

THE  
HISTORY  
OF THE  
ISLAND OF ANTIGUA,

ONE OF THE LEEWARD CARIBBEES IN THE WEST INDIES.

FROM THE FIRST SETTLEMENT IN 1635 TO THE PRESENT TIME.

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plantation called Vaughans in the Parish of St. George and Division of Old North Sound in Antigua, containing 280 acres . . . bounded E. with the land heretofore of Edward Byam, and late of William Byam, deceased, S. with the lands of Sir George Thomas, Bart., W. with the lands heretofore of John Gunthorpe, and now of William Gunthorpe, and N. with the lands late of Rowland Blackman, deceased . . . and also from the dwelling house . . . and from all oxen, bulls, cows, heifers, calves, and mules, and also from all negroes . . . for life, free from all taxes, etc., etc., payable at the Royal Exchange in the City of London . . . and further witnesseth that for the considerations aforesaid, and for better and more effectually securing payment of the annuity . . . and in consideration of 10s. . . . James Donovan grants to Thomas Drake, Henry Gorges Dohyns Yate, and William Hassall, the said plantation, dwelling house, negroes, etc., etc., from and immediately after the death of Richard Donovan, for 200 years . . . in trust . . . to permit James Donovan and his heirs to receive the rents, etc., for their own use and benefit till default shall be made in the annuity or any part thereof . . . and if in default 100 days, in trust, to bring actions against the tenants for the recovery . . . or to take such other ways as they think best . . . and at the death of Caroline Elizabeth Yate, and the payment of all arrears . . . the 200 years to determine . . . if any of the trustees die or be desirous to quit and be discharged, or become incapable of acting, Richard Donovan and Caroline Elizabeth, or she alone if she survives him, may nominate others . . . Ralph Shuttleworth, Attorney-at-Law, Rochdale, Richard Shuttleworth, also of Rochdale, Benjamin White, Clerk to the Rev. Dr. Yate of Broomsbury, witnesses.

23 Nov. 1797. Benjamin White maketh oath that he saw . . . and Caroline Elizabeth Yate, now Caroline Elizabeth Donovan . . . sign the said deed.

1806. July 22. The two Donovans, father and son, wrote to the Home Government slandering the Courts of Judicature at Antigua, and to this accusation, Chief Justice Barton, a Barrister of Lincoln's Inn, sends a very complete refutation, and remarks:—"That M<sup>r</sup> Jas. Donovan, when he knew him, was a clerk in the Marshal's Office, then set up a huckster's shop for the sale of rum, sugar, and provisions (often stolen by slaves from their masters and sold to him), and so acquired money to purchase the estate he now possesses. M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Donovan, his son, is of the Bar at

Antigua, and was committed to prison for trying to get witnesses to perjure themselves, and for libel." All the Council sign the Chief Justice's declaration. The Assembly also call the elder Donovan "an obscure illiterate individual, without competent means, and risen from poverty to wealth."

The plantation now called Donovans, formerly known as Vaughans, was for many years the property of the Otto-Bayers. Carved on a stone, on the very substantially built windmill, are the initials B. O. B., for Bayer Otto-Bayer.

There is a walled family burial ground near the house, but there are no stones now there.

#### PARISH REGISTER OF ST. GEORGE.

##### Buried.

1795	Feb. 13	Jane Donovan, a Child of, & in James Donovan's Estate.
1798	Feb. 6	Rachael Donovan, on M <sup>r</sup> Donovan's Estate.
1798	May 30	Sarah Donovan, in the Family burying Ground on the Estate.
1810	Oct. 14	James Donovan, in the Family burying Ground on the Estate, by L.
1816	July 12	Richard Donovan, Esq <sup>r</sup> , on his Estate, by L. from E. Byam. P.

##### Married.

1825	May 5	James Hancock Donovan to Jane Rosina Hodge, Sp <sup>r</sup> . L.
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##### Baptized.

1790	Aug. 16	Jane Ann D. of James Donovan & Sarah his wife.
1810	May 7	John S. of James Donovan and Isset his wife, b. March 27 <sup>th</sup> last.
1810	Aug. 11	Jane Elizabeth D. of James Donovan, deceased, and Isset Hancock, b. May 5 <sup>th</sup> last.
1827	Jan. 21	James Edmund Arthur s. of James Hancock Donovan (Planter) and Jane Rosina his wife. Donovans.
1828	Mar. 25	Frederick S. of James Hancock Donovan (Planter) and Jane Rosina his wife. Donovan's Estate.

## Family of Douglas.

Alexander Dowglass of St. Mary's Parish, Antigua. Will dated 3 Oct. 1694. To my wife Susanna my mare. All residue to my youngest . . . not yet baptized. M<sup>r</sup> John Roe, Gent., Ex<sup>r</sup>or, if he die my kinsman Thos. Turner, Jun<sup>r</sup>, to be Ex<sup>r</sup>or. Witnessed by John Hogdon, Rob<sup>t</sup> Tremill. Before His Excellency Christopher Codrington were sworn John Hogdon and Robert Tremill 20 Dec. 1694. Recorded 20 Dec. 1694.

Nuncupative will of Archibald Douglas, late Ensign of Captain John Sanderson in the Regiment of the Hon. Colonel Thomas Wetham, dated 3 Jan. 1703. All my pay to my colonel & my share of prize money to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Sanderson. Sworn to by Joseph Buckshorn, Gent., and Thomas Thomas. Recorded 12 Jan. 1703.

John Douglas of St. Christopher's, Esq. Will dated 22

June 1747; proved 13 Dec. 1748 by James George Douglas, the brother; power reserved to the others (350 Strahan). To my Wife Susannah in lieu of dower  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the clear profits of my plantation Pensez y bien in S<sup>t</sup> X<sup>p</sup>her's (she being already entitled for her life to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Colledge est.), my coach, chariott, 6 horses, plate, jewels, & the use of my dwelling-house at Pensez y bien. I am entitled on the death of M<sup>rs</sup> Priscilla Lambert, Wid. & relict of the Hon. Mich. Lambert, late L<sup>d</sup> Gov. of S<sup>t</sup> X<sup>p</sup>her's, to  $\frac{2}{3}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  &  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a plantation in S<sup>t</sup> Thos. Middle Isl<sup>d</sup> & S<sup>t</sup> Ann's, Sandy Point, which was his est.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of which I lately purchased of M<sup>rs</sup> Marg<sup>t</sup> Weatherill, Wid., & of her son M<sup>r</sup> Lambert Weatherill, & the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{3}$  hath been conveyed by myself & my wife to my use, & I give the  $\frac{1}{2}$  so purchased to my 2<sup>d</sup> son Jas. Douglas, & the  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{3}$  to my wife or to my s<sup>t</sup> s. if she be dead. If it be judged that the  $\frac{1}{2}$  is only  $\frac{1}{3}$ , in that case the  $\frac{1}{2}$  belongs to Rich<sup>d</sup> Holmes, Esq., 1<sup>st</sup> s. of my wife, & my Ex<sup>r</sup>or shall purchase it for my s. Jas. Douglas, but if he



