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Message from the President

Welcome to the first year of the new century and warm wishes to all Macfies, no matter how you spell your name, or what your connection. We all belong to a great Clan and no doubt you too are proud of our heritage.

The Biennial General Meeting of our Clan Society will be held in Adelaide on the weekend nearest 'Macfie Day' re Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th May 2000. The meeting will start at 10.00 am on Saturday so as to give us time to coach it to the Barossa Valley for lunch in a winery and then, if time permits, a winery tour.

After returning from the Barossa at about 4.30 pm there will be a break in events until 8 pm when the Macfies and the SA Caledonian Society will join together for a



Ceilidh. Sunday morning will commence with a church service which is being styled a 'Kirkin o' the Tartan' but it will be part of the normal 10.00am service.

It is then back to Marilyn and my home for lunch.

Please don't let this opportunity to meet your kinsfolk pass by, as it is fabulous fun to meet other Macfies. A number of interested members have already indicated they will attend. Those of you who haven't made plans yet to come please do so. You will be amazed at what good fun talking to your relatives is. Amongst those who are definitely coming is Trevor Phee, our Clan Historian. So there will be an opportunity to ask Trevor some of your genealogical questions. Our Clan Commander, Sandy McPhie, and Helen McPhie are also coming.

Hope to meet lots and lots of you in Adelaide and in the meantime take good care of yourself and others.

Brian McPhee

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**NOTICE OF BIENNIAL GENERAL
MEETING
OF MEMBERS OF THE MACFIE
CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirteenth Biennial General Meeting of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia will be held at the home of the President, Brian McPhee, 4 Figtree Court North Adelaide SA on Saturday 27th May 2000 at 10.00am

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Welcome to those attending
2. Apologies and Greetings
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 12th BGM
4. Business Arising From the Minutes of the 12th BGM
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements
7. Election of Executive Members for the 2000-2002 Term of Office
8. General Business
9. Closure

Dress: Highland Tartan

Notes:

1. Tea and coffee will be available before the meeting
2. General Meeting will be at 10.00 a.m.
3. At 11.30 am coach leaves for the Barossa Valley

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE
OFFICE 2000-2002**

In accordance with paragraph 9 of the Clan Society Constitution, nominations are now called for, for the following Executive Office positions of the Clan Society for 2000-2002:

President, Vice-President, Treasurer,
State Vice-Presidents for:

New South Wales,
Queensland
Victoria,
Western Australia,
Australian Capital Territory
Tasmania,
Northern Territory,
South Australia

Notes:

1. Nominations are to be in writing stating the nominee's name and intended office. Nominations to be signed by the nominee accepting nomination for office, and by the proposer and seconder.
2. Only financial members of the Society are eligible to accept nomination for office, or to propose, second or vote for nominees. In the case of each State Vice-President, a nominee, proposer, seconder and all members voting must be residents of the State concerned.
3. Nominations close with The President, The Macfie Clan Society of Australia, 4 Figtree Court North Adelaide on Friday 24 March 2000.

Weekend Programme
Adelaide SA 27th & 28th May 2000

Saturday 27th May

- 10.00am General Meeting at President's home, 4 Figtree Court North Adelaide.
11.30am Depart for Barossa Valley in a coach.
1.00pm Lunch at a winery.
4.30pm Coach will drop passengers off at their motel.
8.00pm Ceilidh at the Caledonian Hall
379 King William St Adelaide.

Sunday 28th May

- 10.00am Kirkin o' the Tartan at the Brougham Place Uniting Church, Brougham Place North Adelaide.
12.00 noon Lunch at President's home

Attendance Slip: Please complete the enclosed attendance slip to signify your attendance on one or both days. Payment is required as early as possible and please include the cost of any raffle tickets you may wish to purchase. Please send your slip with payment to:

Ian McPhee

**15 Chatswood Crescent
Kidman Park SA 5025**

Raffle: Society Vice President, Peter McPhee is again organising a raffle, the prize is a 1 gallon bottle of Johnnie Walker Whisky in a cradle. Tickets are available through the enclosed Attendance Slip, or during the weekend. Tickets are \$1 each or 7 for \$5. The raffle will be drawn at the lunch on Sunday.

Accommodation: Merylyn has arranged for accommodation at preferred rates for the weekend. Of course you can come and depart whenever you choose. Please book direct with the motel and make your own arrangements for payment.

Royal Coach Motor Inn (4.5 star), about 1.5 km from the city, 24 Dequettville Terrace Kent Town SA 5067. \$99 per night (single or double) (normally \$110) Quote McPhee Meeting and book direct with Fiona Hehir Tel (08) 8362 5676, Fax (08) 8363 2180.

Radisson Playford Hotel (5 star in the city), 120 North Terrace Adelaide 5000. \$165 room only (single or double), \$180 room plus full breakfast for 2. (Normally \$220 room only). Quote McPhee Meeting and book direct with Carmel Shadiac, Tel (08) 8213 8834, Fax (08) 8213 8833.

Of course if you wish to stay elsewhere there is no obligation to use the above but you probably won't do any better cost wise.

Ceilidh: I am in the process of putting a Ceilidh together on Saturday evening in conjunction with the SA Caledonian Society (as from last weekend I am a member). To make it work we must provide a minimum of 40 Macfies so that we can have a haggis which will be addressed by David Porteus,

Secretary of the Caledonian Society. David has been unbelievably supportive of my efforts to have a ceilidh and will advertise the night in the Caledonian Newsletter which goes out at the same time as our Newsbulletin. The cost and

Member Profile

Peter McPhee (V77373) Vice-President. One in five



Australians would rather die than speak in public. One of the exceptions is our Clan Society Vice President, Mr. Peter McPhee. As a speechmaker he has impersonated experts in over 200

speeches on such topics as Anthropology, Chemical Engineering, Philosophy, Education and History and taught public speaking on 4 continents. Once he addressed a St Andrew's Day luncheon as an Irish professor of Scottish History in Australia, (and that takes some working out). He learnt the art of public speaking during his time with the Jaycees of which he won International recognition as National President in 1986. Ask him about the unsolicited election support he received from the local member of parliament at the Toowoomba Conference where he was elected. (Clan Commander Sandy was the member).

He has been married to Barbara for just over 30 years. They have 4 adult children. Caroline, the eldest, has just had a corneal transplant, Andrew is a chef in Auckland, Bernadette is on assignment in Thailand as an Australian Youth Ambassador training leaders for the Guide movement, and Kyle, the youngest, is the only one married. She works as a supervisor for the National Bank. He has over 400 names in the computer listing on his family tree.

As Vice Chairman, of the Australia Day Council (Vic), he is the public speaker for the body. Peter delights in telling of his family's involvement in Eureka, the capture of Ned Kelly and the Anzac landing by two of his uncles, one of whom kept a diary of the entire war which was the basis for Patsy Adam Smith's book "The Anzacs". Peter is a qualified Property Valuer, Auctioneer and Estate Agent and has specialised in the Commercial and Industrial field. The last three years has seen him involved in the acquisition of property for the Melbourne City Link.

