



Clan Macfie

Report of the

17th International Gathering of the Clan Macfie

and

Journal of Proceedings of the

10th Parliament of Clan Macfie

Nethybridge and Colonsay, Scotland

2nd to 9th of September 2009

Member Clan Societies

The Thorburn- Macfie Family Society (Sweden)

Cathey reunion Association (USA)

MacDuffee Clan Society of America of Clan Macfie (USA)

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia (Australia)

The Macfie Clan Society in Canada (Canada)

Clan Macfie Society (UK)

Macfie Clan Society of America (USA)

The MacPhee Clan Society of New Zealand (New Zealand)

Coffee/Coffey Reunion Association (USA) affiliated



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September 2nd – 9th 2009, Nethybridge

Programme of Events

Wednesday	2 nd September	a.m.	Registration
		p.m.	Ceann Cath's Reception.
		Evening	Clan Ceilidh
Thursday	3 rd September	a.m.	Clan Session of Parliament
		p.m.	Visit to Culloden, and Fort George or Cawder Castle
			Evening Clan Ceilidh and Pipe Band
Friday	4 th September	a.m.	Society Session of Parliament
		p.m.	Coach Tour of Whisky Trail
			Evening Clan Dinner Guest Speaker Iain Brodie of Falsyde.
Saturday	5 th September	a.m/p.m.	Visit to Braemar & Highland Games
Sunday	6 th September	a.m.	Church Service
		p.m.	Travel to Oban & Ferry to Colonsay
Monday	7 th September		Visit to Oronsay & activities
Tuesday	8 th September		Clan Activities on Colonsay
Wednesday	9 th September		Ferry to Oban

Attendance list 17th Clan Macfie Gathering

*Ian McPhee, Pres.	Australia	Nancyanne Carkeek	USA
Brian & Cas Mahaffey	Australia	Stuart Carkeek	USA
*Marianne Clayton	Canada	*Wayne O. Cathey	USA
Sheena Dewyze	Canada	*Glen Cathey	USA
John Dewyze	Canada	Linda Gilcrest	USA
Des Duffy	England	*Jim Gilcrest	USA
Frances Duffy	England	*Linda Gilcrest	USA
Frances Mary Duffy	England	*John Guffey	USA
Seth Duffy	England	*Cathy Guffey	USA
*Sheila Knowles	England	*Ilah Coffee-Merriman	USA
*Keith Matthews	England	*Pamela Merriman	USA
Katie Parker	England	*Bill Morris	USA
David Russell	England	*Barbara Morris	USA
*Vanessa King Macfie	Ireland	*Jim McAfee, Pres.	USA
Arie van der Leest	Netherlands	*John McAfee	USA
Heleen van der Leest	Netherlands	*Keith McAfee	USA
James McPhee	New Zealand	*Jerry O. McDuffie	USA
Mary McPhee	New Zealand	*Vicki McFee	USA
Andrew Duffy	Scotland	*William McGaffey	USA
Vanessa Duffy	Scotland	*Cindy McGaffey	USA
Ann Johnston	Scotland	Tom McGuffy	USA
Jim Johnston	Scotland	Vicki McGuffy	USA
Moirra Gillespie	Scotland	*John Rosser	USA
Finlay McFee	Scotland	*Marty Rosser	USA
Lorraine McFee	Scotland		
*Bob McFie, Pres.	Scotland		
*Fiona McFie	Scotland		
*Iain Morris McFie	Scotland		
*Alastair Scouller	Scotland		
*Shiona MacKay Thornley	Scotland		
*Christer Hemberg	Sweden		
*Marianne Hemberg	Sweden		
*Jessie Macfie-Rosen	Sweden		
*Arne Rosen	Sweden		
Christoffer Macfie	Sweden		
Donald Macfie	Sweden		

* Indicates visited Colonsay

Australia (3) Canada (3) England (8) Ireland (1) Netherlands (2)
New Zealand (2) Scotland (12) Sweden (6) United States of America (24)

17th Gathering Report

Keith Mathews,
Bishop's Stortford, England

*“Oh Mr. Porter what shall I do,
I wanted to go to Aviemore, and they’ve put me on to Crew”*

Oh, the hazards of booking on line, to go ‘on line’--. On arrival at Euston station, London, a glance at the destination board reveals there are two trains heading North to or via Aviemore, the one I am booked on and the later departing, direct “Caledonian” sleeper. No mention of this when I booked my ticket on lime.

According to my booking the train that I was to take did not go to Aviemore direct. Therefore I was required to change at Crewe for the onward journey. At Crewe an hour there was an hour or so to wait on an almost deserted station, at the witching hour. The onward train arrived and guess what - it is the “Caledonian.” Cynical me, is there anything in the fact all of the trains offered on the web were operated by Mr. Branson’s company?

However, the journey was completed without too much hassle and the views from the train in the early morning light were enough to whet the appetite for the next few days.

Nethy Bridge Impressions

A splendid looking building, the reception area and lounge still retained something of the atmosphere of its Edwardian heritage and the bubbly receptionist was welcoming. The accommodation was comfortable and adequate. The Hotel does seem to be struggling a little to come to terms with some of the requirements of the 21st Century guest. For example if you offer a meeting/function room it might be expected to have it kitted out with at least the rudiments of a PA System.

The food was of a reasonable quality and quantity and the waiting staff were friendly, working hard to meet our needs Mr. Fawltly, my name for the Manager, was sometimes a bit over enthusiastic.

The Gathering – Meeting new friends.

**“...In heav’n itself I’ll ask no more,
than just a Highland welcome.”**

Robert Burns.

Not being “of the blood” as a non Macfie of whatever spelling, at least as my current genealogical research has revealed, I was made to feel extremely welcome and included. My closest attachment to Scotland and Macfie is a McCleaver who lived near Fort William in the late 18th century.

It was incredible to see how such an apparent disparate mix of people, adding their unique ‘ingredients’ to the social mix were able, when united by a common interest, to work together.

This was very much reflected in the formal sessions of the Parliament. When we split into the various committees and working groups, the key to the success of the sessions was the willingness of the folk to listen and not talk across each other, which is a skill so often lost when a large group gather together. Overall I thought the sessions went well and where would we be without the internet.

Ceilidh and Social

The young pipers and drummers from the Strathspey and Badenoch Pipe band, which is the local band, set the scene on the first evening and were a wonderful curtain raiser.

The evening activities were sometimes a little slow in getting going despite the efforts of the our excellent and ever ebullient Master of Ceremonies Bob McFie, the Home Society President. However, Vicki McFee (USA) and Marianne Hemberg (Swe) really got into the swing of things! Stuart Carkeek added to the festivities by playing on his pipes. There was some reluctance on the part of many to come forward and “do their thing.” Gradually though, the self-protective armour was dropped and there were several contributions to the festivities. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The Tours

Two or three days of heavy rain lead to serious flooding; the fast flowing river Nethy rose six feet over overnight. Although the weather did its best to put to a damper, excuse the pun, on the tours to Culloden and the Distilleries and even threw the visit to Braemar Highland Games in doubt, we made light of the poor conditions.

The Museum at Culloden was well worth the visit. The weather worsened as we arrived at the Battle site. Many, of our group, did not venture very far into the battlefield. A pity, as they would have experienced conditions similar to, which both armies had to cope.

However, the displays and exhibitions in the Museum provided plenty of food for thought. To my mind the way the battle was displayed with each armies story along the opposite sides of the rooms was extremely well done and certainly warrants some further visits.

The Glenlivet Distillery visit was extremely interesting and very educational. Although the general principles of the production method were understood it was intriguing have that knowledge expanded. Some of the lore and ‘secrets’ such as the “Angels Share” as explained by our guide was fascinating. Although not to everyone’s taste I was glad the Angels had chose to leave us mortals with a wee dram.

The visit to the Games at Braemar was thoroughly enjoyable and the venison burgers were the best I have tasted in a long time.

The journey to and from the Games was through lovely hilly country with the heather in bloom, magical. We also passed the base station of a ski area.

The Braemar Highland Games had a mix of events all going on at once in the arena. It had the air of a village fete, which the games really are, but attended by The Queen and her family. No technology wizardry here. The chap recording the long jump results struggled in the strong breeze to keep his papers on his clipboard and the runners in the mountain race had to go a few extra yards as the finish tape bellied out due to the wind.

The music was inspirational and added to the atmosphere. Individual piping and pipe band competition, massed pipe band march past and also individual bands giving short recitals all added to the wonderful feeling. I was fascinated that the pipers accompanying the young dancers on the stage in front of the Royal pavilion. Were able to keep playing and the dancers not miss a step, whilst the pipes and drums of were playing different tunes right alongside.

To see sports and competitions played in a true Olympian spirit was very refreshing – serious competition without the encumbrance of the technology that blights so much these days.

To Colonsay

As the ferry approached the Island and it emerged from the gloom, I had the distinct and uncanny feeling of ‘coming home.’

The house at Garvard was very comfortable and the company most inductive to a homely atmosphere. The house location and its views were as they say ‘to die for.’ Overlooking the Strand towards Oronsay and with the Paps of Jura in the background it was idyllic. As one with a keen interest in archaeology, history, ecology and geology, I was in seventh heaven.

The group pilgrimage across the strand was undertaken in great spirit. Alistair Scouller, one of our party but who is a resident of Colonsay, gave a commentary as we walked across. This was most useful and helped put things into context. My only regret was the restraints of time and tide did not allow for much dawdling to look at things. However, this is yet another excuse, if one is needed, to return to Colonsay

The Standing Stone is very atmospheric and certainly warrants some further reading and research. The OS map indicates that the site may be that of a chapel and burial ground. A little investigation may add to the Clan’s knowledge and perhaps identify the significance of the location to the events that took place in 1623.

The final ceilidh at the Hotel went with a great swing, the barriers at last broken down.

The visit to the islands was far too short and I wished that the weather would be so bad that the ferry could not reach Colonsay.



Proclamation

Convening the 10th Parliament of Clan Macfie

I, Iain Morris McFie Of Coulintyre, Kincaig, Inverness Shire, Scotland, as Ceann Cath (Commander) of Clan Macfie acting in accordance with the powers invested in me do hereby proclaim that the Tenth Clan Macfie Parliament, for the dispatch of Clan and Clan Society business, shall commence on Thursday the third day of September 2009 at 09.30 in the Nethy Bridge Hotel Nethybridge, Badenoch and Strathspey, Scotland and to continue in the said Hotel as programmed during the two days and members of Clan Macfie as able are required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Coulintyre, Kincaig this eleventh day of May two thousand and nine.



