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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 is:

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- To act as a representative body of Douglasses 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 four 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 - Membership Secretary, Clan Douglas Association of Australia, K34/356 Blunder Road, Durack, 4077.



President's Message

It is mid-year already — how time flies especially when we are busy. Our website continues to bring far flung members together and we are receiving some new members as a result. Please use it as a Forum to introduce topics of interest and debate. I am encouraging new members to write a page about themselves, their lifestyle and their Douglas heritage etc. as a means of introduction to our clan. I hope all new members will contribute a short autobiography.

Our history excursion to Ipswich on Saturday 19th April was a happy event and the response to *Looking a Early Queensland in Ipswich* from twenty-three members and friends was well worth the effort of organising it. Our first stop was morning tea in the gracious dining room of *Goolawan* where the present owner, Genevieve Isbell gave us a vivid history of the Cribb Family and the lovely home they built in 1864. Then Michael Beckman, the Director of the Ipswich Art Gallery continued with more local history and a description of the making of a local cedar sideboard originally from *Goolawan*.

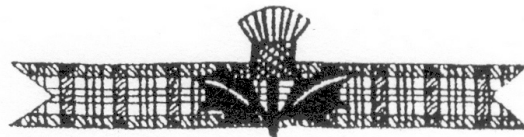
On to the Burley Griffin Incinerator for lunch (which may sound weird) but once again local history as it was designed by Walter Burley Griffin after he planned Canberra. The Incinerator is now the home of Ipswich Little Theatre. After lunch we were entertained by a comedy play put on by Little Theatre members. From here we visited St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, the oldest one still in continuous use in Queensland. We admired the beautiful stained glass window by William Bustard and learnt some early history of the church and the first minister, Dr Lambie Nelson who was elected to the first Parliament of Queensland in 1860. Then after a drive around some of the gracious old colonial homes built at the time Ipswich was considered for a capital of Queensland, we returned to Brisbane.

The next event of general interest is Kirkin' O' the Tartan at 9.30am on Sunday 29th June at St Paul's Presbyterian Church, 43 St. Paul's Terrace, Spring Hill. I hope many of you can attend this traditional Kirkin' and please confirm to me before Friday 6th June, so names can be sent to the Governor's office. My phone number is (07) 3379 6357 or email: president@clandouglas.org.au

On behalf of the Clan Douglas, I wrote to the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Quentin Bryce to congratulate her on her appointment to Governor General and I shall ask our editor to print her reply.

In conclusion, I hope members are making a concentrated effort to encourage more of your families and friends to join the Clan Douglas Association.

Jan Shaw, president.



The following letter comes in reply to one sent on behalf of Clan Douglas Association of Australia to Her Excellency Quentin Bryce, the Governor of Queensland, on her appointment to the position of Governor General of Australia. Her Excellency always attended the Kirkin' O' The Tartan Ceremony in her Queensland tartan outfit. Her concern for the welfare of people of all walks of life in Queensland is well known.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
QUEENSLAND

Dear Janet,

I want to thank you sincerely for the support and encouragement you expressed to me so warmly in your recent letter.

Now is a time of important reflection for me. As my term as Governor draws to a close and as I prepare for my role as Governor-General, I am thinking more deeply than ever before about the essence of the constitutional and civic responsibilities that underpin our democracy.

I believe that good governance is determined by the strength of engagement of the governed in the democratic process. Engagement comes through community building from the grass roots through to the highest ranks, with individuals acting together according to shared values of respect, integrity, trust, inclusiveness, compassion and humility. At the heart of community building are our relationships with one another.

I am privileged to be in a position that allows me to form and nurture connections across a vibrant and diverse society, and to play a part in gathering the threads of our rich fabric. It is these relationships that will leave me with enduring and tender memories of my time as Queensland Governor.

I am inspired by your generosity and concern, and will carry your thoughts with me into my future role.

With kind regards.

Quentin

27.4.08.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW DEDICATION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

On the 17th February 2008, two very special church services took place at All Souls Anglican Church, Morven, Queensland officiated by Bishop Nolan. Members of the Douglas family came from far and wide to join their local cousins and friends to pay tribute to the lives of Hugh Allan and Fannie Douglas to whom the stained glass window was dedicated and also to their son, Rob Douglas for whom the Memorial Service was held.



