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MEMBERSHIP of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia is open on application to the Society Executive, to all interested men and women who have surname spellings as listed below; are connected by marriage with, descended from, or are adopted by persons qualifying under this list; or are members of a Sept of Clan Macfie as sanctioned by the Lord Lyon King of Arms.

Cathey	Cathie		
Duffie	Duffy		
Fee			
MacAfee	MacAfie	McAfee	McAfie
McCafferty	McCaffrey		
McCathie	McCathey		
MacDuffee	MacDuffie	McDuffee	McDuffie
MacFee	MacFie	McFee	McFie
MacGuffie		McGuffie	
Magoffin			
MacHaffie		McHaffie	
Mahaffy	Mehaffey		
MacPhee	MacPhie	McPhee	McPhie
Phee	Phie		



From Your President



Mr A. C. (Sandy)
McPhie, M.L.A.

Another year is fast drawing to a close as too, is the term of office for your current Executive. A call for nominations for 1988-89 is included in this Newsbulletin.

We have seen another Clan Parliament come and go overseas - in Canada again - with the various Clan Macfie Societies contributing to its deliberations. A brief summary of proceedings is included in this Newsbulletin - as yet a full report has not been received.

I wonder about these Clan Parliaments being held every two years and whether or not they achieve their aim. Yes, decisions are invariably taken on a number of items and Clan members from around the world are able to gather and meet one another and discuss a variety of topics. In fact, the pleasure of spending many hours in the company of my fellow Clansmen is one of the long standing memories of Helen's and my visit to Scotland in 1985 for the Clan Macfie Gathering.

But arguably these Clan Parliaments are not representative of our Clan Societies or their membership due to the high cost of travel and the time and distances involved. Too often it seems topics discussed and decisions taken are those of interest to a few attending and are not the real matters the Clan should be addressing. Too often they are discussed by the same people - the ones who manage to attend each Parliament.

We will probably never really debate the major issues affecting our Clan as those penalties of time, distance and money will always prevent a majority of those versed in these issues attending. But we could move to make Parliament a far more significant event, a better targeted week and one where more real issues can be debated. That can be done by holding Parliament every four years and only in Scotland.

I know my Canadian and American friends will be aghast at this suggestion but consider - Scotland is our homeland, not Canada - a four yearly cycle will permit Clan management and the various committees to run productive programmes should they so wish - and those versed in Clan matters have a more reasonable period in which to plan ahead for attending.

The number attending should increase, the level of debate should improve, and provided the quality of leadership and involvement is of the required level, the Clan and the Clan Societies must benefit.

Think about it -

Next year is our Bicentennial Year in Australia. We have a heavy programme centred on Sydney in May and November and a warm-up run in Sydney later this year. Full details are in this Newsbulletin.

I hope to see you in Sydney this year for the Clans March and/or at Fairfield for the Scottish Games - and again next year too, of course!

With my best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sandy McPhie". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized hand.

Alex McPhie, President

26 Oct 87.

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MAIN EVENTS OF THE PROGRAMME

SCOTTISH WEEK HEADQUARTERS - S.A.H.C. office, 49, Market Street, Sydney. Tel.no. 2643858. Scottish Annual and ticket sales at the office prior and during Scottish Week between 11am and 4pm.

SAT 28 NOV Merrylands Bowling Club. Ring 7286235. Ceilidh.

* SUN 29 NOV Kirkin' the Tartan St. Stephen's Church. Ring 7476391. 11am Clans gather in the Domain - bring picnic. The MARCH of the Clans and Pipe Bands moves forward at 1.30pm sharp. FREE public concert 2.15pm to 4pm. OPERA HOUSE FORECOURT.

MON 30 NOV Martin Place Opening Ceremony at noon.

TUES 1 DEC Scottish Race Day at Warwick Farm. Scottish Golf Day at Cromer. Ring 9699359.

WED 2 DEC City Ceilidh ring 508455.

THURS 3 DEC Manly Day ring 9771088. Scottish History Evening ring 2316300.

FRI 4 DEC Grand Scottish Ball ring 4197159 after 4.30pm.

SAT 5 DEC Individual Clan functions ring Clan contacts.

** SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER

Sydney Scottish Games

9.00 a.m. — 6.00 p.m.

Fairfield Showground, Sydney

Note: Change of address for SAHC Office now at 49 Market Street, not Kent Street.

CLAN MACFIE INVOLVEMENT:

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* CLANS MARCH - Sunday, 29th November.

Assembly in Domain at Clan Macfie marker from 1.15 p.m. onwards (or for a picnic lunch beforehand)

** SYDNEY SCOTTISH GAMES - Sunday, 6th December

Held at Fairfield Showground - these are the Scottish Games. All Macfies are invited to participate in the Grand Kilted Parade at 2.30 p.m..

Clan Society President Sandy McPhie and Secretary Helen from Toowoomba will be attending both functions as too will Vice - President Bill Tyrrell of Sylvania, Seneschal Sandy McPhee of Mt. Vincent, N.S.W. and Historian Norah McPhee.

What about joining them?

THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
SEVENTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING WEEK-END
SYDNEY 7 - 8TH MAY, 1988

GENERAL MEETING: The General Meeting and Clan Luncheon will be held on board one of the Captain Cook Cruises motor launches on Sydney Harbour on Saturday 7th May. Departure is from Circular Quay at mid-day with return at 4 p.m. Cost for the outing, including lunch, will be in the vicinity of \$40 per person.

Vice President Bill Tyrrell of 18 Yeran St., Sylvania, Sydney, 2224 (Tel. 522-6420) needs to know numbers attending as soon as possible. We have to provide a minimum of 50 - the maximum number is 100. Please contact Bill with an indication of your intentions as soon as you can.

Cut-off date for a firm commitment and payment of the full amount (to be confirmed) will be included in the next Newsletter in late February '88.

(President Sandy guarantees the meeting will be kept to a minimum with all papers distributed beforehand.)

CLAN PICNIC: To be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey and Ruth McPhee (N77-339 and 340) 70 Moons Avenue, Lugarno, Sydney, 2210 (Tel. 533-4195) on Sunday 8th May. Full details in the next Newsletter - it's a mid-day affair, in a delightful setting backing onto the Georges River - at the end of Forest Road.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR 1988 - 89.

