

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

(Founded in Richmond NSW on 3 May 1974)



Newsbulletin

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AND Much More....



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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Helen and I have been busy since the last Newsbulletin catching up on the backlog of Clan and family/household jobs. They are being attended to steadily and might even be eliminated by the end of the year.

We had a great time on the campervan trip to Melbourne for the General Meeting. Visited Sandy and Norah at Mt. Vincent, Ted and Judy in Canberra and called on Don and Pat McPhie at Warragul en route. We came home through western New South Wales ahead of the flood rains, thank goodness.

Minutes and reports from our Eighth Biennial General Meeting are enclosed with this Newsbulletin - let's hope we don't attract a postage penalty.

The General Meeting week-end was an excellent one for those attending with both the luncheon on Saturday and the Highland Games at Ringwood on the Sunday being well attended by Clan members. The latter idea especially was a success and will be looked at for future General Meeting week-ends.

Apart from attending to a constant stream of administrative matters, the Clan Commander appointment reasonably demands travelling whenever possible to make contact with the other Clan Macfie Clan Societies around the world. First call of course for me was with our own Clan Society at the General Meeting in Melbourne at the end of March. Next up is a visit to New Zealand in October for their Reunion week-end and then next year, the International Gathering of Clan Macfie at Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina U.S.A.

We are looking at the possibility of visiting all our Clan Societies in U.S.A. and Canada while over there. And that's something more of us should do when lucky enough to be travelling overseas - make contact with our Clan Societies, especially when functions are being held. The Americans in particular have a big programme of Scottish Games across the country and one or other of the Clan Macfie Clan Societies there frequently has a tent at these events. They'd be tickled pink to have Australian visitors turn up - why not ask Helen for information when planning your trip?

The major Clan Macfie date of course, is Clan Parliament on Colonsay in 1993 - probably the first week in September. What about planning now to have that on your itinerary if tripping overseas in the next few years?

With good wishes to all,

A.C. (Sandy) McPhie
Clan Society President, and
Commander of the Clan Macfie

Toowoomba
30th June 1990

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CLAN MACFIE DIARY

19 - 21 Oct 90

The McPhee Family Clan Society Reunion
Masterton, New Zealand.

A fun weekend with the New Zealand Clan Members. Masterton is about two and a quarter hours drive north of Wellington in the rich Wairarapa district. The weekend functions are held at the Gladstone Football Club House.

Contact: Our secretary Helen for further information - all Aussie visitors will be welcome irrespective of the football results!

25 Nov - 2 Dec 90

Scottish Australian Heritage Council Scottish
Week in Sydney N.S.W.

Clan Macfie will be marching under its newly appointed Clan Commander on Sunday 25th November from the Domain and again on Sunday 2nd December at the Scottish Games at Fairfield Showground.

11 - 14 Jul 91

International Gathering of Clan Macfie

Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina, U.S.A.

Hosted by the MacDuffie Clan of America, Inc., the Clan Macfie International Gathering is being held in conjunction with the Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans. The tentative programme is:

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| Thur 11 Jul | 3 p.m. | Clans Reception Broyhill Inn |
| | 6 p.m. | Torchlight Opening Ceremony Grandfather Mountain |
| Fri 12 Jul | a.m. | Local tours |
| | 3 p.m. | AGM MacDuffie Clan of America Inc |
| | 5 p.m. | Clans Reception |
| | 7 p.m. | Clan Macfie Banquet |
| Sat 13 Jul | 7 a.m. | Clan Macfie Breakfast (if you can make it) |
| | 8 a.m. | Grandfather Mountain Games |
| | 6 p.m. | Clan Macfie Dinner |
| | 9 p.m. | Tartan Ball |
| Sun 14 Jul | 8 a.m. | Clan Macfie Breakfast (a better hour) |
| | 9.30 a.m. | Worship Service and Kirkin' o' the Tartan followed by a Parade of the Tartans and the Games |
| | 5 p.m. | Farewell Supper/Ceilidh |

Contact: Our secretary Helen for further info.

Additionally: The Cathey Reunion Association will be holding its Biennial General Meeting at Charlotte N.C. on 4th August and the MacFie Clan Society of North America will be holding its Annual General Meeting at Stone Mountain, GA on (probably) 19th October next year.

Summer 91

(Northern)

International Gathering of the Clans,
Nova Scotia Canada

The Fourth of the quadrennial International Gatherings in Nova Scotia with a summer programme of Scottish events.

Summer 93

(Northern)

International Gathering of Clan Macfie and
Clan Parliament on Colonsay.

Initial planning is underway. Firm dates have yet to be agreed but the first week of September is the most likely. Join your Clan in its first official return to its homeland!

THE EIGHTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING
MELBOURNE - SATURDAY 31 MAY 1990

Minutes and Reports for the Eighth Biennial General Meeting of our Clan Society are enclosed with this Newsbulletin. Thirty seven members attended the meeting at the Victorian Education Department's plant nursery in Glen Waverley. The meeting was preceded by an enjoyable Clan Luncheon which all attended. The week-end arrangements were in the capable hands of Victoria Vice-President Bruce McPhie (V75-096) of Forest Hill, Vic.

A Clan picnic day was held the next day, 1st April (and no jokes were played!) in conjunction with the Ringwood Scottish Games. Twenty three members attended and enjoyed the Games and entertainments - AND hospitality at Sandy and Helen's campervan. (one attractive Clan member even preferring a Bundy Rum to a Scotch!!!) which lined up with the tents of various other Clans. Clan Macfie members marched en masse behind their new Clan Commander in the Clans Parade at the official opening - a first for the Clan in Australia, and a first for Sandy!

