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

The 14th Biennial General Meeting of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia will be held on

Saturday 25th May 2002 Time: 11.00am

Art Gallery of NSW Board Room

The Bundanoon Highland Gathering will be held on Saturday 6th April 2002

There will be a large number of bands, dancers, caber tossing, lifting the stones, Scottish pies, haggis and best of all a Macfie Clan Society tent making it a delightful family day out. A special train will leave Sydney Central at 8.15 am and departing at 4.15 pm to return to Sydney.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Welcome to the New Year, the one in which we will hold a Biennial General Meeting in Sydney, details for which are set out in the Newsbulletin.

We hold our BGM as near as possible to "Macfie Day" which is 27th May. It was on 27th May 1981 that the Lord Lyon recognized Clan Macfie as an active Clan and on 6th November 1981 Dr Earle Douglas MacPhee was formally installed as Caenn-Cath (Clan Commander) by the Lord Lyon King of Arms. The Lord Lyon resides in Edinburgh.

Earle MacPhee was the one most responsible for reviving our Clan.

After his death in 1982 and on 7th
September 1989, on the recommendation of an ad hoc derbhfine (consisting of armigerous Clan members viz, those who

have been awarded the right to bear heraldic arms), the Lord Lyon appointed Alexander (Sandy) McPhie of Australia as Commander of Clan Macfie.

Our Clan Society was founded in Australia in May 1974 and contributed to the recognition of our Clan as active by the Lord Lyon in 1981. At this forthcoming BGM we will be appointing office bearers of our Society. If you would like to stand for office I'd like to hear from you and so please don't hesitate: just ring or write to me. The role of our Society is to promote our Clan and help record its history. I urge all of you who can attend this BGM to do so and join in all or part of the weekend's activities. The meeting only lasts about 30 minutes or so and then we just have fun mixing with all those fabulous Macfies who will be there.

Amongst those who indicated they will be attending are Sandy and Helen MCPhie, NSW VP Geoff McPhee, ACT VP Glen McPhee, QLD VP Bob McPhee, Sandy McPhee Commissioner of clan Macfie in Australia and I woul guess 50 or so others.

Merilyn and I will be there with sons Rick and Angus as we all attended the Clan Parliament in Scotland last year and really enjoy meeting with Clan members.

Until we meet let's take good care of each other, Yours in Clanship Brian

GENERAL NEWS



SUBSCRIPTIONS

You have received your annual subscription notice recently for 2002 and we would appreciate all members paying before the BGM in May.

Rates are:

Single membership \$10 Family membership \$15 Over 75 years of age Nil Subscriptions are for the

calendar year ending 31st December 2002

You will not receive a receipt from Ian McPhee unless you specifically request one, as it saves postage and is in accordance with current commercial practice.

We are delighted to tell you subscriptions have not increased for ages, due to our Newsbulletin Editor Glen McPhee, who has managed to achieve significant economies in printing and mailing our Newsbulletin which is our largest expenditure item. Thanks Glen!

Some of you will not have received a subscription notice because you paid in advance in the past. Thank you.

You should have received your annual subscriptions recently for 2002 and we would greatly appreciate all members paying before the BGM in May 2002. Subscription rates are:

Single membership	\$10
Family membership	\$15
Over 75 years of age	Nil

If you are over 75 and don't wish to pay an annual subscription which we keep sending you because we don't know you are over 75, just drop our Treasurer a note.

All payments are to be sent to:

Ian McPhee, Treasurer, The Macfie Clan Society of Australia, 15 Chatswood Crescent Kidman Park, SA 5025.

DONATIONS

Since the last Newsbulletin we have received further donations, for which we are most grateful:

Beth Sainsbury,	Gosnell	WA
Trevor McPhee	Carrinyup	WA
Cherry McFee	Cowes	Vic
John McPhee	Lathlain	WA
Bertel Sundstrup	Pipersbrook	Tas

NEW MEMBERS

Gwen Herbert (A02-962) Pearce ACT Aileen Chapman (S02-963) Myrtle Bank SA

BIRTHS

Louise and Damian Brook (Nee McPhee) of Gawler SA welcome Lachlan Damian born 19/1/2001

Heather and Jamie McPhee of Adelaide SA are pleased to announce the arrival of Ella Kim to her new home

DEATHS

We are sorry to record the deaths of the following members:

Jean Gellweiler	McLean	NSW
Gladys McIntosh	Glenside	SA
Cecil McPhee	Perth	WA

With deep sorrow I report that Belle McPhee Brew of New Zealand died on the 12th February 2002 after a long illness.

Belle was the Convenor of clan society in New Zealand and a tireless worker for it and for clan Macfie in general. She attended the early International Gathering of the Clan in Scotland and Canada and will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Sandy McPhie

Commander of Clan Macfie

ON THE MOVE

Clan Commander are on the move (again) this time to:

3 Wistaria Court Annandale QLD 4814 Telephone: (07) 4779 6328

MEETING OF THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 14th Biennial General Meeting of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia will be held in the Board Room at the Art Gallery of NSW at 11am on Saturday 25th May 2002.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Apologies and greetings
- 3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 13th BGM
- 4. Business arising from those minutes
- 5. President's Report
- 6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements
- 7. Election of Executive Members for 2002-2004
- 8. General Business
- Address by our Caenn-Cath
- 10. Closure

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE 2002-2004

Nominations are now called for the following Executive Office Positions

- For 2002-2004 .

