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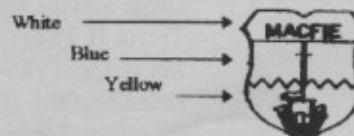
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CLAN SOCIETY MERCHANDISE

The Clan Society has the following items of merchandise for sale to members. Postage is included in the prices quoted.

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Vol. VI and Vol VII of Dr. MacPhee's Clan History	\$12.00 (one set left)
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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



We had fourteen Australians at the Clan Gathering in Aviemore in May. This would surely give us the leading person/mileage ratio for attendance amongst the Clan Societies. And, in addition, we had five of our overseas members there and three of the honorary members (who also live overseas). Well done! Thank you for the support. The Gathering report is included in the Clan News section in the centre pages of this Newsbulletin.

The Gathering went well and we enjoyed meeting so many Clan members, many of whom we knew well from previous Clan Gatherings, but there were also many new faces too. In particular I was very pleased to see the large number of youngsters who attended one or more of the functions, as they are the future of our Clan. I am sure everybody enjoyed the comprehensive programme arranged by the co-ordinators, Iain and Fiona McFie of Scotland.

With the year going by dreadfully quickly it is time to look ahead to our coming Twelfth Biennial General Meeting in Melbourne on the 23rd and 24th May next year. A call will be made in the November Newsbulletin (No. 79) for Nominations for Executive Office and for Agenda Items.

We always seem to have too many items for the Newsbulletin and insufficient room when we come to write each copy. One item I overlooked (this is the last page to be written) was the auditors report on the books and financial statements for last year. All is in order there and the report will appear in the November Newsbulletin. Until then - take care.

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

22 July 1997

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(See Also Page 8 for additional Clan Macfie Dates)

1997

- 13-14 Sep Inaugural Gathering of the Clans at Harry Moore Oval, Toukley, N.S.W. (043 50-5416)
18-21 Sep The World Burns Federation Conference and AGM, scheduled for the Southern Cross Hotel, Melbourne, Vic., regrettably has been cancelled at short notice. Alternate functions are being arranged by The Burns Club of Melbourne. Contact 03 9820-8099 for further information.
23-30 Nov Sydney Scottish Week (02 9449-8353 or 9654-2494 A/H). Honoured Guest, Sir Lachlan Maclean of Durat and Morven, 28th Chief of Clan Gillean. Programme yet to be finalised but expected to be similar to last year's. Please let N.S.W. V-P Geoff McPhee know on tel: 02 9533-4195 if you intend being at one or more functions.
30 Nov Drummoyne Highland Games, Drummoyne, Sydney, N.S.W..
6-7 Dec Daylesford Highland Gathering, Victoria Park, Daylesford, Vic..

1998

- 4 Apr 21st Annual Band and Highland Gathering at Bundanoon, N.S.W. (1800 65 6176). N.S.W. V-P Geoff McPhee and A.C.T. V-P Glen McPhee will have the Clan Macfie tent there again in '98.
10-12 Apr (Easter) 1) Festival of Tartans, Australian Pipe Band Championships and Champion of Champions Highland Dancing Championships. Newcastle Showground and Entertainment Centre, N.S.W.. (1800 654 558).
2) 94th Maclean Highland Gathering, Maclean, N.S.W.
23-24 May Twelfth Biennial General Meeting and Gathering of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia in Melbourne, Vic., (03 9758-4428). Programme being developed.
14-22 Nov 150th Anniversary Celebrations for the City of Dunedin and Province of Otago in New Zealand. The annual International Scottish Gathering and Tattoo will be significantly upgraded for '98. More information to come.

2000

- 27 Sep-01 Oct Ninth Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, University of Western Australia, Perth, W.A.

2001

- September Next Clan Parliament and associated International Gathering of Clan Macfie, Scotland.

BUNDANOON 1997

This year's Highland Gathering at Bundanoon in Southern N.S.W. - their 20th on 12th April - has been described as the biggest and best yet. Some 24,000 people attended, 19 bands performed, there were 110 stalls and the weather was kind. The Macfie tent was there once again with N.S.W. V-P Geoff and Ruth McPhee officiating, aided and abetted by Clan Commissioner Sandy and Norah McPhee of Mt. Vincent, N.S.W.. A number of Clan contacts were made during the day and a constant number of queries fielded from passers-by. We'll be back in 1998.

CLAN SOCIETY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY WEEKEND

Held on the 24th and 25th May at the home of Sandy and Norah McPhee at Mt. Vincent, N.S.W., it was an enjoyable and productive weekend with seventeen members delving into the deeper areas of Family History and Genealogy. Historians Norah McPhee, Clyde Smythe and Trevor Phee were well to the fore in discussions and Maurine Cunningham (N76-214) of Gosford, N.S.W., gave an interesting talk on the LDS Church and it's records. The weekend was held on that closest to Clan Macfie Day (27th) and coincided with the Clan Gathering and Parliament in Scotland. Members Ted and Judy Smythe (N74-064F and N79-445F) and Angus and Helen Cameron (A92-789/790) were there from Canberra, and Ted as a Clan elder, spoke on the Clan and proposed a suitable toast. A great weekend!

OUR POETRY COMPETITIONS

Forty entries have been received in this year's John Dunmore Lang Poetry Prize competition and fifty-five for the Will Ogilvie Poetry Prize. Entries closed on 23rd June and are currently with the adjudicators. The competitions are proudly sponsored by McPhee Transport and Carlton and United Breweries. Winners will be announced at a special function at the Royal Mail Hotel, Hungerford in far S.W. Queensland on Saturday 2nd August.

A new initiative by Competition organiser Queensland V-P Bob McPhee of Glenore Grove, the three recital events, which will be judged at Hungerford on the 2nd. They have attracted a lot of interest and Bob expects a large number of entries given the many enquiries from around Australia, and to the Royal Mail for accommodation.

The two poems, one below and one on page 16, are the third place winners from last year's competition. "A Beach Chat 1859" in the J.D. Lang and "Flying Doctor" in the Will Ogilvie Competition.

A BEACH CHAT-'1859'

The wagon wheels they rumbled
in the big Australian land;
"What's that" said Jacky-Jacky
with an ear down to the sand.

"The funny-talking white man"
said an Elder of the Tribe;
"They're spreading even faster
than the ever-turning tide."

"We'll have to move our camps again
its not time for walkabout;
We cannot leave our womenfolk
in danger this far out"

"We'll move back to the waterhole
there's food a-plenty there;
they're bound to hug the beaches
them with skin so fair."

"Perhaps we should just hang around
a little way away;
I've heard they sometimes hand out food
and don't mind if we stay."

"Yes, Nellie said they're not so bad
she's run into quite a few."
"But what about old Jimbo's hut
they broke it right in two!"

"They thought he hid their bad-man there
when he fought back with his spears;
The whiteman had those big long sticks
blazing fire, hurting ears."

"But Jimbo didn't stay around
he took off for the bush;
The hut it was quite empty
when the troopers made their rush."

"They chase their badmen through the bush
and through the mountain passes;
Our Trackers help them find the trails
through all the trees and grasses."

"Oh yes... they've taught our boys to sit
high up on a horse;
Ride like the wind across the plain
They pay with food of course."

"It seems they're taking all our land
though there's lots that we don't use;
They never think to ask us
they simply pick and choose."

"I've heard they come from spirit lands
far across the Ocean;
Some speak with such a lilting sound
some make a big commotion."

