



# The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

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## NEWSBULLETIN

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### SANDY AND HELEN GUESTS OF SYDNEY SCOTTISH WEEK 1995

Clan Commander and Clan Society President, Sandy McPhie, of Cambooya, Q'ld., and his wife, Helen, have accepted the invitation of The Scottish Australian Heritage Council to be Official Guests at this year's Sydney Scottish Week.

In the past, the Heritage Council has invited two Clan Chiefs from Scotland, or a Clan Chief plus a prominent citizen from Scotland, as guests for the week. This is the first occasion on which an Australian Clan Chief or Clan Commander has been invited and is thus a most significant honour for Sandy and Helen, and Clan Macfie. The second guest for the week is John Baillie-Hamilton, 13th Earl of Haddington, from Gordon, Berwickshire.

The programme for Scottish Week (Friday, 24th November to Sunday, 3rd December) is detailed on page 3. Naturally, maximum Clan support for Sandy and Helen is being sought for the week. To this end, a special issue of N.S.W. Clan News was mailed in early October seeking members' support, especially for Clan Macfie targeted functions. This N.S.W. Clan News went to Clan Society members in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory as well as members of our Executive. High mailing costs precluded a general mailing to all members, but it is strongly stressed that all Clan members are welcome at all or any of the Scottish Week functions.

Those functions specially targeted by our Clan are:

- Sat 25 Nov 6.00 p.m. - Clan Macfie BBQ, 70 Moons Ave., Lugarno, 2210  
BYO meat and drinks. Contact Geoff or Ruth on 02 533-4195
- Sun 26 Nov 10.00 a.m. - Kirking of the Tartan, St. Stephen's Church, Macquarie Street  
Noon - Clans Gather, Hyde Park  
12.30 p.m. - Clans March to Darling Harbour  
1.00 p.m. - Picnic, Concert and Opening Ceremony, Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour
- Fri 01 Dec 7.30 p.m. - Grand Scottish Ball, The Roundhouse, University of N.S.W., Kensington, \$75.00 per person inclusive of 3 course dinner and wines. Contact Gwen Stewart (02)684-249, for the Clan Macfie table. Also please notify Geoff or Ruth McPhee.
- Sun 03 Dec All Day - Highland Gathering and Games at Rawson Park, Mosman.

For further information please contact:

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Lugarno. N.S.W. 2210  
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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



I am recently back from an excellent trip to Atlanta, Georgia, for the Eleventh International Gathering of Clan Macfie and the Stone Mountain Highland Games. A report on the Gathering is in the Clan News section at Page 7. Clan members worldwide generously contributed to a special fund to cover my travel expenses for the Gathering and I am most grateful for this. Thank you.

Helen and I are now looking towards Sydney's Scottish Week at the end of this month at which we will be official guests. Details regarding our visit and the Scottish Week programme are on the front page and page 3. We are looking forward to a good Clan representation during the week, especially at the Clans' March on Sunday, 26th, and at the Clan barbeque at the home of N.S.W. Vice-President Geoff McPhee and wife Ruth in Lugarno on the 25th.

After that - and Christmas and New Year - we will be able to turn our attention to the Clan Society's Eleventh Biennial General Meeting in Brisbane on 25th and 26th May next year.

On the Clan front, there were insufficient members interested for any action to be taken on the proposal to purchase the Hotel on Colonsay. Thank you, though, to those who did indicate an interest. More exciting, however, is the recent offer of land on Colonsay for the Clan to purchase. This is being followed up quite positively - more on that in due course.

Helen and I have spent more time on the proposed History of Clan Members who arrived in Australia last century. With most information held now sorted by families, it has become very apparent that, contrary to earlier beliefs, we do not have anywhere near the data which should be available. Many of you have forwarded most comprehensive family histories, and many have forwarded what information they do have on their ancestors, and we are most grateful for that, thank you. But some who indicated earlier that they could provide information have not done so, and others, who we know have information have not responded in any way. We will follow this up.

The shipping information is being steadily worked through and there's a lot of data there. However, our earlier optimism regarding a date for printing has proved well short of the reality. I am sure you will agree that any "History" of Clan Members in Australia last century must be as comprehensive as possible, and with that in mind, we intend to continue to work on the History whenever possible, but with an open ended completion date for the present.

This year has disappeared at an incredible rate, probably because we have been so busy - is this a problem with retirement?

Helen joins with me in thanking you all for your letters, support, encouragement and contributions during the year. We wish you and your families the very best for Christmas and the New Year, and look forward to hearing from you in 96.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy McPhie".

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

Cambooya, Q.  
4th November 1995

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The Macfie Clan Society of Australia  
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# SYDNEY SCOTTISH WEEK 1995

## SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

### Friday 24 November

Scottish Aust. Heritage Council Scottish Armigers' Dinner at North Sydney Leagues Club

### Saturday 25 November

2.30 p.m. Western Garden Party to be held at Central Gardens, Merrylands Road, Merrylands, including Highland dancing competition run by the Scottish Australian Heritage Council. *For further information ring 220-6126.*

6.00 p.m. **CLAN MACFIE BBQ** - 70 Moons Avenue, Lugamo, 2210. *BYO Meat and Drinks. For further information ring 533-4195.*

### Sunday 26 November

Kirkin' of the Tartan, St. Stephens Presbyterian Church, Macquarie St.

9.30 a.m. Assemble in Macquarie Street

10.00 a.m. Kirkin' of the Tartan ceremony

12 noon Clans gather in Hyde Park for the March to Darling Harbour

12.30 p.m. **prompt** March moves off under police escort

1.00 p.m. Picnic, concert and Opening Ceremony at Tumbalong Park Darling Harbour

### Monday to Friday

12 noon - Scottish musical and cultural events in Martin Place

10.00 - 4.30 - Cultural exhibition and tartan enquiries. *National Australia Bank, George Street end of Martin Place*

### Monday 27 November

7.30 p.m. At the Commercial Travellers Club an evening seminar on "The Present State of Scotland" (*220-6126 for information*) \$10.00 per person including supper

### Tuesday 28 November

8.00 a.m. Golf Day at Cromer Golf Course (*982-3088*) (Open to all) \$50.00 inclusive, \$30.00 lunch only

2.30 p.m. An afternoon seminar held at the CTA Club, City (*220-6126*) \$5.00

### Wednesday 29 November

7.15 p.m. North Shore Ceilidh at North Sydney Leagues Club, 20 Abbott Street, Cammeray. \$10.00 including supper, bar available. (*220-6126*)

