



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 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</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

As this issue, Newsletter no.99b will have all the Committee's Reports to the AGM and as most of the items for the Message will be covered in my Report, I shall be brief.

But let us dwell on Family History, Connections and Participation in CDAA and the Newsletter. As this is the 99th Newsletter (part b), I feel that for the next one, our 100th in 2014, we should make a special effort to share something of our own history or connections. Send our editor an article of general interest, a joke, a recipe, family photo (past or present) and help make the 100th edition one that reflects our members own interests.

While on the subject of family history, my own book, "Springfield" 100 years, was launched at the Centenary Celebrations at Springfield, Mitchell, Queensland on 5th October. Fifty-five members of my own Douglas family were there; later on 20th October, a second launch was held at my daughter Penny's house in Graceville, Brisbane. Here the Deshon family outnumbered the Douglasses. The combined Deshon/Douglas family has owned Springfield since 1912, but my history starts earlier than that as it begins in 1846 when Major Mitchell explored the area, when land was taken up and the town of Mitchell began.

I am passionate about researching and recording both family and local history while it is still 'fresh' in our memories, but memory needs to be supported by documented evidence of dates and events. Many of our forebears wrote diaries which now give us an insight as to how they lived. What will our descendents know of us in our generation unless we keep a record? I do urge you all to record your own family and local history for the generations to follow.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a productive and healthy New Year.

Jan Shaw (nee Douglas) President

BRISBANE BOOK LAUNCH

"Springfield" 100 Years - a history of Springfield, Mitchell and District by Jan Shaw (President, CDAA)

After the first successful launch on the 5th October 2013 at Springfield, Mitchell, a second launch was held in Graceville, Brisbane on the 26th October, for those who could not make the trip to Mitchell.

The Brisbane book launch was held at the house of Jan's daughter, Penny Shaw, and was attended by about 50 guests, all in some way connected to the book's story or to the author. The CDAA was well represented, and we were especially delighted to have the presence of our Patron, Archie Douglas and his wife Mary Lou, as well as committee members Robin and John Godfrey, and past vice-president, Jan Waller and her husband Ken Waller. John and Pauline Douglas formerly of Springfield, also made the trip to both book launches.

We were very pleased to welcome members of the Deshon family who are linked by Springfield and marriage to the Douglas family, and were grateful for the support of friends including those from the Queensland Art Gallery volunteer guides, the Moreton Club, the Toowong Bridge Club and other good family friends. Also in attendance were several of the generation 26 (descendents of Robert Douglas of Kangaroo Point). These were Archie and Millie Douglas, children of Pud and Libby, Tom Cox, son of Margot and Dick Cox, Bella and Ryan Shaw, children of Will and Liza Shaw, and Bo Saji and Maegan Stoddart, children of Penny Shaw.

The morning tea included damper and corn beef made especially by John Douglas for the event to remind us of the pioneering times experienced at Springfield, and some of Robin Godfrey's pumpkin scones that went very quickly. Jan spent hours before the event baking a 100 or so scones, all topped with jam and cream. After morning tea came the speeches when John Douglas shared his memories of Springfield with us, and Jan spoke about her journey writing the book thanking all those who helped along the way, and also shared some information about the Clan Douglas.

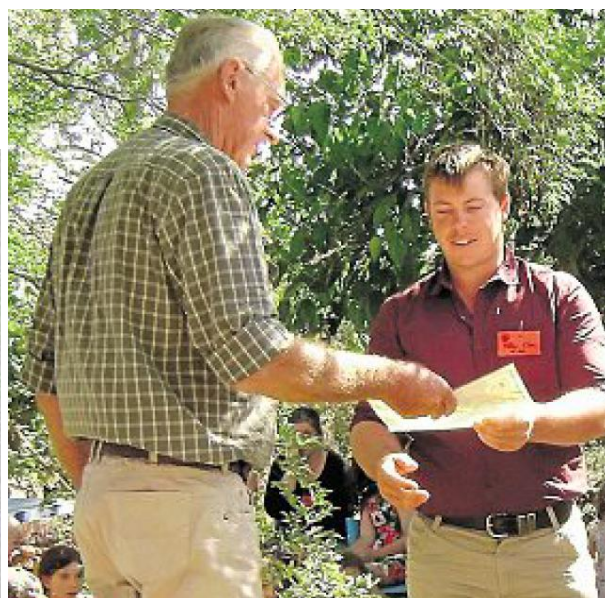


FAMILY: Andrew Douglas, Jack Douglas, Jan Shaw with her book, Springfield 100 Years, Madonna Douglas, Emma Douglas and John Douglas.

Photos courtesy of Sally Douglas, Western Star.



Jock Douglas presenting the 200 year old Douglas gold watch to Andy Douglas of "Springfield".



Bill Douglas presenting Theo Cox his G26 Certificate.

NEW CDAA MEMBER

It is with pleasure we welcome William Douglas of The Douglas Archives in Scotland as an honorary member of CDAA. William has been a long time friend of the Association and was instrumental in sourcing the Douglas Castle Stones for the committee.