His role as President of the Mitcham R S L has seen him elected as Chairman of the RSL Licensed Sub Branches Association. This is the largest supplier of gaming in Victoria with over 3000 poker machines in 74 venues across the state. He is a past president of the Rotary Club of Mitcham.

As the caretaker of the Clan tent, he ensures it is aired at the Nunawading and Ringwood Highland Games where the gallon of whisky is on show for the Clan Society raffle.

ability to have a band is dependent on members so your support is vital to ensure the night is a success. The bar will be open and if you like to have some snacks on the table please bring your own.

Member Profile Trevor Bailey Phee. (NB 89-720) Clan Society Historian.

The eldest of three boys born to Richard Albert Phee and



Doreen Estelle Stewart at Cessnock (NSW) on the 26 February 1952. Trevor is a Diesel Mechanic by trade, however after 21 years in the trade he had enough and for the past 12 years he has worked as a Security Officer. First with Wormald Security and now with Chubb Protective Services. Trevor married Suzanne Mae Wilkinson in March 1971 and they have a 28 year old daughter, Dianne Louise Phee

and a 9 year old Granddaughter, Chantelle Mae Phee. Since 1989 Trevor has been researching all four of his grandparents and a few months ago his Father-in-law asked to research his family. Trevor has located some cousins in New Zealand and as well he is organising a family reunion in October this year. Trevor had a family reunion for the Phee family back in 1992. As well Trevor has just joined the New Zealand McPhee Clan Society. In his spare time he goes to work.

The Royal Flag of Scotland

There is a second flag which is associated with Scotland, the "Rampant Lion", or Royal Flag of Scotland. Although



based on an older Scottish flag than the St. Andrew's Cross, it should, strictly speaking, now only be used by the monarch in relation to her capacity as Queen in Scotland¹. However, it

is widely used as a second national flag. The Rampant Lion flag flies over the offices of the Secretary of State for Scotland (who is the representative of the U.K. government in Scotland); that is Dover House in London and New St Andrew's House in Edinburgh. King George V signed a Royal Warrant in 1934 allowing the use of the Rampant Lion flag as "a mark of loyalty" because of the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations. The Lord Lyon² officially now takes the view that this permission "related to decorative ebullition", that is, it is permissible to wave the flag at football matches. It is however not allowable to fly the flag without permission, on a flag-pole or from a building. The Lord Lyon once threatened the town councilors of Cumbernauld with an Act passed in 1679 which prescribed the death penalty for mis-use of the royal arms.

¹ Scotland has not had its own monarchy since the Act of Union with England in 1707. Queen Elizabeth II is monarch of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

² The Lord Lyon King of Arms is the judicial officer responsible for upholding heraldic law in Scotland.

My Favourite Photograph

This section is for **you** to share your favourite photograph with us all. The photo can be one that brings back bonny memories or depicts Clan Society Members having fun, or in unusual places around the world.. Send photographs to Brian McPhee 4 Figtree Court North Adelaide SA 5006

The first photograph has been sent in by Glen McPhee (V77 357). The picture is of a life-size wooden statue located in the new town square at John O' Groats. The photograph was taken in 1997 during a great trip around the top of Scotland.

John O' Groats is on the Northern most tip of Scotland and it takes its name from Jan de Groot , a Dutchman who started a ferry business there in the 15th Century. Ferries leave from John O' Groats for the Orkney Islands.



BRIGADOON - AT HOME IN THE HIGHLANDS

Where do you go to find the biggest Highland Gathering in the southern hemisphere?



Not, as it happens, in a capital city, despite the fair expectation that that's where you'd find lots of southern Scots. Instead, try imaging a little one-day magic; take some misty mountains and a tucked away glen, add a picturesque village, re-name it Brigadoon, and convince the locals to embrace Scottish culture for just a day.

Well, that's what happened to the Southern Highlands (New South Wales) town of Bundanoon 21 years ago. What started as a modest get-together of a few pipe bands, a handful of stalls, and an exhibition of traditional heavy events of a Scottish highland gathering has grown to be one of the largest celebrations of Scottishness in the world.

The yearly event, always in April, now attracts a crowd of over 20,000. It is one of the great success stories of the Southern Highlands and has contributed many thousands of dollars to local charities over the years.

While there can be few Scottish gatherings in the world further away from Auld Scotland it would be hard to find anywhere that is so apt. The mists of both the Scottish Highlands and the Southern Highlands are legendary, as is the beauty of their landscapes.

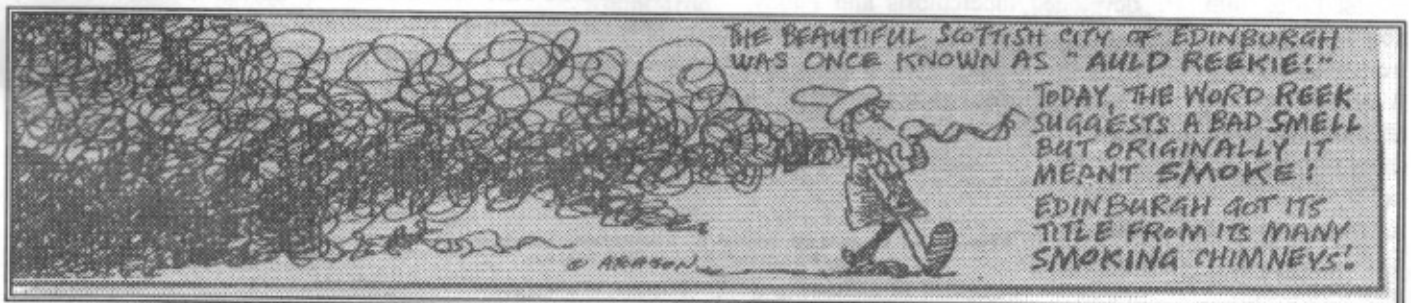
You can have a go at the ancient Caledonian tests of manhood - throw a heavy weight over a bar, putt a shot, toss a hay bale, heave a caber. Or you can just have fun hurling a haggis, an egg, or a water-filled balloon. Warlike people, the Highlanders!

VISIT THE MACFIE TENT AT BUNDANOON

Shortbread Sensation

The perfect accompaniments Shortbread, home-made, the kind that goes 'pop' in your mouth when you first bite off the pointy bit at the apex of the petticoat tail.. Nerida Bamsley has been baking shortbread in her home kitchen at Sutton Forest long enough to know the truth about the fine keeping qualities of her Highland Shortbread. Nerida sells her shortbread only at her Southern Highlands shop, aptly called 'A Little Piece of Scotland,

near Bundanoon.



ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON- SCOTLAND'S STORY TELLER

ROBERT LOUIS Stevenson, one of the English language's greatest story tellers, was born on November 13, 1850, in Edinburgh, Scotland. He was plagued with lung trouble for much of his life and most of his childhood was spent in bed. That experience coloured *The Land of Counterpane* and many other early poems from 'A Child's Garden of Verses'. His mother, and his nanny Alison Cunningham, read him exciting stories while he was bedridden, and he began to dictate his own stories at the age of six.

Stevenson's father, a civil engineer, often took Louis (as he was called by his family) with him as he inspected lighthouses. These trips introduced the young boy to the rocky coasts, mysterious islands, craggy mountains, and misty moors that would later appear in his work.

As a young man, Stevenson attended Edinburgh University and although he completed courses for engineering, and even became a lawyer, neither of these occupations could hold his interest and during the winter of 1873/74, while recuperating from an illness on the Riviera, Stevenson began to submit essays to local periodicals.

Readers and critics were drawn to his easy, conversational style and in 1874, he was asked to join the Savile Club (then known as the New Club) which met in London, where he made friends with many of the literati of that time.

Forced by recurring health problems to travel, he spent several years trekking through France, Germany, and Scotland.

These experiences provided the material for *An Inland Voyage* (1878) and *Travels with a Donkey* (1879).

The 1883 publication of *Treasure Island* made Stevenson famous. His classic tale was followed by many essays, short stories, and poems, and then, in 1886, the exciting adventure story *Kidnapped*.

While some 19th-century realist writers, such as George Eliot and Thomas Hardy, concerned themselves with the problems of man and society, Stevenson carved out a different territory: a world of pirate ships and treasure maps, magic potions, bright sunlit oceans, and misty highlands.

He used daring adventures to explore fiery passions and the spirit of eternal youth - Tir Nan Og.

Stevenson met Mrs. Fanny Van de Grift Osbourne in France in 1876 and immediately fell in love.

When Fanny's husband requested that she return to her home in San Francisco, the Scots writer followed.

Travelling with other immigrants gave him raw material for several books but the rough conditions and emotional stress almost killed him. He developed tuberculosis and Fanny, now free, helped nurse him back to health and in 1880, they were married.

Although Stevenson and Fanny returned to Scotland shortly after the marriage, he could not tolerate the cold and often damp climate. After another visit to America the family set sail from San Francisco for the South Pacific, finally settling in Upolu, one of the Samoan Islands.

The Samoan people loved Stevenson, and called him Tusitala, teller of tales.

On December 3, 1894, while relaxing on the veranda of his home, Stevenson suffered a stroke and died a few hours later.

The Samoans buried their beloved story-teller on the summit of Mount Vaea overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

(Stuart Donaldson; *Highland Gathering March 1998*)

The Story of Scotland.

In the beginning, when God was creating the world, he was sitting on a cloud telling his pal, the Arch Angel Gabriel, what he planned for Scotland.

Gabby says he, I'm going to give this place high majestic mountains, purple glens, soaring eagles, streams laden with salmon, golden fields of barley from which a whisky coloured nectar can be made, green lush, spectacular golf - courses, coal in the ground, oil under the seas, gas.....

"HOLD UP! HOLD UP!" Interjected the bold Gabriel "Are you not being too generous to these Scots?"

"Not at all,, replied the Almighty. "wait until you see the neighbours I'm giving them!!!"



Bagpipe Gags

How can you tell a bagpiper with perfect pitch?
He can throw a set into the middle of a pond and not hit any of the ducks.

How is playing a bagpipe like throwing a javelin blindfolded?
You don't have to be very good to get people's

attention.

What is the difference between a lawnmower and a bagpipe?
You can tune a lawnmower.

What's the definition of a gentleman?
Someone who knows how to play the bagpipe and doesn't.

Movie Review

My Life So Far. Stars: Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio.
This movie sounds like it could be made on the Macfie ancestral island of Colonsay Scotland.

A family living on their estate Kiloran in misty Scotland in the late 1920's. Everything is fine until the uncle brings his beautiful young French fiancée to Kiloran. Maybe someone has seen the movie and can let us know.

Coming Events

2000

2 April	Ringwood Highland Gathering, Jubilee Park Ringwood, VIC
22 April	Australian Pipe Band Championship The Barton Oval, SA
27 May	Macfie Biennial General Meeting, Adelaide

New Members

Robyn Young (Q99-943)	Logan Village	QLD
Patricia Bakewell (W99-946)	Sandstone	WA

Donations. The following donations from members are acknowledged:

Beth Sainsbury	Gosnells	WA
Bill Smith	Fountain Gate	VIC
Harvey McPhie	Canada	
Gwen McPhee	Lower Templestone	VIC

Vale

Ellen McPhie, in November 1999, mother of Yvonne Reed (Q93-823) (See letter to Editor)



CLAN HISTORY IN AUSTRALIA - SHIPPING

ARRIVALS

We continue below and on the following pages 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 Australia, Tasmania and Queensland 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 - Nov 98)

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	Alexander McPhee	21	Aberdeen
		9 Aug 1866	Andrew McPhee	-	-

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

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COASTAL SHIPPING DEPARTURES 1848 - 1858

Date	Ship's Name	Destination ex Adelaide	Passenger
11 Dec 1848	Navarion or Navarino	Port Phillip	Mr. & Mrs. McFie
15 May 1849	Emma	Sydney	W. McFie

13 Jun 1849	Petrel cutter	Port Lincoln	Mr. A. McFie
18 Dec 1851	Mary Clark	Melbourne	Mr. Peter McFie
24 Apr 1852	Rienzi	Melbourne	Mr. P. McFie
24 Jul 1856	Burra Burra	Melbourne	Capt. McFie
12 May 1858	Amella	Melbourne	Mr. McFie
28 Dec 1858	Colooney	Melbourne	Mr. McFie

Assisted Immigrants to Tasmania 1841 to 1889

(Research By Trevor Phee)

(Other Hobart arrivals appeared in NB82 - Nov 98)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Vessel</u>	<u>McPhee</u>		<u>Page</u>	<u>Reference</u>
			<u>Year</u>	<u>Reel</u>		
Agnes McPhee	39	Conway	1855	14-8	114	CB 7\16\1
Agnes McPhee	39	Conway	1855	14-5	374	CB 7\12\5
Agnes McPhee	39	Donald McKay	1855	14-3	40	CB 7\17\1
Alexander McPhee	20	Broomielaw	1857	14-7	121	CB 7\12\12
Daniel McPhee	6	Conway	1855	14-8	114	CB 7\16\1
Daniel McPhee	6	Conway	1855	14-5	374	CB 7\12\5
David McPhee	23	Conway	1855	14-5	374	CB 7\12\5
David McPhee	23	Conway	1855	14-8	114	CB 7\16\1
Duncan McPhee	41	Conway	1855	14-8	114	CB 7\16\1
Duncan McPhee	41	Conway	1855	14-5	374	CB 7\12\5
Duncan McPhee	41	Donald McKay	1855	14-3	40	CB 7\17\1
Edward McPhee	2	Conway	1855	14-5	374	CB 7\12\5
Edward McPhee	2	Conway	1855	14-8	114	CB 7\16\1
John McPhee	22	Forest Monarch	1857	14-6	265	CB 7\12\7
Margaret McPhee	24	Antipodes	1860	14-7	47	CB 7\12\10
Margaret McPhee	24	Antipodes	1860	14-1	QTR-3	CB 7\18

