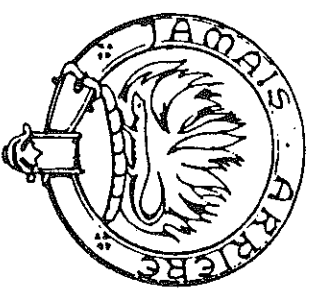


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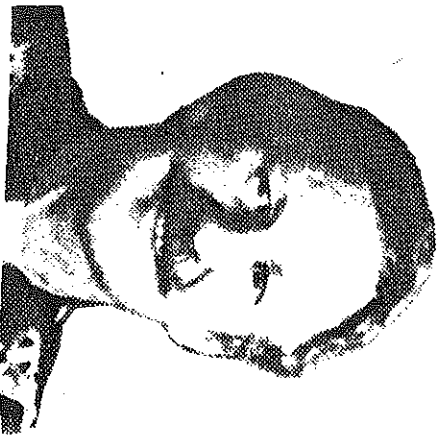
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Those eligible to join the Douglas Association of Australia, upon application, are -
Anyone descended from, connected by marriage, or adopted by a Douglas or a Sept of Douglas.
The Septs affiliated with Douglas are -

BELL, BLACKLOCK, BLACKSTOCK, BLACKWOOD, BROWN, BROWNLEE, CAVERS, DICKEY, DOUGLASS,
DRYSDALE, FOREST, FORREST, FORRESTER, FOSTER, GILPATRICK, GLENDINNING, INGUS, INGLES,
KILGORE, KILPATRICK, KIRKLAND, KIRKPATRICK, LOCKERBY, MACGUFFEY, MACGUFFOCK,
MCKITTRICK, MORTON, SANDILANDS, SANDLIN, SIMMS, SOULE, STERRITT, SYMINGTON, SYME,
YOUNG.

On the list of sept families there are some who are recognised as belonging to other clans. It is therefore necessary to know your lineage in order to prove association. Clan Douglas Association of Australia cannot guarantee that your particular family is eligible to be a sept, but the Association would be happy to accept your membership until proven differently.



President's Message

Our Annual Meeting held recently in Brisbane was a very successful function, due to the assistance of our committee members and friends. Many of our committee stood for office again, with the addition of some new members. Welcome to you all, and I know we can look forward to another successful year. Our guest speaker for the day was Bob Hume, President of the Hume Family association. He gave us an interesting address on the history of the Hulmes or Homes, who are closely associated with the Douglasses by way of their Chief, Sir Alec Douglas Hume, as he is a relatively direct descendant of the main line of Douglasses. Fred Douglas, our official piper, entertained us and wore his newly acquired kilt in the Douglas of Drumlanrig tartan. Our thanks go to Jan Waller (nee Douglas) for arranging the ideal venue once again for our Annual meeting at the Moreton Bay College.

The Annual Scottish Australian Heritage Council Gathering is being held in Sydney once again, from the 24th November to the 2nd December. On Sunday 25th November the 'Kirkning of the Tartan' will be held at St. Stephens Church, Macquarie Street, followed by a gathering of the Clans for a picnic lunch in the Domain, prior to the march to the Opera House concert. Last year we had about 20 members in the Clan Douglas contingent, and I appeal to any of our members in the Sydney area to attend so I will have the opportunity of meeting you. Our Sydney Convenor, June Marks, would be pleased to hear from you regarding this event. Her phone no. is 02/3982149.

As the year is drawing to a close, this will be our last Newsletter for 1990 and I would like to take the opportunity to thank our members from around the world for their continuous interest and support, without which we would not be able to continue. Our times are troubled, both economically and politically, and I hope you are isolated and immune from these burdens.

On behalf of the executive and committee, I extend good wishes to all of our members and sister organisations around the world for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, and looking to your support to make 1991 a better year for the Clan Douglas Association and its members.

AGM

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

To our Patron, Sir Sholto Douglas, KT, Clan Douglas members, Clans Congress of Queensland members and guests: welcome to you all at our 4th Annual General Meeting.

Once again it gives me much pleasure to present to you my annual report, giving you some insight into our activities over the past year. We are confidently now well established with our Association, and this is most satisfying to the inaugural members who took the courageous step to instigate such an undertaking.

My address is not only directed to the gathering here to-day, but to all our members spread around the world via our next Newsletter.

Committee Discussions: To enlighten members of the committee's activities, I will outline some of the business that has passed through our meetings, so that you will be conversant with the internal running of the Association.

The subject of Incorporation has come up again, which is mainly for the protection of members from any significant compensation claim against the organisation. As we do not own property and most of our functions are held at venues, which are covered by Public Risk policies, we felt that for the moment until otherwise recommended, we would operate as before, covered by a substantial Public Risk policy which we hold.

As most of you know, at last we have managed to obtain some various widths of tartan ribbon, plus car sticker and indoor adhesive Clan badges, which have been offered for sale in our Newsletter. Some 'ancient green' taffeta fabric is also on the way. Enamelled Douglas membership badges have also been discussed, but because of the current discussions taking place regarding the establishment of a Douglas Chief, we have had to put this item on hold, as we would adopt the design of the successful Chief's own Crest, which varies from one Douglas to another.

