



# 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:*

**PATRON:** Mr Archibald Douglas

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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, 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.

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.

### **Vice President's Message from 2003**

In March, we received the resignation of Mr Christopher Douglas our President, due to professional commitments. We thank Chris sincerely for his hard work for this association and wish him well in the future.

First, I must say how grateful we are to have the services of Mrs Mary Smith, an original member of the CDA of A who compiles our newsletter and is also the Genealogical Co-ordinator. She is always asking for new items for inclusion in the newsletter so if you have anything of interest, please send it to her.

May I make a plea to existing members to encourage anyone whom they think would enjoy receiving the newsletter and who are eligible for membership. Our Clan Douglas membership has dwindled drastically, and we are very interested in any ideas that could encourage new members.

After attending the Scottish celebrations held on the grounds in front of the South Bank Cultural Centre in Brisbane in June, we were amazed and delighted to see such a large interest in things Scottish and the celebration of anything belonging to our Scottish Heritage.

Jan Waller.



**ROBERT THE BRUCE**

At Stirling Castle, Scotland

(Courtesy of Doug Waller, 2004)

## Welcome from the New President

It is with great pleasure that I take over the presidency of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia.

Declining membership and rising operational costs had recently caused some, myself included, to consider 'mothballing' the Association. However, I and the executive committee anticipate the return to Brisbane of some younger energetic members from overseas who will provide the impetus for increased activity and growth.

I credit a recent trip to Scotland to attend a wedding with giving me the motivation to continue my involvement in the Clan Douglas. Prior to my trip, the Clan Douglas Association of Australia was an organisation that my mother was involved in and one that I supported out of respect for her.

However, since seeing the vibrant green hills and the grey waters of the lochs with my own eyes I have come to appreciate my Scottish heritage on a personal level. I have expanded on these feelings in a brief account of my trip which you may read elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter.

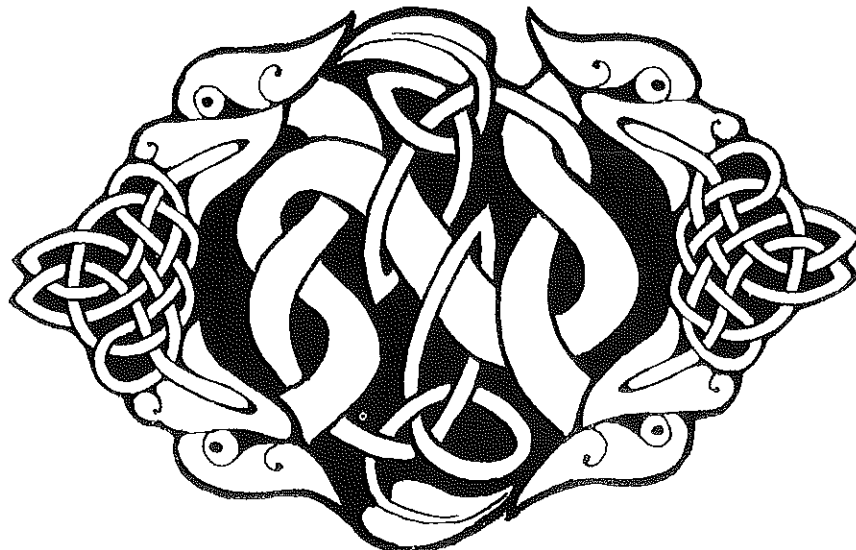
Elsewhere, in this newsletter you will find a summary of the outcome of the Annual General Meeting held on 5 September 2004. The focus of this meeting was clearly one of cost cutting. It appears that even without regular events and activities the Association is incurring a number of costs merely through its legal existence as an unincorporated Association. While these costs cannot be completely avoided, it is believed that they can be substantially reduced.

On a more positive note at the AGM, the Association gave the green light for the inaugural Ron Douglas Memorial Bursary to be awarded to a student of Scotch College Warwick at the conclusion of this academic year.

