



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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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.



Acting President's Christmas Message

I am proud to be able to represent the Clan Douglas Association of Australia at the "2004 Scottish Gathering in the Domain" in Sydney on Sunday November 28, 2004. This annual event is staged by the Scottish Australian Heritage Council and will feature the 'Kirkin' o' the Tartan at St Stephen's Church, the March of the Clans and Bands, a Celtic Market Place and the Tent of the Clans.

I will be manning a stall in the Tent of the Clans, selling small gifts related to the Clan Douglas such as bookmarks, car stickers and the best Christmas gift of all, annual memberships to the Clan Douglas.

I look forward to meeting Sydney based members of the Clan Douglas Association and representatives of their clans and Scottish cultural societies. I am sure that we are all very appreciative of the efforts of the organisers of this day in enabling people to learn more about the interesting history and traditions of Scotland and Scotch-Australians.

In other news, preliminary planning is taking place for a 'Clan Douglas Cocktail Party' to be staged as the major fund raising activity for 2005. Planning such an event is a great way to get to know people within the Clan, so please feel free to contact Janet Waller on (07) 3391 5857 and volunteer some time and energy to this task.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas season and a very prosperous New Year.

Douglas Waller
Acting President,
Clan Douglas Association of Australia



Back view of Stirling Castle

(courtesy of D Waller)



NOTICE BOARD

Edinburgh Military Tattoo coming to Australia (repeat)

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) 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.

Visit Australia's only Scottish Cultural & Information Centre

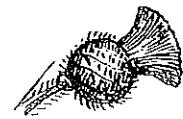
From 2nd November at the Cnr. Military Road & Calliope Street, Guildford (entrance Calliope Street), this centre is open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday between 10am & 3pm.

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| January | 26 — Celtic Gathering — Bradfield Park, | Sydney, NSW |
| | 31 — Lachlan Macquarie's Birthday Celebration | Sydney, NSW |
| February | 3-5 — Edinburgh Tattoo in Australia | Sydney, NSW |
| | 6 — Berwick Highland Gathering | Berwick, Victoria |
| | 25 — Burns Supper — Masonic Centre TBA | Sydney, NSW |
| | 27 — Pipe Band Contest & Market Day | Moss Vale, NSW |
| March | 6 — Celtic Festival | East Burwood, Vic |
| | 20 — Geelong Highland Gathering | Geelong, Victoria |
| April | 3 — Ringwood Highland Gathering | Ringwood, Victoria |
| | 9 — Bundanoon is Brigadoon | Bundanoon, NSW |
| | 9 — Brigadoon Ceilidh | Mittagong, NSW |
| | 25 — Scottish Act of Remembrance | Sydney, NSW |

[Lachlan Macquarie was fifth Governor of NSW (1810-1821) and unofficial Father of Australia.] — January 31 2005 — At 5.30pm the Macquarie Parade will assemble at the Hyde Park Barracks and move to Macquarie's statue in the grounds of NSW Parliament House, for a commemorative ceremony. All are invited to attend. The ceremony will be followed by a dinner at which Dr Robin Walsh, of Macquarie University, will deliver the annual Macquarie Address. **Bookings are required for the dinner.** Further details and for bookings, call David Campbell, secretary of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council on (02 9522 3631) or email david.cam@bigpond.com

Thinking of taking up pipe or drum playing? St Marys Pipes & Drums offer free tuition and teach piping and drumming so that new generations of pipers and drummers are forthcoming. Website www.stmaryspipeband.com.au

Did you know that newspapers are very worthwhile the effort of checking for family history information. Although very few are thoroughly indexed, they are one of the most revealing of all genealogical sources. Details of births, deaths and marriages, funerals, obituaries, accidents, inquests, wills, missing persons may be included within the pages. Government appointments, advertisements of businesses and rewards for lost horses seem to cover quite a few columns in each edition. Take a look at the newspaper of your ancestor's district and you may be surprised at what you might find to put 'flesh on the bones' so to speak.



