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From Your President

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A very special greeting to readers of **THE DOWNUNDER** for this one hundredth issue.

Special Articles

We thought it appropriate to ask people who were involved in the foundation of the Macfie Clan Society in Australia and in the world wide body to tell the story again for us all.

So thanks to our **Clan Commander AC (Sandy) McPhee** for their timely review of the challenging events of our Society.

Ida McPhee

I know that I was most interested to hear of the life and goodness of Ida McPhee, a Presbyterian Missionary to Korea, and so in this issue of The Downunder I have presented a short picture of her life for all our readers. You will discern from the tone of the article that I have a great admiration for the life and work of Ida McPhee.

John McPhee

A recently published book by historian Carl Johnson tells the story of the 2/22 Regiment at Rabaul in New Guinea in 1942. The Regiment was overwhelmed by superior forces in number and equipment. Now at last John McPhee's family are certain of his fate as the book tells how John McPhee, VX 38487, was captured, and two weeks later, in the Tol Plantation, executed. We are grateful to Nella Rutledge, the sister of the late soldier John McPhee, for this information, and now at last John's death has finality in this sad knowledge.



Immigration Museum, Melbourne

In the grounds of the Victorian Immigration Museum, there are two McPhee names, written in granite with water flowing over them continuously. Does any reader of this journal know who is the immigrant called 'Charles McPhee', whose name is so permanently recorded there?

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We will not be sending out renewal notices for subscriptions.

Subscriptions and Donations

Anthony Gartland, Treasurer of the Macfie Clan Society, has been gratified by the way in which your SUBSCRIPTIONS have been coming to him for the calendar year of 2005, and he asks me to pass on thanks and appreciation for this. He asks me to express thanks to the good people who have made donations as follows:

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NEW MEMBERS

The Clan Society warmly welcomes new members and looks forward to their enjoyment and involvement in the Society.:

Ian McPhee,	Berwick Vic V04-995
Vincent McPhee,	Burwood Vic V05-996
Maurice Gartland,	Box Hill South Vic V05-997
Paul McPhee,	Oakleigh Vic V05-998
Frances McPhee-Allan,	Ballarat Vic V05-999
Martin McPhee,	Glen Waverley Vic V05-1000
Michael McPhee,	Carnegie Vic V05-1001
Julie Peters,	West Hobart Tas T05-1002
Sheila Cogan,	Williamstown, Vic V05-1003

(Sheila's maiden name was Hassall, and Sheila's family are descended from Rowland Hassall who came to Sydney on the ship "Nautilus" on 14 May, 1798. Sheila's grandparents were George Hassall and Kate McPhee.)

Carmel McPhee-Lam,	Vermont South Vic V05-1004
Don and Teresa McPhee,	Port Fairy Vic V05-1005



William and Abby (Walsh) McPhee,
parents of new members Don McPhee,
Port Fairy, Vic.

From your President cont

Neil McPhee

Don McPhee tells us that his father Neil McPhee of Mornington Victoria will be turning 90 this coming June – that's 90 years young! He is remarkably active and lives a very full and independent life, with many different interests and pursuits, keeping him very much up-to-date with the world. He also maintains a strong sense of connection with his Scots ancestry and clan culture. Our readers warmly congratulate Neil.

Morrison McPhee

Morrison and Robyn McPhee of Cheltenham NSW will be on Colonsay on the 26 and 27 May, for the Clan day, and for Morrison's birthday.

NEW MEMBERS FROM PORT FAIRY, VICTORIA

Donald and Teresa McPhee

In January, 2005, Bernie McPhee and his brother Pat McPhee visited Port Fairy, Victoria, to welcome into The Macfie Clan Society of Australia two of our newest Society members, Don and Teresa McPhee. Don and Teresa have been living in Port Fairy only three years having retired there from their farming property at Dunkeld, in the shadow of the Grampian mountains. Don's brother Jack McPhee died on 17 March 2004, so we never met Jack. I have a photo of Don and Jack McPhee which Don gave me.

"Flowery Park" at Dunkeld

The original owner of Flowery Park at Dunkeld was Don McPhee's grandfather Donald McPhee. This Donald McPhee had been a successful gold miner and so he bought the first piece of thickly timbered land with part of his eleven hundred guinea share of the profitable Lambing Flat gold mine near Ballarat. Donald later extended the property to two thousand acres, and gave it the name it has kept down to today.



Don's grandfa- ther

When he landed at Portland in 1851, Donald McPhee, who was born in 1833, worked for the Henty brothers for a while. It was not easy, as he had left all his folks back at Borrisaleigh in Inverness Shire, Scotland. Donald apparently did contract carting. Donald married Honora Fanning from Tipperary in Ireland. After

the successful gold mining venture Donald brought his brothers and sisters to Victoria to join him. His brothers Hughie, Angus and John and his sister Mary all made happy transition to the new land. Mary married a McDonald. John's descendant was the renowned cyclist and later bicycle shop proprietor Stan McPhee of Warrnambool, and Angus' grand daughter Lillian Gunn has property in Port Fairy and lives there still. Donald McPhee died in 1907 and is buried at the Penshurst Cemetery at Boram Boram, while Honora had died in 1891.

Flowery Park sold

Donald McPhee's son William McPhee, who was to marry Abby Walsh, took over the running of Flowery Park. William died in 1955. Jack and Don McPhee, Donald's grandchildren had been running the very successful Flowery Park property for a good while before this, with Don on his own for the five years that Jack was away at the War. Three generations of the McPhee family and especially Jack and Don when they ran the farm from the town in latter years, have been staunch supporters of the Catholic Church in Dunkeld.

Bernie and Pat McPhee visited Flowery Park in 2003, before we had ever met Don and Teresa McPhee. The bluestone house has been beautifully restored by the Dunkeld Pastoral Company, and the stone fence around the immediate precinct of the house, originally built by Donald McPhee, is in perfect and beautiful condition. My picture of ourselves on this visit is taken in McPhee's Lane. The name "McPHEE" is written in giant letters in one large piece of granite set into the stone fence. So the memory of this wonderful pioneer family is kept secure for a very long time to come.

Letter from Scotland

The Dunkeld McPhees kept up contact with their Scottish relations. Don and Teresa showed me a letter written to William McPhee from Scotland in 1910, which I'll reproduce here:

31 George St, Glasgow Scotland, May 9th 1910

Dear Cousin,

You will excuse me the liberty I am taking in writing to you. I got your address from your cousin Mrs Egan when your father died. We were very sorry all to hear of his death. I was always going to write but time went by until now. I am sure that you heard that my father died some time ago. My father was your Uncle Alexander. (Alexander was the brother who did not come to Australia when Donald brought all others of his brothers and sisters to Australia, following his success on the gold fields. Ed.) I am sure you have heard your father talk of him. I may tell you I am living in this town in the South of Scotland for great numbers of years. Of course I go home every year on holidays to Spean Bridge. I may tell you that they are all keeping well at home. We had a friend home from Australia on holidays for a twelve month. He had gone back again. I gave him all the addresses I had, and he will most likely give you a call. He had been through that part of Australia before. He has a farm near Sea Lake called Oakfield. Of course he will be able to give you all the news about the friends and the old country. I would like very much to have a run across to see you all as Mr McVean, the man from Australia, was giving a very good account of the place, especially the part that you live in. Have you no notion to come to the old country and see the places and friends? It would be very nice to spend a few months in the summer. I am sure we would make you very welcome.