Having raised the matter of the Chiefship, this issue has been under discussion for some time and the last we have heard is that an approach is being made by the Earl of Morton to the Lord Lyon Office and negotiations will probably take place for some time before we know of any outcome.

Over the last year the intended production of a history of the 'Douglases' by Arthur Douglas M.L.D., F.S.A.(Scot.) has been activated by various interested parties and we have assisted by promoting the book in our Newsletter. To date certain orders have been forthcoming, but not sufficient at this stage for the Publishers to commence production, so I take this opportunity to request your support again in this venture, as it is the first major published Douglas history since the turn of the century and copies of these are both rare and expensive.

We have become a financial subscriber to the Ethnic Broadcasting Association which has a Scottish segment hosted by a Scot - Bill Montgomery, who plays Scottish music and delivers items of a Scottish nature throughout the program, whilst giving us a plug on our activities.

Human Interest: Our Association responded to an Australia wide appeal by the Red Cross Flood Appeal, to assist financially those towns in Western Queensland and New South Wales which were hit so hard by the floods. There are so many requests for help these days, but we felt this was a most worthy cause that we should support.

Our thoughts go out the the families of bereaved members and hope that time heals these sad events in their lives. I must also mention that the President of the S.A.H.C. Bill McLennan, and also Chieftain of the Clan McLennan Society, passed away suddenly on his recent visit to the U.S.A. Our condolences to his family. He was in the process of contesting the Chiefship of McLennans world wide and I expect his son may possibly continue the challenge.

Commencement of Year: At our Annual Meeting last year we welcomed members Ian and Sue Douglas, with Ian being appointed Vice President. Ian has recorded our Constitution on computer and copies have been available to various members of our Association for their guidance.

We must thank Jan Waller for arranging this venue for our A.G.M. as it has proven to be an ideal facility and location.

Committee Members Contribution: I would like to mention what a harmonious group we have on the committee, as they have been very, very dedicated to our cause and have turned up most punctually to our meetings. We must thank Shirley Douglas for her dedication to the secretarial duties and hope that she can see her way clear to continue this very vital job. Edith Myers has managed to accumulate and hold onto our funds, which are in a sound financial state, whilst also looking after the membership applications and renewals, plus the marketing of Douglas accessories. Thank you for maintaining this successful department.

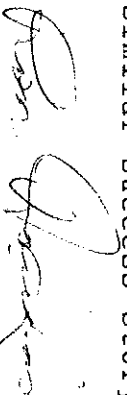
We send good wishes to our Regents, Convenors, Douglas correspondants - Baron Norman Douglas F.S.A.(Scot.) and Arthur Douglas M.L.J. F.S.A.(Scot.) who have made considerable contributions to our Association and look forward to their continued support.

Our Genealogical Co-ordinator - Mary Smith, and Newsletter Editor - Jan Shaw, have also made contributions to our Association and we are most fortunate to have them in our midst and look forward to working with you both again, together with all members of the committee.

Kindred Societies: We have had good rapport with such kindred societies as the Clan Douglas of North America, The Scottish Australian Heritage Council, many Clan Societies, Clans Congress of Queensland, and the Brisbane Caledonian Society who we are thankful to for providing our quarterly meeting venue.

In closing I would like to thank all of these organisations for their assistance throughout the year and also to everyone here to-day to help us celebrate another year of achievement and hope that next year we can report a similar success story.

Ron Douglas
President.



I move that my report be accepted.

CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT
for the year ending 30th September 1990

INCOME for 1989/90	Membership fees	\$2054.00
	Life memberships (10%)	\$179.80
	Sale of past newsletters	\$81.00
	Sundries	\$679.52
	Interest received	
	Bank	\$110.59
	Fixed term deposit	\$234.74
	Donations	\$32.00
		\$3371.65

COSTS for 1989/90	Bank fees	\$11.41
	Postage	\$562.82
	Printing	\$1210.38
	Affiliation fees	\$20.00
	Supplies	\$710.86
	Insurance	\$164.50
	Advertising	\$17.00
	Meetings	\$71.61
	Donations	\$225.00
		\$2993.58

Surplus for 1989/90	\$378.07
Surplus from previous years	\$1982.91
Life memberships (future years)	\$1618.20

Amount carried forward	\$3979.18
Membership fees for 1990/91 (received in advance)	\$134.00

Cash on hand	\$4113.18
Bank	\$882.54
Fixed term deposit	\$3234.74

less cheque issued but not presented	\$4117.28
	\$4.10

\$4113.18

NOTES: Life memberships are assumed to represent 10 years of membership fees so only 10% are included in the current years income.

Edith Myers
Hon Treasurer.

AUDITORS REPORT
for the year ending 30th September 1990

I have examined the books and records of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia. They represent a true and fair record of the accounts of the Association.