 President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- State Vice Presidents for:
 - *New South Wales
 - *Oueensland
 - *Victoria
 - *Australian Capital Territory
 - *South Australia
 - *Tasmania
 - *Western Australia

Notes

- *Nominations are to be in writing stating the nominee's name and intended office and are to be signed by the nominee accepting nomination and by the proposer and seconder.
- *Nomination forms are available from the President.

Only financial members can accept nomination or propose or second a nomination.

- *Nominations close with the President on 23rd March 2002.
- * In the event a ballot for any position is necessary it will be conducted before the BGM



WEEK END PROGRAMME Sydney NSW 25th & 26th May 2002.

Saturday 25th May.

11.00am General Meeting in the Board Room at the Art Gallery of NSW, situated in Art Gallery Rd, The Domain, Sydney. This venue is easily accessible by foot or taxi from St. James station on the underground and is close to the Domain Parking Station

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available from 10.30am. A donation toward the cost of the meeting venue would be appreciated.

Sunday 26th May.

- *9.30am. Kirkin' o' the Tartan at St Andrews Presbyterian Chuch, 118 Penshurst St., Penshurst.
- *After the church service. Barbecue at the home of NSW Vice President, Geoff McPhee and his wife Ruth at: 70 Moons Avenue Lugarno (A suburb of Sydney). If you would like something more exciting than soft drinks, beer or wine please bring your own.

Attendance Slip

Please complete the enclosed attendance slip to indicate whether you are coming on one or both days.

Please return your slip with payment as soon as possible but no later than 6th May to:

Geoff McPhee, 70 Moons Ave, Lugarno NSW 2210 Phone No. (02) 9533 4195

Dress: For those who have and would like to, please wear highland dress to both the BGM and the church service...

Honey and Whisky Cake Ingredients

Cake: 6 oz self-raising flour; 6 oz butter; 6 oz soft brown sugar; 3 eggs beaten; 4 tablespoons whisky; grated rind of a small orange Butter Icing: 6 oz icing sugar; 2 oz butter; 2 tablespoons clear honey; juice from the small orange Toasted flaked almonds to decorate

Grease two 7 inch sandwich tins. Cream the butter and sugar together in a bowl. Add the orange rind. Beat in the eggs one at a time and whisk until the mixture is pale and fluffy. Sift in about half the flour and add the whisky. Fold into the mixture. Sift in the remaining flour and fold in. Divide the mixture equally between the two tins and smooth the tops. Set oven to 375 deg F/ Mark 5 and bake for 20-25 minutes until light golden. Turn out on to a wire rack to cool. To make the icing, put the butter into a mixing bowl. Add the honey and one tablespoon of the orange juice. Sift in the icing sugar slowly and work the mixture gradually until the ingredients are combined. Sandwich the cakes together with half of the buttercream. Smooth the remainder over the top of the cake and decorate with toasted almonds.



President Brian, Merilyn and family at the Celtic Cross at Oronsay Priory

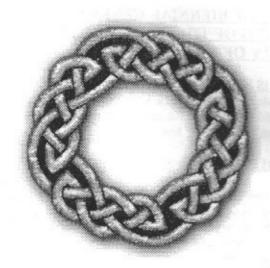
From the Colonsay Corncrake Newsletter CROFTING OPPORTUNITY

There was a meeting this week attended by the Community Development Company and various high-heid-yins from the mainland. Unconfirmed reports suggest that there is a proposal to release up to five crofts into a form of Community Tenure, thus enabling them to be offered to new entrants into crofting.

Your correspondent is uncertain of the facts, but even the suggestion that ways are being explored to make crofts available is highly encouraging. No doubt CCDC will make appropriate announcements in due course, but you read it here first ...

GARDENER / HANDYMAN

The Isle of Colonsay Hotel, one of Britain's most remote hotels is offering a unique opportunity to a couple wishing to live and work on this beautiful island. The successful applicants should be experienced, self-motivated and hard working with a good sense of humour and outgoing personality. Please contact Christine Bailey on 01951 200 316 or e mail: colonsay.hotel@pipemedia.co.uk for more information.



90th Birthday

The McPhee's of Ballarat gathered together on the 13 January to celebrate the 90th birthday of Pearlie McPhee (V 79-463).

Over 100 family and friends attended an afternoon tea to enjoy the occasion. Guests came from Mildura ACT and NSW as well Granddaughters Darlene and Kelly from New Zealand and the UK.

Pearlie's daughter Heather McKee (V87-573) gave the birthday speech and reminisced about the past and Pearlie's idiosyncrasies

A time to meet up with many lost cousins and friends a great time was had by all



The photo shows Pearlie, eldest son (Ken) and many of the grandchildren who attended the birthday party.

THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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CLAN MACFIE IN AUSTRALIA



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CLAN HISTORY

Although its origins are obscure, Clan Macfie is acknowledged as one of the oldest Scottish Clans. It has been claimed that the Clan originated in Ireland before becoming established in Scotland and this may well be the case. Traditionally though, it's homeland is held to be the islands of Colonsay and Oronsay off the west coast of Scotland. A Clan presence in Lochaber, Galloway and on several other Hebridean islands is also evident from the earliest times.

The Gaelic spelling of the Clan name was MacDhubhsith. This became anglicised to MacDuffie or MacPhee which names appear interchangeable in some early manuscripts. The Clan name to-day is Macfie, the spelling recognised by the Lyon Court in Scotland and used by many of the Clan's clan societies around the world.

In keeping with the times, the early years of Clan history had their turbulent periods as well as those of stability and honour. The islands of Colonsay and Oronsay were visited by the Vikings during their domination of the Western Isles and used as a base for raids to the south. There was Macfie contact with Iona in 1164 which no doubt led to the building of the Augustinian priory on Oronsay some 160 years later with a MacDuffie traditionally the Prior.

Macfie of Colonsay was present at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314 when Robert the Bruce defeated the English under Edward II. The Macfie Chief 'was the hereditary Custodian of the Records of the MacDonald Lords of the Isles. In 1463 Macfie of Colonsay appears as a member of the Council of the Isles and in 1549 a successor is recorded as holding lands on Jura in addition to those on Colonsay.

In 1531 Macfie of Colonsay was cited for treason, still being a supporter of the forfeited Lordship of the Isles. Clan clashes with the Macleans of Durat on Mull were frequent in the latter part of that century. In 1609 Macfie of Colonsay was one of a number of Hebridean Chiefs forced to sign the Statutes of Iona. But in 1615 Malcolm, the last Macfie Chief, supported the uprising of Sir James MacDonald and thus started a chain of events which culminated in his murder in 1623 by his former colleague Col Kitto MacDonald. With the death of Malcolm, the Clan was dispossessed of its lands and dispersed as a broken clan. No line of succession from Chief Malcolm has ever been established.

The Clan heartland then moved to Lochaber where many Macfies lived beside the Camerons. A Macfie was one of two pipers at Glenfinnan when Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his banner there in 1745. The following year many Clan members died on the right flank at Culloden fighting alongside the Camerons. They share a common grave on that desolate moor.

Clan fortunes waned and many members in Scotland and Ireland became caught up, either voluntarily or through compulsion, in the dispersal of the Scots to North America and later Australia and New Zealand.

In 1864 Grants of Arms were made to Robert Macfie of Langhouse and Airds and to Robert Andrew Macfie of Dreghorn, the first Clan members to be so honoured in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland. This Register had come into being in 1677, 54 years after the Clan's last Chief was murdered. These Macfies were highly successful businessmen in the sugar industry and R. A. Macfie was elected Member of Parliament for Leith for a number of years.

The strap and buckle badge commonly depicted to-day as being that of Clan Macfie actually belongs to the Macfie of Dreghorn. The red and green Macfie tartan was probably originally designed at that time but it was

not until 29th August 1991 that this tartan was formally recorded in the Books of the Court of the Lord Lyon as being the official Tartan of Clan Macfie.

In 1968 Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee of Vancouver, BC, Canada, initiated a worldwide movement to have Clan Macfie recognised once again as an active clan and to have a new Chief appointed. Dr. MacPhee wrote a definitive history of the Clan and encouraged the formation of Clan Macfie Societies in all centres of major Clan population around the world. His efforts were highly successful with Clan Macfie being formally recognised by the Lord Lyon as an active clan on 27th May 1981. Dr. MacPhee was appointed the Clan's first Ceann-Cath, or Clan Commander, on 6th November 1981, but sadly he died on 25th September the following year. To-day the 27th May is celebrated by Clan members worldwide as CLAN MACFIE DAY.

On Colonsay, the Standing Stone against which the Clan's last Chief, Malcolm, was stood and shot so many years ago has been repaired and has become a focal point for Clan members around the world. In 1993 the Clan's second Ceann-Cath, or Commander, Alexander (Sandy) McPhie of Toowoomba in Queensland, Austratia, had the honour of leading some 160 Clan members ashore on Colonsay for the Clan's first organised return to it's homeland islands in 370 years.

To-day Clan Macfie has ten active Clan Societies around the world in Scotland, Ireland, Sweden, Canada, United States of America (4), New Zealand and Australia. Sandy McPhie, now of Townsville, continues in office as Clan Commander, an appointment made by the Lord Lyon King of Arms on 7th September 1989. International Gatherings of the Clan and Clan Parliaments are held in Scotland every four years - the next is scheduled for September 2001. The Clan Macfie Homepage can be found at http://www.orishanet.com/clanmacfie/.

THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

In April 1973 Dr. MacPhee wrote to The Australian newspaper seeking to make contact with Clan members in Australia. Three responded. At Dr. MacPhee's request the then Flight Lieutenant Alexander (Sandy) McPhie at RAAF Base, Richmond in New South Wales agreed to form a Clan Macfie Society in Australia. This Society came into being on the 4th May 1974 when 28 of 31 Macfies approached agreed to its formation. Sandy McPhie was its convenor and became its first President, continuing in that office until 1998 when he handed over to the present president, Brian McPhee of Adelaide, S.A., another of the original three who responded to Dr. Earle's letter in 1973.