I had a sister's son who went to Canada last week to take up farming. I do not know how he will get on. I am sure he would have been better in Victoria Australia. I hope you will write at your earliest convenience and I will write you a very long letter the next time and send a photo of myself and my family.

With kind regards to all

I am

Your aff. cousin

Below: Bernie McPhee
with Teresa and Don at
Port Fairy



News from the State VPs



ACT NEWS—VP Glen McPhee

Several Society members attended the Australia Day celebrations at the Australian War Memorial in the ACT. Bands from the Edinburgh Tattoo entertained with piping and marching display. The weather was fine and it was an enjoyable evening.

The ACT Members are planning a Macfie get together in May. ACT Details will be set out soon. Member's and any visitors to the ACT should contact Glen McPhee 02 6258 6058

Kelly McPhee made the long trip from the UK to present at a conference in Melbourne and managed a week or two with Mum & Dad in Canberra. Darlene and Russell Jones and family made the trip across the Tasman to catch up with family.

NSW NEWS—VP Ian McPhee

Philip McPhee (Son of Ian McPhee NSW VP) is getting married on the 16th April at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Manly.

Sighted Ian McPhee at the Moss Vale Highland Pipe Bands competition. Ian was playing with the Manly and Warringah Pipe Band.

The Edinburgh Tattoo was held at the Sydney Football Stadium in February.

Trevor and Sue Phee from Newcastle left in February for a journey through Egypt including a cruise down the Nile and visiting Alexandria and El Alamein.

Hope to see you at Bundanoon on the 9 April 2005

SA NEWS—VP Judy Moore

Several members went to see the Edinburgh Tattoo in Sydney. Judy Moore (SA VP, and daughter Joanna Moore were among the quests. The Tattoo was enjoyed by all.



VIC NEWS—VP Maggie Mulherin

President Bernie McPhee recently had a few uncomfortable weeks with very painful appendicitis.

Bernie McPhee and brother Pat (Father Anscar McPhee) had trip to New Zealand in Mid March.

Pearlie McPhee from Ballarat celebrated her 93rd birthday in January and looking forward the 100 celebrations

VALE

It is with much regret that we record the passing of the following members

Robert (BoB) McCaffrey (A03-970) Bob had been a very active member of the Scottish Societies around Canberra for many years.

He was a founding member of the Queanbeyan Sottish Society Pipe Band and a past president of the Band. He was also instrumental in forming the now successful Canberra Pipes and Drums.

Bob joined the Macfie Clan Society only a few years ago and was quick to be involved and contributed in several ways. He organised the successful Kirkin o' the Tartan at the St Andrews Church for the 2003 BGM.

Our sympathy to Bob's wife Helen and family.

Mrs Doreen Gordon (Q82-512) of Mt Gravatt in Queensland has written with the sad news that she lost her only child and daughter **Annette Olive Maree Gordon**. Annette, at the time of her death



Annette Gordon

on 27th August 2004, was 57 years old, and was the child of William Francis Gordon and Doreen Mary Gordon (McPhee). We extend to Annette's loving mother the sympathy of the members of our Clan Society, and we know how great a loss Annette's

quick and sudden death from a heart turn has been for her. We trust that our Clan members' support will give Doreen some comfort in her grief.

David Scotland

David Scotland recently passed away he had been a dedicated supporter of the Scottish arts and music in Australia for many years. David's wife Moyna spoke at our BGM in Sydney on insurance arrangements for Societies.

Alexander Almberg

We were also saddened to hear the following news from Ulf Macfie Hagman in Sweden. He tells of his grandson Alexander Almberg, 23 years old who had been holidaying in Thailand and was missing after the Tsunami.

GENEALOGY

Archives of the Catholic Church in Scotland

The Archives of the Catholic Church in Scotland are divided between Columba House (the national repository) in Edinburgh and the individual dioceses. The division is different in almost each case, but generally, the Dioceses of Aberdeen, Argyll and the Isles, Dunkeld, Galloway, Motherwell and St Andrews & Edinburgh have located the bulk of their historical records at Columba House, leaving more current records within the Diocesan Offices. The Scottish Catholic Archives and the Archdiocese of Glasgow Archives are participating archives in the Scottish Archive Network (SCAN – <http://www.scan.org.uk>).

Scottish Catholic Archives

Location: Columba House, 16 Drummond Place, Edinburgh EH3 6PL Telephone: 0131 556 3661
Website: <http://www.catholic-heritage.net/sca/>
Email: sca@catholic-heritage.net **Archivist:** Mr Andrew R Nicoll, MA (Hons), MPhil, Grad Dip ARM

Collections: Records of the church dating from before the restoration of the Hierarchy in 1878; records of the colleges and seminaries in Scotland from the 18th century; records of the Scots Colleges at Paris, Rome, Madrid (Valladolid) and Douai; records of the Scots Monastery at Ratisbon; records of Fort Augustus Abbey, School and Parish.

Diocesan Archives

ABERDEEN

Restored in 1878, the Diocese of Aberdeen comprises the City of Aberdeen; Aberdeenshire; Highland (except the parish of Kingussie, the former district of Lochaber and the Isle of Skye); Moray; Orkney Islands; Shetland

Location: Historical records are held at Columba House; Diocesan Office, Bishop's House, 3 Queen's Cross, Aberdeen AB15 4XU **Archivist:** The Chancellor

MOTHERWELL

Erected in 1947, the Diocese of Motherwell comprises the Cathedral City of Motherwell; in the City of Glasgow, the parishes of St Benedict and St Clare, Easterhouse, Baillieston; and Craigend & Garthamlock; North Lanarkshire (except the parishes of Kilsyth, Condorrat, Croy and Cumbernauld and the area of Auchinloch); and South Lanarkshire

Location: Columba House; Diocesan Centre, Coursington Road, Motherwell ML1 1PP
Archivist:

ARGYLL AND THE ISLES

Restored in 1878, the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles comprises the Cathedral City of Oban; Argyll and Bute (except the parishes of Cardross, Helensburgh, Garelochhead and Rosneath); in North Ayrshire, the Isle of Arran; Western Isles; in Highland, the parish of Kingussie, the former district of Lochaber and the Isle of Skye
Location: Curial Offices, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow G1 4JY

Telephone: 0141 226 5898

Website: <http://www.rcag.org.uk/archives/>

Email: archives@rcag.org.uk

Archivist: Dr Mary McHugh, BA MLitt, PhD

Collections: Description in Catholic Archives No 5 (1985) pp 19-33

PAISLEY

Erected in 1947, the Diocese of Paisley comprises the Cathedral City of Paisley; East Renfrewshire (except the part of the parish of Thornliebank lying outside the City of Glasgow); Inverclyde; and Renfrewshire

Location: The Diocesan Centre, Cathedral Precincts, Ince Street, Paisley PA1 1HR

Telephone: 0141 847 6130

Archivist: Canon B J Canning FSA Scot.

