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Merry
Christmas
Happy
Hogmanay



Happy
New
Year



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FROM THE CLAN SOCIETY PRESIDENT

During last year's Adelaide Festival of Arts there was a feature "Every Night a Wedding". There was a Greek wedding, an Indian wedding, a Baha'i wedding etc and of course a Scottish wedding. These were all held in the Rotunda by the River Torrens and any Adelaidians were welcome.

Resplendent in Macfie tartan tie, scarf, and cap down I went and sure enough there were the bride and groom in their Macfie kilts taking their vows. Whilst they did so the Caledonian Pipe Band played a muted "Amazing Grace" which was just magical.

After the formalities Scottish dancers danced for the bride and groom.

I was itching to wish the bride Elizabeth, and the groom Andrew McPhee all the best but Andrew was busy pouring a wee dram for pipers, dancers and other special guests so I didn't get an opportunity. I then followed them as they were piped to their car, a yellow '36 Chevy.

Somewhat disappointed I hadn't met them I set out for home which took me behind the scoreboard at the Adelaide Oval and then through the park. There in the park was a yellow '36 Chevy. Now being a very quick thinker, and presuming there are not a lot of '36 Chevies in Adelaide, well not yellow ones anyway I thought Elizabeth and Andrew would not be far away. So when I spotted them I made out to walk past them. Of course Andrew soon spotted my Macfie gear and so we met after all and had a chat as they waited to have photographs taken.

Andrew has now rejoined the Macfie Clan Society of Australia and has taken up the pipes again so we will have a McPhee piping for us at the Kirkin' of the Tartan at our next BGM in Adelaide in 2000. What's this about our next BGM I hear you all exclaim!

THE NEXT BGM OF THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA will be held in Adelaide on 27th & 28th May 2000 so please note these dates in your diaries and plan to come to Adelaide and meet your kinsfolk. Meryl and I have been to gatherings in Melbourne, Hunter Valley, Canberra, Bundanoon, Colonsay and Atlanta and they are just the best fun and not to be missed.

Until then I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

I shall close as does Bob McFie, President of the Macfie Clan Society of Scotland, "take great care of each other and anyone else who needs it".

Brian McPhee

GENEALOGY

Even though I have only held the position of Senior Historian for a short time, I would like to thank all of the people who have assisted me so far by sending me their 'Family History'. To those members I have written to but as yet have not replied please do so as every bit of family documentation is important, not just to us now but to future generations.

In particular I would like to thank the following for their labour of love and efforts (over the last 25 years and more) to put together the 'History of the Macfie Clan' and McPhee families that came to Australia from Scotland many years ago. These people include Norah McPhee, Margaret Phee, Clyde Smythe, (our Military Historian), Sandy and Helen McPhie, with special thanks to Jan Harper, Bernie McPhee, Marlena Turner and Jillian King.

To date we have focused our research on our ancestors when they were in Scotland, their journey to Australia and a little of where they lived, their occupations and their immediate families. Most of this research covers the late 1700s to around 1900.

The year 2000 will mark another 100 years of McPhees in Australia. What I would like is to fill in that 100 years by asking you all to put together your family tree during this period. Also I would like, where possible, copies of photographs of our first McPhees and their immediate family who came to Australia.

Thanks to those members who have already sent information and photographs. Thanks to all who have assisted the Clan and me in researching our McPhee History. Trevor Phee, 24 Bibby Street, Hamilton NSW 2303 Email t.phee@hunterlink.net.au

Historical entries from the South Australian Register

Archibald MacFie. Died yesterday afternoon, of the Sir John Barleycorn Inn, Rundle St Adelaide. 11 November 1851.

Mary McFie. married William McPherson at the Sir John Barleycorn Inn. Only daughter of the late Archie McPhee. 12 December 1851.

Jane McFie. (previously married) Married to Robert Ramsay on the 19th October 1842 by the Rev Mr. Wilson at St Johns Church. Relict (widow) of the late Archie McFie of the Sir John Barleycorn Inn Rundle St.

Elizabeth McFie. Died suddenly at Flinders St on the 25th July 1853. Elizabeth relict of the late Archibald McFie, ship master, Greenock Scotland. Aged 76 years (born (1777). Coroner's inquest report is in the SA Register on the 26th July 1853.

Peter McFie. Married at Adelaide 15th September 1856, to Miss Elizabeth Dear both of Adelaide.

McFie (Captain). Of the Havilah. Probable death serious accident, thrown from his horse. Not expected to live 18th June 1860. Captain McFie showing signs of improvement 22 June 1860.

Catherine McPhee. Died 26th April 1935, aged 75 yrs at Goodwood. Catherine was born at Adelaide, daughter of James O'Riordon, wife of the late George McPhee who died 37 yrs ago. They were married in 1881 and had the following children; Gert (Mrs Parr), Sall (Mrs Burns), Tom, Ian, George

Genealogy Notes

Ms Joy Murrin is currently carrying out searches for birth, death, and marriage records. This search has been expanded to include searches of English and Wales certificates from 1 July 1837. If anyone is interested in using this service please contact Trevor Phee and he will send you the forms to be completed.