### Thursday 30 November

12.30 p.m. Lunch at Parliament House, Sydney, \$60.00 (*220-6126*)

7.30 p.m. Sydney Society for Scottish History, Speaker: Mr. Philip Morrice, British Consul-General in Sydney (a good Scot). His subject will be "The Importance of Scotch Whisky to the British Economy" - \$10.00 including supper. (*220-6126*)

7.30 p.m. Southern Suburbs Celtic Concert, Gunnamatta Park, Cronulla. \$6.00 BYO supper. (*523-6877*)

### Friday 1 December

7.30 p.m. The Grand Scottish Ball, The Roundhouse, University of New South Wales, Kensington. \$75.00 per person including three course dinner and wine. (*684-2491*)

### Saturday 2 December

7.30 p.m. Bankstown Ceilidh at the Bankstown Scottish Hall, Weigand Avenue, Bankstown. \$6.00 BYO supper (*644-4647*)

### Sunday 3 December

8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Highland Gathering and Games at Rawson Park, Mosman.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION contact: SAHC Secretary, Sally Ross on (02) 220-6126 (office) or (02) 909-1480 (after hours) or write to G.P.O. Box 421, Sydney, N.S.W., 2001.

## THE FUNCTIONS PAGE

- \* ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL TATTOO 23 NOV - 3 DEC 95. To be held in Moseley Square, Glenelg, nightly at 8.00 p.m. Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas, Royal Australian Navy Band, and much more. Tickets from BASS, S. Aust.
  - \* SYDNEY SCOTTISH WEEK 24 NOV - 3 DEC 95. Full details are given on the front cover and page 3.
  - \* ST. ANDREW'S DAY REMEMBERANCE SERVICE, MELBOURNE, SUNDAY 26 NOV 95. At The Shrine in St. Kilda Road.
  - \* DAYLESFORD HIGHLAND GATHERING SATURDAY 2 DEC 95. Please contact Victoria Vice-President Kaye Macphee on 03 9758-4458 if you will be attending either of these two functions.
  - \* PULLEN FAMILY GATHERING, TOOWOOMBA, 9/10 MAR 96. The Pullen Family of the Northern Rivers area of New South Wales has many "McPhee" connections, and possibly in the Hill End goldfields area too. Next year's Pullen Family Gathering is scheduled for Laurel Bank Park Hall, Hill Street, Toowoomba, from 8.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Saturday 9th and 8.00 a.m. to 12 noon Sunday 10th March. Contact Fred Pullen, P.O. Box 1111, Taree, N.S.W. 2430 (Tel: 065 52-3520) for further information.
  - \* IN SCOTLAND, AT CULLODEN, 16 APR 96. A special commemorative service will be held at Culloden next April on the 250th Anniversary of that historic battle. If you are likely to be in Scotland then and would like further details of Clan Macfie activities, contact Iain and Fiona McFie, Coullintyre, Kincaig, Kingussie, PH21 1LX, Scotland. Tel: 0540 651 391.
  - \* McTAGGERTY - A SCOTTISH WEEKEND, APR 96. Held at Taggerty, near Eildon, Vic., on the last weekend of the school holidays nearest Anzac Day. Open to all Clan folk to relax and enjoy good company in pleasant surroundings with golf, fishing, riding, swimming, etc., and a ceilidh. Accommodation available at Yarrolyn Holiday Park, Taggerty. Enquiries to Bob Johnston, 03 9725-6016 or Kaye Macphee, 03 9758-4458.
  - \* CLAN SOCIETY ELEVENTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING, BRISBANE, 25/26 MAY 96. A full weekend is planned for Clan Members and their friends with a Clan Macfie Luncheon, the BGM and a Ceilidh on the Saturday and a river trip on the Sunday. Full information and RSVP/booking slips etc., with our next Newsbulletin in March next year.
  - \* CLAN MACFIE DAY 27 MAY 96. Contact your State Vice-President to see if there will be a Clan Macfie Day function near you in '96.
  - \* TWELFTH INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF CLAN MACFIE AND SEVENTH CLAN PARLIAMENT, SCOTLAND, 23 MAY-2 JUN 97. Please contact Secretary Helen, **URGENTLY**, if you are thinking of being in Scotland in '97 for the Gathering and Parliament. An indication of likely numbers is required for planning purposes.
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- \* Thanks From Brian and Cass McHaffie for their send-off in Adelaide before they moved to northern New South Wales. They thoroughly enjoyed it and send their best wishes to all South Australian Members with an invitation to make contact if ever you are near the Tweed.
  - \* Eleventh International Gathering of the Clan, Atlanta, GA. Oct 95. A report on the Gathering appears in the Clan News section. We were represented by Clan Commander Sandy and Brian and Merilyn McPhee (S74-005 and S94-861) of Adelaide.
  - \* 250th Anniversary of Bonnie Prince Charlie's Landing at Glenfinnan, Scotland. Clan Members in Scotland were present at the 250th Anniversary of Bonnie Prince Charlie's landing on 19 Aug 95. Sadly, the re-enactment organisers overlooked having a Macfie as one of the two to raise the Prince's Standard as had been the case on that historic occasion years ago.

**11th BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING  
BRISBANE 25/26 MAY 1996**

**Nominations for Executive Office.** With next year's Biennial General Meeting being held on (almost) Clan Macfie Day, it is necessary to adjust our Newsbulletin mailing date slightly to meet constitution requirements in timing the call for nominations for Executive Office. Newsbulletin No. 74 is thus scheduled to be mailed by 23rd February instead of in March - otherwise we would be required to call for nominations in this Newsbulletin and that seems far too early, being five months ahead of the Meeting date. Accordingly, timing for the 1996/98 Executive elections will be:

- 23 Feb 96 Call for nominations for Executive Office
- 23 Mar 96 Nominations close
- 05 Apr 96 Ballot papers mailed if required
- 03 May 96 Ballot papers returnable
- 25 May 96 Declaration of Poll at BGM


**Agenda Items.** Formal notification of the Eleventh Biennial General Meeting and distribution of any business papers etc., will also be made with Newsbulletin No. 74 in late February next year. Any member wishing to submit an item for consideration by the General Meeting may do so in writing to reach The Secretary by Friday, 2nd February 1996.

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THE SCOTTISH HERITAGE CENTRE OF W.A.  
384 1466 (OFFICE HOURS)

**THE SCOTTISH HERITAGE CENTRE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA,** incorporated in Perth 3 January 1992, aims to provide a comprehensive range of services to persons of Scottish birth, descent, or interest within the Western Australian community.

