



# THE CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

## NEWSLETTER

No 92

December 2011

The first meeting of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia was held on December 3, 1986 in Brisbane.

The current elected committee is:

<i>PATRON:</i>	<i>Mr Archibald Douglas</i>
<i>PRESIDENT:</i>	<i>Mrs Jan Shaw</i>
<i>VICE PRESIDENT:</i>	<i>Ms Jenny Smith</i>
<i>MINUTES SECRETARY:</i>	<i>Ms Jenny Smith</i>
<i>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:</i>	<i>Mrs Sue Taylor</i>
<i>TREASURER:</i>	<i>Ms Kate Godfrey</i>
<i>EDITOR:</i>	<i>Mrs Mary Smith</i>
<i>GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH OFFICER:</i>	<i>Mrs Mary Smith</i>
<i>WEB SITE ADMINISTRATOR:</i>	<i>Ms Penny Shaw</i>
<i>GENERAL COMMITTEE:</i>	<i>Mr Archie Douglas, Mr John &amp; Mrs Robin Godfrey</i>

### Aims and Objectives of the Association

- To act as a representative body of Douglas's and Septs
- To encourage genealogical research and documentation of Douglas history
- To promote fellowship amongst members
- To establish and maintain contact with other Douglas associations throughout the world
- Provide members four Newsletters a year (members are invited to contribute articles of general interest)
- Provide social gatherings to enable Members to meet.

**Clan Douglas Website - [www.clandouglas.org.au](http://www.clandouglas.org.au)**

The website currently offers the following features for members and general public.

- General Information about the Clan Douglas (members and public)
- Events (members and public)
- Discussion board (forum for members and public)
- Newsletters (members only)
- Photo gallery (members only)
- Family tree software (members only)
- Application form (public and members)

Members can log in with a user name and password to view area that are not available for the general public, thus maintaining privacy and adding value to your membership.

All members must first register on the site. Registration follows a confirmation and approved process so that only paid-up members can register. Just follow the instructions sent in the registration email. Once approved, you can use your username and password to log in at any time.

**Website Help** - please email the Web site Administrator at [administrator@clandouglas.org.au](mailto:administrator@clandouglas.org.au) for assistance.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2011 has been a year of ups and downs, and for those of you who have been affected by the natural disasters of flood, fire and earthquakes, I send heartfelt sympathy and pray for a happier year in 2012.

I welcome new members to CDAA and hope that the trickle of new members becomes a stream in 2012 and the following years. When compared with Clan Douglas of North America our membership is very small but each one of you can help our increase by encouraging others to join.

As this Newsletter will have the Annual Reports for the AGM, I have little more to add, except to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a healthy, productive and happy New Year.

Jan Shaw (nee Douglas), President.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2011

2011 is a milestone in our history being our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and I remember well the excitement of our inception in 1986. Over the years we have seen our membership wax and wane and although our numbers are less than in previous years, I feel that the members we do have are our most loyal supporters. The real essence of CDAA is to remind members of their family history and enjoy the fellowship of sharing our history and family connections.

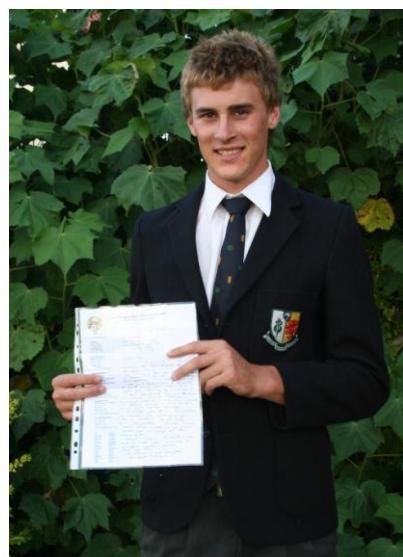
Our family/clan connections of course includes the Septs, and so on this note I'd like to acknowledge the work done by our American member and congratulate him, Harold Edington. Harold, also a member of Clan Douglas of North America, has researched diligently the history, associations and connections of the Septs. Mary (Newsletter Editor) will be printing some of this research in our Newsletters but if Sept members want the information now, please contact us.

2011 will go down in history as the year with the greatest number of natural disasters throughout our planet. Is Nature angry with mankind? One wonders. CDAA has donated funds, through the Salvation Army, to the flood victims of Queensland and the earthquake victims of New Zealand. We found that the Salvation Army gave cash immediately to those victims without insurance.

But life goes on and we continue to carry out the responsibilities of the Committee of CDAA, one annual one being the awarding of the Ron Douglas Memorial Bursary to a Scots College (Warwick) student of wood and metalwork. This year's recipient is Tim Debham (right) whom we congratulate.

