The first meeting of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia was held on December 3, 1986 in Brisbane. The current elected committee is:

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

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 for assistance.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As I have given a detailed account of our Clan’s activities and events for 2012 in my President’s Report to the AGM my message to you is a short one. I just want to thank all members for your continued support and participation by sending in family news to our newsletter. Do feel comfortable to send in articles of general interest to share as well. Perhaps you have a book you’d like to recommend, so tell us about it please. As the year draws to a close, I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and productive year in 2013.

Jan Shaw (nee Douglas) President.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT CDAA AGM 03/11/2012

In presenting my report to the AGM in 2012, I wish to begin by thanking my Committee. Over the past 5 or 6 years, our CDAA Committee has remained the same, dedicated responsible and loyal. Mary Smith our Newsletter Editor and Genealogical Co-ordinator has served on the Committee since its inception in 1986. Mary’s two daughters are Jenny Smith, our Vice President and General Secretary, and Sue Taylor, our Membership Secretary. Kate Godfrey, our capable Treasurer, is the daughter of Committee Members John and Robyn Godfrey and Penny Shaw, our Website Administrator, is my daughter. Although we would welcome other members onto the Committee, it seems that we never have that opportunity. But my question is — for how many more years can the present committee serve you? We do need active members, and we need more participation.

CDAA’s main achievement this year has been the official placing of a stone from Castle Douglas in Scotland into the Clans’ Wall at the Standing Stones at Glen Innes. This historic event is well recorded in Newsletter #94. Our appointment of Andrew Douglas in Canberra as regent for CDAA has resulted in his setting up Face Book for our clan and a suggestion that we have the names of Douglases who Died in Action recorded. Our committee endorsed the suggestion but went further to include all Septs of our Clan and also those who served as well.

Our Annual Award of the Ron Douglas Memorial Bursary to a Scot’s College student of wood and metalwork was increased last year to $150-00. This year’s recipient will be announced later in our Newsletter. CDAA donated $100-00 towards the Douglas yDNA fund to help subsidize, to 37 markers, any Douglas male in the Red/Angus/Hamilton group. This is an urgent appeal to help clarify this line. Also urgent is having descendents of the Bonjedward line yDNA tested. I do urge all members to help us find Douglas men descended from these branches or who think that there is a possibility of connection, to take a yDNA test. This is a world-wide search and remember there is help to subsidize the cost. members wishing to check the Douglas yDNA donations, go to http://www.familytree.com/public/Douglas/.

As mentioned in Newsletter #93, our American Hon. Member, Harold Edington has had his extensive research and addition of several new Septs to our respective Clans Douglas approved at the AGM of Clan Douglas of North America. We of CDAA endorse this approval and congratulate Harold Edington on his extensive research. His new research is being acknowledged in our Newsletters.

At our last AGM 2011, we decided to offer each current member a certificate of membership. These certificates have been designed by Membership Secretary Sue Taylor and her son Christopher and are proving popular with members. A photo of the certificate is in Newsletter #92.

Next July 21st 2013, The Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland plan to hold a ‘Scottish Gathering’ at Logan Gardens where Scottish dancing and Bagpipe Band Competitions will be held. The overall flavour will be Scottish. CDAA will be represented and any volunteers to help ‘man the tent’ will be appreciated. (Phone Jan Shaw 07 3379 6357).

Further afield and a year later in July 2014, there is to be a ‘Welcome Home’ Clan Douglas Gathering in Scotland. William Douglas of Douglas Archives in Scotland has been keeping CDAA in touch with the plans and developments and his latest communication of October 9 reports that — Alexander Douglas-Hamilton, Duke of Hamilton and Earl of Angus, has confirmed that he would host Clan Douglas to tea at Lennoxlove House. Also a Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan Church Service is planned for Sunday 13th July in Stirling. I sincerely
hope that some of our members will be in Scotland for this memorable gathering. Please contact me if you are interested as we do need some representation there.

In conclusion, I thank you all for your attention and interest and especially for your support of your CDAA Committee.

Jan Shaw (nee Douglas) CDAA President.

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THE RON DOUGLAS MEMORIAL BURSARY, 2012

Mr Peter Poulos
PO Box 226
INGLEWOOD QLD 4387

16 November 2012

Mrs Jan Shaw
President
Clan Douglas Association of Australia
"Masterton"
91 Mowbray Terrace
EAST BRISBANE QLD 4199

Dear Mrs Shaw,

I am writing this letter to inform you that I have been awarded the Ron Douglas Memorial Bursary for 2012. I will be presented this award during our Speech Day ceremony which takes place tomorrow.

