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From Your President From time to time I'm asked questions about our Clan, why we don't have a Chief, about our Society, what is a Ceann-Cath and so on. Well below I have attempted to answer some of these questions for you including those who have never asked but just wondered.

What is a Clan? A Clan or family is a legally recognised group in Scotland which has a corporate identity and is headed by a Chief and now extends overseas. Who belongs to a Clan is determined by the Chief who decrees acceptable names and spellings.

In the absence of a Chief, and Clan Macfie does not have one as no descendent of our last Chief Malcolm, who was murdered on Colonsay in 1623, has been identified, armigerous members of a Clan can make a submission to the Lord Lyon of the Lyon Court in Edinburgh petitioning him to appoint a Ceann-Cath (Clan Commander).

The Clan Macfie did this in 1981 and the Lord Lyon appointed Dr. Earle Douglas McPhee of Canada Ceann-Cath of Clan Macfie. Earle died in 1982 and for a number of years our Clan had no Ceann-Cath until Alexander Carpendale McPhie (Sandy) of Townsville was appointed Ceann-Cath of Clan Macfie in 1989.

Clan Macfie Surnames. The list of names recognised by Ceann-Cath, Sandy McPhie, are listed on the back page

Why the spelling Macfie? This is the spelling of the Clan name as used by the Lyon Court. There has been much debate on this both within and outside the Clan.

MacPhee is a commonly used but alternative spellings and MacDuffie appear in early manuscripts as an alternative to Macfie/MacPhee. It is fairly generally accepted that the Macfie spelling for the Clan name became fixed in modern usage after Robert Macfie of Langhouse and Airds who received a grant of Arms in 1864. These became the first Arms for a Clan member to be recorded in the Register of All Arms and Bearings of Scotland .

The Register was commenced in 1672; 49 years after our last Chief was murdered. A Clan Chief, if we ever have one, could if they so wished, alter the spelling of the Clan name.

All correspondence should be sent to:

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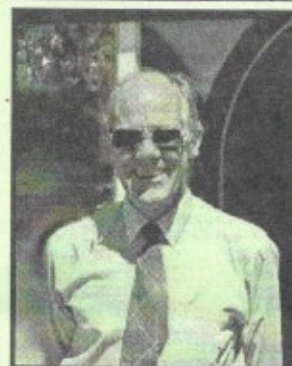
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What is the Macfie Clan Society of Australia?

This is members of our Clan banding together to form a Society to:

- Act as a representative body of Clan members in Australia,
- Research and record our Clan history in Australia,
- Promote fellowship amongst our members,
- Take an interest in the welfare of our members,
- Establish ties with other Clan Societies around the world.

What are the responsibilities and powers of a Ceann Cath?

As Ceann-Cath, Sandy has all the powers of a Chief with one very significant exception. His appointment is not a hereditary one. On the death of a Ceann-Cath, if the Clan wants to appoint a new one, the armigerous members must once again petition the Lord Lyon with an appropriate nomination.

It is in applying one of the powers granted to a Ceann-Cath that Sandy has decreed the names and spellings thereof which he recognises as entitled to membership of Clan Macfie.

What is an Armiger?

An Armiger is member of a Clan who on making appropriate representations to the Lord Lyon may be granted arms and then they are armigerous.

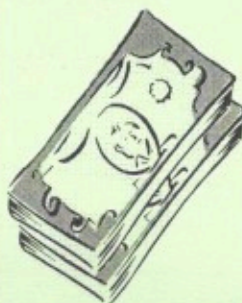
Clan Macfie has 24 armigers of which 2 are Australians.

I hope this is just what you want and I shall try and find out just what the Lyon Court is and touch on other matters such as Clan Commissioners.

In the meantime let's all take good care of each other,

**Yours in Clanship,
Brian**

Donations



Thank you to the following members for your generous donations. They are really appreciated and help enormously in allowing our Society to carry out its objectives.

Bruce McPhie	Box Hill North, VIC
Flora Barnes	Drummoyne, NSW
Clyde Smythe	Turrumurra, NSW
Bruce McFee	Bondi, NSW
Sally McPhee	Wooloowin, QLD
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John McPhie	North Adelaide, SA
Ann Leask	McLaren Vale, SA
Jamie McPhee	Unley Park, SA
Nancy Collie	East Bentleigh, VIC
Ian McPhee	Rosanna, VIC
Ruth McPhee	Kew, VIC
Peter McPhee	Abbotsford, VIC
Margaret McPhee	Nedlands, WA
Nevell McPhee	Caloundra QLD
Marlena Turner	Burnie, TAS
John McPhee	Penrith, NSW
Donald McPhee	Banora Point, NSW
Andrew McPhee	Baulkham Hills, NSW
Mairi Petersen	Shell Harbour, NSW
Nella Rutledge	Burwood, Vic
Dene Rutledge	East Doncaster, VIC
Paul McPhie	Cooma, NSW
Meg Davis	Cowes, VIC
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Gwen Jarvis	Dandenong, VIC
John MacPhee	Bracken Ridge, QLD
Ross McPhee	Arthurs Seat, VIC
William McPhee	Seaforth, NSW
Lynette Mok	Auckland, NZ

GENERAL NEWS

Vale.

