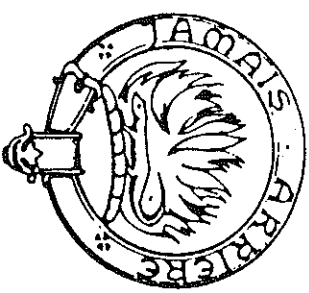


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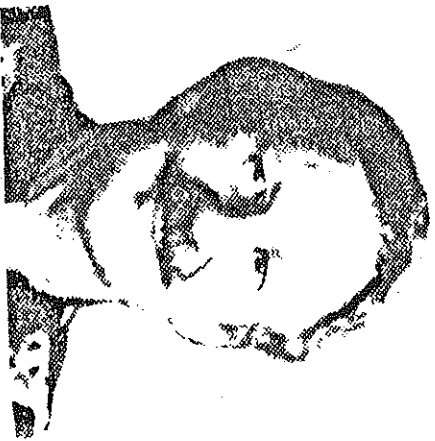
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MACGUFFOCK, MC KITTRICK, MORTON, SANDLANDS, SANDLIN, SOULE,  
SYMINGTON, YOUNG.

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 Message*

Welcome to Newsletter No. 17 and the end of the Gulf War - for most of the world that is; but the internal strife and despair will go on for some considerable time for the unfortunate inhabitants in that area. Perhaps we can now think of overseas travel once again.

Our last Newsletter No. 16 shows new members coming in from New Zealand, Britain and the Channel Islands and we welcome you all.

Perhaps some of you could drop a brief line to our Newsletter Editor describing how your family came to arrive in the area where you live. Speaking about the Channel Islands, which are off the beaten track and require a special excursion to get to these most intriguing Islands which are only about 14 miles off the French coast; most of the world knows little about this area other than by their exports - the T.V. series Gerald Durrells Zoo and Sanctuary and the 'cops and robbers' show 'Bergerac' which occasionally shows some of the beautiful countryside of these unique islands, which was the only British territory occupied by the Germans in World War 11.

Because our Association is based in Brisbane, 80 miles from where I live, we are often concerned that our members might feel that we are having a little party amongst ourselves, "NAY NOT SO", as this area is only at centre of our administration and generally we only see each other at quarterly meetings and the odd function that some members see their way clear to attend.

Some of the Clans that are only established in a small way throughout Queensland belong to an organisation named the Scottish Clans Congress (Qld), and sometimes 2 or 3 Clans (represented by 3 or 4 members) get together and organise a combined Clan function, inviting any outside friends, and can sometimes manage to hold a viable function with anything from 50 to 150 paying guests. This seems to be a solution for members living in areas where insufficient numbers preclude them from holding functions in their own right.

A start could be made by contacting Clan Douglas members and others of the Clan name and Septs in your locality, inviting them to a barbeque or luncheon in your home, where you could discuss the possibilities of future gatherings. Also, if you see any type of Scottish functions advertised in your area it is an opportunity to attend and perhaps meet people with similar interests and so co-ordinate with other Clans until you have enough supporters of your own.

A group of miscellaneous Clans could even start a Clan Association of their own, meeting quarterly to discuss gatherings and functions. The eventual purpose of the exercise is to meet more potential members of our Clan and hopefully have small branches dotted around the country to hold functions in their own right.

Care to try it?

Regards,

*Ron Douglas*  
Ron Douglas

## KNOW YOUR ROOTS.

Mrs Mary Smith      Genealogical Co-ordinator.

The 7th Earl of Douglas only held the title and estates for two years during which time, he is reported to have become very unwieldy and probably found life very exhausting because of his size. He died at Abercorn, 24th March 1443 and was buried in St. Bride's Church of Douglas. His tomb can still be seen with his recumbent effigy upon it and those of six sons and four daughters carved on the side. James, 7th Earl married firstly a daughter of Robert, 1st Duke of Albany. This wife died in 1424 without issue and before March 1426, the earl married Beatrice St. Clair, daughter of Henry, Earl of Orkney. This couple had eleven children:

1. William who succeeded as 8th Earl of Douglas.
2. James who succeeded his brother as 9th Earl of Douglas.
3. Archibald became Earl of Moray.
4. Hugh was created Earl of Ormond in 1445.
5. John, Lord of Balvany.
6. Henry, Bishop of Dunkeld.
7. George was not mentioned on his father's tomb. Godscroft (a recorder of Douglas history) says that when the 8th Earl went to Rome in 1450, he collected his youngest brother from school in Paris intending to take him to Rome. However, George died on the journey.
8. Beatrice, married Sir William Hay, Constable of Scotland and 1st Earl of Errol.
9. Margaret, married Henry Douglas of Borghue, in Galloway, and had three sons - Hugh, James and John.