Collections: Description in Catholic Archives No 13 (1993) pp 68-74

ST ANDREWS AND EDINBURGH

Restored in 1878, the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh comprises the City of Edinburgh; Scottish Borders; East Lothian; Midlothian; West Lothian; Falkirk; Stirling (except the parishes of Callander & Aberfoyle & Doune & Killin and Dunblane); Fife (except the the parishes of Cupar & Auchtermuchty, High Valleyfield & Kincardine-on-Forth, and Newport-on-Tay & Leuchars & Tayport); in East Dunbartonshire, the parishes of Lennoxton, Milton of Campsie and Torrance; in North Lanarkshire, the parish of Kilsyth

Location: Historical records of the Archdiocese are held at Columba House; Diocesan Offices, Gillis Centre, 113 Whitehouse Loan, Edinburgh EH9 1BB
Archivist: The Chancellor.

Note: We have a goal of producing a comprehensive index for the 100 editions of our Newsletter/ Downunder .Over the years with many thanks to Sandy and Helen McPhie the newsletter is an invaluable resource that has an enormous amount of material that should be readily accessible to Clan members.



HISTORY OF THE NEWSBULLETIN FOR THE
100TH EDITION

11 May 1974 NB No 1

As a result of the interest shown, and votes cast in favour of 5 Inaugural Resolutions, our Clan Society has now officially come into being. I am now introducing the first of what will be quarterly Newsbulletin to all members. Sandy McPhie 11 May 1974

Of the 31 people invited to become Foundation Members OF THE Society 24 accepted.

Society Foundation Members are:

Sandy McPhie	RAAF Richmond NSW
B. McPhee	Stonyfell SA
C.R Macphee	Roseville NSW
Helen McPhie	RAAF Richmond NSW
A.L. McPhee	Pennant Hills NSW
E. Mason	Woolwich NSW
R.K Chatfield	Penrith NSW
B.J McPhee	Oatley NSW
Bonnie Bush	Sans Souci NSW
R. MacAfee	Merrylands NSW
C.A Macfie	Collaroy
C.G.C McPhie	Chatswood NSW
H.M.P Guinness	Kellyville NSW
B. Armstrong	Greenwich NSW
J.M McPhie	Adelaide SA
K. McPhee	Black Rock VIC
I.M Macphee	Toorak VIC
N.McPhee	Ivanhoe VIC
K.Macphee	Hawthorne VIC
I.G McPhee	Brisbane QLD
E.J Hanman	Kingston QLD
V.A.C McPhie	Dalby QLD
H.K McPhie	Toowoomba QLD
T.E McPhee	Maddington WA

26 August 1974 NB No 2

A change was made to the term *Foundation Members*, this term would now apply to all who joined in the first year.

3 May 1976 NB No 10

The first Biennial General Meeting of the Society was held on the afternoon of Saturday 3 April. A dinner dance was held that night and family picnic day in the country on the Sunday.

The Society Executive decided to appoint a Clan Seneschal in Australia to act in place of the chieftain. Charles R. MacPhee was appointed Seneschal for 1976/77.

Lord Lyon, King of Arms, has made a Grant of Arms to Victor Alexander Carpendale McPhie (Q74-103) of Dalby, QLD. Vic McPhie has been living in Dalby. Educated in King's School Parramatta and a World War I veteran, he was a partner on the family Stock Station agency McPhie & Co in QLD.

November 1978 NB No 20

Call for donations to restore the Mhic-A Phi Standing Stone on Colonsay.

Brian McHaffie's South Australian members set a hot pace with their first function, a BBQ and tennis day. Brian's count of 85 attended.

A family reunion of Norman and Euphemia MacPhie was held at Granite Hill between Beauford and Lexton in VIC. Approximately 180 attended.

February 1980 NB No 25

Crochet pattern for a Macfie tartan rug.

May 1980 NB No 26

Alexander Lachlan. (Sandy) McPhee of Pennant Hills NSW appointed a Clan Seneschal in Australia. Sandy joined the RAAF in 1942 and served in 149 Squadron and completed a tour of over 30 operations over Germany.

To find a Chief. President Alex (Sandy) McPhie summarizes the position of finding a Chief for Clan Macfie.

August 1980 NB No 27

The NSW Vice President, Bill Tyrell published a NSW Clan News that ran for several years.

The manner of wearing sashes or light scarves had customary significance even two centuries ago. Different methods of wearing the sashes were displayed.

August 1981 NB No 31

From your President

I doubt if any of us have fully grasped the significance of the Lord Lyon's action in deciding to appoint a Commander for our clan as an interim measure pending the eventual promulgation of a Clan Chief.

By honouring Clan Macfie in this way, the Lord Lyon has officially granted us recognition as an 'active clan' - some 358 years since our last Chief, Malcolm McPhie was murdered at Baleruminmore on Colnsay in February 1623 and the clan dispossessed of its homelands and 'broken'.

March 1982 NB No 33

Letter from Dr Earle Douglas MacPhee

From 1623 until 27 May 1981 our Clan had been described in the literature of Scottish Clans as a 'broken clan' which meant our Clan had no land which they could call their own and they had no leader.

The representative sent to Edinburgh for the 3rd Gathering came with the conviction that through the generosity of Lord Stathcoma, some land in Colonsay had been deeded to Clan Macfie. The choice of leader who would be called the Ceann-Cath or Commander but not Chief.

On May 27th 1981 the Lord Lyon, examined all member's wishes and said that it was unusual to find the entire group unanimous in support of a proposal. Earle Douglas McPhee become the Commander.

August 1982 NB No 34

Clan Commander Dr Earle Douglas McPhee and Mrs McPhee invited to visit Australia

November 1982 NB No 35

With great sorrow I record the death of Clan Macfie Commander Dr Earle Douglas McPhee who died on the 25 September 1982.

August 1983 NB No 37

Clan Piper Donald MacPhie born at Surrey Hills 22/8/1919 passed away 13/7/1983.

August 1985 NB No 42

A derbhfine of Clan Macfie was called to find a successor to Dr Earle Douglas MacPhee. This involved the seventeen Armigers of the Clan. The matter was not resolved and was referred to the Lord Lyon.

March 1986 /NB No 44

Dr John McPhee takes the shrink out of wool. His research made wool produce fully machine washable

Geoff McPhie scored a hole in one on the par 3, 175 metres hole at the Coonabarabran competition

March 1987 NB No 47

Mr Peter McPhee (V77 373) awarded a world certificate of merit for his service as Australian President. As national president he travelled to every state and represented Australia in Pusan, Korea, and Japan.

Remembering several Clan Macfie people who served in World War I

- +! Corporal Donald Beaston
- +! Private Henry Gault Phee.
- +! Corporal William Wallace Phee
- +! Private Finlay McPhee

July 1987 NB No 48

A.L (Sandy) McPhee (N74 012) of Mt Vincent NSW appointed Clan

November 1988 NB 52

Article on Clan Commander Dr Earle Douglas MacPhee on the 25 September 1982. (reproduced article)

March 1990 NB No 56

Mr Sandy McPhie appointed as Commander of the Clan Macfie.

July 1991 NB No 60

The Mosman Council in Sydney allocated \$27,000 for landscaping the cairn site in Rawson Park. The cairn is made up of 1760 stones taken from each parish in Scotland.

