

Macfie Clan Society Newshulletin

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THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA



Macfie Clan Society executive welcoming new SA VP Judith Moore

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President Brian, the tour guide at the Barossa Valley

Broadcast from your President

Macfie Day, 27th May, was celebrated in full and joyously by those who joined in our BGM in Adelaide. We had 28 at the meeting, of whom 15 came from interstate. A big thank you to all of those for doing so, it helped make the weekend the success it was. An Executive was elected and thanks

very much to those who offered to stand for office, and who they are is set out in this Newsbulletin.

After the meeting we went by bus through remnant snow in Adelaide's hills, where it falls once a decade, onto lunch at Chateau Yaldara, where we ate while watching it hail. Then it was home via a wine tasting to rest up for the Ceilidh.

Over 50 came to the Ceilidh which was great fun with a great piper, lots of Scottish country dancing which helped keep us warm, an exhibition of Scottish dancing by the bairns of the Royal Caledonian Society of SA and organised by Andrew McPhee, performances by Ted Smythe and Glen McPhee, and of course a haggis which was addressed by David Porteous. It was then home to get ready for a Kirkin' o' the Tartans next morning.

Glen McPhee piped us into church, Helen McPhee lit the Candles, Merylyn McPhee and Sandy McPhie read the lessons and I gave the story behind the Kirkin' ceremony to the congregation. The congregation was not only enlarged by the Macfies that morning but also by many Aussies of Scottish decent who came along to join in. After his sermon The Reverend Phil Hoffman blessed the 15 tartans that were brought to the altar.

Although not a hymn the choir sang the "Skye Boat Song" for us and the service was brought to an end when Glen piped Phil from the church. And didn't the congregation love the piping. I have been asked to organize another Kirkin' next year!

It was then back to Merylyn's and my home for lunch and we were joined by Phil Hoffman and his wife Karen. The raffle was then drawn by Karen and won by John McPhie of Adelaide. His daughter Ann Leask offered to take it home to him and we all

wondered if he'd ever see the prize of a gallon of whisky but I know he did because he wrote thanking the Society for it. I wonder if he is relieved as we are. Ann struck me as a lass who could, if needs be, suddenly develop a very bad memory.

Then it was time to say goodbye as members set out for home. But not for Sandy and Helen McPhie who boarded the Ghan next day to head to the Alice, nor for Geoff and Ruth McPhee who returned to Sydney via Tassie (bet they didn't need their shorts and thongs there) nor Clyde, Barbara, Ted, and Judy Smythe who went to Uluru

It was great to have Barbara and Ian's daughters Anthea and Louise, with their husbands Mark and Damien, who with my sons Rick and Jamie and his wife Heather join in the weekend. They certainly livened up the Ceilidh.

It was a delight to have the "Smythe Sept" with us and we all enjoyed Ted's poetry recital at the Ceilidh. Judith McPhee brought son Rowan and fairly new wife Julie and daughter Jane and very new husband Nick. They certainly joined in everything with gusto.

Brian and Cass McHaffie celebrated a grand daughter's birthday whilst in Adelaide so were more than a little busy.

Nancy Holds, a long time member, came down for the weekend from Whyalla. I think we were taking coals to Newcastle in taking vigneron Ian and Ann Leask from McLaren Flat, the centre of the great Southern Vales grape growing and wine making districts to the Barossa but there you are.

Colin McPhee couldn't believe his luck in missing golf on a day he would have frozen and got wet and his wife Wendy, grateful for not having to put up with a consequential grouch. She certainly didn't; they had a ball.

How to get your Book Published.

There are around 200 book publishers in Australia who regularly produce new books for the Australian and International markets. Over 4000 new books come out each year. Wild & Woolley is an independent, Australian owned book publishing company with an excellent reputation for quality and service to the self-publishing writer.

Founded 25 years ago in 1874, Wild & Woolley is a member of both the Australian Publishers Association and the Publish Australia network. In just eight years, they have produced over 1600 different books in print runs as low as 10 copies and as high as 10000. They publish more books each year than even the largest commercial publishers in Australia. Their address is 6 Darghan Street, Glebe NSW 2037. Phone (02) 96920166.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscription notices are enclosed with this Newsbulletin.

They are \$10 for single membership and \$15 for family membership ie for families where children are under 18 years of age. On children reaching 18 we would appreciate you advising us so that we can record them as individual members. Members over 75 need not pay a subscription.

It would be really appreciated if all subscriptions due are paid now so as to save time consuming work following up non-payers. There are a few members who have not paid their 1999 subscriptions and so we

would appreciate those members paying both subscriptions now.

Because we are such a small organisation we cannot afford to keep mailing you a Newsbulletin if you are in arrears

Please note our Society is not subject to GST and so membership subscriptions have not increased. In accordance with current practice we will not mail a receipt unless you request one.

PLEASE!!

Clan Macfie Clan Parliament 2001 at Oban Scotland

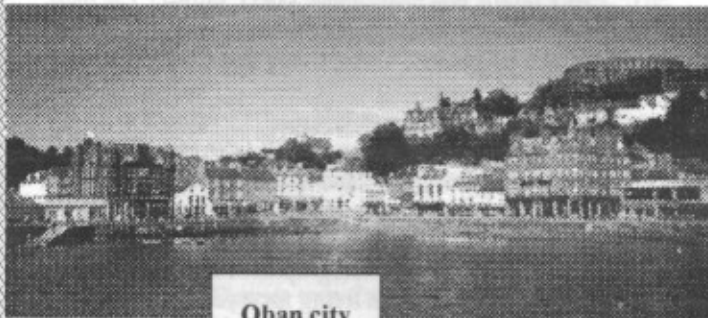
Start thinking about a trip to Scotland in 2001.



