



# THE CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

## NEWSLETTER

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

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### Aims and Objectives of the Association

- To act as a representative body of Douglas's and Septs
- To encourage genealogical research and documentation of Douglas history
- To promote fellowship amongst members
- To establish and maintain contact with other Douglas associations throughout the world
- Provide members four Newsletters a year (members are invited to contribute articles of general interest)
- Provide social gatherings to enable Members to meet.

**Clan Douglas Website - [www.clandouglas.org.au](http://www.clandouglas.org.au)**

The website currently offers the following features for members and general public.

- General Information about the Clan Douglas (members and public)
- Events (members and public)
- Discussion board (forum for members and public)
- Newsletters (members only)
- Photo gallery (members only)
- Family tree software (members only)
- Application form (public and members)

Members can log in with a user name and password to view area that are not available for the general public, thus maintaining privacy and adding value to your membership.

All members must first register on the site. Registration follows a confirmation and approved process so that only paid-up members can register. Just follow the instructions sent in the registration email. Once approved, you can use your username and password to log in at any time.

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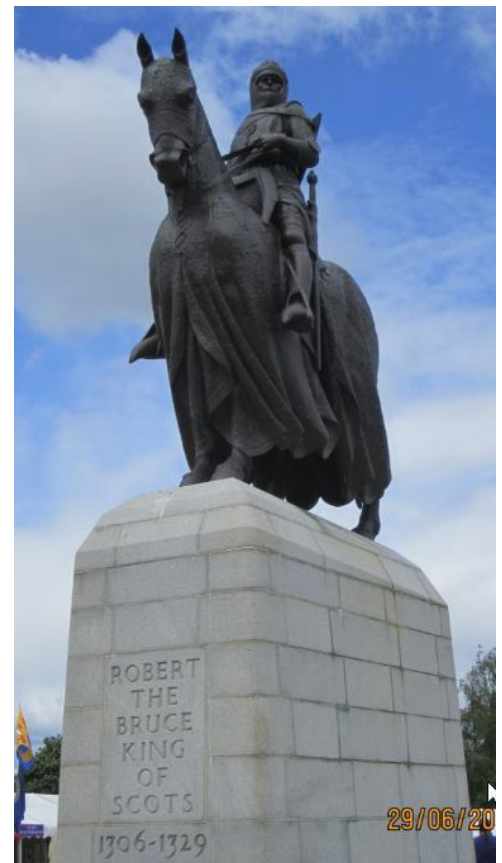
## THE GATHERING OF THE DOUGLAS CLAN, SCOTLAND 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014

The Gathering was the brainchild of William Douglas of Douglas Archives Scotland. He said it had been his dream for many years to 'bring together Douglasses from around the world, of whatever branch, spelling or Sept, to enable us to visit historic sites, and learn more about our ancestors and their heritage.'

Douglasses came from Canada, USA, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Norway, England and Scotland wearing kilts, tartan skirts, trews, tam o'shanter and armed with family trees. There were about 50 of us, a good number to fit into one bus where we could easily move around to get to know each other and our various connections to Scotland, and sometimes to each other. There were 5 Australian members of CDAA, Mary and Jenny Smith, my brother Jock Douglas, and cousin Ken Douglas and myself as well as a New Zealand member, Jackie Stoddard. We gathered another N.Z. member along the way, Elizabeth Wade. The connection to Scotland was foremost in my thoughts as we flew across the oceans and seas, a journey taking about 30 hours with flying time and waits at airports.

The reverse journey of our ancestors took much longer, and with more anxiety as they were starting out on a new life in a new land. My own Gt. Gt. Grandfather arriving at Port Jackson Sydney in 1839 probably took 3 months. And he certainly had all his luggage with him in his cabin trunk, in fact far more luggage than the 23 kilos we could take. He also didn't have the problem we did, as Mary, Jenny and I were without ours for 4-5 days because it was stockpiled at Heathrow, due to a computer glitch.