November 1991 NB No 61

Sandy McPhee (Clan Commander) and Helen recount their travels to North America.

November 1992 NB No 64

Explanation of the The Kirkin O' the Tartan.

July 1993 NB No 66

Clan members everywhere were saddened by the death of Jennie MacPhee, Patron of Clan Macfie and widow of the late Dr Earle Douglas MacPhee on the 15 June 1993.

Phee Family reunion was attended by over 120 family members. Trevor Phee was the driving forces for the reunion.

November 1993 NB No 67

Harry McPhee receives an Order of Australia Medal for his work at the Norman Lindsay Gallery at Falconbridge.

July 1994 NB No 69

Archibald Andrew McPhee was one of the players in the capture of Australia's Ned Kelly and his gang of outlaws.

July 1995 NB No 72

Colonsay Hotel for sale at a price of Pounds 375,000.

March 1996 NB No 74

Wearing of sashes by ladies in evening dress. This included style worn by clans women, ladies who left their clan and the style worn by Lady's Chiefs.

July 1997 NB No 78

Queensland VP organised the John Dunmore Lang Poetry competition including three recital events. Forty entries had been received

July 1998 NB No 81.

Kevin Byrne tells about Macfie-Bagging programme. The aim is to climb all peaks on Colonsay and Oronsay that exceed 300 ft (91.46 meters).

November 1999 NB No 84

The Clan made a second donation towards the cost of new Village Hall on Colonsay, this time \$500.

Sandy McPhie stands down as President of the Clan Society of Australia and Brian McPhee takes over the reigns .

July 2000 NB No 86

28 Macfie Clan Society members attended the BGM in Adelaide and also survived the coldest May day on record. A lunch at the Yaldara winery and a drive through the snow made an enjoyable day

March 2001 NB No 88

Bonnie Bush writes about Capt Alexander McPhee and his experience on the Clarence River.

November 2001 NB No 90

Reports on the 13th International Gathering of Clan Macfie in Oban 4-9 September 1991.

July 2002 NB No 92

The Picts- Scotland's lost ancestors. The Picts are the earliest people of Scotland about whom we have any reliable written record.

Genealogy notes from Trevor Phee including Victorian electoral roll records from 1851 and 1856.

March 2003 NB No 94

The descendants of John McPhee (Killiechonate Scotland) held a reunion at Natimuk Victoria. In attendance were Bernie McPhee and his sister and brothers

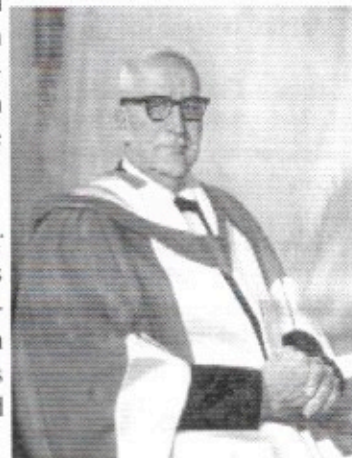
July 2004 NB 98

Bernie McPhee is appointed President of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia. Report on the BGM at Canberra ACT in May 2004.

REACTIVATING CLAN MACFIE

(An account by Sandy McPhee of Townsville, Qld., Second Commander of Clan Macfie and foundation President of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia [1973 – 1998]).

Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee of Vancouver, BC, Canada was the person responsible for the move to have Clan Macfie recognised once again as being an active Clan after a lapse of over 300 years. A distinguished businessman and academic, Dr. MacPhee decided in the late 1960s to seek such recognition for the Clan as of the many Clan members throughout the world a number were people of some significance warranting such recognition for the Clan as a whole.



On contacting the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Edinburgh, the authority for all matters relating to Scottish Clans, Dr. MacPhee was encouraged to progress his cause by identifying the main areas of Clan population around the world and having clan societies form in those areas. He was also asked to write a History of Clan Macfie and to establish a line of descent from Malcolm, our last Chief, who was murdered on Colonsay in 1623, in order that a rightful heir to the Chiefship could be identified.

Some of these tasks were fairly straightforward but took time to put in place. Scotland, North America and Australasia were readily identified as the major centres of Clan population. A Clan Macfie Society was established in Scotland and a number of provincial clan societies in Canada. In the United States of America, Dr. MacPhee found a Cathey Clan Society had been established in 1951 and a MacDuffee Society in 1962, while in Sweden a Thorburn-Macfie Society had existed since 1937. All three were functioning strongly and supported his move for Clan recognition.

The initial contact in Australia resulted from a letter to the Editor, Dr. MacPhee wrote to "The Australian" newspaper in 1973. At that time I was an Air Traffic Control Officer at RAAF Base, Richmond, N.S.W.. A fellow Controller, Peter Price, had been to the Mess for lunch that day and told me of the letter. Three Australians replied to Dr. MacPhee, Kay McPhee in Melbourne, Brian McPhee in Adelaide and myself. Dr. MacPhee asked us to form a Clan Society in Australia to support his work. After discussion amongst ourselves, it was agreed that I should form the Clan Society. This was done on a national basis on the 3rd May 1974 when 24 of 31 "Macfies" contacted, agreed to its formation. It has prospered and expanded its membership significantly since then. Simultaneously with Australia, a family group was actively forming a society in New Zealand to support Dr. MacPhee. To-day, nine Clan Macfie Societies are well established in Scotland (1), Sweden (1), Canada (1), U.S.A. (4), Australia (1) and New Zealand (1).

Clan Macfie is generally acknowledged as one of the oldest Scottish Clans. It was centred on the Islands of Colonsay and Oronsay off Scotland's west coast and in other areas, principally in Lochaber. The Clan Chief was traditionally Keeper of the Records for the Lords of the Isles (1158-1493) and a Macfie/MacDuffie was the Prior at the ancient Priory on Oronsay. A number of references to the Clan's history can be found in Skene, Grieve, Black and Frank Adam as well as in contemporary publications. Thus Dr. MacPhee found a ready basis for his task of writing a Clan Macfie History. Published in the 1970s in eight small volumes entitled "The Mythology, Traditions and History of MacDhubhsith-MacDuffie Clan", the History gives a compact account of the Clan, its likely origin, its participation in the affairs of early Scotland and the dispersal of its Clan members following the murder of Chief Malcolm when the Clan became a "broken" Clan as an heir to the Chiefship could not be found. The success and otherwise of its many members in moving overseas from Scotland to make a new life in North America or Australasia and elsewhere is also covered.

The Clan name has been recognised as Macfie for many years by the Lord Lyon, but alternative spellings of MacPhee and MacDuffie are also commonly used. Dr. MacPhee believed the ancient Gaelic name was MacDhubhsith and this anglicised to MacDuffie, hence his usage of these names in the title of his Clan History. It seems likely that Macfie came into common usage with the Lyon Office as that is the surname spelling of the first member of our Clan to register Arms with the Lyon Court in 1864. The official register, "The Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland", having come into being in 1677, 54 years after Chief Malcolm's death. Macfie will probably remain the official spelling of the Clan name at least until a Clan Chief is appointed.

