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JOHN DUNMORE LANG POETRY PRIZE 1994

FIRST PRIZE - "THE HOMESICK SETTLER"

Written and entered by Ruth Inglis of Bribie Island, Queensland

The billy is drained, still he squats by the fire
At the camp by the rough outback track
And lit by the glow of the now dying flames
He stares at his slab and bark shack.

But the humpy is not what he sees in his mind
Nor the plains where the sheep stand and feed
His mind has gone back to the days of his youth
And the pain of it makes his heart bleed.

The vision he sees is of salmon-filled streams
Rushing down from the craigs overhead,
And of harbours where trawlers are plying their trade
With the gulls flying near, to be fed.

He walks along tracks over bare stony hills,
Passing crofts on his way through the glens;
Past grey castles of stone with their turrets and towers,
And once more climbs the paths round the bens.

He sees highland cattle with long curving horns,
And long shaggy coats for the cold,
And peat-stacks cut neatly, and stored by the door,
And sheep gathered into the fold.

He crosses the moors, in mauve heather knee-deep,
With the fresh highland breeze in his face,
And he thinks once again he hears pipes afar off -
Och! to weep for it all's no disgrace.

The fire has gone out and the settler awakes
From his homesick-induced reverie.
How he misses it all! How he longs to return -
Leave the slab and bark hut and go free.

He looks with distaste at the paddock, drought-dry;
Hears the flies buzz in swarms round some meat;
The warm evening air is no balm for his soul
For it heralds the cruel daytime heat.

And there is no return - not for him and his kind,
An exile he's been here, for aye.
By his homeland rejected, his home is now here,
But he aches to go back there some day.



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

In the last Newsbulletin I indicated that Helen and I would be off on a trip around Australia for most of this year --- Well, the best laid plans and all that --- the sale of 8 Panorama Crescent fell through two days before settlement when we had the pantechnican two thirds full!

We were lucky to find another buyer shortly afterwards, and re-negotiated the purchase of a small farm cottage 20 minutes south of Toowoomba. Helen and I have taken to the rural lifestyle like ducks to water and are thoroughly enjoying it. However, there is so much to do here, and with losses in time and money through the failed original sale, we have regretfully deferred our trip for the present. Please note our new address and telephone number.

This Newsbulletin carries its usual assortment of Clan and Clan Society items. There is no doubt Clan Macfie is experiencing an upsurge in activity worldwide at present. This is undoubtedly due to the continuing strong support the Clan Societies leaders receive from their members and I thank all of you for this in Australia. Sadly though, we must record the deaths of members every now and then and in this Newsbulletin the contributions of four members are acknowledged - each having been active in different ways with their contributions to the Clan Society and the community at large.

Results of the second John Dunmore Lang Poetry Prize awarded by the Clan Society are included in this issue. Many thanks to Queensland Vice-President Bob McPhee for conducting this competition.

I acknowledge too, the long and dedicated service Bill Tyrrell has given as Clan Society Vice-President in New South Wales. Bill has decided to stand down after 14 years in office and has handed over to Geoffrey McPhee of Lugarno. Bill's contribution and support has been of significant assistance to me and is greatly appreciated. I am sure we will still see him when the Clan gathers.

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

3rd July 1994

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THE FUNCTIONS PAGE

SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER/SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER. SYDNEY SCOTTISH WEEK. Still no details to hand from the Scottish Australian Heritage Council. A programme will be in our next Newsbulletin in November - Clan Macfie participation is expected with incoming N.S.W. Vice-President Geoff McPhee looking at options.

CLAN MACFIE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING, U.S.A., 1995. Next Newsbulletin should have the programme for the 11th International Gathering of Clan Macfie, being held in Atlanta, GA. U.S.A., in mid October to co-incide with the Stone Mountain Highland Games. If you are a likely starter, please contact Secretary, Helen for further information.

ELEVENTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING 1996. The Eleventh Biennial General Meeting of the Clan Society will be held in Queensland. Dates have yet to be decided as the Executive are looking at the possibility of holding future BGM's to coincide with Clan Macfie Day (27th May). Queensland V-P Bob McPhee has formed a committee to plan an interesting weekend.

CLAN MACFIE PARLIAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL GATHERING SCOTLAND 1997. Proposals are with the Clan Society Presidents worldwide at present for Parliament and the Gathering to be centred on Aviemore (30m. south of Inverness) at the end of May with visits to Colonsay afterwards. Further details will be contained in future Newsbulletins as they become available. Now is the time to start your planning - and saving.

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FUNCTIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

Clan Macfie Day. Groups of 12 to 16 gathered, mostly on Saturday 28th, to celebrate the inaugural Clan Macfie Day in Toowoomba, Canberra, Adelaide and Melbourne. No word yet on similar gatherings elsewhere in Australia or overseas, but some were planned. Kaye Macphee had 15 to lunch at the Box Hill R.S.L. in Melbourne which is to become their regular venue for this function. In Canberra Glen McPhee, and Clan members had dinner at the Hellenic Club in Woden - Linda Mahaffey is still trying to break that bank! Brian MaHaffie celebrated early in Adelaide as he was to be away on the 27th. Clan members gathered at his home in North Haven in late April. President Sandy, and Helen had a barbeque lunch at their Ramsay home where a haggis was addressed a *Ia Ted Smythe*. Clan Macfie Day was acknowledged in the Toowoomba Chronicle that day. (Right)

Vice-President Peter McPhee's Family Reunion in Melbourne on the Queen's Birthday weekend in June went well with a good rollup. Centring on descendants of Archibald Andrew McPhee (see article on page 13 re the capture of Ned Kelly), the Reunion has given impetus to the recording of Family History by Peter and cousin Paul (V75-100) of Wantirna South.

Bundanoon in southern N.S.W. was Brigadoon on 16th April with some 14,500 people in attendance. A.C.T. V-P Glen McPhee again had his Clan Macfie Tent there to welcome Clan folk. A picturesque setting plus an entertaining programme make Bundanoon one of Australia's top Scottish Gatherings - it's well worth a visit especially when the weather is kind.

The Maclean Highland Gathering in northern N.S.W. at Easter had Queensland V-P Bob McPhee in attendance as the Clan Society representative. Bob announced the winners of our 1994 John Dunmore Lang Poetry Prize at the ceilidh on the Saturday night (see next page). He reported contact with a number of Clan members whilst there, some down from Brisbane, and all with a Northern Rivers family connection.



Former Toowoomba MLA Sandy McPhie (pictured) today takes a fresh look at his clan - he is world Commander of the Clan Macfie, a position he has held since early September 1989.

Today is Clan Macfie Day, when members across the globe remember their ancestry.

Sandy will host a number of Toowoomba and Darling Downs members at lunch tomorrow at his Ramsay home south of Toowoomba.

His future is more secure than that of the last clan chief, who was murdered in 1623.

The Macfies were dispossessed, but gained new recognition, after several hundred years, on May 27, 1981.

The Clan Macfie Society in Australia has 450 members - and there are 12 clan societies worldwide.

It's a fair sort of family that Sandy McPhie heads.

In September last year, he led others on a sentimental journey to the islands of Colonsay and Oronsay off the west coast of Scotland - clan homeland of the dim past.