Hard to Find Books. Having trouble finding a book that is no longer in print. **BiblioQuest** of Bowral NSW may be able to help. They can offer a friendly professional service in conjunction with booksellers and libraries and using sophisticated computer databases to find the out of date books. More information: BiblioQuest International PO Box 687 Bowral NSW 2576 Telephone: (1800 067 877)

NSW Birth, Death, Marriage Certificates. Applications in NSW for birth certificates (after 1908) and death certificates (after 1969) now require a letter of consent, from the next of kin and identification (eg, drivers licence, passport).

NSW Genealogy Records. The State Archives of NSW will no longer undertake lengthy research on your behalf but refer you to organisations listed below that hold lists of professional research organisations. Note: Search Room Operations access, assistance and telephone enquiries will continue to be provided.

Society of Australian Genealogists, Telephone: (02)9247 3953

National Archives of Australia, Telephone (02) 6212 3600,
Fax (02) 6212 3699

Professional Historians Association. Telephone (02) 9331 6920

The Australian Assoc of Genealogists. (03) 9569 7571

GENEALOGY INTERNET WWW SITES

The following is a list of Internet Sites will be of interest to some Clan members. These sites deal mostly with Australian History. However, over the next few Newsbulletins overseas internet sites will be offered.

Archives of Australia, www.aa.gov.au

The Society of Australia Genealogists,
www.sag.org.au/

Convicts transported to Australia,
www.ozmail.com.au/~jsnelson/convict.html

Online Sourcing Australian Passenger Lists,
www.users.on.net.proformat/auspass.html

Perth Dead Person's Society,
www.carmen.murdoch.edu.au/community/dps.hms2.html

First Families 2001,
www.firstfamilies2001.net.au

Trenches on the Web,
www.worldwar1.com.pharc002.htm

Convict Ships to NSW 1788-1800,
<http://carmen.murdoch.edu/community/dps/convicts/shipNSW1.html>

Department of Veteran Affairs Home Page, www.dyo.gov.au/main2htm

History of Australian Places Index,
www.zades.com.au/ozindex.html

Genealogy Centre Resources,
www.cruise-ventura.com/genealogy/resources.html

Family Search Internet Genealogy Centre,
www.familysearch.org

OzGen: 'The Down Under Page',
www.ozemail.com.au/~jsnelson/descent.htm

Geelong Family History Society,
www.vincent.net.au/~gfamhist/index.htm

South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society, dove.mtx.net.au/~bazle/

Australian and New Zealand Ship Wrecks,
www.genealogysf.com/gendatot.html#ocfa

If you find any new www sites or that any of these sites have changed please let Trevor Phee know .

Chronology of Scottish History 1600-1899

1600 (circa) The MacDuffies moved from Dun Evan to Kiloran Coll Ceitach became a pirate in the Hebrides.

January 1 1600. First celebration of New Year in Scotland on this date (March 25 until then).

November 19 1600. King Charles I born in Dunfemline

February 1603. Battle at Glenfruin when the MacGregors slaughtered a

number of Colquhouns- the origins of the banning of the MacGregor name.

March 24 1603. Unions of the Crowns of England and Scotland on the death of Queen Elizabeth I and the succession of King James VI of Scotland

April 2 1603. King James VI leaves

Edinburgh to travel to London

July 25 1603. King James VI crowned as King of Great Britain and Ireland at Westminster Abbey London

1605. The MacLeans invaded Colonsay at Balnahard. King James VI awarded Kintyre and Islay to the Campbell's of Cawdor



FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

Hello All, We have been in Townsville for sixteen months now and look like staying for some time yet, if not forever. Our move coincided with the handover of the Clan Society reins to Brian McPhee in Adelaide and our departure from our "home town" Toowoomba after many many years there and connected with it. (Sandy arrived there in late 1929!). All went well with the handover to Brian and the move up here, but we do miss the contacts we had with so many Clan Society members during our 25 years at the Society helm. We have had the pleasure of seeing Brian and Cass McHaffie and Bruce McPhie and Melva Cairns when they were visiting Townsville recently - Brian was Society V-P in South Australia and Bruce in Victoria for many years. They are well and enjoying their retirement. Perhaps there will be more southerners up this way next winter. This then is just to say "Hello" to all of you. We are well, busy and thriving in our northern hide-away and trust all is well with you.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sandy and Helen



GENERAL NEWS

Kirkin of the Tartan. After the defeat of the Scots by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746 the wearing of the Tartan and carrying weapons were forbidden. The Great Highland Bagpipe is the only musical instrument ever to be banned as a weapon. After the last Rising ended in 1746 the Hanoverian government tried to obliterate all Scottish culture. Since no clan ever went into battle without a piper, bagpipes were banned as a weapon of war. The banning of tartans, weapons and bagpipes was overturned in 1782. The Kirkin of the Tartan Services now held are to commemorate that restoration to the Highlanders of the right to once again wear Tartans and play the Bagpipes.

Slaughter in the Hills. The Scotland Sunday Post (4/10/99) reported that Scottish farmers are shooting sheep rather than take them to market because prices have fallen as low as 10 pence per beast. It is a brutal illustration of the measures farmers feel compelled to take as they come under increasing pressure in the battle to stay afloat.

Royal Princess of Scotland. Royal Princess of Scotland. HRH Princess Anne is to make Edinburgh her official home, holding court at the Palace of Holyrood. According to an AAP report the move is part of a Scottish initiative by the Royal Family to have a greater presence in Scotland. A welcome move.