In accordance with para 15(1) of our constitution, the Biennial General Meeting minutes are automatically ratified provided no objections are received in writing from five or more members within four weeks of the minutes being mailed to members.

A relatively small amendment was made to our constitution at this meeting. It was handled in accordance with para 26 of our constitution and also goes forward for ratification by the membership as a whole in accordance with para 15. Resolutions carried at the meeting, as set out in the minutes, are considered to be straightforward and self explanatory.

SALUTE TO THE COMMANDER

(Written by A.C.T. Vice-President Ted Smythe (N74-064) following Sandy and Helen's visit when cycling around Canberra en route to the General Meeting).

Macduffie, Machaffie, or just plain Macfie -
Whatever the literal changes may be,
We're all of us clansfolk and gather to see,
Our new Scots-Australian Commander!

Will he emerge from a chariot or coach?
Will the populace on to his pathway encroach?
Will the sun hide it's face from his august approach?
Or the shadows retreat as he passes?

Oh no! Our Commander's entirely unique!
To find such another for years you would seek!
The clansfolk salute him! Lang may his lum reek!
Alexander, our cycling supremo!

31.3.1990

GENERAL MEETING RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winners of the prizes in the raffle conducted with the Eighth Biennial General Meeting. Drawn on Sunday 1st April at the Ringwood Scottish Games, they were:

1st Prize Clan Macfie Car Badge (B25) Mrs. Ena McPhie, Dalby, Q.
2nd Prize Clan Macfie Tie (B64) Miss Bessie McPhie, Ivanhoe, V.
3rd Prize Clan Macfie Badge (D42) Donald Knowles, Yeppoon, Q.

In all, 196 tickets were sold at \$1.00 - plus a \$1.00 donation. The prizes were donated by Kaye Macphee Powell (1st) and

Sandy and Helen McPhie (2nd and 3rd). After costs for postage on tickets and prizes, a comfortable profit was left for the Clan Society. All ticket buyers are sincerely thanked for their support.

NINETH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Nineth Biennial General Meeting of the Clan Society is due at the end of 1991 or early 1992. It will be held in Perth or Canberra -- depending --.

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NAMES TO BE REMEMBERED

One of the factors which prompted the late Dr. E. D. MacPhee to undertake the reactivation of Clan Macfie in the late 1960's was the number of past and present "Macfie's" throughout the world who had, or were, making significant contributions to society. He later developed this further by establishing a Clan Parliament Committee responsible for recording the names of Clan members to be remembered for their contribution to the Clan or to society as a whole.

For several reasons this committee did not continue and instead, Clan Parliament decided in 1987 that names would be brought forward at future Parliaments, for remembering.

At Clan Parliament in Inverness in 1989, the following Clan Members were Remembered:

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| Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee | 1894 - 1982 | Canada |
| Sir John Cameron McPhee | 1878 - 1952 | Australia |
| Charles Robert Macphee | 1904 - 1988 | Australia |
| Alexander McPhie | 1864 - 1940 | Australia |
| Victor Alexander Carpendale McPhie | 1897 - 1983 | Australia |
| Hector Kitchener McPhie | 1900 - 1984 | Australia |
| Edward Allen MacDuffie | 1904 - 1988 | U.S.A. |

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1990 SUBSCRIPTIONS

-The Management thanks those who have already paid their 1990 subscriptions of \$ 6.00 per member or \$12.00 per family.

-Accounts are attached for those who have yet to pay - prompt attention to them will be appreciated.

-Thanks too, to those who pre-paid their 1990 subs at the old rate and have since forwarded the extra dollar or two to bring the subs up to the full amount.

-BAD NEWS though for those few who have not yet paid their 1989 subs - letters are enclosed saying you'll lose membership rights unless you pay up -- please give this your urgent attention.

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AUDIT OF 1989 CLAN SOCIETY BOOKS

Clan Society financial statements for 1989 were included in our last Newsbulletin (No 56 - March 1990). These were duly audited by our Auditor, Mr. Patrick Morton, of Clark Morton & Gleeson, Public Accountants of Toowoomba. Mr. Morton stated....."...We report that in our opinion the statements of receipts and payments fairly present the financial activity of the Clan (sic) for the year, as set down in the books of account and that the Balance Sheet fairly presents the state of the affairs of the Clan as at that date."

The reference to "Clan" is of course, to the Clan Society.

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"Would you mind not playing that thing in here! — I keep thinking it's one of the babies crying!"

BELVEDERE



"ALL I KNOW IS HE HAD A HEAVY DATE WITH A SCOTTIE LAST NIGHT."

HOW MANY of our members visiting Sovereign Hill at Ballarat have noticed the "McPhee" on the Cobb & Co poster (right)? The same name appears in the coach itself which takes the tourists for rides around the town.

AND which McPhee family was this???

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ANY QUERIES?

An excellent suggestion from Historian Margaret Phee (N74-075) is for the introduction on a permanent basis, of an Any Queries section. You send us the query (on family tree matters for preference!), we publish it, and everyone replies claiming to be your long lost cousins etc., but reply direct to the enquirer please.

- * Bill McPhie (Z89-690) of 484 N 4th Street, Lander, Wyoming, U.S.A. 82520:

"Has anyone any information on a William Marshall who married a Catherine MacPhee and moved to either Australia or New Zealand in the 1860's. They left Islay, Scotland, in that period. Catherine's father was Angus MacPhee and her mother's name was Catherine also."

- * Mrs. Anne Sundstrup (T90-732) of "Stanhope" 56 Frankland Street, Launceston, Tas., 7250. (Telephone 003 31 7833):

"Our ancestors, John Macfie and Peter MacFie (his first cousin) came out to Australia we believe, between 1864 - 1866. John married Christine Smith we think in Glasgow. They had Alexander (? 1862 b. Sco.), Robert (6/1865 b. Q'ld), John (17.10.67, b. Moreton Bay), Margaret Jane (b. 17.4.70), Mary (b. 1.8.71), Matthew (b. 12.6.73) and Christina (died 1878) all in Queensland.