In accordance with paragraph 9 of the Clan Society constitution, nominations are now called for the election of the following members of the Society Executive for the 1988-89 Term of Office:

President	
Vice-President	
State Vice-Presidents for	
New South Wales	Victoria
Western Australia	Queensland
Australian Capital Territory	South Australia
Northern Territory	Tasmania

Treasurer

Nominations close with the Society Secretary at 8 Panorama Crescent, Toowoomba, Qld., 4350 on Sunday, 9th December, 1987 and are to be in writing stating the nominee's name and nominated office. Nominations are to be signed by the nominee accepting nomination, the proposer and the seconder.

Note Only financial members of the Society are eligible to accept nomination for office or to propose, second or vote for nominees for office. Additionally, in the case of each State Vice-President, only financial members of the State or Territory concerned are eligible to accept nomination for such office or to propose, second or vote for nominees for that office.

The call for nominations for election to the Clan Society Executive is required to be made at least three months prior to the proposed declaration date of any ballot.

If a ballot is required for the election of any Executive Members, ballot papers will be mailed by the 23rd December, 1987 and be returnable by 20th January, 1988.

This article from a 1965 Weekly Scotsman was forwarded by Graham MacDonald, High Commissioner in Australia for Clan Donald. It is bound to make the reader think -

WEEKLY SCOTSMAN, Thursday, February 18, 1965



The dwarf took his terrible revenge

ALLAN DOUGLAS features the MacDUFFIES

A VERY wee man once became a very great hero among the MacDuffies or MacPhees, a Hebridean tribe whose surname has also come to be spelled MacDuffy, MacGuffy, Mac-Afee, MacAfie, MacFie and MacFee.

This small, dark hero was a dwarf who stood only four feet five inches tall but whose bravery saved the Island of Islay from an invasion by mightier men from Mull.

The year was 1598 when Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart, known as "Lachlann Mor," brought a fleet from Mull to claim Islay lands already held by Sir James MacDonald of "Dun Naomhaig" (Dunnyveg).

Laughed

Warriors of Clan Donald met the Macleans on the sands of "Traigh Ghruineart" in the north of Islay. Just before the battle began the MacDuffie dwarf — known by his Gaelic name "Dubh-shith Beag" — approached Sir Lachlan and asked to join the Macleans as a mercenary "for a day's work."

But the proud chief took one look at this man called "Beag," which means small, and laughed in his face.

Rejected, "Dubh-shith Beag" immediately made his way to the Clan Donald encampment and offered his services to the laird of "Dun Naomhaig." MacDonald gladly accepted the offer and gave the dwarf "a man's place in the battle lines."

"I will see to 'Lachlann Mor'," said the dwarf to Sir



LOWER KILCHATTAN on Colonsay . . . home of the MacDuffies.

James. "You dispose of the rest."

As the battle began, "Dubh-shith Beag" edged nearer and nearer toward the Maclean chief, hoping to catch him off his guard and revenge his mockery. At last the right moment came.

Sir Lachlan turned aside briefly to rearrange his helmet, whereupon the wee dark man, a skilled Bowman, let fly an arrow which pierced Maclean of Duart's skull. The Mull chief fell dead.

Now leaderless, the invaders perished. Islaymen gained the advantage and won the day, killing nearly 300 Macleans.

"Dubh-shith Beag," as legend recalls, was a native of neighbouring Jura. And when the wee, fairy-like man returned to

that island he was far richer for his bravery.

While MacDuffies occupied parts of Jura, their main homelands were Colonsay and Oronsay, held as vassals of the MacDonald Lords of the Isles, for whom their chiefs served as Keeper of Records.

"Dubh-shith," root of the MacDuffie-MacPhee surname in all its forms, is one of Gaelic's most interesting names. It describes anyone who was a disciple of "the black peace" (witchcraft) as contrasted with "the white peace" which is Christianity or the Light of God, preached by St Columba.

A person who was "dubh-shith" was said to consort with black fairies and the Devil and was consequently sinister and treacherous.

REPORT FROM CLAN PARLIAMENT

NOVA SCOTIA JUL/AUG 1987

At the time of preparing this Newsbulletin for the printer, no official report was to hand from the Fourth Parliament of Clan Macfie held in Nova Scotia from 31st July to 8th August of this year. None of our members were able to make the trip.

Leith Brew of New Zealand was there however, as too was Sylvia McPhee of Toronto, Canada, and both have written private letters to Society President Sandy McPhie after returning home from Parliament. The following notes are from those letters:

Attendance was disappointing with a total of just over thirty - mostly from Canada and U.S.A. plus several from Scotland and Leith Brew from New Zealand.

Jennie MacPhee of Vancouver, widow of our former Clan Commander Dr. Earle MacPhee, was appointed Patron of Clan Macfie. Jennie was present for the appointment and received a standing ovation.

Bob Mahaffey (U.S.A.) has taken over from Mary Gillies (Scotland) as Chairman of the Clan Committee on Nomenclature. Future committee programmes will include a central place for data gathering.

Keerie MacPhee (Scotland) has resigned as Keeper of the Clan Records. A replacement has yet to be appointed. Keerie has served with distinction in this appointment since its inception and will be sadly missed.

Names to be Remembered Committee which had been chaired by Australia's President Sandy McPhie of Toowoomba has on his recommendation, been disbanded. In future Clan Societies may bring forward names of Clan Members to be remembered at each Clan Parliament.

Criteria was established for accepting new Clan Macfie Societies into the established international organisation.

Iain McFie (Scotland) to be the co-ordinator for the 1989 International Gathering and Parliament of Clan Macfie which is to be held in Inverness in the spring/summer of that year.

Clan Macfie (Scotland) is restructuring.

Overall a good Clan Parliament with workmanlike business sessions and enjoyable social functions but, as usually happens following the retirement or loss of a strong leader, some problem areas do exist which give cause for concern regarding the future of Clan Macfie. These are being addressed.

What about making a commitment now to attend the International Gathering of the Clans in Scotland in 1989 and ensuring you are there for the Clan Macfie Parliament and festivities?