Jenny Smith, Vice President

CDAA 2013 AGM REPORTS

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I have much pleasure in presenting my report to the AGM of CDAA in 2013.

As always, it is my committee whom I acknowledge first and thank. Without this cheerful band of ever willing support I would not be able to function efficiently as President --- so thank you one and all.

2013 has been quite a productive year with our Douglas Banner being raised at several Brisbane functions. The first was at the BBC (Brisbane Boys College) Pipe Band Championships in March. This event is growing in popularity and the numbers of bands participating increases each year.

Then came the Kirkin' o' the Tartan, a special event this year in June as the St. Pauls Presbyterian Church, Brisbane, was celebrating its 150th anniversary. Our CDAA Banner was held high, our tartan blessed, and other younger members of our clan carried the Australian, Queensland flags and the Scottish Saltire in the procession. Guests for this special occasion were the Earl and Countess of Dunmore from Tasmania (CDAA helped support financially the cost of their participation).

In July our Banner was raised for the third time at "Scotland in the Park" in support of the Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland, as we held this function for the first time. Its success was evident by the 3,000 people who attended wearing their kilts, trews, tam o'shanter and tartan scarves and generally having a good time as the Scottish Highland Dancing and Pipe Band Championships progressed.

On an international note we have read in recent Newsletters of the Douglas Gathering in Scotland next year, 2014. What a wonderful program of Douglas history has been planned! I had hoped that a contingent of CDAA members would journey to Scotland to take part, but so far we have only 3 or 4 saying 'maybe'. Let's hope that we can be represented and that 'maybe' turns into a positive. How nice it would be to have first hand feedback and photos of that occasion.

Douglas y DNA testing continues as the net is spread wider and we learn more of the early connections with more Douglas men participating. We of the Red Douglas/Earls of Angus line are still in hopes of finding match prior to the 1600's, so please encourage your Douglas men to do the test.

The recipient of this year's Ron Douglas Memorial Bursary to a Scot's College student of wood and metalwork is Matthew Locke and we congratulate him. As we increased the amount of the bursary last year to \$150, he will receive a cheque of that amount.

In conclusion, I wish all members a Happy Christmas and a productive and healthy 2014. Thank you all for your continued support.

Jan Shaw (nee Douglas), President.

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

Currently Clan Douglas Australia has:

- 24 Financial members
- 13 Life members
- 2 new members in last year
 - Seth Douglas, Tauranga, NZ
 - Jackie Stoddard, Whahgarei, NZ
- 3 Honorary members
 - Ern Thompson, President Scottish Clan Congress Qld
 - Harold Edington, Clan Douglas North America
 - William Douglas, The Douglas Archives, Scotland



Total Members = 40

Sue Taylor, Membership Secretary.

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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 2013.

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 a slight reduction in net assets by \$153. The Association continues to have no liabilities.

This year a contribution was made to the Douglas DNA testing process (\$100). A contribution was also made to the Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland for airfares to fly Malcolm and Joy Murray, the Earl and Countess of Dunmore, from Tasmania to Brisbane to attend the Kirkin o' the Tartan as official Congress guests in June (\$100).

Other costs incurred this year mainly related to the regular production of newsletters, and continued support of the Ron Douglas Memorial Bursary.

Taking into account timing differences, membership income has remained stable and our revenue still supports the annual costs of running the Association. This helps the Association remain financial into the future.

Kate Godfrey, Treasurer.

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT FOR 2013

It gives me much pleasure as Newsletter Editor to present the Report for 2013. Four newsletters have been produced since the AGM in November 2012 and I have tried to keep the main interest story evolving as much as possible.

We need research queries 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. In every newsletter you receive there is always an application form at the back. Just fill this in and mail to the Membership Secretary, Ms Sue Taylor, 11 Hannam Street, Wynnum North 4178, Queensland, Australia with the \$20-00 membership fee.

Mary Smith, Newsletter Editor.

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GENEALOGICAL CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR 2013

It gives me much pleasure to present my report for 2013. This year has been similar to previous years and I regret that there has been very few letters for me to answer regarding genealogy.

The library of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia has purchased a copy of "THE BLACK DOUGLAS" written by David R. Ross and tells the story of James Douglas and his exploits during Robert the Bruce's time. How he (James Douglas) nearly captured Edward II after Bannockburn and chased the English out of the Borders. Known as the Good Sir James by the Scots and the Black Douglas by the English, he was a great warrior in the Scottish Wars of Independence, yet is barely known in his own country today.

Again I ask, if any members are aware of Douglas or Sept family books published recently, the Clan Douglas would like to know about them subject to purchasing for the library. Research queries are needed for inserting in the newsletters. We have not received many this year and this free facility continues to be underutilised.

Mary Smith, Genealogical-Co-ordinator.

