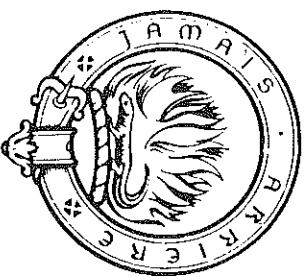


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Those eligible to join the Douglas Association of Australia, upon application, are -
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MACGUFFOCK, MC KITTRICK, MORTON, SANDILANDS, SANDLIN, SOULE,
SYMINGTON, YOUNG.

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

Welcome to new and old members, we are extremely pleased with our initial success right across Australia by our method of "Letters to the Editor Programme". Unfortunately we can only expect one bite from that cherry, as this method cannot be repeated. Our membership now heads towards 150.

Soliciting members for an organisation such as this is a tremendous and costly task and I invite you to assist us by adopting the policy of every member get a member, I await your results.

We have created world-wide interest in our new society and have had many letters of encouragement and congratulations on our first newsletter, which must give good cheer to our Editor Jan Shaw. We encourage you to send in any items of interest which you would like published, such as family history achievements, births, deaths and marriages.

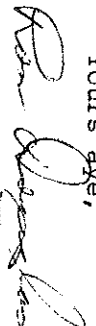
I recommend members to attend the 1987 Scottish Australian Heritage Councils Gathering from November 28th to December 7th. The Provisional itinerary as illustrated in this journal will allow you considerable latitude to shop and sight see around Sydney during this week as well as attending some of the functions of your choice. As mentioned previously, I attended the gathering last year and it was a memorable occasion. By attending this year you will have some insight and preparedness as to what you can expect next year when the World Highland Gathering will be held in Sydney. It will be the largest Scottish gathering Australia has experienced and should not be missed.

During this week it will be an opportune time to hold a meeting of our Douglas Association and meet our members from all over Australia to discuss our projected aims and objects and receive your recommendations.

Those who are interested can write to me per S.A.E. for further information, as bookings will be required for some of the functions. I hope in the next newsletter to describe the wearing apparel suggested for each of the functions for both ladies and gents together with the various Douglas tartans available.

In closing, I wish you all well and thank all committee members for their attendance and contributions to our bi-monthly meetings since our inauguration,

Yours aye,



Ron Douglas
President.

J.P. F.S.A. Scotland



April 15th. 1987.

Alexander Frederick Douglas-Home
b. 1903.
As well as a distinguished
Parliamentary career, Sir Alec
Douglas-Home was Prime Minister of
Gt. Britain in 1963-64. He is the
14th Earl of Home and now lives in
Scotland.

Thank you
I have been in touch with
Mr. Arthur L. Douglas, and I gladly
give recognition to your Douglas
Society in Australia.

I hope that it flourishes.

Yours truly
L. Home

CONGRATULATIONS and a Ceud Mile Failte.

Have been received from Clan Douglas Society of North America (CDSNA). Quotes from their newsletter "Dubhghlase" (Vol. XII, No. 5 March/April 1987). 'We of CDSNA extend a Hundred Thousand Welcomes to the newly formed kindred society, the Clan Douglas Association of Australia, (C.D.A.A.)' and 'He (Ron Douglas) is to be congratulated for this achievement and we wish continued success to him and his fellow Clan members.'

Thank-you C.D.S.N.A. - The "cousins" Clan Douglas now exchange newsletters and have given each other permission to reproduce articles of Douglas interest. May I also suggest that members from both associations contact each other when travelling in North America and Australia. J.S. (Ed.)

CONGRATULATIONS to our President, Ron Douglas who has been appointed the Australian Regent to C.D.S.N.A.

From Norman Douglas of Arrochar, Scotland, comes encouraging comments on our first newsletter, - 'it is bright, cheerful and democratic - in airing controversial views such as are the Douglases a "clan", and also the doubtful question of Septs of the Douglas family, I am sure that raising these questions will bring these matters to the fore and we will all learn together about our widespread Douglas family.'

Norman Douglas is a Scottish Douglas Historian whose special interests are Scottish Heraldry and Douglas Castles and Houses. We look forward to his articles on these subjects in future newsletters. In our next issue, we hope to publish an interesting account of how Norman Douglas researched his own family back to 1059 and was granted his own personal Coat-of-Arms by the Lord Lyon, King of Arms.