Secretary Helen McPhie will be receiving up to date information as it comes through. If you let her know you are a possible starter she can pass this info on promptly. Scotland's the place to be in '89!

Noel McPhie (Q77-267) of 18 Rathlyn Avenue, Corinda. Q. recently received a letter from a W.J. Taylor, Deputy Headmaster of a large Secondary School at Darwen in Lancashire. W.J.'s interest is family history and he provided Noel with a detailed plan of Noel's family going back to 1770!

The family started off with a John Robertson and his spouse Jean Coutts - one of their descendants married a William McPhie, a weaver. A son of William's married a Robertson girl at Westfield Place, Dundee in 1857; they had eleven children - one of whom was Noel's father.

As a result of this letter from W.J., Noel and Vera are now in contact with a whole host of new relations scattered around England, and would be interested to hear of any connections here in Australia too.

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The publication, *The Clans, Septs & Regiments of the Scottish Highlands* by Frank Adam as revised by Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, is acknowledged as the authoritative readily available reference work for Scots folk the world over. It deals especially with Highland customs, organisations and the Clans.

The following Clan Macfie extracts are taken from the Eighth Edition, printed by Johnston and Bacon in 1970.

CLANS, SEPTS, AND REGIMENTS OF THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

*Arms of Chief
(or important Chieftain).*

*Heraldic Description of Armorial
Bearings.*



MACFIE OF DREGHORN

Above - page 502
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Arms: (House of Macfie of Dreghorn). Per fess nebuly azure and or, in chief a two-handed sword argent hilted and pommelled of the second, and in base a lyon passant sable under sail of the third. *Crest:* A demi-lion rampant proper. *Motto:* "Pro Rege" (For the King).

Lyon Register, VII, 89.

MACFIE (OR MACDUFFIE)

This is another of the branches of the Clan Alpin. Skene writes :

The MacDuffies or Macphees are the most ancient inhabitants of Colonsay, and their genealogy which is preserved in the manuscript of 1450 evinces their connection by descent with the MacGregors and Mackinnons. Of their early history nothing is known, and the only notice regarding their chiefs at that period is one which strongly confirms the genealogy contained in the manuscript.

Donald MacDuffie is witness to a charter by John, Earl of Ross, and Lord of the Isles, dated at the Earl's Castle of Dingwall, 12th April 1463.

Macfie of Colonsay was the Hereditary Keeper of the Records of the Isles in the time of the old Lords of the Isles.

After the forfeiture of the Lord of the Isles the Macfies followed the MacDonalds of Islay.

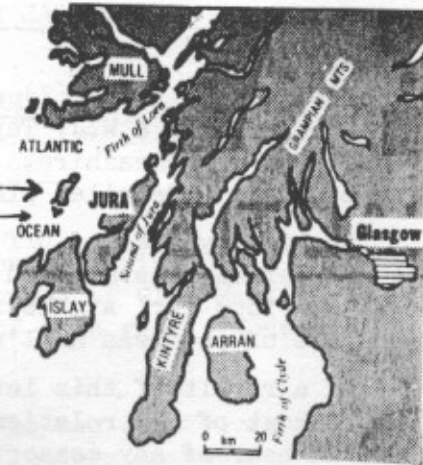
The Macfies appear to have remained in the possession of Colonsay till the middle of the seventeenth century. The island then passed into the hands of the MacDonalds, and, later, became the property of the McNeills. From them it was purchased by Lord Strathcona. After the Clan Macfie had lost their ancestral territory some of them settled in Lochaber and followed Cameron of Lochiel.



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The badge of the MacDuffee Clan of America Inc., a rubbing from the tomb of Malcolm MacDuffie on Oransay.

On page 8 of our last Newsletter there was an article on Colonsay's Neighbour, Jura. The article was accompanied by a map showing the southern part of the West Coast of Scotland with Jura, Islay and Mull all named - but no Colonsay or Oransay.



The Map is reproduced here with our two most important islands clearly identified.



(above) the ruins of the 14th century Oransay Priory, second only to Iona in ecclesiastical importance in the West Highlands; and (right) a Celtic cross at the Priory dating back to 1400.

RICHMOND RIVER SCOTTISH SOCIETY GAMES

The recently formed Richmond River Scottish Society had its Inaugural Scottish Games and Picnic Day at Tintenbar Oval on Sunday, 12th October in spring weather that only people who live in north-east N.S.W. know about. A crowd of over 250 turned up, ranging from grandparents to babes in arms, much to the delight of the organisers.

It was reminiscent of pre-war (1939) Society Picnic Days held in Sydney and gladdened the heart to know that the spirit of Caledonia still burns fiercely in the breast of people living in our corner of the world.

Throwing the hammer, putting the shot and haggis throwing were among the many events but the highlight of the day was the tossing of the home-grown caber, with no less than 15 aspiring participants. However, the caber was no match for the stout-hearted local lads, breaking in two half way through the event. Pipers from Lismore and Murwillumbah were present, together with visitors from Scotland and U.S.A. Chief Iain MacNeacail of the Hebridean Clan MacNicol, now living in the area, was also out for the day.

Enquiries about this fledgling society can be had from Secretary, Emily Wilson, 32 Fenwick Drive, East Ballina, N.S.W. 2478 Phone: 86-2991.

Pictured right: The Chief of the Hebridean clan MacNicol, Mr. Iain MacNeacail, of Ballina, at the Highland mini Games held on Sunday, 12th October, at the Tintenbar Oval by the Richmond River Scottish Society.





International Gathering of the Clans

The Provisional Programme for the International Gathering of the Clans in Australia in 1988 was printed in the last Newsbulletin. Updated information will be in all Newsbulletins next year as it comes to hand.

The programme commences in Hobart on Sunday, 20th November 1988 and finishes in Melbourne on Saturday, 10th December. But the main activities will be concentrated in Sydney between Saturday 26th November and Sunday 4th December.

