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The Newsbeat is published Quarterly, January, April, July and October. If you have any news, pictures, stories, poems, Games reports, or genealogy queries, please send them to Ginger (at the address to the left, preferably e-mail) for inclusion in the next issue. We love to hear from you and the membership wants to know what is happening with other members.

Dues Schedules

Dues are due each June.

Family \$25.00
Individual \$15.00
Individual (over 65) \$7.00
Associate \$10.00

One time:

Sponsorship \$500.00
Life Membership (over 65) \$200.00

Send Dues to

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Annual dues will be due again on June 1, (unless you have joined within the past 6 months or so, in that case your dues will become due until June of 2010). Please check your membership card to see when you need to renew. Thanks to all those who renew their membership, your dues helps us to print and mail out this newsletter, it also helps us to maintain a presence at many of the larger games in the county and be a presence to meet and get to know other Macfies around the country. We encourage you to attend as many Scottish Games as possible, and if you would like to convene, the society will pay half of the games fee. We will also provide a banner, and some items for the table, just contact Ginger at jgmcafee@charter.net

**The Macfie Society of
America is a Member of
The Council of
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Macfie Merchandise for Sale

Kilt Pin-\$15.00
25th anniversary pins-\$15.00
Badges \$12.00
Pro Rege T-shirts green-\$12.00
Buff Macfie Warrior T-Shirts \$16.00
(Only a few Warrior T-shirts left)

Minimal postage will be added to each order. Send order and payment to:

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Upcoming Games and Events

BIG NEWS!!! Clan Macfie will be the Honored Clan at the Charleston, SC Games in 2011. Be sure to make your plans to join us on September 17, 2011. More information to come as the event gets closer. The Macfie Society of America will be convening at the Charleston Games this year as a trail run for next year.

Other Games This Year

17th Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games

will be held April 16-18, 2010 in Huntersville, NC. Check out <http://www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net/index.htm>,

Glasgow, KY Scottish Games, June 3-6,

at Barren River State Park, Glasgow, KY;
<http://www.glasgowhighlandgames.com/>.

The Blairsville, GA Scottish Games

will be held June 12-13, 2010. For more information go to <http://www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org/>.

Grandfather Mountain Scottish Festival,

July 8-10, 2010 at MacRae Meadows,
Linville, NC; <http://www.gmhg.org/>

Long's Peak Scottish - Irish Festival,

September 9-12, 2010;
http://www.scotfest.com/Scottish_Festival/Home.html.

Scottish Games and Highland Gathering in Charleston

September 18, 2010 at Boone Hall Plantation Mt. Pleasant SC
<http://charlestonscots.org/39th-scottish-games/>

Stone Mountain GA, Scottish Festival,

October 16-17, 2010, Stone Mountain Ga.
<http://www.smhg.org/>

For a Complete list of Scottish Highland Games go to
<http://www.asgf.org/4.html>.

Society News and Tidbits

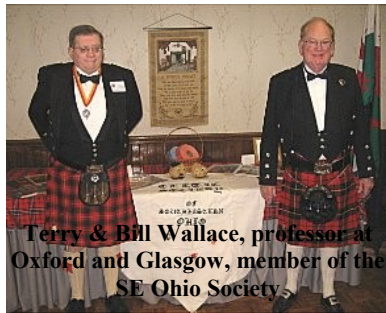


Robert Douglas Mahaffey began shooting his third Independent Film as a Detective in a Film titled "QUEENIE", on April 10, and 11. He also has another project in the works that he will begin filming at the end of April, in a Christian Short Category Film titled, "A Father's Love", in which he will be playing a cab driver.



Terry Schoolcraft wrote:

On January 23 The Celtic Society of SE Ohio celebrated it's 20th Burns Nite Dinner. I am one of the original members



Terry carrying the scotch, as the piper, pipes in the Haggis

Terry & Bill Wallace, professor at Oxford and Glasgow, member of the SE Ohio Society



Terry and a friend doing the St. Bernard Waltz



Left: Joyce McDuffie, at the Macfie Tent at the Zephyrhills, FL Scottish Festival.

Right: Friends serenade Cliff and Joyce. Cliff said the games were great, with great weather and a good turn out.



Amy Fee writes: When it rains it pours. February games in Phoenix had one day of sunshine and one day of total rain out. The new site happens to flood when it rains. Needless to say there was tent damage visible. Saturday had a good turn out. the women's athletics finished after the sun came out Sunday. The next games I will be attending will be in September in the Rocky mountains.

More Society News and Tidbits



Joyce Laird Proudly wears her Macfie tartan (Skirt and Shawl) to Christmas Mass. She said: "Since the colors match the season, I have made Christmas my unofficial Tartan Day. Many in our parish have taken to wearing clothing from their ethnic heritage at Christmas showing the unity in the diversity.