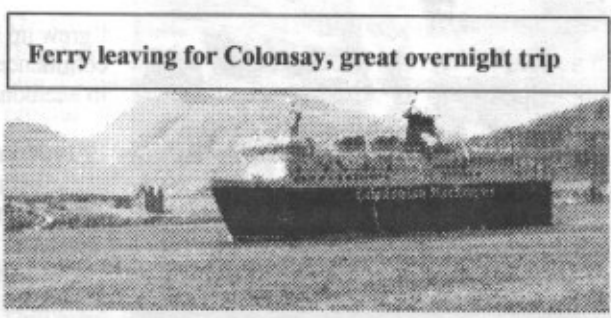
The Macfie Clan Parliament will be held at Oban on the West Coast of Scotland 5 September – 9 September 2001. Oban is a beautiful place with a dominant castle and the port from which to sail out to Colonsay.

How to get to Oban:

- 95 miles north of Glasgow (2 hours)
- 125 miles from Edinburgh (3 hours)
- 50 miles south of Fort William
- 115 miles south of Inverness (3 hours)



Oban city



Ferry leaving for Colonsay, great overnight trip

Bundanoon 2000

Bundanoon (or Brigadoon) was held on the 8th April 2000 and it was usual a fantastic day. The Clan Society tent was a magnet for the Macfies and friends. There were over 50 visitors to the tent. It is really great to catch up with these friends each year. This year several people dressed as Braveheart and others in typical Scottish dress. Overall there were about 22,000 visitors to Bundanoon on the day. Hope to see you there next year



Glen & Glenda McPhee, Geoff & Ruth McPhee
Sarah & Janine Masso, Morrison & Robyn McPhee



Colin and Kerrilee McPhee with Colin's parents Jim and Irene

Front cover picture, Taken at the BGM in Adelaide: The Clan Commander and the Clan Macfie Society of Australia Executive Committee 2000-2002.. L to R Sandy McPhie, Peter McPhee, Ian McPhee, Judith Moore, Geoff McPhee, Glen McPhee, Brian McPhee (absent; Kaye Macphee, Jocelyn McPhie and Bob McPhee)

Members' Profile:

Please send your profile to the President, Brian McPhee

Leo Patrick Anscar M^cPhee (W75-129)
Kalumburu Mission Via Wyndham Western Australia

My name is Leo Patrick Anscar M^cPhee . the Nordic ' Anscar' is my religious name as a Benedictine Monk. Born the twelfth child of a twelfth child, my parents were Hector Alexander and Catherine Cecilia M^cPhee both born in Western Victoria. My Scottish Grandfather died in 1902 in Natimuk Victoria. I have thirty-eight nephews and nieces and about fifty Grand nephews and nieces. My Birthplace was Beulah Victoria in 1939, but growing up in Mont Albert , Melbourne. I entered the Abbey at New Norcia WA in 1957 was ordained priest in 1964 for the Abbey. From there on I was involved in training young monks, giving spiritual retreats, directing a spirituality group of lay people associated with the monastery and producing a Newsletter for them, ' Life in Christ' for eighteen years, there was also chaplaincy work in our colleges, the setting up of a large museum, and work amongst local aboriginals .

At one stage I studied in Rome and managed to drop in to eleven countries on the way, including and especially the land of my ancestors. I visited Spean Bridge, fort William and Lochaber in particular were Grandfather M^cPhee lived and traced connections with the M^cKillops (for a little name dropping on account of Blessed Mary M^cKillop- whose father came from the same area) Colonsay and Oransay also got a visit.

I came to this aboriginal mission on Kalumburu in 1982. It is located on the further most point north in WA. By then I needed a right climate for my SLE (Lupus-blood complaint) and have been here ever since. The Bishop of Broome has me write a column in his local paper - The Kimberley Community Profile- while looking after catholic communities down the road from Kalumburu (up to round 800 kilometers). I have been greatly helped by Anglican and Uniting church ministers stopping by. I will miss the Kimberley when the time comes to go, those vast distances, horrific roads, the exploring, the rock paintings, the fossils and primordial rocks , our museum, and most of all the aboriginal people, their culture, language and struggle to enter the modern age, their laughter and their pain.



Margaret (Maggie) Caroline McCathie-Neville (V90-724)
Born in Barham NSW to John Bruce McCathie and Isobel Noel Fulton.

I grew up in Bendigo (Vic) and after leaving school, I eventually commenced a long career as a psychiatric nurse, living and working mainly in Melbourne.

In 1997 I retired from nursing after working for 8 years with disturbed adolescents and children at Travan core child and adolescent psychiatric unit, a part of the Royal Childrens Hospital.

I now work as an artist. I am a painter and photographer. I married Charles Neville in 1996. We have just returned from living for a year in Boston USA where Charles worked for the World Wide Web consortium. During that year we travelled to Europe and made a short trip to Scotland where we spent time in Edinburgh, Dundee, Perth and Crieff. I am returning to Scotland in May this year and hope to visit Colonsay.

In my spare time I am involved with a medieval re enactment group called 'Nordmania'. We take 'living history ' displays into schools and festivals to give the kids and the public a taste of medieval life; food, dance, music, combat,, craft, and costume.

We hold regular feasts and meet with other groups from around Australia for a Medieval Conference every two years for four days of fighting, feasting and lots of fun. We aim to be as authentic as possible, we all do lots of research and make all our own equipment for swords and mail shirts, to dresses and drinking vessels. I would love to be able to catch some Scottish re-enactors doing their thing when I visit in May. I have a cat called Isabelle and an unruly garden which I love attending to. I also enjoy reading, music(particularly Medieval) and Middle Eastern dance.