"Just when we think... well that's the lot
we'll manage just this few,
We look out on the water...
W h a t! Another big Canoe!"

"So, still they come, and things must change
not just for you and me;
We must decide what's best for all
at our next Carroborree."

Evelyn E. Skeahan
July 1996

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES

- ◆ **Marlena Turner** of 9/17 Armitage Crescent, Burnie, Tas. 7320, writes:

“I have a McPhee in my family tree, my great grandmother was Erith Marion McPhee, her father was John McPhee. John married in South Australia in 1877. His marriage certificate states his father’s name as James. John died in Tasmania in 1900. I have no idea where he originated from.”

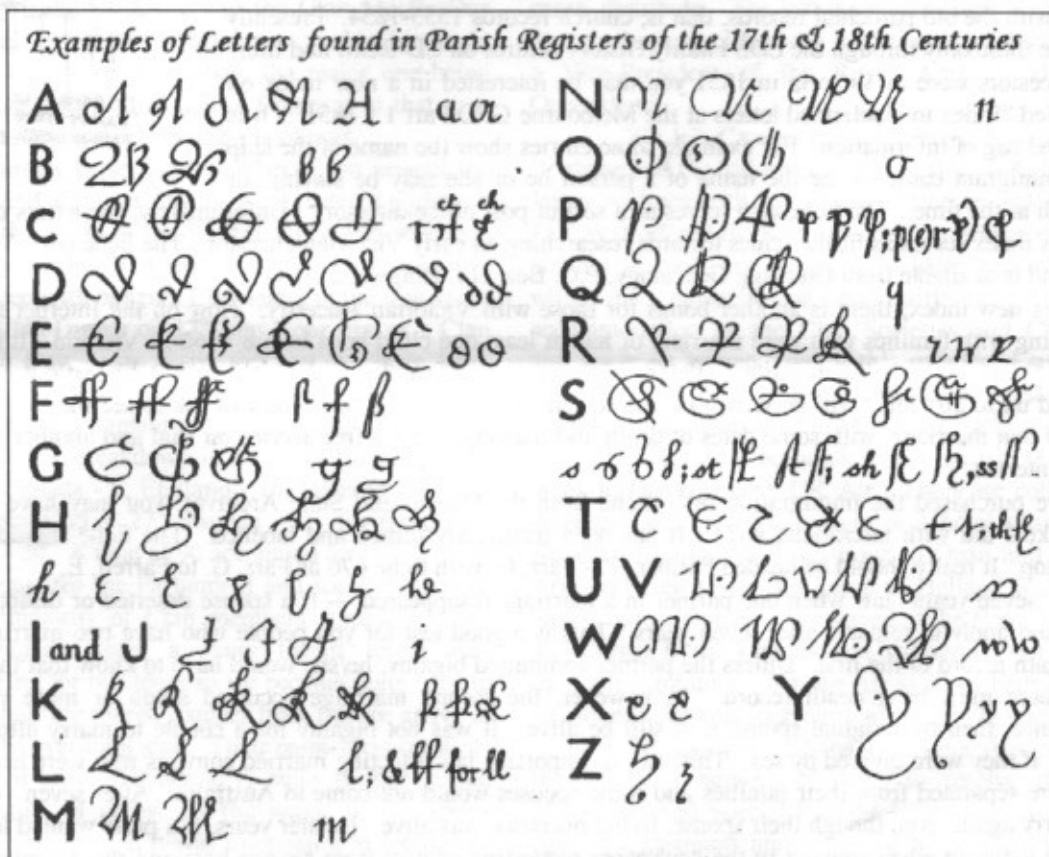
If anyone can link in with Marlena’s McPhees please contact her direct and send a copy to Secretary Helen.

- ◆ From **Denis Dalziel** of 8 Melanda Street, Kelmscott, W.A. 6111 has come an interesting family tree going back to his ancestors Donald McPhee of Argyllshire, Scotland, who arrived in Sydney on the “Mellish” in 1829 and married Ann Handebo of Tullamore, Ireland, at Maitland on 1st March 1837.
- ◆ **Joan Stow** (V88-605) of P.O. Box 627, Seymour, Vic. 3660 has forwarded copies of three inquests into the deaths of family members many years ago. One dealing with the death of Ewan McPhee of Tramalla, Vic., who died on the 16th December 1872 following a fall from a horse. Another, the Inquiry into the death of Neil McPhee at Ringwood on 24th December 1903, who died from Pneumonia and chronic Brights disease when walking home, and the third on Archibald McPhee of Merino, Vic., who died the morning after being hit by a cyclist when walking along the road at night with his wife, Kate, on 15th August 1914.

◆ **FOR THOSE LOOKING UP OLD PARISH REGISTERS**

This guide to lettering found in Parish Registers of the 17th and 18th Centuries, is reprinted with the grateful acknowledgment to THE SCOTS LINK, the quarterly Scottish Family History Magazine, (August 1996 issue). The Scots Link is available from P.O. Box 135, South Melbourne 3205, for an annual subscription fee of \$24.

In recent times we may certainly have lost the art of beautiful, easy-to-read handwriting, but even some older writing is not easily read. This is sometimes due to the fact that lettering styles have changed over the years. Hopefully the following examples may be of assistance in your research.



The following newspaper cuttings have been taken from Janet Reakes' "Family Trees" column in Brisbane's "Sunday Mail" paper.

