

*Duncan family*

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE DUNCAN FAMILY

"IT SEEMS WELL ESTABLISHED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GAELIC NAME OF THE CLAN DONNCHADH, PRONOUNCED DONNACHY, AND TRANSLATED DUNCAN, WAS DERIVED FROM AN ANCESTOR OF THAT NAME, FOURTH IN DESCENT FROM CONAN, SON OF HENRY, LAST OF THE ANCIENT CELTIC EARLS OF ATHOLL "

SEPTS OF CLAN DUNCAN

COLLIER	COLYEAR
DONACHIE	DUNCAN
DUNCANSON	DUNNACHIE
INCHES	MacCONACHIE
MACINROY	MacDONACHIE
MacROBBIE	MACLAGAN
MacROBERT	REID
ROY	STARK
TONNOCHY	

(FROM "THE HIGHLAND CLANS OF SCOTLAND,"  
BY GEORGE EYRE-TODD)

THE FAMILY WAS ANCIENTLY SEATED IN SCOTLAND

AT ARDOUNIE, MOTT, SEASIDE AND LUNDIE.

AMONG THE EARLIEST MEMBERS OF THE DUNCAN FAMILY TO COME TO AMERICA WERE:

GEORGE DUNCAN, FROM ANTRIM, IRELAND, AND SETTLED AT LONDONDERRY, N. H., 1719;

M. 2D, MARGARET CROSS.

JAMES DUNCAN (1724-1817), M. ELIZABETH, DAU. JOHN BELL, OF LONDONDERRY.

JAMES DUNCAN (1756-1822), M. REBECCA WHITE (DESC. WILLIAM WHITE, 1ST  
SETTLER AT IPSWICH, MASS., 1635)

JAMES HENRY DUNCAN, LL.D. (1793-1869), OF HAVERHILL, MASS., A. B.,  
HARVARD, 1812, MEM. 31ST AND 32ND CONGRESSES, 1849-53; M. MARY WILLIS.  
SAMUEL WHITE DUNCAN, D.D. (1838-1898), A.B., BROWN, '60, CAPT. U. S. V.,  
1862-63, FGN. SEC. AM. BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION; M. 1866, SARAH MARGARET  
FULLER GREENE (B. 1839).  
ALBERT GREENE DUNCAN, B. CLEVELAND, O., DEC. 12, 1868; M. OCT. 10, 1922,  
CORA, DAU. GEORGE SOUTHWORTH MOULTON.

ISAAC DUNCAN (1718-70), FROM SCOTLAND, 1767, SETTLED AT PHILA.; M. MARGARET -.  
CAPT. MATTHEW DUNCAN (1750-1807), SOLDIER AM. REV.; M. HELENA, DAU. REV.  
JOHN MASON, MINISTER CEDAR ST. PRESBYN. CH., NEW YORK (DESC. OF CORNELIUS  
BARENTSE VAN WYCK).  
REV. JOHN M. DUNCAN (B. 1790-D. 1851), MINISTER ASSOCIATE REFORMED CH.,  
BALTIMORE; M. ELIZA, DAU. JOHN McKIM, JR., BALTIMORE.

JOHN DUNCAN, FROM SCOTLAND, SETTLED AT PITTSBURGH, PA., MCHT. THERE.  
WILLIAM DUFF DUNCAN, PITTSBURGH.  
MAJ. JOHN W. DUNCAN, MAJ. 8TH PA. RESERVES IN CIVIL WAR, COUNTRY GENTLEMAN;  
M. MARTHA KRUG SHOENBERGER.  
PETER SHOENBERGER DUNCAN, B. PITTSBURGH, PA., OCT. 16, 1852; M. OCT. 21,  
1875, ANNA BOWMAN, DAU. OF GEN. J. BOWMAN SWEITZER (1821-88), BVTD. BRIG.  
GEN. VOLS. "FOR GALLANT AND MERITORIOUS SERVICES" IN CIVIL WAR; ISSUE:  
1. ANNA SWEITZER (B. 1876); 2. PETER S., JR. (B. 1878); 3. BOWMAN  
SWEITZER (B. 1880); 4. MARTHA S. (1882-1914); 5. MARY S. (B. 1885).