Crawford Shortbreads - Macfie Tartan. The design of the Macfie tartan has always been used on Crawford's packs of shortbread as the bright red and green colours are much more attractive than the rather somber colours of the Crawford tartan. (Extract of a letter from the Crawford's Product Manager 1983, reproduced in the Galley Newsletter of the Macfie Clan Society of Scotland.)

Scottish Humour. Angus McPhie was brought to the Mercy Hospital, and taken in for coronary surgery. The operation went well and as the groggy man regained consciousness he was reassured by a Sister of Mercy. 'Mr McPhie you're going to be just fine. We need to know however how you intend to pay for your stay here. Are you insured? Nae 'I am not' he whispered hoarsely. Then can you pay in cash?' the Sister asked. 'I am afraid I cannot, Sister', McPhie replied. 'Well', she persisted, 'do you have any close relatives?' 'Just me sister in New Mexico', he volunteered, 'but she is a humble spinster nun'. 'I must correct you, Mr McPhie. Nuns are not spinsters; they are married to God'. 'Wonderful,' McPhie replied, 'In that case, send the bill to me brother-in-law!'

Bagpipe Gags. What's the difference between a bagpipe and an onion? - No one cries when you chop up a bagpipe.

What's the difference between a bagpipe and a trampoline? - You take off your shoes when you jump on a trampoline

The Private Gallery. The next time you are in Surry Hills Sydney call in and see Bruce Macfie and see his Gallery. Address; 563 South Dowling Street Surry Hills.

Donations. Donations have been received from the following members. Some donations were to the Society for which your Clan Society Executive is really appreciative and some where to the Clan for which Commander Sandy McPhie is also very grateful. These donations do help enormously with running both the Clan & the Clan Society.

Ian & M McPhee Nedlands WA

Flora Barnes Gladesville NSW

Andrew McPhee Baulkam Hills NSW

Bruce Taylor Yagona NSW

Ian McPhee Nedlands WA

Paul McPhee Cooma NSW

John McPhee Penrith NSW

Neil McPhee Mornington Vic

Peter McPhee Abbotsford NSW

Ian McPhee Bundoora Vic

Ross McPhee Main Ridge Vic

Ian McPhee Scullin ACT

Beryl McPhee Nowra Nsw

Lorraine & Ian McPhee Toowoomba Q

Frank McPhee Glen Iris Vic

Robert Young Inverness Scotland

Barbara McPhee Knowles Ryde NSW

John McPhie Beaumont SA

Gladys McIntosh Glenside SA

Ted Smythe Downer ACT

John McPhee Lathlain WA

Colin McPhee Novar Gardens SA

William McPhee Mosman NSW

Lorna Smith Arundel Q

Michael McPhee North Beach WA

Colin McPhee Sutherland NSW

Cecil McPhee, 80 Anniversary Remembrance Medal



Prime Minister John Howard presenting an 80th Anniversary medal to Cecil McPhee. Eight WWI veterans received the medal commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Armistice at a ceremony in Perth in April. The West Australian ceremony was the first in a series of presentations around the country. The Prime Minister said the medal was a symbolic expression of the respect, gratitude and honour felt for those who fought in a conflict that gave birth to the ANZAC tradition and helped establish Australia

on the world stage. (Thanks to The Age/Tony McDonough and Karen Jones Editor Vetaffairs for their kind permission to use the photo.)

CLAN HISTORY IN AUSTRALIA - SHIPPING ARRIVALS



We continue below with further basic details of the arrival of Clan Macfie immigrants in Australia last century. Newsbulletins 79 (Dec 97), 80 (Mar 98) and 82 (Nov 98) also contained shipping information. (This installment deals mainly with South Australian arrivals). Further information can be obtained, if available, from Clan Society Historian Trevor Phee at 24 Bibby Street, Hamilton, N.S.W. 2303. Departure point for the ships listed is the final port of departure from Britain or Ireland. A ship from Liverpool or Plymouth, for instance, may well have taken passengers on board in Scotland before proceeding south for final departure.

ARRIVALS IN ADELAIDE 1862 and 1866 (Other Adelaide arrivals appeared in NB 82)

Arr. Date	Ship's Name	From	Passenger	Age	Note
02 Dec 1862	Schan Jehan	Plymouth	Catherine McFee	27	Lanark
26 Dec 1862	Castle Eden	-	Peter McPhee	25	-
			Bridget	24	-
			George	11	-
07 Nov 1866	Peeress	Plymouth 9 Aug 1866	Alexander McPhee Andrew McPhee	21 -	Aberdeen -

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COASTAL SHIPPING ARRIVALS 1845 - 1859

Date	Ship's Name	From	Passenger
22 Oct 1845	Soverin	Melbourne & Portland	Mr. & Mrs. McFie
23 Oct 1848	Soverin	Melbourne (to Portland)	Mary McPhee
03 Feb 1852	Fanny	Melbourne	P. McFie
Sep 1853	Chilian	Melbourne	M. McFee
06 Jul 1855	Alice Martin	Hobart	Mrs. McFee and child
06 Mar 1858	Havilah*	Melbourne	Mr. & Mrs. McFie
05 Jun 1859	Havilah*	Melbourne	William McFie

* Master of the "Havilah" was a Mr. McFie



Clan Macfie News

FROM: CLAN COMMANDER A. C. (SANDY) MCPHIE
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CLAN MACFIE HOME PAGE: <http://www.orishanet.com/clanmacfie/>
(also available at: <http://www.seanet.com/~cfunmoyiwa/ClanMacfie>)

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RECOGNISED CLAN MACFIE SURNAMENES

On 12th April this year Clan Commander Sandy McPhie made the following announcement regarding Clan Macfie surnames:

The following names are recognised by the Commander of Clan Macfie, Ceann-Cath A. C. (Sandy) McPhie, as being current acceptable surname spellings for members of the Clan. Variations in the spelling of these names are acceptable. Mac/Mc prefixes are considered to be interchangeable.