JOHN DUNMORE LANG POETRY PRIZE

Winners of our 1994 John Dunmore Lang Poetry Prize were:

- 1st (\$100 & medallion) - Ruth Inglis, Bribie Is. Q. -
"The Homesick Settler" (on front cover)
- 2nd (\$60 & medallion) - Timothy Collins, Annerley, Brisbane, Q. -
"YABBY CREEK, KURABY"
- 3rd (\$40 & medallion) - Bill Armbrust, Pialba, Q.
"THE BUSH NATIVITY"
- COMMENDED BY THE JUDGES - Helen McNaught, Toowoomba, Q. -
"MY PLEDGE TO AUSTRALIA"

(Bill Armbrust was the winner of last year's inaugural competition)

Thirty four entries were received from all states except Western Australia and the overall standard this year was certainly higher than last year's. Adjudicators this year were Mr. Robert Davidson B.A., B.Litt (Hons), Dip Ed., Vice President of the Henry Lawson Memorial & Literary Society, Melbourne, and Mr. Jim Howard B.A., also of the Henry Lawson Society. The Clan Society expects to announce the 1995 Poetry Prize Competition shortly.

This was the second annual Poetry Prize conducted on behalf of the Clan Society by Queensland V-P Bob McPhee (Q77-353) of Glenore Grove. The prize winners were announced by Bob at the ceilidh at the Maclean Highland Games in northern N.S.W. on Easter Saturday. Thanks to Bob for his continued efforts with this.

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NEW SOUTH WALES VICE-PRESIDENT **BILL TYRRELL HANDS OVER TO** **GEOFFREY MCPHEE OF LUGARNO**

After fourteen years as Clan Society Vice-President in New South Wales, including four years as Acting Vice-President of the whole Clan Society, Bill Tyrrell, (N78-395) of Sylvania has decided to stand down from the Executive.

A dedicated worker for, and strong supporter of, Clan Macfie, Bill and his late wife Dorothy, regularly hosted members at a Clan Barbeque in Sydney during Scottish Week. On taking office Bill rallied our N.S.W. members and even introduced for a time, a State newsletter. Although standing down as State Vice-President, Bill intends to remain active within the Society.

Incoming Vice-President for New South Wales is Geoffrey McPhee (N77-339) of 70 Moons Avenue, Lugarno, 2210. (Tel: 02 533 4195). Geoff and wife Ruth (N77-340) are well known to many Clan Society members having hosted functions at their home. They were members of the Australian contingent on Colonsay for the Clan Gathering and Parliament last year.

It is thus farewell and sincere thanks to Bill for a job well done as N.S.W. Vice-President and welcome to Geoff, we look forward to your long and active involvement with that appointment.



*Retiring N.S.W. V-P
Bill Tyrrell*



MacFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA



Feb. 1994

Dear Australian Members of Clan Macfie,

I hope this letter finds you and yours in good health and all hangovers, etc. much improved since your return home from Scotland in September. I feel that the Clan Parliament went very well and that the years ahead until the '97 Parliament will bear witness to the fact that we have laid a very strong foundation on which to build for the future of Clan Macfie. I enjoyed meeting many down-under Macfies for the first time. I only regret not making the ferry on Wednesday afternoon. I felt some what short-changed by my late arrival but with the receipt of the videos from Scotland and George Roussos generously sending a verbatim transcript of his tapes of Clan Parliament, that feeling has passed.

I suppose by this late date you have heard that Shirley Pearson passed on shortly after her return from Colonsay and our society is deeply saddened by her loss. Since our Society's annual meeting in October one of our long time members, Wilma Bridges, has died from two complications following a automobile accident. So we have suffered two losses from two very faithful Clan members in our society this past year. On a happier note we have been successful in drawing some members back to the fold and continue to receive new memberships as well due to the efforts of our conveners at the various games, etc.

As you know at Colonsay it was decided to hold a International Gathering of Clan Macfie during October 1995 at the Stone Mountain Highland Games and Festival at Stone Mountain State Park (Atlanta) and that it would be hosted by Macfie of N.A.. I have been appointed as Chairman for the Gathering by our Society's President Ray McFee. As such I am in the process of making tentative plans to make this as pleasurable as is possible for those attending. Naturally at this date it is impossible to make any firm plans for such things as "Block" hotel reservations, reservations for a Clan Banquet, the possibility of transport for those with out it, Etc.. One of the first steps will be trying to ascertain how many will be attending from the various societies world wide and I will be needing some "guess-tamations" of Australians that might attend and I hope you will help me along those lines.

Enclosed you will find some tentative plans/ Schedule, etc. and I would appreciate any input you (or your appointee) might make. I have been in contact with Sandy and at this time he, due to business considerations, does not believe he will be able to attend in '95 but has stated that if it becomes possible he will try to attend and will advise me of the fact. (I had hoped to have him as the Honored Guest of the '95 Games which was one of the few things I could have firmed up at this early of a date.)

Any suggestions or comments on the Gathering will be deeply appreciated and I wish you to feel free to make any suggestion you might think would add to this event. Sandy has asked for and will receive the overview for the Gathering. I will respect his say as final in all plans as his due as our Commander.

Yours,

Ken
Kenneth R. McFee

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CLAN PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

On this page and the following one are reports for your information from Clan Parliament Committee's. George Roussos' address is: 2143 Baywood Road, Fayetteville, NC, 28301 U.S.A.

Memorial and Special Projects Committee.

To: The Clan
From: George Roussos
Subject: Committee Progress Report;
Date: 17 March, 1994.

Cath Sandy McPhie, Ken McFee, Arie & Helen (McPhee) van der Leest of the Nederland, and Sandy Macfie Main of Scotland has indicated an interest. I hope soon to receive his final decision. Professor William Cathy Gillies of the University of Edinburgh has also been asked to join the committee. Mary Cathy Gillies and Ulf Macfie Hagman have been very encouraging and most cooperative. Both have indicated their desire to remain involved. Their assistance has been very helpful and is most welcomed.

1. I was appointed Chairman by the Clan Macfie Parliament on 6 September, 1993. Several projects were discussed for the committee. The Parliament Minutes, which were received in October, 1993, contained the official transactions. Item 51 (a) specifically identified four projects for further investigation by the committee. These were:

A. To investigate the feasibility of a suitable case, with a plaque, to enclose the MacDuffie Staff on Oronsay so that it could be safely displayed.

B. Preservation of the Prostrate Cross, which is lying down on the Strand on the Oronsay side and is visible at low tide.

C. To attempt to locate the Sanctuary Cross, which was upright, on the Strand (on the Oronsay side) many years ago but is believed to have fallen over and became buried in the sand.

D. To attempt to locate a MacDuffie Cross on a corner of the old path into the Priory on Oronsay. It is possible that it is under a raised area (cairn) of ground in this general area, by the northern tip of the north-south runway of the Oronsay airstrip.

2. The following Clansmen have agreed to become part of the committee: Ceann

I began corresponding with several authorities in Scotland. I contacted Mr. Ken. Tarbert who is Mrs. Colburn's official resident representative. His office is located in Edinburgh. Mr. Tarbert provided more detailed information concerning the four projects. He made specific suggestions with drawings for point A. His suggestions are currently being addressed. Mr. Ian Johnson of the Strathclyde Regional Council, Dept. of Physical Planning was most helpful. He not only provided more specific details concerning the location of projects B, C, & D. He also sent maps identifying the estimated positions for each of the projects. In addition he provided viable suggestions. Most importantly, he was encouraging in terms of locating funding sources. He suggested obtaining funding is extremely competitive. I have asked Mr. Johnson to send information concerning the formats to

