

MICUM MCINTIRE CLAN ASSOCIATION SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER

**Ready for the
Summer
McIntire
Reunion?**



**Make those
Reservations
ASAP!**

**Join us August 1-3, 2025 as the MMCA Celebrates the
375th ANNIVERSARY of Micum McIntire's Arrival in America!**

Friday, Aug. 1 --Evening social gathering/dinner in or near York, ME

Saturday, Aug. 2 --Activities, Lunch, Annual Meeting and Program in York, ME

10:00 AM Doors Open (Exhibits, Historical Archives, Gift Shop, Shmooze)

10:30 AM Introductions, Growing the Tree and the Clan Activities

11:45 AM Brown Bag Lunch, Famous Dessert Share, Cider Toast to 375th

1:00 PM Annual Meeting, Elections

1:45 PM Program by Ken Junkins -- Tours of the 1650 Battle of Dunbar
site and Durham Cathedral's Burial of Scottish Prisoners of War

3:00 PM Cruachan!

Sunday, Aug. 3 -- McIntire Sports and Tours in York, ME

8-9 AM Kayak ride on York River near the Garrison

10-11:00 Caber Toss (all ages) --Davis property opposite the Garrison

Lunch Break

Afternoon McIntire Garrison Tour arranged by Old York Historical Society

2:30-3:30 pm Major McIntire cemetery tour and mapping exercise using the
new CemZIG tool on the Davis property across from the Garrison

<FINAL Schedule and Annual Meeting Notice coming in July's Summer Newsletter>

YOUR MMCA COUNCIL (Year Indicates Term End)

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

Vice President -- Currently vacant

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

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President's Corner

by Jan Maier

As my mom (Winnifred McIntire's daughter, Walter and Sarah McIntire's granddaughter) would say, "I'm bustin' my buttons" with pride in our family clan. So much has happened since you last laid eyes on our newsletter--

>We're hot on the trail of finalizing plans for a super reunion and celebration of the 375th Anniversary of Micum's arrival on these shores with a great program and our first ever kayak ride (too few still have gundalows) and family caber toss.

>Dave McIntire (AZ) and I are dedicating McIntire Corner at Goosey's Bar & Grill this Memorial Day in McIntire, IA, at the first ever McIntire Heritage Day. We've found incredible enthusiasm and support from local leaders and have hopes that this will be the First Annual day to honor the town's rich heritage, bringing townies together with descendants of the town founders and other clan members.

>Most amazing, just last week I connected with whole branch of McIntires in TX that had lost touch with the clan, and some are flying to IA for the festivities--feels like a modern-day prodigal son/daughter! Several of them are into genealogy and thoroughly enjoying our website. Dave and I can't wait to personally welcome them back to the flock!

>The fledgling Cemetery ZIG group is busy designing software to document small family burial grounds, and Dave and I will be scrubbing McIntire headstones to test out D/2 cleaner on Saturday in IA. Best wishes to co-leader Ken Junkins as they move from FL to PA in June.

>We will represent our clan at three Highland Games this summer--7/19 Glasgow Lands in MA; 8/16-17 Maine Highland Games in ME; and 9/19-21 New Hampshire Highland Games in NH. These games and festivals are a great introduction to our Scottish culture and roots with lots of family-based activities. They're all over the country so find one near you and GO!

There is something electric about finding out about our roots—not for everyone, but wow, if you hear the stories and develop an interest in your family heritage, it's a thrill to learn about our ancestors from 1650 onward. We are so lucky that Robert Harry McIntire and others have meticulously researched our genealogy and that we have people like Jonathan Tucker to help us learn about who we were and are. And as for our family tree--I take it with me everywhere I travel on the road and no one has ever seen anything like it!



And...it's very exciting to prepare for our future! We are reaching out and expanding all over the country, as well as reconnecting with more of our New England McIntires. Membership is on the rise! Our reunion is the perfect chance to get to know each other better so our Council decided to change it up this time. We'll have more fun interactive activities before

lunch as we grow the clan and tree, shorten the annual meeting, and hold it between our Toast to the 375th Anniversary and Ken's outstanding program. Do your best to get there this summer, Zoom if not--it's one you WON'T want to miss!