It is with sorrow we record the deaths of the following members

- Ian McPhee Nedlands, WA
- Malcolm McPhie Mirboo North, VIC
- Stan McPhee Warrnanbool, VIC

Births.

Welcome to a new addition to our ranks.

Chelsea Elise born to Anthea (nee McPhee) and Mark Uebegang, Nailsworth SA in April 2003.

New Members.

A very warm welcome to our new members.

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| Cameron McPhie | Graceville QLD |
| Marion McPhee | Maroubra, NSW |

Scottish Newsbulletins

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia receives copies of several Newsletters from other Clan Macfie Societies and other Clans and Scottish Societies. These Newsletters are available to members to peruse.

The Newsbulletins received are:

- Clan Macfie Society 'The Galley' Scotland
- The Scottish Australian Heritage Council
- McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand
- Cathey Kith and Kin Newsletter
- The Caledonian (Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia)
- The Scottish Link (New Zealand)
- The Scottish Connection (Scottish House Project Sydney)
- Clan Chatter MacDuffie/Macfie Clan Society of America
- The Torch (Macfie Clan Society in Canada)
- PARC MENAI, Celtic Council of Australia
- Clan Cameron Australia Newsletter
- We also subscribe to The Scottish Banner

GENEALOGY

Scotland:

www.scotlandpeople.gov.uk this is a good site for those wanting to look up their ancestors in Scotland. Of course there is a charge.

England & Wales:

www.1837online.com this site will enable you to search and browse the birth, marriage and death indexes for England & Wales, from 1837 to 2001. There is a modest charge for viewing, printing or saving copies of the 'Index'. The minimum charge is five pounds for a view of 50 pages.

In order to view the indexes you will need to download the DjVu viewer, which will necessary for use of the site. This will enable you to view, print and save the indexes, as well as zoom in on those difficult to read names.

New South Wales

The site www.lpi.nsw.gov.au/maps will enable you to look at the old Parish and Historical Maps, some of which date back into the 1800's. Some of them have 'cancelled' written over them, but plots can be clearly seen.

Visiting Scotland

The web site www.ancestralscotland.gov.uk is a complementary online resource that gives information about the regions of Scotland should you wish to visit Scotland.

What's On

Aug 9 Rockdale NSW Social at Uniting Church Bay St Rockdale Info 02 9587 3436

Aug 30 Toukley NSW, Gathering Harry Moore Oval Toukley 7.30-midnight. Info 02 4397 1711

Sep 5-7 Wedderburn Vic, Conference, dinner dance, Info 03 8361 0282

Sep 27 Springwood NSW, Social Info 02 4758 6524

Nov 22-28, Sydney, Scottish Week Ball, display, Ceilidh, Info 02 9362 4114



Clan Macfie News

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A GREAT CLAN GATHERING

JULY 2003

The 14th International Gathering of Clan Macfie was an outstanding success. Host Society for the Gathering, the Macfie Clan Society of America, is to be congratulated on, and thanked for, a job well done. This was in no small way due to the leadership of Clan Society President Jim McAfee and his wife Ginger, and Vice-President Archie McAfee and his wife Lena, as well as the support of Clan Society and Clan members as a whole.

Clan Commander Sandy McPhie



Clan Macfie members gather in front of the Clan tent at the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games

CLAN GATHERING REPORT

Over one hundred Macfies attended the 14th International Gathering of Clan Macfie at Gatlinburg, TN, U.S.A. from the 14th to 18th May this year. Hosted by the Macfie Clan Society of America, the Gathering was run in conjunction with the 22nd Annual Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games, and provided members attending with a busy, varied and enjoyable programme of activities.

Clan accommodation and functions were centred on the Riverside Motor Lodge in downtown Gatlinburg. Members came from the four corners of continental U.S.A. and from overseas. Clan Commander Sandy McPhie of Townsville in North Queensland, Australia, traveled some 31 hours each way from go to whoa to attend the Gathering. Regretfully, his dear wife, Helen, was unable to accompany him for several reasons. Clan Commissioner in the U.S.A., Bruce McDuffie and wife Winnie were present, as too was Clan Commissioner in New Zealand, Leith Brew and wife Yvonne, and David and Shiona Thornley of Scotland, Shiona being a Clan Armiger.

Although rain was forecast for the final three days of the Gathering, the warm sunny days which eventuated (apart from a wet Saturday night) made the Gathering just that more enjoyable.

Some 50 members attended a pre-Gathering "Meet and Greet" at the Riverside on the Wednesday evening. On Thursday 40 Clan members took a bus trip through the Great Smokey Mountains National Park, calling at the Park's well presented Tourist Centre and lunching at the Indian Village of Cherokee in North Carolina. That evening the Clan Commander's Reception and a Ceilidh were held at Riverside, with 66 members present.