DRUMLANRIG (continued)

James, second Duke of Queensberry, was born at Sanquhar Castle December 18, 1662 and was educated at Glasgow University. He went abroad and when he returned in 1684, he was sworn of the Privy Council of Scotland and made a lieutenant-colonel of Lord Dundee's regiment of horse. He was according to Lockhart, the first Scotsman to desert King James and adhere to the Prince of Orange whom he met at Sherbourne in the company of Prince George, Princess Anne's husband and the Duke of Ormonde. James was given command of the Scottish troop of Horse Guards, but in 1690 he applied for the post of Extraordinary Lord of Session. He didn't get this post then, but was made a Commissioner of the Treasury March 3, 1692, Privy Councillor and Gentleman of the bedchamber of William III. The following year James was authorised to vote as Lord High Treasurer and was the 1st Commissioner on the part of Scotland to discuss the measure of the Trade.

[It is interesting to note, that Scotland was excluded from trading with the English colonies. Scotland could have its own trading companies and markets. Acts were passed this year and in 1695 to which Sir James gave Royal consent.]

James Douglas was appointed Keeper of the Privy Seal May 25 1696 and June 26, 1696 took his seat as an Extraordinary Lord of Session. In 1700, King William was unwillingly obliged to summon a Scottish Parliament and the Duke was named Commissioner. He with the help of Argyll, managed matters so well that he received the ribbon of the Garter June 18, 1701 at Windsor.

James Douglas was again appointed as Commissioner to the first Parliament of Queen Anne and then began a career which made him quite famous and gained for him a nickname 'Union Duke'. His many efforts were successful in this regard and he was appointed High Commissioner of the last Parliament held in Scotland so that he might arrange the Act the way he wanted it. This Act came into force April 2, 1707. Queensberry left Scotland a month prior to that date to make the trip to London. He was enthusiastically greeted in that city and was rewarded for his services by a pension of 3000 pounds annually. On May 26, 1708 he was created Duke of Dover, Marquess of Beverley and Baron Rippon in the British Peerage with remainder to his third son Charles and younger sons.

On July 20, 1709 the Duke was appointed one of the joint Keepers of the Signet with other offices and third Secretary of State which enabled him to manage the affairs of Scotland. He died in London on July 6, 1711 and was buried at Durisdeer.

James Douglas married December 4, 1685 Mary second daughter of Charles Boyle, styled Viscount Dungarven and his wife, Jane Seymour daughter of William, Duke of Somerset. She died in London October 2, 1709 aged 38 years and was buried at Durisdeer. Their issue:

1. William born May 18, 1696, died infancy October 21, 1696.
2. James, Earl of Drumlanrig, born November 2, 1697 was mentally impaired but survived his father dying February 17, 1715. He was accused of cannibalism, eating the kitchen boy. He was buried at Lanesborough, co York among his mother's ancestors.



3. Charles who became third Duke of Queensberry.
4. George of Dumcrief was born February 20, 1701; died unmarried at Paris in 1725.
5. Isobel was born December 4, 1688; died at Edinburgh July 7, 1694.
6. Elizabeth was born August 11, 1691; died July 17 1695; buried at Durisdeer.
7. Mary was born February 4, 1699; died November 16, 1703.
8. Jean married April 5, 1720 Francis Scott, Earl of Dalkeith afterwards second Duke of Buccleuch and had issue. She died August 31, 1729. Her grandson Henry, third Duke of Buccleuch succeeded in 1810, as heir of entail to the dukedom of Queensberry and a large proportion of the estates.
9. Anne married January 25, 1733 as his first wife, Lord William Finch son of Daniel Finch 7th Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham, Ambassador to the Republic of the 7 United Netherlands. She died without issue October 26, 1741.

Compiled from "The Scots Peerage", "Douglas, Duke of Queensberry", Sir Robert Douglas, V.1, pp140-143 & "A History of the Family of Douglas", by Percy Douglas

ROBERT DOUGLAS, 2nd son of James Douglas of Barloch, Stirlingshire; educated University of Glasgow; licensed by Presbytery of Paisley 22 October 1801; called 15 April and ordained (assisted & succeeded) 10 June 1802; died 17 April 1846; married 3 July 1811 Janet (died 18 April 1873) daughter of John Monteath, D.D. Minister of Houston; issue —