All six members of CDAA stayed at Dalmahoy, the seat of the Earls of Morton. John Douglas, the present Earl retains the ownership of Dalmahoy and its surrounding 1,000 acres but has leased the house to Marriot Hotels. As Mary, Jenny and I arrived on 28th June we were in time for the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Battle of Bannockburn (24/6/1314).



Robert the Bruce statue on the traditional Bannockburn site



Dalmahoy





Re-enactment of the Battle of Bannockburn

### **Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2014**

We set off on the local bus from Edinburgh to join about 10,000 others at Bannockburn near Stirling, and I was told that there were 10,000 there the day before as well. By far the majority of the crowd were Scots, still proud of winning this battle against the English in 1314 - even more poignant this year as their referendum to decide a separation from England takes place on 18<sup>th</sup> September. The Yes/No vote campaign was evident everywhere.

The above monument to Robert the Bruce is said to be on the exact spot that the battle took place. He still lives in the hearts of the Scots, as does his trusted lieutenant and companion Sir James Douglas, the Black Douglas, who was knighted after this battle and killed in 1330 when on a crusade taking Robert the Bruce's heart to Jerusalem.

### **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.**

We met William Douglas our convener and his wife Frances and family, and boarded the bus for Aberdour Castle. Aberdour Castle, dating from around 1200 is one of the oldest datable standing castles in Scotland. The Earls of Morton have held Aberdour since the 14<sup>th</sup> Century and it is now held by Lord Aberdour, Stuart Douglas the eldest son of the Earl of Morton.



As a point of general interest, Ken Douglas is a personal friend of the Earl of Morton and his family. Ken spent some months at Dalmahoy when the family still lived there. Members of the Earl's family have also visited Ken's family when they lived at Mt. Maria, Morven Q., so there was a happy re-union for them during this trip.

We plan to include more about the Douglas Castles we visited in forthcoming Newsletters.

Aberdour Castle





L to R: Mary & Jenny Smith, Jan Shaw, Jock Douglas, Lord Aberdour (John Stewart Sholto Douglas) and Ken Douglas at Aberdour Castle

The next stop was Lochleven Castle where Mary, Queen of Scots was imprisoned and held captive by Sir William Douglas of Lochleven, then helped to escape by George and Willie Douglas.



Lochleven Castle



Presenting the CDAA gift to Earl of Morton and Lord Aberdour: L to R: Earl of Morton, Sholto Douglas (South Africa), Lord Aberdour, Countess of Morton, Jan Shaw.

On Monday evening the Earl of Morton (John Charles Sholto Douglas, 21<sup>st</sup> Earl of Morton) gave a reception at Dalmahoy for us. The Earl had recalled that his ancestor the 14<sup>th</sup> Earl of Morton, who as President of the Geographical Society, had helped finance Captain Cook's voyage to Australia in 1770, Cook named Moreton Bay in his honour then I replied that as we cannot spell in Queensland, we put in an 'e' in Moreton Bay.

