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# 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 are:*

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## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

TO ACT AS A REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF DOUGLASES 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.

We send Members two Newsletters a year (and invite members to contribute articles of general interest). We hold social gatherings to enable Members to meet.

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, BROWNEE, 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.

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. Enclosed is a membership form to be returned with Australian currency cheques made out to CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION and send to - The Treasurer, Clan Douglas Association of Australia, PO Box 806, Hamilton, 4007.

*Clan Douglas Association of Australia Inc*

*President's Report*

*November 2003*

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome members to the November issue of the Clan Douglas Association newsletter.

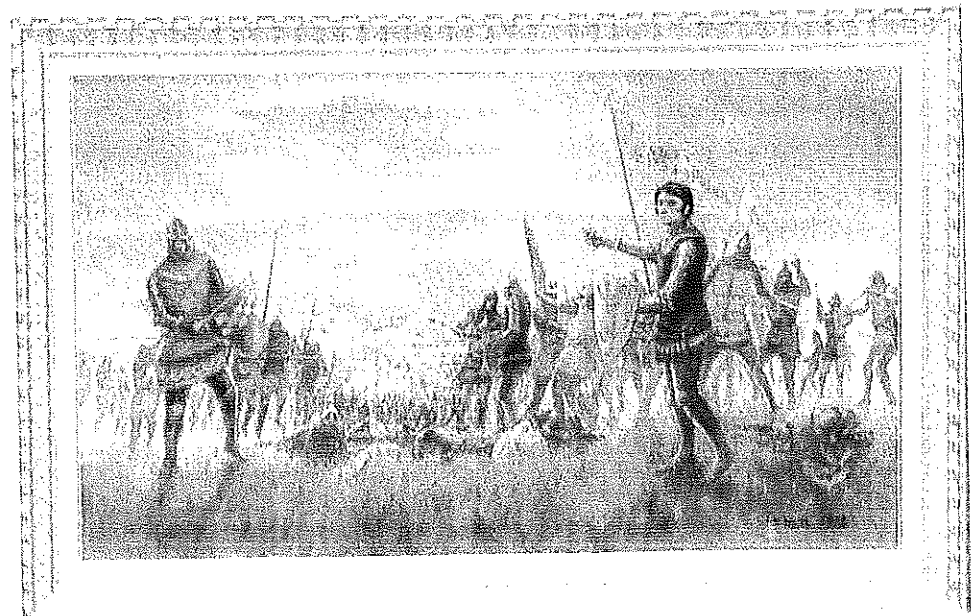
Recently, on 19 October, the Association held its Annual General Meeting for 2003 at Jan and Ken Waller's home in Brisbane. On behalf of the Association, I would like extend thanks to Jan and Ken for opening their home for our AGM.

It was decided by those present at the AGM not to arrange any significant events for 2004. Unfortunately, that means that the Clan Douglas ceilidh will not proceed next year but we hope to be organising it for 2005.

As it is only four weeks to Christmas, I would like to extend warm wishes to all of our members and their families for the Christmas and New Year season and also wishes for a prosperous 2004.

Thank you again to all our members for their continued support of the Association.

Regards,  
**Chris Douglas**  
**President**



OIL PAINTING OF "THE BATTLE OF OTTERBURN" BY TIMOTHY WATTS.  
James Douglas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Douglas and Mar is lying wounded in the centre of foreground,  
Douglas shield showing. To the right with sword aloft is Harry "Hotspur" Percy  
And to the left is Lindsay, Earl of Crawford, great friend of Douglas.  
Flames of Scottish followers' camp set on fire by Percy with River Rede in background.  
Pennant above Percy is a local Redesdale flag.  
Painting owned by the late Mr Norman Douglas of Dundarrach, Arrochar.

## GENEALOGICAL CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR 2003

It gives me much pleasure to present my report for 2003.

This year has been similar to previous years and I regret that there has been very few letters for me to answer regarding genealogy. I have been unable to contact Mr Percy Douglas in The Netherlands so that particular project is no further ahead.

I have not been notified of any Douglas or sept families' publications so no books have been purchased for the library this year. Again I ask if any members are aware of Douglas or sept family publications, the Clan Douglas would like to know about them, subject to purchasing for our library.

