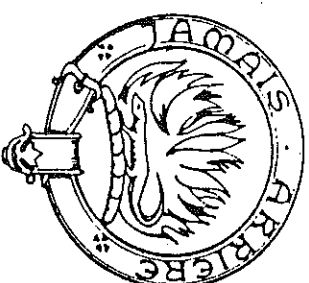


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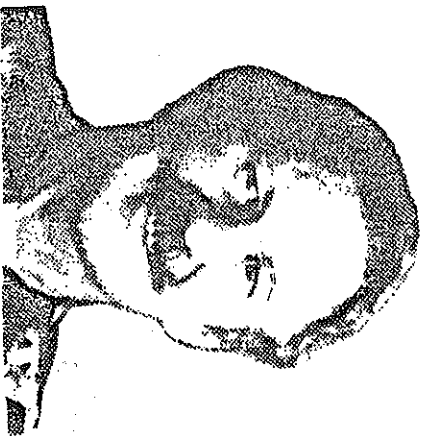
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YOUNG.

On the list of sept families there are some who are recognised as belonging to other clans. It is therefore necessary to know your lineage in order to prove association. Clan Douglas Association of Australia cannot guarantee that your particular family is eligible to be a sept, but the Association would be happy to accept your membership until proven differently.

President's

Christmas

Message



Welcome again to all members of our Association, which includes Douglasses by name, families connected by descent, marriage or adoption and particularly the Sept names, who have over the years helped the Douglasses establish themselves in history and form a very important part of our Clan System.

We have just held our annual meeting, complete with elections and I am sure the results will be publicised in this Newsletter. There have only been a few slight

changes on the committee and I thank all existing committee members for their continuing support and welcome the new members to bring some new blood into the system, together with new ideas for the further development of our organisation. I hope you have all given consideration to renewal of membership dues as your continued interest will ensure our future viability.

The Annual S.A.H.C. Gathering is being held in Sydney once again from the 25th November to the 3rd December. The usual events will take place including on the first Sunday the Kirking of the Tartan in Scots' Church, Margaret Street, with the Clan March to follow from the Domain to the Opera House concert. My family will be involved once again, and we would appreciate any intended members to be with us on this day, as I am most anxious to meet any of the Sydney district members during our stay. June Marks, our Convenor there, would be happy to hear from you re this event.

I hope members are enjoying the Newsletter put out by Jan Shaw, our Editor, and I wish to thank the various contributors throughout the world who have helped through their time, energy and knowledge to offer the various segments that helped to make the Newsletter so interesting and eagerly waited for each quarter. Contributions from all members are welcome and they will be publicised in due course.

This will be our last Newsletter for 1989 and I would like to thank all members across the world for their continued interest and support and hope life is being kind to you through difficult times wherever you are. On behalf of the association I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, whether you are amongst the snow or the tropic heat, or somewhere pleasantly in between, so until 1990 - Cheers!

Kind Regards,

Yours Aye,

Ron Douglas
Ron Douglas

Early History of The House of Douglas

At the time of the Tineman's death at Halidon Hill in 1333, his second son William, was being educated in France. William was the ward of Sir William Douglas of Lothian who, after receiving the lands of Liddesdale from Hugh the Dull, was known to history as the 'Knight of Liddesdale' or 'The Flower of Chivalry'. Young William returned to Scotland in 1348 probably about the time of reaching his majority and took over the management of his inheritance. He found his homeland to be in the hands of Robert the Steward (afterwards King Robert 11) who was Regent, and his officers. King David, who was about eighteen years of age in 1341, had been taken prisoner together with Sir William Douglas, Knight of Liddesdale, at the disastrous battle of Neville's Cross on the 17th October 1346, and both gentlemen were imprisoned in the Tower of London.

In July 1352, the Knight of Liddesdale agreed to treasonable conditions with the King of England in order to obtain his freedom and the grant of the lands of Liddesdale and the Tower of Hermitage. On his return to Scotland, he found himself to be very unpopular and was called upon to account for other and private crimes.

Young William Douglas had been waging a guerrilla war upon the English from the forests of Ettrick and Jedburgh and when the Knight of Liddesdale returned from his imprisonment in London, the two had much to discuss. I suggest that part of the reason for the Knight of Liddesdale's release may be traced back to King Edward of England's concern at the amount of havoc young William Douglas was causing his representatives in Scotland. In August 1353, young William (the Lord of Douglas) returning from the subjugation of Galloway, reportedly found the Knight of Liddesdale hunting in Ettrick Forest to which he claimed exclusive rights. A quarrel broke out, swords were drawn resulting in the death of Sir William Douglas, Knight of Liddesdale. The place was known firstly as Galsewood then William's Cross and now Williamhope, presumably because of the slaughter of one William by another. It is of interest, that Sir William Douglas Knight of Liddesdale was descended from Sir Andrew Douglas who was the forebear of the Morton branch of the Douglas family.