*The aims of the Scottish Heritage Centre, as stated in the Constitution, are:*

- \* To foster Scottish heritage, traditions and culture.
- \* To collect and preserve records and artefacts relating to Scottish heritage in Australia and abroad.
- \* To encourage education in Scottish language, music, dance, arts and crafts, sports and other aspects of Scottish history and heritage.
- \* To provide information about Scotland and Scottish heritage and culture to all persons who have an interest in these subjects.
- \* To cultivate social relationships between members of the Centre and other persons or societies who have an interest in Scottish heritage.
- \* To foster closer cultural relationships with Scotland, and with Scottish communities and societies in Australia and abroad.
- \* To encourage the wearing of Scottish national dress.

**For further information write to:  
The Honorary Secretary,  
The Scottish Heritage Centre of WA,  
12A Kitchener Road,  
MELVILLE WA 6156**

**BACK THROUGH THE  
MIST OF TIME**

Back through the mist of time I plod,  
Seeking the places my fore-fathers trod.  
Through record book and library,  
I search for roots of my family tree.  
A birth misplaced, a marriage lost,  
Frustrates the path where two lives crossed.  
Scanning the census road by road,  
Looking for a 'fixed abode'.  
Suddenly, the name stands out,  
Now the secret is found out -  
Names and ages, place of birth.  
Where before was 'where on earth?'  
Now to parish records turning,  
Lists of names and dates I'm learning.  
Now, how do they all join each other -  
Father, mother, sister, brothe, sister, brother?  
Was he son or just a cousin?  
Could these two have begat a dozen?  
But slowly, surely lines are drawn,  
Names are linked and the tree is born.  
The roots are lost way back in time. But now I know  
which branch is mine!

Edmund Wellington

*Copied from "Scot's Link".*

Winners of the 1996 John Dunmore Lang Prize, which the Clan Society conducts, will be announced at the Ceilidh on the Saturday night of our Biennial General Meeting weekend, 25th May 1996. This is later than the announcement of winners in previous years and consequently, entry forms will not be available until January with a closing date into next year. If you wish to receive an entry form - and there will probably be two sections to the competition next year - please contact the organiser direct, Queensland Vice-President Bob McPhee at 8 Jahn Drive, Glenore Grove, Q. 4342, Tel: (074) 66-5269.

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Of course there are others besides ourselves who encourage poets at large. The two examples below are good cases in point. The Blue Ribbon came from a Clan Member in the U.S., but it's not known if he is responsible for this epic or not. The other is the Sydney "Sun-Herald" report (11 Dec 94) of the Teachers Whisky competition last year.

THE BLUE RIBBON

A Scotsman clad in a kilt left a bar  
Late one evening fair.  
And one could tell by the way that he walked  
That he'd drunk much more than his share,  
He staggered and he stumbled,  
Til he could no longer keep upon his feet,  
And he fell right down  
in the middle of the ground,  
And he slept beside the street.

Before too long, two lovely lassies,  
Happened to pass him by.  
And the first one said to the second one there,  
With a twinkle in her eye.  
"Do you see yon sleein' Scotsman there,  
So strong and handsome built?  
I wonder if it's true, what they don't wear  
Underneath their kilt?"

So they crept right up to the sleeping Scot,  
As quiet as they could be.  
And they lifted up his kilt high above his waist,  
So they could freely see.  
And there before their innocent eyes,  
Beneath his Scottish skirt,  
Was nothing but what God had graced him with,  
Upon his birth.

They marveled for a moment, and then one said,  
"I think we best be gone."  
But the other one said, "Let's leave a present,  
Before we move along!"  
So, as a gift, they left a blue silk ribbon  
Tied into a bow,  
About the bonnie star of the Scot's  
Kilt Lifting Show.

The Scotsman awoke to nature's call  
And stumbled to the trees.  
Behind a little bush he lifts his kilt,  
And gawks at what he sees.  
And in a startled voice he says  
To what's before his eyes,  
"I say me lad. I dont' know here you've been,  
But I'm glad you've won first prize."

THE TALE OF THE TARTAN



HAMISH MACHAGGIS CAME OUT OF THE WEST  
IN DUN-COLOURED TROUSERS AND GREY COLOURED VEST  
"OCH!" CRIED HIS LASSIE "I'LL NAE GREET THE PREACHERS  
WITH SUCH A DULL BRIDE GROOM... I'EN THO' HE DRINKS  
TEACHERS!"  
HER CLOAK WAS BRIGHT CRIMSON... SHE TORE IT TO STRIPS  
HER VERDANT GREEN SKIRT GAVE WAY TO HER RIPS  
HER BLOUSE OF DARK BLUE SHE PROCEEDED TO TEAR  
HER CHEMISE OF LIGHT YELLOW, SHE RENT WITHOUT CARE  
SHE SAT NIMBLE-FINGERED AND SEWED ALL TOGETHER  
THE BRIGHT-COLOURED PIECES THAT SANG OF THE  
HEATHER  
WHILE HAMISH DRANK TEACHERS TO LESSEN HIS GUILT  
HIS BRIDE-TO-BE FASHIONED A GLORIOUS KILT  
SO SCOTS LEFT YOUR TEACHERS FROM PERTH TO DUMFRIES  
TO THE CANNY WEE LASS WHO INVENTED THE TARTAN!

And the winner is . . .

**H**OOOTS Mon! The response to our recent Teacher's Tartan Competition was overwhelming. This year we offered our best prize ever, a trully luxurious trip for two to bonnie Scotland - and you responded in your thousands. What is more, the standard of entries was extremely high. Finally, however, we came up with our winners and they are as follows:

First prize of a trip for two to London and Scotland, flying Qantas business class and driving an Avis car goes to Mr S McCrae, of Cremorne, NSW.  
Second prize of a "one gallon" bottle of Teacher's Scotch Whisky and a delicious gourmet David Jones food hamper and a range of Pringle knitwear goes to Mr M Scott, of Mangerton, NSW.  
The winning entry is above.

THE PRICE OF A TRAM FARE IN ABERDEEN!

Back in the depression of the 1930s the Aberdeen City Council in an effort to increase patronage, and thereby revenue, decided after much heart-burning to lower the price of the average fare from 3d down to 2d. The result was not an increase in revenue as anticipated. Instead, there was a great clamour of concern and djsgust from all sectors of the community. So Council called in a firm of consultants to find the reason for a further drop in tram revenues. After some six weeks the consultants reported "Previous to the decrease in fares, a great many of the workers and other commuters preferred to walk to work thereby saving themselves 6d a day! Now, these folk were very angry that their savings had dropped to only 4d a day!"