The third task of finding an heir to the Chiefship remains uncompleted to this day. Certainly some of Malcolm's family remained alive following his murder and that of other family members on Colonsay in 1623, but no line of descent has been established or descendants found despite Dr. MacPhee's firm belief that descendants came to Canada, probably via Ireland. Until a claim is tested by petition to the Lyon Court for the appointment of a person as Clan Chief, nothing can be resolved.

Dr. MacPhee found, however, an alternative did exist in that a Ceann-Cath, or Clan Commander, could under certain specific conditions, be appointed by the Lord Lyon should an acknowledged existing Clan be unable to produce an heir to its Chiefship. Ceann-Cath is a historical title for a Clan leader so appointed when a Clan is unable to produce a Chief or the incumbent is too old, too young or too sickly to lead the Clan. A Ceann-Cath broadly has the duties and responsibilities, and rights and privileges, of a Chief except that of succession. A petition for the appointment of a Ceann-Cath must be supported by a significant number of Clan Armigers, but even so, is not automatic.



Clan Macfie Badge

In his leadership role, and given his notable business and academic background, Dr. MacPhee applied for and received a Grant of Arms in 1975. Several of his sons and nephews then petitioned to Matriculate from Dr. MacPhee's Arms and other members of the Clan were encouraged to also petition for Arms. The first Australian Clan Macfie member to receive a Grant of Arms was my uncle, Victor Alexander Carpendale McPhie of Dalby, Q'ld, on 12th May 1976.

Hagman of Sweden, on a visit to Colonsay in 1970, found the Standing Stone against which Chief Malcolm had



been stood and murdered in 1623, lying broken on the ground. In several subsequent visits he, along with assistance from Charles Macphee of Melbourne, Australia, and several islanders, repaired and re-erected the Standing Stone. Now known as Carragh Mhic-a-Phi, it has become the symbol of Clan Macfie's reactivation. However, two other symbols, a badge and the tartan, both indicative of Clan membership, had long before been taken up by commercial concerns and were readily available in things Scottish shops around the world. A Clan strap and buckle badge is normally taken from a Chief's Arms and used by Clan members to denote their loyalty to, and membership of, that Clan. As we have never had a Chief's Arms recorded, the commercial houses, probably without permission, simply used the demi-lion rampant from the Arms of Robert Andrew Macfie of Dreghorn (1867) for this purpose. This strap and buckle badge has been readily avail-

able commercially since the late 19th century as that of Clan Macfie and will, no doubt, remain so at least until a Chief is appointed. The commercially available red and green Clan Macfie Tartan (2 white/yellow; 24 red; 4 green; 2 red; 32 green) probably originated about the same time, although this is far from certain. In 1991 I petitioned for it to be recorded in the Books of the Lord Lyon as the official Clan Macfie Tartan. This was done on 29th August that year.

By 1980 Dr. MacPhee had progressed matters to such an extent with active Clan Macfie Societies established around the world, an authoritative Clan History completed, some thirteen Clan members granted Arms with more pending, and International Gatherings of Clan Macfie held in Scotland (May 1977) and Nova Scotia (July 1979), that by the Third International Gathering scheduled for Scotland in May 1981 he felt so confident of the Clan's status that he convened our first Clan Parliament for that time and arranged to meet the Lord Lyon to seek recognition for Clan Macfie once again as an active Clan. However, The Lyon had been monitoring Dr. MacPhee's progress to such an extent that he pre-empted Dr. Earle's meeting and granted recognition of Clan Macfie as an active Clan on 27th May 1981. Dr. MacPhee was duly appointed the Clan's first Ceann-Cath on 6th November that year but, sadly, died on 25th September 1982. The results of his dedication to his Clan remain for the benefit of Clan members for all time. Clan Macfie's 15th International Gathering and 9th Clan Parliament will be held in Scotland in September this year (2005).

Above Photograph: Clan Macfie members at Carragh Mhic-a-Phi on their first visit to Colonsay, May 1977.

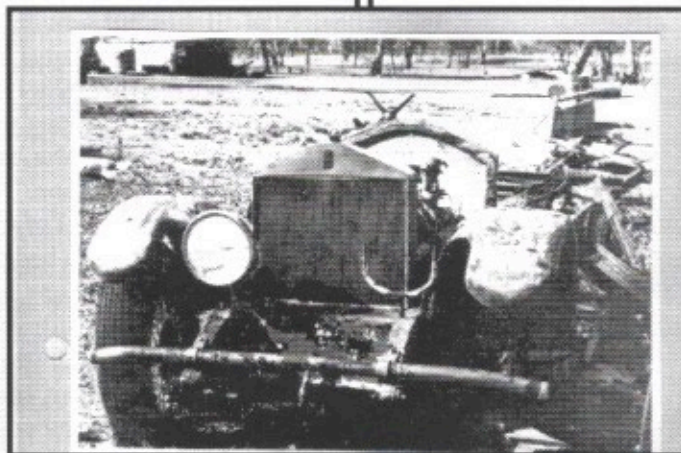
l to r Ulf Hagman (Sweden) Robert MacPhee (Canada), Sandy and Norah McPhie (Australia) Betty MacPhee and Jeannie MacPhee (Canada) Ron and Martha McPhee (USA) Dr. Earle MacPhee (Canada) and Frances Fitzsimmons (USA).

The McPhee Ghost.

Few people are aware that the Clan has a ghost! This remarkable fact stems from the activities of one clan member who resides in Brisbane.

David McPhee, brother of "Sandy" from Mount Vincent in the Hunter Valley, developed an interest in all things mechanical at an early age, culminating in him becoming a Professional Engineer running a consulting practice, but as well becoming "hooked" on antique cars. This interest led to a variety of activities with fellow enthusiasts, including finding an antique Rolls-Royce on a station property some 80 km West of the town of Charleville, Western Queensland. The "wreck" was purchased as a source of parts, but on examination when returned to Brisbane its age was discovered and its full restoration became very worthwhile as it turned out to one of the oldest RR's in the world, and now the oldest in Australia! The picture shows RR No. 1122. [Delivered to its original owner 23/9/1909,] resting quietly in the paddock of "Tyrone" station, as found.

The vehicle is designated by the Company as a 40/50 model, first produced in 1906/7, and is the model that earned Rolls-Royce its reputation, winning any number of awards for performance and reliability. A particular example, a 1907 car, won great accolades from motoring organisations of the day by its reliability, and had been named "The Silver Ghost" by the Company's sales manager -- this name was subsequently adopted as the model name, and so our clan car is a "Silver Ghost"



It has been a long and tortuous restoration, as when started little was easily available about the technicalities of a Silver Ghost, but gradually a store of information was built up, and the restoration process was begun. Concurrent with finding out about what went where etc. some details emerged about the car's history. Not only did we obtain copies of the record cards of the original testing and delivery details, but ongoing records of parts supplied, and often names of subsequent owners. As well authors of motoring books often came up with snippets of information which all helped trace elements of the history. The following summarises some of the events we can track over the years.

July-August 1909- Testing finally OK but delivery details confused - was the chassis to go to "Midland Motor Co." or "Cockshoos" or Cawthra [Of Canada!] - finally delivery was for a George Plevins of Sussex, but first to The Automobile Carriage Co for a Cabriolet body to be fitted!