Douglas stained glass window
Dedicated by Bishop Nolan
17 February 2008

The original pioneers of the Morven district were Hugh (Coo)'s parents, Robert and Maryanne Douglas who settled at *Mt Maria* in 1875. The property is still held by family members, Scott & Megan Turner today. Scott is a 2xgt grandson of Robert & Maryanne Douglas.

Hugh Allan (Coo) Douglas was born 05/03/1877, the 4th child of Robert & Maryanne and the first born at *Mt Maria*. He died in 1951. Having married Fannie Jesser in 1904, they had four children, Allan born in 1905; Dudley in 1909; Edna (Judy) in 1914 and Rob in 1920.

After Maryanne died in 1941, Coo took over the management of the family estate *Mt Maria* and eventually bought out the other beneficiaries. It was a most difficult time, not only was World War 11 declared, but the disastrous drought of 1934/45 had depleted the cattle numbers as well as the natural pasture. Finance, due to the depression of the 1930s was not available to restock with cattle but Stock & Station Agents such as Goldsborough Mort, financed sheep stocking. Coo continued to run *Mt Maria* until 1945 when he and Fannie retired to Morven. *Mt Maria* was then divided and Judy and her husband Les Turner, worked one portion and Rob a Japanese POW who had just returned from the war, worked the other.

Over the centuries both in Scotland and in Australia, members of the Douglas family have been involved in community affairs and Coo carried on this tradition by becoming a Shire Councillor and was responsible for the establishment of a much needed Bush Nursing Centre in Morven.

Coo and Fannie's youngest son Rob for whom the Memorial Service was conducted, was born 23/Apr/1920. He worked as a jackeroo and overseer in the Quilpie district until the Second World War broke out. Then in June, 1940, he enlisted in the 2nd A.I.F., joined the 2/10 Field Regiment 8th Division and sailed on the "Queen Mary" for Malaya in January 1941. He was taken prisoner by the Japanese in February 1942 and worked in Burma on the Burma Railway Line. Two years later he was moved as a POW to Japan until 1945 when peace was declared. When the atomic bomb destroyed Nagasaki, Rob was working underground in a coal mine about 70 kilometres away, and later witnessed the destruction of the city.

After being discharged from the Army in December 1945, he returned to *Mt Maria*. In 1948, he married June Cudmore and they had three children, Angus born 1949, Jennifer 1952 and Ken in 1954. Rob Douglas died in 2005 and is sadly missed by his family and friends but is remembered for his love of the land, his belief in 'a fair go' and his involvement in community life, the RSL, Legacy, the Cattlemen's Union and the local church.



Archibald Douglas was born Fingland, 1707, eldest son of William and Elizabeth Douglas nee Clerk of Glenboig or Glendorth Lanarkshire. Archibald died in Dublin but was buried at Witham, Essex 16/Nov/1778. He joined the army and was in 1742, a lieutenant of the Dragoons and present at the Battle of Dettingen in Baravia. He was made captain and his commission was signed by William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, a fact which indicates that he must have been present at the battle of Culloden in April 1745. He rose to be a Lieutenant-Colonel, Aide-de-Camp of King George II in 1756. In 1759, he was present at the battle of Minden as Colonel of the 13th Dragoons. He was Major-General and in 1761 he was Lieutenant-General. From 1754-1761 he was Member of Parliament for Dumfries Burghs and from 1761-1774 for Dumfriesshire. He purchased White Hall, Newland Street, Witham, Essex in 1763.

Archibald Douglas married Elizabeth, daughter of Edmond Burchard. Their family

1. Archibald Martin John Douglas of Darnock
2. Katherine Douglas born 11/Jan/1754; died 04/Mar/1810; unmarried.
3. Elizabeth Douglas born 11/Jan/1754; died 09/Sep/1831; unmarried.
4. William Douglas
5. Alexander Douglas
6. Philip Douglas
7. Jane Douglas born 09/Jan/1760; died 19/Dec/1837; married 22/Dec/1795, Rt. Rev. William van Mildert, D.D.
8. Charles James Douglas born 05/Jan/1762; died 04/Sep/1767;
9. Charlotte Sara Douglas born 03/Oct/1763; died 20/Apr/1773
10. Hyde Elizabeth Rich Douglas born 29/Nov/1764; died 20/Apr/1773
11. Robert Douglas of Salwarpe

Archibald Martin John Douglas of Darnock was born 21/Apr/1747; buried Clontarf, Dublin; educ. Charterhouse; joined the army; lieutenant 1766 attached to the 13th Dragoons; captain 1772; retired 1775; 1806 barrister at Lincoln's Inn; married 24/Mar/1774 at St Mary's Church, Dublin, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Paul Crosbie, 4th Baronet of Crosbie Park, co. Wicklow and Maryborough, Queen's County, Ireland.