(SCOTS LINK FEB 95)



# CLAN MACFIE NEWS

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No. 14

NOVEMBER 1995

## OUR ELEVENTH INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

I thought our Eleventh Clan Gathering in Atlanta in October was a wonderful success and a fitting follow-on to the earlier one on Colonsay in 1973. Hosted by the MacFie Clan Society of North America under President Rev. Jim McAfee and co-ordinated by Ken McFee, the Gathering provided an interesting programme of visits and functions, culminating with the Stone Mountain Highland Games. Jim and Ken, and their many helpers, are to be warmly congratulated and thanked for a job well done.

With nearly a hundred Clan Members there during the week, we were kept busy renewing old friendships and making new ones, enjoying the social side, and the tours and visits. I was particularly pleased to see so many there who had been at the previous Gathering on Colonsay. This time, Clan members came from Scotland, Holland, Switzerland, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and from all over the U.S.A. - you can't get much more international than that! Many of our Clan leaders were amongst those attending and I was able to talk with them about the future directions for Clan Macfie.

Seventy four members attended the Clan Banquet on the Saturday night. An enjoyable evening during which we were able to show Arie Van Der Leest's video relating to the offer for the Clan to purchase some land on Colonsay. This is an attractive proposal from many angles and will be followed up in the months ahead. Arie also ran through his video of Colonsay '93 and that brought back a host of memories for those who were there. Fritz McDuffie conducted a special meeting for Macfie Genealogists, many attended the AGM of the MacFie Clan Society of North America, and there was the Commander's Reception on the Wednesday evening - jet lag being only one of my problems the next morning! In all, we operated as a large extended family, enjoying friendship and each others' company.

The Highland Games, in their magnificent setting in the Stone Mountain National Park, was a high point of the Gathering. I was honoured as a Distinguished Guest by the Games organisers and am most appreciative of this and their friendship and hospitality. The Clan had two Clan Society tents catering for our members and we participated in all activities during the Games. I was very proud to lead the Clan in the Parade of Tartans on the Sunday.

I was pleased to see George Roussos back on deck after his serious illness and trust the visit to Atlanta wasn't too taxing. Scott and Marvene McPhee were back at the Games too, and that was great as they have done so much for the Clan over the years. Bob McFie found "Old McDonald Had a Farm" was something he could play on the pipes, especially when marching past the tent of a certain other Clan - I wonder if it registered with them? Arie had his video camera going full tilt - another film coming up perhaps? The Cathey contingent from Oregon was well turned out and at one stage we even had Wayne McAfee resplendent in his Knightly robes of the Imperial Constantinian Military Order of St. George. And much much more.....

Altogether a great week, well worth the travel, and in my case, the generosity of Clan members made my trip possible. Thank you sincerely for that, thank you all for being there, for being a wonderful family and thank you Ken and Sonja for organising it all and looking after us so well.

Sandy McPhie  
Clan Commander

**TWELFTH CLAN GATHERING AND SEVENTH CLAN PARLIAMENT, SCOTLAND 23 MAY/2 JUNE 1997.** Time is fast approaching when block reservations must be arranged. Please notify your Clan Society Secretary or Iain McFie, Coulintyre, Kincaig, Kingussie, PH21 1LX, Scotland (Tel: 540 651-391) (urgently) if you are thinking of attending - this is for planning purposes and will not commit you in any way at this stage.

**COLONSAY HOTEL SALE.** Insufficient interest was shown by Clan Members worldwide for the Clan to further a proposal to purchase the Colonsay Hotel. Many thanks, though, to those who expressed an interest in so doing. The latest proposal, however, for the Clan to purchase some land on Colonsay is a most interesting one which will be pursued and, hopefully, Clan members will be able to assist financially in due course.

## CLAN COMMANDER'S TRAVEL FUND

The following Clan members and Clan Societies generously contributed to the Clan Commander's Travel Fund for the 1997 Clan Gathering. All are sincerely thanked for this assistance which enabled the Commander to attend the Gathering.

Julia Borden (USA), Jerri Chester (USA), Britt and Joyce Dennis (USA), J. Duffy (USA), Kathleen Guthrie (USA), Vance Herbert (USA), Bill and Bobbie James (USA), Alex Jupp (Can), Ken McAfee (USA), Rev. Jim and Ginger McAfee (USA), Mary McAfee (USA), F. B. and Ruby McFee (USA), Ken and Sonja McFee (USA), Bruce McPhee (USA), Harvey and Ann McPhee (Can), J. A. McPhee (Can), Alison McWilliam (Aust), Stuart McWilliam (Aust), Allen Miller (USA), Zillah Scott (Aust), Arie and Helen Van Der Leest (Holland), Keith Warland (Aust), Robert Young (Scot), MacFie Clan Society of North America, The MacPhee Clan Society of British Columbia, MacDuffee/MacFie Clan Society of America Inc., The Clan MacFie Society in Canada and The MacFie Clan Society of Australia.

### BALANCE SHEET - CLAN COMMANDER'S TRAVEL 1995

<u>RECEIPTS *</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
(Aust) 10 Members (Aust. & O/seas) 561.70	JAL Air Fares Atlanta return 1909.21
MacFie C/S of Australia 150.00	Brisbane Airport return 42.80
MacPhee C/S B.C. 450.00 1161.70	Accommodation Atlanta (1/3rd) 154.00
(USA) [1] Forwarded to Clan Cdr. by MacFie C/S of N.A.	Travel Insurance 100.00
8 Members US 762.00	Entrance Fees 26.90
McD/Mac C/S US 200.00	Meals 170.54
MacFie C/S Can US 153.20	\$2403.45
(C\$250) US 1115.20 1462.56	To Balance * 614.41
[2] Received by Clan Cdr. at Gathering	
4 Members US 300.00 393.60	\$3017.86
<u>\$3017.86</u>	

\* The receipts do not include amounts paid by the MacFie Clan Society of North America, or Ken and Sonja McFee, towards the Clan Commander's expenses. The surplus of \$614.41 has been banked to the Clan MacFie Account for the Commander's travel to Clan Parliament in Scotland in 1997.