*Iain M McFie
Ceann Cath Clan Macfie*



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17th Clan Macfie International Gathering **and** **10th Parliament**

3rd to 4th September 2009, Nethybridge

Order of Business

- Thursday 3rd September** **09.30** **Opening Ceremony**
Procession of Clan & Clan Society Officials
Welcome and Introduction by the Ceann Cath
Welcome by President of Clan Macfie Society
Opening of Clan Parliament by the Ceann Cath
Iain Morris McFie, Commander of Clan Macfie
10.0 **1st Session of Parliament**
Prayer by Rev Dr J McAfee
Remembrance
Greetings, Good wishes and Apologies
Announcements
Matters arising from 9th Parliament
Clan Reports Previous Ceann Cath
 Previous Clan Treasurer
 Present Ceann Cath
 Present Clan Treasurer
 Clan Macfie Associates
Notified items of Business relating to the Clan
Other items of Business relating to the Clan
Committee meetings (If time allows)
- Friday 4th September** **09.30** **Second Session of Parliament Society Business**
Introduction
Appointment of Chairman for Society Business
Session
Announcements
Clan Society Reports
 Clan Macfie Society
 The Thorburn/Macfie Family Society
 Cathey Reunion
 MacDuffee Clan Society of Clan Macfie
 The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

Macfie Clan Society in Canada
Macfie Clan Society of America
The McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand
Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association
Parliamentary Standing Committee Reports
Genealogy
International Gatherings by A C McPhie
International Gatherings by I M McFie
Keeper of the Records
Memorials and Special Projects
Music, Dance and the Arts
Nomenclature
Constitution Review Committee
Notified items of Clan Society Business
Other items of Business relating to Clan Societies
International Gathering and 11th Parliament
International Mini Gathering
Committee Meetings (If time allows)
Closure of Tenth Parliament

Appointment of Parliamentary Officials

Speaker	First Session	Ceann Cath
	Second Session	James McPhee Esq. (NZ)
Clerks of the Parliament	Fiona McFie	Linda Gilcrest (USA)
Scribes to the Parliament	Mary McPhee (NZ)	Sheena Dewyze (Can)

Additional Allocation of Duties

Clan Piper	Bob McFie (Scot)
Clan Gathering Co-ordinators	Iain & Fiona McFie (Scot)
Host Clan Society	Clan Macfie Society
Claymore Bearer	Andrew Duffy (Scot)
Saltire Bearer	Seth Duffy (Eng)
Parliament Opening Prayer	Rev. Dr. J. McAfee (USA)
Clan Dinner Honoured Guest	Iain Brodie of Falsyde

Clan Dinner

Grace	Rev. Dr. J. McAfee (USA)
Haggis Address	Alastair Scouller (Scot)
Loyal Toast`	Des Duffy Esq. (Eng)
Toast to Scotland and the Clan	Iain McPhee (Aus)
Guest Speaker	Iain Brodie of Falsyde
Vote of Thanks	Heleen van der Leest (Ned)

Ceremonial Opening of the Clan Parliament

The Ceann Cath proceeded by the Clan Piper, Robert McFie, the Sword bearer, Andrew Duffy, both Scotland and Seth Duffy of England, the Scottish Standard Bearer, entered the meeting place accompanied by Clan Armigers, Commissioners and representatives of the attending Societies.

A warm welcome was extended to all by the Ceann Cath. He thanked everyone who had travelled to the fairly remote Nethybridge to attend the 10th Parliament. The Ceann Cath was both disappointed and pleased at the attendance. Disappointed at the low representation from certain areas, but pleased at the number of younger people present.

Opening remarks by the Ceann Cath

Once again the Clan Parliament is convened for the transaction of Clan and Clan Society business. My call for all and sundry to attend has been answered. To those of you who are here I thank you for your attendance. I extend a warm and sincere welcome to you all.

These gatherings are arranged for the benefit of the Clan, the Clan Societies and the individual. I therefore ask that you are attentive to all the discussions I am confident that each and everyone of you will make a positive contribution to our deliberations during the Parliament with the best interest of the Clan and Clan Societies at heart.

There are two distinct areas to the Order of Business. Today we will discuss Clan Macfie matters while tomorrow's programme will deal with business of the Societies. I apologise that we only have only one day for each of the discussion areas and short as that may be we also have to fit in the Opening and Closing ceremonies. within this limited time.

One of the things that Macfies are noted for is having fun. It is my hope that within the time we have in Nethybridge and Colonsay everyone will have a happy and enjoyable time.

It is my Honour and pleasure to declare the 10th Parliament of Clan Macfie open for the transaction of notified business.

Iain Morris McFie
Ceann Cath

Additional Opening Remarks

Now that the formal opening is out of the way I would like to apologise for any shortcomings you may have already encountered or will encounter during the time of the Gathering.

As I wrote in my first Clan News (#54) this has been a difficult time for me. Taking over the leadership of the Clan in October 2008, making arrangements for the Clan Gathering and also the Homecoming Gathering, in Edinburgh, has lain heavy on me. Also working part time to keep the Bank manager away from the door added to the load.

Very recently two of our grandchildren and their mother were involved in a serious road traffic accident and hospitalized in Inverness. The youngest James is still in hospital. As their father, our son, does not drive I have on most days taken him to visit the Boys and their mother.

To add to that my computer blew up. So if there are any shortcomings in the arrangements pre, during or post Gathering or you have found me or will find me a bit testy, please have kind thoughts.

Clan Trust and the Future

The Clan Council sub Committee has been looking into forming a Clan Trust. You may ask why do we need to set up a Trust?

In Scots Law a Clan is not recognised as an entity and therefore all the assets of the Clan belong to the Chief or as in our case the Ceann Cath (Commander). While you all may think me an honourable person, I hope you do, if the Clan ever owned anything of value I could quite legitimately run off with it or dispose of it as I wished. However, there is a downside in this ownership. Any debts of the Clan would be my debt.

The assets of the Clan should belong to the Clan members and not some arbitrarily appointed Chief. For the assets to be in the ownership of the members it is necessary to set up a Clan Trust.

I obtained from the Clan Macdonald a copy of their trust and Andrew Duffy supplied Trust documents from an organisation of which he is a official. The aims and objectives of the Clan Macfie Trust will to a great extent determined by our vision of the Clan develops.

I asked Douglas Macfie Young, a lawyer, who looks after the affairs of Macfie Associates, for some basic advice, which so far has come to nothing. Others contacted have also disappointed by their lack of response. The Clan treasurer, Finlay McFee, is an Accountant with experience of legal matters. He has been keeping me on the straight and narrow with regards to setting up the Clan Trust.

We have no assets other than a very small bank account. Who knows what will happen in the time ahead. If we have a goal for the future of the Clan we need, a vision, the Clan Trust and assets in order to achieve it. John Rosser, the Vision Committee chairman, says only if we have a sound proposition can he sell it to others. There are other ways of accruing money or assets.

Home is where the Heart is

What is the future for the Clan Macfie and its Diaspora? At the moment we operate as separate entities. Each Society carries out its business with little thought to how the other Societies may be affected by the action or inaction being taken. We come together every four years. We have a wonderful time, but we go home with little impetus to build a bigger better, tighter organisation.

Our Clan heritage is that we are travelling folk. What we need is a place of our own, a heart, a permanent home. Yes we do have our little bit of Colonsay, but while we may visit and pay homage to our past it is not electrifying. What we need is a heart that is pumping fresh blood and ideas into the Clan.

We twice had the opportunity to own a part of Colonsay and because of our inability to develop a strategy and the means to purchase the land, we lost out. That must not happen again. We need to develop; now, the vision and the where-with-all to fund it so if the possibility of owning a piece of Colonsay or anywhere else arises we can at least make a bid.

What's in a name?

There have been rumblings regarding the Clan name. A disgruntled agitator is directing this disquiet. It makes others and myself ask does it really matter how we spell the Clan name.

Our past Commander, Sandy, some time ago wrote “The surname spelling for Chief Malcolm, recorded at the murder trial of Col Kitto is MacPhie. Given the usage of surnames and their spelling in the western isles in the 17th Century I do not believe this overly significant in today’s context – nor do I feel other surname spellings from that era or earlier to have anything other than historic interest. I understand that a Clan Chief has the authority to decree the spelling of the name of his or her Clan. Thus until that day arises for us the Clan name will remain ‘Macfie’ unless the Lord Lyon decides otherwise. Let us accept this and work always towards a united and happy Clan presence.”

I would also like to quote Andrew Duffy who, at the 2005 Gathering said, “ I hope we do not lose the precept of drawing people together, especially in a world where forces are continuing to polarise and divide us, let us use our name in all its many different and interesting forms to bring people together.”

Professor James Hunter in his book ‘The Blood is Strong’ says. “In the great scheme of things, how we spell our name, is of little matter.” The Clan DNA project has shown no matter how we spell our name it is of consequence only to ourselves. The results of the project so far, supports this as Sandy, myself, Linda McFee Gilcrest, Angus Macphee and many others with different spelling have a common ancestor.

President Obama soon after he knew he was to become the 44th President of the USA quoted another President, Abraham Lincoln, who said to a nation much more divide than we appear to be, “We are not enemies, but friends. Though passions may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection.”

Obama went on to say, “ to those whose support I have yet to earn I may not have your vote, but I hear your voices, I need your help and I will be your Commander too.”

I asked the Lyon Court if an officer of the Court could attend the Gathering to carry out two duties. The first to explain the reasons for the choice of spelling of the Clan name, which I hoped would

stop all the arguments. The second duty was to present to The Rev. Dr. Jim McAphee and his sons with their Arms. Unfortunately the documents were not ready for presentation.

Finally in the little booklet by the late George Roussos, which is available for sale, he quotes from Dr Earle's books, which are now available on line, "**The spelling of the name coming from the root name as old as MacDhubhsith is an honour, which few Scots can boast of; certainly the spelling should not lead to a confrontation as to which spelling was first.**"

The Parable of the Talents

You will know of the parable of the talents. I would like to do something similar in order to raise money for the Clan Trust and Vision. The idea is that every member of a society receives from the Clan £1.00 or £10.00 and takes that away and within a stated period returns to the Treasurer ten times the amount originally provided. This would have to be organised at Society level and the Society would receive a proportion of whatever is collected.

The easy way out, as I have done occasionally, is to stump up all the cash yourself. However, if you hark back to your Boy or Girl Scout days when you sold cookies or lemonade etc, you were doing something positive that brought your organisation to the attention of others. So do the same now. Do something that brings the Clan name to the attention of others, especially possible recruits and at the same time you will be helping to build the Clan treasury and also its Vision of the future.



Braemar Highland Games

Clan Parliament Wednesday 3rd September 2009
First Session Clan Business

1 Speaker

The Ceann Cath, Iain Morris McFie, as Speaker opened the first session of the Parliament at 09.50.

2 Host Society Welcome

Mr. Robert (Bob) McFie President of the Clan Macfie Society, the Homeland Society, welcomed everyone to Nethybridge and Scotland. At annex A you will find a copy of his address.

3 Opening Prayer

The Rev Dr Jim McAfee (USA) prayed for a successful Gathering when he said

We all pray that God will honor and bless your leadership as our Commander and we thank Him for the work you and Fiona have done for our Clan and continue to do. We ask that we will have a Parliament that would be peaceful and that our individual Societies will cooperate with each other. We also pray that all will have a wonderful experience and safe travel home.

4 Remembrance

It is with sadness that I have to record the names of Clan members and friends, who have passed on to higher service.

Scotland;- David Thortnley Irvine Butterfield and Squ, Leader Thomas McPhee.

England:- Margaret Marquis

Canada: - Evelyn McPhee, Jean McPhee, Donald McFie, Paul H McFie, Catherine McPhee Peter McPhee, John A McPhee, Kenneth G McPhee, Kenneth E McPhee and Helen McFie,

There may be others, but who's passing has not been notified to the secretariat. Please inform the Clerk of the Parliament if there is anyone whom you think should be remembered.