We are hoping to have stones from Castle Douglas arrive in time to be put into the All Clan's Wall at the Standing Stones Ceremony at Glen Innes, NSW in May next year. I invite all members, family and friends to join us there for this historic occasion. (Watch the March Newsletter for further information).

Also next year, Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland plan to have a Gathering of Clans in which we shall showcase CDAA. Please support us there — see the March Newsletter for further information. If any members are visiting Scotland in 2013, don't forget the Quincentenary (500 years) of the Battle of Flodden where many of our ancestors perished.



In closing I wish to thank you all for your interest and support and I especially thank our committee whose interest, dedication, work and loyalty is always much appreciated. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, and good health and happiness in the coming year.

Jan Shaw (nee Douglas), President



## **NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT 2011**

It gives me much pleasure as Newsletter Editor, to present the Report for 2011. Four newsletters have been produced since the AGM in November last year and I have tried to keep the main interest stories evolving as much as possible. Our president has contributed her "Earls of Angus" writings for each Newsletter over the past year for which I thank her. It is a great help to me to have something already written to go in the newsletter before I start on the next one. I hope those of you of the Red Douglas line have had pleasure in reading of your ancestors. As you are aware, we have featured the Black Douglas Line for years past and continue to do so.

We do need research queries too, to help other members who may be looking for long lost relatives or ancestors. Please help us to help you and so keep the newsletter a viable and sought after publication.

My thanks must go to my daughter Jenny who has taken over the printing, posting and emailing of the Newsletters at the present time. Thank you to my daughter-in-law Karen whom I rely upon heavily to scan photos into the newsletter. I am not altogether computer literate and Karen helps me with that. A special thank you to all members who send me articles/photos for publication. I do appreciate your help.

Just a reminder — A different Christmas or birthday present to give a loved one could be the gift of membership to the Clan Douglas Association of Australia. On every newsletter you receive there is always an application form at the back. Just fill this in and mail to the Membership Secretary, Mrs Susan Taylor, 6 Helidon Grove, Jacob's Ridge, Ormeau 4208, Queensland, Australia with the \$20-00 (Aus) membership fee.

Mary Smith, Newsletter Editor

## **GENEALOGICAL CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT 2011**

It gives me much pleasure to present my report for 2011.

This year has been similar to previous years and I regret that there has been very few letters for me to answer regarding genealogy. There continues to be much interest in the yDNA data and I know that a few of you have taken advantage of the Clan Douglas of Australia's offer to finance your application to find out more. I should be interested to hear your results and how you fit into the family. Please do advise me as I may be able to help further with more details. You will find a detailed explanation of this project in Newsletter #77 for March 2008. For more information about the project please contact Dr Beryl Turner — [bturner@occmed.com.au](mailto:bturner@occmed.com.au)

Again I ask if any members are aware of Douglas or Sept family history books that may have been published this year, the Clan Douglas would like to know about them subject to purchasing for our library.

Research queries are needed for insertion in the newsletters. We have not received any this year and this free facility continues to be underused.

Mary Smith, Genealogical Co-ordinator.

[If you would like a copy of Newsletter #77 or any other Newsletter, please let me know.

## **CDAA MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT 2011**

Currently Clan Douglas Australia has:

- 59 Current members in total -13 less than last year
- 45 financial in past 2 years
- 12 Life members
- 2 new members in last year – David Hugh Allan Douglas, Andrew Douglas
- 2 Honorary members – Ern Thompson Scottish Clan Congress Qld, Harold Edington Clan Douglas Nth America

Sue Taylor, Membership Secretary.

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2011

I present the financial statements, including the profit and loss statement and balance sheet, for the Clan Douglas Association of Australia for the year ended August 2011.

As previously agreed in a general meeting of members, the accounts have not been audited. However, the Association keeps its financial records in a way that properly records the Association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.

The net result for the year was positive, with an increase in assets of \$7.12 and no liabilities. Costs incurred this year mainly related to the regular production of newsletters, continued support of the Ron Douglas Memorial Bursary and donations to the Salvation Army to support those affected by the Queensland Floods and the Christchurch earthquake. Membership income is a little down on previous years, but it still supports the annual costs of running the Association. This helps the Association remain financial into the future.