#### THOSE MACFIES-----

- \* Don McFee of Fort Frances, Canada, builds and flies his own aeroplanes. Quite an achievement, especially as Don is 77 years old.
- \* Bill McPhee, 32, of Fort Erie, Canada, is publisher of "Schizophrenia Digest", a support magazine for those suffering from this illness. A sufferer himself, Bill believes the Digest will do a lot to assist and normalize life for many with this problem.
- \* James W. McAfee has been Director of Nutritional Research for the Image Awareness Corporation in U.S.A. for many years. He is the author of several books on nutrition and writes a newspaper column "About Nutrition".
- \* Rev. Paul McAfee, 74, a retired Methodist Minister and U.S. Army Chaplain of Punta Gorda, FL, U.S.A., now writes Wild West books instead of sermons. With over eight books published, his main market, however, is in Europe where the love of the westerner is evidently stronger to-day than in the U.S.
- \* Sister Mary Rose McPhee, 75, of Austin, U.S.A. a Daughter of Charity, has founded "Seton Cove", a centre to support those who wish to pursue their spiritual growth. A highly respected hospital Administrator, Sister McPhee earlier established League House in Seton to offer accommodation to families of hospital patients in critical care and was the organiser of the Seton Good Health School
- \* Duncan McPhee of Wairarapa, New Zealand, served in the South Western Pacific area with the RNZAF during World War II. An accomplished artist, his collection of over 200 wartime paintings and drawings has been gifted to New Zealand's National Archives.
- \* MacFie/Clydesdale. Clive Callow of Raincliff, 12 R.D., Pleasant Point 8772, New Zealand is ancestor searching. His great grandmother (Margaret Ann Callow) married a James MacFie Clydesdale (b. 1866), a stonemason in Liverpool, England, on 2nd April 1892. Clive would appreciate any information on them or related Clydesdales. Replies direct to Clive, please.



## SCOTTISH ANCESTORY ANYONE?

Bob McPhee of 281 Runley Road, Luton, Beds., LU1 1TY, England, (Tel: 01582 33 466) has provided the following list of pre 1855 Gravestone Inscriptions in Lochaber and Skye:

MOY Burial Ground (Kilmallie) - This burial ground is on a small knoll, surrounded by trees, behind the old Moy farmhouse (now burnt down).

\* Angus McKinnon, wood merchant in Achnarry, wife Mary McPhie died 17-6-1771 aged 32 years.

Glen Nevis Burial Ground (Kilmallie) - Situated 1½ miles up Glen Nevis.

\* 1858, John MacMaster died Lochyside 2-12-1844 aged 59 years. Erected by his grandson Duncan McPhee, Fort William.

The Craigs Cemetery (Fort William) - This substantial cemetery is adjacent to the site of the old fort, between the main road and the railway on the northern side of Fort William.

\* Ewen MacPhee, merchant in Fort William, died 14-2-1852 aged 48 years, wife Sarah Stewart died 24-3-?? aged 84 years, son? Dugald Stewart MacPhee, stockbroker in Glasgow died 17-1-1896 aged 48 years buried at Helensburgh.

\* Donald MacPhee, solicitor in Fort William, late Procurator Fiscal in Glasgow died 15-5-1897 aged 52 years, only daughter Anne Stewart MacPhee died 3-2-1922 aged 78 years;

\* (Adjacent Flat Stone) Erected by Ewen MacPhee, merchant in Fort William, father Donald MacPhee, flesher in Fort William died 16-12-1834 aged 62 years, mother Jean MacPhee died 18-6-1836 aged 61 years, brother John MacPhee died 14-10-1829 aged 20 years.

\* Erected by Donald McPhee, grandfather Dugald Stewart, of Custom House, Fort William, died 1-1845, grandmother Ann MacLachlan died 3-1845, aunt Flora Stewart died 15-8-1867.

Kilmallie Churchyard - This large churchyard is adjacent to Kilmallie Parish Church, in Corpach.

\* Erected by John McPhee, baker in Fort William, mother Mary Cameron died at Kenlocheil on 27-1-1841 aged 60 years, father Duncan McPhee died at Kenlocheil on 20-3-1861 aged 83 years.

\* Flat Stone. Alexander MacPhee died 7-2-1809 aged 24 years, erected by his father John MacPhee late tenant from Glendessary, now residing at Corpach.

Donald McPhee died Fort William 1837 aged 34 years, daughter Mary McPhee died in infancy, erected by wife Isobel McIntyre, Lochyside.

\* Flat Stone. Mary Cameron born 1782 died 1-11-1830, husband John MacPhee, crofter of Lochy Ferry.

\* Flat Stone. Erected by Dugald McPhie, crofter of lower Banavie, wife Mary Campbell died 14-12-1825 aged 64 years.

\* Table Stone. John MacPhee, formerly Tighrracrochan & Ferry of Lochy, died Glengarry 21-4-1824 aged in 70th year, wife Isabella McMillan died 1807 aged in 40th year. Erected by son Archibald MacPhee of St. Vincent in 1836.

\* Erected by Alexander MacPhee, late tenant in Cuil, Glendessary, died 29-5-1835 aged 66 years.

Osmigarry Burial Ground. (Kilmuir, Skye) - There are two burial grounds across the road from each other at Osmigarry. This is the older one, dominated by the large crucifix monument over the grave of Flora MacDonald.

\* Erected by John Nicholson, wife Isabella McPhie died 28-12-1835 aged 23? years.

### Grafted branch

Today's bumper happened to Ian Lewis, 43, of Lancashire, England. He spent 30 years tracing his family tree back to the 17th century, travelling all over Britain interviewing 2000 relatives.

He planned to write a book about his great-grandfather who migrated to Russia, and his grandfather who was expelled after the Bolshevik Revolution.

Then, according to the Fortean Times, Lewis found out he was adopted, and is not a blood relative to the Lewis clan. He'll start again under his original name, David Thornton.

### In Memoriam

#### † Sadly Missed

With deep sorrow we record the deaths of DAGMAR THORBURN of Uddevalla, Sweden on 22nd July 1995 and FRED KENT of Jacksonville, FL., U.S.A. in September. Both were elders of their respective Clan Societies and contributed greatly to Clan matters over many years. They will be greatly missed, but dearly remembered.

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CONGRATULATIONS to James McPhee of Auckland, New Zealand, on his recent Grant of Arms from the Lyon Court. Though born in Scotland, James has lived in New Zealand for many years and he, and wife Mary, are active supporters of our Clan. James' petition for Arms was lodged following the Clan Gathering on Colonsay in 1993.

**MORGAN PUBLICATIONS**

Chairman of the Clan History Committee, David Morgan, has published a number of papers dealing with Clan History. In offering them to Clan members worldwide, David says:

"In an effort to recoup the considerable costs of acquiring the increasing store of Macfie information, the following Study Notes are now available. The prices quoted do not include postage and packing which should be added in accordance with the table below. Overseas purchasers who pay by cheque in their own currency should add the equivalent of \$US5.00 to cover exchange costs. All cheques should be made payable to 'Morgan Publications'."