Norman Douglas (112) has become the first Scottish member to join C.D.A.A. - we congratulate him! - J.S. (Ed.)

Congratulations for our first Newsletter also came from Mrs. Heather Szabo, gathering convenor of the Sydney Scottish Games, (sponsored by the Scottish Australian Heritage Council). Mrs. Szabo says she hopes to meet members of the Douglas Clan at the Gathering of the Clans in Sydney on 6th December, 1987.

KNOW YOUR ROOTS

Mrs Mary Smith

Genealogical Co-ordinator.

The Origin of Drysdale

" On the 20th day of May, one Falkland, staying at Halliday's thousand five hundred and three Green, our eastern neighbour, years, we Thomas William and but we were not known."

James Douglas, sons of the departed Thomas Douglas, of The above document has been Brushwood Haugh in the Parish of preserved among the descendants Drysdale in the shire of of the said Thomas, William and Dumfries, left our native place James Douglas, and copied out for the reason here assigned, several times by different viz. defending our just and individuals. First by Simon lawful rights against our unjust Drysdale of the Haugh of Dollar neighbour, Johnston of Greenston in the year 1620; by Robert Hill, who being determined to Drysdale of Tillecoultry AD bring water to his mill through 1708; by John Drysdale, our property, and having Dumfermline, 1835; by James Hogg obtained leave of his friend the Drysdale, Dumfermline 1858 and King, began his operations on printed first in the year 1858 the 16th May, we prevented him by John Drysdale, Montrose; by force; the next day he again in the same form by the brought twenty of his vessels to last named John Drysdale of carry on the work. We, with two Glasgow 1863, and by Henry Dron friends and three servants, Drysdale of Haddington in 1941, eight in all, attacked Johnston and lastly by Donald Douglas of with his twenty, and, in the Morven, Queensland, Australia in contest, fourteen of his men 1970.

were slain, along with their base leader.

DRYSDALE, Moodie - blacksmith,

A report of these proceedings was carried to the King, and the 24 yrs. and living with his reason being sounded, we were widowed mother, Sarah Drysdale, obliged to fly. We took shelter born Dollar, Scotland, then aged under the shadow of the Ochil 57 yrs, and sister Sarah aged 18 Hills, in a lonely valley on the yrs. born Glasgow. A married River Devon. After having lived sister Margaret (21) and her there two full years, we husband William Forsyth, mariner returned home in disguise, but aged 23 yrs, who was also born found all our property in the at Dollar, were also living at possession of Johnston's the same address. (1851 census friends, and a great reward return of 161 Redfde Street, offered for our lives. We having Toxteth Park, Liverpool, purchased a small shot called the Haugh Dollar, and changed England.)

our name to that of our native parish, are clearly in mind to Queensland Country Death Index spend the residue of our days 1896 Margaret Ellen Drysdale under the slope of the Ochils, daughter of James McKay Drysdale and wish the name of Drysdale to, and Mary Ann Dennon - 4026 flourish in the lonely valley. 1896 George Bernard Drysdale, The King passed through this son of William Wallace Drysdale with his court on the 12th June and Caroline Churchill - 4238

The Crests, Mottoes, and Supporters of the Douglasses.
(Compiled from information supplied by A. Douglas, Laindon, Eng)

