



Save the Date

**Saturday, August 5, 2023 Micum McIntire Reunion/
Annual Meeting**

Location: St. Aspinquid Masonic Lodge
(Thank you, Donald Young!)
101 Long Sands Rd, York, ME 03909

Overview:

9 am (doors open) - 2 pm socializing,
annual meeting & surprise event (!),
lunch & (NEW) dessert cook off,
presentation by Emerson Baker, PhD
(NEW) Optional 3 - 4 pm walking tour
of places where Micum worked
in Durham, NH, by Jonathan Tucker,
Clan Historian.

As always, we encourage Informal
gatherings to share dinner and a possible
music-making/pub crawl afterwards.

We are super excited about our featured presenter, Professor Emerson ("Tad") Baker, archaeologist and professor of history at Salem State University (MA). A York resident, Tad participated in the recent dig on the Davis property and was involved with the research on the Dunbar prisoners of war buried in Durham Cathedral!

Mark your calendars and spread the word to your families!



Support the MMCA Gift Store

Please help operating costs of this small but mighty association. We are a 501c3 Non-Profit and have items in the online store for sale with many more fresh new ones coming in 2023.

Please show your McIntire Pride and consider purchasing from our gift store.

100% goes to support the operational budget of the MMCA and its tax-deductible!!

Genealogy ZIG

MAY 4th 7p Eastern time

McIntire Genealogy – Jonathan Tucker, our Clan Historian, will focus on two areas in this group: 1) bringing the most recent “Red Book” (Micum McIntire genealogy) up to date by filling in the gaps from the last 1983 entries in our specific lines to the present, and 2) learning basic (mostly online) genealogical tools and skills to help us to find and fill in any gaps we identify further back in our family lines. The same tools and skills may be of use to you in doing other family history research, as well. (The Red Book is available in the website gift shop, but purchase is not required for participation.) Confirm your spot by emailing Jonathan at jontuck@comcast.net

Clan Cooking ZIG

MAY 2 (TUE) 7p Eastern

Time for a sweet treat!

Biscoff Tiffin.

Reserve your spot by emailing Kelly at: perardua1917@gmail.com
Recipe card and ZOOM link will be emailed back when you reserve your seat.

No baking necessary.
You can come to observe, have a cuppa tea and enjoy the company!





President's Corner

Contributed by Jan Maier, President 2023

Hoping your holidays were grand, your pipes didn't freeze, and that 2023 brings you and your loved ones good health and many happy times together (as in Aug. 5)! Your Council is having great fun crafting our next reunion (and licking our chops for those famous desserts), and we are pleased as punch about our lineup for 2023! We are extremely lucky to have Tad Baker as our speaker. Tad is conducting amazing research on the early Scottish settlers and their homesteads /cemeteries in southern ME/NH. He's happy to connect with us Micum McIntire descendants, and we look forward to a long future together exploring the past and its links with the present! It's also a pleasure to announce the results of the Name the Tree Contest and to welcome Micum Davis as author of the new Micum's Perch column to keep us informed about the tree's progress. Our priority going forward is to build bridges among and strengthen our membership, so we encourage you to enjoy meeting more of your cousins in our Zoom Interest Groups (ZIGs), explore our website, get curious about your ancestry, and reach out to the Council with your ideas/feedback. Our challenge is to keep the clan vibrant, relevant, and I would add, fun, for another century: see if you can entice more of your relatives into the fold! You can now share milestones (like David and Sue's granddaughter's arrival!), accomplishments, plans to visit Scotland (or how it went!), etc., in our new Clan News column in the newsletter. We invite you to send your news to Kelly, our Clan Secretary for the Spring letter! **Here are a few more Zoom possibilities:**

- Town Hall: where we can share ideas about the MMCA's future—what we want it to be and what we can do as a non-profit!
- Help people trace their roots back to the 1980 Family Tree and the Red Book (see links in McIntire Mania).
- Storytelling (video and/or written), where our older McIntires can share stories of their elders, family traditions, early reunions, etc.
- Oral History training/interview guides on how to collect family stories, which if so desired could be shared on our website.