John Macfie's cousin Peter married Flora McDonald (? 17.1.61), Inverness, Kilmuir Bay. Their children Donald (28.11.1861) and Anne (31.8.63) were born at Kilmuir; Christine Ann (26.4.66), James Angus (2.11.68), Jane (16.6.71) and Murdoch (23.6.73) were all born in Gympie.

John MacFie's son John married Elizabeth Roles (25.10.1886) at Brisbane. They had 8 children of whom I am one. Do you have any information on other members of these families?"

- * John C. M. McPhee (Z76-202) of 23 Lynn Street, Maori Hill, Dunedin, New Zealand. (Telephone NZ 024 67 5157):

"I was born 20th August 1933. My father was a school teacher, his name was John Hugh Alexander McPhee, born in Coromandel, Auckland, N.Z., about 1863. His father, Donald, an auctioneer came from Canada where he had been a lumber-camp boss. Our family bible was lost in a fire and I would appreciate contact with anyone who knows of my ancestors."

- * Margaret Phee (N74-075) of 205 Hudson Parade, Clareville Beach, N.S.W. 2107. (Telephone 02 918 3524) has a query herself:

"Does any member know of a Phee family in the Tingha, N.S.W., area earlier this century. Brothers, William and Henry Phee lived in Cessnock N.S.W., and are thought to have had a brother, Peter, in Tingha."

- * NOT A FAMILY TREE QUERY -

Donald Knowles (Q77-235) of Rosedale Cottage 19 Birdwood Avenue, Yeppoon Q. 4703 wants a second hand kilt - it had better be a Macfie one Don! - sorry the ones on page 16 won't fit.



Colonsay Jersey Stud, Warragul, Vic. Home of Don and Pat McPhee and beautiful rich Jersey milk and Cream. Commander Sandy visiting.



Above: Commander Sandy and Historian Norah McPhee discussing ancestors.....



Left: The McPhee Mobile at Ringwood Highland Games - seated l. to r. Norah McPhee, Nella Rytledge, Barbara and Judy Smythe.



Ready for Sunday's Parade at the Ringwood Highland Games. 1. to r. Helen Bouch, Lorna Charles, Norah McPhee, Keith Charles, Commander Sandy McPhee (still with only one feather here), Ted Smythe, Secretary Helen McPhee, Clyde Smythe, Armiger Sandy McPhee, Victoria Vice-President Bruce McPhee with the Commander's banner, Barbara Smythe with the Clan Society banner.

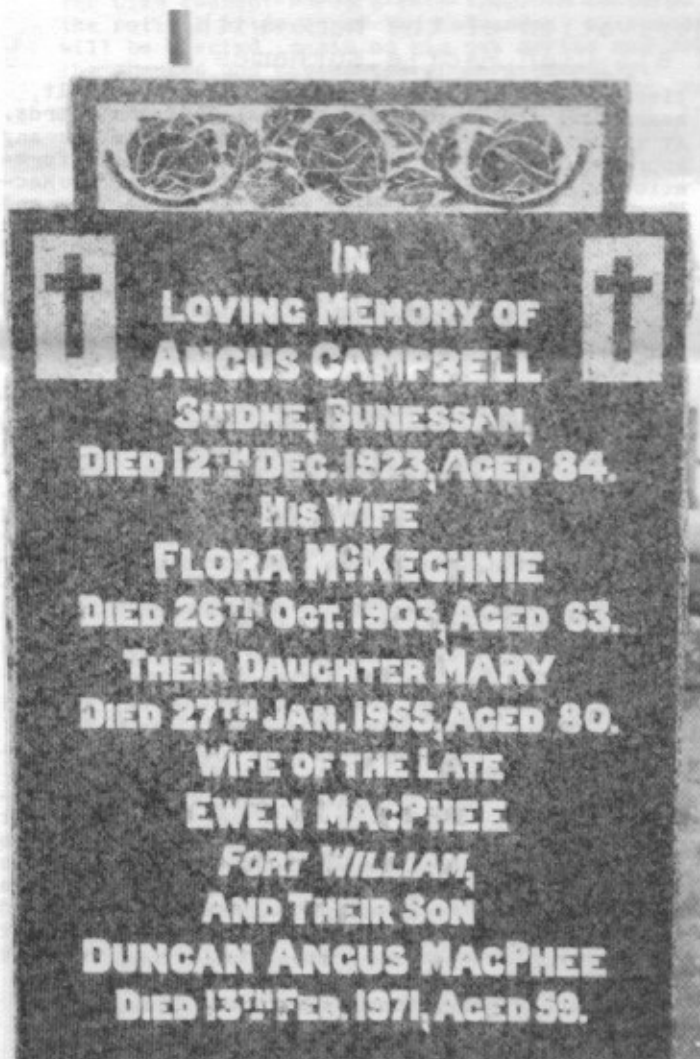
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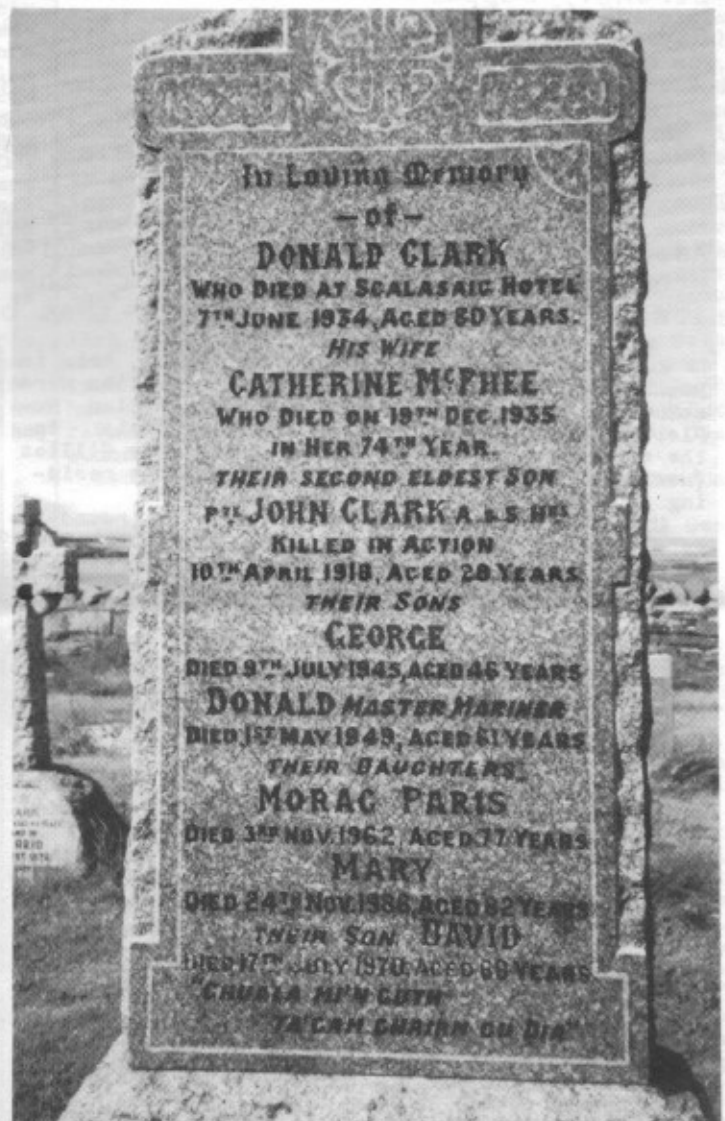
CALUM MAC-A-PHI
 14. 6. 1866 - 1. 5. 1939
 ACUS A CHEILE
 SEONAID
 NIC DHOMHNUILL
 CHAMSHRON
 21. 12. 1881 - 17. 4. 1958