Their family

1. Archibald Edward Douglas
2. Mary Eliza Matilda Douglas born Dublin 18/May/1775; died Carnalloway, Kildare, 13/Dec/1826; married John Garnett of Co. Meath
3. Elizabeth Douglas born and died before 1819; unmarried
4. Emily Douglas born 1779; died June 1841; married (1) 21/Apr/1798, the Hon. Joseph Leeson of Russborough, son of Brice 3rd Earl of Miltown; married (2) 30/Jun/1811, Valentine Browne, 2nd Baron Gloncurry of Gloncurry.

Archibald Edward Douglas was born 1778 the son of Archibald Martin John & Mary Elizabeth Douglas nee Crosbie; died 12/Feb/1855; educ. Trinity College, Dublin; Rector of Drumgoon, Ireland, of Carnalloway and Outreagh; Vicar of Gloncurry and Rector of Kells and Ballyconloye in Kildare; 1810 Vicar of Dumlaven; lived at Kilcock; Chaplain of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and minister of Coote Hill. Co. Caven; married (1) 23/Aug/1809 Lady Susan, daughter of John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore and Lady Charlotte Stewart. Susan was the widow of Joseph Tharp of Chippenham Park, captain 1st Life guards and of John Drew, a rich West Indian planter.



Archibald Edward and Susan Douglas had issue

1. Augusta Mary Douglas was born 06/Aug/1811; died 03/Jun/1899; married 05/May/1832 the Rt. Hon. John Wilson Fitzpatrick, 1st Baron Castletown; died Jan/1883; captain and MP for Queen's County.

Archibald Edward Douglas married (2) Katherine Collins daughter of James Collins of Knaresborough; no family.

William Douglas was born 22/Sep/1755 Witham, Essex, the son of Archibald & Elizabeth Douglas nee Burchard; died 28/Mar/1802; educ. Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; 1773 appointed as writer for the East India Company arriving in October that year; 1774 assistant to the Secretary of the Board of Revenue; 1775 assistant to the Council at Dinapore; 1779 factor and secretary of the Council of Revenue at Dinapore; 1782 junior merchant and paymaster of the Militia and assistant to the Chief of Purneah; senior merchant and Head Assistant at Purneah; collector, Judge and Magistrate of Dacca and Jellalpoore; 3rd Judge of the provincial Court of Appeal of Murshidabad; 1799 Judge and Magistrate of Rajshahye; married Calcutta 24/Oct/1785, Jane Bell daughter of John Bell and Mary Suellen Grant of Newport, Invernesshire and widow of Andrew Heatly both of Rhode Island.

William and Jane Douglas had

1. Philip Henry Douglas
2. Alexander Douglas born 27/Aug/1787, died 22/Apr/1815; unmarried.
3. Jane Douglas born Dacca 10/Nov/1789; married St George's Church Hanover Square, London, 06/Feb/1810 Rev. William Westcomb of Langford, Essex Patron and Rector of Langford and Thrumpton Hall.
4. Mary Douglas born Murshidabad 25/oct/1794; died 17/Feb/1884; married St George's Church, Hanover Square, London, 04/Dec/1821 Edward Stanley, DL, JP and MP of Ponsonby Hall and Dalgarth, Cumberland.
5. Catherine Douglas

Philip Henry Douglas born Purneah 24/Aug/1786; died 22/Oct/1867; educ. Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; 07/Apr/1811 ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Bristol, Curate of Milcom and Horsey, Dorset; married (1) 07/Jan/1813, Susanna daughter of Christopher Aplin of Cross Hill House, West Adderbury, Oxfordshire and had

1. Esther Jane Douglas born 01/Jan/1814; died 03/Sep/1837
2. Philip Heatly Douglas
3. Alexander Douglas
4. Susanna Mary d'Oyly Douglas born 20/Nov/1818; died 26/Mar/1852; married Devizes 12/Jan/1842 Rev. Charles Welland, Vicar of Christchurch, Hornsey.
5. Helen Elizabeth Douglas born 1820; died 02/Jul/1900; unmarried.
6. Archibald William Douglas born 22/Mar/1823; died 05/Mar/1824;
7. Sarah Louisa Douglas born 27/Feb/1825; married (1) 19/May/1857 Thomas Smith of Ansfield, Malvern; married (2) John Deverell of Purbrook Park, Cosham, Hampshire;
8. Frances Heatly Douglas born 13/Apr/1826; married St Paul's Church, Tiverton 19/May/1859, Rev. Alfred Hensley of Battle, Sussex, Rector of Cotgrave, Nottinghamshire.