Greyson Robert Laird, our grandson, will celebrate his first birthday April 28th. On the left is a picture from our back deck of our own personal "highlands" here in the mountains of GA."

MacSearching: Nancy Gysbers wrote: "My maternal ancestors go back eight generations in America. The second generation born in America is John McFee, Jr. born 1795 in Fauquier, Stafford County, Virginia, the son of John McFee (b. May 17, 1767 in VA) and Mary Martin. John Sr.'s father was born in Scotland. Anyone who knows of this family and their voyage from Scotland may contact me at ngysbers1@comcast.net or by phone: 651-489-0956."

To the right is a Scottish Society of Charleston, SC photo of Jay White, VP (on the left) and **Max Mahaffee**, president (on the right) at the April 6, 2010 Tartan Day celebration held in the courtyard of the Blind Tiger Pub in Charleston, SC



Janell Hamor wrote: My eldest son, Caleb Erickson will graduate from Industrial High School in Vanderbilt, Texas on June the 4th. He will be joining the United States Air Force in the fall.

The Society maintains an e-mail data base, we occasionally send out news and greetings to our members. Some have changed their address and there are several members whose e-mail address we do not have. If you do not receive mailing from us and would like to please send your current e-mail address to Ginger at

CIAD MILE FAILTE (100,000 Welcomes) to our newest members:

Janet McAfee Tampa FL

William Fisher; Moline, IL

Macfies Online

The Official Clan Macfie Face book can be located at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Official-Clan-Macfie-Page/177565770680>

You have to first join Facebook in order to participate.

Be sure to check out the Macfie Society of America web site: www.clanmacfieofamerica.com We are now able to read and archive the Newsbeat.

More Society and Clan News



On the return ferry from Colonsay, after the Parliament Meeting last September, Linda McFee Gilcrest, Vicki McFee and others organized a collection among the Clan folk to purchase a gift for the new Commander. Keith Matthews made the presentation of the beautiful engraved Sporran to Iain at their Burns Night Celebration in January. Commander Iain, was taken completely by surprise. There is a small plaque on the reverse, which says "Presented to Iain Morris McFie, Ceann Cath, 2009."

Commander Iain stated: "It is a wonderful gift which I treasure. To all that contributed and plotted, I give my sincere thanks for such a wonderful surprise and for the friendship you have shown by providing this gift."



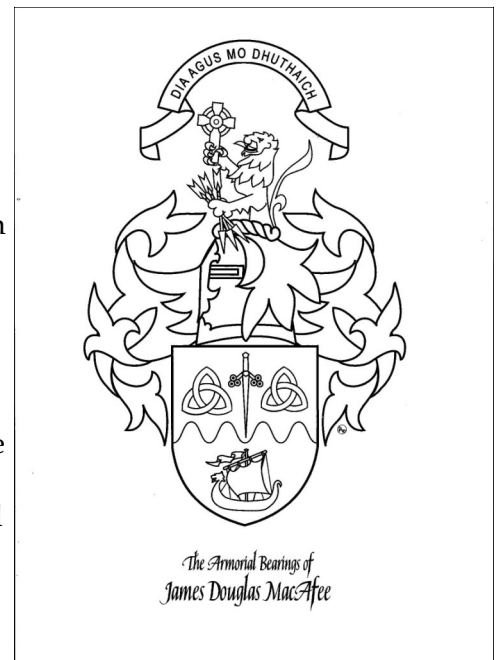
Plaque on back of Sporran



It is time to pay the piper, dues will be due on June 1, 2010. Check your membership card and see when your dues expire. Please help us save postage and send you dues into membership chairperson Diane Swenson 299 Wattaquodock Hill Road, Bolton, MA 01740 before the dues notices have to be mailed out. Your dues are used to print out and mail the Newsbeat and send it to those members who do not have Internet access. It also helps us to keep our Society in the public eye by having our website, being a member of COSCA (Council of Scottish Clans and Associations) and to advertise in a few Scottish publications. Without you, we could not have a Society in which to Celebrate our Scottish Heritage. THANK YOU for keeping our Society strong and active.

Get Well wishes go out to Barbara Morris, who recently fell and broke her hip. We hope that she is up and around in no time.

Dr. Jim McAfee, Society president, has recently received the line drawing of his Letters Patent (Coat of Arms) from the Lord Lyon's office. The actual Letters Patent are currently being painted and he will receive them in the next few weeks. As you can see the demi-lion is holding a Celtic cross in the dexter (right) paw signifying his work in the ministry as well as the Macfies being the keeper of the records. In the sinister (left) paw are three arrows representing his three sons and the fact that the Macfies were also warriors. On the upper portion of the shield is the Claymore with a Triquetra on each side. The Triquetra is the Celtic symbol of the Holy Spirit. The lower half of the shield has the Viking style galley. The moto above the demi-lion is in Gaelic and says "Dia Agus Mo Dhuthaich" which translates "For God and My Country." The colored version will be published when received.