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For further information, or to order any of the above, please contact David direct at 11 Arden Drive, Dorridge, Solihull, West Midlands, B93 8LP England. (Phone and Fax 01564 77-4020)

**MAKERS** of Glenfarclas rocket fuel (actually a Scotch whisky, 60 percent alcohol and 105 proof) tell a beautiful tale about the origins of "proof" in whisky. They say samples of the spirit were mixed with gunpowder and ignited. If the mixture failed to burn, the booze was too weak. If it burned quickly, too strong. Only "proof strength" whisky burned with a steady blue flame. (Untrue that those which exploded were labelled Irish.)

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**THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND** has been protecting Scotland's magnificent landscape for over 60 years with many field programmes in addition to its more highlighted restoration work with ancient buildings etc. Now the trust is appealing for donations to help continue this work. All donations receive a £ for £ government subsidy. If you would like to assist in ensuring Scotland's beauty will last forever, please forward donations direct to the Trust at 5 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, EH2 0DF, Scotland.

We received several versions of this report from members in Australia. Several of the overseas Clan Societies picked it up too, in their Newsbulletins. But here are the originals sent by Clan member Elizabeth Bendy, in Sunninghill, Ascot, England. The item on the left was in the U.K. Daily Telegraph on 9th June this year and Clifford Longley had his comments in the same paper on the 13th. Neither he, nor Elizabeth, made the comment "I always knew the Macfies were nutty!" but somebody did.....

## Roast nut diet of the ancient vegetarians

By David Brown  
Agriculture Correspondent

THE remains of Britain's earliest recorded vegetarian community have been discovered at an ancient settlement on a small island off the west coast of Scotland.

They give early man something of a Squirrel Nutkin image because it appears that hazelnuts made up a formidable share of his diet.

Archaeologists on Colonsay, in the Hebrides, are excited by the finds including a shallow pit containing the remains of thousands of burned out hazelnut shells from the Mesolithic period dating back 8,000 years.

The pit lay beside another circular hollow close to the shore which is believed to be the traces of one of the earliest examples of a house ever found in Scotland.

No traces of animal bones or shells from the abundant fish around the island have been uncovered — giving rise to the conclusion that these early islanders lived on what they gleaned from the local vegetation.

The precise function of the nut-pit is not clear, but archaeologists believe it may have been the place where the nuts were roasted and shelled, or where they were stored for later use.

Although similar hoards of hazelnut shells have been found at other sites, including Farnham in Surrey, the sheer size of the Colonsay find has startled the research team.

The journal of the Council for British Archaeology, says of the find: "The scale of the activity, unparalleled elsewhere in Scotland, suggests the possibility that Colonsay contained a community of enforced vegetarians."



## In a nutshell, here are the origins of the veggie species

EVIDENCE of Britain's earliest vegetarian community is said to have been discovered on the island of Colonsay, off the west coast of Scotland. The *Telegraph* reported last Friday that archaeologists had found a shallow pit containing the remains of thousands of burned-out hazelnut shells from the Mesolithic period, about 8,000 years ago.

There were no signs of animal bones or fish shells, so the experts believe the pit was used for roasting or storing the nuts by these vegetarian ancestors of ours.

This is fascinating stuff. I am just wondering if these people could actually be the earliest recorded animal rights activists. Or even the first anti-hunting campaigners. Perhaps they invaded the crude dwellings of a nearby community of Mesolithic meat-eaters, berated them, stamped on their stone arrowheads, and stopped their boats leaving for the mainland with the carcasses of the beasts they had hunted down.

I think we can deduce that these vegetarians were probably the first examples of middle-class and otherwise respectable protestors engaging in violent direct action. The evidence for this is that they kept their old burned nutshells in a pit. They did not wander round dropping shells on the ground all over Colonsay. They may have been Mesolithic, but they were not slobs.

Indeed, we might say that these people were the earliest known environmentalists. They had effectively invented the litter bin — a pit into which they encouraged one another to drop their burned-out nutshells. They probably scratched combinations of basic symbols on rocks in the area which meant

"Keep Colonsay Tidy".

The important question we must now ask ourselves is: "What clothes did these early, middle-class, environmentalist vegetarians wear as protection against the harsh Colonsay winter? They were obviously strict in their vegetarianism, as they did not allow even a limpet or a cockle to pass their lips, so surely they would not clothe themselves in animal skins.

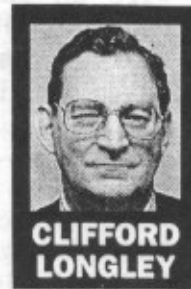
If they did, the members of the nearby meat-eating community would surely come over, point sticks at them and emit a series of grunts which, being loosely translated, meant: "Oh, so if you think you're so pure and wonderful not eating deer and wild goat and things like that, then how do you justify wearing animal skins?" In that case you could say that the

members of the carnivore community of Colonsay were the earliest inventors of the clever debating point.

My theory is that the vegetarians would avoid falling into this trap and that they wove reeds and grasses together to make clothes for themselves. Then they learned to weave rush matting and even rather attractive wall coverings for their simple habitations. It is my belief that these middle-class Mesolithic vegetarians were, in fact, the inventors of the earliest craft centre.

Even wearing these early grass polo-neck sweaters and peasant-style skirts, they would still feel the Colonsay cold. It could have been then that they decided to set fire to the nutshells in their primitive litter bins to provide a bit of warmth.

At this point, I guess, one of the elders of the community must have suddenly clutched his fore-



CLIFFORD LONGLEY

head and said, in fluent Mesolithic: "Great Heavens! Do you realise what we are doing here? By burning these nutshells we are endangering the planet and creating a greenhouse effect, whatever a greenhouse is. This is not at all environmentally friendly."

So they packed up their simple belongings, left the smouldering shells behind, crossed to the mainland and headed south in search of a milder climate. Eventually they ended up in an area which is now north London, on a site which we now call Islington.

I am now working on another, entirely different theory. There could be a much simpler explanation for those roasted hazelnuts in the pit on Colonsay. Could this be the first recorded evidence of the manufacture of the confectionary bar?

Perhaps the archaeologists have discovered leftovers on the spot where our early ancestors, almost by accident, learned to combine crunchy roasted hazelnut with delicious creamy caramel and then coat the mixture in smooth, rich chocolate.