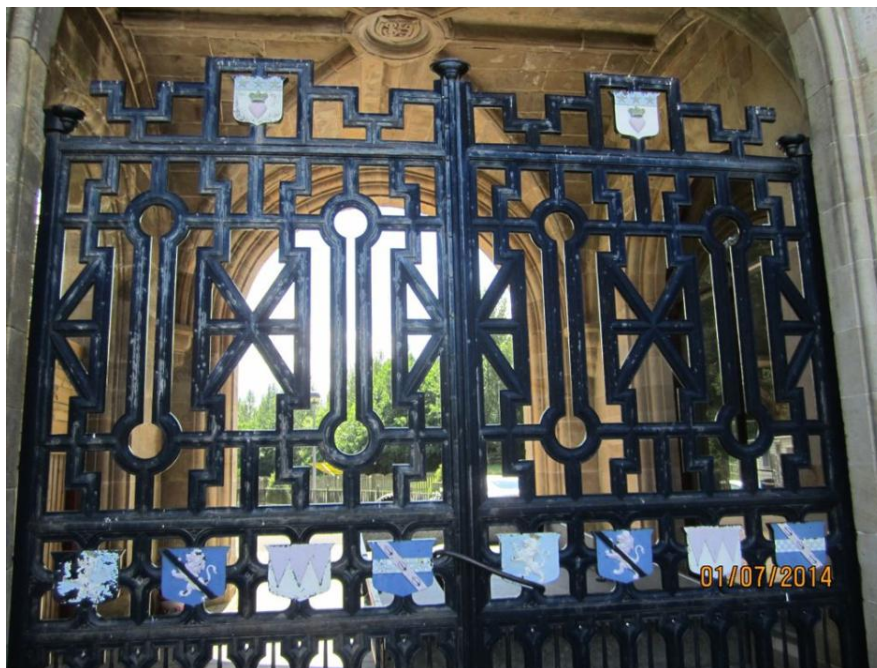
Before we left for Scotland, CDAA Committee had decided to give each of the Douglas peers at their castle/stronghold a small gift of a tie or scarf in the Queensland tartan, as a thank you for their hospitality.



Bothwell Castle changed hands many times, as we shall read in future Newsletters, but it did for some years belong to Archibald Douglas the 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Angus, Bell the Cat, who is a direct ancestor of many Australian members of CDAA, including those at the Gathering.



Bothwell Castle: Jock Douglas and Jan Shaw in foreground.



The old Douglas Estate Gates at Happenden

Then on to Douglas, where we met with Jim Fleming, a well known and respected Douglas historian, who is the curator of the Douglas museum. Jim took us to St. Bride's Church where lies the tomb of the Good Sir James Douglas. His heart is entombed beside the heart of Archibald Douglas, the 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Angus. The tomb of the 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Douglas was of interest to us too, as like this Earl, we are also descended from the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Douglas, whose son George, became the 1<sup>st</sup> Douglas Earl of Angus.

Then we walked the mile to the remains of Douglas Castle, built in the 13th Century and demolished in 1938 with only a part of a tower remaining. The Douglas-Home family hold Douglas Castle, but as the Queen held a Garden Party at Holyrood Palace that day, they couldn't be there to greet us (our commemorative stones have come from part of the remains.)





Tour group at Douglas Castle Tower 2014



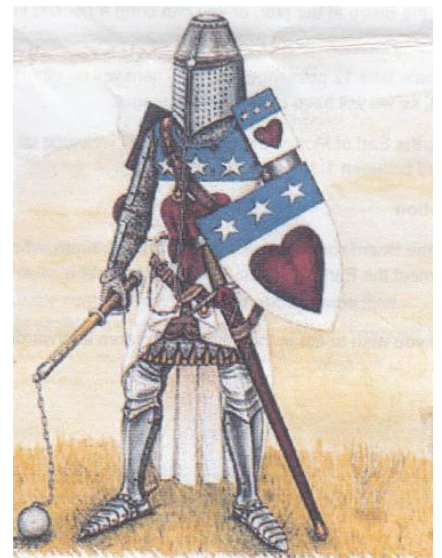
Douglas Castle prior to demolition in 1938.

### Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014

This was Red Douglas day, and interestingly our little band from CDAA were the only Red Douglases there. We first visited Dirleton Castle (below) where the manager of the Castle, Andrew Spratt, gave a mediaeval weapons display.



Tantallon Castle, 14<sup>th</sup> century --- the stronghold of the Earls of Angus / Red Douglases.