This bursary is a very good illustration of the ongoing value of associations such as the Clan Douglas in modern society. They enrich the lives of their members and others by both bridging connections between past, present and future through a shared fondness for Scotland.

It is with considerable pride that I accept this opportunity to represent the Clan Douglas Association of Australia and you as its members. Further, I welcome that you may have for the management of its continued growth and prosperity.

Doug Waller



## DRUMLANRIG (continued)



William, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Queensberry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Viscount of Drumlanrig, Baron Hawick and Tibbers was born in 1637 and succeeded his father in 1671. William was active in public affairs quite a few years before his father died and in 1661, after the Restoration, he was known as Lord Drumlanrig, a Commissioner of Excise, and in 1663 a Justice of the Peace. By 1669 his lands of Sanquhar were erected anew into a regality and annexed to the earldom with the offices of Sheriff and Coroner of the shire of Dumfries. His allegiance to the government during the struggle with the Covenanters stood him in high favour. On June 1 1680, he was appointed Justice-General of Scotland and on October 4 1681, he became an Extraordinary Lord of Session. On February 1682, he was promoted to be Marquess of Queensberrie, Earl of Drumlanrig and Sanquhar, Viscount of Nith, Torthorwald and Ross, Lord Douglas of Kinmouth, Middlebie and Dornock with remainder to his heirs-male. He was made High Treasurer on May 1 1682 and Governor of Edinburgh Castle September 20 that year.

A close friend and correspondent of James, Duke of York (afterwards King James VII.), William Douglas was appointed the King's representative in 1682 and Commissioner for Scotland. He was ever a strong supporter of the Government's policy of preventing the Roman Catholic religion being forced on the country rather than because he really sympathised with the Government's methods. He was rewarded for his efforts by his elevation to be Duke of Queensberrie, Marquis of Dumfries-shyre, Earl of Drumlanrig and Sanquhar, Viscount of Nith, Torthorwell and Ross, Lord Douglas of Kinmouth, Midlebie and Dornock with remainder to the heirs-male of his body.

A few months after this, King Charles died and the Duke of York became King James VII. William Douglas was immediately summoned to the King to advise on Scottish affairs. William told the King in no uncertain terms that he would not be a party to changing the religion of Scotland, but the King repudiated the idea and told Queensberry he was to be the Commissioner to his first Scottish Parliament which sat from April to June 1685. The Duke conducted the business very ably and passed most of the King's instructions into law.

All this favouritism made many enemies for the Duke, the result being eventually, the Duke's political downfall. King James tried reconciliation with the malcontents to no avail and the unfortunate Duke of Queensberry was deprived of his principal offices. When William and Mary came to the throne, Duke William of Queensberry was one of those who offered the crown of Scotland to them. He was again made an Extraordinary Lord of Session January 31 1693, an appointment followed by a formal remission for rebellion and treason, dated December 30 of that year.

During the last few years with so much worry weighing on him, he became ill and died March 28 1695 aged 58, and was buried in the Church of Durisdeer. This



man was responsible for the beautiful castle of Drumlanrig, but it is said to have been his ruination due to the great expense incurred. The Duke married in 1657, Lady Isabel Douglas daughter of William, the 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Angus and 1<sup>st</sup> Marquess of Douglas and Lady Mary Gordon. Lady Isabel was living December 20 1688. Their issue —