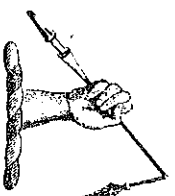
The Earls of Douglas	
CRESTS:	The early Douglasses, and indeed up to the sixth Earl of Douglas, used a Plume of between Five and Eleven White Feathers for their crest. The 7th Earl of Douglas changed this crest for "A Peacock's Head", and the 9th Earl of Douglas changed it to "A Boar Sejant" and then changed it again to "A Salamander amid the Flames".
MOTTOES:	"What Tyde" but later changed this to "Jamais Arriere".
SUPPORTERS:	"A Helmeted Lion sejant"; "Two Helmeted Lions Sejant"; "A Lion"; "Two Lions"; "Two Angels"; "Two Savages"; "One Savage"; "Two Savages holding Clubs".
The Douglasses of Angus	
CRESTS:	These Douglasses began by using the "Plume of Feathers", but changed this to "A Peacock's Head" and later to "A Salamander amid the Flames".
MOTTOES:	"Jamais Arriere" and "Extinctus Orior".
SUPPORTERS:	"A Stag and a Lady"; "A Savage and a Stag".
The Douglasses of Morton	
CRESTS:	Used a "Boar passant between two Trees".
MOTTOES:	"Jamais Arriere"; "Spero"; "Sicker"; and "Lock Sicker".
SUPPORTERS:	"Two Demi Savages"; "Two Savages".
The Douglasses of Drumlanrig & Queensberry	
CRESTS:	Originally used "A Hand holding a broken Spear", but this was changed to "A Winged Heart Imperially Crowned".
MOTTOES:	"Do or Die", but changed this to "Forward".
SUPPORTERS:	"Two Pegasi".
The Douglasses of Edrington	
CRESTS:	Used "Two Dragons Heads with necks adressed"
The Douglasses of Sweden	
CRESTS:	"A Salamander amid the Flames"
The Douglasses of Cavers	
CRESTS:	"A Hand holding a broken spear".
MOTTOES:	"Do or Die"
The Douglasses of Glenbervie	
CRESTS:	"A Salamander" and then "The Salamander amid the Flames on a Ducal Chapeau".
MOTTOES:	Lord Glenbervie used "Per varios casus".
SUPPORTERS:	Lord Glenbervie used "Two Savages"
The Douglasses of Morton in Nithsdale	
CRESTS:	"A Hand issuing from a Cloud grasping a Heart". This was later changed to "A Heart Crowned and Winged".
The Douglasses of Bridgeford	
CRESTS:	"A Hand grasping a Sword"
MOTTOES:	"Petit Ardua Virtas"

Continuation of Douglas Crests, Mottoes, and Supporters.
(Compiled from information supplied by A. Douglas, Laindon, Eng)

Douglases of Tiquhillie	
CRESTS:	"A Hand issuing out of a Cloud holding a Sword".
This was later changed to "A Hand holding an Oak Leaf", and at various times this was changed to "A Hand issuing out of a Bush and either holding a Sword or an Oak Leaf".	
MOTTOES:	"Tandem fit Surculus Arbor" and "God for Us".
SUPPORTERS:	"Two Savages".
The Douglases of Lochleven	
CRESTS:	"A Boar in the Cleft of an Oak Tree with a Lock holding the Clefts together".
The Douglases of Whiterigs	
CRESTS:	"A Demi Savage holding a Club"
MOTTOES:	"Fortis et aequus"
The Douglases of Brighton and Cruixton	
CRESTS:	"A Salamander amid the Flames"
MOTTOES:	"Jamais Arriere"
The Douglases of Mains	
CRESTS:	"An Oak Tree (proper)"
MOTTOES:	"Quae Serrata Secura"
The Douglases of Bonjedward	
CRESTS:	"A Hand holding a Scimitar"
The Douglases of Garrahan	
MOTTOES:	"Fortis et Fidelis".
The Douglases of Earnslaw	
MOTTO:	"Durate"
The Douglases of Cliftonhall	
MOTTO:	"Meliora speranda"
The Douglases of Baads	
MOTTO:	"Sapientia et virtus"
Lord Mordington	
MOTTO:	"Forward"
Viscount Belhaven	
MOTTO:	"Sans Tache"
SUPPORTERS:	"Two Game Cocks"
The Earl of Moray	
SUPPORTERS:	"Two Savages holding Clubs"
The Earls of March	
SUPPORTERS:	"A Pegasus and a Lion"
The Douglases of Carr	
SUPPORTERS:	"Two savages"
Lord Torthorwald	
SUPPORTERS:	"Two Peacocks"
Lord Penrhyn	
SUPPORTERS:	"Two antelopes"
Duke of Hamilton	
SUPPORTERS:	"Two Antelopes"
Earl of Orkney	
SUPPORTERS:	"An Antelope and A Stag"
Earl of Selkirk	
SUPPORTERS:	"A Savage and an Antelope".



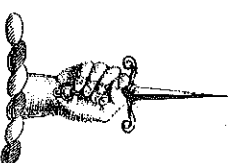
DOUGLAS OF LOCHLEVEN



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DOUGLAS OF DRUMCARNIE
AND QUEENSBERRY.



DOUGLAS OF BIDDARRED.

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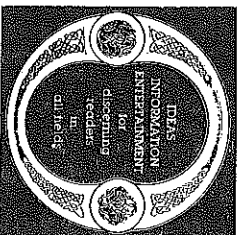
Mrs Mary Smith

Genealogical Co-ordinator.