Throughout Years 11 and 12, I have been undertaking a school based apprenticeship as an apprentice boilermaker at Inglewood Trailers. During this time, I have worked "on the job" one day a week and have attended school for the remaining four days. To complete the necessary theory component of the first year of my apprenticeship, I have attended three blocks of TAFE and have attended night classes every Monday evening during the term time. I am very proud of my achievements to date, and getting this award proves to me that when you work hard at something you love, it is worth it in the end.

I have been very grateful that I have been given the opportunity to undertake a school based apprenticeship as it has enabled me to get a head start in my career. It has also enabled me to complete my senior studies so as to be able gain my Queensland Certificate of Education.

I would like to thank both you and the association for your gift of $150.00 which I will put aside to purchase tools for my trade. More importantly, I wish to thank you for recognising and rewarding students who chose to follow a trade pathway. It is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

PETER POULOS

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THE RON DOUGLAS MEMORIAL BURSARY, 2012

It is with pleasure that we announce that The Ron Douglas Memorial Bursary for 2012 has been awarded to Peter Poulos, a student of the Scots PGC College, Warwick.

This award is made annually to the student who has constructed and taken pride in his metal, wood and silver work, thus emulating Ron Douglas’ achievements.

Congratulations Peter and Best Wishes in your future life from the CDAA.
The following emails were received by Jan Shaw, President from William Douglas of the Douglas Archives in Scotland re the proposed Douglas Gathering in 2014:

Dear Jan,
Just a quick note to inform you that matters are progressing towards the Clan Gathering in July 2014.

Alexander Douglas-Hamilton, Duke of Hamilton, has confirmed that he would host Clan Douglas to tea at Lennoxlove House. I, for one, am looking forward to seeing the family portraits.

We are planning a Kirkin o’ the Tartan church service in Stirling for Sunday 13th July. I will keep you informed as things progress.

Are you aware of a proposal to erect a memorial at Douglas Castle in honour of the Good Sir James? I do not know much more than that a discussion has been held with the Earl of Home. It sounds like a good idea to me! Even better if the unveiling could be done in July 2014.

As you will be aware, plans are in hand to hold a Douglas Clan Gathering in Scotland in 2014. Published dates for this are 7th - 13th July, timed to coincide with the International Clan Gathering, planned for Stirling.

Today, it has been announced that the Stirling event has been cancelled. Instead, the event planned to commemorate the Battle of Bannockburn, in June 2014 is to be expanded to incorporate a Clan day. The following is an extract from an announcement made by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs:

The Plans are as follows:

Part 1 is for the National Trust re-enactment of the battle of Bannockburn on 28, 29, 30 June 2014 to be a signature event in 2014. An extra day has been added to accommodate the clans. In addition to the re-enactment there will be a distinctive, good quality clan village at the site. The National Trust will run all of this and have done re-enactments before at Bannockburn so there is a high degree of confidence in this event. There is also the new visitor centre which will employ state of the art 3-D technology to interpret the battle.

Part 2 is for greater emphasis to be given to regional clan type events such as highland games in which there might be clan participation in 2014. An example is the Aboyne Games in which some 8 clans participate. Reference has also been made to SW Scotland and the Inverness area.

The big question now is: Should we keep to the July dates, or change to June?

Please let me know what you think. You can post your comments on the Douglas Clan Gathering page.

Visit The Douglas Archives at: http://douglashistory.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network

Howling Events, a west Lochaber coalition of heritage organisations has announced its programme of events for the forthcoming Year of Homecoming in 2014. The events are an impressive mixture of genealogy and heritage resources, mixed with exciting, and truly unique events based around clan and place. Contact Mary Smith on maryvsmith@dodo.com.au if you would like a copy sent to you or look online at http://www.arisaighhighlandgames.co.uk/assets/HOWLingEvents/Public/HowlingEventsNewsRelease-003a.pdf

http://douglashistory.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mess_network
Dear Secretary,

As one of the newest Scots to arrive in Australia may I take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I was born in Giffnock in Renfrewshire, brought up in Glasgow and educated at the Universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen. For the past 37 years I have been a Minister of The Church of Scotland. During my Ministry I have served as a Chaplain in the Army and in parishes in Edinburgh, Argyll and latterly Aberdeen. In 2010, whilst a Parish Minister in Aberdeen, I undertook a Pulpit Exchange with the former Minister of The Scots Church here in Sydney. Following his retirement in late 2010 I was Called to become the 15th Minister in the line which begins with The Rev'd Dr John Dunmore Lang in 1823.