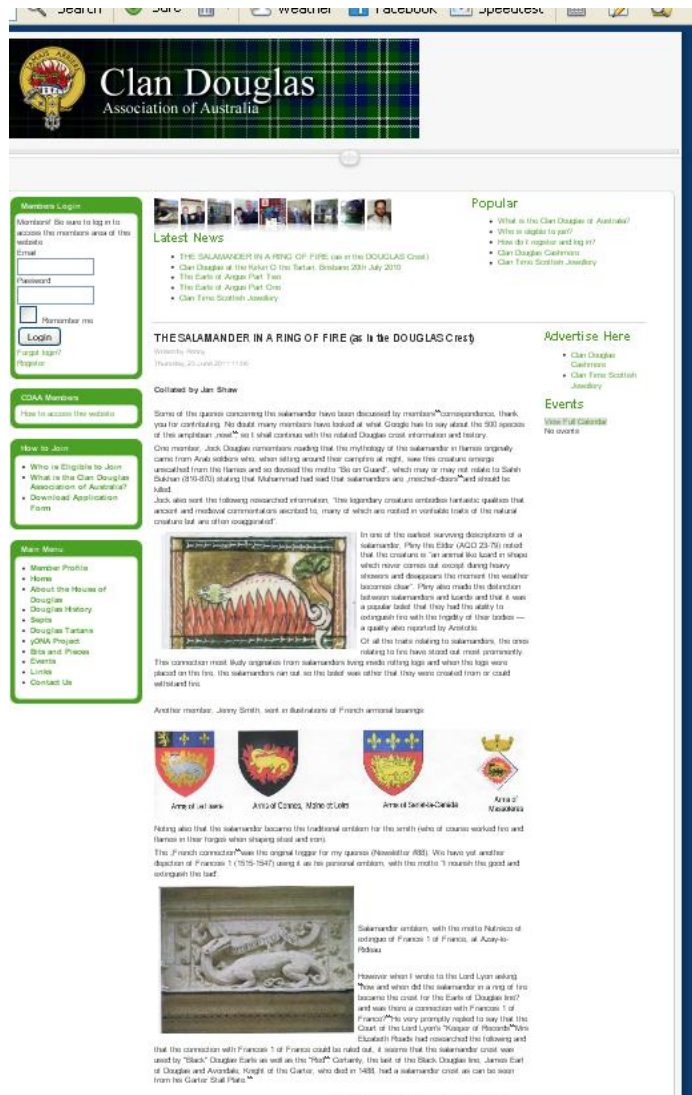
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WEBSITE REPORT

Cost

The current cost to host the website is \$71.40. The website administrator will look at hosting plans from other providers to keep costs at a minimum. We will also investigate paypal as a method of payment for membership and other items for sale. More use of social media could be made to enhance our online experience and deliver more interesting content to the website

Site Snapshot



Member Content contributions

Members are welcome to email articles of interest, and upload photos etc. Newsletters are also available for members to download.

Advertising

Members can advertise on the home page for \$20 per year. This fee is charged with annual subscriptions. For more information on advertising display please contact Penny Shaw via email at p.shaw@ozemail.com.au



Penny Shaw, Website Administrator.

A DOUGLAS! A DOUGLAS eBook

CDAA committee has made the unanimous decision to use some of our membership money to convert the Douglas Family History book "A Douglas! A Douglas!" written by Mary Smith and Jan Shaw into electronic form so that our history, so long in the writing, will not be lost. We are in the process of negotiating with an ebook publisher and hope to have something completed by next year. The book will then be updated with family information as the years pass and become a living document.

Jenny Smith, Vice President

Brisbane Boys College Pipe Band

Each year at the Kirkin o' the Tartan in Brisbane the BBC Pipe Band provide an excellent display of pipe and drums before and after the church service. They also pipe in the procession. In thanks for their continued support CDAA has donated \$100 to their 2014 BBC Pipe Band tour to Scotland to attend the European Pipe Band Championships Competition at Forres, Aberdeenshire.

The band are visiting Glasgow (The National Piping Centre), Stirling, Inverness, Forres and the Army School of Bagpipes (Edinburgh).

The following letter was sent by Jan Shaw on behalf to CDAA to the BBC Pipe Band Director, Steven Stanley.



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Dear Stevie,

As President of Clan Douglas of Australia, and on behalf of my Committee, I would first of all like to congratulate you and the members of the BBC Pipe Group Support Group for taking the big step to journey to Scotland for the BBC Pipe Band to compete in band competitions.

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What a wonderful experience it will be for the boys!

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I know that they will be competing with their best effort, but even if they do not win places in the competitions, the experience will be something that they will never forget, and will enrich their performances in the future.

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Clan Douglas Association of Australia wholeheartedly supports this project and wishes you all every success.
Please accept our \$100 donation as confirmation of this.

We would be interested to follow the trail of their journey and pleased to have photos to print in our Newsletter

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There is to be a 'Douglas Gathering' in Scotland in July in 2014, I wonder if your visit coincides?

Wishing you and the Band every success,
Kind regards,

Jan Shaw

SEPTS

Jenny Smith, Vice President

DESCENDANTS OF THE EARLS OF ANGUS



A few years ago, the Clan Douglas Association of Australia published in its Newsletters, the story of the Earls of Angus compiled by Jan Shaw. These may be found in Newsletters published on the Clan Douglas Website (refer page 1). This time, I propose to include some of the Earls' families as known.