Friday morning was free and well utilized by Clan members to wander through the tourist oriented and busy shopping centre of Gatlinburg. In the afternoon the Clan Society conducted three workshops to expand members' knowledge of things Scottish with Jim and Ginger McAfee speaking on the Scottish-Appalachian Music Connection and how the Scots invented the modern world. This was followed by Clan member and tartan expert, Charlie Rhodarmer delivering an amusing and informative talk on tartan dress and Sam Manor, resident Genealogist at the local Sevier County Library, speaking on genealogy matters. The workshops were followed late afternoon by the Gatlinburg Games' Scottish Parade along the main street. Clan Macfie was by far the best represented of all Clans.

That evening 80 members assembled at Riverside for the Clan Macfie Dinner. Guests were welcomed by the Clan Commander.

During the evening, he also welcomed Mrs. Beth Gay of The Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library in Moultrie, GA, into the Clan as an Honorary Member in recognition of her assistance given over many years to Clan Macfie Societies and Members with archive and genealogy enquiries and problems. Mr. Sam Manor was Guest Speaker at the Dinner, giving a most interesting talk on early Scottish migration to America via Barbados, and the corruption in many surname spellings (including Macfie's) at that time.

The excellent dinner was followed by another Clan Ceilidh with a varied programme as many members entertained their fellow Clansmen with song, dance, music, verse and general good fun. Altogether a most enjoyable evening.

The Gatlinburg Highland Games in Mills Park got underway on Saturday morning. Set in an attractive natural amphitheatre, the main oval was ringed by many Clan tents with a number of commercial outlets sited nearby. Clan Munro was the Honoured Clan at these Games and our Clan Commander, Sandy McPhie, the Distinguished Guest. The Clan Macfie tent was crowded out on both days of the Games with Clan members coming and going or just staying to watch the varied entertainment in the ring centre.

Clan members participated in a number of events over the weekend and won their share of prizes. Individual placings going to David McDuffie, first in the Kilted Mile for men and Heather McAfee fourth in the Ladies Kilted Mile. Keith McAfee had the "Bonniest Knees". John McAfee was second in the Kilted Mile; Christy Tews and Amy Fee second and third respectively in the Haggis Toss and John McAfee and the Clan Commander equal second with the Axe Throw. Additionally, we took the team points in Axe Throwing and Haggis Tossing. Five years old Austin McAfee, son of Keith and Holly McAfee, ran the entire Kilted Mile with his parents – surely a good omen for the future. Holly, by the way, handicapped herself by pushing 5 month old daughter, Chloe, in a baby carriage throughout the race!"

On Sunday the traditional Kirking of the Tartan was conducted in Mills Park. During the service past members Joel Macafee, F.B. McFee and Allen Miller were remembered. The Clan participated strongly in the Parade of Tartans in the afternoon as well as finalising competition in some of the above events. The major prizes for Clan participation were announced towards the end of the Games. Clan Macfie was awarded trophies for The Clan Challenge, Overall Participation at the Games and Best Clan Tent thanks to the dedicated work by the members of the Macfie Clan Society of America led by their President Jim and Ginger McAfee and Vice-President Archie and Lena McAfee and supported by Clan members. The Clan Society thus successfully defended the Clan Challenge trophy which it had first won at last year's Games.



Picture: Lena and Archie McAfee and Jim and Ginger McAfee with the trophy won for Best Clan Tent

Scottish Singer and Songwriter Colin Grant-Adams was one of the keynote entertainers at the Games. His most recent song, "The Lone Piper – Jimmy Macfie" was composed in honour of Clan Macfie and sung at the Games.

Overall the Clan Gathering was considered one of the best that Clan Macfie has held. Many old faces were amongst those attending while many new ones made their first formal contact with Clan cousins. The warmth, friendship, enjoyment and participation by those attending will be remembered and treasured by all who were there.

2002 AUDIT REPORT. The Clan Financial Statements for the calendar year 2002 were audited by Griffin Financial Professionals of Townsville, Q. Australia. The Auditors' Report dated 16th February 2003 stated:

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements the financial position of Clan Macfie for the period ended 31 December 2002 and the results of its operations and its cash flow for the year then ended."

GENEALOGY AND HISTORY. There is a difference though both are interwoven. Genealogy may be stated as the enumeration of the members of a family back as far as records can be traced. It is concerned with names, dates and locations of birth, marriage and death, plus names of spouses and offspring. History, on the other hand, includes much or all of this data plus a record of each members' lives deeds and contributions to the common cause of the day.

CANDID CAMERA AT THE GATLINBURG GATHERING



Clan Commissioner (U.S.A.) Bruce McDuffie and wife, Winnie



Alexandra Billon-Wolfe playing at the Ceilidh following the Clan Dinner



Regular Gatherers Nancy and Stuart



Games Director Patrick McCabe presenting the Clan Challenge Trophy to Clan Society President Jim McAfee



Jim McAfee wielding the axe



Archie and Lena McAfee (U.S.A.), Sandy McPhie (Australia), Leith Brew (New Zealand) and Ginger and Jim McAfee (U.S.A.) at the Gatlinburg Games



Clan Honour Guard (left) and Members (above) prepare for the Clans March through Gatlinburg.