Since the formation of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia, I have received many requests for information concerning the "ss" in the name of Douglas. Mr Arthur Douglas of Laindon in England, says there are three forms of origin and they are as follows:

1. During the 13th and 14th centuries throughout the "Wars of Independence", the English soldiery could not pronounce the names Maclucas and Maclugash (Mac-luo-gas). This was the beginning of this variation of our name. However, those same soldiers never used this form of spelling when referring to members of the Douglas family. They were always referred to as "Douglas".
2. Until about 1850, the vast majority of people could neither read nor write, and as a result, had to use the services of a scribe (writer) whenever they required anything to be put into the written word. This scribe, more often than not, would write the word of name as he thought it should be spelt, not necessarily as it should be written. Furthermore, if the client had an impediment in his speech, the scribe would often misunderstand what was said to him, and therefore, the variation in spelling would appear.
3. Those branches of the Douglas Family who migrated to Europe often used the continental form of spelling after they had settled there. That is, they used the "ss".

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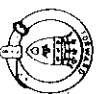


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MEMBER'S INTEREST

TOOWOOMBA'S HIGHLAND GATHERING

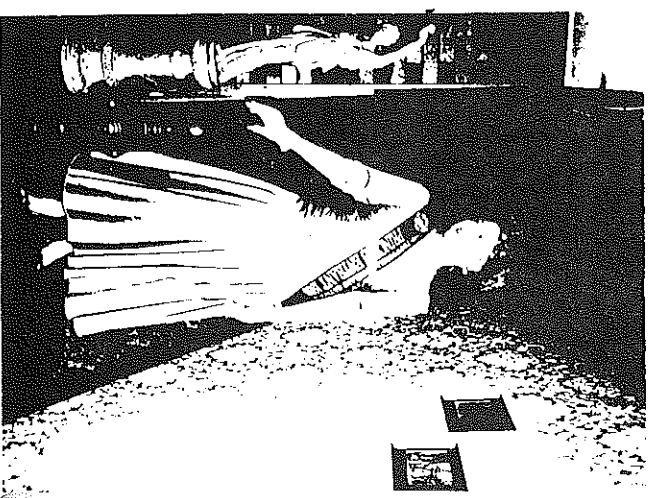
The Scottish community of Toowoomba staged a very successful Highland Gathering and Queensland Pipe Band Championships, in October last year. In perfect weather, over 300 highland dancers competed, whilst solo, mini and full pipe bands competed on various sections of the grounds. Around the perimeter, colorful tents displayed tartan wares and Scottish novelties to an appreciative crowd. During the week-end a Scottish

Country Dance workshop was held, with visiting tutors, and a display of dancing was given by participants at the Highland Gathering.

On Saturday evening a ceilidh was held which attracted over 1000 patrons, and what a memorable night it was! The Toowoomba Caledonian Pipe Band gave a magnificent display, whilst Scottish vocalists and dancers provided entertainment throughout the evening and Scottish country dances kept everyone on their feet.

The week-end culminated with the Massed Pipe Bands marching to the tune of "Scotland the Brave" which was a most spectacular sight, and was a spine tingling experience for the thousands of spectators.

One of the major fund raising activities for the Highland Gathering was a Queen and Princess Quest, where the 14 girls nominated, and their families and friends worked very hard to raise nearly \$7,000.



Miss. Kylie Douglas, daughter of your President Ron, also Chieftain of the Toowoomba Caledonian Society, and wife Merle, was very proud to be chosen as Princess of the Quest, also Charity Princess and overall highest fund raiser. Finale to the Quest was a Scottish Ball, where the girls were presented to the public, and received their sashes and prizes.

MEMBER'S INTEREST

MELBOURNE 1839-THE ARRIVAL OF THE DOUGLASS FAMILY

The first vessel to bring Government-assisted immigrants direct from Britain to Port Phillip, Melbourne, was the 608 ton "David Clark". The ship sailed from Greenock, a port on the River Clyde in Scotland, on the 13th June 1839.

Among the 229 passengers were the Douglass family from Dumfries - my great-great-grandparents, James and Mary Douglass and their seven children, who were bound for Port Phillip and the small settlement of Melbourne. The "David Clark" reached Rio de Janeiro on August 15th. The ship stayed there for about eight days, taking on fresh water and supplies of oranges, bread and a quantity of medicines. It then set sail on the second leg of its voyage to Port Phillip. During the whole passage, only one passenger died and one baby was born.

