Douglas Dancers Excel!

Kendall Blauser (left) and Vita Blaylock, both Clan Douglas members, performed beautifully in their respective competitive classes at the Redwood Empire highland dance competition held in Saratoga, CA on 1/13/2018. Kendall, dancing in the Beginners category won two 2nd place and a 3rd place medal, along with a 5th place ribbon. Vita, dancing for the first time in the Intermediate class to which she was just promoted, won a 1st place and two 2nd place medals. The girls train together weekly in the same highland dance school, working hard to improve their skills. The girls often perform at Clan Douglas events in northern California where they live. Vita is a previous recipient of a CDSNA scholarship for dance.

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to represent the Clan Douglas Society of North America (CDSNA) at various Scottish / Celtic festivals in the US and CANADA.

CDSNA is seeking members willing to serve as Regents & Co-Regents in provinces and states currently unrepresented or under-represented by CDSNA. **IF YOU ARE A MEMBER of CDSNA** willing to share your enthusiasm about Clan Douglas and available to serve as a representative in any of the states or provinces listed on page 22 in need of Regents and Co-Regents, contact CDSNA VP Chuck Mirabile, CDSNA Asst VP (West) Loretta Morton, CDSNA Asst VP (East) Harold Edington, or your current Regent.

If you know of a local Scottish event without Douglas representation, contact CDSNA VP Chuck Mirabile, CDSNA Asst VP (West) Loretta Morton, CDSNA Asst VP (East) Harold Edington, or your current Regent.

**What do you need to become a Regent?**

Most importantly, you need to be a CDSNA member in good standing with the willingness to take on a difficult voluntary task for the benefit of Clan Douglas coupled with an enthusiasm for people and some knowledge of Clan Douglas.

Even if you aren’t ready to become a Regent or Co-Regent, you can still help Clan Douglas and support your local Regent by being a Douglas Tent Helper at your Regent’s next local Scottish event.

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**How can I renew my membership to CDSNA, if I missed my local festival?**

If you need to update your **CDSNA** Membership, you can use **PayPal** to pay your member dues.

Simply go to our Clan Douglas website and click on the **JOIN CDSNA** tab.

Scroll down the page to the **DONATE** button and press the button to open the **PayPal** page.

When your transaction is completed, email Secretary Jim Morton for confirmation:
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President’s Comments

Greetings Clan Douglas!!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and spent time with family and friends. Although it is winter and parts of North America are cold and snowy, some areas of the country are already beginning the Highland Game Season. Our Regent Marc Hitchins from Florida has been busy; he has been involved with a couple of Highland Games already.

I also have sad news to report. We recently lost Frances Crews who was our Regent in Washington State. Frances and her companion Gary Cosgrove attended many games over the years (as many as 10 to 12 per year) and represented Clan Douglas very well. I talked with Gary and there will be a special memorial for Frances during the Tacoma Highland Games June 23rd, 2018.

This year the Clan Douglas Society will elect new officers. We have had one person step up and volunteer for the position of Clan Treasurer to replace Shirley Douglas who will be retiring after many years of service to Clan Douglas. Shirley has done everything at Clan Douglas from Newsletter Editor to Store Keeper and Treasurer. Her hard work will not be forgotten and Clan Douglas will not forget her.

Clan Douglas is looking for members to consider being Regents and Co-Regents in areas unrepresented and under-represented by Clan Douglas. We have a number of vacancies all over North America; you can see a list of needs on page 22 of this newsletter. Without Regents, we risk losing our heritage. We need people willing to pass on the knowledge and bring people into our extended Clan Douglas family. Please contact me, Vice-President Chuck Mirabile, either of our Regional Asst. Vice-Presidents, or your local Regent to discuss if you would like to serve as a Regent or Co-Regent and have your interest presented to the Board of Directors.

Lastly, take the time to attend a local Highland Game. Hopefully there will be a Clan Douglas tent there where you can interact with your Clan. It is a great way to see old friends and make new ones.

Best Regards,

Mark A. Peterson
President
Clan Douglas Society of North America

REMINDER:
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS & AWARDS NOMINATIONS
must be received before MAY 1.

See the DEC 2017 issue of Dubh Ghlase
or the Clan website for details.
Walking the John Muir Way Coast-to-Coast Across Scotland
by CDSNA Member The Reverend J. Edson Way, Lubbock, TX

Editor’s Note: The John Muir Way is one of many marked historical/cultural trails in Scotland. Stretching from Helensburgh in the west to Dunbar in the east, the trail is 132.5 miles (212 km). The trail availability is March 1 – October 31.

At a national retreat conference for clergy approaching retirement age, all participants were invited to write a letter to ourselves containing a BOHAG (Big Outrageous Hairy-Audacious Goal) which we would dream of doing once retired. These letters would be mailed to us by the conference organizers one year later to remind us of our dreams that we had written down in the serenity of the retreat. Without any prior thought I wrote to myself, “I will walk across Scotland coast-to-coast before I turn 75 years old.”

I am of Scottish ancestry on my mother’s side, the Morton sept of Clan Douglas, and through contacts made via the DNA testing site 23andMe, Clan Donnachaid, a Robertson. My friend Iain Scott from Airdrie commented, “I suspected you might be one of those cattle-stealing Robertson.” Now, my wife is a fifth generation Texas rancher, so this is not necessarily a compliment in these parts. At any rate, on my very first trip to Scotland nine years ago, I had an overwhelming sense of “coming home,” a sensation that many other Americans have shared with me in talking about the first time in the ancestral homeland. As a boy I had heard my grandmother Alice Louise Morton talking about her love for Scotland, and Edinburgh in particular, and she wore her heirloom cairngorm jewelry proudly. I think that was the beginning of my desire to explore that fabled land.

I decided that my 70th birthday present to myself this year would be to fulfill my BOHAG!

My coast-to-coast Scottish quest began when I contacted Contours Walking Holidays, a British outfitting company, and read their on-line description of the John Muir Way, a marked walking route going from the lovely town of Helensburgh on the Atlantic west coast to Dunbar, John Muir’s birthplace, on the North Sea east of Edinburgh. The famous naturalist who was instrumental in the formation of the National Park Service here in his adopted country discovered his love of nature and the outdoors while exploring the seaside cliffs and tidal basins of his birthplace, Dunbar — hence the name of this walkway. I had used the services of Contours Walking Holidays a few years previously when a friend and I walked across The Borders from Melrose, Scotland, to Lindisfarne, Holy Island, off the coast of Northumberland. Given my preferences for my walk, Contours made all the reservations at B&Bs and small hotels along the route, provided maps, and transferred my baggage day by day to my next destination. I needed to carry only a day pack with essentials like sunscreen, simple first aid, a water bottle, and so forth.

I flew from Texas to Glasgow on the 8th of September, two days after Jenny’s and my 48th wedding anniversary. Early September is beautiful in Scotland, the weather is usually pleasant, the midges have gone by, and the numbers of other tourists are down. At Glasgow International Airport I caught the bus to the Central Train Station and bought my train ticket to Helensburgh at the kiosk. The wonderful rail system whisked me to my first night’s destination where I took a taxi to the B&B with a view out across the Firth of Clyde. I had made plans to spend two nights there to adjust to the time change and let any jet lag subside but mostly just to enjoy the leisure of wandering the town, sampling local seafood, and tasting the varieties of Scottish-made gin now distilled in the country, over sixty local varieties. I couldn’t sample them all...

Donning my kilt Monday morning, and after the traditional Full Scottish Breakfast, I set off across the country. The JMW was clearly marked with directional signs mounted on posts, bridge railings, or lamp posts in the towns along the way. The first day the trail led up out of the valley of the Clyde, across the edge of the Trossachs with the first glimpse of Loch Lomond below, to the town of Balloch at the south end of the loch. This was the most strenuous day in terms of the climb out of the valley, but once up on the hills, the views back to the Clyde and ahead to Loch Lomond more than compensated for the effort. And the distance of only nine miles meant that I could take my time, catch my breath, and absorb the beauty of the scenery.
The next day, Balloch to Killearn, was 11 miles long and fairly level through woodlands, rolling pastures, and a high moorland. In the afternoon I was taken by a pre-arranged taxi from Killearn to another B&B in the village of Drymen, site of the reputed oldest pub in Scotland, and enjoyed the sound of a light rain falling on the skylight above my bed overnight. The breakfast of creamy scrambled eggs on toast and topped with fresh smoked salmon set me up for another day of adventure. The taxi returned and took me back to Killearn to resume the trail just where I had left it.

The walk from Killearn to Strathblane, just seven miles, followed an abandoned railroad bed for most of the distance and is a paved macadam sidewalk. It could be traversed wearing flip-flops. I passed the Glengoyne Scotch Distillery going through gentle pastures with the Campsies (hills) rising to the north. The scenery under blue sunny skies was spell-binding. The short walk done in three hours allowed a leisurely afternoon to explore the small village, the ancient church cemetery, and lounge in the bar of the Kirkhouse Hotel which has been welcoming guests since 1601. All the locals seem to congregate there in the evening and the conversation was welcoming and genial. The supper of steamed mussels followed by venison tenderloin was superb. And a nightcap of 12 year old Glengoyne single malt finished a perfect day.

Day four, Strathblane to Kilsyth, 13 miles, the JMW continued through green pastures along the Campsies under blue sky, then joined the Forth and Clyde Canal at the town of Kirkintilloch where the way is paved and follows the old tow path alongside the canal. The walking was very easy and the smooth surface of the canal provided a haven for families of mallard ducks and mute swans and their grey adult-sized cygnets following behind the parents as if on a long string.

At the village of Twechar I met a local character feeding the ducks from the lock gate. He sized me up in my Modern Douglas tartan kilt which I wore every day of the walk, and in his thick Scottish burr demanded, “Wherre are ye frrom?” I gave my standard reply, “I’m wearing this kilt so you’ll know I’m from Texas!” He laughed and said, “Yerr American, waell ye wearr it well. Therre was two Americans by he-arr yesturday. Gurrls they were. They sayed they were lost so I ga’e ‘em dirrections. The one says to t’other, “I cannae unnerstand a thing ’at he’s sayin!” I laughed and said, “Well I’m having no trouble understanding you” with a hint of pride in my voice. He said, “Thass b’cause Ah’m slowin’ it doon fer ye to gi’ ye a break!” It was like being in a scene from a movie. He went on to say that he and his friends used to wear their kilts fairly often, but now it was only for weddings or funerals. But, he said, seeing me out walking in mine, he would go home and get his kilt out of the cabinet and just wear it whenever he felt like it. I assured him that that is what I regularly do at home in Texas. We parted friends.

Just before reaching Kilsyth I climbed up a well-marked diversion to the Bar Hill Fort at the top of the steep hill. The remains of a Roman Fort from about 140 AD protruded out of the manicured lawn and provided the first glimpse of the Antonine Wall that the Romans built to dissuade those pesky Caledonians from venturing south into the Roman occupied territories.

The next day walking from Kilsyth to Falkirk I climbed up to see the Rough Castle Roman Fort and further evidence of the Antonine Wall. It was even more impressive. Just as impressive, a few miles farther on, approaching the town of Falkirk, is the amazing Falkirk Wheel, a Space Age construction to lift barges from the Forth and Clyde Canal to the Union Canal which completes the water traverse of the country. This is also where the amazing sculpture of the horse-like “Kelpies” is located. The site was teeming with visitors from all over the world.

Taking the stages Falkirk to Linlithgow, Linlithgow to South Queensferry, South Queensferry across Edinburgh toward Cockenzie, Cockenzie to Dirleton, Dirleton to East Linton, and the last day from East Linton to Dunbar, I walked through doors that had admitted Mary Queen of Scots, through deer parks surrounding Great Houses of the 18th Century, under the famous cast iron Forth Bridge, itself a World Heritage Site, along the undulating Seton Sands, beneath the hulking North Berwick Law, past the distant Bass Rock with its famous lighthouse, and finally onto the very tidal flats upon which John Muir had played as a lad when he could escape his father’s grasp. At stops along the Way I enjoyed fresh mussels from the Shetland Islands, venison from those noble deer parks, roasted lamb from the flocks on the hillsides, afternoon teacakes in pretty villages, and rich puddings before falling into bed. There were also the local gins, ales, and single malts to complement the food and the mood, and the wonderfully hospitable Scots themselves who directed, corrected, welcomed and conversed with this kilted Texan. Several times I encountered others walking on the trail who, seeing my tartan exclaimed, “You’re a Douglas!” Aye, it felt like home. Indeed, I accomplished my Big Outrageous Hairy-Audacious Goal and it was better than I had dreamed!

Editor’s Note:
There are a number of companies offering Walking and/or Cycling Tours in Scotland. Most of these businesses offer packages that include accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis, door to door luggage transfers for every day of your tour, and maps, guidebooks and a tour pack detailing specific information about your holiday.

Those interested should research Walking and/or Cycling Tours in Scotland to find a suitable touring package.
A Glen in Scotland: Discovering My Scottish Heritage at Culloden
by CDSNA Member Glen L. Moyer, Keithville, LA

A Glen in Glenbogle!
In 2013 I stumbled upon the BBC drama "Monarch of the Glen" and became an instant fan. Binge viewing the show suddenly awakened within me the desire to explore my Scot heritage and ultimately the dream to make Scotland my home. Join me on my journey to become "A Glen in Scotland".

A Day at Culloden -- November 18, 2017

Culloden. Here on 16 April 1746 the Jacobite army squared off against an army loyal to the crown and in a battle that raged for less than an hour the future of Scotland was changed. Across the windswept Drumossie Moor more than 1000 Jacobites lay dead while the King’s forces lost as few as 50 men. (Actual casualties for the Jacobites are unknown with estimates ranging from 1 to 2 thousand.) Bonnie Prince Charlie would flee “over the sea to Skye” and live out his life in exile. The clan lifestyle of the Highlands would be dismantled and the wearing of kilts and tartan was effectively banned. The brutal Highland Clearances would follow.

Culloden is an oft misunderstood battle and I must admit having fallen victim to one of many misconceptions, that this was a war between the Scots and the English. In truth, while the Jacobite army was made up of largely Highland Gaels, there were lowland Scots, French, Irish, and English fighting for the Jacobite cause, namely the return to the throne of the Stuart king. Likewise there were Scots among the Loyalist troops. Much like the American Civil War to follow, the Jacobite uprising often pitted clan against clan, family against family, father against son.

It was a cold and grey September morning when I embarked to visit this historic battlefield, typical Scottish weather many would say. I would later come to think that it was probably the perfect weather in which to visit, for given the almost palpable sadness that permeates the moor, walking about in sun-drenched glory just wouldn’t feel right. My visit to the battlefield was one of many highlights of a week spent in the Inverness and Black Isle region of the Highlands. I had chosen my accommodation, a self-catering flat via Airbnb, in part because of its proximity to Culloden and another of my destinations, historic Fort George where I was a guest at the Highland Military Tattoo. Initially I could not fully appreciate the “proximity” of my accommodation. From the fenced back garden I could see the tourist busses in the car park of the Visitor Center. On arrival I literally drove up onto the “Cumberland stone.” It was at the end of the street and around the corner from my holiday flat. Legend says it was from atop this large flat stone that the government commander, the Duke of Cumberland, stood and observed the battlefield. While there is no historic proof that this is “the” stone it is the only one in the area and is positioned properly, though trees and the Culloden Moor Inn now block any view.

Visitors to Culloden are first greeted by a purpose built Visitor Center. Opened in 2007 the center was constructed after archeological research in 2004 and 2005 had proven the then visitor center had been built across the position of the government troops second battle line. Inside, the center is designed so that you follow a dual time line leading up to and through the battle that simultaneously tells the
March 2018

The NTS Culloden Visitor Center.
Photo courtesy National Trust for Scotland, Culloden

Display cases inside the visitor center house many artifacts from the battle and immediate time frame.
Photos by author.

This interactive electronic display takes the map of the battle lines at Culloden like the one above and places the troops in motion so visitors can see and follow the battle as it progressed.
Photo courtesy National Trust for Scotland, Culloden.

Jacobite and Loyalist sides of the story. The display of artifacts is impressive, including weaponry, clothing, coins and other artifacts.

Not to be missed is the brief “full immersion” film reenactment of the battle - essentially an empty theatre where you stand and the film is shown on the four walls surrounding you and allowing you to experience the battle from varying viewpoints. It reminded me of the old CBS-TV series “You Are There” (with apologies to younger readers).

Another attention grabbing display is a sort of oversized interactive electronic game board where you can see the battle unfold with the graphic movement of troops and the corresponding timeline. Throughout the center the story lines are color-coded; red for the Loyalists and blue for the Jacobites.

From the visitor center you exit onto the battlefield. There a series of paved foot paths allow you to tour the battlefield at your leisure or you can join a group guided by one of the on-site docents. These paths are marked with flags to mark the positions of the two armies, again red for the Loyalists and blue for the Jacobites. It’s along these paths where you will encounter the stones that mark the known mass graves of various clans. My Breckenridge Scot ancestry has me as a member of a sept of Clan Douglas and the clan archives say very few Douglases were present at Culloden. Of far more interest to me then were two other battlefield “markers,” the memorial stone cairn and Leanach cottage.

Ironically I found myself visiting Culloden the very week in September when the new season of the Starz TV drama “Outlander” was premiering. In the opening episode Jamie is seen taking refuge with a group of other Jacobite survivors/prisoners. I could not help but overhear other battlefield visitors discussing that Leanach cottage was “the” house where these survivors had taken their refuge. In fact, during the battle this cottage stood between the government troops first and second lines and was likely used as a field hospital for them. History says it was a barn belonging to the cottage that was later set afire and in which several Jacobite survivors were burned alive - one of many post battle atrocities attributed to “the butcher” Cumberland and his order that no quarter be given.
Leanach Cottage once served as a NTS visitor center. It is currently closed to visitors. Photo by author

“Outlander.” The commenter obviously felt the other clan memorials were being snubbed.

Today the cottage stands alone as the sole survivor of a type of tenant Croft dwelling that were spotted across the area. After the battle there were intermittent periods during which the cottage was both occupied and vacant. The National Trust for Scotland was gifted the property in 1944 and it served as an initial rudimentary visitor center. It is said that the family of the last resident, Belle MacDonald, who died in 1912, had often given visitors tours of the battlefield. At one time visitors were allowed inside though it is now closed, but there are hopes it may soon again be opened for viewing.

A short distance from the Cottage is the memorial cairn. This stone memorial was erected in 1881 by Duncan Forbes who also placed the headstones that mark the various clans’ graves. An interesting comment read on social media recently was that of someone complaining that the clan Fraser marker gets all of the visitor attention these days because of the popularity of the Stars TV drama

Back in the visitor center I took a seat to contemplate all I had seen and learned. The day’s weather fit the mood for I felt a deep sense of sadness here. Culloden signaled the end of the Highland clan society. The aftermath of the battle was especially cruel, not only to the surviving Jacobite combatants but to the people at large as the government stripped away land titles, arms, and the right to wear traditional Highland dress, namely tartan and kilts.
This 20 foot tall stone cairn was erected in 1881 by then Laird of Culloden, Duncan Forbes. He was also responsible for placement of the various clan headstones that mark the mass graves of the fallen Jacobites. The grave(s) of the Loyalist troops remain unmarked.

I also couldn’t help but find similarities between Culloden and other historic battlefields I’ve visited. At The Little Bighorn, although a victory for Native Americans, it signaled the end of their great nomadic culture, just as the Highland clan society was dismantled by Culloden. At Gettysburg there is the spot on the battlefield where the Confederate charge reached Union defenders and fierce hand-to-hand combat resulted, just as at Culloden. At Normandy, where the invading Allies had to battle the topography of the beaches and dunes while facing withering fire from the Germans, similarly the moor’s terrain forced the Jacobites to alter the path of their charge while under heavy artillery fire from the government troops. And I was reminded of The Alamo, in my home state of Texas, where a weary band of men fought unto the death against overwhelming odds for freedom from an oppressive government rule.

Be prepared to spend some time at Culloden, it is not to be visited quickly, 2-4 hours I would think would be average. Within the Visitor Center is a gift shop and cafe for relaxing after your tour. Two special notes... the battlefield has been in the care of the National Trust for Scotland since 1944 and members enjoy free entry. I simply showed my NTS USA membership card and was warmly welcomed. For those with limited mobility there are a few electric scooters available free of charge.

Over the decades the battlefield has evolved from what it was at the time of the battle. Heather and scrub brush has overtaken some of the native moor once used as a common grazing land for tenants of the Culloden estate. Trees have been felled revealing even more of the battleground. Archaeologic discoveries have redefined the conservation zone boundaries too.

The “Outlander” effect has been widely reported as having a positive impact on Scottish tourism with visitors from around the world traveling there to see locations used in filming the TV series. The series has also broadened the appeal of Scottish history around the world. Culloden has unquestionably felt the benefit of this effect, but the battlefield is not a TV set, it is real. The men who fought and died here were real. The sacrifice they made is all too real. Culloden marks a significant turning point in history and it should be visited, studied, appreciated, and preserved as such.

Today battle lines are again being drawn at Culloden, not between Jacobites and Hanoverians, but between developers and historical conservationists. Developer Kirkwood Homes has plans to build 16 luxury homes on farmland where detractors say fallen Jacobite remains may still be buried and in such proximity that the visitor’s visual experience would be negatively impacted. The issue first arose in 2014 and is now believed to be in the amended planning stage. For more on this issue you may wish to check out the Facebook group, “Group to Stop the Development at Culloden Battlefield.” You can read more about this on the GDSC website: https://stopcullodendevelopment.weebly.com/

You can read more of Glen’s adventures on his blog site: https://www.agleninscotland.scot/blog/

Editor’s Note: As reported in the September 2015 issue of Dubh Ghlase, the new Battle of Culloden continues. As late as summer 2017, new plans for development around the battlefield were submitted for approval to Highland Council. The Group to Stop the Development at Culloden Battlefield (GSDC) states that any such development of the area “will affect the area in a dramatic, negative way. Increased traffic, street lighting, issues with drainage and unsightly rooflines, and increased residential noise will greatly affect the Battlefield experience. The area will lose its ability to convey a sense of historical and cultural significance, as a memorial, in which to sit and contemplate, as a place of connection for millions of people around the world.” You can read more about this on the GDSC website: https://stopcullodendevelopment.weebly.com/
The Great Military Strategist: James Lord Douglas
Deborah Richmond Foulkes, FSAScot

During the Scottish Wars for National Independence the records of battles were often recalled in the chronicles by nonmilitary men. Musters were described using the calculations of the Treasury; how many on foot were listed on the payroll determined the size of the battle. Archdeacon Barbour in his poem “The Brus” and the famous historian Froissart tried mightily to portray the conflicts they heard about or witnessed as a civilian; falling short in articulating the military perspective of Scottish encounters with the English. Thus we can only piece together military campaigns using these nonmilitary accounts in combination with the financial records in the Rolls of the Pipe to determine military strategy and results.

One such battle that comes to mind took place near Lintalee, a Borders fortress of the Good Sir James overlooking the River Jed. It was April in 1317, nearly three years after the epic victory of Scots over the English king at Bannockburn. Word had come to the great hall at Lintalee of the advance of the Earl of Arundel with many banners of great lords and thousands of on foot armed with hatchets. The English had decided on a strategy to defeat James Douglas and the Scots by leveling the forests that had become the Scots’ refuge against enemy raids.

The array of armorials for the English was a striking presentation of family related to Eleanora of Lovaine, widow of James’ father, Sir William le Hardi Douglas. In fact one of the banners following Arundel was that of Sir William Bagot, the third husband of Eleanora of Lovaine, step mother to James and mother of his half-brother Archibald Douglas. Bagot had been awarded the castle of Conway by Edward II; he resided there with his close friend and fellow knight while his wife remained in Essex at her dower estates.

But this was a callout for Staffordshire; knight banneret Sir William Bagot held several manors in that shire with his wife Eleanora. Along with Bagot there were other great English lords including Eleanora’s cousin, Nickolas de Segrave whose banner, a lion rampant argent on sable with label of gules, could be spotted next to William de Ferrers, Eleanor’s stepson with his banner red with seven mascules, voided in the field. This intended raid was certainly a family affair with great English lords and nearly 10,000 on foot in their ranks if the Treasury records can be believed.

With sufficient warning James was able to devise a strategy to confine the English to small passages perfect for an ambuscade. Like our American Revolutionary war hero Colonel Marion, known as the Swamp Fox, James Douglas created a three pronged attack that would portray his army of 200 as a much greater force. As I walked the battlefield and visualized the pass that was near the banks of the Jed just south of Lintalee I could easily see how James could strategically set his men in specific locations near Jeddart so that the English advance might misconstrue the Scots’ strength in numbers to be greater than it was.

The English Warden of the Marches chose a narrow path from the Carter Bar to ride north. South from Glendouglas the Scots rode to meet their enemy. There at the old gate where the forest closed to a narrow opening James ordered a screen to be erected with the plaiting of saplings. The screen would provide good cover to the Scots on foot and stymy the on horse led the English knights. The descriptions of this battle were slim but the results were extraordinary for the Scots. With the initial encounter the English took heavy losses and turned back; reporting to Arundel that Sir James of Douglas was standing ready with a huge contingency. Their losses were so staggering and shocking that Arundel proposed one last advance to decide if they should continue north.

In Arundel’s contingency was a flamboyant knight wearing a fur hat that partially engulfed his helm. James rode into battle and found his way to Arundel’s silly vassal named Richmond. It would seem that Douglas unhorsed his opponent, killed him and then ceremoniously grabbed the fur hat. It must have been quite a sight to see Sir James place the fur piece under his saddle and ride off to an observation perch at Dophinston.
on the Jed where he devised his next move.

James was a great leader of men. He likely watched as Arundel with his commanders and sergeants regrouped to approach a second clearing; perfect for a Douglas ambush the knight likely concluded. It was a dramatic misstep by Arundel as he was again pushed back, his army now in disarray. To James it must have seemed odd; as if the earl foolishly planned an invasion of Scotland and anticipated no resistance to his quest to level the forests. The Earl of Arundel then made his final move, something that must have seemed even more curious to the Douglas knight. The earl abruptly abandoned the fight and retreated back to England with the bulk of his axes stowed safely in the baggage train.

You can read more about the many battles and other exploits we discovered from our research in the second book of the Douglas Trilogy, the one that covered the adult life of James Lord Douglas: IN THE SHADOW OF MY TRUTH. This volume is available on all online retail sites in various formats including E-books. The story of the Good Sir James, the Black Douglas to the English is a tale that can’t be overlooked when recounting the history of the Scottish Wars for National Independence. He was a brilliant military strategist that was able to defeat far greater armies with but a few men. During our American Revolution Colonel Marion was purported to have said, “Bring me Scots, they know how to defeat the English without a true army.” His observations were historical of course and likely included the exploits of Sir James of Douglas.

Symington was accepted by CDSNA as a sept in March 1984 with Syme, Simms, Simonton as variants. The name has strong connections to the septs Brownlee, Dickie/Dickey/Dick and Dickson/Dixon. There is also a strong connection to Lockhart.

Writing in Dubh Ghlase [XII, 3] in 1986 regarding the ‘newly accepted’ sept of ‘Symington Syme Simms’, Arthur L. Douglas stated,

“This family was to be found in Lanarkshire and Clydesdale in the 11th to 13th centuries and they are known to have supported the Earls of Douglas in their many battles.

The name of this family was originally, ‘Dickson’ and they were known to be servants to William ‘Le Hardi’ Douglas, and it was to Thomas Dickson that The Good Sir James Douglas went when he was planning the re-taking of ‘Douglas Castle’ from the English forces, an event which became known as the ‘Douglas Larder’.

Thomas Dickson was killed in the doorway of the Kirk of St. Bride’s, however, he had bought the time needed to bring up all of the forces of The Good Sir James. The battle was won, but Dickson, along with many others, was killed. For his faithful service his family were awarded the lands of Symington, in Lanarkshire. For many years the family were known as being ‘of Symington’ but with the passing of years, the ‘of’ was dropped and the family became known by the surname ‘Symington’. The name of Dickson in all of its various spellings has flourished in other parts of Scotland and the family can be found attached to many other clans, but they are recognized as being followers of the Clan Keith.
The Symingtons married into the Douglas Family on several occasions and were often entrusted with the Bailieship of Douglasdale and the Captaincy of Douglas Castle. In both of the latter capacities they have proved their worth to the Douglas Family on many occasions.

In 1991 James McKim Symington (CDSNA #452), writing to the editor of Dubh Ghlase [XVI, 6] stated,

“What was not generally known until recently proved true by Charles J. Syminton’s comprehensive research, however, is that Dickson was indeed a Douglas by blood. His grandmother was Margaret Douglas, only daughter of Sir William Douglas and wife of Sir Hervey de Keith, Earl Marshall of Scotland. Their son, Sir Richard de Keith, was Thomas’ father, whence was derived, according to the practice of the day, his name, Thomas Dickson. As descendants of that very first Symington, therefore, Symington can legitimately constitute a sept of Douglas.”

More information on The Douglas–Symington (Simonton) Connection has been contributed by former Symington Sept Commissioners Jaclyn and Vernon Helmke.

The Douglas–Symington (Simonton) Connection
By Jaclyn and Vernon Helmke; CDSNA Symington Sept Commissioners

In the period of 1140 to 1160 in Scotland a number of Norman Knights were given Barony’s by the Victorious King in the Battles of that time. One of these Normans who were given a Barony was Symon Locard. He received part of his lands in Ayreshire and in Lanarkshire. The Locard family held these lands and the town was given the name of Symon’s Toun. In the period prior to the time when Robert the Bruce became King of Scotland, the Border Barons were required to give their allegiance to the King of England and sign the “Ragman’s Roll”. The Baron of Symons Town mistakenly signed the Roll and gave allegiance to the King of England. This occurred in about 1295. In a book, titled “The Border or Riding Clans” by B. Homer Dixon, K.N.L. published originally by Joel Munsell’s Sons. Publishers, 1889 and reprinted in 1996 by Heritage Books Inc. Bowie Maryland, an explanation is made of the formation of the name of “Symontoun”, which of course is now spelled in various ways such as Symington, Simington, Simontoun, Simonton and many more variations. The story begins:

Like all surnames the name of this clan has been variously written at different periods.

In a charter from King Robert Bruce, about A.D. 1306-1314 to Thomas Dickson II, it occurs as filius Ricardi (son of Richard), and the charter is indorsed “Carta Thome fil Dick”.

It is recorded that Richardi was a great grandson of the Great Marshal Hervey de Keith, who died after 1196, and his wife Margaret, daughter of William “Third Lord” Douglas, because it was customary in Scotland in those days before the introduction of quartering for cadets to compose their Arms by adding to their paternal bearing a part or the whole of their mother’s Arms to show their maternal descent, and to difference themselves from other descendants of the family. This also agrees with the Chief before the death of the Bruce in 1329, bore simply azure three mullets argent. The heart was added by William first Earl of Douglas, and appears on his seal in 1343.

Some of the Dickson’s seem to have preferred the Douglas mullets alone, for Thomas (II) of Haselside who succeeded his father in 1307, bore a sword between two mullets and others bore mullets only. The early records being lost it is impossible to say when they first bore that coat, although it may have been adopted as early as when Thomas (II) of Haselside (Hazelside) chose his armorial bearings. They were generally assumed in those days. The granting of Arms by Herald’s Colleges is of later date.

The first Dickson on record, moreover, was evidently a person of very good standing, such as a grandson of the Earl Marshall might be expected to be, a man of wealth as well as of influence, and was also a clansman of the Douglas. Two of the oldest Scottish Historians recount his deeds, Archdeacon Barbour who wrote in 1375, and Blind Harry, or Henry the Minstrel, whose metrical history was written about 1381.

There are some who speak slightingly of the bard, but Major, who was born in 1405, says he was living about that time and that he recited his compositions in the presence of princes or men of the highest rank (coram principibus), and Claimers in his Caledonia, says “Blind Harrie, whom the Scotch Historians generally follow but dare not quote. Blind Harrie is however, supported by the Tower Records.”

According to the Minstrel, when Douglas wished to recover his Castle of Sanquhar in 1295, he applied to Thom Dycson who was “born to himself” i.e. relation or clansman by birth, addressed him as “Dear Friend” and relied so much upon him that he afterward selected him to pass through the enemy’s camp of some three thousand men to bear a message to Wallace; while Barbour says he was rich in movables and cattle and had many friends, besides which his house could not have been a small one as it contained a private chamber where he not only concealed
Douglas but also brought persons to see him without attracting notice, and the space for such a secret apartment could not have been taken out of a small house without being perceived.

This Thomas Dickson, Laird of Symonston and Hesleside, county Lanark, and Castellan of Douglas, son of Dick de Keith, was born about A.D. 1247, and if descendant of the aforesaid Hervey de Keth was then also second cousin to William seventh Lord Douglas, father of the good Sir James Eighth Lord, to both of whom Dickson was certainly a trusty friend and Cousin.

After the capture of Berwick in 1295, Sir James Douglas wished to recover his castle of Sanquahar, then held by the English who had laid waste all the surrounding country, and accordingly as the Minstrel says went to Anderson who supplied the castle daily with fuel and Dickson persuaded him to lend him his apparel and cart. At night Douglas with thirty men concealed himself in a ravine near the castle and at daybreak, Anderson arranged the load and gave Dickson his clothes. The porter opened the castle gates and when the cart was between them, Dickson, with one blow, cut loose the piece of harness by which the horse was attached so that the load stuck fast, preventing the closing of the gates. He then killed the porter with his knife and seizing the axe that Anderson had told him of beckoned therewith to the ambush who rushed forward, slew the three wardens and took possession before the garrison was out of their beds. The English soon, however, laid siege to the castle and Douglas led Dickson out through some postern or secret passage mounted on a fleet horse to warn Sir William Wallace. The English having notice Wallace’s approach raised the siege and retreated, but were overtaken and lost five hundred men.

For this and other services in honor of Thomas Dickson I, Thomas Dickson II received the lands of Hesleside or Hazelside, about ten miles west of Douglas, where there is still a house bearing the name. There is scarcely a vestige of the old mansion remaining, but there are indications that it was a building of magnitude and strength.

Thomas Dickson II must have done good service to his country for ten years later King Robert Bruce, about the year 1314, conveyed to Thomas filius Ricardi, the barony of Symundstun, and as recorded with the provision that Thomas Dickson II change his name to the Barony that was bestowed on him of Symons Toun, in the county of Lanark, and he was also created Hereditary Castellan or Governor of Douglas Castle. As such he resided in his own house in the Barony of Douglas except in case of war, when he left his house in charge of his dependents and himself took command of Castle Douglas.

THOMAS DICSON I, Laird of Symonston and Hazelside, Hereditary Castellan of Douglas, was killed on Palm Sunday, March 19, 1307, aged sixty, and was succeeded by his eldest son Thomas Dickson II.

As seen above and in the sept information for Dickey/Dickie, Symington, as a surname, is closely connected to Dickson/Dixon. Dickson/Dixon is in turn related to Lockhart where we discover another connection to Clan Douglas. Regarding Lockhart, Clan Lockhart has a standing chief and is recognized by The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. Lockhart is closely related to our sept Brownlee.

The House of Brownlee website includes a section in its history of Brownlee devoted to Lockhart stating,

“The name Lockhart is derived from Locard, sometimes spelt Lokart, which is probably Flemish or Norman in origin. The modern spelling seems to have been introduced in the fifteenth century, and refers to the crusade on which Sir Symon Locard was the custodian of the key of the casket in which Bruce’s heart was carried. Like many Scottish families the Locards came from England where they were among those who were dispossessed by William the Conqueror and sought refuge in Scotland. There were Locards near Penrith in the twelfth century and also in Annandale in Dumfriesshire, where it is said that the town of Lockerbie is named after them. The family finally settled in Ayrshire and Lanarkshire where they have held land for over seven hundred years. The earliest paper in the family archives is a charter dated 1323 by which Sir Symon Locard bound himself and his heirs to pay out of the lands of Lee and Carnwath an annual rent of £10.

Stephen Locard, grandfather of Sir Symon, founded the village of Stevenson in Ayrshire. His son Symon acquired the lands in Lanarkshire, and like his father, called a village, which he founded, Symons Town (today called Symington) after himself. Symon, Second of Lee, won fame for himself and his family fighting alongside Robert the Bruce in the struggle to free Scotland from English domination and was knighted for his loyal service. He was among the knights led by Sir James Douglas, who took Bruce’s heart to the Crusades in 1329 to atone for his murder of John Comyn in the church of Greyfriars. Douglas carried the King’s heart in a casket of which Sir Symon carried the key. The Crusade ended prematurely when Douglas was killed fighting the Moors in Spain, but to commemorate the adventure and the honour done to the family, the name was changed from Locard to Lockhart
and later abbreviated to Lockhart. A heart within a fetterlock was from then on included in the arms of the family with the motto “Corda Serrata Pando” - I open locked hearts.”

The information held within The Scottish Register of Tartans for the "Symington" tartan describes the Symington tartan as a 2007 design by a Paul Symington described as

“The result of a design competition held after the August 2006 International Symington reunion. 'Thomas Dickson was granted the lands of Symington in Lanarkshire for services to Lord Douglas. Thomas Dickson was then called Thomas of Simontown hence Symington.' Tartan is based on the Douglas with overchecks of red, white and gold taken from the Simontown coat of arms. Can be worn by all of the name and spelling variations. Weaving restricted (April 2007) to D C Dalgliesh. Woven sample.

Sources:
Helmke, Jaclyn and Vernon Helmke. The Douglas– Symington (Simonton) Connection
NEWS FROM ALL OVER

Mount Dora Scottish Festival
Mount Dora, Florida – November 18, 2017

The Fifth Annual Mount Dora Scottish Festival was held on November 18, 2017 on the banks of beautiful Lake Dora in Central Florida. Mount Dora receives continuous awards as being one of the "Top 100 Great Towns in America". And, it is the Sister City of the Royal Burgh of Forres, Morayshire, Scotland. The weather was a bit nippy -- a good day to be wearing tartan wool -- but the sun shone brightly and the crowds were there.

Clan members Liz Douglass plus her friend, brother Russell and sister-in-law Lydia were attending their first Scottish games and festival. They had a big hand in the success of our clan tent. No doubt, they will be attending many more events and taking a more active and bigger role in Clan Douglas, in future. A big Thank You to them. Also a big THANKS to Georgia Regent Randy Bartle for making the trip and his valued assistance throughout the day.

Clan Douglas members who joined in the day’s activities and marched in the parade included all of the following: Dave Potter, Tonya Tharp, Liz Douglass, her brother and sister-in-law Russell and Lydia Douglass, Greta & Don Daigle,, Jill Ross, Rev. Ed Bartle and his daughter Ashley Jervis, and Ed's brother Clan Douglas Georgia Regent Randy Bartle. Sorely missed this year were Allison Morton Painter, her daughter Holly, and trusted companion Matt (of Clan Sinclair), retired Regent Judy Deitz and husband. We hope these folk join us at the Central Florida Games in January and the Northeast Florida Games in February.

Another Clan Douglas member of whom we should be very proud and thank accordingly is Kimberly Davis who lives in Lake Park, Georgia and is a member of either the local or state police. I had not met her until the noon parade where she sang the National Anthems of Britain, Canada, and the USA. She also sang three verses of Scotland the Brave to the assembled crowd. Kimberly is quite an impressive lady with quite an impressive voice.

Also joining us in the parade were the Border Collies of Craigmalloch Farms, led by their owner, Lucy Ballantyne. Throughout the day, Lucy, Stuart, and the collies performed two shows, demonstrating the sheep herding skills of these intelligent canines. As usual, they 'wowed' the crowds.

As a side comment, Stuart Ballantyne is gaining more international acclaim. Earlier this Fall, he was in the Pyrenees Mountains in the Basque region of Spain demonstrating to these experienced shepherds the use of the Scottish Border Collies. Naturally, our Clan Douglas mascot, the Blackface RAM - McVicar - led our clan in the parade. Thanks to McVicar's owners, Stuart and Lucy Ballantyne of Craigmalloch Farms, McVicar now wears either a brilliant red robe or a royal purple robe embroidered with 'Clan Douglas' and his name.
NEWS FROM ALL OVER

The Mount Dora Festival Master of Ceremonies and a native of Scotland again introduced us as the "Robin Hoods of the Scottish Borders". He went on to comment that we brought our own prize in the parade and called out McVicar.

From the number of Clan Douglas members attending the festival, the good food, the mellow drams, and the great fellowship we shared, the day in Mount Dora was enjoyed by all. We are making the Mount Dora Festival an annual occurrence for Clan Douglas. Thanks to all clan members who made the event so successful. Thanks also to all who renewed their memberships and those who qualified and took applications.

Several Scottish events, at which Clan Douglas will be present, will be taking place in Florida over the next few months. By the time you read this, the Central Florida Scottish Games (January 13-14, 2018, in Winter Springs, FL) and the Northeast Florida Scot Games (February 24, 2018, in Jacksonville, FL) will have concluded. The Dunedin, FL Scot Games will be held April 7, 2018. For details and dates on all upcoming Scot events, go to our Clan Douglas website or www.asgf.com. We hope to see you there.

Yours Aye,

Marc Hitchins
CDSNA Florida (North) Regent


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NEWS FROM ALL OVER

CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH GAMES
Winter Springs, Florida -- January 13-14

The 41th Annual Central Florida Scottish Games were again held in Winter Springs, Florida, January 13 & 14, 2018. The weather was cold, by Florida standards, with a brisk wind. But, that did not keep the crowds away. Attendance was estimated at between 17 and 22,000 visitors. It was a good day to be wearing wool sweaters, jackets, and kilts. A total of 69 clans were represented in their tents along clan row. This clan representation seems to grow each year.

On Saturday, Clan Douglas had a great assembly of members and associates in our clan tent, enjoying the activities of the day. This year we were honored in having Past National Clan President, Mark Douglas, join us for this event. Mark was accompanied by his wife Nancy who always brings a bit of wit and humor wherever she goes. Nancy answers to the royal title - "Wench Emeritus". Both Mark and Nancy bring decades of wisdom and experience relating to Clan Douglas. They are happy to share this knowledge with both clan members and visitors to our tent. It is always a treat to have Mark & Nancy among us.

We had hoped to be joined again this year by our clan's National Treasurer, Shirley Douglas, and her husband, George Douglas, who is also a Past National Clan President. However, some medical maladies prevented them from joining us. We hope they regain full health soon.

Another member visiting on Saturday, with a lifetime of Clan Douglas background, was Kelly Warner and her husband Brian. Kelly is the daughter of the late T. George and Pat Douglas. Kelly's parents are two of the founding members of the Clan Douglas Society of North America. They had been to Scotland about 14 times, leading tours or on their own. They have many close friends there. Both T. George and Pat were great caring and giving people. In Kelly, they raised a daughter with the same attributes. Sadly, just this past October, mother Pat Douglas passed on. Her obituary (Flowers of the Forest) was in the December 2017 edition of Dubh Ghlase.

Members Joe and Justin Douglas were our members who most recently visited Scotland. While there, they had the pleasure of being toured around the Village of Douglas by our renown clan expert and village resident, Jim Fleming. Jim is a keystone member of Clan Douglas and a Chairman of the Douglas Heritage Museum Society. Jim's tour included a visit to the museum and also to the interior of St. Bride's Church, where many ancient Clan Douglas leaders and progenitors are entombed.

Another unique visitor to our clan tent was CDSNA Life Member Mark McLaren, from Danville, CA. Dan is the National President of Clan MacLaren and a friend of our President Mark Peterson. Dan gave high praised to our Dubh Ghlase and its editor, Harold Edington. Mark McLaren named Dubh Ghlase the Best Clan Newsletter he has ever seen.
NEWS FROM ALL OVER

On Saturday, in our clan tent, we ate well. Rev. Ed Bartle started the day with Dunkin Donuts. Allison Morton Painter brought her portable camp stove (carried by her other half, Matt Sinclair) and made her famous and delicious potato soup. Jeff and Mona Sparks and Mark and Sally Hill provided sausage and cheese platters. After the parade, we also had sandwiches, potato salad and cake.

We welcomed new member - Edmund Young - to our fold. Mark Hill, long time clan associate and very close friend of Jeff Sparks, indicated his plans to become a Life Member of Clan Douglas. Thus we give him 100,000 welcomes -- although he has probably already used up several hundred.

Many of our Douglas Clan members marched with us in the noon Parade of Clans, and were helpful in our clan tent throughout the day. They included; Tom Douglas, David Potter, Joe & Justin Douglas, Allison Morton Painter, Tonya Tharp, Rev. Ed Bartle, Brian Bartle, Savannah Bartle, Jeff & Mona Sparks, Mark & Sally Hill, Sharon Acosta and her son William. To anyone not mentioned, please forgive my oversight.

As usual, our mascot Scottish Blackface Ram, McVicar, joined us. He was sporting a new red robe, embroidered on each side with the words ‘Clan Douglas’. The House of Douglas is clearly and uniquely recognized when McVicar is part of our clan activities. He draws crowds. Special thanks to Stuart Ballantyne, of Craigmaltloch Farms, for giving us custody of this handsome beast and the Lord of his Realm.

Sunday is a slower day. Fewer clan members or visitors came by. Special thanks to Life member Jeff Sparks who assisted in our tent and marched in the parades on both Saturday and Sunday. Joining us in the clan parade on Sunday was Stuart Ballantyne and four of his Craigmaltloch Farms border collies. Both Stuart and his collies performed four lengthy sheep herding demonstrations over the course of the weekend. Yet, the dogs were anxious and full of energy to be marching with us.

Special note and applause is due Tom Douglas. The weekend following the Central Florida Games, Tom coordinated a Robert Burns Dinner for over 100 people. Tom is an active and bold man to take on such a task and complete it successfully. Soon thereafter, Rev. Ed Bartle and Tom Douglas will have coordinated a Sunday Kirkin Service in Ed’s church in The Villages.

Throughout the weekend, we renewed our bonds of friendship with our fellow members of Clan Douglas and with those in other clans we see regularly. We had some great conversations with a multitude of people seeking their roots and, in some cases, we could help them. With many, we could only direct them to more appropriate sources. Several folks who qualified took Clan Douglas member applications. We hope to see all of them as clan members at future games.

We hope to see all of our members at future Scottish events. Check our clan website or www.asgf.com for the dates and places for these future games. We hope to see you there.

Yours Aye,

Marc Hitchins
CDSNA FL (North) Regent
News from All Over

Member Tim King & daughter Winnie at the Burns Supper hosted by the Scottish Society of Greater Bloomington (Indiana) Jan 27 Photo courtesy of Facebook

Hawaii Regent Jim Putnam (holding the sword) at the St. Andrew Society of Hawaii new member induction; DEC 21, 2017. Photo courtesy of Facebook.

(Storekeeper) Joe and Tea Blaylock at the Jan 21 Saint Andrew’s Burns Night Dinner

CDSNA President Mark Peterson (2nd from left) and wife Cora Peterson (far right) with friends at the Robert Burns Supper, January 20, 2018
Kitchi Gammi Club 259th Anniversary of the Birth of Robert Burns
Duluth, Minnesota -- January 27, 2018

Usually the bad weather puts on a display this day--snow or very cold – but this year it didn't. The temperature was well above the 0F degree mark. Perhaps the weather was also honoring Mozart whose birthdate was today. Both were Masons.

Clan Douglas again sponsored the Hartley Room and our room was very crowded. The event itself had a record setting number of over 150 people and we had at least 100 visitors in the room.

Norwegian Salmon from the North Sea was served--smoked and unsmoked--plus white fish and chopped up hardboiled egg, all arranged in the shape of Scotland on slate board in relief style. Neat! Other rooms served haggis, roast beef, neaps, salad, or Whisky tasting, and there was a Highland Dance Room.

Piper Judd Johnston and wife Carol assisted in the room. We met a Douglas woman from California who had been working near Duluth for a few months. Of course, many friends from Duluth and the surrounding community attended our room.

The band Eira had a guest violinist, Mary McGillivray, from Inverness. Mary went to college here and now works at Mayo. Her brother played with the DSHA P & D a few years ago. Kerry Welsh and I gave the Gaelic Toast. The DSHA P & D played a few sets. The probability of there being another place to hold a Burns Night is small. With the Cold outside, why would anyone not want to be in this warm, comfortable, and inviting tutor style building?

John M. Glendenning, Jr.
MN (North) Regent
The Clan Douglas Society of Australia holds 1st Annual Members Gathering, DEC 21, 2017

We had a fabulous gathering today with good food, drinks and the great company of a wonderful bunch of people. People from as far as the Burke region, Wollongong and Sydney braved the weather to travel to Canberra for our first ever gathering. Fifteen in total! Outstanding! Thank you to everyone who made the trip. We already look forward to our next gathering next year.

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- **NEVADA** - Regent
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  - **RHODE ISLAND** - Regent
  - **VERMONT** - Regent
Glen Coe is the ancient remains of a super volcano. It is a very popular tourist destination, because of its scenic qualities and historical associations, partly because it is on the main road north (the A82), and also because of its attraction for walkers and climbers. It is famous for the quality, and variety of its winter climbing, most of its routes being comparatively easy to access from the main road. The entrance to the glen from the west is below the foot of Buachaille Etive Beag just west of Lochan na Fola. Glen Coe twists and turns before opening out at Loch Leven.

Glen Coe was also once a part of the lands of Clan Donald and early on the morning of February 13, 1692, after the Jacobite uprising of 1689, the Massacre of Glencoe, or Mort Ghlinne Comhann in Gaelic, took place in Glen Coe in the Highlands of Scotland. Thirty-eight men from Clan MacDonald of Glencoe were killed by government forces which the clan had offered hospitality. Clan MacDonald had not been prompt in pledging allegiance to the new monarchs, William III and Mary II. Another forty women and children later died of exposure after their homes were burned. Glen Coe has been owned by the National Trust for Scotland since the 1930s.

On February 10, 2018, a Glencoe Remembrance took place in Glencoe, Oregon. One of the original Cairn builders, John Lewis, Clan Donald Oregon, opened with the story of building the cairn in the winter weather, wiping the snow and rain away as they laid the stone to build the now weathered structure at the Old Scotch Church in Oregon’s farmlands. Blue sky graced the event with a winter wind lightly blowing which chilled the attendees. They meet annually to honor those lives lost of Clan Donald with the NW Scot Guard, led by President Larry Bardell, carrying the flags and leading the procession down past the cemetery to the cairn. State Commissioner, Clan Donald, also helped host the event. Jim McClean lead us in prayer to open, the cairn’s builders were honored, the story of the Massacre of Glencoe was retold, a piper played the Glencoe Massacre as we laid stones in honor of those Scots who had passed this past year, and a benediction closed the ceremony. We laid a stone on the cairn in honor of Frances Crews, our beloved Douglas Washington Regent. She was also a friend of the cairn builder, John Lewis, and he mentioned her as well as someone who would be dearly missed. A lovely poignant remembrance.

The NW Scot Guard led the procession back down the Old Scotch Church’s road and people were encourage to meet at the Golden Valley Brewery and Restaurant for lunch. Scotland the Brave was played on the pipe at lunch and we began the process of planning Tartan Day! Forward, but remembering history as John Lewis said as not to repeat it!

Carol Morton-Bianchini
Oregon (North) Regent
NEWS FROM ALL OVER

2018 CDSNA FESTIVAL EVENT SCHEDULE - APR-AUG

The CDSNA FESTIVAL EVENT SCHEDULE can be viewed on the clan website:

CDSNA REGENTS are asked to review the webpage and send any corrections or additions to
CDSNA Asst VP (East) Harold Edington

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GEORGIA
MAY 5
Randy Bartle
Savannah Scottish Games, Savannah, GA

NORTH CAROLINA
MAY 5
Jeffrey Dickey
Bethabara Highland Games, Winston-Salem, NC

MARYLAND
MAY 19
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted
Fair Hill Scottish Games, Fair Hill, MD

ILLINOIS
MAY 19
Harold Edington
Springfield Area Highland Games, Chatham, IL

NEW YORK
MAY 19
Daneen Muehlbauer
Finger Lakes Celtic Festival, Farmington, NY

NEW MEXICO
MAY 19-20
Eric Vigil
Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival, Albuquerque, NM

TENNESSEE
MAY 19-20
Ricky Lloyd
Smokey Mountain Highland Games, Maryville, TN

OREGON (South)
MAY 26
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted
Eugene Scottish Festival, Eugene, OR

SOUTH CAROLINA
MAY 26
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted
Greenville Scottish Games, Greenville, SC

MICHIGAN
MAY 26-27
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted
Alma Highland Festival, Alma, MI

CALIFORNIA (South)
May 26-27
Tim & Mary Tyler
Orange County Scottish Fest, Costa Mesa, CA

-----------------------------JUN-------------------------------

KENTUCKY
JUNE 1-3
Elizabeth Martin
Glasgow Highland Games, Glasgow, KY

WISCONSIN
JUNE 2
Lori Garbett
Milwaukee Highland Games, Milwaukee, WI

WASHINGTON
JUNE 2
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted
Bellingham Highland Games, Ferndale, WA

CALIFORNIA (North)
JUNE 9-10
Bob & Dee Douglas
The Mother Lode Highland Games, Plymouth, CA

RHODE ISLAND
JUNE 9
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted
Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival, Richmond, RI

OREGON
JUNE 9
Carol Morton-Bianchini
McMinnville Scottish Festival, McMinnville, OR

GEORGIA
JUNE 9-10
Tim & Melissa Justice
Blairsville Highland Games, Blairsville, GA

ILLINOIS
JUNE 15-16
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted
Illinois St. Andrew Society Highland Games, Itasca, IL

WASHINGTON
JUNE 16
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted
Prosser Highland Games, Prosser, WA
## NEWS FROM ALL OVER

### JUN cont

**MARYLAND**  
**JUNE 16**  
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted  
Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival, Mt. Airy, MD

**OHIO**  
**JUNE 22-23**  
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted  
Ohio Scottish Games, Wellington, OH

**MINNESOTA**  
**JUNE 23**  
Jock Glendenning  
Intrnl Highland Dance Competition, Duluth, MN  
(Contact Regent for time/place info)

**WASHINGTON**  
**JUNE 23**  
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted  
**JUNE 24**  
CELEBRATION of LIFE for WA Regent Frances Crews  
Tacoma Highland Games, Graham, WA

**ALASKA**  
**JUNE 30**  
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted  
Alaska Scottish Highland Games, Palmer, AK

**CALIFORNIA (South)**  
**JUNE 23-24**  
Tim & Mary Tyler  
San Diego Highland Games, Vista, CA

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**JUNE 23-24**  
Donald Dickey  
Celtic Fling & Highland Games, Mannheim, PA

### JUL cont

**WASHINGTON**  
**JULY 14-15**  
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted  
Skglt Valley Highland Games, Mt. Vernon, WA

**OREGON**  
**JULY 14-15**  
Carol Morton-Bianchini  
Portland Highland Games, Gresham, OR

**MONTANA**  
**JULY 20-22**  
Annie Haines  
Kootenai Highland Gathering, Libby, MT

**MINNESOTA**  
**JULY 21**  
No Regent Available -- Regent or Co-Regent Wanted  
Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, Eagan, MN

**MASSACHUSETTS**  
**JULY 21**  
No Regent Available - Regent Vacancy  
Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival, Florence, MA

**ARIZONA**  
**JULY 21-22**  
Barbara Wise  
Arizona Highland Celtic Festival, Flagstaff, AZ

**COLORADO**  
**JULY 21-22**  
Chuck Mirabile  
Elizabeth Celtic Festival, Elizabeth, CO

**WASHINGTON**  
**JULY 28-29**  
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted  
Pacific NW Highland Games, Enumclaw, WA

### JUL

**OREGON**  
**JULY 6-8**  
Carol Morton-Bianchini  
Athena Caledonia Games, Athena, OR

**UTAH**  
**JULY 8-10**  
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted  
Utah Scottish Festival, Salt Lake City, UT

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**JULY 12-15**  
Sam Machado  
Grandfather Mountain Games, Linville, NC

### AUG

**MICHIGAN**  
**AUGUST 3-4**  
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted  
Detroit St. Andrews Society Highland Games, Livonia, MI

**COLORADO**  
**AUGUST 4-5**  
Chuck Mirabile  
Colorado Scottish Festival, Edgewater, CO

**WASHINGTON**  
**AUGUST 4**  
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted  
Spokane Highland Games, Spokane, WA
NEWS FROM ALL OVER

AUGUST cont

CALIFORNIA (North)
AUGUST 4-5
Mark & Cora Peterson
Monterrey Scottish Games, Monterrey, CA

ONTARIO
AUGUST 10-12
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted
Fergus Scottish Festival, Fergus, ONTARIO

NEW YORK
AUGUST 11
Daneen Muehlbauer
Central NY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival, Liverpool, NY

NEW YORK
AUGUST 18-19
Daneen Muehlbauer
Buffalo Niagra Scottish Festival, Buffalo, NY

OREGON (North)
Eastern Oregon Celtic Festival & Highland Games -- CANCELLED FOR 2018

MAINE
AUGUST 18
No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted
Maine Highland Games, Topsham, ME

OREGON
AUGUST 18-19
No Regent Available -- Co-Regent Wanted
Douglas County Celtic Highland Games, Winston, OR

MONTANA
AUGUST 18-19
Annie Haines
Bitterroot Celtic Games & Gathering, Hamilton, MT

NEW YORK
AUGUST 24-25
Daneen Muehlbauer
Jamestown Regional Celtic Festival, Mayville, NY

WISCONSIN
AUG 31- SEP 3
Lori Garbett
The Wisconsin Highland Games, Waukesha, WI

Clan Douglas @ The Gathering, Edinburgh, 25 July 2009
Flowres of the Forest is an ancient Scottish folk tune typically played to honor fallen soldiers.

Our Flowres of the Forest tradition as a clan is to pay tribute to our own “fallen soldiers”, our extended Clan Douglas family members.

Contact your local Regent, one of our Clan Douglas Officers, or the Newsletter Editor to submit a tribute.

Frances Constance Crews
January 13, 1931 – December 26, 2017

Frances Constance Crews went quietly into the night Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at age 86. She was born January 13, 1931 in Forsyth, Montana to Charlotte Alice Douglas Guyer and Purcival Franklin Dross. She graduated from Sumner High School, class of 1950. Later she received her degree from Pacific Lutheran University in 1977. Frances worked in the early 1950’s at St. Joseph's hospital in Tacoma in the medical records department and retired from Good Samaritan in Puyallup in 1994 after a decade working as a home health hospice nurse. Frances loved history, Scotland, the great highland bagpipes, Scottish Terriers and attending the highland games during the summer. During a thirty year period of time she traveled to all the games in Washington state; Oregon; Santa Rosa, CA; Pleasanton CA; Hamilton, MT; and Estes Park, CO several times. She was a long-standing member of the Caledonian & St. Andrews Society of Seattle, Tacoma and Seattle Highland Games Association, National Tartan Day Society of WA and Scottish Terrier Rescue Northwest. Frances was the Regent in WA state for Clan Douglas Society of North America for the last 25 years and was honored in 2008 as the ‘Chieftan of the Day’ for the Tacoma Highland games.

Preceded in death were here brothers Harold, Donald and Richard, sisters Majorie, Helen and Betty and daughter Cathalene Rosemary Crews. Surviving are a sister, Cain Jeffries Starelli (Tony) of Fairfax, CA; and a brother, Bruce Douglas Dross, Anchorage. AK. Left to mourn her passing are her two male Scottish Terriers and her life partner of 44 years, Gary C. Cosgro of Tacoma.

A heartfelt thanks to the staff of the Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community for the loving care Frances received in her last two months here on Earth before dementia first stole her mind and then her body.

A celebration of life will be held for her this summer at Frontier Park in Graham, WA on Sunday June 24 2018 the day after the 49th annual Tacoma Highland Games. Wear your tartan.

I’d like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I’d like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I’d like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I’d like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when this, my life, is done.
~unknown~
Gary Leroy Hoggatt  
December 14, 1932 – October 28, 2017  
Patricia Brown Hoggatt  
April 21, 1935 – January 7, 2018

Gary Hoggatt was born in Des Moines, Iowa. He graduated with a degree in business administration from Los Angeles State College in 1955 and a degree in electrical engineering and computer science from George Washington University in 1977. Gary joined the Navy as an Ensign on March 30, 1956 and served for 22 years. He worked in the Naval Security Group as an officer-in-charge, operations officer, and communications officer. He proudly attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander. After Gary’s military career, he worked for GTE for more than a decade working on electronic defense systems.

Pat Hoggatt was born Patricia Wyndham Brown, daughter of Laurie Jane Plimpton and Irwin Powers Brown, in Rochester, New York. Pat earned her bachelor’s degree from Ithaca College and studied physical therapy at the University of Buffalo. She started her career at the Polio Rehabilitation Center in Buffalo, New York, and then joined the Navy as an Ensign on September 17, 1956. She served in hospitals in Bethesda, MD, Yokosuka, Japan, Oakland, CA, and Portsmouth, VA. Pat was commended for her meritorious service while in Japan providing treatment for the casualties from Vietnam. Pat concluded her military career on July 1, 1982. She, like Gary, earned the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Pat and Gary met during their Navy service in Japan and were married on July 10, 1971. They enjoyed the outdoors together, skiing, taking a myriad of cruises, and participating in Scottish games and Celtic Festivals. At Eskaton Village, where they lived in Carmichael, CA, they managed the video club for many years and helped with the flower committee. They were known for their great senses of humor and good friendship.


California (North) Regents Mark & Cora Peterson shared, “We will miss them at the Scottish Games, their presence and their happy faces. Pat would always email me and say, ‘We’re bringing cookies to the Friday night barbecue!’ Mind you, it wasn’t just one type of cookies -- it was 4 to 6 different varieties. Gary always donated LAPHROAIG Scotch Whisky, which was very much appreciated. When Gary became a Life member, Mark said, ‘Now you have to get your Douglas Kilt.’ And he did buy one. Gary claimed the Glendenning Sept of Clan Douglas.”

Crossing the Bar  
by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;  
For tho’ from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar.
SCOTLAND the BRAVE

G
Hark when the night is falling, hear!, hear the pipes are calling,
C   G   D
Loudly and proudly calling, down thro' the glen.
G
There where the hills are sleeping, Now feel the blood a-leaping,
C   G   D   G
High as the spirits of the old Highland men.

D   G
  Towering in gallant fame, Scotland my mountain hame,
Em   D   A7   D   D7
High may your proud standards gloriously wa-ve!
G
Land of my high endeavour, Land of the shining river,
C   G   D   G
Land of my heart for ever, Scotland the Brave.

G
High in the misty Highlands out by the purple islands,
C   G   D   D7
Brave are the hearts that beat beneath Scottish skies.
G
Wild are the winds to meet you, staunch are the friends that greet you,
C   G   D   G
Kind as the love that shines from fair maiden’s eyes.

D   G
  Towering in gallant fame, Scotland my mountain hame,
Em   D   A7   D   D7
High may your proud standards gloriously wa-ve!
G
Land of my high endeavour, Land of the shining river,
C   G   D   G
Land of my heart for ever, Scotland the Brave.

A
Far off in sunlit places, sad are the Scottish faces,
D   A   E   E7
Yearning to feel the kiss of sweet Scottish rain.
A
Where tropic skies are beaming, love sets the heart a-dreaming,
D   A   E   A
Longing and dreaming for the hameland again.

E   A
  Towering in gallant fame, Scotland my mountain hame,
F#m   E   B7   E   E7
High may your proud standards gloriously wa-ve,
A
Land of my high endeavour, land of the shining river,
D   A   E   A
Land of my heart for ever, Scotland the Brave.
"Flower of Scotland" (Scottish Gaelic: Flùr na h-Alba) is a Scottish song, used frequently at special occasions and sporting events. Although there is no official national anthem of Scotland, "Flower of Scotland" is one of a number of songs which fulfil this role, along with the older "Scots Wha Hae", and "Scotland the Brave", amongst others. It was written by Roy Williamson of the folk group the Corries, and presented in 1967, and refers to the victory of the Scots, led by Robert the Bruce, over England's Edward II at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. [Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flower_of_Scotland]

Do you know another Scottish song worth sharing?
Send your song suggestion to the Newsletter Editor: clan.douglas@yahoo.com
The List of Septs & Allied Families recognized by The Clan Douglas Society of North America:
Agnew, Bell, Blackadder, Blackett, Blacklock, Blackstock, Blackwood, Blaylock, Breckinridge, Brown, Brownlee, Carmichael, Carruthers, Cavan, Cavers, Cleland, Clendenon, Crockett, Dalyell, Dalzell, Deal, Dick, Dickey, Dickson, Dixon, Drysdale, Forest, Forrester, Foster, Galbraith, Gilpatric, Glendenning, Glenn, Hamilton, Harkness, Home, Hume, Inglis, Kilgore, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Kirkland, Lockerby, Lockery, Lockhart, MacGuffey, MacGuffock, Maxwell, McKittrick, Moffat, Morton, Pringle, Rowle, Rule, Rutherford, Sandlands, Sandlin, Simms, Soule, Sterrett, Syme, Symington, Troup, Turnbull, Weir, Young, Younger --- variations of these names are also recognized.

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