



# THE DURIE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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*Dear Fellow Member,*

The main event coming up very soon is the **Grandfather Mountain Highland Games** in North Carolina, USA, 7 - 10<sup>th</sup> July. My family and I are very excited about this adventure. My wife Marguerite and my daughter's family who live in N.C., my sister Christian and Bruce Durie and his wife Carolyn will all be there – so nine Duries to start with. There will be a Durie tent, I am invited as a 'Distinguished Guest' and will be speaking at the Council of Scottish Clans & Associations ([COSCA](#)) Caucus Meeting the day before the games formally open - as will Bruce. If you cannot be there please tell anyone who could be interested. We will welcome them. Read More: [Duries at GFMHG](#).

We held the **DFA AGM** on 19<sup>th</sup> May and welcomed UK based members to Heather Durie Ewart's wonderful London Studio. Bruce sent a short video to entertain us after the formalities of the meeting and informed us of his work as a Fulbright Scholar at St Andrew's University, Laurinburg, Scotland County, N.C. - and then we all went out to dinner.

Bruce told us about the Scottish Migration to the USA in colonial times: that the whole area of Scotland could fit into the Carolinas and that there are more people of Scottish descent there than in Scotland! So you will appreciate why Grandfather Mountain is one of the most popular highland games held in the States.

**Your Family's History:** Do you want to know more about *your* family's history? If you can give us some basic facts then we may be able to tell you more - where your part of the family fits in to the overall, world-wide picture! Send us any information you can – even just your parents names and dates of birth - and if you also know about your grandparents that will help even more. We need your help to fill in the gaps in the jig-saw. For those who have a little more information available take a look at [Durie Family History Project](#)

**Reaching out:** We are making progress contacting Duries around the world. Gerald Carstens in South Africa helped early on and now we have new lists from Gary Durie in Canada, Ken Durie in Australia and Bob Maysmor in New Zealand. This is a great help to us and we are most grateful. If you know of any Duries that might be interested in the family history and the DFA please let us know their contact details and I will write to them. We want to map out as much as we can.

**Durie Family Tree on TribalPages:** Are you on the Durie Family Tree? Are your parents or grandparents on it? It already has over 7,000 Durie names. All information currently presented has been verified by our esteemed genealogist, Bruce Durie. If you have additions or comments to make - please make contact with him via the Guest Book on the site. [Durie Tribal Pages](#) or from the DFA site: [Durie Family Tree](#)

**Durie DNA Project:** For those already committed to in-depth genealogy DNA is vital. Documentary evidence is the 'gold standard' for tracing pedigrees but can be hard to find, also surnames can change – both to and from Durie or into many variants. In such cases, you have to turn to DNA for help. If you are male and want to know more about your background please take part in the [Durie DNA Project](#) There is also an interesting new story from Australia up on the site showing how adoption can confuse a story: [A Non-Durie Durie](#)

**Facebook:** We are trying our hands at Social Media! We have two access points: our [Durie Family Association](#) 'Group' which has been active for some time and we now have also an 'Open' page: '[Durie Family World-Wide](#)'. Please join in and share them with other Duries.

**LinkedIn:** And, last but not least, Bruce Durie and Tom Durie have started a '[Calling Every Durie](#)' LinkedIn 'Interest Group'. If you are already on LinkedIn do visit it and help spread out the network.

**A Reminder** – Do please send us *any* information you have on your family – however little - and then we may be able to respond with more of your family's story.

I look forward to meeting Duries and their families and those with any of the other many spellings of our name in North Carolina, as well as folk who might be interested in our Family history and the Association and to introducing them to some of my family.

Yours,

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