Shortly after this deed, King David 11 bestowed a fresh charter upon young William, Lord of Douglas, of all the lands possessed by his uncle the Good Sir James, and his father Sir Archibald, as well as Liddesdale. Negotiations for the liberation of King David had been proceeding for some time under the existing truce and in 1355, some twenty Scots gentlemen were named as hostages until the ransom of 90,000 marks had been paid - Douglas being one of them.

In 1356, Edward 11 of England obtained from Edward Baliol the gold crown of Scotland together with a sod of Scottish earth, in token of his total renunciation to all claims to the throne of Scotland. King Edward then proceeded to march on Scotland at the head of a magnificent army. He reached Roxburgh before the Lord Douglas arrived, armed only as an exponent of the art of diplomacy. Douglas proceeded to wield his weapon of procrastination which took ten long days before the King left Roxburgh to journey northwards. However, he found the country a desert and to make matters worse, a storm had destroyed his fleet. To avoid starvation, the King was forced to beat a retreat. While so doing, he vented his spleen by destroying churches and houses in so total a manner, that the period was known thereafter as the Burnt Candlemas. Like his uncle before him, Douglas was an expert in ambush, and came very near to taking King Edward 11 prisoner on the outskirts of Melrose.

On the King's return to London, he immediately set about appointing

ten commissioners to treat for peace with the Scots although he still held King David a prisoner. Douglas arranged a safe-conduct with the King in order to visit King David and to further the preliminaries of the Scottish King's release from custody.

At the same time, the Lord of Douglas decided to seek service with the King of France against the Black Prince. He was just in time to share in the awful disaster of Poitiers (19th September 1356). Sir Herbert Maxwell in his book The House of Douglas writes that according to Froissart, Douglas

"fought very valiantly for a while; but when he perceived that the French were hopelessly defeated he made off as fast as he could; for so much did he dread being taken by the English that he had preferred to be slain."

Before the battle, Douglas had been knighted by King John of France. He was back in Scotland before the following autumn when he seized the Castle of Hermitage then in English possession, because it was from there that Sir Robert Twyllvoil had raided Eskdale. This was carried out in his capacity as Warden of the Marches.

Douglas was created an Earl on the 26th January 1358 by King David who had been released by the English on the 3rd October 1357. The next few years were not all plain sailing for Douglas. He was forced to take up arms against King David when that gentleman began employing funds for his own use which should have gone to paying off his ransom. Douglas was directly involved in this matter because it affected his freedom if these ransom funds were not forthcoming to the English King. Douglas was a member of the nobles who successfully negotiated the treaty between King David and King Edward which came into being in 1365. Happily for Scotland, a treaty of peace with England for fourteen years was signed in Edinburgh on the 20th July, 1369.

Until his death, the 1st Earl of Douglas fought in many skirmishes against the English and was instrumental in the regaining of all Scottish soil as was known under Bruce, with the exception of Berwick, for her own monarch. His last engagement was at Teviotdale and on his return to Douglas Castle was suddenly seized by fever and died in April or early May 1384 and was buried at Melrose.

Douglas married Margaret, sister and heiress of Thomas, 13th Earl of Mar in March 1357 and as dowry, received the barony of Drumlanrig. They had two children. 1. James succeeded as the second Earl of Douglas. He married but was killed at the Battle of Otterburn in 1388 without legitimate heirs. However, he did produce at least two natural sons. (a) William who received the barony of Drumlanrig, Co. Dumfries between 1384 and 1388, and who was the progenitor of the Drumlanrig now Queensbury branch of the Douglas family, and his brother(b) Archibald, ancestor of the Cavers branch. 2. A daughter Isobel married Sir Malcolm Drummond of Mar.

William, first Earl of Douglas also had a natural son (c) George whose mother was Margaret Stewart, Countess of Mar and Angus. George became the 1st Earl of Angus from whom come the Red Douglases. A natural daughter (d) Margaret, who marrying Thomas Johnson in 1404 received a grant of the Mains of Bonjeward from 'her dear sister Isabella'. This was probably where the Douglas family of Bonjeward originated.

Thus, it is explained how the three main branches of the Douglas family, Drumlanrig, Angus and Morton, came into being. (To be continued)
(Compiled from A History of the House of Douglas, by Right Hon. Sir Herbert Maxwell, Vol 1, p.76-94.)

RESEACH QUERIES

DOUGLAS Elizabeth, daughter of **Alexander Douglas** (Ironstone Miner) and **Erskine Fulton** probably of Castle near Forth, Carnwath, Scotland, married **Samuel Coulter** on the 8th April 1864. Elizabeth and Samuel Coulter migrated to New Zealand on the Taranaki arriving 24th January 1879. About one month after their arrival, Samuel was killed in the Kaitangata Mine explosion. Mrs Mavis Cave, Lorenzen Bay, Raglan, North Island, New Zealand, is seeking information about Alexander and Erskine Douglas of Castle near Forth, Carnwath, or any descendants of the Coulter family.