ATHEY	ATHIE	CATHEY	CATHIE
COFFEE	COFFEY	DUFFEE	DUFFIE
DUFFEY	DUFFY	FEE	GUFFEY
GUFFIE	HAFFEY	HAFFIE	MacAFEE
MacAFIE	MacCAFFER	MacCAFFREY	MacCAFFIE
MacCATHEY	MacCATHIE	MacCUIISH	MacDUFFEE
MacDUFFIE	MacDUFFEY	MacDUFFY	MacDUFFIN
MacFEE	MacFIE	MacGUFFEY	MacGUFFIE
MacGUFFIN	MacHAFFIE	MacHAFFY	MacPHEE
MacPHIE	MacVEE	MacVIE	MAHAFFEY
MEHAFFEY	PHEE	PHIE	

In addition, the Clan Commander recognises the historical links Clan Macfie had with the Macdonald Lords of the Isles, Clan Cameron in Lochaber and a branch of the MacNicol family in Glenorchy. More recently, the close links established with Clan Macfie by the Thorburn family in Sweden and the Brew family in New Zealand are also acknowledged by the Clan Commander.

This list of recognised names is based on the listing of Clan surnames contained in the late Dr. E. D. MacPhee's Clan History. It was developed over a number of years in consultation with a wide cross section of Clan members with nomenclature interests. The list has been placed on file at the Court of the Lord Lyon as a reference document.

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CLAN MACFIE COMMEMORATIVE BRICK IN CENTENNIAL OLYMPIC PARK ATLANTA GA U.S.A.

A brick bearing the inscription

CLAN MACFIE
"PRO REGE"

has been placed in Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park courtesy of Ken McFee of Moreland GA, where it will remain as a lasting monument to the generous contribution made by Clan members to the 1996 Olympic Games.

Thank you, Ken. Certificate No. 477947 was issued to the Clan and will be placed with our archive material.

COLONSAY VILLAGE HALL

The Clan has made a second donation towards the cost of a new Village Hall on Colonsay, this time for £500. We had previously forwarded £250. Construction of the Village Hall is on schedule and going well. Completion date is set for 24th December this year - what a great Christmas present for the

islanders.....and what a great site for a Christmas Party! Should you wish to make a donation towards this most important cause, please forward it to The Colonsay Village Hall Committee, Isle of Colonsay, Argyll, PA61 7YT, Scotland. Tel: 01951 200 - 203 or Fax 200 - 270 or to your nearest Clan Macfie society.

CLAN DIARY

09/13 Sep 99 Clan Macfie Society's mini-gathering of Clan Society members in Edinburgh, Scotland. (Mrs. S. Mackay, 80 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 2AF)
Tel: (0131) 447 -0631
Email: <smakay@holyrood.ed.ac.uk>

15/17 Oct 99 AGM MacFie Clan Society of North America, Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, GA. (Jim McAfee (615 444 5524)

23/25 Oct 99 15th Anniversary of Founding the McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand. Masterton, Wairarapa, North Island. (James McPhee 09 238 6495). Clan Commander and Mrs. McPhie will be attending.

06 Nov 99 AGM Clan Macfie Society, Edinburgh,

Scotland. (Mrs. S. Thornley, 80 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 2AF) Tel: (0131) 447 -0631
Email: <smakay@holyrood.ed.ac.uk>

27/28 May 00 BGM The Macfie Clan Society of Australia. (Brian McPhee 08 8239 0038)

(Nov) 00 BGM Macfie Clan Society in Canada. (Doug Macfie 613 267 1146)

Jul 01 TGM The Thorburn-Macfie Family Society in Sweden. (Ulf Hagman 0522 13670)

Sep 01 Eighth Clan Parliament and Thirteenth International Gathering of Clan Macfie. Scotland. (Clan Secretariat in Australia 07 4771 2067 (phone/fax) or Email: macfie@ultra.net.au

THE LORD LYON'S CEREMONIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE

From at least the time of the Restoration of the Stuart monarch, Charles II, and until the aftermath of Culloden, the Lord Lyon wore a golden collar of thistles. But within a decade of the doomed '45, even Lyon was wearing an English collar of SS (literally linked letters "S", this was a Lancastrian badge in the Wars of the Roses and survives in English chains as worn by the English Kings of Arms, the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Mayor of London). From that time to this, his ancient right and the thistle collar itself have existed only on paper as successive Lords Lyon had it painted in when recording their official arms in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings, the great heraldic record of Scotland. Requests over the years to the Lord Chamberlain in London to restore the Scottish collar have been ignored.

In 1994 a member of the St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco heard the tale of the Lyon's lost collar. Immediately a project was proposed for the St. Andrew's Societies worldwide to be invited to band together and subscribe a new collar for the Lyon based on the ancient

pattern, a Scottish collar of gold, as a gift to the People of Scotland from their cousins of the Scottish Diaspora.

