



MMCA 2025 Winter Newsletter

MMCA Annual Reunion

Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday

August 1-3, 2025

Pot's a'boilin'!!!

Mark Your Calendars and Make Those Reservations Now!!
The 375th Anniversary of Micum McIntire's Arrival in America!!

FRIDAY EVENING AUGUST 1: Scottish Ceilidh ("Kay-lee"), Scottish pub-like social gathering with music

SATURDAY AUGUST 2: St. Aspinquid Masonic Lodge in York, ME

- Morning Annual Meeting, special exhibit tables, shmooze time, traditional brown bag lunch and shared desserts
- Guest Speaker (and member) Ken Junkins presents slides and videos of his family tour last summer of the Dunbar Battlefield and the Durham Cathedral burial ground of the Scottish prisoners of war who perished there. Survivors Micum McIntire, Robert Junkins, and ~150 others eventually made the trek across the Atlantic on the ship Unity to be sold as indentured servants for seven years. Miraculously, here we are, 375 years later, still together as McIntires and Junkins, celebrating our incredible heritage in the deeply complex history of America.
- Special Recognition of the 375th Anniversary of Micum's Arrival in America
- McIntire Stories and Growing the Family Tree/McIntire Forest Activities

SUNDAY AUGUST 3: (Potential Outdoors Activities):

- FIRST EVER Micum McIntire Clan Caber Toss Events (for kids and adults)
- Visit to the McIntire Garrison and Tour of the McIntire Cemetery nearest the Garrison
- Pilot Test our new Cemetery Mapping Tool at McIntire and Junkins burial grounds
- Kayak trip on York River to the original wharf on McIntire property (timing depends on tide)



YOUR COUNCIL (dates indicate term end)

President – Jan Maier – 2025 – jemsong7@icloud.com

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Secretary – Sandy Utterstrom – 2026 – sureiki@yahoo.com

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I felt it in Portsmouth. It was Monday, January 27th, 10:22 AM. It pierced through the noise of our job site. I thought someone was blasting ledge, but the rumbling went on and on for 6 or 8 seconds. Most everyone I spoke with said that they felt it, like their furnace exploded, or a car had crashed into their house. Having lived in New England nearly half a century, I know we have earthquakes, even felt one or two faintly, only to find out later what it actually was. Never have I heard so many people say they'd felt it, or with such dramatic reports.

Initially they said a 4.1 on the Richter scale, but was downgraded to 3.8. The Daily Voice news publication of Harrisburg PA posted the quake was felt in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and upstate New York, and reports came in from 9 states, total.

The moment it struck, the lower 48 states in the US were approaching the end of the coldest January, on average, since 1988, according to Weather Underground, because of a surface air temperature anomaly caused by the "Greenland Block and another from western Canada into the eastern Pacific Ocean (that) forced cold air deep into the US and locked it into place."

As an arborist who covets frozen ground in winter to get heavy equipment into normally squishy back yards, I've long paid keen attention to what's required and what prevents this magic occurrence.

This widespread cold was accompanied by below average precipitation (snowfall) south of coastal Maine and southern New Hampshire, allowing soil to freeze deeper and further south than for many, many years. As of late January, it had been one of the driest January's for precipitation, but the cold air temperatures froze water in lakes, ponds and soils far to the south, such that, according to Outdoor News online, Beechwood and Hills Creek Lakes, Pennsylvania reported ice between 7 and 12 inches thick and New Jersey anglers hooked fish from ponds and lakes. One of my contractor friends in Newfields, NH exposed 3 feet of frost in the ground during his uphill battle digging out a foundation hole, and Great Bay had frozen from the Smith Farm across to Weeks point in Greenland, something not seen for decades.

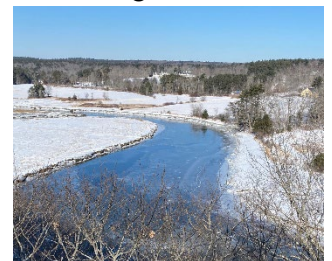
It's my belief that this widespread layer of hard, frozen soil, created perfect conditions for shaking with a dramatic intensity, radiating widely across the frozen earth, and incredibly far away. It was felt much further to the west and the south than it was to the north and east where an increasingly deep snowpack was present. This layer of snow, with trillions of pockets of air, insulating the ground like igloos in the arctic. This kept the frost layer thin and the loose soils limited how far the waves could be felt. I believe this is why reports of the quake to the north and east petered out after 120 miles while they reached 400 miles southwest.

The US Geological Survey publishes a graph that shows varying Richter scale ratings, along with the intensity it is felt, and damage typical for quakes of varying strength along the scale. An earthquake of 2-3 corresponds to weak shaking and no damage, a 4 has light shaking and no damage. According to this graph, the moderate to strong shaking widely reported should correspond with an earthquake of 5 or 6, not the 3.8 that our little York Harbor earthquake riveted 9 states with.