News of the imminent arrival of the first overseas immigrant ship caused much excitement in Melbourne, and was eagerly awaited by the small community. At this time the colony was desperately in need of skilled tradesmen, farm workers and servants. On the 27th October 1839, the "David Clark" reached Port Phillip, after a journey lasting almost five months. The passengers were rowed ashore, and then walked a distance of almost two miles to the banks of the Yarra. Rows of tents had been pitched on the left bank of the Yarra to accommodate the immigrants while they were waiting for employment and permanent accommodation. After dusk that evening, a fife played Scottish airs, and most of the passengers enjoyed dancing in the moonlight. One can imagine their joy at being on land again after so many months at sea. Their first day on Australian soil ended with a long walk into the bush to witness a Corroboree performed by the Aborigines.

Members of the Douglass family were soon placed in suitable employment. James was engaged as a farm servant at the rate of £1 per week plus rations. His daughter Isabella aged 13 years, who later became my great-grandmother, was employed as a housemaid and received £6/10/- for six months work, plus rations. By comparison, James's daughter Agnes aged 21 years, received £12 for doing similar work. Son James 17 years, worked as a shepherd, and was paid £11 for six months work plus rations. The Colonial Secretary reported at the end of two weeks, that all the "David Clark" immigrants had been hired at satisfactory wages, and were now gainfully employed as farm hands, dairy maids, carpenters, coopers, bakers, stonemasons, and other trades.

This now was the beginning of my Douglass family history in Australia. It gives me great pleasure to share this family with the members of the Clan Douglas Association.

Mrs June Marks, Randwick, NSW.

BIRTHS - MARRIAGES - DEATHS

The engagement is announced of Susan Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr & Mrs Doug Smith of Capalaba, Brisbane, (clan members); and Nicholas, only son of Mr & Mrs David Taylor of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire, England.

Clan Douglas committee member Miss Kirsten Douglas, was married to Mr Mark Elliot on 11th April, 1987 at All Saints Church, Wickham Terrace, Brisbane.

Miss Margot Shaw, elder daughter of clan members Mr & Mrs Craig Shaw of Indooroopilly, Brisbane, and Mr Richard Cox, only son of Mr & Mrs Harry Cox of Nynghen, NSW, were married on 25th April, 1987 at St Mary's Church, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane.

The wedding of Miss Sally Godfrey and Mr Jonathan Bagnall took place on 24th April, 1987, in the garden of Early Street Historical Village, Norman Park, Brisbane. The bride is the elder daughter of clan members, Mr & Mrs John Godfrey of Wellington Point, Brisbane, and Jonathan is the second son of Mrs Lois Bagnall of Exeter, England.

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DOUGLAS, CLOSEBURN, GALASHIELS, MELROSE AND DALKEITH , all
in SCOTLAND.

RICH HILL, ARMAH, NEWTONARDS AND COUNTY DOWN all in IRELAND.

BLACKWOOD:

GLASGOW.

BROWN:

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE in ENGLAND

FALKEITH in SCOTLAND

PAISELEY in IRELAND.

FORREST:

BUOTHQUAN & EDINBURGH in SCOTLAND.

GLENDINNING:

BRACKAGH, LIVINGSTONE, CO. WEST LOTHIAN in SCOTLAND.

INGLIS:

MANGERTON, GLASGOW, MURKIRK in SCOTLAND.

KIRKLAND:

KIRKPATRICK in SCOTLAND.

SANDILANDS:

INVERESK in SCOTLAND.

MACGUFFOG:

CASTLE DOUGLAS in SCOTLAND.

AUSTRALIAN RESIDENCY STATISTICS.

QUEENSLAND

78 MEMBERS.

N.S.W.

23 MEMBERS.

VIC.

16 MEMBERS.

S.A.

1 MEMBER.

W.A.

4 MEMBERS.

TAS.

A.C.T.

1 MEMBER.

N.T.