5 Greetings, Good wishes, Apologies

The Ceann Cath read out greetings and good wishes and apologies from Sandy and Helen McPhie, the past Commander and his wife, Sylvia McPhee, the Clan Commissioner in Canada, Gary McPhee, President Clan Macfie Society in Canada and Norman McAfee of New York.

6 Matters arising from the Ninth Parliament

There was one item of Clan/Society Business carried over from the previous Parliament.

At Inverness, in 2005, Eric Wadsworth (New Zealand) was asked to draw up a constitution for the Societies. I contacted Eric several months ago to ask if the Constitution was ready. He replied only two of the nine accredited Societies had provided a copy of their Constitution.

Eric and his family had experienced some misfortune, which has hindered the completion of the task assigned to him. While Carolyn had not yet returned to full health, Eric was back in harness. He said he would return to designing a constitution for the Societies, providing each Society co-operated by sending a copy of their constitution.

7 Clan Reports

The Ceann Cath said that in each of the delegates bundle there were copies of A C McPhie's report, as retiring Commander, for the period from the last Clan Parliament to the date that he retired. Also in the delegates package was a copy of the retiring Treasurers' Report for the same period. It was moved by James McPhee (New Zealand) and seconded by Ian McPhee (Australia) that both the retiring Commanders and Clan Treasurer's Report for the period 2005 to 2008 should be accepted. Motion approved by acclimation. These reports can be found at Appendix B

In order to cover the visit to Sweden the Ceann Cath's Report ran from July 2007 to the present time. A motion was made by James McPhee (New Zealand) and seconded by the Rev Jim McAfee (USA) that Commander Iain McFie's report be approved as submitted. Motion was passed by acclimation.

The new Clan Treasurer, Finlay McFee of Brae House Argyll, submitted his report for the period October 2008 to now. Linda Gilcrest moved that the International Clan Treasurer's Report for the period 2008-9 as submitted by Finlay McFee should be accepted. The motion was seconded by Rev Jim McAfee and approved by acclimation. These reports are attached at Appendix B

The Keeper of the Records report was presented by the Ceann Cath and can be found at Appendix B His report was accepted by acclimation.

8 Notified items of Clan Business Relating to the Clan

There were no new items of Clan Business to discuss.

As there was some time to spare the Ceann Cath arranged for several committees to meet. These to consider the future of the Clan in relation to setting up a Trust, Finance, Clan Vision, Tartans, Genealogy, Music the Arts and Drama and Nomenclature. Delegates had previously been asked to select in which Committees they would like to take part. A new Committee, 'Legal', was formed to look into the formation of a Clan Trust, The various Groups broke off for discussion of its particular subject.

The Ceann Cath brought the Groups out of session, promising that they would have more time tomorrow to continue with their discussions. The meeting closed at 12.30 for Lunch.

The outing in the afternoon, due to the poor weather, was to be curtailed, but visit to the new Culloden Centre and a coach tour would go ahead.

Parliament Thursday 4th September 2009

Second Session Clan Society Business

9 Speaker

The Ceann Cath, Iain Morris McFie, opened the session at 09.45. He immediately gave the chairmanship of the session to James McPhee Esq. of New Zealand. This had been an arrangement made prior to the start of the Parliament. This was fortunate as there had been flooding in the Spey Valley with the possibility that Fiona and Iain's home had been affected. The Ceann Cath left after tendering his apologies. This session was to deal with Society Business and the continuation of the Committee discussions

10 Matters Arising from the Ninth Clan Parliament

There were no items of business notified other than that mention yesterday

11 Clan Society Reports

Clan Macfie Society - Bob McFie
Thorburn/Macfie Family Society Sweden - Christer Hemberg Commissioner
Cathey Reunion Association a written report
Macfie Clan Society of Australia - Ian McPhee President
McDuffie Clan Society of America of Clan Macfie - William Morris - President
The Macfie Clan Society in Canada. Spoken to by Marianne Clayton
The Clan Macfie Society of America - The Rev Dr James McAfee - President
The McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand - spoken to by James McPhee, Esq.
The Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association - Ilah Coffee-Merriman - President
Copies of these reports and additional words can be found at Annex C

12 Parliamentary Standing Committee Reports

Written reports from the Chairmen of the following Standing Committees were tabled and spoken to by those who were present.

International Gatherings 2005 - 2008 - Retired Commander A C McPhie - Chairman

International Gatherings 2007 - 2008 - Ceann Cath Iain M McFie - Chairman

Memorials and Special Projects - Vanessa King Macfie - Chairman

Keeper of the Records - Ceann Cath Iain M McFie – Chairman

13 Notified Items of Clan Society Business

There were no items of Society Business notified to the secretariat.

The Ceann Cath had mentioned yesterday that the matter of the constitution to cover all the Societies is still a work in progress, but it is required each of the Societies send a copy of their Society's Constitution to Eric Wadsworth in New Zealand.

14 Standing Committee Chairmen

As each committee sat it elected a chairman to head up the discussion. Later at the plenary session for Society Business each of the chairmen were presented to the main body for ratification of their post.

International Gatherings Ceann - Cath Iain M McFie, Scotland.

Vision and Special projects - John Rosser, USA This committee is an amalgamation of the Vision and Monuments and Special Project teams, Vanessa King Macfie had previously informed the Ceann Cath that she wished to resign her position as chairman of the M & S P Committee.

Nomenclature - Andrew Duffy

Keeper of the Clan Records - Keith McAfee USA. Keith would hold this post, but the records would remain in Scotland, under the guardianship of the Ceann Cath.

Music Dance and The Arts - Bob McFie Scotland. Martha Traylor is very ill and unable to continue as the Chairman of this Committee.

Genealogy - Nancyanne Carkeek USA

Historian - Sheila Duffy England Sheila had not submitted a report. However she has had two changes of residence this year and this may have caused the oversight.

Legal - Ian McPhee - Australia.

The nominations for the various Committee Chairmen were put to the main body of the Parliament and were accepted by acclamation.

15 The DNA Project

Rod McDuff, who had been managing the project, wrote apologizing for not being able to attend the Gathering. He has, however, sent a detailed report, copies of which are in the delegates folder.

In his detailed report Rod concludes that the aims and objectives of the Project have been satisfied, though he still encourages any who have not had their DNA tested to go ahead and do so. He in the mean time will continue to manage the study, but is hopeful the Clan Macfie will take over the running of the project.

We extend our thanks to Rod for his sterling work in the management of this project.

16 Completion of Clan and Society Business.

Clan Trust. Ian McPhee (Aus), Chairman of the Legal Committee made the following motion "The Clan authorizes Clan Commander Iain Morris McFie to take whatever action is necessary so that a trust may be established as a legal entity for Clan Macfie. Further this parliament directs the Clan Commander Iain Morris McFie to submit an initial written progress report to Clan Commissioners and Clan Society Presidents by 31st December 2009 and that thereafter progress reports every six (6) months on the progress being made regarding authorization." **Motion was seconded and approved by Parliament.**

17 Mid Term Clan Gathering

Several Societies indicated an interest in hosting the mini Gathering in 2011. The Ceann Cath will follow up on this matter.

In 2012 the Duffee/Duffie Society will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. It is possible therefore that could be the focus for the mini Gathering. William Morris, the Society President, will consider suitable venues for what we hope will be a Clan wide party to celebrate this special occasion.

18 International Clan Parliament 2013

Iain and Fiona McFie have arranged the Clan Gatherings, since 1989. However, since Iain has moved up the pecking order a little bit, the Gathering decided that someone else should take on the task of arranging the next Gathering in Scotland.

It is not known if they were pushed or jumped, but Andrew and Vanessa Duffy (Scotland) now have the responsibility of working out where we will gather in 2013. The Ceann Cath said he was grateful to Andrew and Vanessa as he is aware of all the work that is necessary in making the Gathering a success. However both are experienced in planning due to their previous employment and also through their hobby of rifle and pistol shooting.

There was discussion as to where the next Gathering should be held. Suggestions were, The Isle of Bute by James McPhee (NZ); Carbisdale Castle in Highland Region by the Ceann Cath; Castle Douglas, by Bill Morris (USA) and also Dumfries by Andrew and Vanessa Duffy; both towns in Dumfries Shire. These possible locations are to be considered by the Ceann Cath, Bob McFie and the new Coordinators, Andrew and Vanessa Duffy.

A motion was put to the Parliament that the location of the next Parliament and programme to be left to the Commander, the President of the Clan Macfie Society and the Coordinators. These arrangements to be notified to Clan Members in due course. **Motion was agreed.**

19a Commanders report 2005-2008.

It was moved by James McPhee (NZ) and seconded by Iain McPhee (Aus) that the former Commander's report and the former international Treasurer's report for the period 2005 - 2008 be accepted. **Motion approved**

19b Ceann Cath's Report 2008-2009

James McPhee (New Zealand) made a motion seconded by Jim McAfee (USA) that Commander Iain McFie's report be approved as submitted. **Motion approved**

19c Treasurer's Report 2005-2008

The Financial statement submitted by Peter McPhee Clan treasurer for the period stated was submitted for approval. It was unanimously agreed to accept the report.

19d Treasurers report 2008 - 2009

It was moved by Linda McFee Gilcrest and seconded by Jim McAfee (USA) that the report submitted by Finlay McFee of Scotland be accepted. **Motion approved.**

19e Tartans

Keith McAfee (USA) Chairman of the Tartan Committee, made the following motion. It is proposed to the Ceann Cath the he accepts four (4) additional Tartan designs in addition to the two (2) already recognized. It is proposed that the Weathered Muted, Hunting and Dress also be included. The Ceann Cath Iain M McFie is currently designing the hunting and Dress. The possibility of the tartans being woven in “poly blends” to help reduce fabric costs, should be investigated.

Motion was seconded and approved. Two (2) “no” votes.

19f Keeper of the Clan Records.

It was considered that Ceann Cath Iain McFie, the present Keeper of the Clan Records, would be too busy with managing Clan Business to remain as the Keeper. While the records must remain in Scotland, it was thought it would be wise to have copies of all relevant materials held somewhere else. James McPhee (NZ) moved that Keith McAfee (USA) be appointed as Keeper of the Clan Records and be tasked to digitize all the relevant documents at present in the Commander’s care and that the digitized copies be held elsewhere for safe custody. The motion was seconded by Vicki McFee (USA). **Motion Approved by acclamation.**

20 A Vision of the Future and Fund Raising Prospects

Any vision we may have for the future of the Clan will not materialize unless there are sufficient funds to transfer that vision into reality. The Ceann Cath had mentioned early in the Parliaments proceeding that perhaps we should use the parable of the Talents to raise funds for any project. He remarked, “Receiving occasional per capita payments would not be sufficient to allow for future development of the Clan”. He also said that only two Societies contributed more than that asked. He was appreciative of the generosity of these Societies and he promised any contributions would not be wasted on trivia.