- ◆ There's a lot of movement afoot in England with the relocation of several major records into the one premises. The St. Catherine's House indexes (nickname for the English/Welsh birth, death and marriage records) will be moved from St. Catherine's House to the new Family Records Centre, Myddleton Street, London EC1. The Central London Reading Rooms of the Public Record Office, which holds the census records between 1841 and 1891 in Chancery Lane, will also move there. Other records to be sent to the new centre are the pre- 1858 non-parochial registers, copies of wills and administrations before 1858 and some death duty registers. If visiting London, the nearest underground is the "Angel" on the City Branch of the Northern Line.
- ◆ If you have Maryborough ancestors, the book "*How to Trace Your Maryborough Ancestors*" will benefit research. It lists the names and ages of almost 20,000 passengers through the port of Maryborough. Included are the transcriptions of the Tiaro, Brooweena and Nikenbah cemeteries. It includes a complete listing of every film held on Maryborough by the LDS Family History Libraries, and a listing of the State Archives holdings on Maryborough. The book costs \$23 (including postage) and is available from Australia's Immigration and Family History Centre, P.O. Box 937, Pialba, Q. 4655.
- ◆ The good news is the announcement from the Queensland Government that it has just released further death and marriage indexes to 1929. By mid 1997 the government intends to release more births, deaths and marriages. In fact, deaths will be released to 1960 and marriages to about 1934. The CD-ROM is still coming, it took second priority to the fiche release. The cost of the fiche is \$222.
- ◆ Unfortunately, the Australian census records have been destroyed. There is a glimmer of hope that the 1996 census may be retained. However, small portions of the 1841 census survive and a smaller portion of the 1891. These normally only list heads of families with statistical data on members of the household. These records can be hired through the LDS Family History Library System. I have mentioned previously that N.S.W. State Archives was indexing the 1891 census. I have a book called "*Census and Musters of Australia and the British Isles*" (\$12 including postage - available from Janet Reakes, P.O. Box 937, Hervey Bay, Q. 4655) which discusses all the available censuses, their contents and availability.
- ◆ The IGI contains only 240 million names from possible billions of the world's population. A set of microfiche called "Parish and Vital Records Listing" can be found at any genealogical centre housing the IGI. It records the parishes throughout the world that have been extracted and for what time periods.
- ◆ The Scottish Registrar has decided to put the Scottish Birth, Death and Marriage indexes from 1855 to 1896 on the Internet. This will be a boon for people tracing Scots ancestors as they can get the registration number and thereby save money on a certificate. Apparently there will be some sort of charge to link into the site to search, but it will still work out cheaper. Of course this is yet another wonderful Internet site to access from home. The Internet is the way to go! This service is planned to be operating in September. It also intends to follow up with the old parochial records, that is, church records 1553-1854. Presently you can see these only through the LDS Family History centres on CD-ROM and film.
- ◆ If your ancestors were in Victoria in 1851 you may be interested in a new index on fiche entitled "Index to Unclaimed letters at the Melbourne GPO Part 1 - 1851". It is a real mixed bag of information. For example some entries show the name of the ship that the immigrant came on, or the name of a person he or she may be staying, or living, with at the time. The fiche also serves as a sort of post office directory. Unfortunately, the letters don't exist, but at least this index serves as further clues towards researching an early Victorian ancestor. The fiche costs \$7.50 including postage, and is available from Guthrigg Genealogy, P.O. Box 114, Ringwood, 3134.
- ◆ Besides this new index, there is another bonus for those with Victorian Ancestry. Now on the Internet is the VicGold index dealing with families who were married, or had at least one child born before 1860 in Victoria. It's a marvellous research tool. You type in the surname or details of the person you want, designate whether it's a birth, death or marriage search, and up to 20 "hits" will be shown on the screen. If you score a "hit" you can ask to see the family, i.e., all the children of that marriage, with some dates of death and marriage. It's a free service on trial and another great reason to be on the Internet.
- ◆ If you have purchased the immigration microfiche from the Queensland State Archives, you may have experienced a problem like I did with microfiche #675. It has been incorrectly filmed and labelled. The fiche should be read from bottom to top. It really should be headed Farmer, T. - Farr, G. with fiche 676 as Farr, G. to Farrell, E.
- ◆ About the "seven years" law when one partner in a marriage disappeared --- If a spouse deserted or disappeared, his/her partner could apply to remarry after seven years. This is a good test for you people who have two marriages and can't find the death record of the first. Unless the partner committed bigamy, he/she would have to know that their spouse had died, so there must be a death record. If, however, the second marriage occurred seven or more years after the disappearance, then the original spouse may still be alive. It was not bigamy for a couple to marry after seven years' separation, if they were divided by sea. This was an important law affecting married convicts who were transported here, as they were separated from their families and some spouses would not come to Australia. After seven years they were able to marry again, even though their spouse, living overseas, was alive. In later years, if a party wanted to marry again, they would lodge an advertisement in the newspaper requesting contact from anyone knowing the deserted spouse to get him/her to make contact, otherwise the advertiser would be marrying again.





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DISTRIBUTION OF CLAN MACFIE NEWS

As indicated in the March Clan News, distribution of this publication has been significantly reduced due to financial considerations. The permanent mailing list has been reduced to Clan officials, Clan Society Presidents and respective Newsletter editors, plus a small number of Clan members living

outside the general areas of Clan or Clan Society population and contact. In addition, this copy will be mailed to those members who attended the Seventh Parliament and Twelfth Gathering of the Clan in Aviemore last May - provided we have an address.

REPORT ON 7TH THE PARLIAMENT & 12TH GATHERING OF CLAN MACFIE

by Ceann-Cath Sandy McPhie

The Twelfth International Gathering of Clan Macfie was held at Aviemore, Scotland from 24th to 30th May 1997. As with our Tenth Gathering on Colonsay in 1993, Iain and Fiona McFie acted as co-ordinators and the Clan Macfie Society in Scotland was the host society. Once again we ventured into relatively new areas in putting the programme together. Aviemore and the Clan Macfie Day date were selected by the 1993 Parliament, and in hindsight both generated their own difficulties, the major one being our inability to arrange a Clan visit to Colonsay at that time as part of the Gathering due to holiday bookings.

Some ninety or so Clan members from around the world attended and all arrangements went through without a hitch, much to the credit of the co-ordinators, and their two off-siders, Andrew and Vanessa Duffy. Social functions were well attended with our rare Clan talent to the fore at the Ceilidhs. The Clan Dinner on 27th May - our first as a Clan on Clan Macfie Day - was easily the best we have held, while the three bus trips went to interesting places and the business sessions of Parliament progressed many matters one way or another. The breakdown in numbers attending was: Australia - 14, Canada - 7, England - 16, Holland - 2, New Zealand - 2, Scotland - 27, Sweden - 1, Switzerland - 1, United States - 20. A total of 90 accounted for.

The venue for the Parliament and social functions, and where the majority of Clan members stayed, was the Aviemore Highlands Hotel, a major tourist resort used mainly for catering for bus tours so we became quite used to seeing three or four big tourist coaches from Europe arrive of an evening for an overnight stop. Their passengers certainly had an additional taste of Scotland to enjoy on our ceilidh nights! Aviemore, of course, is the major winter sports centre in the Highlands and it was interesting to see details of a proposed £14 m. or so upgrading and redevelopment scheme with mainly European money was underway there.

Our planning for the trip to Scotland commenced some months before our mid-May departure date. There were many arrangements to attend to here as well as in Scotland, before we could leave and frequent contact with Iain and Fiona was the order of the day, plus a mass of Gathering/Parliament paperwork to prepare and, in most cases, distribute. The last six weeks were hectic to say the least as they coincided with my heavy annual commitment as a Vice-President of the Royal Agricultural Society of Queensland.

We left Cambooya on Tuesday, 13th May to go to Brisbane and the following morning flew to Amsterdam with Japan Airlines with an overnight stop in Tokyo. We flew JAL as it offered the best (cheapest?) package of the various airlines to meet our needs. We were generously assisted with the payment of our airfares and Aviemore accommodation by the Clan Societies and Clan members and are most appreciative of this wonderful support, thank you. A summary of these costs and assistance will be included in an issue of Clan Macfie News.

There were no hassles with the trip to Amsterdam, or on to Glasgow with UK Air. There we collected a self-drive car and stayed overnight at a hotel near the airport. Next day (Friday 16th) we drove to Oban and met up with Arie and Helen van der Leest of Holland for the evening ferry trip to Colonsay. We stayed at the Hotel, still in Kevin and Christa Byrne's hands, and had hardly been ashore more than a few minutes when we felt as if we hadn't been away, let alone the almost four years since the '93 visit.

We had planned the visit with Arie and Helen as there were a number of items to resolve regarding the Memorials and Special Projects Committee work (of which Arie is Chairman) and I wished to personally inspect the land on Colonsay which had been offered to the Clan for purchase. The time there went quickly with a day spent on

Oronsay with the owner, Mrs. Frannie Colburn of U.S.A.; a full inspection of the offered land; a meeting with the young Laird, the Hon. Alexander Howard, son of Lord Strathcona, and now hands-on manager of their property there; and two glorious days of walking the west coast cliffs high above the Atlantic. Almost disaster too, as I lost my balance coming out of Macfie's Cave above Kiloran Bay and took a bad header on the rocks - I wonder if old Macfie pushed me? Or saved me with my somersault to safety!

