



THE CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

NEWSLETTER

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November 2009

The first meeting of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia was held on December 3, 1986 in Brisbane. The current elected committee is:

<i>PATRON:</i>	<i>Mr Archibald Douglas</i>
<i>PRESIDENT:</i>	<i>Mrs Jan Shaw</i>
<i>VICE PRESIDENT:</i>	<i>Ms Jenny Smith</i>
<i>MINUTES SECRETARY:</i>	<i>Ms Jenny Smith</i>
<i>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:</i>	<i>Mrs Sue Taylor</i>
<i>TREASURER:</i>	<i>Ms Kate Godfrey</i>
<i>EDITOR:</i>	<i>Mrs Mary Smith</i>
<i>GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH OFFICER:</i>	<i>Mrs Mary Smith</i>
<i>WEB SITE ADMINISTRATOR:</i>	<i>Ms Penny Shaw</i>
<i>GENERAL COMMITTEE:</i>	<i>Mr Archie Douglas, Mr John & Mrs Robin Godfrey Mrs Dell Armstrong</i>

Aims and Objectives of the Association

- To act as a representative body of Douglas's 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
- Provide members four Newsletters a year (members are invited to contribute articles of general interest)
- Provide social gatherings to enable Members to meet.

Clan Douglas Website - www.clandouglas.org.au

The website currently offers the following features for members and general public.

- General Information about the Clan Douglas (members and public)
- Events (members and public)
- Discussion board (forum for members and public)
- Newsletters (members only)
- Photo gallery (members only)
- Family tree software (members only)
- Application form (public and members)

Members can log in with a user name and password to view area that are not available for the general public, thus maintaining privacy and adding value to your membership.

All members must first register on the site. Registration follows a confirmation and approved process so that only paid-up members can register. Just follow the instructions sent in the registration email. Once approved, you can use your username and password to log in at any time.

Website Help - please email the Web site Administrator at administrator@clandouglas.org.au for assistance.

President's Message



The December issue of CDAA Newsletter is one when we begin to think about Christmas and the New Year — my wish is for good health and happiness for you all and continued interest and support for CDAA.

Our AGM was held on 7th November and I am still your President — in fact all the executive positions are held by the same members as elected at the 2008 AGM. Although I am happy to be still in the saddle, I would also be just as happy to hand the reins over to another Douglas member — it must be time for a change over!

The questionnaire answers gave us a valuable insight to your preferences on articles we print in the Newsletter. Thank you to the 25% of members who have replied — and we hope to have more as the subscription renewals come in.

The positive response to what we are already providing is an indication that the content is the right mix. Most members are happy with Ancient Scottish and Douglas History and Genealogy, many asked for more profiles of members and local news and photos of members. It seems we would all like to get to know each other better and each other's 'Douglas history' as articles about member's lineage were requested as well as website updates. So it seems that as members, we will all need to participate and contribute our stories. They will be most welcome.

Another request was to repeat the 'Honey Cake' recipe printed in Newsletter # 21 — and now is perhaps the time to repeat other interesting articles as well, from previous Newsletters for the benefit of newer members.

Also requested was more history of the Septs and how they became affiliated with the Douglas clan.

We decided that for our next Committee meeting, we will venture out and visit the recently refurbished Old Government House, Brisbane built in 1862. (One may say that we are 'never behind' with innovative ideas!). We plan to meet at Old Government House at 11am on Sunday February 28th 2010 and take in a guided tour of the house and of William Robinson's excellent retrospective art exhibition, have sandwiches and lamingtons at the café and proceed with our meeting business. We hope members will join us, to either do the guided tour and lunch or include the meeting as well.

Jan Shaw (nee Douglas), President



President's Report 2009

My report to the AGM of Clan Douglas Association of Australia for 2009 is one which highlights my appreciation of the work done and interest taken of our Committee Members, without whose patience, loyalty and participation we would not be able to function.

As Clan Douglas representative to Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland, I attend quarterly meetings where I meet with other Clan's Representatives and we discuss ways in which to keep up general interest in our respective clans and promote activities. We are all feeling the loss of interest by younger members, but I am happy to report that Clan Douglas seems not only to have the most committee members, but the most younger members' interest. Many of the clans are only 'one-man-bands' without the support of a committee and quite often, without a membership spread throughout Australia.

Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland, however, is following our lead by planning to set up a website, and have approached our Website Administrator Penny Shaw, to give an overview and quote for this. On my recommendation it will be funded by the various clans, and in return the website will post their communication addresses and activities. This we foresee will bring in more members for all participating parties and hopefully more participation in SCCQ activities.

The bus load of members and friends "looking at early Queensland History in Ipswich" last year was successful, but this year was without any similar 'get-together'. But I'd like to plan a clan 'gathering' for next year, and any ideas or preferences from members would be most welcome.

We were well represented at the SCCQ Kirkin' of the Tartan in June this year and this was covered very well by our #83 Newsletter photographers. Please watch for the dates of next year's Kirkin' and Burns Supper. Members and their family and friends are very welcome to join 'our pew' at the Kirkin' and 'our table' at the Burns Supper.

The recipient of the 2009 Ron Douglas Memorial Bursary at Scots' College Warwick is David Beattie. Our congratulations go to him and I hope he continues to enjoy wood and metal work in the future.

Member Dr Beryl Turner who is already well known to us as the link with the yDNA testing of Douglas males throughout the world, was unable to represent CDAA as previously planned at 'The Gathering' in Edinburgh in July this year. However, we may in a future Newsletter print excerpts from Clan Douglas of North America's Newsletter "Dubh ghlas" coverage of this event.

In conclusion, I thank you for your support and wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Holy Christmas and peace and contentment in 2010.
Jan Shaw (nee Douglas), President

DOUGLAS HONEY CAKE

4oz Flour	1 teaspoonful Baking Powder
4oz Castor Sugar	½ cup honey
4oz Butter	2 eggs
4oz Ground almonds	

Sift the flour and baking powder together and add and half the ground almonds. Cream butter & sugar, add gradually the well beaten eggs and the flour, a little add of each alternately. Beat thoroughly, and pour into two small well greased sandwich tins. Bake in a hot oven for about twenty minutes, or until well risen and firm. Blend the remainder of the ground almonds with the honey, and when the cakes are cold, spread one with the mixture and place the other on top. If desired, it may be iced and decorated, but it is usually eaten plain.

INVERNESS GINGERBREAD

12oz Flour	4oz Candied Lemon Peel
4oz Fine Oatmeal	1oz Green Ginger
8oz Butter	½ gill cream or rich milk
12oz Treacle	

Mix the flour and oatmeal together. Cream butter sugar and beat in the flour mixture and cream alternately. Stir in the slightly melted treacle, then the ginger and peel cut into fine shreds. Work the whole into a light dough, turn into a well greased tin, and bake in a moderate oven for about forty minutes.

Treasurer's Report 2009

CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

AGM

Saturday, 7 November 2009

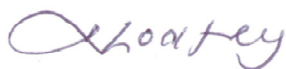
Treasurer's Report

I present the financial statements, including the profit and loss statement and balance sheet, for the Clan Douglas Association of Australia for the year ended August 2009.

As previously agreed in a general meeting of members, the accounts have not been audited. However, the Association keeps its financial records in a way that properly records the Association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.

The net result for the year was positive, with an increase in assets of \$391.07 and no liabilities. Costs incurred this year mainly related to the regular production of newsletters, web site maintenance and continued support of the Ron Douglas Memorial Bursary. Membership income remains strong and supports the annual costs of running the Association so that we remain financial into the future.

Kind regards



K H Godfrey

CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC

Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2009

	31-Aug-09 \$	31-Aug-08 \$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Suncorp 04667 1315 Everyday Options	7,636.82	7,370.40
Suncorp 16077 6416 Deposit	2,690.37	2,565.72
NET ASSETS	\$10,327.19	\$9,936.12
Reserves		
Reserves - Unappropriated Profit		
Opening	9,936.12	9,613.65
Current year profit/(loss)	391.07	322.47
Closing	10,327.19	9,936.12
TOTAL RESERVES	\$10,327.19	\$9,936.12

CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC

Profit and Loss Statement

For the year ended 31 August 2009

	31-Aug-09 \$	31-Aug-08 \$
Income		
Membership Income	1,340.00	1,100.00
Donations	5.00	130.00
Interest Received	125.42	168.94
Income from events	-	217.00
	1,470.42	1,615.94
Expenses		
Bursary	100.00	100.00
Filing fees	40.00	38.10
Genealogy	-	220.79
Newsletter	750.15	739.20
Postage/Telephone	21.40	13.03
Sundry expenses	80.00	100.00
Website	87.80	82.35
	1,079.35	1,293.47
Operating profit/(loss)	\$391.07	\$322.47

Newsletter Editor's Report 2009

It gives me much pleasure as Newsletter Editor, to present the Report for 2009.

Four newsletters have been produced since the AGM in November last year and I have tried to keep the main interest stories evolving as much as possible. Our President has contributed to the Newsletter this year with her "Earls of Angus" writings. These add more interest to the Newsletters for those of us of the Red Douglas line and I'm sure this addition is much appreciated by our members. It will be of interest to the Executive this AGM to read of the opinions of members who answered the questionnaire which was sent to you in the last Newsletter. I have seen only a few of them so far and while those answers are very valuable to me as the Editor, any differing opinions and suggestions will be taken into account before the next newsletter goes to print. I really do my best to accommodate all members.

We need research queries too 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.

My thanks must go to my daughter Jenny for designing the new front and back pages of the Newsletter. Jenny also emails your Newsletters to you. Unfortunately, the old phone lines or dial-up that connect this farm to the outside world can't handle the length of time it takes to email twelve pages or so to those of you who receive your Newsletter this way. I have to rely on my daughter-in-law Karen who has Satellite/Broadband to email the Newsletter to Jenny who then sends it on to you. Thank you Karen.

Just a reminder — 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 Membership Secretary, Mrs Susan Taylor, 6 Helidon Grove, Jacob's Ridge, Ormeau 4208, Queensland, Australia with the \$20-00 (Aus) membership fee.

Mary Smith, Newsletter Editor



Genealogical Coordinator's Report 2009

It gives me much pleasure to present my report for 2009.

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 continues to be much interest in the yDNA data and I know that a few of you have taken advantage of the Clan Douglas offer to finance your application to find out more. I should be interested to hear your results and how you fit into the family. Please do advise me as I may be able to help further with more details. You will find a detailed explanation of this project in Newsletter #77 for March 2008. For more information about the project please contact Dr Beryl Turner — bturner@occmcd.com.au

The library of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia has received a donation of *Booroodabin* compiled by Ms Diana Hacker, from Committee members John and Robin Godfrey. Thank you both for your generous support. Again I ask if any members are aware of Douglas or Sept family books, 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 any this year and this free facility continues to be underused.

Mary Smith, Genealogical Coordinator.



Website Report November 2009

The number of unique visitors per month remains steady at between 100-200. This number would improve dramatically if our content was regularly updated. The idea of the website has always been to encourage communication amongst members as well as to attract new members. To keep our website going please make sure to log in or contact me to add content for you.

The most common search phrases for November 2009 were:

28 different key phrases
clan Douglas
douglas clan
clan douglas dna project
clan douglas Australia
goolawan historic ipswixh
clan douglas Septs
douglas family history
scottish clan jewellery
black douglas history
douglas ydna project
Other phrases

We have had two new member enquiries through the website since the last meeting. These were Tammie Maree Arundell, and Harold A Edington a Regent from the North American Clan Douglas Society.

I was also asked by the Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland to set up a website for them. Work has started on this and can be viewed at www.scottishclans.org.au. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Penny Shaw, Web-site Administrator

An item of interest to Clan Douglas members: Penny has just become engaged to Ian Stoddart of Brisbane.

CDAА Membership Secretary Report 2009

Currently Clan Douglas Association of Australia has:

- 89 members in total
- 14 life members
- 44 financial members (including Life members)
- 45 members with outstanding fees owing to date for year 2009/2010
- 4 cancellations this year due to death, lack of interest, and not of our family lineage
- 3 new members this year.

Membership Secretary requested funding for stationary items and stamps totally \$14.20 for last 6 months. First 6 months was \$10.00 which was paid in March by Kate Godfrey.