Philip Henry Douglas married (2) Broadwater Worthing 30/Aug/1839, Anne Bull, widow of Captain Gram.

(Taken from *The History of the Family of Douglas* by Percy Douglas, Rotterdam, pp.138-141)



Introducing new member **Annabelle Guest of Narrabri.**

My original home was *Verniew*, a cattle property 34 klms north of Mitchell, Queensland and I am a descendant of Robert Douglas of Kangaroo Point.

My mother taught my sister Kylie and I Correspondence School with the help of School of the Air, until Grade 8 when I won a Glennie Old Girls' Bursary to attend the Glennie Memorial School in Toowoomba — my grandmother Betty Douglas of *Rowallan* being the Glennie Old Girl. I was a boarder at the school in 1983 until the end of 1987.

After school finished, I spent 6 months working on *Verniew* getting back to the bush after 5 years at boarding school. This was a good reminder why I liked rural areas. For the rest of 1988, it was overseas to a ranch in Wyoming in the USA for three months, then off to a dairy farm in Germany for another 3 months. The most valuable thing I learned from this experience was not to marry a dairy farmer or even go out with one! The next 4 years were spent at the Queensland University at St Lucia doing a Batchelor of Agr. Science degree. These were some great times and I am still in contact with quite a few of my 'aggie' mates though they are spread far and wide now. Most of the girls have embraced motherhood so are taking a career break.

After Uni I applied for a job with Agrisearch which does contact trial work, mainly in cotton and cereals locally, but is located Australia wide and recently, has bought into a business in New Zealand. I was offered a position in Narrabri which was great, except that I had never heard of the place let alone been there! I came for three months initially and am still here 15 years later. It is a lovely town with lots of great people and many career opportunities in agriculture with the Australian Cotton Research Institute and the Plant Breeding Institute (cereals) located here.

Byce, my husband and I met in 1994 and married in 1997. He introduced me into the Galloping Polocrosse Club which is well known in the polocrosse world for its great bush hospitality and reminded me quite a lot of my Dunkeld Pony Club days (both clubs have the colour brown, to hide dust). It is a great family club I'm proud to be a member of. We have two children, Georgie who is 7 years and Daly who is 4. They are both looking forward to playing polocrosse sooner rather than later.

We have operated our own spray contracting business near Narrabri since 1996 and do most of the work on one of the corporate forms between Narrabri and Wee Waa. The last two years have been quite tough with the impact of the drought but we are slowly finding our feet again. We also have a small farm where the kids can practise their driving and we can run a few sheep and cattle. I work part-time at Agrisearch and do the books for the business. We also like to go fishing and skiing when there is some water close by, and I'm in a book club. I wanted to join the Clan Douglas Association to keep in contact with some family members I don't see too often and to be able to tell my children about their heritage.

Annabelle Guest
Clan Douglas member.

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APPOINTMENT OF A NEW LORD LYON KING OF ARMS

Following the retirement of Robin Blair, it has been announced that David Sellar, previously Bute Pursuivant at the Court of the Lord Lyon, has been appointed as the new Lyon. He qualified as a solicitor in 1966 and is an Honorary Fellow in the Faculty of Law at Edinburgh University.

(Taken from the Scottish Australian Heritage Council Inc. Newsletter for April 2008, p.9)

ALEXANDER MICHAEL DOUGLAS

Alexander Michael Douglas was born 11/Nov/1926 and died at Brisbane, Queensland 01/Dec/2007.

Alex was one of the last links with a by-gone era when department stores faithfully served the needs of its customers. Stores such as Allan & Stark, McWhirters, Finney Isles, McDonnell & East and TC Beirne's in Brisbane and Pigott's and Cribb & Foote of regional prestige.

