A Douglas clan stamp waiting for visitors at the 2018 Southwestern Indiana Highland Games

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From the Dubh Ghlase editor:

For several years now, I have been asking CDSNA members to search their closets and storage sheds for copies of *Dubh Ghlase* from the years 1995-1999.

The issues published in these years are the only issues I have missing from a collection of our clan newsletters from the first one-page publication mailed out by Dr. Gilbert Douglas in 1975 to the September 2018 issue you are reading now.

I still have hope that someone has copies of these issues and needs them no longer. My plan is to donate the entire complete collection to the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, MO.

If you are ready to share your copies from 1995-1999 with the World, please contact the Newsletter Editor. My contact information can be found at the bottom left corner of this page.

With someone’s help, the plan I have envisioned will be able to move FORWARD.

Thank you in advance,
Harold Edington

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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

Dear Clan Douglas,

This is my final President’s Comments for the newsletter as President of CDSNA and I would like to thank all of you who have supported me in this position over the last few years. It has truly been an honor and privilege to represent the Clan Douglas Society and I hope I have done a good job for all of you.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is around the corner (November 3, in Charleston, SC) and I hope as many of you as possible can attend -- after all, the AGM is for the general membership so they can be involved with our Society and make recommendations and suggestions. The future of Clan Douglas Society is in the hands of the members who help contribute to the greater cause. [See pages 27-30 for AGM information and considerations.]

I would be remiss in not mentioning we need members to step up and consider serving as Regents as we have many events with no Douglas representation. It would be nice to have Regents and Co-Regents in all the States and Provinces with vacancies to represent the CDSNA. If you are interested in being a Regent or Co-Regent, please give myself or Chuck Mirabile a call to discuss the possibility; we really need you. [See page 15 for a listing of Regent vacancies.]

I hope everyone has had a chance to attend some of the Scottish Highland Games in their area and show support of your Scottish heritage. It means a lot to our Regents who spend a lot of their time and effort sponsoring the Douglas tent when you show up and thank them and hang out and help in any way you can. [A listing of all known Scottish events for year 2018 with a CDSNA representative can be found on the clan website: http://clandouglassociety.org/news/]

Finally I would like to thank all of the Directors who have served on the Board with me these past three years. Without your knowledge, guidance and cooperation, the CDSNA would not have run as smoothly. Each of you worked to move Clan Douglas FORWARD and I am in your debt. I look ahead to working with the Directors in this next term as the new Officers assume their positions.

Sincerely Yours,

Mark A. Peterson
President (2015-2018)
Clan Douglas Society of North America
Academic Research for the ‘My Truth” Trilogy
Historical Documents Validating Onsite Research
by Deborah Richmond Foulkes, FSAScot

As I was researching the “My Truth Trilogy”, specifically the first two books on the medieval Douglas family I realized that I had to coordinate onsite research with the original 13th and 14th century documents. I made over thirty-four trips to Scotland and England in less than four years. And I purchased copies of original documents from the Rolls of the Pipe.

I will share the process of finding two locations, specific sites where Douglas history took place to illustrate the extent of the work involved in writing the books that can be found at: www.mytruthliesintheruins.com.

The first historical site I finally located was in Yorkshire where a major event in my first book, My Truth Lies in the Ruins, took place. William le Hardi, Lord Douglas had been residing at his Northumbrian manor of Fawdon when he was arrested and taken into custody by Sheriff Knout for marrying Eleanor(a) of Lovaine without license of King Edward of England. The documents that pertained to this arrest and incarceration were in the National Archives in Kew, Surrey, England and had been translated from Latin to 19th century English by both renowned scholars Bain and Stevenson and with the same results.

The accepted translations took the phrase ‘castri de Ledes’, the location where William le Hardi was taken for his court appearance and converted it to say ‘Leeds Castle’. But the Royal Castle holding the newly renovated Royal Prison and Royal Court could not be the small castle in Kent; it had to be a larger one and in Yorkshire for its close proximity to Northumbria. There was no Royal Castle in Leeds Yorkshire but there was one in Knaresborough, and it had been recently renovated by King Edward, adding the prison as well as the Royal Court. I visited the castle in 2005 and knew that since le Hardi had been arrested at Fawdon in Northumbria by Sheriff Knout that bringing the prisoner all the way to Kent to a less secure tower was not feasible. There had to be a better explanation.

Even though Bain and Stevenson both translated ‘castri de Ledes’ to ‘Leeds Castle’ in Kent, I dared to question the accuracy of these renowned experts. I happened upon an alternate and very obscure translation of the same phrase and it seemed more believable: ‘castri de’ also meant a ‘half day’s ride from’ and Knaresborough Castle was just that distance from Leeds in Yorkshire using the standard of twenty miles per day. At approximately ten miles away from Leeds Yorkshire the Knaresborough fortress with its recent renovations certainly fit the bill. That was a satisfying discovery for this researcher.

A second site that I was able to verify was known as Edryford. A battle that took place in 1307 between James Douglas and the English knight Mowbray was recounted in chronicles as well as the poem ‘The Brus’. I wrote about this event in my second Douglas book, In the Shadow of My Truth. Archdeacon Barbour who is credited with the poem, contemporary chronicles of Robert the Brus and his most trustworthy lieutenant James, Lord Douglas wrote about many of these 14th century Scottish battles. His famous poem was written in old Scots about thirty years after these two great heroes of the Scottish Wars for National Independence had passed. Barbour knew many of the stories from personal memory and others he acquired by interviewing the survivors and descendants who were only too eager to recount the tales of valor of their heroes for the churchman to record for posterity.
Barbour’s description of the battle at Edryford on the Irvine Water in Ayrshire was recounted in his poem “The Brus”. His facts were well presented but the information could not be fully accurate as no one in over 700 years had been able to locate the ford where James Douglas defeated Mowbray. I was determined to find that place when I left for Scotland, in search of the town of Hurlford in Ayrshire as a starting place, maps in hand.

I brought the old Ordinance Surveys of the areas surrounding Hurlford. I brought the poem as well to try to find a ford that matched Barbour’s description. Looking at the maps I felt led to a location near a former whirlpool. I could see the ford would be a perfect location for James Douglas to attack the English as they wound their way along the Irvine Water.

It must have seemed surreal to James to be at that site because it was just ten years earlier, in 1297 at a location on the same river nearer the coast that his father Sir William le Hardi Douglas along with le Hardi’s two brothers-in-law James Steward and Alexander de Lindsay as well as Robert the Brus were all forced to surrender to the English. It was the ignominious Capitulation at Irvine Water, a travesty for the Douglas laird from which he never escaped. Le Hardi was taken prisoner months after putting his seal to the surrender document at Seagate Castle at Irvine for his continued resistance to Edward. Then in October 1297 he was moved from the Douglas Tower at Berwick on Tweed to the White Tower on the Thames in England. Sir William, Lord Douglas died of unverified causes one year later at the White Tower along with his cousin Sir Andrew de Moray, father of the Andrew with Wallace at Stirling Bridge.

The battle site location had eluded many Scots for over 700 years until I saw it that day. You could barely hear the clip-clop of horses’ hooves as they splashed through the water and stepped on the smooth stones that comprised the bed of the ford. And then there were the drumlins lining up on the Scots’ side of the battle where James could have gone to rear his hobini to look out at the battle as Mowbray was surrounded and undressed (lost his sword). The reason the battle site was so difficult to identify goes back to Barbour.

I returned to the original documents, the Rolls of the Pipe. I found two different battles involving Mowbray and James Douglas that referenced separate locations with multiple, unrelated losses: broken swords, injured or destroyed horses as well as knights seeking various reimbursements and payments. One could see where the two battles and the descriptions of their locations and events were combined into one story. I felt certain that I found one of the missing battlefields on the Irvine Water. Edirford was clearly one of two battle sites where these two warriors, James Douglas and the English knight Mowbray fought in 1307.