DOUGLAS William of Swinside Townhead Farm, near Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, Scotland had descendants **George** (who died aged 80 years at Swinside Townhead Farm); **Robert** migrated to Australia and had a son **R.S. Douglas** of Swinside, Coleraine, Vic. This man had at least two sons in 1909; **Janet** went to Australia where she married **Edward Pope** 1st November, 1861. She later went to New Zealand where a daughter was born in 1862; and **William** 1805-1901 migrated to Australia and then New Zealand. Mrs **Linda Mills**, Glenbrook Station Road, R.D.I. Waikuku, South Auckland, New Zealand would like to contact any descendants of **Robert Douglas** of **Coleraine**, and **Janet Pope**. She requests information about family's arrival in Australia or New Zealand.

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SEPTS: Blackstock

Of local origin from some small place of the name which I cannot find. Blakstok of that ilk appears in Workman's Ms. (date of Ms. is c. 1565-1566), but "the name is rarely met with, and no family owning lands of the same name has been met with" (Stodart, 11, p. 116). William Blackstock witnessed a notarial instrument of 1517 (Soltre, p. 89); William Blackstock was appointed clerk of court in 1524 (Home, 34); John Blakstok held a tenement in Edinburgh in 1549 (Leing, 553); and one hundred and fifty years later **Agnes Blackstock** held a tenement in the same city (ibid., 2974). John Blakstok signed the Band of Dumfries in 1570 (RPC, xiv, p. 66); James Blackstock was a tenant of Andrew Hay of Craignethan in 1659 (Diary, p. 11, S.H.S. ed.); John Blackstock was merchant in Dumfries, 1641 (Dumfries); Robert Blackstock was tenant in the barony of Mausewall (Mausewald) in 1673 (PSAS, xviii, p. 504). David Blackstock was appointed constable in Littleclyde in 1712 (Minutes, p. 126); William Blackstock was tanner in Minigaff in 1767 (Minutes); Robert Blackstock, shoemaker in Dumfries in 1738, and nine more of the name are recorded in the Commissariat Record of Dumfries. According to Gilbert Burns, a Miss Jane Blackstock was the heroine of his brother's "O Poortitth Cauld".

(Taken from the Surnames of Scotland, by G.F. Black.)

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Set not thy foot to make the blind to fall;
Nor wilfully offend they weaker brother;
Nor wound the dead with thy tongue's bitter gall,
Neither rejoice thou in the fall of other.

Robert Burton,

AGM Reports

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT-

To our Patron Sir Sholto Douglas, Clan Douglas members, Clans Congress Qld., members and guests, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you once again, in this instance to our third Annual General Meeting of this Association in this new venue, where we will outline our activities and progress of the last twelve months.

Last year's report was centred around the progress of a Society in its second year of establishment, which normally is the hardest period to weather through, when some of the initial interest of members sometimes wanes. I am pleased to report we came through with flying colours and we are now firmly established as a recognised and respected Clan association throughout the World Clan system. Again the elected office bearers have worked conscientiously and harmoniously to further the aims and ambitions of our Association with the support of all of our members and contributors scattered across the world. We thank you all for this support.

Committee Discussions

As is normal at our Annual General Meeting, we hold our yearly election and since our inception there has not been a major change in the members who have held executive and committee positions, indicating they have been interested in supporting the organisation.

All positions have been made vacant for the election and interested parties should seek nomination prior to these annual meetings and if ballots are required, so be it, as I know we would all accept with grace, the results of such a ballot. Many of us at times feel we are holding some monopoly on the association, which is why we would like to see branches established in other areas, while we could still co-ordinate it all together, via our central headquarters and newsletter facilities.

We have had some small response from members who would be interested in becoming branch convenors for their various States or Districts, and correspondence is still taking place regarding these possibilities. If you find you are in a position to help in this area, please write to our Secretary Dell Armstrong who will advise us of your interest at the following quarterly committee meeting.

Social Activities

Once again we have been active in Functions in the South-East Queensland area, and since our last Annual Meeting have had social rapport with many other Scottish Clans and Organisations. Some of the highlights of the year were:- Clan Cameron Ceilidh, Toowoomba Caledonian Society Scottish Fair, Functions entertaining the Duke of Argyll of Clan Campbell, the World Scottish Gathering hosted by the S.A.H.C. in Sydney last December, Clans Congress "Clan Raising Seminar" (hosted by our selves), Tartan Spectacular at the Sleeman Sports Complex Brisbane, Bannockburn Dinner hosted by Clan Campbell, Toowoomba Caledonian Society Highland Debutante Ball, and most recently the Rededication of Robert Burns Statue at Centenary Park in Brisbane, hosted by the Brisbane Caledonian Society. By all accounts a busy year!

Correspondence News

Our Genealogical Co-ordinator Mary Smith who has moved west from Brisbane still receives correspondence from members and I hope this segment has proved to be of some assistance to them in their Family Tree Research. I know it will help to reunite long lost family ties eventually and your forwarding of your Pedigree sheets can only assist this search to everyone's mutual benefit.