CLAN MACFIE SOCIETY will be hosting a special barbeque luncheon and afternoon at the home of Vice-President Bill and Dorothy Tyrrell, 18 Yeran Street, Sylvania, Sydney, to greet overseas visitors of Clan Macfie.....and we're expecting a lot with notified starters from New Zealand, Canada and U.S.A. already planning to be here. Mark that day to give our visitors a big welcome! The Date?????....Ah yes, almost forgot!

SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER 1988.

Then the next day we'll all be able to turn out in force for the Clans March in Sydney on Sunday, 27th.....take part in various functions and look after our guests one way or another during the week....and line up for the Sydney Highland Games at Fairfield on Sunday 4th, December, with all our visitors again, of course.

CLAN CONTACTS IN AUSTRALIA. We wish to put together a list of Clan Macfie contacts across Australia for our visitors. The idea being that we notify all overseas Clan Societies that this list will be available for any of their members visiting Australia and then when they do arrive or are moving about the country during their visit here, they will be able to contact Macfie clansmen and clanswomen in different localities to say hello, receive advice on tourist things to see and perhaps how best to travel to their next destination...meetings can be arranged too if you wish to, and some may even like to have some of our visitors along for a meal or perhaps give them a camp for the night.....its up to you...

What we want is names for the list please.....

Send them to Secretary Helen as soon as you like.....

And from everywhere too, as we're sure the visitors will be going well afield from Sydney while here to see as much of Australia as possible during their visit down under or across the Tasman.

SOME MORE SCOTTISH RECIPES

BLACK BUN

Black Bun is an extremely rich cake that Scots the world over hanker for at Hogmanay. It should be made a few weeks before the New Year and kept in an air-tight tin.

Pastry

2 cups plain flour water
a pinch of salt 1 tsp. baking powder
6 oz. butter

Sift the flour with the salt. Rub in the butter. Stir in baking powder and enough water to make a firm dough. Roll out very thinly and line a greased, 9-inch square cake tin, reserving enough pastry to cover the top.

Fruit Mixture

1 lb. currants ½ tsp. baking soda
1 lb. raisins a pinch of salt
1 lb. sultanas ½ tsp. pepper
4 oz. chopped peel ½ tsp. ground nutmeg
4 oz. butter 1 dsp. cinnamon
2 oz. sugar 1 dsp. mixed spice
3 eggs ½ tsp. ground ginger
1 cup plain flour ½ tsp. ground cloves
1 tsp. cream of tartar 2oz. chopped almonds

Cream together butter and sugar. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Sieve flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, and salt into the mixture. Add spices, floured fruit, and chopped almonds. Mix well. Fill the pastry-lined tin with the mixture, place pastry on top. Moisten edges and press together. Crimp edges. Bake slowly for 3 hours at 300°.

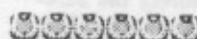
Note: Rich fruit cakes should always be cooked in the centre of the oven.



ATHOLE BROSE

4oz. medium oatmeal ¼ pt. whisky
½ pt. water ¼ pt. cream
2tbsps. heather honey

Soak the oatmeal in a bowl with the water for 1 hour. Drain off the liquid and blend in the whisky and honey, and lastly the cream.



LONDON. — Scotland is famed for the kilt, tartan, sporran, bagpipes and haggis.

Yet not one is truly Scottish.

The modern kilt was designed by an Englishman, and even the ancient one was inspired by the Roman knee-length tunic and the plaid by the Roman toga.

Tartan derives from a French word; the sporran was common throughout Europe during the Middle Ages; the bagpipe was developed in many other parts of the world including Italy and Germany; and haggis was often eaten in England until the eighteenth century.

As if that were not enough to ruin the romantic dreams of all those Americans, Canadians, Australians and New Zealanders who cavort about in fancy dress on Burns Night, Aberdeen University PhD Ian Grimble reports in his dry, academic but revealing history of "Clans and Chiefs" (Bond and Briggs) that though the Queen is Chief of Clan Stewart she has no more royal Stewart blood than any other Scot.



He says Lowland clans and tartans are often fictitious and even the Black Watch tartan was that of the Government of the German Hanoverian kings with just small variations for the Gordon and Mackenzie tartans.

Many Scots names came from France: Mac-Williams are named after William the Conqueror, Hays after the Norman knight William de la Haye; Frasers after a certain La Frezeliere; Sinclairs after Henri de St Clair; Grants after William le Grand.

Even Robert the Bruce was named after the town of Brix in Normandy, and his forebears were so firmly pro-Sassenach that his grandfather became Chief Justice of England.



So how did this whole business of kilt, tartan, sporran, bagpipes and haggis become such a worldwide Scots badge?

Mainly due to Sir Walter Scott's imaginative romantic novels about noble Highland people that became immensely popular in the early

The lowdown on the Highlands

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

This article appeared sometime ago in one of our newspapers - its name and the date were not recorded. It says dreadful things about Things Scottish and should never be read by anyone - unless in lighter vein, that is - and I'm sure (I hope) that is what Dr. Grimble intended.

nineteenth-century despite the fact, Dr Grimble points out, that "Scott had learned little about the people of the Highlands and Hebrides and had not attempted to understand their language."

One contemporary complained that Scott had "ridiculously made us appear to be a nation of Highlanders, and the bagpipe and the tartan are the order of the day."

But equally to blame was George IV whose German ancestors had not only brutally slaughtered Jacobite clansmen but had actually outlawed the bagpipe and Highland dress.

In 1822 George IV turned up in Edinburgh for a royal visit, the first for nearly 200 years, that became in Dr Grimble's word a "pantomime".



For the King astonished the sober citizens of Edinburgh by decking himself out, all 128kg of 60-year-old Teutonic flesh, in "Sir Walter Scottish tartan", kilt, the lot.

Since cultured Edinburghers then considered Highlanders decidedly smelly and uncivilised and the kilt and bagpipe utterly barbarous, the sight of this gross Hanoverian in his "outlandish costume" had for them the same shock effect, says Dr Grimble, as if the King should "sail away to the tribal reserves and as it were live in a wigwam wearing the fancy dress of the aboriginal."

Things had been bad enough for Edinburgh's citizens during the Jacobite rebellions, when they "had not enjoyed the experience when the aborigi-

inals had swept into their capital out of their mountain fastnesses, speaking their unintelligible language and wearing their wild costume" and now here was the fat Anglo-German King himself cavorting about in it.