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- apply for grants. All his questions were answered.
6. Mrs. Fiona Ashmore, Director of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, provided the names of specific individuals who are responsible for Monuments and Antiquities. She suggested that when I return to Scotland in May, I should contact her office to address the subject of "very stringent criteria for grant aid."
7. Dr. Julian Small, the Inspector of Ancient Monuments, Historic Scotland, Edinburgh, responded to my request for assistance. He provided information which had not been received from other sources. In addition, he enclosed a brochure which addresses the subject of "Scheduled Ancient Monuments." He was most emphatic that our work was not to be taken lightly since in 3 of the 4 projects we will probably require permission from the Secretary of State, the Crown Estates Commissioners, and the owner of Oronsay. All his questions were answered. He was told what steps we have taken and what information we have.
8. Letters were sent to Kevin Byrne and Charlie McKinnon of Colonsay seeking additional information. In addition I called Charlie.
9. In terms of B, C, & D, the committee must get an estimate of the amount of work involved, how much time will be needed to reach a point where a decision can be reached as to whether we ought to go forward or not, what type of workers and equipment will be needed, and how much each of the projects will cost.
10. If necessary, I will return to Colonsay and
- Oronsay in mid-June for a few days to coordinate with the Islanders. In addition, I will meet with Arie and Helen in Dingwall in early June.
11. In the interim, while I await answers from the various offices in Scotland, Ken and I have been working on some ideas for historical markers. Ken observed that there was a lack of these devices on Colonsay and Oronsay. There are no markers to identify such historical places as Dun Eighinn and Carragh Mhic a Phi. The markers would provide basic information and identify the location of the historical monument. Ken has provided me with designs and he is contacting foundries to obtain cost estimates. Meanwhile, I am researching the historical specificities for several sites which fall in the realm of "historical significance" as they concern Clan Macfie.
12. Avenues to obtain financial assistance are also being investigated. It has been suggested that some sort of fund raising committee be assembled to deal with the financial requirements. We must first obtain a close cost estimate for each project. A great deal of effort has been expended to reach our present position. It has also required the cooperation of clansmen, various government departments, societies, and other concerned individuals. Another leap forward can be expected when the authorities answer the fielded questions. As mentioned on several occasions, "The wheels of government are slow in turning." However, that will not deter our committee from going forward.

A RIGHT BLETHER

A monk in a Trappist monastery was allowed to speak only two words every three years. After the first three years he said to the abbot, "more blankets". After the next three, "more food". After the third, "I quit". The abbot said, "I'm not surprised. All you've done since you got here is whinge!"

The Macfie Tree

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ORGANIZATION &
SURVEY

NEW GENEALOGY
CHAIRMAN

MACFIE RESEARCH
& GOONS

Survey Results

A survey of persons expressing interest in the Macfie Genealogy Committee was taken early this year. The questionnaire sheets were mailed by Boyd Cathey, Committee Chairman in late 1993 with a request for a response by February 15, 1994. Since only five of the fifteen mailed questionnaires were returned, the response was somewhat disappointing. However, those who did respond gave careful thought to the survey and it appears that a dedicated nucleus of genealogy enthusiasts are willing to launch the organization.

My newly acquired ScanMan EasyTouch scanner is responsible for this photo. It will also scan charts and graphs which can be included in future issues of our newsletter. - Boyd



Boyd Cathey, Committee Chairman

David Morgan's Role

David Morgan of England has done extensive genealogical research on Clan Macfie and sent the following to Sandy McPhie. This same text is entitled "MacFIE RESEARCH" and is included in the proceedings of the Clan Parliament held on Colonsay in September 1993.

This document appears to be a standard response to persons submitting Clan Macfie inquiries to the Guild of One-Name Studies (GOONS) located in London.

"Thank you for your recent letter. If you have started compiling your family tree under any one of the variants of the Celtic name (Continued on Page 2)

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(Space unfortunately prevents including all of Boyd's bulletin to his Committee members)



CLAN MACFIE NEWS

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No. 9

JULY 1994

We have moved from 8 Panorama Crescent in Toowoomba to a new address (above) in an attractive rural setting some 20 minutes south of the city. The country lifestyle suits Helen and me, but the move wasn't without its drama. The first sale of Panorama Crescent fell through two days before delivery and a new buyer had to be found. Our original plan had been to take an extended trip around Australia by campervan but that plan has been shelved for the present.

This Clan News contains a financial statement from the September 1993 International Gathering and Clan Parliament on Colonsay. It wasn't our intention to make a profit last year - nor a loss. Given the unknown waters we were treading in organising the Colonsay Gathering, I feel the result is acceptable with the surplus funds being held in Scotland for the '97 Gathering.

Following the article on the Right to Wear a Tartan in the last Clan news, a further article by Alastair Campbell of Airds, Unicorn Pursuivant at the Lyon Court, is in this copy. Dealing with the

wearing of Highland Dress it is from the May/June 1992 copy of The Highlander and will be of interest to all, I'm sure.

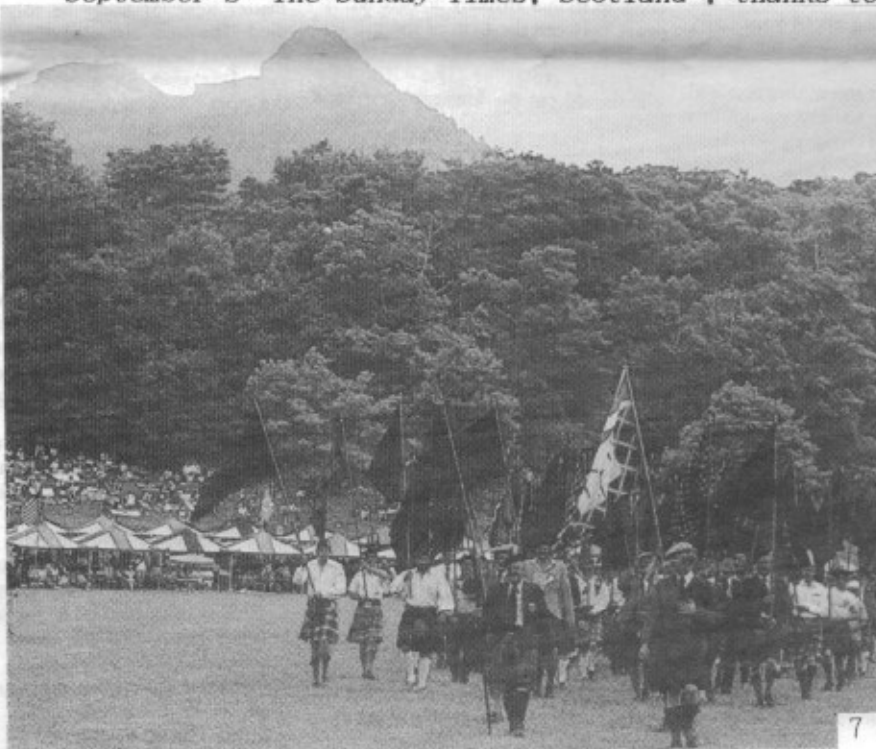
If you have seen a copy of the small identifying series book on Tartans edited by Blair Urquhart - no, I have not been elevated to Clan Chief, I remain Clan Commander - and no, I have not approved a black & white Clan Macfie Tartan, I am still researching it.

During discussions at Clan Parliament last year I incorrectly stated that the Arms of the late Dr. Ian Cathie were English. This is incorrect. Ian's Grant of Arms was Scottish and he participated in Clan Macfie deliberations as a Scottish Armiger. I apologise to his family for this unfortunate and unintended error on my part and assure them that it was in no way intended to belittle Ian's contribution or to denigrate his standing.

Sandy McPhie
Cairn Cath

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

Below left. The Clans March at Macrae Meadow, Grandfather Mountain, NC. U.S.A.
Below right. A more presentable reproduction of the Clan Macfie issue of last September's "The Sunday Times, Scotland", thanks to the MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Soc.



Some Thoughts on the Wearing of Highland Dress

By Alastair Campbell of Airds

Writing on the wearing of dress is a difficult task and on the wearing of Highland dress particularly so. Fashions, after all, do change, both from period to period and from place to place as well as from class to class. What is correct in one place at one time may be considered quite incorrect at another.

So there is bound to be a good deal of subjectivity involved - in other words, you may or may not agree with me, but for what they are worth, these are my views.