Alex Douglas was the last Managing Director of TC Beirne, one of the above stores. He joined the staff and started at the bottom of the ladder, as his grandfather's personal driver and began to learn the retail trade from the ground up. His maternal grandfather, TC Beirne was founder of the drapery and general store in Fortitude Valley for the better part of a century as well as being a benefactor to the Catholic Church and his other philanthropic works.

In 1941, Alex's only brother Henry 'Junior' was killed in an aircraft crash in Canada while training for Active Service in World War II. Despite his mother's pleas, Alex volunteered for military service the day after he turned 18 in 1944.

Following intensive training, he was in Darwin en route to Borneo when Japan surrendered in the wake of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Once he was discharged, Alex returned to retailing but decided that he needed to learn more about the 'buying side' of the business and spent 1948 in London working in the Myer buying office at Knightsbridge to learn more details.

His grandfather's failing health demanded Alex's return to Brisbane where he worked closely with his grandfather until the latter's death in 1949. At the young age of 23 years, Alex became a Director of TC Beirne's and became closely interested in the fashion industry. His marriage to Morna O'Rourke in 1954 linked his Beirne and Douglas heritage with that of a very well known medical family. This marriage lasted 53 years until his death. Five sons were born to them — Henry and Alexander who became doctors; Richard a Senior Counsel at the Brisbane Bar; Drew a financial consultant and Jamie who has purchased a career in merchant banking in the UK.

In 1963, David Jones approached the family with a merger proposal and after careful deliberations, a deal was done. Mr Douglas was invited to remain with the firm as consulting local expert. This enabled him to set up in business as an importer and indent agent, achieving notable success.

He was a member of Tattersall's Club and the Brisbane Club and became the Rear Commodore of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron.

Alex and his wife loved to spend their leisure hours on Fraser Island and were pioneers of Waddy Point. Their avocado farm at Montville was another interest together with a holiday home at Northcliffe on the Gold Coast.

Alexander Michael Douglas' funeral was at St Agatha's Church at Clayfield which was also the venue for his wedding all those years before. He is survived by his wife, five sons and grandchildren.

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Margaret Elizabeth Douglas; Supervisor of Parliamentary Broadcasting since 1993; born 22/Aug/1934; daughter of Thomas Mincher Douglas and Dorothy Jones; educ.

Parliament Hill Grammar Sch. London; joined BBC as secretary 1951; subsequent researcher, director and producer in Current Affairs television, working on Panorama, Gallery, 24 Hours and on special programmes with Lord Avon and Harold MacMillan; editor, Party Conference coverage 1972-83; Chief Assistant to Dir. Gen. 1983-87; Chief Political Adviser BBC 1987-93. (*Who's Who* 1995, p.536)

NOTICE BOARD

June 21 — Bannockburn Dinner (Q'ld) Queensland Irish Association Rooms, 7pm for 7.30pm. T. Trevor Campbell, (07)3359 6663

June 28 — Clan Douglas Association of Australia meeting at 116 Strong Avenue, Graceville at 1.30pm. Contact Jan Shaw for more details T. (07) 3379 6357 or email: president@clandouglas.org.au

June 29 — Kirkin' O' The Tartan, Queensland, St Paul's Presbyterian Church, 43 St Paul's Terrace, Spring Hill, Brisbane, 9.30am Service. The Rev. Andrew Gardiner B.D. (Glasgow) officiating in the presence of Mr Michael Bryce AM, AE. Seating requested by 9.15am.

June 29 — Kirkin' O' The Tartan, NSW Hunter Baillie Church, Annandale, conducted by the Rev. Peter Dunstan.



The Roseby sisters, daughters of Dr & Mrs E Roseby late of Boggabri, NSW. Mrs Roseby was the youngest daughter of Robert Douglas of *Mt Maria*.

Meg Russell, Ruth Lumby, Doreen Morgan, Winnifred Eather, Alma Cameron, Edith Myer & Ann Gardner — Photo taken recently at a family gathering.



Editorial:

Here it is nearly June — half way through 2008 — and it is nearly time for us to be thinking about the Douglas AGM in November. If any of you have subjects or recommendations you would like brought up at the AGM, please contact either the secretary or the president to let them know your suggestions. We are always on the lookout for ideas as to how we can improve our organization or the newsletter and would welcome any suggestions.

Mary Smith, Editor



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COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

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.