The Clan Society was originally known as The McPhee Clan of Australia. This was later changed to reflect the official Clan name of Macfie and the body's correct status as being a Clan Society, not a Clan. A Newsbulletin was introduced to keep members abreast of developments within the Society. Originally a quarterly publication, Issue No. 1 was dated 11th May 1974. Now three copies are issued each year, No. 87 being dated November 2000.

The Society is organised on a national basis with a Biennial General Meeting being held, usually in May, in State capitals by rotation. A Clan dinner is normally held in conjunction with the BGM. They are the only regular meetings and social functions held by the Clan Society, but State Vice-Presidents of the Society often hold functions in their own areas. The next Biennial General Meeting of the Society is scheduled for New South Wales in May 2002.

Initially, membership numbers grew slowly. In 1978 a mailing was made to all Macfies, by whatever spelling, in the Australian telephone directories. Over 800 invitation-to-join letters were sent with membership numbers increasing from some 150 in 1975 to over 450 in 1979, a number maintained since then.

When the Society first formed little was known of the number of Macfies in Australia or when they arrived here. Norah McPhee and Margaret Phee of Sydney commenced searching shipping records for details - a task still continuing to-day with a number of researchers under the leadership of Trevor Phee of Hamilton, N.S.W.. The large number of ships coming to Australia in the 19th century carried a comparatively large number of Clan members as migrants. Most of this shipping arrival information is now documented and has been supplemented in many instances with family and personal histories and anecdotes provided by Clan members throughout the country. It is hoped to consolidate all shipping and history data for publication in a year or two.

The Society has been a strong supporter of Clan Macfie from the outset. Society and family groups frequently meeting or attending Highland Games and other Scottish functions. Contact is maintained with other Clan Societies of Clan Macfie around the world and with a number of other Clans or Scottish organisations within Australia. Many members have travelled overseas for Clan Gatherings and Parliaments or just to visit Colonsay, the Clan homeland.

In 1976 Victor McPhie of Dalby, Q'ld., became the first Clan member in Australia to receive a Grant of Arms from the Lyon Court in Scotland. This was followed quickly by Grants to Charles Macphee, now deceased, of

Melbourne, Vic., and A. L. (Sandy) McPhee of Mt. Vincent, N.S.W., the present Clan Commissioner in Australia. Hector McPhie of Toowoomba, Q'ld., matriculated Arms from those of his brother, Victor, and these were in turn inherited undifferenced by A. C. (Sandy) McPhie, the present Clan Commander, when his father died. Charles Macphee, along with Ulf Macfie Hagman of Sweden, was instrumental in having the Mhic-a-Phi Standing Stone on Colonsay where our last Chief died, repaired and maintained.

Clan/Clan Society members in Australia have been successful in many walks of life be it politics, business, industry or sporting. Their contribution overall is one of which we can all be proud and to which we can all add in the future. Why not join the Clan Society to-day and participate directly in this continuing and expanding story?

APPROVED CLAN MACFIE SURNAMES

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

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

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

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HELP

I need help in obtaining shipping records in regards to McPhees/McPhies (and all other various spellings) that entered Tasmania in the 1800s. I have some records that I obtained from the Newcastle City Library but to complete my Tasmanian section I need some one to go to the State Archives in Hobart.

The research will only take about an hour or so. I have the locations as to where to look for these records and I will send a copy of what records that I have so as there is no doubling up.

When I have these Tasmanian shipping records I will then put into book form, all of the shipping records for McPhees (all states) that entered Australia from 1800 to the early 1900s. This book will be available for a small fee.

If some one can help please get in touch by snail mail to Trevor Phee 24 Bibby Street Hamilton 2303 or Email: t.phee@hunterlink.net.au

FAMILY HISTORIES

To date we have over 400 members of the Macfie Clan Society in Australia and to date I have the histories of some 105 McPhee families, some of which are New Zealand and Canadian families. Some of these histories range from just one page to several dozen pages, as well some have put there family history (including me) into a book and donated a copy of the book to the Clan.

Included in the information that people have sent to me are photos, birth, death and marriage certificates and newspaper articles etc. As well I have a lot of information from non clan members, these people are not interested in joining the Clan Society an but are quite happy to send me any information that they have on their family.

In the coming months I will be writing to clan members that I do not have any information on and I hope that these members will assist me in supplying me with their family history, no matter how little information that they may have.

D.I.Y Scottish Research

Scotland Census 1901 yes! 1901

Searches can now be undertaken IN EDINBURGH, as from 4th December 2001.

The Wills of Scotland

It will soon be possible to search free ON-LINE the Indexes to the Registers of Testaments, using the Scottish Archive Network web-site http://www.scan.org.uk where there will be about a half-million entries indexed.

Access to New Register House from PCs.

http://www.open.gov.uk/gros/groshome.htm and http://www.origins.net/

From private homes, researchers may now search the Scotland Indexes of Births Deaths and Marriages, and the Census Indexes from 1891 and 1881. There is a particular privacy barrier on BD &Ms. You may search those events up to 1900/1925 respectively. While connected you may order Certificates (at standard rates) to be posted direct from Edinburgh. A credit card number has to be keyed in, to make a working connection to New Register House Indexes.