Slice-free impact (Golf) Be teed up, Treasurer Ian McPhee is known to play off a 4 handicap

Tip: You don't need expensive ' slice-proof' equipment or professional lessons to get rid of distance eating slices and pull hooks. I have found the following to be an excellent remedy: When practicing, place a tee or ball marker around 10cm in front of your ball. Swing the club as normal , totally forgetting about the ball and aiming instead to hit the tee out of the ground. By concentrating on pushing the club through to strike the tee you will avoid any out-side angle of attack, which normally results in a slice. You'll be surprised how well you hit the ball, and how slice-free you will become- **Hamish Macphee of Monbulk VIC (Golf Australia April 2000)**

Century Quandary's its happened before

We constantly hear about the year 2000, the bug, the problems etc, but they sort themselves out, or do they? In the year 1900 the ship Warrimoo under Captain John Phillips was crossing the Pacific from Vancouver to Australia. At midnight it lay exactly on the Equator at the point where it crosses the International date line. Thus a bizarre situation arose. Forward the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere in mid-Summer, the stern in the Northern Hemisphere in mid-Winter, aft it was December 30th 1899, forward it was January 1st 1900. Therefore the ship was in two different days, two different months, and two different seasons, and two different centuries, all at the one time. But spare a thought for the passengers and crew, December 31st disappeared before they could celebrate New Year's Eve. (Naval Records)

Scotland's Oldest New Year Fire Festival.

According to the Julian Calendar (which was superseded by the Gregorian Calendar in 1582). The New Year celebrations were premature. The "Hogmanay of Scottish New Year" was celebrated on the 11th of January.

National Library of Scotland. (www.nls.uk)

The national library of Scotland in Edinburgh is Scotland's only legal deposit library and one of just six such libraries in the British Isles. This allows them to claim a free copy of all UK and Irish publications, but unfortunately does not cover (at the present time) publications in other forms of media such as CD-Rom, DVD, Microform and Audio Tapes. The library has considerable holdings dealing with emigration from Scotland.

Scottish Military Historical Society (www.virtual.pc.com)

(UK Military Internet Site. www.cyndislist.com/miluk.htm) Mr Richard Sands (richard.sands@tesco.net) is always willing to communicate with others, and exchange photos, information and stories etc. Richard's research interests include the following and military history in general: 5th Battalion. The Queens own Cameron Highlanders 1939-1946, 51st Highland Division 1939-1946.

Australian Military Forces Affiliated with the Camerons.

37th/52nd Battalion. 39th Battalion 16th Battalion (Cameron Highlanders of Western Australia). 61 st Battalion (Queensland Camerons).

Army Records Office.

M.O.D. CS (RM) 2B
Boume Avenue
Hayes
Middlesex LIB3 IRF
England.

Information sought on Domestic Servants who Immigrated to Victoria.

Do you know someone who immigrated to Victoria to work as a domestic servant after 1900?

The Immigration Museum (Melbourne) is undertaking research on this topic. If you have any photos or information, please contact:

Sue Doyle, Image Researcher.

web site. sdoyle@mov.vic.gov.au Phone (03) 99272734.

Shipping Information

The central QLD family history assoc. is just one of the many groups that have built up considerable holdings which are available to researchers. They have the complete passenger list of the following ships:

Alexandrina	1873
Gloucester	1873
Darling Downs	1874
Corlic	1874/75
ZoRoaster	1874
Suffolk	1874

And journals of the following: Chatsworth 1862 and Selkirshire 1882. Brief specific requests for information from their library holdings is also available by mail for \$10 write to: P.O. Box 6000 Central QLD mail centre QLD 4702

Victorian Public Records Office

Website: www.prou.vic.gov.au

Email ask.prou@dpc.vic.gov.au

Phone: (03) 93509665 Toll-Free: 1800 657452.

In December 1999 the Victorian public record office released on CD-Rom the names of all passengers from both the British and Foreign unassisted lists 1852-79. This index is also available for free use on their website.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are offering "Free" downloads of personal ancestral file version 4 (paf) at <http://Familesearch.org> A user guide to assist you to use the program can be found at

<http://sumameweb.org/genprograms/paf4.ohtm>

Australians Anglo-Celtic population is falling.

It will come as no surprise to Australians researching their family histories to learn 60 per cent of Australian Families are Ethnically mixed and approximately 20 per cent have at least 4 ancestries. A recent study published in a Monash University journal reveals that the Anglo-Celtic population of Australia was strongest just after WWII at 90 per cent, but fell to 70 per cent in 1999.

Cousins Explained

Often people are, confused when describing family relationships, and sometimes even distant relatives are referred to simply as "Cousins". The following may help to clarify different "Levels of Cousins":

First Cousin - The child of a persons uncle or aunt.

First Cousin once removed - The child of a first Cousin.

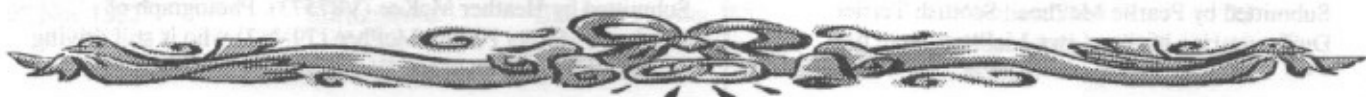
First Cousin twice removed - The grandchild of a first Cousin.

Second Cousins -The children of first Cousins.

Third Cousins - The children of second Cousins.

Second Cousin once removed - The child of a second Cousin.

Second Cousin twice removed - The grandchild of a second Cousin.



Genealogy

Searching: Does any one know anything about regard to these two men).

Duncan Love Macphie is the youngest son of Donald Macphie, schoolmaster of Cumbernauld public school (Scotland). Duncan was born on the 8th of October 1888 at the schoolhouse in Cumbernauld. He was a tea merchant or grower (Ceylon?) who retired to Australia, possibly WA (Perth?). He died interstate some time between 1945\1949. Unfortunately Duncan did not marry and he died without leaving a will.