2 MEMBERS.

N.ZEALAND

1 MEMBER.

SCOTLAND

1 MEMBER.

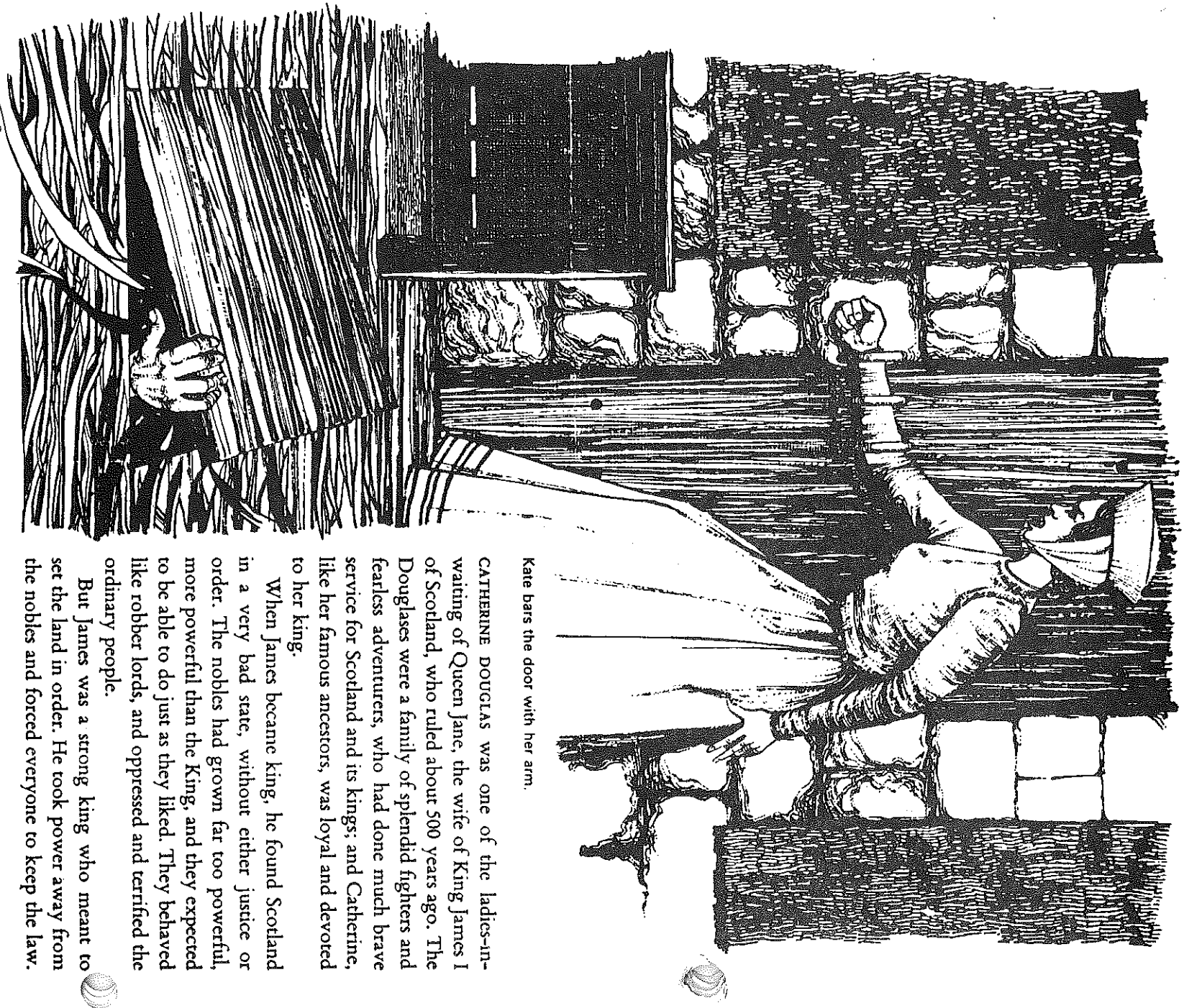
LITERARY INFORMATION.

MR. KEVIN DOUGLAS OF LEETON, MRS. JILLIAN HUNTER OF
ST. ARNAUD AND MISS GRACE DOUGLAS OF ESSENDON have written
to tell us about a book published documenting their family
history from 1868 when JAMES CRAWFORD DOUGLAS married MARY
MICHAEL and settled in WOODSTOCK VIC.

EDITH MYERS -- HON. TREASURER.

The true story of brave Catherine Douglas took place at Perth Scotland, on the night of 20th February, 1437.

'KATE BARLASS'



Kate bars the door with her arm.

CATHERINE DOUGLAS was one of the ladies-in-waiting of Queen Jane, the wife of King James I of Scotland, who ruled about 500 years ago. The Douglases were a family of splendid fighters and fearless adventurers, who had done much brave service for Scotland and its kings; and Catherine, like her famous ancestors, was loyal and devoted to her king.