Cruachan! Jan

(and yes, by popular request, I'll wear my 'Highland Cattle horns' hat again!)



McINTIRE, USA

Series 1: McIntire, IA

by Dave McIntire

Part 5: How the "McIntire Corner" Grew into Something Much Larger

The Memorial Day celebration of the first ever McIntire Heritage Day is upon us! What is McIntire Heritage Day all about? A little background information will help answer that question.

The McIntire Genealogy Zoom group (GenZIG) first learned during the winter of 2023 that there is a town in Iowa called McIntire--back in 2022 GenZIG leader and Clan Historian Jonathan Tucker was told there was such a town by members Leah and Josh Woosley at the 100th Reunion (reunion shmoozing matters!).



I got curious if it was named after one of our clan and asked Jonathan to look into this. He discovered that indeed, the town founder, John McIntire, was a 5th generation descendant of Micum! Clan President Jan Maier and I are members of the GenZIG and we have since separately visited McIntire while on trips through the Midwest--I've been twice and Jan three times--we have almost become residents. Former Mayor Ronald Richardson (see my earlier columns), a history buff himself, lives in the John and Sarah McIntire house and has befriended us. No McIntire descendants still live in the area, but the 100 or so remaining are full of spunk!



1 Goosey's Bar & Grill, McIntire IA

During my second visit I met Patti Shane, the owner of Goosey's Bar & Grill. I asked Patti if she would be agreeable to having me donate a few McIntire-related items and display them in an area in Goosey's that might be called "The McIntire Corner." Patti was on board immediately and showed me where the corner would be. My thinking stopped there, we'll have "The McIntire Corner" and that will be that.

All of that changed after I mentioned my idea to Jan. With her creative mind and energy, followed by months of planning and organizing with Patti and Kris Schofield, a local resident and volunteer, and me, with a final wave of Jan's magic wand, "The McIntire Corner" became just one part of a much larger idea, a number of different activities honoring John and Sarah McIntire and the residents and the heritage of McIntire...and that is how McIntire Heritage Day came about.

I'm donating six framed items and a large Scottish flag for the corner, and Jan will bring a gift from the MMCA: a full-size McIntire Family Tree highlighting John's lineage from Micum. We'll hang them in McIntire Corner with Patti and Kris on Saturday, then do some McIntire headstone cleaning.



2 John McIntire,
Town Founder



3 McIntire Family
Headstone

Memorial Day begins with a service at 9:15 am at the local cemetery and then a potluck lunch at Goosey's Bar and Grill. Ceremonies begin after lunch: Welcome and Introductions, a reading of the Proclamation of McIntire Heritage Day, Comments by Clan President Jan Maier and Yours Truly, Dedication of The McIntire Corner by Patti; an antique car display on Main Street; and a hay wagon ride through town, including and a tour of Ron's farm equipment and tools collection at the John and Sarah McIntire homestead.

To top it all off, using Jonathan's research of John and Sarah McIntire's descendants, Jan Googled till she found some of them in Texas, and two of them are flying to IA to join the celebration! She also reached out to our members in IA who might be able to make the trip, including Leah and Josh, and other clan members near Des Moines are coming. Cross your fingers that we can all meet up! It will be like a min-Midwestern reunion!

Keep your eyes out for the Summer Newsletter with the highlights of McIntire Heritage Day. It is our hope that we will be able to report that plans will be underway for an even larger McIntire Heritage Day in 2026. We will just have to wait and see if that will happen! Stay tuned...Dave from Scottsdale AZ!

HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVALS

by Jonathan Tucker

As MacIntyres (McIntires), we need to know that in the beginning, there was the clan. The clan was the primary social unit of extended family, relatives, friends, and others who were willing to contribute, support, and defend the others. But even in early Scotland, families and clans could be scattered across a wide area. That is particularly true of MacIntyres, who, despite the small size of our clan, travelled widely in the Highlands and Islands, making ourselves indispensable to other, larger clans. We were known for our excellent weaving, music (piping), bardic poetry, forestry and game management, and specialized military prowess (the longbow). While Clan MacIntyre is our official Scottish clan, the Micum McIntire Clan Association is a family organization celebrating our single shared ancestor.