21 Closure of the 10th Clan Parliament

In closing the Parliament the Commander said he had to thank his wife, Fiona, for her forbearance as his temper grew in the build up to the Gathering. He also thanked Sheena Dewyze (Can0, Mary McPhee (NZ) and Linda Gilcrest (USA) for acting as recorders to the Gathering. To those departing office he expressed his admiration for the work they had carried out while in office and to those taking up post he said he hoped that they could all work together to make the Clan stronger, fitter and more inclusive.

To those not going on to Colonsay he hoped that their travels would be trouble free and that they would travel home safely. To the ones traveling to Colonsay he said if they had not been there before they would be engaged with the magic of the islands.

The Ceann Cath closed the 10th Parliament with the wish that they would all gather again in 2013

Greetings, Good Wishes and Apologies

The Parliament has received the following Greetings, Good Wishes and Apologies

Greetings

Cathey Reunion
Clan McPhee Society of New Zealand
The Thorburn Macfie Family Society, Sweden
Commissioner and Mrs Sandy McPhie, Australia
Commissioner Sylvia McPhee, Canada
Norman Macfie, USA

Apologies

Boyt Cathey, USA
Harvey and Ann McPhee, Canada,
Ulf and Nanna Hagman, Sweden
Fritz and Bette McDuffie,
Gary and Barbara McPhee, China As well, our administration team in Canada, Sylvia McPhee Ian McHaffie and Stephen Bennett send their regrets and warm greetings to this grand occasion.

From the President of the Clan Macfie Society

The standard greeting of ‘Cued Mile Failte’, a hundred thousand welcomes, does not convey our delight in greeting you to this Clan Gathering and Parliament. It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Nethybridge.

During the course of the Parliament, friendships shall be renewed and new ones formed. Clan affairs shall be discussed, I hope more amicably than in the past, notions and ideas and other items of business accepted or rejected. However at all times there shall be fun, occasional hilarity, but often the pleasure and well being experienced when in the company of friendly, like minded folk, related by surname.

So, make the most of your stay have a wonderful time, both here and on Colonsay If at any time you need assistance please let any member of the home Society know. They will be delighted to help, after all as I have said before one of our unofficial mottos is, ‘take care of each other’.

Bob McFie, President,

Clan Macfie Society

Clan Reports

Ceann Cath 2005-2008
Clan Treasurer 2005-2008
Ceann Cath 2008-2009
Keeper of the Records

Clan Commander's Report to the 10th Parliament

of Clan Macfie Societies 2005 2008

Clan Commander
Clan Members

I have pleasure in submitting this report on Clan Macfie activities for the period from the last Clan Parliament in 2005 until I stood down from office as Clan Commander in 2008.

Undoubtedly the major event within Clan Macfie during this time was the appointment by the Lord Lyon King of Arms on the 12th of October 2008 of Iain Morris McFie Esq. Of Scotland as CEANN Cath or Commander of Clan Macfie = our third Clan Commander. When I was in Scotland in 2005 for the Clan Gathering in Inverness. I had discussions with the Lord Lyon regarding me standing down from office. We agreed to review this matter in 2008 and that year the Lyon authorised me to form an ad hoc derbhfine to seek a candidate for possible appointment in my place. In due course Iain's name came forward strongly supported by derbhfine members and with acclimation by the Clan Society Presidents and others. I have known Iain from my earliest visits to Scotland and am confident the Clan will prosper under his leadership.

During the time of this report our Clan continued to function strongly through its nine Clan Societies around the world and through the Clan secretariat base in Australia, which maintained the Clan Homepage until its transfer to Scotland in late 2008. Three copies of Clan Macfie News were mailed by the secretariat to over a hundred addresses each year. International Gatherings of Clan Macfie were held in Scotland in 2005 and Sweden in 2007 and another our 17th, is scheduled for for Nethybridge in Scotland in 2009. The Clan Macfie Parliament of the Societies was convened in Scotland in 2005 in conjunction with the International Gathering of the Clan and is programmed to sit again in Nethybridge. The Clan Macfie Society in Scotland will be hosting overseas Clan Members visiting Scotland for the 2009 "Homecoming Scotland" celebrations especially in Edinburgh for the Gathering of the Clans in July.

All Clan Societies have continued to operate within their respective charters. In many cases, Clan Societies have scheduled their general meeting weekends in conjunction with local Highland Games and often hosted Clan tents at other Games. Normal changeovers have occurred amongst the Society Presidents and their respective management committees with new office bearers coming forward to continue respective Society operations, be it in a leadership or management role or to specialise in historical research and genealogy etc.. Regular two way contact within the Clan and between the Clan Societies is, I feel, a significant contributing factor to our overall cohesion and along with continuing to interest younger members in Clan, activities, is essential for the future wellbeing of the Clan. Helen and I attended the Biennial General meeting of the Macfie Society of Australia in Melbourne, Vic, in 2006 and Toowoomba, Qld. in 2008, but regretfully were unable to attend any of the General Meetings of the other Clan Societies.

In handing over as Clan Commander I look back on my nineteen years in office with some sorrow at leaving the appointment, but with pleasure and pride in what has been achieved during that time. An enjoyable time, with support and friendship from across the whole Clan; a time packed with many highlights and visits to the Clan Societies and their members around the world. And to Scotland and its wonderful people. My special thanks to my Wife, Helen, for her unwavering support and unfailing time on the computer and internet; to my son Scot, for giving his limited time to resurrecting the Clan Homepage; to Treasurer Peter McPhee for many years of financial reports; to Iain and Fiona for their work to ensure all Clan Gatherings, in Scotland, were enjoyable and successful and finally to my Commissioners, the Clan Society Presidents and all Clan members. Thank you.

Sandy McPhie

Clan Treasurer's Report for 2005 2009

I submit the following report for the period since the last Clan Parliament in Inverness in 2005 until Clan funds were transferred to Scotland following the appointment of Iain McFie Esq. As commander of Clan Macfie

Funds transferred to Scotland on the 2nd March 2009 were made up as follows.

Working Fund	\$139.04	£61.85
Clan Capital Fund	8354.82	3716.22
Projects Fund	93.13	41.42
Travel Fund	524.00	233.08
	\$9110.99	£4052.57

Financial Statements were distributed to Clan Society Presidents etc. , each year of the 2005 2008 period giving a breakdown of income, expenditure and investments for the relevant period.. A consolidation trading statement for the four years of this report is attached.

At the time of the original transfer of funds to an Australian Bank in October 1990 following the appointment of Sandy McPhie Clan Commander, the relative relevant break up of monies received was; Working fund \$2571.84 and Clan Capital \$1212.77. While the Capital Fund was built up especially by member donations in the early years, the Working Fund has not fared well over the 19 years. The Working Fund figures reflect an increase in operations by the Clan Secretariat etc., since 1990, but also an examination of annual financial statements since then shows increased costs against diminishing income. It is essential that all Clan Societies share the obligation to contribute towards the Clan administration expenses each year.

The general trading for the 2005-9 period was fairly standard compared with the previous four-year period. It includes some costs etc., related to the 2005 Clan Gathering and in 2008 the ad hoc derbhfine procedures and associated Lyon Court cost re our new Clan Commander's Commission. These latter expenses were debited to the Clan Capital Fund as being quite separate and different from normal administrative expenses.

Peter McPhee Clan Treasurer (2005 – 2008)

CONSOLIDATED TRADING STATEMENT 2005 – 02 MAR 2009

(All amounts shown in Australian \$)

Working Fund

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Total</u>
Clan Society per capitas	700.68	1137.46	514.80	469.15	2822.09
Donations	100.00	100.00	200.00	285.00	685.00
Bank Interest	<u>26.81</u>	<u>18.52</u>	<u>31.60</u>	<u>11.28</u>	<u>88.21</u>
Total	<u>827.49</u>	<u>1255.98</u>	<u>746.40</u>	<u>765.43</u>	<u>\$3595.30</u>

Expenditure

Administration	497.87	178.23	192.79	402.14	1271.03
Clan Macfie News	750.20	603.08	654.90	687.85	2696.03
Australian Income Tax	9.60	65.10	26.10	151.50	252.30
Clan Parliament Reports	-	<u>356.94</u>	-	-	<u>356.94</u>
Total	<u>1257.67</u>	<u>1203.35</u>	<u>873.79</u>	<u>1241.49</u>	<u>\$ 4576.30</u>

Clan Capital Fund

<u>Receipts</u>					
Term Deposit Interest	339.90	227.32	462.23	540.36	1569.81
Donation	-	-	-	80.00	80.00
Bank Interest	-	-	-	<u>8.18</u>	<u>8.18</u>
Total	<u>\$ 339.90</u>	<u>\$ 227.32</u>	<u>\$ 462.23</u>	<u>\$ 628.54</u>	<u>\$1657.99</u>

Expenditure

ad hoc derbhfine etc.	-	-	-	738.47	<u>738.47</u>
Total					<u>\$738.47</u>

Projects Fund**Receipts**

Donations	45.00	63.00	-	80.00	188.00
Standing Stone	<u>120.00</u>	<u>73.00</u>	<u>90.00</u>	<u>80.00</u>	<u>363.00</u>
Total	<u>165.00</u>	<u>136.00</u>	<u>90.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>	<u>\$551.00</u>

Expenditure

Colonsay Projects (owing)	134.48	-	-	-	134.48
Standing Stone (nett credit transfer)	-	-	-	351.35	351.35
Colonsay Church Appeal	-	-	<u>94.87</u>	-	<u>94.87</u>
Total	<u>134.48</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94.87</u>	<u>351.35</u>	<u>\$580.70</u>

Clan Commander Travel**Receipts**

Donations	350.00	206.00	238.00	80.00	<u>\$ 874.00</u>
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Expenditure

Clan Commander Advance	654.64	-	-	-	<u>\$ 654.64</u>
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Notes:

- (1) Clan Funds held on term deposit at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia were redeemed on the 3rd November 2008 and held in the Clan Bank Account pending transfer to Scotland.
- (2) The Clan Bank Account at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia was closed on the 27th February 2009 with all funds transferred to Scotland on the 2nd March 2009.
- (3) It has been estimated that no Australian Income Tax will be payable for the 2008/2009 financial year.
- (4) The 2008 figures include final transactions until the Clan Bank Account was closed on the 27th February 2009.