National Burials Index

The Scotland team of Family History Societies' members is "hard at it" compiling their components of the index. As with the 1881 Census index, a coordinated effort is collecting and indexing records for England Wales and Scotland. Where as 1881 was a terminating project, the Burials Index has the potential to be a perpetual job i.e. with future updates. Old forgotten and misplaced burial registers will keep right on coming out of the wood work.

FREE Services

Alistair M. Cameron is actively engaged in studying these sources: CENSUS records from 1841 in Lochaber, by Fort William; BURIALS in Aberdeenshire; WEE FARMS & LOST VILLAGES in Aberdeebshire. Work has commenced on a similar farms/villages Indexfor the Scottish Bordre counties. If you have a specific interest to be looked up then ask.

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Thanks to Trevor Phee

AE FOND KISS Robert Burns



Ae fond kiss and then we sever; Ae fareweel, and then for ever! Deep in heart-wrung tears I'll pledge thee, Warring sighs and groans I'll wage thee.

Who shall say that Fortune grieves him, While the star of hope she leaves him? Me, nae cheerful twinkle lights me: Dark despair around benights me.

I'll ne'er blame my partial fancy, Naething could resist my Nancy: But to see her was to love her; Love but her, and love for ever.

Had we never lov'd sae kindly!
Had we never lov'd sae blindly!
Never met - or never parted,
We had ne'er been broken-hearted.

Fare-thee-weel, thou first and fairest! Fare-thee-weel, thou best and dearest! Thine be ilka joy and treasure, Peace, Enjoyment, Love and Pleasure!

Ae fond kiss, and then we sever!
Ae fareweel, Alas, for ever!
Deep in heart-wrung tears I'll pledge thee,
Warring sighs and groans I'll wage thee.

Footnote: Burns (Sylvander) penned this song towards the close of 1791 and enclosed it with a letter from Dumfries, dated 27 December 1791, to Clarinda. The song celebrates their last meeting on 6 December 1791. Mrs Nancy McLehose (Clarinda) sailed from Leith in February 1972 to join her husband in Jamaica and although she returned to Scotland she and Burns never met again. She penned a memorandum, dated 6 December 1831, which said, "This day I can never forget. Parted with Burns in the year 1791, never more to meet in this world. Oh, may we meet in heaven!" Both Scott and Byron praised this beautiful song.

GALBREATH / McNEILL FAMILY

Mary MacKay, who has done so much to preserve the gravestones of Colonsay pioneers, has published another book in her planned series. Recently, details were given of "Lauchlan's Legacy", and account of the family of Baptist emigrant Lauchlan McNeill of Drumclach. Readers will recall that it was an inspiring account of a family that went from strength to strength.

The present book, "We Must All Stay Together" is somewhat more sombre in that many of the family were struck down at an early age; on the other hand, the survivors had unlimited drive and determination and their story includes success in the Klondyke, and also in farming, politics and medicine. Perhaps this family is most famous for Archie McNeill, brother of Forbes, son of Katie and James McNeill. Archie lived in Chicago and with two workmates founded a giant industrial empire, the firm of Libby, McNeill and Libby. For years, that company was world-famous for its corned beef but there are probably people alive in Colonsay today who are unaware of its origins.

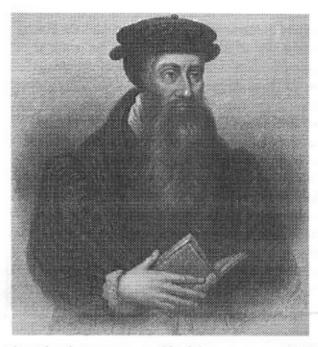
Angus Galbreath married Cathrine McNeill in Colonsay on July 6 1811 and they had eleven children. Jenet Galbreath (1812 - 1855) married Angus McPhail, had ten children. Mary Galbreath (1814 - 1881) married Malcolm McEachern, had nine children. Catherine Galbreath (1816 - ?) married James McNeill, had eleven children (including Archie, born 1838). Margaret Galbreath (1819 - 1895) married Neil McNeill, had ten children. Hester Galbreath (1821 - 1894) married John McPhee, had seven children. Donald Galbreath (1824 - 1876) married Christina Campbell, had ten children. Angus Galbreath (1827 - 1909) married Mary McNeill, had nine children. Lucy Galbreath (1830 - 1876) married Donald Brown, had one child. Archibald Galbreath (1833 - 1904) married Sarah Smith, had four children. Malcolm Galbreath (1835 - ?) and Alexander Galbreath (1841 - 1869) left no recorded union or children.

Anyone connected with any of the above families should obtain a copy of this book, as should anyone with an interest in the Bruce County connection with Colonsay - copies will be available from Colonsay Bookshop and a message to lochar@colonsay.org.uk to indicate your interest will help to determine the number of copies that should be imported. Copies may also be purchased direct, of course, from the author Mary I. MacKay, RR 2 Dobbinton, Ontario, N0H 1L0.