Sir George Douglas was the second son of Sir William Douglas, 1st Earl of Douglas by Margaret Stewart, Countess of Angus, his sister-in-law and 3rd wife. George was born at Angus, 1376 and died in England in 1402 of the pestilence. George was proclaimed Earl of Angus, Lord of Abernethy in Perthshire and Lord of Bonkyl in Berwickshire by Robert II. Numerous charters and/or confirmations by King Robert III followed and in 1397 by Sir James Sandilands of Calder who was heir in line to the unentailed Douglas estates, George was granted his rights which were confirmed by Robert III. 14/Sep/1402, George was captured at the battle of Homildon. He married at Angus, contract 24/May/1397, the Princess Mary, daughter of King Robert III and Annabella Drummond. George and Mary Douglas had issue:

1. William Douglas (see under)
2. Elizabeth or Mary Douglas, born at Angus 1400; married (1) Sir Alexander Forbes, 1st Lord Forbes, son of Sir John de Forbes and Margaret; she married (2) Sir David Hay of Yester.
3. George Douglas born at Angus 1402.

1. **Sir William Douglas**, 2nd Earl of Angus, (story previously told) was born 1398 and died October 1437; married/betrothed at Angus 1410, Margaret, daughter of Sir William Hay of Yester and Lockerret and had issue:

- 1.1. James Douglas (see under)
- 1.2. George Douglas (see under)
- 1.3. William Douglas of Cluny, Fifeshire; born Angus 1415, died 1475 and had a natural son:
 - 1.3.1. Archibald Douglas

1.1. **Sir James Douglas**, 3rd Earl of Angus (story previously told); born 1411 and died 1446;

1.2. **Sir George Douglas**, 4th Earl of Angus – the “Great Earl” (story previously told); born 1413, died 14/Nov/1462; married Isobel, daughter of Sir Andrew or John Sibbald of Balgony, Fife and had issue:

- 1.2.1. Lady Elizabeth Douglas born Forfar, Fintray, Angus 1439; married 07/Aug/1476, Sir Robert Graham, 1st Laird of Fintry.
- 1.2.2. Lord John Douglas, born Angus 1448; died before 1463, dsp.
- 1.2.3. Lord Archibald Douglas (see under)
- 1.2.4. Lady Anna Douglas, born Angus, 1454; married William, 2nd Lord, son of Patrick Graham, 1st Lord Graham.
- 1.2.5. Lady Isabella Douglas, born Angus 1456; married Sir Alexander Ramsay of Dalhousie
- 1.2.6. Lady Jane (Johanna) Douglas, married Angus 1472, David Scott, the Younger or Master of Buccleuch
- 1.2.7. Lady Margaret Douglas, married Angus 1479, Sir Duncan Campbell of Glenorchy.
- 1.2.8. Lady Giles (Lilias or Egidia) Douglas, married George Lesly, 2nd Earl of Rothes who was killed at the Battle of Flodden in 1513.
- 1.2.9. Lady Alison Douglas, born Angus 1462, married 1510, Robert Blackadder of Blackadder, Berwickshire.

1.2.3. **Sir Archibald Douglas**, 5th Earl of Angus (story previously told) “Bell the Cat” or “Great Earl” born Brechin, Forfarshire, 1449, died Priory of Whithorn, November 1514; married (1) 1467, Elizabeth daughter of Lord Robert Boyd, High Chamberlain of Scotland; and had issue:

- 1.1.3.1. George Douglas, Master of Angus (see under)
- 1.1.3.2. William Douglas of Glenbervie (see under)
- 1.1.3.3. Gavin Douglas born Brechin, Angus 1471, died London, March 1522 of the plague; trained for the church; studied at St Andrews and the Paris University; priest at Moneymusk, Aberdeenshire in 1496, was parson of Linton and Rector of Haugh; Provost 1501 of St Giles, Edinburgh; Rector of Heriot 1509; Bishop of Dunkeld in 1516-1522 and in 1517 was Ambassador to France. One of Scotland's greatest poets best known for his translation of Ovid

and Virgil's Aeneid; buried in the tomb of Bishop Halsey in the Savoy Chapel. Following the Battle of Flodden, Gavin took a decided interest in politics which eventually secured for him the bishopric of Dunkeld. However, he did spend a year locked up in the sea-tower of St Andrews, and was not allowed to come out for consecration at the order of the Duke of Albany, his enemy. The feud between these two was on-going and later Bishop Gavin was sent to London to impress King Henry with the great danger in which young James V stood of his life, because of the machinations of Albany who had won over the Queen Mother.

1.1.3.4. Archibald Douglas of Kilspindie (see under)

1.1.3.5. Lady Marion (Mariot or Marjory) Douglas born Kilmaurs, Ayrshire 1470; betrothed Angus, 24/Jan/1492 and married 24/Jun/1492, Cuthbert Cunningham, 3rd Earl of Glencairn, son of Robert and Christian Byres. She had a charter for the lands and castle of Kilmarnock.