Should you wish a Sydney city centre Church in which to hold your Clan Society Service or Reception we would be delighted to welcome you. Or should it be the case that you wish to hold a commemorative event such as a Baptism or a Wedding or indeed a Thanksgiving Service for a loved one please do not hesitate to make contact with me.

I have enclosed a small number of business cards for use amongst the members of your Society.

Until such time as we meet I leave you with God’s Blessing and Peace.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

August 14, 2012

Clan Douglas Association of Australia
The Secretary
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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding ... and He will make your paths straight" Proverbs 3:5

From the stained glass windows in Scots Church Sydney
Andrew Douglas has recently been in the USA and took the time to catch up with some members from Clan Douglas Society of North America (CDSNA). An event between the Clan Douglas Association of Australia and the Clan Douglas of Southern California was held on St Andrews Day at ‘the Olde Ship British Pub and Restraunt’ in Fullerton, Los Angeles Friday 30 November. In attendance were Andrew, his partner Sonia Ascencio, Tim Tyler (Regent for the Southern California Clan Douglas Society of North America) and his wife Mary and Lorrie and Mike Stastny (CDSNA).

Gifts were exchanged with Tim presenting Sonia and Andrew with CDSNA T-shirts and children’s workbooks teaching the history of the Clan Douglas. Toasts were made to St Andrew, the Clan and the respective organisations and a promise of a bottle of Black Douglas Whiskey to be sent to Tim as the product appears to be hard to obtain in the US. The group plan to keep in touch via social media and as time progresses more meetings will be held and potentially attendances at gatherings.
SEPTS OF CLAN DOUGLAS - BRECKINRIDGE

Variations include Brackenridge, Brachenridge, Brakenbury, Brackenrige, Brachennrig, Brecenrigg, Brecenrig, Breckenridge, Breckinrige, Breckenrige, Breckinrige, Breckenrige, Breckenrige, Breckenrigg, Brakenbury, Braikenridge, Braikinrige, Breckinrige, Braikenridge, Braikinrige.

Breckenridge was accepted as a Sept by the Clan Douglas of North America after 1995. Many variations of spelling occur but Dr George F. Black writes in his book of 1946 ‘The names Breckenridge and Brackenridge are confined mainly to Lanarkshire and Ayrshire. The surname is derived from the lands of Brackenrig in the old Barony of Avondale in Lanarkshire’. Dr Black also mentioned the name as having been in use as ‘John of Bracanryggis’ in Glasgow in 1454 and Brackenrig in 1505.

The Brackenridge surname can be traced back to the 15th century in lowland Scotland and northern England where it appears in a variety of private papers and public records. The earliest spellings however, end with ‘rig’ rather than ‘ridge’ suggesting an agricultural context. (A rig is the space between the furrows in a plowed field and by extension refers to the field itself). Bracken is an undesirable wide-leaved fern that flourishes in the moist Scottish soil and is eaten by animals only as a last resort. Before Scots adopted modern agricultural practices, fields were broken up in medieval fashion into small plots separated by built up rigs or mounds (ridges) on which weeds such as bracken proliferated. “Bracken rigs” possibly described the fields in which the ancestors laboured and which eventually became a family name.

The name is believed to be descended originally from the Strathclyde Britons. This ancient founding race of the north were a mixture of Gaelic/Celts whose original territories ranged from Lancashire in the south, northward to the south bank of the river Clyde in Scotland. ‘Brackenridge’ was found in Lanarkshire and Ayrshire where they were recorded as a family of great antiquity seated at the manor and lands of Brackenrig in the Barony of Avondale in Lanarkshire. The earliest reference was in 1332 of a Nicholas de Bracanrig, then in 1454 when John of Bracaneyggis was mentioned in the charters of that date. John Brakanryg was the Sergeant of the Upper Barony of Renfrew in 1454. The family seat evolved as Ashfield Park. The name moved south to Durham and they were seated at Sellaby and in general changed to the more English spelling of Brackenbury. Notable amongst the family at this time was George Brackenridge of Ashfield Park, County Tyrone in Ireland. Several charters where the name of John of Dalzel is mentioned as Lord of Brakynreg and Hugh Campbell and Katrine his wife as owning lands of old extent of Brunysde, lying in the barony of Strathavan and sheriffdom of Lanark. James Douglas of Peryston was a witness to this charter.