A. J. Douglas FCPA
Hon Auditor.

CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.
TREASURER'S REPORT 13/10/90

Mr Chairman, members and visitors.

It is with pleasure that I present this the fourth annual treasurers report of the Association.

Membership continues to grow with 199 members this year as against 172 members last year. 48 of these are new members for 1989/90 and 17 are now life members.

The following gives specific details:

NSW	44	NT	1
VIC	30	SA	7
QLD	78	ACT	1
WA	12	NZ	22
SCOT	1	ENG	3

Fortunately because of the increased membership and especially the increased number of life members, our suggestion that the annual membership fees might have to be raised has been shelved and yearly subscriptions will remain at \$10.

We were also able to put \$3,000 into a fixed deposit account with the Metway Bank (prefer to Balance sheet).

Donations of \$100 each were made to the Red Cross societies in both NSW and QLD earlier this year to help with flood relief.

Thanks to those of you who have written such encouraging letters to us. It's good to know you enjoy the newsletter so much. Please keep sending in your contributions.

My thanks go to the outgoing executive and committee for their support during the year and I extend my best wishes to the incoming committee and for the continued success of the Association.

I'm sorry that I will not be able to present this report in person at the Annual General meeting but unfortunately I have a family commitment on that day.

Edith M Myers
Hon Treasurer.



RESEARCH QUERIES

DOUGLAS Henry born at Parramatta, NSW re 1830 married Mary Thorn on the 9th July 1857 at Dalton, NSW. They had 6 children - three males and three females among whom was William Douglas born on the 25th August 1870 married at Crookwell NSW Ada Katherine Bean on the 22 November 1896. Would anyone with any information concerning this family or able to assist in any way, please contact Mrs Wendy Buckley, Lot 8 Illaroo Road, Cambewarra, 2540, NSW.

GENEALOGICAL CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT 1990.

Mr Chairman, members and guests.

It is with pleasure that I present the Genealogical Co-Ordinator's report for 1990.

I haven't been terribly busy as regards correspondence from Clan Douglas members this year, what letters there have been, I have endeavoured to answer as quickly as possible. Again I must urge all members to try to furnish me with their pedigree charts. Perhaps I should explain why I want them. If I have a record of a member's pedigree and details fit another member who wants information, I advise the person enquiring, of the other member's address. It is then up to the member whether he supplies that information or not.

All members who read our newsletters are aware that this year I have written about the early history of the House of Douglas. Is this the sort of information wanted? I should appreciate hearing of your wishes in this respect.

At present in our library, we have copies of A History of the House of Douglas by the Right Hon. Sir Herbert Maxwell in 2 volumes; The Heraldry of the Douglasses by G. Harvey Johnston; The Genealogy of the families of Douglas of Mulberg and Robertson of Kindcease (Douglas families originating in Ross-shire in the parishes of Fearn and Kiltarn); Pedigree copies of Douglas of Selkirk, Morton, Queensberry, Angus and Glenberrie. As well, several members have donated copies of their respective family histories for which we are exceedingly grateful. If anyone else has family histories they would like to donate, please do so. We would appreciate it.

I am pleased to still be able to offer the Douglas Master Charts to members for sale at \$10-00 per copy. Now included is a small booklet on Douglas history which is very enlightening about our forebears. Unfortunately, these booklets cannot be purchased separately.

Mr Chairman, I move that my report be received and accepted.

Mary Smith,
Genealogical Co-Ordinator.



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NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT 13-10-1990

Mr Chairman, members of Clan Douglas and guests, it gives me great pleasure to be able to present my report to the 4th Annual General Meeting of Clan Douglas Association. It also gives me pleasure to welcome so many of our clan members and friends today, some of whom have travelled long distances to be here; we really appreciate the effort you have made to join us for our A.G.M.

As the Newsletter is usually the only source of contact with our members, we really welcome the chance to meet you and share some ideas for the wellbeing and growth of our clan.

NEWSLETTER CONTENT

The content continues in much the same vein, although one could say there have been more articles on Douglas history and clan relationships in recent issues. I'd like to see more of the Sept history and biographies coming in. Please let me know if you are happy with the present format and content or if you'd like some changes made. Suggestions are always welcome.

I'd like to thank all those who from far and wide have sent me interesting articles for publication in our Newsletter.

COSTS

Costs of printing and posting the Newsletter for the 1988/89 period were	\$1577-08
for the 1989/90 period were	1773-20

An increase of nearly \$200 for the last financial year, which has been brought about by increases in printing and postages and new members, the latter being offset by their membership fees.

Our costs are kept to a minimum because of the team of willing volunteer helpers who assist me to collate, staple, sort and post the 200 newsletters that are sent out each quarter.

My thanks go to this loyal band of helpers. My thanks also go to Jim Myers for his help with Computer printouts.

Costs are also offset by selling back issues, and I recommend these at \$2-00 each to all who have an incomplete set of the 14 Newsletters printed since our foundation.

Finally my thanks to our executive committee and members for your support and encouragement throughout the year.

I now move that this report be received and accepted.