Even Scott's son-in-law Lockhart grumbled that "kilts and bagpipes were to occupy a great deal too much space" and insisted that the

Highland clans "had always constituted a small, and almost unimportant part of the Scottish population."

But the 1822 show went on (even the Lord Mayor of London, a Wapping biscuit manufacturer, appeared in full Highland gear) and it goes on still, all over the world.

Dr Grimble makes it plain that the good folk of Edinburgh had reason to be dubious about the merits of the Highland "aboriginals."

His gory history of the clans does indeed have its occasional heroes and moments of nobility, but in general it is a brutish catalogue of bloody horror, vicious torture and terrible death, genocide, treachery, cunning and lies.



For centuries Scots clansmen tortured and butchered their kings, chiefs, fathers, brothers, and each other (and each others' wives and children), even when their

victims were meant to be honored guests.

The sly welcoming smile of a Highland chief must have chilled that spot between the shoulder-blades.

Even Robert the Bruce murdered his rival for the throne, the Red Cumming, at the very altar of the church where they met to discuss the matter, an appalling act of sacrilege that did not prevent the Scots bishops

from turning out in force for Bruce's coronation a few weeks later even though he was excommunicated by the Pope.

As for Rob Roy (whose body was covered by a thick coat of red hair and whose apelike arms were so long that he could tie his garters 5cm below his knees without bending), he robbed fellow farmers who had trusted him and was cunning enough to back both sides during the 1715 rebellion.

At least Dr. Grimble left our whisky alone - unlike this American drop with an "e" in it.

Down in Nashville, Tennessee, this week it was a clear case of being sloshed to the gills.

Fish were swimming sluggishly in Mulberry Creek downstream from the Jack Daniels distillery, where a broken pipe had leaked 53,000 litres of whiskey.

As much as two kilometres downstream you could apparently pick out the smell as being Jack Daniels liquor, said Dick Williams, a habitat protection biologist with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

"And those fish downstream were swimming kind of sluggish. This is the first time they ever actually killed anything with liquor," he said.

Williams said about 100 fish, mostly minnows and darters, and as many crayfish were killed.

About \$US700,000 (\$A1,008,630) worth of two-year-old Jack Daniels whiskey spilled through a cracked pipe into Mulberry Creek on July 16, said Allen Hovius, a Jack Daniels spokesman.

CLAN PATRON

JENNIE MINERVA MacPHEE

of Vancouver, Canada, was appointed as Patron of Clan Macfie at the Clan Macfie Parliament in Nova Scotia on 3rd August, 1987.

Jennie is the widow of our late Clan Commander and the man solely responsible for the current worldwide resurgence of Clan Macfie, Dr. Earl Douglas MacPhee. She worked closely with Earl on his Clan Macfie programmes and has maintained her involvement in Clan affairs since his death. She accepted Honorary Membership of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia with effect 24th February 1981.

In a recent letter Jennie said "While we were in Sydney (at the Clan Parliament) I was acclaimed Patron of Clan Macfie and was given a corsage in a little ceremony.... This is an honor which took me by surprise. Thank you very much. I feel honored and quite spoiled....and wish to convey my thanks to my clansmen and clanswomen of Clan Macfie. It is also a privilege which I shall always endeavour to maintain."

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A Farewell to Dr. Ian McPhee (Q74-016) of Brisbane, Q.

Dr. Ian Gavin McPhee, of Ascot, Brisbane.
Born 19th May, 1913 in Adelaide
Died 10th May, 1987 in Brisbane

The elder son of John Claude McPhee and Isobel Brockie MacVean of Melbourne, he was educated at Scotch College Melbourne, and later at Ormond College, University of Melbourne where he graduated M.B.BS in 1938. He was appointed Resident Medical Officer at Brisbane General Hospital after a short period at the Eye and Ear Hospital, Melbourne. Following a period of Army Service with the 2/2 Commando Unit, he resumed work at the Brisbane General Hospital as Orthopaedic Supervisor. He studied further and gained his M.S. (Q'ld) in 1949 after which he went into private practice, becoming Senior Orthopaedic Surgeon at Princess Alexandra Hospital until his retirement in 1973. He continued in specialist practice until ill-health beset him in 1981. He was a foundation member of our society, and is survived by his wife Margaret (Peg), sons Bruce (who is following his footsteps in Orthopaedics) and Roger, daughters Helen and Sally, and grandchildren Katherine, Robert and Gillian.

Other members of his close family include Isobel Clarke, Kathleen (the family historian), Neil and Gwen McPhee, Pat and Peter Chapman, all of Melbourne plus their offspring and numerous cousins, many of whom are members of our society.

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Notices are attached as usual for those members who have overlooked paying their annual subscriptions.

Prompt payment would be appreciated please.

On 14th August 1987, President Sandy McPhie wrote to all Clan Society members warning them that a fast-track Macfie History was being marketed through the mail by a firm using the name Family Heritage Australia Pty Ltd and a Sydney address. (The company previously operated as Halberts from S.A.). He drew members' attention to the poor and doubtful content of this alleged history and its relatively high price.

This warning was timely as a number of Clan Society members from across Australia have since written to Sandy reporting the receipt of literature on the book about the same time as his letter arrived. The letters of thanks for the warning - and a contribution towards the cost of its mailing - were greatly appreciated by him.

Information to hand since Sandy's letter was mailed indicates that this operation has come to the attention of Consumers' Associations in N.S.W., Vic., Q'ld and South Australia.

The following extract from the June 1987 copy of 'Descent' is by Nick Vine-Hall warning his Society of Australian Genealogists members of the traps in this operation. It refers to "The Amazing Book of the Davidsons in Australia" - but is equally applicable to the mailed offer to the McPhees as the content is on the same lines in both cases apart from changed surnames and associated matter.

The Amazing Book of the Davidsons in Australia. No author (publisher Halbert's SA) no place of publication, no year of publication, soft cover, 128 pages, no ISBN number, not indexed, price \$34.95.

We have been sent a review copy of this curious publication by a dissatisfied recipient who found the book fell rather short of their expectations.