'Australian Emigration—Fort William' Inverness Courier, 30 May 1838

After some months of expectation and anxiety, Dr. Boyter, the Government emigration agent for Australia, arrived at Fort William. The news of his arrival, like the fiery cross of old, soon spread through every glen of the district, and at an early hour on Monday, thousands of enterprising Gaels might be seen ranked around the Caledonian Hotel, anxious to quit the land of their forefathers and to go and possess the unbounded pastures of Australia. . . . While we regret that so many active men should feel it necessary to leave their own country, the Highlands will be considerably relieved of its over-plus population.

KNOX, JOHN, the most eminent promoter of the Reformation in Scotland, was born at Haddington in the year 1505. His father, though himself a man of no note, was descended from the ancient home of Ranfurly in the shire of Renfrew. Of the mother of the great reformer nothing further is known



than that her name was Sinclair, - a name which he frequently used in after-life, when to have subscribed his own would have exposed him to danger: thus many of his letters in times of trouble are signed, "John Sinclair." Though a man of no rank in society, his father would yet seem to have been possessed of a competency beyond that of the ordinary class of the peasantry of the times, if such an inference be permitted from the circumstance of his having given his son an education which was then attainable only by a very few. This is a point, however, on which there has been also much dispute; some representing his parents as in a "mean condition," others as persons of extensive poverty. Whatever may have been the condition of his parents—a matter of little moment - there is no doubt regarding the only circumstance of any importance connected with the question, namely, that he received a liberal education.

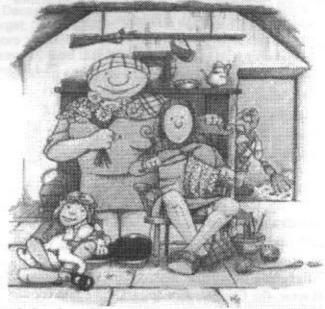
His course of learning began at the grammarschool of Haddington, where he acquired the elements of the Latin language. He was afterwards, about the year 1524, sent to the university of St Andrews. From the circumstance of the name "John Knox" appearing on the list of matriculated students, for the year 1520, in the Glasgow college, it has been presumed that he studied there also, and this, as appears by the dates, four years previous to his going to St Andrews, but the supposition that this John Knox was the reformer, is much weakened by the fact, that many of the Knoxes of Ranfurly, the house from which his father was descended, were educated at the university of Glasgow. Amongst

the last of these of any note were Andrew Knox, bishop of the Isles, and, after him, his son and successor, Sir Thomas Knox. In the absence, therefore, of all other evidence, this circumstance in the life of the reformer must be held as extremely doubtful, especially as no allusion is made to it, either himself, his contemporaries, or any of the earlier writers who have spoken of him. Knox, when he went to St Andrews, was in the nineteenth year of his age, and was yet undistinguished by any indications of that peculiar character and temper, or that talent, which afterwards made him so conspicuous. His literary pursuits had hitherto been limited to the acquisition of the Latin language, Greek and Hebrew being almost unknown in Scotland, although at an after period of life Knox acquired them both. His removal to St Andrews, however, opened up new sources of learning and of knowledge. John Mair, a celebrated doctor of the Sorbonne, who had studied at the colleges of England and Paris, was then principal of St Salvator's college, St Andrews. He was a man of no great strength of mind, nor of very high attainments; but he had while in Paris imbibed, and he now boldly inculcated, civil and religious principles directly at variance with the opinions and practices of the times. He denied the supremacy of the Pope, and held that he was amenable to a general council, which might not only rebuke and restrain him, but even depose him from his dignity. He held that papal excommunications were of no force, unless pronounced on just and valid grounds, and that tithes were not of divine origin. He, besides, fearlessly censured the avarice and ambition of the clergy. And with regard to civil matters, his opinions were no less daring, and not less boldly inculcated. He taught his pupils to consider kings as having no other right to their elevation, but what proceeded from their people, to whom they were amenable for their conduct, and by whom they might be judicially proceeded against. Such were some of the doctrines taught by Mair; and that they had taken a strong hold of Knox, who was one of his pupils, his after life sufficiently shows. For we find him, with the courage which belonged to his character, practising himself, and showing others how to practise that which his precentor only taught.

Mother's Day

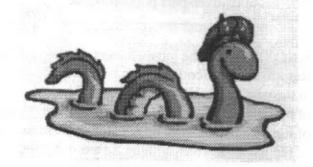
The first celebrations in honour of mothers were held in the spring in ancient Greece. They paid tribute to Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 17th century, England honoured mothers on "Mothering Sunday," celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

Celebrations of Mother's Day are held throughout the world. In fact some 46 countries honour mothers with a special day. However not all celebrate it on the same date. In Australia, the United States, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey and Belgium it is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. But in England Mother's Day is always the



4th Sunday of Lent. International Mother's Day however is always May 11th. But if you are in the USA, however, and forget your Mother-In-Law you can catch up on the 4th Sunday in October, which is the officially designated Mother-In-Law Day!

In Scotland it is traditional that Mum gets breakfast in bed, a card and a wee present and of course no housework on that day for her...the whole family helps out to give her a day off.