Society Election

It is time once again to elect our officers for two years. If you have someone that you would like to nominate, please make sure they are willing to serve in that office and then send in their nomination to the address below by July 1, 2010. Ballots will be in the July edition of the Newsbeat, you will be able to vote either by mail or at the annual meeting at Stone Mountain in October.

All offices are open to any member whose dues are up to date.

Macfie Clan Society of America Nomination Form

I nominate the following people

President: _____

Vice President _____

Treasurer _____

Your Name _____

I have spoken with the above named candidates and they have agreed to serve if elected.

Signed _____

Clip and send the nomination form to membership chairperson

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Robert Burns/Macfie Connection? Douglas Macfie

Unfortunately, the diagram I made is too large for my scanner but if I try some thing like this you might get the idea

Mary Andrew (1749-1815) marries Robert Macfie (of Langhouse (1746-1827)) has children (I need only two of them to make my point)

Mary (1780-1853) and William (of Langhouse (1776 -1854))
Mary (1780 -1853) marries John Graham (xxxx-1820)
Mary and John Graham have (I need only one child)
John Graham (xxxx-1890) who married Peleope Clarkson (xxxx-xxxx)

John and Penelope have
John Graham (1843-1921) who married Mary Gilkison Allan (xxxx-xxxx)

Ok so far so good right

Now for my William (of Langhouse (1776-1854)) who married Janet Marshall (1786-1858) they have and I need only two children to make the point)

Robert Macfie (of Langhouse (1812-1899)) and Claud Macfie (of Cogarburn (1822- 1903))
Robert Macfie (of Langhouse (1812-1899)) marries Agness Farrie (xxxx- 1900)
and have among their children
William Macfie (of Langhouse (1840 -1912) who marries Jane Crawford Allan (xxxx-xxxx) (sister to Mary Glickson Allan - wife of John Graham)
Claud Macfie (of Cogarburn (1822 - 1903) marries Margaret Allan (1819-1891) (Aunt to Jane Crawford Allan and Mary Gilkison Allan)

Now the other side of the tree

James Allan (xxxx-1792) marries Jean Brown (xxxx-1821) has among their children
Alexander Allan (1780- 1854) marries Jean Crawford (1782 -1868) they have and to make my point I only need two children

Margaret Allan (1819-1891) who marries Claud Macfie of Cogarburn (1822-1903)
and James Allan (1807 -1880) who marries Mary Gilkison (xxxx-xxxx) hey have at least two girls

Jane Crawford Allan who marries William Macfie of Langhouse (1840 -1912)
and Mary Glikison Allan (xxxx-xxxx) who marries John Graham (1843- 1921)

Ok ok ok so you ask where they blazes is he talking about right !!!!! What does it have to do with Robbie Burns

Well Jean Brown (xxxx-1821) who married James Allan (xxxx -1792) has a sister named Agnes Brown (1732 - 1820) she married a William Burns (1721- 1784) in 1757 and one of their children is you Robert BURNS (1759- 1796)

If Robert Burns has Scottish blood running in his veins some of it is certain from his mother a Brown correct? And as Scottish blood even the tiniest little drop of it runs from the Brown to the Burns, would not it be true to say the some of it even a tiny little bit of it would run though the Allan line and down way down in to the Macfie would it not !!!!!!! or am I pushing it .?????

Hope everyone had a happy Robbie Burns Day
Douglas Macfie, Montreal

PS: If you draw the connecting family lines it might be easier to see the connection

Macfie Day May 27, 2010

Following the worldwide rallying of Clan Macfie members by Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee of Vancouver, BC, Canada, the Lord Lyon King of Arms recognized the Clan on May 27th, 1981 as being once again, an active clan. In 1993, Clan Macfie met in Parliament on the island of Colonsay for the first time in 370 years. About 120 Macfies representing Macfie societies around the world, met on the ancestral homeland. Some property was donated by the Lord Strathcona, present owner of the island, to erect the Standing Stone as a memorial to Malcolm Macfie the last clan chief. Sandy McPhie, of Australia, was appointed as Ceann-Cath (or commander) of Clan Macfie by the Lord Lyon King of Arms on September 7th, 1989. Thus, May 27th was chosen for Clan Macfie Day by the members attending the 10th International Gathering and 6th Parliament of Clan Macfie on Colonsay in 1993. Take this day to celebrate your rich Scottish heritage.



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