ALEXANDER DUNCAN, OF ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND; M. ISABELLA WISEMAN.  
WILLIAM DUNCAN (1799-1879), CAME TO GA., 1817; SETTLED AT AUGUSTA;  
M. 1834, ELIZABETH KAIN.

JOHN DUNCAN (D. POST 1766), M. ELIZABETH HOLTZCLAW.

JOHN DUNCAN, JR., M. DINAH -.

WILLIAM DUNCAN (1750-1830), M. LYDIA DUNCAN (1756-1848).

MASON DUNCAN (1785-1826), M. JULIET JACKSON.

THOMAS DUNCAN, FROM SCOTLAND TO PA., CA. 1740.

JAMES DUNCAN, M. MARY HOGUE.

SAMUEL DUNCAN (1810-94), MILLER; M. 2D, 1844, MARGARET DUFFY (1818-93).

DANIEL DAVIDSON DUNCAN (1844-1911), MILLER; M. 1867, NAOMI JESSOP  
(1842-1906).

JOHN CHARLES DUNCAN, B. NR. KNIGHTSTOWN, IND., FEB. 8, 1882; M. DEC. 29,  
1906, KATHARINE ARMINGTON BULLARD, B. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., AUG. 21,  
1879; DAU. OF DR. WILLIAM MASON BULLARD; ISSUE; 1. EUNICE NAOMI,  
(B. 1907):

JOHN DUNCAN.

DANIEL DUNCAN, OF CONWAY, MASS.; M. 1ST, SARAH RICE.

ABEL DUNCAN, M. LYDIA MILLS.

ABEL DUNCAN (1772-1813), M. 1803, LYDIA MILLER.

PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY PAST AND PRESENT

DUNCAN I (D. 1040), KING OF SCOTLAND.

ADAM DUNCAN (1731-1804), BRITISH NAVAL COMMANDER.

SIR ANDREW RAE DUNCAN (1884-1952), BRITISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL.

ISADORA DUNCAN (1878-1927), AMERICAN DANCER.

JAMES DUNCAN (1810-1849), AMERICAN SOLDIER.

JAMES DUNCAN (1857-1928), AMERICAN LABOR LEADER.

U.S. Census Bureau  
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JAMES ARMSTRONG DUNCAN (1830-1877), AMERICAN CLERGYMAN.  
JAMES HENRY DUNCAN (1793-1869), AMERICAN LAWYER.  
JOHN M. DUNCAN (1796-1825), CLERGYMAN.  
JOHNSON KELLY DUNCAN (1827-1862), AMERICAN SOLDIER.  
JOSEPH DUNCAN (1789-1844), GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS.  
SIR PATRICK DUNCAN (1870-1943), SOUTH AFRICAN LAWYER AND POLITICIAN.  
ROBERT KENNEDY DUNCAN (1868-1914), CHEMIST AND EDUCATOR.  
SAMUEL WHITE DUNCAN (1838- ), CLERGYMAN.  
THOMAS DUNCAN (1807-1845), SCOTTISH PORTRAIT, GENRE, AND HISTORICAL PAINTER.  
THOMAS DUNCAN (1819-1887), AMERICAN SOLDIER.  
WILLIAM DUNCAN (1772-1864), AMERICAN SOLDIER.  
WILLIAM CECIL DUNCAN (1824-1864), CLERGYMAN.  
WILLIAM STEVENS DUNCAN (1834- ), PHYSICIAN.  
WILLIAM WALLACE DUNCAN (1839- ), CLERGYMAN.

REFERENCES FOR THE DUNCAN FAMILY

INFORMATION ON THE DUNCAN FAMILY WILL BE FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. THE PAGE NUMBERS ARE LISTED TO SAVE RESEARCH TIME.

AMERICAN ANCESTRY IX, 144  
BABSON'S HISTORY OF GLOUCESTER MASS. 82  
BARRY'S HISTORY OF HANOVER MASS. 295  
BARTOW GENEALOGY 140  
CHASE'S HISTORY OF HAVERHILL MASS. 628  
COCHRANE'S HISTORY OF ANTRIM N. H. 468-75  
DANIELS' HISTORY OF OXFORD MASS. 490  
EATON'S HISTORY OF CANDIA N. H. 65  
EATON'S HISTORY OF THOMASTON ME. 11, 206

IT IS QUITE APPROPRIATE THAT MEMBERS OF THE DUNCAN FAMILY WHO HAVE A PRIDE IN THEIR ANCESTRY SHOULD DISPLAY THE FAMILY COAT OF ARMS, IN PROPER COLORS.