1. James MA surgeon, Glasgow, born 18 November 1812; died 22 February 1844;
2. Anne Cunningham, born 27 August 1815; married 24 August 1841 James Ferguson Murdoch, W.S. Prosecutor – Fiscal for Ayrshire;
3. John Monteath, solicitor, Cupar-Fife, afterwards stockbroker in London, born 21 April 1819; died 26 December 1899;
4. Robert, engineer, Kirkcaldy, born 8 March 1822;
5. George Cunningham Monteath DD., LL.D., Minister of the Free Church Assisted 1894; Professor of Hebrew & Principal of the United Free Church; College Glasgow; born 2 March 1826; died 24 May 1904;
6. Campbell, architect, Glasgow, born 14 June 1828; died 14 April 1910;
7. Carstairs, MA., LL.D., missionary of the English Presbyterian Church to China (1855-1877); born 27 December 1830; died at Amoy 26 July 1877;

WILLIAM JOHN SYM, MA., BD; ordained 5 June 1912; transferred to Broughty Ferry 20 October 1915.

(Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae — Succession of ministers in the Church of Scotland from the Reformation)



Eight Days in Scotland

By
Douglas Waller

Perhaps my Scottish consciousness has been revealing itself for some time. However, a number of events in the past 18 months have conspired to point my compass north to Scotland.

Firstly, in changing careers from law to sport, I have found myself working for the Professional Golfers Association of Australia promoting golf which along with bagpipes, tartan wool garments and Scotch Whiskey, is one of Scotland's most fiercely guarded cultural icons.

Secondly, during the Rugby World Cup last year, I befriended a couple of very likable Scots who encouraged me to support both Australia and Scotland throughout the tournament.

Lastly, when I received an invitation last year to attend the wedding of a good friend in a Scottish Castle, I knew it was an opportunity not to be missed. Unfortunately, with only 6 months to save, I did not have a great deal of time or funds for a lengthy trip through Scotland. However, my philosophy for this trip, unlike previous back packing adventures, was one of quality not necessarily quantity.

Day 1 — Edinburgh

I arrived in Edinburgh from London at 8am on Monday 12 July. Having visited Edinburgh previously for Hogmanay, I was familiar with the main tourist attractions. However, what was unexpected was how bright and colourful the city is during the summer months. Long daylight hours and clear skies attract people to the city parks to play football and to sidewalk cafes and bars soaking up their fill of sunshine for the remainder of the year. Surrounded by hills, Edinburgh is both a beautiful and historically interesting place and is certainly one of those cities in the UK that one could enjoy settling in. A morning spent reacquainting myself with Princes Street, the Royal Mile and the Castle, left me quite hungry and what better way to start the week than with a serving of haggis, kneeps and tatties. The afternoon was devoted to 'business', namely a visit to Murrayfield to meet with the Scottish Rugby Union. For the rugby fan, I can highly recommend the Scottish Rugby Union merchandise shop located at the ground.

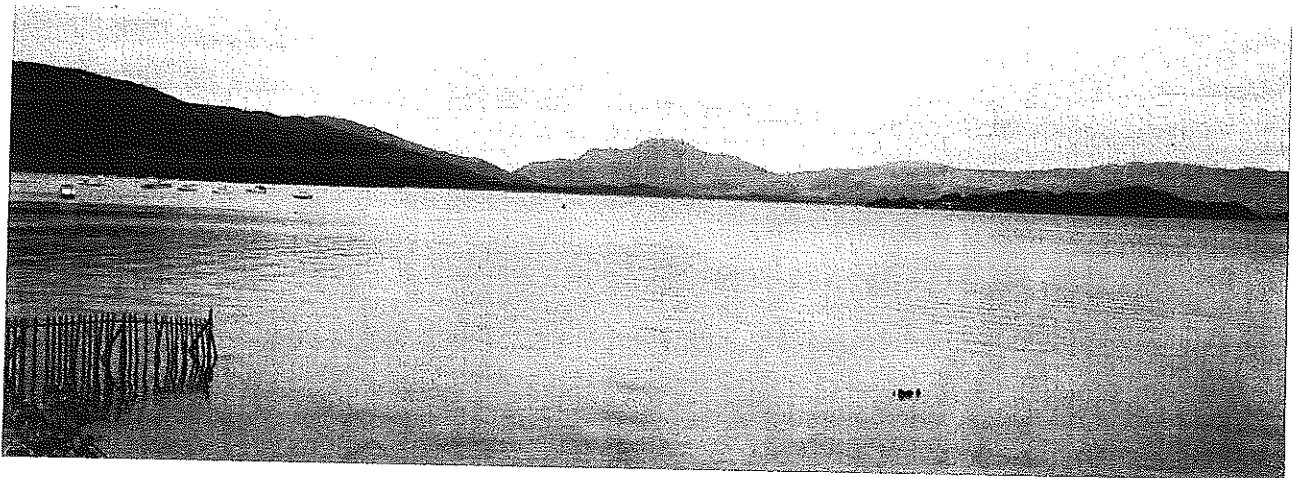
For more information on Edinburgh visit : <http://www.edinburgh.org/>