Kind regards

K H Godfrey

**CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC**  
**Profit and Loss Statement**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2011**

	<b>31-Aug-11</b>	<b>31-Aug-10</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Membership Income	910.00	1,150.00
Donations	-	-
Interest Received	142.14	112.71
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	1,052.14	1,262.71
<b>Expenses</b>		
Bursary	150.00	100.00
Filing fees	42.20	41.00
Newsletter	326.82	453.66
Postage/Telephone	34.00	14.20
Sundry expenses	492.00	60.00
Website	-	-
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	1,045.02	668.86
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<b>\$7.12</b>	<b>\$593.85</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Suncorp 04667 1315 Everyday Options	7,984.57	8,118.75
Suncorp 16077 6416 Deposit	2,943.59	2,802.29
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$10,928.16</b>	<b>\$10,921.04</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Reserves - Unappropriated Profit		
Opening	10,921.04	10,327.19
Current year profit/(loss)	7.12	593.85
Closing	10,928.16	10,921.04
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<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<b>\$10,928.16</b>	<b>\$10,921.04</b>

# WEBSITE REPORT 2011

## Cost

On 11 April 2011, the site was transferred to Ventrail hosting service. Ventrail offers higher level security and site management. The annual cost of hosting is \$48.28 (12 months). The domain name management was also transferred to Ventrail and is due for renewal on 10 April 2013. Renewal fees are expected to be \$9.35 for 2 years.

## Format

We have changed the format slightly to give better access to view photographs, and to make it easier to upload new articles or items of interest.

## Google Ranking

At this time, our site ranks second with the google search "Clan Douglas".

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Google clan douglas

Search About 1,440,000 results (0.17 seconds)

Everything

Clan Douglas - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clan\_Douglas

Clan Douglas is an ancient Scottish kindred from the Scottish Lowlands taking its name from Douglas, South Lanarkshire, and thence spreading through the ...

History - Chieftancy - Douglas castles - Eminent members of the Douglas ...

Welcome to the Frontpage

www.clandouglas.org.au/

23 Jun 2011 – How to Join. Who is Eligible to Join.

What is the Clan Douglas of Australia?

clandouglas.org.au/...what-is-the-clan-douglas-association-of-australia...

12 May 2004 – The Clan Douglas Association of Australia was established.

Show more results from clandouglas.org.au

Clan Douglas - News

clandoulassociety.org/

11 Sep 2011 – If you live near any of the festivals listed below, make it a point to attend and stop by the Clan Douglas tent. Click on the festival link for more ...

Clan Douglas Tours - Scottish Clans Information – Ancestral Scotland

www.ancestorscotland.com/plan/timetables/douglas/ - United States

Information on the Clan Douglas and history tours of the Douglas homeland in Scotland by Ancestral Scotland. Scottish Clan surname and family history search ...

Douglas Clan History Scottish Clans Tartans Kilts Crests and Gifts

www.scotclans.com/scottish\_clans/clans/douglas/history.html

Douglas Clan History Scotclans, a website dedicated to Scottish Clans , Scottish

Brisbane, Queensland Change location

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## Most common search terms

clan douglas	24
douglas clan	23
clandouglas.org.au	20
clan douglas association of australia	7
douglas cashmere	5
www.clandouglas.org.au	5
clan douglas australia	5
douglas clan australia	5
clan douglas cashmere	5
douglas salamander	4
Other phrases	149

## Advertising

Members can advertise on the home page for \$20 per year. This fee is charged with annual subscriptions. For more information on advertising display please contact Penny Shaw via email at [p.shaw@ozemail.com.au](mailto:p.shaw@ozemail.com.au)

Penny Shaw, Website Administrator



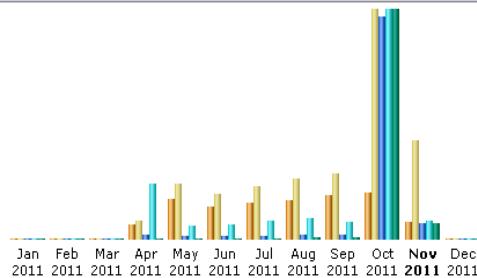
## Usage statistics

(For period 12 April 2011 – 7 Nov 2011)

- Number of visits: 3,584
- Number of hits: 116,898

## 2011 Monthly Statistics

### Monthly history



Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2011	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 2011	0	0	0	0	0
Mar 2011	0	0	0	0	0
Apr 2011	81	108	1,256	16,661	81.49 MB
May 2011	231	315	1,045	4,010	45.67 MB
Jun 2011	186	257	970	4,371	45.60 MB
Jul 2011	208	303	1,003	5,411	69.26 MB
Aug 2011	222	346	1,443	6,279	360.79 MB
Sep 2011	254	377	1,345	5,164	229.81 MB
Oct 2011	267	1,314	67,449	69,479	37.11 GB
Nov 2011	99	564	4,787	5,523	2.63 GB
Dec 2011	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,548	3,584	79,298	116,898	40.55 GB

## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF CDAA

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia is in December 2011. A special cake was made for the occasion by president Jan Shaw. In the first photo committee member John Godfrey is pouring 'bubbly' especially for the 25<sup>th</sup> occasion held at the AGM in November 2011. In the second photo are Penny Shaw, Jan Shaw and Sue Taylor.