In 1873\74 there was the second of two unsuccessful expeditions to drove stock from Queensland to Port Darwin. The second expedition was led by Price Cox. The party consisted of Price Cox, Joseph Williams (from Peak Downs, expert drover and leader),

Duncan McPhee (later important in the Northern Territory), George Reid (Read), J.J.Aitkins, Harry Bligh Waller (described as pilot), Charlie Miller (described as having made the crossing before). With the exception of McPhee, almost all of the other men left the Territory within a few years. If anyone has information in regard to these two men, could you please let me know (Trevor Phee Clan Historian).

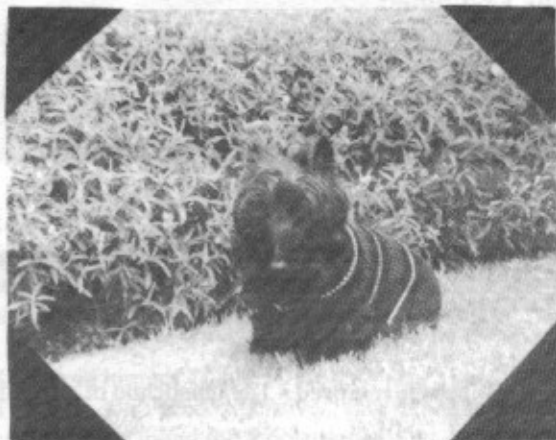
Ancestors of the Raj.

The British Ancestors in India Society is keen to hear from anyone who may have had ancestors in India and Southern Asia from the time that the British first settled in India in the 1600s to the present century.

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.. **Please send your photographs to Brian McPhee 4 Figtree Court North Adelaide SA 5006**

Two photographs have been received. Thank you!



Submitted by Pearlle McPhee. Scottish Terrier Duffy wearing his very own McPhee tartan rug.

All nationalities are welcome and members are located in a dozen countries including India, and information has been gathered and recorded at a remarkable pace since there formation in 1995. To date the society has received information from members on over 100,000 of their ancestors, which have been indexed by the society's archivist, Alan Hardcastle.

To join the society cheques should be made payable to The B.A.I. S. and sent to Paul Rowland, 2 South Farm Avenue, Harthill, Sheffield S26 7WY England. Membership is 15 pounds per year. This entitles members to four issues of their informative journal *The Indiaman*, and access to their Research Service etc. If anyone has any ancestors that they can help the society with, then please do so, also could you please send me (Trevor Phee) any such information so that I can send it onto our own Clan Military Historian Mr Clyde Smythe.

Civil Registration Commencement Dates.

Tasmania 1 December 1838
Western Australia 1 September ?
South Australia. 1 June 1842
Victoria. 1 July 1853
NSW (includes QLD to 1859) 1 March 1856
Norfolk Island 1 January 1881
ACT 1 January 1930
NT. 18 May 1870
New Zealand. 1 January 1848
England & Wales. 1 July 1837
Ireland (Protestants). 1845
Ireland (All others). 1 January 1864
Scotland. 1 January 1855



Submitted by Heather McKee (V87573). Photograph of Heather's Mother Pearlle McPhee (79-463) who is still driving around Ballarat at 88 years. Well done Pearlle!!

Shipping Lists

Thanks to Chief Historian Trevor Phee

We continue below and on the following pages with further basic details of the arrival of Clan Macfie immigrants in Australia last century. This installment deals mainly with 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 Moreton Bay/Brisbane 1853 - 1884 con't

Arr. Date	Ship's Name	From/Dep. Date	Passenger	Age Note
06 Nov 1876	Eastminister	Queenstown 15 Jul 1876	Isabella Duffy	35
25 Jan 1877	Woodlark	London 06 Oct 1876	William McCathie	34
07 Mar 1877	Naimshire	Greenock 24 Nov 1876	Bernard Fee	19
02 Jul 1877	Rodue Bay (Roddi Bay) (Roddell Bay)	London 12 Apr 1877	Jane McPhee (or James)	26
			Bn'dget Duffy	26
			Pat Duffy	32
03 Aug 1877	City of Agra	London 03 May 1877	Lucy Duffy	23
11 Oct 1877	Roxburgshire	Glasgow 05 Jul 1877	Patrick Duffy	22
24 Jun 1878	Naimshire	Greenock 21 Mar 1878	Charles McCathie Bridget Duffy 18 Kate Eliza Annie M.	17 16 14 12
02 Aug 1878	Robert Lees	London 14 Dec 1877	Margaret Duffy	27
28 Mar 1883	Scottish Lassie	-	William McPhee	25
05 Apr 1883	Mago	Glasgow 22 Dec 1882	Mary McPhee	26
12 Oct 1883	Westem Monarch	Liverpool 17 Jul 1883	Charles Duffy Mary Duffy and infant Phillip Duffy	24 24 1 to 12 yrs
			Mary McAfee	-
1885	Roma		Robert McFie Elizabeth Elizabeth Grace Robert	- 6 4 2
02 Jan 1887	Lizzie Iredale	Glasgow 02 Jun 1886	Thomas McPhee	26
17 Aug 1887	Dacca	London 26 Jun 1887	Charlotte Mahaffy Samuel Mahaffy	15 Amagh 20
05 Feb 1890	Quetta	London 12 Dec 1889	James McGuffie	18 Kirkenab
05 Dec 1890	Taroba	London 15 Oct 1890	Elizabeth McHaffle	29 Ayr
03 Jan 1891	Tara	London 12 Nov 1890	Emily McAfee	26 Suffolk

(This ship also passed through Mackay. It is not clear if the arrival date is for Brisbane or Mackay or which port was visited first)

ARRIVALS IN TOWNSVILLE

Arr. Date	Ship's Name	From/Dep. Date	Passenger	Age Note
07 Jun 1875	Naval Brigade	Queenstown 10 Feb 1875	Mary Duffy Bridget Duffy	18 16
07 Nov 1882	Stirlingshire	Glasgow 10 Aug 1882	William Phee Beatrice (MacKay) Walter	22 19 1