1909-1914.- Car in the ownership of Plevins - various parts supplied - new petrol tank and tailshaft - {Was this because of an accident?} but also a modernising, by the fitting of a generator, and obviously electric lighting. Interesting notes on the cards about a company mechanic being sent to the south of France to attend to some problems.

1914-1919 - New owner recorded, and the car in the works for modifications which undoubtedly meant a new body was being fitted, which we understand was a roadster of some sort. This owner was A Macnamara, of the Junior Naval & Military Club, Piccadilly. We ask was the car being readied for some sort of role in the war effort?

1919-1920 - Much refurbishment work on the chassis, as if the car returned from somewhere, and was put in for an overhaul. Another owner appears, Whittaker, but little detail.

1920-1922 - New owner shown as The Countess of Rosslyn. A few parts supplied. Other research by one of our motoring authors suggests another new body may have been fitted around this time.

1922-1925- Supply of parts somewhat sketchy, and confusing names shown as purchasers - some were workshops not owners. However an interesting series of advertisements were found in the magazine "the Autocar"

1922 to 1924 advertising Rolls Royce 1122 for sale. The last of these in 1924, read "Rolls-Royce 1122 All weather roadster by Arnold, guaranteed 65 mph, 375 guineas ----"

1925-1930 - Little appears on the factory cards, except a new owner in 1930- a gentleman named J. Askew at an address at 98 Park St. South Yarra, and later at "Crieff" Whitehorse Rd. Deepdene, Victoria. We surmise this gentleman bought 1122 from the last Autocar ad. in 1924, but his need for parts did not occur until 1930.

1930-1946- We have no real information about 1122's history during this period, except Norman Devanny, of Brisbane purchased the car in 1941, with roadster body, from a dealer in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, the hand written invoice stating "Rolls Royce roadster, with all faults, if any, ----Forty pounds." Norm was in a reserved occupation, making lathes and similar machine tools for the war effort. Using what little petrol he could get "Rollsy" as he nicknamed the car was used around Brisbane, and for runs in the country, until 1946.

1946-1958- Norm Devanny sold the car in 1946 to a young lad Robin Tait, to take to western Queensland as a work vehicle. Norm helped remove the rear section and construct a covered utility back, for this purpose. In Charleville, where young Tait operated, some modifications were made to improve performance- replacing the big brass carburettor with two large U.S. downdraughts, and modifying the exhaust to be a "straight thru" style! We have heard stories of the fast Rolls-Royce truck seen flying up the road to Tambo when we were in Charleville. Around 1949 ownership of a now rather sad 1122, passed to the owner of "Tyrone" station, Ron Akers, in settlement of a debt. Ron made no use of the car except to perhaps remove various "bits" to use around the station. **The chassis was left in the paddock until David McPhee came along in 1958 and bought it.**

Viewing the sad remains, indicated a long hard task lay ahead. The engine, having been left uncovered with the two downdraught carburettors facing upward meant the engine became wetted internally, with the bores rusted - but in the long run the extreme dry climate of western Queensland, meant this water evaporated quickly and so all the rust, both in the bores, and all over the chassis, was thin and of little consequence. However the vehicle had been well used, and with the body modifications, parts were not only missing, but well worn as well.

The restoration process involved, therefore, of not only renewing almost every wearing part but establishing what was in fact missing, and how the whole was assembled, when the vehicle was new. It was clear that a new replica body would have to be built. Thus the research phase of the task was commenced - reading all relevant literature that could be found, talking to other

enthusiasts and owners of similar early cars. Visits to such places as the U K Science Museum, where crawling about under Chassis No 1119 yielded a lot of valuable details, corresponding with U K owners of early Ghosts and so on was the order of the day.

The home workshop included in its list of equipment, an ancient U S Army lathe and this provided a valuable aid in making all sorts of "bits". Carving pieces of wood made patterns for casting replica parts. Original parts were also sometimes found by a continual process of investigating, asking, and so on. This enabled the acquisition of an original steering assembly, as well as a carburettor and inlet manifold. In these activities a valuable aid was the acquisition of a photocopy of an original parts book. It was thus possible to verify the originality of the actual part. Serious restoration started when retirement was achieved in the mid 90's. The chassis frame was checked for "square", weldments attached for the utility body cleaned off, the unit sandblasted and primed, then set up on stands for assembly to begin. Slowly parts were readied and attached, painting proceeded, and slowly the finished assembly took shape. Wheels were sent for checking by a wheelwright, new spokes added where necessary. Engine reconditioning was completed by workshops we had found skilled in what could be said to be "old fashioned" engineering - this involved reboring, with new pistons & rings, all new white metal bearings.

The gearbox was treated to new roller bearings throughout, and primary coupling and tail shaft joints were renewed. Finally a rolling chassis was achieved, and while the gearbox work was completed the chassis went to a young chap at the Gold Coast who built an all aluminium body, on a Kauri frame, styled similarly to a Ghost bought by Charles Angus, of South Australia, in 1909. Despite much research by noted motoring writers in the U K no original photograph of 1122 has ever been found.

When returned from the bodybuilder, the body was removed

for painting, and with all mechanical work completed, test driving with a Land Cruiser seat mounted was undertaken - after ironing out a few teething problems, very satisfactory running was achieved. The body was re-



installed and a two piece windscreen framed in brass channel was constructed, and glazed. The completed car then went to a skilled motor trimmer who installed period style "diamond buttoned" upholstery, using deep red leather. He also installed the fabric on the hood frame previously fabricated at Moggill, and made side curtains, for weather protection.

We then conducted a serious road test, running out to Stanthorpe and return during which carburettor tuning was completed and other systems checked and adjusted. Not long after this the car, now named "Quicksilver," [As it had shown it was a quick Silver Ghost!] joined the 20-Ghost Club tour to Melbourne, to join the other Rolls-Royce owners celebrating the 100 years from the meeting of C.S. Rolls and F.H. Royce, at the Midland Hotel, Manchester at which the decision to form Rolls-Royce was made. This tour of some 2700 miles was done with no involuntary stops, except when we ran out of petrol at one point!

Many Thanks to David McPhee for this wonderful story of a great find and many hours of hard restoration work

Ida McPhee, 1881 -1937
AUSTRALIAN MISSIONARY IN KOREA

Article by Bernie McPhee

I first heard of Ida McPhee, and of her wonderfully generous life, in Rev Fred Nile's Internet article of May 2003: "Korean Spiritual Kaleidoscope", from his Family World News. Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC writes as follows:

"We then visited the historic grave of an Australian missionary, Miss Ida McPhee, whose grave is revered and cared for by the Chang Shin Christian School. Miss Ida McPhee (Korean name 'Mee Hee') came to Korea in October 1911. She was the fourth child of Dugald McPhee who had seven children. As Ida had been trained as a teacher in Australia, she became a principal of Oui Shin Girls' High School. The school was the centre of womens' education and her role was extremely important as a teacher and as a principal. She served as a principal for 26 years until she died in 1937. She was recognized and respected as a great missionary in the education area. She came to Korea at the age of 30 and died at the young age of 56. She was buried on the outskirts of Masan."