For members of CDAA, the visit to Lennoxlove was one of the highlights of the Gathering. The charming 34 year old Duke of Hamilton, also a Red Douglas with the current Earl of Angus title, welcomed us to Lennoxlove. With a guide, we were shown throughout, marvelling at the extensive and expensive art collection. His Grace hosted High Tea in the Great Hall and nanny brought his heir, the four-year-old Marques of Douglas and Clydesdale to join us. The Duchess had not long had a second son and was unable to be there. As we left Lennoxlove, the Haddington Pipe Band resplendent in their Douglas tartan kilts, beat a Retreat.



Lennoxlove



Alexander Douglas Douglas-Hamilton,  
16<sup>th</sup> Duke of Hamilton, and Earl of Angus

#### **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014**

We travelled through beautiful Scottish countryside in warm sunshine, the fields abundant with crop and wildflowers and I marvelled at the hundreds of miles of drystone walls bordering the sides of the roads and separating one field from another - standing as they had done for many hundreds of years (see an example in the photo of Tantallon castle). After a stop at Lincluden Abbey we had lunch in the town of Castle Douglas, not to be confused with Douglas Castle at Douglas.

Then on to Threave Castle after walking a mile through fields to the little ferry taking us across to the island. Threave is different from the other castles, in design as well as material as it has very thick walls built of a strong black stone. (We will be showcasing Threave Castle in our next Newsletter. Jan Shaw has written an account of Margaret Douglas 1413 -1474, "The Fair Maid of Galloway" who owned and defended this castle in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century).

#### **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

As this was a free day we took a taxi to Princes St. and the Royal Mile to shop. It was windy and it did rain for thirty minutes but that was the only nasty weather for the whole time we had in Scotland. We dressed in our kilts again that night to enjoy 'Jamie's Scottish Evening' at the Thistle Hote' and to help the American Douglases celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Independence Day. We enjoyed the haggis being piped in and the Scottish song and dance.

#### **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

It was sadly our final day together, but not without another highlight, as after first visiting the ancient 13<sup>th</sup> Century Durisdeer Church.



Durisdeer Church showing the ancient seating arrangement of family alcoves

Then we went on to Drumlanrig Castle. Here the 10<sup>th</sup> Duke of Buccleugh and 12<sup>th</sup> Duke of Queensberry, a Montague-Douglas-Scott, welcomed us warmly and spoke to everyone in the group. I know that some of CDAA members belong to the Drumlanrig/Queensberry line and so did the Duke when I mentioned it.



Jan Shaw in front of Drumlanrig Castle

We were guided through the castle, with every wood-panelled wall covered with notable original paintings of world renown. Jenny presented the Duke with a Queensland tartan scarf, which he then wore all afternoon.



Jenny Smith presenting the Duke of Buccleugh with the CDAA gift.

L to R: Mary Smith, Jackie Stoddard (New Zealand), Jenny Smith, Martha Douglas (USA), Jan Shaw and the Duke of Buccleugh.





Jan Shaw, the Duke of Buccleugh (wearing the Qld Tartan scarf), Jenny Smith on the balcony of Drumlanrig Castle.

We had taken our CDDA Douglas Banner and an Australian flag which we held proudly as we marched to the steps of the castle for the Muster and photo of Douglasses from around the world gathered together in friendship as an armigerous clan.



Lastly, but not least, we gave heartfelt thanks and a Queensland tartan tie to William for his superb organisation for the Gathering. And not to forget Frances, his wife, who no doubt kept the home fires burning and food on the table, we gave a CD of Australian bird song.



William with CDAA members and gift. L to R: Frances Douglas, Jan Shaw, Mary Smith, Jenny Smith, and William Douglas.

It certainly was an adventure never to forget.  
Jan Shaw (nee Douglas)



William Douglas was presented with a silver tankard and Quaich by those on the tour to thank him for all his work in getting the tours organised. A Quaich is a shallow two handled Scottish drinking cup which has a long and proud history within Scotland. Originally a means to welcome and bid farewell to favoured guests, it was widely used by all in the Highlands, from proud clan chiefs to humble crofters.