We have had much correspondence from members across the World, including Norman and Arthur Douglas in Great Britain and this has helped our Newsletter Editor Jan Shaw provide interesting subject matter for a Newsletter of which we are quite proud. Thank you to Jan and members of the committee for your assistance in helping to bring out these publications on such a regular basis, as it will always be the lifeline of a successful Clan Association.

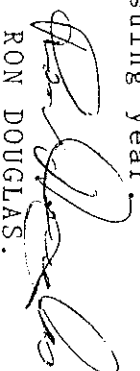
A Douglas Chief


The subject of a chief of our association has always been uppermost in our minds and priorities. Developments in this regard have progressed at a faster pace than anticipated, as this time last year we were still in a quandry over the matter, but now we have a contender in the person of Sir John Sholto Douglas, current Earl of Morton, making an approach to the Lord Lyon of Scotland, for the Chief of the House of Douglas.

It is an exciting time for us in the next year or so, and we would hope to report a successful conclusion in this regard, a matter which has been in limbo for the last couple of hundred years.

Finally, in summing up, I would like to take this opportunity to thank anyone who has contributed to our association over the previous twelve months, including all our members for your continued support, not forgetting our honorary piper Fred Douglas, the Clans Congress (QLD) and its members, also the other Scottish Societies who have invited us to their functions and made us feel welcome.

To you the gathered audience assembled here today, thank you for your attendance in helping us to celebrate our third year of establishment, and hope we can meet again the following year, with better and brighter accounts of the ensuing year.


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CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION TREASURERS REPORT
for the year ending 30th September 1989

INCOME for 1988/89		
Membership fees	\$1790.00	
Life memberships(10%)	\$88.00	
Sale of past newsletters	\$29.00	
Sundries	\$175.23	
Interest received	\$129.17	
Donations	\$46.46	
		\$2257.86
COSTS for 1988/89		
Bank fees	\$4.55	
Postage	\$476.08	
Printing	\$1101.00	
Affiliation fees	\$71.50	
Supplies	\$125.76	
Insurance	\$124.00	
Advertising	\$15.00	
Meetings	\$28.92	
		\$1946.81
Surplus for 1987/88		\$311.05
Surplus from previous years		\$1671.86
Life memberships (future years)		\$796.00
Amount carried forward		\$2778.91
Membership fees for 1989/90 (received in advance)		\$240.00
TOTAL CASH on hand		\$3018.91

NOTES:

1. Life memberships are assumed to represent 10 years of membership fees so only 10% are included in the current years income.

Edith Myers
Hon Treasurer.

AUDITORS REPORT
for the year ending 30th September 1989

I have examined the books and records of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia. They represent a true and fair record of the accounts of the Association.

A.J. Douglas AASA (S)
Honary Auditor

CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.
TREASURERS REPORT 7/10/89

Mr Chairman, members and visitors.

It is with pleasure that I present this , the third Annual Treasurer's report of the Association.

After three years of operation we now have 172 members with nine of those being life members. Twenty five new members joined in 1989.

The following gives specific details

NSW	25	ACT	1
VIC	32	NZ	16
QLD	79	SCOT.	1
WA	8	ENG.	2
NT	2		
SA	6		

Once again we have made every effort to keep costs down but you will all be aware that increases in postage and other costs aligned to the printing and sending out of the newsletter have risen quite markedly. Sending the newsletter by bulk postage helps tremendously but that can only be accomplished because of a few very willing members who give up their time to make sure we adhere to the demands of the postal department. The newsletters must be sorted into post office preferred and indeed, insisted upon, national pre-sorting postcode plan order. It is here I must also pay tribute to my husband Jim and the work he magically does with his computer. Until Jim and the computer printed the newsletter labels in the correct order, newsletter sending day was sheer bedlam.

Costs are increasing and income for the past year has dropped slightly. If this continues over the coming year, the income should just balance costs. For this reason it has been suggested that the annual membership fee should be increased to \$15 from the start of the 1990/91 financial year. A full discussion on this proposal would be appreciated.

It must also be remembered that the costs of our number one newsletter were met by a loan from an anonymous donor. I feel it is now time that the repayment of that loan of \$509.76 be given serious consideration by the committee.

One small but important detail I ask of all members when paying membership fees. Please be sure to include your name and address with your payment.

The newsletter has remained our vital link with members and to the newsletter co-ordinator Jan Shaw and to all those who contribute to its success I echo again what people have written to me this year and say "Well done"!

My thanks go to the outgoing executive and committee for their support during the year and I extend my best wishes to the incoming committee and for the continued success of the association.

Edith M. Myers
Hon. Treasurer.

----- GENEALOGICAL CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT -----

Mr. Chairman, members and guests.

This is the third year in the history of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia, and it is with great pleasure that I present this report for 1988-89.