Research queries are needed for insertion in the newsletters. We have not received many this year and this free facility continues to be underused.

Mary Smith  
Genealogical Co-ordinator

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT

It gives me much pleasure as Newsletter Editor, to present the Newsletter Report for 2003.

Three newsletters have been produced since the AGM last year and I have tried to keep the interest features going as much as possible, but I do need different material to publish. Please help in this department if you are able to find something that you think our readers may enjoy reading. Maybe a suggestion or two as to the format of the newsletter would be of assistance.

I know that many of our members have varied and interesting stories about their forebears. Would you be willing to share them with other members? The newsletter editor is always on the lookout for Douglas/sept families or descendant anecdotes/biographies to reproduce. We need research queries also to help other members who may be looking for long lost relatives or ancestors. Please help us to help you and so keep the newsletter a viable and sought after publication.

If you are looking for a different Christmas or birthday present to give a loved one, may I suggest a gift of membership to the Clan Douglas Association of Australia. On every newsletter you receive there is always an application form at the back. Just fill this in and mail to the Treasurer, PO Box 806, Hamilton, 4007 with the \$15-00 membership fee.

Mary Smith  
Newsletter Editor





## DRUMLANRIG (continued)

**James Douglas**, 7<sup>th</sup> Laird of Drumlanrig, succeeded his father William and added much to the family estate. He was born in 1498, the year his grandfather died and was therefore, still under age when his father died in 1513. In 1514 he was retoured heir to his father in the barony of Hawick. In June 1526, James was engaged with Sir Walter Scott of Branxholm in his attempt to rescue King James V from the Earl of Angus. In the early part of 1541, James with others, was implicated in the slaughter of Mr Hector Sinclair, parson of Kirkbride and became a fugitive with his goods being given to Robert, Lord Maxwell. His hiding place was in Carlisle where he made friends with the Warden. He returned to Scotland late in 1542 where he was supposed to pass information to the English about Scottish activities. However, it does not appear that he ever gave intelligence that wasn't already known. He continued to brief the English and was involved in negotiations and diplomacy to try to make peace between the two countries. On March 30 1546, Queen Mary granted Drumlanrig a Commission of Justiciary over and within his own lands and baronies, giving special reference to persons living there, who since the death of King James V, had indulged in thieving. In the following year after the succession of King Edward VI, James was again approached to become involved in diplomacy and found himself resisting Lennox and Wharton who made a raid in his neighbourhood in February 1547-48. Everything went with Drumlanrig to begin with but in the end he was defeated with considerable loss. Two of his sons were taken prisoners while he himself just escaped. A month later, he joined forces with the Master of Maxwell and the Laird of Buccleuch probably for mutual defence.

In 1533, James Douglas was knighted by the Duke of Chatellerault and became Guardian of the West Marches in 1553 from Annandale to Galloway with full powers. The following years saw him involved in politics — opposing Queen Mary's marriage with Darnley. On March 22 1565-66 he was warded in Edinburgh Castle on suspicion of sympathy with the murderers of Riccio. In

1571 he was again a prisoner in Edinburgh Castle. He outlived his eldest son and made several wills but died December 27 1578. During his lifetime, he built Drumlanrig Castle and acquired lands of Ardoch, Knocktown, Altoun and Crarie in the barony of Drumlanrig, the tower of Hawick and other lands there which included Reidhaw, Templand and Glenmaid, Mouswald, Kirkhope and Whitecamp, Locharben — all in Dumfriesshire.

Sir James Douglas of Drumlanrig married (1) in 1513, Margaret, daughter of George Douglas, Master of Angus and Elizabeth Drummond. They were divorced between September 1539 and January 1540. Sir James had children

1. William, who became 8<sup>th</sup> Laird of Drumlanrig
2. Patrick, Baillie of Morton Castle; (Sir Robert Douglas states he was illegitimate)
3. Katherine, born Drumlanrig 1525
4. Robert, born Drumlanrig 1530
5. Janet, born Drumlanrig 1532, who married (1) May 11, 1538, William Douglas yr. of Cashogle with issue; married (2) July 8 1552, John Charteris of Amisfield; married (3) June 25, 1559 .....



