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If you need to update your **CDSNA** Membership, you can use **PayPal** to pay your member dues.

Simply go to our Clan Douglas website and click on the **JOIN CDSNA** tab.



Scroll down the page to the **DONATE** button and press the button to open the **PayPal** page.

**When your transaction is completed, email Secretary Jim Morton for confirmation: DouglasSecretary@comcast.net**

## President's Comments

Hello Clan Douglas Members; I hope this finds everyone enjoying the end of spring and getting ready for the upcoming summer months. With that said, a lot of you may be planning on attending some of the upcoming Scottish Highland Games. I would highly recommend that you take the time to do so as it is a great way to show your pride in your Douglas heritage and a great way to meet members of your extended Douglas family.

Members using email and Facebook to keep up with CDSNA may already be aware of the upcoming Annual General Members' Dinner and Meeting (AGM) being held in Boulder, CO in conjunction with the Longs Peak Scottish/ Irish Games and Festival in Estes Park, CO. You can read more about the upcoming AGM – the dinner menu, the dinner /meeting location, and the AGM Agenda -- beginning on page 33 of this newsletter. I hope as many of you as possible will attend the Estes Park games and our AGM. An AGM is a wonderful way to meet any attending Board Members, Regents, and other members who work diligently to promote Clan Douglas but it is also a great way to meet fellow members from around the country.

Unfortunately, we will not be awarding any Scholarships in 2017. The two applications received this year arrived after the May 1<sup>st</sup> postmark deadline. These two applications will be retained until next year's scholarship approval vote. If you are considering applying for a CDSNA Scholarship, you can download the application form from the Clan website or use the application that can be found later this year in our December newsletter. Be sure to apply early ahead of the deadline date.

As you read the newsletter, you will probably notice we are in need of Regents and Co-regents in a number of states and provinces. If you are interested in becoming a Regent or Co-Regent in one of the states or provinces currently underrepresented by CDSNA, please do not hesitate to reach out to Chuck Mirabile or myself. To represent the clan, we are looking for individuals or couples who are energetic, friendly and enthusiastic with a willingness to share our rich Douglas heritage and reach out to any and all with a connection to Douglas or any of our septs or allied family names. CDSNA has Regents in the BENELUX area of Europe and also in Spain. If you would like to represent Clan Douglas elsewhere in the world, please contact me to discuss.

Best Regards

Mark A. Peterson

President, Clan Douglas Society of North America

## Vice-President's Comments

Hello all; greetings from Colorado.

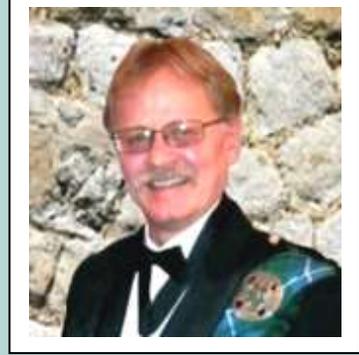
I hope this finds you and yours doing well. I wanted to extend a personal invitation to the AGM being held in Colorado this year. There is nothing quite like the Rocky mountains in the fall. The leaves are turning, and the elk are bugling. The air is fresh and the mountains are majestic. Okay the mountains are majestic all year round, but they're still pretty cool. It promises to be a great time. There is shopping in town, friends and family at the festival, and did I mention the mountains? Come on out -- you'll have a great time. This will be Adam and my second AGM. And we are proud to have it here. It is a lot of work but we love it. It is a great way to see all of you in one place.

That brings me to the point of this article. I would like to encourage other Regents to host an AGM. We are such a varied country and I would love to see what it has to offer. What better way to see it than by attending an AGM. Think of all of your fellow clan members that you'll meet. And this is a great way for a Regent to share or show off what they have done with their display. If this sounds like something that you would like to consider and you have a Scottish festival event between the months of July – November, I encourage you to contact either Mark Peterson, or myself. We'd be happy to walk you through the process and give you a feel for it.

We are also always looking for members who want to play a bigger role in the Clan. Your Regents are in need of help manning the tent, talking with visitors about the clan and its history. If you don't have a Regent in your area, why not consider becoming one yourself. We can offer support and advice, if you think you would like to try. Give us a call.

That's all I have for now.

Chuck



# 13<sup>th</sup> Century Douglas Estates

Deborah Richmond Foulkes, FSA Scot

To understand the extensive holdings of the Douglas family in the 13<sup>th</sup> century one must comprehend that the basis for the holdings began with the lordship of Douglas in Lanarkshire with prior acquisitions, earlier holdings in the Borders, including those just west of Selkirk on the A708. These lands were some of the original Scottish estates inherited by Sir William le Hardi Douglas from his father known as William 'Long Leg', Lord Douglas that were eventually reacquired by his son Sir James Douglas in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

In documents from the 1200s there were references to a John of Douglas who held lands known as Blackhouse and the Craig of Douglas. The Good Sir James inherited these lands and built or restored a fortress at Blackhouse that became his secret stronghold when he was not at Lintalee near Jedburgh. The Lintalee estate is a puzzle. The stories that James as well as Robert Brus used caves such as the ones that reside near the Jed at the foot of Jedburgh Abbey are many. So why did James or Robert or both find their way to a secret hideout in Jedburgh?

Just looking at the map, I would have guessed that the Douglas family acquired some lands or a small estate such as Bonjedward not far from Jedburgh to facilitate their travels to Northumbria from Lanarkshire. Medieval lords had to visit their estates at least once a year for feudal duties as well as to collect the rents from their tenants. A day's ride was approximately twenty miles and that travel was usually broken up by a stay either at a monastery or family manor. Jedburgh fits perfectly between the Douglas manor in Northumbria (Fawdon on the Breamish) and the Borders estates near Selkirk at Blackhouse and Craig of Douglas. It becomes an easy assumption that James sought safety, hiding from Edward's army in 1307 in the caves at Lintalee because he was familiar with the area. Though I have not found a charter earlier than the 14<sup>th</sup> century for Lintalee, I believe this location or the nearby estate of Bonjedward was an earlier Douglas holding that James retained charters for in the 1320s.



**Blackhouse tower on the Douglas Burn where it meets the Yarrow**



**Earthworks at Lintalee believed to be the motte of the original tower fortress of the Good Sir James, not far from Jedburgh**



**The caves at Lintalee along the Jed; seen in the background is the Lintalee Dower House;  
John Peters photographer,  
used by permission in all my books and publications**

Other Scottish lands and manors were acquired in various ways. A 1259 indenture between William 'Long Leg' Douglas and Hugh de Abernethy for the marriage between Hugh Douglas, oldest son of Lord Douglas and Marjory de Abernethy daughter of Lord Abernethy, included lands given by the bride's father. These parcels remained in the Douglas estates inherited by Sir William le Hardi, Lord Douglas. The Abernethy manors were located at Glencorse in Midlothian; Hartwell and Kirkmychael, located in South Ayrshire.

Another acquisition William 'Long Leg' Douglas made was Livingston in the West Lothian as well as Hermanston (Hermiston) near Haddington; the estates were granted by the Earl of Fife. William "Long Leg" in turn resealed the Hermanston manor to his second son Andrew who then granted it to his son William, the ancestor of the Douglasses of Dalkeith. Although these small holdings do not appear to be held 'in chief' during the 13<sup>th</sup> century they were valuable lands that produced income.



**Dalserf kirk was adjacent to the Manor of Dalserf held by William de Galbraith and his wife Willelma Douglas, daughter of Lord Douglas**

Confusion surrounded a manor of Dalserf that was held by William de Galbraith and his wife Willelma Douglas, sister of William le Hardi Douglas. The couple had four daughters and no heirs male. It may have been that the estate passed from Willelma Douglas, the widow and mother to her oldest daughter Johanna and her husband Bernard de Cathe (Keith). An interesting aside, Bernard de Cathe was present on the English side at the Battle of Loudon Hill in 1307. There were stories appearing in English records describing a secret meeting with Bernard and his cousin (through his wife Johanna) the Good Sir James behind the English lines before the battle. The English letter stated that James Douglas would surrender and come to the English side for certain rewards. The incident appears to be a ruse because three years earlier Edward of England made it plain to Sir James Douglas that as King, he was le Hardi's heir and the lands James sought had been awarded to his most loyal adherent and English nobleman, Sir Robert Clifford.



**The Crawfordjohn farm...believed to reside near the motte of an original tower of the estate**

In researching the Douglas holdings of the 13<sup>th</sup> century I also came across references to two other locations, Crawfordjohn in Lanarkshire and Girvan in South Ayrshire. The entire Crawford manor was acquired by Sir Archibald the Grim, youngest son of the Good Sir James much later in the 14<sup>th</sup> century through marriage. However an earlier reference suggests a more modest parcel attributed to Margaret Crawford, daughter of John Crawford, from her marriage to the grandfather of Sir William le Hardi Douglas, Archibald Lord Douglas; this small holding was from the vast Crawford estates that included Crawfordjohn and likely part of her dowry. And finally, from records of a 13<sup>th</sup> c. assize in South Ayrshire there is a reference to William Douglas who participated in trial of his neighbor in Girvan.

I expect to cover the Scottish lands held by William Lord Douglas on behalf of his wife's dower rights, one third of the estates from her first husband William de Ferrers, in a future article. The vast holdings of Sir William le Hardi Douglas when resealed to him by King Edward required heralds to be sent to six counties with a seventh sent to Northumbria. Later, in the early 14<sup>th</sup> century Robert the Brus made incredible land grants to both Douglas brothers, James and Archibald. From the records we learn that the huge estate left by the Good Sir James to his son William Lord Douglas required that young William must fine (Scottish inheritance tax) for over £900, the equivalent of over \$2million dollars today, just to gain entry into the estates.