With a few days spare off Colonsay we stayed a night with old friends at Taynuilt near Oban, then did the tourist bit down to the Mull of Kintyre (yes, we went through to the lighthouse), a visit to the Arduaine Gardens and the Kilmartin Church and Historical Centre are well worthwhile if you're in the area. We stayed the night in Tarbert and duly arrived at Aviemore on Friday afternoon for the start of the Gathering that evening at the Commander's Reception.

All arrangements were well in place and Macfies appeared from everywhere as the Reception got underway. A good start for what was to prove another enjoyable and productive Clan Gathering and Parliament week. There were many old friendships renewed that evening and new ones established as introductions were made. It was heartening to see so many there who had attended earlier Gatherings and Parliaments and so many youngsters amongst the Clan members. A real International Gathering of the Clan!

The opening ceremony on the Saturday morning went well though somewhat restricted by the venue. I had appointed members of Clan Macfie Society in Scotland to all positions for this Parliament in recognition of the Society's contribution over twenty years to the various Clan Gatherings and Parliaments held in Scotland. We received greetings and good wishes from H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Lord of the Isles, and many of our members around the world. Those assembled stood in remembrance of all Clan members who had passed on since the last Parliament. The first session of Parliament that day was taken up with routine business and reports. That night we ceilidh'd on 'til quite late. A summary of decisions taken by Parliament appears on page 4.

Sunday was scheduled as a day of rest with a Church Service in the morning where Jean McPhee (Canada) and I read the lessons. That afternoon many of us drove down to Achnacarry where Lochiel, the Cameron Chief, had an open day on the grounds and in part of his home. Now well in his eighties, Lochiel was in fine form. That night we set the ceilidh in motion once again, much to the delight of two busloads of German tourists. Sunday luncheon, though, was the highlight for the day with the Hotel staff making a large cake and providing a special feast to recognise the Clan presence.

Monday and Tuesday were taken up during the day with business sessions with two quite contentious items being debated. By then too, some of us had been slowed by a local wog or two which presented their own problems - it must have been a bad one in my case as I had to miss the whisky workshop on Monday night!

We had the pleasure of Dr. Winifred Ewing as our guest at the Clan Dinner on the 27th. Winnie, Member of the European Parliament for the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, gave a warm and interesting address on Scotland

and the outlook to-day. The Dinner was well attended with the Hotel staff looking after us well, including a local haggis duly addressed in traditional manner by Iain McFie.

The remaining three days were taken up with bus trips out from Aviemore. Many of the overseas visitors left at this time as individual itineraries and commitments varied greatly. Sadly, some of those on the buses missed saying farewell to those leaving as the bus had a schedule to keep.

The trips were arranged by Iain and Fiona. On the Wednesday we went down to Pitlochry, (where it cost 40p to use the public loo!) then Perth and Caithness Glass, Scone Palace, Stirling Castle and the Bannockburn Centre, before returning to Aviemore. There we found Mary Roussos and Ann Cameron had turned up and it was great to see them again.

Thursday had its own interesting items, the Cairns of Clava which probably date back to 2000 or 1500 B.C., Culloden, where a lot of work has been carried out opening the battlefield up to the visitor, Fort George near Inverness and lunch at Ann Johnston's home. Ann is Membership Secretary for the Macfie Clan Society in the U.K. and an excellent hostess who also, I am sure, arranged the beautiful sunny day for us. From there we went on a tour of the Black Isle before descending on the Inverness shops.

Friday we had a reduced compliment of bus trippers for a day on Skye and at Portree. That night there was a special farewell dinner at the Hotel before going our respective ways the following morning.

Helen and I had intended heading north for a look at John o'Groats on Saturday, but stayed put at the Hotel to try to toss off the colds which we had both developed. Sunday it was down to Edinburgh for us and a visit to the Lyon Office on Monday. On Tuesday midday we started the long trip home - 38½ hours door to door - Edinburgh to Cambooya!

All in all another good and enjoyable Clan Gathering. A video of the week has been made by Arie van der Leest and a master copy will be distributed free, by him, to each of our Clan Societies. Members may then arrange with their respective Societies to view the video and, if they wish, have a copy made.

CLAN DIARY

- 2/3 Aug 97 BGM Cathey Reunion Assn, in Salisbury, NC U.S.A. (Boyt Cathey 540 380-4467)
- 17/19 Oct 97 AGM MacDuffee/Macfie C/Soc of America, at Stone Mountain, Atlanta, GA U.S.A. (Fritz McDuffie 423 483-9414)
- 17/19 Oct 97 AGM MacFie C/Soc of North America, At Stone Mountain, Atlanta, GA U.S.A. (Jim McAfee 615 444-5524)
- 25 Oct 97 AGM Clan Macfie Society, in Luton, England (Iain McFie 01540 651-391)
- Apr ? 98 AGM McPhee C/Soc of New Zealand, details TBA (James McPhee 09 238-6495)
- May ? 98 BGM The Macfie C/Soc of Australia, details TBA (Helen McPhie 076 30-9030)
- 4 Jul 98 TGM Thorburn-Macfie Family Society, details TBA (Ulf Hagman 0522 13-670)
- Nov ? 98 AGM Macfie C/Soc in Canada, details TBA (Sylvia McPhee 416 925-9757)