1841 Census Data for Colonsay

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The following data is a transcription from microfiche records of the 1841 census data. In this table it is arranged by household within parish, with the name of the parish preceding the households.

If you wish to make use of this data in another format please contact genealogist@colonsay.org.uk

Oronsay

Ann McNeill John McNeill Cecil McNeill Alexander McNeill Duncan McNeill Helen McNeill Malcolm McNeill William White Henry Thomson John Doherty Christina McLauchlan Ann McMillan Mirren Currie Cathrine McDonald Ann Campbell Margret Shepherd Ann Docherty Euphemia McNeill Cathrine Shaw

Malcolm McEachern Mary McEachern John McEachern Lucy McEachern

Malcolm McNeill Katrine McNeill Mary McNeill Ann McNeill Neill McNeill Ann McEachern Flory Blue Flory McMillan Kate McMillan Isabela Blue Betty Blue Jennet McFayden

Duncan McNeill
Alexander Campbell
Archibald Campbell
Duncan McGilvra
John McGilvra
Archibald McLucas
Hector Blue
Donald Bowie

Garvarst Archibald McFale Mary McFale John Bowie

Sally Bowie Jennet Bowie

Malcolm McNeill Kirsty McNeill Pegy Blue

Findlay McMillan Margret McMillan Alexander McMillan Kirsty McMillan Flory McLean Hector Reid

James McEachern Mary McEachern Donald McEachern Margrat McEachern

Lauchlan McMillan
Effrick McMillan
Archibald McMillan
Neil McMillan
Hester McMillan
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Duncan McMillan

Ardskenish
Angus McNeill
Margrat McNeill
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Malcolm McNeill

Neil McNeill
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Flory McEachern
Ann McEachern
Ann Smith
Katrine McFee
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Ann McMillan
Gean McMillan
Effy McMillan

Machrins Clova
John McNeill
Ann McNeill
Archibald McNeill
John Galbreath
Kate Bowie

Archibald McLean Lucy McLean Angus McLean Mary McLean Katrine McLean

John Galbreath
Sally Galbreath
Malcolm Galbreath
Jennet Galbreath
Mary Galbreath
Lauchlan Galbreath
Flory Galbreath

Mirren Campbell Mary Campbell Donald Docharty Neill McFayden

Flory McNeill Donald McNeill Pegy McNeill Jennet McNeill

Archibald McNeill Mary McNeill Malcolm McNeill Margret McNeill Donald McNeill

John Galbreath Mary Galbreath Arch'd Galbreath Donald Galbreath Kirsty Galbreath

Mirren McLucas Mirren McNeill Mary McNeill

Ann McLean Angus McLean

Malcolm Galbreath

Balevurich
Alexander McIntyre
Kirsty McIntyre
John McIntyre
Ann McIntyre
Mary McIntyre
Kirsty McIntyre

Mary McNeill Mary McNeill Donald McNeill

Malcolm Blue Jennet Blue Angus Blue John Blue

Neil Currie Ann Currie Katrine Currie Sally Currie Mary Bell Katrine Blue

Malcolm Shaw Gean Shaw John Shaw Flory Docharty Hugh Docharty Pegy Blue

Malcolm McMillan

Pegy McMillan Angus McMillan Pegy McMillan Isabela McMillan Kate Darroch

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John McTavish Eliza McTavish Marget McPhail

Bonpeck (Buthbeg)
John McInnis
Katrine McInnis
Katrine McInnis
John McInnis
John McInnis
Donald
Neil McInnis
Mary McInnis
Angus McInnis

Auchadaruch Donald Galbreath Ann Galbreath Angus Galbreath Lauchlan Galbreath Mary Galbreath Sally Galbreath Katrine McLucas

Katrine Gilchrist Mary Gilchrist Pegy Galbreath

Charles Reid Lucy Reid Betty Reid Sally Reid Flory Reid Flory Smith

Mulbuie John Reid Mary Reid John McFale

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Margrat McLucas Margrat McNeill Mary McNeill

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Baleraominmore
John McGilvra
Hester McGilvra
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Kate McGilvra

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Barbara Smith
Christina McMillan

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Donald Daruch Mary Daruch Kate Daruch

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Donald Bowie Katrine Bowie John Bowie Flory Bowie Hector Bowie

Malcolm Blue Donald Blue Hugh Blue Mary Blue Jennet Blue Sally Blue Ann Blue Angus Blue

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Baleraomin Du
Hugh McCalman
Ursula McCalman
John McCalman
Julia McCalman
Margt McCalman
Ann Bowie
Cathrine Smith
-(To be continued)



Members of the Swedish Thornburn-Macfie Family Society, gathered at a resort near Uddevalla for the 22nd Family Reunion in 2001. Reunions are held every three years and commenced in 1938. There were 108 descendants of William Thornburn and his wife Jessy (born Macfie) who emigrated from Leith Scotland in 1823

A captivated craftsman nears 100



Jack McPhee (aged 97) with Grandsons Duncan and Sean and son Chris

Four generations of McPhees have been dealing in antiques and, for a trade in which shops turn over faster than their stock, the firm is the oldest in Australia by far. Jack's father, George Daniel McPhee came to Melbourne from Hobart in the late 1890's and in 1901 opened his first antique store in High Street Prahran, just around the corner from today's Chapel Street premises.

