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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

What a great year it's been for our Clan and Society. The highlight for our Society was our BGM in May and held in Sydney where some 32 members gathered. Generous support from our local members ensured a great meeting and weekend. Geoff McPhee retired as Vice President for NSW that weekend and he and Ruth's parting swansong was a fabulous gathering at their magnificent home for lunch after a Kirkin' o' the Tartan service at their local church.

Geoff and Ruth McPhee, Glen and Glenda McPhee represented our Society at the Scottish Highland Games at Bundanoon with once again over 20,000 in attendance and I recommend these games to anyone who loves things Scottish. The Highland bands that play throughout the day are Australia's best and are worth the visit alone. Shortly afterwards Sandy and Norah McPhee, Geoff and Ruth McPhee with Trevor Phee flew our flag at the Aberdeen Highland Games-

Trevor Phee our NSW Vice President and Sandy and Norah McPhee also represented us at Toukley. In Adelaide I joined in the Tartan Day march through the streets of Adelaide led by our local Caledonian pipes and drums band and frankly I thought our Macfie tartan looked better than any other. Next day it was on with my highland dress again to represent our Clan at the Tartan Day church service at our local Presbyterian Church.

Caenn-Cath Sandy McPhee has just returned to Australia where he represented Clan Macfie at The Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival in Atlanta. Sandy was most impressed by the fact that 16 Clan Chiefs were present (a record) including another Aussie, David Menzies, Chief of the Menzies Clan.

Next year in May the Fourteenth International Gathering of Clan Macfie will be held in Tennessee at the Gatlingburg Scottish Games for which Society President of America Jim McAfee and his wife Ginger have developed a programme for we Macfies from 14th to 18th May. Jim has set up a webpage at <http://www.macfiesocietyofamerica.com> with all the details of the gathering.

Knowing of Jim and Ginger's commitment to Clan Macfie we can be sure it will be a marvellous gathering. Shortly we will be celebrating the festive season. I wish all members a very merry Christmas with your families and a safe and healthy New Year and to those of you who celebrate Hogmanay great first footing.

I will close once again with words of Scotland President Bob McFie's wish that we all take good care of each other,

Yours in Clanship,

Brian

Christmas Greetings



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It is with sadness that we report the recent passing of two of our most valued members; **TED SMYTHE** of Canberra and **BILL TYRRELL** of Sylvania (Sydney).

Herbert Edward Vivian (Ted) Smythe (N74-064F) passed away on September 27th, aged 82. He was the eldest son of Edward Vivian Smythe and Kathleen Clytie McPhee and was a foundation member of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia and past vice-president of the ACT branch of the Clan. Ted and his wife Judith, (nee McCay) took a keen interest in Clan Macfie affairs, were always present at meetings, Highland Games and other Scottish events, strengthening the ranks of Macfie representatives.

Ted and Judith were in Edinburgh in 1981 when the Lord Lyon commenced the reinstatement of Clan MacPhee (later Macfie). He was one of those representing Australian MacPhees in the Lord Lyon's office on 27th May when the Lyon said that he would "initiate proceedings immediately" to reactivate Clan Macfie. Ted straight away hurried off and rang Sandy McPhie (now Sandy McPhie, our Commander) in Australia to tell him the news.

In January 1982 Ted and Judith organised a highly successful fourth Biennial Meeting in Canberra. We are grateful for their solid support over the years and there follows a brief history of Ted's life.

Born in 1920, his early years were spent in the country. Later on he attended Fort Street High School; going on to Sydney University where he excelled in English and History. He was also Inter Faculty Featherweight Boxing Champion in 1939 and Australian Intervarsity Bantamweight Boxing Champion.

During W.W.II, Ted saw active service in New Guinea after which he joined Army Intelligence. He was a Lieutenant in 'M' Unit associated with the famed 'Z' Force. He was to have been 'dropped' by an American submarine 'somewhere east of Surabaya' when the war (fortunately) ended and the mission was cancelled.

Lt. Smythe married Corporal Judith McCay in Perth in 1945 on September 10th. When the couple returned to Sydney, Ted completed his Arts Degree at Sydney University and began his teaching career at Randwick going on to high schools in Cooma, Junee and Canberra, rising through the 'ranks' to be Headmaster at Willyama High, Broken Hill. He was Headmaster of Lumea High, Campbelltown when he retired in 1980.

Clan Macfie Has been fortunate to have had Ted Smythe in its ranks and the world is a better place for him being here. He leaves behind a great legacy in the Macfie Clan not least his family - wife Judith, children Susan, James, Margaret and Alexander and seven grandchildren.

Sadly missed by all.

Vale

Bill Tyrell (N78-395) Sylvania NSW
 Ted Smythe (N74-064F) Downer ACT
 Allan Douglas McPhee (V77-318) VIC

William (Bill) Tyrell (N78-395) died on 24th July in Mona Vale Nursing Home, at the age of 85. His wife, Dorothy (nee McPhie) whose parents were of the Yorkshire McPhies, passed away eleven years ago.

Bill took the revival of Clan Macfie to heart and supported Dorothy enthusiastically

From February 1980 to June 1994 Bill was our society's Vice President for N.S.W. and general V.P. for a few years. Their lovely home at Sylvania in Sydney was our meeting place every November in Scottish Week.

Bill and Dorothy travelled to Scotland in 1977 for the first international gathering of McPhees, Macfies and McDuffies in Edinburgh. In 1980 they were in England and Scotland again promoting our clan revival in an interview with Lord Elgin, a senior Scottish chief. Their help was invaluable.

Born in Harden, NSW Bill chose a career in the NSW Police Force, interrupted by service in the RAAF during the war. When he retired he was an Inspector in the Public Relations sector. With his pleasant and outgoing personality he was perfect for the job. Bill was an excellent pianist with a fine baritone voice and loved performing in retirement homes and hospitals. He also recorded many 'talking books' for the blind.