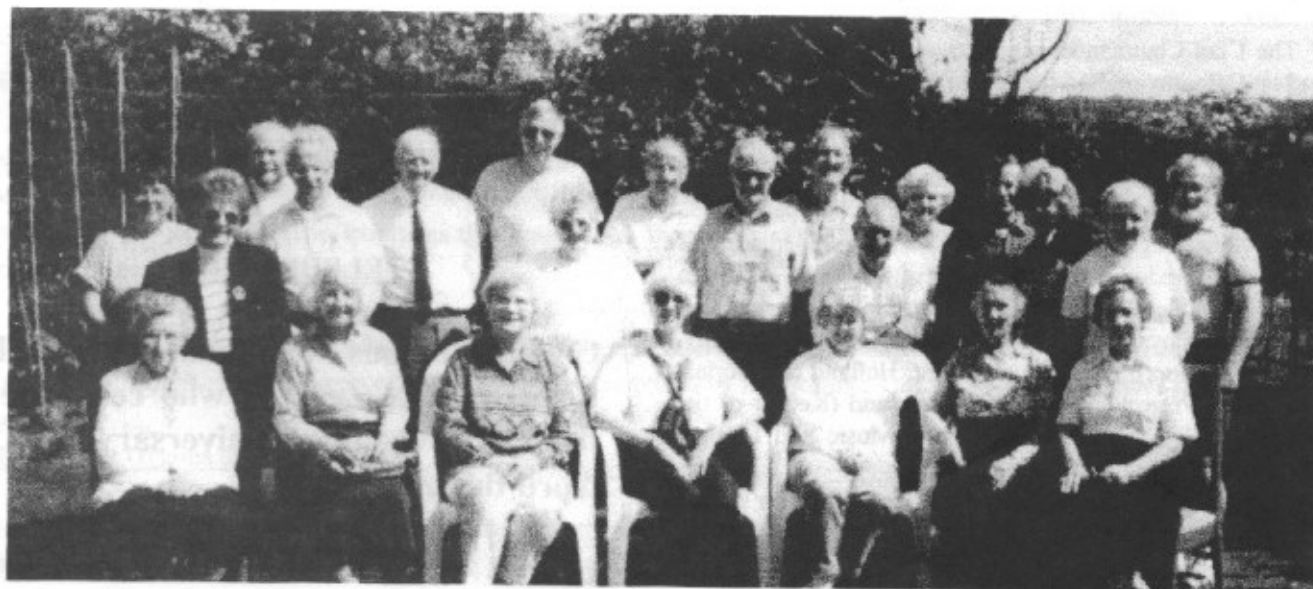
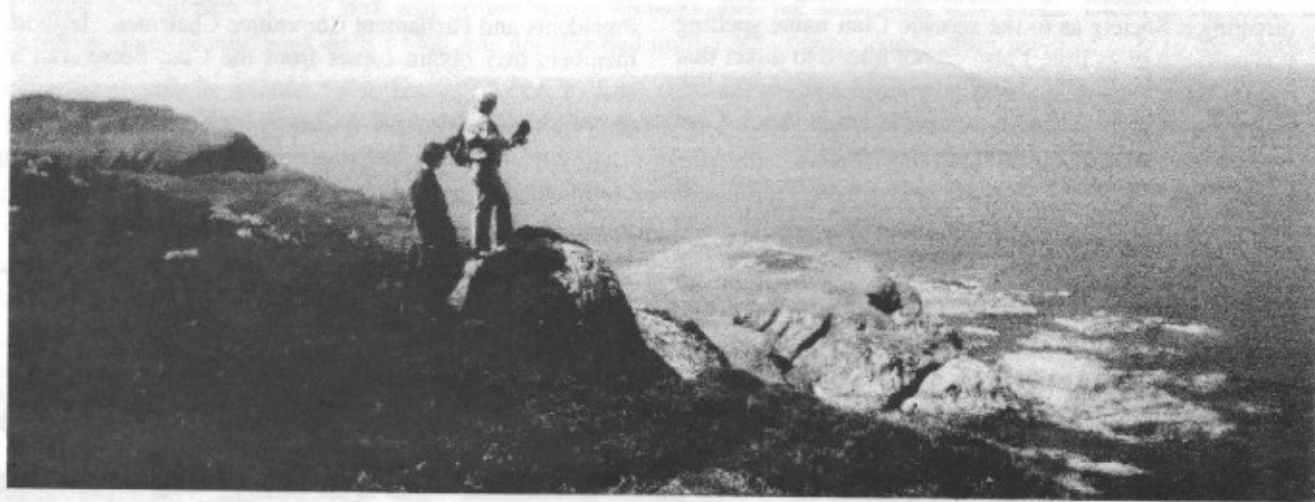
Top Left Some of the Clan Macfie members outside St. Andrews Church of Scotland in Aviemore Sunday 25th May.

Centre Left Members and banner bearers assemble in the Hotel car park, for the Official Procession at the Opening of Parliament, Saturday 24th May.



Below Centre Helen van der Leest and the Clan Commander high on the cliffs on Colonsay's west coast.

Bottom The Day 2 bus party at lunch at Ann Johnston's home in Inverness



SUMMARY OF BUSINESS DECISIONS ETC. FROM THE SEVENTH CLAN PARLIAMENT

* The Macfie Clan Society in Canada tabled a petition to Clan Parliament and to the Clan Commander for each to request the MacFie Clan Society of North America to delete the word "North" from its title. The petition was debated by Parliament and then withdrawn in favour of the following motion:

"That the Seventh Clan Parliament resolve that all Clan Society names reflect either their national boundaries only, or family name, with the exception of the Clan Macfie Society."

This was carried - 20 In Favour, 12 Against, 17 Informal or Abstaining.

Subsequently the Clan Commander made the following statement in regard to his considering the petition:

"With regard to the Petition submitted to me by the Macfie Clan Society in Canada asking that I request the Macfie Clan Society of North America to delete "North" from its name, I feel it is appropriate that I respond to that Petition during the life of this Parliament. While I recognise the extreme sensitivity of this matter to some members of both societies, and notwithstanding the decision taken by Clan Parliament on Monday, 26th May 1997, I have given full and due consideration to the implications involved and arguments advanced by both Societies, and indeed the members of Parliament assembled. I have decided that just as I have no intention within my authority as Commander of Clan Macfie of directing a Society as to the specific Clan name spelling it should use in its title, I also do not intend to direct that a specific national name be used by any Society or that its membership be restricted to a specific area. Each Clan Society name will be considered on its merits at the time of seeking recognition from me and all factors will be considered at that time. Accordingly, I have no requirement for any of our existing eight Clan Societies to alter their respective Society names. In particular, in regard to yesterday's resolution by Clan Parliament, I do not require any change of name by the MacFie Clan Society of North America, the MacDuffie/Macfie Clan Society of America Inc., the Cathey Reunion Association or the Thorburn-Macfie Family Society."

* The various reports to Clan Parliament by the Clan Society Presidents and Chairmen of Clan and Clan Parliament Committees were received.

* The Clan Commander reported on his inspection of the land on Colonsay offered for sale to the Clan and stated that as insufficient funds had been forthcoming for this purchase it was his intention, subject to looking at several other avenues for establishing a Clan presence on Colonsay, to refund monies donated for the proposed land purchase.

* The following members were elected as Chairmen of Parliament Standing Committees: Nevell McPhee, Australia (Finance); Sandy McPhie, Australia (International Gatherings); Boyt Cathey, U.S.A. (Genealogy); Sheila Duffy, Scotland (History); Arie van der Leest, Holland (Memorials and Special Projects); Iain McFie, Scotland (Keeper of the Records); Bob McFie, Scotland (Arts, Music and Dance); Andrew Duffy, England (Nomenclature).

* Martha Traylor, U.S.A., was appointed to chair a special committee to examine copyright implications regarding Clan

badges, tartan and publications etc.. The Clan Societies to second members to this committee.

* The draft constitution for a proposed Federation of Clan Macfie Societies was referred to a new committee for further development by a vote of 13 In Favour, 11 Against, 17 Informal or Abstaining. This committee was left to decide its own chairman.

* Although the Clan Commander had declared a moratorium on the nomination of further Names To Be Remembered until a satisfactory way of recording such names was devised, he agreed to the nomination of James Walter Duffy Esq. (1917-1992) and Pte. James Duffy VC and they were duly acknowledged.

* The Clan Commander is to develop and release an official list of Clan Macfie surnames relevant to current circumstances.

* The next Clan Parliament is to be held in September 2001 at preferably Dunoon (west of Glasgow) or Edinburgh, but with an associated visit to Colonsay included if at all possible. None of the Clan Societies indicated an interest in hosting a mid-term International Gathering in 1999. The Clan Commander will leave the invitation to do so open until the end of 1997.

Distribution of the full Report of the Twelfth International Gathering and the Record of Proceedings of the Seventh Parliament of Clan Macfie will be made later this year when completed, to Clan Commissioners, Clan Society Presidents and Parliament Committee Chairmen. Individual members may obtain copies from the Clan Secretariat at a cost of A\$5.00 posted or by making suitable arrangements direct with their respective Clan Society.

Email/Internet Addresses

- ◆ Boyt Cathey (U.S.A.) Genealogy Committee Chairman is at <BoytC@aol.com>
- ◆ John Cathey (U.S.A.) Internet Committee Chairman is at <jtcathey@lightspeed.net> and now lives at 33800 Albion Street, Albion, CA 95410-0857
- ◆ Scotsman On-Line is at <<http://www.scotsman.com>>
- ◆ Clan Macfie Home Page is at <<http://userzweb.lightspeed.net/~macfie>>

CELEBRATION

- ◇ **Congratulations to Gina and Belle Brew of New Zealand who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 11th April this year.**

- The following article on Tartans from the Scottish Australian Heritage Council's July 1997 Newsletter is acknowledged with thanks.