The attractive cemetery on the western side of Colonsay is the one most commonly visited. Many Clan members are buried there along with other islanders and, sadly, a number of unidentified sailors whose bodies were washed ashore from the Atlantic during the World Wars. These photographs of Clan gravestones were taken by Secretary Helen during her visit last year - The name on the one on the left is of particular interest.

Inscriptions from several other stones on Colonsay and some in the Inverness cemetery near the Loch Ness ferry berth, will be included in the next News-bulletin.



IN
 LOVING MEMORY OF
ANGUS CAMPBELL
 SUIDHE, BUNESSAN,
 DIED 12TH DEC. 1823, AGED 84.
 HIS WIFE
FLORA McKECHNIE
 DIED 26TH OCT. 1903, AGED 63.
 THEIR DAUGHTER **MARY**
 DIED 27TH JAN. 1955, AGED 80.
 WIFE OF THE LATE
EWEN MACPHEE
 FORT WILLIAM,
 AND THEIR SON
DUNCAN ANGUS MACPHEE
 DIED 13TH FEB. 1971, AGED 59.



In Loving Memory
 - of -
DONALD CLARK
 WHO DIED AT SCALASAIK HOTEL
 7TH JUNE 1934, AGED 80 YEARS.
 HIS WIFE
CATHERINE McPHEE
 WHO DIED ON 19TH DEC. 1935
 IN HER 74TH YEAR.
 THEIR SECOND ELDEST SON
 P^R. **JOHN CLARK** A. S. M.
 KILLED IN ACTION
 10TH APRIL 1918, AGED 20 YEARS.
 THEIR SONS
GEORGE
 DIED 9TH JULY 1945, AGED 46 YEARS
DONALD MASTER MARINER
 DIED 15TH MAY 1949, AGED 61 YEARS
 THEIR DAUGHTERS
MORAC PARIS
 DIED 3RD NOV. 1962, AGED 37 YEARS
MARY
 DIED 24TH NOV. 1986, AGED 82 YEARS
 THEIR SON **DAVID**
 DIED 17TH JULY 1970, AGED 60 YEARS
 CHIEF OF CLAN
 TA CEM. GARTAN DU DIA

THE CATHIE STORY

We as a Clan Society, have only comparatively recently welcomed the Cathie's to our ranks, as it were. This was not due in any way to a doubt on our part as to their right to membership of Clan Macfie or to any sins of omission on our part. It was due simply to limited finance in 1977 when we first mailed Invitations-to-Join to the McPhee etc., names in the Australian telephone directories and couldn't afford to include the Cathie/McCathie's etc.

This was corrected in the 1988 mailing of Invitations-to-Join and as a result a number of Cathie's have been warmly welcomed as members of our Clan Society.

The story of the acceptance of the Cathie's into Clan Macfie is an interesting one. The initial move coming from the Cathie's themselves as they were (naturally) more knowledgeable about their own background and origin than were many Macfie's.

The driving force for acceptance was Mary Gillies of 327 Albert Drive, Pollokshields, Glasgow G41 5EA. She was strongly supported in this by the Cathie Reunion Association which had formed in North Carolina in 1951.

Once acquainted with the position, our first Ceann-Cath, Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee, moved quickly to grant full recognition to the Cathies as members of Clan Macfie.

The following extracts from the Cathie Reunion Association Newsbulletin "Cathie Kith and Kin" give the full story, especially in relation to the derivation of the name with its background being common to that of all Clan Macfie surnames.