The Clan Macfie sends sympathy to son Geoffrey and Carol -to daughter Lynnette and Shon and to their sons.

These tributes to our good friends, written by Sandy and Norah McPhee



Bill Tyrell Ted Smythe and Sandy II McPhee

**POEM BY
TED SMYTHE**

MACFIE IN AUSTRALIA

From the misty western is-
lands
And the glens of Old Argyle
A broken clan went wander-
ing
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 moun-
tains 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!



Bill and Dorothy Tyrell enjoying a Scottish week BBQ

Bagpipes for special occasions- Brisbane



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Bob McPhee (Queensland VP and Clan Society Piper) has not been well in recent months and missed attending the BGM in Sydney because of an impending operation. Thankfully Bob has now bounced back like a good Scot.

Bob previously held the Bard of the Outback

Poetry Competition on behalf of the Clan Society. Recently a Will Oglivie Bard of the Outback Association has been formed and there is hope that the Poetry Competition will again be held this year.

Bob plays the pipes at special occasions such as weddings, birthdays and funerals.

If you hear of someone looking for a Piper in SE Queensland please contact Bob McPhee on (07) 5466 5269.

Bob McPhee has very kindly offered to play the pipes for Clan Society Members and families at special functions. Assistance for travel expenses would be appreciated.

Who was The Banjo?



Paterson on horseback, reading from *The Bulletin*, from the Christmas 1891 edition of that paper.

ANDREW BARTON PATERSON was born on February 17, 1864, at Narambla, New South Wales, not far from Orange.

He was the son of a Scottish immigrant from Lanarkshire, who had arrived in Australia in the early 1850s.

His early life was spent near Yass in NSW, and this is where he became acquainted with the colourful bush characters that he wrote about so vividly in his later life.

Much of his early life was spent around horses, and his life-long love of horse-racing and polo is reflected in many of his poems. He was a member of the first NSW polo team to play against the Victorians.

His schooling was at Sydney Grammar and when he left, at the age of 16, he became an articled clerk in a Sydney lawyer's office. The first of many ballads he had published in *The Bulletin* (the top newspaper of the time, and still very influential) was *El Mahdi to the Australian Troops*, in February 1885. This was the beginning of a long and productive relationship with this newspaper. His pseudonym, "The Banjo", was the name of a racehorse his father had once owned. It was not until 1895, ten years later, on the publication of *The Man from Snowy River and other verses*, that the public finally discovered the name of the man behind these verses.

Wills of Scotland

In the March 2002 Newsbulletin Trevor Phee let us know that the Wills of Scotland would be soon available from the Scottish Archive Network web-site <http://www.scan.org.uk> ,
The list below shows some of the Wills available for a relatively small cost of six pounds per Will.

Date	Surname	Forename	Parents	Parish
1840	McPhee	Donald Alexander	/janet cameron fr329	Kilmalie
1833	McPhee	Donald Ewen	McPhee/janet mckinnon fr226	Acharacle
1833	McPhee	Donald Lachlan	McPhee/christy cameron fr226	Acharacle
1832	McPhee	Donald John	McPhee/marion macpherson	Glenelg
1832	McPhee	Donald John	McPhee/isobel McPhee fr223	Acharacle
1830	McPhee	Donald John	McPhee/isabella livingston	Tobermory
1830	McPhee	Donald John	McPhee/isabella livingstone frmr80-1p2	Kilninian & kilmore
1830	McPhee	Donald Donald	McPhee/flora mcdonald fr163	Boleskine & abertarff
1829	McPhee	Donald John	McPhee/christina mcniel frmr79-1	Kilninian & kilmore
1829	McPhee	Donald Charles	McPhee/christian cameron	Acharacle
1829	McPhee	Donald John	McPhee/christina mcneil	Kilninian & kilmore
1824	McPhee	Donald John	McPhee/mary livingston fr438	Lismore, appin & duror
1823	McPhee	Donald John	McPhee/catharine cameron	Ardnamurchan etc
1821	McPhee	Donald Donald	bane/McPhee cathrine mcpherson	Ardnamurchan etc
1818	McPhee	Donald Ewen	McPhee/	Kilmonivaig
1813	McPhee	Donald Archibald	McPhee/	Kilmalie
1812	McPhee	Donald John	McPhee/ann henderson fr191	Kilmalie
1812	McPhee	Donald Dugal	McPhee/christian McPhee fr191	Kilmalie
1812	McPhee	Donald Duncan	McPhee/mary cameron fr191	Kilmalie

New members A very warm welcome to
Marion McPhee Maroubra NSW

Donation have been gratefully received from
Neil McPhee Mornington VIC
Maureen Cunningham Gympie QLD
Colin Macphee Sutherland NSW

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Rev Sue McPhee with her father Neil McPhee

Reverend Sue McPhee

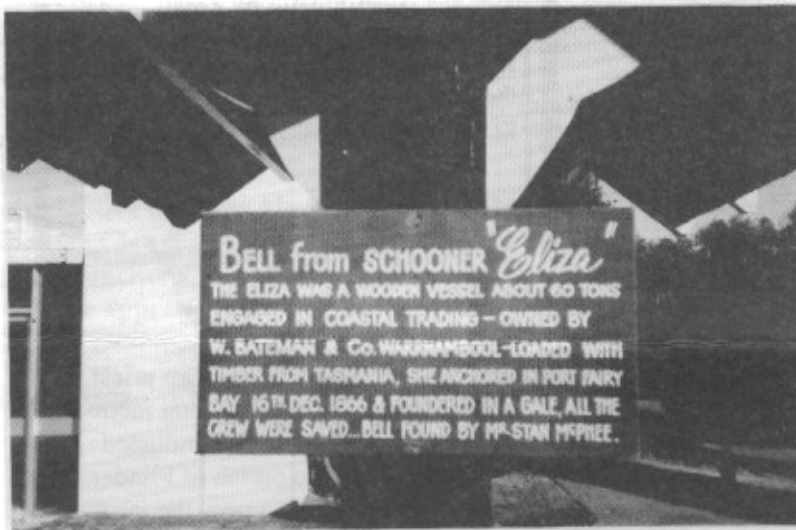
Sue McPhee an Anglican priest, daughter of long standing member Neil McPhee was inducted recently to the parish of Flinders in Victoria and is now the vicar of the church which Neil and his late wife Sylvia used to attend. Neil and his family have been associated with this district for over 80 years. Sue's husband David Wright recently designed, made, and installed stained glass windows in St. Peters Cathedral in Adelaide.