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Vessel</u>	<u>McPhie</u>		<u>Page</u>	<u>Reference</u>
			<u>Year</u>	<u>Reel</u>		
Malcolm McPhie	19	Sir Allan McNab	1854	14-8	70	CB 7\16\1
Malcolm McPhie	19	Sir Allan McNab	1854	14-4	188	CB 7\12\1
Mary McPhie	21	Sir Allan McNab	1854	14-8	70	CB 7\16\1
Mary McPhee	21	Sir Allan McNab	1854	14-4	188	CB 7\12\1

Unassisted Immigrants & Coastal Shipping 1829 to 1865

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Names</u>	<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Film</u>	<u>Page</u>
McPhee	Family	Portsea	Dec. 1838	Plymouth	2	186
McPhee	Lieutenant DM	Portsea	Dec. 1838	Plymouth	2	186
McPhee	Mathew	City of Hobart	Jul. 1860	Melbourne	8	159
McPhee	Mr	Tasmania	Mar. 1868	Sydney	10	39
McPhee	Mrs	Tasmania	Mar. 1868	Sydney	10	39
McPhee	3 Children	Tasmania	Mar. 1868	Sydney	10	39

Tasmanian Convicts

1821 to 1854

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Frame</u>	<u>Reel</u>	<u>Roll</u>
McPhee	Robert	28	Palmyra	1846	0173\6	PI-3	CY 2357

ARRIVALS IN MORETON BAY/BRISBANE 1853 - 1884

<u>Arr. Date</u>	<u>Ship's Name</u>	<u>From/Dep. Date</u>	<u>Passenger</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Note</u>
13 Nov 1853 (or 17 Nov 1853)	Caroline	-	Angus McPhee	30	Corpach
			Christina (McTavish)	21	
			Hannah (Una)	1	
			John McPhee	39	Corpach
			Ann (Cameron)	35	
			Isabella	15	
			Malcolm	14	
			Jessie	12	
			Isabel	6	
			Catherine	1	
1854	Ghengis Khan	-	John McFie	36	-
19 Jan 1855	William Miles	-	Mary McPhee	27/28	Inverness
			Ewan	25	-
			Ann	22	Inverness
05 May 1856	Phoebe Dunbar	Angus Plymouth	19	-	
			Andrew Mahaffey	-	
			Ann (Farr)	-	
			Sarah	2	
			*William McHuffy (sic)		
			Mary (Naphar/Napier)		
			William		
			George		
			(*Possibly a brother of Andrew Mahaffey above)		
31 Oct 1862	Ocean Chief	Cork and Liverpool	John McPhee	-	Stuckenoboin or
30 Nov 1862		and Greenock Jul 1862	(?) Malcolm	-	Loch Lomond
20 Mar 1871	Star Owen	London 30 Dec 1870	Margaret Duffy	16	
21 Jul 1871	Indus	London 19 Apr 1871	Margaret Duffy	23	
			Mary	26	
			Michael	27	
02 Dec 1871	Royal Dart	London 18 Aug			
1871	James McHaffie	23			
29 Mar 1873	Toowoomba	Glasgow 10 Dec 1872	Rose Phee	21	
03 May 1873	Storm King	London 01 Feb 1873	Elizabeth Cathie	26	
08 Oct 1873	Indus	London 07 Aug 1873	Frances Duffey	26	
01 Jan 1874	Great Britain	Liverpool 25 Oct 1873	Edward Duffy	20	
29 Dec 1874	Indus	London 13 Sep 1874	Catherine Duffey	38	
			William	39	
			John	18	
20 Sep 1875	Renfrewshire	Glasgow 05 Jun 1875	Michael Duffy	39	



Letters to the Editor

Please send any interesting items or tales, comments on the articles in the Newsbulletin of suggests for the Clan Society

From: Lila McPhee Mildura.

Donald McPhee (28/2/1867- 5/1/1946)

Donald was educated at the State School Strathalbyn SA and later worked in the area as a farm labourer. He moved to Mount Gambier to live at the Skipworth boarding house where he met and later married Honora Louise Skipworth. He purchased a Saw Mill but this venture was unsuccessful. In 1910-1912 he studied at the School of Mines, learning the trade of carpentry. He then worked with a contractor building the first big wireless mast in Darwin NT. After Darwin Donald managed a Tannery owned by McLeish & Co.

In 1915 Donald moved to Woomelang, farming area in the Victorian Mallee, with his family where he worked for Dan Barbary on a wheat farm. In 1918 he moved again to an irrigation settlement in Mildura and worked for E.T Henderson. He later purchased a property in Mildura (16th Street) planted with dried vine fruits and citrus. Donald and his family lived on his property until his death on 5 January 1946, aged 75 years.. He was hit by a car outside his property and left his widow Honora and eleven children.

From George Anderson Karatha WA

23 Cowan Way

Karratha

WA 6714

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Greetings

I am researching my family tree and I am seeking the descendants of Robert McPhee and Agnes McNaughton who married in 1854 in Victoria.

Robert was a son of John McPhee and Christina Rankin and was born 23/2/1827 in Kilmailie, Argyleshire in Scotland. He came to Australia in 1852 on the vessel Garland with several family members including his sister Margaret and her husband Dugald McKinnon. I am a descendant of Dugald McKinnon and Margaret McPhee.

It appears that most of the family were in Smythesdale Victoria in the 1860s where Dugaid was a tailor. Below is some information supplied by Ms Joan Hunt of the Woody Yallock Historical Society "Dugaid was living in Smythesdale at least as early as 28th September 1863 as he appears in that Rate Book.

The Burgess Roll for 1866-67 has him living in Wills Street, while the 1868-69 and 1869-70 Burgess Rolls list him at Burke Street.

The description on the rolls is "house and land", so presumably he was in residence in those streets at those years. He appears to have left the district by May 1871

which was the date given in the Rate Book in which his name does not appear.'

I am also trying to determine if other related McPhees went to the Smythesdale area prior to the arrival of the above families. A John McPhee died in Smythesdale in 1879 (son of John McPhee and Christina Rankin) and his death certificate says he had been in Australia for 40 years.

If you are a descendant of Robert and Agnes, and/or you are interested, please contact me. I am researching other McPhee families in Australia which might be related. I would be more than pleased to share any information I have. George Anderson.

THE PASSING OF YET ANOTHER PIONEER.