On May 27th 1981, at a Clan Parliament, held in Edinburgh, Scotland the Cathie/Cathie families were acknowledged as being an integral part of Clan MacFie. This recognition was due almost entirely to the efforts of our Scots "Cousin" Mary Kyle Gillies (nee Cathie) formerly of Oban but presently residing in Glasgow, Scotland.

Upon request, Mrs. Gillies had made a round-by-round account of her efforts, which is given below, followed by a summary of her evidence as presented successfully to the Clan MacFie Parliament.

As readers may remember from my account of it in the 21st Reunion Paper, I had some years ago formed a theory of our name being another variant spelling of the original Gaelic Clan name MacDhuibhshith which has various accepted anglicised forms; MacFie, MacPhee, Macaphie, MacAffie, MacDuffie, MacHaffie, MacGuffy, etc. Your own researchers, notably Boyd Cathie and the editor of your paper, had discovered in the booklet "Scots Kith and Kin" the inclusion of our name with and without the Mac among the sept's of the Clan MacFie, and had published data about that Clan and its history in Colonsay and Oronsay in the Reunion Paper. So far, so good, but we had only a linguistic theory, a hunch, and a hope, to lead us back through the mists of centuries, and forward to our being accepted in the 20th century by the descendants of a Clan which had had neither territory nor leaders for some 350 years. And it just was not enough.

About 1976 I had read about the formation of an International Society of the Clan MacFie. Then in 1978 I saw a notice in our local paper, the Oban Times, appealing to members and friends of Clan MacPhee for funds to help with the repair of the historic Mhic a Phi (MacPhee) standing stone in Colonsay, and the erection of a fence to surround the piece of ground on which it stands and which was gifted to the Clan by the present owner of Colonsay, Lord Strathcona. I sent off a donation to the adver-

tiser, Miss M. B. MacPhee, who lives at Tayhill, near Oban, and is the Keeper of the Clan Records. At the same time I asked her if there had been any approach by Cathies or McCathies since the formation of the society. The result was that Miss MacPhee most kindly invited me to come and see her and talk about the Clan, my ideas about the derivation of our name and its inclusion in "Scots Kith and Kin" under MacFie. It turned out that we had known each other for years, but in a quite different context, and we had a most interesting and fruitful talk.

Miss MacPhee lent me the four volumes of the history and traditions of the Clan, written by Dr. Earle D. MacPhee of Canada, and in these books I found several confirmations of my theory. Thus greatly encouraged, I wrote a fuller and extended version of the case as published in the 1971 Reunion Paper and sent it to Dr. Earle MacPhee himself. I asked if he, as the Clan's historian and "Seneschal", would be interested to consider our idea of relationship to the Clan MacFie, particularly since they already accepted the MacHaffie, MacGuffy and MacAffie groups of names which I had shown to be of the same derivation as MacCathie, Cathie/Cathie. I told him that although people of our name were few and far between in Scotland, in the U.S.A. there was a flourishing Cathie Reunion Association meeting and publishing a paper full of historical and genealogical information about the families in America.

Dr. MacPhee was immediately interested and encouraging. He wrote off to the Clerk of the Court of the Lord Lyon of Scotland, Malcolm R. Innes, to enquire whether our name would be acceptable in the terms of my argument. The reply was that if the Clan MacFie were officially re-constituted and had a chieftain it would be open to the Chief to accept whatever names he chose. But in the meantime it would be permissible for the Cathies/Cathies/MacCathies to be provisionally accepted as a sept of the Clan.

Dr. MacPhee wrote me that the whole question of the official reconstruction of Clan MacFie, with nomination of a Chief or Captain, and acceptance of our names as part of it, would be coming forward at the meeting of the International Clan MacFie Societies taking place at the International Clan Gathering in Edinburgh in May 1981, and he was confident that there would be no problem. He asked me if I would serve on the Nomenclature Committee which had been formed to go into the whole subject of the great number of names recorded as variations of the original Gaelic MacDhuibhshith, and I said I would be glad to help. The other members of this Committee represent the American, Canadian, Australian, New Zealand and Swedish Societies.

Now we come more up to date. Hamish Cathie, son of my brother Ian, who has been with his wife to Cathie Reunions, thought my ideas about a Cathie/MacFie tie-up were right, and on a visit to Colonsay found old spellings which confirmed his belief. He runs a Travel Agency which was involved in the last International Gathering of the Clans in Scotland and in the present one. He and his wife, Gillian, have taken a leading role in the organization of the Clan MacFie part of the Gathering, in Edinburgh and Colonsay, and Hamish was an able and tactful "speaker" for the MacFie Parliament which was held on Wednesday, May 27th. The representatives of our families were Mr. and Mrs. John Nolan and Col. and Mrs. Walter Cray from the U.S.A., and Dr. Ian Cathie and his wife from England, and myself for Scotland.

Earlier on that Wednesday the required number of armigerous spokesmen from the U.S.A., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden and Scotland had a meeting with the Lord Lyon Designate and received official approval for the re-constitution of the Clan MacDhuibhshith-MacFie, and of the unanimous election of Dr. Earle MacPhee, the present Clan "Seneschal" and historian, as Clan Commander. No one has done so much to realize the MacFie dream as Dr. Earle, and everybody rejoices that his labours are so recognized. We in Scotland are delighted that this is to be the style of Chief chosen, bringing the Clan concept forward into the 20th century. On the retreat or death of the Commander a successor will be elected, again on his own merits and not on the chances and mischances of mere heredity.