inherit  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the s<sup>t</sup> Gov. Lambert's est. I charge £500 thereon for my s. W<sup>m</sup> Lambert Douglas, & £500 for my dan. Marg<sup>t</sup> Douglas. I have recently agreed to purchase of M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Crump of Antigua 40 acres, which on account of his wife's nounge could not be completed, & I give this to my y<sup>th</sup> s. W<sup>m</sup> Lambert Douglas, & my 1<sup>st</sup> s. John S<sup>r</sup> Leger Douglas, when 21, shall convey it to him, or in default pay £2000 st. To my s. W<sup>m</sup> Lambert Douglas £2000 at 21. To my dan. Marg<sup>t</sup> Douglas £3000 at 21. To my brother Jas. Geo. Douglas & my sisters Eliz. Smith & Mary Estridge & my 2 sons-in-law Rich<sup>d</sup> & Mich. Holmes £50 each. To each of my father's children in France £100 & £20 a yr. to each of the boys till 21. To my cousins Percy Gethin & Gertrude Philpot £40 each. The allowance I have p<sup>d</sup> for several years to M<sup>rs</sup> Susannah Douglas, Wid. of D<sup>r</sup> Geo. Douglas, doc<sup>t</sup>, of £15 a yr. shall be continued. To M<sup>rs</sup> Fran. Perrean £40. To my overseer Jcs. Farley 20 pistoles, & £10 to each of his children. To my bro. Jas. Geo. Douglas £500, & so long as he continue a sugar-factor my sugars are to be shipped to him, except  $\frac{1}{2}$  part from Antigua to M<sup>r</sup> Jas. Douglas of London. My father's sword & guns I give to my brother Jas. Geo. Douglas. All residue of lands & those purchased of Hixon Neale, the dans. of Watley & their husbands in the Canaries, & the Mountain in S<sup>t</sup> X<sup>p</sup>her's to my 1<sup>st</sup> s. John S<sup>r</sup> Leger Douglas in tail male. My brother Jas. Geo. Douglas, Steph. Blissard, & Tho. Warren of Antigua, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Ralph Payne, Rich<sup>d</sup> Rowland, & W<sup>m</sup> Estridge of S<sup>t</sup> X<sup>p</sup>her's, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Ex'ors. Witnessed by John Baker, Mary Baker, John Nahon.

Henry Douglas of Antigua, planter. Will dated 30 Nov. 1752; proved P.C.C. 26 June 1753 by James Douglas and Henry Douglas, Esquires; power reserved to the others. (170 Searle.) To M<sup>r</sup> Phineas Lavers, Custom house Officer in Crook Haven, Ireland, £200, but if he die before me £100 to his dan. Mary Lavers & £100 to his other children equally. To my brother George Douglas of Friershaw, advocate in Edinburgh, £1500. To my brother James Douglas, Merch<sup>t</sup> in London, £1200, or to his children. To my sister Martha Douglas (al's Martha Murray) £400, or to her children. To my sister Jane Douglas (al's Jane Fordice) £600, or to her children. To Miss Mary Dorby for her care of my dan. £150. To my godson Henry Lavers, son of Hercules Lavers, £50. To M<sup>rs</sup> Rachel Lavers of Cork, widow, £30. To the Infirmary Hospital at Edinburgh £20. To the poor of the parish in Edinburgh where I was born £100. To each Ex'or £25. In case from default of issue of my dan. Mary my estate should come to my brother James, I give these legacies following, viz:—To Benjamin King, Esq., my son-in-law, £500. To my brother George £1500 more, or to his children. To my sister Martha Douglas al's Murray £200. To my sister Jean Douglas al's Fordyce £300. To Andrew Lessly, Rob<sup>t</sup> Christian, & Patrick Grant, all of Antigua, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, all my real & all residue of my personal estate in Trust to pay rents to my dan. Mary, wife of Benjamin King, Esq., & to her heirs, & in default to my brother James, £5000 may be charged by the possessor of my estate for younger children. My dan. Mary, Benj<sup>n</sup> King, Andrew Lessly, Rob<sup>t</sup> Christian, Patrick Grant, my brother James Douglas, & my nephew Henry Douglas, son of my brother George Douglas, Ex'ors. Witnessed by John M<sup>c</sup>Kittrick, John Winthrop, James Anderson. Before John Tomlinson, Esq., was sworn Jno. McKittrick 6 Feb. 1753. Recorded at Antigua 27 Feb. 1753.

James George Douglas of London, Merchant. Will dated 17 March 1759; proved 16 May 1768 by Mary Douglas the widow; power reserved to the others. (193 Secker.) My leasehold house in Parliament Str. to my wife Mary. £6000

to my dan. Eliz. S<sup>r</sup> Leger Douglas at 21, she to be educated with the approbation of my friends Ralph Willett of Shooter's Hill, Esq., Tho. Truman of London, Merch<sup>t</sup>, & my nephews John S<sup>r</sup> Leger Douglas & Jas. Douglas, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, & if she die, &c., the s<sup>t</sup> £6000 to my Wife. To Chas. Douglas of . . . in France, Esq., £100, & to his sister Francoise Theresa Douglas, also of France, £50 a yr. To the 1<sup>st</sup> s. of my neph. John S<sup>r</sup> Leger Douglas, £100. To the 1<sup>st</sup> s. of my neph. Jas. Douglas, £100. To ea. of the children of my niece Marg<sup>t</sup> Dalrymple, Wife of Campbel Douglas of Brechal, co. Berks, Esq., £50 each. To my cousin Alex<sup>r</sup> Douglas of S<sup>t</sup> X<sup>p</sup>her's, Merch<sup>t</sup>, £100. To my sist. Mary Estridge, Wid., £50. All my furniture, coach, horses, & all residue to my Wife, she & Ralph Willett, Tho. Truman, John S<sup>r</sup> Leger Douglas, & Jas. Douglas, Ex'ors.

Robert Douglas of Antigua, Overseer. Will dated 8 Nov. 176-. To my dan. Marg<sup>t</sup> Douglass of Antrim County £30. All residue to my son James Douglas. He & Harry Alexander of Antigua, planter, Ex'ors. Witnessed by James Dewar, Ths. Fitzpatrick. Before His Excellency George Thomas, Esq., was sworn Thad. Fitzpatrick 4 March 1763. Recorded 5 March 1763.