## CONTINUATION OF EARLS OF ANGUS



**1. GEORGE DOUGLAS** of Parkhead was the illegitimate son of George Douglas of Pittendriech and .... Home of Redbreas (see Newsletter 100, p.5). 1574 he is mentioned in the Great Seal register and in 1602, 18<sup>th</sup> December his Will recorded in Edinburgh; married 1581, Marion, Mariot or Mary, daughter of James Douglas of Parkhead and had issue:

**1.1. James Douglas** (see later)

**1.2. George Douglas of Mordington** (see later)

**1.3. John Douglas of Edrington** (see later)

**1.4. Elizabeth Douglas** married (1) Sir Patrick Home of Wyton; married (2) Sir James Dundas of Arniston.

**1.5. Martha Douglas** married Roberyt Bruce of Kinnaird.

**1.6. Mary Douglas** married John Carruthers of Holmains.

**1.7. Christian Douglas** married Edward, son of Sir William Sinclair and Isabel Kerr of Cessford

**1.1. Sir James Douglas** of Parkhead was murdered Edinburgh, 14<sup>th</sup> July 1608 by an assassin; married 1587, Elizabeth daughter of William, Master of Carlyle and had issue:

**1.1.1. James Douglas** (see later)

**1.1.2. Archibald Douglas**

**1.1.3. John Douglas**

**1.1.4. George Douglas**

**1.1.1. James Douglas**, created Lord Carlyle of Torthorwald in 1609; married (1) June 1611, Elizabeth daughter of Robert Gordon of Lochinvar; divorced 1616.

James Douglas married (2) December 1618 Anne Saltonstall, divorced 1622; they had issue

**1.1.1.1. James Douglas**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Carlyle and Torthorwald, born and baptised Edinburgh, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1621.

**1.1.2. Sir George Douglas** of Mordington, second son of George Douglas and Marion/Mary Douglas of Parkhead died 6<sup>th</sup> September 1634 and was buried at Douglas, St Bride's Church. He was with the 8<sup>th</sup> Earl of Angus in England in 1581 and from 1589-1603 he was a Gentleman of the Bedchamber to King James VI; married Margaret Dundas of Finask and had issue:

**1.1.2.1. George Douglas** was Ambassador to Poland and Sweden; no issue

**1.1.2.2. James Douglas** married and had issue, James Douglas who died childless.

**1.1.2.3. Martha Douglas** married Sir John Lockhart of Lee.

**1.1.3. Sir John Douglas** of Edrington was the third son of George Douglas and Marion/Mary Douglas of Parkhead; born 1581; died 1635. He was Minister of St Andrews in 1621; 1622 Deacon designate; 1625 appointed to Crail; married and had issue:

**1.1.3.1. Joseph Douglas** (see later)

**1.1.3.2. Daniel Douglas** (see later)

**1.1.3.1. Joseph Douglas** – his Will was recorded 6<sup>th</sup> February 1694 in Lauder; married and had issue:

**1.1.3.1.1. James Douglas** died 1691;

**1.1.3.1.2. Joseph Douglas** (see later)

**1.1.3.1.3. Alexander Douglas**

**1.1.3.1.4. William Douglas**

**1.1.3.1.2. Captain Joseph Douglas** of Edrington died Blackshiel 1716; married and had issue

**1.1.3.1.2.1. Joseph Douglas** of Edrington, heir to his father 27<sup>th</sup> August 1716 in Blackshiel

**1.3.2. Daniel Douglas** son of Sir John Douglas and Marion/Mary Douglas of Parkhead; born 1619; died 24<sup>th</sup> July 1705; 1650 – 1662 + 1689-1705 Minister of Hilton in Berwickshire; 1<sup>st</sup> March 1691 appointed tutor of his nephews Alexander and William, the youngest sons of his brother Joseph; married ....Hutchison, sister of Rev'd James Hutchison of Killallan.