Doug Waller enjoying the scenery around Stirling Castle.

Day 2 — Edinburgh to Fort William (via Stirling)

Tuesday began with the search for a hire car to take me out of Edinburgh and into the famed South-Western Highlands. This proved quite difficult as the Open Championship was being staged later in the week in Ayrshire. Clearly many golf fans had arrived in Edinburgh and then driven off in their hire cars to play golf in the surrounding countryside. I eventually got on my way and headed off towards Stirling. Due to the delayed start, there wasn't any time to enter the Castle, but there was time to stop for lunch and admire the majesty of the Castle, the statue of Robert the Bruce and the Wallace Monument all positioned against a backdrop of rolling green hills and blue skies. Continuing on my journey, I headed toward the southern banks of Loch Lomond and proceeded to drive along virtually the entire length of the western bank. Loch Lomond is a popular tourist destination with Scots and I saw many families enjoying its cool waters.



Loch Lomond as seen in July 2004

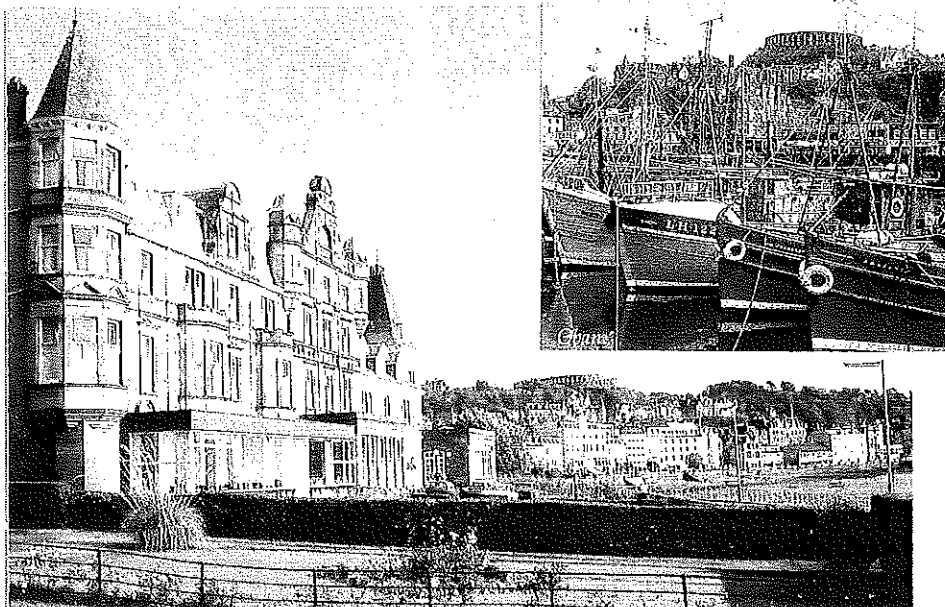
Heading due west at Crianlarich towards Oban on the west coast I was reunited with water views as I arrived at Portnacroish. There the road passes along the eastern edges of Loch Linnhe. These views eclipsed Loch Lomond due to a greater sense of remoteness. The constant combination of water, mountain and sky was reminiscent of a past trip through the fjords of Norway. Along this stretch of road is Glencoe which provides travelers with the opportunity to stop and appreciate three imposing mountains in close proximity to the roadside. This is the land of the 'Bens' and these hills are generally around 1000 metres high and in summer are usually enveloped in a light grey mist. However, this only adds to their mystery and beauty. Calling into Fort William for the night I unwittingly discovered the Aspen or Chamonix of Scotland. The growing popularity of hiking and its proximity to Ben Nevis Great Britain's highest mountain, has led to a proliferation of camping and outdoor stores along its main pedestrian street. For more information on Stirling, Loch Lomond, Glencoe and Fort William visit