Sue Taylor, Membership Secretary



Charles Douglas of Holmhill was born 1712 the 3rd son of William Douglas of Fingland and Elizabeth Clark; died at Holmhill 25/Dec/1788; buried Holmhill Kirkyard, Dumfriesshire (according to Percy Douglas). In 1759, Charles was Surveyor-General of salt duties and resided at Spittal near Edinburgh; went to Holmhill, Dumfriesshire, a family property that he had in life rent but belonged to the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry; was Chamberlain to the Duke; married July 1745 Musselburgh/Inveresk, Margaret Vernor of Musselburgh and had:

1. William Douglas
2. Sara Douglas born Holmhill 1748; died Holmhill 1843.
3. Hyde Douglas born Holmhill 1749; died Holmhill 1839.
4. Archibald Douglas born Holmhill 1750; died Portsmouth unmarried; surgeon 44th Regiment of foot.
5. Elizabeth Douglas born Holmhill 1751; died Holmhill 1841.
6. Thomas Douglas born Holmhill 1752; died holmhill 1826; writer in Edinburgh, captain of Dumfries Militia.
7. Alexander Douglas born Holmhill and drowned off the U.S.A. coast; joined the Royal Navy; mentioned with his cousin Alexander in the will of their uncle Alexander, R.N.
8. Margaret Douglas born Holmhill, died Holmhill in infancy.
9. Clark Douglas, born Holmhill 03/Sep/1759; died Holmhill 10/Aug/1859.

William Douglas was born at the house of Spittal, near Edinburgh in 1748; died April 1810; buried Morton Castle, at Holmhill; 1763 – 1767 with 11th Foot (Devonshire) Regiment in Minorca; 08/Jan/1768 Lieutenant; Captain 103rd King's Irish Regiment of Foot; married 21/Jun/1781, Henrietta Nicholson daughter of Edward Nicholson of Primrose Grange in Killaspugbrone Parish and Castle Baldwin Ballingarrageeny, Co, Sligo, Ireland and had issue

1. Harriet Douglas ch. St Ann's Church, Dublin 02/Aug/1783; married Adam, son of Hugh Mosman, a merchant of Prince Edward Street, Liverpool.
2. Emily Olivia Douglas was born 1784; married 1814 Thomas Whyte of Upper Gleneslyn in Dunscore, Dumfriesshire. On the death of Charles Douglas in 1788, Thomas assumed the name of Whyte-Douglas and with his wife Emily had issue:
 1. Harriet Esther Whyte-Douglas born in 1817; died 1847.
 2. James Charles Whyte-Douglas
 3. William Whyte-Douglas born and died infancy.
 4. Emily Olivia Whyte-Douglas born 1824; died 1869.
3. Charles Douglas born 1785; died 30/Jan/1816, unmarried; drowned with the entire crew of the "Seahorse" in Tranmore Bay of Waterford, Ireland; Major 59th Regiment; 18/Jun/1815 commanded the regiment at Waterloo after Colonel Wyndham was slain (according to the Holmhill papers).

James Charles Whyte-Douglas was born 1819; died Srignac, Brittany 1885; married Mathurine Philomene Moy daughter of Louis Moy of Pontgamp, Brittany and had issue:

1. George Whyte-Douglas born Pontgamp 1849; died Scrignac, Brittany 1883, unmarried.
2. Helen Rosalie Marie Whyte-Douglas born Pontgamp 1851; married 20/Feb/1875 Nathaniel Kemp of Patcham Place, Sussex.



THE TRUE STORY OF ANNIE LAURIE

Maxwell's braes are bonnie
Where early fa's the dew
And 'twas there that Annie Laurie
Gave me her promise true
Gave me her promise true
Which ne'er forgot will be
And for bonnie Annie Laurie
I'd lay me doon and dee.

Her brow is like the snowdrift
Her throat is like the swan
Her favce it is the fairest
That e'er the sun shone on.
That e'er the sun shone on
And dark blue is her e'e
And for bonnie Annie Laurie
I'd lay me doon and dee.