1. James who succeeded as the second Duke of Queensberry
2. William, Earl of March was born 1665 and received from his father the Castle of Neidpath and lands in the county of Peebles which were purchased from the Tweeddale family in 1697 when he was created Earl of March, Viscount Peebles, Baron Douglas of Neidpath, Lyne and Mannerhead. Lieutenant-Colonel of a regiment and in 1698 became a Member of Parliament. From 1702-1704, William was Governor of Edinburgh Castle and married at Drumlanrig Castle October 12 1693, Lady Jane, daughter of John Hay, 1<sup>st</sup> Marquess of Tweeddale and Lady Jean Scott. They had issue —
  - a. Lord William Douglas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of March; b. 1696; d. Barnton, co. Edinburgh, March 7 1731; married Lady Anne Hamilton, Countess of Ruglen, daughter & heiress of John Douglas, Earl of Ruglen & Selkirk. He had an illegitimate son John who in 1736 was apprenticed to James Lindsay, a wright.
  - b. Lord John of Broughton, Peeblesshire; d. March 16 1732; unmarried.
  - c. Lord Lord James of Stow, co Edinburgh; d. March 20 1732, unmarried.
  - d. Lady Isabel, d. April 9 1789; unmarried.
  - e. Lady Mary, d. March 15 1781; unmarried.
  - f. Lady Jean, d. unmarried.
3. Lord George, d. Sanquhar July 1693; unmarried; buried Durisdeer. He was a student at Glasgow University in 1682 and after his untimely death in 1693, his father presented his library to the Faculty of Advocates, Edinburgh, who ordered the books to be placed in distinct presses by themselves, with a suitable inscription to his memory.
4. Lady Anne, b. Drumlanrig 1675; d. February 13, 1700 when her clothes caught fire while at prayer and died about ten days afterwards. She married 1697, David Lord Elcho, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Wemyss, son of Sir James Wemyss of Caskyberry and Margaret Wemyss, Countess of Wemyss in her own right. Anne left two sons the second of whom became 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Wemyss and her descendant the 6<sup>th</sup> Earl succeeded in 1810, to the title of Earl of March and a considerable share of the Queensberry estates.

Compiled from "The Scots Peerage", "Douglas, Duke of Queensberry", Sir Robert Douglas, V.1, pp137-140 & "A History of the Family of Douglas", by Percy Douglas

JOHN DOUGLAS of Escheillis (Eshiels) son of Archibald Douglas, Archdeacon of Glasgow; MA (Edinburgh 20/07/1603); minister of Kilbucho 1614; translated and admitted 1616; died between October 24<sup>th</sup> and November 21 1616; married Margaret sister of William Douglas of Cavers who survived him and who married (2) Robert Livingstone, Minister of Skirling having had issue by her first husband: 1. William; James (Peebles Inhib, ii, 60; Reg. Of Deeds, DXIV, 511).  
(Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticanæ — Succession of ministers in the Church of Scotland from the Reformation)



## NOTICE BOARD

### **Edinburgh Military Tattoo coming to Australia**

For those interested in watching the Edinburgh Military Tattoo spectacle every August in Scotland via our TV sets, may like to know that the Aussie Stadium, Moore Park, Sydney will host this event LIVE complete with a replica of Edinburgh Castle, on February 3, 4, 5, 2005. Aussie Stadium will come alive with the unmatched spectacle of massed bands, pipes and drums, Highland dancing and over 1200 performers from around the world. Bookings at "Ticketek" ([www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au)) T. (02) 9266 4015; groups (02) 815 9933. I suggest if interested to try straight away for tickets as seats are sure to be sold quickly.

### **Sydney's 2004 Scottish Heritage Week Programme**

This year the week commences:

**Friday November 19** welcome hosted by the Hon & Mrs James Samios.

**Saturday, November 20**, Grand Scottish Ball, Four Seasons Hotel, Sydney;

**Sunday, November 21**, Kirkin' of the Tartan at Scots Kirk, Belmont St., Mosman; 9am  
3pm A Cultural Seminar at Edmund Barton Chambers; "The Languages of Scotland, Scots & Gaelic" by Iseabail Macleod.

**Monday November 22**, 12 midday "Heraldic Display" in Martin Place with Scottish entertainment, Parade of Arms and Scottish Armigers presenting themselves for recognition.