ARRIVALS IN BOWEN

Arr. Date Note	Ship's Name	From/Dep. Date	Passenger	Age
02 Jun 1874	Lady Douglas	London 12 Feb 1874	Isabella Duffy	26

ARRIVALS IN ROCKHAMPTON

Arr. Date	Ship's Name	From/Dep. Date	Passenger	Age Note
15 Aug 1876	Scottish Bard	Queenstown 18 May 1876	Patrick Duffy	45
			Catherine	36
			Maria	15
			Michael	13
			Bridget	11
			Kate	9
			Bernard	7
			Ann	4
			Isabella	1

ARRIVALS IN MACKAY

Arr. Date	Ship's Name	From/Dep. Date	Passenger	Age Note
03 Jan 1891	Tara	See note for this ship under "Arrivals in Brisbane"		

ARRIVALS IN MARYBOROUGH

Arr. Date	Ship's Name	From/Dep. Date	Passenger	Age Note
29 Jun 1864	Sultana	Liverpool 12 Apr 1864	Peter McPhee	35
			Flora	25
12 Sep 1874	Polmaise	London 16 Jun 1872	Ellen Duffy	19
			Thomas	19

Tom - London 16 Jun 1876 Maryborough 12 Sep 1872 ?
 Ellen - London 16 Jun 1872 Maryborough 12 Sep 1874 ?

22 Jan 1884	Earl Derby	Plymouth 27 Oct 1883	Catherine McPhee	16
			Sarah	14
			Hughina	12
			Catherine McPhee	42
			Alexander	20

(It is not recorded if these McPhees are all related or not)

Donald McPhee

OTHER ARRIVALS

Arr. Date	Ship's Name	Notes
29 Jul 1853	Piccada	Destination not recorded ex San Francisco with a Mr. McPhee and 4 sons, no ages given.
Aug 1855	Oliver Lang ? 1880	Destination and departure ports not recorded. Daniel McFee, no age given. Parthia Destination and departure ports not recorded. Margaret McVie, James 9, Robert 7.
1880	Aberdeen	Destination and departure ports not recorded. Elizabeth McFee 38, Mary Ann 12, Catherine 1.

Vale

Ken McFee VP of the Macfie Society of North America and member of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia died in June 2000. Ken was actively involved in Clan affairs over the years. Clan Commander, Sandy McPhie, describes Ken as the very epitome of a true Clansman and he will be sadly missed.

Coming Events

Scottish Heritage Week

Sunday 6 August	Kirkin o the Tartan, St Andrews Cathedral Circular Quay March of the Clans Gathering in the park
Monday 7 August	Hunter Luncheon Bathers Pavilion Balmoral Sydney Society for Scottish History
Tuesday 8 August	Golf Day Cromer Golf Course
Wednesday 9 August	Callum's Ceilidh Nth Sydney Leagues Club
Saturday 2 September	Gathering of the Clans Toukley
Sunday 8 October	Scottish House AGM, Granville
Saturday 21 October	Wollongong Highland Games and Pipe Band Contest

Apology, In Newsbulletin no 84 we incorrectly spelt the name of New Member **Les Macfie** (Q99-939) as McPhie.

General News

Trevor McPhee of Ringwood East is honoured for his service to the City of Croydon Bowling Club, which he first joined in 1968. Along the way he has served as President on five occasions as well as stints as junior and senior Vice-President. Trevor was awarded life membership in 1968. In earlier days he was heavily involved with the Kilsyth Football and Cricket Clubs as player and for over 25 years as a committee members.

Robert Mahaffey (N89717) of Flynn in the ACT has recently retired and is enjoying the restful life. Congratulations to **Jane (nee McPhee) Smith** (S77-362) and **Nick Smith** (S00953) on their recent marriage. Great recruiting Jane.

Kelly McPhee (A93 793) is presently working at Oxford UK and had a holiday in Eastern Africa and enjoyed seeing the Silver Backs, elephants, and listening to the drums and chanting of the Kenyan people.

Vale. With sadness we record the passing of one of our early members; **Edna Kearly** (V75-116) Montmorency VIC



Catherine Jean Bariner and **Scott Andrew McDonald** married at St David Presbyterian Church at Cowper. Cathy is the daughter of Reg and Jeanie Bariner and Great Great Granddaughter of Catherine (nee McPhee and John Davidson of the Clarence River fame. Scott's parents are Alan and Nancy McDonald form Perth

Peter Bariner is the Great Great Grandson of Catherine (nee McPhee). Peter recently graduated from the Police Academy at Goulburn and is now posted to the Sydney Central Police Station. Peter was the most accurate pistol shooter in his class.

Article from the Readers Digest

'Pianos brought and sold,' the advertisement said. I rang and said mine was an antique. 'Does it have a wooden frame? Solid timber?' I was asked. 'Yes' I said. Then my heart sank at the response; 'Well, it should make good winter fuel for the fireplace'. I thought back to World War II memories of pounding out tunes like 'The White Cliffs of Dover,' 'Pack Up Your Troubles and 'Home Sweet Home' to say farewell or welcome back our boys in the forces.

The piano had been handed down to me. My daughter used to play it but Chloe my granddaughter had a new piano. Oh well, what was the other tune we played? That was it; 'Keep the Home Fires Burning.'