Jan Shaw



ORIGINALITY IS CERTAINLY THE RAREST THING IN THE WORLD, AND
IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND, ORIGINAL THOUGHTS ARE APPALLINGLY
SPARSE.

- DONALD MACKENZIE

YOU CANNOT TELL ANYONE ANYTHING UNLESS THEY ARE READY TO HEAR IT.

FROM A PASSAGE TO INDIA.



MARJORIE ETHELL OF SYDNEY SHARES HER EXPERIENCES AT THE 1990 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As a Sydney member of C.D.A.A., I was delighted that my recent visit to Brisbane co-incided with the A.G.M. on 13th October, held at Winchester Centre, Moreton Bay College, a really excellent venue for the occasion. My husband and I really enjoyed the day. There was a pleasing atmosphere of friendship, with ample time allowed on arrival for members to circulate and get to know one another. We were happy to renew acquaintance with members met previously in Sydney in Scottish Week each year and to meet others whom we had not met before. We appreciated the warm and friendly welcome accorded us by all.

After an appetising lunch (reasonably priced, as would appeal to every Scot) entertainment was provided and Scottish blood stirred by firstly, the Skirl of the piper, by C.D.A.A. official piper, Fred Douglas, followed by a very talented young Highland dancer, Naomi Lord and finally by Sam Hunter whose rich voice singing a bracket of Scottish songs gave delight to all.

An interesting account was given by the Guest Speaker, Mr. Bob Home of the Home Clan of its relationship to the Douglas Clan.

The business part of the meeting was handled with great efficiency by President, Ron Douglas. All executive reports proved most interesting giving a clear picture of a very active Association. Congratulations and thanks are due to all concerned.

Marjorie Ethell.



SECRETARY'S NOTES FROM A.G.M.

Results of the Election at the Fourth A.G.M., of C.D.A.A. are:-

President	Mr. Ron Douglas, Toowoomba
Vice-president	Mr. Ian Douglas, Toowoomba
Secretary	Miss. Shirley Douglas, Brisbane
Treasurer	Mrs. Edith Myers, Brisbane
Genealogical Co-ordinator	Mrs. Mary Smith, Bowenville
Newsletter editor	Mrs. Jan Shaw, Brisbane

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mrs. Del Armstrong, Miss. Connie Douglas,
Mrs. Esme Taylor, Mrs. Jean Riddell,
Mrs. Bebe Seccombe, Mrs. Christine Douglas-Joyce,
Mrs. Jan Waller, Mr. David Roseby.

A new member, Sept Mr. Robert Morton has since been invited to join the committee.

Members are welcome to attend the quarterly meetings held in the Library at the Caledonian Club, Kangaroo Point, at 7.00 p.m. During 1991 meetings will be held on 12/2/91, 14/5/91, 20/8/91, 12/11/91. Make a note in your diary and come along.

Enquiries Ph: 350 1493

SHIRLEY DOUGLAS - SECRETARY

Glenberrie and its castle
by W Douglas Simpson

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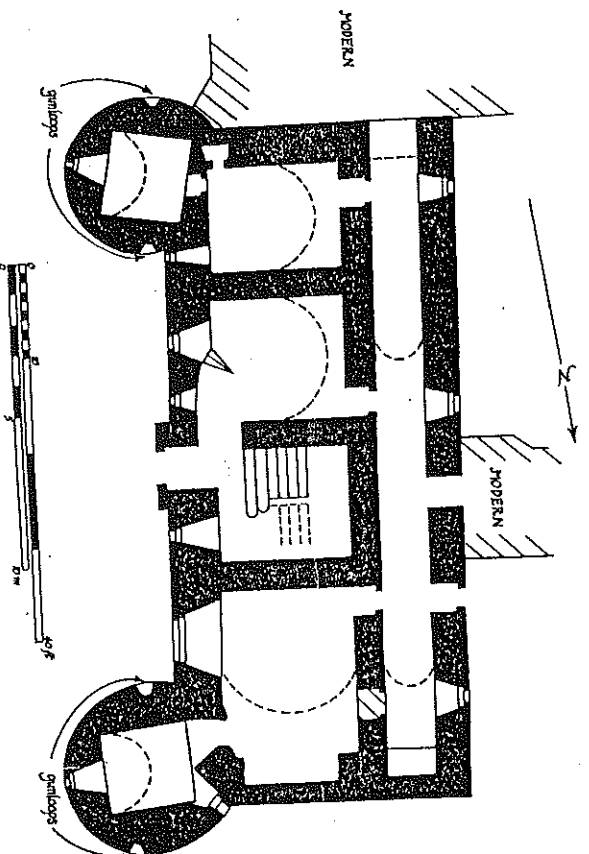