CLAN CAPITAL FUND

<u>Balance B/F 01 Jan 08</u>	364.75	<u>Transfers</u>	
		To Working Fund	
		Term Deposit Contra	400.00
		ad hoc derbhfine exes	<u>738.47</u> 1138.47
<u>Donation</u>			
Macfie C/S Aust	80.00		
<u>Interest</u>		<u>Funds Transfer To Scotland</u>	<u>8354.82</u>
Term Deposit	540.36		
Bank Account	<u>8.18</u> 548.54		
<u>Term Deposit</u>			
On Maturity	<u>8500.00</u>		
	<u>\$9493.29</u>		<u>\$9493.29</u>

PROJECT FUND

<u>Balance B/F 01 Jan 08</u>	296.13	<u>Transfers</u>	
(S/Stone 283.00 Projects 13.13)		Working Fund (S/S Postage)	11.65
		To Scotland (S/Stone)	351.35 363.00
<u>Donations</u>		<u>Funds Transfer to Scotland</u>	<u>93.13</u>
Macfie C/S Australia	<u>160.00</u>		
(S/Stone 80.00 Projects 80.00)			
	<u>\$456.13</u>		<u>\$456.13</u>

CLAN COMMANDER TRAVEL FUND

<u>Balance B/F 01 Jan 08</u>	444.00		
<u>Donations</u>		<u>Funds Transfer to Scotland</u>	<u>\$524.00</u>
Macfie C/S Aust	<u>80.00</u>		
	<u>\$524.00</u>		



A. C. (Sandy) McPhee
Former Clan Commander



Peter McPhee
Clan Macfie Treasurer

CLAN MACFIE

STATEMENT OF INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND INVESTMENTS

01 JAN 2008 TO 27 FEB 2009

WORKING FUND

<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>		
<u>Balance B/F 01 Jan 08</u>		203.45	<u>Administration</u>		
			Postage	188.05	
<u>Per Capita Levy Payments</u>			Internet	89.94	
Coffey/Coffee Assn	42.25		Print & Stationery	104.15	
Macfie C/S Aust	295.20		Bank Draft & Funds Transfer	<u>20.00</u>	402.14
McPhee C/S N.Z.	90.00				
Macfie C/S Can (2007)	<u>41.70</u>	469.15	<u>Clan Macfie News</u>		
			Printing	107.90	
<u>Donations</u>			Stationery	31.20	
McPhee C/Soc N.Z.	200.00		Postage	<u>548.75</u>	687.85
Macfie C/S Aust	<u>85.00</u>	285.00			
			<u>ad hoc derbhfine</u>		
<u>Interest</u>			Printing and Stationery	42.22	
Term Deposit		11.28	Postage	265.20	
			Lyon Court Fees	<u>431.05</u>	738.47
<u>Transfers</u>					
Ex Clan Capital:			<u>Australian Income Tax</u>		
Term Deposit	400.00		2006/2007 year	122.40	
Derbhfine Expenses	738.47		2007/2008 year	<u>29.10</u>	151.50
Ex Projects:					
Standing Stone	<u>11.65</u>	<u>1150.12</u>	<u>Funds Transfer to Scotland</u>		<u>139.04</u>
		<u>\$2119.00</u>			<u>\$2119.00</u>

Note: In addition to the above, our bankers deducted \$10 in fees at the time of our banking an overseas cheque.



A.C. (Sandy) McPhie
Former Clan Commander



Peter McPhee
Clan Macfie Treasurer

Report by the Keeper of the Clan Records
to the 10th Clan Macfie Parliament.

Little work has been done in collating all the information that is out there. Despite appeals at previous Parliaments to have all relevant Macfie information copied to the Keeper.

There have been a number of requests for information relating to specific individuals, but because there is so little research carried out in Scotland, on Clan names, it is difficult to come to someone's aid. There is also the problem of linking from, in particular, America and Canada back to Scotland as many of the parish records were destroyed at the time of the reformation. So we need to encourage this aspect of research. Perhaps that is a project that we need to consider.

Three books have been purchased, two on heraldry the other on Clans. The first is 'Boutell's Heraldry' by J.P. Brooke-Little who at the time of writing was the Norroy and Ulster King of Arms. The second is 'Scots Heraldry' by Sir Thomas Innes of Learney Lord Lyon King of Arms, which was written in 1934 and enlarged in 1956, the date of the copy in the library. The other book is a first edition copy of Ian Grimble's 'Clans and Chiefs.' It explores the origins of tribalism among the Celtic peoples of Europe and how it was brought to Scotland.

In these days we have ways of storing and disseminating incredible amounts of information. So may I appeal to each Society to gather all the info they or their members may have put on a flash/pen drive and pass it on to the KotR. The greater the amount of information we have on families and their origins will allow the KotR to help others who are researching their family and when they have completed perhaps they could be persuaded to add their findings to our knowledge base.

Iain M McFie
Keeper of the Records



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The Clan Macfie Society Report

The Euro based Macfie Society is stable and in good health. Although the membership list is not as extensive as we would wish, the numbers remain constant. Changes have been made in those holding management and other titles. It goes without saying that those in post are fulfilling their duties admirably.

A society project, the placement of ‘visitor bench seats’ in various locations, continues, in fact, the bench placed at Culloden is almost certainly to be used, weather permitting, by those attending the Gathering.

Another successful project is the ‘hosting’ of a ‘Macfie Table’ at selected Highland Gatherings. In recent years, the Games at Inverness, Braemar and Cowal have had a Macfie presence. Over the years, a relatively large number of people have visited the ‘tables’, and much information has been provided, in terms of history, genealogy, music, etc., and in addition, some new members have been enrolled. Also, a number of members, who unfortunately cannot attend the society’s regular meetings, invariably visit, have chat and obtain the latest society news. These tables, as always, are manned by the usual suspects.

A further society project, the production of a Compendium of ‘Macfie Music for the Highland Bagpipe’ with luck, shall be produced in time for the Clan Gathering in Nethy Bridge.

The Society meetings, three per annum, continue to be quite well attended. Two meetings per year are held in Scotland and one in the deep south, England that is. At these meetings, business is ‘taken-care-of, mostly efficiently and carefully, then social mode takes over. We have fun. If you are here, or hereabouts, when this Society is having a meeting, do not hesitate to come and join us.

We would be delighted and honoured to have the pleasure of your company.

Submitted by **R McFie. President.**

Report by the Cathey Reunion Association

To Clan Macfie Gathering 2009 Nethybridge, Scotland.

Congratulations on your new assignment and may your labor be fruitful !

The Cathey Reunion Association will have the 2009 Biennial General meeting Aug 1-2, 2009 in the Salisbury Area, Rowan County, N.C., a location where many early Catheys settled when migrating from Virginia westward.

Some of the topics scheduled for this meeting are: Educational tours of Cathey landmarks made by the early Cathey Pioneers.

DNA latest version of the four Catheys participating in the DNA study will be presented by John Cathey, Secretary, Cathey Reunion Association. Cathey Genealogy by Boyt Cathey, noted Cathey researcher and author of Cathey Family History and Genealogy Vol. 1 1700-1900

Other Cathey researchers are Marty Grant of N.C. promoting Cathey Family History and Genealogy through his web site, and Clif Thompson of Michigan.

Dr E Henry Cathey, author of Colonial Catheys and Scot-Irish Pioneers, has contributed to the Cathey research and is analyzing the Cathey Reunion DNA project.

The Cathey Reunion Association Secretary and Editor of the Cathey Kith & Kin is John Cathey, 3112 Cannon Road, Greer, S.C. 29651-5328 Tel. (864) 8956166 , e-mail cath3112@bellsouth.net.

The Cathey Reunion Association President is Charles Edwards, 11604 Georgetowne Drive, Knoxville, TN. , 37934. Tel (865) 675-5056. e-mail icecreamman03@tds.net.

The CRA objectives are to find ways to recruit younger participation and leadership for the Association; expand the CRA Cathey DNA project; and expand some of the Cathey genealogy research.

Charles Edwards

President Cathey Reunion Association

REPORT TO THE CLAN MACFIE PARLIAMENT

2006 - 2009 INCLUSIVE

Greetings to Commander Iain McFie and to all of those present for the 10th Clan Macfie Parliament

The Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association is proud to make the following report:

Since 1937 this reunion has taken place. It started on the ranch of Woodson Coffee Sr., on the river bank with his brothers and his one sister present along with their children and grandchildren.

Within 10 years the gathering had been moved to a park in Amarillo, Texas and had over 200 people in attendance on a regular basis. During the last 15 years the meeting location has alternated between Amarillo, Texas and a resort area that is of interest to the younger generation. In 2008 the resort chosen was the YMCA Camp of the Rocky Mountains, Estes Park, Colorado. In 2010 the resort will be Branson, Missouri.

At each meeting we have about 40 people ranging in age from 1 year old to 95 years old. Most of us are descended from Woodson Coffee Sr. or one of his siblings. We gather for meals, to visit, and to enjoy the activities provided by the area. All Coffey/Coffee descendants are welcome and encouraged to come.

The Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association has no dues and no constitution. We operate on donations that are made at each meeting into a large coffee pot that was once used on the campfire of the cowboys as they prepared to start off on the days work with the cattle herd. Woodson Coffee Sr. and all of his brothers were experienced cowboys during the days of the big cattle drives from Texas to the north. Most of them settled down on their own ranches as they got older, but the campfire and the saddle horse were an important part of their past. It is a proud heritage of all of the descendants.

Ilah Coffee Merriman

Representative of the Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association
to the Clan Macfie

Annual General Meeting Report of the McDuffee Clan Society of North America of Clan Macfie

The meeting was called to order by the acting President, William Morris, who read a letter from the New Commander, Iain McFie

A sumptuous dinner followed. Presentation of Plaque - David McDuffie presented a plaque to Norma Lockwood in honor of her Father, Fred Kent. David spoke of how much his research into the McDuffee's of the Colonial Carolinas had meant to him.

Norma Lockwood accepted the plaque and talked of the many hours and years that her father and mother had spent in researching records all over the Carolinas. She presented a copy to the clan to be kept by the Presidents and handed down.

Beth Gay Freeman - Gave items of interest about the "honor" of Scots who came to the Colonies and how they had pledged to be loyal to England. Because of that pledge, many fought on the side of the English. Children of the first settlers were "unearned" and could choose which side to fight on

She reported that the "Family Tree" is now on the internet. Started with 500-600 hits and has now reached 200,000 hits per month. One of the largest genealogical publications. Clan advertising is \$55 and we concurred it would be money well spent.

Treasury Report

David McDuffie presented the annual fiscal report. Although values are down due to the stock market, the dividends are still coming in and we are still able to pay bills. Some monies had been spent for supplies (which will be sold) and Julie Hall has designed and is having made a Clan tote bag which will be ready soon

Elections

Due to the resignation of President, John Rosser, it was decided that William Morris would continue as President until the regular election next year. It was suggested that members of the Clan submit nominations of those interested in serving as an officer. Secretary - Mercedes McDuffie volunteered to be the Secretary and was unanimously approved.

International Gathering

We discussed Clan McDuffie hosting the International Gather that would be held in 2011 In an email received from Iain, Clan Commander, he suggested that we might delay this gathering until 2012 at the 50th anniversary of our clan. Several possible venues were discussed, Loch Norman, Glasgow and Grandfather Mountain. It was concluded that if we did do it and held it in 2012 it would have to be held at Grandfather, where our clan began in 1962. After discussion the consensus was that we needed more information on cost and feasibility of holding the International Gathering. Bill Morris had talked with Steve Qukllin, Pres. Of Clan MacLaren, who did a gathering at Grandfather two years ago. He has all the information on places, dinning, housing, etc. He said after returning from The Gathering in Scotland he would be glad to share this with us. We would have to go over the info via email and come to decision, hopefully prior to the Parliament in Sept. in Nethybridge.

B Morris Acting Secretary.

Dr. Jim McAfee, FSA Scot.

Report to Parliament 15 July 2009

The Macfie Clan Society of America continues to be a strong vibrant Society and is in full support of the international Clan Macfie. Over the last four years we have annually convened a clan tent in 10-12 major Scottish Highland Games throughout the United States.