(Courtesy of H. Edington, CDSNA KS/MO Regent, from Septs of Clan Douglas Society North America)

SCOTTISH NAMING PATTERN

Eldest son: named after his paternal grandfather
Second son: named after his maternal grandfather
Third son: named after his father
Fourth son: named after his paternal uncle or other family member
Eldest daughter: named after her maternal grandmother
Second daughter: named after her paternal grandmother
Third daughter: named after her mother
Fourth daughter: named after maternal aunt or other family member.

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THE BATTLE OF OTTERBURN

As it is Halloween time when writing this article, it seemed appropriate to relate some information contained in the Scottish Banner, Australasian Edition, October 2012, p.2 which reads:

‘After all, Scotland is well known for its ghosts, both within the stately walls of her historic castles as well as in its cemeteries. As Celts, both Scots and Irish are well known for their ‘second sight’, and premonitions are often common place throughout our history. As long ago as 1388 the second Earl of Douglas dreamed — and even reported — of his own death at the Battle of Otterburn’.

Following the end of a truce with England, The Scots began raiding south again in the summer of 1388. Moving through the eastern marches with a considerable number of men and collecting much booty on the way, James Douglas, 2nd Earl of Douglas advanced to Newcastle where his men attacked its western defenses. The garrison was stunned by the Scott’s attack and Sir Henry “Hotspur” Percy made the assumption that Douglas’ men were the vanguard of the main Scottish army. Skirmish after skirmish followed until Douglas challenged Hotspur and fought him hand to hand in the lists. Douglas knocked Hotspur to the ground, grabbed his pennon and left the area. However, Douglas lacked equipment and sufficient supplies to take on the English properly, so he slipped away from the city during the night. Percy, realizing that Douglas was acting independently, went in hot pursuit arriving at Ponteland not long after Douglas and his men had sacked Otterburn tower. Initially, Percy was concerned about finding a safe campsite for the night, but on being alerted to the fact that the Scotts were not far ahead of his army, he decided to continue to advance thus surprising Douglas’ men at dinner resulting in a wild scramble to don armour and make ready for battle on the part of Douglas’ men.

Strategically, Douglas was able to make use of a wooded hillside and a ravine nearby to mask the Scott’s approach before falling upon the English. This was very late in the day and the battle continued into the night with the moon only aiding the hand-to-hand fighting that ensued, but stopped Percy from deploying his archers. During the fighting, James Douglas was mortally wounded, but the battle continued on for several more hours — Douglas’ death being unknown to his army. Percy realized his own army was disintegrating and was eventually captured by Sir John Montgomery. With the battle lost, the English fled the field and retreated towards Ponteland. The Scotts recovered the body of their dead commander Sir James Douglas, and resumed their homeward march. Sir James Douglas was buried in Melrose Abbey after a state funeral. A prisoner in Scotland, Percy was ransomed with King Richard II and Parliament contributing towards his ransom.

“My nephew good,” the Douglas said,
“What recks the death of ane? —
Last night I dreamed a dreary dream,
And I ken the day’s thine ain.

Last night I dreamed a dreary dream,
Beyond the Isle of Sky
I saw a dead man win a field,
And I wot that man was I.

My wound is deep, I fain would sleep;
Take thou the vanguard of the three,
And bury me by the bracken bush
That grows on yonder lily lea.

Oh, bury me by the bracken bush,
Beside the blooming brier,
And never let living mortal ken
That e’er a kindly Scot lies here.

He lifted up that noble lord
Wi’ the saut tear in his ee;
He hid him in the bracken bush,
That his merrie men might not see.

The moon was clear, the day drew near,
The spears in flinders flew,
But mony a gallant Englishman
Ere day the Scotsmen slew.”

Earl James’s widow, the Princess Isabel daughter of King Robert, was richly endowed with one terce of her lord’s lands in the Sheriffdom of Selkirk. She soon found herself another husband in Sir John de Edmonstone and died in 1410. The only son Isabel had by James Douglas died in infancy, but he had two illegitimate sons William, progenitor of the Douglas of Drumlanrig, Duke of Queensberry; and Archibald, ancestor of the Douglas of Cavers.


Pennon of James Douglas at the Battle of Otterburn

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Arms of the Earls of Douglas and Mar
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Pennon of Sir Henry “Hotspur” Percy at Battle of Otterburn.