1pm Parliamentary Luncheon in the Presidents Dining Room

7.30pm Forum: the "Present State of Scotland" at Edmund Barton Chambers: Prof. Bruce Lenman, St Andrew's University.

**Tuesday November 23**

2.15pm "A Cultural Seminar" at History House "Scottish Place names for Beginners" by Iseabail Macleod.

**Wednesday November 24**

9.30am Scottish Day at Manly

6.30pm Scottish Concert with Organ and Bagpipes in St Stephen's Church, Sydney.

**Thursday November 25**

8am Shotgun start Scottish Golf Day on Manly Golf Course

1.30pm Scottish Golf Day Luncheon

7.30pm Scottish History Lecture at Edmund Barton Chambers by Prof. Bruce Lenman.

**Friday November 26**

6pm Inspection of the Scotland-Australian Cairn (the Bicentennial gift of the people of Scotland to Australia).

7pm Reception Hosted by the Mayor of Mosman

**Saturday November 27**

9am River Excursion to historic Parramatta (site of Australia's first farming enterprises), followed by Luncheon.

3pm Visit to Scottish House, Hornsby with Entertainment and High Tea.

**Sunday November 28**

10am Kirkin' o' the Tartan at St Stephen's Church

12pm March of the Clans and Bands along Macquarie Street to the Domain

10am - 3.30pm Scottish Week Gathering in Sydney's Domain.

Highland Dancing Display, Scottish Musical entertainment, Clan Tents with Genealogical Information, Poetry of Robbie Burns, Scottish refreshments, Quality Scottish Souvenirs

12.15pm Massed Bands Display

12.30pm Official Citizenship Ceremony

**Monday November 29**

6.30pm Scottish Film Evening (venue tba)

**Tuesday November 30**

7.30pm Calum's St Andrew's Day Ceilidh — a highly popular evening of traditional Scottish entertainment at North Sydney Leagues Club.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Kiefer Sutherland ditched his usual role as agent Jack Bauer and donned a kilt for his step-daughter Michelle Kath's wedding in Edinburgh, Scotland when she married Adam Sinclair recently. For the occasion, Kiefer wore his own Douglas tartan kilt originating from his mother's family, who came from Falkirk. Keifer said in the article, that kilts have always been part of his life since he wore one as a uniform at school.

## KILTS AND TARTAN: A MANUFACTURED TRADITION

William Wallace is often depicted, as in the film *Braveheart*, wearing something resembling a kilt with a distinctively Scottish tartan pattern. It is commonly held that the kilt is the ancient dress of the Scots people, and that clan tartans have developed over the centuries as the distinctive badge of clan loyalty.

But the historian Hugh Trevor Roper has shown that the kilt and the tartan are modern inventions. The kilt was designed and first worn by an 18<sup>th</sup> century English industrialist named Thomas Rawlinson, who intended it as a convenient form of dress for his Scottish labourers. He adapted it from the more traditional belted cloak, but never meant it to become a national costume. This idea arose only in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when this highly fanciful form of Scottish peasant dress was reclaimed by genteel, romantically minded Scots patriots.

Tartans were worn in Scotland from the 16<sup>th</sup> century: the design was imported from Flanders. But the idea that that certain patterns have historic connections with particular families came from two brothers named Allen who claimed to have an ancient book entitled *The Garbe-Robe of Scotland*. They published a book, *The Costume of the Clans*, which was supposedly based on the precious manuscript. By the time the brothers were exposed as frauds (they claimed to be descended from Bonnie Prince Charlie), their work had been plagiarised by others. It was enthusiastically adopted by the Scottish textile industry, eager to cash in on the tartan boom with novel garments and accessories.