The Internet site contains a picture of Rev Fred Nile standing beside Ida McPhee's grave, with the caption: '**Presbyterian Missionary's grave - Miss Ida McPhee, Masan**'. The Presbyterian Church of Australia in Victoria had opened up the relationship between Korea and Australia by sending its missionaries to Busan and Kyungnam areas. (www.pastornet.net.au/fwn/2003/may/art07.html)

To learn more about Ida McPhee, I visited **Nella Rutledge** at Box Hill recently. Nella, a long time and valued member of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia, is a niece of the late Ida McPhee. Firstly Nella showed me a studio photo, taken at Ballarat about 1890, of the Dugald McPhee family, including Ida as a young girl. Nella also showed me a copy of the Presbyterian Church Chronicle for September 1911 which gave the Programme for the Valedictory Service for Outgoing Missionaries at the Scots Church Melbourne, and which reported in part as follows:

"Miss Ida McPhee, who is about to leave our shores for mission work in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, is a daughter of Mr Dugald McPhee, an elder of St George's Geelong, in which Church her brother Dr George McPhee also holds office as a deacon."

"With much success Miss McPhee has also followed the profession of a teacher with the Education Department of Victoria, passing through all the grades from junior to head teacher with marked success. Her promotion was rapid, and her future bright." "The prayers of God's people will follow her and her fellow missionaries in their noble and self sacrificing work."

From 1911 until her death in 1937, Ida McPhee gave herself generously to the work of education and evangelizing in Korea, bringing to her work (says Miss Frances Clerke in her touching obituary from The Missionary Chronicle of 1 May, 1937) those qualities of heart and brain which placed her in the very forefront of the life and work of the mission.

Miss Clerke recalls how Ida McPhee spent most of her life in Korea as principal of a girls' school, though for two short intervals, and at her own request, she was transferred to evangelistic work. She had to return to the school at Masan, even while she was achieving conspicuous success in the evangelistic work.

There was reward however in this obedience with the great results her school achieved, and in the growing love and devotion of the people of Masan to her personality. Miss Frances Clerke asks: *"Indeed, one wonders, was there ever a missionary more loved?"*

Ida McPhee stepped out of her own province of work in 1919 when she made a visit to South China on behalf of the Foreign Missions Committee of the New Zealand Presbyterian Church who apparently had asked her to describe the missionary situation there. This Report is still available in the NZ Church archives.

Ida McPhee's grandfather was John McPhee, born 1809, one of the seven children of Duncan McPhee and Mary Cameron of Kinlochil. John McPhee trained as a baker at Fort William; he worked at his trade in Glasgow for a while, and then went back to Fort William before emigrating to Australia in 1869. John had married Mary McColl. Ida McPhee's father Dugald (who died in 1918 while Ida was in Korea) was one of the seven children of John and Mary McPhee. Ida was raised in a *bright, robust and Christian atmosphere.*

Miss Frances Clerke gives the reasons why Ida McPhee was so greatly loved by the Koreans and by her fellow missionaries, a true example of goodness, humanity and faith:

"Her house was always open to any who needed her. In certain times of stress it was true of her that she could not so much as eat bread, so greatly was the help of her prayers, faith and counsel esteemed by those who came to consult her. Unbounded enthusiasm, wide tolerance, and a ready appreciation of other people's point of view, were some of her great characteristics."

And in particular, Miss Clerke acknowledges Ida's influence on others in these words, astute and loving in their own way:

"No one can gauge what such a life of loving devotion and friendship has meant to those among whom she has lived for so long. To her fellow missionaries as well as to the Koreans, Miss McPhee was a real friend, an inspiration and an example." "Her counsels on mission policy were wise, and her insights helped to make clear many a difficult situation. She had an excellent and scholarly knowledge of the Korean language, and had been on the Language Committee of the mission for many years."

"Indeed, to those missionary friends in Korea, her loss may well seem irreparable. The first thought is bound to be: we cannot do without her."

"And yet - how little we know about what she may still be doing for the people and for the work to which she gave her life."

The relations of Ida McPhee are justly proud of the exemplary life and work of Ida McPhee in her missionary vocation, in her contribution to human kind, in the early outreach of faith coming from Australia, in this instrument and beginning of goodwill between Australia and Korea. Miss Ida McPhee has helped us all, especially our Clan Society members, and not just her fellow missionaries in Korea, or Frances Clerke, or Maysie Tait, and not just the eternally grateful Singho and also Mengjuani, the school children in Chinju, the girls secondary school at Tongnai, the school children and the families, all the people of Masan. Not just all of them.



Ida McPhee,
1881-1937



Clan Macfie News

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15th INTERNATIONAL GATHERING AND
9th PARLIAMENT OF CLAN MACFIE
INVERNESS & COLONSAY, SCOTLAND, 6th TO 14th SEPTEMBER 2005

The Fifteenth International Gathering of Clan Macfie and Ninth Clan Parliament will be held in Inverness, Scotland, and on Colonsay from the 6th to 14th September 2005. The Gathering and Parliament will be mainly centred at the Thistle Hotel situated on the outskirts of Inverness City Centre, approximately 15 minutes walk from the City and close to both Inverness Airport and Train Station, from 6th to 11th September. It will be followed by a Clan visit to our ancestral homeland, the islands of Colonsay and Oronsay on 11th to 14th September.

The tentative programme etc., has been further developed. Full information is now readily available on a special Clan Gathering website at www.mcfie.org.uk. This site has been established by Robin McFie, son of Gathering Co-ordinators Iain and Fiona McFie. The website uses Robin's surname spelling of McFie in its address and not the Clan spelling of Macfie. Note: The proposed day trip from Inverness will now be on Thursday 8th September in lieu of on Friday 9th and will be to Royal Deeside and Glen Livet in lieu of John O'Groats. Clan Parliament Second Session will be held on the morning of Friday 9th with a local visit in the afternoon and the Clan Dinner that evening at the Thistle Hotel as originally scheduled.

The amended programme for the Gathering is:

Tue 06 Sep	pm	Registration and Clan Commander's Reception
Wed 07 Sep	am	Clan Parliament Opening and First Session
	pm	Clan Visit, Evening Clan Ceilidh
Thu 08 Sep	am	Day trip to Royal Deeside and Glen Livet etc..
	pm	Evening free
Fri 09 Sep	am	Clan Parliament Second Session
	pm	Clan visit
		Evening - Clan Dinner, Thistle Hotel
Sat 10 Sep	am	Clan Parliament Third Session and Closure
	pm	Free, Evening Farewell Dinner
Sun 11 Sep	am	Travel to Oban for afternoon ferry to Colonsay
Mon 12 Sep		Clan activities on Colonsay
Tue 13 Sep		Clan activities on Colonsay
Wed 14 Sep		Ferry to Oban

Note: It is intended to arrange a "Clan" bus to run Glasgow – Inverness – Oban – Glasgow as required provided it is well patronised. Travel from Oban to Colonsay and return will be subject to the CalMac ferry schedule at the time.