Fig 1 Plan of Glenberrie Castle

The castle, or Glenberrie House as it is now more usually called, has been much altered and enlarged, apparently about 1700 and again in 1854. The ancient portion is a remarkable and deeply interesting structure. It forms a large oblong block, lying N and S, straddling the tip of the promontory and forbidding access to a narrow triangular area behind, which evidently formed a small courtyard in rear of the main building. At either end of the latter is a powerful round tower, with a three-quarter salient: these towers rise from a chambered plinth. The overall dimensions of the main block are about 72ft by 31ft (22m by 9.5m), and its frontal wall is 6ft (1.8m) thick: the round towers measure about 18ft (5.5m) in diameter. These have wide-mouthed gunloops, 1ft 9in (0.53m) - a cubit - in breadth, disposed so as to cover the approaches and to rake the front of the main building between. In addition to these horizontal gunloops on the flanks, each tower displays frontally a vertical arrowslit, 4ft (1.2m) in height, with a crosslet head and an oilette at base. The dressed margins of these loopholes are modern, or at least have been recut. But their internal embrasures are ancient, and it seems probably that the loopholes had been closed up at some unknown period, and had been discovered and thereafter refurbished at the time of the restoration - in much the same way as an interesting suite of loopholes, similarly blocked and concealed behind rough-cast, have been discovered in the same re-harling of Fyvie Castle. Crosslet loopholes with an oilette below are found in Ravenscraig Castle, Aberdeenshire, licensed in 1491, and in a group of castles in the same county, dating from the middle or latter half of the sixteenth century (Cruden 1960, 216-17).

Midway in the fire-face of the building is the entrance. This is now wholly modern. Over it is the Badenach Nicolson coat of arms: or, three falcon's heads erased gules, armed azure, with the motto Nil sistere contra. Within the entrance a modern wooden stair on the scale-and-platt system, with a single platt, ascends to the upper floor. Otherwise the basement, including the two towers, is vaulted throughout, and contains a fine suite of cellars, with a spacious kitchen at the N end, and a corridor of access along the W or inner face. The vaults are all of single barrel construction, those of the cellars being rectangular like the others. Agreeably to its greater length, the kitchen is vaulted on the long axis of the main building, the other vaults in which are transverse. These vaults are amply conceived; in particular that of the corridor is 8ft (2.4m) high, and makes an impressive appearance. Owing to their modern use as pantry and wine-cellar respectively, the vaults in the round towers do not now reveal any trace of the embrasures of their gunloops. The arrowslit in the N tower remains open, and it is interesting to note that across the inside of its crosslet head a low elliptic arch is introduced, which, while not impeding the admission of light or the use of the loophole by a defender, makes it difficult to shoot in from outside. This device is not infrequently found in medieval archers (Simpson 1961, 32). From the pantry vault hangs an iron 'cleek' or double hook. The wine cellar, now fitted up with brick bins, depends an iron (76mm) chamfer on lintel and jambs, doors throughout the basement are lintelled, with a 3in (76mm) chamfer on lintel and jambs. Two small windows, one on the W and the other on the E side, retain their iron grilles, the mode of penetration of the bars being reversed in opposite quarters, in the characteristic Scottish manner.

The upper parts of the house, towers and all, have been more or less modernised, inside and outside; and, as the walls here are comparatively thin, it seems likely that little ancient masonry may survive above an offset which crosses the N gable at a height of about 8ft (2.4m) above ground. The N round tower retains a comely slated roof in the old style, but the S tower is now crowned with a corbelled and crenellated parapet in local sandstone, dating from 1854, within which rises a quaint round turret, capped with a conical helmet. This turret was designed as a smoking room! (Editor's note: pl 19c shows the S tower in the form described here, but us has since been remodelled to match the N tower as shown in a more recent photograph, pl19a.)

On the first floor the internal disposition of the main block is reversed, the corridor here extending along the E or fore-face. It gives access to two large rooms on either side of the stair landing. The S room now forms the dining-room, while the N is a private room. It seems quite likely that these two rooms may represent the ancient hall and solar or withdrawing room - the latter, as so often is the case, being placed above the kitchen for its greater warmth. This room retains its find collection-moulded panelling in red pine - probably 'eastland boards'. At this level, the two round towers each contain a charming circular room.

The plan of Glenberrie Castle is most remarkable and of the highest interest. The fact that the two round towers are placed both on the same side of the main structure, instead of being echeloned at diagonally opposite corners in the usual Scottish manner, raises at once the question; what was the original plant of the castle? It might at first

