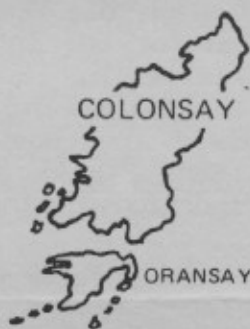


The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

(Founded in Richmond NSW on 3 May 1974)

Newsbulletin



Ancestral Home of
The Clan Macfie

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From Your President



A.C. (Sandy) McPhie

This Newsbulletin is a special one in that it is to be mailed with an Invitation-to-Join brochure to all Clan Macfie members in the Australian telephone directories. It is the fifty second Newsbulletin issued by The Macfie Clan Society of Australia, the first being a two page roneoed bulletin which was mailed with some enclosures in May 1974.

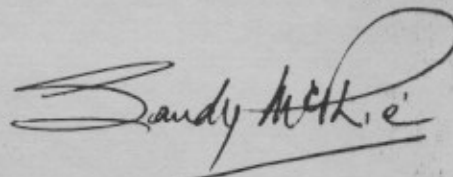
The Clan Society formed on 3 May 1974 when twenty four of thirty one "Macfies" approached, decided to bring it into being. Membership numbers slowly increased until February 1977 when the first invitation-to-join brochure was mailed to all Macfies in the Australian telephone directories. 855 invitations went out with some 152 new members joining that year.

By its nature with this mailing, this Newsbulletin contains some earlier articles especially applicable to our Clan's ancestral homelands, the Islands of Colonsay and Oransay off the West Coast of Scotland, and to the late Dr Earle Douglas MacPhee of Vancouver who was directly responsible for the world-wide reactivation of Clan Macfie over the past ten or twelve years or so.

Details of Membership subscriptions are contained in the brochure - if paid before the end of this year, they will be credited for next year. Members receive three Newsbulletins a year (normally of sixteen pages) plus on joining, a copy of the Clan Society constitution, a brochure on Colonsay and a booklet on tracing one's family history.

This Newsbulletin has details opposite of Clan Macfie functions scheduled for the International Gathering of the Clans in Sydney at the end of this month. Some sixteen or so Clan visitors are expected from Canada, New Zealand and U.S.A.. All Clan members and friends are invited to join us at these functions no matter whether you are members or not. Members of Clan Macfie will also be attending other Scottish Australia Heritage Council functions during the International Gathering.

The strength of a Clan Society is directly proportional to its membership numbers and their involvement in Clan affairs. We have been functioning successfully for over fourteen years now and have a strong and viable Clan Society. But many Clan members throughout Australia have yet to join - I do hope you will. Your commitment will not be heavy but you will be most welcome and your membership valued. Should you already be a member, please pass the Invitation-to-Join along to another interested person.



Alex McPhie, M.L.A.,
President

1 November 1988

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The Macfie Clan Society of Australia,
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TOOWOOMBA, Q., 4350.



International Gathering of the Clans

SYDNEY PROGRAMME
26 NOVEMBER/4 DECEMBER 1988

The itemised Sydney programme for the International Gathering of the Clans from 26 November to 4 December (inclusive) will be included in the Scottish Australian Heritage Council's 1988 Annual which is to be released in early November.

Scottish activities will be held in Martin Place, City, Monday to Friday (inclusive). Other activities, functions, films, lectures, ceilidhs etc. will be held each day. Details can be obtained from:

The Scottish Australian Heritage Council

Box 421, G.P.O.,
Sydney. 2001



in the Commercial Travellers' Club in the mushroom shaped building at the corner of the MLC Centre, 35 Martin Place, City. Telephone 02 232 2473.

Major Gathering items and Clan Macfie functions are detailed on the next page. PLEASE NOTE that the Clan Macfie Barbeque is now to be held on Saturday, 3 December, at Bill Tyrrell's home. Originally planned for 26 November to welcome our overseas visitors, it was put back a week as the major contingent from New Zealand arrives on the evening of the 26th.

Amongst the more notable guests at the International Gathering will be:

The Duke and Duchess of Argyll
The Earl and Countess of Erroll
The Earl of Dunmore
Mr Philip and Lady Caristiona Saggars
Viscount and Viscountess Fincastle
Lord and Lady Forres
Gilbert Robertson of Struan and Mrs Robertson
Torquil MacLeod of The Lewes and Mrs MacLeod
Iain MacNeacail of Scorrybreac and Mrs MacNeacail
Shaw of Tordarroch and Mrs Shaw
Alastair Campbell, Yr. of Airds, Unicorn Pursuivant of Arms
at the Court of the Lord Lyon
Peter Lamont of that Ilk.