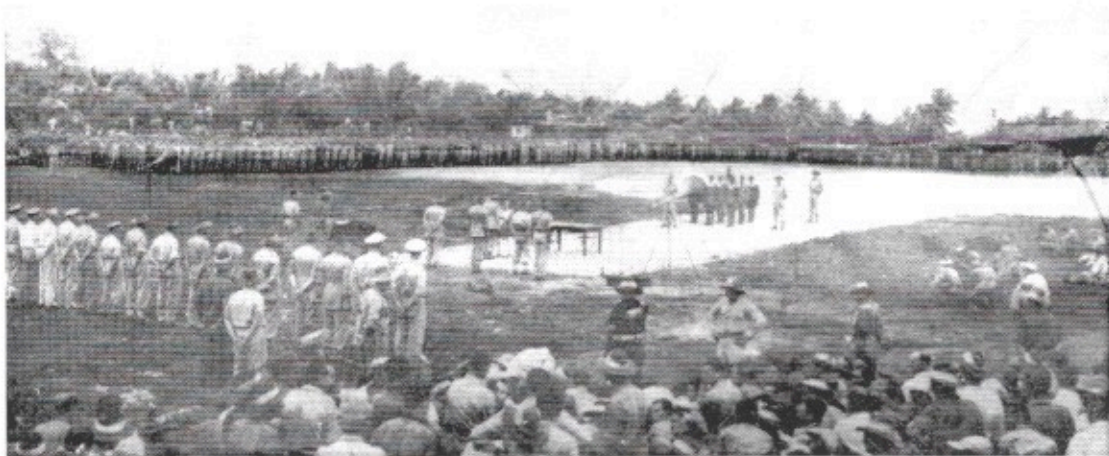
The Gathering website carries full details regarding travel, accommodation bookings, Gathering registration etc., but be well aware that members attending are responsible for making their own accommodation reservations with the Thistle Hotel, or elsewhere in Inverness, and wherever they wish to stay on Colonsay.

It will greatly assist the Clan Gathering Co-ordinators in Scotland, Iain and Fiona McFie, if you notify them promptly of your intention to attend or contact them should you have any queries regarding the Gathering. They may be contacted at Coulintyre, Kincaig, Kingussie, PH21 1LX, Scotland, or by email at: iain@mcfie.org.uk

Clan Homepage Address. A new and greatly simplified address has been obtained for the Clan Macfie Homepage. It is <http://clanmacfiehomepage.org> and is already in operation. It replaces the longer and more complicated address previously notified in Clan News No. 40 (July 04) although this latter address can probably still be brought up for a short time

OAKLEIGH BOYS WITNESS JAPANESE SURRENDERS

RELATIVES RECEIVE GRAPHIC LETTERS



General Sir Thomas Blamey reading the Instrument of Surrender

During the past fortnight parents of Oakleigh and Caulfield servicemen have been thrilled with graphic accounts of Japanese surrenders given in letters received from their boys. "Australia Will Be There" was, indeed, no idle prophecy! Most of the letters also refer, in galling terms, to the treatment meted out by the Japanese to Australian and other P.O.W.

Writing to his mother on September 7 Corporal M.M.Gartland, attached to the Signallers told of the surrender of all Japanese troops in the Netherland East Indies to General Sir Thomas Blamey. Here is his thrilling account:

"The official ceremony was to take place at 11:00 a.m., but I went to Mass first and met Chaplain-General McCarthy who is up on a visit.



Japanese Surrender Party

"Close by the chapel was the place where the Japanese officers slept for the night, and we watched them setting out for the ceremony. They had a body guard of about 15 of our provosts and were accompanied by a couple of our brigadiers and provost marshals.

"The Japanese General was rather an old chap and looked very grim. He sat up in the back of the jeep as straight as a poker, face expressionless, and not a bat of an eyelid. He had with him his Chief of Staff, Chief of Navy, and Chief of Air Force and a couple of aides. They wore green uniforms, bespattered with ribbons, black knee-high boots, and, under their jackets, a white shirt with open-necked collar.

"We followed them down to the big oval where a number of troops from each unit were officially represented. There must have been five or six thousand troops including Dutch, American, British, Australian, Indian, and scattered among the crowd were some Japanese prisoners.

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"In the centre of the oval they had a table set up with a microphone. The Japanese party then marched on to the ground and waited until the C. in C. arrived.

"General Blamey came to the centre and the general salute was given. He then read out from a huge sheet of paper the surrender terms. The Japanese general then stepped forward and handed over his sword, then signed the document. In turn the other officers signed.



Lt Gen. Teshima, Commander Second Japanese Army, signing the Instrument of Surrender.

"All this time there were cameras clicking around the table, and, at one stage, the provosts were called over to keep back the would-be photographers. This was the only part of the whole show that didn't go off. Instead of just letting a few official photographers be there, there were about 20 all crawling round to get vantage points.

"After all the Japanese had signed, General Blamey then stepped forward and signed, after which he gave a speech. It was very good and very stern, and he pulled no punches. He said that the Japanese forces had been thoroughly defeated and the Emperor had surrendered, and that he (General Blamey) had designated his commander to see that all his orders were carried out promptly.

"He went on with some more of what was required, and spoke of the vicious attack on Pearl Harbour while the Japanese envoys were making peace term arrangements. He went on to say that, in surrendering, he did not hold the Japanese as an honourable foe but would treat them with severest courtesy. He wound up by saying that his orders will be carried out promptly and to the letter. As much as to say there'll be no mucking about!

"It was a very good speech and went over well. The old Japanese General conducted himself well, I thought, and I wondered what his thoughts were. It was quite an impressive show right through.

"I had a look at the official surrender document signed this morning. It is on view to the troops. It has General Blamey's signature, and, in Japanese characters, the signatures of the Japanese Generals. We've certainly seen history made to-day."

Oakleigh and Caulfield Times - Thursday, October 4, 1945.

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Saturday 9 April 2005	Bundanoon Highland Games. A great family day Macfie Clan Tent	Township of Bundanoon NSW	Glen McPhee 02 62586058 Geoff McPhee 02 1300 657 559 or www.highlandsnsw.com.au/brigadoon
Sunday 20 March 2005	Highland Gathering & Country Fair/Sports Day at Scots School, Bathurst.	The Scots School Bathurst NSW	Belinda 0409 158 085.
Sunday 20 March 2005	20th Geelong, Vic - Geelong Highland Gathering & Victorian Pipe Band Championships .	Queens Park, Newtown, Geelong	Clare Guiney 03 5243 4276 or dcguiney@netspace.net.au
Friday 1 April 2005	Highland Dinner as part of the 2005 Ringwood Highland Games at .	Karralyka Centre, Ringwood Vic -	Sue Macleod 03 9876 4140 or http://members.optusnet.com.au/ringwoodhighlandgames
Sunday 3 April 2005	Highland Games at Ringwood are a great family day out.	Jubilee Park, Greenwood Ave, Ringwood.	Sue Macleod 03 9876 4140 or suemacleod@bigpond.com
Saturday 16 April 2005	Ipswich International Tattoo at .	Ipswich Civic Hall- 2 pm & 7 pm performances	07 3810 6699 or Ipswich Pipe Band 0414 776 361.
May 2005	ACT Macfie Get together	TBA	Glen McPhee 02 6258 6058 glenmcphee@webone.com.au
27 May 2005	Clan Macfie Day		

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