I have headed this article "Some thoughts on the wearing of Highland dress" since the kilt of today is exclusively Highland in origin. Lowlanders regarded it as a savage form of attire and contemptuously christened its wearers "redshanks" claiming that their naked limbs were what today we would describe as "blue" with cold. And although tartan was worn across Scotland, there is no ancient precedent for Lowlanders wearing tartan trows, or more properly, trousers (the original highland trows are a different garment) as a uniform form of identification. The fashion adopted by some Lowlanders of wearing their tartan in the form of trousers instead of the kilt has no historical precedent of any great age, being due to the fact that in 1881 the Lowland regiments of the British Army were clothed for the first time in a watered down form of the uniform worn by their Highland colleagues with tartan trousers instead of the kilt.

But the kilt has now become the National Dress of all Scotland and Lowland Chiefs whose ancestors would have shrunk from the idea are to be seen happily sporting a form of attire their ancestors would have regarded with disdain and derision.

In a previous article I stressed the view that the kilt is a National Dress and should be regarded as such and *Not* be allowed to descend into mere Fancy Dress.

This is not a diatribe against dressing up as such. There is nothing against fancy dress on the right occasion provided it is quite clear that it is fancy dress and that the re-enactment group is a re-enactment group and no more; I am strongly against the situation when the two are allowed to merge. It is perfectly all right going round dressed as a Viking invader or whatever if that is what grabs you; it is when you start thinking you are one or letting other people think you are one that I believe a dangerous situation arises. There is perhaps a bit too much of this for comfort, to my mind.

Some years ago I met a man who on being asked what his military experience had been replied "Two tours in Nam and second in the All American War Games Convention in 19...". I remain fascinated and faintly horrified by this reply (suitably disguised); my friend had served with valour in as nasty a campaign as any in history and was apparently prepared to equate his real life experiences on the battlefield with those on the wargamers' tabletop.

A possible way to approach what is and what is not acceptable is to equate the various forms of Highland attire with its non-Scottish counterpart. The

kilt has a range of uses, from full-dress evening attire through the equivalent of a suit to informal working dress and should be seen as a Scottish version of ordinary modern daily wear.

Gala evening occasions are one of the few times when I would suggest it is acceptable to wear everything you possess - if that is you wish; dirk, powder horn, brooch and plaid - although the wearing of this last particular article of dress has to all extent disappeared in Scotland and would be viewed somewhat askance if seen at one of the Gathering Balls. One thing seen overseas and never in Scotland at any time to my knowledge is the wearing of bonnets indoors which seems to be prevalent, possibly I suspect to allow the display of feathers which assumes a quite disproportionate importance overseas. But would you wear a hat indoors with your tuxedo? And would you wear a broadsword at the Office Party?

For the formal and semi formal event by day when you might expect to wear some form of suit, then a tweed jacket and tie with the kilt would be the norm. Don't mix evening wear with day wear; an ordinary coloured tie is not correct worn with an evening jacket by day - not unless you are in the habit of going to your office wearing a tuxedo and for the same reason your sporrans should not be an ornamental evening one but something of more restrained pattern.

And do *Not* attempt to add to your day attire with a fly plaid and brooch; the fly plaid as sometimes worn in the evening is a purely ornamental article of evening dress. If you wish to carry a plaid by day it is the full and original length of tartan which is carried over the shoulder which can be used as it was in former days as a shield against the weather. In hot climates it is clearly superfluous and its use unnecessarily ostentatious.

And the carrying of a broadsword or wearing of a dirk or any other weapon at normal, day events - unless you are in the habit of going about your daily life similarly armed - is not to be recommended.

Informal wear is something else and there are a wide variety of options available. Discard your jacket, keep your tie and roll up your sleeves if you wish to retain some vestige of formality; otherwise an open neck sleeveless shirt is obviously perfectly acceptable. Although in Scotland it is not done, I rather like the American practice of wearing a service shirt with medal ribbons with the kilt. I am less happy with the practice of wearing tartan slides on shoulder straps of a shirt; this has no military equivalent or historical precedent at all in the Home Country and it would seem a bit unnecessary if the wearer is anyway wearing a kilt of the same tartan.

One thing which is prevalent and which is not to be encouraged is the wearing of any actual British or Commonwealth military uniform, whether partially or completely, with actual regimental insignia and even, on occasion, medal ribbons. I am not referring to re-enactment reconstructions but to the purchase of bits of ac-

tual uniform which are then worn by the purchaser on Scottish occasions as a variation of normal dress - almost always incorrectly, incompletely, or just plain scruffily. The wearing or miswearing of a uniform or part of a uniform to which you are not entitled is in dubious taste at the best of times and can be source of very real annoyance to those who have served in the unit concerned and those whose relations have fought and perhaps died in it.

The difference in climate between Scotland and many parts of the world in which Highland dress is now worn is of course a problem. It is not always realised that in spite of the well ventilated nature of the kilt that it is very much a cold-weather garment which is not suited to heat and which our ancestors usually discarded as soon as they could, even in military uniform, in favour of any available garb better suited to the climate. The use of lighter weight materials is perfectly permissible and is the obvious answer.

As regards headgear, Highland regiments have worn a variety of hats with the kilt in both hot and cold climates including various forms of tropical helmet, wide brimmed slouch hats and fur hats, Russian style. So there is certainly a precedent for other things apart from the bonnet. But don't, as stated above, mix purely military headgear with your civilian attire; however attractive, it is not correct for instance to wear the white helmet of the Royal Marines as I have seen being done. Of the options, I personally prefer the wide-brimmed ten-gallon or Australian Akubra to the ubiquitous baseball cap with the kilt, if you really find the bonnet inadequate. And I do not think it correct to adorn the civilian bonnet with military feather hackles.

One thing I have noticed around the world and including Scotland is that many people today are wearing the kilt far too long, right down over the kneecap so that virtually no bare leg appears between the hem of the kilt and the top of the stocking. The result is frequently grotesque. The edge of the kilt should cut the kneecap, not hang below it.

On a rather delicate subject, if you are wearing the kilt in the traditional way you *Must* know how to sit in it correctly. I cannot but remember the recent overseas visit of a prominent Scottish functionary who was obviously wearing a kilt for the first time in honour of this trip and who on a succession of platforms revealed to those present views of Scotland which are not usually on the tourist itinerary. It doesn't take much practice in front of a mirror to get it right and avoid embarrassment.

And one entirely personal hate; the use of white stockings by day as well as by night with the kilt. I now see this described as 'traditional' - a word to be treated with the utmost suspicion whenever it appears. There is nothing historic about the practice at all; it came in, to the best of my knowledge, some twenty five years ago or so when it was difficult and very expensive to get diced

or tartan knitted hose for evening wear. Its use has now spread to day-wear for which there is no historical precedent - white being a most impractical colour. It is a matter of little importance but next time you think of buying a pair of white stockings for evening wear, try substituting a pair of plain red, blue, dark green or even yellow ones. You may be pleasantly surprised.

These remarks as I warned you are highly subjective and will not please some people. Taste is a very personal thing but as a general rule, you can seldom go wrong by understatement. Highland dress has real glamour and romance and you do not have to go over the top in any way in order to make the best of it.

And I would stress that I am far from just having a go at the American Scot in writing as I have; many of these remarks apply to Scotland as well as to places overseas. To reinforce this, I would just say that by far the best book I know on the subject of wearing Highland Dress is by my friend J. C. "Scotty" Thomson - and he is a US Citizen. It is currently available in Princeton and all who wear the kilt, whether indigenous to Scotland or not, should buy a copy if they seek guidance.

Once again, the important thing to stress is that we are talking of National Dress not Fancy Dress and we must be very careful not to bring the former into disrepute by allowing it to degenerate into the latter.