John Bourke Douglass of Antigua, Surgeon. Will dated 21 March 1821. All my estate to my children Henrietta Sarah Bourke Douglass, Mary Douglass, Ann Amy Douglass, & John Alleyne Douglass equally. Jas. Douglass, Surgeon, Thos. Sanderson, Rich<sup>d</sup> Garland, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Ex'ors. Witnessed by David Aird, John Boyd, Rob<sup>t</sup> McNish, Jun<sup>r</sup>. Recorded 6 July 1821. Petition of Edward Alleyn for letters of administration 4 July 1821. Thomas Sanderson and Richard Garland decline to act.

1669, Jan. 13. Sir Anthony St. Leger of Westminster, Kt. Administration to Frances St. Leger his relict.  
1742, April 22. James Douglas, late of St. George the Martyr, M.D. Administration to Martha the relict.

Close Roll, 27 Geo. II., Part 1, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4.

Indenture made the 14th June 1753 between John St. Leger Douglas of St. Kitts, Esq., but at present resident in Broad Street, London (eldest son and heir of John Douglas, late of St. Kitts, Esq., deceased, and brother and heir of William Lambert Douglas, late of St. Kitts, Esq., youngest son of John Douglas, now also deceased, without issue, and devisee in tail named in the last will of John Douglas of the real estate hereinafter mentioned, in case of the death of William Lambert Douglas without issue), of the one part, and William Dawson of Broad Street, merchant, of the other part, witnesseth that in consideration of 5s. . . . John St. Leger Douglas grants and conveys to William Dawson all that tract of land containing 40 acres in the Parish of St. Paul in Antigua, late the estate of John Douglas, and by him purchased of Joshua Crumpe of Antigua, which by his last will dated the 22nd June 1747 he devised to his youngest son William Lambert Douglas and his heirs, and for default to John St. Leger Douglas and his heirs, with divers remainders, John St. Leger Douglas paying one half of the value at a fair appraisement to such other of testator's children as should then be living, equally, or to one if only one . . . for one whole year . . . William Hipplesly, Thomas Witherby, witnesses.

No. 3.

Indenture made the 15th June 1753 between the above, witnesseth that in consideration of 5s. . . . and for barring and destroying all estates tail and remainders John St. Leger Douglas grants and conveys to William Dawson (as



in No. 4) to the use of John St. Leger Douglas and his heirs, and to no other use . . . and John St. Leger Douglas nominates the Hon. Stephen Blizard and Thomas Warner, Esquires, of Antigua, to be his Attorneys . . .

## No. 2.

Indenture made the 14th June 1753 between John St. Leger Douglas . . . (oldest son and heir and residuary devisee in tail of John Douglas, late of St. Kitts, Esq., deceased, of his real estate called *Pensez y bien*, and other real estate hereinafter mentioned) of the one part, and William Dawson of the other part, witnesseth that in consideration of 5s. . . . John St. Leger Douglas grants and conveys to William Dawson all that plantation called *Pensez y bien*, containing 200 acres, in the Parish of St. Peter Basseterre in St. Kitts, and all those tracts of land in the Parish of St. George Basseterre, the Canaries and the Mountains in St. Kitts, also late the estate of John Douglas, deceased, and by him purchased of Hixon Neale and the daughters of Watley and their husbands, and all other lands late of John Douglas in any other part of St. Kitts (except such lands as were heretofore Lieut.-Governor Lambert's), all which lands were by the last will of John Douglas . . . devised to John St. Leger Douglas and his heirs with divers remainders . . . and all negroes and other slaves, etc., and all horses, mares, geldings, colts, mules, asses, bulls, cows, oxen, and all other cattle . . . for one whole year. William Hipplesley, Thomas Witherby, witnesses.

## No. 1.

Indenture made the 15th June 1753 between the above witnesseth that in consideration of 5s. . . . and for barring and destroying all estates tail and remainders John St. Leger Douglas grants and conveys to William Dawson (as in No. 2) to the only proper use of John St. Leger Douglas and his heirs . . . and John St. Leger Douglas authorises and in his place puts Ralph Payne, William Buckley, James Losack, and Robert Phipps, Esquires, all of St. Kitts . . . to appear . . .

## Close Roll, 32 Geo. II., Part 1, Nos. 1 and 2.

Indenture made the 29th Nov. 1758 between Mary King, late of Antigua, but now of the Parish of St. Margaret's, Westminster (only daughter and heir of Henry Douglas, late of Antigua, planter, deceased, and also widow and relict of Benjamin King, late of Antigua, Esq., deceased), of the one part, and Hugh Hamersley of Lincoln's Inn, Gentleman, of the other part, witnesseth that in consideration of 5s. . . . Mary King grants, etc., to Hugh Hamersley all those plantations late the estate of Henry Douglas, deceased, but now of her Mary King, in the Division of Old Road and Parish of St. Mary, Antigua, that is, a plantation called Ravenscroft, containing 210 acres, butted and bounded eastward with the lands of William Younge and Francis Farley, Esq., west with the lands of John Brooke, Esq., formerly of Alexander Pollington, Esq., northward with the ridge of the mountain, and southward with the lands of Valentine Morris and John Brooke, Esquires, formerly Brambles . . . and all that other plantation late of Henry Douglas . . . containing 300 acres, butted and bounded east with the lands now in the possession of John Brooke, Esq., west with the lands of Shute Shrimpton Yeamans, Esq., south with the sea, and north with the tops of the mountains . . . and also all those the negroes and mulatto slaves, both black and white, male and female, late of Henry Douglas . . . that is to say (names given), 55 men, 48 women, 11 boys, and 15 girls, together 124 . . . all which plantations, etc., were heretofore in the tenure or occupation of Henry Douglas, and late of Mary King or of Edward Trant the younger,

of Antigua, Esq., her lessee . . . and all houses, etc., etc., of Mary King, heretofore in the tenure or occupation of Henry Douglas, and since of Benjamin King . . . and now or late in the tenure or occupation of Mary King . . . for one whole year . . . and Mary King appoints Robert Christian, George Savage, and Patrick Grant, Esquires, all of Antigua, her Attorneys. Giles Hitchcock, Richard Gilbert, witnesses.

## No. 1.

Indenture made the 30th Nov. 1758 between Mary King . . . of the one part, and Hugh Hamersley . . . of the other part, witnesseth that for the docking, discharging, extinguishing, cutting off, and barring of all and every estate and estates tail . . . and in conformity with the Act . . . for supplying the want of fines . . . and in consideration of 5s. Mary King grants, etc., to Hugh Hamersley . . . (as in No. 2).