I was fortunate to have traveled to Scotland and England as I wrote the first two books of the Douglas Trilogy. Finding these obscure locations was just part of the fun for me as an historical researcher. And it provided me with the assurance that I had pursued the truth, verifying every detail of the wonderful stories of our Douglas ancestors.
The Douglas Crest Debate:
Which one is the correct one?
An OPINION piece by Harold A Edington, Dubh Ghlase editor

As a representative of the Clan Douglas Society of North America, I sometimes have this conversation with tent visitors:

Visitor: If you’re with Clan Douglas, why don’t you wear a Douglas clan badge? – You know, the one with the lizard set on fire ... instead of the Claddagh ring one you have.”

Me: “Oh... you mean the ‘salamander in flames on a cap of maintenance’ image.” I then point to the banner on my tent and say, “Both badges -- ‘the salamander in flames...’ and the ‘crowned, winged, heart of Bruce’ — represent Douglas, just different badges of the greater family.” I then launch into a brilliant exegesis on the different branches of the House of Douglas. But as brilliant as my explanation might be, it doesn’t correct the image confusion we have with the Douglas brand.

As I discussed in the 5-part series “Who Do You Think Should Be Chief of the House of Douglas?” without a recognized Chief for the House of Douglas, we have no “official” badge or tartan for the House of Douglas and every person claiming membership in the clan can (to some extent) do as s/he pleases, although most will wear one of the eight (8) accepted Douglas tartans and one of the two (2) more popular crest badges. In all fairness and honesty, I must add here that the ‘crowned, winged, heart of Bruce’ badge used by CDSNA is the OFFICIAL clan badge of CDSNA through our articles of incorporation (Clan Bylaws).

A Google search of Douglas icons/images yields a number of pictures of the “Salamander in flames on a Cap of Maintenance” crest as if this were the only crest for a Douglas. Some of the images show just the salamander or the salamander in flames without the cap. There is an assumption that the “flaming salamander” is the appropriate crest ... but is it? No. Not really. It depends on which branch of the Douglas family is your main line (in a genealogical sense). Although a “Salamander in flames” was used by the 9th earl of Douglas during his exile in England, the “Salamander in flames...” motif is best described as representing the ‘Douglas of Angus/Hamilton’ branch. From what I have read in Johnston’s 1907 Heraldry of the Douglasses, the now very familiar “Salamander in flames on a cap/chapeau of maintenance” was first used as a crest by the 11th earl of Angus. A salamander and a salamander in flames were also Angus crest images.

However, there are other crests appropriate for a Douglas. There is the “Crowned, winged, heart of Bruce” used by the ‘Douglas of Drumlanrig/Queensberry’ branch (and our own CDSNA) and the “Chained boar in the cleft of an oak” (or similar variations) of the ‘Douglases of Morton/Lochleven’ branch. In his Heraldry (Introduction section, pages ix and x), Johnston introduces one to a number of other crests (and mottoes) used by Douglas individuals and branches:

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CRESTS.
The Earls of Douglas used a plume of white feathers, which to us seems very inappropriate for one of the bravest and most warlike families; but Henry of Navarre, also a gallant soldier, shared their choice of a Crest at Ivry, —

"Press where ye see my white plume shine, amidst the ranks of war, And be your oriflamme to-day the helmet of Navarre."

The ninth Earl had a Boar sejant and the more familiar Salamander in flames.
The seventh Earl of Douglas and the Earl of Moray used the Peacock's Head.
The Douglases of Drumlanrig, Queensberry and Kelhead used the Heart crowned and winged.
The Douglases of Cavers use a Hand holding a Broken Spear.
The Douglases of Angus used at first the Plume of Feathers, then a Peacock and a Salamander.
Douglas of Edrington two Dragon’s Heads and Necks addorsed.
Douglas of Glenbervie: A Salamander, and a Salamander in Flames on a Chapeau.
The Douglases of Bonjedward: A Hand holding a Scimitar.

MOTTOES.
Earl of Douglas: "What tyde."
Douglases of Drumlanrig, Queensberry and Kelhead: "Forward."
Douglases of Cavers: "Do or die."


So which of these (now) THREE badges is the ONE, OFFICIAL AND TRUE image or crest for the House of Douglas? Well ... the simple answer is “All of them and None of them!” In the absence of a Chief over the House of Douglas, there is no “one, official and true” crest for the clan. In fact, the only restriction for a Douglas clan member when considering what crest to sport is the limited selection made available commercially. Until Douglas has a Chief or a sitting Council of Chieftains, I would like to see all three crests available for Douglas members to purchase — although I doubt this will happen since so many believe the “salamander in flames on a cap of maintenance” with motto Jamais Arrière crest to be the true one crest.

Without a Chief or a Council to declare an “official” badge, or some agreement among the various Douglas societies worldwide as to which crest is ‘official’, our options should remain open and subject only to personal preference. So ... what if the different Douglas societies around the world were to agree on a single crest; one that would be indicative of the House of Douglas and be acceptable to (a majority of) every branch of the Douglas family?
In a running online conversation a few months ago with Clan Douglas Society of Australia (CDSA) founder Andrew Douglas, Andrew and I came to the conclusion that three elements are used in practically every Douglas coat of arms\(^3\): stars (typically from 1 to 3), a heart, and a crown. However, even in the absence of stars, the crowned heart is iconic of Douglas. Most Douglas clan members, upon seeing an Irish Claddagh ring\(^4\) for the first time with its hands holding a crowned heart, think it has something to do with Clan Douglas. Point of fact, a ‘simple’ crowned heart was used in the coat of arms of the last accepted Chief of Douglas, Archibald Douglas, 1st Duke of Douglas whose death in 1761, prompted the infamous ‘Douglas Cause’.

Most Scottish festival goers seeing an image of a heart in a lock or cage may not connect that image with Lockhart or seeing an image of a heart with a nail through it, as belonging to Logan. But, if they know any Scottish history, that crowned heart … that \textit{HAS} to be Douglas!

And if using the crowned heart is indicative of representing Douglas, what should be the motto? Sadly, the “Lock Sicker” used by Morton is hardly known. The “Forward” used by Drumlanrig/Queensberry (and our own CDSNA) is better known, but barely to anyone outside of North America. It is the “Jamais Arrière” motto that is most associated with Douglas. Tradition says it was this motto that prompted Mary, Queen of Scots to gift a clock, possibly the oldest working clock in Scotland, to St. Brides Kirk in Douglas. The clock is noted for chiming three minutes before the hour rather than on the hour itself: a reference to the Douglas family motto of \textit{Jamais Arrière} (Never Behind).

If that motto was good enough for Queen Mary...

Would a crest like this be acceptable to the entire House of Douglas? Do you believe a Council of Douglas Chieftains would find it mutually acceptable? If you saw a badge like this at a Scottish festival or online, would you buy it? Is it a badge that could unite us? What is your opinion?

I certainly don’t have answers for these questions; I only have my opinion. I only know that the House of Douglas has a somewhat confusing branding issue and it needs to move \textit{forward} with some kind of uniformity or the whole clan might one day find itself \textit{laisse derriere} (left behind).

[If you have any questions or comments regarding this article, I welcome your “Letter to the Editor” for possible publication in a future issue of Dubh Ghalse.]

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\(^3\) Even after the death of ‘Good Sir James’ when the heart was added to the Douglas shield, exceptions to the inclusion of all three elements – stars, heart, and crown – do exist. The most typical exclusion is the crown.

\(^4\) The Claddagh is the most popular piece of traditional Irish jewelry. Its origins lie in the Galway fishing village of Claddagh in 17th century Ireland. The Claddagh became popular for the beauty and meaning of the design: the hands are said to represent friendship, the heart love, and the crown loyalty.
The Douglas Tragedy

Sir Walter Scott states that this ballad “is one of the few to which popular tradition has ascribed complete locality. The farm of Blackhouse, in Selkirkshire, is said to have been the scene of this melancholy event. There are the remains of a very ancient tower, adjacent to the farm-house, in a wild and solitary glen, upon a torrent named Douglas burn, which joins the Yarrow after passing a craggy rock called the Douglas craig ... From this ancient tower Lady Margaret is said to have been carried by her lover. Seven large stones, erected upon the neighbouring heights of Blackhouse, are shown, as marking the spot where the seven brethren were slain; and the Douglas burn is averred to have been the stream at which the lovers stopped to drink: so minute is tradition in ascertaining the scene of a tragical tale, which, considering the rude state of former times, had probably foundation in some real event” (Child, I, 99; quoted from Scott’s Minstrelsy (1803): III, 246).