THE DUNCAN SHIELD IS RED; THE CINQUEFOILS, THE CHEVRON AND THE HUNTING HORN ARE ALL GOLD. THE BUCKLES ARE BLUE.

THE CHEVRON SYMBOLIZES PROTECTION OF THE DEFENCELESS, AND IS GRANTED AS A REWARD TO ONE WHO HAS ACHIEVED SOME NOTABLE ENTERPRISE. REPRESENTING THE ROOF-TREE OF A HOUSE, IT IS ALSO GRANTED TO THOSE WHO HAVE BUILDED CHURCHES AND FORTRESSES.

CINQUEFOILS, FIVE-PETALLED FLOWERS, SYMBOLIZE PEACE, HOPE AND JOY. THE HUNTING HORN IS A MEMENTO OF THE CHASE, AND DENOTES ONE WHO IS FOND OF HIGH PURSUITS, AS THE CHASE WAS ANCIENTLY RECKONED, NEXT TO WAR, TO BE THE MOST NOBLE EMPLOYMENT. BUCKLES ARE VERY ANCIENT BEARINGS, AND ARE SYMBOLICAL OF VICTORIOUS FIDELITY.

HAYWARD'S HIST. OF HANCOCK N. H. 534-42  
HEMENWAY'S VERMONT GAZETTEER V, 92-4  
MERRILL'S HISTORY OF ACWORTH N. H. 212-4  
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POWER'S SANGAMON CO. ILL. SETTLERS 270-2  
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TEMPLE'S HIST. N. BROOKFIELD MASS. 580-8

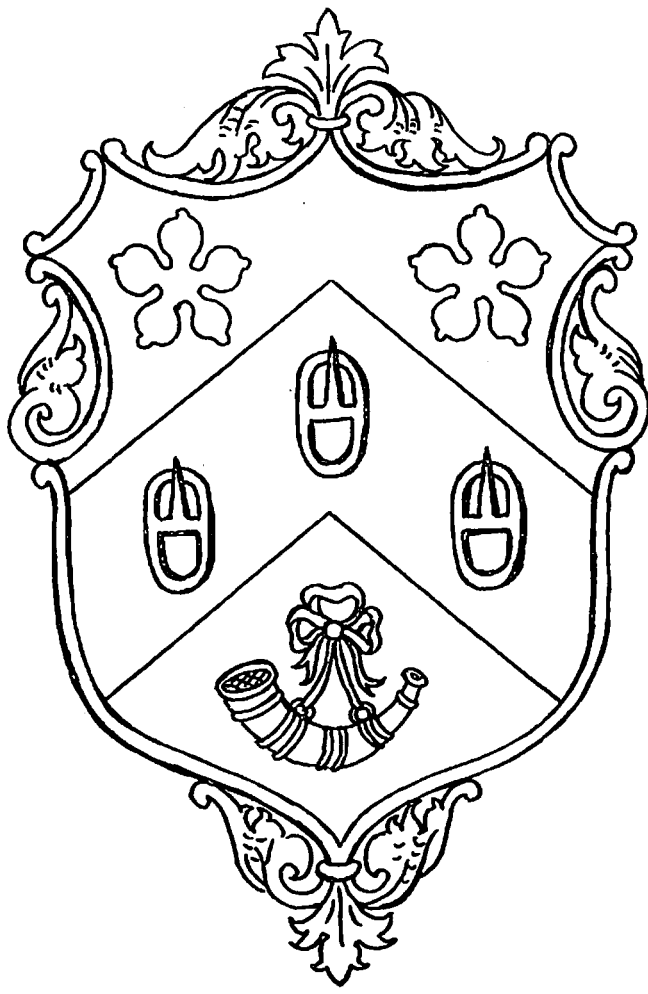
#### THE DUNCAN COAT OF ARMS

A COAT OF ARMS IS AN EMBLEM OR A DEVICE WHICH IS DISPLAYED BY TITLED PERSONS OF ROYAL BLOOD, AND THEIR DESCENDANTS. COATS OF ARMS WERE ORIGINALLY USED FOR PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION AND RECOGNITION ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE AS WELL AS IN CIVIL LIFE.