Like dew on th' gowan lying
Is th' fa' o' her fairy feet
And like the winds in summer
sighing
Her voice is low and sweet.
Her voice is low and sweet
And for bonnie Annie Laurie
I'd lay me doon and dee.

Many people particularly those not of Scottish descent or acquaintance, suppose Annie Laurie to be a creature of the songwriter's imagination or perhaps a character based on folklore. They are mistaken!

Annie Laurie is a real, historical person. Born December 16, 1682 at Maxwellton House in the beautiful Glen of the Cairn, she was the daughter of Sir Robert Laurie, first Baronet and his wife, Jean Riddell. Her portrait as a young matron still hangs in the halls of Maxwellton House and reveals a great deal about her 'bonnieness' — as well as putting the lie to one of the lines of the song we know so well, namely, 'and dark blue is her e'e'. Actually, the portrait shows her eyes to be either dark brown or a deep hazel.

That Annie was a lively, and reportedly mischievous lass, is supported by historical records and a first-hand report contained in an article on the subject of the song's heroine by Frank Pope Humphreys. An even more interesting report concerning the song itself is told in a letter written in 1889 by a Mr Bennoch to his friend Sir Emelius Laurie, proprietor of Maxwellton House at that time. It describes an incident that occurred in 1854.

Mr Bennoch's wife, a somewhat famous singer of ballads, upon being asked to sing after a dinner party, sang among the songs 'Annie Laurie' in the version we all know. Let me quote from that letter — 'This won the approval of a lady in her 97th year, although from her gait and manner she did not seem more than 70. "Thank ye, thank ye, thank ye very much, but they're not the words my grandfather wrote" she said, and then she repeated the words.

To summarize the rest of the letter, Mr and Mrs Bennoch visited the elderly lady the next morning, at which time she dictated to them the words of the first verse as originally written by her grandfather, William Douglas of Fingland (see Newsletter #83). She then explained to them that her grandfather was desperately in love with Annie and wrote the song, but added 'he didna' get her after a'. She related that her father often repeated them to her and that she herself had sung them many times within the family. She then signed the words she had dictated with her own shaky hand, with the words "I mind na mair". This elderly lady was **Miss Clerk Douglas, granddaughter of William Douglas of Fingland and his wife Elizabeth Clerk.**

William Douglas, Laird of Fingland, was born at the Castle of Sanquhar in 1672. He was therefore ten years older than Annie. A noted swordsman, he held a commission as an Ensign in the Royal Scots of Dumbarton Regiment, at that time commanded by his kinsman, Lord George Douglas. He rose to be Captain, fought at the Battle of Steinkirk, wooed Annie Laurie, was jilted by her and subsequently married Elizabeth Clerk. Annie Laurie married Alexander Fergusson of nearby Craigdarroch, who had beaten out Douglas for her affections, and whose portrait hangs at Maxwellton House beside that of Annie.

(Author unknown)





The 6th EARL OF ANGUS

(Taken from the writings of Robert Maxwell in "A HISTORY OF THE HOUSE OF DOUGLAS")

This is a lengthy and complicated history of a strong-willed and powerful Douglas who lived for 67 years and was caught up with the intrigues of court, the governing of Scotland and the characteristic changing of sides and loyalties of the Scottish Nobility. I have shortened it a great deal and have tried to simplify the story.

Jan Shaw

Archibald Douglas 6th Earl of Angus 1490 –1557 was the son of George Douglas, Master of Angus and Elizabeth Drummond and the Grandson of Archibald Douglas, the 5th Earl of Angus, whom he succeeded on 31st January 1514. The 5th Earl's two eldest sons, George, Master of Angus and Sir William Douglas of Glenbervie had died soldiers' deaths at the Battle of Flodden in 1513.

The 5th Earl's 3rd son was Gawain (Gavin) who became Bishop of Dunkeld and his fourth and youngest son, Archibald Douglas of Kilspindie, was known as "Greysteel" for his remarkable strength and warlike exercises. However, the succession went to the eldest son of the eldest son.