Sandy McPhie (Australia), Terry Schoolcraft (U.S.A.) and Yvonne Brew (New Zealand)

BETH GAY – HONORARY MEMBER OF CLAN MACFIE

Clan Commander Sandy McPhie welcomed Mrs. Beth Gay of Moultrie, GA, U.S.A. into Clan Macfie as an Honorary Member during the Clan Dinner at the 14th International Gathering of Clan Macfie in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Beth Gay is one of the driving forces behind the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library at Moultrie, Georgia, in the U.S.A. She is Editor-in-Chief of their newspaper "The Family Tree" and spearheads organising their Annual Scottish weekend festivities. The Library has encouraged Clans and Clan Societies in America to store archive material with it as well as encouraging and assisting with general genealogical research and enquiries. In the thirteen years the archive programme has been in place, 125 Clans/Clan Societies (including Clan Macfie Societies) have stored data with the Library.

The proposal to extend Honorary Membership of Clan Macfie to Beth was brought forward by involved Clan Members and supported by the MacDuffee/Macfie, Cathey and Macfie Clan Societies in the U.S.A.. Clan Commander, Sandy McPhie, in welcoming Mrs. Gay as an Honorary Member said she...."had established a close and harmonious relationship with members of Clan Macfie over a number of years and rendered significant assistance to such members with their genealogical research and facilitated the storage of Archival Material of the Clan, its Clan Societies and Members.....". It is the first occasion on which he has extended Honorary Membership of the Clan to an individual. In addition to attending the Clan Dinner, Beth spent a lot of time with her new Macfie "cousins" during the two days of the Gatlinburg Games. She is, by the way, a member of Clan Henderson and an Honorary Member of the Creek Indian Nation of America.

CLAN DIARY

			(The 27 th May each year is Clan Macfie DayLet's celebrate!)
2003	22/23	Nov	Australia. Sydney Scottish Heritage Week. (Contact: Secretary David Campbell 61 2 9522 3631 or davidcam.cron@bigpond.com)
2004	TBA	May	Australia. 15 th Biennial General Meeting of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia, in Canberra, A.C.T.. (Contact: President Brian McPhee, Tel [08] 8239 0038)
	27	May	Clan Macfie Day worldwide
	TBA	Jul	Sweden. Triennial General Meeting of The Thorburn-Macfie Family Society. (Contact: President Ulf Macfie Hagman, Tel: 0522 13670)
	TBA	Oct	New Zealand. McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand 20 th Anniversary Reunion. Venue and date to be confirmed.
	TBA		Canada. Biennial General Meeting of the Macfie Clan Society in Canada. (Contact: President Ian Macfie Rogers QC Tel: [416] 221 5697(H))

VALE >

The death of two prominent members of Clan Macfie are recorded with regret. Condolences on behalf of all members have been extended to their families.

Allen Miller of Olathe, KS, U.S.A. on 3rd April this year. An early member of the Macfie Clan Society of America, Allen made several trips to Scotland for Clan Parliament and to visit Colonsay. He was a regular, until recently, at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta, GA, and over the past six years convened a Clan Tent at the Kansas City Games. Allen suffered a stroke in February this year and did not recover. He was 55 and is survived by his wife, Norma.

Bruce McPhee of Palmerston North, New Zealand died on 28th May this year after battling illness for some years. He was one of the first members to respond to Belle Brew's call to form a McPhee Clan Society in New Zealand and served as the Society's President in the 1980s as well as other management committee positions for many years. Bruce was 75. He is survived by his wife Shirley and daughters Kristine, Shona and Diane who are the Clan Society's genealogists.

The Best of The Press. Scotland's New Parliament House in Edinburgh carried an original price estimate of around £4 million but has now blown out to £155 million if reports are correct..... 30,000 Pipers and Drummers are to be lured to Edinburgh in 2005 for a record breaking 5 km long four hour parade to raise money for the Marie Curie Cancer Care organisation. The existing record is 8836 pipers who gathered there three years ago..... Scotland's Tourist Authority claims Scotland has the highest concentration of UFO sightings on the planet – over 300 per year, not counting the still unidentified swimming object in Loch Ness. The Authority does not acknowledge any correlation with equally high whisky drinking figures..... The British (i.e., English!) Food Standards Agency is seeking European Commission assistance to ban the use of a sheep's pluck in Haggis making due to health concerns. The move has been criticised by political parties who claim such a ban is unnecessary. The Scottish National Party claiming the move was "ludicrous", "officialdom gone mad" and "quite simply a mad proposal".

Clan Commander's Travel to 14th Gathering. Many Clan members generously assisted in meeting the costs of the Clan Commander's travel to the 14th International Gathering of the Clan in Gatlinburg in May and the Macfie Clan Society of America paid for his accommodation in Gatlinburg. In particular, Boyt Cathey made a special appeal to Cathey Reunion Association members last year to assist with the Commander's travel expenses while Bill and Barbara Morris did the same with Macfie Clan Society of America members this year. All are warmly thanked by the Commander for their generous and greatly appreciated assistance and support. Total cost of travel was A\$3176.31 (Return Air Fares \$2685.00, Airport Taxes \$242.31, Travel Insurance \$127.00 and Accommodation en-route \$122.00). Day to day expenses and an overall net shortfall were met by the Clan Commander.