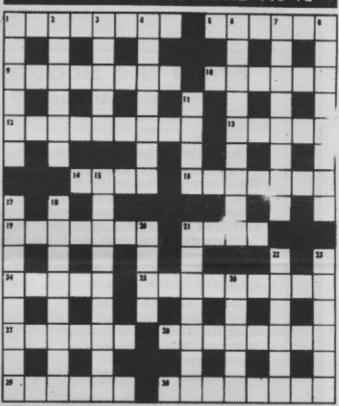
Jack joined his father at the age of 17 in 1921 and has watched as own son and his grandsons Duncan and Sean continue the tradition. He says each generation has taught the next about the world of antiques, how they are made and how they can be repaired and restored.

George McPhee was among the first dealers in Melbourne to begin restoring and polishing colonial Australian cedar furniture, thereby giving it a respectability it has long lacked. Jack recalls how he was the first dealer after import restrictions were lifted in 1960 to travel to England and begin shipping back antiques. He made a dozen such trips, first by boat and twice in a little plane called the Comet, an aircraft he later heard described as a death trap.

He reveals another long life secret: his father died at 87, his mother at 99. A sister lived to 91 and a brother to 94. They were all healthy, none of them were ever sick, he said. As for me, I'm not a worrier, I don't think, like a lot of people. I'm sort of easy going and that makes a difference.

(Article from Melbourne Age 27 October 2001) (Sent in by Jan Harper)

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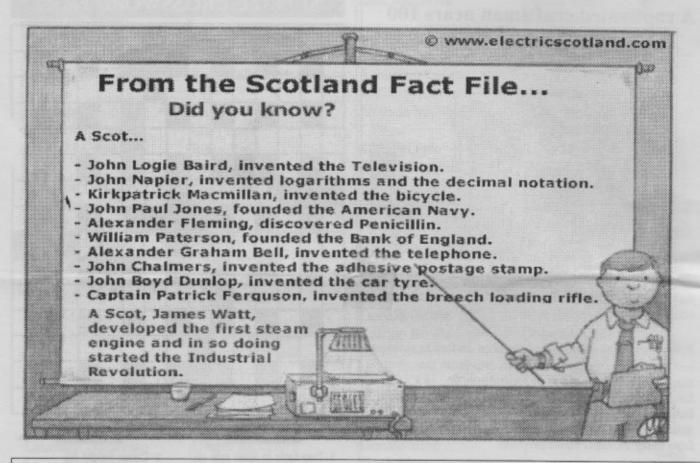


ACROSS

- 1 Two fools in killer role (8)
- 5 Anxiety following unsettled rest aboard steamer (6)
- 9 Rolls Royce notice displayed this fancy hat (8)
- 10 The Shah's Iran (6)
- 12 Seven eels wrestle for a midday snack (9)
- 13 Some hat a knight's orderly might initially wear? (5)
- 14 Originally some people exceeded directions — and rushed (4)
- 16 Lost world mountain now found in Brazil, Venezuela and Guyana (7)
- 19 & 21 Scottish loaf and river contribute to historic victory (11)
- 24 Some wild ones from Ireland joined the Jacobite cause (5)
- 25 Gaeldom's Dunedin (9)
- 27 Rita, lost aboard the Royal Yacht, makes herself scarce (6)
- 28 If given cold it is a snub (8)
- 29 "My love is like a thats sweetly played in tune" (6)
- 30 Slope had slipped over lily of the valley (8)

DOWN

- 1 Cabar Feidh! (6)
- 2 Bruce's inspiration (6)
- 3 Place famous for its stone (5)
- 4 No 1 side is charged after rumpus (7)
- 6 Financial steward might well rue arrest (9)
- 7 Over the moon when placed in charge of taste (8)
- 8 Timely to be seen taking the high seas on a low budget (8)
- 11 Prime under sea expert resurfaces as general operator (4)
- 15 The rest toped uncontrollably then complained (9)
- 17 Bird in Guam which indicates the time (1, 3, 4)
- 18 Bury lag in confusion and the surprising result is wholesome! (8)
- 20 Preserve a tower (like Macleod of MacLeod perhaps?)
- 21 Meeting of Bligh and Eliot dampens proceedings (7)
- 22 Placed in order of merit following question 'Is King George dead?' (6)
- 23 Can such a society raise the roof? (6)
- 26 Bush placed in light can turn red (5) CC



Solution to Crossword

Across 1 Assassin, 5 Stress, 9 Tricorne, 10 Persia, 12 Elevenses, 13 Shako, 14 Sped, 16 Roraima, 19 & 20 Bannockburn, 24 Geese, 25 Edinburgh, 27 Rarity, 28 Shoulder, 29 Melody, 30 Asphodel.

Down 1 Antler, 2 Spider, 3 Scone, 4 Ionised, 6 Treasurer, 7 Ecstatic, 8Seasonal, 11 User, 15 Protested, 17 A big drum, 18 Integral, 20 Keep, 21 Blights, 22 Graded 23 Choral, 26 Blush

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