Highland Last Rites

It was a point of honor among clans that a chief must be buried with fathers and must be carried there matter how far away he might have died. The pipes attended every funeral to inspire bearers on the march and honor the dead. But instead of leading the piper followed the bier. The real hinged on the corpse being carried first so the piper's place was at head. The clan standard was carried tightly furled in front. Directly behind a space was cleared for clansmen with drawn swords.

Early starts required by distances to the custom of wakes which prompted the present rowdy custom among Gaelic descendants of the Irish and Scots. Their transition from the vigils of the Catholic Church was a gradual one.

Women did not follow the funeral procession to the grave, only to the burn/brook where the pallbearers forded the stream. The women's prying cup of wine symbolized a prayer for the departed. Raging torrents notwithstanding, stopped bearers who would plunge in swollen floods urged on by the screams of their bards and the chant of procession:

"Blessed the corpse the rain rain on."

In the Gaelic of course.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - COLONSAY GATHERING SEP 93

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE	
Registration	149 @	24.00	3576.00	Lunch in Oban (MacTavish's)	973.00
Lunch in Oban	140 @	6.99	978.60	Commander's Reception (Hotel)	1000.00
Commander's Reception	142 @	8.00	1136.00	Clan Luncheon (The Pantry)	730.00
Clan Luncheon	124 @	7.00	868.00	Videos - Producer's Fee	300.00
Videos	73 @	20.00	1460.00	Producer's Expenses, Colonsay	203.60
Coach - Glasgow/Oban	36 @	8.80	316.80	73 Videos @ £15	1095.00
Oban/Glasgow	45 @	8.80	396.00	North American Tapes	105.00
Ferry - Passengers, Return	1131 @	14.20	1611.70	Postage and Packaging	304.17
Cars, Return	18	various	1567.15	Coach - Glasgow/Oban/Glasgow	300.00
Linen etc. - Single	28 @	9.50	266.00	Ferry - Passengers and Cars	2802.65
Double	11 @	13.50	148.50	Linen - Hire	707.71
Towel Pack	36 @	7.50	270.00	Laundry	82.84
Colonsay Booklet Sales	20 @	2.00	40.00	300 Colonsay Booklets @	
Donations - Argyll & Bute Council		200.00	225.00	US\$1.81 (plus tax)	600.00
- Royal Bank of Scotland		£ 25.00	225.00	175 Colonsay Medals @ US\$4.85	848.75
			£12,859.75		1448.75
				Less 12 Donations (U.S.A.)	848.75
				Nett owing	US\$600.00
				Mini Bus - Hire	165.00
				Petrol	69.92
				Amplifier - Hire	88.12
				Marquee Purchase	508.50
				Tractor Hire (Oronsay)	100.00
				Gratuities	45.00
				Administration - Delegate Tickets & Lists	122.79
				Badges, Clips & Programmes	150.00
				Questionnaires	9.83
				Rubbish Bags	9.00
				* Postage	154.61
				* Photocopying	79.41
				* Telephone	535.59
				* Fax	27.85
				Refunds - Cancelled Bookings (2)	171.00
				Sundry Amounts (19)	252.57
					428.57
					£11,538.16

RECONCILIATION

Receipts	12,859.75
Less Expenditure	11,538.16
	1,321.59
Repaid to Clan Working Account	392.00
Balance held for 1997 Gathering	£929.59

(Balance in Clan Macfie Society account at Royal Bank of Scotland, Inverness)

CLAN PARLIAMENT COMMITTEES. Our Clan Committees have been active this year with George Roussos (Memorials and Special Projects) currently on Colonsay "seeing for himself" and Boyt Cathey (Genealogy) the forerunners. Both have made written reports to the Clan Societies. Contact addresses for the Clan Societies are included in this Clan News - if you aren't a member, why not join one and actively support Clan Macfie?

CLAN BOOKS - AUDITOR'S REPORT 1993. Last Clan News carried the Financial Statement for the Clan Books for 1993. The Auditor, Bruce Finlayson & Co., Public Accountants, Oakey, Q'ld. 4401, Australia, reported "We have examined the records of the Macfie Clan for the year ended 31st December from the books and records presented to us. It is our opinion that the attached Statement of Receipts and Payments give a true and fair view of the Clan's activities for the said year". [Dated 13th April, 1994]



Left The well laid out Clan Macfie tent at last year's Montreal Highland Games in Canada. Francoise Macfie and son, Eric, are in the foreground, husband/father, Doug, took the photo - he'll be in the next one for sure as Francoise bought him a kilt for Christmas!

**CLAN MACFIE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA, U.S.A. 19-22 OCTOBER 1995.**

Planning is on schedule for the 1995 Clan Gathering to be held at the Stone Mountain Highland Games near Atlanta, GA.. Hosted by the MacFie Clan Society of North America, it is expected that Clan accommodation etc., will be centred near the function of the Perimeter Highway (Interstate 285) and La Vista Road, 10 to 15 minutes from Stone Mountain Park. The area has a number of hotels and motels, eating establishments and indoor shopping mall etc.

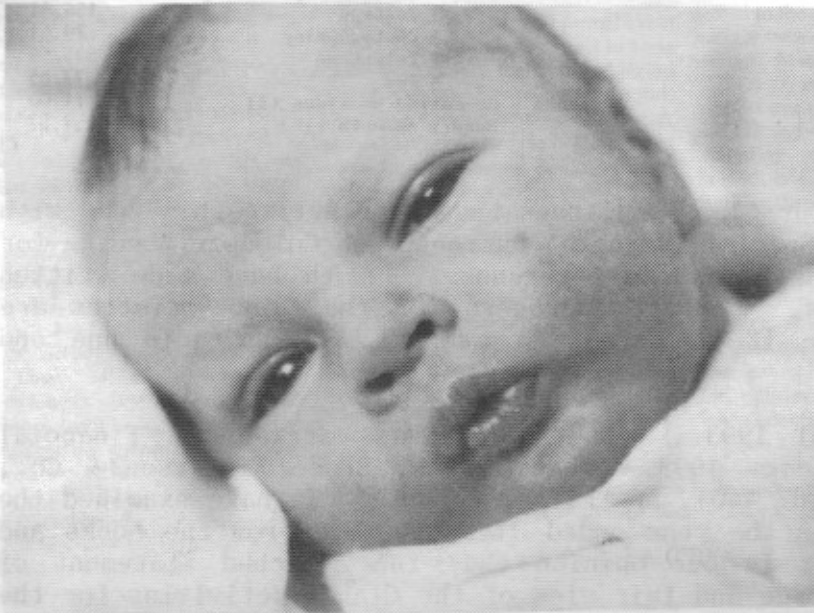
For further information contact the Gathering Committee Chairman, Ken McFee, P.O. Box 86, Moreland, GA. 30259, U.S.A. Telephone 404 251-2813.

DON'T PURCHASE - UNLESS YOU HAVE CASH TO BURN!

First it was Halbert's Family Heritage, then it was Family Heritage International, now it is Burke's Peerage World Books who are asking Clan members world wide of a particular spelling, this time "McPhee", to purchase personalised books on all people of that name. The publisher's name change is evidently due to their having bought out the Burke's Peerage company. The content hasn't been

upgraded as far as I know and is generally available at no cost from libraries and genealogical societies. Soliciting letters - all identical - have been received from addresses in U.S.A., Canada and Australia. The Clan Commander requested a copy to vet, and if appropriate, endorse. None has been forthcoming.

Another outfit in this apparent scam, McDuffie Family News of Denver, CO. U.S.A. has just come to light. Check with the MacDuffie/MacFie Clan Society on their credentials.



Our youngest member - Emil Ohman, born 12 February, son of Bengt and Aggie in Sweden.