I haven't had a great deal of correspondence this year as regards members wanting information about their particular family's history. What letters there have been, I have endeavoured to answer as quickly as possible. There are still not pedigree charts for all our members in the files. I do urge everyone who hasn't filled in their chart and sent it to me, to contribute in this way. We would like to set up a depository of Douglas Family Histories so that our heritage does not become extinct, but remains in safe keeping and available to all who come after us. If you don't know your history any further back than your parents, please don't feel embarrassed about it as there are plenty of other members in the same boat. If you have compiled your family's history, please send us a copy.

Perhaps at this stage, I should reiterate my duties as genealogical co-ordinator. I am responsible for the keeping of confidential records of all members together with their pedigree charts and offer help to those who request it in their own research. Unfortunately, I am not always able to assist, but I try to keep your requests in mind and if at a later date I find a similar name cropping up, I will let you know.

During the last twelve months, we received a donation to our library of The Scots in Queensland, compiled and edited by Grant and Treena Cameron. On behalf of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia, I should like to take this opportunity of thanking our President, Mr. Ron Douglas for his kind donation. We should be pleased to accept any donations from our members to boost our library sources.

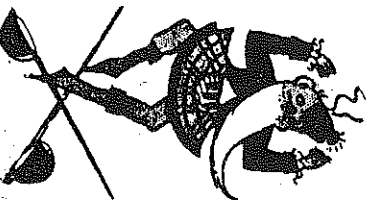
I still have the Douglas Master Charts for sale at \$10-00 (Australian) a copy. These pedigree charts list the Douglas families of Drumlanrig, Morton and Angus from 1174 to the middle of the nineteenth century, as known to the compiler. They are fairly comprehensive of the major Douglas families and well worth their place in your families' archives.

Mr. Chairman, I move that my report be received and adopted.

Mary Smith,
Genealogical Co-Ordinator.

A mnemonic on the British royal line:

Willie, Willie, Harry, Stee
Harry, Dick, Harry Three
One, Two, Three Neds, Richard Two
Harry Four, Five, Six. Then who?
Edward Four, Five, Dick the Bad,
Harrys twain and Ned the Lad,
Mary, Bessie, James the Vain,
Charlie, Charlie, James again,
William and Mary, Anna Gloria,
Four Georges, William, and Victoria.
Edward the Seventh next, and then
George the Fifth in 1910.
Edward the Eighth soon abdicated,
And so a George was reinstated.
(I add:)
Then Bessie Two was coronated.



NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman, and members of Clan Douglas Association of Australia, as Newsletter Editor, it gives me great pleasure to be able to present my report of the 3rd Annual General Meeting of Clan Douglas Association of Australia.

I am always watching for my postman who brings me such interesting letters from members of C.D.A.A., usually with enclosures which include newspaper cuttings, excerpts from books and original material from our Douglas historians - without these contributions, your newsletter would be a very dull little periodical. I do thank you all for these contributions; please keep them coming, as it not only makes the newsletter more interesting, it is also the only way in which we can interact with our "family" of members.

I like the articles to be varied so that they will appeal to a cross section of our readers, and, as I have already mentioned in "a note from the Editor", don't despair if they are not printed immediately, I usually have a stockpile of information for the newsletter and they will take their turn (bearing in mind that the shorter articles have more chance of appearing in print sooner than the more lengthy ones).

This year I have placed a greater emphasis on Douglas History, Clans and their Chiefs and the Clan System - with our move to have a Chief re-instated for the House of Douglas, this emphasis seemed appropriate.

We have had a slight increase in membership as a result of enclosing membership application forms with each newsletter - I do however, urge you all to encourage new members, especially in these historic days of re-instating a chief.

Postage costs have increased, and as we post our overseas members their newsletter by airmail, we have considered also increasing the overseas member's subscriptions to cover their postage costs.

Back issues of all our newsletters are available for sale at \$2-00 each; new members may be interested in these.

I would like to end my report by thanking the team of willing helpers who meet at my house every three months to help me collate staple fold and post the newsletters - we all enjoy this day and many hands and cheerful company make light work of what could be a boring chore.

Thank you all for your support. I move that this report be received and accepted.

Jan Shaw.

Drysdale Family Report

During the past year I have exchanged letters with Drysdale members of the Association. Some correspondents, such as Mrs. W.J. Drysdale of Maitland, SA, have successfully traced their roots back to the 1850s - (William Drysdale of Abbotshall, Fife, Scot., married Euphemia Robb, in July 1847). Others like Shirley Drysdale of Beacon Hill, NSW, was just starting to research the family tree in November, 1988. I hope that we can assist each other in tracing our Drysdale ancestors.

I was able to spend two weeks in Scotland during August, staying with my Grandparents in St. Andrews. The very day I arrived Norman Douglas of Dundarrach rang up to say that he was staying with his sister in Dunfermline and so we were able to arrange to meet in Kinross. We had a very enjoyable time catching up with each other's news and discussing the Douglas family. Afterwards, it was on to the Blackmannanshire district to note Drysdale gravestones. The areas covered so far are Alloa, Dollar, Tillicoultry, Clackmannan, Saline, Alva and Kinross, which includes the post-1855 gravestones which were not recorded in J.& S. Mitchell's 'Monumental Inscriptions', (available from the Scottish Genealogy Society in Edinburgh.) Perhaps these notes will be useful to Drysdals in Australia.