Clan Macfie Day In Texas. Clan Macfie Day 2003 was a special one for the pupils in 2nd grade at Vanderbilt Elementary School in Texas, U.S.A.. Clan Member Janell Macafee-Hamor and teacher Kathy Johnson combined to present a programme on Scotland and Scottish heritage. Fresh from the Clan Gathering in Gatlinburg, Janell contributed with Scottish Fairy Tales, Poetry, quick geography and tartan lessons and some Scottish Country Dancing. In the photo (right) the children are displaying the Scotland Flags they made of felt in the craft class that day.

Get Well Wishes to Clan Members Bill Morris, Jack Duffy and Bruce J. MacDuffee in the U.S.A.. All three have been battling health problems in recent times.

Email Addresses. Barbara MacPhee (Canada) has a new ISP and can now be found at grand-mac26@shaw.ca. New Zealand Clan Commissioner Leith Brew in online at leym686@xtra.co.nz.

New Zealand Clan Society. Their 2003 AGM and a Clan Macfie Dinner were held at Masterton, North Island, on 24th May. President Eric Wadsworth continues in office for the coming year.

Colonsay Hall Plaque. A small plaque is to be placed in the entrance foyer of the New Village Hall on Colonsay acknowledging Clan Macfie's support for the New Hall Project.



Construction of the New Village Hall on Colonsay was supported financially by Members Of Clan Macfie from around the world.

Colonsay and Oronsay are the Ancestral
Homeland of Clan Macfie

CLAN MEMBERS IN THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICES



WORLD

WAR I

No. 2249, Sergeant George Roy McPhee, 17th Battalion, AIF

George Roy McPhee was 25 years old when he volunteered, in Sydney, for service with the AIF in 1915. After initial training, he was posted to the 17th Battalion [Northern Sydney] and on to France in time for the 'Big Push' Somme Battle in 1916.

He survived the horrors of the Somme battlefields at Pozieres, Moquet Farm and Flers, to be decorated for bravery at Loupart Wood near Bapaume in 1917 with the Croix de Guerre.

The fighting at Loupart Wood was unusual because the German army started to secretly withdraw from their Somme battlefield front line trenches on 20th February 1917 moving 20 miles back to their new super strong Hindenburg line at Arras.

Their plan of withdrawal was to fight a rearguard action from strongly held isolated trenches and outpost villages all the way to their new front line.

Foggy weather aided the German withdrawal - visibility was typically only 50 metres, and so it was extremely difficult and dangerous for the advancing ANZACs to locate the enemy amongst the fields, hedges and woods of the French countryside. Hundreds of our soldiers were killed by unseen German machine gunners and bombers.

On the wintery day of 1st March 1917, Loupart Wood was shrouded in a dense midday fog, when Sergeant McPhee led a bombing party creeping around the flank of the strong German outpost known as 'Malt Trench'. After a violent exchange of bombs, with Roy McPhee's party out distancing the throw of the German bombers, the defend-

ers were all killed and the outpost was captured. The Germans in an adjacent outpost 'Gamp Trench' immediately counter-attacked McPhee's party but were driven off with heavy losses.

The official commendation states: Sgt George Roy McPhee; "On 1st March 1917, conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Was in charge of a flanking party in a raid with great success. During counter-attack he organised a defence of his forward post and remained with two other men against great odds. He displayed great coolness, leadership and bravery."

The AIF Brigade Commander recommended the award of the Military Medal but at that time the French High Command wanted to express their gratitude to the ANZAC Corps and requested that French Military Honours be awarded to ANZAC soldiers who had distinguished themselves in battle. George Roy McPhee was one of those chosen to receive the French Croix de Guerre.

George Roy McPhee survived World War I saying his worst battle horror was the Passchendaele offensive in October 1917 where the deep mud virtually bogged down all troop movements, and made them stationary targets for German shellfire.

George McPhee remained in the Military Reserve between wars, and in World War II he served as a major in the 31st Garrison Battalion NSW.

George Roy McPhee died in 1964 in Sydney.

Reference:

C.E.W. Bean, *Official History of Australia in the War of 1914-18*, Vol IV
Australian War Memorial, Military Records Section.

Thanks to Clyde Symthe for collecting and formatting the information of the Macfie Clan people who served in the Australian Services.

Cleveland Arthur McPhee

We have received a letter from the Public Trustee NSW looking for the son of Cleveland Arthur McPhee.