Our own Clan will be well represented with overseas visitors too. Miss Sylvia McPhee, former Commissioner for Clan Macfie in Canada (and Vice-President of the Scottish International Gathering Trust, representing Canada) will be here along with our own former Commissioner Sandy McPhee of Mt Vincent, New South Wales. Sylvia and Sandy are the current Clan McFie Seneschals for Canada and Australia respectively.

A strong contingent of Macfies from New Zealand will be led by the President of the McPhee Family Clan Society of New Zealand, Don McPhee of Palmerston North and their Convenor, Mrs Belle Brew. Also in the party are armiger Leith Brew and wife Yvonne, Eric and Carolyn Wadsworth and daughters Kirsten and Kimberley, Ian and Hilda Sutherland, Don's daughter Susan Shakespeare and Clarence Price.

Scott and Marvene are due to arrive on 24 November and will use a motor home to travel north to Cairns after the Gathering, before returning home



International Gathering of the Clans

Sydney Programme (continued)

via New Zealand about Christmas time. The New Zealanders arrive on the evening of 26 November and the main body return home on Monday, 5 December, while others travel north to Queensland. No details are available as yet on Sylvia's itinerary.

SATURDAY, 26 NOVEMBER

Nothing planned.

SUNDAY, 27 NOVEMBER

- (1) 10.00am Kirkin' the Tartan, Scots Kirk, Wynyard Park, City. Look for Clan Macfie tartan.
- (2) 12.30pm Clan Picnic lunch (BYO) at Macfie marker in Domain.
- (3) 1.30pm Clans March moves forward to Open Air Concert at Opera House. Assemble at Clan Macfie marker.

MONDAY, 28 NOVEMBER

AM Official Opening in Martin Place.

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

11.30am Dedication of the Scotland Australia Cairn at Rawson Park, Mosman by His Grace the Duke of Argyll. Entertainment will be provided from 10am onwards. Look for Clan Macfie tartan.

THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER

Scottish Day in Manly. By ferry there and back. Look for Clan Macfie tartan.

FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER

Grand Scottish Week Ball at University of New South Wales.

SATURDAY, 3 DECEMBER

Midday BYO Barbeque luncheon and afternoon tea at the home of
Onwards Vice-President Bill and Dorothy Tyrrell, especially
for our overseas visitors.
Address 18 Yeran Street, Sylvania.
Telephone (02) 522-6420.

SUNDAY, 4 DECEMBER

9.00am Sydney Scottish Games at Fairfield Showground. Grand
Kilted Parade at 4 p.m. Look for Clan Macfie tartan.

Clan Macfie members and their friends will be most welcome at all functions during the Gathering of the Clans.

AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL TATTOO FROM AUGUST TO DECEMBER 1988

Enquiries to the military director, Australian Army — Organiser Col. A. McGhee. In Melbourne and Canberra the salute will be taken by principal guests of the International Gathering, which itself is an official Bicentennial activity. Dates — 12-28/8 Sydney. 10-18/9 Brisbane. 26-28/9 Townsville. 7-8/10 Darwin. 18-22/10 Perth. 31/10-2/11 Adelaide. 10-12/11 Hobart. 19/11-3/12 Melbourne. 8-10/12 Canberra.



CLAN MACFIE LEADERSHIP

The ad hoc derbhfine of Clan Macfie Armigers was called into session on 5 April 1988 to again address the problem of Clan leadership. At the close of the period allowed for armigers to indicate their willingness to be considered for nomination for appointment as Cean-Cath or Clan Commander, only A.C. (Sandy) McPhie of Toowoomba in Queensland had come forward.

The Matter is being further progressed by ad hoc derbhfine Chairman A.L. (Sandy) McPhee of Mt. Vincent, New South Wales, who will be confirming support amongst armigers and Clan Macfie Societies world wide before petitioning the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Edinburgh to appoint a new Cean-Cath for Clan Macfie. With all going smoothly, such an appointment could well be made at the time of the International Gathering of the Clans in Inverness in May next year.

Clan Macfie Armigers are:

Scotland: Rev. James Duffy; Hamish Cathie, Edinburgh.
England: Robert Macfie, Luton.
Sweden: Ulf Hagman, Uddevalla.
U.S.A.: Col. Walter Cathey, Orlando, Florida.
Ron MacPhee, Hawaii.
Ross MacPhee, Durham, North Carolina.
Ralph MacPhee, San Francisco.
Canada: Kenneth E. MacPhee, Guelph, Ont.
Miss Sylvia McPhee, Toronto.
Bruce McPhee; Darcy McPhee, Vancouver.
Harvey McPhee, Truro, Nova Scotia.
Bob McPhee, Prince George B.C.
New Zealand: Graham Cathie, Tauranga.
Australia: Sandy McPhee, Mt. Vincent, New South Wales.
Sandy McPhie, M.L.A., Toowoomba. Queensland.