The book has a limp brown cover, is perfect bound and not stitched and consists of a series of photocopied A4 size sheets printed on one side only. This makes it appear to contain twice as much information as a normal book with images on both sides of the page.

The Amazing Book of the Davidsons . . . is one of a whole series of surname books produced in Australia over the last three years by an American publishing firm based in Dayton, Ohio. Run by Mr Dennis B. Haslinger and his son Doug Haslinger, it operates in a number of overseas countries including Canada and Australia.

The Haslingers of Ohio also conduct a genealogical travel business, shipping busloads of Americans of a particular surname to visit ancestral places in the British Isles. It is understood that in 1985 alone about forty such Haslinger groups travelled from America to Ireland for this purpose.

It is estimated that some 18,000 copies of the Halbert's 'surname books' have already been sold in Australia. Over the past year the Society of Australian Genealogists has received literally hundreds of telephone calls and letters about these books.

Surnames known to have been covered by the series to date are: Ackland, Amor, Apps, Archer, Bailey, Bennett, Best, Bird, Blair, Bond, Brackenridge, Bradford, Braithwaite, Brand, Burrell, Campbell, Christie, Clover, Cook, Cottrell, Dahl, Dark, Davidson, Dawson, Deere, Dell, Dempsey, Dent, Dillon, Dobson, Donaghey, Donovan, Doran, Dorman, Dorney, Dover, Dowling, Drummond, Dryer, Dudgeon, Dugan, Duncombe, Dunstan, Egan, Elliot, Ford, Gaskin. Surnames beginning with H to J are currently being circularised.

The notable feature about the Halbert's book is that, although the surnames change, the rest of the text is virtually identical.

The Davidson book opens with some stirring lines from *Advance Australia Fair*. This is followed by 4.5 pages of Australian history, 2 pages of bibliography of published material on Australian history and immigration, 15 pages of Australian population statistics, flags and coats of arms, 3.5 pages about surnames (including one 25-word sentence about the name Davidson), 7 pages on heraldry, 24 pages of basic genealogical research advice, contact addresses, etc, 16 pages of definitions of genealogical terms, 50 pages listing about 3,500 Davidson households in Australia in postcode order giving surname, initials, address and sex.

The most amazing thing of all about the book is that it does not include any indication whatsoever about the genealogical relationships of any one Davidson to another. What's more, not one scrap of the information in this book is new! All of it has been published already in a host of other books and electoral rolls which are freely available on public access in libraries all over Australia.

Prospective customers for these *Amazing* books receive letters produced on a computer inviting them to purchase a copy. As far as this reviewer is aware, these letters are progressively being sent to 3.5 million people in Australia whose names have been taken from electoral rolls.

If you have one of some 30,000 basic English, Irish, Welsh or Scottish surnames which appear in standard heraldic reference works such as *Burke's* and *Debrett's*, you will probably get one of these letters in due course.

It is understood that the Haslingers have sold their Australian book rights and returned to America after many problems with textual changes required of them by the Department of Consumer Affairs! As from 7 April 1987, letters to 'Halbert's SA' prospective customers are being despatched from 23-27 Marquet Street, Rhodes, NSW 2138, over the name of Ruth Truscott.

And, if you send off your money, you deserve what you get!

Nick Vine Hall

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We carry no special brief for Clan Campbell though a number of early Macfie immigrants to Australia came from the Duke of Argyll's area. Thus the two items below will be of interest to many members especially as the 12th Duke and the Duchess will be honoured guests at the International Gathering of the Clans next year. The article on the right is from Edna Kearley (V75-116) of Montmorency, Vic., and is for our Trivial Pursuits fanatics.....

CLAN CAMPBELL SOCIETY

The Clan Campbell Society has, on occasion, been listed as a *One Name Society* in "Descent". One Name Society is a misnomer when applied to a Clan Society. In common with most Clans, Clan Campbell has a group of Sept names. Prominent among these are — Burns, Harris, MacArthur, McKellar, Moore, Muir and Thompson. Of course, there are many others too numerous to list here. Not all people bearing these Sept names are members of the Campbell Clan, it depends on the history and place of origin of your ancestors. In the more troublesome past, weaker families, lacking strong leadership, often sought the protection of a larger, stronger Clan. These families are known as septs. The Chief of Clan Campbell continues this ancient tradition and is willing to accept into his Clan anyone willing to acknowledge him as Chief.

The Clan Campbell Chief is the Duke of Argyll. The Duke, known to Clan members as MacCailein Mor, takes a very active interest in his Clan and is a strong unifying force for Clan Campbell Societies in Australia, the U.K., Canada, the U.S.A. and New Zealand. To assist him, the Duke appointed as the Clan Chief Executive, Alastair Lorne Campbell Yr. of Airds. Alastair is a member of the same family as Elizabeth Macquarie, wife of Australia's best remembered colonial governor. Before her marriage, she was Elizabeth Campbell of the house of Airds.

Most national societies publish a Journal or Newsletter (the Australian magazine is called *Cruachan* — the rallying or war cry of the Clan). By exchanging these publications between branches, the feeling of being part of a worldwide family is strongly reinforced. In 1985, a contingent of New Zealand clanfolk visited Sydney for Scottish Week, joining their Australian kin in activities throughout the Week.

There is a special feeling in belonging to a Clan Society that doesn't exist in other types of societies. Clan Campbell Society is a further extension of the extended family concept — it is a FAMILY SOCIETY. How can you feel a stranger, on joining this society, when most of the members bear YOUR name? Members have in common a centuries old heritage and share in the pride of all who have borne and continue to bear the name CAMPBELL.

Clan members, in common with many Australians, are preparing for the 1988 Bicentennial. They are delighted and proud that the Duke and Duchess of Argyll have been chosen as Guests of Honour for Scottish Week in November, 1988.

During his visit, the Chief would like to meet as many of his clanfolk as possible. However, there is one great problem — how do we reach all the Campbell ladies who have married out of their Clan? Some have married a member of another Clan and feel they are no longer entitled to consider themselves Campbells. NOT SO! "Once a Campbell, Always a Campbell". If you have a female ancestor named Campbell, do get in touch with the rest of your family.