Four years after this project was initiated by the Andrew's Society of San Francisco, the new Collar was presented to the Lord Lyon and the People of Scotland at a ceremony in Edinburgh on December 4, 1998. It was worn publicly for the first time at the St. Andrew's Day Service at the High Kirk of St. Giles in the company of the Knights Thistle, the Judiciary, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the learned and professional societies, and the assembled great and good of Scotland on Sunday the 7th.

The links of the chain are cast in 14K gold and each is engraved with a donor St. Andrew's Society name. The central pendant is an oval of gold with the figure in relief of St. Andrew and his Cross, enameled, and ensigned with the Crown of Scotland in gold and enamel.

(The Highlander May/June 1999)

1998 CLAN AUDIT

The Clan Macfie financial statements and records for the year ending 31st December 1998 were duly audited by Messrs. David Griffin & Associates of Townsville, Q. Australia, and found to be in order.

AROUND THE CLAN SOCIETIES

The Clan Macfie Society in Scotland has a comprehensive programme in place for its Mini-gathering of Clan Macfie Societies' members from around the world in Edinburgh from Thursday 9th September to Monday 13th. Further details are available from Mrs. Shona Mackay, 80 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 2AF. Telephone (0131) 447 0631 or Email <smackay@holyrood.ed.ac.uk>. The Society recently placed a seat bench on the Culloden Battlefield site in memory of Clan Macfie members who fell on that fateful day in 1746. The dedication ceremony was well attended by Clan members with the dedication being made by Clan Macfie Commissioner in Scotland, Iain McFie. Piper Darrel McPhee (age 12) of Inverness provided the important musical accompaniment for the ceremony and suitable floral tributes were laid. Well done, Scotland members. The Society AGM and Annual Dinner is scheduled for Edinburgh on Saturday 6th November.

MacFie Clan Society of North America have their AGM scheduled in conjunction with the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta, GA on the 16th October. The Games are being held from the 15th to the 17th with, unfortunately, the Thursday night Tattoo not on the programme this year. The Society will be sharing a tent in the Stone Mountain Park this time with their northern cousins from the MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America with all Clan members as one on the day continuing the great fellowship of last year's Games.

The McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand has a major function coming up in October. On the 23rd to 25th Clan members will celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Society's founding at Masterton on the North Island. Society functions there are usually centred on the Gladstone Football Club. The date and venue are thus appropriate this year as the Rugby World Cup quarter finals commence in the U.K. that weekend. Clan members worldwide will have an interest with teams from Scotland, South Africa, New Zealand, England, Canada, Australia, Ireland and U.S.A. (amongst others) all in the Pool games. But are there any Macfies you might well ask - it probably won't worry the aficionados at Gladstone..... Society President, James McPhee and wife, Mary, moved earlier in the year from near Auckland to the west coast of South Island. Their new address is: Black Sands Motor Lodge, 252 Revell Street, Hokitika 7900. Tel: (03) 755 8773, Tel/Fax: (03) 755 8772, Reservations: 0800 755 222 and Email: <mcphee@blacksands.co.nz>

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia was well represented at the Bundanoon Highland Games in N.S.W. in April when Clan Commander Sandy McPhie and wife, Helen, were Guests of Honour for the weekend. Many Clan members checked in at the Clan tent on the Bundanoon oval on the Saturday and were well looked after by Vice-Presidents Glen McPhee (A.C.T.) and Geoff McPhee (N.S.W.) and helpers. Society President Brian McPhee in Adelaide is now at <bmmcphee@bettanet.net.au> and Glen McPhee in Canberra, now the Newsbulletin editor, at <gmcphie@webone.com.au> for Email communications.

The Cathey Reunion Association's Biennial Reunion was held at Salisbury, NC on 7th August with a good roll-up of members and enjoyable fellowship. Highlight of the Dinner in the Cathey Meeting House there (now Thyatira Presbyterian Church) was the attendance of nonagenarian member Mary Cathey Hanford, mother of Elizabeth Dole,

former President of the American Red Cross and likely U.S. Presidential Candidate next year. Some one third of the members attending were from Texas and they left with the intention of hosting a Cathey Reunion for the Southwest U.S. on even years. Watch for details.

The Coffee-Coffey Reunion Association's Annual Meeting was also scheduled for 7th August, but in Amarillo, TX. At time of writing no reports are to hand - perhaps they're still celebrating.....

The MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America held their Annual General Meeting in conjunction with the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina on Saturday 10th July. Tom McDuffee of Muncie, IN was elected President for the next twelve months. Tom and wife Jennifer, and their two sons, have been to Colonsay a number of times when visiting Scotland. Tom's address is: 4328W. Woods Edge Lane, Muncie, IN 47304. Tel: 765 288 6793 (H) and Email <TPMJJM@aol.com>. New Editor of the Society's "Clan Chatter" is Bruce J. MacDuffee of 200 N. El Camino Real #269, Oceanside, CA 92054-0817. Tel: (760) 757 3851 and Email: <postmas2@concentric.net>.

Macfie Clan Society in Canada has been busy under its new President Doug Macfie of Perth, ON, with their Clan Tent at the Maxville and Montreal Games and scheduled appearances for it at North Lanark later this month and Kingston in September.