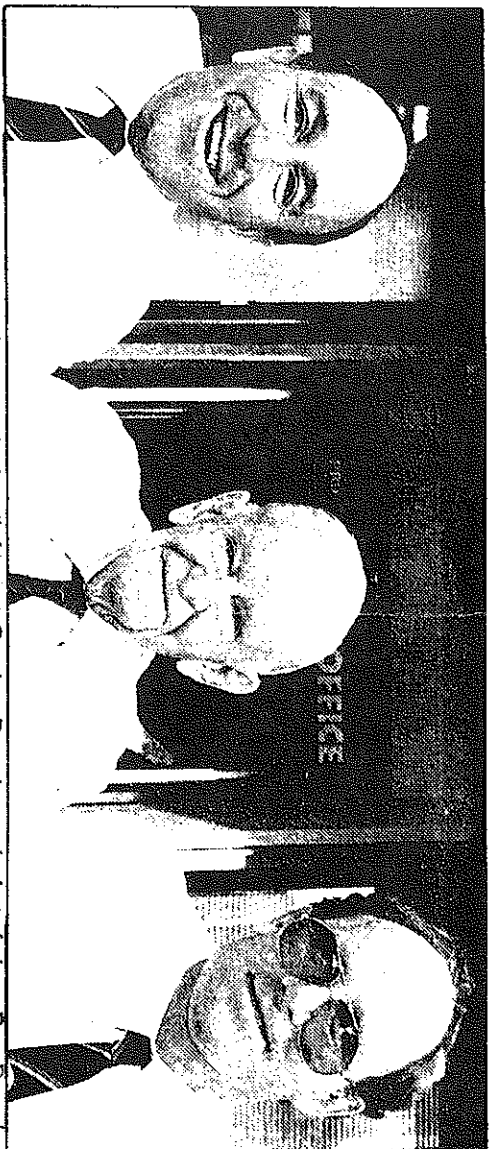
glance appear that we have to deal with the remnant of a design, perhaps never completed, consisting of a central quadrangular courtyard enclosed by a corps de logis with a round tower at each of the four corners. This is a plan sometimes found in Scottish houses of the sixteenth century, such as Boyne Castle in Banffshire (Simpson 1938, 11-28). But for such a structure the triangular site offers insufficient room. Moreover, the corridor on the west side runs the whole length of the building, which it would not have done had the structure formed, or had it been intended to form, one side of a quadrangle. It looks, therefore, as if we may have to deal rather with the type of building found in Ravenscraig

Castle, Fife (Simpson 1938), or Morton Castle in Nithsdale (Simpson 1940, 26-35; 1959, 10-14), where a triangular promontory is cut off on the only accessible side by a screen of building thrown across it, with round towers at the free angles, so as to command the approach. At Ravenscraig the building, thus frontally massed, is pierced centrally by a transe giving access to the courtyard behind. At Morton this access is gained through a gatehouse, regularly defended, at one end of the frontal building. On the other hand at Glenberrie there has clearly been no such central entrance passage leading through to the courtyard. Inverugie Castle in Aberdeenshire, built early in the seventeenth century by the fifth Earl Marischal, shows the same scheme as Glenberrie, with two frontal towers and no passage through the building between them (MacGibbon and Ross 1887-92, 324-8). But

Inverugie is a lightly built and almost unfortified structure, and the round towers have clearly been designed merely for effect; whereas Glenberrie is a formidable fortalice, the round towers of which are plainly meant to confront an attacker with defiance. In its frontal massing of the main structure, Glenberrie takes its place among a whole sequence of Scottish castles, from the fourteenth century onwards - the grandest of the group being Doune in Menteith (Simpson 1962).

It is obvious that the present wooden stair must occupy the position of a stone predecessor whether on the newel or the scale-and-platt design.² Such a central stair would of course communicate towards the rear with the long corridor, and thus provide the necessary connection between these offices and the public rooms above. On every count, the plan is a remarkable one, and it is not easy to cite precise parallels. Something similar, however, is found at Dunbeath Castle in Caithness, first on record apparently as the 'Castell of Dunbeth' in 1439 (Innes 1859, 16). Here on a promontory site, isolated from the mainland by a ditch, we have a rectangular frontal block straddling the area from cliff to cliff. The entrance is central, but there is no transe or through passage leading to the courtyard behind. The basement is vaulted and contains a kitchen and three cellars: but there is no corridor of access, neither are there any flanking towers, which the constricted site does not permit.

Glenbervie Castle contains much that is valuable in portraits and other paintings, furniture, china, glass and needlework, but these do not come within the scope of this present study. Only one piece of the ancient fittings of the house now remains. This is an oaken panel, measuring 1ft 8in long by 10in broad (508mm by 254mm). On it is carved in relief a shield of Florid Renaissance design, displaying the arms of Douglas of Glenbervie, thus: quarter first and fourth, a heart (here uncrowned), on a chief three stars for Douglas; second and third, a cross raguly, for Auchinleck. On either side are the initials V.D., and above the inscription 1548 | DIE: APR .9. The lettering is extremely good. Traces of heraldic colouring remain on the shield. The arms are those of Sir William Douglas of Glenbervie, afterwards the ninth Earl of Angus. Probably the panel may have formed the door of an aumbry, or perhaps of a tallboy or cupboard. (To Be Continued —)



Joint PRD Realty managing directors Archie (left) and Gordon Douglas with their father, Pug Douglas (centre), have special ties with the Toowoomba area.

PRD directors have ties with city

The opening of PRD Realty's new Toowoomba office holds a special significance for brothers Archie and Gordon Douglas, joint managing directors of the nationally expanding property agency.

The Douglas family boasts long and deep ties with the Queensland country — and according to Archie Douglas, it's immensely satisfying to be returning to the region.