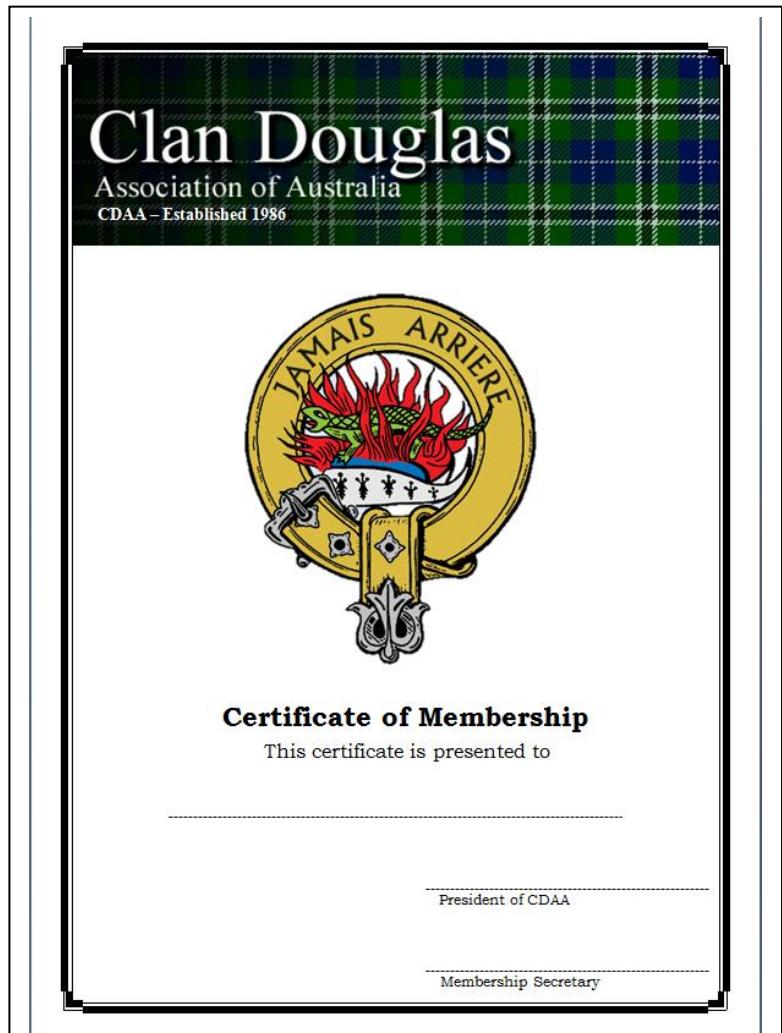
### CDAA MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

It was decided at the 2011 AGM to offer each current member of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia a copy of a Membership Certificate especially designed to remind members of their heritage.

The committee envisage that members will desire to frame and display the certificate on a wall in their home. The certificate will be suitably inscribed with the member's name.

If you would like a membership certificate please contact Sue Taylor, 6 Helidon Grove Jacob's Ridge, Ormeau 4208 or email: [sue.taylor62@bigpond.com](mailto:sue.taylor62@bigpond.com)

If you are not a current member and would like a certificate please complete the membership form on the back of the Newsletter and send in your fee to the Membership Secretary. We have also moved with the times and now have included bank account details for bank transfers. Please remember to place your name in the Reference area otherwise we will not know who has paid the fee. Once your membership is paid up we will send out your personalised Certificate of Membership.



**DRUMLANRIG** (Continued)  
**Friarshaw & Springwood**



**Sir George Douglas**, eldest son of Sir James Douglas, 9<sup>th</sup> Laird of Friarshaw, 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet of Springwood Park, Kt. and Helen Brisbane, was born 28/Feb/1754; died 04/Jun/1821; sold Friarshaw in 1788 with the consent of his next two heirs; MP for Roxburgh; married Paisley Abbey, Renfrewshire, 14/Oct/1786 (according to the Mormons, IGGI 1992, p.3526) or Springwood Park or Halkhead, Roxburghshire, 16/Oct/1786, the Lady Elizabeth, daughter of John Boyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Glasgow and Lady Elizabeth Ross. Sir George and Lady Elizabeth Douglas had issue

1. Elizabeth Georgiana Douglas, born 20/Sep/1787; died 22/Aug/1795;
2. Helen Douglas born December 1790; died 26/Jan/1791;
3. John James Scott-Douglas (see under)