12th CLAN GATHERING AND 7th CLAN PARLIAMENT 1997. A proposal has been put to the Clan Society Presidents for this next International Gathering in Scotland to be held in two sections - the first at Aviemore in the Central Highlands from 23 to 27 May will include Clan Parliament. The second on Colonsay from 28 May to 4 June will be in two groups. On Wednesday 28 May one group will go to Colonsay for four days and the other will take a bus tour of the Highlands. The two groups will swap over on Saturday, 31st May. More details in due course.

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AUSTRALIA: Helen McPhie, "Colonsay" MS 191, Cambooya, Q. 4358

3rd MAY 1994 - OUR 20th BIRTHDAY!

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia was founded at Richmond, N.S.W. on 3rd May 1974 when 23 of 31 Clan members approached decided to form the Society. Now, twenty years down track, we are a robust organisation with some 478 members participating fully in the continuing building of Clan Macfie worldwide.

The twenty three original members were:

Q74-001	A.C.(Sandy) McPhie	Richmond, N. S. W. (Cambooya, Q.)
Q74-002	* Hector McPhie	Toowoomba, Q.
N74-003	Heather Guinness	Kellyville, N.S.W. (Toowoomba, Q.)
N74-004	Lyndsay Armstrong	Marrickville, N.S.W. (Point Piper, N.S.W.)
S74-005	Brian McPhee	Stonyfell, S.A. (North Adelaide, S.A.)
V74-006	* Kay McPhee	Black Rock, Vic.
N74-007	Bonnie Bush	Sans Souci, N.S.W.
N74-008	Kerr Chatfield	Penrith, N.S.W.
Q74-009	¥ Elva Hamann	Kingston, Q.
V74-010	* Charles Macphee	Ferntree Gully, Vic.
N74-011	* Bruce McPhee	Oatley, N.S.W.
N74-012	A. L.(Sandy)McPhee	Pennant Hills, N.S.W. (Mt. Vincent, N.S.W.)
Q74-013	* Victor McPhie	Dalby, Q.
Q74-014	Helen McPhie	Richmond, N.S.W. (Cambooya, Q.)
N74-015	* Colin Macfie	Collaroy, N.S.W.
Q74-016	* Ian McPhee	Clayfield, Q.
V74-017	Neil McPhee	Ivanhoe, Vic. (Morningside, Vic.)
S74-018	John McPhie	Adelaide, S.A. (Beaumont, S.A.)
W74-019	¥ Thomas McPhee	Maddington, W.A.
N74-020	Eve Mason	Woolwich, N.S.W. (Roseville, N.S.W.)
N74-021	* Cam McPhie	Chatswood, N.S.W.
V74-022	¥ Ian Macphee	Brighton, Vic.
V72-023	Kaye Macphee	Ferntree Gully, Vic.

* Deceased

¥ Membership lapsed

() Present locality

The Clan Society was originally formed as The McPhee Clan of Australia, the name being changed shortly afterwards to reflect the currently authorised spelling of our Clan name and that we are a Clan Society, not a Clan. Members who joined during the first twelve months (Nos. 1 - 90) are considered the Foundation Members of the Clan Society. Membership No. 849 is the last allocated number.

YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Jean Davies (Q77-329) and family, on a working holiday away from their duties with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Ghana, are currently at 12 Jacana Street, Rosedale South, Q., 4123 (Tel: 07 841-3484). Jean attended a special training workshop in England from late April to mid May. She and husband, Colin, are available to speak at functions or with small groups at any time about their work.

Incidentally, the Wycliffe members are not paid a salary and rely on financial support from church groups and individuals to help them in the field. At present Jean and Colin are short of the required financial backing needed to return to their work in Ghana. If you would like to help them, please contact Jean direct at the above address.

A SIGNAL HONOUR

St. Michael's Collegiate School in Hobart, Tas., has a McPhee House. Established in 1993, the House was named in honour of Nancy Helen McPhee LL.B. (S78-434) a past scholar of the school who was the first woman admitted to the Tasmanian Bar as a Barrister and Solicitor. Nancy is the eldest daughter of the last Sir John McPhee, a Premier of Tasmania, and Lady McPhee, and now lives at Whyalla, S.A.

McPhee House motto is "Unity and Courage", the colours are maroon, navy and white and the banner has a "Macfie" sailing ship in one corner. The House Captain's badge is, needless to say, a Clan Macfie strap and buckle.

First Captain of McPhee House was Jane Sargison of Taroona, Tasmania, also an accomplished scholar who has won Federal Government, Tasmanian and BHP Scholarships, and is now studying Engineering at the University of Tasmania.

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It is always a sad time when the names of deceased members are recorded in our Newsbulletins. This time is particularly sad as we acknowledge four members who contributed strongly in various ways to the Clan Society over the years. Condolences have been extended to all families.

Grant MacPhie (V76-230). A former member, and for a short while Clan Piper, following the death of his father, Donald. Grant was tragically killed in an accident in Melbourne on 4th February while on duty as a Victorian Police Sergeant.

John Gibbon Cumming (Gib) McPhie (Q91-743) of Sorrento, Q'ld. died on 26th February, aged 86. Gib is a descendant of Archibald and Janet McPhie who came to Australia in 1849 with their fourteen children. Renowned for his pioneering work in the Moree district in tank sinking, Gib leaves a large family, many of whom are active Clan Society members.

Ronald George McPhee (V77-300) of Briar Hill, Melbourne, Vic. passed away on 26th March after a long battle against sickness. A strong supporter of the Clan and Clan Society, Ron will be missed by all who knew him.

Neil Hamilton McPhee (V74-039) of Lower Templestowe, Melbourne, Vic. died on 30th May. Neil, a former chief of the Commonwealth Development Bank in Victoria, was one of the Foundation Members of the Clan Society and an ardent supporter of it and Clan Macfie from the outset.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS. Subscription notices are attached for those members who have not yet paid this year's subscription. For those few who remain unfinancial for 1993, letters are enclosed informing them that membership rights will be withdrawn if these subscriptions remain unpaid. Payment of any number of years in advance is always acceptable and helps our Clan Society finances.

1993 AUDITOR'S REPORT. Clan Society financial statements for 1993 were included in our last Newsbulletin. Our auditors, Messrs. Clark, Morton & Gleeson, Public Accountants of Toowoomba, reported:

"We advise that we have completed the audit of the books and records of the Clan (sic) as at 31st December 1993 and in our opinion it fairly represents the activities of the Clan for the year, and that the Balance sheet fairly represents the values of the Clan at the date."

TENTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING. The decisions taken at the Tenth Biennial General Meeting of the Clan Society in Canberra on 29th January this year have been ratified by the membership as a whole, there being no objections in accordance with paragraph 15 of our Constitution. Vacancies in the Clan Society Executive have been filled. A full list of Executive and Office Bearer appointments appears on page 2 of this Newsbulletin. The Executive is currently addressing a number of items raised at the BGM. A small profit (\$18.70) was made on the Clan luncheon and that has been banked to our working account.

CLAN MACFIE BROOCHES ETC. Leo and Robyn Kealey of the Celtic Origins shop in Toowoomba have, or can obtain, Macfie items if you require them. Imported from Scotland, prices are of the order of:

Key Ring	\$36.00	Pennant	\$35.00	Tartan Caps	\$39.00
Scarves	\$28.50	Lapel Badge	\$25.00	Kilt Pin	\$34.00
Tie	\$23.00	Strap and Buckle Badge	\$37.00		

plus postage.

If you wish to order, or require further information, please contact them direct at: Celtic Origins, 86 Russell Street, Toowoomba, Q. 4350. Tel: 076 39-2890.