At Craig Douglas, turn right through the gates and follow the track for two miles to Blackhouse Tower, a Black Douglas stronghold, standing in a remote spot in the Yarrow valley. Beyond the tower is Douglas Burn and yet beyond, and to the north, is a clump of trees beside which is an ancient circle of stones. There were once eight stones upstanding but now only three remain. It is here the Douglas Tragedy was said to have occurred.

Blackhouse Tower, at that time, was the home of an imposing family of Douglases which included the father, seven sons and a daughter, the Lady Margaret. A local nobleman, Lord William, and Lady Margaret, fell in love, but the match was not to the liking of the Douglases who determined to prevent it. And so the couple eloped, but, on making their way to William’s home, they were intercepted by father Douglas and all seven of his sons. They fought as gentlemen should fight, one at a time, and, one at a time, William felled a Douglas.

But Sir William, although he survived, was seriously hurt and he died in his lover’s arms. Lady Margaret, unable to bear the loss of her family and her lover, died of grief and was buried alongside William in St Mary’s churchyard. It is said that out of each of the graves grew a brier. And the briers entwined into one.

"RISE up, rise up, now, Lord Douglas," she says,
"And put on your armour so bright;
Sweet William will hae Lady Margaret awi'
Before that it be light.

"Rise up, rise up, my seven bold sons,
And put on your armour so bright,
And take better care of your youngest sistèr,
For your eldest's awa' the last night."

He's mounted her on a milk-white steed,
And himself on a dapple grey,
With a buglet horn hung down by his side
And lightly they rode away.

Lord William lookit o'er his left shouldèr,
To see what he could see,
And there he spied her seven brethren bold
Come riding o'er the lea.

"Light down, light down, Lady Margaret," he said,
"And hold my steed in your hand,
Until that against your seven brethren bold,
And your father I make a stand."

"O hold your hand, Lord William!" she said,
"For your strokes they are wondrous sair;
True lovers I can get many a ane,
But a father I can never get mair."

O, she's ta'en out her handkerchief,
It was o' the holland sae fine,
And aye she dighted her father's bloody wounds,
That were redder than the wine.

"O chuse, O chuse, Lady Margaret," he said,
"O whether will ye gang or bide?"
"I'll gang, I'll gang, Lord William," she said,
"For you have left me nae other guide."

He's lifted her on a milk-white steed,
And himself on a dapple grey,
With a buglet horn hung down by his side,
And slowly they baith rade away.

O they rade on, and on they rade,
And a' by the light of the moon,
Until they came to yon wan water,
And there they lighted down.
They lighted down to tak a drink
Of the spring that ran sae clear;
And down the stream ran his gude heart's blood,
And sair she 'gan to fear.

"Hold up, hold up, Lord William," she says,
"For I fear that you are slain!"
"'Tis naething but the shadow of my scarlet cloak,
That shines in the water sae plain."
O they rade on, and on they rade,
And a' by the light of the moon,
Until they came to his mother's ha' door,
And there they lighted down.

"Get up, get up, lady mother," he says,
"Get up, and let me in!
Get up, get up, lady mother," he says,
"For this night my fair lady I've win.
"O mak my bed, lady mother," he says,
"O mak it braid and deep!
And lay Lady Margaret close at my back,
And the sounder I will sleep."

Lord William was dead lang ere midnight,
Lady Margaret lang ere day:
And all true lovers that go thegither,
May they have mair luck than they!

Lord William was buried in St. Marie's kirk,
Lady Margaret in Marie's quire;
Out o' the lady's grave grew a bonny red rose,
And out o' the knight's a brier.
And they twa met, and they twa plat
And fain they wad be near;
And a' the world might ken right weel,
They were twa lovers dear.

But bye and rade the black Douglas
And wow but he was rough!
For he pulled up the bonny brièr,
And flanged in St. Marie's Loch.

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From the Storekeeper...
Clan Douglas Cap Badges, Kilt Pins, and other Clan Douglas Store Goods are available from our Clan Douglas Store:
http://clandouglassociety.org/cdsna-store/
Many items may also be available for purchase through your local CDSNA Regent. Contact your local Regent to see what s/he has or can get and have ready for you at your next local festival.
Carmichael was accepted as an allied family by CDSNA in July 2012. Clan Carmichael is a separate clan with a standing chief recognized by The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. In the absence of a Carmichael representative, individuals with this surname should be welcomed at Douglas tents and encouraged to become Clan Douglas members.

Several web sources concur that...

“The name Carmichael originally comes from lands in Lanarkshire which were granted to Sir James Douglas of Clan Douglas in 1321 and by his nephew to Sir John Carmichael between 1374 and 1384. “

“The name is also used to anglicise MacIlleMhicheil.”

“The Carmichaels were strong supporters of the Clan Douglas during their struggles for ascendancy, and were with them, fighting the English at the Battle of Otterburn in 1388 when the Scots defeated Henry 'Hotspur', Earl of Northumberland.”

In Fraser’s The Douglas Book (vol 3), are found charters given to members of the Carmichael family by Douglas Lords.

166. Obligation by Peter Carmichael and Eupham of "Wemy's his spouse, narrating that notwithstanding the Master of Angus, George Douglas, had sold to them and their heirs the lands of Ardrig, Westoune, and Andirschaw, in the lordship of Douglas and shire of Lanark, they yet bound themselves that upon the Master infefting them in blench farm in the lands of Galtoquhy and Pettindy, in the barony and regality of Abernethy and shire of Perth, they would resign within twenty days thereafter, in favour of the infeftor, his heirs or assignees, the said lands of Ardrig, Westoune, and Andirschaw. Abernethy, li5th June 1509,

333. Charter by William Earl of Douglas and of Marre, by which he grants to his well-beloved John of Carmychell, for homage and service, all his lands of Over Carmychel], with the pertinents in the earldom of Douglas in the sherrifdom of Lanark : To be held to the said John and his heirs of the grantor and his heirs, in fee and heritage for ever, for rendering a common suit at the Earl's courts held at Douglas, with wards, marriages and reliefs, when they happened. Further, the Earl wills that the said John and his heirs may grind when they please at the Earl's mill of Nether Carmychell all grains growing upon the lands, the Earls millers being there, paying a firlot for the chalder only. The charter contains clause of warrandice. Witnesses, Walter Bishop of Glasgow ; Sirs James of Lyndesay, William of Lyndessay, Thomas of Erskyne, the Earl's cousins, Robert of Daleyell, knights ; Alan of Lawedre, Adam Forster, Adam of Glendonewyne, Johne Folcarde. No date, but intc)- 1374-1384. Seal wanting. [Original charter in Hyndford Charter-chest.]

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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.

Jill, Duchess of Hamilton
January, 30, 1940 - April, 22, 2018

Jill, Duchess of Hamilton, has died aged 78. She was known as ‘Australia's Duchess.’

Jillian Robertson was born in Sydney on January 30, 1940, the daughter of a First World War veteran, and spent her youth in Townsville, Queensland. She was married three times. Her third and final husband was Angus, 15th Duke of Hamilton. They married in 1988, and divorced in 1995. She was his second wife. She shared his love of nature and conservation, as well as his championing of distressed animals, and carried out her duties as chatelaine of Lennoxlove, his house, with great devotion and energy.

The Duchess was described as a woman of indomitable energy who left her native Australia as a young reporter for the Murdoch press and ended up marrying Scotland’s premier duke. After her divorce, she distinguished herself as a writer and researcher.

In 1995 she organised an Australian War Memorial at Battersea Park in London, and a dawn service on Anzac Day. This eventually led to the memorial that stands at Hyde Park Corner, which was built by the Australian government.

Andrew W. Pierce
April 10, 1924 – May 17, 2018

Andrew W. Pierce, age 94, of Erie, residing at the Masonic Village in Sewickley, Pa., passed away on Thursday, May 17, 2018. He was born in DuBois, PA., on April 10, 1924, son of the late Clyde F. and Mary May Zimmerman Pierce.