**Craig of Douglas off the A708, between Moffat and Selkirk, near the Yarrow where it meets the Douglas Burn**





# Who do you think should be Chief of the House of Douglas?

by Harold Edington, CDSNA Asst VP and *Dabb Ghlase* Editor

## Part 4: Candidates for the seat of Chief of the House of Douglas

**Who was the last Chief of the House of Douglas?** Arguably, the last Chief of the House of Douglas was Archibald Douglas, 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Douglas who died in 1761. I use the term “arguably” because after the death of the 1<sup>st</sup> Duke, the question of who was truly his heir had to be argued in courts of law in three countries and finally settled by the House of Lords in 1769, eight years after the death of the Duke.

The Duke of Douglas was the second son of James Douglas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marquess of Douglas, by his second marriage, and succeeded his father in 1700. On 10 April 1703, he was created Duke of Douglas, Marquess of Angus and Abernethy, Viscount of Jedburgh Forest, and Lord Douglas of Bonkill, Prestoun, and Robertoun. Late in life, he married Margaret Douglas, daughter of James Douglas, 12th of Mains but the couple had no children. Without an heir, the titles, estates and wealth of the Duke would be passed to the nearest heir-male, the Duke of Hamilton.

The Duke’s only sister, Lady Jane Douglas, secretly married John Stuart late in life – she was 47 and he was 60 -- and the discovery of the marriage caused a major rift between the Duke and his sister. In 1748, Lady Jane, despite being about 50 years old, claimed to have given birth to twins, Archibald and Sholto, in Paris. Seven years later, both Lady Jane and young Sholto were dead leaving Archibald, the remaining twin, the presumed legitimate heir of the Duke. However, the legitimacy of the twins was highly suspect -- some say Lady Jane bought and adopted the twins abroad and fabricated the story of giving birth to create an heir for her brother’s wealth. Through the efforts of Duchess Margaret, the Duke finally accepted his presumed nephew Archibald as his heir. Some historians have hinted that Duchess Margaret pressed the Duke to accept young Archibald because of her dislike for the Hamiltons. After the Duke’s death, a long and expensive court case over the family’s inheritance regarding the legitimacy of young Archibald and his right to inherit ensued between the Duke of Hamilton and young Archibald. One estimate put the costs of the legal action at about £100,000 (over \$130,000); that would be about £10 million (more than \$13 million) in today’s terms. The case, known as the *Douglas Cause*,\* resulted in the marquessate of Douglas and the earldom of Angus devolving on the Duke of Hamilton while the Douglas estates, armorial bearings *and the Douglas chiefship* [emphasis mine] passed to young Archibald. In 1790, Archibald Stuart was created Lord (Baron) Douglas of Douglas. But was the claim of chiefship valid?

In 1857, on the death of the 4<sup>th</sup> Baron Douglas, son of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baron, the title “Baron Douglas of Douglas” became extinct but the Douglas estates devolved upon his niece, Lady Elizabeth Douglas of Douglas, Countess of Home. However, after the marriage of Lady Elizabeth to Cospatrick Home, 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Home, the Earl added the name Douglas (becoming Douglas-Home) and was created Baron Douglas of Douglas. The 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Home was the great-great-grandfather of the current Earl of Home.

\* For more information regarding “The Douglas Cause”, see:

[1] <http://www.scotlandmag.com/magazine/issue50/12009649.html>,

[2] <http://www.caxtonclub.org/reading/2014/feb14.pdf>,

[3] <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1051437/How-scrawled-note-solve-260-year-old-mystery-lady-lied.html>

After the **Douglas Cause**, one might believe the question of WHO **should be** Chief of the House of Douglas was settled. And yet, we still find ourselves today a clan without a chief. Is the presumed chief the Earl of Home, the Duke of Hamilton, or some other titled noble found in the House of Douglas?

### Who are the likely candidates living today being considered for the honor of Chief of the House of Douglas?

Before we look at **WHO**, perhaps we should take a moment and review what we saw in **Part 1** regarding **What is required to be Chief of the Family of Douglas?**

- (1) To be a Chief, one must be from the **FAMILY** of Douglas. There is a hereditary component that must be satisfied, if one is to become the Chief of Family/Clan/House of Douglas. Tradition holds that the seat of the Chief passes from father to oldest living son -- or father to oldest living daughter, if the Chief has no sons – following the rules of primogeniture.
- (2) To be a Chief, one must have the **NAME** of Douglas. In Scotland, no individual can be Chief of more than one family at a time. As such, hyphenated surnames are not permitted. [Editor's Note: Well... they are not supposed to be permitted but we see exceptions to this rule when we note the Chief of Clan Hamilton, the Duke of Hamilton, has a hyphenated surname as does the Chief of Clan Home, the Earl of Home. The Dukes of Buccleuch carried the surname Montagu-Douglas-Scott for a few generations but the hyphens were dropped to allow for a single surname Scott. ]
- (3) To be a Chief, one must be an **ARMIGER** (arms bearer) or one entitled to be an *armiger*, as part of an *armigerous clan*. According to *The Society of Scottish Armigers*, "An armiger is an individual with heraldic arms. A clan is a group of people who recognize a specific armiger as their chief and wear his or her crest surrounded by a strap and buckle bearing the chief's motto or slogan." If a person is not entitled to arms, there is no possibility of there being a crest for a clan badge. Wikipedia describes *armigerous clan* as "a Scottish clan, family or name which is registered with the Court of the Lord Lyon and once had a chief who bore undifferenced arms, but does not have a chief currently recognized as such by Lyon Court."

Since Douglas is an armigerous clan, if we want to determine who should be Chief of Douglas, we need to find someone who is part of the family of Douglas with the surname of Douglas who also has a superior claim of being descended from the last known Chief of Douglas or the recognized common ancestor of the last known Chief.

We also need to consider that in Scotland, no individual can be Clan Chief of more than one family at a time. Of the nine candidates listed below, four of them are currently recognized as chiefs of other clans. For any of the gentlemen below serving as the standing chief of another clan to become Chief of the House of Douglas, the claim to the chiefship of the current clan would have to be renounced before consideration for the House of Douglas could be entertained.

Furthermore, the question raised (and settled by the House of Lords in 1769) regarding the **Douglas Cause** and the counter claims of both the Dukes of Hamilton and the Earls of Home may still be a hindrance today when involving the Lyon Court and the determination of a Chief of Douglas. Remember... the Lord Lyon and the Lyon Court have no legal authority to decide who should be Chief of a clan. Any disputed claims would need to be settled on legal grounds in a court of law.

Below I offer a list of the claimants and the connection of each to the House of Douglas. The lines are convoluted and often intersect at points but I believe I have made the connections easy to understand. I also should mention the claimants are listed in order of peerage preeminence (as a courtesy) and not in order of likelihood to be given the seat of Chief. Each of these individuals can be found in a Google search and, with a little online research time, the facts presented for each can be verified. Also note, unless those candidates now serving as the chief of another clan are willing to renounce the chiefship of the other clan, they will not be eligible to be Chief of the House of Douglas.

What is not included in the list of candidates is any reference to those heirs of the House of Douglas who descend from legitimate female lines other than the Sandilands. Those more curious are encouraged to follow lines of descent from the females mentioned in the Curiosities regarding the 'Black' Douglas descendants in Part 2 (Dubh Ghlase, Dec 2016)

## 1. Alexander Douglas Douglas-Hamilton, 16th Duke of Hamilton and 13th Duke of Brandon



The Duke of Hamilton, who sits as *de facto* **Chief of Clan Hamilton**, also holds the titles of **Marquess of Douglas and Earl of Angus** – the ‘Red’ Douglas line – that descends through George Douglas, Earl of Angus, the illegitimate son of William Douglas, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Douglas. The 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Angus was created Marquess of Douglas. Lord William Douglas -- eldest son of William Douglas, 1<sup>st</sup> Marquess of Douglas by his second wife Lady Mary Gordon – was created Earl of Selkirk before he married Anne Hamilton, 3rd Duchess of Hamilton in her own right, and became 3rd Duke of Hamilton. After the death of the 1<sup>st</sup> (and only) Duke of Douglas, second son of the James Douglas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marquess of Douglas, and as a result of the court case known as ‘the Douglas Cause\*’, the titles of Marquess of Douglas and Earl of Angus passed to his male-heir, the Duke of Hamilton.

Although the surname is hyphenated, the Duke is in the male line of Douglas and considered heir-male of the House of Douglas. He is not heir-male of The House of Hamilton, although he is the Duke. The heir-male of The House of Hamilton is The Duke of Abercorn. (I know! This is so confusing!) For the Duke of Hamilton to become Chief of the House Douglas, he would need to assume the single surname of Douglas and renounce chiefship of the House of Hamilton. Even if he did these things, the Duke might encounter opposition to the seat of the Chief of Douglas from the Earl of Morton and the Earl of Home.