Neil M. Douglas Ewins. Drysdale Commissioner in Britain for the Douglas Association

NEWS FROM THE REGENTS

Mr. President, Visitors and Members I here present my report on the activities of our Regents.

At present they number five - three in Australia and two Overseas.

Norman Douglas of Dundarroch in Scotland

Neil Ewins in Kent, England who represents the Drysdales

Mrs. J une Marks in N.S.W.

Mr. R.F. Douglas, Perth, Western Australia and

Mr. R.M. Douglas, Melbourne, Victoria.

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Norman Douglas of Dundarroch is working hard on our behalf in his part of the world and is in close contact with the Earl of Morton re the Chief of the House of Douglas.

Neil Ewins is in regular contact with our two Drysdale members, one in South Australia and the other in N.S.W. They are assisting each other to trace their Drysdale ancestors. A wonderful effort seeing he is so far away.

Mrs. June Marks represented our Clan at a meeting to discuss the Annual Kilted Parade, now to be known as the Grand Tartan Parade. June also advised that at the end of October she is attending the celebration of the 150th. anniversary of the arrival of her Douglass ancestors in the ship "David Clarke". Among the passengers on this historic voyage was a Bell family and a Brownlee family and June is hoping to trace some of our Septs at this celebration.

Francis Douglas of Perth has a large area to cover and now has a list of our W.A. members so as he will be able to make some contacts when time permits.

Ron Douglas of Melbourne reports he has been able to get in touch with member, Fred Douglas, of Mt. Waverley and soon hopes to have time to get in touch with other Victorian members.

My very best wishes to our President and the Committee for the new financial year.

Dell Armstrong

NORRIE'S NOTES No. 17.

The Douglasses of Pumpherston go back a very long way in our history so I wondered if I would find any trace of a building of any kind at Pumpherston, which is not far from Bathgate. The local people, as usual, gave great help, and I soon found a Mr. Campbell, the owner of the old Douglas property, and he very kindly took me and my family to see the old ruins. There is just a roofless shell of a not very big house of indeterminate age. I was told that this house had always been called and still is called the DUGHOUSE (Dog House), and the story I was told is that some of the Douglasses of Pumpherston had been Master of Hounds to King James 4th. hence the name to the present day. I was also told of how the shale oil industry of Pumpherston had been so important to this country during the last war, but now modern practices had rendered the shale oil industry redundant, and so was to close down very soon.

It would appear that the first Douglas of Pumpherston was a Frisken, who was a son of Andrew of Herdmaston and Livingston. Frisken had an older brother who appeared to be William of Herdmaston, and there is a date given with his name of 1277. There was a Joseph Douglas of Pumpherston as a witness in 1626, and other Douglasses down to 1771.

AN UNEXPECTED DOUGLAS GATHERING.

By Norman Douglas of Dundarrach.

On the 26th. July 1989, I received a telephone call from my son-in-law, Campbell Arendt to ask if I would be at home that evening as he wanted to visit me and bring two friends with him to meet me. On enquiring what the reason for the visit was, I was told, you will find out when we get there.

Campbell, my daughter Sheena, their two sons Iain and Andrew, duly arrived at our house with their two friends. Campbell produced a package which he told me was a delayed Christmas present from all my family. The package was unwrapped and I found the most beautiful embroidered picture of my Coat of Arms. I was of course overwhelmed and managed to mutter it is so beautiful that I do not know what to say. My grandson, Andrew, aged eight years piped up, "You could say thank you ", which of course was very true. The two visitors with Campbell were, Johan Terlow from The Netherlands who did the embroidery, and Jim Murdoch who arranged for the picture to be made.

Over the next day or two I expressed my thoughts to my wife Margaret, that perhaps the rest of the family who had contributed to my belated Christmas present, also felt as Andrew had done, that I did not appreciate this beautiful gift, so I suggested that I would have a dinner party for our family as my thank you.

On the 9th. August, I, along with my sister, Evelyn, visited Aberdour Castle, Fife, to meet the Earl of Morton. After meeting the Earl of Morton, my sister and I explored the mainly ruined castle but we found inside, the gallery which was still quite habitable. I mentioned to the custodian of the castle that the gallery, or banquetting hall would be a wonderful place to have a Douglas gathering and meal. The custodian told me that it could be possible to have a banquet in the gallery, and gave me some very helpful advice.

On my return home I put my thoughts to my wife, and wondered if we could turn my thank you party into a small Douglas gathering. After some serious thought, then alot of organising, we had a marvelous Douglas party in Aberdour Castle on Saturday 30th. September 1989. The weather was beautiful, we had a reception on the lawn, followed by a magnificent buffet meal in the banquetting hall, followed by an evening of dancing. I think everyone who attended my thank you party will remember our Douglas gathering in Aberdour Castle, including the young piper who played the bagpipes from the castle ramparts to welcome all the guests, and the amazing display of so many Douglas kilts being worn by the men, and the beautiful arrangements of Douglas tartan skirts, shawls, plaids, ribbons, etc., etc., worn by all the beautiful ladies.