Andrew is survived by his wife of 69 years, Shirley C. Kitchener Pierce, whom he married July 18, 1948; son, Roger Pierce; daughter, Bonny J. (Richard) Barraclough; grandchildren, Roy Pierce, Michael (Amanda) Barraclough, Nicole (Josiah) Stoltzfus, Jordan Barraclough, 2nd Lt. Christian Barraclough, and Aaron Barracough; great-grandchildren, Landon and Emery Pierce, Kaylin and Ivy Stoltzfus; sister, Lucy Jane (Jim) Taylor; sisters-in-law, Hazel, Phyllis and Shirley Pierce; brother-in-law, Bill Johnson; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Lewis, Irwin, Charles and Scott; one sister, Sue Ella; and one grandson, Justin Andrew Barraclough.

Andrew served in WWII as Signalman 2nd class. He served on the battleship Wyoming, where he taught visual communication, and then transferred to the PCS 1378. After his honorable discharge from the Navy, he went to work for the B & O Railroad. He then worked for General Electric, where he retired after 37 years of service. Andrew was a member of Lawrence Park United Methodist Church, Tyrian Commonwealth Lodge #362 F & AM, where he served as Worshipful Master of the Commonwealth Lodge #695 and as its Secretary for 16 years, Lawrence Park Rifle Club, American Legion Carl Neff Post #571, Santa's Helpers, Clan Douglas, Siebenbuerger Club, the former Crawford Erie State Police, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Loyal Order of Moose, Harborcreek Historical Society and the Erepa Grotto Pipe Band, where he played the bagpipes.

Andrew loved going to camp Bighorn in the Clearfield Mountains with his family. His hobbies were woodcarving duck, fish and walking canes. He also enjoyed attending baseball games and hockey games with his son.
Linda Reed Douglas
April 15, 1943 – May 20, 2018

Linda Reed Douglas, the only child of Robert James Reed and Lila Briggs Reed, now deceased, was born on April 15, 1943 in Broward County, Florida. Linda recently moved to Jacksonville, Florida where, surrounded by her family, she lost her battle with ovarian cancer on May 20, 2018. She is survived by her son, John Darby Douglas, III, his wife Jennifer Lynn Douglas and her grandson, John Darby Douglas IV.

Linda was an only child and chose nursing as her career. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Florida. Always wanting to help others, Linda was a Public Health Nurse for many years. During this time she met the young and handsome John Darby Douglas, Jr. On April 9, 1966, Linda and John wed and lived together happily for 51 years. Throughout their marriage both of them indulged their passion for history, reading, genealogy, and traveling the world. Their favorite place to visit was Scotland. They lived in many places across America before they settled in Warner Robins where they resided for 43 years.

Linda was civic-minded and active in a number of organizations where she served in important roles. She served in several chair positions and as Regent of Sukey Hart Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Warner Robins, Georgia. She served as Treasurer and several Chairmanships in the Governor Treutlen Chapter NSDAR in Fort Valley. Linda Chaired several State committees for the Georgia State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She spent several summers doing genealogical research in Washington D. C. Linda and John were both active in Clan Douglas Society of North America the local Ocmulgee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Linda’s memory will be cherished by her son, J.D. Douglas III and his wife Jennifer and her only grandson, Jack Douglas; all of Jacksonville, Florida; her family far and wide; and many good friends.

Janet Mary Douglas Shaw
October 31, 1937 – June 9, 2018


It was only a sunny smile, and little it cost in giving,
But like the morning light, it scattered the night,
And made the day worth living
~ F Scott Fitzgerald
NEWS FROM ALL OVER

WOODLAND CELTIC GAMES & FESTIVAL
Woodland, California – April 28-29


REGENTS & CO-REGENTS WANTED

CDSNA is seeking members willing to serve as Regents & Co-Regents in provinces and states currently un-represented 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 following states and provinces, contact CDSNA VP Chuck Mirabile, CDSNA Asst VP (West) Loretta Morton, CDSNA Asst VP (East) Harold Edington, or your current Regent.

In CANADA
BRITISH COLUMBIA – Regent
NOVA SCOTIA – Regent
ONTARIO – Regent

In the USA
ALASKA - Regent
ARIZONA - Co-Regent(s) for Phoenix, Flagstaff, & Prescott
ILLINOIS - Regent(s) for Chicago & Springfield areas
IOWA - Regent for Quad City area
KANSAS – Regent for Wichita area
KENTUCKY - Co-Regent(s)
LOUISIANA – Regent or Co-Regent
MARYLAND - Regent
MICHIGAN - Regent
MINNESOTA - Co-Regents (N & S)
MISSISSIPPI - Co-Regent
NORTH CAROLINA – Co-Regents
OHIO - Regent
OREGON (South) - Regent
SOUTH CAROLINA – Regents & Co-Regent(s) for events in Myrtle Beach, Charleston, or Greenville
TENNESSEE (East) – Regent(s)
UTAH - Regent
WASHINGTON – Multiple Co-Regents
WEST VIRGINIA – Regent
*NEW ENGLAND AREA – Critical Need* for Regents & Co-Regents. Available as a region or as individual states ...
CONNECTICUT - Regent
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RHODE ISLAND - Regent
VERMONT – Regent
NEWS FROM ALL OVER

BETHBARA HIGHLAND GAMES
Winston-Salem, NC – May 5

The weather for the May 2018 Bethabara Highland Games was quite enjoyable. The event was blessed with cool spring breezes and a partly cloudy sky. Tent banners and flags displayed by each clan tent flowed majestically and at times the winds tried to lift a kilt or two -- this was much to the dismay of the clansman involved. Curiosity seekers and seasoned spectators looked on with amazement at the many sights to behold. The heavy athletics, live music, Parade of Tartans, and the nationally-recognized Scottish Fiddle Competition captivated all.

Samuel Machado
NC Co-Regent

SPRINGFIELD AREA HIGHLAND GAMES & CELTIC FESTIVAL
Chatham, Illinois -- May 19

The Springfield Area Highland Games & Celtic Festival were held again in Chatham Community Park in the village of Chatham, IL, just about five miles south of Springfield, the capital of Illinois. The weather was more cooperative than in previous years and the heavy rains falling in the area did not find the park this year. Ten clans were in attendance. In addition to the clans, the festival sports a powerful field of athletes, a dance competition, and a growing number of vendors.

I was joined at the tent once again by Life Member Ramona Douglass. Ramona assisted me with talking to visitors, joined me representing Douglas in the Clan Parade, and made it possible for me to do those things usually impossible when alone at the tent ... like eat or take a little walkabout. I cannot thank Ramona enough.

We had several visitors at the tent asking for information about clans in general. I recognized one visitor in particular from his visit the previous year. Drake Lancaster returned this year to honor the promise he made to join CDSNA the year before. Drake connects to Clan Douglas via the allied family of Young. Another visitor to the tent was a Kirkpatrick cousin of mine, Jerry Spires.

We were blessed this year: the rain stayed away, the day was sunny and warm but not too hot, and a number of people visited the festival. It is good to see this event get back on its feet after the run of bad years with tornadic weather and multiple rain deluges. It would be nice to have more area Douglases and others from our list of allied families names visit us at the tent next year. Come and join us in showing central Illinois what it means to be A DOUGLAS!

Moving FORWARD,
Harold Edington, CDSNA Asst VP East
Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Decatur, Texas -- May 11-13

This year was a year of firsts. For 31 years, the Texas Scottish Festival called Maverick Stadium at the University of Texas at Arlington home. For reasons that many have speculated about, the University chose not to have us back for year 32. So, we packed up our tents, quite literally, and moved 55 miles northwest to the beautiful Wise County Fairgrounds in Decatur.

The first year in our new home started on Friday night, as it has for as long as I’ve been going to the games, with the calling of the clans. All the clans in attendance paraded into the Glen Coe stage and were called out one by one. We were honored to have in attendance at this year’s games Ms. Joni Smith, who is the Scottish Affairs Counsellor to North America, stationed at the British Embassy in Washington, DC. She welcomed us all to the Festival and said a few words about how impressed she was with not only our carrying on of the Games and Traditions from Scotland, but also with our Texan hospitality.