Archibald was twenty-five years of age when his father George fell at Flodden and he inherited all his Douglas territory. Archibald had also become a widower in the same year as his wife Margaret Hepburn, daughter of the first Earl of Bothwell had died in childbirth. Maxwell says of Angus, "In personal appearance and chivalrous demeanour, if not in intellect, the new Earl already gave promise for rule and discharge of the obligations of his high station."

As King James IV had perished at Flodden his successor was the eighteen-month old James V whose Mother, Queen Margaret — sister of King Henry VIII of England — appointed Angus, together with the Earls of Huntly and Arran and Archbishop Heaton, as her advisors in the guardianship of the infant King.

King Henry VIII had set diplomacy to work to obtain another husband for his sister and sought first the Emperor Maximilian and then King Louis XII of France, but Margaret Tudor was no weak puppet. She preferred to play her own cards and being beautiful, imperious, of strong passions and as an intellectual force, she chose her own mate — Archibald Douglas, 6th Earl of Angus. They were married on 6th August, 1514. Upon her marriage Margaret should have resigned her guardianship of young King James but instead, defied the Council of State.

The Dukes of Albany (Stewart) and Arran (Hamilton) who were next in line to the throne were bitterly jealous of Angus and his new powers. There were bitter disputes between them especially when the Duke of Albany (who had become a naturalised Frenchman and could not speak nor understand the Scot's language) was proclaimed "Protector of the Realm" until the infant King became of age.

The affairs of the State of Scotland were further complicated by the alliances of England and France and the jealousies of the powerful Scottish nobles. But to put it in a nutshell, Angus was challenged by Albany, Queen Margaret fled to England where Angus joined her and where she gave birth to their daughter Margaret (Margaret later became Countess of Lennox and Mother of Lord Darnley who married Mary, Queen of Scots and was murdered by his Douglas uncles).

Eventually Albany sailed for France in 1517 leaving the Government of Scotland in the hands of the Earls of Arran, Angus, Argyll and Huntly and the Archbishops of St Andrews and Glasgow. Within a week of Albany's departure, Queen Margaret returned to Scotland and was met by Angus. However, Margaret and Angus had grown sadly estranged and Angus, it appears, was not a model of fidelity. Queen Margaret wrote to her brother Henry expressing her intention to divorce Angus but the King of England was opposed to such a move.

In 1519 Angus met with the Queen once more and escorted her to Edinburgh with 400 horsemen where the noble-looking pair were welcomed with great triumph. Although the Queen's faction was strong and Angus popular, the jealousies of the Earl of Arran (2nd in line to the throne) and his followers caused much unrest and battle. The outcome of which was that for the next year, Scotland existed under a kind of makeshift dual government with Angus holding sway in the South and East and Arran in the North and West and Albany, the next in succession, still lingering in France.

After an absence of four years, Albany returned to Scotland and immediately set to ousting Angus' followers, dismissing many officials Angus had appointed. Queen Margaret sided with Albany against her husband and Angus sent his uncle, Bishop Gavin Douglas to press for assistance from Henry VIII. He insinuated that his wife's intercourse with Regent Albany was something more than political and platonic and furthermore, the King's young life was in jeopardy through the pretensions of Albany to the throne. This charge appears to have been totally without foundation for although the Queen- Mother had defects of character, she was always most careful for her son.

Angus and the Queen were finally divorced in 1528 after an all out feud with changes of alliance and loyalty by many nobles and indeed, of Henry VIII who backed Angus in many instances.

At this period and for some years afterwards, Angus' relationship with the English Government was perfectly consistent with his loyalty to James V. Angus' chief concern was for the protection of James V and the welfare of Scotland and the fact that this could be upset by the return of Albany, whose intention it was perfectly well known, was to marry Queen Margaret as soon as he could get rid of his own wife.

James V was growing up (15) and began to share his Mother's hatred of Angus. He had chosen Lennox as his chief advisor in June 1526 and as Lennox had ceased to support Angus, James V conceived the object of escaping from his stepfather's control. In March 1528, after the decree of divorce between Angus and Queen Margaret (who had become bitter enemies), she immediately married her lover Henry Stuart.

To be continued.