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The Duke of Hamilton and Brandon is Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official royal residence in Scotland, where he maintains large private quarters. He is also, as Lord Abernethy and in this respect successor to the Gaelic Earls of Fife, the Hereditary Bearer of the Crown of Scotland. Traditionally, the Duke of Hamilton enjoys the exclusive right to remove the Scottish Crown Jewels from the City of Edinburgh. He also regularly attends sittings in the Court of Lord Lyon as a hereditary assessor, sitting on the bench beside Lord Lyon. [from Wikipedia]

The courtesy titles used by heirs apparent are "Marquess of Douglas and Clydesdale" (the eldest son of the Duke) and "Earl of Angus" (the eldest son of a Marquess of Douglas and Clydesdale). No Duke has had a great-grandson in direct line to the titles, but it is likely that such an heir would be styled "Lord Abernethy" (the Lordship of Abernethy and Jedburgh Forest being the most senior available title). Before the Dukes succeeded to the Marquessate of Douglas and its subsidiary titles, the heirs apparent were styled initially "Earl of Arran" (which had previously been used as a courtesy title by the Marquesses of Hamilton) and later "Marquess of Clydesdale" (the former style then being adopted for a grandson in direct line). The heir apparent to the Earldom of Lanark (before that title merged with the Dukedom) was styled "Lord Polmont". [from Wikipedia]

## 2. Richard Walter John Montagu Douglas Scott, 10th Duke of Buccleuch and 12th Duke of Queensberry

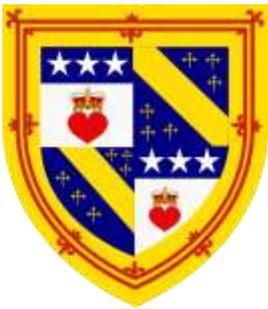
The Duke of Buccleuch, who sits as Chief of Clan Scott \*\*, is a descendant of William Douglas of Drumlanrig, illegitimate son of James, 2nd Earl of Douglas. After the death of William Douglas “Old Q”, the 4th Duke of Queensberry, the Dukedom of Queensberry and Drumlanrig Castle passed to his second cousin once removed, Henry Scott, 3rd Duke of Buccleuch. Henry Scott was the fourth child of five born to Francis, Earl of Dalkeith (son of Francis Scott, 2nd Duke of



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 \*\* The Duke’s surname, Montagu Douglas Scott, at one time was the compound surname Montagu-Douglas-Scott but the hyphens were dropped to give the family a single surname and allow the family to assume the seat of Chief of Clan Scott.

Buccleuch) and his wife, Jane, daughter of James Douglas, 2nd Duke of Queensberry. In an earlier generation, Walter Scott, 4th Baron of Buccleuch had married Margaret Douglas, daughter of David Douglas, 7th Earl of Angus and sister of Archibald Douglas, 8th Earl of Angus. However, the 1st Duke of Buccleuch, James (Stuart), 1st Duke of Monmouth, was the illegitimate son of King Charles II (Stuart). The Duke of Monmouth adopted the name Scott upon his marriage to Anne Scott, 4th Countess of Buccleuch. With the marriage, the two were created Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch. This makes the 1st Duke a Stuart rather than a Douglas (or a Scott) and the evidence of this has been strengthened by yDNA tests showing the Duke has the same Y chromosome as a distant Stuart cousin. It is also evident that the Dukes of Buccleuch inherited the Queensberry titles through a female Douglas.

### 1. David Harrington Angus Douglas, 12th Marquess of Queensberry

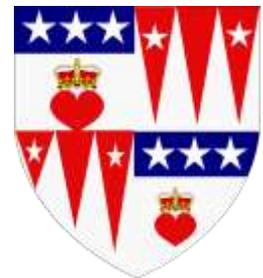


Another heir to William Douglas of Drumlanrig, illegitimate son of James, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Douglas, the Marquess descends from an unbroken male line of Douglases. The dukedom and marquessate of Queensberry were both held by the same person, William Douglas "Old Q", 4<sup>th</sup> Duke of Queensberry until his death in 1810 when the dukedom passed to Buccleuch and the marquessate passed to his fourth cousin once removed -- and also third once removed -- Sir Charles Douglas, 5<sup>th</sup> Baronet Kelhead, descendant of Sir William Douglas of Kelhead, second son of the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Queensberry. Since that time, the Baronets have held the title Marquess of Queensberry.

In my opinion, the Marquess has a better claim to the Seat of Chief than that of the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry simply by fact that the marquessate represents the senior male line of the Drumlanrig/Queensberry branch and the Marquess is truly a Douglas by male descent.

### 2. John Stewart Sholto Douglas, 22nd Earl of Morton

The Earls of Morton descend from Andrew Douglas, presumed to be the son of Archibald, Lord of Douglas (and younger brother of William 'Longleg' Douglas who was the father of William 'le Hardi' Douglas.) James Douglas, 4th Lord of Dalkeith, was created 1st Earl of Morton in 1458. The Morton line of the Douglas family is the only line of unbroken legitimate male descent found in the Douglas family today.



Regarding the Morton branch of the Douglas family, the question, as I see it, is this: Are the Morton branch of the Douglas family considered heirs-general of the Douglas family? Most genealogies will list William Douglas (c. 1174 – 1214) as the 'Lord of Douglas', thus making his descendants heirs of Douglas. Research into the Douglas family reveals a number of heirs-general -- the Sandilands, the Douglas-Hamiltons, the Douglas-Homes -- but the Mortons never appear to have that designation. The answer to the question may be due to the obscurity of history as to whether or not Andrew Douglas was actually the son of Archibald Douglas. Andrew is presumed to be son of Archibald (Johnston in *Heraldry of the Douglases...*); both tradition and written genealogy attest to that. Assuming yDNA science is irrefutable, the question could be easily be put to rest with a comparison of the yDNA of both the Earl of Morton and the Duke of Hamilton or the Marquess of Queensberry, since both of these are unbroken male lines within the Family of Douglas. Comparative testing may have already occurred but I am not aware. I welcome any correction regarding this.

In the late 1990s, the 21<sup>st</sup> Earl of Morton, encouraged by the Clan Douglas Society of North America, submitted a petition to the Lord Lyon of Scotland asking to declare the Earl Chief of the House of Douglas claiming he had the right as the only branch of the Douglas family that can claim a line of unbroken legitimate male descent found in the Douglas family today and from the fact he was a descendant of the

'Good Sir James.' At the time of the petition, the only objection to the petition was lodged by the Earl of Home and the seat of Chief was not confirmed for Morton.

The first part of the claim -- unbroken legitimate male descent to Andrew Douglas -- can be verified by **Stirnet** and Johnston's *Heraldry of the Douglases...* But there may remain that question about Andrew Douglas being the son of Sir Archibald of Douglas and brother of Sir William of Douglas.

The second part of the claim -- descent from the 'Good Sir James' -- may seem improbable unless one takes into account descent through a female descendant of the 'Good Sir James.' With a few hours using the online resources of **Stirnet** and having access to copies of *Burke's Peerage* and **Douglas's Peerage of Scotland**, I was able to find three lineal connections from the current Earl of Morton, through the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Morton back to daughters of James, 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Douglas thence to the 'Good Sir James.' With all the intermarriages of the many branches of the Douglas family and marriages to families of note in Scotland, I am certain many lines of descent from the "Good Sir James" to the Earl of Morton can be found.

### 3. David Alexander Cospatrick Douglas-Home, 15th Earl of Home, Baron Douglas of Douglas



The Earl is also **presumed Chief of Clan Home** (but not currently recognized as such by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs because of his compound surname) and an heir-general to the House of Douglas. He owns Angus lands and Douglas lands (including Douglas Castle in Douglas and the St. Brides Kirk.) The Earl descends from the son of Alexander Home, 10th Earl of Home and Lady Elizabeth Scott, the daughter of Henry Scott, 3rd Duke of Buccleuch & 5<sup>th</sup> Duke of Queensberry. He is also a descendant of Henry James Montagu-Scott,

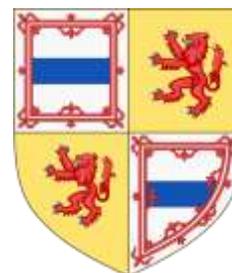
2nd Baron Montagu of Boughton by his wife Jane Margaret Douglas, daughter of the first Baron Douglas by his first wife Lucy Graham. Their son adopted the surname of Douglas-Home in 1877 and succeeded as Baron Douglas of Douglas and Earl of Home in 1888. The Earl is an heir of Douglas through the female line – although there is controversy regarding even that, depending how one views the **Douglas Cause**. In the decisions regarding the **Douglas Cause**, it can be argued the 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Douglas of Douglas inherited the Douglas chiefship.



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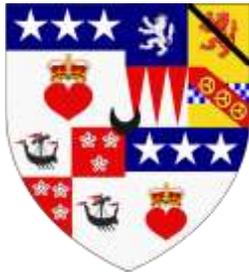
### 4. James Donald Charteris, 13th Earl of Wemyss, 9th Earl of March

The Earl is descended from Lady Anne Douglas, the only daughter of William, 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Queensberry. After the death of William Douglas "Old Q", the 4<sup>th</sup> Duke of Queensberry, several Douglas titles and lands passed to his second cousin twice removed Francis Douglas, 8<sup>th</sup> Earl of Wemyss. The Earl currently sits as the **Chief of Clan Charteris** (old line of McDuff). The existence of male heirs for "Old Q" in the lines of the Queensberry branches makes the recognition of Earl James highly unlikely.



### 5. James Alexander Douglas-Hamilton, 11th Earl of Selkirk

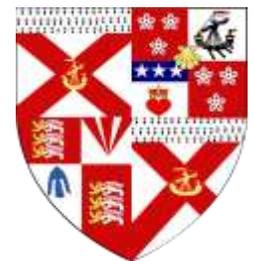
(who disclaimed his title in 1994 and was created a life peer as **Baron Selkirk of Douglas** in 1997)



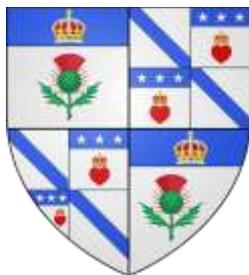
Another heir to the earldom of Angus – the ‘Red’ Douglas’ line – through George Douglas, Earl of Angus, the illegitimate son of William Douglas, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Douglas. The title resides in the Hamilton dukedom and is reserved for the second son of the duke. The current earl is uncle of the Duke of Hamilton. Lord Selkirk's heir apparent is his eldest son, John Andrew Douglas-Hamilton, Lord Daer (b. 1978). If the Douglas-Hamilton line is the senior male line of the House of Douglas, perhaps Lord Daer could assume the single surname of Douglas and petition the Lord Lyon to become Chief of Douglas. However, the Earl of Morton and Earl of Home may challenge the idea of the Hamiltons being the senior male line.