We have our Annual General Meeting at Stone Mountain Georgia and at the last AGM our elected slate of officers are as follows: Dr. Jim McAfee, President; Ms. Amy Fee, Vice President; Ms. Ginger McAfee Treasurer and editor of the Newsbeat; Ms. Diane Swenson, Membership. We continue to be financially sound and support our International Clan financially.

Two things of note that have happened over the last four years: (1) The Macfie Clan Society of America celebrated our 25th anniversary at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in October 2008. We had a gala dinner and celebration where we honored our founder and benefactor H.R. "Scott" and Marvene McPhee. A plaque honoring our founder was presented at the dinner and a special tribute was paid to Scott and Marvene for their hard work and dedication. (2) We now have a new and updated web page for our Society and we have links to our other sites and the international Clan. This new web page now has a membership application that can be printed off and sent in and we are now able to publish our newsletter on this page. Therefore, those receiving the newsletter through this web page can get it in "living" color rather than black and white. The website is <http://www.clanmacfieofamerica.com>

Our membership is growing and we were very busy at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this past July and are looking forward to the Stone Mountain Highland Games in October 2009.

This Report is respectfully submitted by

Dr. Jim McAfee, President,
The Macfie Clan Society of America.

Macfie Clan Society of Australia

Report to the Parliament of Clan Macfie

Introduction

On behalf of the members of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia I congratulate Iain McFie on his appointment as the new Commander of Clan Macfie. I am sure the office will be enhanced with a new outlook, different ideas and renewed enthusiasm.

Overview

Founded in 1974, the Macfie Clan Society of Australia has 330 subscribers (members) spread across a vast continent. Each state is represented on a national executive by a State Vice-President. The organisation is financially sound with a solid base of long time members.. Whilst the Society participates in a number of Scottish social events, the main focus for the majority of members is information about family history, genealogy, their heritage and Scottish culture. This is disseminated through our national newsletter '*The Downunder*', which is produced three times a year .It is a great asset which plays a vital role in all facets of the Society.

Recent changes

Whilst not throwing 'the baby out with the bathwater', a Society like ours must continually evolve to meet the changes in community standards and expectations. Progress and improvements are essential.

Last year several modest changes were to our constitution.. Our Society's name was changed from The Clan Macfie Society of Australia to simply Clan Macfie Society of Australia. Members over the age of 75 and under 18 no longer receive free membership. The situation, which contributed to about 1/3 of our members not paying an annual subscription, was perhaps appropriate 35 years ago, but inappropriate today. Voting rights were also clarified

More significant changes have involved the Society's management. Considerable progress has been made by simplifying our record keeping, updating our data base and improving communications with our members. The quality of our newsletter, '*The Downunder*' has been improved with colour used on the front and back cover. The cost for that improvement was minimal. Changes have also been made to the magazines format, to the way the articles are presented and even to the way the newsletter is delivered to members, so that it arrives in the best possible condition. As has been the case in the past, content, originality and interest continue to be paramount considerations. Of course, no matter how good an article, if it poorly presented or hard to read, its value can be lost.

For any organisation dependant on the strength of its membership, it is crucial to have a transparent and accurate picture of member composition, level of activity and numbers. To address this, an annual report separate from the financial statement is now published in '*The Downunder*'. It highlights the increase, decrease or otherwise in our membership on a state by state basis. It lets all members know how the Society is going.

Finances

Thanks to the good management by the previous executive committee, our Society's income adequately covers current annual expenditure.. Subscriptions rates have remained unchanged for

over 12 years and by any measure are low. The cost for a family is \$15.00 while the single rate is \$10.00. In addition to subscriptions, donations by members typically amount to over 35% of the Society's total revenue. To recover increased costs and an anticipated increase in future expenditure., subscription rates will need to be increased in the near future.

Outlook

For many years now, there has been a steady decline in the number of people who belong to our organisation. I believe this is typical of other similar in Australia. Stemming the decline in membership and renewing our membership with fresh blood is not an easy task it is a real challenge.

In our highly competitive, rather fickle world, people today have precious little spare time and have to contend with an array of competing interests. Younger people especially are demanding and discerning. Despite all the difficulties I believe there is a potential in Australia to improve the Macfie Clan Society of Australia and hopefully increase its membership.

In my view our Society is a bit like a business or a company. It must be relevant and competitive. Some times it needs rejuvenating, new ideas, new emphasis and investment. The last point is crucial. One of my aims is to foster the concept of investing in the Society; put out a better quality magazine. Provide relevant information, produce quality brochures, offer products (eg tartans)have modern display material for gatherings and conduct membership drives.

Naturally, to achieve the above objectives depends upon the involvement of dedicated bright people with a positive outlook. It also, however, requires appropriate funding and regular cash flow, which is a major part of the challenge ahead.

Iain McPhee

President Clan Macfie Society Australia.

Macfie Clan Society of Canada

Dear Ceann Cath,

August 1, 2009

A warm welcome from the Macfie Clan Society of Canada. On behalf of the Macfie Clan Society of Canada, I send best wishes on your 10th Clan Macfie Parliament and for a most successful meeting. I regret that I cannot be there personally, due to my work commitments in China. As well, our administration team Sylvia McPhee (Commissioner & Membership Convenor), Ian McHaffie (Editor of The Torch) and Stephen Bennett (Treasurer) send their regrets and warm greetings to this grand occasion.

There will be at least three Canadian Macfies present at the 10th Clan Macfie Parliament. All three Macfies are residents of British Columbia and I know our society will be well represented.

Sadly, I must announce the passing of 5 very long time standing members of the Macfie Clan Society of Canada. These 5 individuals have been involved with the Canadian Clan since its very beginning and have demonstrated much commitment over the years to our society. They are: Jean McPhee (Ottawa, sister of Sylvia McPhee), John McPhee (Toronto), Peter MacPhee (Nova Scotia), Ken McPhee (Toronto). John, Peter and Ken were all past presidents of the Provincial Clan Societies before our National Society started. Most recently in January of this year we said goodbye to Ken MacPhee (Guelph), our past treasurer. Ken's father was "Dr. Earle" MacPhee, who was the person chiefly responsible for the re-establishment of Clan Macfie after 300 years of

dispersion. Ken was a constant reminder of the past and like so many of these individuals his dedication to our clan functions was unwavering.

At the last Biennial General Meeting held on Saturday November 1, 2008 the minutes indicate membership remains approximately the same number as in past years. Our membership is spread out across Canada. Our clan is committed to annually giving to the corporate membership fee in Colonsay & Oronsay Heritage Trust, membership in the Foundation that supports the Scottish Studies program at the University of Guelph and of course our membership fees to the International Clan Treasurer. Our next Biennial General Meeting will take place in November 2010.

May I take this opportunity to inform Clan Parliament that I have been granted my own armorial bearings by the Canadian Heraldic Authority. This took place on April 15, 2009. I look forward to continuing to work with our Clan Commander.

Once again on behalf of the Canadian Macfie's, I wish everyone a very rewarding gathering and safe travels within Scotland and back home.

Gary MacPhie

President Macfie Clan Society in Canada

The Clan McPhee Society of New Zealand

Clan Presidents Report – AGM May 2008

Here we are again celebrating another year of the McPhee Clan Society in New Zealand and I welcome you all to our AGM this year being held in the Wairarapa.

What a year we have had with the 2007 AGM in Wellington in May and then a gathering in Masterton for the workshop on the history and memory book and also the annual Kirking of the Tartan. This was a bonus for the Clan as TV3 filmed the event, interviewed a number of members. Footage appeared on the main news and was also included in the opening of the “Scots in New Zealand” exhibition at Te Papa in August. The weekend was a great one with dinner on the Saturday night attended by 12 members of the Clan. During the wonderful service at St Lukes the next morning snow was falling and with a cuppa and shortbread to follow there was certainly a true Scots feeling and atmosphere.

We made a submission to a Select Committee concerning the Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Amendment Bill. Thanks to all those who made sure the Clan voice was heard.

Gatherings attended:

- James McPhee attended the International Clan Gathering in Sweden in July 2007 on behalf the McPhee Clan
- December 2007 while in Palmerston North for a work Xmas party I attended the annual Square Day by chance
- 137th Waipu Highland Games, New Years Day 2008. Clan McPhee attended this year and it was a great event to be involved with. Members who attended had the pleasure of spending a day with about 4000 people including Lord Semple from Scotland promoting the Edinburgh Gathering in July 2009. As a Clan we made many networks and could spend 3 months of the year just attending similar events all around the far north

- 145th Turakina Games. I was unable to attend due to work commitments but understand there was a very good turn out of members. Daughter Rizpah won the main raffle prize. This event is one that still grows and has good attendance
- The Easter Games in Hastings were poorly attended by the public in general. I think that Easter being so early this year was one of the contributing factors.

I am currently working with a designer to develop a website for the Clan. Once built Fiona will be able work the site which will mean our newsletters, up and coming events and general information will all be available on line, by around June July this year.

I need to advise that Leith Brew the Clan Commissioner is out of the country for the next two years and have informed Sandy the Clan Commander of this. I am in touch with Sandy regularly and he has advised he is standing down from the position of Commander for the International Clan. I will advise further on this at the AGM.

Thank you to.....

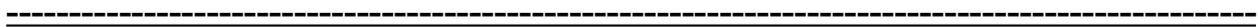
- Ann Durham who has been working away with the financial records and books for the Clan and does such a great job
- Gwen Cresswell our Secretary, again another worker who does her best for the Clan and keeps our admin up to date and me in line
- Eric and Carolyn Wadsworth who have a great support with the Newsletter and other events we have all travelled to and been part of. Without their support my job would be so much more difficult
- Sue and Barbara McPhee for their work done through the year, particularly in preparing the submission to the Select Committee
- Fiona Evans who has been in the background doing things and is there always in support of me.

The Clan has a gathering to arrange in Masterton in 2009 which is the 25th anniversary year of the Clan Society. We will need to make a decision at the AGM when and where this celebration will take place and the format of the event.

Finally once again thank you all for your support. Should I be returned for another year I will endeavour to lead us forward and develop the Clan Society but we are all going to need to be a part of this?

David Evans

President McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand



The Thorburn – Macfie Family Society

There was no written report from Sweden. However the Clan Commissioner in Sweden, Christer Hemberg gave a verbal report indicating that The Swedish Society was in good health. Their next family Gathering will be in Gustafsberg during the first weekend of July 2010. Any one who wished to attend would be made most welcome.

Christer Hemberg

Vice President and Clan Commissioner.

Standing Committees and other Reports

- 1 International Gatherings 2005-2008 (A. C. McPhie)
 - 2 International Gatherings 2007 2009 (I. M. McFie)
 - 3 Memorials and Special Projects
 - 4 Nomenclature
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International Gathering Committee Report 2005-8

The 15th International Gathering of Clan Macfie was held in Inverness, Scotland and on Colonsay from the 6th to the 14th September 2006. Inverness activities included sittings of the 9th Parliament of the Clan Macfie Societies and was centred on the Thistle Hotel there. Attendance figures were.