Heather McKee, Yarra Glen, Victoria. (V87 573)

Book Valuer

For those who might have an old book or books that they have often thought they would like to know if it was of any value or not. Then the following person should be able to help you, Mr Berkelouw, Bendoaley, Old Hume Highway, Berrima 2577. Phone. (02) 48771370

A Big Welcome to New Members

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Macfie Legends

The beginnings of the clan are lost in antiquity, but the legend of an ancestor who was a seal woman has been passed down for centuries. Perhaps it was inspired by the familiar grey seals that breed on Eilean Nan Ron (Seal Island) at the tip of Oronsay. **MacPhee and the Seal Woman**

[With thanks to the Torch, Newsletter of the Macfie Clan Society in Canada, (Sylvia McPhee)]

There was once a maiden from the mainland who was betrothed to MacPhee. They were to be married on Colonsay, but the boat carrying her to the wedding capsized in a wild storm and all were drowned. Weeks passed while MacPhee searched for his bride on every rocky shore. He could not find her and nothing comforted him. It was well known in those days that when seals found young women who had drowned, they gave them sealskin clothing and showed them how to live in the Land under the Wave. For one night, once a moon, the seal women could shed their sealskins to bathe as mortals along the shore.

MacPhee's betrothed was rescued by the seals. For months she swam with them until at last they came close to Colonsay. One night MacPhee was awakened by her plaintive song telling him that his lost bride was near. While she was bathing, he hid her seal trousers. Then he carried her home wrapped in his plaid.

The seal woman lived with MacPhee and their children for many years, but by the law of the sea she was obliged to keep on searching for the clothing the seals had given her. One day she found her seal trousers. Although she had to leave her mortal family and return to the Land under the Waves, MacPhee and the children always were provided with fish from the sea. No one ever saw who brought them. To this day, the seal woman is remembered whenever the clan's ancestry is told.

Clan Macfie News

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CONGRATULATIONS WAYNE CATHEY ESQUIRE

Congratulations are extended to Wayne Owen Cathey of Jacksonville, FL., U.S.A., on his Matriculating Arms on 1st March 1999. Wayne (34), a civilian air traffic control officer in the United States, inherited undifferenced the Arms of his late grandfather Colonel Walter Kerr Cathey of Orlando, FL., Wayne's father, Charles, having predeceased Walter in 1996. Recorded on the 48th page of the 80th Volume of the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, the Arms are described as:

Per fess Azure and Or, in chief a sword point upwards, Argent, hilted and pommel of the Second between two millrinds of the Third, and in base a galley Sable under sail of the Third, Flagged of the First

Above the Shield is placed an Helmet befitting his degree, with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest

a demi lion rampant Sable armed and Gules grasping a millrind Argent

and in an Escrol over the same this Motto

PRO - DEO - FAMILIA -ET -PATRIA



FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHEY REUNION ASSOCIATION

On 24th September 1950 a meeting of some 37 Catheys was held in the Fellowship Building of the Paw Creek Presbyterian Church in North Carolina, U.S.A., to plan a Cathey Reunion. Adrian S. Cathey was elected President of the embryo association and Harry L. Cathey, Vice-President. Mary Cathey (later to become Mary Cathey Summers) was elected Secretary.

The Executive appointed a number of members to sub-committees and met with them on 15th April 1951 for the purpose of finalising plans for the proposed reunion. It was decided this would be held at the Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, N.C., on Sunday, 5th August 1951.

The Committees met again on the 15th and 17th July to fine tune the Reunion programme and to hear reports from sub-committee chairmen. A draft Charter and By-laws for a proposed Cathey Reunion Association (CRA) was approved. 566 invitations were mailed.

The Reunion was an outstanding success and the Cathey Association has met regularly and grown in stature since then. From the outset the Association concentrated on recording Cathey genealogy information and to-day has a

most comprehensive holding on the Cathey families of America. Sadly, of the original members who formed the CRA only 5 are still with us to-day - plus Boyt Cathey, who would have been involved but had just commenced work with GEC to help with the Korean War effort and couldn't get away at that time.

The five are Boyt's aunt Louise Cathey of High Point N.C. (aged 92); his sister Carlene, who married Pascal Hovis three years later; Glenn and Mary Cathey of Denver N.C. who have just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary; and Hugh Cathey of Charlotte, N.C. (almost 89). All have remained active members of the CRA since its inception. Well done!

Congratulations to the Catheys on a fine record of achievement. Their next Reunion Gathering and Biennial General Meeting is scheduled for the weekend of 4th-5th August next year, fifty years to the day from their first Reunion. For more information regarding next year's Reunion contact Jim Epperson at 225 W. Thomas St., Salisbury, N.C. 28144. Telephone (704) 633 8023.

CLAN PARLIAMENT & INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF CLAN MACFIE IN 2001

Arrangements are well advanced for the 8th Clan Parliament and 13th International Gathering of Clan Macfie in Scotland next year. Gathering co-ordinators, Iain and Fiona McFie of Kintyre, Kingussie, expect to finalise dates and arrangements for Hotel reservations etc., in the next few weeks.

The Parliament and Gathering will be centred on Oban with, it is anticipated, a Clan visit to Colonsay immediately afterwards. Preferred dates in Oban are from Tuesday 5th to Sunday 9th September 2001 but these might have to be varied one way or the other as arrangements are finalised. We will let you know full details as soon as possible via your favourite Clan Macfie Society.

Members may recall those at the last Parliament and Gathering indicated Dunoon was their No. 1 choice for next year's venue. This was investigated fully by

our co-ordinators but in the end was found not suitable for our needs. Several other centres were considered, and even a block booking on a cruise ship plying the Western Isles (including Colonsay), before Oban was decided upon. Many of you would know Oban well and will feel at home there - perhaps Iain and Fiona will even suggest Parliament sittings be in MacCaigh's Folly, perhaps not!

The Oban area is full of interesting historical areas we haven't previously visited as a Clan and should be an excellent centre for our Gathering. Parliament's sittings will be divided into two sections, one for Clan matters, the other for Clan Society business. They are not expected to impinge on the planned tour/visit schedule or Gathering enjoyment. Are you planning to Be There?