### 6. Oliver St John, 9th Earl of Orkney

Another heir to the earldom of Angus – the ‘Red Douglas’ line – through the illegitimate son of William, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Douglas, this line of the family descends from George Hamilton, younger brother of James, 4<sup>th</sup> Duke of Hamilton. Any application to be considered Chief of Douglas would likely meet with challenges from the Duke of Hamilton, Earl of Morton, Earl of Home, and Earl of Selkirk.



### 7. James Andrew Douglas Sandilands, 15th Lord Torphichen



Lord Torphichen is **Chief of Clan Sandilands**. But as was described earlier (in Part 1), the Sandilands are considered to be heirs-general of the House of Douglas from the marriage of Sir James Sandilands to Eleanor Douglas, only daughter of Sir Archibald Douglas, younger brother of ‘the Good Sir James’ Douglas.

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In **Part 5** of **Who do you think should be Chief of the House of Douglas?**, we finally draw the discussion to a close and I will offer **my** opinion regarding who I think **should be** the Chief of the House of Douglas.





July 13, 1464 he and his wife Margaret had a grant of lairs (burial places) in the choir of Jedburgh Abbey from the abbot (MS 7,736). Hood's statement that by 1434 the choir was divided among the Rutherfords for burial was unfounded (IlkH Ixi).

Robert served on another Douglas retour at Jedburgh in January 1464/5 (MS 7, 728). To judge by his heir's approximate birthdate Robert married Sir Simon Glendinwin's daughter Margaret long before December 12, 1465 when the knight gave them charter of lands 'in the west part of the town of Scraisburgh, and the lands commonly called 'le Hunthil' - from which their descendants took their designation, for a render of a pound of pepper or 3s. to Simon, five marks to the abbot of Jedburgh and 40s. to the king for castle ward (GS II N.899). Robert remained styled 'of Chatto'. He witnessed at Dryburgh Abbey in June 1468 an agreement between James Rutherford II of that ilk and others dividing part of the Lauder inheritance (MS 12, App VIII, 121), and at Edinburgh in May 1471 a charter by William Lord Abernethy to Walter Ker"(MS 14, >App III, 21). With a George and a Richard, no doubt his sons, he was on the retour of John fourth Lord Maxwell at Jedburgh in April 1486 (Caer >II, 443).

On a website devoted to The Rutherfords of Hunthill, Gary Rutherford writes...

The progenitor of the Hunthill cadet was Sir George Rutherford of Chatto. Chatto and Hunthill are ancient estates quite near each other in Roxburghshire, Scotland. Hunthill is located very near Jedburgh just to the southeast of town and Chatto is located almost due east of Jedburgh near the Northumberland border. The family was later styled "of Hunthill" in the lifetime of Sir George's son Robert. Sir George Rutherford of Chatto was the squire of Archibald Douglas, 4th Earl of Douglas.

Central to Rutherford genealogy in Scotland and to the Hunthill Rutherfords specifically is the family's connection and descent from the powerful Black Douglasses and their kin, the Glendonwyns. The Glendonwyns, today are called the Glendennings, and are direct descendants of "The Good Sir James" who carried the heart of Robert the Bruce to Spain where he was killed by the Moors. This is a long and colorful story which is the source of the various Douglas coats of arms which bear a human heart as a charge. The Rutherfords and Glendonwyns were the "scutifers" or squires to the Douglas family along with the Home and Hoppringle families. Sir Robert Rutherford's wife, Margaret Glendonwyn, was the grand daughter of both Archibald Douglas, 4th Earl of Douglas and Margaret Stewart daughter of John Stewart, King Robert III of Scots.

Margaret Glendonwyn's father was Sir Simon Glendonwyn of Glendonwyn and Parton (a 1455) who was married to Elizabeth Lindsay daughter of Alexander Lindsay, 2nd Earl of Crawford and Marjory (Margaret) of Dunbar a descendant of Gospatrick the great earl. Alexander Lindsay's aunt, Agnes Dunbar, was the wife of Sir James Douglas - 1st Lord of Dalkeith and as such was also the great great aunt of Sir Simon Glendonwyn. The Hunthill coat of arms carries a charge of three passion nails which came from the Douglas of Morton coat of arms. Margaret Glendonwyn, daughter of Sir Simon Glendonwyn married Sir Robert Rutherford of Chatto (a 1484, d before 05.1495) and acquired the land in Roxburghshire that is called Hunthill through marriage. Sir Robert Rutherford had confirmation of his late father's gift of Nether Chatto on November 21, 1429 from Archibald 4th Earl of Douglas, as "his dear esquire", with a Crown confirmation on March 25, 1439.

The Roxburghshire inventory of the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments for Scotland includes (No.441) a late medieval carved stone panel built into the north-west wall of Hunthill House: "At top and sides there are little paterae; the upper corners contain rosettes and the lower ones sprays of foliage. The shield is charged: Within an orle, three Passion nails and in chief three martlets, for Rutherford of Hunthill and Chatto".

The Hunthill or Chatto cadet spells its name Rutherford and/or Rutherford. There are many junior lines from this family; Longnewton, Bankend, Littleheuch, Capehope, Ladfield, Knowsouth and Kidheugh. Some are possibly of Hunthill origin but are unproven at present. The Rutherford's have many descendants in America from the Nisbet-Crailing area; the Wigton-Walkers, the descendants of Thomas Rutherford of Paxtang, PA, the descendants of James Rutherford of Walker's Creek, VA, the descendants of James Rutherford of Cub Creek, VA and the descendants of General Griffith Rutherford.

Arms of John Rutherford I of Hunthill [c. 1510 – 1577]: "Or, three passion nails within an orle gules, and in chief three martlets sable, beaked of the second."

Blazon's translation = A red voided [empty] shield is placed upon a golden shield. At the top portion of the gold shield there are three black legless birds with red beaks. Hanging from the inside of the red shield are three triangular piles or nails.

Differenced with the cock [red rooster] of the Gordons of Huntly as a crest with tinctures [gold and red] and 3 piles in gold. The three piles, also known as passion-nails, refer to the three nails used to fasten Jesus to the cross and were taken from the arms of Douglas of Morton. motto: "Provyd" - "God provides all that is needed"

#### Generation 1

- 1. Sir George Rutherford and Jonet Rutherford (c.1380 - c.1428)

The Rutherford connection with the estate of Chatto began when, soon after Thomas Chatto's forfeiture in 1424, Archibald 4th Earl of Douglas gave George Rutherford charter of Nether Chatto, South Sharplaw, Eddyllcleuch and Hangandshaw (The Scots peerage. ed. Sir J.B. Paul, 9 vols. (1904-14)). as 'Georgius de Rutherford, scutifer' witnessed at Edinburgh shortly before February 29, 1413/4 a charter of Wedderburn by Archibald 4th Earl of Douglas (The register of the Great Seal of Scotland, ed. J.M. Thomson etc., 11 vols. (1882-1914) II N.189).

On July 7, 1414 George Rutherford signed another charter by the earl [Archibald Douglas] to Michael de Ramsay at Lochmaben Castle (Ibid II N.70).

Lochmaben Castle in Dumfries and Galloway was a Black Douglas stronghold. Because of its proximity to the border it was captured and recaptured on many occasions. Lochmaben was also the seat of the Bruce family and it is claimed that Robert the Bruce (King Robert I) was born there, a claim disputed on behalf of Turnberry Castle in Ayrshire. Lochmaben was granted royal castle status in 1455. Sir George Rutherford died before February 6, 1429/30, the date of an indenture between Jonet relict of George Rutherford of Chatto and Patrick son of Robert Lorraine lord of Homylknoll.

#### Generation 2

--2. Robert Rutherford of Chatto (c.1410 - 1490/5)

Robert acquired Hunthill by marriage had confirmation of his late father's gift of Nether Chatto November 21, 1429 from Archibald 4th Earl of Douglas, as his dear esquire, with Crown confirmation March 25, 1439 (Rutherford charters in the Register House, Edinburgh).

Another website devoted to The Rutherfords of Hunthill and other Rutherford families posts the following information:

The Rutherfords are related to the Homes by marriage and direct descent through the Clan Lauder. As a sept of the Clan Home, we proudly wear the Clan Home tartan. The Clan Home and Clan Rutherford have an ancient and colorful association on the Scottish Borders. Both families served as squires to the powerful Black Douglasses and today's chief unifies these two clans with the name Douglas-Home.

And makes this statement regarding which tartan is appropriate for Rutherford: The first choice [of tartan] for any Rutherford or Rutherford would be the Home [Hume] tartan and second the Douglas.

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Rutherford tartan



Home tartan

Grey Douglas tartan



Usually considered a sept of Bruce, *Carruthers* also has strong ties to Douglas and was accepted by CDSNA as an allied family in July 2012.

*Carruthers* probably derives from Carrutherstown, a village by the main Annan to Dumfries road.

From *The History of the Carruthers Clan*..;

*Carruthers* is a place name in Dumfriesshire which is said to derive from the Brittonic word "caer" meaning "fort" (as in Caerlaverock castle, not far away) and the personal name Ruther (originally Rhythr or Rydderch). It has been suggested that this comes from King Roderic mentioned by St Adamnan. Locally, the name was pronounced "Cridders".