<http://www.instirling.com/sight/castle.htm>

<http://www.loch-lomond.net/images/index.html>

<http://www.glencoe-scotland.net/>

<http://www.visit-fortwilliam.co.uk/>



View of Oban with the Alexandra Hotel in foreground

Day 3 — Fort William to Mallaig and back to Edinburgh

Without sufficient time or preparation to attempt the hike up Ben Nevis, I settled for a drive into Glen Nevis to view it from its base. Unfortunately, after taking two rolls of film of what I considered to be Ben Nevis, I bothered to read a little hikers notice board stating that you could not see the summit of Ben Nevis from that point. Whatever mountain I had photographed I decided to call it 'Ken Nevis' in honour of my father like an explorer of yesteryear. After all, 'Ken Nevis' is not out of place with Ben Nevis and Glen Nevis. I had been informed that the drive from Fort William to Mallaig on the west coast was one of the most picturesque in Scotland and I was not disappointed. Along this road I stopped and marvelled at the spectacular view of the Glenfinnan Monument, situated on the northern tip of Loch Shiel. Mallaig is a windswept coastal fishing village inhabited by large and noisy seagulls no doubt like many others along the coast of Britain. From Mallaig you can see the Isle of Skye and catch a ferry there. However, there was no time for that as I headed back to Edinburgh through the Grampian Mountains and Perth.

For more information on Glenfinnan visit;
<http://www.road-to-the-isles.org.uk/glenfinnan.html>



South Skye Coastal Road

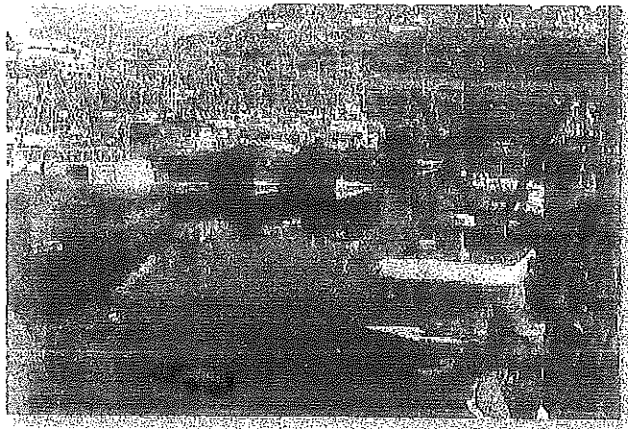
Looking across to the mainland mountains from this road can be seen Knoydart, Loch Nevis, Mallaig and Morar.

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Loch Shiel at Glenfinnan



Fishing Boats at Mallaig

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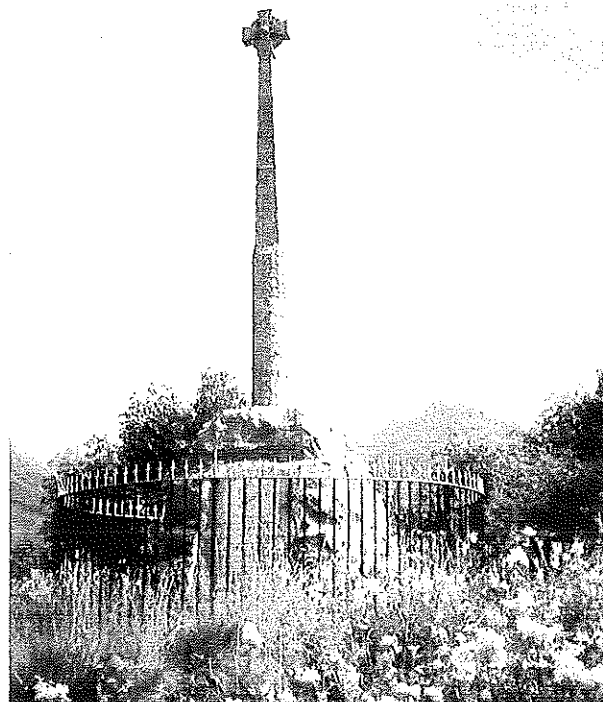
Day 4 — Day Trip in the Open Championship at Royal Troon, Ayrshire