When James became king, he found Scotland in a very bad state, without either justice or order. The nobles had grown far too powerful, more powerful than the King, and they expected to be able to do just as they liked. They behaved like robber lords, and oppressed and terrified the ordinary people.

But James was a strong king who meant to set the land in order. He took power away from the nobles and forced everyone to keep the law.

All the ordinary people blessed him, for at last they hoped to live in peace and safety; but many of the nobles hated him, and plotted against him. The Douglasses were among the noblest and most powerful of the Scottish lords, and all Catherine's family believed that James had done good for Scotland. Catherine honoured and admired him and was proud to be at his court.

One Christmas, the King and his court went to Perth, one of the most important cities of Scotland, to celebrate Christmas there, never thinking of danger. But in the castle where the King and Queen stayed there were traitors who were in the pay of Sir Robert Graham. Graham wanted to be king himself, and he had won the support of many of the nobles who had a grudge against the King by promising them more freedom if he were king.

Christmas and New Year went by cheerfully. Then, one evening in January, when the King and Queen and a few of the Queen's ladies-in-waiting, including Catherine, were sitting peacefully by the fire in a room deep in the heart of the castle, they suddenly heard a noise and commotion down the long passage that led to the room. They could hear angry shouts, and they knew that the King's enemies must have broken in and were meaning to kill him.

The only door in the room was the one the murderers were coming to, and the window was too heavily barred for anyone to escape that way. The King, who had not suspected danger, was unarmed and defenceless. The guards who should have protected him had been bribed, drugged, or overcome. How was he to escape? Then the King remembered there was a space beneath the floorboards where he could hide if there were time for him to tear up the floorboards and get in before the assassins arrived. The door must be barred, and Catherine ran to do it.

But the false guards had broken the lock and removed the heavy iron bolt. The traitors were coming nearer, and the door must be held, if only for a moment, while the King had time to tear up the floorboards with the tongs from the

fire — the only tool he could find. Catherine saw that the iron rings which had held the bolt were just big enough for a woman to push her arm through. She thrust her arm through up to the elbow — a bolt much weaker than iron, but perhaps enough for a moment's vital delay.

The enemy beat on the door and tried to fling it open, and Catherine threw all her weight against it. For a minute it held — long enough for the King to creep into his refuge, and for the Queen and the other ladies to stamp down the boards and pull the rushes over them. Then the men outside, hurling themselves at the door, broke Catherine's arm, and she fell back half-fainting as the heavy door swung open, and a band of armed men rushed in.

The assassins searched the room but found no trace. The terrified women managed to keep their anxious eyes from the floor, and the murderers, baffled, moved on, thinking that the King must be somewhere else.

But James could not stay in his hiding place, for there was no air. There had been a passage out to the open air, but only a few days ago James had had it blocked up because his tennis balls kept rolling down the hole. His only escape must be back through the room, just as he was cautiously lifting the boards, his enemies stormed in again, for one of them had remembered the secret room under the floor. They leaped down upon him in the tiny vault.

Unarmed though he was, James fought bravely with his bare hands, and had flung several armed knights to the ground before he himself fell, pierced by many swords and daggers. Catherine's courage had not saved her brave King after all. But the cowardly murder shocked Scotland, and the Scottish would not accept Sir Robert Graham as king. Instead, James's son, James II, who was only 6 years old, succeeded him.

We hear no more of Catherine, but we can be sure she served the new King loyally too. In Scottish story she is remembered as Kate Barlass, the lass who barred the door, one of the bravest of the brave Douglasses.

NOTICE BOARD

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our first Annual General Meeting is to be held on
SATURDAY, 10th October, 1987
at 1.30pm

at the R.S.L. Hall, Nathan Ave., ASHGROVE, BRISBANE.

We welcome all members, their families and friends to the meeting and to a B.Y.O. picnic lunch and social "get to know each other", prior to the meeting starting at 11am.

Nomination forms are included on a separate sheet in this newsletter. Please have these in to the secretary by 30th September, and we should be most grateful if those wishing to attend the lunch and meeting, would notify the secretary also.
(Secretary: Mrs Del Armstrong, 32 Rothbury Ave., Bald Hills, 4036. Telephone: 07-2613996).