**Sir John James Scott-Douglas**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet of Springwood Park, son of Sir George and Lady Elizabeth Douglas nee Boyle, was born 18/Jul/1792; died 23/Jan/1836; officer in the 15<sup>th</sup> Hussars; assumed in 1822 by Royal License the additional surname and arms of Scott; married Hannah Charlotte Scott of Belford, Roxburghshire, issue

1. Catherine Elizabeth Isabella Douglas born 23/Mar/1824; died 24/Dec/1863;
2. George Henry Scott Douglas (see under);
3. Mary Sholto Douglas born 22/May/1828; died 19/Oct/1853;
4. Hannah Charlotte Douglas born November 1834; died 27/Apr/1921; married Edinburgh 03/Nov/1859, Edward Octavius Douglas; lived Killichassie, Perthshire.

**Sir George Henry Scott Douglas**, 4<sup>th</sup> Baronet of Springwood Park, belonging to the Cavers branch of the Douglas Family; born 1825; died 1885; Captain in the 34<sup>th</sup> Regiment; 1874-1880 MP for Roxburghshire, Brigadier-General in the Company of Archers; married 01/Nov/1851, Mariquita Juana Petronila, daughter of Don Francisco Sanchez Serrano de Pina of Gibraltar; issue

1. James Henry Douglas born 27/May/1853, slain in Zululand, 03/Jun/1879; Lieutenant in the 21<sup>st</sup> Royal Scots Fusiliers;
2. George Brisbane Douglas, 5<sup>th</sup> Baronet of Springwood Park; born 22 Dec/1856; died 22/Jun/1935; Decided to discontinue the name of Scott-Douglas; educ. Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge (BA 1878, MA 1881) D.L. & JP for Roxburghshire; author;
3. Francis John Douglas (see under);
4. William Sholto Douglas born 22/Nov/1864; educ. Winchester and Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Captain 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers, Inspector of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries; married 23/Jun/1926 Cecile Frances Louisa, daughter of Colonel Philip Trotter of Mainhouse, Kelso. No issue;
5. Andrew Henry Douglas was born 29/Nov/1868; died 04/Dec/1868;
6. Maria Helena Henrietta Douglas born 25/Jun/1861; died 02/Jan/1932; unmarried.

**Francis John Douglas** born 27/Nov/1858; Lieutenant Edinburgh country Militia; married (1) 02/Sep/1891, Fanny Augusta, daughter of Sir George Eliot Meyrick Tapps-Garvis-Meyrick; Issue

1. Fanny Mary Clara Douglas born 08/Jan/1894; married W. Ernest Sykes of Netherhouse;
2. George Francis Valentine Scott Douglas.

Francis John Douglas married (2) 06/Apr/1918 Isabel Evelyn, daughter of Nathaniel George Clayton, D.L. of Chesters.

**George Francis Valentine Scott-Douglas** born 14/Dec/1898; died 12/Jun/1932 as the result of a polo accident; Captain in the 15<sup>th</sup> Hussar's; served in World War 1; awarded with 2 medals for his services; married 15/Jul/1924 Lady Blanche Linnie, daughter of Henry Adelbert Wellington Fitzroy, 9<sup>th</sup> Duke of Beaufort and Louise Emily Harford; issue

1. James Louis Fitzroy Douglas (see under)



**James Louis Fitzroy Scott-Douglas** 6<sup>th</sup> Baronet of Springwood Park; born posthumously, 24/Oct/1930; died 1969; educa. Wellington College; Lieutenant in the 15<sup>th</sup> /19<sup>th</sup> King's Royal Hussars, later a lieutenant in the Lothian and Border Horse; journalist, member of the Press Club; succeeded his great-uncle to the title;

**James Douglas** son of Sir James & Lady Helen Douglas nee Brisbane; born 23/Jun/1755; Admiral R.N.; married (1) November 1798, Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Robert Scott R.N.; issue

1. James Douglas died in India, 02/Jul/1819; unmarried;

James Douglas (born 1755) married (2) 01/Jun/1830, Frances daughter of William Scott, 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet of Great Barr, Staffordshire;

**James Douglas**, son of Sir Henry and Lady Martha Douglas nee Lockhart, 6<sup>th</sup> Laird of Friarshaw; baptised Edinburgh 23/Jul/1674; died 27/Aug/1757; merchant in London; married Edinburgh, 08/Jan/1699 Anne Russell; issue

1. James Douglas (see under);
2. Hilda Douglas baptised Edinburgh 07/Apr/1706.

**James Douglas** died 02/Jun/1751; M.P. Malmesbury; married Albinia, daughter of Major-General William Farrington of Chisselhurst, Kent; no issue.