Lochmaben Castle

In the 13th century, the family rose to be the hereditary stewards of Annandale under the Bruces. Nigel de Karruthers became Rector at nearby Ruthwell (see Ruthwell Cross ) and rose to become Canon of Glasgow Cathedral in 1351 and was chancellor to Robert, Steward of Scotland (progenitor of the Stewart monarchs).

A John Carruthers was keeper of Lochmaben Castle (pictured here) in 1446. This castle was at one time owned by the Bruces and may be where Robert the Bruce was born.

In the 16th century, the Carruthers were included in the list of unruly clans in the West Marches in 1587 by King James VI. Lands were acquired in Mouswald but this line ended when Simon Carruthers was killed in a border raid and the lands passed to the Douglasses of Drumlanrig with the marriage of the Carruthers heiress.

In Fraser's *The Douglas Book* (vol 3), are found a number of charters given to members of the Carruthers family by Archibald Earl of Douglas, lord of Galloway and Annandale.

**363**, Charter by Archibald Earl of Douglas, lord of Galloway and Annandale, by which he grants to his well-beloved esquire, Simon of Carrutheris, all and whole his tenement of Mousfald, with the pertinents, within his forest of Daltoun, his lands of Appultrethwate, with the pertinents, lying in the lordship of Annandale, for service done and to be done to the granter ; which tenement of Mousfald and lands of Appultrethwate the foresaid Simon had resigned in presence of many noblemen in the justice eyre of Annandale, held at the town of Lochmabane ; to be held to the said Simon and his heirs whomsoever, of the granter, his heirs and successors, lords of Annandale, in fee and heritage forever, for payment of one penny of silver yearly in the parish church of Mousfald, at the feast of St. Mary Magdalen, in name of blench term, if asked only, for ward, relief, marriage, and all other demands that could be required of the same. At Lochmabane, 4th December 1411. Witnesses, James of Douglas, the granter's brother, squire, Sirs William lord of Grahame, Williame of Douglas of Lyddisdale, William of Douglas of Drumlanrig, William of Haye of Louchorwart, William of Borthwick of that ilk, John of Carlele, Umfrid Jardyne, Thomas of Moray, and Robert Heris, the earl's cousins (consanguineis), knights. The earl's seal is appended, in good preservation.

At the same place, and on the same date, the Earl grants other four charters, all to the same person, (1.) A charter to the said Simon of Carrutheris of the lands of Hatelandhill in the forest of Daltoun and lordship of Annandale, which the said Simon had resigned in the justice eyre, to be held to Simon and his heirs for payment of one penny of silver as above. Witnesses, the first four witnesses in the charter of Mousfald- (2.) A charter of the tenement of Logane in the parish of Moffat and lordship of Annandale, resigned and to be held to Simon and his heirs whomsoever as above. Witnesses as in No. (1.). (3.) A charter for service and homage of the granter's lanfia of Middilby and Dronnok, in the lordship of Annandale, resigned as above ; to be held to Simon and his heirs, with the pertinents which the said Simon had in the same before his resignation, of the granter, his heirs and successors, lords of Annandale, for rendering service due and wont. Witnesses, as in charter of Mousfald, except Robert Heris. (4.) A charter for service and homage, of the lands of Domok, in the lordship of Annandale, resigned as above, with the pertinents, etc., to be held to Simon and his heirs for service due and wont. Witnesses, as in charter of Mousfald, except Robert Heris. [The originals of the five charters last above quoted are in the Drumlanrig charter-chest ; and the three following charters are entered in the inventory of the Drumlanrig Charter-chest, but the originals have not been found : —

" Charter by the said Erie to the said Simon of the lands of Hoddam, Tunirgirth, Westwood, and Rockcliffe, of the date of the former," [4th December 1411].

"Charter made be Archibald Duke of Turraine, Erie of Douglas, etc., to John Carruthers of Mouswall, of the five merk land of Cumlongenood, quhilk were before resigned be Norman Johnstoun in the said Duke his hands. Dated 10th September 1438."

**386.** Charter by Archibald Earl of Douglas and of Longavile, lord of Galloway and Annandale, granting to his well-beloved and trusty John of Carrutheris, for service the lands uf Holmendis, Little Daltoun, Rafhol. Plewlands, Auldtoun, Copwod, half of Bengalhill, of Egilfechane, Fourteenakerbank, two husbandlands with a saltcote lying in Revele, and others, in the parish of Revele; to be held to him and his heirs of the earl, his heirs and successors, lords of Annandale, in fee and heritage for ever with advocacy of the parish churches of Little Daltoun and Egilfechane; for rendering a common suit at the courts of Lochmabane, for Holmends, Little Daltoun, and Rafhols and Plewlands, and one penny of silver at the feast of St. Tliomas the Apostle in the pansh church of Little Daltoun, in name of blench farm, if asked only for the lands of Auldtoun, Copwood, half of Bengalhil, Egilfechan, Fourteenakerbank, etc. The seal of the regality of the lordship of Annandale is said to be attached At the Castle of Lochmabane, 8 February 1425. [Original Charter in Holmains Charter-chest.]

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[Editor: The similarity of *caer Ruther* or Rutherfort to the surname Rutherford seems to be more than a simple coincidence. Is it possible that Carruthers and Rutherford are branches of the same family? More research needs to be undertaken to determine this.]



## ATTENTION REGENTS:

**Will you need any Clan Store Goods at your tent this season?  
Contact Storekeeper Joe Blaylock or Storekeeper Cora Peterson to place your  
order and ensure you receive the stock you need before your upcoming events.  
~ The Storekeepers' contact information is on page 3 of this newsletter. ~**

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The CDSNA FESTIVAL SCHEDULE can be viewed on the clan website:  
<http://clandouglassociety.org/news/2017/1/22/cdsna-sponsored-events-apr-aug-2017.html>

## CDSNA FESTIVAL EVENT SCHEDULE: JULY – SEPTEMBER 2017

STATE	DATE	REGENT	EVENT & LOCATION
NORTH CAROLINA	JULY 6-9	Sam Machado	Grandfather Mountain Games, Linville, NC
ILLINOIS	JULY 8	Harold Edington	Springfield Area Highland Games, Chatham, IL
OREGON	JULY-CANCELLED	Carol Morton-Biancini	Athena Caledonia Games, Athena, OR -- EVENT CANCELLED for 2017
WASHINGTON	JULY 8-9	Frances C. Crews	Skagit Valley Highland Games, Mt. Vernon, WA
UTAH	JULY 9-11	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Utah Scottish Festival, Salt Lake City, UT
OREGON	JULY 14-15	Carol Morton-Biancini	Portland Highland Games, Gresham, OR
MONTANA	JULY 14-16	No Regent Available - Regent Vacancy	Kootenai Highland Gathering, Libby, MT
MASSACHUSETTS	JULY 15	No Regent Available - Regent Vacancy	Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival, Florence, MA
ARIZONA	JULY 15-16	Barbara Wise	Arizona Highland Celtic Festival, Flagstaff, AZ
COLORADO	JULY 15-16	Chuck Mirabile	Elizabeth Celtic Festival, Elizabeth, CO
WASHINGTON	JULY 29-30	Frances C. Crews	Pacific NW Highland Games, Enumclaw, WA
MICHIGAN	AUGUST 4-5	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Detroit St. Andrews Society Highland Games, Livonia, MI
COLORADO	AUGUST 4-6	Chuck Mirabile	Colorado Scottish Festival, Highlands Ranch, CO
WASHINGTON	AUGUST 5	Frances C. Crews	Spokane Highland Games, Spokane, WA
CALIFORNIA (North)	AUGUST 5-6	Mark & Cora Peterson	Monterrey Scottish Games, Monterey, CA
ONTARIO	AUGUST 10-13	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Fergus Scottish Festival, Fergus, ONTARIO
NEW YORK	AUGUST 12	Daneen Muehlbauer	Central NY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival, Liverpool, NY
NEW YORK	AUGUST 19-20	Daneen Muehlbauer	Buffalo Niagra Scottish Festival, Buffalo, NY
MAINE	AUGUST 19	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Maine Highland Games, Topsham, ME
OREGON	AUGUST 18-20	No Regent Available -- Co-Regent Wanted	Douglas County Celtic Highland Games, Winston, OR
MONTANA	AUGUST 19-20	Annie Haines	Bitterroot Celtic Games & Gathering, Hamilton, MT
NEW YORK	AUGUST 25-26	Daneen Muehlbauer	Jamestown Regional Celtic Festival, Mayville, NY
WISCONSIN	SEPTEMBER 1-3	Lori Garbett	The Wisconsin Highland Games, Waukesha, WI
CALIFORNIA (North)	SEPTEMBER 2-3	Mark & Cora Peterson	Pleasanton Scottish Gathering, Pleasanton, CA