The Clan Macfie Society (Ireland). President David Morgan is now on the Internet - convinced by his grandchildren, he says, that he must move into the 20th century! And just in time too!! He and Joyce can be contacted at: <researchrecord@tesco.net>.

The Thorburn-Macfie Family Society. Ulf Hagman too, has a new email address. It is <ulfmh@swipnet.se>.

Clan MacGuffey/Macfie Society of America held its inaugural meeting in June this year and has already made its presence felt with representation at the Tacoma Highland Games in Graham, WA., in June and the Seattle Highland Games in Enumclaw, WA., in July. The Society has become a member of the Clans of the Northwest Highland Games Association. President Micheal Guffey can be contacted at 15415 28th Ave ct East, Tacoma, WA 98445 or Email: <mjg2214@gte.net>.



CLAN MEMBERS NEWS* Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to Jeri Chester of San Francisco, CA and Ken McFee of Moreland, GA in the U.S.A.. Jeri is District Co-ordinator for the MacFie Clan Society of North America on the West Coast and has been the Clan representative at the big Highland Games there, first at Pasadena and now at Alameda. Jeri suffered a stroke in May when travelling in Europe with husband, Gordon, and is now back home in California undertaking a steady recuperation programme and making good progress on latest reports. Ken, the Vice-President of the Clan Society, is well known to many Clan members through his work at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta and Colonsay visits. A crew chief with Delta Airlines ground staff, Ken underwent major surgery at Emory University Hospital in July and is now undertaking a programme of follow up treatment. Both have made significant contributions to the Clan scene and have the good wishes of all Clan members on their roads back to good health.

* Congratulations and good wishes to Scot McPhie and Jenny O'Grady of Brisbane, Q. in Australia, on the occasion of their marriage in Brisbane on the 10th July. Scot is the only son of Clan Commander Sandy and Helen McPhie, while Jenny is the daughter of Joan, and the late Arthur O'Grady of Donybrook Douglas in County Cork, Ireland. They met when working at the Queensland Museum in Brisbane and shortly will be honeymooning on a cycling trip in the U.K., and Ireland, including visits to Colonsay and Donybrook Douglas before returning to Brisbane.

* Congratulations too to noted American author, John McPhee on being awarded a 1999 Pulitzer Prize for his work "Annals of the Former World". Starting in 1978, Mr. McPhee crisscrossed the United States gathering information about the country's formation millions of years ago. This information was originally published in four volumes on American geology and is now released in this new work, along with an additional section on the American Midwest. John McPhee, whose works are well known to many Clan members through his "The Crofter and the Laird" about Colonsay, is currently a Professor of Literature at Princeton University in the U.S.

* Bob McPhee of Glenore Grove, Queensland, is a Vice-President of the Clan MacFie Society in Australia and a keen piper - amongst other activities. Bob founded the Lockyer Valley Celtic Pipe Band two years ago and tutors learner pipers. He also plays the pipes at various functions in the district. Earlier this year he piped in the finalists in each section of the 25th Anniversary Championships of the Queensland Shetland Pony Society at Nambour, Q. - and the judge, Mr. Angus Howie from Dunning in Perthshire, Scotland. In July, he played at the Annual Tynwald Day Celebrations of the Queensland Manx Society at the Irish Club in Brisbane, with his rendering of "Ellan Vannin" being the highlight of the evening.

* Clan Commissioner in the United States, and noted, but retired (?) Triathlon athlete, Bruce McDuffie, has turned to golf and had a round or two at St. Andrews scheduled during a recent visit to Scotland. What were the scores Bruce? Is the British Open under threat?

* A General John McDuffie at the Pentagon is responsible for Kosovo logistic support from the U.S..

* A Scotsman (surely not a McFie!) visiting Canada made a visit to the zoo with his friend. He stopped by one of the enclosures. "An' whut animal would that be?" he asked. "That's a moose, a native animal here," came the reply. "A moose!" exclaimed the Scot. "Hoots - they must ha' rats like elephants here!"

While another Young Scot left home and moved into a flat of his own. After a few weeks, his parents called to find out how he was getting on. "What are your neighbours like?" asked his mother. "A bit strange," he replied. "On one side there's a man who keeps banging his head against the wall and on the other a woman who lies on the floor crying and moaning." "I'd keep yourself to yourself if I were you," advised his mother. "Oh I do," the man replied. "I just stay in my room all day, playing my bagpipes."

* Manu McFee Geno of Papua New Guinea was manager of the Koki Sea Side touch football team at last year's Asia Pacific Masters Games on Queensland's Gold Coast. Unfortunately the team returned to PNG before this news item appeared and so no contact was established with Manu.

* Those nomadic Canadians, Gary and Barbara MacPhie and children should be well established at their new home in Tanzania by now where Gary has accepted appointment as Head of the Primary School at the International School at Moshia. Quite a change from their previous postings in Singapore and Taiwan.

* Are you a McGuffin? David and Rhona Youtsey of Dixon in California have a McGuffin family reunion scheduled for August (unfortunately, no date) and may be contacted at 706 N. Washington St., Dixon, CA, 95620, U.S.A. or on Tel: 1-707-678-0126 if you are interested.