From Bruce McPhie

The photograph shows Brian McPhie and his father Malcolm McPhie on his 102nd birthday. Brian thinks that Malcolm could be the oldest living Clan Member. If there is a challenge to this claim please let us know



This photo below was taken recently in the lovely gardens of the Fletcher Jones factory complex in Warrambool in Victoria. On top of this board is a bell. Hopefully some clan society member will know who is Stan McPhee mentioned on the plaque.



Hey, Young Clansfolk,

If you would like to send in an article or request for information, music, email friends in Australian let us know. Write to gmcphie@webone and start the ball rolling.

INVITATION

John and Bridget McPhee Memorial – 1st December, 2002

Descendants and connections of John McPhee and Bridget Loney are invited to attend, or to send a representative to attend, a **MEMORIAL DAY** at Natimuk,

On Sunday December 1st, 2002 to commemorate the life of John McPhee, and the life of Bridget Loney, on the occasion of the Centenary of the death of John McPhee.

Programme for the Memorial Day
11.00 am Dedication of the Memorial
Plaque, at the Natimuk Cemetery.

Prayer of Dedication led by Michael McPhee, O.Carm

12 noon Memorial Mass in St John's
Church, Natimuk.
Celebrant Pat McPhee, OSB

1pm Refreshments.

Response sheet: (Please post to Bernie McPhee, 30 Wilson Street Oakleigh 3166)

Name.....
Address.....
Phone.....

I enclose Cheque for \$.....Donation, cost of the day, refreshments and plaque.

PROPOSED TEXT OF A MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Memorial to the McPhee and Loney pioneers of Natimuk District

Erected on 1 December 2002, on the occasion of the centenary of the death of John McPhee, this memorial recalls the pioneering endeavours of the McPhee family and the Loney family in this Natimuk district, especially John McPhee and his wife, Bridget McPhee, and her parents Samuel Loney and Catherine Landrihan. John McPhee came from "Killiechonate", on the Inverlochy Estate, Shire of Inverness, Scotland where he was born in 1833, and Bridget Loney was born in Melbourne in 1845, her parents Samuel and Catherine Loney having come from Whitechurch, Tipperary in Ireland in 1839. John McPhee is listed in 1863 as living at Nurrabiel in the first book of ratepayers in the newly erected shire of Horsham. John McPhee is buried in this Natimuk Cemetery, and so are his wife's father Samuel Loney, his two daughters Janie and Alice, and his brother Archibald McPhee who died in June 1876. Bridget McPhee died in 1923, and is buried at Kenmare. John McPhee's father, also John McPhee, who was born in Inverary Scotland in 1796, died at Little River in 1867 after just 14 years in Victoria. His wife Charlotte MacArthur had died in Scotland.

This memorial plaque recalls also the family of John and Bridget McPhee: John, Alice, Janie, Charlotte (married Billy Brasier of Rainbow), Kate (married George Hassall of Wootong Vale and Coleraine), Archie (married Mary Murphy of Natimuk), Jimmy (married Julia Murphy of Natimuk), Margaret (married Harry Sisson of Natimuk), Mary Ellen (married James Bernasochi of Walhalla), Robert (married Bridget Liston of Beulah West), Emily (married John Murphy of Natimuk), and Hector (married Katie Liston of Beulah West), and this memorial recalls the fifty six grand children of John and Bridget McPhee.

This memorial plaque recalls also the Aboriginal neighbours and friends, and at times protectors, of the McPhee family, especially the people of the Glenelg and Wimmera tribes, at the juncture of whose territories the McPhees once lived.

This memorial recalls these following other McPhee neighbours, relatives and friends of early Natimuk: Michael Healy, Alexander McPhee, Jane, Samuel, Robert and Eugene Loney, Fabian Ryan, Agnes Ryan,

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Tom and Mary Murphy, Alec Scott, Mrs Lamont, Rev. Thomas Barrett, Ronald Cameron and Jessie McPhee Cameron, Michael Jackman, Henry and Frances O'Bree, William Kenny, Charles Wilson, Hector A. Wilson and members of the Natimuk Agricultural and Pastoral Society with whom John McPhee worked for the development of the Natimuk District, including E. Haustorfer, J. McClure, G. Klowss, L. Lange, A. E. Beard, W. Nichterlein, J. Naismith, W. Kubale and T. Blight.

Mary Durack's Jock McPhee

Sent in by Bernie McPhee

In her 1959 book, "Kings in Grass Castles", Mary Durack mentions a Jock McPhee on several occasions, in relation to the Kimberly region of West Australia.

Durack mentions McPhee as associated with the 1885 first stirrings of Kimberly settlement:

"Grandfather's notes record that 20 Pounds was paid at this stage for services rendered by one Jock McPhee".

"Like many another whose name crops up in every journal and memoir of the time, the threads of this hardy bushman's story cross and recross the paths of better documented pioneers, and here he was opportunely to pilot the cattle over a difficult pinch across the Victoria-Ord River divide." (Page 287-8 "Kings in Grass Castles", Mary Durack, Constable, London, 1959)

Cathie Clement, writing in the BOAB BULLETIN of August 1997, comments on this passage from Durack: It is noted that, although Mary Durack refers to this man as Jock McPhee, he is likely to have been R.C.S.McPhee."