Births

It is with pleasure that we welcome into the Douglas Family REBECCA LEE GARDNER born 03/Mar/2009, daughter of Douglas and Deanna Gardner and sister to Jayden Douglas Gardner. The family live in Yeppoon, Queensland. Grandparents are Don & Ann Gardner nee Roseby of Bargara (Clan Douglas members); Great Grandparents Dr Edmund & Sophia Roseby nee Douglas; Great Great Grandparents Robert & Mary Douglas of *Mt Maria*, Morven, Queensland.



Gardner Family Group: L to R Deanna holding Rebecca, son Jayden and father Douglas Gardner.



Archibald John Douglas Waller (see below)

We are also delighted to welcome into the Douglas Family, Archibald John Douglas Waller, born 01/Nov/2009 at The American Hospital, Dubai; weight 8 ½ lbs; son of former Clan Douglas President Douglas Waller and his wife Victoria and grandson of Ken and Jan Waller, Clan Douglas members.

Some members of Clan Douglas have expressed the desire to know more about the soldiers who served in the Hon. East India Co. Therefore, I have included the item below found in the Newsletter published by the Queensland Family History Society.

BOMBAY SOLDIERS GO ONLINE @ FIBIS

The families in British India Soc. (FIBIS) has announced that it has placed details of about 15,000 European soldiers who served in Bombay (now Mumbai) into its online database, FIBIS Search, and that these are freely transcribed from registers of enlisted men, including casualties, who served between 1795 and 1862 in the Bombay Army of the Honourable East India Co. The records were established in 1831 and include those soldiers still serving in that year with subsequent additions constantly made until the demise of the army in 1862.

In addition to a name, initial rank and unit, the records of service can include (where known) place of origin, date of entry to service, date of Attestation, term of enlisted service, date of arrival (in India) and ship arrived on, date of (if in service) when and where re-enlisted, promotions, transfers and when pensioned.

<http://www.fibis.org/> (Previously published in QFHS "Snippets" Newsletter October 2009 Volume 9, #10)

DOUGLAS ASSOCIATED NAMES

Associated names of Douglas (Septs) have rather a vague history. Sometimes, the names have more than one origin and can cloud the particular issue of where they came from. Even the spelling of surnames can be off-putting and one often wonders how they came about too. Fortunately, the name of Douglas is straight forward with sometimes the 'ss' being given to some families. However, this 'ss' does not mean they are a Sept but are truly of the Douglas family itself. You see, it all depended on the scribe who wrote the name down in the first place. If he thought the name should have another 's' added, then he wrote it as such. Maybe he thought the name sounded with a hiss on the last letter or the bearer had a lisp, it would then become a 'ss'. Sometimes, the 'ss' was added on a whim of the bearer of the name.

Sept names associated with Douglas such as 'Drysdale' came into existence in 1503 when Thomas, William and James Douglas of Brushwood Haugh in the Parish of Dryfesdale and Shire of Dumfries, fled their native place because they defended their rights against an unjust neighbour Johnston of Greenston-hill, who was determined to bring water to his mill through Douglas' property. With the permission of the King, Johnston began work on his water-way without consulting with the Douglas. Of course, the Douglas tried to prevent this happening by force and word soon reached the King. The Douglas men ended up having to flee the district. They took shelter under the shadow of the Ochil Hills in a lonely valley on the river Devon. Living here for two years, the Douglas men then returned home in disguise to see what had happened to their property. They found their land had been given to Johnston's friends and a great reward offered for their lives. Returning to where they had taken shelter, the Douglasses changed their names to the name of their native Parish Drysdale and purchased a small area of land called the Haugh of Dollar where their name was to flourish in future years.

TO BE CONTINUED

Editorial:

Christmas seems to have come around very quickly this year. My Best Wishes for a very Happy and Holy Christmas and may all your dreams come true in 2010.

Our President is busy planning a tour of Old Government House, Brisbane and Art Exhibition on the 28th February 2010 to be followed by a general meeting at the same venue. Do come if you possibly can and show your support for the CDAA — it should be a great day for us all.

Just a reminder that if you haven't renewed your membership by February 2010, you will be considered as non-financial and won't be sent any more newsletters.

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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, McKilrick, Morton, Sandlilands, Sandlin, Simms, Soule, Sterritt, Symington, Syme, Young.

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. 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.

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