"Our family's Australian roots are all bound up with the history of Toowoomba, Roma, Morven and the Downs — and my brother Gordon and I derive a great sense of personal pride from the opening of PRD Realty at Toowoomba."

A descendant, Robert Douglas, lived at Rosalie Plains, about 50 kilometres north west of Toowoomba from 1859 until the early 1860s.

In 1875, Robert Douglas and his

wife, Maryann, settled at Mount Maria, a cattle property outside Morven, raising 10 children, the descendants of whom are now scattered throughout the region, as well as elsewhere in Australia and overseas.

Mr Archie Douglas said he believed Toowoomba and its outlying districts still retains much of the appeal that had brought the early settlers to the region.

"It's a wonderful city and PRD Realty looks forward to contributing to the standard of property marketing here," he said.

"There are enormous opportunities still to be tapped throughout southern Queensland.

"I see Toowoomba as the major regional centre providing an ideal base for us to service clients not only in the city itself, but also

throughout the surrounding rural districts."

PRD Realty was founded in 1972 on the Gold Coast and has now become one of the fastest growing property marketing group in Australia.

The company employs more than 250 staff at its Surters Parade corporate headquarters and another 800 throughout its national company branches and franchise network.

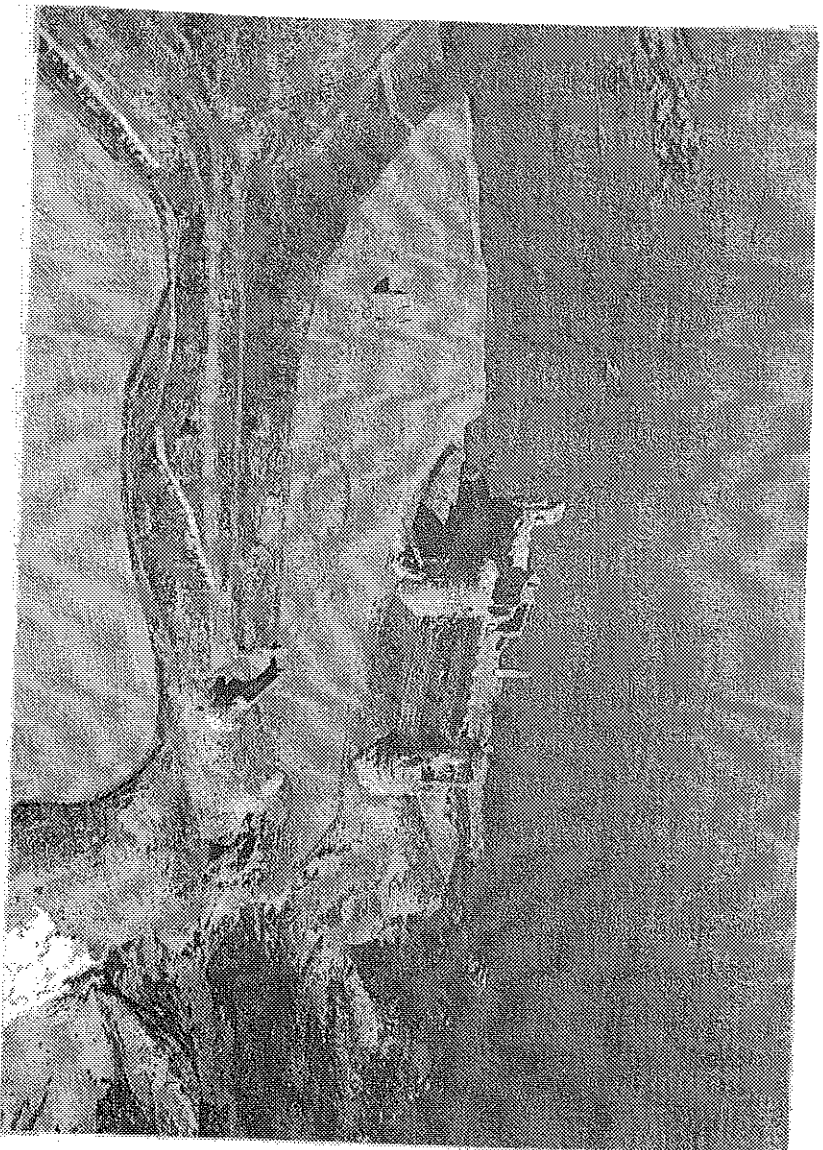
"PRD Realty cut its teeth in what is possibly the toughest market, the Gold Coast," Mr Douglas said.

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NORRIE'S NOTES No. 15

Tantallon Castle is situated about 2½ miles to the east of North Berwick. There are nothing but ruins left now, but very formidable ruins giving a tremendous impression of the great strength and size of this castle. There are the remains of two great towers, the Douglas tower and the east tower, joined by massive walls, and between these towers is a central tower with the gateway and where the drawbridge was. There are also the remains of other buildings and the castle well. Worth a visit to get an idea of what a strong family our Douglasses were.