**Andrew Douglas** son of Sir William Douglas 1<sup>st</sup> Laird of Friarshaw and his lady Euphame Davidson; 1531 mentioned in a charter with Andrew's wife Marion Douglas; issue

1. George Douglas;
2. Alison Douglas.

**Robert Douglas** 5<sup>th</sup> son of George Douglas, 7<sup>th</sup> Laird of Friarshaw and Elizabeth Scott of Ancrum; born Edinburgh 24/Apr/1727; died Zierikzee, (Zeeland) 30/Dec/1809; buried 04/Jan/1810, south side of the choir in the Dutch Reformed Church of Zierikzee; distinguished military career in Scotland and Holland rising to the eminent position of Major-General; married Bergen op Zoom, (North Brabant) 24/Jun/1754, Helena, daughter of Lieutenant-General Daniel de Brauw; issue

1. Mary Douglas born Bergen op Zoom 10/Dec/1755; died 's-Hertogenbosch, 30/May/1793;
2. Hester Douglas born Bergen op Zoom 10/Jun/1757; died c1808; married 28/Oct/1781, Johann Christian Gotlieb Schmidt, General-Major of Infantry, Major of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Regiment of Dutch Guards on foot;
3. Elizabeth Douglas born Bergen op Zoom 29/Jun/1758; died Baarn (Utrecht) 17/Oct/1832; married (1) Pieter Jan, son of Huybert van Ee, merchant in the service of the United East-Indies Company; married (2) Batavia, 18/Sep/1782, Captain Erland Christian Nicolai in the service of the East-Indies Company and 1786-1789 Crewmaster at Galle, British Indies. Married (3) Buiksloot near Amsterdam 13/Jul/1800, Nicolaas van Eyk;
4. Archibald Douglas (see under);
5. Daniel Henry Douglas baptised Bergen op Zoom 02/Feb/1761; died 22/Feb/1761;
6. George Daniel Douglas baptised Bergen op Zoom 12/Oct/1763; died 08/Nov/1763;
7. Magdalena Jacoba Douglas born Zierikzee 02/Feb/1766; died 27/Mar/1820; married 's-Hertogenbosch 23/Nov/1788 Louis Anthony van Oyen; after Magdalena's death in 1820 he married Henrica Janzen;
8. Cornelis Stavenisse Douglas born 1768; died infancy.

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**Archibald Douglas** born Bergen op Zoom 06/Sep/1759; died 's-Gravenhage, 20/Jul/1812; buried Kloosterkerk; 1802 Lieutenant-Colonel in the regiment of Marines of his father; married Nijmegen (Guelders 04/Jan/1785, Anna Juliana Maria de Szalonthay daughter of Alexander Szalonthay Baron of Kessel; issue:

1. Robert Douglas born 's-Hertogenbosch 1785; died Dutch Guyana 1810; unmarried; Captain 64<sup>th</sup> regiment British Army;
2. Alexandrine Douglas born 's-Hertogenbosch 14/Oct/1787; died Haarlem 25/Nov/1877; married Bergen op Zoom 12/May/1821 Joannes Justus van Weemen, Captain regiment of Artillery;
3. Helena Douglas born St Michielsgestel baptised 06/Sep/1789; buried 's-Hertogenbosch 16/Jun/1791;
4. Cornelius Marinus Douglas (see under);
5. Helena Elizabeth Douglas born 's-Hertogenbosch 13/Feb/1793; died Venlo 02/Aug/1854; married Bergen op Zoom 26/Feb/1821 Lorenz Ludwig Baehr;
6. Aletta Carolina Douglas born 's-Hertogenbosch 09/Nov/1794; died Ede 29/Jun/1868; married Bergen op Zoom 17/Nov/1825, Matthijs van Nidek, major Infantry; Military Cross.

(Taken from Douglas, Percy The History of the Family of Douglas, pp.198-206)



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#### **RECOMMENDED READING** By Jan Shaw

Many members will have read some of Nigel Tranter's historic novels of the turbulent times in Scottish History. In some he writes of how the Douglas family, in its various branches, dominated Scotland. One of his many books I recommend is *The Lion's Whelp*. In this we find mention of a number of the different branches of our illustrious family.

Tranter is a great story-teller and by research for the truth of history and his ability to bring his characters to life, we can be transported in our imaginations to life in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century. He not only gives a vivid picture of King James's Court and the ongoing battles for power and supremacy with our noble Douglases, he also mentions lesser known members of our clan. Our CDAA members will be descended from some of the noblemen mentioned as well as those of more humble origins. Families in those times were very large and only the eldest son inherited the titles, the younger ones had to make their own way, many emigrating to the Americas and later to Australia. Do read *The Lion's Whelp* by Nigel Tranter.