ANY QUERIES

\* McPHEE THE OVERLANDER. Professor Jack Cross of the University of South Australia has been researching the history of the Northern Territory 1860-1890, for some years, and is seeking assistance with details of some early McPhees in the area.... "I am at present researching the first name of the McPhee who accompanied Price Wynnal Cox (brother of the earlier overlander Dillon Cox) on an epic overland trip from Queensland towards Port Darwin in 1874-5 with a mob of pedigree horses, to be bred at Cox's Peninsula opposite Palmerston, for the Indies remount trade.

The expedition was abandoned at the Limmen Bight River when they lost their way, ran out of food and were attacked by Aborigines who took away their equipment. McPhee, who seems to have been second in command, escaped with some spear wounds. Cox, his family and some drovers like Goulder, were then all drowned on the Barrier Reef in coming south on the Gothenburg.

Two possible candidates are: 1) Duncan McPhee who became a station manager in the upper territory. Last reference to him in the 1891 census, age 55, living in Palmerston, and: 2) R. C. S. McPhee, who in two trips in 1880 and 1881 overlanded stock from Townsville. I am not sure if these relate to the "Jock" McPhee of Elsey Station, or the McPhees of the Kimberley region." Replies direct to Professor Cross please at the University, Holbrooks Road, Underdale, S.A. 5032, plus a copy to Secretary Helen, if you would be so kind.

\* JOHN MACFIE FROM SKYE. Mrs. Margaret Peters of 7 Richard Street, Lota, Q. 4179, would be interested in any details relating to her grandfather, John Macfie, who migrated from Skye - ship and year unknown - but he met his future wife on the voyage out. Their son, Alexander, was born at Jimbour, Q., in December 1879 and their daughter, Sarah Jane, known as Jeannie or Jean, (Margaret's mother) at Irvingdale, Q., in October 1882. The family later moved to Eidsvold, Q., where John was a storekeeper and his wife a dressmaker.

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BLACK DOG STORIES AND OTHERS

The Editor (or is it Captain?) of "The Galley", the quarterly journal of the Clan Macfie Society in Scotland, is collecting Macfie Black Dog Stories and wishes to put them together in one publication along with other folklore stories of our Clan. Do you have any? Please send them to Bob McPhee at 281 Runley Road, Luton, Beds., LU1 1TY, England - he doesn't mind how many duplications of a story he might receive as many have minor variations.

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With Due Acknowledgements to Hagar's Owners -



### • Hogmanay:

A quaint feature of Hogmanay — and the reason for much liquid consumption and conviviality — is the custom of "first footing".

This refers to the first foot to cross the threshold of a house after midnight in the new year, which is believed to bring good luck to that house and all who live in it for the coming year.

That person must be a man, who must be tall and dark-haired, and he must carry a piece of coal or peat and a full bottle. (The instructions don't specify what the bottle should be filled with, but we'll take a guess at it being alcohol.)

All of the above are tokens of warmth and prosperity in the new year.

Advice to those attending a Hogmanay: unless you are a tall, dark, male and have a spare piece of coal and a full bottle with you, get there early or well after midnight, as the Scots take their Hogmanay and first footing very seriously and don't like it messed about by Sassenachs.

If you are chosen to be the "first foot", you are expelled from the house for a few minutes before midnight, equipped with the said tokens, and must wait until the clock strikes 12 to enter and become the heart and soul of the party.

### ● A recipe for ...

We've presented this "recipe" before, but in the spirit of the season thought it may be worth publishing again.

Best fruit cake ever. — Ingredients: 1 cup sugar, 1 cup butter, 4 large eggs, 1 cup dried fruit, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt, lemon juice, 1 cup brown sugar, nuts, 1 or 2 bottles whiskey.

Method: Before you start, sample the whiskey to check for quality. Now go ahead.

Select a large bowl, measuring cup, etc.

Check the whiskey again as it must be just right. To be sure the whiskey is of the highest quality pour one level cup into a crystal glass and drink it as fast as you can. Savour the feeling.

With an electric mixer, beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon sugar and beat again. Meantime, make sure the whiskey is as good as it was at first. Try another glass. Open second bottle if neshessary.

Add 2 large eggs, 2 cups of fried fruit and beat until high. Shamble the whiskey again to check it for consh...conshinsh...conshisttenshy.

Next sift 2 cups of salt or anything — it really doesn't matter. Check the whiskey.

Grind ½ pint of lemon juice, fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 babble- spoon of brown sugar or any other colour you find. Wix mell.

Grease the oven and turn the cake pan to 350 gredees.

Pour the lot into the empty biskey wottle, stir it into the bo- ven and ake.

Winish the friskey and bo to ged.

### A BATTLE ROYAL FOR HAGGIS RECORD, RAGES ACROSS THE TASMAN

An Inter-Island battle, to establish who was the maker of the grand-daddy of all haggis reared its head this year. Mr Gordon Smart, a professional Haggis Maker, of Gordon Smart's Haggis Hatchery, Devonport on Auckland's North Shore, beat the 51kg record of a Nelson butcher, with his own monster weighing in at 87.45kg. He in turn was pipped at the post by a Dunedin rival's haggis of 110.3kg. Not to be outdone Mr Smart attempted to make a haggis weighing in between 170 & 200kg, he said he could not stomach being beaten by a South Islander. Record breaking weigh-in was to be held at a Scottish evening held by the Famous Grouse Clan in the Auckland Trotting Club. Plans were made for the City of Auckland Pipe Band to pipe the monster in proceeded by our member Norman Mackenzie, bearing the traditional tray of whisky. Unfortunately, the skin of the haggis broke, admitting water, therefor the record stays with the south island.

Gordon Smarts Haggis Hatchery must surely hold the world record for the biggest pot of **Awful Soup !!!!!**

(From Clan MacKenzie in Australia)

## The Thistle of Scotland

For centuries Norse invaders had raided the coasts of Scotland. Despite heroic defence by the Scottish peoples, these raids became ever fiercer and the Vikings began to settle in conquered lands. Norse Kings then laid claim to large tracts of Scotland, notably the Western Isles. In 1263, with the balance of power delicately balanced, the Scottish army under Alexander III was aligned against the might of the Vikings.

At night, the Scots lay resting,



renewing their energies for the decisive battle that would come with the dawn. The Vikings sought to surprise the Scots by creeping up stealthily — and barefoot — and overwhelming them as they slept.

Their ruse might have succeeded, had not a leading Viking trod upon the spiky thistle and cried out in agony, thereby alerting the Scots.