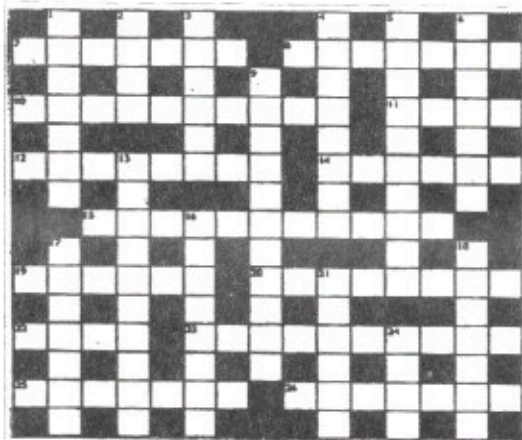
If you know the son or any relative of Cleveland get in touch with the NSW Public Trustee as a matter of urgency. (02) 9601 5399



Regular visitors to Bundadood Colin and Kerrilee MacPhee from Sutherland NSW with Glen McPhee from the ACT

Thanks to *The Scottish Banner* for the Crossword Solution on back page

SCOTWORD



Across

- 7) Scotland's second city (7)
- 8) Finches (7)
- 10) Waterway near Highland capital (5, 5)
- 11) A sound return (4)
- 12) Long-handled axe-like weapon (8)
- 14) Prince Charlie's middle name (6)
- 15) Number one bond! (4, 7)
- 19) Top quality (6)
- 20) Heaven on earth! (8)
- 22) Censor (4)
- 23) Birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots (10)
- 25) Scots attics (7)
- 26) Glencore, the glen of... (7)

Down

- 1) Birthplace of Robert Burns (7)
- 2) River near Airlie Castle (4)
- 3) Famous for birdies (6)
- 4) Holes on course! (8)
- 5) It's hell! (10)
- 6) Carvers (7)
- 9) One of Charlie's 45 victories (11)
- 13) Yeomen of the guard (10)
- 16) Those of high birth (8)
- 17) Old timepiece (7)
- 18) Surprise (7)
- 21) Commando (6)
- 24) Beer ingredients (4)

SCOTTISH WEEK

The SAHC will stage Sydney Scottish Heritage Week—a major community event under the patronage of The Hon Douglas McClelland AC, The Rt Honourable the Earl of Dunmore, and Sir William Broun of Colstoun.

The Duke of Montrose, Scotland's last representative in the House of Lords, has been invited to be their special Guest.

On Saturday 22 November, Scottish Week 2003 will open with a Grand Scottish Ball, and on the 30 November it will close with the St Andrew's Day Gathering in the Domain.

On Sunday 23 November an excursion to Parramatta takes us by River Cat to a wealth of colonial historic sites, focussing on a ramble through Australia's oldest cemetery guided by the Parramatta Historical Society, with a recovery lunch afterwards at world famous Barnaby's on the riverbank.

On Monday 24 November there will be an heraldic Display in Martin Place at 12 noon. All Scottish Armigers are invited to take part. Afterwards there will be a Parliamentary Luncheon at NSW Parliament House.

Please register now with Dr Mathew Glozier (Tel 02 9362 4114). That evening there will be a forum, The Present State of Scotland, addressed by our Chief Guest, featuring the latest news and views from Scotland.

On Wednesday 26 November Calum's Ceilidh, a wonderful evening of Scottish music, poetry and dancing organised by Malcolm Broun will be held, while Thursday 27th sees the return of Scottish Day Golf Day, organised for us this year by Ray Beattie (Tel 9977 2724) at Manly Golf Course.

On Friday 28 November the Inspection of the Scotland-Australia Cairn will take place at 6.30 pm.



1841 Census Data for Colonsay

The following data is a transcript from microfiche records of the 1841 census for Colonsay.

Katrine McFee
 Hugh McFee
 Ann McFee
 Duncan McFei
 Margreat McFee
 Archibald McFei
 Jennet McFee
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HALLOWEEN



Halloween is one of the few pagan-rooted traditions still observed today. Halloween is derived from the ancient pagan festival of Samhain (pronounced Sah-win). With Christianity's rising in the pagan Celtic nations the custom was adapted into a vigil for the feast of All Saints Day (November 1) and observed on October 31, otherwise known as All Hallows' Eve – thus the modern word Halloween.

Nonetheless, it was believed that on this night the veil that separates the world of mortals and normally inaccessible 'Other world' became thin or disappeared completely. This allowed the inhabitants of that dimension- spirit of the dead and the magical fairies (also known the sidhe) to freely enter the world of the living.

On this perilous night, Celtic peoples of the British Isles lit bonfires to keep these malevolent spirit visitors at bay. But with the Celtic love of a good time they also spent the evening immersed in merriment, enjoyed a variety of sport and games. Fortune telling and other divinations of the future were also practiced. Many people engaging in a custom that came to be known as the guises would don disguises resembling all manner of supernatural hosts and masquerades around villages and to confuse the spirits, which evolved into modern tradition of trick or treat.

On a more sombre note the festival of Samhain marked the end of the summer and the beginning of the dark half of the year, winter. In fact some of the sources indicate that the Celts began their year at that time, making November 1 a sort of New Year's Day. That they may have started the year with darkness lends credence to the theory that Celts also began their days at dusk, instead of dawn- leading Julius Caesar to call them the people of the night.

Test your knowledge

1. What is Arthur's Seat in Edinburgh?
2. In Scotland what sort of bird is often called a speug?
3. What sort of fish were called the 'silver darlings'?
4. Threave Castle in Dumfriesshire was a strong hold of which clan?
5. What type of weapons do the Royal Navy test off the Kyle of Lochlash?
6. How many Paps of Jura are there? a)2, b)3, or c)4
7. Where in Scotland would you find Neptune's Staircase?
8. What does Scots word 'stour' mean?
9. Which Scottish regiment was given the nickname the Coalies?
10. Which Scottish town is home to Raith Rovers Football club?