(Letter from Yvonne Reed (Q93-823))

Ellen Mary McPhie, better known as Nell passed away suddenly at Cooma District Hospital on 24th. November 1999 and was buried at Mittagang Cemetery next to her husband Clyde who predeceased her in June 1985. Nell married Clyde McPhie in 1942. They had four children, John Cooma, Yvonne (Reed Maroochydoore Qld) Bryan Newcastle, Chris Cooma. Grandchildren Narelle, Anthony, Kristie, Richard, Alex and Nicole and Great Grandchildren Morgan, Mitchell, Mariah.

After W.W.2. Nell and Clyde moved from Wollongong back to property on the Eucumbene River, until resumed by the S.M.A. and their land holding ended up on the "wet" side of the Eucumbene Dam. The island known as Halstrom near the Eucumbene Dam wall was part of property owned and farmed by Nell and Clyde McPhie. Upon resumption in 1953, Nell and Clyde made their home in Cooma. Some twenty years later they were granted an opportunity to re purchase land resumed by the S.M.A. at Buckenderra where they farmed for some years before moving closer to Cooma at Rhine Falls. Nell refused to go back to the farm to live and preferred the bright lights of Cooma, as she could remember too well being snowed in "on the river" at Clynell.

Nell in her early days was a keen tennis player and won many tournaments and competitions in single and double events in the district. At one time she also took to the ski slopes, as family photos show. In later years she joined the Cooma Bowling Club but said She "was not much of a bowler". Nell was interested in most sport and followed it all in one way or another. She was also a member of Senior Citizens and the R.S.L Clubs. After Clyde died in June 1985, she took many trips to places she had only read about, like Broken Hill, Alice Springs, Ayres Rock or Uluru as it is now known, Adelaide and the Barossa Valley, Melbourne, Sydney, Newcastle as well as local trips and to Queensland. She lived life to the full even till the last month of her life where she resided at the Snowy River Hostel in Berridale only 100 meters from where she was born. She attended all events that were on and was only just home from a day out when she suddenly took ill. She died as she lived, a gracious lady living life to the fullest and she will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

The Haggis of Private McPhee

Rhymes of a Red Cross Man by Robert W. Service

Hae ye heard whit ma auld mither's positit tae me?
It fair maks me hamesick," says Private McPhee.
"And whit did she send ye?" says Private McPhun,
As he cockit his rifle

"A haggis! A HAGGIS!" says Private McPhee;
"The bravest big haggis I ever did see.
And think! it's the morn when fond memory turns
Tae haggis and whuskey -- the Birthday o' Burns.
We maun find a dram; then we'll ca' in the rest
O' the lads, and we'll hae a Burns' Nicht wi' the best."

"Be ready at sundoon," snapped Sergeant McCole;

Donald where's your Troosers?



I've just come down from the Isle
of Skye,
I'm no' very big and I'm awful shy,
And the lassies shout when I go by
"Donald where's your troosers?"

CHORUS:
Let the wind blow high,
Let the wind blow low,
Through the streets in my kilt
I'll go. And all the ladies say,
"Hello, Donald, where's your
trousers?"

A lassie took me to a ball,
And it was slippery in the hall,
And I was feart that I would fall,
For I hadnae on ma troosers.

I went down to London town, And I had some fun in the
Underground,
The ladies turn their heads around, saying,
"Donald, where are your trousers?"

To wear the kilt is my delight, It isna wrong, I know it's
right, The Islanders would get a fright, if they saw me
in the troosers.

(From Clan Chatter MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America) McHaffie Report

Mary Lou McHaffie Ramasey

I've charted material on over 700 McHaffies, online at www.my-ged.com - McHaffie shows also as McKilhaffie in 17th century. On Kellechaffey lands, near Stranaer Wigtownshire, Scotland, are the ruins of Craiggaffie Broch, a wide round tower which had one entrance, on a high rock overlooking Loch Ryan, open to the sea, built cir. 300 B.C. Craiggaffie means "Rock of the Fairy Knoll" per Ordinance Survey pamphlet. The late Geo. Roussos stated that MacDuffies are thought to have arrived on Isle of Colonsay about 1200 A.D. from unknown place, and I think we should do research on this broch with the curious name, and strategic placement.

CHART: McHaffey and/or McHaffey, Blytheville, AR and Prentiss Co., MS; Linda McHaffey (descends from Robert McHaffey b. 1803, SC) found material on Jesse McHaffey mar. 17 Nov. 1864, Lucy Ann Bowles, Jackson Co., KY; and Martin McHaffey who mar. Mary Jane Bowles, son b. 1865, Owsley Co., KY. Given names include Guy (Guy and Guyon are found among PA, OH and WV McHaffies, 1700's on down).

CHART: Martin as a given name, appears in families which I link to Martin McHaffey, 1753, Lower Chanceford tw p., York Co., PA, who had children Esther, bapt. Mar. 1753, Martin and Mary, both bapt. Dec. 1755, and listed in "Register of Rev. John Cuthbertson 1751-1791, Cameronian/Covanter Minister" a book of marriages, baptisms, residences, repr. by Genealogical Publ. Co. Cuthbertson was from Scotland, rode nearly constantly and ministered to members of the Reformed Presbyterian denomination in PA, MD, NY, CT and NJ. Given names of descendants of George and Esther (McHaffey) Buchanan of 1750's York Co., PA, whose dau. Mary was b. 19 Mar 1764 and m. George Eli Benefiel, include Jesse Martin Benefiel, b. 1835 d. 1838. This George Buchanan (several are in Cuthbertson's "Register") d. 1818 in Jefferson Co., IN, n. banks of Ohio River, and living in nearby Union Co., IN were two of my TN McHaffie "aunts" by 1827 (Rachel m. Thomas Ward and Mary m. Jefferson Ward, sons of Isaac).

Our research and that of John McHaffie, b. W, of Tuscon, AZ, reveals given names Guy, Jesse, Martin, Finley and Anderson were passed down in families of McHaffie, Benefiel, Finger (in PA) and Keller (OH). John is researching the descendants of Guy McHaffie (through son Charles' son, Sesse, who had John Anderson McHaffie). Charts were given to John by Jew Raymond Finley of Beaver Co., PA, East Liverpool, OH area (descendant of Stephen McHaffie b. 1800 PA). Guy Finger of KY, b 1902, m. Iva Susan McHaffey, unknown connections. John McHaffie's ancestor Jesse McHaffie and his brothers moved by raft on the Ohio River from Beaver Co., PA to Meigs Co., OH, 1837, but the brothers went on down the river. It appears the mentioned KY McHaffey men will link to those brothers

THE MACPHEES IN THE LORDSHIP OF THE ISLES

(Article reproduced from the 'Galley', the Newsbulletin of the Macfie Clan Society of Scotland)

Written by: **Dr** Kathleen MacPhee Member of the Scottish Society

This clan is a branch of the great Siol Alpin, or Race of Alpin, descended from Kenneth, son of Alpin, who was one of the most illustrious kings of Dalriada, during whose reign the Scots and the Picts were united in the mid-ninth century, and from whom the present Sovereign of Britain claims a line of descent.