--- o o o o o --- SIRIUS ROCK AND THE CAIRN

The Sirius Rock is Australia's return bicentennial gift to Scotland. It came from Sydney's Sirius Cove which was named after H.M.S. Sirius, the flag-ship of the First Fleet, captained by John Hunter a Scot from Leith, Scotland.

The Rock was dug up and carried to Scotland by Nuss Removals of Lane Cove, Chariot Freight and the Australian National Line. Scottish Australian Heritage Council officials, Rosemary Samios and Heather Szabo, had the honour of unveiling it recently at its temporary position at the Glasgow Garden Festival. When the festival closes, the Rock will be transferred to either the Immigration Museum in Greenock or to Butny Point in Glasgow both localities of significance in the history of Scottish migration to Australia.

The Scotland Australia Cairn - Scotland's Bicentennial gift to Australia - will be unveiled in Rawson Park, Mosman, by His Grace the Duke of Argyll at 11.30 a.m. on St. Andrew's Day, 30 November. Entertainment will be provided from 10 a.m. and formal ceremonies conclude at around 12.30 p.m.. Everyone is welcome.

The total project has cost in excess of \$100,000. The Cairn consists of some 1700 individual stones from all parishes in Scotland. It has been built by Scottish stone-mason Duncan Matheson and stands 4.5m high.

NEAR TRAGEDY FOR COLIN AND JEAN DAVIES
IN GHANA

We've mentioned Jean Davies (Q77-329) and family in earlier News-bulletins. She is in Ghana with husband Colin and their two young sons working with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. In mid-August Colin was attacked by a crazed native with a machete in the remote village area where they had been working for some weeks. Colin suffered serious injuries to the back of the head and left shoulder. He was rushed to hospital 10km away by Jean and after several critical days his condition stabilized and he was transferred to hospital in Accra.

Colin continued to improve and in due course was discharged from hospital. Last heard he was to go to England for further medical tests and to assist his recuperation. He will then return to Ghana for a court hearing against his attacker and hopefully, then the family will take leave in Australia before Jean and Colin resume their duties in Ghana.

Jean is the daughter of Ted and Dorothy McPhee (Q77-326 and 327) of Bell, Queensland. She and Colin have our best wishes for a speedy resumption of their previously productive and devoted life style.

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VISITING SKYE?

A place definitely worth a visit is the Clan Donald Centre at Armadale on the Isle of Skye. It is part of the Macdonald Estate, purchased in 1972 by the Clan Donald Lands Trust and refurbished as a tourist show-piece. There stand the castle ruins surrounded by massed gardens and scenic walking tracks. There also is a museum where the history of the Lordship of the Isles can be followed through exhibits and audio-visual displays. An informative pamphlet can be obtained from the Council or the Scottish Travellers' Centre.

Another pamphlet tells of a unique institution at Teangue, also on the Isle of Skye. It is Sabhal Mor Ostaig, a college of further education set up in what was once a large barn (sabhal mor). The feature which distinguishes it from other such colleges is that its wide variety of courses are conducted in Gaelic, with the specific object of developing in young Gaels the leadership and management skills needed.

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THEY'VE MOVED

Paul and Susan McPhie (N77-243 and N87-588) from "The Warren", Berridale, N.S.W., to 16 Norman Sykes Ave., Cooma, N.S.W., 2630.

Colin and Joy Macfie (N74-015 and N75-110) from Shallow Bay Rd., Wallingat, N.S.W., to "Skye", Warramutty St., Coomba Park, via Pacific Palms, NSW, 2428.

Mrs Lorna Whytcross (N85-554) from "Carinya", Pine Gully Rd., Wagga Wagga, to 40 Jasmin Crescent, Wagga Wagga, N.S.W., 2650.

Mr Colin McPhee (N74-069) from 21 Kawoona Ave., St. Ives, N.S.W., to 36 Lotus Avenue, Kalkite via Berridale, N.S.W., 2628.

DR EARLE DOUGLAS MACPHEE

The following salute to our late Clan Commander, Dr Earle Douglas MacPhee of Vancouver, appeared in our Newsbulletin No. 35, dated November 1982. It is reproduced here in memory of a great man whose leadership in Clan matters resulted in Clan Macfie being again recognised as an "active clan" some 360 years after our last Chief Malcolm was murdered on Colonsay.

VALE

Clan Commander Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee



EARLE DOUGLAS MacPHEE
M.M., M.A., M.Ed., LL.D., D.U.C., D.C.L.