Australia 12	Canada 12	France 2	England 1	Holland 2
Ireland 1	New Zealand 4	Scotland 14	Sweden 2	USA 20

Clan Gathering Coordinators, Iain and Fiona McFie Scotland, arranged an interesting programme of visits and ceilidhs to compliment the business sessions of Clan Parliament. Members of Scotland's Clan Macfie Society, the host Clan Society for the Gathering provided great support behind the scenes arrangements throuout the Gathering to ensure everything ran smoothly. Special guest at the Clan Dinner on Friday evening were Iain Gunn, Ceann Cath of Clan Gunn and his wife, Bunty. Some 35 members made the visit to Colonsay and Oronsay after the Inverness programme was completed – except that bad weather and unfavourable tides prevented us visiting Oronsay this time. A report on the 2005 Gathering and Parliament was ciculated to the Clan Societies later in the year.

At Inverness members of the Thorburn –Macfie Family Society of Sweden and the Macduffee Clan Society of America both expressed a willingness to hold the midterm Gathering in 2007. In due course the bid from Sweden was approved for the 16th International Gathering of Clan Macfie to be held in conjunction with the Thorburn-Macfie Triennial General meeting in Uddevalla, Sweden from the 5th to the 8th of July. Christer and Marianne Hemberg were the coordinators for the Clan Gathering and arranged an interesting Programme of visits to historical Macfie sites plus a number of other activities. Rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the 150 or so who attended one or more functions and included overseas visitors from Holland, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland and the United States of America. Regrettably I was not able to attend this Clan Gathering in my capacity of Clan Commander and Iain McFie Esq. Clan Commissioner in Scotland deputised for me.

It was also decided at Inverness that the venue and programme for the 2009 Gathering and Parliament in Scotland was to be decided by the Clan Commander, Clan Gathering Coordinators and President of the Clan Macfie Society in Scotland. The 17th International Gathering of Clan Macfie and 10th Parliament of Clan Macfie Societies was duly scheduled for Nethy Bridge in Scotland and on Colonsay from the 2nd to the 9th of September 2009.

Following the appointment of Iain McFie as Clan Commander I tendered my resignation aas Chairman of this Committee. I look back on a number of most enjoyable International Gatherings of Clan Macfie during my time in office and am confident future Gatherings will equally

enjoyable. My sincere thanks go to Iain and Fiona for their many years of dedication as Coordinators for the Clan Gatherings and Parliaments in Scotland. Without their attention to detail arrangements there would undoubtedly have been something less than those experienced.

A.C. (Sandy) McPhie

Committee Chairman

2005 - 2008

International Gathering Committee Report 2007-9

The Previous Commander in his report mentioned the visit to Sweden made by a group of about 16 from New Zealand, The Netherlands America and the UK.

It was a most interesting visit enjoyed by everyone, which brought all of us closer. We shared with them the culture of the Ceilidh and they quickly picked up the spirit and shared with us a number of Swedish folk songs. It made for a happy evening. With everything being equal. It is my intention to return to Sweden next year to attend their next family gathering.

The Homecoming Gathering in Edinburgh must be mentioned. Some of us had our doubts as to how successful it would be and I am pleased to say our doubts were soon dispelled, that is as far as the layout of the Games field was concerned. The weather fortunately was sunny for most of the time. We had a large number of visitors to the tent, some very distinguished, Clunie, Chief of Clan McPherson, Elizabeth Roads, the Lyon Clerk, Iain Gunn, Commander of Clan Gunn and others. It is likely that in 2014, the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn this exercise will be repeated.

It is customary to ask all the Societies if they wish to convene a mini Gathering midway between Clan Gatherings. I have written to all the Society Presidents asking if they wish to put forward a proposal to be the host society. I am sure we will hear from some of the Societies.

In 2012 the McDuffee Clan Society Inc. will be celebrating their Fiftieth Anniversary. That sounds like a good excuse to hold a party.

Iain M McFie.

Committee Chairman

2008-2009

**THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CLAN MACFIE
NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE**

I must start my report by apologising to our Ceann Cath, Iain Macfie for the late tendering of this report. This was due to my procrastination in the writing of it. Why ? you may ask.

Well what have I to report ?. The committee has shown very little activity since the last Parliament in Inverness in 2005. There have been very few approaches or enquiries of the committee and little work done by it. Again, why you may ask ?.

I attribute the lack of approaches to and enquiries of the committee to the Internet. With such excellent Internet sites as the official Clan Macfie web site, run by the Clan and rich in Clan material, providing the facts that people require. Noting that this site now contains the monumental work by Earle Douglas MacPhee, our first Ceann Cath or Clan Commander, THE MYTHOLOGY,

TRADITIONS AND HISTORY OF MacDHUBHSITH, MacDUFFIE CLAN (McAfie, McDuffie, MacFie, MacPhee, Duffy, etc) through the efforts of Robin McPhee of New Zealand and Doctor Earle's niece Barbara.

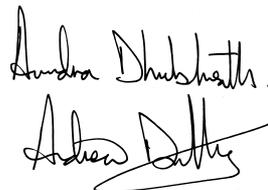
The site also lists the FORTY THREE (43) names (reproduced below) currently recognised by the Ceann Cath as acceptable surname spellings for members of the Clan, fully accepting variations in prefixes, spelling and links with other Clans and Families.

So with the work done, published and made available what is left for the Nomenclature Committee ?. Time to 'close it's doors' ?. I would say not.

Firstly there is a body of work by my predecessor, the learned Mary Ghillies that needs to be recorded electronically and made available along with Doctor Earle's. Essentially there needs to be an accessible library of Clan nomenclature information, work and research. Accepting not to impugn the role of the Keeper of The records for the Clan.

Secondly there needs to be a structure within the Clan capable of researching, discussing, mediating and presenting matters arising from names. This without undue outside pressures so as to present balanced arguments / cases to the Ceann Cath or other authorities if necessary.

I am more than willing to carry on my role as Chair of the Clan MacFie (in all it's spellings) Nomenclature Committee, but I would not think it disastrous if someone were to take the role over from me. This as long as they were prepared to carry on the role in a balanced and measured fashion as I hope that I have.



Anndra DHUBHSITH

Andrew DUFFY

**Commissioner Clan Macfie U.K.,
Chairman of Clan MacFie Nomenclature Committee
Q.G.J.M., L.S.G C.M.,M.E.P.S. (Ret)**

ATHEY	GUFFEY	MacCUISH	MacHAFFIE
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CATHEY	HAFFEY	MacDUFFIE	MacPHEE
CATHIE	HAFFIE	MacDUFFEY	MacPHIE
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COFFEY	MacAFIE	MacDUFFIN	MacVIE
DUFFEE	MacCAFFER	MacFEE	MAHAFFEY
DUFFIE	MacCAFFREY	MacFIE	MEHAFFEY
DUFFEY	MacCAFFIE	MacGUFFEY	PHEE
DUFFY	MacCATHEY	MacGUFFIE	PHIE
FEE	MacCATHIE	MacGUFFIN	

Genealogy Report

At the present there is a backlog of approximately 15 requests for genealogical support. These will hopefully be resolved when house renovations are completed by early September, and the records can be accessed. Some requests are such that I think the asker is looking for me to do the research.

If I have knowledge of the person, or the person's family, from the records I have, largely created by Fritz McDuffie, I will pass it on. If I am provided a family descendency, I will add it to the files I have boxed in the garage. I am not, nor do I intend to be, a researcher.

A number of other requests have been responded to, hopefully in a satisfactory manner.

Requests are received from many countries, and the records I have are almost entirely US records. As a result, most of the responses involve identifying sources that would be used by persons doing similar research in the United States.

Dick Ledyard

Chairman Genealogy Committee

McDuffie DNA Surname Project Report

23rd July 2009

see web page www.macduffiedna.com

Background

The McDuffie DNA Surname Project was started just over five years ago by Rod Macduff, An Australian radio Engineer who wished to trace his ancestry. He has organized and funded this independently of Clan Macfie but has cooperated with the Clan and is a member.

Using papers records such as birth, death and marriage certificates, there is a limit to how far back we can trace our ancestry. Scottish records get patchy before 1700 and it is often difficult for USA and Canadian families to establish links back to their Scottish ancestors. However, Y-chromosome DNA testing will accurately identify male bloodlines. Using a simple cheek swab, living males can have their DNA tested. From the y-chromosome marker results produce, they will find that their will match almost exactly all males with the same surname as themselves whoa re descended from a common male ancestor as many as ten generations ago sand beyond. This makes it possible to link distant cousins and bridge gaps in paper records where thee is either no date or unclear data.

The project was set up in 2004 and in five years has had 136 people join the project.

Project was set up with the following objectives:

To determine if the Clan MacDuffie is of Celtic or Norse origin.

To determine how many separate bloodlines there are.

To determine if McDuffies, Macfies, McPhees and McAfees have a common ancestor.

To determine if the Macfies etc., have their origins in Argyllshire.

Main Bloodline Group 1

This is the dominant bloodline, containing 33 members, Fascinatingly it contains all main surname spelling variants, namely McDuffee, McDuffie, McFee, McFie, McPhee, McPhie and all the Mac variants thereof. Thus absolutely and conclusively proving that all were once the same name. One Duffie and three Catheys have matched Group 1.

This Group 1 bloodline is that of the past Clan Commander, who has so encouraged the project. It is also the bloodline of the new Clan Ceann Cath (Commander) Iain Morris McFie additionally it contains the line of the last McPhee on Colonsay, the ancestral home of the McDuffies There are also those in this line

descended from ancestors on Mull and Sky, thus the history that McPhees were dispersed all over the Inner Hebrides. The history linking the McDuffies with Antrim is also confirmed, as there are those in Group 1 who can trace their ancestry to Londonderry. Several in Group 1 have descendants who migrated to the USA and Canada. One of the lines on Prince Edward Island is in this line. Clearly they would have come from the Inner Hebrides originally.

Finally in Group 1 (and in other) the spelling of McAfee is invariably connected with Clan members who are Scots/ Irish (Ulster Scots) who arrived in the New World from Ireland where the name McDuffie took on the spelling of McAfee. By the same token McDonald is rendered McDonnell in Ireland. In earlier times movement back and forth between the Inner Hebrides and Antrim was commonplace. The McDuffie common ancestor in Group 1 may go back as much as a thousand years to the advent of surnames. It seems likely that the Clan chiefs would be of this line.

Other Bloodlines

Now in common with all other DNA Surname Projects, there are many different bloodlines bearing the family name. This can arise for many different reasons. At the time of the origin of the surname around one thousand years ago, the surname would be a mark of affiliation to a group or Clan of families living in close proximity with a common destiny. There would be a Clan Chief and a number of other males in the group. Not all of these males would have shared the same male ancestor at the time of surname adoption. Clans often absorbed other non- genetically linked groups as they expanded. Adoption of orphaned offspring of a sister was common and if there was no heir it may also occur. Infidelity was a fact of life then as it is now. Over the years this leads to many genetically separate lines with a common surname. This can be seen in all other projects including the Campbell and McGregor DNA Projects. Consequently, a different bloodline does not mean “not of the Macfie Clan.”

Some of the other Groups have clear evidence that they have had the Macfie name for many hundred years. Having more than one member and surname spelling diversity points to this. In particular Groups 3, 4, 5, 5A, 9, 10, 14, 20, 24, and 34 show this.