(Taken from Douglas, Percv, *The History of the Family of Douglas*, pp.265-268)





**VALE – MICHAEL DOUGLAS TURNER** 30<sup>TH</sup> July 1940 – 27<sup>TH</sup> July 2014

Clan Douglas Association of Australia wishes to send condolences to Michael's wife, Betsy, their son Scott and daughter Kylie and their seven Grand-daughters. Michael's brother, Geoff Douglas Turner is a member of CDAA. Michael is a Great Grandson of Robert Douglas of Mt. Maria, Morven Q.

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### BBC PIPE BAND



Brisbane Boys College Pipe Band in Edinburgh

As you know CDAA have a close relationship with the BBC Pipe Band who normally play at the Kirkin' o' the Tartan each year. They also happened to be in the UK while the Douglas Gathering was taking place.

Steven Stanley, the BBC Pipe Band Coordinator reported they had a great trip to the UK for the European Pipe Band Championships where they gained 6<sup>th</sup> place (16 in their section, 115 bands altogether). Annan 'Riding of the Marches' Comp – 1<sup>st</sup> Band, 1<sup>st</sup> Drum Corps, 1<sup>st</sup> Marching & Department (really fantastic result).

The boys enjoyed playing at Stirling Castle, Blair Castle and Edinburgh Castle. They also played at a near capacity concert in Biggar with the local RBL Pipe band and other acts from the area.

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### EDITORIAL:

All those from Australia who were at the Gathering, are safely home again Thank Goodness! We had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. While in England on our way to London, we called into the village of Kibworth Beauchamp in Leicestershire, to visit another relation of the Red Douglas' — Mrs Celia Pemberton who is a descendant of Sir Neil Douglas of Waterloo fame. Celia had just been on a visit to the Battle of Waterloo site in Spain as part of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, compliments of her son Kit. Celia has been invited to become an honorary member of the CDAA and she has accepted.

Mary Smith, Editor



Celia Pemberton on the site of the Battle of Waterloo in which Sir Neil Douglas fought with the Duke of Wellington in 1815.





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We invite you and your family to join this Association. We ask you especially to support the Committee and help us bring together people of Douglas Ancestry, Sept families and other connections, from all over Australia, New Zealand and the world. Any one descended from, connected by marriage, or adopted by a Douglas or Sept of Douglas is eligible to join.

The **Sept families** of the **House of Douglas** are:

Bell, Blacklock, Blackstock, Blackwood, Brown, Brownlee, Cavers, Dickey, Douglass, Drysdale, Forrest, Forrester, Foster, Gilpatrick, Glendinning, Inglis, Kilgore, Kilpatrick, Kirkland, Kirkpatrick, Lockerby, MacGuffey, MacGuffock, McKillrick, Morton, Sandlilands, Sandlin, Simms, Soule, Sterritt, Symington, Syme, Young.

The Clan Douglas Association acknowledges that on the list of Sept families there are some who are recognised as belonging to other clans, but some families of these surnames were closely linked with branches of the Douglas' in the early years. We ask you to please notify anyone else you know to be eligible to join, especially those who may not be on our mailing list.

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## Clan Douglas of Australia - Membership Form

Surname: .....First Name: .....

Address: .....

.....Post Code: .....

Telephone number: (     ) .....Email address: .....

Place of family origin overseas (if known): .....

Place of family origin, Australia or N.Z.: .....

Would you like your Newsletter emailed ☐ or posted ☐ (please tick)

Membership fee per year \$20-00 per family. Please send me a Membership Certificate ☐ (please tick)

Fees can be paid by bank transfer: BSB 484799, Account 046671315 in the name "Clan Douglas Association". Place your name in the reference area of the bank transfer and post or email this form to CDAA. Cheques can be made payable in Australian currency to 'Clan Douglas Association of Australia' and posted to the CDAA Membership Secretary, Sue Taylor, 11 Hannam Street, Wynnum North 4178.

Signature of applicant: .....