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YAN man discovers his Scottish/Chippewa roots

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The name 'McIntosh' is as Scottish as one can get. Duke Sine, YAN artist who now resides in northern New Mexico recently found out that his late grandfather, Donald McIntosh formerly of San Carlos Apache Reservation was part Chippewa and Scottish.

Duke is the son of the late David Sine and Alice (McIntosh) who are deceased. Alice was a member of the San Carlos Apache tribe.

Duke's father, David, was well-known Yavapai-Apache artist of Middle Verde who designed the Yavapai-Apache Nation's logo. In addition, the elder Sine designed all of the interior motifs of the Cliff Castle Casino most of which have been removed in a re-model with the exception of the knee-wall mini mural of the casino's pub where there are a series of paintings that were done by the elder Sine which depicts the first contact of the Yavapai and Apache with the cavalry in the Verde Valley. One scene shows Apaches laying on the rock formation peering through binoculars toward some soldiers in the distance.

Young Duke Sine returned recently to Middle Verde to show some of his more recent artworks. Sine is known for his prized watercolors and acrylics that have gained him wide recognition at prestigious art shows such as the Sante Fe Indian Market.

It was over 60 years ago that young Sine's father, David Sine went to San Carlos to work as an accountant for the San Carlos Apache

tribe where he met an Alice McIntosh he subsequently married.

It was from this union that Duke Sine and his other 6 siblings were born. And little did Sine know that his mother, Alice, an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache tribe was part Chippewa and Scottish.

After conducting his own personal research of this blood line, young Sine found out that his grandfather, Donald McIntosh (Alice's father) graduated from Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania as a member of the Class of 1901! Donald's father, Great-grandfather Archibald McIntosh was a half Chippewa Indian and Scottish who fought in the Indian wars along with some of the well-noted Army generals such as General Crook and General Miles during the Sioux campaign in the mid 1800s. Archibald aka as 'Archie', also had a brother named Donald who served as a scout along with his brother Archibald. Great-grandfather Archie McIntosh who came to Arizona in 1871 served as a scout for General Crook and had remained in San Carlos after the Apache wars. Archibald's brother, Donald fought along General George Armstrong Custer with the US 7th Cavalry and was killed at the Battle of Little Big Horn in Montana Territory.

The younger Donald (named after his uncle) was born in San Carlos and was sent to Carlisle Industrial School in the 1890s.

"My grandfather (Donald) was shipped to Carlisle because his father (Archibald McIntosh) knew that the only way we become

equal to the white man was to become educated," added Duke.

Duke proudly holds the framed black and white photograph of his grandfather. "He was about 14 years old here (points to the group school class photograph) and about 21-22 years old (when he graduated from Carlisle Industrial Indian School).

All-star Indian athlete Jim Thorpe also attended the same school as well around the same time as McIntosh.

"Great grandpa (Archibald McIntosh) was a trapper in Canada and then he worked his way across and got hired by General Crook as a scout to fight the Sioux - which was Sitting Bull. After this, Crook was sent to capture Geronimo (in Arizona territory) and Great grandfather McIntosh came to Arizona with General Crook to find Geronimo," said Duke.

When Duke's great-grandfather (Archibald) stayed in San Carlos he remarried an Apache.

From this, Donald was born and married Nellie Astor of San Carlos who also attended Albuquerque Indian School.

"In those days there was a 10-year marriage difference a lot of times and my grandfather was probably older that she was," says Duke with a smile.

The Scottish/Chippewa connection makes Sine 1/16 or 1/8 Scottish and Chippewa (plus his Yavapai and Apache lineage).

Duke remembers his grandfather, Donald (the son of Archibald McIntosh), as he lived to be very old in 1963 in San Carlos when Duke was still in high school.



Duke Sine with photo of grandfather who attended Carlisle Indian School.

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Grandfather Donald McIntosh was the first Apache tribal judge and a council member in San Carlos serving a long term.

"He (Judge McIntosh) could speak English but he preferred Apache," recalls Duke.

Duke remembers his grandfather as being very old and he lived right behind Weche's Trading Post near the Gilson Wash wooden bridge crossing to the tribal headquarters. "I use to hang out with him," he adds.

Judge McIntosh passed away in 1968 when he was in his 90s and is buried in San Carlos.

His first encounter with the Carlisle school photograph was in 2006 while working at the waste water office in northern New Mexico when he found the black and white school photograph of his grandfather on the internet.

"I felt very overwhelmed, very happy because this is the first time that this photograph came to light. One hundred years later I found this photograph. I've tried to tell my family but they didn't believe me. They had no clue and I finally showed some of my family," he says proudly.

"I still have lots of cousins in San Carlos with the Salters, Reedes and McIntosh families," he added.

Many of Duke's relatives are scholars. His niece, Tahnee Baker, received her Master Degree and a Phd. in Social Work from Arizona State University.

Dr. Baker is a Faculty Associate with ASU's School of Work and Adjunct Faculty at San Carlos College. She recently presented her topics of her dissertation at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting in San

Francisco with fellow colleagues.

Mary Sine Williams, mother to Tahnee Baker, sister to Duke, is the oldest daughter of David Sine. Mary is an ASU graduate with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice (1987) and has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office as Witness Specialist for 32 years.

Duke is proud of his family. He has a nephew Jesse Williams is also an artist with a Bachelors of Fine Arts Degree from ASU (2014).

"Everyone has some kind of talent. My father gave us the freedom (The elder Sine served in WWII battle campaign in the South Pacific), he became creative and this needs to be carried out, especially the traditions, the culture and the language was very important to my father," said Duke about his late father David Sine.

Intertribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) conducts water workshop

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Staff members from the ITCA in Phoenix conducted a one-day seminar in the council chambers February 7.

Entitled 'Tribal Utility Tune-Up Workshop', ITCA engaged the staff members from the Nation's utility department and council members on various topics related to water quality on the Nation.

One of the key differences in residential water on the Nation and in nearby towns is that Nation members do not pay for water use.

Some of the problem areas with some Indian reservations is that some of the infrastructure such as pipes and mechanical equipment are outdated. Fortunately, for the Nation, all of infrastructure has been updated including the installation of a water

purifying center. In addition, with recent upgrades and water connections, an underground piping system now provides clean water from the Middle Verde water plant to the Tunlii subdivision.

The Nation also maintains a state of the art waste water treatment plant at the Tunlii subdivision. In addition, the sewer ponds in Middle Verde are undergoing a major expansion and renovation to increase the capacities of the ponds.

"Common challenges for utility managers include labor and material costs. In addition, keeping up with regulatory compliance and new requirements. Attracting and keeping reliable and competent work staff..." stated their handouts.

YAN water department personnel had an opportunity to rate themselves with a 'self-assess-



ITCA presents touch up workshop on water.

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ment demonstration! Ranking from the most important to the least

important, participants learned to rank these challenges. The con-

cerns and ratings were directed toward the delivery strategies with

reliability, quality and timeliness.