Born: Lower Millstream, New Brunswick,
Canada on 19th July, 1894

Married: Jennie Minerva Steeves in Canada
on 28th December, 1920

Died: 25th September, 1982
Vancouver B.C., Canada

With great sorrow I record the death of Clan Macfie Commander, Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee of Vancouver, Canada. We all know something of Earle's selfless and untiring efforts in leading our Clan back from a broken clan (in 1623) to official recognition in May 1981 as an active clan once again. Some of our members have had the privilege of meeting this great man; all will look on him as a true friend.

I still remember Peter Price, a fellow Air Force Air Traffic Control Officer at RAAF Base, Richmond, N.S.W., drawing my attention to a Letter to the Editor in The Australian newspaper some time in 1973. The letter was from Earle seeking contacts with "Macfies" in Australia. I replied as I had been researching my McPhie family since I was based at RAAF Williamtown north of Newcastle in 1968-69. I had found a host of information on my ancestors in the East Maitland CPS records, and located an impressive memorial to Angus McPhie, one of my "great uncles", in East Maitland cemetery, other family gravestones in the Hinton cemetery, and the site of the original family farmhouse (circa 1846) on some not very productive country near Woodville. This was all conveyed to Earle who then admitted that he really wanted to see a Clan "Macfie" Society started in Australia.

It is history now that my friend Brian in Adelaide could duck faster than I could and so on 3rd May, 1974 I had pleasure in seeing the (then) McPhee Clan of Australia (Society) come into being as a result of Earle's request. I have three very thick files of correspondence with Earle; we didn't always agree — in fact some Canadians of some significance took me to task early in the piece for having the temerity to disagree with Earle on some items of no great importance — but we always worked together to progress Clan Macfie matters. It is a point of great sadness that I never had the chance to meet him.

Earle was a sawmiller and a teacher early on, he served in the First World War and won a Military Medal, attended University in Edinburgh after the war and held various University posts in Canada from 1921 to 1929. Earle entered the business world in 1929 and worked at executive level with a number of firms, statutory bodies, and government instrumentalities. In World War II he held an important post with Short Bros, aircraft manufacturers in England. He returned to the academic life in 1950, holding a number of chairs in commercial disciplines at various Universities. His interest in and service with semi-government bodies continued throughout this time as did his prolific writing.

According to Earle's autobiography he retired in 1963, but really there's no evidence of this. He was honoured by the academic world in 1981 when the Senate of the University of British Columbia established a Chair of Management in the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration and named it The Earle Douglas MacPhee Chair. He retained an involvement in all affairs until the end.

In 1969, Earle commenced his work for Clan Macfie. As a pre requisite for official recognition as an active clan, it was necessary to record the history of our clan, in particular that covering the period since the clan was broken in 1623, and to form representative societies of our clan in areas of significant clan population. Earle did this. The calling of the first recorded Parliament of Clan Macfie in Edinburgh in May 1981 bears tribute to his untiring efforts and unswerving leadership. Clan Macfie Societies from Sweden, U.S.A., Canada, Australia, Scotland and New Zealand were represented at this Parliament. Official recognition of this clan unity came at this time too when the Lord Lyon King of Arms acknowledged Clan Macfie as "an honourable community".

Earle was invested as the first Ceann-Cath or Clan Commander of Clan Macfie on 6th November, 1981 — a fitting tribute to an exceptional man who had devoted many years of his life to His Clan.

The sympathy of all members of The Macfie Society of Australia has been extended to Mrs. MacPhee, Jennie, and to their family.

Alex McPhie
President

Their chief was saved by witchcraft

by ALLAN DOUGLAS

THEIR dead lie in ancient tombs, immortalised as warriors and churchmen by the mysterious beauty of Celtic art found on Oronsay, their burial isle. This was the land of the MacPhees, who were lords of neighbouring Colonsay— island chiefs and priors at a time when a Gaelic world of poetry, religion and music flourished with the Lords of the Isles.

Later, much later, their dead were to lie on Culloden Moor without so much as a white bush as a memorial.

No stone was laid to mark the spot where they fell in their gallant charge which nearly crushed the might of Cumberland's line.

This was the rise and the fall of the MacPhees—left broken and landless to become a race of wanderers.

The MacPhees (or MacFies) were anciently called MacDuffie, from "Mac Dubh-shithe" — literally, "son of the black witchcraft." Curiously, black—always sinister among Gaels—is a colour which often appears in their history. (There is even a black and white set of the MacPhee tartan). Like a prophesy of their gloomy future, the colour haunts their folklore.