(Taken from "The Truth About History" published by The Reader's Digest Association Limited, p.311)

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## The Queensland Government Yacht "Lucinda"

Recently Archie, Gordon and Angus Douglas donated to the Q'ld Government a silver drinks tray to add to other memorabilia that had once graced the Q'ld Government Yacht "Lucinda". The "Lucinda" was used by members of Parliament early last century for official functions and the like and is believed to be where Sir Samuel Griffith (1845-1920) Premier of Queensland and first Chief Justice of Australia, drafted the Bill which formed the basis of Australia's Constitution. How the tray came to be in the possession of the Douglas family is unknown but it is thought that it may have been given to WA Douglas — grandfather of the brothers and four times Commodore of the Royal Q'ld Yacht Squadron — at the yacht's decommissioning.

Visitors are welcome to view a wonderful replica of the yacht's 'smoking room' at the Q'ld Supreme Court library.



## GENEALOGICAL CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR 2004

It gives me much pleasure to present my report for 2004.

This year has been similar to previous years and I regret that there has been very few letters for me to answer regarding genealogy.

There has been one donation to the library this year and that was from Mr & Mrs JM Douglas of Mildura who kindly donated *Jims Slideshow* at the beginning of the year. Thank you to this family. I should like to purchase from Scotland, a copy of *Symington Village, Church and People* by John W Nimmo with the permission of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia. I don't know the particulars as yet but I intend to email the publishers and hopefully receive a reply shortly. I have not been notified otherwise of any Douglas or sept families' publications. 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 2004.

Three newsletters have been produced since the AGM last year and I have tried to keep the main interest stories evolving as much as possible. However, I do need other material to publish. Please help in this department if you are able as many of you would be surprised at just how many people rely on the newsletter for Douglas news and information.

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.

A different Christmas or birthday present to give a loved one could be the 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 \$20-00 membership fee.

Mary Smith, Newsletter Editor



## BIRTHS

It is with pleasure that we welcome into the Douglas Family, <sup>3</sup>~~two~~ new members

To Karen and Brian Laurance a son — Thomas Michael Laurance, b. May 17 2004, great grandson of Clan Douglas member Meg Russell.

To Jennifer and Christopher Singer, a daughter — Olivia Grace Singer, b. June 11, 2004, great granddaughter of Clan Douglas member Meg Russell.

To Glen & Melissa Eather, a daughter — Sophia Jane Eather, b. June 9, 2004, great granddaughter of Clan Douglas member Winifred Eather.

## VALE

It is with regret I write of the death of Margaret Roseby who passed away February 2, 2003, mother of five, grandmother of 11, greatgrandmother of 12, sister, aunt and friend to many.

What a wonderful changing life Margaret enjoyed. From the horse and buggy days to pioneering air flights, the first and second World Wars, atomic bombs, electric light, the space exploration program, man walking on the moon, present day supersonic flight and instant global communication. Probably the greatest technological advance she enjoyed in later years, was television. Cricket was her passion — she rarely missed a televised game — and absolutely marveled at mobile phones.

Margaret Roseby, born February 19, 1914, was the eldest daughter of Harold & Elsie May Scott (nee McIlveen) of Inverell. Her childhood years were spent at Hawthorn Dale, Nullamanna where she was educated gaining a secondary education at Inverell. In 1934 Margaret married Donald Douglas Roseby, son of Dr Edmund Rupert Roseby and Sophia Florence Douglas of Mt Maria, Morven, Queensland. Donald and Margaret Roseby settled into married life at "Lochano", Nullamanna and in due course, five sons, David, Robert, Brian, Peter and Ian were born.

Donald volunteered for army service in 1942 being discharged in 1944 and during the interim, life was hard for Margaret trying to bring up the family by herself and also caring for her mother who was afflicted with breast cancer. In the mid 1940s, Margaret embarked on establishing a garden at "Lochano" — a major undertaking, having to remove overgrown aloe, bamboo, lilac and remnants of an old orchard from the area. In the 1950s, water was piped to the house and the house yard was enclosed with rabbit proof fencing to keep the vermin out and from then on until "Lochano" was sold, she maintained a large colourful garden.