NEWS FROM COLONSAY

The New Village Hall was running behind schedule as we moved into the new year. Proposed opening date was then for the 4th February. The Hall is now completed. It includes meeting rooms, a large kitchen with serving hatches, disabled access, and a dressing room for the stage, as well as the large timber arched main hall. The New Hall, which is in Scalasaig, within sight of the pier, is truly magnificent inside although it appears very modest from the outside. It will provide facilities for all kinds of social and recreational activities on the island for years to come and is a hugely welcome improvement on the old and now sadly outdated hall at Kiloran.

The Hall was built by Alexander Black's of Oban, to a design by architect Ian Gillies of Johnson-Gillies of Dunblane and the total cost of the project is £370,000. The Millennium Commission's 21st Century Village Halls for Scotland (SHIP) Project, administered by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), has contributed £180,000 and the Scottish Executive, Argyll & Bute Council and AIE a further £130,000 between them. Local fundraising and appeals to various other charities and businesses has secured the balance. (Including £750 from Clan Macfie).

Islanders gathered on Saturday 26 February for an "Unofficial Opening". Dougie McGilvaray, as the oldest inhabitant of the island was invited to cut the symbolic ribbon across the main door and Alex Howard, as Chairman of the Hall Committee, said a few words. Drinks and light snacks were served and everyone had the opportunity to explore the new building.

A more formal Opening Celebration, to thank all the many supporters of the project is planned for May 20,

with a buffet meal and dancing to Hector MacFadyen and his Band. Any travelling Macfies on the Island that day will be most welcome to attend. The celebration commences at 7:30 p.m.

The land where the old Hall was situated now reverts to the Colonsay Estate. The building itself has been sold to the Estate. Sale proceeds helped the fundraising for the new Hall.

Colonsay Whisky. As a fundraising project in support of the new Village Hall a line of Colonsay Village Hall Vatted Malt Whisky is available at £20.00 per bottle on Colonsay. There are only 2,000 numbered bottles in this line and those connoisseurs who have tried it report good value. Bottle No. 1 was raffled on Hogmanay last year, bottle No. 2,000 will be raffled at that time this year. Tickets are £5 each. Delivery arrangements and payments must be worked out by purchasers with the Hall Committee. Contact Mrs. Rhona Grant at <rhonag@colonsay.swinternet.co.uk> or write to her c/- Colonsay Village Hall Committee, Isle of Colonsay, Argyll PA61 7YT Scotland for further information or to place orders.

Colonsay and Oronsay Heritage Trust are progressing a proposal for a Cultural and Heritage Centre to be established on Colonsay behind the Hotel site. Clan Macfie was invited to be a major participant in this project but unfortunately the suggested levels were well beyond our means. Clan support for the project has been assured and, hopefully, a way will be found to participate at a level we can afford.

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CLAN DIARY

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

2000	29	April	Waitahunui, New Zealand. AGM of The McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand
	20	May	Clan Macfie Society, Scotland, unveiling of a Clan Macfie Memorial Seat at the Glenfinnan Monument near Fort William
	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.
	13/14	July	Earl of Antrim's "Highland Extravaganza", Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland
	05	August	San Antonio, TX, U.S.A.. AGM of Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association of Texas
	21	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

- * The New Zealand Clan Society AGM will be at the Mangamutu Fishing Lodge at Waitahunui, 10 km south of Taupo. Accommodation is available at the Lodge. The weekend includes Saturday dinner and Sunday morning.
- * The Australian Clan Society BGM in Adelaide includes a visit to the Barossa Valley on Saturday afternoon, a ceilidh that night and a Church Parade and Lunch on the Sunday.
- * The Earl of Antrim (Hector McDonnell) is hosting this "Highland Extravaganza" at his castle in Glenarm, Co Antrim. Further details can be obtained by contacting him at <HMcdon9201@aol.com>.
- * At time of printing, the venue had not been finalised for the MacDuffee/Macfie AGM in America in July.

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Address Changes. Andrew and Vanessa Duffy are on the move from Plumstead in London to 41 Welling Way, Welling, Kent, DA16 2RL, England. Tel: 0208 856 3513

Home Page. Webmaster Cameron Howard is in the process of upgrading the Clan Homepage at <<http://www.orishanet.com/clanmacfie/>>. The new layout is designed to improve presentation.

1999 CLAN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDIT REPORT

A copy of the Clan Financial Statements and the Auditor's Report for 1999 has been distributed to Clan Council members and to the Clan Societies. The Clan accounts remain buoyant though administrative costs always make their own and seemingly ever increasing demands. The Auditor reported all in order in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

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On the Mend. Reports from Ulf Hagman in Sweden and Jeri Chester in California record good progress with earlier health problems. In October Ulf had an operation on an artery in his neck to improve blood flow and is now recovering well. Jeri is mobile again following a stroke in May last year. She and husband, Gordon, manage visits to family members as well as outings. They celebrated their 46th anniversary in late February. Good luck you two, keep those recoveries going well.

Busy? What about Peter McPhee of Melbourne, Australia? Peter is Vice-President of the Clan Macfie Society in Australia, Chairman of the RSL Licensed Sub-Branches Association of Victoria, a Director of the War Widows Guild's Vasey Housing Ltd., and a Director of Commonwealth's Eastern Suburbs Migrant Resource Centre in Melbourne. He is Vice Chairman of the Australia Day Council in Victoria, and also doubles as a Licenced Valuer and runs his own Real Estate business. He was National President of the Jaycees movement in 1986.

AND - Happy New Year! Although a little late, Helen and I thank the many of you who wrote or sent good wishes for Christmas and New Year. Greatly appreciated. We also extend our very best wishes to all Clan members around the world, and their families, for this year 2000. *Sandy*

TARTAN DAY

Tartan Day is celebrated on 6th April each year in the United States and 1st July in Australia.

The date in the United States was set by Congress with Senate Resolution 155 proclaiming the 6th April due to the Declaration of Arbroath having been signed on that day in 1320.