I couldn't find any reports of damage, despite how extensively it was felt. After three centuries overlooking the York



River, our beloved McIntire Garrison, the state's oldest verified dwelling has survived much worse. According to Watchers.news website referencing USGS data, a 1755 (M5.8) quake located offshore of Cape Anne, northeast of Boston, caused severe damage to the Boston Waterfront. The most recent damaging earthquake in New England was a (M5.6) in 1940 with its epicenter located in central NH.



Part 4: Something Special Is Cooking at Goosey's Bar and Grill!



Goosey's Bar and Grill is where "the elite meet to eat" in McIntire, Iowa. (It's the only restaurant in town.) Goosey's is also where most everything in McIntire happens or is discussed, except on Mondays, when it is closed for business.

Recently I learned there is an exception to Goosey's being closed on Mondays and that is Memorial Day. But last Memorial Day Goosey's was open for a group of current and former residents who gathered there for a potluck meal after attending the annual Memorial Service at the local cemetery.

Goosey's will be open again this coming Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, but in addition to the potluck meal, something new and very special is being planned for this year.....the first ever McIntire Heritage Day!

Jan Maier and I are working with staff at Goosey's Bar and Grill to honor the heritage of McIntire—it's founders, John and Sarah McIntire, its past and current residents, as well as its future, the local kids—with an eye-popping series of events that day.



Some of the ideas being considered for McIntire Heritage Day include: a proclamation from the Governor of Iowa inaugurating McIntire Heritage Day, comments from the Mayor, recognition of John and Sarah McIntire, their relationship to Micum, and recognition from the Micum McIntire Clan Association. Framed McIntire items (from me and the Clan) will be displayed in the new "McIntire Corner" in Goosey's Bar and Grill. In addition, there are plans for displays of antique cars and farm tractors, a hayride, possibly Highland Games for children, pony rides, and a tour of a local barn with a collection of farm tools and other items at the McIntire homestead.

There is still much to be done in order for McIntire Heritage Day to actually come about. Jan and I are far from McIntire so Goosey's owner, event planner and local residents will be the ones to make McIntire Heritage Day actually happen. Following the Memorial Service at the town cemetery and the traditional potluck lunch at Goosey's, Jan and I will participate in the presentation and present the donated McIntire photos, tartan, family tree, etc.



We have big plans for McIntire, Iowa this Memorial Day. Stay tuned to hear what all is cooking at Goosey's and around town to inaugurate McIntire Heritage Day in our Spring Newsletter. Will you be near northeastern Iowa end of May? Put it in your calendar! Who knows, it may become an annual event!

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Jane "Betsy" White, 75, passed away at her home in Lake City, MN, on Monday, December 23, 2024. Betsy attended our 100th Reunion and is survived by her sisters Kathleen and Sally Turner. Their mother, Jean Turner, was Janet Conroy's sister. Her Celebration of Life was Jan. 3rd, 2025, in Lake City.



Francis Milton Corry, age 90, passed away on February 24, 2025, in Springfield, MO. Frank was the husband of the late Judith Lynn Corry, a great granddaughter of Walter McIntire (chaplain at the first reunion) and Sarah. His memorial service is April 12 in Springfield.

Please notify Sandy Utterstrom, Clan Secretary, of members who have passed so we may recognize them in our newsletter.

GENEALOGY ZOOM INTEREST GROUP (GenZIG)

Have questions about your McIntire (or other) ancestry? Our MMCA Historian Jonathan Tucker conducts monthly Zoom sessions exploring the genealogy of Micum and his descendants with education, fascinating stories and discussion. No experience needed! The next session is **Thursday, April 10 at 7 PM**. Contact Jonathan at jontuck@comcast.net if you are interested in participating (he'll send you the link). Members zoom in from ALL over the country. Join us!

Winter Greetings to all you cousins and friends out there! It seems like ages since we last met in this little column, but I'm glad you are here! There is so much activity blossoming in our small but mighty clan I hardly know where to begin. It feels like the MMCA Train is quickly picking up speed and in a great position to grow and thrive! Your Council is having a marvelous time coming up with ways to share more McIntire stories, past and present, and get to know each other better both in person and on our website. We are even inching closer to digital ways to update the Tree with the McIntire Forest!



Soooo much is going on that our Annual Meeting may expand into 3 days--also more worthwhile for travelers to make the trip. We are exploring more outdoor activities Sunday that can be enjoyed by families --gotta have fun things for our kiddos! Jonathan Tucker's fascinating GenZIG monthly Zooms are in their third year and going strong. On April 3rd Ken Junkins and I are launching a brand new CemZIG (see p. 4) for folks interested in preserving and documenting the old McIntire and Junkins burial grounds around York. Our surprise connection with McIntire, Iowa (Dave McIntire and Jonathan Tucker discovered the town McIntire's founder John was a descendant of Micum), has ballooned into **McIntire Heritage Day**--a full-blown town celebration this Memorial Day to honor their link with the MMCA! (See p. 3).