There were many happy Douglas reunions and also some exciting meetings of members of our Douglas family who had not met each other before. At the end of the party it was suggested that we might have another Douglas gathering next year, either at Aberdour Castle, or at another Scottish Douglas castle. The next gathering would be by prepaid ticket, open to all members of the Douglas family and septs of our family. Please let me know if you are interested in attending our next gathering so that I can assess possible numbers.

Please address your intention of attending this proposed Douglas Gathering (an estimate of Twenty Pounds per person for the dinner), to

Baron Douglas
Dundarrach
Arrochar
Dunbartonshire
SCOTLAND, G83 7DD

Present at the Douglas Gathering at Aberdour Castle on 30th. September 1989.

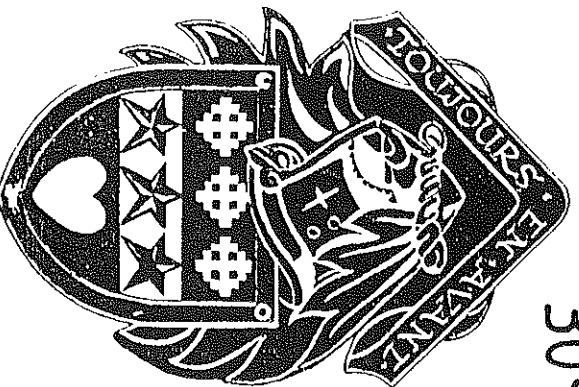
John Douglas, Earl of Morton.
Sheila Douglas, Countess of Morton,
Stewart Douglas, Lord Aberdour.
Lady Aberdour.
Lady Mary Callender.
Sarah Callender.
Emma Callender.
Baron Norman Douglas of Dundarrach.
Lady Margaret Douglas of Dundarrach.
Gordon Douglas, younger, of Dundarrach.
Katrina Douglas, now Mrs. McConnell.
Sheena Douglas, now Mrs. Arendt.
Campbell Arendt.
Iain Arendt.
Andrew Arendt.
Evelyn Douglas, now Mrs. Jamieson.
Malcolm Douglas, from Chobham, Surrey.
Ian Douglas, from Milngavie.
Wilma Douglas from Milngavie.
Colin Douglas, from Milngavie.

Margaret Douglas, from Edinburgh.
Alan Douglas, from Edinburgh.
Susan Douglas, from Edinburgh.
Kenneth Douglas, from Edinburgh.
Karin Smichd, from Edinburgh.
Neil Ewins, from Bexleyheath.
Vera Stammers, from Leicester.
Douglas Stammers, from Leicester.
Carolyn Stammers, from Leicester.
Rachael Stammers, from Leicester.
Johan Terlouw, from the Netherlands.
Donald Carmichael, from Arrochar.
Amy Carmichael, from Arrochar.
Mark Carmichael, from Arrochar,
who played the pipes.

DOUGLAS FAMILY GATHERING

ABERDOUR CASTLE

30th SEPTEMBER 1989



BARON DOUGLAS
OF DUNDARRACH

SECRETARY:

SCOTTISH WEEK

A DATE IN: 89

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Ad. Nov. 29

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THURSDAY

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Sydney Scottish Games



A MEMBERS TICKET entitles the holder to free entry to the Games, use of the Members' Bar, use of the Members' Stand and Luncheon.

This luncheon will be attended by all the Chiefs. If you would like to attend (and there are only a limited number of tickets available), then complete the booking slip below. detach and return with your cheque made payable to "The Scottish Australian Heritage Council".

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Once again this year, Malcolm Brown, QC is hosting the Sponsors' Dinner. Numbers are limited to 20, tickets cost a mere \$250 each, the guests of honour for the evening will be THE MOST HONOURABLE THE MARQUIS OF HUNTLY. There will be super French champagne and super French wine - the cooking will be out of this world, all the guests will be in evening dress and dusted down diamonds. Enquiries Malcolm Brown's Secretary on 2316300. The security for the evening will be tight, so if we don't know you, please tell Malcolm's Secretary, Mary, a little bit about yourself.

Other functions still to be finalised:

the Northern Suburbs Ceilidh and numerous Clan dinners, Harbour cruises, excursions etc.