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STATE	DATE	REGENT	EVENT & LOCATION
NEW YORK	SEPTEMBER 2-3	No Regent Available -- Co-Regent Wanted	Capital District Scottish Games, Altamont, NY
VIRGINIA	SEPTEMBER 2-3	Scott Douglas	Virginia Scottish Games, Great Plains, VA
WASHINGTON	SEPTEMBER 2-3	Frances C. Crews	Hood Canal Highland Festival, Belfair, WA
INDIANA	SEPTEMBER 3	Jim & Sandy Douglas	Michiana Celtic Festival, South Bend, IN
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 7-10</b>	<b>Chuck Mirabile</b>	<b>Longs Peak Scottish Festival, Estes Park, CO – 2017 CDSNA AGM HOST EVENT</b>
PENNSYLVANNIA	SEPTEMBER 7-10	Donald Dickey	Edinboro Highland Games, Edinboro, PA
MISSOURI	SEPTEMBER 8-9	Harold Edington	SW MO Celtic Festival & Highland Games, Buffalo, MO
TENNESSEE	SEPTEMBER 9	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Middle Tennessee Highland Games, Nashville, TN
INDIANA	SEPTEMBER 9-10	Jim & Sandy Douglas	Columbus Scottish Festival, Columbus, IN
WASHINGTON	SEPTEMBER 9-10	Frances C. Crews	Kelso Highlander Festival, Kelso, WA
IOWA	SEPTEMBER 15-16	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Celtic Highland Games of the Quad Cities, Davenport, IA
NEW HAMPSHIRE	SEPTEMBER 15-17	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival, Lincoln, NH
OKLAHOMA	SEPTEMBER 15-17	David Jones	Tulsa Scottish Festival, Tulsa, OK
NEW YORK	SEPTEMBER 16-17	Daneen Muehlbauer	Niagra Celtic Festival, Olcott Beach, NY
CALIFORNIA (North)	SEPTEMBER TBA	Mark & Cora Peterson	Fresno Highland Gathering & Games, Fresno, CA
SOUTH CAROLINA	SEPTEMBER 16	Thelma Hein	Charleston Scottish Games, Charleston, SC
MINNESOTA	SEPTEMBER TBA	contact Jock Glendenning for info	Remembrance Day, Forest Hill Cemetery, Caledonia Site, Duluth, MN
KANSAS	SEPTEMBER TBA	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	McPherson Festival of Cultures, McPherson, KS
TENNESSEE	SEPTEMBER 22-23	Ricky Lloyd	East Tennessee Celtic Society Celtic Festival, Johnson City, TN
PENNSYLVANNIA	SEPTEMBER 23	Donald Dickey	Ligonier Highland Games, Idlewild Park, PA
MISSOURI	SEPTEMBER 29-30	Harold Edington	St. Louis Scottish Games, Chesterfield, MO
CALIFORNIA (North)	SEPTEMBER 30	Bob & Dee Douglas	Dixon Scottish Festival, Dixon, CA
IDAHO	SEPTEMBER 30	Annie Haines	Treasure Valley Celtic Festival & Highland Games, Boise, ID

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## The QUEEN MARY SCOTSFESTIVAL Long Beach, California -- February 18-19

Clan Douglas was one of the few Clan Booths this year at The Queen Mary. Changes instituted by the festival organizers in recent years have made the venue less friendly to the clans and other volunteers. We had several visitors from other clans stop by disappointed that their clan was not there. It is sad to see! Never the less the games and festivities, the dancing and the bands, still rolled in and made it a great time for all!

We were inside the Spruce Goose Building Dome this year! That was a first. Not on the ship or outside for people to find. So if you had trouble finding us, we were not hiding, we just were put in a new area of The Queen Mary!

With a terrible storm on Friday many people opted to not go to the festival this year but the rains were sparse and intermittent on Saturday and hardly saw a drop on Sunday and it worked out great for those visiting festival goers! Timothy was there both days waiting to greet the Douglas Clan's family and friends. The ambiance of the ship -- knowing it brought people from Scotland to New York and Los Angeles -- is still a wonderful thing to feel when walking around The Queen Mary.

If you stopped by, we will be adding your name and email to be reminded of the other festivals near you! By the time you are reading this, Scotsfest (May 27th and 28th Memorial Weekend with its Military theme at the Costa Mesa Fair Grounds, Costa Mesa California) will have occurred. The San Diego Scottish Highland Games will be June 24th-25 at Brengle Terrace Park in Vista California. We hope to see you there! Remember; Our home is your home at the games for all Clan Douglas Members! Come join us in sunny California!

Tim & Mary Tyler  
California (South) Regents



California (South) regent  
Tim Tyler with Bobby "the  
Kilted Cowboy" Douglas

Bobby competed in the  
Highland Athletic Games  
placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the  
Masters division



## NORTHEAST FLORIDA SCOTTISH FESTIVAL Green Cove Springs, FL – February 25

The 22st Annual Northeast Florida Scottish Festival was again held at the Clay County Fairgrounds, on February 25, 2017. The weather was quite nice, which brought the crowds out in abundance. We anticipated a large turn-out, especially of Clan Douglas members, and therefore rented two adjoining booths, doubling our usual size.

We were honored again in having Past National Douglas Clan President Mark Douglas and his wife Nancy join us. We were especially honored in having Past President and Current CDSNA National Secretary Jim Morton and his wife Sharon in our clan booth all day. A special thanks to them for making the long trip from the Georgia mountains to the low country of Florida. Both of these clan officers have detailed knowledge of our clan which supersedes almost all of us. They shared their knowledge with us members and had almost continuous audiences of visitors who knew little of the Scots in general or Clan Douglas.



Sharon Morton, Nancy Douglas, Jim Morton, Mark Douglas

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Mona & Jeff Sparks, Mark Hill, Katie Hill, & Sally Hill

Life member Dennis Conrad, his daughter Sarah, and wife Debbie are always helpful, engaged, and a big part of the success we have at these games. Dennis and family brought food, drinks, and even the use of carpeting for the floor of our booth. Dennis also made and restocked us with the very professional brochures highlighting the history and activities of Clan Douglas. Additionally, he restocked us with membership applications and the other administrative forms used by Clan Douglas. We owe a large debt of thanks and appreciation to this fine man and his family.

As a symbol of his commitment to and respect for Clan Douglas, in the past year Life Member Dennis Conrad has had the Douglas Crest tattooed on his massive right bicep. He is truly a leader in our clan.

Daughter Sarah Conrad is now a college Freshman, pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, with the thought of continuing on to Med. School. Bravo and Best Wishes.

This year we were led in the noon Parade of the Clans by our new member Cindy Lait. Cindy did a very fine job keeping the pace



Marion Hurst, Debbie, Sarah, & Dennis Conrad

and the spacing. We will look forward to Cindy leading us again in future parades. Clan member Jeff Sparks joined us in the parade, carrying the Douglas Tartan Banner dedicated to his uncle Bill Douglas. His close friend and fellow traveler, Mark Hill of Clan Stewart, marched at his side. We had about 10 clan members marching in the noon Parade of Clans. Interspersed among the clans were 5 or 6 pipe bands, which kept us stepping lively.

Again this year, Clan Life Member Jill Ross (Lockerby Sept) made her 'cock-a-leeky soup', which was delicious. To please our American palates, she left out the prunes. We were delighted. Jill your soup is becoming a tradition.

We want to welcome our newest clan member Lee Doyle. Soon you will be receiving your official welcome from our National Secretary. Lee, we hope to have you join us at all the upcoming Scot Games. You have a clan home.

We had frequent visitors through our booth. Some, who have clan affiliation (Douglas or Sept) now have our member application and should be joining us soon.

The day ended as it usually does at these games. We watched a Florida Sunset and listened to Scottish music as we enjoyed a smooth dram and a good conversation. Come join us next year, on the last weekend of February, at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

Yours Aye,

Marc Hitchins  
North Florida Regent  
386-447-9969



Jill Ross & Linda Arenburg



New members Cindy & Jack Lait



# NEWS FROM ALL OVER

## SAN ANTONIO SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & GAMES

### Helotes, Texas – April 1-2

Everyone was checking the forecast and watching the sky on the day the Highland Festival and Games began as we could expect rain, hail and possible tornados. But the good Lord had a better plan and gave us clear skies and sunshine!

This year there were 38 tents and when we arrived to set up everyone was happy and in a cheerful Scottish way! We started setting up and our Co-Regents Dale and Sy Douglass with Sy's two boys, Cooper and Cody pitched in to help. The people began to come in and the pipes were playing, the games had begun! We had several visitors and among them to renew memberships were: Steven Shaffer, Jeryl Foster and Arthur Bedford. We are proud to say we have two new members to Clan Douglas, Brian Brantley (Sandlin sept) and Timothy Kirkpatrick. They both were enjoying the Games and we are proud to have them as new members. We always like to tell a few stories about our hero, James Douglas. Lots of good food, the typical Scottish Eggs seems to be a big hit as well as the Fish & Chips. We enjoyed visiting with those who stopped by; they all are interesting and several have been to Scotland and enjoyed seeing our pictures when we were there in 2009. The day seemed to pass by quickly and as we headed home we were tired, but enjoyed the day, especially the weather.

The next day didn't go as well and the storm was coming in and several were leaving. Thanks to all who stopped by. We saw some familiar faces and that tells us they were glad to see us too! Many thanks to Dale, Sy and the boys for all their help. We will be going to Arlington, TX the first weekend in May to assist our new Regent there, Matthew Douglas! We received a letter from member Edson Way from Lubbock... he has had some bad health and surgeries, but is doing much better. Thanks to Edson for letting us know. We all at Clan Douglas wish him well!

Thanks to all who support Clan Douglas!

Yours Aye,

Phil & Loretta Morton  
Texas Regents

“Be true to yourself and never forget the people from whom you came.”



Regent Dale Douglass with Jeryl Foster & wife



Steven Shaffer & his wife with Regent Loretta Morton



Brian Brantley & wife Susan (back row) with children Campbell, Natalie, and Jolie pose with Regent Loretta



Timothy Kirkpatrick with Regent Loretta



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## DUNEDIN HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL

Dunedin, Florida – April 1



Terry MacFarlane with Lucy Lillen and McVicar

Dunedin is a quaint and picturesque small city situated on the Gulf of Mexico just north of Tampa, FL. It is particularly auspicious for Clan Douglas in that this city was founded by J.O. Douglas, a successful merchant and trader from Scotland. As you may know, Dunedin is the original name - the Gaelic name - for Edinburgh, Scotland. Before immigrating to Florida, Edinburgh was the hometown of Mr. J.O. Douglas.