## Close Roll, 3 Geo. III., Part 3, Nos. 8, 9, 10.

Indenture made 2nd May 1763 between Andrew Lessly, late of Antigua, but now of Youngsbury in the Parish of Standing, Herts, Esq., Robert Christian of Antigua, Esq., and Patrick Grant, also of Antigua, Esq. (trustees of Henry Douglas, late of Antigua, Esq., deceased), Michael McNemara, late of Barbados, but now of the Parish of St. Margaret's, Westminster, Doctor in Physic, and Mary McNemara his wife (late Mary King, only daughter and heir of the said Henry Douglas and Mary his wife, both deceased), of the one part, and Sir James Douglas of St. Olla in the Orkney Islands, etc., etc., Rear-Admiral of the White Squadron of the Royal Navy, John Newton of Blunhurst, co. Stafford, Esq., and Hugh Hamersley of Lincoln's Inn, Esq., of the other part, witnesseth that in consideration of 5s., the former have granted, etc., etc., to the latter all those plantations late the estate of Henry Douglas in the Division of Old Road and Parish of St. Mary, Antigua, that is to say, a plantation called Ravenscroft, containing 210 acres butted and bounded to the eastward with the lands now or late of William Young, Esq., and Francis Farley, Esq., westward with the lands now or late of John Brooke, Esq., formerly of Alexander Pollington, Esq., northward with the ridge of the mountains, and southward with the lands now or late of Valentine Morris, Esq., and John Brooke, Esq., formerly Brambles, and all that plantation, containing 300 acres, butted and bounded east with the lands now or late of John Brooke, Esq., west with the lands now or late of Shute Shrimpton Yeamans, Esq., south with the sea, and north with the tops of the mountains and also the mansion house, kitchen, etc., etc., built on the last-mentioned plantation, and also the cattle mill, etc., etc., and all the negro and mulatto slaves (names given), 51 men, 42 women, 11 boys, and 29 girls, etc., etc., and all cattle, etc., etc., all which plantations, etc., lately were in the tenure or occupation of Edward Trant the younger of Antigua, Esq., by lease dated 28th April 1758, made by Andrew Lessly, Robert Christian, and Patrick Grant, and also by Mary McNemara, for eleven years from the 15th Aug. then last past, at rents amounting to the yearly sum of £1180 sterling, and now are or lately were in the tenure, etc., of John Harvey, Esq., and his under-tenants . . . and all other plantations, etc., whatsoever in Antigua by the will of Henry Douglas devised, etc., etc., to have and to hold to Sir James Douglas, John Newton, Esq., and Hugh Hamersley, Esq., for one whole year at the rent of a peppercorn, if demanded, that they may be in actual possession, etc., etc., to the uses of an Indenture quadripartite bearing date the day after these presents . . . and lastly they nominate, etc., Robert Christian of Antigua, Esq., and John Brocks of Antigua, Esq., their Attorneys. Witnessed by Mary Darby, Giles Hitchcock, John Lessly.



## No. 9.

Indenture made 2nd May 1763 between Michael McNemara, etc., etc., and Mary McNemara his wife, etc., etc., of the one part, and Sir James Douglas, etc., etc., John Newton, Esq., etc., etc., and Hugh Hamersley, etc., etc., of the other part, witnesseth that in consideration of 5s. the former have bargained, etc., etc., to the latter all those messuages, etc., of Mary McNemara in the town of St. John's heretofore the estate and inheritance of Mary Douglas her mother, and now let to different persons at rents amounting to £120 sterling yearly, and the negro or other slaves, Cippe, otherwise Elizabeth Douglas, Johanna and her daughters Catty, Maria, Jane, and Dinah, Johnny, otherwise John Douglas, son of Johanna . . . for one whole year, etc., etc. The same Attorneys and the same witnesses.

## No. 8.

Indenture quadripartite made 3rd May 1763 between Andrew Lessly, Robert Christian, and Patrick Grant of the 1st part, Michael McNemara and Mary his wife of the 2nd part, Sir James Douglas of the 3rd part, and John Newton and Hugh Hamersley of the 4th part . . . Whereas Henry Douglas by his will dated 30th Nov. 1752 gave to Andrew Lessly, Robert Christian, and Patrick Grant all his messuages, plantations, etc., etc., and real estate in trust for the life of Mary his daughter, then wife of Benjamin King, Esq., for her and her heirs male in tail, whom failing, to her daughters, etc., etc., and died leaving her his only child and heir-at-law, and whereas by Indenture tripartite (no date) between Mary, then Mary King, of the 1st part, Michael McNemara of the 2nd part, and Sir James Douglas and John Newton, Esq., of the 3rd part, reciting among other things that Mary, then Mary King, was seized of an estate of inheritance in certain plantations, etc., etc., and a marriage was intended to be had between her and Michael McNemara, it was witnessed that in consideration of such marriage and of the provision intended by him for her and their issue, she agreed to assure the said plantations, etc., etc., to Sir James Douglas and John Newton, Esq., in trust to pay to her £500 a year for life and to preserve the contingent remainders . . . and failing issue of Michael and Mary McNemara as she should appoint . . . and failing her appointment the messuages, etc., in the town of St. John's to the use of Susanna Lavers, widow, and all the children of Captain Hercules Lavers of Bristol, deceased, equally, and to their heirs, and as to the plantations, etc., etc., to the right heirs of Mary King for ever, and Mary King to have power to charge the plantations with £2000, etc., etc., and whereas the marriage was had and solemnised 20th Jan. now last past . . . and whereas by deed poll . . . from and after the death of Michael McNemara and Mary, without issue, the plantations were granted, etc., etc., to Sir James Douglas and John Newton, Esq., in trust to preserve the contingent remainders to George Douglas (eldest son of Sir James) and his heirs male in tail with like remainder to James Douglas (second son of Sir James) and his heirs, etc., etc., and to Thomas Douglas (3rd son of Sir James) and his heirs, etc., etc., with remainder to the heirs of Sir James Douglas, but with power to Mary McNemara to revoke if she survives her husband . . . now this Indenture witnesseth that to bar all estates, etc., etc., they grant, bargain, etc., etc., the said plantations, etc., etc., to Sir James Douglas and John Newton, Esq., in trust . . .

Close Roll, 49 Geo. III., Part 3, Nos. 15 and 16.

Indenture made the 18th Aug. 1809 between Rachel Maies of Westbury-upon-Trip, Gloucester, widow, Mathew Gravett Hawkins, Gentleman, Benjamin Lavers Hawkins, Surgeon, Susan Hawkins and Ann Hawkins, spinsters, all of Westbury-upon-Trip, of the one part, and Amy Clark and Hannah Clark, both of the town of St. John, Antigua,

spinsters, of the other part, witnesseth that in consideration of 5s. . . . Rachel Maies, Mathew Gravett Hawkins, Benjamin Lavers Hawkins, and Susan and Ann Hawkins grant and convey to Amy and Hannah Clark all that plot or parcel of land in Church Street in the town of St. John, Antigua, bounded E. with Newgate Lane, N. with Newgate Street, W. with the land of Richard Shubrick, lands of the parish of St. Anne's, Westminster, and lands late of John Killian, deceased, and Daniel Hill, and S. with Church Street, together with the messuages or dwelling-houses, etc., etc., standing thereon, heretofore the estate and inheritance of Mary Douglas, and which said piece of ground, etc., have been for many years past in the tenure or occupation of Gavin Hamilton, but now of them Amy and Hannah Clark . . . for one whole year . . . and they constitute Daniel Hill of the town of St. John and . . . Jacques of the City of Bristol, merchant, trading to Antigua, their Attorneys . . . Bryant Biggs, G. P. Hinton, clerks to Mr. Hawkins.