Durack tells of the other 1884-1885 Kimberly pioneers, with whom McPhee was associated: Ned Weldon and Pat Buchanan, William O'Donnell and William Carr Boyd, surveyor Johnston, all living on their diminishing stores procured from the Roper River depot. After Hall and Slattery found gold in the Kimberly, hopeful miners rushed there. At the same time R.C.S. McPhee rode from Port Darwin with three aboriginal males to prospect for gold at the head of the Ord River.

Subsequently, many rushed to McPhee's Creek, named by William O'Donnell after R.C.S. McPhee. (According to both D.W. de Havelland and Cathie Clement.) Durack's Jock McPhee and R.C.S. McPhee are in the same place at the same time. They are the same person.

With the opening of the Wyndham port in 1886, and the gold rush to Hall's Creek, McPhee's role evolves. Durack (Page 311) says: "A few prospecting parties had already arrived, and Jock McPhee, who had piloted the cattle over the last stage, had ridden in and paid for his stores with a nugget his blackboy had picked up in the bed of the Mary River."

Durack's final mention (Page 318) of Jock McPhee is still in that 'Golden Year' of 1886, a time of great progress and prosperity. Durack tells of how her father and her uncle spotted "old Jack Horrigan", lately head stockman on Thy-lungra and Kyabra, with his bandy legs and the big stockman's hat strapped under his chin, and Georgie Lamond, jockey at the Cooper race meetings and horsebreaker on Kyabra, who introduced their mate Jock McPhee, and told how with another man named McKenzie, they had gone into partnership in a butchering business on the fields, and had come to offer gold as spot cash of beef.

In his book: "Gold and Ghosts", D W de Havelland says that McPhee, Jack Horrigan and Barney Lamond became the first butchers in the Kimberley. D W de Havelland was talking about R.C.S McPhee, whom he lists in his index to this wonderful book as R.M.C McPhee.

It seems fairly conclusive that "Jock McPhee", "R. C.S. McPhee" and "R.M.C McPhee" are one and the same person. A nephew of R.C.S. McPhee, a certain Hector McPhee, had carved his initials on his violin as "HMC", following the usage of the Robert McPhee, who signed his initial sometimes as "RMC McPhee".

Cathie Clement of the Kimberly Society has written a brief biography of Robert C. Scarlett McPhee who was introduced to readers of the Macfie Clan Society Newsbulletin in its 1995 edition. In reference to a later period of his prospecting, R.C.S. McPhee's diary of a three month expedition into the Pilbara, commencing August 1887, is reprinted in D.W. de Havelland's book, commencing on Page 92. Jack Horrigan is still with R.C.S. McPhee on this expedition.

Genealogy

Submitted by Trevor Phee

Aberdeen & Toukley

The third Aberdeen Highland Games were again a success this year, although the attendance of spectators were down a little on previous years. Scottish pipe bands, Highland games and Scottish dancing were well represented on the day, with people coming from as far away as Armidale, Brisbane and Sydney to attend the Games. Representing the Macfies were Geoff and Ruth McPhee, Sandy and Norah McPhee, Jane Webster and Trevor Phee. A thank you to Geoff and Ruth for organizing the tent on the day.



This was our first year at Toukley even though this event was in its sixth year. It is some what like Aberdeen but there is more dancing than games. Like Aberdeen it starts off with a parade of Scottish bands and people wearing period costumes through the town and ends up at the gathering. The Macfies were represented by Sandy and Norah McPhee and Trevor Phee. Thank you to Scottish House for supplying a tent on the day. People came from Lithgow to Scone. The Lithgow Pipe and Drum band gave an impressive performance, when they included a line dance routine while playing a Scottish tune.

Internet Sites

skylinc.net/~lasmith/genuki/BUT/ This site will take you to the Islands of Arran, Bute, Cumbraes, Holy Isle, Inchmarnock and Paladda. You will find Census and Church records, and as well a lot more information on this site.

ballaratgenealogy.org.au/ships/ This site will give you the Highland and Island Emigration Shipping information and as well other shipping information.

home.clear.net.nz/pages/nzsoghamilton/shipping.htm This site covers Australia, New Zealand, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales in regard to ships, passenger lists and immigration.

ask.prov@dpc.vic.gov.au Information on all unassisted passengers to Victoria.

rootsweb.com/~ausbdm/aus/index.html This site will link you to all of the birth, death and marriage records in all of the states and territories of Australia.

Family & Military Records

Earlier this year I said that I was going to write to families in regard to either obtaining a copy of their family tree or to assist where possible in regard to those families who do not have a lot of information on their immediate family. I have decided against writing to individual families, given there are so many and as I have in the past written to families sometimes twice, without reply. You yourself know if you have submitted your family details with the historian, for those who have not I am leaving it up to you to either send in your details or not. For those wishing to send in details of their immediate family I would also appreciate photos (of early ancestor) and copies of any certificates, letters and newspaper articles as well. I have birth, death and marriage records for all states and territories and as well some early Scottish records. Also I have shipping records for all states from as far back as 1788 to 1900. If anyone would like me to look up any information for them please feel free to get in touch. I may even be able to put you in touch with other family relatives, as we have just on one hundred families documented and names and address's in regards to these families, some of which are in New Zealand.

Clyde Smythe, our Military Historian has over the years been gathering information on McPhees/McPhies who have served in various conflicts from Culloden to Vietnam. This information is being put into a book. It would be appreciated if anyone that has not submitted information on their fighting McPhee/McPhie please do so. Photos and war service records would also be appreciated.