* Going to Skye? Mrs. Ena Macphie runs "Balloch", a guest house in Portree, and will always be pleased to welcome visiting Clan members. Balloch carries a Scottish Tourist Board "Highly Commended" grading. Mrs. Macphie can be contacted at: "Balloch", Viewfield Road, Portree, Skye, IV51 9ES Scotland, Tel: 0147 861-2093.

Or to Colonsay? New owners of The Hotel on Colonsay, Claude and Christine Reyseun, can be contacted by mail at The Hotel, Isle of Colonsay, Argyll, PA61 7YR Scotland or by Tel: 01951 200-316, Fax: 01951 200-353, Email: <colonsayhotel@pipemedia.co.uk>. The Colonsay website is <<http://www.colonsay.org.uk/hotel.html>>





SAINT ANDREW

(St Andrew's Day 30 November)

Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland, and St. Andrew's Day is celebrated by Scots around the world on the 30th November. The flag of Scotland is the Cross of St Andrew, and this is widely displayed as a symbol of national identity. The "Order of Saint Andrew" or the "Most Ancient Order of the Thistle" is an order of Knighthood which is restricted to the King or Queen and sixteen others. It was established by James VII of Scotland in 1687.

Very little is really known about St. Andrew himself. He was thought to have been a fisherman in Galilee (now part of Israel), along with his elder brother Simon Peter (Saint Peter). Both became apostles of Jesus Christ, founder of the Christian religion.

St. Andrew is said to have been responsible for spreading the tenets of the Christian religion through Asia Minor and Greece. Tradition suggests that St. Andrew was put to death by the Romans in Patras, Southern Greece by being pinned to a cross (crucified). The diagonal shape of this cross is said to be the basis for the Cross of St. Andrew which appears on the Scottish Flag.

St. Andrew's bones were entombed, and around 300 years later were moved by Emperor Constantine (the Great) to his new capital Constantinople (now Istanbul in Turkey). Legend suggests that a Greek Monk (although others describe him as an Irish assistant of St. Columba) called St. Rule (or St. Regulus) was warned in a dream that St. Andrew's remains were to be moved and was directed by an angel to take those of the remains which he could to the "ends of the earth" for safe-keeping. St. Rule dutifully followed these directions, removing a tooth, an arm bone, a kneecap and some fingers from St. Andrew's tomb and transporting these as far away as he could. Scotland was close to the extremities of the known world at that time and it was here that St. Rule was shipwrecked with his precious cargo. St. Rule is said to have come ashore at a Pictish settlement on the East Coast of Scotland and this later became St. Andrews.

Thus the association of St. Andrew with Scotland was said to have begun.

Perhaps more likely than the tale of St. Rule's journey is that Acca, the Bishop of Hexham, who was a renowned collector of relics, brought the relics of St. Andrew to St. Andrews in 733. There certainly seems to have been a religious centre at St. Andrews at that time, either founded by St. Rule in the 6th century or by a Pictish King, Ungus, 731 - 761.

Whichever tale is true, the relics were placed in a specially constructed chapel. This chapel was replaced by the Cathedral of St. Andrews in 1160, and St. Andrews became the religious capital of Scotland and a great centre for Medieval pilgrims who came to view the relics.

There are other legends of how St. Andrew and his remains became associated with Scotland, but there is little evidence for any of these, including the legend of St. Rule. The names still exist in Scotland today, including St. Rule's Tower, which remains today amongst the ruins of St. Andrews Cathedral.

It is not known what happened to the relics of St. Andrew which were stored in St. Andrews Cathedral, although it is most likely that these were destroyed during the Scottish Reformation. The Protestant cause, propounded by Knox, Wishart and others, won out over Roman Catholicism during the Reformation and the "idolatry of Catholicism", that is the Saints, relics, decoration of churches, were expunged during the process of converting the Roman Catholic churches of Scotland to the harsh simplicity of Knox's brand of Calvinism.

The place where these relics were kept within the Cathedral at St. Andrews is now marked by a plaque, amongst the ruins, for visitors to see. The larger part of St. Andrew's remains were stolen from Constantinople in 1210 and are now to be found in Amalfi in Southern Italy.

During his visit in 1969 Pope Paul VI gave further relics of St. Andrew to Scotland with the words 'Saint Peter gives you his brother' and these relics are now displayed in a reliquary in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh.

CLAN SOCIETY GENERAL NOTES

Get Well. All

New Members. A very warm welcome to the following new members who have recently joined our Clan Society

N99-938	Joanna Moore, Chiswick NSW (daughter of Judith Moore SA)
Q99-939	Leslie McPhie, Moura QLD
N99-940	Duncan Thompson, Enngonia NSW (Son of Fiona Thompson, born July 1999).
V99-942	Graham McPhie, Wodonga VIC

Q99-943	Robyn Young, Logan Village QLD
S99-945	Andrew McPhee, Sheidon Park SA
S99-946	Elizabeth McPhee, Sheidow Park SA
W99-947	Patrica Bakewell, Sandstone WA
Q99-948	Rachel McPhie, Margate QLD

Moving. Heather (V87-573) and Robert McKee are moving to 11 Pinniger St Yarrawonga VIC.

100th Birthday. Bruce and Melba McPhie of North Balwyn Victoria tell us that Bruce's father Malcolm McPhie (V75-145) of Mirboo North Victoria will be 100 years old on the 28 February 2000. Of course had he been born a day later he would have been about to celebrate his 25th birthday.