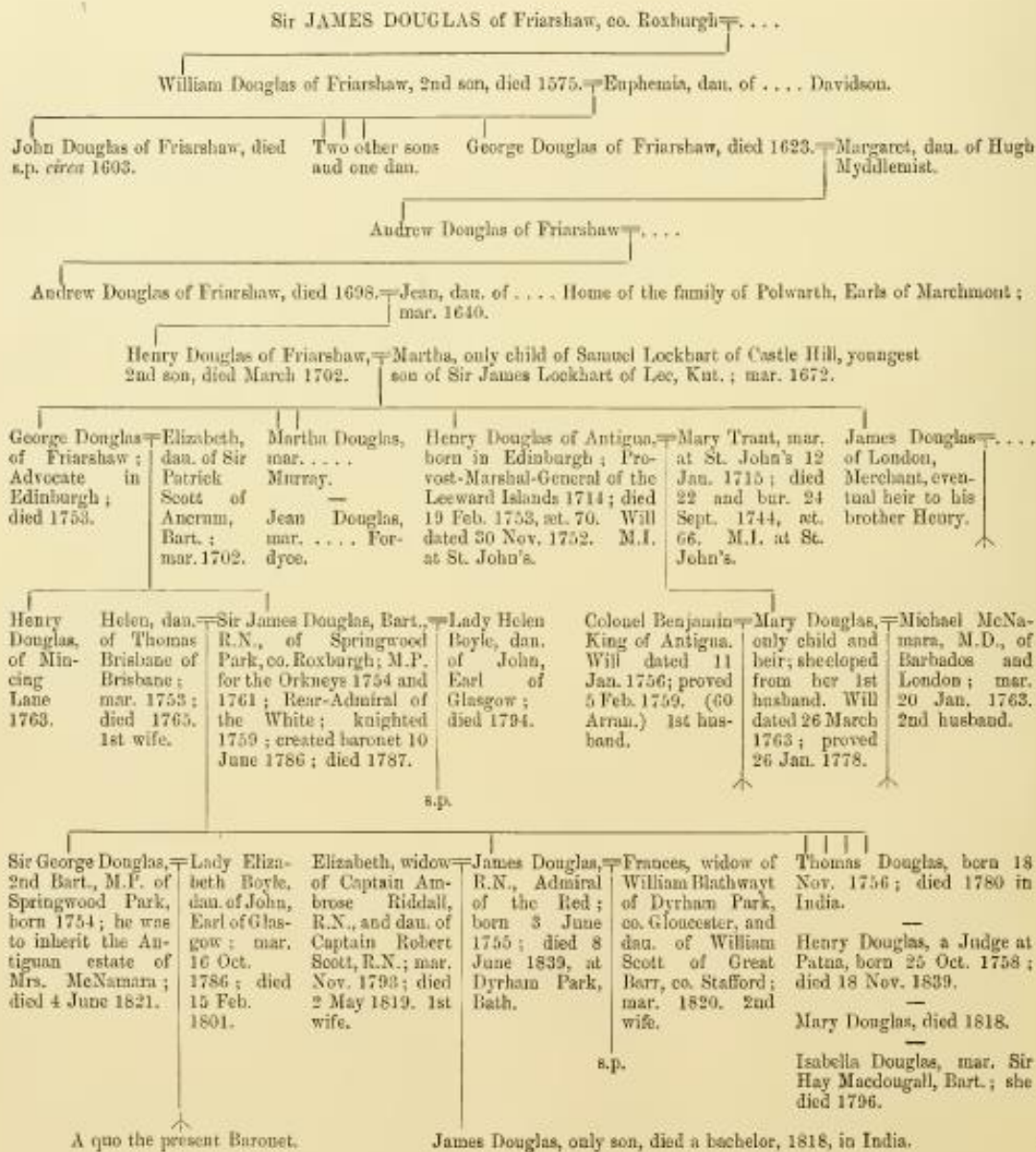
## No. 15.

Indenture made the 19 Aug. 1809 between Rachel Maies . . . (one of the daughters of Hercules Lavers, formerly of Bristol, named in an Indenture of settlement hereinafter recited), Mathew Gravett Hawkins, Benjamin Lavers Hawkins, and Susan and Ann Hawkins (only surviving children of Susannah, one other of the daughters of Hercules Lavers, by Mathew Hawkins of Bristol, Gentleman) of the one part, and Amy and Hannah Clark . . . of the other part. Whereas by an Indenture tripartite made the 19th Jan. 1763 (recited in Close Roll, 3 Geo. III., Part 3) between Mary King of the Parish of St. Margaret's, Westminster (only daughter and heir of Henry Douglas of Antigua, Esq., and Mary his wife, both deceased), of the 1st part, Michael Macnamara, late of Barbados . . . of the 2nd part, and Sir James Douglas of St. Olla . . . and John Newton of Elmhurst, Esq. . . . of the 3rd part . . . after reciting that a marriage was intended . . . it was witnessed that Mary King did grant and convey to Sir James Douglas and John Newton . . . among divers other lands, etc., etc., particularly mentioned . . . all those messuages or dwelling houses in the town of St. John, heretofore the estate of Mary Douglas, mother of Mary King, and let together at yearly rents amounting to £120 sterling . . . in trust . . . to preserve the contingent remainders . . . and failing issue of Michael and Mary Macnamara, as she should appoint . . . and failing her appointment, to the use of Susanna Lavers, widow, and all the children of Captain Hercules Lavers, late of Bristol, deceased, as tenants in common . . . and to their respective heirs . . . and whereas the marriage took effect . . . and Mary King, afterwards Mary Macnamara, departed this life without leaving any issue by Michael Macnamara, and without making any will or deed of appointment in pursuance of the power given her . . . and whereas Michael Macnamara is also since dead . . . and whereas Hercules Lavers left at his death only two children living, Rachel, who afterwards intermarried with John Maies of Bristol, gentleman, since deceased, and Susanna, who intermarried with Mathew Hawkins of Bristol, gentleman, and which said Susanna departed this life the 12th Oct. 1796, leaving . . . the parties hereto, who became entitled to her moiety . . . and whereas Amy and Hannah Clark did some time past contract and agree for the absolute purchase of the fee simple and inheritance of the messuages, etc., at the price of £550 sterling . . . and there has since become due for interest £130 19s. 10d., making together £680 19s. 10d. sterling . . . Now this Indenture witnesseth that in consideration of £340 9s. 11d. paid to Rachel Maies, and the like sum to Mathew Gravett Hawkins, Benjamin Lavers Hawkins, and Susan and Ann Hawkins . . . they grant and confirm to Amy and Hannah Clark, in their actual possession being . . . all that plot of ground, etc. (as in No. 16), to them and their heirs forever.