4.1. Veronica Douglas was born Beuningen (Guelders), 19/May/1955; married Nijmegen, 03/Oct/1975, Johannes Zwaan, photographer

4.2. Rob Douglas born Roermond, (Limburg) 02/May/1957; cook in a geriatric-house; married Nijmegen, 23/May/1986, Ingrid Wilhelmina Rosa Maria Post

4.3. Eduard Douglas (see under).

Robbert Douglas (born 25/Jun/1929) married (2) at Almelo (Overijssel) 20/Apr/1964, Boelina Sluiter and had:


5. **Eduard Douglas** born Roermond, (Limburg) 02/May/1957; works in a restaurant; married Nijmegen, 23/May/1986, Tamara Alwicher and had:


6. **BOBBY DOUGLAS** born Soerabaja, Java, 06/Apr/1931; employed by van der Heem, The Hague, as a System Analyst; married ’a-Gravenhage 22/Mar/1958 Anna Hoekstra and had:

6.1. Ronald Douglas born ’a-Gravenhage 25/Apr/1960, jazz musician who has won prizes with his talent.

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**VAN BREUGEL DOUGLAS**

THE NETHERLANDS

1. **MARY DOUGLAS** was born Bergen op Zoom (North Brabant)10, bap 14/Dec/1755; died ’s-Hertogenbosch (North Brabant) 30/May/ and buried 03/Jun/1793, eldest daughter of Robert Douglas & Helena de Brauw; married ’s-Hertogenbosch 06/May/1781 Mr Casper van Breugel, secretary of the town Council of ’s-Hertogenbosch, Director of the Customs in Friesland, member of the town Council of the City of Haarlem, North Holland. Obtained by Royal Degree of 15/Apr/1815, No. 17 the title of Jonkheer and by Royal degree of 02/Jul/1826 No.135 that of Baron for himself and the eldest surviving sons. And has issue:

1.1. Jonkvrouwe Eva Maria van Breugel born ’s-Hertogenbosch 29/Mar/1783; died s’Gravenhage 26/Oct/1866; married ’s-Gravenhage 07/Feb/1805, Jonkheer William Maurit de Brauw; edu. University of Leiden and was Counsellor 1793-1794. He was a distinguished leader of numerous organisations in Zeeland and Director of the Royal Dutch Lottery 1814-1826.

1.2. Jonkvrouwe Helena van Breugel was born ’s-Hertogenbosch 29/May/1784; died The Hague 10/Aug/1784.

1.3. Jonkvrouwe Henriette van Breugel was born 09/Apr/1790; died Zierikzee 25/Oct/1865; married Leeuwarden, 18/Sep/1813, Jonkheer Carel Willem de Jonge van Campens Nieuwland;

1.4. Robert, Baron van Breugel (see under)

1.5. – 1.8 children died young.
2. Robert, Baron van Breugel was born ‘s-Hertogenbosch 26/Jul/1791; died s’-Gravenhage 23/Nov/1873. Obtained by Royal degree of 30/Jan/1861 No. 67, for him and his descendants the name of van Breugel – Douglas. He was a Privy Councillor of the Netherlands and a member of the Knighthood of Friesland. Robert married (1) Leeuwarden 08/Sep/1821, Jonkvrouwe Louise Albertina Glinstra van Sminia and had:


2.2. Casper van Breugel – Douglas (see under).

Baron Robert van Breugel - Douglas married (2) Maartensdijk, 15/Aug/1839, Jonkvrouwe Anna Maria de Rove van Breugel.

3. Casper, Baron van Breugel – Douglas was born Groningen, 02/Feb/1824; died Cleve 07/May/1894. Like his father, Casper was a Privy Councillor of the Netherlands and a member of the House of Knights in Friesland. He married Arnhem, 22/Sep/1859, Jonkvrouwe Catharina Anna Charlotta Antonia Elisabeth van Rappard and had issue:


3.3. Robert van Breugel – Douglas (see under)


4. Nr. Robert Baron van Breugel-Douglas was born ‘s-Gravenhage 19/Aug/1864, son of Casper & Catharina Anna Charlotta Antonia Elisabeth van Breugel nee van Rappard; died Vevey, Switzerland 17-Jan/1924; married Vevey, 02/Mar/1894 Vera Wasilewna Khlebnikorr born Smolensk, Russia and had

4.1. Jonkheer Casper van Breugel-Douglas born Zareskoje Selo Russia, 29/Dec/1894; died Zarskoje Selo, Russia, 13/Feb/1895.