GOLF DAY Thursday Nov 30

Manly GOLF CLUB, Manly

Tickets available at \$40.00 each, inclusive of Green Fee and For those who do not wish to play Golf, but would like to join us for Dinner, tickets can be purchased for \$25.00 each.

enquiries to: Mr. M. M. Brown,

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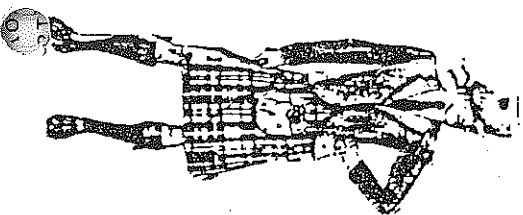
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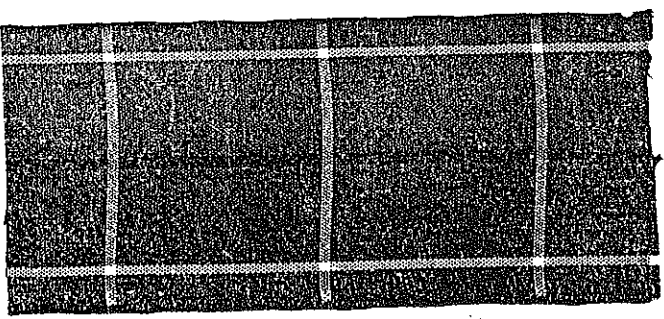
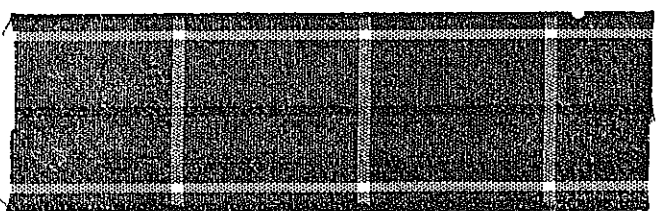
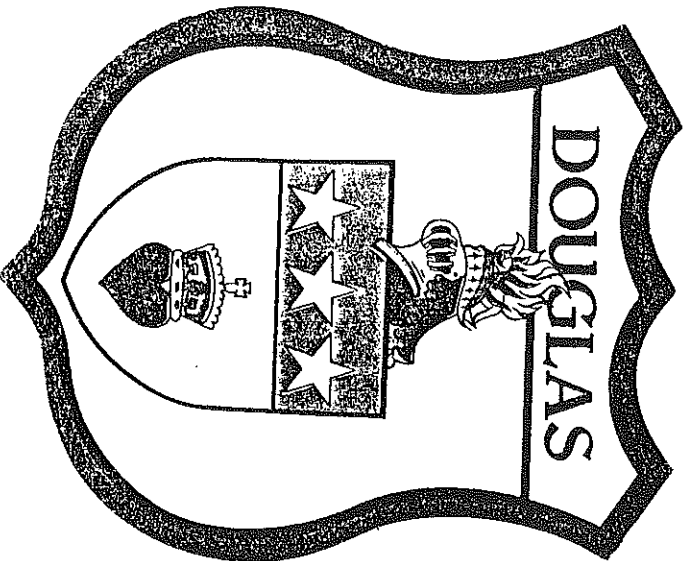
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YOU LOOK FORWARD TO A DULL EVENING.
YOU NEED GLASSES TO FIND YOUR GLASSES.
YOU TURN OUT THE LIGHT FOR ECONOMY INSTEAD OF ROMANCE.
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YOUR KNEES BUCKLE BUT YOUR BELT WON'T.
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YOU PUT YOUR BRA ON BACK TO FRONT AND IT FITS BETTER.
YOUR HOUSE IS TOO BIG AND YOUR MEDICINE CHEST NOT BIG ENOUGH.
YOU SINK YOUR TEETH INTO A STEAK AND THEY STAY THERE.
YOUR BIRTHDAY CAKE COLLAPSES FROM THE WEIGHT OF THE CANDLES.

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

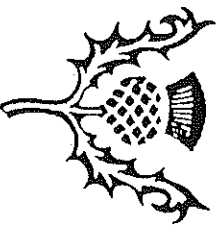
The 1989 Christmas issue of C.D.A.A. Newsletter carried messages of goodwill, good health and happiness for Christmas and the New Year. It also includes the reports to A.G.M. from our Executive Office Bearers, these reports speak for themselves of the growth and fellow-ship of our Douglas Clan and how through the appointment of Regents and ~~some~~ ^{new} members in Scotland, England, Western Australia, Victoria and New South Wales the C.D.A.A. is expanding. The A.G.M., held at the Moreton Bay College gave members a chance to meet, elect office bearers and enjoy some Scottish entertainment, a pity our great distances prevented more members from attending, however, if overseas or interstate members visit Brisbane/Toowoomba our committee would welcome a contact phone call (phone numbers are printed on the application for membership form).

Two opportunities for members to meet are at the Annual Scottish week in Sydney, from 25th November to 3rd December and in September 1990 at the Douglas gathering in Scotland being organised by Baron Douglas of Duadorroch.

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Anonymous

When You Think You Can
If you think you're beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you don't
If you'd like to win, but think you can't
It's almost a cinch you won't
If you think you lose, you're lost
For out in the world we find
Success begins with a fellow's will
It's all in the state of mind.
If you think you're outclassed, you are;
You've got to think high to rise.
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You can ever win a prize.
Life's battles don't always go
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But soon or late the man who wins
Is the one who thinks he can.



Jan Slaw.