## Pedigree of Douglas.



ARMS.—*Argent, a human heart imperially crowned, proper, on a chief azure three wullets of the first.*  
 CREST.—*A cubit arm erect, grasping a broken tilting-spear, all proper.*  
 MOTTO.—*Dee or Die.*





## Pedigree of Douglas.



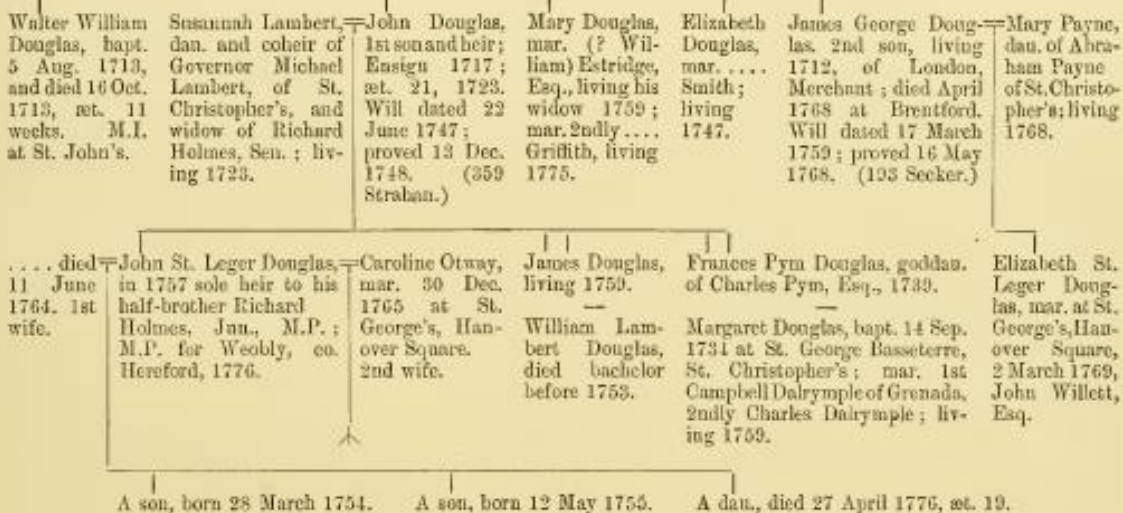
ARMS.—. . . a heart gules, transfixed transversely by an arrow and surmounted by a crown, on a chief . . . three mullets.  
 CREST.—A dexter arm couped, holding a short sword.  
 MOTTO.—*Sapientia et Virtus.*

WALTER DOUGLAS, Major in the Army; Governor of Leeward Islands 1710-11 till his supercession Aug. 1713; living 1717 and 1724; owner of 500 acres at St. Christopher's. He retired to France, where he had a son Charles and a dau. Françoise Therese, who were both living 1759.

. . . dau. of . . . John Douglas, St. Leger; living 1720.

James Douglas, M.D. of London, 1717; born 1675 in Scotland; M.D. Rheims; P.R.S. 1706; F.R.C.P. 1721; died April 1742, bur. on 9th at St. Andrew's, Holborn. Administration 22 April to Martha his widow. (See Monk's Roll of the R.C.P.)

ARMS.—*Fretty, a chief or.*



1672, April 17. Walter Douglas of Antigua, planter, sells to William Jones of Antigua, planter, 10 acres in the Road Division.

1710-11, March 24. Major Walter Douglas is to succeed Governor Parke, and his commission and instructions are ordered to be drawn out.

One of his letters, dated 20 July 1711, bears a small seal with these arms: . . . a heart transfixed transversely by an arrow and surmounted by a crown, on a chief . . . three mullets. (B. T. Leeward Islands, vol. 12.)

In 1713 he used a very large seal in the same style as, and apparently copied from Governor Parke's. In the centre is his single coat of arms, surmounted by his crest, a dexter arm couped holding a short sword, the whole backed by military trophies, probably having reference to the Duke of Marlborough's victories. He was superseded on 12 Aug. 1713, when Walter Hamilton was appointed Governor in his stead. (*Ibid.*, vol. 13.)

1712. Sir John St. Leger writes to their lordships on 25 July that he has received a letter from Lieutenant William Douglass, who was taken prisoner on board an Antigua sloop and carried into Brest. All the papers which that officer was bringing home from Governor Walter Douglas had to be thrown overboard. (*Ibid.*, vol. 12.)

1712, Oct. 4. Our Agent, Sir John St. Leger, is of too near relationship to the General (Governor Walter Douglas), and of no use. (Minutes of Assembly.) On 4 Feb. 1711 he was described as of the Middle Temple. On the same day William Douglas, Esq., petitioned for land E. and W. 50 feet by N. and S. 60 feet, bounded N. with Nevie Street, S. with James Street, E. with Taylor Street, W. with Philemon Bird, which was granted.

1712, Dec. 1. Grant by Walter Douglas, Esq., Governor, to John Douglas, Esq., Chirurgeon-General of the Leeward Islands, of a plantation in Cappisterre, St. Christopher's, for three years. Recorded 7 Dec. 1714.

1714. Henry Douglas, then Provost-Marshal-General.

1715. Sir John St. Leger made a Baron of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland. ('Historical Register,' p. 22.)

1717. Petition of Esq. John Douglas, Gent., that Queen Anne on 3 Nov., in the 10th year of her reign, granted to Sir John St. Leger, Kt., now one of the Barons of the Exchequer in Ireland, James Douglas of London, Doctor of Physic, and John Thornton of Nevis, Esq., a plantation in St. Christopher's, French land, for three years, for the use of petitioner. Petitioner's parents desire a grant of it for him.

By a return made in 1717 it appears that Walter

Douglas had no land in the English, but 400 acres and 150 slaves in the French quarter. (B. T. Leeward Islands, vol. 15.)