Sydney BGM It was good to finally meet so many people who I had only previously been in touch with either by phone or email. From an historian's point of view the weekend was a success. However, a number of people have indicated that they would send me information, photos and names and addresses of people I should get in touch with in regard to their immediate families. Unfortunately no information has yet been received. For the record since being the senior historian I have had more co-operation from non-members than the members.



McPhee Families

**Sent in by Trevor Phee Clan Society Historian
NSW Families.**

Archibald McPhee & Janet Gentle: (Cooma McPhies) Information from Norman Chambers (Q91-764), Russell Mattock (N84-544), Lynette Mok from New Zealand Katie Lloyd of Tarro NSW and Gwen Hubert of the ACT. A great grand daughter of Archibald & Janet was Mrs Jocelyn McPhee of Chatswood, Sydney. Archibald & Janet arrived in Sydney on the "**Walter Morrice**" in 1849. A photo of Archibald & Janet is held in our file's.

John, McPhee & Sarah McPherson: (Scone McPhees) Information from Jane Webster (N95-879), her cousin Robyn Wilson, Ron Gunn, and Norah McPhee (N74052). This family are off the "**William Nicholl**" that arrived in 1837. There are two books & photos held in our files, one on the McColl side and one on the Caslick side.

Peter McPhee & Jane McMaster: (Mudgee McPhees) Information from Andrew McPhee (N74-024), Michael McPhee (N77-254), John Allen McPhee (N77-351), Robert Bruce McPhee and Elaine Kurtz from Mudgee. Peter and Jane were off the "**Boyne**" that arrived in Sydney in January 1839.

Malcolm McPhee & Mary McCallum: Information from Maurine Cunningham (N76-214) and Margaret Thompson of London. Maurine and Margaret are related. Maurine's grandfather was a brother of Margaret's grandmother, Margaret Connell Boone (nee McPhee). Malcolm is off the "**Earl Grey**" that arrived in Sydney in 1852.

Catherine McPhee & John Davison: Information from Elizabeth Wilson (Q82-510) and Ester Lorraine (Loma) Whytcross (N85-554). (Clarence River McPhees). Photos held. These McPhees were off the "**Brilliant**" that arrived in January 1838. They are related to **Thomas McPhee & Janet Cameron** who were on the "**Kate**" that arrived in Sydney in 1852.

Thomas McPhee & Janet Cameron: see Catherine McPhee & John Davison file. This family are off the "**Kate**" that arrived in Sydney in October 1852.

Euphemia McPhee & Hector McLean: Information from Doug Morrison. Two sons of Euphemia & Hector, John, Donald and their families arrived in Sydney on the "**British King**" on the 28 th of February 1839.

Alexander Mcfie & Mary Gibson: Information from Marina Borkowskis (N94-849).

Duncan McPhee & Annie Jones: Information from Charles and Doris McPhee (Newcastle). Duncan's mother remarried, to a McPhee and changed Duncan's surname.

THE CLAN COMMANDER'S VISIT TO STONE MOUNTAIN (From Clan News)

Clan Macfie Members with Clan Commander Sandy McPhie in front of the MacFie Clan Society of America tent at the 30th Anniversary Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival in Atlanta, GA, USA on 17th October.

The long trip to Atlanta and return home to Townsville in Northern Australia (22 hours flying time each way) was well rewarded by a most enjoyable five days as a Distinguished Guest of the Games organization and by contact throughout with Clan Macfie members. The warm welcome, hospitality and friendship extended by the organisers, Clan members and the 15 or so visiting Clan Chiefs was outstanding. The Games themselves were well attended and provided the high standard of entertainment for which they are renowned. Sadly, health problems prevented this year's Honoured Guest, the Duke of Montrose, Chief of Clan Graham, from attending.

Jim and Ginger McAfee and family had the MacFie Clan Society of America tent functioning well. A steady stream of Clan members and other interested people called during the Games. Jim also hosted a pleasant Clan Dinner and Ceilidh following the Clan Society's Annual General Meeting on the Saturday evening.

I was delighted to make contact with so many members of Clan Macfie, to renew friendships and to establish new ones. A number of MacDuffie and Cathey members were present including Armiger Wayne Cathey and family from Florida and Tom MacDuffie of Georgia, Vice-President of the MacDuffie/Macfie Clan Society of America. Don Cathey, President of the Cathey Reunion Association, and Boyt Cathey came down from South Carolina to see me on the Wednesday. My Clan Commissioner in the United States, Bruce McDuffie, was there on the weekend accompanied by his wife, Wini. It was great to see them again as too, it was to see so many other old friends amongst Clan members present.

Our Clan name was certainly well to the fore on the weekend and from discussions I had with Jim and Ginger and other members of the Clan Society, arrangements are well in hand for the International Gathering of Clan Macfie in Gatlinburg, TN, USA, next May. If Stone Mountain this year is any indication, next year's Gathering will be a beauty – a definite “not-to-be-missed” event for Clan members.

On my trip over to Atlanta I had the pleasure of meeting Kenneth McAlpine at Los Angeles air-



port. Kenneth is leading the move to have the MacAlpines recognized as a Clan in their own right. As one of the original Siol Alpin Clans, Clan Macfie supports Kenneth's endeavours. He has met the Lord Lyon and is steadily progressing matters, but as with all things of this nature many years of hard work lie ahead. We wish them well. Ken very kindly presented me with a copy of Duncan Bruce's "The Mark of the Scots" and a sprig of Scots Pine, plant badge of the Siol Alpin Clans.

CLAN DIARY
To all Clan Members and their families

With best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Peaceful New Year

From Clan Commander Sandy and Helen McPhie

(The 27th May each year is Clan Macfie DayLet's celebrate!)