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES

A. A. MCPHEE AND NED KELLY - GLENROWAN VIC. 28 JULY 1880

Archibald Andrew McPhee, great grandfather of Vice President Peter McPhee (N77-373) of Nunawading, Vic., was one of the players in the capture of Australia's notorious Ned Kelly and his gang of outlaws at Glenrowan in north east Victoria in July 1880. The following account sent by Peter, was handwritten by Mr. A. McPhee in December that year and the original is held in the State Library of Victoria. Mr. McPhee continued his career in the Victorian Railways retiring in 1918 as Station Master of Flinders Street Station in Melbourne.

Traffic Manager

Sir --

Maryborough
December 13th 1880

Referring to explanation required re the capture of the Kelly Outlaws; I would beg to state that I was awakened on the morning of the 28th July last by Mr. Hollow, Telegraph Operator at Benalla; he informed me that Mr. Stephens (Station-master) required me on duty as soon as possible.

On reporting myself ready for duty, I received instructions to proceed to Beechworth preceding a Special Police train (acting as Pilot). After making a start, we went along all right till within a mile and a half of Glenrowan Station, when I noticed a reddish light ahead, my first impression was that the light was caused by a burning log in the bush, (a very common occurrence) and what made it appear more so was, through seeing the light almost at the place where the curve commenced, which would lead a person that knew to suppose that the light was straight ahead. Upon getting about a quarter of a mile nearer I could see that the light was very close to the line. When about two hundred yards off I put my head out of the side window and could distinctly see a whitish object with a light in front. I immediately applied my Brake, and just at the same moment it flashed through my mind that it was a ruse to stop the train. I then got out and stood on the side-board of the Van until I got opposite the figure, which proved to be the Schoolmaster, Mr. Curnow. I jumped off saying "Hollo-a mate what's the matter" he answered "Kelly's" and then told me that the rails were torn up between Glenrowan Station and the Sydney Crossing. I said that must be about half a mile from the Station. He answered Yes and then told me that the Gang were in possession of Glenrowan. I, (still thinking it was a ruse) asked him his name. He did not tell me but said I am the Schoolteacher. I asked him if he would get in my Van. He said he could not as he had his wife to protect and that he was running a great risk of his life. (This conversation did not last two minutes). I then went and spoke to the Driver (H. Alder) and told him what was the matter also that I was going back to stop the following train which I immediately did. I am confident I went back over half a mile. Upon getting within a few yards of the train I had stopped I was met by Superintendent Hare and Senior Constable Kelly to whom I related the whole of the conversation I had with Mr. Curnow. Supt. Hare then took some of his men and walked up to the Pilot Engine which by this time had rolled gently down till within a quarter of a mile of the Police train. I followed him up and when opposite the Engine heard Driver Alder remark to Mr. Hare if it would suit to couple both trains together. Supt. Hare considered some little time and then said he thought it would be advisable. We done so, and then drew up to Glenrowan Station, and after we stopped, I was assisting the Police to discharge their horses from the trucks when Constable Bracken rushed up saying the Gang were in Mrs. Jones and for God's sake surround the Hotel. Supt. Hare then sang out "Come on Boys" and he and the Police made a rush for the Hotel. I let go the horse I was holding and followed them over. I would be about twenty yards behind the Police when the firing commenced and have no firearms on me at the time I thought the position I was in rather unsafe and I made for the Station again which refuge I reached in a very short time. I then watched the proceedings from around the corner of the Station house until Mr. Hare came up wounded. He said he required me to go to Benalla for Reinforcements. Guard Bell and I then shunted my Van behind the Pilot Engine and made a start back for Benalla, which place we reached in about ten minutes. I told Mr. Stephens all that occurred and the orders I had received from Supt. Hare and also suggested that he would send out some of the Permanent Way men to repair the line. He sent for Ganger

Dick who accompanied me to Glenrowan on my second trip. After reaching Glenrowan with the reinforcement I remained on the platform till Ganger Dick came back from where the rails were torn up. He told me he wanted more men. I said I thought they were all prisoners in the Hotel but mentioned that I would go down the line towards Benalla and try and pick some up. I went about ----- (with the Engine) and succeeded in getting two platelayers whom I brought to the Station. I then asked Mrs. O'Connor and her sister if they would like some refreshments, they answered Yes so I went over to McDonalds Hotel and got a bottle of Brandy and a glass and whilst there met Mr. Stanistreet. I asked him to come over and open the station which he did. Upon presenting the Brandy to Mrs. O'Connor and sister they refused saying "Oh No we could not touch that. But asked if it were possible to get some sherry and milk - I think Guard Bell got that for them. I gave some of the Brandy to the reporters and others who were on the Station and then went away towards the Policemen who were surrounding the Hotel intending to empty the bottle amongst them. I had just got outside the Railway fence when Ned Kelly emerged from the bush close by. I thought the firing too warm and retired to my old position behind the Station till I saw him fall. I then rushed over arriving there about fifth or sixth and the first use made of the remaining Brandy was to give Ned Kelly a glass three parts full. He was then taken to the Station. I followed and after reaching the Station assisted Guard Bell to make up his train. He then started for Benalla I remained behind until Ganger Dick came back and told me the line was all clear. I then proceeded to Benalla and told the Station master the line was alright for 6.10 a.m. up to come on. I then received instructions to act as Pilot for all trains during the day which duty I was engaged on till 11.30 p.m. at night having been two trips to Glenrowan and three trips to Wangaratta.

I am Sir Your Obedient Servant
Guard A. A. McPhee

JANET REAKES' FAMILY TREES

The following cuttings are from Janet Reakes FAMILY TREES column in Brisbane's Sunday Mail newspaper. Some are rather dated, but never-the-less of interest.

10 MAY 92

MANY New South Wales marriage certificates from the 1860s-70s are issued without the bride's and groom's birthplaces, or the parents' names.

It is wise to contact the church where the marriage took place as the original register often has this information.

As ministers did not have to send this information to the Government, certificates often lacked detail.

This does not apply to marriages before 1856 which did not record this information at all.

12 JUN 92

EXCITING news from the Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages in Sydney is the proposal to produce on microfiche copies of a consolidated index of all New South Wales births, deaths and marriages from 1799 to 1905.

It will be the same as Victoria's new Pioneer index, which has been produced on computer tape (up to 1888).

It will list all the events in one alphabetical sequence instead of in annual categories, making research so much simpler. A CD-ROM version is also expected.

28 NOV 93

GOOD news from the Mormon Church Family History Library is that the 1993 edition of the International Genealogical Index (IGI) on CD-Rom will soon be available.

Although the number of CD-Roms has been reduced there are 13 million more names on them than the 1993 fiche. So, another chance for a short cut.

While on the subject of the IGI, are you aware that you should check both the 1992 and 1988 editions for an ancestor's entry, as many names on the 1988 edition were not included on the 1992 edition?

6 FEB 94

IHAVE received in my office the new CD-ROM indexes of births, deaths and marriages for Tasmania (to 1899), Victoria (to 1888) and NSW (1889-1918) and have enjoyed playing with them.

The versatility is amazing. One of the excellent features of the CD-ROM indexes is the ability to sort by fields (Christian names, birthplaces, or father's name).

These indexes are commercially available from INFORMIT, GPO Box 2476V, Melbourne 3001.

Obviously you must have a CD-ROM computer.

NEW ZEALAND CALLING

Shona Laing and Kristine March have recently taken over as resident genealogist for the McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand. They are the daughters of Bruce and Shirley McPhee of Palmerston North, Bruce being the Past President of the Clan Society over there.