1.1.3.6. Lady Elizabeth Douglas married at Angus, 19/Jan 1493, Robert, 2nd Lord Lyle son of Robert 1st Lord Lyle and Margaret Wallace. Justicar General of Scotland.

1.1.3.7. Lady Janet Douglas, born 1479; married at Angus 1520, Andrew, 2nd Lord, son of 1st Lord Herries of Terregles and Mariot Caryle.

Sir Archibald Douglas married (2) in 1500, Katherine, daughter of Sir William Stirling of Keir; (div) 1512; had issue:

1.1.3.8. Lady Mary Douglas married James, 1st Lord Ogilvy, son of Sir John Ogilvy of Linstrathen and Marion Seton of that ilk.

It was said that the 5th Earl of Angus had a marriage contract with Jean or Janet, daughter of John 2nd Lord Kennedy and Elizabeth Gordon, but the marriage did not take place, because she bore James IV a son, James who became Earl of Moray and half-brother of Mary, Queen of Scots.

1.1.3.1. **George Douglas**, Master of Angus was born Angus, 1470, slain 09/Sep/1513 at the battle of Flodden; married March 1488, Elizabeth daughter of John 1st Lord Drummond and had issue:

1.1.3.1.1. Archibald Douglas (see under)

1.1.3.1.2. Sir George Douglas of Pittendriech (see later)

1.1.3.1.3. Sir William Douglas born 02/Oct/1528; 1519-1522 and 1525-1528 Prior of Coldingham; 1526-1528 Abbot of Holyrood;

1.1.3.1.4. Lady Elizabeth Douglas married at Angus 17/Sep/1509, Sir John Hay, 3rd Lord of Yester;

1.1.3.1.5. Lady Janet or Jean Douglas executed Edinburgh 17/Jul/1537 being accused of murder and witchcraft; married (1) 1520, John Lyon, 6th Lord, son of John 4th Lord of Glamis and Elizabeth Gray; married (2) 1535, according to Dunscoft, Archibald Campbell of Skipnish or Kepneith, son of 2nd Earl of Argyll; he died Edinburgh when he endeavoured to escape from the castle, dashed to pieces on the rocks below. Meanwhile Janet in 1537, was taken in chains to Edinburgh and accused of conspiring to kill King James V and of being a witch. She was found guilty and burnt at the stake. The sentence was carried out outside the castle gate on Castle Hill.

1.1.3.1.6. Lady Margaret Douglas married 1513, Sir James Douglas of Drumlanrig; div. between December 1539 and January 1540;

1.1.3.1.7. Lady Alison Douglas married (1) at Angus, 13/Mar/1510, Robert Blackadder; married (2) 1513 Sir David Hume son of Sir David Hume of Wedderburn and Isabel Hoppingie of Galashiels; their grandson was David Hume of Godscroft.

1.1.3.1.8. Lady Isabel Douglas married Robert Crawford of Auchinames.

1.1.3.1. George Douglas, Master of Angus 31/Jan/1488/9 received the Barony of Tantallon, Douglas, Jedworth, Liddesdale, Selkirk, Ewesdale and Eskdale from his father, the 5th Earl of Angus and to himself and his wife, the Baronies of Bonkill and Preston. In 1510, he received the Barony of Crawford-Lindsay to be called the Barony Crawford-Douglas and on the 25th February that year, for the Lordship of Abernethy.

(Compiled from "The History of the family of Douglas" by Percy Douglas of The Netherlands, pp 247-254)



DOUGLAS CASTLE STONES

Clan Douglas Association of Australia is offering a special and unique memento of our Scottish heritage with the sale of a very limited number of Douglas Castle Stones. This would make an ideal Christmas gift for those family members wishing to have their own little piece of history.

The stones have been sourced from Douglas Castle in South Lanarkshire, Scotland, a stronghold of the Douglas family from medieval times to the 20th century. The first castle, erected in the 13th century, was destroyed and replaced several times until the 18th century when a large mansion house was built in its place. This too was demolished in 1938, and today only a single corner tower of the 17th-century castle remains.

The memento includes a section of building stone removed from the site of Douglas Castle mounted on a piece of Cedar wood (approx. 13 X 9.5 cm) with "Douglas Castle Stone" inscribed on a laser printed plaque with the Douglas family crest badge.