MAHOMET COMES TO THE MOUNTAIN

In the old days, a panting runner bearing aloft a wooden cross with its extremities charred by fire and dipped in blood, was the signal for a Highland clansman to pick up his weapons and report forthwith to his Chief at the Gathering-place of his Clan. Most needed no further urging, but those that failed to do so with sufficient celerity might find the thatch of their croft around their ears — that is, if those organs were still attached to their heads!

Nowadays, it is not so easy; most of the Highlands, although providing scenery that can hardly be surpassed, is poor, sour land that cannot raise a crop or pasture more than a few beasts and economic pressure has spread the Sons of the Gael to the four corners of the Globe. Today, the Chief who wants to see his Clan has to go out and look for them.

Bicentennial year and the initiative of the Scottish-Australian Heritage Council are combining to bring out to Australia in historical terms probably the greatest Highland Chief of them all. Known in the Gaelic as "MacCailein Mor" — "Son of Colin the Great" — the Chief of Clan Campbell is Ian, 12th Duke of Argyll who, together with his Duchess, born Iona Colquhoun of Luss and herself the daughter of a neighbouring Highland Chief, is to star as one of the Honoured Guests during Sydney's Scottish Week as well as touring the Country.

The Clan Campbell may be numbered in millions around the world. This is the Duke and Duchess's first visit Down Under and it will include a visit to New Zealand, where, for the first time ever outside the shadow of Inverary Castle, the Duke has decreed an International Gathering of Clan Campbell, to mark his arrival at the point furthest away on the planet from the Headquarters of the Campbells, in Argyll, Scotland.

Widely travelled as they are, the Duke and Duchess are eagerly looking forward to their first visit here, and to meeting as many Australians as they can, whether or not of Scottish or Campbell origin. Included in their itinerary will be a private stay with the Governor of Queensland and his wife, His Excellency Sir Walter and Lady Campbell. Sir Walter is a kinsman of the Duke's and visited them some years ago at Inverary Castle. As well as meeting the leaders of the Scottish community, the Duke and Duchess will particularly enjoy meeting members of their own Clan Campbell Society including several whom they already know as visitors to Inverary.

Long separated by time and by distance as they may be, the ties that bind a Chief and his clan are still very real, and thanks to the marvels of modern air travel, they can be brought together even on the other side of the world.

The Duke & Duchess of Argyll have been invited by the Scottish Australian Heritage Council as their honoured guests to the International Gathering of the Clans during Scottish Week in Sydney, November 1988. Their Graces will afterwards attend the World Gathering of the Campbells in Dunedin, New Zealand.

THIS SHOULD APPEAL TO THE PRIDE OF ALL TRUE SCOTSMEN

Wha's like us?

Damn few and they're all a'deid!
An Englishman enjoys breakfast of toast and marmalade invented by Mrs Keiller of Dundee Scotland, reaches for his raincoat patented by Charles MacIntosh of Glasgow Scotland, dashes to the station on his bicycle invented by Kirkpatrick Macmullen a blacksmith of Dumfries Scotland, whose tyres were invented by John Boyd Dunlop of Driehorn Scotland, run on a tarmac road by John MacAdam of Ayr Scotland.

The journey by, train whose steam engine was invented by James Watt of Greenoch Scotland, takes him to work at the Bank of England founded by Mr Peterson of Dumfries Scotland. While opening mail with adhesive stamps invented by James Chalmers of Dundee Scotland, he puffs a cigarette first manufactured by Robert Gloag of Perth, Scotland.

He later rings his wife on a telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell of Edinburgh. She tells him his dinner will be his favourite traditional roast beef from Aberdeen Angus raised in Aberdeenshire Scotland.

He arrives home to find his daughter watching television, invented by John Logie Baird of Helensburgh Scotland, a programme on the U.S. Navy founded by John Paul Jones of Kirkbeem Scotland, and his son reading "Treasure Island" written by Robert Louis Stevenson of Edinburgh, and on lifting the Bible he finds the first name mentioned again a Scotsman, King James VI who authorised its translation.

The Englishman was unable to turn from the ingenuity of the Scots. He could turn to whisky, but Scotland supplies the best, or to end it all he could put his head in the gas oven, coal gas discovered by William Murdoch of Ayr, Scotland. He could shoot himself but his breech loading rifle was invented by Captain Pat Ferguson of Pitfours, Scotland.

If unsuccessful, he could be injected with Penicillin which was discovered by Alexander Fleming of Der-vel, Scotland, or be given anaesthetic discovered by Sir James Young of Bathgate Scotland.

His last hope would be a transfusion of blood, then he could ask

Wha's like us? Damn few and they're all a'deid!

Campbell articles from
The Australasian
Highlander.

We've mentioned our Clan Weather Girl, Elizabeth Wilson (Q82-510) of "Lockerbie", Beaudesert before - ABCQ on week-ends and all that. Now the local media have also acknowledged this special lady.

For the uninitiated the Ekka is Brisbane's annual Royal National Exhibition or Show.

Another one for the road

Elizabeth Wilson usually makes two trips to the big smoke each week from her rural property to present weekend weather reports on Channel 2.

By PAUL WICKS

years, posing with a group of models as a typical Ekka-visiting family.

"We normally go to the Ekka. The kids, as you would expect, love it," Elizabeth said.

Elizabeth kept a close eye on the threatening Ekka weather.

Weather is close to her heart. It's much more than just presenting the latest details for TV.

It's a subject that is closely monitored back at Elizabeth and husband David's Beaudesert property and also at their other two studs in far north Queensland.

Good, useful rain has been thin on the ground at all three this year.

When she's not working for the ABC, running the property or just attending to the duties of a mother of three, Elizabeth conducts a deportment and grooming course at various private schools in the

south-east Queensland area.

"I couldn't do all this without the help of my mother-in-law who lives in the other house on our property. She's absolutely marvelous," Elizabeth said.



But this week she has been on the road for yet another journey — to take her family to the Ekka.

It's a considerable hike even twice a week from the 1000ha family Brahman stud property in the Beaudesert area to the metropolis — particularly given that she is on air only briefly each night.