Shona has written seeking information on the forebears of one Michael McPhee

of New Zealand who died on 10th January last year. His great grandfather was Alexander McPhee who married a Sarah Prider (nothing known of these two). Michael's grandfather was Albert Prider McPhee, b. Hamilton Vic. Australia 13 Dec 1883 and died Tauranga, N.Z. on 29 Oct 1932. Albert married Uruiria Matekino Wepiha (Mary Webster) in Te Puke, N.Z. - she died there on 7 Apr 1963 - but nothing further is known. In all Alexander and Sarah had eight children - the other seven being:

Anne - married a Deckenson Lena - married a Day
Jack - believed killed in the War (presumably WW1?)
Angus, Duncan and Norm, and
Hector - who was also known as James Jones

If you have any information which might help fill the gaps - or are related - please contact Shona direct at 21 MacLaughlin Drive, Te Puke, New Zealand.

GENERAL NOTES

* The father of **Warwick Mehaffey** (N87-570) of Bexley N.S.W. came to Australia from New Zealand in 1910 or 11, settling in Brisbane. He built the coastal navigation lights on the North Queensland coast to Torres Strait during World War I and contributed significantly to our maritime history.

* On 25th June our **Clan Commander, Sandy McPhie** planted an Oak tree (Scottish of course - not English!) in Horn Park, Toowoomba. Dedicated to Clan Macfie, the tree was one of six planted that day by members of the Scottish Community in Toowoomba, forming part of an avenue the length of the park commemorating the Scottish contribution to the settlement and development of Toowoomba and the Darling Downs.

* **Robin McFie**, son on Iain and Fiona McFie of Scotland is currently visiting Australia. Here for two months he is backpacking from Sydney to Melbourne via Toowoomba, Townsville, Darwin, The Alice and Adelaide. At time of writing he had just left Clan Commander Sandy and Helen near Toowoomba, heading for David and Christine Macfie (Q79-457/458) at Maryborough, Q.

* The **1996 International Gathering of the Clans** is to be held in Canberra, A.C.T.. Chairman of the organising committee, Mr. Ron Campbell Phillips of Griffith, A.C.T., has a full programme of events planned, including a National Tattoo. Further details, including the date, will be included in future Newsbulletins as they become available. The 1995 International Gathering of the Clans, by the way, is to be held in Nova Scotia, Canada.

* **Anyone Buying Bagpipes?** Secretary Helen has Catalogue No. IXTH from the well known suppliers of band instruments Shehzad Deura & Co., of Sialkot, Pakistan. Copies are available.

* **Moorland Orange Juice.** Moorland is not such a big place on the Pacific Highway north of Taree in N.S.W. - but there you'll find the best refreshing orange drink available. Manufactured by Wal McPhee (N79-464), his fresh fruit drinks are distributed up and down the N.S.W. north coast with demand regularly outstripping supply.

* **Our current membership** is 478. The breakdown by states is - N.S.W.-146, Vic.-118, Qld.-113, S.A.-31, W.A.-28, A.C.T.-17, Tas.-6, N.T.-Nil, and overseas - 19.

* Best wishes to **Helen Cameron** (A92-790) of Evatt, A.C.T., who has been in dock but on last reports was sailing forth again though restricted to Canberra for the winter at least. Good wishes, Helen, from all members for a speedy recovery.



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CLAN MACFIE HISTORY IN AUSTRALIA



First contributions for the forthcoming Clan Macfie History in Australia have been received by Secretary, Helen, thank you. The project is far larger than first envisaged so it's as well Helen and Sandy aren't driving around the Kimberley Region at present.

Designed to cover all the Clan Macfie families who migrated to Australia last century, and their descendants, the History will very much depend on contributions from individual families --- please forward them as soon as possible.

NEW MEMBERS

Since our last Newsbulletin in March we have welcomed the following new members to the Clan Society. Quite the best quarter for recruiting for some time.

Q94-826	Mrs. Dora E. McPhee	24 Junabee Road, Warwick, Q. 4370
Q94-827	Mrs. Anne Coy	"Edenbank" MS 900 Yangan, Q. 4371
Q94-828	Ian Coy	"Edenbank" MS 900 Yangan, Q. 4371
Q94-829	Andrew Coy	"Edenbank" MS 900 Yangan, Q. 4371
Q94-830	Miss Raelene Coy	"Edenbank" MS 900 Yangan, Q. 4371
Q94-831	Miss Elizabeth Coy	"Edenbank" MS 900 Yangan, Q. 4371
Q94-832	David McPhee	9 Junabee Road, Warwick, Q. 4370
Q94-833	Mrs. Sandra McPhee	9 Junabee Road, Warwick, Q. 4370
Q94-834	Stewart McPhee	9 Junabee Road, Warwick, Q. 4370
Q94-835	Bruce McPhee	9 Junabee Road, Warwick, Q. 4370
Q94-836	Miss Rowena McPhee	9 Junabee Road, Warwick, Q. 4370
Q94-837	Adam McPhee	9 Junabee Road, Warwick, Q. 4370
Q94-838	Miss Christine McPhee	9 Junabee Road, Warwick, Q. 4370
N94-839	John McPhie	145 Jersey Road, Hebersham, N.S.W. 2770
N94-840	Mrs. Anne McPhie	145 Jersey Road, Hebersham, N.S.W. 2770
N94-841	Mrs. Barbara Smythe	8 Avoca Road, Turrumurra, N.S.W. 2074
Q94-842	Miss Helen Rushbrooke	3 Tweed Heads Ave. Eagle Heights. Q. 4271
Q94-843	Miss Patrica Anne Phie	17 Harold St. Bundamba. Q. 4304
Q94-844	Gary John Phie	17 Harold St. Bundamba. Q. 4304
Q94-845	Ms. Shirley May Phie	17 Harold St. Bundamba. Q. 4304
Q94-846	Miss Pamela Phie	17 Harold St. Bundamba. Q. 4304
N94-847	Mrs. Jeannie Barnier	RMB 236, Cowper, N.S.W. 2460
W94-848	Ms. Brenda M. Marns	37 Doveridge Drive, Duncraig, W.A. 6023
N94-849	Mrs. Marina Gay Borkowskis	7 Hybon Ave. Queanbeyan, N.S.W. 2620

THEY'VE MOVED

- * Kevin McPhee (R77-261) from Torrens Park, S.A. to (at last) c/- P.O. Box 148 Port Douglas in North Queensland, 4871.
- * Mrs. Gwen McPhie (N88-741) from Berkeley Vale, N.S.W. to 2A Stornoway Road, Burwood, Vic. 3125.
- * Dr. Ian McPhee (N88-640) from Port Macquarie, N.S.W. to 46 Wrighton Ave., Newcastle, N.S.W. 2300.
- * Sandy and Helen McPhie (Q74-001 and Q74-014) from 8 Panorama Crescent, Toowoomba, to "Colonsay", MS 191, Cambooya, Q. 4358, which is about 22 km. south of Toowoomba. Telephone 076 30-9030 - after all everyone else seems to be moving!
- * Frank R. McPhee (V93-794) from Windsor, Vic. to 2/57 Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris, Vic. 3146.
- * Pamela Phie (Q77-341) from North Ipswich, Q. to 16/23 South Station Road, Booval, Q. 4304.
- * Duncan McPhee (Q88-673) from Dirranbandi, Q. to 53/9 Salford St., Victoria Point, Q. 4165.
- * Mrs. Sue Spinks (Q74-034) from Dalby, Q. to "Chertsey", MS 212, Oakey, Q. 4401.
- * Mrs. Maurine Cunningham (N76-214) from Berkeley Vale, N.S.W. to 6/101 Glennie St., North Gosford, N.S.W. 2250.
- * Ross McPhie (V76-197) and daughters, Abbie and Coralie (V87-577 and 578) from Ringwood, Vic. to 18 Knaith Road, East Ringwood, Vic. 3135.
- * Gilbert and Beverley McPhee (V80-472 and 476) from Newborough, Vic. to Lot 117 Stirling Drive, Lakes Entrance, Vic. 3909, where the fishing is better -