The history of Tantallon is also very massive. The Douglasses were not the first owners of Tantallon, but it is recorded that in 1374, William, first Earl of Douglas and Mar, wrote from Tantallon, and we are not sure how the Douglasses came to possess Tantallon. The second Earl of Douglas and Mar also used Tantallon. George Douglas, first Earl of Angus also held sway over Tantallon. James, third Earl of Angus also had Tantallon as his headquarters. Archibald Douglas, fifth Earl of Angus (Bell the Cat) also used Tantallon as did the sixth Earl. In 1528 King James laid siege to Tantallon. In 1548 a French galley was sunk of Tantallon. The Castle continued between Douglas and Crown hands til 1699 when the castle was bought by Sir Hew Dalrymple and the structure was allowed to fall into decay and was used as a quarry for material to build the adjacent farm building and dykes. What an inglorious end to a wonderful Douglas castle.

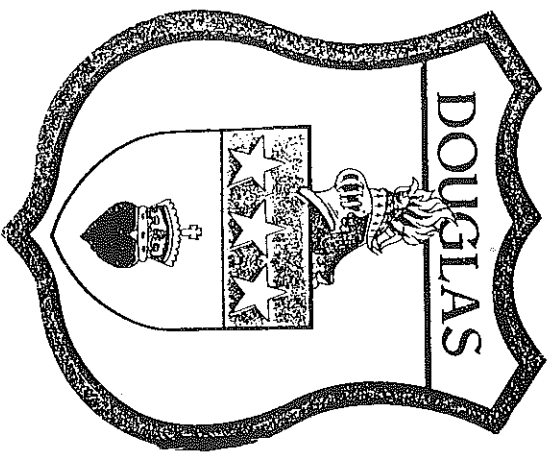
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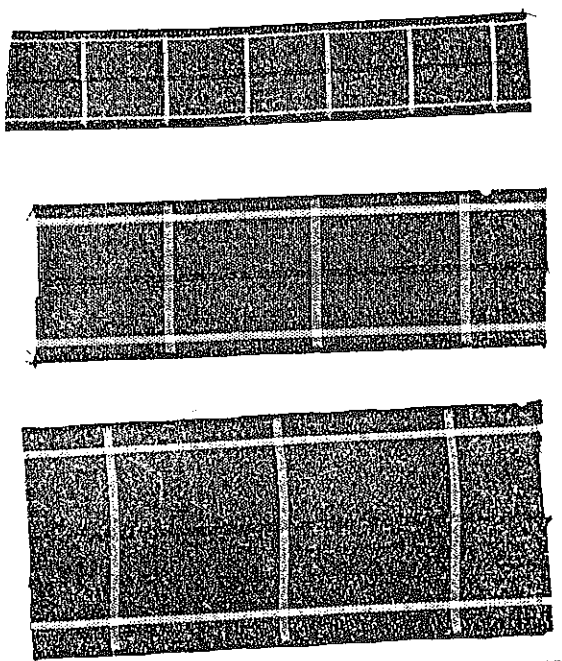
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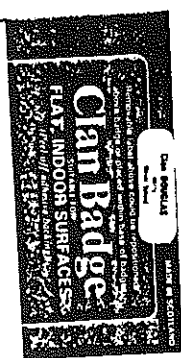
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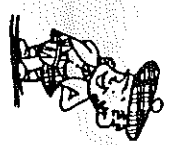
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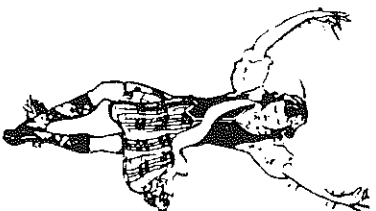
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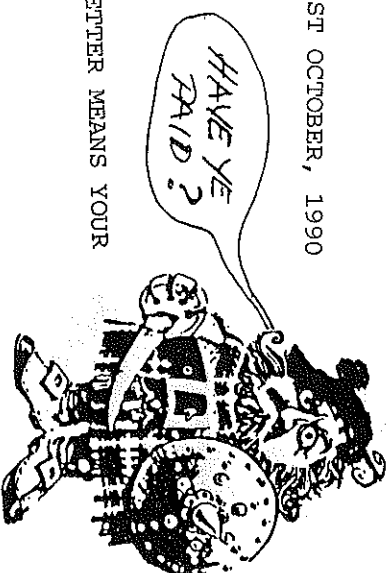
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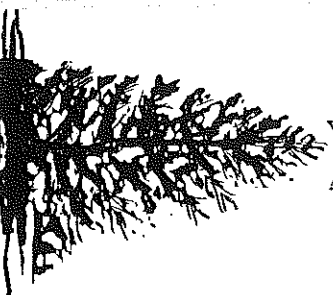
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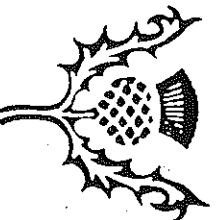


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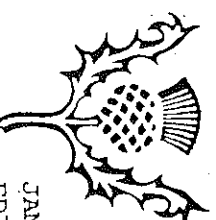


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