At the meeting of the Clan Parliament Dr. Earle MacPhee informed the company as to what had transpired at the meeting with the Lord Lyon, and the timetable for ratification of the details. And he officially, as Commander, welcomed the Cathie/Cathe MacCathie, MacAffie families into the Clan.

SUMMARY OF THE CATHIE THEORY

1. Dr. Earle MacPhee's volumes on the history and traditions of the Clan MacDhuibhshith-MacFie-MacDuffie quote Dr. Lysaght's "Surnames of Ireland" using Mahaffy or Machaffie "as a collective name for all persons who had a MacDhuibhshith background in Ireland, bringing together MacHaffy, MacFie, MacFee, Duffie and MacAfee". Dr. MacPhee also quotes Frank Adam's "The Clans, Septs and Regiments of the Scottish Highlands" giving the Clan MacFie four septs, Duffie, Duffy, MacGuffie and Machaffie.

2. The late Professor W. J. Watson has spoken in his book "Celtic Place Names of Scotland" of the Galloway name M'Haffie or M'Caffie as one and the same. He also speaks of the "early close relations between Galloway and Argyll" in his book "The Celts (British and Gael) in Dumfriesshire and Galloway".

3. It will thus be seen that the accepted MacFie Clan sept name Mahaffy, Machaffie, etc., has an alternative spelling M'Caffie, the second element of which is historically recorded in the Galloway (Loch Ryan) place name Craiggaffie, which was changed to that name from Kellechaffe in the 14th century when Robert Bruce granted the land to John, son of Neil, who built a fortified house there. By the 15th century it is recorded as Cragcathy, and from the 17th to 20th centuries appears registered as Craiggathie. It has recently changed back again to Craiggaffie, illustrating the interchangeability through the centuries of the "th" and "ff" in the cathie and caffie elements of the name.

4. Black's "Surnames of Scotland" gives two dates of the M'Affie variant of MacFie, written in

full MacAffie, but in this case capitalizing "A" and dropping one "c".

5. Finally, in positive confirmation of theory Col. Glenn MacDuffie of the USA wrote to tell me that he had seen early 18th century records of Dred Parish, Perthshire, where MacAffie and McCathie was used interchangeably for the same person.

"KITH & KIN" 1981

Mary Kyle Gillies

DERIVATION OF THE FAMILY NAME IN ITS FORMS CATHIE

OR CATHEY OR MacCATHIE

The name is found in Galloway and Argyll, and occasionally in Inverness-shire. A commoner form of it is in the clan and family name MacFie, sometimes spelt MacPhee or MacFee, and there are a number of other variations of the same name which appear to differ widely from each other because they are attempts to anglicised spelling of Gaelic consonant sounds which do not occur in the English language. Gaelic was still spoken in Galloway up until the 16th century, gradually dying out over the 17th century. From earliest times there was considerable inter-relationship between the Gaels of Galloway and of Argyll, as there was between these areas and Ireland. Professor Watson has commented upon the number of family and place names common to Galloway and Argyll.

By tradition the clan and family name MacFie is derived from an ancestor Dubh Shith by name, meaning roughly "the dark peaceful one". There is a lector of this name mentioned at Iona Cathedral in 1164 (note: Clergy of the Celtic Church were not, of course, required to be celibate.) His son and descendants would take the name MacDhubh Shith, son of Dubh Shith, the letter D with "h" following it, called aspiration in Gaelic, denotes the possessive or genitive case. Trouble and variations on the original arose when trying to write down in English form Gaelic language--sounds which do not occur in English. And then later to pronounce sounds which have been thus represented and recorded in writing. Thus in our own name, the English letter combination "th" does occur in Gaelic writing but the English sound of "th" does not occur in spoken Gaelic, with the results that in the process of time as English has superceded Gaelic the "th" in Cathie (ay) has come to be pronounced in the English way. But to return to the original MacDhubh Shith, the Gaelic sound of it would be approximately thus:-

Mac:-Machk ("ch" as in loch, with a K sound after it.)

Dhubh:-Ghuvf ("d" followed by "h" makes Gaelic sound "gh", and "bh" followed by "sh" is a cross between "v" and "f".)

Shith:-Hee ("s" followed by "h" is pronounced as "h", and the "th" at the end of a word is silent.)

So, spoken slowly we have something like Machk-ghuvf-hee, in three equal separated syllables. But spoken at normal speed in Gaelic the "k" sound followed by "gh" tends to merge together into "gk", and the voiced "v" gets lost in the "f" sound before the aspirated "sh", and we get the sound approximately Mach/ghuf/hee, in three equal syllables. But again in spoken Gaelic the "u" vowel sound is near to an "a" vowel sound, much as in spoken English the letters "u" and "a" in the words "curriculum" and "career" sound very similar. And the vowel sound of the middle syllable of MacDhubhShith has been represented in writing sometimes by "u", sometimes by "a", even by "o", as shown in early spellings of the clan name such as MacDuffie, MacCofee, MacAffie, or dropped altogether as in the modern version MacFie. The nearly correct Gaelic pronunciation of our own version, without the Mac, is gka/hee, with accent rather on the second word.

Some early recorded versions of the name are:

1481- Gilbert MakCathy, tenant of Grange of Ballyndune super Cree (Galloway).

1506- MacCofee- Colonsay.

1506- McKofee- Islay.

1512- M'affeith.

1532- M'duffe.

1595- MacAffie.

- 1605- Mak Feithe.
 1609- Mc iphie
 1628- Cathie- Dykeside of Foullarton.
 1649- Donald McEan vic Cathie- Terradaill (Black Isle, Inverness)- an engager on the Royalist side.
 1723- M'aphie
 1747- M'Affie.
 1759- MacCathie- Galloway.
 M' and Mc, as you know, are abbreviations of Mac.
 Vic is the anglicisation of Gaelic Mhic, the genitive of Mac.