A keen supporter of the local church, Margaret extended her interests to the local community. She was past president of the Inverell branch of the Country Womens' Association and delegate to State Conferences of that organisation. She and her husband were founding members of the Inverell Horticultural Society and 'Floral Week', travelling extensively throughout the New England to promote the event and to exhibit at flower shows. For many years, she supported the Inverell P & A Association as an exhibitor in horticulture, floral art and cooking. For all their services, both Margaret and Donald were awarded a lifetime membership of the Inverell Horticultural Society.

In 1962, "Lochano" was sold. The family moved first of all to Epping and later built a home on a large block at Dural. Following Donald's decision to leave his position with United Farmers and Wool Growers NSW, they moved to the Bylong Valley near Rylstone where Donald managed a farming property, later purchasing a small farm on the outskirts of Orange called "Roseville". They didn't stay long here and after selling, bought a home on a large block in Warrendine Street, Orange where they established a large garden which provided a constant delight to them both. As a measure of their efforts, the garden was awarded Champion of its class by the Orange Horticultural Society for eight consecutive years.

Through the need to be closer to family coupled with passing years, Warrendine Street was sold and Margaret and Donald moved to Lauder Street, Inverell in 1994 where Margaret re-established her links with local garden interests and exhibited at local shows. In 1997, Donald passed away and Margaret was left to tend her garden continuing to exhibit at competitions with distinction. However, life was taking its toll and Margaret shifted to Highfields near Toowoomba to be nearer family. Her decline became evident soon after New Year and on February 1, 2003 she passed away.

Margaret was the family matriarch, keenly interested in the activities of all family members. Her particular delight was her grandchildren and great grandchildren — their personalities and mannerisms as each developed and grew over time. Farewell to a great lady who did it her way ....

Eulogy sent in by Clan Douglas member David Roseby, son of Donald & Margaret Roseby of Inverell.



## HERALDRY (continued)

On the whole, Heralds were unarmed and in principal were not taken prisoner. As soon as the battle had begun, they were supposed to move some distance away, but not too far from their Lord's banner, follow the progress of the battle, report on the behaviour of the combatants, including any acts which they observed to be of cowardice. After the battle was over, the Heralds of both sides went onto the field to decide between them who was the victor of the day. The side with the most dead was considered to have been defeated.

Because of their exact eye witness knowledge of events, the heralds were a valuable source of information to recorders and illustrators of the battles. The heralds of the losing side usually went to the enemy commander, congratulated him on the victory and begged him to pray for the souls of those killed in action. Battles were named after castles in the area. For example, after a battle in 1415, 'Mountjoie' the king-at-arms of the King of France, was requested by the King of England Henry V to declare him victor and tell him the name of the neighbouring castle. This was done and King Henry according to custom, announced that the battle would be named Argincourt.

Heralds who first brought good news could count on being rewarded by the recipient with his own clothing. Of course, once the fighting was over, the heralds had the long task of making lists of those killed as identified by their coats of arms. Here they were assisted by scribes. Another chore was to arrange the burials of those killed and send home in boxes any who wished to be buried in their own churchyards. Thanks to the heralds immunity, they had access to prisoners but were not allowed to name any of in case they were slain by the enemy, but at least they were able to identify any as noblemen and so get better treatment for these gentlemen. He also had to deal with the question of ransom money.

As a sign of victory, the heralds had to raise the standard of their lord immediately and make sure that the banners of the loser were handed over. They could not benefit in the normal way from the consequences of the battle and instead of sharing the booty, they were given a fully equipped house or its equivalent value in gold as their reward. Exemption from taxes was only one of the herald's privileges. Another was the freedom to travel where they wished. The latter enabled them to record what they saw in words and pictures thus increasing their knowledge of foreign lands and armory. To this, we owe our knowledge of medieval heraldry based on the armorial collections recorded by heralds.