MEMBERSHIP DUES - NEW FINANCIAL YEAR BEGINS 1st SEPTEMBER

BOOKS

Recent acquisitions for our genealogical library are:

"A History of the House of Douglas" by Sir Herbert Maxwell.

"Genealogy of the Families of Douglas of Mulberg 1895".

"100 Years of Morven & District" 1887-1987.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DONATIONS OF BOOKS, PERIODICALS
etc., OF DOUGLAS OR SEPT INTEREST.

Mary Smith,
Genealogical Co-ordinator.

RECOMMENDED READING

IF MEMBERS HAVE READ BOOKS ABOUT DOUGLAS HISTORY, OR OF
GENERAL INTEREST, COULD THEY PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH A
FEW SHORT LINES IN RECOMMENDED READING.

"SCOTTISH ROOTS" by Alwyn Jones, MacDonald Publishers, Loan
Head, Midlothian, 1981, is a simple step by step for ancestor
hunters in Scotland. It gives information on available Scottish
records.

Ed.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Smith and Jan Shaw for a "HIGHLY
COMMENDED" in the Henderson Award, announced this month by the
Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies in Melbourne, for
their book "A DOUGLAS! A DOUGLAS!"

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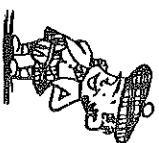
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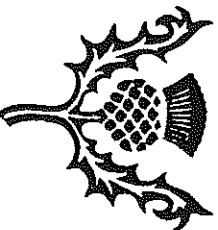
YOUR EDITOR

We have a new format, owing to the expense of producing our first newsletter, (which was kindly borne by an anonymous donor) some costs have now been eliminated. We welcome newsletter contributions from members all over Australia; share your views, ideas and history with us. Please encourage your children to contribute too. Are any children interested in starting a pen-friend column? If so, please send in name, age and interests. Is there a typist amongst members in the Brisbane area willing to help prepare newsletters? - Jan Shaw (Ed.)

Address your newsletter contributions to -



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A DATE IN '88 —

Provisional Programme for the 1988 Gathering.

Sun. Nov. 20 Arrive Hobart. Visit to Casino. Some will no doubt go straight home from here.
Mon. Nov. 21 Tour of Tasmania, the Southern Hemisphere's Scotland (I would personally prefer to tour Scotland, the Northern Hemisphere's Tasmania).
Tues. Nov. 22 Launceston. Visit to Australian Tartan Centre.
Wed. Nov. 23 Cross Bass Strait to Melbourne. Don't forget the mal de mer tablets.
Thurs. Nov. 24 Selection of tours available.
Fri. Nov. 25 Military Tattoo. A cast of 1500, with contingents from the U.K., U.S.A., Canada, New Guinea and New Zealand.
Sat. Nov. 26 Arrive Sydney.
Sun. Nov. 27 Tartans kirked. March of the Clans. Public open air concert.
Mon. Nov. 28 Information Centre and Scottish Exhibition open. Scottish Week Opening Ceremony. Western Suburbs Ceilidh. Scottish activities in Martin Place begin and continue till Friday.
Tues. Nov. 29 Golf day.
Wed. Nov. 30 Race Day. Parramatta Scottish Day. City Ceilidh.
Thurs. Dec. 1 Harbour trip to Manly for Scottish Day. Campbelltown Scottish Day. Northern Suburbs Ceilidh. Scottish History evening.
Fri. Dec. 2 Close of Information Centre and Exhibition. Grand Scottish Week Ball. My notes say, "Full evening dress with decorations and tiaras". I just can't wait to see Scorrybreac in a tiara.
Sat. Dec. 3 Clan functions and meetings. Sightseeing.
Sun. Dec. 4 Sydney Highland Games. All the fun of the fair..
Mon. Dec. 5 Arrive Brisbane. Tour of Gold Coast.
Tues. Dec. 6 To Barrier Reef for two days of island relaxation.
Fri. Dec. 9 Arrive Canberra. From hot sun to hot air. Night tour of Capital.
Sat. Dec. 10 Selection of tours available. Military Tattoo for those who missed it in Melbourne.
Sun. Dec. 11 Depart exhausted for home.

How to Get There Official Carrier



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the official travel service of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council.

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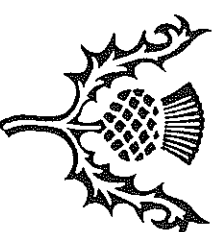
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