There are many theories concerning the progenitor of the clan, but no hard evidence exists, either in the Lordship or elsewhere, as to who he was.

What is certain is, of course, the original Gaelic name - Dubhsidhe, the Black One of Peace - of obvious Celtic origin, "Dubh" being the Gaelic for "Black", and "sidhe" meaning "of peace".

As Gaels have a tendency to soften the pronunciation of words, "Mac" is followed by the aspirated "D" which is then further softened by the elision of Dhubh", into MacPhee, etc.

The various forms of the name familiar today are MacPhee, MacPhie, MacFie, MacDuffie, MacDuffy, MacGuffie, MacHaffie, Duffie, Duffy, also the Irish forms of MacAffie and MacHaffie, and so on. All are, obviously, acceptable as all are corruption's of the original Gaelic form, and none is more "correct" than any other. "Mc" is merely an abbreviation of "Mac", and has no linguistic significance.

The name implies a person with black hair or a swarthy skin, or both, and it is interesting, when in the Hebrides - or even in that great hang-out for Gaels, the Park Bar in Partick, Glasgow - to note how many of the clan have the black hair suggested by the "Dubh", and the deep blue eyes of that particular branch of the Celtic races.

On the other hand "Black One of Peace" may refer to the possible descent of the clan from Murchadh MacFerchar, grandson of Cormac, Bishop of Dunkeld, and one of the black robed Culdee monks. "Black One of Peace" would be appropriate here.

These are just two of the sometimes fanciful theories about the origins of the clan and seem to be fairly reasonable as theories go.

Exactly when the clan became associated with the renowned Lordship of the Isles is uncertain, though there is mention of their holding Colonsay, or Collasa, in a vassal relationship with the MacDonalds, either at the time of Reginald, son of Somerled, or Donald, grandson of Somerled. At any rate the MacPhees became well established as Keepers of the Records of the Isles, indicating a position of eminence in Lordship society.

Like all ancient Celtic offices that of Recorder was a hereditary one, and to be held only by a family of power and influence, near to that from which the Clan Chief was chosen. So, also, we have other clans associated with specific offices in the Lordship. The Book of Clanranald names the Beatons (or MacBeths, MacBeathas, Bethunes etc.) as hereditary physicians to the Lords, the MacKinnons

as keepers of correct weights and measures - comparable with Customs & Excise today - the MacEacherns as swordmakers, the MacDonalds as harpers, the MacArthurs as pipers, the MacLaverities as Speakers, the MacSporrens as pursebearers or treasurers, and so on. All were answerable to the Council of the Isles, held on Eilean Comhairle at Finlaggan, Isle of Islay, where the great Somerled, progenitor of the Lords, first established the capital of his widespread island kingdom, in 1138.

The MacPhee of the day would be in regular attendance at Island Finlaggan, and answerable to the Lord of the Isles and his sixteen Council members, which included a judge, or tiosecachdeora (chief man of law), for every island in the Lordship.

In Council the MacPhee would probably not actually write the records himself, but would allow this to devolve on the clergy, who were the only people in these days educated enough to manage revenues, and keep accounts and records.

Regrettably continual attacks by Norsemen and other aggressors meant that the destruction and/or loss of all the valuable MSS, from the earliest days of Iona as a centre of religion and learning. In addition, the fall of the Lordship of the Isles in 1493, and the consequent anarchy prevailing thereafter brought about the disappearance of the records forever, as well as all the hereditary offices associated with the Lordship.

On Colonsay, which was field in vassaldom from the Clan Donald, the MacPhee stronghold was originally at Dun Eibhinn, but at a later date it was moved to Kiloran, once a monastic house. Alexander, the third Lord, granted Colonsay to MacLean of Duart in 1430. But the MacPhees were left fairly undisturbed until the 16th Century when they were evicted by the MacLeans. During the days of the Lordship Dun Eibhinn was in a good central position, and easily controlled the south end of Colonsay. Near the Oransay ford was MacPhee's Court of Justice, Cnoc nan Eadraiginn, along with its grim adjunct, an outcropping rock l'on-ning a natural gallows on Beinn Eibhne.

The old mortuary chapel of the MacPhees lies off the main chapel of Oransay, where the tomb of Sir Donald MacDuffie, Prior in 1549, can be seen. The Rod of Office of the Clan Chief was always kept here, and always replaced when it decayed. Although the last MacPhee claimant to Colonsay was killed in the early 17th Century the Rod was still being replaced even as late as 1850 when a MacPhee from Islay came over to do so. Unfortunately there is no longer a trace of the Rod anywhere, like the records.

When the MacPhees lost Colonsay the clan became dispossessed, or 'broken'. As was usual when independence was lost or broken clan sought refuge with other, still powerful clans. Some MacPhees went to the MacDonalds. Others followed Cameron of Lochiel, by whom they were held in great respect and later covered themselves with glory on the Jacobite side at the battle of Culloden.

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CLAN ARMIGER SHIONA THORNLEY OF EDINBURGH



On 26th August this year the Lord Lyon, King of Arms, made a Grant of Arms in favour of Shiona Thornley of Edinburgh, Scotland. The Arms are described as "Videlicet: on a Shield of oval form per fess Azure and Or, in chief between two garbs of the Last a sword point downwards Argent, hilted and pommelled Or, and surmounted by an open book of the Last, binding and fore-edges Gules, and in base a galley sable under sail Argent, flags and pennons flying Gules between two stone mason's mallets sable. Above the Shield on a wreath of the Liveries Azure and Or is set for Crest a demi lion rampant sable grasping in its forepaws a plume paleways Azure quilled Or and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "IOMLAINE CRIDHE, ALBA AGUS AN RIGH"

Shiona, the third daughter of Donald and Jane Macphee, is an Office Administrator in the Celtic Department of the University of Edinburgh. Shiona and husband David live at 80 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. She is the secretary, and David the Keeper of Records and Genealogist, for the Clan Macfie Society in Scotland. Congratulations Shiona.

VALE: MARY CATHEY GILLIES

With great sorrow we record the death of Mary Cathey Gillies in Scotland on the 14th August this year.

Mary was one of the early ones to answer Dr. Earle MacPhee's call to reactivate our Clan in the early 1970s. She was a regular attendee at Clan Parliaments and Gatherings where she spoke with authority on genealogical and nomenclature matters. She served as chairman of the Clan Parliament Nomenclature Committee for many years and assisted greatly in the development of the list of current surnames of Clan Macfie.

Mary researched and wrote a definitive paper on the Cathie/Cathey name and its connection to Clan Macfie. This paper first appeared in the Cathie Reunion Association's "Kith and Kin" publication in 1971. It was further developed by her and was received by the Clan Macfie Parliament in 1981.