Extracts from the book "Identifying Tartan" by: Blair Urquhart.

Identifying Tartans

"Every isle differs from each other in their fancy of making plads, as to the stripes and Breadth and Colours. This Rumour is as different thro the main land of the Highlands in-so-far that they who have seen those places, are able, at first view of a man's plad, to guess the place of his residence...." So said Martin Martin writing in 1703, making the first documented reference to tartan as a means of identification. Since that time, the spirit of the idea has grown to the extent that we have come to believe that the pattern of woven coloured stripes has become an important part of our cultural identity. The pages of this guide are intended not only for this study but also to introduce the historical connections, apparent in the designs, which add to our understanding of the structure of our social and family heritage.

The Origins of Clan Tartans

It is now generally accepted that clan tartans were established and named towards the end of the 18th century. Prior to that time, while clan, district and tartan were often closely associated, the idea of a single uniform clan tartan had not yet emerged. It would be wrong, however, to assume that the tartan patterns were created at this time. William Wilson, the foremost weaving manufacturer since c 1770, took a great interest in reproducing "perfectly genuine patterns" and engaged in extensive correspondence with his Highland agents to gather information and actual samples of the cloth woven in the clan districts.

The natural development of the art of tartan manufacture in the Highlands had been completely curtailed for over 50 years. The battle of Culloden (1746) was still within living memory and the disarming acts which followed included the proscription (ban) of Highland dress which was not repealed until 1782. Tartan manufacture survived only in the hands of the military and their Lowland suppliers. Efforts to restore the spirit and culture of the Highlands after this lengthy period of repression were encouraged by the newly formed Highland Societies in London (1778) and Edinburgh (1780). The warlike reputation of tartan, ruthlessly crushed at home, was put to great military advantage by the Highland regiments in their exploits abroad. By 1822, the year of the first Royal visit to Scotland since the rebellion, all the ingredients for a spectacular tartan revival were in place. Wilson had over 200 setts recorded in the firm's pattern books, many of them tentatively named, and the Highland Society of London had persuaded the majority of the clan chiefs to account for their clan tartans. So it was in the capable hands of Sir Walter Scott that the Royal seal of approval was added to the now highly fashionable Highland Garb by a kilted King George IV. The chiefs of the clans were commanded to attend the king at Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh wearing their Highland dress. This Royal patronage was later continued and extended by Queen Victoria in her passion for all things Scottish.

Evidence of the previous existence of tartan dates back to the 3rd century A.D., when a small sample of woollen check cloth was used as a stopper in an earthenware pot to protect a treasure trove of silver coins buried close to the Roman Antonine Wall near Falkirk. The two colours of the sample were identified as the undyed brown and white of the native Soay Sheep.

References to tartans occur in various historic documents, paintings and illustrations. A charter granted to Hector MacLean of Duart in 1587 for lands in Islay details a feu duty payable in the form of 60 ells cloth of white, black and green colours (the colours of Hunting MacLean of Duart tartan), and an eyewitness account of the Battle of Killecrankie in 1689 describes "McDonells men in their triple stripe". It is reasonable to assume that any tight knit community would wear the cloth produced by the local weaver in quantities that would limit the variety of patterns, and that when they went to war, many would be dressed in the same material.

Many references support the role of the chief in deciding the pattern and the colour of the plaids to be worn in battle. This tradition is maintained to the present day. New tartans accredited by the Scottish Tartans Society must have the approval of the chief.

The District Origins of Clan Tartans

Many of the oldest clan tartans may have originated in the work of local weavers, whose designs became the patterns we now know as District Tartans. For example:

The Name

The present day name of the tartan is given, along with several descriptive terms which have acquired special meanings in this context. Strong feelings surround the use of the word "clan". Some would insist that only the acknowledged Highland tribes can be so described, while others regard it as a synonym for family or, in fact, any group of people acting with a common interest. In this book both Highland and Lowland families are described as clans, in line with the many historical references which use the term. Tartans of branches of the main clans are also described as clan tartans. Some names are associated with more than one clan, and it is appropriate in these instances to refer to the family tartan.

Hunting tartans, as their name implies, are designed in subdued colours, often greens or blues, to blend with the natural environment. Wearing of these tartans is not restricted to the grouse moors, but is intended for everyday use and informal occasions. Some clans wear the Black Watch as their Hunting sett: For example, the Munros.

Dress tartans are designed by altering one of the background colours of the formal sett to white. Kilts made of this material are usually worn for dancing; not to be confused with "formal dress" or "evening dress". Names which include Mac, Mc or M' are always spelt "Mac" in full, followed by a capital letter, except where the name refers to an individual who has stated a preference by spelling his name in some other way. In Gaelic, "Mac" and the name are two separate words.

Earliest Known Date

This entry records the first reference to the tartan under its present name. The threadcount at that time may be different from the illustrated sett but there will be sufficient similarity to suggest that the main elements of the design are still apparent in the modern version. The use of parenthesis indicates that there is some doubt about the historical validity of the reference.

Earliest Known Source

This refers to the precise origin of the sett described. A visit to the Queen Street Museum in Edinburgh or the Mitchell Library in Glasgow will reward the investigator with a glimpse of the subtle beauty of these early samples. In some cases the earliest reference will be the designed but more often one of the early collections or publications will provide the source. These are discussed in greater detail in their own section of the book.

Status

The tartan of a Highland clan is determined by the clan chief. The clansmen and followers (blood relations and families taking protection from the clan) wear the tartan of the chief. In most cases the sett has been acknowledged for generations and is well known to chief and clansmen alike, but occasionally the chief may pronounce on a new pattern or disassociate himself from an old one. A case in point is the Clan Campbell tartan. The present chief does not acknowledge the well known Campbell of Argyll, and instead prefers to wear the plain Black Watch Campbell in ancient colours.

The Highland Society of London has a collection of tartans in which each sample is "Certified by the Chief" and bearing his seal and signature.

The Lord Lyon maintains the Lyon Court Books and the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings, in which are registered those clan and family tartans appearing in the families' coats of arms, usually as the background to the clan badge.

The Scottish Tartans Society awards an Accreditation status to newly designed tartans, including clan, family, district, regimental, corporate and clan society tartans, in the Register of All Publicly Known Tartans. Acknowledged tartans which do not fall into any of these categories, are "Recorded" in the same register.

Type

Three types of pattern are listed. Symmetrical setts contain two pivots; the points where the sequence of stripes, starting at the pivot, can be seen to be identical in four directions, North, South, East and West. The two pivots are connected along the diagonal by plain squares, each of a single colour. The full sett is the sequence of colours read from right to left, turned about the pivot, and repeated left to right. It is usually between 5 and 7 inches in width to accommodate the kilting (pleats). A symmetrical tartan can be recorded as a half sett.

Asymmetrical setts have no true pivots although appearances can be deceptive. The pattern is repeated from right to left across the width of the cloth. Manufacturers using double width looms change the direction of the pattern at the centre, where the cloth will be folded, to allow tailors to match the colours when cutting items of clothing other than kilts. Tailor's off cuts could contain some pieces easily mistaken for examples of a symmetrical form of an asymmetrical tartan. The full sett must be recorded beginning at the colour whose first letter is nearest to the beginning of the alphabet. It is also necessary to establish the front of the cloth. The side on which the individual stitches appear to make diagonal lines from bottom left to top right.