Group 9 is interesting, as these are ‘Glen Urquhart McFees.’ This group of fourteen members have almost identical DNA and all hail from Lochaber., Glen Urquhart and in some cases can trace ancestors back to the early 1700s. In all probability all these members have a common ancestor within the last four hundred years. This is supported by less spelling diversity, being confined to McPhee with two McPhees. Group 3 has McPhees and McAfees in it indicating that one group was Scots/Irish at one point.

Group 5 contains the most of the McDuffs and Duffs. This is the Clan McDuff bloodline. There is now sufficient data to show quite clearly that McDuffs and McDuffies are not the same bloodline. Earle Douglas MacPhee asserted this in his Genealogy and has proved to be quite correct. McDuff Group 5 is a very old line too, again radiating from a common ancestor. The origins in Scotland of this line seem to be in the County of Perth and adjoining areas. A 100% match between McDuffs who live overseas and a family who are still living in the area their ancestors lived in, has supported this theory. Both Duff and McDuff surnames appear in this group and there is significant evidence, which supports the antiquity of the line.

Group 5A should be entirely independent from Group 5 as it contains McAfees, Duffy, McDuffy.

Group 15 contains McFee and McAfee surnames Group 20 has four McAfees whose descendants are all in the USA Group 24 has two McAfees Group 34 contains four McHaffies

Of the forty separate bloodlines most are R1B Haplogroup, which in laymans terms means Celtic origin. Other McPhees of I Haplogroup are of Norse origin. In common with most other Scottish Clans the Celtic bloodlines are very strong.

Conclusion

The project has been able to answer all the questions set out at its instigation and in doing so confirmed much, which is in the history books, regarding Clan origins. There is probably not much more to be learned historically from the project, however, individuals who have not yet joined will be able to establish their bloodline by joining. At some point in the future the Clan may want to consider taking over the maintenance and running of the project, however for the time being Rod McDuff is happy to continue as McDuffie DNA Project Coordinator.

Rod McDuff

Project Coordinator

Report to the Clan Macfie Parliament Nethy Bridge 2009 **on** **Clan Web Site, Current status and Future proposals.**

www.clanmacfie.co.uk/clanhome

When Iain McFie was appointed Clan Commandeer a new presence was required to take over from the site provided by Sandy McPhee in Australia. We started with the content that was available then and have been updating and enhancing it ever since.

The great advantage of a web site over traditional means of communication such as leaflets and newsletters is the immediacy of updates. There is no need to wait for the next publication date to release information. There is also a significant cost implication. Once set up and maintained, any new information or important announcements, as well as being quick are essentially free.

Current Status

Since January 2009 when the site became available we have had a total of 23,567 visits, currently running at roughly 3,500 per month. Most appear to have been from the USA and Canada with New Zealand and Australia coming next. At the less frequent end there have been visits from Brazil, Chile and Belgium with one visitor from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. In other words a substantial number of Macfies worldwide have been able to access information about the Clan and find out what is being done in their name.

At present the main aim of the site is to give members worldwide a single place where all basic information about the Clan, both current and historical, is either available or can be linked to. This includes all relevant information about current Clan Office holders, including contact information, Clan Societies worldwide and websites of interest to Clan members.

It is also a source of information on upcoming events such as the recent Homecoming Gathering and this current parliament, The Clan Commanders newsletter is also made available for download.

The most important development so far has been the on line publication of Dr Earle McPhee's great work; **"the Mythology, Traditions and History of MacDhubhsith - McDuffie Clan."** Thanks to the efforts of Robin McPhee in New Zealand, who scanned and proof checked the entire set of books, visitors to the website can now download an Adobe Acrobat format version of this seminal work on Macfie origins.

This event is significant as it illustrates how information of substance can be widely distributed to anyone anywhere who has an interest in our Clan. There are other similar projects currently under Consideration

Future intent

There are many more ways a Clan website can provide services to Clan members and we are looking into the feasibility of some of these.

At present the website is primarily a provider of information, It could also be used to take input from Clan members, allowing two way communication as well as letting Clan members participate in an online community. The most obvious facility is to provide a basic feedback form that users can fill in to pass opinion of the website and its content back to the web administrator as well as opinion on wider issues affecting the Clan.

A more sophisticated approach would be to have a fully interactive forum on line. At present the web hosting package , the use of which is gifted to the Clan in memory of my father, James McFee, does not support such activities, but a suitable upgrade(at an additional monthly cost) might make this possible. An alternative approach is to use third party social networking sites such as Myspace or Facebook on behalf of the Clan. Further research is needed into how this is best achieved

It is desirable to have some way of posting Clan member's pictures and videos of Clan related events they may have attended. At present there are a few pictures of the recent Homecoming Gathering on the website and work is underway to post more. However, the most exciting development is the Clan Clam Macfie youtube channel. Currently experimental, not only will this allow the website to provide a link to other people's Macfie related videos, but any video content posted by the Clan can be embedded into the website without having to pay for the extra bandwidth required to stream video content. An early example of an embedded video can be seen on the Clan Macfie page of the website

http://www.clanmacfie.co.uk/clanhome/clan_macfie.php

This approach also opens up the possibility of pre-recorded audio or audio-visual messages from the Commander or other Office holders such as the Commissioners, being made available to Clan members. The personal touch this provides would make the web browsing experience a richer one.

It may also be useful to provide a page/area in the website for each Commissioner, where they can outline their own particular activities and request information or assistance where as appropriate.

At present there is no charge for access or limitations on access to the pages of the website, in future it may be possible to create separate public and private spaces on the website, It is also possible that if the Clan can link a paypal account to the bank account, a button for on line donations etc., could be integrated into the web pages as required. Compared to traditional means of accepting payment in foreign currencies, a smaller fee applies resulting in a larger percentage of the intended donation reaching the Clan Bank account.

Robin McFee

Clan website administrator 2009

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Reports from Committee sittings at Parliament

Clan Macfie Genealogy Committee Report, 4 September 2009

By Nancyanne Carkeek, Chairperson

1. The following committee members were present at meetings on 3 and 4 September 2009:

Committee Members:

Nancyanne Carkeek, Chairperson: lagenanny@comcast.net

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Jim Gilcrest: Jim@Gilcrestconsulting.com

Keith Matthews: tkeithmat@aol.com

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John Guffey: johncathy1@charter.net

Marianne Clayton: clayma@shaw.ca

Stuart Carkeek: lagenanny@comcast.net

2. It was agreed to add a genealogy link to the Clan Macfie website.
3. We will open a Facebook account for the Clan Macfie. It will include:
 - A. A set up page on how to start researching your family history (with help from Glen Cathey).
 - A. There will be a page for Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).
 - B. There will be a page for links to research databases, charts and publications.
 - C. There will be a page for problem solving, questions, etc.
4. Discussed how to proceed with links and pages and came up with several ideas, but no final plan. More to follow.
5. Elected Nancyanne Carkeek as Chairperson.
 1. Discussed meeting on line (live on the internet, instant messaging, etc.) more than every 4 years. Schedule to be established.
 2. Discussed various information sources such as: www.ukyellowpages.co.uk; go to "Genealogy at Edinburgh." Also suggested sites such as the Mormon site: familysearch.org; and raogk.org (Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness). Daughters of the American Revolution Library is also a good source.
 3. Nancyanne stated she has 5 volumes of Mayflower descendant records. She also recommended "Legacy" as an excellent software program for keeping records.
 4. The Committee will interface with Glen Cathey (gecathey@gmail.com) who heads the Internet Committee and is setting up a web page.
 5. Contributions are not confined to those on the committee. We wish to seek material from any and every member of the Clan, Clan Societies worldwide and any friendly supporters.

Clan Macfie Music, Dance and Arts Report, 4 September 2009

By Bob McFie, Chairperson

1. The following committee members were present at meetings on 3 and 4 September 2009.

Committee Members:

Bob McFie, Scotland, Chairperson: bob@becsystems.co.uk

Marty Rosser, U.S.: jfrossersl@aol.com

James McPhee, New Zealand: jmemcphee@xtra.co.nz

Stuart Carkeek, U.S.: lacenanny@comcast.net

Pamela Merriman, U.S.: pjomerriman@aol.com

2. It was agreed that Pamela Merriman would be the main contact for the committee.
3. The committee goal is to gather and “publish” material of an “arty” nature for song, dance, verse, including poetry, and any other appropriate music.
4. Will ask for contributions from all the various Clan Societies. Request that they be submitted in PDF format. However, “hard copies” shall be accepted and processed by Pam Merriman.
5. Elected **Bob McFie** as **Chairperson**.

Clan Macfie Tartan Committee Report, 4 September 2009

By Keith McAfee, Chairperson

1. The committee is comprised of the following members. With exception of Clan Commander Iain McFie, all were present at meetings on 3 and 4 September 2009:

Keith McAfee, Chairperson

John McAfee

Frances Mary Duffy

Marianne Clayton

Iain McFie

Lorraine McFee

2. It was agreed to propose that the Clan accept an additional 4 tartans as official Clan Tartans in addition to the 2 currently accepted. The “ancient” and “modern” are currently accepted. The committee will propose that a “weathered,” “muted,” and “hunting” and “dress” Tartan are also recognized. Clan Commander Iain McFie is currently designing the hunting and dress tartans.
3. The committee will investigate having Tartan fabric woven in “poly blends” to help reduce costs and make it available to interested Clan members.
4. The committee would like to investigate the possibility of having a “wee tartan” exchange program whereby people having wee tartans that their children have outgrown can exchange them with others who have wee children. They can use them and then pass them on to other Clan members with wee Macfies.

5. The committee elected **Keith McAfee** as **Chairperson**.
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Vision and Memorials Committee

- (A) The internet as a “new” social media, e.g., “Facebook”
1. Able to attract younger members, search by last name
 2. Not difficult to design
 3. Cost nothing to operate
 4. Immediate contacting
 5. Glen Cathey and Christer Hemberg, Clan Sponsors
 6. <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/The-Official-Clan-Macfie-Page/177565770680?ref=ts>
 7. Check out our Facebook page and thank Glen Cathey for already designing it!
Thanks to all who have contributed photos and postings
- (B) Library Affiliations with contacts at local libraries and Family Societies for collaboration
1. Inverness: a new genealogical facility
 2. Greenoch: McLean Library
 3. Fort Williams: Library with McPhee information; Cameron Heritage Center close to Fort Williams
 4. Glasgow: Mitchell Library
 5. Colonsay, and Argyll and Bute
- (C) Clan Macfie “under new management” with cocktail parties in communities to introduce our “New Commander”!
- (D) Support of the Macfie Trust for fund raising and solicitations of memorials and other “visions” our clan might have. Clan Treasurer, Finlay McFee is researching this effort.
- (E) Malcolm’s Grave: Alistair Scouller is to update us on the Clan Macfie Assoc. established for the upkeep of the grave site and how we can support this project.
- (F) Macfie in Scotland: Vanessa King Macfie is documenting our placement of memorial benches around the world.
- (G) Tracing Families back to Colonsay: In our support of the Genealogy Committee, Shiona Mackay is looking for written stories of our families from Colonsay.

J F Rosser Chairman



Nethy Bridge Hotel



Clan Dinner - Nethy Bridge Hotel



Dun Eibhinn and the Marker Cairn



Cloisters, Oransay Priory



Celtic Cross, Oransay