Heralds were very well respected men throughout western Europe and although the rules to which they adhered differed in several countries, the principals were the same throughout. The organisation of heralds in Great Britain reflects the country's history ie., establishments in England and Scotland are completely different to one another. Scottish heraldry is described as the 'simplest and clearest' in Europe. The leader is known as Lyon King of Arms and goes back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century. The Lord Lyon is a judge who presides over a court which has jurisdiction in matters armorial and after judicial process can prohibit the use of unregistered arms. He too has heralds and pursuivants under him. The official titles of the heralds are 'Marchmont', 'Rothsay', and 'Albany' and the pursuivants 'Kintyre', 'Unicorn' and 'Carrick'.

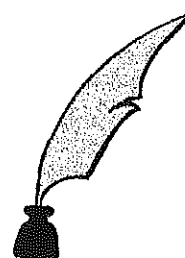
The English College of Arms (heraldic officials) formed part of the Royal Household. Later they came under the direction of the Earl Marshal, the Duke of Norfolk. England has three kings of arms: Garter King of Arms first created in 1415 and named after the highest English order, the Order of the Garter; 'Norray' for the area north of the River Trent; and his colleague 'Clarenceux' for the area south of it. Up till 1964, there were 33 Garters, 46 Clarenceuxs and 68 Norroys. After the partition of Ireland, the title Ulster King of Arms was combined with the office of Norroy in 1943.

Taken from Neubebecker, Ottfried, Heraldry, Sources, Symbols and Meaning, pp18-23.

### News from the 2004 AGM

At the AGM, all positions were declared vacant. Mr Archibald Douglas is the Patron; Doug Waller was elected as Acting President because a president of the Douglas name (as our Constitution qualifies) was not forthcoming. Jan Waller is the Vice President as well as secretary; David Douglas remains as treasurer; Mary Smith as Newsletter Editor & Genealogical Co-ordinator; Jan Shaw, Jane Waller and the Patron are on the committee. The following points were discussed and resolved.

1. **Cost Reduction** — the main issue for discussion concerned how to reduce the operational costs of the Association. It was resolved that the Clan Douglas website, while a useful tool for communication should be mothballed until such time as the size of the membership has grown to warrant a website. This will save the Association approximately \$600.00 per annum. The independent auditing of the books of account is a statutory requirement of incorporation. However, this task has been undertaken at a commercial rate of remuneration. It was resolved that the executive will seek to utilize the services of a friend to conduct this service for a nominal fee or gift. This should save the Association approximately \$450.00 per annum. Public liability insurance remains an unavoidable cost for the Association. It will be difficult to obtain insurance for less than \$1,000.00 per annum. However, the Association has resolved to investigate ways of reducing this cost and will consult other non-profit organisations for advice.
2. **The Ron Douglas Memorial Bursary** — The Association has resolved that the first recipient of this award at Scots College, Warwick be announced later this year and that Merle Douglas be approached by the School to make this inaugural award. Janet Waller has liaised with the school and Merle Douglas regarding this prize.
3. **A Clan Douglas Social Event** — It was resolved that the Clan Douglas should stage a minimum of one event in this financial year. The suggestion of 'a wine and whiskey tasting' was made and Jane Waller will undertake planning for this event.



### Editorial

The war in Iraq continues to be in everyone's minds and as we have at least one member of the Clan Douglas stationed there, the suggestion was made that some of the Douglas family may like to drop James a line to let him know that we are thinking of him and wishing him well.

Write to:

CPL James D Douglas  
Attn 4/14 Lima Co 3<sup>rd</sup> Pit  
Unit 43675  
FPO AP 96426 3675

Thank You,  
Mary Smith, Editor.



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Dickey, McKittrick,  
Douglass, Morton,  
Drysdale, Sandilands

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MEMBERSHIP FEE PER YEAR \$20-00 PER FAMILY AT  
SAME ADDRESS

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Please make cheques payable in Australian currency to  
CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA and post to the  
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.