A 90-minute drive for two minutes' air time. "But I enjoy it," says the young mother of three who celebrated her 35th birthday yesterday.

Taking her three sons — Trader, 7, Travis, 6, and Tomas, 18 months, to the Ekka has made it a busy birthday week.

But it was familiar territory for Elizabeth, who has featured in advertisements for the Ekka for the past four



No correspondence will be entered into re this weak cartoon.....

GENERAL NOTES

- * Lyndal McPhie (Q76-163) of Toowoomba completed her nursing training in July and is now in the U.K. for some two or three years on a working holiday. As this is being written, she is spending her first week on Colonsay. The first of many I'd say.
- * Rosalie Taylor (V76-231) and family have moved from Oakleigh in Melbourne to a country home just outside Drouin in Gippsland - that's the life!
- * Margaret McPhee (Q75-095) of Ascot, Brisbane visited Vancouver and Alaska in September with son, Dr. Bruce McPhee (Q76-190) and daughter-in-law Roslyn (Q76-192) of Kenmore, Q.
- * David and Christine Macfie (Q79-457 and 458) of Maryborough, Q. visited Scotland mid-year. It was David's first trip there since 1962 when he moved to Australia.
- * Our thanks to Society Vice-President Bill Tyrrell (N78-395) of Sylvania N.S.W. for the one liners being used as gap fillers in this and future Newsletters.
- * Clan Society President Sandy McPhie (Q74-001) recently attended a Clans Ceilidh at the Brisbane Caledonian Club. Hosted by Ross Forsyth, the function was a forerunner of a move to bring the northern representatives of all Scottish Clans together on a regular basis.
- * Sydney Clan Barbeque at Bill and Dorothy Tyrrell's home in Sylvania went off well on Sunday, 18th October - a beautiful sunny day in between days of rain. Some twenty-five members had a most enjoyable time.
- * Congratulations to Julie Ann McCormack (Q77-325) and hubby in Mackay - they're proud parents of a beautiful new son - James Aidan - born in March.
- * Get well to Harry and Janet Silk (N81-494) of Bondi, Sydney. Both not the best, but both getting better on last reports. And to Heather Guinness (N74-003) of Toowoomba who suffered a badly broken arm in a recent fall.
- * ACT Vice-President Ted and Judy Smythe (N74-064 and N79-445) of Downer, Canberra, back home after a recent bus tour in Central Australia.
- * Norman and Heather McPhee (N76-199 and N82-505) of Kogarah Bay, Sydney, on a trip to the U.K. to visit their daughter. Should be back before Christmas.
- * Going to Colonsay? Check the ferry service times if you are - some changes in the wind - and a year or so away they could drop back to a weekly service.
- * Gilbert and Beverley McPhee (V80-472 and 476) of Newborough, Victoria visited Queensland recently and called on Sandy and Helen McPhie in Toowoomba.

COMING FUNCTIONS

Toowoomba: In early March 1988 a BYO everything at the home of President Sandy and Secretary Helen McPhie at 8 Panorama Crescent. Full details and firm date in next Newsbulletin.

Sydney: Due to heavy activities in Sydney in '88 Vice-President Bill Tyrrell will NOT be holding the Barbeque picnic tentatively planned for 20th March.

BUT don't forget the Biennial General Meeting, Clan luncheon and picnic on 7th and 8th May (Details on page 4)

AND The Clan Macfie functions at the International Gathering of the Clans in Sydney (Details on page 12.)

- * The current Jetset Tours/British Airways tourist booklet for Britain and Europe (1987-88 2nd Edition) has a magnificent Piper on page 44 - resplendent in Macfie tartan. The reproduction here hardly does credit to the colour photograph - Macfie tartan yes, but who is the Piper? Does anyone know?
- * All good wishes to Clan Macfie Patriach in Australia, Charles Macphee (N74-010) of Fern Tree Gully, Vic. for a speedy recovery to good health. Charles is a former Clan Vice-President and Seneschal in Australia. His health has not been the best since his return from a recent visit to Scotland but is picking up in line with his stated intention of attending the Gathering of the Clans in Bendigo at the end of November. Our best wishes are with you, Charles.
- * The Royal Caledonian Dinner in Melbourne will be held on 19th November this year at the City and Overseas Club, 291 Dandenong Road, Windsor. Contact Max Rider on Melbourne 25-1459 if interested in attending: \$27.50 per person, all inclusive. Our thanks to Miss Bessie McPhee (V76-147) of Ivanhoe - a regular attender - for this information.
- * We have a new list of CLAN NAMES on the front of this Newsbulletin. We have previously (last time was NB44 in March '86) printed the list as it appeared in Dr. Earle MacPhee's Clan History but feel it was a little cumbersome for day-to-day use. Additions or corrections to this list will be welcomed.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following New Members since the last Newsbulletin was printed. Four of them are sisters - Donna, Alexandra, Catriona and Anna McPhee of Sydney - the three oldest are at University while Anna the youngest, is finishing Year 11...an Extra Big Welcome for them!

- N87-586 Mrs Cheryl Perry, 35 Mermaid Cres., Port Macquarie, NSW 2444
- V87-587 Miss Kim McPhie, Shady Creek Rd., Nilma North, Vic., 3820
- N87-588 Mrs Susan McPhie, 'The Warren', Berridale, NSW, 2628
- N87-589 Thomas Ian McPhee, 9 Patricia St., Colyton, NSW, 2760
- N87-590 Jonathon Thomas McPhee, 9 Patricia St., Colyton, NSW 2760
- N87-591 Miss Donna McPhee)
- N87-592 Miss Alexandra McPhee) 10 Avona Crescent, Seaforth, NSW 2092
- N87-593 Miss Catriona McPhee)
- N87-594 Miss Anna McPhee)
- V87-595 Graham Powell, 717 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully, Vic.3156

The new members were introduced respectively by direct contact, a proud father (Don), an equally proud husband (Paul), Mrs Helen McPhie (N81-493) of Summerland Point NSW who is Jonathon's grandmother and Tom's mother, Bill and Patricia McPhee the girls' proud parents, and by no means the least proud - Graham's wife, Kaye.....and we're proud to have all of you as members of our Clan Society!

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