Marriages.

Congratulations to Scot McPhie (Q76-164), Son of Clan Commander Sandy and Helen McPhie, of Townsville who married Jennifer O'Grady of Donybrook Douglas, Cork Ireland in Brisbane in July this year.

Congratulations to Patrica Phie (daughter of members Shirley & Gary Phie of Middlemount Central Queensland) who was married to Jason Bakewell in September at Sandstone WA. The service was conducted by Rev Allen McKenzie, the Flying Doctor minister of the Outback.

Vale.

Mark McPhee (W91-753) died in a car accident at Gingin in August, aged 35. He is survived by his wife Jocelyn and two young children. Jocelyn and Mark's youngest child died only a few weeks earlier. Mark was a great cricketer and opened the batting for WA on 80 occasions and was regarded by many as the best team man WA has ever had. Mark is the son of members Trevor (W88-662) and Rhonda (W91-759) of Langkawi Malaysia and formerly of Perth WA. Condolences have been sent to Mark's family on behalf of all Clan Society members

Annie Badcock, Mother of Beverly Badcock (N82-511) of Granville NSW.

Edna Kearley (V75-116) of Montmorency VIC in June 1999.

Henry Baxter McPhie (S77-304) of Warrandaie SA in October 1999

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 21 November 1999 10am to 5pm.. Drummoyne Scottish Games, Drummoyne Oval NSW Traditional Highland feasts and pipe bands. Look out for Sandy and Nora McPhee and Geoff and Ruth McPhee. Adults \$6 Pensioners & Students \$3 U12yrs free.

27 November 1999 StAndrew's Day Lunch, 'Scottish

House'. Nth Sydney Leagus Club

28 November 1999

State Miniature Pipe Band
Championships, Armadale WA.

4 & 5 December 1999

Highland Gathering and Pipe Band
Contest, Dalesford VIC

5 February 2000

Scotfest Maffra VIC

13 February 2000

Berwick Highland Gathering
Berwick Akoonak Park VIC

27 February 2000 Melbourne Tattoo, Melbourne Park VIC

5 March 2000 Nunawading Highland Gathering Est
Burwood Reserve VIC

19 March 2000 Geelong highland Gathering Queen's Park
Geelong VIC

26 March 2000 Ringwood Highland Gathering, Jubilee Park
Ringwood VIC

8 April 2000 Bundadoon Highland Games

27 & 28 May 2000 Macfie Clan Society BGM Adelaide



**Clan Society
members
enjoying the day at
Bundanoon April
1999**



A Genealogist's Christmas Eve

"Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.
 The dining room table with clutter was spread
 With pedigree charts and with letters which said...
 "Too bad about the data for which you wrote
 Sank in a storm on an ill fated boat."

Christmas was here, and of such was my lot
 That presents and goodies and toys I forgot.
 Had I not been so busy with grandparent's wills,
 I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills.
 While others had bought gifts that would bring Christmas cheer.,
 I'd spent time researching those birthdates and years.

While I was thus musing about my sad plight,
 A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright.
 Away to the window I flew in a flash,
 Tore open the drapes and I yanked up the sash.
 When what to my wondering eyes should appear?
 But an overstuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.

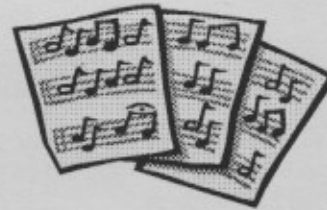
Up to the housetop the reindeer they flew,
 With a sleigh full of toys, and old Santa Claus too.
 And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof
 The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.
 The TV antenna was no match for their horns
 And look at our roof with hoof-prints adorned.

As I drew in my head, and bumped it on the sash,
 Down the cold chimney fell Santa - KER-RASH!
 "Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,
 And tracked soot on the carpet, (I could wring his short neck!)
 Spotting my face, good old Santa could see
 I had no Christmas spirit you'd have to agree.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work
 And filled all the stockings, (I felt like a 'erk).
 Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness and joy,
 When I'd been too busy for even one toy.
 He spied my research on the table all spread
 "A genealogist!" He cried! (My face was all red!)

"Tonight I've met many like you", Santa grinned.
 As he pulled from his sack a large book he had penned.
 I gazed with amazement - the cover it read
 "Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Plead."
 "I know what it's like as a genealogy bug,"
 He said as he gave me a great Santa Hug.

As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,
 I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.
 While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle,
 To his team which then rose like the down of a thistle.
 And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight.
 Family History is Fun! Merry Christmas! Goodnight!



Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
 And never brought to mind?
 Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
 And auld lang syne?

Chorus

For auld lang syne, my dear,
 For auld lang syne,
 We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
 For auld lang syne.
 And surely ye'll be your pint-stoup,
 And surely I'll be mine;
 And we'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
 For auld lang syne.

For auld, &c.

We twa hae run about the braes,
 And pou'd the gowans fine;
 But we've wandered mony a weary fit,
 in' auld lang syne.

For auld, &c.

We twa hae paidl'd in the burn,
 Frae morning sun till dine;
 But seas between us braid har roar'd,
 Sin' auld lang syne.

For auld, &c.

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere!
 And gie's a hand o'thine!
 And we'll tak' a right gude-willic waught,
 For auld lang syne.
 For auld, &c.

Words by Robert Burns



THAT'S ALL FOLKS!