A physiotherapist by profession, Mary lived in Oban with husband Iain for some years before moving to Glasgow. An accomplished musician and skilled cellist, she played in quartets, small groups and orchestras. She is survived by a son, Professor William Gillies, and daughter Dr. Anne Lorne Gillies.

She is lovingly remembered by all who came in contact with her, especially those who attended the Clan Parliament on Colonsay in 1993 when she read the Macfie prayer in Gaelic at the closing ceremony. She will be missed by all who knew her. The deepest sympathy of all Clan members has been extended to her family.

RUSSELL AND JANE BAILEY CHAIR THE GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

Russell and Jane Bailey of 3930 Scotts Hill Loop Road, Wilmington, NC 28411-6606, U.S.A., (Tel: [910] 686 4312) have been appointed to jointly chair the Clan Parliament Genealogy Committee following Boyt Cathey's retiring from that post. Both are experienced genealogy researchers and members of the Cathie Reunion Association. Russ is a former USN pilot and graduate of State University in Raleigh, NC. He is currently a Buyer/Contract Administrator with General Electric Co.. Jane has extensive experience as a secretary and office manager.

RELIABILITY OF GENEALOGICAL SOURCES

Note: The item below is taken from an article entitled "Scottish Genealogy: Dubious Genealogy Sources" which appeared in the November/December 1998 issue of the American "Highlander" magazine. Due acknowledgment is made to the "Highlander" and to Joseph J. Carr, the author. The warning contained in the article is applicable to genealogical research wherever it is undertaken.

"Genealogy is an area where a lot of fantasies are played out. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries there were no standards of ethics for genealogists (which are now provided by the National Genealogical Society). As a result, many dubious sources arose. Some unethical "professional" genealogists wanted to satisfy American customers by hooking them up with a duke, baron or marquess. The fact of the matter is that few of us have any such connection, even when there are people with our surname who hold such titles. But the product sells better if such a connection can be made. Those early genealogists tended to tack known information about the client's family onto known information about other lines of the family.

Be wary of undocumented sources. The National Genealogical Society (4527 North 17th Street, Arlington, VA 22207-2399; Web site <http://www.genealogy.org/~ngs>) publishes standards for reliable genealogical records, and teaches how to ensure that your records are reliable in its publications and correspondence course.

When you run across records, even from normally reliable sources such as the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), be sure to follow up on the footnotes. There are rules to follow regarding footnotes:

1. Make sure the footnoted source actually exists (not only do errors occur, but so does fraud).
2. Make sure the source is accurately quoted. A number of compilations of records are perfectly honorable in their intent, but transcription errors do occur. I saw one record in a Carr compilation that would have my great-great-grandmother being married when she was four years old! Not likely.
3. Make sure the source was fairly used. If another rational person reading the same primary source document would be surprised at the conclusion reached by the author of a family history, then be suspicious.
4. Be wary of "leveling" and "sharpening" effects. Leveling occurs when a person compiling a family history either overlooks or discounts information that disconfirms a pet theory. Sharpening is the opposite practice, i.e., using or giving excess importance to information that confirms a pet theory.

These practices need not be fraudulent because they seem to be deeply wired into the cognitive apparatus of the human species. It is all too human to do leveling and sharpening in all areas of interest. Look for them not just in genealogy, but also in political, religious and social discussions. Although not fraudulently intended, the effects of leveling and sharpening are just as corrosive as if they were fraud.

Footnotes and endnotes are the *bona fides* of a piece of research. However, the mere existence of such documentation does not ensure its validity. First, check it against the rules above. Second, make sure that it is logically and reasonably consistent."

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NOMENCLATURE ANYONE?

The following list of early "Macfie" references is supplied by David Morgan, President of the Clan Macfie Society (Ireland) and taken from his research into the Clan's earliest members, this time in Islay in the 1500s. They are all probably members of the one extended family.

00.00.1500 - Birth of DUGALD (DOOL) OGE MACDUFFIE, son of DUGALL ROE (RED) MACDUFFIE, a Maor in Islay, who moved to Northern Ireland.

29.11.1554 - Presentation of Sir Donald Campbell to the vicarage of Kilmarew (Kilerrow?) in Islay vacated by the decease of SIR MALCOLM MAKDUFFY (Register of the Privy Seal XXIV, f.88,a).

19.01.1596 - GILLESPIK (ARCHIBALD) MAKDUFFIE, indweller in Islay, gave a Bond to Sir James MacDonald.

03.07.1597 - Bond between Sir James Macdonald and DONALD MacDUFFIE, Prior of Oronsay, signed at Smerby.

00.00.1600 - Petition of a number of Islay Tenants in favour of the Macdonalds. The majority of the signatories lived in the Rinns, including:

Archibald Makduphee in Ballejous?

Donald Makduphee in Killioolnane

Neill Neenache Makduphee in Migirnes

Archibald McDuphie of Kerolsay -- Men of Ilais Band

(The Book of Islay -- Smith)

CLAN DIARY

(The 27th May each year is Clan Macfie Day)

2000	April	San Antonio, TX, U.S.A.	AGM of Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association
	29 April	Near Taupo, New Zealand	AGM of The McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand
	27/28 May	Adelaide, S.A., Australia	BGM of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia
	July	U.S.A.	AGM of the MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America Inc.
	October	U.S.A.	AGM of the MacFie Clan Society of North America
	28 October	Perth, Scotland	AGM of the Clan Macfie Society
	November	Canada	BGM of the Macfie Clan Society in Canada
2001	7 July	Sweden	TGM of the Thorburn Macfie Family Society
	4/5 August	U.S.A.	BGM of the Cathey Reunion Association
	September	Scotland	8 th Clan Parliament and 13 th International Gathering of Clan Macfie

AROUND THE CLAN SOCIETIES

The Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association, Texas Branch, held its Annual Meeting at Amarillo, TX on 7th August with three days of social gatherings and lots of good visiting. Nancy Coffee of Pampa, TX, was elected President but Ilah Coffee Merriman continues as the Clan Macfie contact. Next year's meeting is scheduled for San Antonio, TX. The Coffey/Coffees have established close contact with The MacFie Clan Society of North America. District II Co-ordinator in Texas, Jarrod Fay of Fort Worth, with the co-convening of a Clan Macfie tent at the Arlington, TX Celtic Festival and Highland Games earlier this year and further co-convening at other centres next year. Well done!

The MacFie Clan Society of North America held their AGM at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta, GA, in October. They shared a "Clan Macfie" tent with their northern cousins, The MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America Inc., and invited the MacDuffee members along to their Annual Dinner and the General Meeting. Office bearers remain very much unchanged except for the retirement of Ruby McFee of Alcoa, TN, as Society Secretary. Ruby had filled that post with distinction for a number of years and will continue as a strong supporter of the Society and of Clan Macfie. Overall attendance at the Highland Games and of Clan Macfie members was down on last year's figures when Clan Macfie was the Honoured Clan, but an enjoyable time was had by all and prospective new members welcomed.

The MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America Inc.
The Editor of the Society's "Clan Chatter" has a new email address - now contactable at <brucemcd@netzero.net>

The McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand. Some ninety or so members attended the Clan Society's 15th Anniversary Reunion at the Gladstone sports complex, north of Wellington, on the weekend of 23/24 October. A full programme of activities was devised by Clan Society Vice-President Judy Cundy which provided much of interest and an enjoyable time for all attending. An excellent display of historical and genealogical information relating to the early McPhee settlers and their descendants in the rich Wairapa farming district was provided by Society genealogists, sisters Kris Marsh and Diane Alexander. Special guests for the weekend were Clan Commander Sandy and Helen McPhie of Townsville, Australia, who had been visiting with Clan Society President James and Mary McPhee at Hokitika in the South Island. Regrettably, Convenor of the Clan Society and the one solely responsible for its formation, Belle Brew, is hospitalised and was unable to attend.

The Clan Macfie Society in Scotland held a most successful mini-gathering in Edinburgh from 9th to 13th September with a full and interesting round of visits and ceilidhs scheduled. Accommodation was provided at the University of Edinburgh for visitors who came from as far afield as North America. Highlights included a reception hosted by the Deputy Lord Provost of Edinburgh and a visit to the Lyon Court. The latter event became even more significant with the presentation of Arms to Shiona Thornley during the visit. The favourable recognition the Clan Society has received by placing a commemorative bench on the battlefield at Culloden earlier in the year has resulted in their moving to place a second bench at Glenfinnan where Prince Charlie came ashore in Scotland in 1745. Well done!

CLAN HISTORY

* Copies of **Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee's Clan History** can be ordered through Mrs. Barbara MacPhee at her new address: 1480 Foster Street #306, White Rock, BC V4B 3X7, Canada

OBTAINING RECORDS

* **Historic Scotland's Birth, Death and Marriage Records** have been placed on the world wide web by the General Register Office for Scotland and may be found at: <<http://www.anywhere.co.uk/news.html>>. The index is one of the world's largest data bases of genealogical information with over 30 million names from Old Parish Registers 1553 - 1854, Statutory Indexes 1855 - 1897 and Census Records 1881 - 1891. (There should be a few "Macfies" amongst that lot!) Delays can be expected in gaining site access.

CLAN MEMBERS NEWS

- Best wishes from all Clan members go to those on a longer than usual Sick List - Geri Chester, Ken McFee and F. B. McFee in the U.S.A., and newcomers, Ulf Hagman, President of the Thorburn-Macfie Family Society in Sweden and Belle Brew and Bruce and Shirley McPhee of New Zealand. Belle was the Convenor of the Clan Society in New Zealand and Bruce a former President, and Shirley a former Secretary of it. The latter three are in Palmerston North General Hospital in N.Z. and were visited by many during the N.Z. Reunion Weekend.
- Clan Webmaster Cameron Howard of 12340 20th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98125, U.S.A., can be contacted by email at his new address: <Macdubhsithe@orishanet.com>
- When visiting Scotland with family members Ilah Merriman of Dallas, Texas, had several days on Colonsay and attended the Mini Gathering of the Scotland Clan Society in Edinburgh. She reported favourably on progress with the new Village Hall on Colonsay, due for opening on Christmas Eve this year, and had a wow of a time at the Mini Gathering.
- With sorrow we record the death of Mark McPhee (35) of Perth, W.A., Australia, in a car accident on 15th August. One of the younger Clan members making his way in the world, Mark was a top cricketer with an impressive first class and one day record for his State as well as being a successful partner in the progressive family bulk catering business. Mark is survived by his wife, Jocelyn and two children. The sympathy of all Clan members has been extended to his family.
- Honeymooners (belated) Scot and Jenny McPhie of Brisbane, Q. Australia, had a real bonus on their visit to Colonsay. By jiggling Calmac ferry times and destinations they were able to extend their time on the Island from two to six days. Now back home, they continued on through Ireland, France and Germany after leaving Colonsay.

THE STANDING COUNCIL OF SCOTTISH CHIEFS

The Objects of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, which is non-political, are to consider matters affecting Scottish Chiefs and the Clans and Names which they represent and to submit their views and interests to HM Government, to Departments of State, to Local Authorities, to Press and Public, to Associations connected with Clan and Family in Britain and overseas; also to educate the general public in matters connected with the rights, functions and historical position of Scottish Chiefs, together with the Clans and Names which they represent and to take such steps as may seem expedient to protect the titles, armorial bearings or other insignia of Chiefs from exploitation or misuse in trade or otherwise.

The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs was founded in the reign of King George VI, by the then Lord High Constable of Scotland, The Countess of Erroll on the advice and recommendation of the late Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, Lord Lyon.

As Lady Erroll was then married to Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk Bt. Albany Herald, it is conceivable that he, with his great knowledge of Scottish Chiefship and families had more than a little to say in the establishment of the Standing Council. The late Earl of Elgin and Kincardine was the first Convenor as his son, the 11th Earl is now Convenor.

There are various different grades of Clan Chiefship recognised in Scotland. It was never the intention that the Standing Council would be a body of all these chiefs in all the various categories. Membership is limited in the main to those chiefs who would have been of sufficient importance to be regarded as the Sovereign's hereditary advisers and therefore limited to those chiefs who were great enough to qualify for that rare armorial distinction of being entitled to supporters.

Membership of the Standing Council is by invitation after the General meeting has approved the issue of such an invitation and is open only to:

(a) to any holder of the absolute undifferenced arms of any Scottish stock or stem, provided such arms were matriculated in terms of Statute 1672 Cap 21 and have hereditary supporters. and

(b) in exceptional cases to chiefs of considerable branch clans, such as Lord Lovat, or Nicholson of Scorrybreac, or to persons who might qualify as chief of their clans, but for some present legal bar, like the bearing of a compound surname such as Douglas Hamilton, Duke of Hamilton, where the Standing Council determine that it is appropriate to elect that person to membership. In these exceptional cases, the right to membership is not hereditary as it is in the case of full chiefs in category (a) but is personal to the member who is elected. The honour might not be accorded to his heir, unless the Standing Council determine to elect him.

The Standing Council's functions are often misunderstood, by the general public and by overseas clansmen and Clan Associations, who write to seek sponsorship or support for their projects. The Standing Council was founded as a pressure group to represent the interests of all Scottish Chiefs of Clans and Names at the time when Government bureaucracy did not understand the position or importance of the chief to the clan. The Standing Council's function is not to support clansmen or Clan Associations but is to represent the interest of the chiefs to the government and public.

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Our Best Wishes to All for a Happy, Healthy and Safe Christmas and New Year
Clan Commander Sandy McPhie
and wife Helen.