Let's all keep this train rolling--forward this newsletter to your relatives, gift a membership or two (and thank you to those who already have!), make plans to see them at our next reunion, meet your cousins and make new friends on a Zoom group, write a story about a McIntire you admire who has survived Per Ardua (through hardship) and thrived for our Tribute Wall, and by all means, if you are able, attend a Highland Game this summer and learn how to toss a caber before the Annual Meeting! Highland Games schedule will be posted in the Spring Newsletter and on the website. Cruachan! Jan (PS FYI, I slipped on the ice in January, and after surgery for a "very impressive fracture" of my left femur, am in a wheelchair living in an assisted living facility. Hoping to be able to walk without a walker in a few more months and in my kayak by August. You can follow my updates on Caringbridge.com if you have leisure time for some of my rehab caper adventures...)

NEW CemZIG: Cemetery Zoom Interest Group Launches April 3rd, 2025

Do you know who your 4th great grandparents are? where they were buried? It's likely they lie in one of many old burial grounds scattered throughout York, ME. Some may be buried near First Parish Church or old structures such as the McIntire Garrison, but many are in old farm fields near long-gone homesteads or buried deep in the woodlands. Unless these sacred places are documented and maintained to control overgrowth and decay, they will be lost forever. Some may already have disappeared from sight and memory.



We are launching CemZIG on April 3rd with the intent to help preserve and honor these special places for generations to come, as well as to figure out who's where. CemZIG is sprouting because a great deal of interest was expressed in recent GenZIG zooms about these vulnerable burial grounds. Several GenZIG members have expertise and experience in caring for the old graves, and the Junkins Family Association has conducted cemetery maintenance events including one with the MMCA several years ago that visited cemeteries with graves of some of our intermarried ancestors.

The Junkins Family Association, led by Ken Junkins (son of the late Alan Junkins and descendant of Scottish prisoner of war Robert Junkins--Micum McIntire's colleague in servitude and Cider Hill neighbor in freedom) and Jan Maier are the Co-Leaders of the new CemZIG, and welcome any and all of you to join us! Our goals are 1) to create and share a standardized digital cemetery mapping tool (which we will pilot test at the reunion this year) and 2) to provide cemetery maintenance education and events. Lots of groundwork has been done, and people are encouraged to do as little or as much as they please on these projects--the group will decide what/when/how, and over time will collaborate with other

old family associations of York plus local York agencies and experts involved with cemeteries. We anticipate a monthly Zoom on Thursday evenings, two weeks after each GenZIG to accommodate those who attend both ZIGs.

Hats off to a 375-year-old friendship between the McIntire and Junkins families!! What an auspicious year to begin our new CemZIG!

Contact Jan Maier, jemsong7@icloud.com, or Ken Junkins, kdjunkins@gmail.com, with any questions or for further information and to receive the Zoom link for our first Zoom!

FUN FACTS - This late-winter-into-spring season embraces two important Celtic fire festivals:
by Jonathan Tucker, Historian



Imbolc – Celebrated on February 1st, Imbolc celebrates the pending arrival of spring, with Cailleach the powerful, elderly winter goddess giving way to Brigid, who presides over spring and is associated with healing, regeneration, poetry, and smith-craft (of especial importance to MacIntyres). Homefires and candles are lit to signify the increasing warmth of the sun. This is also the time when livestock are bred, so as to produce offspring during the warmer weather and enhance their survival.



Bealtaine – Celebrated on May 1st (May Day), Bealtaine welcomes the arrival of summer with its fertility, warmth, and abundance. Possibly the most important Celtic fire festival, at Bealtaine there was much feasting to celebrate the end of winter's hunger and scarcity. Many bonfires would be lit and people would drive their cattle between and over the embers for luck and protection, and jump over the fires themselves. All homefires would be doused, and then relit from the bonfire, signifying the new beginning. People danced around Maypoles, weaving together the different energies of the coming year.

Grow the Clan campaign!

Hear Ye, hear Ye! Calling descendants of the children of carpenters, clan McIntire. We need your help and your stories to build our membership and expand our community. Call on your cousins and help build our clan strong like the homes our ancestral forebears built from the forests of Lorn, in the lands of Glen Noe and foot of Ben Cruachan. Consider donating a membership to a relative you think might enjoy it, along with our newsletter, and connection to our Scottish roots.

What shall we build together?



<https://micummcintireclanassociation.org/membership>

Membership – The Micum McIntire Clan Association

Association membership is open to any and all descendants of Micum McIntire, whether by blood, marriage, adoption, domestic partnership, or any other family connection, as well as anyone interested in the purposes of the Association or interested in its work.....

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When done reading, please pass this newsletter along to a relative!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Explore our website! <https://micummcintireclanassociation.org/> Questions? Contact a Council Member!

MICUM MCINTIRE CLAN ASSOCIATION APPLICATION & DUES FORM

Name(s) of Applicant(s):

Mailing Address:

Telephone: (cell) _____

(landline) _____

Email: _____

NEW APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Descendant of Micum McIntire? (Not required, but if yes, please write or attach copy of family line):

Other reason for interest in MMCA membership? (Please explain):

ANNUAL DUES

I have included my total annual dues:

_____ \$20.00 per person for renewing and former members

_____ \$20 per person for new members

Please make checks out to *Micum McIntire Clan Association*, and mail application and check to:

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