4.2. Casper van Breugel-Douglas (see under)

4.3. Jonkvrouwe Louisa Albertina Anna Maria van Breugel-Douglas born Vevey, 20/May/1897.

5. Casper van Breugel-Douglas was born Vevey, France, 09/Jan/1896; died Cannes, France, 10/Aug/1982; 1937-1941 Extraordinary Minister and Plenipotentiary in Athens; 1942 in Chinking, China; 1943-1946 in Moscow, Soviet-Union; painter and Hon. Knight of the Order of St John; married Bucharest, Rumania, 07/Aug/1928, Ioana Maria Berendai Costinesco, born Bucharest; and had issue


(Taken from The History of the Family of Douglas, by Percy Douglas of The Netherlands, pp. 230-232)

If more information is required about this family please contact Mary Smith)
TREASURER’S REPORT

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 2012.

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 a slight reduction in net assets by $629.22 to $10,298.94. The Association continues to have no liabilities.

The most significant outlay for the year was for the placement of the Clan Douglas Stones within the Australian Standing Stones celtic national monument in Glenn Innes. This included acquiring original stones from Castle Douglas, and having these formed into a plaque for placement at the Standing Stones Celtic Festival by Jan Shaw and Mary Smith in Glenn Innes in May 2012.

Other costs incurred this year mainly related to the regular production of newsletters, production of Membership Certificates and continued support of the Ron Douglas Memorial Bursary.

Membership income is the same as the prior year, and supports the annual costs of running the Association. This helps the Association remain financial into the future.

Kind regards

K H Godfrey

Kate Godfrey, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

Currently Clan Douglas Australia has:

- 61 Current members in total - 10 more than last year after successful recruitment drive in April 2012
- 14 Life members – 4 new Honorary Life members, Dell Armstrong and Mary Smith, John and Robin Godfrey,
- 1 new member in last year – Tammie Arundell
- 2 Honorary members – secretary Scottish Clan Congress Qld and Harold Edington Clan Douglas Nth America
- 13 Outstanding memberships from previous 2 years

Sue Taylor, Membership Secretary
WEBSITE REPORT

Cost
The current cost to host the website is $71.40. This has increased from $48.28. In January 2012, Ventra IP moved our site from the Economy A plan to the Economy plan. This has resulted in a slight increase to our recurring amount, but there are numerous benefits to the new service including CloudLinux protection, a stable VMWare platform and continued server security updated using mod_security and Ksplice.

Member Content contributions
Members are welcome to email articles of interest, and upload photos etc.

Usage statistics
(For period 1 Jan 2012 – 3 Nov 2012)
Number of visits: 8,336
Number of hits: 147,500

Site Snapshot

2012 Monthly Statistics

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

Penny Shaw, Website Administrator
NEWSLETTER EDITOR’S REPORT

It gives me much pleasure as Newsletter Editor, to present the Report for 2012. Four newsletters have been produced since the AGM in November last year and although I know that it was moved at the last AGM that I need only produce three Newsletters this year, I have continued to produce the four as there always seems to be news to circulate. It is a great help to me to have something already written to go in the newsletter before I start on the next one. A special thank you to all members who send me articles/photos for publication. I do appreciate your help.

My thanks must go to my daughter Jenny who continues to see to the editing, printing, posting and emailing of the Newsletters. Thank you also to my daughter-in-law Karen as I am not altogether computer literate and Karen helps me with that.

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.

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 with the $20-00 (Aus) membership fee.

Mary Smith, Newsletter Editor

GENEALOGICAL CO-ORDINATOR’S REPORT

It gives me much pleasure to present my report for 2012. 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.

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 Coordinator

EDITORIAL

Here it is Christmas again — how 2012 has flown! So much has happened during the year — each state has suffered adversities of some kind be it bush fires, floods, drought, the mining boom downturn or losses of some kind. But we have had some highs too! 2013 offers renewed hope in the form of a new year with all its promises and good wishes.

Just a reminder — If you haven’t renewed membership by February 2013, no further Newsletters will be sent to you — membership is still only $20-00.

May 2013 be kind to you and on behalf of the Clan Douglas Committee of Australia, my Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and A Prosperous, Healthy New Year.

Mary Smith, Editor
CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA

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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, Sandilands, 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.

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Signature of applicant: ................................................................................................................................
CDAA wishes you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2013