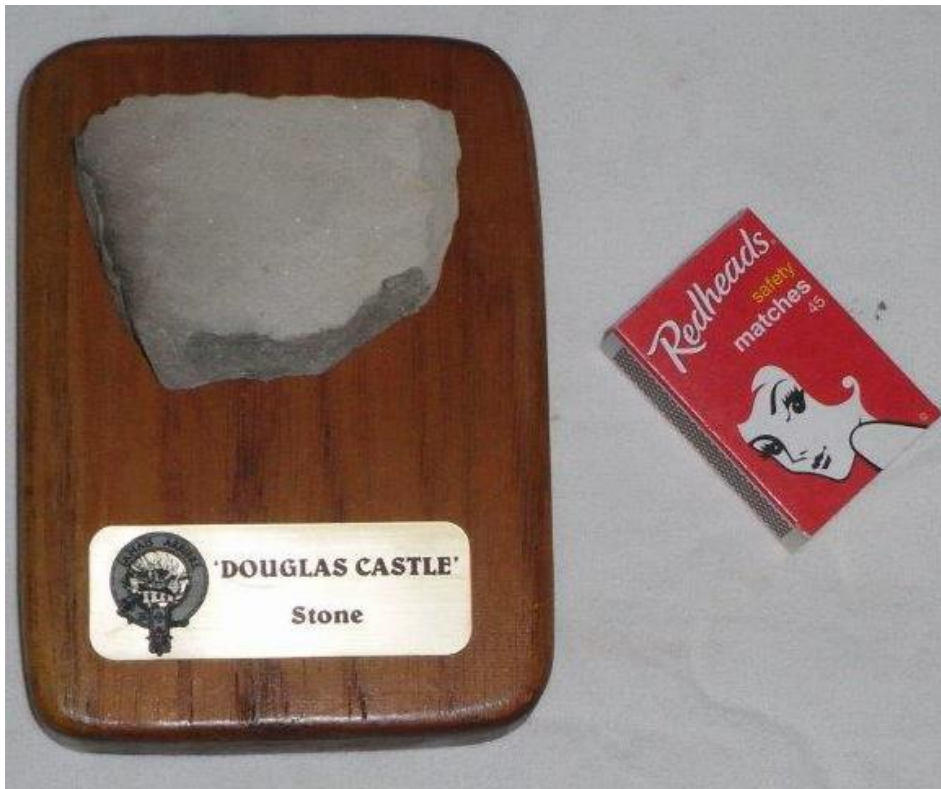
A Certificate of Authenticity is also included, signed by William Douglas of Douglas Archives, Scotland, who was present when the stones were removed from the site. The certificate will be posted separately to the stone which needs to be securely packaged.

An Order Form is included as an attachment to this Newsletter.

The Stones were sent to Australia at the request of CDAA by William Douglas and Robin and John Godfrey have been busy this year sourcing a stone mason willing to take on the task of dividing up the stones; the cedar wood and printing of the Clan crest for the plaque. The mason was able to divide the stones into 30 pieces, most of which have some portion of the rough and sometimes blackened outwards facing stone of the castle.

An article on Douglas Castle was included in Newsletter #97.

Jenny Smith, Vice President



The Douglas Castle Stone Memento size comparison.



Douglas Castle. Supergolden.
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<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:DouglasCastle02.jpg>



Certificate of Authenticity

Clan Douglas



Certificate of Authenticity

The stone which accompanies this certificate was taken from the wall of Douglas castle in Lanarkshire, Scotland, the ancestral home of the Clan Douglas, on 10 November 2011.

I was present when the stone was removed and can certify to its authenticity.

W. Douglas

William Douglas, Douglas Archives

Dated: 29/MAY/2012

SEPTS OF CLAN DOUGLAS

Harkness

Listed in the 2009 CDSNA bylaws. *Harkness* was accepted as a Sept by CDSNA sometime between 1995 and 1999. <http://www.electricscotland.com/webclans/dtog/douglas.html>

Apparently supporters of the Closeburn Kirkpatrick (per Black in Surnames of Scotland), it makes sense this family would also be supporters of the Douglas. Alexander Harkness was Canon of Holyrood in the year 1547. More research for this surname is recommended. Information on why this surname was selected may be found in a CDSNA newsletter published sometime between 1995 and 1999.

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Inglis

Listed in the 2009 CDSNA bylaws. *Inglis* was accepted as a sept of Douglas by CDSNA at its organization in 1975 based on the original list from the book ***Scots Kith and Kin***. The strong connection between Douglas and Inglis is found in *Early Inglis History, St. Bride's Church*.

"The roofless south transept, which is invariably known as the Inglis' Aisle, is worth close examination. The traditional story behind the name is as follows: In the early years of the fourteenth century, when Douglasdale was repeatedly overrun and often held by the English, the Inglis family tenanted the farm of Weston. Once Inglis managed to overhear the English plans for taking the castle, and at very great risk conveyed a warning to the Douglas. For this and perhaps other services he was asked to name his reward, and he replied that his greatest wish was to be buried under the same roof as his master. Accordingly, the south transept was set apart as the burial place of Inglis and his descendants for all time. So goes the tale, and until comparatively recent years descendants of the Douglas Inglises have been buried there. There are several memorial tablets on the walls, some bearing the Inglis coat of arms and the family motto, "*Recte faciendo securus*". A fragment of a local rhyme survives in the couplet:

**It was gi'en to Inglis and Ingliss bairns
And a' that lie in Inglis's airms.**

Further evidence for Inglis is found in Nisbet's ***Heraldry***, Vol 1, 83:

John Inglis of Manor obtains a charter of confirmation of his lands of Manor, to himself, and his son and heir Thomas Inglis, from his superior, Archibald Duke of Touraine, Earl of Douglas; and the three stars in chief, carried by the name of Inglis, I take to be arms of patronage, and carried by that name, upon the account that they were vassals to the Douglasses. Thomas Inglis of Manor made an excambion of his lands of Brankesholm, Branshaugh, Goldylands, CMahitelaw, Quhitrig, Todshaw-hills, and Todshaw-wood, which he held of the Douglasses, with Sir Walter Scot of Murthouston, for the lands of Murthouston and Heartwood, lying in the barony of Bothwell in the shire of Lanark; as by the charter of excambion, dated at Edinburgh the 23d of July 1446, in which he is designed, Nobilis vir Thomas Inglis de Manners; and afterwards he and his family in other writs were designed, Domini de Murtboustoun, or Murdistoun.

Sources:

Early Inglis History, St. Bride's Church. <http://www.inglis.uk.com/page4.html>

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SEPTS OF CLAN DOUGLAS (continued)

Kilgore

Listed in the 2009 CDSNA bylaws. *Kilgore* was accepted by CDSNA as a Sept in July 1985. Also listed as a Sept of Clan MacDuff.

Authenticity of this surname having a valid/historical connection to Clan Douglas is questionable. It would be valuable to have citations showing a valid connection.

John Kilgo posted on his website a *Genealogy of the Kilgore Family* and quotes a section of *From Kilgo Cousins and Kin* by Darrell Brock:

According to information contributed by Barbara Conway in *The Kilgore Family Tree*, "one of the first to bear the name Kilgour and to propagate the line was a foundling that was left on the steps of the St. Thomas church in Falkland Palace. The child was raised by the kirk of the church and assumed his name. The child was left just after a great battle in which the clan of Douglas had almost been wiped out. Legend has it that the child was a Douglas and was left at the church to save its life as the Douglas clan had fallen out of standing with the present King and was outlawed by the crown. The Douglas family has a long and deep history in the pages of Scottish history. The present royal family of England trace their ancestors to the Douglas family."

This story relating the Douglas family to the Kilgore family through an anonymous foundling has been retold for so long it is often regarded as fact. But on *Rootsweb*, part of the ancestry.com community, is found the following post from Vickie Miller indicating again, that the foundling story is anything but veritable.

From: "Vickie Miller" <vickie7293@msn.com>

Subject: [KILGORE] Kilgore-Douglas

Date: Mon, 8 Sep 2008 10:26:06 -0500

Recently the Douglas question has been raised again regarding the Kilgore family. To refresh the memories of those who may not be acquainted with this question, early Kilgore researchers made the assertion published in 1935 in the book "Charles Kilgore of King's Mountain" by Hugh Addington that the Kilgores were descended from Lord Douglas of Scotland-the so-called "Black Douglas" which meant that the Kilgore name had originally been Douglas. If you look up the name in the Scottish registry of names you'll find this info: The earliest written record of the Kilgore name is this entry: John Kilgour's wife, Janet December 14, 1690, had a child baptized named Mar---Witnesses: Tom Pierce, George Tasker & et al From (Baptisms of November-December 1690 for the earliest Coupar Angus Parish Register. Reproduced by courtesy of the Church of Scotland) also included in the book Thomas Kilgore 1712-1822 and his Descendants" by Evelyn Yates Carpenter. The entry also states that the first known use of the name Kilgore was in connection to a child found on a doorstep of a church and given the NAME of the Church and that local tradition claimed that the child was a junior member of the local powerful Douglas family who'd been recently outlawed and that the child (presumably male) was left behind to protect it as 'such things were known to happen.' NOTE: the Historical society makes no claim as to the validity of local tradition-merely includes it in their info.

This is the same information that Judge G. W. Kilgore received when he also wrote the Scottish Historical Society inquiring about the origin of the Kilgore name. Since there might have been validity to the local tradition, Jerry Penley (who is now sadly deceased and who was the founder of the Kilgore list on Rootsweb) made a point of pursuing this matter. Jerry Penley was an outstanding and thorough researcher as any of those who ever had the privilege of working with him can attest. He made contact with Douglas researchers whose research he found to be sound. The response was that all members of the Douglas family were accounted for and their lines can be traced which means that our little foundling was NOT a legitimate member of the Douglas family and also explains why our new member Bob Shaw has been unable to make a connection to the

Douglas family-it doesn't exist. It's entirely possible that the child was born out of wedlock to a member of the Douglas family and left on the doorstep; but he was not a legitimate scion of the family. Jerry's findings can be found by searching the Kilgore list archives at <http://boards.rootsweb.com/surname.aspx>. Type in the name Kilgore and it should take you to the list. The entries should be found around 1995-1996. Sorry, I'm not more specific than that-but I'm still on pokey old dial-up because of our location and am just not inclined to search through the Archives. If anyone wishes to find them-type in the word Douglas and sooner or later, Jerry's info he obtained from the Douglas researchers should be found. As to the

assertions by early Kilgore researchers, it seems they took "local tradition" one step further and made it fact. Jerry Penley later took that "fact" and made it an unproven assertion. It should be noted that there is absolutely no proof that the foundling child was in fact the ancestor of the Kilgores of America.

