have any idea? Perhaps Dad's parents Bubba and Gig would have known this story.

That old tree was certainly a fixture on this property, in the memory of those who knew this space anyway over the last 60 plus years. At one occasion, I was lucky enough to be here at sunset to capture a gorgeous photo of the tree's shadow across the Garrison, which I have brought with me for those who would like to see it. When deciding what tree to replant with we did a little research on the horse chestnut. Originally the tree is native to the Balkan mixed forests of southeast Europe, including Ukraine. Interestingly, Ukraine used the leaf of the horse chestnut on their coat of arms for several decades and large horse chestnut trees can be found in the parks and streets of Kiev where they are prized for their shade and beauty throughout the seasons. It has been imported to the US for some time. The General Whipple horse chestnut was planted by the signer of the declaration of Independence, William Whipple and can be visited still at the Moffat Ladd house on Market Street Extension just above the Orr House restaurant in Portsmouth, NH. It's a magnificent tree and if you have a chance to stop by while in town, you'll be glad you took the time. After the Civil War, horse chestnuts were commonly planted on Remembrance Day, now Memorial Day, and the flowers symbolized fallen soldiers to be remembered. We have many native horse chestnuts in this country including the buckeye of Ohio whose nuts are sweeter and more edible. We certainly hope that this tree we plant today will grow into a large old tree that the next generation can sit under and bask in the shade pondering all of the days and nights and history the tree has seen. This time however, there will be a record of the tree planting, that you all here have been a part.



Fun-tastic Photos

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Cruachan!



Let's Dance!



Good Sports



Viking Jan



Your Council



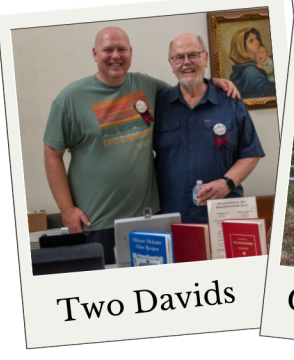
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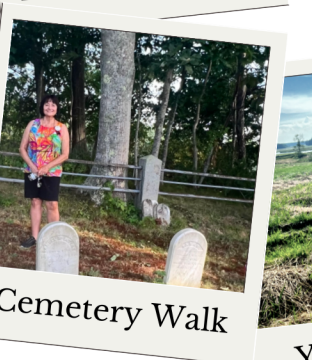
Garrison Visit



Inside Tour



Two Davids



Cemetery Walk



York River



from Denise - WE THANK YOU



Sails Away!



Historical Fun



Cruising along



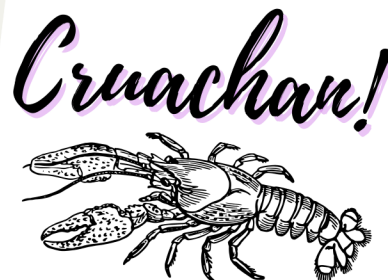
Great Time!



Jan&Jonathan



We'll Take the Good Ole Way



Shop on the MMCA website!



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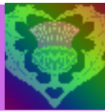
Crystal Ball

The Council worked long and hard to make our reunion such a success, and we sure hope you are enjoying memories and stories in your booklet of the first 100 years of the clan! (see website Gift Shop). Now we're moving toward new adventures so keep your eye on the Crystal Ball---as we explore mid-year Zoom events and perhaps a Town Hall or two for discussion and feedback on possibilities such as grant-writing for historic preservation and updating the Red Book, collaborating with similar-minded organizations on events, fundraising, etc. We welcome your thoughts and ideas as we forge ahead. Reach out to any Council member at any time with your ideas, questions, etc.

Clan Pride

To keep that McIntire Clan Spirit alive and kicking we must involve more of our cousins! Have you told your kids/grandkids Micum's story? Do they know their cousins have been meeting for over 100 years? Do you (and they) know how your families connect to the family tree? Find out more about our heritage--read some of Jonathan's amazing historical articles on our website, and talk with your family about it! Help us spread the word! **Attend the ZIG on Heritage (Next is NOV 3rd - see below!)**

ZIGs



Zoom Interest Groups

Calling All Family Historians!! **The November 3rd (7 p.m. EST) Micum Genealogy ZIG** will be a *Back to Basics* event, featuring:

- Instructions on how to use the 1983 Red Book to track your own line
- How-to tips on conducting online research
- Discussion of expanding your branches on the McIntire family tree(s)
- Question-and-answer session.

Contact Clan Historian Jonathan Tucker at jontuck@comcast.net to leave your email address and receive the Zoom link. Don't miss it!

CRUACHAN in the KITCHEN / Cooking

NOVEMBER 9th (WED) @ 7P EST: TWO for ONE FUN! Dundee Mini Cake and Microwave Sticky Toffee Pudding – Fabulous additions to your traditional American Thanksgiving as we head into holidays

NOVEMBER 30th (WED) @ TBD EST: Sassy Desserts / drinks for the holidays: Caladonia Cream / Topsy Laird / Hebridean Hogmany “Tea” cocktail All of these will make a lovely fireside treat for Christmas or New Year or BOTH! ***Can schedule this for mid-DEC if 11/30 gets low response*

JANUARY 4 /or/ 11 (WED) @ TBD EST: Haggis Towers / Haggis bites/ Party Planning tips. we will go over planning for your own special Burns Night festivities so you can stun your kin and charaids (friends) with a tasty and FUN Burns Night. Email perardual917@gmail.com for any of the sessions. No cooking required! Make a cuppa and watch / socialize!



Did you know??