To counter the negative effects of this scattering and to promote clan unity, clan chiefs began to hold annual gatherings, so that distant clan members could renew their relationships. These gatherings evolved into wider gatherings of multiple clans, often related to or allied with one another. These rich social gatherings included celebrations, trade, music, and competitions in athletics, music, and dance. The athletic competitions often involved feats of skill and strength and included events like the caber toss, an event that will be part of this coming Reunion (see Micum's Perch). This tradition of clan gatherings throughout the world continues to this day.



Today's Highland games and festivals provide a spectacular array of Scottish events and culture. Each has a Clan Village with tents staffed by clan representatives who provide information about Scottish ancestry. Celtic musicians entertain from dawn to dusk. Competitions include national and local athletes competing in unique Celtic feats of strength and skill. Scottish dancers and bagpipe bands vie for first place, with pipe bands conducting thrilling marches across large fields. Vendors offer Scottish tartans, jewelry, and other items, and freshly made foods are on offer. Some festivals offer sheep dog competitions herding small flocks of sheep or ducks. Scottish animals and livestock may be present, including Scottish Highland Cattle, the famous "hairy coos." Dancing for all ages and music lessons may be available, along with plenty of Scottish libations!



Don't Miss Out!

See Next Page for 2025 Calendar for Scottish Games and Festivals

Here is a listing of many of the **2025 Highland games and festivals** scheduled for the New England area this summer and fall, borrowed from the Scots in New England webpage. The Celtic cross symbol ☘ indicates a games or festival where MMCA or Clan MacIntyre will be present:

JUNE

[Old Orchard Beach Games](#) June 7th, 9 am to 6 pm --Old Orchard Beach, ME
[Vermont Highland Games](#) June 14th, 10am to 5pm – Greensboro, VT
[No Fame Games](#) June 21 – Milford, MA. Emphasis on Celtic strength sports.
[Acadia Festival of Traditional Music & Dance](#) June 22-28, 2025 – Bar Harbor, ME
[Festival at Fort 4 Games](#) July 12, 2025 – Charlestown, NH

JULY

[Maine Celtic Celebration](#) July 18-20, 2025 – Belfast, ME
[Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival](#) July 19, 2025 – Northampton, MA☘

AUGUST

[Maine Highland Games & Scottish Festival](#) August 16-17, 2025, Windsor, ME☘
[Quechee Games](#) August 23, 2025 – Quechee, VT

SEPTEMBER

[Rockport Celtic Festival](#) September 11-14, 2025 – Rockport, MA
[New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival](#) September 19-21, 2025 – Lincoln, NH☘

OCTOBER

[Scotland Connecticut Highland Games](#) October 12, 2025 – Brooklyn, CT

MICUM'S PERCH

by Micum Davis

I find it fitting that this Micum, the lover of trees, found meaning in life as an arborist having descended from the McIntire's, known to be foresters in the lands of Glenoe, Scotland at the base of mountains with a similar height and ruggedness to the mountains I grew up exploring in the western highlands of Maine. Having climbed trees most of my life, some of my earliest memories are of helping my dad plant maple trees on Maple Street in Kingfield to re-fill the voids made, as the old, original trees succumbed to the tests of time and decay. Dad thought it a shame that Maple Street could one day have no maple trees so he took it upon himself to remedy that with periodic planting of saplings he dug from the woods behind our house. It was meaningful. Dad's maple trees are tall and wide now and time marches on.



In the spirit of this history with trees, and the fact that we've never had any Highland Games sports at a reunion, it seemed all too obvious that we **MUST** have a caber toss at this year's reunion in August!