Note: that the Historical society included only the first known instance of the name-it doesn't list any possible subsequent findings of the name (nor did it give a location of the church). Considering that Kilgore wasn't a preeminent name in Scotland -such as Stuart, Hamilton etc; it may be that researchers simply didn't look all that hard into the origin of the name Kilgore. While we're on the subject of early assertions made by Kilgore researchers, we might as well tackle the "Kill" and "Gore" question. Judge G. W. Kilgore claimed that the name Kilgore was derived from the habit of the "Black Douglas" to scream the words Kill and Gore at his enemies in the heat of battle. Note that the historical society claimed that the child (if indeed he was our ancestor) was given the name of the church. Note too - that the Black Douglas would almost certainly have been screaming his war cry in Scottish Gaelic - not the King's English. So I wouldn't place much faith in this origin story either.

In theory, this name should be removed from the Sept list but the result would be disenfranchisement of an untold number of current Clan Douglas members. The question then becomes one of whether we remain true to our commitment *to preserve and promote the customs, traditions and heritage of Clan Douglas and its Septs* – and Kilgore as a Sept of Douglas is certainly part of that tradition – or do we remove this name from our list of Septs because it lacks *proof of valid and historical connection with Douglas Clan*. The Bylaws clearly state **other names will be added**... [emphasis mine] and no procedure exists in the Bylaws for removal of a name from our Sept list. The decision is left to this (and future) CDSNA Executive Boards. It may be, in Time, a more authentic connection will be found.

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BIRTHS

It is with pleasure that we welcome into the Douglas Family:

Ross and Anne Douglas of Toowoomba announce the birth of a granddaughter, **Ivy Isabell Youngman**, born 5th August 2013, daughter of Ian and Samantha Youngman. Ivy Isabell, 7lb 4oz, delivered at Stamford Hospital, Connecticut, USA. Ivy is Anne's maternal grandmother's name and Isabell is Ross's mother's middle name.

Ross and Anne Douglas also welcome another granddaughter, **Clover Elizabeth Douglas**, daughter of Richard and Louise Douglas born on 27th November, 2013 in Hong Kong.

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Grace Maree Luff, daughter of Thomas and Emily Luff of *Waugan*, Narrabri. Grace was born 26/Aug/2013. Great grandparents Winifred Eather, nee Roseby and the late Stewart Eather of Narrabri; great great granddaughter of Sophia Florence Douglas of *Mount Maria* Morven, Queensland and Dr Edmund Rupert Roseby.

Mrs Winifred Eather with great granddaughter Grace Maree Luff.

VALE - Garry Marks

It is with great sadness that the committee received June Mark's letter recently regarding the passing of her husband Garry. As June, with the support of Garry, has been a loyal CDAA member since its inception in 1986, we decided to share her letter with other members through this Newsletter.

June Marks wrote:

"Sadly I have to report the death of my husband, Garry Marks, who died on 23rd June, 2013 aged 92years. Garry had carried our "Douglas Banner" each year when we both took part in the Clan march through the city in Sydney. We managed to do the march for just on 20 years until our advanced years told us it was time to stop! We always felt a sense of pride in being able to represent our great Clan and there are many memories to cherish!"

June has always attended the Sydney Kirkin' of the Tartan ceremony and anything else Scottish on behalf of CDAA. Some of us may remember her visit to Brisbane in 1992 and this photo shows Garry and June Marks with our first President Ron Douglas at a picnic at his home in Toowoomba in 1992.



Inaugural CDAA president Ron Douglas (left) hosted the CDAA picnic lunch at his residence in Toowoomba in 1992. Featured with him were Garry and June Marks, from Sydney.

EDITORIAL



I am writing this in November with Christmas just around the corner. How time flies! It doesn't seem twelve months since I last sent my Christmas Wishes to members of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia. I hope you all have had a good year health-wise and are looking forward to the New Year with much anticipation. My Best Wishes to all for a Happy Christmas and a healthy, happy and rewarding New Year.

Mary Smith, Editor





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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, McKillrick, 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.

Clan Douglas of Australia - Membership Form

Surname:First Name:

Address:

.....Post Code:

Telephone number: ()Email address:

Place of family origin overseas (if known):

Place of family origin, Australia or N.Z.:

Would you like your Newsletter emailed or posted: (please circle)

Membership fee per year \$20-00 per family. Please send me a Membership Certificate ☐ (please tick)

Fees can be paid by bank transfer: BSB 484799, Account 046671315 in the name "Clan Douglas Association". Place your name in the reference area of the bank transfer and post or email this form to CDAA. Cheques can be made payable in Australian currency to Clan Douglas Association of Australia and posted to the Membership Secretary Sue Taylor, 11 Hannam Street, Wynnum North 4178.

Signature of applicant: