

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

(Founded in Richmond NSW on 3 May 1974)

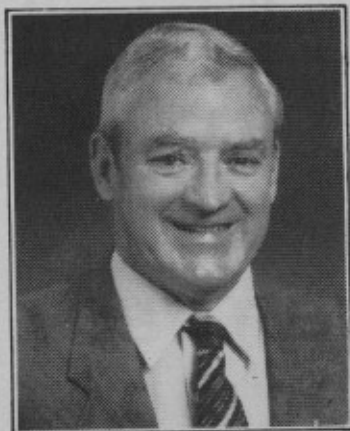


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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Time seems to be going by ever so swiftly these days. We have our Ninth Biennial General Meeting coming up in Perth next month, and yet it seems hardly two years since the last one was held.

In the year just past the Clan Society has continued its progress and we look forward confidently to the twelve months ahead.

Taking the Biennial General Meeting to Perth this year was done quite deliberately by your Executive knowing full well that the

majority of members would be unable to attend living, as they do, in these eastern mainland states.

In past years the Biennial General Meetings have been to Melbourne (1976 and 1990) Sydney (1978 and 1988) Canberra (1982) Adelaide (1980 and 1986) and Toowoomba (1984) so reasonably, Perth and our members in Western Australia were due for a visit by the Macfie BGM Road Show.

In this Newsbulletin is a proposal for consideration at Perth to change our BGM to an Annual one. On the face of it, this is a reasonable suggestion, but I question if it is a practical one or if it is needed. I feel the Clan Society is functioning satisfactorily on a two yearly cycle. Certainly there is ample opportunity under present arrangements for State Vice-Presidents to be far more active in things Scottish in their respective states than they are at present, should they so wish (and that could be a good idea!). I question the ability of Executive members to maintain the pace and to continue travelling for General Meetings (those who do) if the demands in this regard are doubled. Think about it - change is great, if it is for the better of all concerned, otherwise it should be left alone.

In this Newsbulletin too, is a call for all would be travellers to Colonsay in September 1993 to let Secretary Helen know quickly of your intentions and of any arrangements made regarding accommodation on the Island. This has become a little out of hand with so many booking direct that all accommodation is taken, pending the payment of deposit money later this year. While further accommodation will be available we must know the overall position if the needs of our Society Members are to be met. Please reply promptly if you are a prospective starter.

Helen and I will be visiting Sweden in July for the Triennial General Meeting of the Thorburn-Macfie Family Union there and coming home via Colonsay to check arrangements for September 1993. We will be in Sydney too, at the end of November, this being an International Gathering of the Clans year. We look forward to seeing you -

- at the Adelaide Dinner
- in Perth

- or Sydney at year's end

Best wishes -

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

Toowoomba
26th February 1992

Address all Correspondence to the Secretary:

Mrs. Helen McPhie
8 Panorama Crescent
Toowoomba. Q. 4350
(Tel: 076 32-3469)

VENUE: HMS BUFFALO (After Cabin) Seafood Restaurant and Maritime Museum, Patawalonga Boat Haven, Glenelg North.
(telephone: 294.7000).

TIME: 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

COST: \$37.00 per person
(Proclamation Menu - A choice of three)

RSVP: By Saturday, 21st March on enclosed reply slip.
(Brian McHaffie, tel 08 248-5164)

HMS Buffalo is a replica of the 1813 merchantman "Hindustan" which was built in Calcutta and later purchased by the Royal Navy for conversion to an armed transport. A frequent visitor to Australia, HMS Buffalo was used to carry Governor Hindmarsh when he established the Colony of South Australia in December 1836. The Buffalo was used by Governor Hindmarsh as "Government House" for six months while his official residence was built on-shore. HMS Buffalo was eventually wrecked in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand, in July 1840. The \$1.5 million replica of the Buffalo was commenced in 1980, opened in 1982 and extensively refurbished in 1990. The winner of numerous tourism awards, HMS Buffalo includes an excellent restaurant, Museum and Marine Aquarium. A visit is highly recommended.

PERTH

NINTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

AND ASSOCIATED FUNCTIONS - PERTH 25 & 26 APRIL 1992.

SATURDAY, 25th APRIL.

General Meeting: Venue - President's Room, Prindiville Stand,
WACA, Nelson Crescent, East Perth.

Time - 6:30 p. m.

Clan Macfie Dinner: Venue - President's Room, Prindiville Stand,
WACA, Nelson Crescent, East Perth.

Time - 7:30 p.m. for 8:00 p.m.

Cost - \$37.50 per person incl. pre-dinner drinks

SUNDAY, 26th APRIL.

Family Day and Ceilidh: Venue - Cannington Town Hall,
Cnr Albany Highway and George Street,
Cannington, Perth.

with

Clan Donnachaidh
(the Robertsons)
and others

Time - 12:30 p.m. onwards

Cost - \$3.00 per person for Hall hire and tea and coffee
BYO everything else for a Picnic Lunch
(note: on site BBQs are not available)

RSVP SLIP is enclosed for reply by Monday, 20th April indicating attendance intentions and payment for the Clan Dinner.
(Trevor McPhee, tel 09 447-8270)

Further details regarding the Biennial General Meeting are on page 12 of this Newsbulletin.

Monday 27th April is a public holiday in Western Australia and it has been suggested by the Clan Society Vice-President in Western Australia, Trevor McPhee, that local members join with inter-state visitors and spend the day in Fremantle having a look see. More details from Trevor or Rhonda closer to the day.

We are indebted to Mrs Jan Harper (V89-716) of 62 Relowe Crescent, Box Hill North, Vic., 3129, for the following account of the McPhee's of Newstead in Victoria. Jan would like to hear from descendants of John or Donald and Ann McPhee.

The McPhees of Newstead, Victoria

Of the seven children of crofters Duncan and Mary McPhee, four eventually settled in Newstead, Victoria. They left Kinlocheil, on the banks of Locheil, for the small settlement lying between Maryborough and Castlemaine.

At Newstead was the main crossing of the Loddon River for miners on their way to many of the gold rushes in Victoria. There were several flour mills there at the time, and at one stage 15 hotels, which were the centre of social life and the focus for a beer strike over unfair taxes in 1862.

The first to settle, in the mid-1850s, were Donald McPhee and Ann McPhee (also a McPhee before marriage, probably a cousin). Donald took up 80 acres of fairly unproductive land in Green Gully, on which he worked for gold as well as farming. They had six children, the oldest of whom, Charles, continued to farm in Newstead.

Five years later Alexander ("Sandy") McPhee settled in Newstead with his wife Elizabeth. He had been a trader on the goldfields and, having done well, was able to purchase several productive lots fronting the Loddon River. In a timber house which stands today at "The Junction", they lived with their three children, Mary Jane, Alexander and Duncan, my grandfather. The children watched the gold escorts passing their door.

A baker by trade, Sandy immediately established a biscuit factory in Newstead. He had been to California for the '49 gold rush, and no doubt had examined the baker's equipment available there, as he imported quite sophisticated machinery from America. After he had displayed his wares in the Castlemaine Show in 1863, the 'Mail' compared the stalls, visited the factory and published a long description of his manufactory, lauding his enterprise in the most lyrical terms.

None was of greater interest than that of Mr. McPhee, for there he had piled up biscuits of all imaginable shapes and descriptions, none imports from Carlisle and other places, but the veritable handiwork of himself and his men, all made from Victorian flour, and got up in first-rate style.

First came the 'sea biscuit', the very thing for intending travellers who are afraid of the Black Ball liner's hard tack. Then came the 'arrow root', the delight of babies; then came the 'coffee', the joy of those who go from Dan to Beersheba, and are compelled to swallow hot coffee at railway stations; here is the 'Abernethy', undoubtedly made from the original recipe of that gruff old Medico. The 'wine', the 'lemon' pass in review, and here's the 'pic-nic', just large enough to fill a damsel's mouth when listening to some gay Adonis at a bush-grassy feast. 'Boston crackers', the 'ginger nut' - essential articles for cold mornings; the 'soda' for post prandial repentance; the 'squirts' and we know not what else, all excellent of their kind, and dangerous enemies to those from beyond the seas. . .

Colonial industries need no fostering beyond the spirit of the colonialists themselves, for here was a fair sample of what could be done by a spirit of enterprise that is determined not to be daunted by false theories. . . For those who are waiting for protective duties ere they commence practice in the line familiar to them, we would simply say go and do like Mr. McPhee.

The claim that he processed "200 tons of stuff per day" was corrected the next day to read "2 tons", but that was still substantial! After a few years he sold the factory to concentrate on farming.

The sons regularly sent money to their father in Scotland, receiving joint letters of gratitude from him. He was the only literate man in the village of Kinlocheil at the time and reported on the success of herring-fishing in Locheil, the harvests of corn, hay and potatoes, and the state of the school in nearby Corrybeg.

There were many Scots in the Newstead area and they met to worship together in Sandy McPhee's barn. Later, services were held in a tent/chapel until they completed the building of the red-brick Presbyterian church. The minister who came from Scotland held services in both English and Gaelic. At one time there was a great schism in the kirk, caused by the introduction of a small harmonium instead of the traditional Precentor to lead the singing from his little black box. The Highlanders dubbed the harmonium, "a chest of whistles", and left the church in a body for McPhee's barn, where all was Gaelic and no machinery!

The Scots supported The Caledonian Hotel, run by a Highlander. He mounted a Caledonian Ball in 1863, music supplied by bagpipes and a fiddler. And of course the Highlanders all disappeared for the annual Highland Games at Maryborough.

Two others of the McPhee family in Scotland were widowed and, on emigrating, were reunited with Donald and Sandy in Newstead after 17 years and more. Their oldest sister, Mary Sinclair (nee McPhee), arrived in 1865. In 1869 their brother John McPhee, also a baker by trade, came with children Dugald, Donald and Mary. (Sons Archibald and John had migrated earlier.) All settled in Newstead.

Ann died in 1866, John 1877, Mary 1889, Donald 1893. Sandy died in 1910 - he fell off the roof at age 87! They all lie in the cemetery at Newstead, where their gravestones testify to the strong presence of the McPhees there in the second half of the 19th century.

WHAT ABOUT THESE "MACFIES"

Isabel Coombe (V79-448) of Mornington, Vic., raised the question of the most common Christian names amongst our Clan members and there is certainly a repetition when looking through our membership lists and Norah's genealogical information and family trees.

Doug McPhee (V77-318) of Mordialloc took exception to a crooked detective in the film "Witness" being a MacFee - whereas once MacFee (by whatever spelling) was invariably the ship's carpenter or engineer and not a bad bloke.

A better detective (real life) was Detective Sergeant Syd McGuffie of the Melbourne CIB who led the manhunt for the killer, U.S. serviceman Leonski, in 1942, but his name was never mentioned as far as can be remembered in the recently re-run T.V. drama about Melbourne's brown out murders. Syd is the late father of Merle Kaluza (Q80-473) (formerly Kortlang) of Benowa, Q.

If you are a regular watcher of after dinner T.V., like a square eyed couple in Toowoomba used to be before they got out of the habit whilst away, watch the credits for the movies and documentaries - there is often a Macfie name there.

CURLING STONES



It is known that curling is an original and uniquely Scottish game, but the date when it was first played is not certain. The earliest dated stone is of 1511 but many others of greater antiquity exist. These Looxies, Pilty-cocks or Cuting Stanes, as they were called, were held in one or both hands and often show carved channels for fingers and thumbs. Eventually iron or wood handles were attached to rough unhewn stones or river boulders rolled smooth by water and time.

One of these, egg shaped and dated 1696 is shown in the sketch. It was common for these stones to be nicknamed from their style and characteristics such as Black Mag, The Baron and Old Cobbler.

By the 1800's hammer-dressed circular stones with polished soles were in use. One of these is also illustrated. By 1840 club rules had gradually been regularised and two stones to each of four players in a rink became usual.

Reversible stones having a 'drug' and a 'keen' sole appeared a little later and continued until the introduction of the finely honed article from the quarries on Ailsa Craig, an island off the Ayr coast



THOSE GALLIPOLI BATTLES

In Newsbulletin No. 59 (March 1991) we mentioned that Clan Historian Clyde Smythe (N74-059) of Turramurra had turned up details in W. E. Bean's Official History of the Great War of the battles in which Sgt. Angus McPhie (6th Bn) and Pte. Bernard McPhie (13th Bn) died. The following is a summary of these details.

Sgt. Angus McPhie was killed in action with the 6th Battalion of the 2nd Brigade A.I.F. on 8th May 1915 and is buried at Cape Helles.

General Sir Ian Hamilton was faced with a critical situation when he came ashore and established his Headquarters on 8th May. The New Zealanders had been fully committed in battle and taken heavy losses as their attacks were halted by the Turks. Alongside, the French had been stopped at least until a British attack on Krithia could neutralise the opposing Turks.

At 4.00 p.m. Hamilton ordered the whole line, reinforced by Australians, to fix bayonets and storm Krithia and Achi Baba at 5.30 p.m. The orders came late to the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade of which the 6th Battalion was part, as it waited in reserve behind the New Zealanders. But they made their intended positions on time and advanced in what was to become one of the fiercest battles of the Campaign. In its actual attack lasting a little over an hour, the Brigade moved 1,000 yards over open country under heavy fire losing a thousand men.

Sgt. McPhie was certainly one of these casualties cut down by some of the heaviest rifle and machine gun fire experienced as the Turks held their positions despite the gallantry of the attacking Australians.

Private Bernard Fitztempest McPhie of Maitland N.S.W. was killed in action on 10th August, 1915 in the battles for Hill 971 overlooking Anzac Cove. The Australian troops of the 4th Brigade (which included 13th Battalion) had fought their way forward over rough, hilly and gullied terrain for several days. On the morning of 10th August the Turkish 8th Division launched massive counter attacks against the British, New Zealand and Gurkha troops in the Chunuk Bais area and forced them back. The same morning at about 2.45 a.m. the Turkish 7th Division attacked the northern flank hitting the Australian 13th and 16th Battalions. All evidence points to Private Bernard McPhie being killed in this first assault which was driven off by the Australians.

The Turks took massive losses in these battles and their attacks did not achieve their objectives, but the fact remains that they reclaimed much lost ground and it was the end of the main thrust of the August Offensive of the British and Anzac troops on Gallipoli.

Private Bernard McPhie is buried in the 7th Field Ambulance Cemetery at Anzac.

Short measure

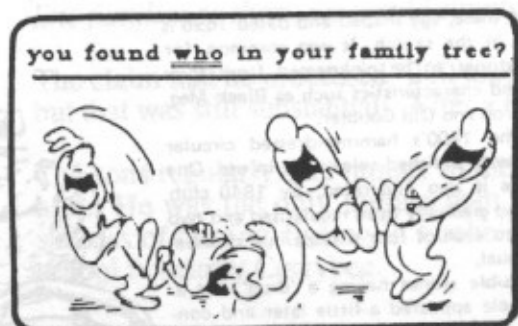
DURING the Second World War, I served with the Canadian air force in England. One night, I was standing at a pub bar talking to the owner, who was pulling on the huge handles that dispensed the beer. A small man came and stood beside me. He ordered a pint of mild and bitter in a recognisable Scottish accent. The publican took a glass and slowly pumped out the beer, careful to let the froth subside as he neared the rim. The Scot, whose chin barely came above the bar, was watching. Then he carefully counted out his money and laid it on the bar.

The Scot silently eyed the glass of beer. As the foam finally settled, he said, "Do you think you have room to get a wee drop of whisky in there?"

"Aye, I think I could."

"Well then," said the Scot, "fill it up with beer."

- J. Douglas Harvey, *Boys, Bombs and Brussels Sprouts*





CLAN MACFIE NEWS

From - Clan Commander A. C. (Sandy) McPhie
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Telephone (76) 32 3469

No. 2

March 1992

WE ARE A CLAN!

It has been strongly demonstrated to Helen and me as we travel in various countries visiting the Clan Societies, that Clan Macfie is very definitely an active and strong Clan in every sense.

Over the past two years we travelled extensively in eastern Australia, to the north and south islands of New Zealand and across the United States of America and Canada. We met many members of the ten Clan Macfie Societies in those countries plus dozens of Clan members who were interested in the Clan and supportive of it without actually being members of a Clan Society. Total numbers contacted would run well over the thousand with a full range of Clan interests being held by members in each country.

This year we continue our contacts at first hand by travelling to Western Australia and then in July, to Sweden for the triennial general meeting of the Thorburn-Macfie Family Union and returning home via Colonsay. We will be back there in Scotland next year too, when Clan Macfie returns to its ancestral homeland, the islands of Colonsay and Oronsay, for the first time as an organised body in 370 years. A most significant and historical occasion for all Clan members.

This heavy travel programme was planned and executed to demonstrate to Clan members world wide that Clan Macfie was indeed an active Clan, and to rally members to the cause. The programme has made many demands but we have enjoyed every minute of it as, irrespective of the country involved, we have found the Macfies to be a great lot of

people. We look to further increasing members' interest in Clan affairs in the future in order that we may stand proudly alongside the other Clans of Scotland.

Being an active member of a Scottish Clan carries obligations depending on the degree of involvement one wishes to accept. Similarly, membership of a Clan Society carries obligations which must be discharged by its members. The two bodies are quite separate, however, even though one (the Clan Society) supports the other (the Clan). Divided loyalties in this context have been cause for concern at times.

While I have no intention of interfering in any way in the running of the Clan Societies or to take sides with their internal or external differences, I do believe I have a duty to let Clan members know my views on Clan matters and to indicate standards expected of members participating at Clan Gatherings.

If we are a united Clan, and I firmly believe we are, all Clan Society members attending any Highland Games should march together under a Clan Macfie banner with their own Clan Society banners and signs taking secondary place behind the Clan banner - otherwise we are parading as something less than Clan Macfie.

Too, while I recognize the intense pride some Clan Society members take in their appearance and the excellent presentation of their tents at Highland Games, and I support these efforts and congratulate all concerned - we must not forget that some Clan members are less well placed

financially than others amongst us. While this might preclude membership of a Clan Society, it will never preclude membership of the Clan and should not therefore, preclude participation in Clan activities.

Our future as a Clan is

there for all if we stand together, and it must include all if we are to achieve the status and recognition due to Clan Macfie as one of the ancient and original Clans of Scotland. I shall be honoured to have you there with me!

COLONSAY 1993

Planning continues apace for the Clan's return to Colonsay in the first week of September 1993. A large rollup of Clan members is assured with all the island accommodation apart from two cottages already booked - and those two cottages have been taken by regular visitors. Wont they get a shock to find the island swarming with Macfies.....

Accommodation deposits are payable by 1st September for the cottages and flats and in November for the Hotel. Some cancellations are expected at that time, so if you wish to attend and have not secured accommodation as yet, write as follows with details of your requirements and ask to be placed on a waiting list:

Cottages & Flats Mrs Eleanor McNeill, Machrins Farm, Isle of Colonsay, Argyll, PA61 7YP
Hotel Kevin Byrne, The Hotel, Isle of Colonsay, Argyll, PA61 7YP Scotland.

The cottages and flats are self-catering. Sharing will be requested if there are vacancies to maximise numbers attending. Lord Strathcona does not permit camping or caravans on Colonsay.

Scottish Tartans Society. No reply has come to hand as yet in response to my application for a report on Clan Macfie tartans registered with the Society.

Montreal celebrates its 350th Anniversary this year and special Scottish celebrations will be held from 13th to 23rd August (incl) - Contact Doug Macfie, 320 Putney, St Lambert, QC, J4P 3B6, Canada (Tel 514 672-0547) for further details or if attending.

Clans of Ireland Inc. is organising an Irish ancestor homecoming festival throughout the thirty two counties of Ireland during September this year. - Contact Miss Belinda Mahaffy, Blackrock, Lifford, Co Donegal, Eire, for further information or if attending.

International Gathering of the Clans in Sydney, N.S.W., Australia this year from Sunday, 29th November to Sunday, 6th December. - Contact Mrs Helen McPhie, 8 Panorama Crescent, Toowoomba, Q., 4350, Australia. (Tel. 61-76-32.3469) if attending or for information.

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Photo left: Helen and Commander Sandy McPhie at Edmonton last year with three charming and key members of The MacPhee Clan Society of Alberta (l to r) Barbara Redd McPhee, Betty McPhee and Jean Bulat (President) at the Clan Society barbeque at Betty's home to welcome Sandy and Helen.

CLAN PATRON JENNIE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY



From all reports THE birthday party was a grand occasion enjoyed by all. Greetings, congratulations and a flowers were sent on behalf of all Clan members. In a letter of thanks Patron Jennie wrote:

"Will you please convey my thanks to all members of Clan Macfie for the beautiful flowers sent to me on the occasion of my 100th birthday on 6th November. My family were all together for the birthday celebration and it was a happy occasion for us all. Thank you for helping us to celebrate."

Sincerely and in Kinship,

Jennie M. MacPhee
Patron Clan Macfie"

Photo left: Jennie Minerva MacPhee Centenarian.

1991 CLAN FINANCES

Working Account

<u>Receipts</u>	Balance brought forward 1 Jan 91		1941.83	
	Per Capitas-MacP C/S Ontario	159.57		
	McP C/S NZ	115.08		
	Macf C/S Aust	419.46		
	MacD/Macf C/s	215.55		
	Thor/Macf C/s	207.84		
			1117.50	
	Account Interest		125.87	3185.20
			1243.37	

Expenditure

Postage	251.85	Telephone	123.96	440.41
P & S	64.60			440.41
Clan News - print	60.00	post	75.40	135.40
Lyon Court Tartan Petition				48.25
Scottish Tartans Society subs. 91 and 92				125.79
Scottish Tartans Society Tartan Reports				146.75
Parliament 93 Advance (Sylvia)				63.08
Clan Commander badge				8.85
Sub "Highlander" (2 years)				48.42
				1016.95
<u>Balance Carried Forward 31 Dec 91</u>				<u>\$2168.25</u>

Clan Capital Fund

	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Balance b/f 1 Jan 91	846.20	442.48
Donations- McP C/S NZ	71.92	
MacD/Macf C/S	126.80	
MacP C/S Alberta	110.21	
5 Members	447.02	
Interest		91.89
<u>Balance Carried Forward</u>		
31 Dec 91	<u>\$1602.15</u>	<u>\$534.37</u>



Clan Macfie Commissioner in Sweden and President of the Thorburn-Macfie Family Union, Ulf Macfie Hagman with wife Nanna at home in Uddevalla.

Alex Haley, the author of "Roots" died in America on 11th February this year, aged 70. His book, and the film, caused many of us to take an interest in our ancestry and started us on the genealogy trail.

A SEPT IS A SEPT

The difference between clans, families and septs is the source of many questions and often, much confusion and misunderstanding. Arguably, Clan Macfie does not have any Septs.

While it is all very well using the above heading, defining a Sept is quite difficult. In fact, I haven't been able to come up with a true definition as such although there is a lot written about Septs. The Court of the Lord Lyon does not maintain a list of Septs, nor is there any other official listing.

In Scotland the clan or family is a legally recognised group with a corporate identity in the same way that a company, club or partnership has a corporate identity at law. The words clan and family are thus interchangeable in this context. The belief that clans are Highland and families are Lowland is not correct in the light of the wording of an Act of Parliament in 1597 which refers to the Chiefs of clans in the Highlands and Borders.

Just who belongs to which clan is often a matter of some difficulty, particularly to-day with the concept of a clan being world wide. All persons who bear the Chief's surname are deemed to be members of his clan. Equally, it is generally accepted that someone who determines to offer their allegiance to a Chief will be recognised as a member of that clan unless the Chief has decreed that he will not accept such a person's allegiance. The offering of allegiance comes in many ways - through the marriage of a daughter, through territorial rights and when seeking protection or supporting a cause, to name a few. In all cases it is the Chief who decides whether or not a person, group or family is to be accepted into his clan. If they are accepted and carry a surname other than that of the clan, their name generally becomes a Sept of that clan provided the numbers involved warrant such action.

The Sept name should not be taken to denote how a group became a member of a clan. Over the years groups or families can change their allegiance from clan to clan and thus it is possible for a Sept name to be associated with more than one clan.

If one looks through The Clans, Septs and Regiments of the Scottish Highlands (Frank Adam), an alphabetical list of Clan Septs and Dependents will be found amongst the appendices. Chapter VIII in the same publication (Eighth Edition, 1970) is headed The Septs of the Highland Clans and contains the following under the heading "Clan Macfie Septs":

"All these Septs bear names which are but variations of the name Macfie. In ancient times the Clan Macfie was known as the Clan Mac-Duffie. The form of the name MacGuffie is one which is peculiar to Galloway, while MacHaffie is the form used in the north of Ireland."

The appendix list gives Duffie, Duffy, MacGuffie and Machaffie as Septs of Clan Macfie.

At the time of the acceptance of the Cathey/MacCathies as part of Clan Macfie, some correspondence was exchanged with the Lyon Court on the question of their being a Sept of Clan Macfie in the true sense of the word. While Cathey is certainly a different name from the spelling variations of "Macfie" which are common to-day, it has the same origin as Macfie, but has derived in a different form over the years. In his letter of 7th July 1986, the Lord Lyon stated "I think it would be quite safe to record Cathey as a variant of Macfie rather than as a distinct Sept." This would be equally true too, of course, to the other names given in Frank Adam.

While some Clan Societies, or even Clans, seem to take great delight in listing as many Sept names as possible under their Clan name - often some quite surprising ones - it would appear that Clan Macfie does not have any in the true meaning of the word. Rather we have a number of variants or derivatives of the original Clan name. Given our Clan history, this is surely reason for some pride in our Clan name/s.

ANY QUERIES ?

Information sought by George Roussos (Z91-757) of Fayetteville, N.C., U.S.A.:

"This solicitation for help concerns three subjects. First, I am seeking biographical information of the Poet Ronald Campbell Macfie. I have some of his works but I have not been able to find a biosketch. Second, I am looking for poetry, songs, and/or any such work written by a bard or bards of any Macfie spelling. Please include biographical information. Third, I also need biographical information concerning Robert Andrew MacFie.

I will pay for postage and reproduction costs of all information received. Please send information to: Joseph A. G. Roussos, F.S.A. Scot., CM.; Tigh-Na-Greine; 2143 Baywood Road; Fayetteville, N.C., 28301 U.S.A. Home telephone number: (919) 484-1127."

Mrs. Judith Parish (N91-767) of 32 Kensington Street, Punchbowl, N.S.W. 2196, Telephone: (02)534-2652, writes:

"I shall be pleased to hear from anyone who may have information of David Donald McPhie, born Walgett 1896 and Gladys E. McPhie born 1898, whose birth is registered in Brewarrina. David and Gladys are my grandfather, Alexander John Donald McPhie's brother and sister.

Their parents were Alexander McPhie, born Heyfield, Victoria, 1866 and Mary Ann Elizabeth Williamson, born Bathurst, 7th April 1861. Alexander was the eldest son of David and Margaret (nee Robertson) McPhie and Mary, daughter of Joseph Walker and Rebecca Abigail (nee Hunt) Williamson."

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VALE

We record with deep regret the passing of the following members:

Mrs. Ann Ingrey (N89-703) of Grenfell and Young in New South Wales
Mrs. Blanche Barbour (V76-160) of Kew in Melbourne, Victoria.; and
Mrs. Ruby Moore (S83-514) of Walkerville, South Australia.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families of these members.

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INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS
SYDNEY 29 NOVEMBER - 6 DECEMBER 1992

The Scottish Australian Heritage Council's Scottish Week in Sydney will be bigger and better this year, it being an International Gathering of the Clans year.

Clan Macfie will be participating again and a Clan Dinner is to be scheduled. Further details will be in our next Newsbulletin in July, but in the meantime, pencil in those few days for some Clan participation.

* Sydney 1991. Sydney Scottish Week 1991 was attended by the usual small group of Clan Macfie supporters. Undoubted highlight for them was a most enjoyable Clan Dinner at the Royal Automobile Club. Other functions attended by Clan Members were the Kirkin' of the Tartan, the Clans March to the Opera House for the open air concert, the Official Opening in Martin Place, the Holroyd Council Garden Party at Merrylands and Scottish Games at Rawson Park, Mosman.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NINTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

Notice is hereby given that the Ninth Biennial General Meeting of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia will be held as follows:

Date: Saturday, 25th April 1992 Time: 6:30 p. m.

Venue: President's Room, Prindiville Stand,
WACA, Nelson Crescent, East Perth.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Welcome to those attending.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of the Eighth Biennial General Meeting and business arising there from.
4. Reports and Financial Statements.
5. Constitution Amendments. To consider, and if appropriate, to pass the following amendments to the Clan Society Constitution:
 - a. Brought forward by the Clan Society Executive. For the Clan Society to be approved as a non-profit organisation by the Australian Taxation Office our constitution must be amended to clearly specify this and how assets are to be disposed of in the case of dissolution. Accordingly, it is moved Sandy McPhee (Q74-001), seconded Lorraine McPhee (Q77-287) that, based on the Department's model clauses, the constitution be amended as follows:
 - i. Insert a new Clause 18 to read:
"The assets and income of the Clan Society shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above mentioned objectives and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Clan Society except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Clan Society."
 - ii. Renumber respectively existing Clauses 18 to 26 incl. as 19 to 27 incl., and
 - iii. Delete existing Clause 27 in toto and insert a new Clause 28 in lieu to read:
"The Society may be dissolved at any time by a unanimous vote of all financial members. Should such a decision be made, the funds which remain after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, shall be paid and applied by the Executive in accordance with their powers to any fund, institution or authority which is a non-profit organisation having similar aims and ideals as the Society."
 - b. Moved by Bob McPhee (Q77-353) seconded Anne McPhee (Q77-354) that the constitution be amended as follows:
 - i. At the end of Clause 13 (1) delete "2 years" and insert in lieu "year". Reason - To provide for Annual General Meetings instead of Biennial ones.
 - ii. In Clause 10 (4) delete "State Vice-Presidents" and insert in lieu "State Presidents". Reason - To clearly state the appointment status.
6. Other Matters raised by Bob McPhee (Q77-353) in relation to Clan Society Banners, Constitution update and distribution, State Branches of the Clan Society and State input in the Newsbulletin.
7. Recommittal of Resolution from Fourth Biennial General Meeting (1982)

At the 4th BGM in 1982 it was agreed to pay a per capita levy annually to the Clan Commender's funds (i.e. Clan Working Account) of 20% of membership fees collected each year. This has been adhered to and since then a total of \$2,416 96 has been paid. A further \$445.35 is due this year at 20%. As this total is in excess of the amount paid by the other eleven Clan Societies combined, the Executive seeks amendment of the 20% figure to "a rate determined each year by the Executive but not to exceed 20% of the annual subscriptions collected in that year".
8. Executive Office Elections
9. General Business
10. Closure.

THE BALLOT FOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR 1992 - 93.

Nevell McPhee (Q74-084) of 6 Eymard Street, Toowoomba, was the successful candidate in the ballot for Clan Society Vice-president. The ballot was an interesting exercise and the result close. Some 364 ballot papers were mailed to financial members and 216 were returned. Poll figures were:

	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Unvalidated Votes</u>	<u>Late Votes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nev McPhee	103	1	8	112
Bob McPhee	94	1	3	98
Informal				6 216

Congratulations to Nevell on his win and to Bob on his close fight. Thanks to all members who took the trouble to vote. Scrutineers were Treasurer Lorraine McPhee and Secretary Helen McPhie - thanks go to them also for that.

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AUDIT OF CLAN SOCIETY ACCOUNTS FOR 1991.

Our thanks once again to Mr Pat Morton of Clark, Morton and Gleeson of Toowoomba for auditing the Clan Society Accounts for 1991. Mr Morton stated:

"We advise that we have completed the audit of the books and records of the Clan (Society) as at 31st December 1991 and we advise that in our opinion it fairly represents the activities of the Clan (Society) for the year, and that the Balance Sheet fairly represents the values of the Clan (Society) at that date"

The 1991 Accounts are elsewhere in this Newsbulletin.

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WE RECOGNIZE SOME TRUE MACFIES.

Paul and Judy MacFie of Browns Plains, Logan City, Q'ld., just south of Brisbane are two Clan members we can be proud of. They have been granted membership privileges for 1992 in recognition of their outstanding work helping homeless children, often taking them into their own home.

Two years ago Paul, an interstate truck driver, and Judy formalised this as "Agape" from the Greek meaning self-giving love, as calls for their help had become too big for their family, home and budget. Agape's first task was to rent a house privately for homeless youngsters crowding the MacFie home and spilling into the garage and a caravan set up behind the house. Judy and Paul paid the bond.

Another house has since been added, an Agape Employment Agency established and an Agape Youth Centre set up with plans well advanced to expand the latter into permanent accommodation.

In addition to membership privileges of the Clan Society and donation has been sent on behalf of members to assist Paul and Judy with this work.

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1992 SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Accounts are attached for 1992 Membership subscriptions - and include overdue notices for the few who have overlooked paying their 1991 subs.. Prompt payment, please.....

Members may pay any number of years in advance should they so wish - less work for our secretary, less reminders for you, and the Clan Society can earn some interest.

Fully-Paid Membership is also available at \$80.00 for those over 50 years of age and \$100.00 for those under 50.

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Have you heard of the cafe on the shores of Lake Ness?

Its called Nescafe!

THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

GENERAL ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET

1ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER 1991.

RECEIPTS

Balance B/F 1 JAN 90		220.23	
<u>Subscriptions</u>			
1989	5.00		
1990	103.00		
1991	1707.08		
1992	243.70		
1993	74.00		
1994	46.00		
1995	24.00		
1996-99 (4 x \$6)	24.00	2226.78	
<u>Members Donations</u>			
Trust Fund	40.00		
General Fund	52.15		
Clan Capital Fund	169.00		
Standing Stone	4.00	265.15	
<u>Sales Badges</u>		135.00	
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Fully Paid Membership	80.00		
T/fers ex Sav Inv A/C			
Trust Funds	999.83		
General Funds	290.00		
MIA paid twice	42.00		
Investment Interest			
Trust Fund.AGC	250.17		
Gen Fund.C/Credit	142.50		
Account Interest	17.40	1821.90	
		<u>\$4669.06</u>	

EXPENDITURE

<u>General Expenses</u>			
Postage	87.53		
Telephone	40.44		
Printing & Stationery	80.38		
Government Tax on Debts	5.65	214.00	
<u>Newsbulletins</u>			
Printing	1019.00		
Postage	546.11		
Stationery	34.20	1599.31	
<u>Transfers to Sav Inv A/C</u>			
Membership Paid in Advance	491.41		
Trust Fund	54.00		
Fully Paid Membership	80.00		
Standing Stone:			
Donation	4.00		
C/Soc Contribution	25.00	29.00	654.41
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Purchases - Badges	100.00		
Subscriptions	10.00		
Affiliation Fees	40.00		
Floral Tributes	80.00		
Clan Macfie 1991 per capita	419.46		
Stamp Duty	3.80	653.26	
<u>Other Account Payments</u>			
Trust Fund - AGC Investment	1250.00		
Clan Macfie- Member Donations			
Clan Capital Fund	169.00	1419.00	
		<u>129.08</u>	
Balance C/F 31 DEC 91			<u>\$4669.06</u>

Lorraine

Lorraine McPhee
Treasurer

SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET.

1ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER 1991.

RECEIPTS

Balance B/F 1 JAN 91			
Trust Fund	1008.71		
General Fund	346.12		
Fully Paid Memberships(3)	240.00	1594.83	
<u>Trust Fund</u>			
Interest ASB 29.1	41.60		
ASB 29.2	65.00		
Members Donations 1990	14.00		
1991	40.00		
Account Interest	29.02	189.62	
<u>General Fund</u>			
Account Interest		10.08	
<u>Fully Paid Membership</u>			
1991 Memberships (9)	720.00		
Account Interest	31.58	751.58	
<u>Membership Paid in Advance</u>			
1992	229.41		
1993	96.00		
1994	64.00		
1995	36.00		
1996-99 (4 x \$6.00)	24.00		
Amount credited twice	42.00		
Account Interest	10.50	501.91	
<u>Standing Stone</u>			
1991 Donations	4.00		
C/Soc 1991 Contribution	25.00		
Account Interest	1.16	30.16	
		<u>\$3078.18</u>	

EXPENDITURE

<u>Transfer to General Account</u>			
General Funds	290.00		
Trust Funds for Investment	999.83		
Membership Paid in Advance- Credited Twice	42.00	1331.83	
<u>Balance C/F 31 DEC 91</u>			
Trust Fund	198.50		
General Fund	66.20		
Fully Paid Membership (12)	991.58		
Membership Paid in Advance	459.91		
Standing Stone	30.16	1746.35	
		<u>\$3078.18</u>	

Lorraine

Lorraine McPhee
Treasurer

Some members have indicated an interest in visiting Colonsay when the Clan returns there as an organised body in the first week of September next year. Secretary Helen has recently written to these members to ascertain arrangements they have made, if any, for their visit to the Island.

As you will have noted in the incorporated copy of Clan Macfie News, all Island accommodation is now booked out and waiting lists have been commenced for the Hotel, Colonsay House flats and the holiday cottages....SO...if you are amongst the would be visitors and have not already received a letter from Helen, please let her know as soon as possible of the number in your party, any arrangements you have made direct for accommodation or your requirements in this regard. Some accommodation is being held for members of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia and more is expected to become available in September/November this year when deposits become payable.

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GENERAL NOTES.

* "This strong enduring hardy race...."....probably no better example than Euphemia Scales (V80-482) of Burwood, Vic., who is back to dancing and tennis again after two heart attacks last year - not bad for a 75 yearold!

* Bessie McPhee (V76-147) of Ivanhoe, Vic., is a regular attender at the annual Royal Caledonian Society Dinner in Melbourne. Great nights from all accounts and Bessie wonders why she's the only "Macfie" attender - a good question -

* A tiger for punishment is John McPhee (Q77-330) who was with the Primary Industries Department in Ayr, North Queensland. He and wife Trish have moved to Devonport, Tas., where John is with the Dept. of Agriculture. Mangoes to potatoes might be alright, but what about those long cold winters, John? Trish is a part time teacher and John has formed a Bush Band where he fiddles in his spare time.

* Another tiger for punishment is Clan Piper and Queensland Vice-President, Bob McPhee (Q77-353) of Windsor, Q., (that's in Brisbane). Bob is Secretary/Treasurer of the Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland this year and will be competing in the Grade 1 events at the Australian Pipe Band Championships in Hobart at Easter. Good luck Bob -

* Congratulations to Lyndal McPhie (Q76-163) of Toowoomba on the birth of daughter, Mahala, on 15th February - mother, daughter and father, Andrew, all doing well.

* Clan member Mrs Lynelle McAfee of Bundaberg, Q., was one of two adjudicators at the second annual Steps of Scotland competition at Woodridge, Q., last August.

* Some sort of record was achieved at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A., last year -two of the three Distinguished Guests at the Games were Dr John Henderson of Fordell, Chief of Clan Henderson, and Clan Macfie Commander, Sandy McPhie. Both these Clan Leaders live in Toowoomba, Q'ld., and are old mates. ...They both thought it was great to hear another Australian accent at Stone Mountain.



* President Sandy and Secretary Helen (they're married, happily - no, they're happily married) camper-vanned down to Glen Innes in northern NSW for the dedication of the Australian Standing Stones on 1st February. The 38 Standing Stones of local granite each of some 4 metres in height are set in an array on a hill overlooking the city. They commemorate the contribution by people of Celtic origin to Australia's development. The ceremony was attended by people from all Celtic backgrounds, Irish, Welsh, Cornish, Scottish, Manx and Breton as well as many local and district residents..some five thousand in all.

Sandy and Helen used the trip in their small pop-top van as a shakedown run in preparation for their drive across to Perth for the 9th BGM - they learnt too, all about erecting a brand new tent in driving rain at night.....and that might be useful!

*There was an error in the table included on page 6 of our July 1991 Newsbulletin (No 60) ...and nobody reported it! It seems that grandparents were omitted from calculations and you really reach 134,217,728 ancestors at 25 greats-grandparents not 26 as we had and all members must be relieved to know this.....

* Jennie's 100th Birthday. Greetings and congratulations were sent on behalf of all members of the Clan Society on the occasion of Clan Patron Jennie MacPhee's 100th birthday. In a letter of thanks Jennie said.... "the birthday party on 6th November and another on the 9th went off very happily and I enjoyed every minute....thank you for all your good wishes...." A photo of Jenny and report of Clan greetings is included in the enclosed Clan Macfie News.



* Congratulations to Mrs. Pearlie McPhee (V79-463) of Ballarat who celebrated her 80th birthday on 13th January. Over fifty members of her family were present from as far afield as Q'ld. and W.A. Pearlie's eldest grandchild Maree Hodges was piped in with a birthday cake with eighty relightable candles ablaze - and they took some blowing out! Next day some 150 people came for an "open house", including 22 great-grandchildren. At last reports Pearlie is at work planning her 90th birthday party.

Photo: (l to r) Ken McPhee, Heather McKee (V87-573) Yarra Glen, V., Pearlie, (seated) Keith McPhee (V88-637) Melbourne. Glen McPhee (V77-357) Canberra.

* Congratulations to Clan Member and former Minister and Member of Federal Parliament, Ian Macphee, who was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours List in January.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members who have joined the Clan Society since our last Newsbulletin.

- N91-769 Mrs. Roma Bundock, "Dunedin", Warialda, N.S.W. 2402
- V91-770 Mrs. Sally McPhee, 811 Fourteenth St., Mildura, V. 3500
- W91-771 Mrs. Mary Ann Nicholson, 24 Keeley Way, Girrawheen, W.A. 6064
- N92-772 Mrs. Lexie Johnston, Lower Coldstream via Ulmarra, N.S.W. 2462
- W92-773 Cecil McPhee, 15 Barrett St., Wembley, W.A. 6014
- W92-774 Mrs. Dorothy McPhee, 15 Barrett St., Wembley, W.A. 6014

LOST CONTACT

We have lost contact with the following members. Secretary Helen will appreciate any new addresses you can provide:

- Malcolm McPhee (Q88-678) 42 Wood St., Depot Hill, Rockhampton, Q.
- George McPhee (N77-283) 6/18 Avon Road, Dee Why, N.S.W.
- Graeme McPhee (V74-041) 5/15 Swallow St., Shepparton, V.
- Charles & Margaret McPhee (S78-438 and 439)
16 Williams Rd., Millicent, S.A.
- Una McPhee (N88-680) Crowley Retirement Village, 90 Francis Place,
Ballina, N.S.W.