6. Margaret, married Drumlanrig August 4, 1543, John Jardine of Applegirth
7. Nicholas, married John Johnstone of that Ilk.
8. Alison, born Drumlanrig 1534
9. Agnes born Drumlanrig 1536

Sir James Douglas of Drumlanrig married (2) in 1540, Lady Christine, daughter of John Montgomery, Master of Eglington and Elizabeth Edmonstoun of Duntreath.

Their issue —

10. Margaret, born Dumfries in 1540; married (1) June 4, 1561, Edward, 5<sup>th</sup> Lord Crichton of Sanquhar; married (2) May 16, 1571, William, 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Menteith, son of John, 4<sup>th</sup> Earl and Lady Marian Seton; married (3) Robert Wauchope of Niddry.
11. Elizabeth married Drumlanrig February 18, 1556, Andrew Ker of Cessford
12. Janet married (1) January 25, 1559 James Tweedy of Drumelzier; married (2) March 2, 1564 Sir William Ker of Cessford Yr.
13. Helen married April 21, 1564, Roger Grierson of Lag
14. Christian/Christina born Drumlanrig 1550, married April 21, 1574, Sir Alexander Stewart of Garlies.

Sir James Douglas of Drumlanrig had the following 'natural' children

1. Agnes, born Caerlaverock, 1517
2. John of Ersmortoun, born Dumfries, 1522, married Gilles Irvine
3. Robert, born Dumfries 1524; died September 1 1609; 1547-1604 was Provost of the Collegiate Church of Lincluden and Collector General of Revenue; 1559 was legitimised by Royal letter; 1560 had the estates of the College of Lincluden assigned to him and was living at Greenlaw; 1609, September 12, Will noted in the Buccleuch Manuscript which mentions his grandson, John Douglas of Burford, ancestor of the Douglasses of Greenlaw.
4. Allison, born Dumfries, 1526
5. Janet, born Dumfries, 1529
6. Robert 'the younger', born Dumfries, 1535, legitimated August 16, 1546
7. John 'the younger', born Dumfries, 1537, legitimated August 16, 1546
8. Adam of Pennyland, born Dumfries 1539, legitimated August 16, 1546 and mentioned at Edinburgh on the same day as the Precept of Legitimation. Also mentioned in an action against William, son of Alexander Cunyngham of Laglane.
9. Margaret, born Dumfries, 1540; married Andrew Cunyngham of Birkshaw.

These children were named and arranged differently in the two books I consulted (see below). Sir Robert Douglas states in his that William Douglas who became the 8<sup>th</sup> Laird of Drumlanrig was the only lawful son born to Sir James Douglas, 7<sup>th</sup> Laird through his second wife, Lady Christine Montgomery.

Compiled from "The Scots Peerage", "Douglas, Duke of Queensberry", Sir Robert Douglas, V.1, pp119-128  
 "A History of the Family of Douglas", by Percy Douglas





## DATING FAMILY PHOTOS

### Girls

The length of the dress was governed by the age of the child — eg., short when young but lengthening as they grew older. Hair was worn long and left unplaited or tied — sometimes with a Alice band around the head. Lace pantaloons were worn in the 1850s, but became less popular in the 1860s eventually to be replaced by loose drawers usually of white cambris, which peeped from under the frocks. Sailor hats were fashionable with the hair left loose.

In the 1870s, puffed sleeves were popular for party dresses and fichus were often worn. Tam-o'-shanters adorned the heads of both boys and girls.

Bright stockings went out in the 1880s to be replaced by grey, black or brown. Little girls began to be seen in long white socks which showed bare knees from about 1895. Light coloured stockings were featured by 1914.