The "Black Dog of Murroch MacPhee" is a Gaelic folk-tale with many variations, but all versions seem to agree that a black dog was gifted to a MacPhee chief by a witch, who promised: "The black dog's day will come."

TO THE RESCUE

On several hunting trips, Murroch tried every appeal to get the dog to accompany him; but the animal refused — until one day it willingly joined its master and his companions on an excursion to Islay. While camping in a cave, the party was attacked by a supernatural being so terrible it is described simply as "The Thing."

After this grotesque spirit had slain all the chief's companions it turned to attack the chief, but the black dog sprang to the rescue. "Every dog has his day" goes our English equivalent, for the black dog's day to save the chief's life had finally come!

MACPHEE

OR

MACDUFFIE



The name Dubhsith appears early in Irish literature; and in 717 A.D. it is on record that one Duff Dakrich M'Duffie was slain at the battle of Kyndealgen, believed to have been in Dalriada. MacDuffies or MacPhees were in Colonsay as contemporaries with Somerled's grandson, Donald, who died in 1294.

By the time the Clan Donald had established their Gaelic kingdom, the MacPhees occupied their island lands as vassals of the Lords of the Isles.

MacPhees were hereditary keepers of the Records of the Isles and held court at Garvard, Colonsay. A prisoner appearing before the MacPhee judge would have the right of appeal to the Council of the Isles at the great manor house at Finlaggan, Islay.

There is a tradition that a MacPhee chief was at Bannockburn and there fought and overcame St Giles de Argentine.

Sir Walter Scott commemorated this event in "The Lord of the Isles," identifying the island chief as "MacDuffith, Lord of Colonsay."

During David II's reign (1329-1370), the Colonsay clansmen—armed only with thorn staves—fought the King's troops over some fiscal measure, getting the worst of the battle. They were buried where they fell, there on the strand; and until recent years superstitious island fishermen would refuse to dig bait at this spot for fear of evoking a curse from the dead.

A comprehensive genealogy of the MacPhees back through Cormac to a Celtic figure named Feredach is given in a 1450 manuscript; and 13 years later it is on record that Donald MacDuffie (MacPhee) accompanied John, 4th Lord of the Isles and Earl of Ross, to Dingwall to witness a charter.

WEAKENED

When the Lordship was forfeited in 1493, James IV made several expeditions to the west to enforce his royal authority over the old MacDonald vassals. He offered the chiefs Crown charters then revoked them, entrusting Argyll in the south and Huntly in the north with administrative powers. Later the granting of the same lands to rival chiefs led to clan feuds which further weakened the island clans and led to their eventual decline.

Colonsay and Oronsay lands were vested in the Crown. But the MacPhees continued to reside

there, for in 1549 Sir Donald Munro, High Dean of the Isles, found Colonsay possessed "by one gentle captain called MacDuffie."

This was Murroch — probably the Murroch of the "Black Dog" episode.

In Oronsay at this time the prior was Sir Donald MacDuffie. Last Roman Catholic prior of this holy isle was appointed by Queen Mary in 1555, for in five years came the Reformation.

Shortly before the Union of the Crowns, a MacPhee was presented to the parsonage at Oronsay. This was Donald, who met with other chiefs and Bishop Knox at Iona to sign the "Statutes of Icolmkill," which insured the discipline of the Reformed Kirk and commanded every man having as many as six cattle to send his eldest child to the Lowlands to learn English. Bards and other "idlers of that class" were threatened with banishment.

Clan feuds during the sixteenth century often found MacPhees involved with the invading MacLeans from Mull, who — on one occasion—brought along a small cannon which made a noise like an exaggerated "coo-what." The Colonsay men called it the "cuat" or cuckoo and made a crude Gaelic joke of anyone unlucky enough to be injured by "the droppings of the cuckoo."

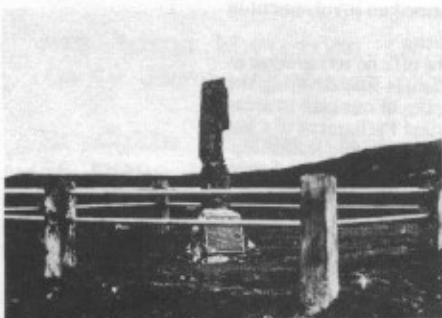
The "cuat" notwithstanding, MacPhees outfought and killed all the invaders save the MacLean chief, who fled in such panic he tried to reach his offshore galleys by swimming to meet them. But he was drowned. What became of the cannon, no one knows.