Malcolm McPhie

It is with regret that Bruce McPhie has advised that his father Malcolm McPhie passed away on the 31 May 2003 at the age of 103.



The article below is from the Mirboo North Times of the 5 March 2003, (sent by Kim McDuffie) on the occasion of Malcolm's 103 birthday.

From the Mirboo Times (5/3/2003)

Last Friday morning, it was the privilege of Mirboo Country Inc. to entertain Mr. Malcolm McPhie and some of his descendants at an informal gathering to celebrate his birthday. As most local people know, Mr. McPhie is as active, independent and involved in life as most men half his age.

When asked the secret of his long life he put it down to "Good genes, reasonable health, sensible hard work and a bit of luck." Some of his life was spent in very hard work. He was involved in logging before the introduction of the machinery that assists modern timber workers. He spent some years working in a foundry firing boilers. "That was hot, hard work," he explained with understatement bordering on genius. "We had to keep the furnaces at 140 degrees centigrade, eight hours a day."

Mr. McPhie has not lost the habit of sensible hard work. He still cooks for himself, cleans his flat and potters round his little garden. When interviewed for his 100th birthday he was also looking after the garden of the flat next door, because the lady there was "getting a bit old".

He is a regular volunteer visitor at Grandridge Lodge, and many of the residents joined in his birthday celebration.

He was delighted with their presence and particularly with the birthday cards made for him by the children at the primary school.

In July 2002 Mr Malcom McPhie was awarded the Centenary Medal. The Centenary Medal is to commemorate the centenary of federation and to honour the contribution made to Australian society by its citizens and other persons.

Mr McPhie's first visit to Mirboo was in 1924 when he came to visit his brother at Berry's Creek.

Stan McPhee

In our Newsbulletin of November 2002 we published a photograph of a Bell from a Schooner 'Elisa' and we asked if anyone knew of Stan McPhee who had found the bell.

The funeral notice for Stan McPhee was mentioned in the March 'Downunder'; in the Genealogy Section. The funeral notice from the Herald sun 7 August 2003 read:

McPhee.

James Stanhope Mason

24/5/1915-4/8/2002. A private man, believer in faith co founder of the 'Loch Ard' wreck, raced in Melbourne to Warrnabool cycling races, perfectionist in life. So many adventures in life, so many untold. No more diving, no more cycling, no more pain

GATHERING OF VICTORIAN MEMBERS

When At 2pm on Saturday 23rd August Victorian members are invited to gather.

Where : At Bernie McPhee's home at 30 Wilson Street, Oakleigh (Phone No. 9503 9907) for a gathering where Jan Harper will present a paper on "Colonsay".

Will any Victorian member who would like to attend please contact **Victorian Vice President Maggie Mulherin on 9836 7537**. Sounds like fun to meet up again with kith and kin.

GET WELL

Matthew McPhee is recovering from a triple by-pass which he had in June.

It was no doubt made necessary as he flew back and forth between Perth, where he lives and Melbourne, where his and Bernie's sister in law Betty died earlier in June. Betty was married to Matthew's and Bernie's brother Rolley who died some years ago and she has 10 children many of whom were at Natimuk in December last year.

MACFIE TRAVELLERS PROPOSAL

Kelly McPhee (A93-793) living in the UK is a seasoned traveller and sees a great opportunity for members of the Clan Macfie Society to benefit by hosting guests, showing travellers around the local area and for it being a reciprocal service.

The proposal below is offered for comment and most importantly for those interested in being either a Guide, Host or House Swap.

We envisage that we would develop a data base system to record details. If a member wishes to stay in a certain locality they would contact the Traveller's Club manager and he/she would pass on the information to the potential Guide/Host/House

Travellers' Club

Introduction

The Macfie Clan Society has a great opportunity to coordinate a service for all its members to enjoy holidays and meet other members. There is a degree of security as members of the Traveller's Club must be members of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia. It allows for Society members to mix around Australia and potentially internationally. The hospitality can range from:

- **Tour Guide.** This can include transfers to/from the airport/train/bus, arranging accommodation, providing leaflets on arrival of 'things to see and do', being tour guide for sites and sight seeing, meeting for dinner.
- **Accommodation.** This may include the above plus having accommodation available. This may be a room, granny flat, caravan.
- **House Swapping.** Two people/families arrange to swap houses for a defined length of time with/without a car.

RULES:

1. Must be financial member of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia.
2. Travellers wishing to access the Traveller's Club services in Australia are required to pay \$20.00
3. Host members (Tour Guide, Accommodation) do not pay
4. Number of days stay will be at the discretion of the host.
5. Damage deposits may be required for Home Swap and Accommodation people
6. Hosts are not required to be tour guide and travellers will have to respect the hosts daily routines.
7. Normal respect and appropriate behaviour is expected.
8. If a host(s) does not answer a request, then the traveller must respect this.
9. Anyone abusing the system will be denied future access to the Traveller's Club services.
10. A host will be expected to provide linen, kitchen facilities, bathroom facilities.
11. Meals will be negotiated between the host and traveller.
12. The Macfie Clan Society does not accept any liability for any damage or illegal actions by participants

Traveller's Club Management Details

The manager of the Traveller's Club to maintain records of hosts and arrange contact between the potential host and traveller.