On Saturday, the festival kicked off bright and early. We had 3 stages full of music all day, from the likes of Cleghorn, Scotland Rising, Seven Nations and a host of other wonderful bands and performers. We also had games in the rodeo arena all day Saturday and Sunday. I manned the Clan Tent for most of the festival, welcoming Clan Members and visitors, and sharing family history where I could. Our Clan banner always gets a lot of attention, having all the septs on it, so a big “thank you” to Phil and Loretta Morton for passing it along to me. Also, a big thanks to Life Member, and my father, Randy Douglas for helping me set up on Friday and manning the tent for a bit on Saturday.

With this year being the first in our new home, there were some growing pains. Some things worked, and some didn’t, but we will carry on, fix what we can and keep moving forward. Next years games have already been confirmed to be back at the Wise County Fairgrounds on May 10-12, 2019. We would love to see you all there!

Matthew Douglas
North Texas Regent

Do you have an event report or a great digital photo from an event to share?

If so, send a copy to the newsletter editor via email for possible inclusion in the DECEMBER 2018 newsletter.

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NEWS FROM ALL OVER

GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES
Glasgow, Kentucky – June 1-3

The 33rd Glasgow Highland Games were held at the beautiful Barren River State Resort Park near Glasgow, Kentucky, June 1-3, 2018. Clan Douglas has been represented at these games all 33 years by Regent Elizabeth Martin and her husband Dan. In 1986 Dan spotted a three-line advertisement announcing the first GHG in a local newspaper. Encouraged by her father, Dr. Gilbert F. Douglas, Jr., Elizabeth and Dan agreed to set up a tent for Clan Douglas. Parents of three children under six and expecting a fourth child in November of that same year, Dan and Elizabeth gathered banners and tent information the week before the games and moved “FORWARD”! The rest is history. Elizabeth was asked to be Regent for Kentucky and Tennessee—a position which she still holds. Only ten clans were represented that first year. In 2018 fifty clans and associations were represented at the Glasgow Highland Games!

At that first event in 1986 Dan and the older two children competed in the kilted mile, parade of tartans, and numerous children’s activities. Dan’s Douglas kilt has been worn in all 33 kilted mile competitions—32 times it has been worn by Dan; the other year it was worn by a young friend from Indiana when Dan was called away for a family emergency. Other competitive events for participation at the GHG include the battle axe competition, the haggis toss, the tug-of-war, and the bonniest knees contest. There is truly something for everyone at these games.

The Glasgow Highland Games are always well-attended and known for their warmth (literally and figuratively!) and Southern hospitality. Athletic competition for professional and amateur athletes is intense. This year two world records were broken in the Women’s National Scottish Athletics Championship! There are great activities for children throughout the day on Sunday. Each year the House of Douglas Bakery from Cosby, Tennessee, provides delicious breads, shortbread, Eccles cakes, coffee cakes and strawberry shortcakes topped with whipped cream. Another vendor offers authentic Scottish eggs, meat pies, and freshly-squeezed lemonade. On Sunday morning an interdenominational worship service and Kirkin’ of the Tartans is held at the reviewing stand. We are always blessed by an excellent homily, Colin Grant-Adams leading the singing of familiar hymns, and a reverent Flowers of the Forest memorial.

At the games this year Clan Douglas was awarded the William Keith Scottish Heritage Award. This award is given to the Clan that embodies all Scotsmen. It is awarded to the Clan that has multi-clan information and literature. Bill Keith was proud of his Scottish heritage and would assist visitors in their quest to learn about their own heritage. Chief of the 2018 Glasgow Highland Games, James Burnett of Leys, presented the award to Regent Elizabeth Martin.

The 2019 Glasgow Highland Games will be held May 31-June 2. Mark your calendar now and join us for a memorable weekend!

Yours aye,
Elizabeth Martin
CDSNA KY Regent
McMINNVILLE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL
McMinnville, Oregon -- June 9, 2018

McMinnville, Oregon is the largest city in Yamhill County and is known as much for its vineyards as its UFOs. McMinnville is at the confluence of the North and South Forks of the Yamhill River in the Willamette Valley. The city is home to Linfield College, Cascade Steel, a (Schnitzer Steel Industries company), Organic Valley creamery, Wings and Waves Waterpark, Joe Dancer Park, and Evergreen Aviation Museum home of Howard Hughes' famed Spruce Goose wooden flying boat. Built entirely of wood due to wartime restrictions on metals, this massive airplane stands as a symbol of American industry during World War II. McMinnville is also known among UFO researchers for the photographs published in LIFE Magazine known as the "McMinnville UFO photographs". The Trent farm was just outside Sheridan, Oregon, nine miles southwest of McMinnville. The heated debate, which followed between UFO researchers and skeptics, made the town's name famous and has produced an annual "UFO Festival" in McMinnville, the second largest gathering in the United States to that of Roswell, New Mexico.

The McMinnville Scottish Festival is a replacement for the Newport Celtic Festival and finds Linfield College a less windy location than the Oregon Coastal town of Newport. The wind, well-known for its assaults on vendor and clan tents alike, is legendary. The gentle landscaped lawns of Linfield College are a much calmer surrounding and although rain did unleash on the tents the night before, the sun stretched and welcomed us in the morning on event day. Once known as McMinnville College, the Linfield College main campus is located just south of the historic McMinnville downtown on 189 park-like acres. The Board declares they are putting the "Mac back in McMinnville" thus the McMinnville Scottish Festival was born. One of my good friends, Gretchen Yoder, is on the Board so when I saw her advertising it on Facebook, I signed up. Gretchen and I met when we previewed the movie "Brave" along with 67 Music's crew, Scottish Country Store's owner Debe McCaul, decked out in as much tartan as we owned and starting a friendship among us that continues.

Early Friday morning I was greeted by the President of the new McMinnville Scottish Festival Board. A big bear of a man, Chris McLaran is as charming as he is nice. He was welcoming and his organization of the event quite thorough. Most of the Board hails from the Heavy Athletics quarter and their focus is definitely on showcasing the athletics, which for many is the actual draw. The clans were nestled facing each other six feet apart so tartan flags hung halfway into the aisle and threatened to bean anyone over 5'6" so by the end of the festival we knew each other well! As is customary we shared our resources of ladders, duct tape, etc. and even had the benefit of offering each other treats.

The real hit of the Clan Douglas tent was Scotty, a rescued Scottish Terrier, owned by Gary Cosgro and our late Washington Regent, Frances Crews. Scotty greeted people, licked kids’ faces, and eagerly went to play with any dog that met the "service" criteria to be allowed in. We were well attended for the fact that Scotty was charming his way into everyone’s hearts.

A new family signed up as CDSNA members; Scott and Brandie Dickey and their family (Evelyn, John, and Ronan). You know the type of members who come eagerly to find a membership application to join! I love those members. They make my job easy! We welcomed the Dickey family to the clan via our new Facebook page: Clan Douglas Pacific Northwest. The page was created to keep Washington and Oregon members in the know as we search for new Regents to take over the late Washington Regent Frances Crews’ territory. If you are feeling up to the task, please let either the CDSNA President, Vice President, or either Asst. Vice President know you want to volunteer. Training under an existing regent is a good way to go. I had Frances and she was a great teacher over the fifteen years I knew her and that gave me confidence!

The twenty-one clans and military organizations paraded through the event for the opening ceremony in a figure eight fashion. I had the opportunity to carry the new banner Gary Cosgro had brought me from Fran’s Douglas collection. A hand-painted twenty-six year old piece of art with the FORWARD Badge created just for them. I was very proud to do so as it was a stunning piece and was readily admired by the crowd. Irish Dancers from Gallery Ballet & Tap and Case Highland Dancers performed. Music was performed by Beltaine Celtic Fusion band from Portland, Oregon that features John Keyes on the hammered dulcimer, Jamie Vandenberg rocking the accordion, with Brian Baker's vocals and instrumentals on the guitar, flute and pennywhistle. Performing both instrumental and vocal tunes, Beltaine offers a unique blend of instrumentation and musical styles. The original and traditional music performed by Beltaine is inspired from Celtic, folk, rock and
classical sources. The members of Beltaine approach their music with passion and energy. Beltaine has played the All Clan Ceilidh in Portland, Oregon for the past three years and audiences love to dance to their music.