If you are a Robert Junkins descendant whose line comes from: Alexander Junkins (3) and Hannah McIntire (3) Micum McIntire (4) and Rhoda Allen (5) Daniel McIntire (3) and Mercy Junkins (3) Susan McIntire (6) and John H. Junkins (6)

Then you are both a McIntire and a Junkins. Micum McIntire and Robert Junkins were SPOWs captured at the Battle of Dunbar, and made homesteads near each other in Scotland Parish, York, Maine. Their families intermarried and they were close friends. You may wish to become members of the Micum McIntire Clan Association as well as the Junkins Family Association. Visit <http://junkinsfamilyassociation.wikidot.com/>

Spotlight

Jonathan Tucker



Meet Another Micum



Clan Historian Jonathan Tucker is descended from Micum McIntire's oldest son, John McIntire and Susannah Young. Jonathan's Tuckers originally settled Hampton, New Hampshire, arriving around 1659. By the early 1800s, they had moved to Kittery, and were in York before 1820. In August 1831, Jonathan's ancestor Henry Lawrence Tucker Jr. married Evaline McIntire (daughter of Charles McIntire and Eunice Stover). Their son Charles Henry Tucker moved to Portsmouth, NH during the Civil War, where the Tuckers lived five generations until after WWII, when Jonathan's father Robert Garland Tucker and mother Mary Jean Knorr moved to western Massachusetts,

where Jonathan and his two siblings were born and raised. In rock bands out of high school, Jonathan resumed and completed two college degrees, and then worked for 40+ years as a government professional at the regional, county, and municipal level. He was a planner for the Town of Amherst, MA for 32 years, and is a writer, researcher, historian, musician, and ecologist, as well as a municipal planner. In 2015, he married Jean M. Koester, an insurance executive and trained actor. Their blended family includes four adult children. The oldest, Daniel, is closing in on his 34 th birthday. When younger, Daniel hosted Clan MacIntyre tents with his dad at highland games all over New England, as well as participating in some Clan reunions. Jonathan first 'discovered' the Micum McIntire Clan Association in the mid 1980s and began attending clan reunions in the 1990s. Together with current President Jan Maier, Jonathan was involved in planning and conducting the 80 th Reunion. He is a Life Member of the national Clan Macintyre Association. Following the retirement of prior Clan Historian Dan Davis, Jonathan was elected as Clan Historian in August 2021. Having visited Scotland twice, he will be going back again in late spring 2023. Jonathan hosts a monthly Micum Genealogy Zoom meeting—usually held the first Thursday evening of the month at 7 p.m. EST. Together with VP Caryl McIntyre Edwards, Jonathan administers MMCA's Facebook page. He also serves as an administrator of the Scottish Prisoners of War Society's Facebook page. Jonathan responds to clan family history inquiries posted on the MMCA website at <https://micumm McIntireclanassociation.org/micum-mcintire-genealogy-questions/> and can also be reached at jontuck@comcast.net.

FLOWERS of the FOREST

--Please notify Kelly, our Clan Secretary, of any McIntire family members we have lost who have not already been honored in our previous newsletters. We will recognize them in each newsletter and also at the 2023 Annual Meeting.



20 Years of McIntire Canines with Courage

Phyllis Thompson (no relation to Sumner Thompson) of Houston, TX writes... "My first silky terrier, who lived to be 19 and was gray, was Micum McIntire Thompson because even though he weighed only 10 pounds, he was brave and courageous and loyal and adventurous (like most silkies). He passed three years ago.

Our new silky is McIntire Boden Thompson, a sliver two-year-old with the same personality and is afraid of NOTHING. Both had opportunities to tour Maine historic sites and love the Adirondacks, especially hiking and canoeing.



Phyllis's granddaughter w/ McIntire Boden Thompson

McIntires at NH Scot '22

Honored Clan of 2022

-by Zoe Trautman

I've always wanted to attend the New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival (NHSCOT) — and this year I finally had my chance. The games are held each September at Loon Mountain Resort in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. This is one of the most beautiful regions in New England and the fall weather is always quite spectacular. I arrived early on the first day, September 16, hoping to take advantage of as many of the activities as possible. Imagine my surprise when our fearless leader, Jan Maier, and her friend, Tyler Buck, drove into the parking spot right next to mine. What an amazing coincidence! Sharing the Scottish heritage experience with a fellow Micum McIntire descendant made the day even more special. As the honored clan of the year, the parade of clans was led by our 18th Chieftain of Camus-Na-H-Erie, Duncan MacIntyre, OBE and his wife, followed by a delegation of MacIntyres. There was whisky, dancing, piping, drumming, shot putting, hammer throwing, caber tossing and lots and lots of music. And the food! If you've never been to Scotland, here's your chance to try Haggis, Cullen Skink, Scotch Eggs and Rumbledethumps, all washed down with some Piper's Ale. Of course, it wouldn't be a Scottish festival without the traditional drum and bagpipes competition, and the crowd's appreciation was lively, raucous, and friendly - just what you would expect from the people of Scotland! While I loved experiencing all the games, food and music, my favorite has always been the sheep dog trials. I never miss an opportunity to watch these incredible border collies do their job. The dogs clearly love their work, but I'm not sure the sheep share their enthusiasm. Next year's NHHGF is scheduled for 15-17 September 2023 once again at the Loon Mountain Resort. I hope to see you there. CRUACHAN! ~ Zoe



Hurricane Ian



The MMCA council sends out our heartfelt condolences for any of our members affected by the recent Hurricane Ian. We hope you, your loved ones, and pets are safe and unharmed. We understand damage no matter how large or small and especially any loss of property can be devastating. Please know the good thoughts of your "cousins" are with you and remember our clan motto is "PER ARDUA" - through adversity. The spirit of our clan association is strong and proud. Stay safe and steadfast. CRUACHAN!