AMONGST THE MEMBERS (From the Clan News)

- **Alan McPhee (Myanmar)** is currently the Human Resource Manager with Premier Petroleum Ltd., in Myanmar (Burma). With over 20 years experience in the industry in The Middle East, Africa and Asia, he has been based in Rangoon for the past four years. Originally from Inverness, Alan is looking at another move in the New Year to Africa, or perhaps India, as a result of Company restructuring. Alan's wife Karen, and their daughters Lauren (14) and Kirsty (13) live in the UK but the girls and Alan make regular visits back and forth.
- **Gary MacPhie (Tanzania)** is on the move again. Not home to Canada as he had anticipated, but to Qatar in the Persian Gulf where he is the Head of the Primary School with some 250 children aged 7 – 11 as part of the Qatar Academy's total enrolment of 900 pupils aged 3 to 18. Gary and family (Barbara and their daughters Jameson (6) and Maggie (4)) live in a western style housing estate with a number of other ex-pats and are enjoying their new surroundings. Before leaving Tanzania Gary and Barbara climbed Kilimanjaro, which puts Helen and Sandy's trip to the top of Ayres Rock in Australia in the shade..... Gary's address: Qatar Academy, P.O. Box 129, Doha, Qatar and Email: gmacphie@qf.org.qa
- **James McPhee (New Zealand)** and friends returned safely from their Air Safari from New Zealand to Australia's Northern Territory and home again. No major problems were experienced on the month long trip during which James and Mary logged 65½ hours flying time and 7,569 nm in their RV6, Mike Romeo Victor. The future ? – certainly will be faster as the RV6 has been traded in on a bigger and better Mooney.
- **Judy Cundy**, Editor of the New Zealand Clan Society Newsletter, and Clan Society Vice-President, is now at 57A SHZ, RD1, Masterton, New Zealand.

Scottish Wills

The Will below is for Alexander McPhee who died on the 8/3/1835. the Will is reproduced below for easy of reading with the kind permission of the Scottish Archives

Will of Alexander McPhee

(Reprinted from the Will obtained from www.scottishdocuments.com. At Glasgow the 23 April 1835 Compeares, James Schaw Writer Glasgow and gave an inventory to be recorded whereof the tenor follows.

Inventory of the personal estate of Alexander McPhee Porter in Glasgow who died at Glasgow upon the 8th day of March 1835 years.

Principal sum contained in a deposit receipt by the Glasgow Union Banking Company dated the 5th day of March 1835, 40 *pounds*. Interest thereon at date or definite death. Deceased household effects valued by A. Cameron, Joiner Glasgow at Pounds 2.13.6, total *pounds* 42.13.7.

At Glasgow the 23day of April 1835 years.www.scottishdocuments.com.

In presence of James Watson Esquire Advocate commifary Depute of Lanarkshire. compreared Ann Macdonald residing in Glasgow who residing in Glasgow who being solemnly sworn examined Depronos that the said Alexander McPhee her husband died at Glasgow on the 8th day of March last.

That the Deponent was upon the 15th day of April. Current decerned *executrodate* qua elect to her said deceased husband by Walter Moir Eaq Commissary Depute of Lanarkshirte and as such she has entered upon the possession and management of the deceased personal estate.

That the Deponent does not know of any settlement or writing related to the deposit of the deceased personal estate or effects or any part thereof.

That the foregoing inventory which is signed by the Deponent and the said Commifsary as relative hereto is a full and true Inventory of all the personal or moveable estate effects of the said deceased Alexander McPhee wheresoever situated already recorded or known to be recovered or known to be existing belonging or due to him beneficially at the time of his death and that the said estate situated in Scotland is the value of *pound* 20 and under the value of 100 *pounds*.

All which is truth as the Deponent shall answer to God and further deponents that she cannot write (signed) James Watson

WORLD WAR I

Private Jim McPhee,
3rd Field Ambulance, A.I.F.

Private Jim McPhee served with the AIF as a stretcher bearer at Gallipoli, and in the major battles in France. Jim kept a diary of his experiences and his record of one day at Ypres is typical of that of any World War I soldier.



"September 1917, Swung down carrying wounded to Hell Fire Corner and on to Menin Road under the pounding artillery. Things could not possibly be worse. Up the corduroy track, packed with walking wounded and Hun prisoners from Polygon Wood. We all threaded a tortuous course through the horse and mule transport pouring up the cranky, shell-torn road. A splendid team, killed overnight, formed part of its foundations in one part. Returned from a carry we were told off to report to the regimental M.O. at the advanced battalion line - I surged inwardly.

'Down the slope of Belvaarde Ridge we trudged after our M.O. through the crashing batteries in the valley, and on to Westhoek Ridge, down its slope to Nun's Wood Valley and up the next ridge with earth and smoke spurting. Bock, one of our bearers suddenly sang one of our ditties:

Good-bye General Birdwood,
Farewell Godly too
Ever since we left Australia
We've been mucked around by you!
and then he cursed the day he'd left Australia.

'What remained of the guiding tape brought us to some of the 13th Battalion on the crest. The ground appeared to be sewn with dead. suddenly all eyes were drawn to Polygon Wood, ominous, blasted and gaunt, not a kilometre away, into which descended a deluge of shells. Gloomily we felt that the Boche's metal was not the inferior stuff the London papers had tried to make us believe. Machine-gun bullets swished savagely and I was blinking - unconsciously I think, blinking as SOS to Heaven!

'We reached the advanced dressing post pretty exhausted. There the M.O. and dressers of the 15th Battalion coolly dressed outside what wounded would not fit inside. Khaki and grey dead looked up. We took refuge in a sap and whizzbangs smashed part of it and dazed us. A nearby heliograph flashed and under the same heavy fire two bomb-laden diggers crossed to the front line on higher ground, with an assumption of carelessness that thrilled us."

Jim McPhee survived the War to live to a ripe old age and to contribute to Patsy Adam-Smith's book 'The Anzacs'.