1718. Ensign John Douglas, son to Walter Douglas, Esq. His mother manages his estate. (*Ibid.*)

1719-20, 29 Jan. Mr. James George Douglass petitions that he had a grant of French lands at Basseterre, and his parents erected storehouses thereon. His father, while Captain-General, passed a patent to him, dated 1 Dec. 1712, of a piece of land 170 feet by 80 feet; Sir William Mathew renewed it to him for two and a half years on 10 Jan. 2 Geo. . . . his poor parents . . . his elder brother John Douglass is also threatened in regard to his title of land near petitioner's. (America and West Indies, No. 551, p. 345.)

1720. Henry Douglas, Esq., granted 150 acres at the Road Mountains. Surveyed 12 Jan.

In a letter dated 3 Dec. 1723 Governor Hart says: The late Governor Douglas's estate of 560 acres was in trust for his son John, and is heavily mortgaged. (America and West Indies, No. 451, p. 35.)

In 1724 Walter Douglas, Esq., was in possession of a plantation called *Pensez y bien*, which he granted to Josh. Ward in 1714. (B. T. Leeward Islands, vol. 18.)

The law officers to the Board of Trade report adversely against the sale of the Douglas Plantation. It is stated that John Douglas, son of Walter Douglas, late Captain-General, came of age about 1723. Mrs. Douglas, his mother, came to England that year, and mortgaged all the stock, etc., to Mr. Bernardiston, a merchant in London. Governor Hart lent £1000 to John Douglas to enable him to buy back 200 acres of the estate he sold. The estate was never legally sold, but only mortgaged. Received 15 May 1727. (*Ibid.*, vol. 19.)

1728 and 1743. John Douglas, then present, as a Member, at a meeting of the Council of St. Christopher's. (*Ibid.*, vols. 26 and 27.)

1740, Oct. 23. George Douglas, Esq., appointed Agent for St. Christopher's *vice* Richard Coope. (*Ibid.*, vol. 55.)

1742, April 2. Dr. James Douglass of Red-Lion Square, a famous Mau-midwife. ('Gentleman's Magazine,' p. 118.)

1744. James George Douglas, then Agent for St. Christopher's.

1748. Ralph Payne appointed a Member of the Council of St. Christopher's *vice* George Douglas, Esq., deceased. (B. T. Leeward Islands, vol. 29.)

1754, March 28. The lady of John St. Leger Douglas, Esq., of a son. ('London Magazine,' p. 140.)

1755, May 12. Lady of John St. Leger Douglas, Esq., of a son. (*Ibid.*, p. 251.)

1764, June 11. Lady of John St. Leger Douglas, Esq., near Grosvenor-square. ('Gentleman's Magazine,' p. 302.)

1766, March 20. Lady of Sir Ja. Douglas, near Kelso. (*Ibid.*, p. 152.)

1768, April. Ja. Geo. Douglas, Esq., at Brentford Batts. (*Ibid.*)

1770, Sept. Hon. Alexander Douglas, manager on the estate of John St. Leger Douglas, at St. Christopher's, *re* 10 runaway negroes.

1776, April 27. Miss Douglas, aged 19, daughter to John St. Leger Douglas, member for Weobly, Herefordshire. ('Gentleman's Magazine,' p. 286.)

1779, Oct. 24. At St. Christopher's, Robert Douglas, esq., governor of all his majesty's forts and fortifications in that island. . . . He has left the bulk of his fortune (which is very considerable) to his brother Capt. John Douglas, of his Majesty's ship the *Terrible*. (*Ibid.*, 1780, p. 50.)

1838, July 31. At Grenada, John Douglas, esq., Provost Marshal General of the Island. (*Ibid.*, p. 566.)

1839, June 8. At Dyrham Park, Bath, James Douglas, Esq., Admiral of the Red. This officer was the second son

of Sir James Douglas, of Springwood Park, Roxburghshire, Scot. and Bart., by his first wife Helen, daughter of Thomas Brisbane, esq., and was descended from Andrew Douglas of Friarshaw, who married Jane Home, of the family of the Earls of Marchmont. After passing through the intervening ranks of Midshipman, Lieutenant, and Commander, he was advanced to that of Post-Captain Oct. 20 1780, and in the same year commanded the *Venus* frigate, at the Leeward Islands, from which vessel he was afterwards removed into the *Akeme* of 32 guns. On the breaking out of the war with the French republic, Capt. Douglas was appointed to the *Saturn*, a 74-gun ship, in which he proceeded to the Mediterranean, and was with Admiral Hotbom when that officer encountered the enemy's fleet, July 13 1795. He returned to England in company with a squadron under the orders of Rear-Adm. Mann, and was subsequently stationed in the Channel. He was promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral, Feb. 14 1799; Vice-Admiral, Nov. 9, 1805; and Admiral, July 31, 1810. Mrs. Douglas died May 2, 1819.

Sir James Douglas was knighted for bringing home the news of the surrender of Quebec in 1759; he commanded a squadron at the Leeward Islands in 1761; took Dominica, and had a broad pennant at the siege of Martinique in the same year. He was created a Baronet June 10 1786, but died in the following year. He is now represented by his great-grandson, Sir George Henry Douglas, the fourth Baronet, a minor. ('Gentleman's Magazine,' p. 424.)

Admiral James Douglas was born in 1756. He was twice married; first, in 1793, to Elizabeth, widow of Ambrose Riddall, Capt. R.N., and daughter of Robert Scott, Capt. R.N., by whom he had one son, James, who died unmarried in India in 1818. Mrs. Douglas having died in 1819, the Admiral married secondly in the following year Frances, widow of William Blathwayt of Dyrham Park, co. Glouc., esq., and daughter of William Scott of Great Barr, co. Stafford, esq. This lady survives him. (*Ibid.*, p. 442.)

#### PARISH REGISTER OF ST. JOHN.

##### Baptized.

1713	Aug. 5	Walter William S. of His Excell <sup>y</sup> Walter Douglas & Jane his wife.
1733	Jan. 16	Mary D. of John Douglas & Dorothy his wife.
1742	Jan. 9	Sarah the D. of Alexander Douglass and Elizabeth his wife.
1820	Jan. 7	John Alleyne S. of John Bourtie Douglas and Mary Eliza his wife. B. the 10 <sup>th</sup> December last.
1826	Nov. 28	B. the 10 <sup>th</sup> Inst. Anna Maria D. of James & Elizabeth Ash Douglass, St John's. Doctor of Physic.
1828	Aug. 22	William Adam s. of James & Elizabeth Douglass, St John's. Doctor of Medicine.
1831	July 20	Henrietta Martha D. of James & Elizabeth Douglas, St John's, Practitioner of Physic.

##### Buried.

1713	Oct. 17	Walter William Douglas.
1717	Feb. 23	Elizabeth Douglas.
1732	Mar. 2	Capt Robert Douglass.
1744	Sept. 24	. . . . Douglas, wife of Henry Douglass, Esq.
1753	Feb. 20	Henry Douglas, Esq <sup>r</sup> .
1754	Dec. 3	Dorothy Douglas.
1760	Nov. 11	Robert Douglas.
1765	Sept. 24	Thomas Douglas.
1778	April 21	William Douglas.
1805	Aug. 28	Archibald Douglas.
1830	Nov. 11	James Douglas, St John's. Inf.
1836	Dec. 10	John Douglass, M.D. St John's. 38.