Let me know your thoughts about these and other ways we might strengthen our clan...and how do you like the idea of a new Micum McIntire Clan T-shirt for our next reunion? Stay warm, healthy, in touch, and spread the word! Thanks and Cruachan! Jan jemsong7@icloud.com



Tad Baker would be most interested to learn of the location of any old cellar holes, walls, or other traces of early homesteads of the McIntires or other families, particularly in the Scotland district of York. You can e-mail him at ebaker@salemstate.edu or write to him at 38 Old East Scituate Road, York, ME 03909.

Or of course, you can speak to him this summer at the reunion!

Flowers of the Forest

Roland Albert Payne, age 89, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 14, 2022 at his home in Cabot, Vermont,

Ellen Elizabeth Bergman, age 69, passed on November 20, 2021, in her home in Genoa, OH.



McIntire Mystery

Contributed by Caryl McIntire Edwards, Vice-President

Alexander McIntire is listed in Gaol records as an esquire who was placed in Gaol February 13, 1818 "by authority of execution of the United States". Why was the US government prosecuting McIntire for debt? To find the answer I had to call the National Archives in Waltham, MA since it was a federal matter-they sent me the documents related to the McIntire case. It turns out he owed the federal government over \$14,695 from the time that he was the customs collector in York from 1 Oct 1812 to 31 March 1813. In a document written by Edmund Coffin, Deputy Marshall of the District of Maine, we know that Coffin "had taken the body of said McIntire and committed him unto the Old Gaol in York in the said district of Maine and delivered him into the custody of the gaoler thereof". Since McIntire did not have the money to satisfy the debt, the court ordered that his assets be appraised and then sold. Josiah Bragdon, Moses Lyman, and Solomon Brooks were chosen for the real estate appraisal. Eventually, McIntire had to sell real estate, Saco Bank stock, and stock in the York Cotton Factory to try and pay his debt. The sale of the stock took place at a public venue (auction) held in the "house of David Wilcox, inn holder in York." Even after the sale McIntire still owed \$6,000. He remained in the gaol for nearly two years. Interestingly enough, during his stay at the gaol, McIntire held the office of Town Clerk. Eventually, he was finally released February 1, 1820 "by virtue of a pardon of the President of the United States."

A few questions still remain- Can you answer them?*

Why did McIntire owe all that money from his time as a customs collector? Did he embezzle it? Could he have been held responsible for the mariners' lack of payment to him (similar to the liability tax collectors had)?

*It then says notes were written by Jennifer Lapp, former education director, but it was sent to me on Facebook by Sean Eager, husband of Hillari Chapman Eager, granddaughter of George Chapman. Sean says that at one time Hillari worked at Old York. *Send your answers to Caryl at cme4animals@gmail.com.*

Council Spotlight

Contributed by Denise Threlkeld, Treasurer



As a child I remember coming up to York with my grandmother (Wilhelmina McIntire Sears) and mother (Jeannette Sears Wood) to visit my great Aunt Barbara McIntire Kilburn who lived on Beech Ridge Road. She was a hairdresser and had a salon in her house.

I remember sitting in her pink chairs while she would cut my hair. I don't recall attending any MMCA reunions during my childhood. I moved away to California after graduation and a roadtrip with friends. I met my husband and settled into married life. While we were living in California two of my children flew out to the Cape to visit in 1989 and they attended the MMCA reunion with my mom, grandmother and brother. The earliest reunion I recall attending was after moving back to Cape Cod in 1991. While in York my mom would drive me around and show me places she remembered as a child on Beech Ridge Road. We would always stop at the Garrison and peek in the windows. We would stop in to visit George Chapman as well later on and he would have all kinds of stories about Beech Ridge and WWII. I worked in marine electronics for 28 years and now am still living on Cape Cod but now am working in real estate. I love it! As crazy as the market is, I'm finding it is something I plan to be doing for a long time. As of 2016 I became Secretary of MMCA, and one of my first tasks was to help create the cookbook. In 2021 I took over the Treasurer position temporarily for my mom but sadly she passed in September 2021. At that time, I decided to relinquish my Secretary duties and follow my mother's footsteps to become full time Treasurer after a membership vote making it official. Hoping to enjoy many years attending our annual reunions!

Your Council

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Micum's Perch

Contributed by Micum Davis, Arborist / Direct Descendant

This past year's been a busy one atop the York River Estuary. A new member stands watch and gains root amidst the three buildings of the McIntire Garrison: the horse chestnut tree newly and fittingly named Micum for our ancestral forebear of Scottish heritage that we so proudly claim. All signs point to a strong start in life, beginning with a healthy and well-structured (downright handsome!) sapling from a nursery in Stratham, NH, to the success of planting with careful attention and ceremony at the 100th Reunion of the Association.