Reference: Patsy Adam-Smith, *The Anzacs* - quote from Jim McPhee. With many thanks to Clyde Smythe for collecting and formatting this personal account of Macfie Clans folk serving in the Australian Services.

Maclean - The Scottish Town in Australia

Maclean is very proud of its Scottish origins, and you may wonder how Maclean came to be appropriately named.

In the early 1800's during the Highland Clearances, the Scottish people experienced great hardship and migration was their best option. Dr J. Dunmore Lang a Presbyterian clergyman in Sydney, induced the Home Government to provide free passages and some 4000 Highlanders came to the colony in the period 1837 - 1852. Many settled on the Hunter River and came north from 1862 when Free Selection began and the town of Maclean was laid out. It was called Maclean after the Surveyor-General who had just visited the Clarence, Alexander Grant Maclean.

The first Highland Gathering was held in 1893 and subsequently the Lower Clarence Caledonian Society was formed and still flourishes today.

The Maclean Pipe Band was formed in 1897 and adopted the Maclean of Duart tartan for its uniform.

In 1961 the new Maclean High School adopted the Maclean Hunting tartan for its uniform and the school song is sung to the tune 'Scotland the Brave.'

In 1988 Maclean was formally declared the Scottish Town in Australia and in the same year Australia Post introduced the pictorial Scottish post marker. The Maclean Bicentennial Memorial Cairn was built and dedicated in 1988.

Maclean has two schools of Highland dancers and a Scottish Country dance club. Gaelic Street and Park signs with English equivalents now take pride of place in Maclean.



Letters to the Editor

From: Trevor Phee

Since taking on the role of Clan Society Historian and in the last few years attending the Aberdeen Scottish Games and the Scottish gathering at Tuggerah, it has come to my attention that it is always the same people who organise tents etc, and attend these gatherings. It is the same for Bundanoon each year.

These members are now getting on in years and will not be able to keep it up for much longer. There are also a number of Scottish gatherings in and around Sydney on a yearly basis where we have no one in attendance. We need to somehow get more (young) people to organise and attend these gatherings not just in NSW but also in the other states and territories.

Given that we have more members than other Clans we have a very low number of members being interested in the Society other than receiving Newsbulletins. Also in regards to Clan banners and signage that is taken to these gatherings, we (Macfie Clan) look like the poor relation and do not stand out like the others given the size of their signs and banners etc. We need to do something in regard to getting decent signs and banners made. As I have stated before I have more response from non members in regard to them sending me details on their families. We only have about 100 families documented where we should have around 400 documented. I realise that all of what is done is done on a voluntary basis but if the Clan wishes to prosper and grow in Australia then something drastic needs to be done to get more members involved in regard to attending Scottish gatherings etc and to somehow make the Clan more visible to the public and attract new members. Also we need members with tents who will attend such gatherings.



From: Moyna J Scotland Secretary Scottish House

Dear Clan Secretary

As an Organisation Member of Scottish House. we invite your Clan to consider having a Clan Day at our new Office Reference Research Library in Room 3 at, "Willow Park", 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. As previously advised we have this facility open on each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 3pm. By arranging "special clan days" we trust that membership of both clans and the Scottish community will 'increase as more people become aware of their Scottish heritage, traditions and culture.

Already two Clan Groups have arranged regular days when they will be available for people 'who are interested in their particular Clan.

Tea, Coffee & Milk are available in our room, but it is BYO lunch for those on "duty". The nearest shops are located in Hornsby Westfield Plaza. We also have a small Fridge for cold drinks.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Scottish House Secretary, Moyna Scotland, on 9477-4619 at Hornsby or after hours on 9644-4647 should you have any questions re this invitation.

Yours sincerely, Moyna Scotland

Some good news from Bundanoon At the 2002 Bundanoon Highland Gathering the Clan Societies were informed that attendance at the 2003 Bundanoon would require a public liability certificate of currency, this would have cost approximately \$800 and would have prevented most Clans from having tents on the day. After much negotiation our Treasurer has secured insurance cover for Brigadoon 2003.

You will be pleased to know that this insurance will *also cover* the Clan sites with one proviso, that they are *to be information sites only*, which means that Clans would be unable to conduct a raffle or sell Clan goods, of any description.

Coming Events



**Scottish Week 23
November – 1
December 2002**

**Saturday 23rd
November**
Excursion to Jodja
(20Km from Mit-
tagong) Mine
worked by Scottish
miners in the early
1900s.

Sunday 24th November
Kirkin of the Tartan, St Stephens Macquarie Street
Sydney at 10.00am followed by March of the clans
setting off at noon to the The Sydney Domain for a
family picnic and opening of Scottish Week concert.

Monday 25th November
Parliamentary Lunch. Cost \$60 per person

Tuesday 26th November
Afternoon lecture at History House, cost \$10.00
Formal dinner at the Queens Club 7.00 for 7.30pm. In
the company of the Earl of Dunmore, Cost \$65.00

Wednesday 27th November
Callum's Ceilidh at North Sydney Leagues club, cost
\$20.00

Thursday 28th November
History Lecture hosted by the Sydney Society for
Scottish History, cost \$15.00

Friday 29th November
Sunset BBQ at HMAS Waterhen Waverton com-
mencing at 6.00pm cost \$40.00

Saturday 30th November
Opening of Scottish House premises at Willow Park
community Centre Hornsby at noon
Grand Scottish Ball at the Roundhouse University of
NSW, Cost \$85.00

Sunday 1st December
Cairn inspection Ceremony at Rawson Park followed
by a Gathering
Pub night at Glasgow Arms Harris Street Pyrmont

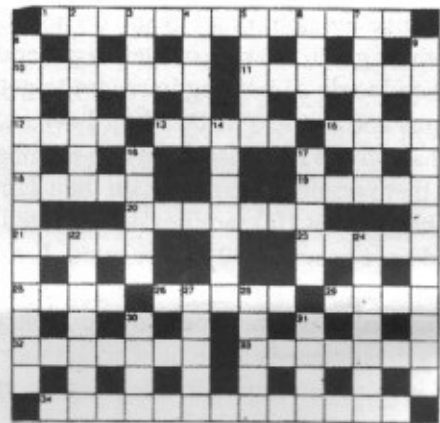
It was blondes hair, there and everywhere



Voni McFee

Our very own Clan Commander assures us that it
was the name McFee that caught his eye and then
examined the photograph, closely, *sure thing Sandy*.
The photograph includes the former Miss Universe
Australia Voni McFee. Maybe someone can point
out Voni. My guess is front left?