*Married.*

- 1715 Jan. 12 Henry Douglass and Mary Trant.  
 1732 Mar. 25 The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Douglass and Doro.  
 Darby. L.  
 1753 Mar. 6 William King and Margaret Douglas. L.  
 1809 Jan. 4 Daniel Douglas to Elizabeth Lyon, Widow.  
 L.  
 1825 June 25 James Douglass, M.D., and Elizabeth  
 Ash Scholes of this Parish, Spinster. L.

## PARISH REGISTER OF ST. PHILIP.

*Buried.*

- 1767 Sept. 15 W<sup>m</sup> Douglas.  
 PARISH REGISTER OF ST. GEORGE, BASSITERRE, ST.  
 CHRISTOPHER'S.

*Baptized.*

- 1734 Sept. . . Margaret the D. of Susannah and John  
 Douglas, Esq<sup>r</sup>, N<sup>d</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 days old.

## PARISH REGISTER OF ST. GEORGE, HANOVER SQUARE.

*Married.*

- 1765 Dec. 30 John S<sup>r</sup> Leger Douglas, Esq<sup>r</sup>, W., & Caro-  
 line Otway, S. L.B.L.  
 1769 Mar. 2 John Willett of S<sup>t</sup> Bennet's Fink, London,  
 Esq<sup>r</sup> & B., & Elizabeth S<sup>r</sup> Leger  
 Douglas of this parish, S. L.A.C.  
 Wit. by John S<sup>r</sup> Leger Douglas &  
 Ralph Willett.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCHYARD.

On a ledger over a brick tomb:—

Arms: . . . a heart surmounted by a crown, on a chief  
 . . . three mullets.

Crest: An arm embowed in clouds holding a broken  
 tilting-spear.

Motto: *Doe or die.*

Here lies MARY DOUGLAS  
 Wife of HENRY DOUGLAS  
 of the Island of Antigua Esq<sup>r</sup>:  
 She died the 22<sup>d</sup> of September 1744  
 Aged 66 Years.

Here lies also the Body of  
 HENRY DOUGLAS Esq<sup>r</sup>: her Husband  
 who departed this life the 19 of February  
 1753 Aged 70 years.

On a ledger in the pathway leading up to south door:—

Arms: . . . a heart gules transfixed transversely by an  
 arrow and surmounted by a crown; on a chief . . . three  
 mullets (DOUGLAS) impating fretty a chief or (ST. LEGER).

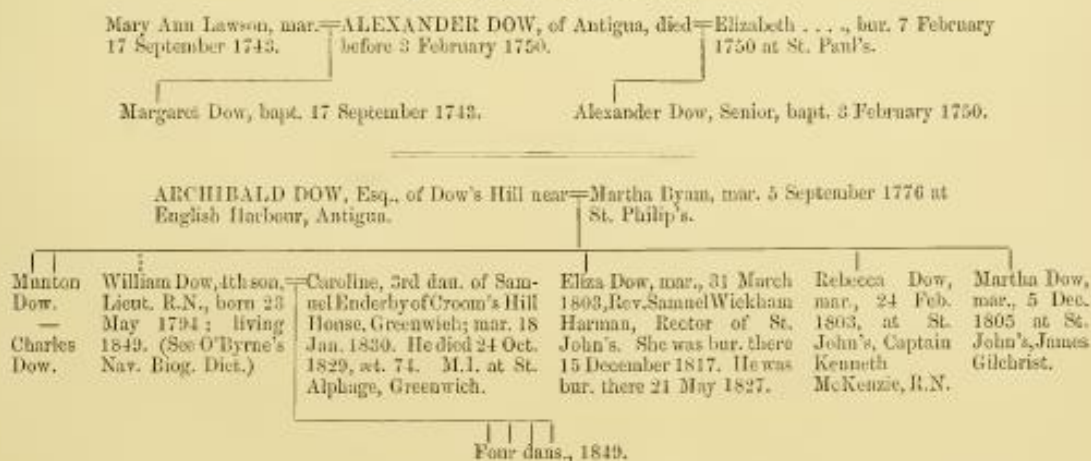
Crest: A dexter arm couped holding a dagger.

Motto: *Sapientia et Virtus.*

Here lyes y<sup>e</sup> body of  
 WALTER WILLIAM DOUGLAS

Son to his Excellency  
 WALTER DOUGLAS Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup>  
 General & Commander  
 in Chief in and Over all  
 Her Majesties Leeward  
 Caribbee Islands in  
 America & Great Grand  
 son by Mothers side to  
 ANTHONY S<sup>r</sup> LEGER  
 of Ireland who was twice  
 Lord Lein<sup>a</sup>: & three times  
 Lord Deputy of that  
 Kingdom he departed this  
 life the 16 of October  
 1713 Aged eleven weeks.

## Pedigree of Dow.



William Pike of Antigua, Planter. Will dated 5 Jan. 1714. To my dan. Cath. Pike 50,000 lbs. at 21 or marriage. To my Mother Ann Stevenon £10 c. & maintenance. To my goddan. Elianor Gratrix £50 c. at 21 or mar. To my brother's dan. Eliz. Pike £25 c. at 21 or mar. To John Tankard s. of Mary Murphy £50 at 21. £3 rings to my Ex'ors. To my Wife Ann a horse. All residue to my s. W<sup>m</sup> Pike & in default to my dan. Cath., my father-in-law Hen. Cooke & all residue to my brother-in-law John Stevenon & my niece Eliz. Pike. My Wife, M<sup>r</sup> John King, Joshua Jones, Esq., Cap. John Duer & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Lavington

Ex'ors & Guardians. Witnessed by W<sup>m</sup> Grear, John Teatte, John Marchant, Mary Howard. Sworn before John Yeamans, Esq., by W<sup>m</sup> Grear & John Teatte 15 Mar. 1714.

Will of Samuel Grover, planter, dated 19 Jan. 1786. To my niece & goddan. Eliz. Dow dan. of old Alex<sup>r</sup> Dow 6 negros. To my niece & goddan. Ann Pyke Dow a negro. To my neph. Arch. Grover Dow a negro. To my neph. Alex<sup>r</sup> Dow, son of old Alex<sup>r</sup> Dow, a negro. To my neph. Arch<sup>d</sup> Dow a negro. To my old serv<sup>t</sup> Katy my negro Obba, 6 joes, bed, &c. To my neph. Arch. Dow, S<sup>r</sup>, my liguam