An intensive watering regimen by Sean Patch, myself and other volunteer passersby supported Micum through the dry and hot late summer, which led to a saturating fall and winter with much precipitation, minimal snow and more wacky weather from climates a'changing. A mid-winter visit showed a healthy display of buds seemingly ready for spring. This four- or five-year-old youngster is off to a good start!

Another visit is due to see if the recent bout of heavy wet snows caused any damage. All the horse chestnuts I've known have a superpower when it comes to storm resilience: fewer and thicker twigs! That means less surface area compared to other trees that commonly break from winter loads. Maples and pines, for example, have many fine twigs and needles that serve as webs, catching far more snow and ice than they can hold. (Note the comparison and visible buds in the photo.)

Our region has sustained quite a bit of tree damage from the recent snow and ice band running from the coast in Kennebunk, moving inland as it runs south through the Berwicks, my town of Madbury NH and beyond. This storm doesn't hold a candle to the ice storm of '98, but in some places, the impact is widespread enough that one is pressed to find trees that have escaped unscathed.

Thanks for reading this update! Check back at the next quarterly newsletter to hear my report on how Micum survived the storm! I hope that you'll find interest here so stay tuned for future musings from Micum's Perch. Meanwhile, back to tree work and sugaring.

Cruachan! Micum

McIntire Mania

Contributed by Jan Maier, President

GET CURIOUS!

- Attend our fabulous History/Genealogy or Cooking Zoom Interest Groups (ZIGs—see <https://micummcintireclanassociation.org/zoom-interest-groups-zigs/>)
- Ramble around our amazing website and see what else you find, and add to it!—tributes, photos in the gallery; check out the gift shop and historical articles by Jonathan Tucker, stories about our adventures at the Highland Games, links to related sites etc...
<https://micummcintireclanassociation.org>
- Read the newsletters (email or hard copy, back copies of newsletters
<https://micummcintireclanassociation.org/newsletters/>) and send us your comments plus any ideas you have about our clan and future endeavors
- Check out our FaceBook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/MicumMcIntireClanAssociation/>
- Surprise a relative with a gift MMCA membership—someone who might enjoy being part of our amazing motley crew!
<https://micummcintireclanassociation.org/product/mmca-new-membership/>
- Explore your ancestors in the Red Book
<https://micummcintireclanassociation.org/product/micum-mcintire-family-revised-edition/>
- Can you trace your lineage from Micum on the 1980 Family Tree?
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TguJ8WjCB93Yx8uMybF-XXwKVf8v1Pdd/view> How many people need to be added to that tree from your family? NOTE: be sure to click on the Magnifying Glass Icon to read the names.
- Got a question about anyone in your family history/ancestors? Ask Jonathan on our website (<https://micummcintireclanassociation.org/micum-mcintire-genealogy-questions/>), our MMCA FaceBook page (link above), or come to his next ZIG (<https://micummcintireclanassociation.org/zoom-interest-groups-zigs/mmca-zig-genealogy/>) & email him for the Zoom link!



Fun Facts

Feb. 1-Feb. 2 – From evening of one day to the evening of the next, this is the Celtic holiday of Imbolc, also known as St. Brigid’s Day. Halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, Imbolc represents the turning of the season toward spring and new life. It is associated with purification and ewe’s milk, being a traditional time when livestock are heavily pregnant and lactating.

April 1st - Hunt the Gowk aka *April Fool's Day*. On this day people would play tricks and tell lies to catch each other out. But the jokes had to stop by midday. Hunting a Gowk was considered a fool's errand.

“Dinna laugh, an’ dinna smile - But hunt the gowk another mile.”

April 2nd - Tailie Day. If you did not get enough fun in on Hunt the Gowk Day then you could tag a tail onto an unsuspecting person April 2nd.

Watch out! McIntires are practical jokers!

April 6 – Tartan Day. On April 6, 1320, assembled clan chiefs and Scottish nobles at the Abbey of Arbroath in eastern Scotland signed a Declaration petitioning the Pope in Rome on behalf of King Robert the Bruce. The Pope was considering an English request that The Bruce be excommunicated. The signers, while they declared King Robert their legitimate ruler, made it clear they were not championing a specific king, but the freedom of Scots themselves to decide who would rule them.