*Scotsword reproduced from the Scottish Banner,
See Back Page for solution*



Clues Across

- 1) District of Edinburgh (1,3)
- 10) A deer's crowning glory (7)
- 11) Unprofessional (7)
- 12) Preserve and store (4)
- 13) Clan badge (5)
- 15) Location north of Dunoon (4)
- 18) Part of a Pound (5)
- 19) Scots resignation (5)
- 20) Village South of Mallaig (7)
- 21) The daisy's Scottish name (5)
- 23) Town near Macduff (5)
- 25) Scots narrow alleyway (4)
- 26) Of the salmon family (5)
- 29) The second letter from overseas (4)
- 32) Fleas, midges, etc. (7)
- 33) The Jacobites darling (7)
- 34) Their capital is Kirkwall (6,7)

Clues Down

- 2) Village east of Alyth (7)
- 3) Sliders, double nougats, 99s, etc. (4)
- 4) Never first (5)
- 5) Scots families (5)
- 6) Cold Easterly wind (4)
- 7) Smoking to a Scot (7)
- 8) Fertile Tract along River Tay (5,2,6)
- 9) Charles's royal title (6,2,5)
- 14) Note (7)
- 16) Scots kids (5)
- 17) Football with strange-shaped ball!
- 22) Royal house or castle!
- 24) Goaded (7)
- 27) Skye is often called this (5)
- 28) Scots pools! (5)
- 30) Examine the survey (4)
- 31) Celebration (4).

Unclaimed Monies

The information below is available from the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC). For more information search the ASIC Web Page <http://www.asic.gov.au>

The list below is only a small number of unclaimed monies. Information is available for all surnames and spellings.

Bennett, Terry Allan McPhee Pamela	\$582.72	17 southern Crest Craigieburn Vic
McPhee & Meyer Doctors Assoc	\$827.67	190 St George Tec Perth WA
McPhee AJL	\$40.00	11 Bedford St Gordon Park
McPhee Angus James	\$1896.88	9 James St Redcliffe QLD
McPhee Barry Edward	\$871.68	C/- PO Batchelor
McPhee Betty D	\$36.20	159 Wells St Mt Gambier
McPhee Carol	\$177.53	23 West St Paddington NSW
McPhee Desrae	\$108.60	12/359C Bronte Rd Bronte NSW
McPhee E	\$ 124.70	18 Etzel St Airport West VIC
McPhee Eileen A	\$2968.31	14 Leonard Ave Kingsford NSW
McPhee Jason	\$402.14	Unknown
McPhee KC	\$1654.00	19 Pearson St Lockleys SA
McPhee Lindsay	\$90.00	59 Hitchcock Ave Barwon Heads
McPhee LM	\$205.00	70 Park St Scone NSW
McPhee MR	\$71.20	15 Harris Place Seaton SA
McPhee Maureen	\$180.00	173 Mills St Rosewood QLD
McPhee Raymond	\$961.20	C/-ANZ Bank Silverwater NSW
McPhee Robina Atd Callum	\$666.24	7 Douglas St East Malvern VIC
McPhee Terry Charles	\$771.72	3 Carter Pl Bridgewater SA

Five Englishmen boarded a train just behind five Scots, who, as a group had only purchased one ticket. Just before the conductor came through, all the Scots piled into the toilet stall at the back of the car. As the conductor passed the stall, he knocked and called "Tickets, please!" and one of the Scots slid a ticket under the door. It was punched, pushed back under the door, and when it was safe all the Scots came out and took their seats. The Englishmen were tremendously impressed by the Scots' ingenuity. On the trip back, the five Englishmen decided to try this themselves and purchased only one ticket. They noticed that, oddly, the Scots had not purchased any tickets this time. Anyway, again, just before the conductor came through, the Scots piled into one of the toilet stalls, the Englishmen into the other. Then one of the Scots leaned out, knocked on the Englishmen's stall and called "Ticket, Please!" When the ticket slid out under the door, he picked it up and quickly closed the door

They have moved

Pearlie McPhee (V79-463) moved to Pine view Retirement Village 324 Nicholson St Ballarat VIC
 Barbara Knowles (N74-079) moved to 10 Gill Lane Brunkerville NSW 2323
 Rosemary Owens (N90-727) moved to 20 Raymond St Speers Point NSW 2284



Seasons Greetings

**From Brian, Marilyn and the Macfie Clan
Society of Australia Executive**

Solution to Crossword

Across: 1 Craiglockhart, 10 Antlers, 11 Amateur, 12 Save, 13 Crest, 15 Kirn, 18 Ounce, 19 Uppie, 21 Gowan, 23 Banff, 25 Wynd, 26 Smelt, 29 Beta, 32 Insects, 33 Charlie, 34 Orkneyislands

Down: 2 Ruthven, 3 Ices, 4 Loser, 5 Clans, 6 Haar, 7 Reeking, 8 Carseofgowrie, 9 Princeofwales, 14 Epistle, 16 Weans, 17 Ruby, 22 Windsor, 24 Needled, 27 Misty, 28 Lochs, 30 Scan, 31 Gala



THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

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