The date in Australia is a celebration of the repeal in 1782 of the Act of Proscription (1747) which, following Culloden, made it punishable with seven years transportation for wearing the tartan.

The Act of Proscription stated:

That from and after the First Day of August 1747, no man or boy within that part of Great Britain called Scotland, other than such as shall be employed as Officers and Soldiers of His Majesty's Forces, shall on any pretext whatsoever, wear or put on the clothes, commonly called Highland clothes (that is to say) the Plaid, Philabeg, or little kilt, Trowes, Shoulder-Belts, or any part whatever of what peculiarly belongs to the Highland Garb; and that no tartan or party-coloured plaid or stuff shall be used for Great coats or upper coats, and if any such person shall presume after the first said day of August, to wear or put on the aforesaid garments or any part of them, every person so offending...shall be liable to be transported to any of His Majesty's plantations beyond the seas, there to remain for the space of seven years.

This was repealed by the Government obtaining the King's

ascension on 1st July 1782. In the North there was great rejoicing. A proclamation was issued:

Listen Men. This is bringing before all the Sons of the Gael, the King and Parliament of Britain have forever abolished the act against the Highland Dress; which came down to the Clans from the beginning of the world to the year 1746. This must bring great joy to every Highland Heart. You are no longer bound down to the unmanly dress of the Lowlander. This is declaring to every Man, young and old, simple and gentle, that they may after this put on and wear the Trous, the Little Kilt, the Coat, and the Striped Hose, as also the Belted Plaid, without fear of the Law of the Realm or the spite of the enemies.

Both days are significant for Scots everywhere as too, is the Kirking of the Tartan ceremony which was introduced by the Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall at the New York Avenue, Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C., during the dark days of World War II as a token of support for the British cause. Along with Hogmanay, and every conceivable milestone in Robbie Burns life, they see Scots celebrating around the world.

Tartan of course, means many things to many people. In the eyes of the members of the Scone RSL Pipes & Drums in New South Wales, Australia, it is a special part of their uniform, it is a significant plus to their on-parade appearance, it is CLAN MACFIE! Well done, Well Chosen.

There may have been snow, hail gale force winds as the temperature outside plunged to the record lows but the warm and friendly hospitality of Brian and Merilyn McPhee made the atmosphere as warm as a good malt whisky. There was a lot of fun during the two days as some of the pictures below show. Big thanks to Brian, Merilyn and the warm South Australian hosts.



Merilyn & Brian McPhee, Helen & Sandy McPhie



Clan Society Members at Yaldara Winery, just after lunch.



Brian McPhie and Ann Leask discussing the prize



Young Scottish dancers entertaining at the Ceilidh



Ted & Judy Smythe, Barbara & Clyde Smythe



Rowan & Julie McPhee, Jane(nee McPhee) & Nick Smith



Reverend Phil Hoffman blessing the tartans



Singing Auld Lang Syne at the Ceilidh

The verses below were read at the Macfie Clan Society BGM by Ted Symthe on the 27 May 2000

COLONSAY, 1981

"Coibhasa gu brath!"

When you've wandered over Colonsay
From sea to shining sea,
And you've braved the Strand to
Oronsay
And MacDuffie's Priory -
When you've tried the landlord's potions
Passed across his friendly bar,
And observed the odd commotion
As the BULL confronts the CAR -
When you've studied all the flora
And the human fauna too,
You'll develop quite an aura
Which will last your whole life
through....

For COLONSAY's a mystic isle,
Resort for daft MacPhees
Where they gather every little while
To scramble up the screes,
To battle through the marshy bogs,
To traipse across the hills,
Defy the rain and winds and fogs,
Press on with iron wills
To celebrate their ancestry
With ceilidh and with praise,
And, with exotic ceremony,
Relive their ancient days.....

So, come ye back to Colonsay
In ten years or in two,
There's not a clansman will gainsay
The call it puts on you...
Though no one can describe the call,
It moulds and shapes our lives -
Though nations rise and nations fall,
Tradition still survives.

MACFIE IN AUSTRALIA

From the misty western islands
And the glens of Old Argyle
A broken clan went wandering
In a semi-nomad, style -
North America, South Africa,
The Indies and the sea
Welcomed countless Macfie clansfolk,
But the best was vet to be -
For, when Austral uplands beckoned
And the further inland called,
Lads and lassies heard the echoes
And their hearts were soon enthralled!
They would build a new Colonsay,
They would make the mountains bloom

-
Forests, valleys, plains and outback
Offered freedom, scope and room!
Eager eyes were on the future,
Minds and bodies sought the prize -
But their dreaming hearts still lingered
Under Scottish highland skies.....

And here today we celebrate
Their vision, strength and skill -
Our voices are Australian,
But our secret land is still
Somewhere in the west of Scotland,
Holding us with viewless ties,
Where our clansfolk shaped their
dreamtime
And the magic fountain lies!

ETHNIC OR AUSTRALIAN

Consider the cradles we come from;
Examine our genes and our stock -
The mutations that merge in this
qucendom
Would give a computer a shock!

Boadicea, the Battling Briton:
With Alfred, the failed Saxon Cook.,
And William, the Big Norman Bastard,
All feature in our History Book!

Next, just stir in the Greeks and the
Latins,
Germans, Slavs and a few odd-ball
Danes,
The whisky-cured Scots and the Irish -
And what have you got for your pains?

Why, a genuine, dinky-di. Aussie,
A Gondwanaland lassie or lad
Who really can't help it because s/he
Did not choose the ancestors s/he had.

Add a cocktail of various Asians
And a leaven of Islanders, too -
Mix with stock of original Koori -
The result is, your neighbours - and you!

So, be careful, you ethnic enthusiasts
Be true to the land that you choose -
Looking backwards with pride, or with
anger,
May ensure it's the future you lose!

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Enjoy the Olympic Games and give the Scots
some encouragement..



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