Troon is situated on the South-West coast of Scotland about one and half hours train journey from Edinburgh. I have no doubt that for most of the time it is a very sleepy retreat for visitors and residents alike. However, it is home to a famous golf course of Royal standing and in July this year it was the host of the 2004 Open Championships. It is the privilege of the British that by being the first to host most world class sporting events they do not have to position their name in front of it by way of distinction. This normally quiet place was heaving with day trippers flooding the gates of the course to watch the first round of play. The weather was fine and the winds limited to a mild breeze so conditions were almost perfect for the close-cropped links style course. Of course, there were adequate man-made challenges in the form of bunkers and sloping greens to keep the world's finest golfers on their toes. I spent the first part of the day sitting in the gallery overlooking the 10th hole. It is nicknamed the 'Postage Stamp' because at 120 yards it is the shortest hole of all the holes on the Open roster. However, with a bunker to the left of the green aptly named 'The Coffin' because of its depth, narrow floor and steep sides, it remains one of golf's great challenges. The highlight of my day was watching Tiger Woods and Greg Norman who had been paired together, play a few holes. These are two names which transcend both golf and sport in general such is their profile and personal success.

For more information on Royal Troon and the Open Championship visit:

<http://www.opengolf.com>

<http://www.royaltroon.co.uk>



Monument at Glencoe, Scotland

BIRTHS



It is with pleasure that we welcome into the Douglas Family the following:
To Robert & Amanda Gardner of Bargara, Qld a daughter — Erin Kathleen Gardner, born February 8, 2003 elder sibling of Jack James Douglas Gardner born August 31, 2004.

Grandchildren of Clan Douglas member Anne Gardner nee Roseby of Bargara, great grandchildren of Sophia Florence Roseby nee Douglas and great great grandchildren of Robert & Mary Douglas of Mt Maria, Morven, Qld.

DOUGLAS TRIVIA

A modest Scotsman in speaking of his family, said:

"The Douglas family is verra, verra auld Scotch Family. The line rins awa back into antiquity. We dinna know hoo far back it rins, but it's a lang lang way back, and the history of the Douglas family is recorded in five volumes. In aboot the middle of the third volume, in a marginal note, we read 'About this time the world was created.'"

(Taken from 'dubh ghiase' official magazine of the Clan Douglas Society of North America, Vol.XXX1, # 4, November 2004, p.19)

What did your family do in the revolution of Scottish-Chartists?

Millions signed the three great Chartist petitions of 1839 to 1848. Thousands were active in those years in the campaign to win the vote, secret ballots, and other democratic rights that we now take for granted. 'Chartist Ancestors' lists many of those who risked their freedom, and sometimes their lives, because of their participation in the Chartist cause. The names listed on the Website are drawn from newspapers, court records and books of the time, from later histories and from other sources.

Website: www.chartists.net or www.chartists.net/Scottish-Chartists

"Gathering the Clans: Tracing Scottish Ancestry on the Internet" by Alan Stewart was recently published by Phillimore & Co. Alan has been tracing his ancestors for more than 20 years. For the last eight years, he has written about the Internet and telecommunications on a freelance basis for newspapers and magazines. The book can be ordered online at www.phillimore.co.uk for 8 pounds 99p. or email bookshop@phillimore.co.uk



Editorial

Here it is Christmas again and how the year has gone by so quickly. As one gets older one notices it more. So many things seem to have happened this year both good and not so good. Some of us have seen additions to the great family of Douglas while others have witnessed the 'passing' of others. My very best wishes and good health to all the Clan Douglas members and their families and may God bless us all. I look forward to hearing from many of you in 2005. Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Mary Smith, Newsletter Editor.





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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.