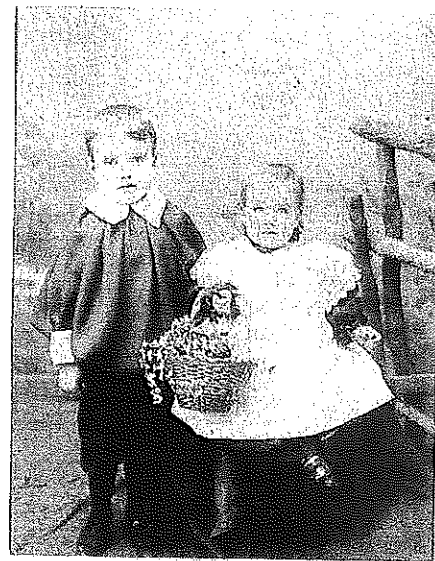
Smocking was in vogue in the 1880s and this lasted until 1900 although infants continued to wear smocked dresses. From 1900, embroidery on dresses at hems and yokes large collars attached to round necklines and short sleeves became the 'norm'. From 1905, younger girls' dresses were often yoked with a high waistline. School wear could be a dress with a sailor collar trimmed with white braid as well as the hem and cuffs. Gym tunics were also in fashion and were especially favoured for sports but did not become a school uniform until around 1912.

From 1910, Liberty frocks were worn — low round neckline, three-quarter length loose sleeves gathered into a cuff and under the lot could be found another high-necked blouse with long sleeves. Younger girls wore the high waistline and older girls favoured the natural waist. In 1914, the waistline dropped to thigh level — a fashion which lasted till 1917 when the high waist came back.

Taken from Frost, Lenore, *Dating Family Photos 1850-1920*, Valiant Press Pty.Ltd., Berwick, Victoria, pp. 91-92



This photograph of Meg Douglas taken at the age of 3 years and 7 months (1908) is a good example of a pretty party dress showing the smocked yoke, use of broderie anglais in the dress and cuffs and in the pantaloons underneath.



This is a portrait of Jim and Bertha Espie taken by Walter E. Perroux, Queensland probably before the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Note the bows on Jim's shoes, black stockings and knickerbocker trousers with a very full bloused shirt with contrasting collar and cuffs. Bertha seems to be wearing a broderie anglais pinafore over a dark dress underneath. Note the embroidery on sleeves and hemline.



## News from the 2003 AGM

At the AGM, the executive office bearers were re-elected to positions previously held in the Association. The following points were discussed and resolved.

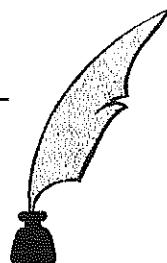
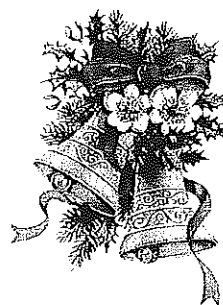
1. The Ceilidh scheduled to be held in 2004 has been cancelled as there are insufficient young members to assist in its organisation at the present time. However, the matter will come up for discussion at the AGM in 2004.
2. The Scotland trip was postponed indefinitely. Doug Waller has volunteered to write to the Clan Douglas of North America to ascertain if they are organising a trip in 2004 and if so, our members may be able to join up with them in Edinburgh.
3. Memorial to Ron Douglas — The committee decided to establish an annual prize or bursary in honour of Ron Douglas which will be awarded to a student of Scots PGC College in Warwick who has achieved all round success in the sporting field as well as in the classroom. Alternatively, the suggestion was made that a prize could be for a student who has succeeded at woodwork given Ron's interest in antique restoration. The prize is to be known as "The Ron Douglas Memorial Prize donated by the Clan Douglas Association of Australia". There will be a perpetual trophy with the name of the winner and the date to be engraved on the plaque as well as an individual prize to the value of \$200-00. A letter will be forwarded to Mrs Merle Douglas notifying her of the committee's decision and asking for her approval of the scheme. As well, one will be sent to the Scots PGC College setting out the requirements and to ascertain how best this prize may be utilised by the school.
4. Membership — The committee resolved that the annual membership subscription should increase from \$15-00 to \$20-00 commencing in the 2004-2005 financial year. This is to cover the increased cost of the newsletter and any other financial requirements of the association.

## Editorial

At this time of the year one looks back on one's activities during the last twelve months and there is always the thought that one could have produced a better newsletter. I shall endeavour to improve and try to provide more interesting facts and include for Sydney members, the dates for Scottish Week. Unfortunately by the time you receive this newsletter, Scottish Week will have been and gone. Please accept my apologies.