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#### **EDITORIAL**

The time to rejoin the Clan Douglas Association of Australia was in September. Just a reminder that your cut-off date is the end of February so if you haven't rejoined before then, a Newsletter won't be sent to you. Please send your subscription to the Membership Secretary, 6 Helidon Grove, Jacob's Ridge, Ormeau, 4208, Qld.

The Clan Douglas Association of Australia sends its Best Wishes for a very Happy Xmas and a healthy and safe New Year.

Mary Smith, Editor.



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## SEPT: BLACKETT, BLACKLOCK, BLAYLOCK

Listed in the 2009 Clan Douglas Septs of North America bylaws are Blackett, Blacklock, Blaylock which are all said to be variations of the same name meaning “black head” or “black haired.” Blacklock was accepted by CDSNA as a Sept in 1978; Blackett sometime between 1996 and 1999 and Blaylock, Blalock and variants in October 1987. Because the Clan Douglas Association of Australia did not have any septs in 1986 when it was formed, the Australian Association asked permission of the North American Society to copy its Sept list. Hence the same names are given in the Australian group as are noted in the North American Society list.

It is of interest, that in Scotland, a researcher by the name of William Anderson, says that of the “Bells of Blackethouse/Blacket Tower and Blackwood Tower”

‘The principal families of the name of Bell were located in Annandale from at least the beginning of the 10<sup>th</sup> century; for, above the outer door of the Tower of Blacket-House, are the initials W.B., with the date 1404 — and in 1426 there appears in the “Regis Diplomata” (Lib.ii.c77 and 84), a charter of the estate of Kirkconnell, in the parish of Kirkpatrick Fleming, and separated from Blacket-house, parish of Middlebie, by the river Kirtle, granted by Archibald Earl of Douglas, in favour of William Bell.

Today, Blacket house is recognized as the Bell family seat because it was the home of the Clan’s last recognized chief, William (Redcloak) Bell. Near the village of Eaglesfield, the tower is all that remains of the original L-shaped Blacket House’.

According to the Clan Bell International website: <http://www.clanbell.org>

‘...This old West Marche Clan, one of the eight great riding families of the Scottish Border since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, they engaged in the ‘rieving’ of the period and participated in many battles against the English.’

## BLACKSTOCK

It has been suggested by some that Blackstock is a name adopted by various members of the “Black” Douglases after the Battle of Arkinholm in 1455 to distinguish themselves from the “Red Douglases” who supported the Stewart King, James11. More research is needed for this Sept name.

## BLACKWOOD

This is also a place name in Lanarkshire and was the homeland of the Weir family. The Weirs are an armigerous family recognized by the Lyon Court and the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs but currently do not have a chief. Although a Lowland family, the Weirs are recognized as a Sept of clan Buchanan, clan MacNaughton, and clan MacFarlane through marriages and alliances. Through marriage, the Weir family are related to the Douglas family also.

Andrew Douglas of Hermiston from whom the Douglases of Dalkeith are descended was the younger son of Archibald 1, Lord of Douglas and brother of William Douglas, the grandfather of William ‘le Hardi’ Douglas. The Douglas line descends through the Lochleven branch to Helen Douglas who married her cousin Walter Hamilton, Lord of Raploch, the son of Sir John Hamilton, 4<sup>th</sup> Lord of Cadzow and Janet Douglas, daughter of Sir James Douglas of Dalkeith and Agnes Dunbar. James Hamilton was the son of Walter Hamilton and Helen Douglas. James was succeeded by his son William Hamilton who married Margaret Baillie daughter of William VII Baillie, Laird of Lamington and Margaret Seton. William Hamilton was succeeded by his son James who married Isabella Weir, daughter of James Weir, 5<sup>th</sup> Laird of Blackwood, and Empheemia Hamilton. Isabella Weir was born about 1500 in Blackwood, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

According to Wikipedia, *Manrent*

...refers to a Scottish mid 15<sup>th</sup> century to the early 17<sup>th</sup> century type of contract, usually military in nature and involving Scottish clans. The bond of manrent was commonly an instrument in which a weaker man or clan pledged to serve, in return for protection, a stronger lord or clan — in effect becoming a vassal that renders service to a superior, often made in the form of a covenant. Manrents were a Promise by one person to serve another, such that he shall be a friend to all his friends, and foe to all his foes.

A third possible connection is through the Arms of Weir of Blackwood. The arms of (1) Weir of Blackwood; (2) Weir of that Ilk; and (3) Sir George Weir of Blackwood are all described as *Argent on a fess Azure three mullets of the first*.