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia will reviewed the operation of the Traveller's Club.

Strict records of all transactions and income must be kept in accordance with the Treasurer's instructions.

Records would include:

- Name of hosts
- Address
- Category eg, Tour Guide, Accommodation, House Swap
- Macfie Clan Society membership number

Procedure

Clan Society members would be asked via the Newsbulletin to register their interest in being a host. In the future the service will be offered to International Macfie Clan Societies.

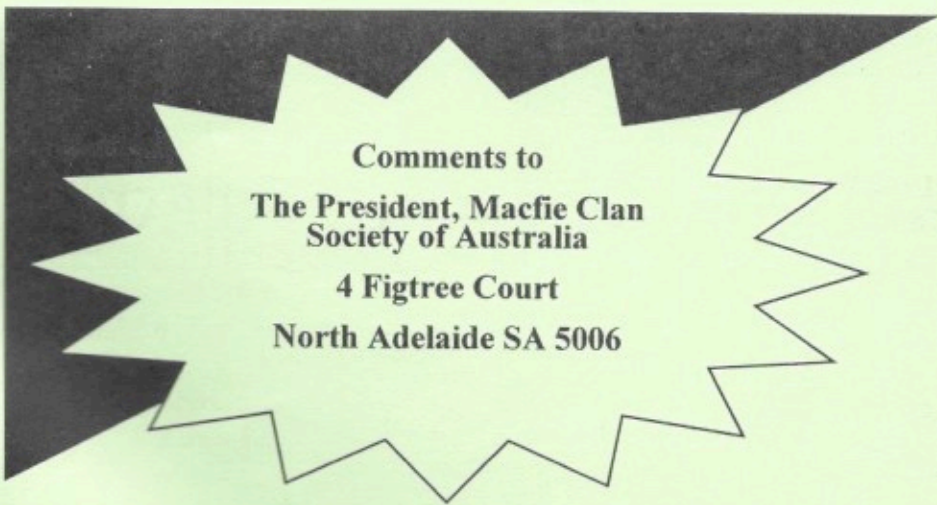
Example

Member from Queensland wishes to stay in Melbourne 2 adults.

Note: An application form to complete with necessary details will be made available

1. Contact the Travel Club Manager, pay \$20,00 (non refundable)
2. Cheque to be made out to Macfie Clan Society of Australia
3. Manager then to contact the potential hosts in the Melbourne area with details of visitors
4. The host can advise the Manager of willingness to participate
5. Manager or host can contact the Traveller
6. Host and visitor to make final arrangements
7. Manager to send feedback forms to the host and visitor.

Your comments and indication of interest please!



Comments to
**The President, Macfie Clan
Society of Australia**
4 Figtree Court
North Adelaide SA 5006

Membership of the Macfie Clan

Membership of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia is open on application to all interested men and women who have surname spellings as listed below; are connected by marriage with, descended from or are adopted by persons qualified under this list.

ATHIE	ATHEY	CATHIE	CATHEY
COFFEE	COFFEY	DUFFIE	DUFFEYDUFFY
FEE	GUFFEY	HAFFIE	MACGOFFIN
MAHAFFY	MAHAFFEY	PHEE	PHIE
MacAFEE	MacAFIE	McAFEE	McAFIE
MacCAFFERTY	McCAFFERTY	MacCAFFREY	McCAFFREY
MacCAFFIE	MacCATHIE	MacCATHEY	McCATHEE
McCATHIE	MacDUFFEE	MacDUFFIE	McDUFFEE
MCDUFFIE	Mac DUFFEY	McDUFFEY	MacFEE
MacFIE	McFEE	McFIE	MacGUFFIE
MacGUFFEY	McGUFFIE	McGUFFEY	MacHAFFIE
MacHAFFY	McHAFFIE	McHAFFY	MacPHEE
MacPHIE	McPHEE	McPHIE	

Solution to crossword

Across

7. Glasgow, 8. Linnets, 10. Moray Firth, 11. Echo, 12. Halberds, 14. Edward, 15. Sean Connery, 19. Superb, 20. Paradise
22. Edit, 23. Linlithgow, 25. Garrets, 26. Weeping,

Down

1. Alloway, 2. Isla, 3. Forfar, 4. Eighteen, 5. Underworld, 6. Etchers, 9. Prestonpans, 13. Beefeaters, 16. Nobility,
17. sundial, 18. Astound, 21. Raider, 24. Hops.

Test your knowledge answers

1, An extinct volcano, 2 A sparrow, 3 Herring, 4 The Clan Douglas, 5 Torpedoes, 6 b) 3, 7 The Caledonian canal, 8. Dust, 9 The Coldstream Guards, 10 Kirkcaldy in Fife

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