Two of the major streets in Dunedin, FL are Douglas Avenue and Scotland Street. It is on these streets the Friday evening parade takes place. The Games themselves are held in the city's Highlander Park. Both the middle school and the high school have well known pipe and drum bands. They wear the Stewart Tartans and, naturally, their school mascot is The Highlander. The city itself boasts its own tartan and a much acclaimed and recognized Grade II Pipe Band. In fact, Dunedin City Pipe Band is the 2016 North American Grade II Champions. In August this city band will be traveling to Glasgow, Scotland to compete in the 2017 World Pipe Band Championship. Dunedin, FL is the 'sister city' to the world famous and historic city of Stirling, Scotland. In Dunedin, FL, Scottish heritage surrounds everyone, on a daily basis.

Friday evening, Clan Douglas and the other clans present marched amid 17 pipe & drum bands in the opening parade. Bands from as far away as Dallas, TX, Atlanta, GA, Jacksonville, FL, and Ft. Lauderdale, FL entertained in this parade. The parade ended in Pioneer Park where a Ceilidh kept things lively late into the evening.

On Saturday, Clan Douglas joined 34 other clans in having a tent/booth along Clan Row. Allison Morton Painter, Matt Sinclair, and Dave Douglas joined me in 'staffing' our tent. We were visited by a host of folks seeking their Scottish roots or simply gaining knowledge of all things Scottish. Several people, with Sept connections to Douglas, took applications and plan to join our ranks. Does anyone know if "KirkConnell" is a Sept of Douglas?? The MacFarlane's believe it is and are seeking proof.

Craigmalloch Farms were again providing entertaining and educational Border Collie demonstrations throughout the day. Craigmalloch Farms owners - Stuart Ballantyne and Lucy Skipwith Lillen - also brought their prize ram - McVicar. We were again honored in having McVicar join us in the Saturday Parade of the Tartans. McVicar, of course, was wearing his impressive purple velvet robe with gold trim. Embroidered on both sides of his robe are the words "Clan Douglas" and across his back is his name "McVicar". The parade announcer gave McVicar and Clan Douglas his full attention and some kind words as we marched by the reviewing stand. We were told by many that McVicar was the 'star' of the parade. With all 35 clans joining 17 pipe and drum bands, the Saturday parade was really something to see and hear.

It was a very busy day, on all fronts. We renewed old friendships, made new friends, acquired new members, and solidified the position of Clan Douglas at these games and in this community. We have been requested to "Haste Ye Back". We shall Move Forward and expect a return to this event.

Yours Aye,

Marc Hitchins  
Florida (North) Regent



Clan Member Allison Morton Painter & Regent Marc Hitchins in front of our Douglas tent



McVicar (with Regent Marc Hitchins) anxiously awaits the start of the parade while Allison Morton Painter and Matt Sinclair hold the Douglas Banners

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## HAWAII SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES

Honolulu, Hawaii – April 8-9



Hawaii Pipes & Drums  
(Yep, in Hawaii)  
Photo: TI Photography

A great thing about living in Hawaii is living in Hawaii...and, also, April brings Celtic Month with plenty of events for Scots and Clan Douglas Society. National Tartan Day, April 6<sup>th</sup>, begins with the flags of Scotland and other Celtic countries being flown for the day over the state capital building. At noon members of Scottish Associations and Clan Douglas were introduced at the Hawaii House of Representatives. Note your Hawaii Regent was kitted out with his Douglas tartan kilt. A number of state legislators made a point of noting Scottish ancestry...and it's not even an election year. That evening all the Scottish organizations met at the Royal Mausoleum of the Kingdom of

Hawaii to honor Princess Ka'iulani, Crown Princess at the time of the overthrow of the Hawaii Kingdom. Her father was Scottish and her mother was a royal princess. After a tribute ceremony in the Royal Chapel, we all were allowed to visit the Royal Crypt and leave gifts of flowers for our Scottish princess.

The next day, Friday the 7<sup>th</sup>, was dedicated to set up for the festival and the Ceilidh that night. Saturday and Sunday were devoted to the Hawaii Scottish Festival and Highland Games. There was entertainment (Town Pants from Canada headlining), highland dancing (including a troop from near Glasgow), heavy games and piping competition. Of course Clan Douglas Society was represented. Three new members were signed up: Nelson Young, Jeanne and Micah Horikawa (Jeanne is Micah's mom and my apologies their photo didn't turn out...will get it next year-promise). CDSNA members attending included Trevor Inouye (the show photographer), Jodi Beardon (from Hawaii Island and assisting at the Irish Dance booth), Trina Inouye and Sharleen Hirasaki-Putnam helping at the Clan Douglas table.

The Clan Douglas table featured a Scottish Claymore sword which was photographed numerous times with young boys striking a pose (with parents and me in very close proximity). On Sunday the entertainment coordinator asked all the clans attending if someone would like to go up to the main stage and present a 15 minute talk on their clan. Blank stares were the order of the day until my daughter volunteered me (I was away on a short break). I did give a presentation to the Festival on Clan Douglas and included stories about the "Brave Heart of Bruce" and the clock tower in Douglas that is *never behind*.

The weather was perfect and the view across the street from our venue in Ala Moana Beach Park was scenic (on a number of levels). We hope to see some of you next April and hope you can join in all the activities that Honolulu has to offer Scots.

James Douglas Putnam, FSA Scot  
Florida Regent



New Member Nelson Young  
with wife Melody, James & Kylie  
with Regent James  
Photo: TI Photography



Hawaii Regent at the Hawaii  
State legislature.  
Photo: Brenda Reichel



***To a Scot, the past clings like sand to wet feet, and is carried about as a burden.  
The many ghosts are always a part of them, inescapable. ~ Geddes MacGregor***

# NEWS FROM ALL OVER

## 2017 DOUGLAS ATHLETE Trading Cards\*

THE GREAT PLAINS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL  
Wichita, Kansas – April 22-23



Douglas Athlete  
**JOHN DOUGLAS**  
Photo by Larry Ventress

THE IRON THISTLE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL  
Yukon, Oklahoma – April 28-30



Douglas Athlete  
**BOBBY 'the Kilted Cowboy' DOUGLAS**  
Photo by Larry Ventress

THE IRON THISTLE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL  
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3 Time Masters World Champion  
Douglas Athlete  
**TERRI DOUGLAS VENTRESS**  
Photo by Larry Ventress

If you know another Douglas Athlete, send a picture with the athlete's name and the event where the athlete competed to the **Dabb Ghlase** editor.

\*Trading cards not available in most places.



Background image by Larry Ventress

Special thanks to  
Larry 'the Godfather' Ventress  
and his wonderful photographic talent.  
You can see more of Larry's expertise on  
Facebook.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Pioneer-Photography-146925568684529/?pnref=Ihc>

# NEWS FROM ALL OVER

## SAVANNAH SCOTTISH GAMES Savannah, Georgia -- May 6



Kat Lawson, Regent Randy, Tonya Tharp

Please imagine for a moment were you are in setting of a blue cloudless sky, temperature hovering around the 75 degree mark and you are surrounded by majestic oak with Spanish Moss hanging from the branches. You have just imagined the actual setting of the 41st Annual Savannah Scottish Games.

Marc Hitchins (North Florida Regent) and I were setting up the Douglas tent around 7 AM before the day's festivities. By 10 AM we were wondering if anybody was going to attend the games. We were answered with a barrage of activity until the games ended that afternoon.

Dennis Conrad (life member) and his family arrived and helped through the day with our visitors. There were about 20 visitors that actually signed in and countless who stopped by without signing in. Of the visitors we signed up two new members: Tonya Tharp and Kat Lawson. Tonya had worn a kilt to the games and Kat went home wearing a kilt. They are going to wonderful assets to the society. Three of the visitors went home with applications. To add to our enjoyment Clan Member David Crampton (Major of the Savannah Band) played tunes on the pipes at our tent.

All told it was a beautiful day and a wonderful experience.

Randy Bartle  
Georgia Co-Regent



David Crampton



Life Member Dennis Conrad & Regent Randy



Rosie Urueta & Tonya Tharp lead the Douglas group with a Douglas coat of arms banner with FL Regent Marc Hitchins & Carol Anthony behind



For that is the mark of the Scots of all classes: that he stands in an attitude towards the past unthinkable to Englishmen, and remembers and cherishes the memory of his forebears, good or bad; and there burns alive in him a sense of identity with the dead even to the twentieth generation. ~ Robert Louis Stevenson



# Flowers of the Forest

**Flowers of the Forest** is an ancient Scottish folk tune typically played to honor fallen soldiers. Our **Flowers of the Forest** tradition as a clan is to pay tribute to our own “fallen soldiers”, our extended Clan Douglas family members.

Contact your local Regent, one of our Clan Douglas Officers, or the Newsletter Editor to submit a tribute.

## Walser Arthur Blackwood, Jr Feb 16, 1939 – Apr 25, 2017



Walser Arthur Blackwood, Jr. passed away at home peacefully on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. “Art” was born February 16, 1939 in Mayodan, NC to Walser Arthur Blackwood, Sr. and Jesse Mae (Koonts) Blackwood, who preceded him in death. Art graduated from R. J. Reynolds High School in 1955 and then attended Duke University; joining the 312 US Army Reserve Medical Corps after university. Art married Jean [Turner] Blackwood of Greensboro, NC on July 14, 1962. Art is survived by his wife, Jean, his children Walser Arthur (Art) Blackwood, III and wife Kirkie, Jessica Margaret (Meg) Blackwood King and husband Kimberly King, and his grandchildren Arthur Benjamin Blackwood and Meghan Elizabeth Blackwood.

