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## Partial Genealogy of the DOUGLAS OF MAINS family

"Mains" was the name of an estate located just off the main road about a mile or two east of the village of Douglas in Dumbartonshire.

Sir James Douglas of Dalkeith, who is associated with Tantallon Castle, and who was a cousin of Sir James the Good, had a son named Archibald Douglas. The Douglas who became the Earl of Morton and married Janet Galbreath in 1373 is descended from this Archibald Douglas.

This Archibald had a descendant named Nicholas Douglas who had a granddaughter named Margaret who married William Elphinston of Blythwood Square in Glasgow. (It was from the memory of this "in-town" property that Ranfield Estate, then in the countryside, later received the name of 'Blythwood'). Nicholas' descendant Alexander Douglas became the 4th Earl of Mains. [His wife was Margaret, daughter of Matthew, 2nd Earl of Lennox. (Margaret's brother, John, had a son named Matthew whose son was the father of Lord Darnley who married Mary, Queen of Scots.)

Alexander and Margaret Douglas had a son named Matthew who became the 5th Earl of Mains. His son Malcolm, the 6th Earl of Mains, was executed in 1585.

Malcolm's eldest son, Alexander, had a son who became SIR ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS and married ISOBEL, daughter of Sir George Elphinston of Blythwood (i.e. the in-town property). Archibald's "Affairs became embarrassed" (I learned from another source he declared the equivalent of our bankruptcy). This resulted in his holdings at Mains being taken over by John Douglas of Ferguston (another estate a few miles to the south of Mains) in 1701 which required him to change his title to "John Douglas of Mains".

This John had a daughter, Mary, who married John Campbell, third son of Colin Campbell, First Earl of Blythwood (the country estate). John and Mary had a son whom they named Colin. It was he who married Mary, the daughter of Colin Campbell, the 2nd Earl of Blythwood. This Colin and Mary Campbell had a son named James who became James Douglas of Mains by virtue of inheriting the estate of his grandfather when he died in 1705.

This James Douglas of Mains married 1st: Isobel Corbet and 2nd Rebecca Wallace. They had a son James who died young and without issue. They had a daughter Margaret who married her cousin Duke Archibald Douglas of Douglas Castle and she became known as the Duchess of Douglas. They had a son whose name I have been unable to learn who had a son who became James the Second of Mains. In 1767, he inherited Blythwood. In order to take title thereto he CHANGED HIS NAME from Douglas to James CAMPBELL and he married Henriette Dunlop. He died in 1772/73. His eldest son John

succeeded to Blythswood. However, John died without issue at Martinque in a military engagement in 1794. His second son, Archibald Campbell (but he is Douglas by blood and Campbell by name only) took over the estate And he died without issue in 1838.

James the Second of Mains was succeeded at Mains by his brother Colin Douglas who died in 1820. Colin was succeeded at Mains by his eldest son Archibald Douglas (who married Caroline Agnes Dick). When Archibald Campbell of Blythswood died in 1838 this Archibald Douglas of Mains changed his name to Campbell and inherited from is his uncle. He was born in 1810 and died in 1868( see attached sheet showing his memorial monument at the local church).