The following are modern variants of the name, and an indication of how the spelling has come about:

| MacDhubhShith | Modern Name |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mac ca ffie | MacCaffie |
| 2. Mac ca thie | MacCathie |
| 3. Mac du ffie | MacDuffie |
| 4. Mac gu ffie | MacGuffie |
| 5. Mac ga hey | MacGahey |
| 6. Mac ha ffie | MacHaffie and Mahaffy |
| 7. Mac a fie | MacAfie |
| 8. Mac ' fie | MacFie |
| 9. Mac ' fee | MacFee |
| 10. Mac ' phie | MacPhie |
| 11. Mac ' phiee | MacPhee |
| 12. Mac ' vie | MacVie |
| 13. ' ca they | Cathey |
| 14. ' ca thie | Cathie |
| 15. ' Du thie? | Duthie? |
| 16. ' Du ffie | Duffie |
| 17. ' Fee | Fee |

It is easy to see how descendants of the family not knowing the origin of the name and having no Gaelic, have pronounced the names as they are spelt, in the English way. Thus, with the exception of numbers 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12, the last syllable (in our case "thie" or "they") has become the weak ending of a single word instead of the strong representation of a separate word.

THE PLACE NAME CRAIGCATHIE IN GALLOWAY

In the history of the place name Craiggathie in the Loch Ryan district of Galloway we can trace the changes through which our name evolved to its present form, not merely conjecture but the actual steps in the transitions of the family name incorporated in a place name, written and recorded in historical documents.

The first Clan Macfie Parliament in Edinburgh in 1981 approved the following resolution:

Whereas an application has been made by responsible officers of the Clan Cathie that this family should be regarded as a Sept of the Clan Macfie, and whereas this application has been reviewed by the Keeper of the Records of the Court of the Lord Lyon, and whereas 18th century records of Dron Parish, Perthshire where McCaffie and McCathie were used interchangeably for the same person, and whereas a final decision could be made by the Chief of the Clan Macfie, if he were available.

It is resolved that the Clan Cathie will be regarded in our records as being a Sept of our Clan, in part and that when a Chief has been appointed he will be asked to approve the Clan Cathie in all of its spellings to be a Sept of the Clan Macfie.

The question of the Cathie's being a Sept, however, is open to debate given the common origin of all Clan Macfie surnames. In July 1986 the Lord Lyon wrote in reply to a query on this matter....."I think it would be quite safe to record Cathey as a variant of Macfie rather than as a distinct Sept.....", thus in welcoming the Cathie's we surely welcomed those who have always been members of Clan Macfie.

There is a 14th century charter in the Great Seal Register of lands titled Kellechaffe--from Gaelic Kelle- Kil or Cill, a monk's cell or chapel, and Cha/ffe- of Dhubh Shith, that is Dubh Shith's chapel (of Kiloran- Oran's chapel). These lands were granted to John, son of Neil of Carrick, by Robert the Bruce. John built a castle there which he recorded as Craiggathie Castle, taking the name of the lands but already the spelling had moderated from Chaffe to Caffie, and Craig, (Gaelic "creag" for a rocky promontory) on which the castle was built, was adapted in place of Kelle.

Then in 1474 James III granted a charter to Nigel Nelson of these same lands, which were by then spelled Cragcathy. And in 1682 these same sasine lands appear registered with the spelling Craiggathie, which spelling continues to the present time. Craiggathie Castle was still constant at the beginning of this century; I do not know whether it still is.

Note: 1989: The castle is still there, though much deteriorated, and the name has changed back to the old spelling Craiggathie.

** These names are listed in Black's "Surnames of Scotland" under Macfie and Cathie.*

from "Cathey Kith. and Kin" 1971

Mary Kyle-Cathie Gillies

McPhees killed or fatally wounded at Gallipoli in 1915

Pte. Bernard Fritz Tempest McPhie, 71, 13th Bn., from Maitland, N.S.W. - buried in 7th Field Ambulance Cemetery, Anzac.

Pte. Allan Douglas McPhee, 130, 7th Bn., from Yan Yean, Victoria - listed at The Helles Memorial, Gallipoli.

Sgt. Angus McPhie, 966, 6th Bn. - listed at The Helles Memorial, Gallipoli.

Pte. A. McPhee, 2026, 16th Bn. - buried in Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta.

Cpl. Kenneth Milton MacPhee, 1777, 3rd. Bn., from Manly, N.S.W. - buried in Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta.

Tpr. Alexander McPhee, 182, 10th ALHR - buried in Cairo War Cemetery. ("Sandy" McPhee was a great bushman and explorer in Western Australia, who travelled with Sir John Forrest. He had many friendships with Aboriginal people in Western Australia, and Jack McPhee, of whom Sally Morgan wrote in "Wanamurraganya", was named after him.)

(Our thanks to Mrs Jan Harper (V89-716) of 62 Relowe Crescent, Box Hill North, Vic., for the above list).

WE DO CATCH-UP...EVENTUALLY!

Following an unanimous decision at our Seventh Biennial General Meeting in Sydney on 7th May 1988, the letter below was written to Miss Sylvia McPhee (H5-86) of Toronto, Canada, recording our sincere appreciation of her work for Clan Macfie over many years.

However, due to an unfortunate oversight the letter written on 17th May 1988 was not posted then and in fact, didn't see the inside of a mailbag until discovered calmly awaiting postage on 13th March 1989! Sylvia was most appreciative of the sentiments expressed in the letter and asked (sometime ago, we're afraid) for it to be reproduced in our Newsbulletin....Again, apologies for the delay Sylvia, but we do get there eventually!