The defenders fell upon the Norsemen, who fled in their longships in disarray and sailed off north to their Scandinavian homelands. The threat to Scotland was ended! The thistle thus became the emblem of Scotland, bearing the motto "*Nemo me impune lacessit*" literally "No-one hurts me with impunity" or more colloquially "*Wha daur meddle wi' me?*" □

## HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Bill McGuffie (Q77-272) of Holloways Beach, near Cairns, Q., is one of our senior members. In reply to a recent request for family history Bill's family wrote:

"Bill's great grandfather, Daniel McGuffie, was born at Galloway, Scotland, in 1816 and died on 8 Oct 1896. (He could read and write, quite an achievement in those days). He married a Helen Wallace McCloud and when they arrived on the 'Ocean Chief' from Liverpool on 28 Jan 1856 at Hobart their children were Margaret [9], Alexander [7], Helen [3], James [2] and Jane [6 months]. A third son, Daniel, was born in Providence Valley, Hobart, their only child born in Tasmania.

This second Daniel married Maria Dowding on 1 Jan 1882. Their marriage certificate was signed by a Maria McGuffie and Thomas McGuffie, it's not known if they were husband and wife or whether they were Daniel's brother and sister.

A William McGuffie, aged 33, arrived in Hobart on 23 Sep 1854 on the 'Emma Prescott' from Melbourne, it is thought he was a brother of the first Daniel. The only information on him is that he joined the police force.

In the Hobart museum there is a statue of an aborigine, a tree and a dog. It was given to Daniel McGuffie by Martin Cash (a notorious bushranger) for saving his life. 'Daniel McGuffie saved Martin Cash from being crushed against a wall by his own horse'. The Vase (statue) was presented to the museum by Daniel McGuffie in 1964.

Bill's uncles were Bill, Athol, Harold, Roy and Eric McGuffie (all deceased), Bill's brothers were Eric and Roy (deceased), Bill's son - William, nephews - Ronald and Keith McGuffie and grandsons - Daniel, Liam and Cameron McGuffie. all live in North Queensland.

We would be interested to hear from anyone with any information re the early McGuffies as we know little of them."

Who owned McPhee's Barn at Newstead, Vic? The May 1995 copy of The Scots Link carried an item on Newstead, a small gold mining community near Menzies Crossing on the Loddon River in Victoria. The first church service there was held under a red gum in the mid 1850's by a Congregational layman from Castlemaine. The first Presbyterian service was held in McPhee's barn in March 1859, conducted in Gaelic by Rev. McDonald of Kyneton.

The following year locally made bricks were used to build a church and the Rev. John Sutherland came from Scotland as the first resident minister. However, the introduction of a small harmonium instead of the traditional precentor to lead the singing caused quite a split in the church and the Highlanders amongst the congregation returned to McPhee's barn where all was in Gaelic and there was no newfangled machinery! Which McPhee family owned this Barn?

Cloncurry Gold Miners. Mrs. Vicki Brown of Gympie, Q., forwarded details of the inscription on a lonely Macfie grave near Cloncurry in north west Queensland: "The Cloncurry area had lots of small townships, now all vanished - that is except for their cemeteries. The majority of people who lived in these mining places, or railway places (of even shorter existence) were mostly poor and when I saw some memorials on graves it made me wonder how many others were buried without grave stones. At Mount Cuthbert - an old mining town - was the inscription (below) on a memorial stone with a tall column."

McFIE, NEIL

d. 21 APRIL 1917

MY DEAR HUSBAND

"LEAD KINDLY LIGHT, THE WAY IS DARK,  
AND I AM FAR FROM HOME, LEAD THOU ME ON."

Wayne Tapp of Cloncurry was able to add that Neil was 57 at the time of his death and was a blacksmith.



\* There was another golf course in Scotland where Jock was asked what he thought of the course "It's no' all that bad," he replied "I lost four ba's, but found six." So he was better off than his friend, Angus, who had recently joined at great expense and was very enthusiastic for two weeks, then stopped playing. "Why?" he was asked, "I canna play anymore" replied a downcast Angus, "I've lost my ba'".

\* Honorary Clan Macfie member, Chainsaw, has retired. Chainsaw is a Braham Bull owned by Garry McPhee of Victoria and a legend on the Australian rodeo circuit. The 14 year old bull was successfully ridden only 8 times in over 500 competitive outings during his ten year career. And we have other cattle breeders within the Clan too - in Clan News No. 11 we reported Stewart MacPhie as an Aberdeen Angus breeder in Scotland. He has been matched by Fred and Charlene McFee of Circle M Farm, Austin, Texas, with Polled Hereford and Don and Pat McPhie of Warragul, Vic., Australia with the Colonsay Jersey Stud, to name a few.



\* Newsbulletin Name. In our last Newsbulletin we asked members if they felt the Newsbulletin should have a name, and we sought suggestions for it. The response was (might I say, predictable?) a big ZERO. So what about "The Macfie Caber" (not that it's tossed at you), "The Guithas Pine" (our badge), "The Macfie Haggis" (for digesting), or do you have other suggestions?.....or care.....?

\* Visitors to Overseas. Gladys McIntosh (S77-255) of Adelaide was away mid year, as too, were Bill and Bonnie Bush (N74-007F) of Sydney. The latter two going as far north as Fort William and Bill visiting places in Austria where he was a POW in WWII as well as the VE Day anniversary celebrations in London.

#### THEY'VE SHIFTED CAMP

\* Brian and Cass McHaffie (S77-280 and S77-396) formerly of Adelaide to 10/14 Kingston Drive, Banora Point, N.S.W. 2486 and thinking of building in that neck of the woods.

\* Jennifer Robertson (V82-508) of Merino Vic., has a new address at Coleraine, Vic. 3315 - but the same Mail Service number, 1919 - so probably hasn't moved at all.

\* Dr. Ian McPhee (N88-640) from Newcastle to 85 Parkes Lane, Terranora, N.S.W. 2486.

\* Gary and Shirley Phie (Q94-844/5) and Pam Phie (Q94-846) from Bundamba, Q. to 69 Clarence Baker Drive, Middlemount, Q. 4746.

\* Ian McPhee (Q95-877) from Clayfield to 56 Kingstown Ave., Boondall, Q. 4034.

#### NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined the Clan Society since the last Newsbulletin was printed.

Q95-895 Marsh McFie } "Colonsay" 125 Doolong Road,  
 Q95-896 Mrs Joan McFie } Pialba, Q. 4655  
 V95-897 Sr. Anne McPhee, "Loreto" 1 Gordon Cres., Blackburn, Vic. 3130  
 N95-898 Ms. Rosemary Barnes, 38 Ancona Ave., Toongabbie, N.S.W. 2146

Q95-899 Mrs. Margaret Peters, 7 Richard St., Lota, Q. 4179

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