When Argyll took possession of Colonsay in 1610 and appointed his own factor, it was the beginning of the end. The MacPhee chief became little more than a gillie to the Campbells. His successor, Malcolm MacPhee, joined in the 1615 rebellion of Sir James MacDonald and was delivered to Argyll by Colla Clotach ("Left-handed Coll"), known as Colkitto to the Lowlanders.

When Malcolm tried to escape he hid in shallow water, covering himself in seaweed; but the cries of a seagull gave him away. He was dragged to a cross and cruelly murdered. Afterwards, many of the clan — now dispossessed and deprived of all but dignity—fled their island homes.

Some settled in Galloway under the names MacGuffie and MacHaffie while others took refuge in Lochaber, joining the Camerons.

They were fighting alongside the Camerons at Culloden—the day they fell.



Clan Macfie Standing Stone on Colonsay where our last Chief, Malcolm, was murdered in 1623.

CARRAGH' MHIC A PHI

IN 1623 MALCOLM, LAST CHIEF OF OUR CLAN WAS MURDERED AT THIS STONE BY A RENEGADE MACDONALD. DAMAGED OVER THE CENTURIES IT WAS REPAIRED BY ULF MACFIE HAGMAN, SWEDEN, CHARLES MACPHEE, AUSTRALIA AND DUNCAN MACPHEE, SCOTLAND. THE PLOT OF GROUND WAS GIVEN TO THE CLAN MACFIE BY LORD STRATHCONA AND FENCED BY GIFTS FROM CLAN FOLK.

ON 10th MAY 1977 ULF HAGMAN AND DEARLE MACPHEE, CANADA, A CLAN HISTORIAN, DEDICATED THE MEMORIAL TO OUR CLAN. COLONSAY MEN HUGH MCDUGALL, ANDY CLARK, DUNCAN MCDUGALL, PETER MACALLISTER, DION ALEXANDER ASSISTED IN THE PROJECT.

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Heather Cork (N75-099) of North Dorrigo, N.S.W., has started recording her family tree. Much needs to be done yet, especially with dates and places - but basic information from "word of mouth" sources gives a sound structure on which to build.

Hugh McPhee m. Fiona Rankin at Banvle near Glasgow.

One son, Alexander m. Elizabeth Dennis.

He died 13 April 1905 aged 69. She died in 1919. Both are buried at Lawrence. A second son, Ewan, died 20 July 1923, aged 102 years.

The children of Alexander and Elizabeth were:

- (1) Alexander b. 6 August 1875 d. 1948(?) at Grafton.
m. Edith Henrietta Searle Coles.
- (2) William m. Alice Latimer, children - Roy, Kenneth.
- (3) John m. Mary Esther Parnell, children - Ernest, Dulcie.
- (4) Eva m. Charles Green, children - Alvin, Errol, Elva (m. John Macrae, children - Flora, Mavis).
- (5) Selina m. Robert Lowe, child - Keith.
- (6) Amy m. Alfred Ensbey, children Delma (m. - Lockhart), Doris (m. Les Watkins, children Ken and Norma, (who m. - Arnott), Jean (m. Ian Gibson), Valmay (not married), John, Harold (m. Beryl, children Marion, Wayne) Noel and Mary.
- (7) Mary m. William Ensbey, children Dulcie (m. Jack Forsythe), Vida (m. Fred Kearnes, children Max, Maurice), Hazel (m. (1) - O'Brien, (2) Ben Price), Cliff (m. Vera Payne, children - Marjory, Dorothy, Warren).
- (8) Flora m. David Ensbey, children -
- (9) Queenie b. 29 Feb 1880 d. Feb 1909, m. Harold Bale, children Harvey Earl, Leila, Travers.
- (10) Jarvis m. Mary Small, children John (m. Josephine Wetherstone, no children).

The children of Alexander (1) and Edith Coles were:

(A) Alexander b. 19 Sep 1907 d. 24 Feb 74 m. Florence May Smith 27 Jun 35.
children:

(i) Alexander Neil b. 14 Jun 36 m. Naomi Gardner 17 Dec 60 children - Ian Douglas b. 12 Mar 64 (m. Colleen Boyd 14 Nov 87), Geoffrey Bruce b. 9 Dec 66, Lindsay Scott b. 25 Mar 69, Wendy Janelle b. 14 April 72 .

(ii) Heather May b. 13 Oct 54 m. Kenneth John Cork 3 May 75, (children Stephen David b. 5 Sep 76, Jacqueline Elizabeth 31 Oct 77, Gregory Michael 10 Feb. 81).

(B) John b. 13 Jul 1909 m. Mae Finlayson Jan 35, children - Janice (m. Alexander Lumsden, children -), Malcolm (m. Merle, children Colleen, Graham, Christine).

(C) Calvin Clyde b. 12 May 1910 d. 1975, unmarried.