Dear Sylvia,

A Resolution was carried unanimously at the Seventh Biennial General Meeting of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia in Sydney on 7th May that recognition be made of your fine efforts in keeping Clan Macfie together following the death of our late Clan Commander and accordingly, a letter of appreciation be forwarded to you from our Clan Society.

This Resolution was carried with acclamation as our members are well aware of the continuing and dedicated contribution you have made over a number of years. Without your leadership and steadying influence and guidance during this critical period for our Clan it is doubtful if the existing structure established by the late Dr Earle MacPhee would have endured. We trust this very personal contribution by you will continue in the future for the benefit of Clan Macfie.

I add my own acknowledgment of this job well done, Sylvia, and congratulations too, as I know better than most the conflicting pressures which have been exerted within the Clan over this period. I do feel that we are moving ahead once more with the ad hoc derbhfine again called into session and trust its deliberations will be successful this time.

With thanks and best wishes from Clan Macfie, Australia.

Kevin and Christa Byrne at the Colonsay Hotel have branched out into the book selling business - handling both new and antiquarian material. A book list has been distributed and copies can be obtained from Secretary Helen - or if you prefer to be placed on his mailing list write to Kevin at:

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Two new books are about to be launched and there are about five others in print dealing with Colonsay. The new one below can best be ordered through Kevin. Due to difficulties assessing postage and clearing cheques etc., the simplest way for payment is by credit card. Kevin handles American Express, Diners, Visa, Mastercard, Access and Eurocard. No charge will be made until after the order is despatched.

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GENERAL NOTES

- * John McPhee (N77-246) and wife Hazel of Lapstone left in early March for ten weeks overseas including time in Scotland - wonder if they got back OK?
- * Congratulations to Malcolm (V76-196) and Sally McPhie of Ringwood on the birth of their son, Rhett Malcolm, on 4th April. All doing well, including proud grandfather, Victoria Vice-President, Bruce McPhie.
- * Planning trips overseas -- Neville (N77-236) and Sonia Phee of Cooma N.S.W. to Scotland in September. - Neville retired from the Snowy Scheme last November - and Donald (N77-237) and Mae (N77-238) McPhee of Leeton N.S.W. planning for 1992.
- * No. Cedric Thomas McPhee (N77-310) has not moved from Rangiora to Dunedin in New Zealand even though this was inferred at the foot of page 5 in our last Newsbulletin. By mistake we published John Charles McPhee's (Z76-202) address as being Cedric's. C. T. really lives at 68 Ashley St., Rangiora in Canterbury N.Z. Apologies to all concerned.
- * Good wishes to Rosalie Taylor (V76-231) of Drouin South, Vic., and Ivan Turfrey on their recent marriage.
- * Robert (V83-524) and Duncan (V83-525) McPhee of East Doncaster are learning the drums and bagpipes respectively with the Melbourne Pipe Band. Not a bad effort for the brothers - Robert is 9 and Duncan 8.
- * Nev McPhee (Q74-084) of Toowoomba and South Australia Vice-President Brian McHaffie (S77-280) and respective spouses left for overseas. Nev and Linley for Kenya, Brian and Cass for Egypt. Let's hope the lions and crocodiles don't have a free feed!
- * Catching up on one family's news - Keith McPhee (R77-328) of Brisbane Q., a proud father of Nicholas Alexander last August, John McPhee (Q77-330) of Ayr Q., married Trish Cowan in North Queensland last September and Jean Davies (Q77-329) and family left in March to return to Ghana for another 4 years with Wycliffe Bible Translators.
You may recall Jean's husband, Colin, was the victim of an unprovoked machete attack by a native some two years ago which all but took his life. They are now established at Tamale in Ghana where Colin is the local Treasurer for GILLBT and Jean the Admino at the Education Resource Centre.
The above three are the children of Ted and Dorothy McPhee (Q77-326 and 327) of Bell in Queensland.
- * Even our Victorian members must have been cheered to see (if they did) that Scotland defeated England 13 - 7 at Murrayfield in March to win this year's Five Nations Rugby Championship. Although winners before, this was only their third Grand Slam Five Nations Crown having been undefeated winners in 1925 and 1984 as well. Wales and England have done it eight times each, France four times and Ireland once.
- * How many of us remembered to wear something tartan on 1st July, to commemorate the repeal of the Act of Parliament which made the wearing of the tartan illegal for about forty years after Culloden?
- * If you wish to be in style for 1st July next year Australian Tartan ties are/were available from Joan Nix in Sydney (02) 92 1958. The ties are made from the purest Australian wools and cost \$17.00 each at last reports.
- * Sydney's Scottish Australian Heritage Council had 939 members and 127 affiliated societies as at 30th June last year. Our Clan Society has been a member for some years, have you ever thought of joining? Write to the Council at G.P.O. Box 421 for info....

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following members who have joined our Clan Society in the past few months:

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Adelaide woman gets English ballet role

CAROLE McPhee, the Adelaide-born arts executive, has taken over as general administrator of the troubled English National Ballet (ENB).

It is hoped Ms McPhee's appointment will be the last round in a damaging power struggle. She took over yesterday from Richard Jarman, who resigned in February after five years, saying he hoped to see an end to "the warring factions" threatening the company's survival.

McPhee was born in Adelaide and began working in arts administration with the Australian Ballet in 1968, before moving to work for arts companies in the United Kingdom.

She last worked in Adelaide during the 1988 Adelaide Festival as chief pub-



Carole McPhee

licist. Since 1989 she has been the ENB's director of public affairs.

Jarman's resignation came days after artistic director Peter Schaufuss was sacked. The two men had been at loggerheads with the board over artistic policy and how to overcome a \$761,705 deficit.

Hungarian Ivan Nagy takes over as new artistic director in September.

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