My Best Wishes for a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all Clan Douglas members and their families.

Mary Smith, Editor.





From left to right  
 Rob Douglas - June Douglas - Ken Douglas - Anna Douglas –  
 Nina Galea (brides mother)

The marriage of Ken Douglas late of "Mt Moriah" Morven, with Anna McBride was celebrated at St Mary's Anglican Church, Kangaroo Point on October 5, 2003. The Rev. Geoff Hoyte officiated.

The bride in cream, was attended by her maids Donna Sutor and Karee Thomasson who wore red. They were led by flower-girl Maddy Douglas (daughter of Guy & Lisa) — each carrying red roses. The Best Man Guy Douglas and Groomsman Wayne MacDonald together with Ken's father Robert Douglas, looked splendid in kilts and made a very colourful bridal party. On leaving the church, the Bride and Groom were showered with red rose petals as relatives and friends gathered under the Jacaranda trees in full bloom.

The Bridal Party left the church in a horse-drawn carriage and the guests were escorted to the "Kookaburra Queen" (Brisbane River Boat) where the Reception was being held.

There the Bride & Groom were toasted in fine spirit with much happiness and jovial humour. Samuel Douglas son of Guy & Lisa, entertained with his violin and dancing was led by Ken and his wife Anna.

Submitted by Meg Russell.



## SYMINGTON

Symington Village, Church and People is the first history of the Ayrshire Village to be published since the foundation of "Simon's Toun" which grew up around the settlement of the Norman Knight Simon Loccard in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Apart from the village itself, the church built in 1160 is one of the finest examples of a Norman church in existence and still functions as the centre of village life today. The history of Symington through the centuries is dealt with by author John W. Nimmo as the major events of history unfold. The Crusades, The Reformation, The Disruption, The Industrial Revolution all influenced life in the village, as did some of the great figures of the past — Sir Simon Lockhart of Lee, Robert the Bruce, Sir William Wallace and Robert Burns. Changes in the way of life in the village and in the surrounding estates include the history and subsequent development of Hansel village into an internationally renowned centre of excellence. There is a wealth of information and of pictures taken in and around the conservation village and a fine set of reproductions of the stained glass windows in the section dealing with the Symington Norman Church.

Proceeds from the sale of the book go to the Symington Hall-for-All Building Fund. Copies of the book are obtainable from many places throughout Ayrshire.

Symington Village, Church and People by John W. Nimmo is published by Alloway Publishing. ISBN 0-907526-82-9. 72 pages, with over 70 illustrations (colour and mono). Price 8 pounds 50 p. (English Sterling)

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(Taken from "The Journal", East Ayrshire Family History Society, Issue 13, August 2003, p.8).

SYMINGTON: There is a village and parish of Symington in the Kyle district of Ayrshire, but the old family of Symington derive from Symington in the Upper Ward of Lanarkshire. Symon Loccard, ancestor of the Lockharts of Lee, held both places in the latter half of the twelfth century under the Stewards. Between 1315-21 Robert 1 confirmed to Thomas filius Ricardi all the barony of Symundestone in the sheriffdom of Lanark (RMS., 1, 78). This Thomas son of Richard (Thomas Dickson) was progenitor of the family of Symington of that ilk. The family held the barony till towards the middle of the seventeenth century. John of Symonton of that ilk appears as sheriff-depute of Lanark in 1478 and 1490 (ALA., p.44, 72, 148). John of Symenton was juror in Lanark, 1501 (Lanark, p.11). John Symontoun de eodem was served heir to his father in the barony of Symontoun (except 26 oxgates in the town) with the office of bailie of the barony of Dowglas and the captaincy of the castle thereof, and other lands, 1612 (Retours, Lanark, 478). The first real steamship built in the United Kingdom was Constructed by William Symington, and launched on the river Carron in 1789. Symmentoun 1578, Symmontone 1682, Symmontoune and Symingtoune 1684, Symontoun 1537, Symontoune 1561, Symontown 1687, Symountoun 1632.  
(Taken from GF Black's "Surnames of Scotland", p.760.)



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treasurer. Thank you.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

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.