Equal Check, this is the simplest form of tartan involving only two colours. The MacGregor tartan known as Rob Roy is a black and red check. The Moncrieffe tartan is red and green.



Further to our note in the March Newsbulletin that the first Highland Games each year are held in Waipu, New Zealand, Claire McGuffie (N74-061) of Drummoyne in Sydney wrote:

"Last year I toured New Zealand with some friends by car, and during our tour we stopped briefly in Waipu. I don't know whether you have ever been there or seen the monument in the middle of the town but I am enclosing a photo which I took of it. Apparently the monument was erected in memory of the early settlers from Nova Scotia (originally from Scotland) who settled in New Zealand." "..... It lists the names of 38 Clans involved. My friends and I were delighted to see our clan names listed, i.e., MacPhee and Sutherland."

On a closer photograph of part of the monument can be read one ship sailed from Cape Breton in December 1859 (Captain James Ross) and arrived Auckland May 1860, while another (probably the "Charles Campbell") sailed from Cape Breton December 1857 (Captain John James) and arrived Auckland May 1858.

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH COOKERY - LET'S HAVE SOME OPINIONS ON THIS!

SCOTCH SNOW CAKE 1 oz arrowroot 6 egg whites a few drops of almond or
 8 oz butter 8 oz caster sugar vanilla essence



Combine arrowroot and sugar. Cream butter, then gradually stir in sugar mixture, beating well. Beat egg whites until stiff, add to the mixture, and beat for 20 minutes. Add a few drops of essence. Pour into a greased, 8" tin and bake for 1 to 1½ hours in a moderate oven - 180° to 190°c (350° to 375° f).

"Health to the Chieftains and clans; and God Almighty bless the Land of Cakes." HM George IV, Edinburgh 1822



1997 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription notices are enclosed for those members who have not paid their 1997 subscriptions of \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per family resident at the one address. Please give them your prompt attention. Enclosed too, are letters and notices to the few members who remain unfinancial for 1996 advising them that membership rights will be withdrawn if their fees are not paid.

THE CLAN MacLENNAN CHIEFSHIP

Many of you may be aware that some years ago Bill MacLennan of Sydney challenged the appointment of Ronald MacLennan of Scotland as Chief of Clan MacLennan, Bill's son, Greg, continued this challenge after his father's death and after that of chief Ronald whose son, Ruairidh, was appointed Chief by succession. The basis of the challenge being that Bill had the better lineage claim to the Chiefship which had been dormant for some centuries when Ronald was appointed in 1977. The challenge significantly divided the Clan around the world.

In May this year Greg travelled to Scotland to announce at the Annual General Meeting of the Clan MacLennan Association there that he had instructed his legal advisers to withdraw his petition against the present Chief. This action by Greg has united Clan MacLennan worldwide so that it will surely move ahead to bigger and better things. While everyone will wish the Clan well, we should also salute Greg for this selfless act which called for great personal courage and strength of character to implement.

DONATIONS

The following donations received since our last Newsbulletin are acknowledged with sincere thanks:

Clan Society General Fund - Miss Ruth McPhee, Kew, Vic.; Mrs. Flora Barnes, Gladesville, N.S.W.; Clyde and Barbara Smythe, Turramurra, N.S.W.; Ian and Margaret McPhee, Nedlands, W.A.; Mrs. Esma McCarthy, South Lismore, N.S.W.; Dr. John McPhie, Beaumont, S.A.; Errol Green, Eagle Heights, Q.; Miss Heather McLean, Lindfield, N.S.W..

Clan Society Trust Fund - Mrs. Vi McFie, Maryborough, Q.; Mrs. Gladys McIntosh, Glenside, S.A.; Bruce Taylor, Yagoona, N.S.W.; Ian and Margaret McPhee, Nedlands, W.A.; Mrs. Barbara Knowles, Ryde, N.S.W..

Clan Society Travel Fund - Clyde and Barbara Smythe, Turramurra, N.S.W.; Colin and Wendy McPhee, Novar Gardens, S.A..

Poetry Competition - Bruce Taylor, Yagoona, N.S.W..

Clan Working Account - Bill Smith, Fountain Gate, Vic.; Frank McPhee, Glen Iris, Vic.; Russell Mattocks, Balgowlah Heights, N.S.W.; Bill McPhee and family, Mosman, N.S.W..

Standing Stone Maintenance - Ross McGuffie, Fremantle, W.A.; John and Anne McPhee, Penrith, N.S.W.; Don and Mae McPhee, Leeton, N.S.W.; Ross and Betty McPhee, Main Ridge, Vic.; Mrs. Rosemary Owens, Charlestown, N.S.W.; Bill McPhee and family, Mosman, N.S.W..

Clan Commander's Travel Fund - Lorraine McPhee, Toowoomba, Q.; Mrs. A. F. McWilliam, Toowoomba, Q.; Mrs. Vi McFie, Maryborough, Q.; Bruce Taylor, Yagoona, N.S.W.; Mrs. Pat Chapman, Kew, Vic.; Mrs. Margaret McPhee, Ascot, Q.; Miss Sally McPhee, Ascot, Q.; Peter McPhee, Abbotsford, Vic.; Brian and Marilyn McPhee, North Adelaide, S.A.; Stuart McWilliam, Moree, N.S.W.; Mrs. Nancy Collie, East Bentleigh, Vic.; Frank McPhee, Glen Iris, Vic.; John McPhee, Oakleigh, Vic.; Gilbert and Beverley McPhee, Lakes Entrance, Vic.; Robert Young, Inverness, Scotland; Mrs. Zillah Scott, Yamba, N.S.W.; Bill McPhee and family Mosman, N.S.W.; Ian and Barbara McPhee, Kidman Park, S.A.; Harvey and Ann MacPhee, Truro, NS Canada.

CLAN SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

The Clan Society has updated copies of the Society Constitution (25 May 96), our booklet "Tracing Your Family History" (Feb 97) and the Membership List (1 Jan 97) available through Secretary, Helen, should any members require them.

You've Got to Laugh! An Englishman visiting a farm in the Highlands, was given a glass of milk and an oatcake spread with home-made jam. When he finished he returned the glass and said, "Thank you very