**BIRTH** - It is with pleasure that we welcome into the Douglas Family **Harry Thomas Jackman**, born 01/June/2011 son of Richard and Sarah Jackman of Atwell, Western Australia; great grandparents Winifred nee Roseby and member of the CDAA and the late Stewart Eather of Narrabri; 2xgt grandmother was Sophia Florence Douglas of "Mt Maria", Morven, Qld.



**CHRISTENING** - Vernview, Mitchell, was the venue for a Douglas family christening under a big shady tree on the lawn at the homestead, of **Daley Guest and his cousin Jenevieve** or 'Evie Douglas' being held by her mother Kylie Douglas. Kylie Douglas and Annabelle Guest are sisters and both are members of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia.



#### **VALE - DOUGLAS, Cecily Leila 1918 – 2011**

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of Cecily Leila Douglas, nee Cobb at age 92. Cecily was born in Winton on 10/12/1918 and died in Nambour 19/10/2011. She was the third child of Ann & Frederick Cobb of "Frensham", Winton and was educated at home, at St Anns [Townsville] and St Hildas [Southport]. After school she returned to "Frensham" until she enlisted in the WAAF in April 1942.

On 17/3/43 Cecily married William Neil [Pug] Douglas, youngest son of Archie and Florrie Douglas of "Murwari", Jordan Terrace, Bowen Hills, Brisbane. The bridal party wore dress uniform and the celebrations were subdued as both of Cecily's brothers had recently been killed in action. After the war Cec and Bill returned to "Frensham" to help 'put things to order' and run the property. They had three children, William, born in 1945, who tragically died too young in 1991, Annabel born 1946 and Jeremy in 1948. Over the years, in spite of droughts and floods, they acquired further properties – Jackton, Dulverton, Saville Row and Congewoi. They eventually retired to the Gold Coast in 1981 where they built their own house on Hope Island, naming it "Bilge Water". They both had a quirky sense of humour and were able to laugh with, and at, themselves. In 2004, some years after Bill's death in 2001, Cec moved to live at Eumundi on the Sunshine Coast to be closer to family.

Cec worked hard on the properties all her life and was also an accomplished needlewoman, making clothes for family and friends. She was a keen gardener and enjoyed her large garden. She and Bill were very generous and hospitable and loved to entertain visitors. She took great delight in her grandchildren and increasing number of great-grandchildren.

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#### **NOTICE BOARD**

##### **News from the Clan Douglas AGM**

The CDAA president has booked accommodation at the New England Motor Lodge ph. 0257322922 for the Celtic Festival in Glen Innes on weekend 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012 when the Clan Douglas Stones will be inserted into the Clan Wall at the Standing Stones venue. These Douglas stones have been selected from the ice-house wall at Castle Douglas in Scotland by William Douglas especially and they will be accompanied by a letter of authenticity. Jan suggests those interested in coming to the event should book accommodation as soon as possible as they are expecting a big crowd. She has booked Friday/Saturday/Sunday nights.

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We invite you and your family to join this Association. We ask you especially to support the Committee and help us bring together people of Douglas Ancestry, Sept families and other connections, from all over Australia, New Zealand and the world. Any one descended from, connected by marriage, or adopted by a Douglas or Sept of Douglas is eligible to join.

The **Sept families** of the **House of Douglas** are:

Bell, Blacklock, Blackstock, Blackwood, Brown, Brownlee, Cavers, Dickey, Douglass, Drysdale, Forrest, Forrester, Foster, Gilpatrick, Glendinning, Inglis, Kilgore, Kilpatrick, Kirkland, Kirkpatrick, Lockerby, MacGuffey, MacGuffock, McKillrick, Morton, Sandlilands, Sandlin, Simms, Soule, Sterritt, Symington, Syme, Young.

The Clan Douglas Association acknowledges that on the list of Sept families there are some who are recognised as belonging to other clans, but some families of these surnames were closely linked with branches of the Douglas' in the early years. We ask you to please notify anyone else you know to be eligible to join, especially those who may not be on our mailing list.

## Clan Douglas of Australia - Membership Form

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Telephone number: (      ) ..... Email address: .....

Place of family origin overseas (if known): .....

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Membership fee per year \$20-00 per family. Please send me a Membership Certificate  (please tick)

Fees can be paid by bank transfer: BSB 484799, Account 046671315 in the name "Clan Douglas Association".

Please place your name in the reference area. Cheques can be made payable in Australian currency to Clan Douglas Association of Australia and posted to the Membership Secretary.

Signature of applicant: .....