Food vendors were a mixture of cuisines of Thai, Philly cheesesteak, Barbecue, Hamburgers, and German Brats leading the pack. A decadent creation called Apple Pie French Fries with caramel, chocolate, and whipped cream was voted one of the best things at the event. Definitely not to be outdone the Scottish Meat Pies which had a lineup of over an hour for lunch and rumored to be an amazing dish itself.

Other than super close clan booths, it was a wonderful event for a first year and the Board did a fabulous job of organization and flow. They rated five stars on their reviews and it was richly deserved. Who else could throw clans six feet apart and not end up in a war but a bunch of athletics who were bigger than we were? We are lucky to have each other and even more lucky that we hail from such a rich background as Scotland! Alba gu bràth!

Carol Morton-Bianchini
Oregon (North) Regent

TACOMA HIGHLAND GAMES
Graham, WA – June 23

As the parade of clans started, I thought of the Douglastes there at the event with no clan banner and no clan tent to call their own. A feeling of sadness swept over me maybe even a feeling of failure. As the D's started to march through, I heard Ralph Munro the MC state over the PA system "Here come the Douglastes....They don't have a banner but they don't need one to carry." Harold Douglas was shirtless and he has DOUGLAS across his stomach in large letters. Harold, his girlfriend, and Tim Kirkpatrick had joined in the parade to honor Frances one last time and represent their clan that day.

As they came marching by I called out A Douglas! A Douglas! and got out of my seat and went out to hug the three and thank them for their presence. I have never seen someone do that in any of the previous parades I have marched in but I didn't care and I would not let them go past me without a heartfelt thank you from me and Frances.

Later that afternoon when I presented about a dozen pictures to the Morrison tent that had been next to us for over 20 years, I said to Richard, "Well I guess you have the last man standing award. I really don't know who won because I am foot loose and free now and you are still prisoner in a clan tent." As he was looking at the pictures of him and his wife from over the years and marveling at how young they were, I said, "I'm afraid those people in the pictures don't exist anymore!"

We used to joke over the years that most of the handicap stalls in the front row of the south parking lot were occupied by the representatives from the various clan tents there at the games.

That evening in the beer garden, I was visiting with Ralph Munro and he told me that he cried when hearing the news that for the first time since 1953 that Jack Montgomery would not be playing with the band this year. When the Clan Gordon Pipe Band was started by Johnie Montgomery, his son Jack was a drummer at the time and switched to the pipes after a couple of years. Jack would not be playing this year because memory problems and keeping up with the band had forced him to drop out of their formation. Just another major torch within our great Scottish community that has now been partially extinguished and heartbreaking news for all that have known Jack for over the last 60 plus years.

I congratulated Clan Leslie for inheriting our nice shady Douglas tent space that we occupied for 25 seasons. I heard some grubbing from clan tents in the sun that because of seniority at the games that they should have gotten our old comfortable tent space.

Report respectfully submitted by Gary Cosgro, CDSNA Life member #735
NEWS FROM ALL OVER

38th Annual International Dance Competition
Duluth, Minnesota-- June 23, 2018

This year's competition was judged by Louise L. Reid of Cincinnati, OH, and the piper, Andrew Hart of Portland, OR. Dancers came from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Thunder Bay, ON. The competition was held on an outdoor balcony of Pier B. Pier B is a new restaurant sitting at an old grain elevator site. Three concrete silos still exist with the complex sitting between them and an old grain slip.

Clan Douglas was the only clan to have a table/booth. Displayed were small pipes in addition to a tartan book, Scottish Folklore, maps of Scotland, dirks, all set on Ancient Douglas, Douglas Modern, and Douglas of Roxburgh tartans.

The forecast said rain, maybe, but the sun prevailed. Space was a wee tight for onlookers, but substantial for the judge, piper, announcers and dancers. Really, it was wonderful and relaxing.

John (Jock) Glendenning
MN (North) Regent

The photo on the left graced the cover of the SEP 2017 issue of Dubh Ghlase. At the time of publication, the gentleman in the Red Douglas kilt was not identified. He returned to the Grandfather Mountain games again this year and the Rev. Edson Way joins Virginia Regent Scott Douglas in a photo taken by Scott’s wife Michelle Reinbold Douglas July 16, 2018 at the Grandfather Mountain Games. Michelle says “Edson has every version of Douglas tartan.”

Bobby ‘the Kilted Cowboy’ Douglas channels his ‘inner-Thor’ during the ‘Weight for Distance’ event at the 2018 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES  
Linville, North Carolina -- July 12-15

The 63rd Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games greeted clansmen and spectator alike, with misty rains and billowing cloud cover on Thursday afternoon. Occasionally the skies would break with glorious sunshine, for a few hours. But, the skies would darken with the promise of rain later in the day. This battle of the elements would be the norm, for the length of the games.

MacRae Meadows opened on Friday with cold mountain winds, which was reminiscent of the weather our Scottish ancestors dealt with. These biting gusts made the tartan flags and banners dance, against a foreboding sky. Yet, even with the threat of storms, the meadow was alive with the joyous celebration of the Scottish culture.

Saturday was triple blessing at the Douglas tent indeed. Clan member Edson Way arrived and was sporting his unique and quite rare Red Douglas Tartan. He cut quite a handsome figure in his Scottish regalia. In addition, "The Kilted Cowboy" Bobby Douglas stopped by the tent and declared that he was representing Clan Douglas in the Heavy Athletics. Also, Robert Groves III who is on the GMHG Board of Trustees and a former President of Clan Douglas, visited us as well.

On Sunday, the meadow was alive with excitement with preparations for the Parade of Tartans. The wail of mournful bagpipes filled the air, announcing the approaching masses of clans to take the field of honor. These Scottish descendants donned their finest tartan attire and proudly marched displaying their Celtic spirit. After the parade, we had the great privilege of signing a new life member Alexis Vivian Littell.

I have been attending this event for twenty plus years. But, this year I had the unique opportunity to relive the experience through the eyes of a newcomer, my mother. I asked her to attend the games with me and I delighted in answering her many questions, as she gazed at the many scenes before her. Mom marveled at the tremendous feats of strengths performed by both men and women in the Heavy Athletics. She was delighted by the Border Collies' efficiency, in regards to herding sheep and ducks. Furthermore, she was captivated by the history of the Clan Douglas that was being shared with visitors; in search of their Scottish heritage.

I would like to express my gratitude to Virginia Regent Scott Douglas, Alexis Vivian Littell, and my mother Nancy. Your help with operating the tent, the merchandise sales, and assisting newcomers discover their Scottish roots was greatly appreciated. Thank you.

A blessed time was had by all.

Samuel Machado  
North Carolina Regent
PORTLAND HIGHLAND GAMES
Gresham, Oregon -- July 14-15

A true bit of Scotland graced the Portland Highland Games held at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Oregon as Highland Cows were on display. The Highland is an ancient breed of cattle that originated in the Scottish Highlands and Western Isles of Scotland. The breed is known for its long, thick hair and its hardiness in harsh conditions.

In Scottish Gaelic they are known as Bò Ghàidhealach and in Scots they are called Heilan coo. The ancient Highland cow is the perfect combination of adorable and low maintenance. They were a welcome addition to the games.

The Portland Highland Games also feature British Motorcycles. This year they were supplied by Sam Justice, of the Oregon Norton Enthusiasts <www.OregonNorton.org>, Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists <www.Oregonvintage.org>, and the Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiasts. They displayed vintage Nortons, BSA’s, and Triumphs.

Don Anderson, a life-long Oregon resident and author, taught a Genealogy Class. His family were the founders of the Tillamook Cheese Factory and the cheddar recipe still used today. His book has many references to our state and his journey from believing he was Native American to Irish and finally learning of his Scottish heritage. Don presented, “From Native American to Scottish” during the Portland Highland Games. His primary message was how genetic genealogy is an effective tool in breaking through genealogical brick walls existing in family trees. Don was adopted and was successful in finding both of his birth parents – his mother in 2001 by means of a birth certificate and his father through DNA testing. Since then he finished his book entitled, Paper and Spit: Family Found: How DNA and Genealogy Revealed My First Parents’ Identity.