GENERAL NOTES

- * Best wishes go to our favourite Flight Attendant, **Suzie McPhee (N84-547)** of Perth W.A., who has retired after many years flying with Ansett in most centres throughout Australia.
- * **Congratulations to Fiona (Q78-427) and Andy Thompson** of "Glenora" Enngonia, N.S.W. 2840 on the birth of their son Nicholas James at the Dubbo Base Hospital on 10th April 1997. And welcome to Nicholas as our newest and youngest member, N97-923. He weighed in at a hefty 10lb. 4oz., a playmate for sister, Isabelle (N96-907).
- * Another Shield cricketer in the offing? **Jamie McPhee**, son of Brian and Merylyn McPhee (S74-005 and S94-861) of Adelaide, S.A. was a member of the Kensington Cricket Club Eleven which won the Cricket Association district competition in Adelaide this year. If he moves up a level he will join Peter McPhee and Mark McPhee (not related) as Clan members who played Sheffield Shield cricket for Queensland and Western Australia respectively, a few years ago. Good luck Jamie.
- * **Anthea (S77-388) and Mark Uebergang** of Adelaide, S.A., are back from Malaysia and Singapore where they competed in Dragon Boat races as members of the Adelaide Thunderbird racing team. They brought home silver and bronze medals from races against teams from Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Sweden and New Zealand as well as from Malaysia and Australia. Well done!
- * **Nigel McPhee (S78-389)** who is based in the United States (New York?) and was formerly of Adelaide, S.A., is currently in Singapore for six months or so conducting audit system training courses there for his company. Parents, S.A. V-P Ian McPhee and Barbara (S78-387 and S79-459) of Adelaide visited him recently.
- * **Darlene Jones (A93-792)** of Papakura, New Zealand, and formerly of Canberra, A.C.T., is now a member of the Committee of the McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand (but not barracking for the All Blacks, one hopes!)
- * **Don McPhie (V75-103)** from the Colonsay Jersey Stud at Warragul, Vic., had a visit from one of the Clan's elders the other day, Malcolm McPhie (V75-145) of Mirboo North, also in Victoria. Malcolm is 97 and he and wife, Doris, have been married 73 years. Malcolm is still erect, alert and very much up with the latest in everything on the farm, Don reports.
- * **Joan Stow (V88-605)** of Seymour, Vic., has some family statistics which will take some matching. Her mother, Helene, is 88 years old and has 92 living descendants - 12 children (1 deceased), 45 grandchildren (1 deceased), 36 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild with another expected in August. What a family tree that must be!
- * Much goings on for **N.S.W. V-P Geoff and Ruth McPhee (N77-339 & 340)** of Lugarno in Sydney who are just back from a trip to Europe, including the Aviemore Gathering. Younger daughter Fiona (N88-603) announced her engagement before they left, wedding next March, while older daughter, Elizabeth Titmus (N88-604) is due to be a first up mum in September. Elizabeth graduated in Law from Sydney Uni this month and she and her husband have purchased a new home in Oatley. Geoff's mother, Ethel (N84-548) of Scone, is in the news too, having had a successful hip replacement operation earlier this year - at age 93! Our congratulations and good wishes go to all family members.
- * **Wedding Bells** in the offing too, for members **Jasmine McPhie (Q83-522)** of Carina Heights in Brisbane on 23rd August and for **Dale McPhie (V76-176)** of Warragul, Vic., who will be marrying another Queensland girl in Brisbane in November. Our best wishes to you both.
- * **Bruce Macfie (N74-086)** of Surry Hills, N.S.W., is curator of The Private Gallery at 563 South Dowling St., in Surry Hills, Sydney. Gallery hours are 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.
- * **Scotland** claimed the last place in the 1999 cricket World Cup by defeating Ireland in an ICC Trophy competition in Kuala Lumpur earlier this year. Kenya and Bangladesh will also be lining up in 1999.
- * **Bernie McPhee (V75-118F)** of Mont Albert, Vic., is managing Whitefriars Park Conference Centre which was the old monastery and seminary where he studied from 1956. Next year he expects to be in Sydney to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the arrival in Australia of family ancestor Rowland Hassall on the "Nautilus". Bernie's aunt, Kath McPhie, married George Hassall, grandson of Rowland.
- * **O'ld V-P Bob McPhee (Q77-353)** of Glenore Grove, Q., has found something more to occupy his spare (?) time. He has started, and is piper tutor of, the Lockyer Valley Celtic Pipe Band. He has twenty in the band to date, including 8 or 9 student pipers. What tartan do they wear Bob?

+ VALE +

A recent edition of RSL News in Queensland reported the death of former Army member NX34185 A.B. McPhee of Nerang, Queensland.

LOST CONTACT

We have lost contact with Mrs. Mabel Corless (V76-156) formerly of 91 Wattletree Road, Armadale, Vic., 3143. If anyone can help with a new address please contact Secretary Helen.

THEY'VE MOVED

- Cedric Thomas McPhee (N77-310) in the latter part of last year from Rangiora, New Zealand, to 18A Kressville Units, Cooranbong, N.S.W.. Apologies for missing this report in earlier Newsbulletins Cedric, and welcome back after 15 years across the Tasman. Quite a move for a 95 year old isn't it?
- Alex McWilliam (Q74-076) from Cooloom on Queensland's Sunshine Coast to 67 Kitchener Road, Ascot, in Brisbane.
- Elizabeth Titmus (N88-604) from Mortdale in Sydney to 131 Letitia Street, Oatley, N.S.W. 2223.
- Colin and Elizabeth McPhee (N74-069 and N88-650) have left Ruins Way in Port Macquarie and returned to 36 Lotus Avenue, Kalkite, N.S.W. 2627.
- Ian McPhee (Q95-877) from Boondall in Brisbane to Villa 62/308 Handford Road, Taigum, Q. 4018, which is still in Brisbane.
- Aileen Tucker (Q93-816) from Runaway Bay to 7 Aegean/Adelphi Springs, 100 Cotlew Street East, Southport, Q. 4215, on the Gold Coast.
- We've found Joan Stow (V88-605) again after she moved from Bendigo. She is now in Seymour, Vic., with a Post Office box address.
- Bernie McPhee (V75-118F) from Essendon, Vic., to his old home address at 1/18 York Street, Mont Albert, Vic. 3127.

NEW MEMBERS

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

N97-918	Mrs. Gillian McFee, 36 Weemalah Road, Northbridge, N.S.W. 2063
A97-919	Mrs. Sue Larkey, 6 Rafferty Street, Chapman, A.C.T. 2611
N97-920	Mr. Bruce Agland, 19 Raymond Terrace Road, Thornton, N.S.W. 2322
Q97-921	Mrs. Dorothy Murphy, 4/126 Galleon Way, Currumbin Waters, Q. 4223
N97-922	Mr. John Redman, 52 Raglan St., Wallsend, N.S.W. 2287
N97-923	Master Nicholas James Thompson, "Glenora", Enngonia, N.S.W. 2840

"FLYING DOCTOR" - Third Place Poem 1996 Will Ogilvie Competition

From my bed here on the hill, through a window six by three
Comes the droning of a plane, and in morning sun I see
The air ambulance arriving from five hundred miles away
While a stockman fights his desperate fight to live another
day.

Wardsmen running, trolleys clanging, purpose on each face
engraved

White capped sisters, a transfusion, and - another life is
saved

And over blue-ringed ranges, out across each Darling run.
My thoughts go flying out to where the red dust rims the sun,
To a family waiting anxiously - but with no sign of fear,
For fear has been allayed outback by a gallant pioneer.
And on each and every station you can hear the wires hum,
No message goes unheard now pedal radio has come.
Pedal radio! Flying Doctor! The result of one mans scheme.

A visionary who planned and fought to realise a dream,
with the AIM and Qantas he bridged each barren mile,
Scorning sceptics and the doubters, surmounting each new
trial,

Quick and safe communication for the inland his intent,
And the Flying Doctor Service is his greatest monument.
Because he chose to chase a dream to stern reality,
The women and the children of the inland now are free
Fear no longer stalks the inland - for should tragedy befall,
They know the Flying Doctor is as close as one short call
And the lonely outback mothers, the station hands and boss,
The boundary rider travelling the station miles across,
Lift their heads in silent tribute, when they see those wings
go by,

And bless John Flynn, who made it safe for medicine to fly.

Heather Veal