Art worked his early years in the savings and loan business and was an executive at Winston-Salem Savings and Loan. He later owned Cable Harley Davidson in Winston-Salem, NC, and his own business, WAB Enterprises. In his younger years, Art was very involved in The Boy Scouts of America and was a proud recipient of the Eagle Scout honor in 1953; he also served on the executive board of The Old Hickory Council. Art was a charter member of the Stratford Rotary Club in 1968 and remained very involved in the Rotary Club for numerous years, including serving as president. In his later years, Art was a proud member of Clan Douglas of America and was the Regent for North Carolina for many years. He enjoyed going to all the Celtic games, including the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and the Loch Norman Games in North Carolina and the Stone Mountain Games in Georgia. Art also enjoyed golf, fishing, hunting and sharing recipes with friends and family. He enjoyed telling stories, had a swift wit and an insatiable sense of humor. Art led his life with dignity, in loyalty and with honor and will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather, as well as faithful friend to many. A graveside service was held at Salem Cemetery on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

CDSNA Secretary Jim Morton says, “Art revolutionized our membership when he suggested at Grandfather one year that we create a tent name banner with the Sept names listed alongside Douglas. Up to then most clans displayed their septs at table level. He and I both ordered banners and promptly set new member sign up records at Grandfather and Stone Mountain games. You would see people walking by suddenly stop and look at the banner and then come over to the tent to ask more about their family relationship with Douglas. As more Regents starting using these banners our Sept participation grew rapidly. Art’s tent set up, games preparation and practices as Regent was the inspiration for me to write the initial Regent’s Guide when I became Vice President. I unashamedly picked his brain, copied his work and relied on him as my editor. Art was a great ambassador for our extended family Douglas and will be sorely missed.”





# Flowers of the Forest

## Mary Ann Morton Campbell July 11, 1936 - May 4, 2017



Mary Ann Morton Campbell, pictured with her husband of 44 years, Jay Campbell, passed away peacefully on Thursday May 4, after a long and courageous battle with complications from diabetes. She is the sister of clan secretary Jim Morton.

Mary Ann was very active in Clan Douglas helping out in the tent at the Stone Mountain Highland Games and Grandfather Mountain Highland Games with food, selling store items and being an ambassador for our extended family. She attended games all over the country including Ligonier PA, White Mountain, NH, and the AGM in Pleasanton last year. At SMHG her home made potato salad, pimento cheese and brownies were highly sought after and members would stop by the tent early to check in to see if they would be on the lunch table. By the end of the day all would have vanished.

Mary Ann was loved by all who knew her as she was so incredibly caring and giving to others. If you knew Mary Ann, you felt like family. Keeping up with her was not for the faint of heart, as she absolutely lived her life to the fullest. She knew how to “do it up right” whether it was supporting her beloved Georgia Bulldogs, her avid participation in the Scottish Games as a member of the Douglas clan, or her passion for traveling, especially to New York City for shopping, “wining and dining” and Broadway, a family tradition that continues to this day. Mary Ann was also proud to be a charter member of P.E.O. Chapter BM Georgia, a philanthropic educational organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.



## REGENTS & CO-REGENTS WANTED

to represent the Clan Douglas Society of North America (CDSNA) at various Scottish / Celtic festivals in the US and CANADA

CDSNA is seeking members willing to serve as Regents & Co-Regents in provinces and states currently un-represented or under-represented by CDSNA. **IF YOU ARE A MEMBER of CDSNA** willing to share your enthusiasm about Clan Douglas and available to serve as a representative in any of the following states and provinces, contact CDSNA VP Chuck Mirabile, CDSNA Asst VP (West) Loretta Morton, CDSNA Asst VP (East) Harold Edington, or your current Regent.

### In CANADA

-  BRITISH COLUMBIA – Regent
-  NOVA SCOTIA – Regent
-  ONTARIO – Regent

### In the USA

- ALASKA - Regent
- ARIZONA – Co-Regent
- FLORIDA - Co-Regent(s) for multiple locations in the state

- ILLINOIS - Regent(s) for Chicago & Springfield areas
- IOWA - Regent for Quad City area
- KANSAS – Regent for Wichita & McPherson
- KENTUCKY - Co-Regent(s)
- LOUISIANA - Co-Regent
- MICHIGAN - Regent
- MINNESOTA (South) – Co-Regent
- NEVADA - Regent
- OHIO - Regent
- OREGON (South) - Co-Regent

- SOUTH CAROLINA - Co-Regent
- TENNESSEE - Co-Regent(s)
- UTAH - Regent
- WEST VIRGINIA - Regent
- NEW ENGLAND AREA (as a region or as individual states)
- CONNECTICUT - Regent
- MAINE - Regent
- MASSACHUSETTS - Regent
- RHODE ISLAND - Regent
- VERMONT - Regent

## 2017 AGM Dinner Menu...@ Carelli's

AGM Dinner cost is \$49.00 per person.

Adult beverages can be purchased from the *Cash Bar*.

### *First course:*

The famous Carelli's Antipasti buffet table

### *Second course:*

House salad, or Caesar salad, Soup of the day, or Minestrone

### *Entrees*

Your choice of:

#### **Salmon Risotto**

Seared Atlantic Salmon with asparagus, roasted red bell peppers, parmigiana reggiano, and fresh basil tossed with creamy Arborio rice drizzled with white truffle oil.

#### **Walnut & Gorgonzola crusted Beef Tenderloin**

Grilled 6 oz filet with balsamic reduction, served with sautéed red potatoes and baby vegetables.

#### **Roasted Portabella Chicken**

A half of chicken roasted on the bone with a rich red wine and wild mushroom sauce. Served with Parmesan risotto and baby vegetables.

### *For desert:*

Your choice of... Tiramisu or New York Style Cheesecake



## 2017 AGM AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mark Peterson
3. CERTIFICATION of QUORUM (by Secretary) – Jim Morton
4. OFFICER'S REPORTS & Comments
  - President's Report – Mark Peterson
  - Vice-President's Report – Chuck Mirabile
  - Secretary's Report – Jim Morton
  - Treasurer's Report – Shirley Douglas
5. 2017 CDSNA AWARDS
  - Service Awards Presentations
6. OPEN FLOOR COMMENTS/QUESTIONS
7. CLOSE of MEETING



**The AGM will be held Saturday, September 9, 2017,**  
in conjunction with the *Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival* in *Estes Park, Colorado.*



**September 7-10, 2017 - Estes Park, Colorado**

**The CDSNA AGM Host Hotel is**

**Days Hotel Boulder**  
5397 South Boulder Road  
Boulder, CO 80303  
1-800-225-3297

*Ask for the Clan Douglas Society discount.*

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/boulder-colorado/days-hotel-boulder/overview?CID=LC.DI.20160927-RIO.Local.SM-dimotn>

Please note... This is a well-attended event and hotel prices nearer to Estes Park are expensive and hotels sell out quickly.

Attendees are also free to make hotel reservations with any other local hotel ... be sure to ask if your choice hotel offers a special clan rate or special Highland Games rate.

The host site of the **2017 CDSNA MEMBER DINNER & Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is  
*Saturday SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 at*

*Carelli's*  
645 30th Street  
Boulder Co 80303  
[<https://carellis.com>]  
(303)938-9300



The CDSNA Business Meeting begins at 7:30pm. The Member Dinner will follow immediately after.

**AGM Dinner cost is \$49.00 per person.**

**Adult beverages can be purchased from the *Cash Bar*.**

See the AGM DINNER MENU on the page 29.

**YES, I/WE WILL BE ATTENDING**

**Clan Douglas Society of North America's  
2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Dinner**

held **Saturday, September 9, 2017**, at 7:30PM  
in *Carelli's Ristorante Italiano*, Boulder, Colorado  
in conjunction with  
the Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival in Estes Park, CO

**Cost is \$50.00 per person**

**Please send checks no later than August 12, 2017**

*Make checks payable to: Clan Douglas Society of North America*

# Persons Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x **\$50.00** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(amount of check)

Names of those in your party: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ / Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail your 2017 AGM Dinner Reservation Form with your payments  
BEFORE AUGUST 12, 2017 to:**

Jim Morton  
Secretary, CDSNA  
626 Mountain Lake Cr  
Blue Ridge, GA 30513  
Email: [DouglasSecretary@comcast.net](mailto:DouglasSecretary@comcast.net)  
Phone: 770-265-2717

**NO, I CANNOT ATTEND**

**Clan Douglas Society of North America's  
2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Dinner**  
*However, I wish to be represented at the AGM by PROXY*



**Clan Douglas Society of North America  
2017 Annual General Meeting Voting Proxy Form**

\_\_\_\_\_, a member in good standing  
of Clan Douglas Society of North America, hereby assign my proxy vote to  
one of the officers checked below for the 2017 Annual General Meeting to  
be held in conjunction with the **Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Highland  
Festival in Estes Park, Colorado** (September 7-10, 2017).

**The purpose of this proxy is to insure a quorum of 25 regular members at  
the meeting. This may include members present or by proxy.**

It is understood that this form will not be used if I appear in person to cast my vote.

**Note: Family memberships (husband/wife) have only one vote unless each  
person has paid dues.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- President, Mark Peterson
- Vice President, Charles Mirabile
- Secretary, Jim Morton
- Treasurer, Shirley B. Douglas
- Board Member, Bill Douglass
- Board Member, Diana Kay Stell
- Assistant Vice President East, Harold Edington
- Assistant Vice President West, Phil & Loretta Morton

**If you cannot attend the Annual General Meeting this year at the Long's Peak  
Scottish-Irish Highland Festival and wish someone to represent you and your  
presence to be known, please complete the voting proxy form above and mail to:**

Jim Morton  
Secretary, CDSNA  
626 Mountain Lake Cr  
Blue Ridge, GA 30513

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or the CDSNA Vice President.

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