At the 2018 Portland Highland Games, he shared his story to promote DNA testing and encouraging people to look into their own genetic past.

Music was provided by Biddy on the Bench. The versatile combination of banjo, guitar, mandolin, tin whistle and four part vocal harmony lends itself equally to high-energy Irish rebel songs and shanties, lively session tunes, and mournful Gaelic ballads. Bill Mullen – the Wandering Scotsman – delivers great Scottish and Irish folk music from his native Dundee, Scotland. Golden Bough brings their style of Celtic music to
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fans throughout the United State and Europe with a dazzling array of acoustic instruments; Celtic harp, guitar, violin, viola, penny-whistle, octave mandolin, accordion, and bodhran (a hand held Celtic drum), and a haunting vocal style. Dram & Go, an elite Scottish music trio based in Portland, Oregon, was founded in early 2014 by professional piper Micah Babinski. The core of the Dram & Go sound consists of the border pipes, fiddle (Rachel Bowen), and guitar (Anton Emery), but they also regularly incorporate banjo, whistle, mandolin, and Irish flute in their arrangements. The Fire is a high energy pure-drop Scottish music band, with world-class fiddling in combination with bagpipes, guitar, bodhran, whistle, and bouzouki. The group includes International Scottish Fiddle Champion Rebecca Lomnicky, multi-instrumentalist David Brewer of the popular Celtic band Molly’s Revenge, and Adam Hendey on guitar and bouzouki.

Thirty-five clans welcomed visitors all day and shared stories of their history and displayed art and artifacts; the smallest number of clans I can remember in the past twelve years of attending the Portland games. Amongst the clans present, new regents are assisting with their clan tents and this new growth is a much needed shot in the arm to the games. Volunteers are sorely needed to revive the clans and the games themselves so if you have time this could be a great way to give back to your community.

Clan Douglas welcomed a steady stream of visitors with some asking for membership applications as they entered. I signed up two new Washington members and their families; Jeff Lynch and Peter Collins. Another asked about his allied family of “Cant” and a quick check of a reference book called Tartans stated they were a Douglas allied family. Later I found this name as a tenant of the House of Douglas and the information was submitted to Harold Edington for verification so this may be added in the future to CDSNA Allied Families.

Our Ploughman lunch was successful with about 18 members and friends joining in on the lunch of London Broil, Honey Ham, Bread, Vegetables, Fruit, and plenty of baked goods. Our lounge area was a constant hub of socialization with the boys displaying new knives purchased at the games.

This year the theme of the tent was a look at the branches of Douglas and a pictorial of castles, Janet Glamis Douglas, The Black Douglas, International Gathering, reference books, Douglas stories, Coat of Arms of several individuals, and a very precious piece of art. We displayed at the Portland Highland Games for the first time a hand-painted banner of the Forward Badge. This bejeweled banner was created for Frances Crews, our past Washington Regent, commissioned twenty-six years ago. The Forward Banner was proudly carried on a Claymore Sword by our CDSNA Member Rod Morton in the Clan Parade while our clan shouted A Douglas! A Douglas! as we passed the stadium audience.

Please remember to volunteer. Give the Regents a break, help set up or tear down, or become a Regent yourself. I speak from personal experience. It is rewarding to be a Regent and get to know all the visitors and the members. Check ClanDouglasSociety.org for the states needing volunteers or contact the Regent to offer your help. As Frances would remind her CDSNA members via email, “Who will carry the Douglas Banner, if not YOU?”

Carol Morton-Bianchini
Oregon (North) Regent
RIO GRANDE VALLEY CELTIC FESTIVAL
Albuquerque, New Mexico – May 20-21

May 20 & 21 has come and gone and this was the 30th anniversary of the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival. Clan Douglas came out in force this year. In this our 6th year of attendance, we had several members come out to the Clan tent, helping in the tent as well as with the clan march on both days. Big shout out to Ann Douglas Heflin and her husband Bill from Ohio. They came and brought gifts to help our tent. Bobby Douglas the Kilted Cowboy was in attendance at the Highland Games and did awesome; he always makes sure to stop by the clan tent.

It was awesome to see such a fantastic clan member turnout this year and proves that consistency works.

Eric Vigil
New Mexico Regent

I also want to inform members… The upcoming October 20, 2018 Edgewood Celtic Festival in Edgewood, NM is a new one-day event where Clan Douglas NM will be hosting a tent. Edgewood is about 20 minutes east of Albuquerque.

November 3-4 will mark the 4th year Clan Douglas will be at the Scots on the Rocks Celtic Festival and Highland Games in Moab, Utah. Come out and support Clan Douglas.

COLORADO SCOTTISH FESTIVAL
Edgewater, Colorado – August 4-5

Awesome weekend at the Colorado Scottish Festival hosted by the St. Andrew Society of Colorado. The Clan won Best in Parade -- A Douglas, A Douglas!

(Thanks to Kerrie Douglas for the original post and pic).

Chuck Mirabile
CDSNA VP & CO Regent
James Douglas Collectible Coin
from Scotland Rising

http://store.scotlandrising.com/James-Douglas-Collectible-Coin_p_207.html

"Black Douglas" commemorative coin sculpted in high relief that you will be proud to own and we have a limited quantity available at Scotland Rising. Dimensions 1 3/4 inches diameter 1/8 inches thick. James "the Black" Douglas was one of King Robert the Bruce's closest lieutenants and perhaps dearest friend during Scotland's War of Independence against the English in the early 1300's.

This collectible coin was featured in the September 2014 issue of Dubh Ghlase and the entire stock of these coins was sold out in about a month’s time. The coin is back... but remaining quantities are limited.

Also ... COMING IN NOVEMBER 2018 from NETFLIX:

OUTLAW KING

Starring: Chris Pine (Robert Bruce), Aaron Taylor-Johnson (James Douglas), Florence Pugh (Elizabeth de Burgh)

A true David v Goliath story of how the great 14th Century Scottish 'Outlaw King' Robert the Bruce used cunning and bravery to defeat and repel the much larger and better equipped occupying English army.
During the AGM Dinner, attendees will be able to view and bid on items in the CDSNA Silent Auction. All proceeds will go to CDSNA.

If you have Douglas-themed or Celtic-themed items you would like to donate for the Silent Auction, contact CDSNA President Mark Peterson anytime before October 1, 2018.

Mark Peterson, 6505 N. Gentry Ave., Fresno, CA 93711
Phone: 559-439-2947 Mpeterson1019@comcast.net

Even if you cannot attend the AGM, you can make a positive difference for CDSNA by contributing an item.

Charleston, SC Scottish Games & Highland Gathering selected as the Host Festival for the 2018 CDSNA AGM

Saturday Nov. 3, 2018

Day Long Meet n’ Greet at the Douglas Tent -- 9am-5pm

The Scottish Games and Highland Gathering at Boone Hall Plantation, is another one of the special events held at the plantation that makes Boone Hall one of the most unique venues in the Charleston, SC Lowcountry. It features a day packed full of various activities and events that has something for everyone – Scottish style. Whether you’re looking to experience Olympic type competition of the heavy athletics sporting events or the mastery of Scottish music, the Scottish Games and Highland Gathering will offer all you’re looking for and so much more.

The music featured at this annual gathering of Scottish family clans, is a truly unique experience. The music of over 25 bagpipe bands echoes through the plantation’s large oaks and across scenic marshes with sounds that are truly classical Scottish fare. There is Highland Dancing that dates back to the 11th and 12th centuries, Scottish Country Dancing & Fiddling, and Celtic rock bands dressed in kilts.

The Border Collie Demo features some of the most beautiful dogs in the world. The Border Collie was developed in the Border Country of Scotland, an area long known for its sheep industry. In fact, it has been said that without the Border Collie, there would be no sheep industry. Today, this breed of dog is known the world over for its intelligence and livestock-working ability.

There are Children’s games, loosely fashioned after the Heavy Athletics, and much more. The visual experience of this event promises to leave an impression that will be long remembered. Last year, over 6,000 people from all over the world attended these games, put on for charity that benefits the Scottish Society of Charleston.
2018 AGM Considerations

2018 AGM AGENDA – 6:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER & GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
   – President Mark Peterson
2. CERTIFICATION of QUORUM (by Secretary)
   – Jim Morton
3. OFFICER’s REPORTS
   * President’s Report – Mark Peterson
   * Vice-President’s Report – Chuck Mirabile
   * Secretary’s Report – Jim Morton
   * Treasurer’s Report – Shirley Douglas
4. INSTALLATION of 2019-2021 CDSNA OFFICERS
5. 2018 CDSNA AWARDS
   * Scholarship Awards Presentations
   * Service Awards Presentations
6. OPEN FLOOR COMMENTS/QUESTIONS
7. CLOSE of MEETING

AGM DINNER MENU

Champagne Chicken
Grilled Beef Tenderloin
Southern Style Green Beans
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Rolls and Butter
Key Lime Pie with Graham Cracker Crust

RESERVE YOUR SEAT AT THE AGM TABLE...use the convenient MAIL-IN form found on page 7.

*** RESERVATIONS DUE BEFORE OCTOBER 3 ***

OR ... If you prefer a more convenient way to pay and reserve your seat at the AGM table, use our PayPal option. Simply go to our Clan Douglas website and click on the

Scroll down the page to the DONATE button and press the button to open the PayPal page. When completed, email Secretary Jim Morton for confirmation. DouglasSecretary@comcast.net

Make Your Hotel Reservations Now for the AGM

Red Roof PLUS+ Mt Pleasant - Patriots Point
301 Johnnie Dodds Boulevard
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
https://www.redroof.com/property/sc/mount-pleasant/RRI242

Between $115 - $129 per night based on room occupancy.

* When registering, please state that you are a Clan Douglas Society member. *

Visit the hotel website for more information about the hotel.

The Greater Area of Charleston has a number of other hotel chains and B&Bs from which CDSNA members can select lodgings. Reservations and price negotiations for these other locations are the responsibility of the CDSNA member.
2018 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Proposal A

It is proposed to change from having Annual General Meetings (AGM) each year to having a General Members Meeting (GMM) every three years. Reasons for making the change include:

- We elect officers every three years per our bylaws
- We historically only review and submit bylaw changes every three years
- It would provide greater flexibility in selecting Scottish Highland Game dates and sites for the GMM
- It would provide greater ability to financially assist the regent hosting the GMM

Article VI Sections 1 and 2 as currently read

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held:

A. At a site approved by the Board. The site should be approved and publicized six to twelve months in advance of AGM.

B. The meeting should be concurrent with a Scottish game and the location of the meeting should be at or near the site of the games.

C. Change of AGM time and place or special meetings, may be designated by the President, with approval of the Board. Any change requires 30 days written notice to all members.

Section 2. An annual Board of Directors meeting shall be held, preferably prior to AGM.

Proposed Amendment to Article VI, Sections 1 and 2

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1. A General Members Meeting (GMM) shall be held every three years:

A. At a site approved by the Board. The site should be approved and publicized twelve months in advance of the GMM.

B. The meeting should be concurrent with a Scottish game and the location of the meeting should be at or near the site of the games.

C. Change of GMM time and place or special meetings, may be designated by the President, with approval of the Board. Any change requires 90 days written notice to all members.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall hold two or more Directors Special Meetings (DSM) per year to discuss and articulate the business of the Society. A DSM may be closed to membership.

A. The two required DSM shall be conducted in different quarters of the calendar year and may be in person or electronically (such as conference call or Skype).

B. Before the DSM, a quorum of Board members present must be declared. A quorum will consist of at least four (4) Board members.

C. A report of the DSM shall be published in the next possible Newsletter.
2018 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Proposal B

It is proposed to add the surname Kirkconnell to our list of Septs and Allied families as provided in our bylaws. Based on research conducted by Harold Edington, our Assistant VP East and Newsletter Editor, Watson Kirkconnell, on page 10 of *The Kirkconnell Pedigree*, describes the connection of Kirkconnell to Douglas:

*From 1235 until 1371, the immediate overlords of the Kirkconnells were the Balliols. In 1371, however, King Robert II of Scotland, the first of the Stuart line, conferred the Lordship of Galloway and all Crownlands between the Nith and the Cree “in perpetual fee” on Archibald the Grim, natural son of “the Good Sir James Douglas”; and the house of Douglas thereafter replaced the Balliols. Hence it came about that in the clan system the Kirkconnells were understood to wear the Douglas tartan and still cherish that tradition today.*

This is an extract from a larger description prepared by Harold Edington which is available upon request. Work cited: Kirkconnell, Watson. *The Kirkconnell Pedigree: a genealogical sketch of the family from the earliest times*. Wolfville, N.S:Publisher not identified, 1953. Print.

*Proposed Amendment to Article III, Section 6 Sept Members - Family names (varied spellings) recognized as Septs of Clan Douglas.*

The surname Kirkconnell (and variations) will be added to the list of Douglas Septs and Allied Families.

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A PDF copy of our current (2015) CDSNA BYLAWS can be downloaded from the Clan website:

clandouglassociety.org/regent-resources/CDSNA%20BYLAWS%2020150915.pdf
YES, I/WE WILL BE ATTENDING
Clan Douglas Society of North America’s 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Dinner
held Saturday, November 3, 2018, at 6:00 PM
at the County Club of Charleston in Charleston, SC,
in conjunction with
the SC Scottish Games & Highland Gathering in Charleston, SC
Cost is $49.00 per person

Please send checks no later than OCTOBER 3, 2018
Make checks payable to: Clan Douglas Society of North America

# Persons Attending _______ x $49.00 = $ ____________
(amount of check)

Names of those in your party: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

City: ________________________________

State/Province: ____________ Zip Code: ____________

Phone: (_____) ____________

Email Address: ________________________________

Mail your 2018 AGM Dinner Reservation Form with your payments
BEFORE OCTOBER 3, 2018 to:
Jim Morton
Secretary, CDSNA
626 Mountain Lake Cr
Blue Ridge, GA 30513
Email: DouglasSecretary@comcast.net
Phone: 770-265-2717

NO, I CANNOT ATTEND
Clan Douglas Society of North America’s 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Dinner
However, I wish to be represented at the AGM by PROXY
Clan Douglas Society of North America 2018 Annual General Meeting
Voting Proxy Form

I, ________________________, a member in good standing of Clan Douglas Society of North America, hereby assign my proxy vote to one of the officers checked below for the 2018 Annual General Meeting to be held in conjunction with the SC Scottish Games & Highland Gathering in Charleston, SC (November 3, 2018).

The purpose of this proxy is to insure a quorum of 25 regular members at the meeting. This may include members present or by proxy.

It is understood that this form will not be used if I appear in person to cast my vote.

Note: Family memberships (husband/wife) have only one vote unless each person has paid dues.

Signed: ________________________ Date: ________________

☐ President, Mark Peterson
☐ Vice President, Charles Mirabile
☐ Secretary, Jim Morton
☐ Treasurer, Shirley B. Douglas
☐ Board Member, Bill Douglass
☐ Board Member, Diana Kay Stell
☐ Assistant Vice President East, Harold Edington
☐ Assistant Vice President West, Phil & Loretta Morton

If you cannot attend the Annual General Meeting this year and wish someone to represent you and your presence to be known, please complete the voting proxy form above and mail to:
Jim Morton
Secretary, CDSNA
626 Mountain Lake Cr
Blue Ridge, GA 30513
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, Sandilands, Sandlin, Simms, Soule, Sterrett, Syme, Symington, Troup, Turnbull, Weir, Young, Younger --- variations of these names are also recognized.

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Items received after the Submission Date may be saved for the next newsletter.

Please send your articles for submission to clan.douglas@yahoo.com or contact your Regional Asst VP or the CDSNA Vice President.

Anyone is welcome to submit articles, games reports, and general information.

We do request that any article submitted be related to CDSNA or of general Celtic interest.
Newsletter Editor will make all final decisions as to the content of the Newsletter.