(D) Harvey Ewen b. 23 Dec 1912 m. Mary Weir 27 Sep 41, children:

(i) Ewen William b. 27 Nov. 42 m. Patricia Yvonne Webster 23 Jan 65, (children Susan Patricia b. 2 Jun 67, Robyn Louise b. 15 Feb 69).

(ii) Donald Ian b. 23 Mar 45 m. Nancy June Wilson 4 Jun 66 (children - Tracey b. 28 Sep 67, Matthew Donald b. 14 Mar 70).

- (iii) Lois Mary b. 7 Dec. 48 m. Donald Geoffrey Thomson
13 Jan 68 (children - Mandy Louise b. 1 June 69,
Steven Relby b. 19 Aug 71).
- (E) Clarence Athol b. 7 May 1914 m. Ethel May McLucas 22 Jul 42 children:
- (i) Warren b. 25 Sep 46 m. (1) Nancy Bultitude,
(2) Margaret Want (3) Jackie Reed.
- (ii) Stuart b. 26 May 1948 m. (1) Elizabeth Mackay
(child Jodie Elizabeth b. Feb 72) m. (2) Barbara
MacLachlin (children Tanya, Lisa, Darren).
- (F) Lillian Edith Elizabeth b. 4 Apr 1916 m. William McGregor Dunn 23 Dec 69
children:
- (i) Lola b. 7 Jul 44 m. Kenneth Walkdon Rogers
28 Dec 67 (child Mark Walkdon b. 27 Aug 74).
- (ii) Bruce b. 5 Mar 46 m. Joan Bourke 24 Apr 70
(children - Kate b. 24 Dec 71, William McGregor
b. 20 Nov 72, Benjamin Patrick b. 15 Mar 74,
Samuel b. 17 Jul 76).
- (iii) Judith b. 4 Apr 55 m. Kent Westcott 30 Sep 80
(child - Claire Maree b. 28 Aug 83).
- (G) Duncan - died in early infancy.

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INVERNESS - MAY 1989

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS
TENTATIVE BASIC PROGRAMME

- Sat 6 May Official Opening. Registration. Evening Reception.
- Sun 7 May Kirking of Tartans on Culloden Moor. Clan March through Inverness. Clan Centre opens.
- Mon 8 May to Thur 11 May Clan Centre open, various demonstrations, films, exhibitions, seminars, Scottish music and dancing, meetings, ceilidhs etc.
- Fri 12 May Programmes as above, Clan Centre closes. Grand Highland Ball.
- Sat 13 May International Highland Games, Bught Park.
- Sun 14 May Highland Games (2nd day). Closing Ceremony.

Clan Macfie Parliament The Fifth Parliament of Clan Macfie will be held in Inverness during the week - sitting mornings, Monday to Friday (inclusive) with the afternoons and evenings free for tours, sight seeing and International Gathering functions etc.. A Clan visit to Colonsay from Monday, 15 May for four days is also planned.

Bookings/Accommodation etc. There are only 1500 beds for visitors in Inverness so if you intend being there, book early with your preferred travel agent.

Intending Travellers Please contact Secretary Helen as soon as possible for further information. Clan contact in Scotland is Iain McFie, Coulintyre, Kinraig, Kingussie, PH21 1LX, Scotland. (Telephone Scotland 5404-391).

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MRS MCPHEE (left) and Mrs Price ... only in dreams do the full horror and terror return.

Ex-war nurses recall prison camp horrors

Four Queensland women did not meet yesterday, but each held the others in her heart and mind.

Mrs Flo Syer, of Kenmore, Mrs Joyce Tweedell, of Caloundra, and Gold Coast residents Mrs Cecilia McPhee and Mrs Christina Price survived Japanese bullets and 3½ years in a prisoner-of-war camp after the boat in which they were being evacuated from Singapore was sunk in February 1942.

The story of the sinking of the Vynerbrook and the machine gunning of nurses struggling ashore or sent back into the water to be shot from behind, horrified Australians.

"Ironically, it was the nurses in the only lifeboat that made the shore who died in that fashion," Mrs McPhee said.

She and Mrs Price often talk of old times. "It is only when I dream sometimes that the full

horror and terror of it all comes back to me," Mrs Price said.

The four were on the opposite side of the boat as the lifeboat was launched. "We skimmed down a rope or jumped into the water with bullets zipping all around us," Mrs McPhee said.

"I managed to cling on to a raft. The Japanese kept firing on us. We were in the water from 2 p.m. that afternoon until 6 the next morning..."

The women said it was almost impossible to describe conditions in Palembang camp. "It is the most terrible thing to have to watch your friends die slowly from malnutrition and disease and not be able to help them," Mrs Price said.

