Oscar D. McCollum Jr.
Past Vice President, Clan Genealogist, Order of Merit Recipient

Since joining our Clan Society in 1985, Oscar McCollum has worked tirelessly to preserve our Clan history and genealogy. He has compiled a vast database of family information on his self styled CD-Rom. He has recorded, and compiled, close to 57,000 Clan names and historical data to date. At the same time he is involved with the Glenwood Springs, Colorado Historic Preservation Commission, in efforts to preserve the historic structures in the area, and he has published a detailed history of the local Presbyterian church – the first church building in Glenwood Springs. Oscar has promoted the church in sponsoring a National Tartan Day celebration.

As a young man Oscar started his career with the Army Engineers as a cartographer, photogrammetrist, and geographer. He then went on to work, for a short time, with the U.S. Geological Society in the same capacity. For the next 25 years, he served with distinguished service in the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.), as a Cartographer, and then as an Intelligence Officer. This included a four-year assignment in the Far East.

After retirement he moved onto the town of Marble, Colorado, where he was elected Mayor, and spent 10 years doing civic duties. He went on and founded the Marble Historical Society, and its museum. As a result of his research on the history of the area, he published a two-volume history of Marble with its famous marble quarry and mill. This is the quarried marble that makes up the Lincoln memorial in Washington D.C. In his later years he has resided in Glenwood Springs Colorado.

Oscar has been blessed by his supportive wife, Lois Ann, and his two sons Duncan and Peter. Duncan and grandson Ian are the family bagpipers, and his granddaughter Amy wins many awards in Scottish dancing.

Clan MacCallum-Malcolm is very grateful for Oscar's and Ray's, his nephew, sponsorship of our Clan Tent at Long Peak Highland Games in Estes Park for over 20 years.

Oscar and his wife Lois Ann have attended Highland Games across the country, visited Scotland 7 times and had the pleasure of being entertained by Chief Malcolm at Duntrune Castle.