IT IS CLAIMED BY SOME WRITERS THAT COATS OF ARMS, IN A CRUDE FORM, WERE USED BY NOAH'S SONS AFTER THE FLOOD. THERE ARE RECORDS OF OTHER COATS OF ARMS, IN ONE CRUDE FORM OR ANOTHER, AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF ANCIENT HISTORY. HERALDRY, HOWEVER, AS WE KNOW IT TODAY, DID NOT BECOME OF MUCH IMPORTANCE UNTIL SOON AFTER THE INVASION OF ENGLAND BY WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR, A. D. 1066. HERALDRY BECAME OF GENERAL INTEREST AT ABOUT THE TIME OF THE CRUSADES.

THE DUNCAN COAT OF ARMS INCLUDED WITH THIS SKETCH IS DESCRIBED IN BURKE'S "GENERAL ARMORY," AND OTHER RELIABLE WORKS ON HERALDRY. IT HAS BEEN USED FOR GENERATIONS BY MANY AMERICAN BRANCHES OF THE DUNCAN FAMILY.

SIR BERNARD BURKE, OF HERALDS COLLEGE, LONDON, SAID "HERALDRY IS PRIZED BY ALL WHO CAN SHOW HONORABLE ANCESTRY OR WISH TO FOUND HONORABLE FAMILIES."



Don by Bruce Duncan.

GRANGE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GEORGIA  
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WILL OF  
JAMES DUNCAN.

In the Name of God Amen,-- December the 6th 1782 I James Duncan of Craven County and State of South Carolina being in a low condition, though in perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, and considering the Mortality of my Body at all times, Besides the uncertainty of my recovery from my present indisposition and the propriety of timely setting my Wordly Estate, do think proper to make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

That is to Say principally and first of all, my Soul I recommend into the hands of Almighty God of whom I received it, my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent manner after the Christian form of burying, not doubting but at the Great Day of retribution I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God

And as touching the Wordly Estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me with I think proper to give Define and Dispose of the same in the following manner.

Imprimis. I will that all Lawful Debts and Demands upon my Estate be levied off the same, be settled, and paid as ~~fast~~ soon as the necessary forms of proceeding will admit. Item. To my dearly beloved Wife Margaret Duncan I will and bequeath unto her the third of all my moveable Effects to be enjoyed and freely possessed by her, also a certain Black Horse known by the name of Coale and the Benefits of a certain Negro-Fellow that is due to me at this present time, when recovered. I will to her, in order to assist in raising my little children to the years of maturity.

Item. To my well beloved son Robert Duncan I will and Bequeath to him the Tract of Land whereon I now live, containing by Computation two hundred and nine Acres, to be freely enjoyed and possessed by him, Providing also that he when come to years of Maturity shall pay <sup>half</sup> the value of the same Tract to his Brother William Duncan. Or if the Babe now in the Womb should be a Boy and Spared to come to the years of Maturity he shall enjoy an equal part. Robert

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paying two thirds to those two last mentioned Legatees and enjoying himself, in these circumstances, the one third Item. The two thirds of my Personal Estate, not yet Willed I think proper after the whole being brought to sale, and the Value known, to give and Beque<sup>a</sup>th it unto my Childred, Robert, William, and Mary Duncan, the Babe now in the Womb, whether it be a Boy or Girl shall enjoy an eaqual part with the others, each of them when arrived to proper years shall receive their parts of <sup>the</sup> same equally.

Item. The Negro-fellow above mentioned, I will that after the Chil- Children are Brought to the age of Maturity, he Shall then be so difposed of that each of my Children, whether they be Sons or Daughters may receive an equal part of his value.

Item. I will and appoint John Duncan my beloved Brother and Joseph Ratchford my beloved Brother in Law of County and State aforesaid, to have <sup>the</sup> care of my Fatherlefs Children and Widow, and to be the whole and sole Executors, of this my last Will and Testament, Du<sup>s</sup>allowing and intirely Dif-annuling any former Wills of what kindfoever made by me Signed and Acknowledged

in the prefence of each  
other have hereunto set our hands

James Duncan (SEAL)

Wm .McLean

Joseph Jewel  
his

Thomas x Duncan  
mark

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Recorded on the 7th day of June 1783

Wm. Hill J.P. Henry Hampton Ord. Dist of S.C.

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(Mentions son Robert)

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