“ . . . For, so long as but a hundred of us remain alive, never will we on any conditions be brought under English rule. It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honours, that we are fighting, but for freedom—for that alone, which no honest man gives up but with life itself.”

The Declaration of Arbroath is said to have influenced the American Declaration of Independence (Thomas Jefferson had Scottish tutors).

In 1998, following the lead of Canadian Scots, the U.S. Senate established April 6 as Tartan Day, a day to celebrate Scottish heritage.

It is now celebrated by Scots worldwide.

Correction from the Thanksgiving email’s Fun Facts:

Robert H. Rines was indeed a co-founder of the Franklin Pierce Law Center, but Robert Marshall Viles was the Micum McIntire descendant from Skowhegan, ME, who was a co-founder, President and Dean of the same school, now part of UNH.

A graduate of Bates (magna cum laude), NYU, and Yale, Bob came to NH after having had a major hand in writing the nation’s bankruptcy laws. Bob literally constructed the law school from old farm buildings on a bull breeding farm. In a short time he made it the nation’s flagship school for intellectual property law and a cutting edge leader in community lawyering (for people who had little means to hire attorneys). Known for his generosity, wit, and unorthodox teaching style, he brought heart and soul to the profession. In 1999, Bob died tragically at the age of 60 in a swimming accident off the coast of France, but he left a legacy of integrity and brilliance at the UNH law school.

<https://www.nytimes.com/1999/08/13/us/robert-marshall-viles-60-helped-start-the-pierce-law-center.html> Bob served as President of the MMCA from 1962-24, and was a first cousin of Janet Conroy and many other grandchildren of Guy and Winifred McIntire—the group that had the most tables of any family at our

Foster’s Lobsters luncheon at the 100th!

Name the Tree Contest Has a Winner!

First of all, the MMCA Council and the Davis Family extend our deepest thanks to ALL who submitted names for this grand new tree! So many great entries made it a tough choice! After reviewing suggestions and rationale from the Council, the entire Davis Family (owners of the Garrison) made the final selection, submitted by Mal Davis, keeping the long view in mind of names that will have meaning in the subsequent centuries:

Let us all welcome “Micum” as the new American horse chestnut tree!

In a rather extraordinary coincidence, the tree shares its name with Micum Davis—the arborist who selected and planted the tree with his father, Dan Davis, and who gave its lovely dedication at the 100th Reunion. Micum will provide seasonal updates about the arboreal Micum along with photos in a new column, Micum’s Perch. Wish him well—he’s up to his elbows now in maple sap as they boil down maple syrup in this very busy time of year!

Thank you, Micum Davis!



Clan News



Lucia Margarita Vega McIntire, born to Jonathan David McIntire and Lila Vega of Annandale, VA, Granddaughter of David Llewellyn & Susan L.T. McIntire, MMCA Council Member, born Feb 9, 2023. 7 lbs, 15 ounces, 20.5 inches.

*Send any birth, wedding or other happy event to be included in the next newsletter to:
perardua1917@gmail.com*

Aloha! Learn About Micum's Hawaiian Descendants!

For more than a century there have been McIntire cousins in Hawaii! You can read all about it in the Tribute Wall on our website, where Micum descendant Pohai Souza tells us the tale of her Hawaiian family's seafaring connection to Micum via captain William C. Stone of the Maine ship Josephine, about his wife Sarah McIntire, missionaries, lives lost at sea, Hawaiian royal lines, and the American colonization of Hawaii. Pohai found us online during Covid and is a regular attendee of our Historian's Genealogy ZIG (Zoom Interest Group). Pohai has prepared her family's amazing history, including this photograph of William and Ellen Stone and other documents, in a condensed version for our website.

Please check the Tribute Wall for her account of how McIntire descendants settled in Hawaii:

<https://micummcintireclanassociation.org/tribute-wall/>

Pohai is an internationally-known teacher of the traditional Hawaiian Hula. Who knows, maybe we could arrange a hula class as a new ZIG! Yes! I can see a hula in your future...hulas in tartans... We hope to get to meet Pohai in person at an Annual Reunion soon!



"Micum" braves a Nor'Easter



A different Micum collects sap



Capt. Wm Stone and Ellen Stone