Fear not, those competitive of heart but weak of flesh, there is still time to prepare your strength and mind, to study technique and refine your heft. Ok, so our Caber toss will not use 20-foot poles heavy as a light man. Although a traditional caber is made from Larch, and weighs between 90 and 150 pounds, I've been on the hunt for similarly proportioned poles of a slighter making to entice more of you to participate.

Success!! I salvaged an arborvitae and a cypress pole from customer's Steve and Gail Bos of Kittery Point who I've worked with many many times over the last two decades. Coincidentally, Bos is a Dutch name that means bush or woods.

At 10 O'clock, Sunday morning, August 3rd, after the kayak adventure along the York River, reunion attendees and friends alike are encouraged to meet at the height of land at the top of the field past the end of Major McIntire Road where the York River can be seen to the north and the McIntire Garrison beyond, looking west toward Mt. Agamenticus, a former popular reunion site. Cabers provided. (We'll give out maps Saturday.)



In addition to participants, we're looking for two people to help, who are quick on their feet and good with their eyes to judge the tossing: one from the back of the thrower and one from the side. The name of the game is not height or how far, it's how well it is tossed in the line that you face, and how close to upright it hits after one flip, whether it turns all the way over or comes back at the participant. Here's a link on how to toss your caber: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhybD2V30Q4>

Come for the sport, come for the show, come for the fun with distant cousins you may or may not know. Cruachan! Micum

GENEALOGY ZOOM INTEREST GROUP (GenZIG)



Do you have questions about your McIntire (or other) ancestry? MMCA Historian Jonathan Tucker conducts monthly Zoom sessions exploring the genealogy of Micum and his descendants with education, stories, and discussion. No experience needed! The next session is scheduled for **Thursday, June 5 at 7 p.m. EST. Contact Jonathan at jtuck6652@gmail.com (NOTE: New email address!)** if you are interested in participating (he'll send you the Zoom link). Micum descendants Zoom in from New England, the Southwest, the Midwest, and Hawaii. Join us!

CEMETERY ZOOM INTEREST GROUP (CemZIG) LAUNCHED!

Next Zoom: July 10, 7 pm ET

Email Jan for link at jemsong7@icloud.com



Tasked with preserving, protecting and documenting old family cemeteries, CemZIG has met twice and we're on our way! In early May we decided to compile the list of data points we want to have in our new tool for "mapping" cemeteries, like the one at the McIntire Garrison. We'll document information about who owns the land/access and permission/location, and who's buried there/where/when, as well as condition of the headstones, if and when cemetery maintenance was done (or what is needed), and notes. Dawn Tull (in CA) is putting this into a spreadsheet, and we can cross reference with links on our family websites (Tribute Wall, Document Library, and hopefully family tree) and FindaGrave ([https:// www.findagrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com)). FindaGrave is free and has lots of information, just not as much as we'd like.

We welcome anyone to join us, just be sure to email Jan Maier for the zoom link. No experience necessary! We'll review the data list and begin plans for using the tool during the reunion in August—thanks to Dan Davis who's given us permission to try it out Sunday on the Major McIntire Cemetery across the York River from the McIntire Garrison. We'll also hear about Dave McIntire and Jan's experience using D/2 headstone cleaner on the McIntire stones in the cemetery in McIntire, IA. Come help us there if you can this Saturday, May 24!

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



Katharine Alice Woodwell, age 95, passed on April 11, 2025, of Woods Hole, MA. She and her late husband, George Woodwell, were married for 69 years. They co-founded what is now the Woodwell Climate Research Center in Woods Hole, a world class research center, in 1985. George was a long-time MMCA supporter. Survivors include their children, Caroline Alice Woodwell, Marjorie Virginia Woodwell, Jane Katharine Woodwell, and John Christopher Woodwell, several grandchildren and nieces, and her sister-in-law, Virginia Woodwell.

THANK YOU AND GET THOSE RESERVATIONS FOR AUGUST 1-3 REUNION!

Explore your roots and relatives on our website--Jonathan' articles about our history, our Tribute Wall, Gift Shop, Membership, Newsletters and more...

<https://micummcintireclanassociation.org/>