Mrs McPhee recalled a Dutch woman too ill to feed her baby. "We asked for a little extra food for her. The Japanese gave their standard reply ... 'not to worry: there is still plenty of room in the cemetery...'"

— NAN DWYER

THE AUSTRALIAN TARTAN

This "Tartan for a sunburnt country" combines the colours of outback Australia (the sand, ochre, umber, blue, white and black of the countryside through which pioneer explorer John McDouall Stuart travelled in the 1860's) with a variation of the setts of Governor Lachlan Macquarie.

The worsted cloth can be obtained from John Vicars and Co. of 39 York Street, Sydney and the saxony from Waverley Woollen Mills, P.O. Box 31, Launceston, 7250 Tasmania (Tel. 003 39 1106), from Hill's Menswear, 245 Rowe St, Eastwood, Sydney, or enquires at the Scottish office in Sydney (02) 264 3858.

Now there is also a dress version of the Australian tartan displayed, and there will be an Australian International Gathering tartan too.

Robert Burns' Arms Get Lord Lyon's Approval

Interested in heraldry, poet Robert Burns designed arms on a Scottish pebble as a personal seal. Now 200 years later the Lord Lyon has approved them, thanks to the diligence of the Burns Federation and the Dumfries Howff Club.

The arms include a holly bush, shepherd's pipe and a crook with the crest a wood lark perching on a bay tree sprig.

There are two mottos: "Wood-notes wild" and "Better a wee bush than nae bield."

THE ORIGIN OF KIRKIN'

After the battle of Culloden in 1746, the English victors banned tartans and bagpipes. Thereafter at church on the Sunday nearest St. Andrew's Day, Scots carried a piece of tartan hidden in their clothes. Thus the Kirkin' ceremony unites parishioners with their clan members across the seas and symbolises the rights of all people to freedom of expression.



CLAN CLELAND SOCIETY

The Clan Cleland Society was raised in May 1987, following some years of research. Misinformation was the cause of many of our members wasting time and money on genealogical research. This misinformation was provided through the last 100 or so years by those who placed all names in Scotland into nice pigeon holes in the major systems and called them a sept.

The Clelands have been called septs of McNab (Tartan books and tailors) septs of MacLennan (Recent Clan Chief Ronald claimed us) and septs of MacLellan (Clan Tartan Society) (MacLennan has also claimed MacLellan!!)

The Clelands according to the Lord Lyon, the ultimate authority, have every right to be a Clan of their own and this has caused the raising of the clan.

The Society intends to work forward from 1717 the date of the last matriculation to today, and locate our Chief.

The MacLellans may like to do the same as their last Chief died as recently as 1874 (That would be an easy task).

Names associated with the Clelands are: Clelland, Clelan, Clellan(e), Clelond, Clerland, Cleiland, Clelland, Clelland(e), Clelland, Kneland, Keilland Klelland and some but not all Clevelands, Cleavlands, MacClellands, MacClellans.

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Accounts are attached for those members who have yet to pay their 1988 subs. And letters enclosed to the few who are overdue from last year. Prompt payment would be appreciated please.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

	<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Under 18</u>	<u>Over 75</u>	<u>Total</u>
NSW	108	5	6	119
VIC	94	12	6	112
QLD	69	5	4	78
SA	26	6	1	33
ACT	9	-	-	9
WA	4	1	-	5
TAS	1	2	-	3
	<u>311</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>359</u>

<u>Overseas</u>				
Scotland	1 member	1 honorary member		
England	2 "			
Sweden		1 "	"	"
Canada		2 "	"	"
U.S.A.	5 "			
New Zealand	7 "			
Ghana	1 "			
	<u>16 members</u>	<u>4 honorary members</u>		

GENERAL NOTES

- * Congratulations and best wishes to three of our very senior Clan members on recent or pending birthdays. Nellie McPhie (Q74-029) of Toowoomba, Qld, was 93 in August, Stewart McPhee (V75-113) of Croydon, Vic., 91 in October, and Clan Patron Jennie MacPhee (H4-81) of Vancouver who will be 97 this month.
- * Where are all our artists? In our 50th, Jubilee Edition, Newsbulletin earlier this year we invited Members with an artistic flair to forward designs for a Membership Certificate for our Honorary Members. To date there has been absolutely no response - surely we can do better than that!
- * Ian and Aileen McPhee (Q77-285/286) of Toowoomba visited family members in Mildura mid-year.
- * Lyndal McPhie (Q76-163) of Toowoomba has commenced psychiatric nursing training at the Baillie Henderson Hospital in Toowoomba.