10. Janet, married Robert, 1st Lord Fleming whose father met his death at the hand of the 7th Earl of Douglas on Lang Hermandston Moor.

11. Elizabeth, said to have married Sir John Wallace of Craigue.

Beatrice, 7th Countess of Douglas did not remarry and unfortunately, forfeited her estates for the part she played in the rising of her sons against James 11.

William Douglas who succeeded to his father's titles and estates and became the 8th Earl of Douglas, had been knighted at the early age of five years. When he grew up, he had great personal influence over King James 11. At the age of eighteen, William presented himself at Stirling to do fealty to his king James 11 as was the custom in those days. King James was thirteen at the time. William made such a favourable impression that he was appointed Lieutenant-General of the realm. This meant that William Douglas had control of His Majesty's troops. One can well imagine how Chancellor Crichton must have felt after all the trouble he had gone to by murdering the 6th Earl of Douglas and his younger brother, and then to find three years later, another bright young Douglas, the 8th Earl, finding favour with the King.

William was shortly to marry his second cousin Margaret, the Fair Maid of Galloway, and by so doing, was able to reunite Margaret's estates of Wigtown, Galloway and Bothwell with his own which were all formerly held by the 6th Earl. Margaret was the only daughter of the 5th Earl of Douglas and sister of the murdered boys William and David and had obtained these estates through entail.

Douglas lost no time in preliminaries and upon gaining command of the royal forces, immediately laid siege to Crichton's castle of Barnton to avenge the death of the 6th Earl. At the end of five days, he unfurled the royal standard and the garrison surrendered. Crichton was summoned before the king to answer a charge of treason but did not turn up. Instead, he was busy raiding the property of Douglas in Abercorn and Strabrock. As a result of this action, Crichton and all his family and adherents were declared outlaws.

At about this time in history, another branch of the Douglas family namely James 3rd Earl of Angus, grandson of George 1st Earl of Angus, who was a son of William 1st Earl of Douglas, wielded about the same amount of authority as the senior branch. This Douglas had his headquarters at Tantallon Castle. The origin of the feud between the two branches, the Black Douglas of Douglasdale and the Red Douglas of Angus, is rather obscure but it is thought by some historians, to have stemmed from jealousy aroused by the rapid advancement of young William, the 8th Earl of Douglas. At any rate, the two branches were at loggerheads each taking opposite sides in the feud between Crichton's forces and King James - the latter forces led by Earl William Douglas.

To cut a long story short, the feud was settled by reconciliation. Crichton capitulated after he heard about Angus's forced forfeiture of his estates because of his rebellion thus disarming him nicely, but Crichton regained his Chancellorship after making submission to the King.

For the next three years, William the 8th Earl, led a quite life attending to the affairs of his estates. In 1449, there was a renewal of Border war-fare. The houses of Douglas and Percy were at one another's throats again although it was supposed to be a period of truce. The King was married in Stirling and there was great rejoicing in the land. Earl Douglas continued to find favour with the King. However, moves were afoot to destroy him by his longtime enemies - Crichton and Bishop Kennedy of St. Andrews among them.

While the 8th Earl was away in Rome for the Papal Jubilee, news reached him of trouble on his estates at home. He hastened back to find King James had levelled Craig Douglas. After making his peace with the King, Douglas decided to enter into close league with 'Tiger' Earl of Crawford for purposes of defence and offence if ever the need arose. Now the combination of these two powerful people made Crichton and the bishops (Turnbull and Kennedy) persuade King James that this alliance was a threat to the dynasty. William Douglas under safe conduct, was summoned before the King at Stirling in February 1452. He went and was graciously received and bidden to dine the next day with the king. He heard men talking of his alliance with the earls of Crawford and Ross but took no notice and boldly presented himself at King James's table.

All seemed to be well. Dinner passed quietly and was then followed by supper. The king beckoned Douglas into an inner chamber where he demanded Douglas dissolve the agreement with the earls of Crawford and Ross. When Douglas said he could not or would not, the king rushed at him exclaiming:

"Then if you will not, this shall!" and struck him with a dagger.

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Sir Patrick Gray then finished off the job with a pole-axe and the deed was done. Douglas was dead! Immediately Darnley, Boyd, Glendinning, Cranston, and Stewart rushed up and each also stabbed the corpse, thus making an officious display of loyalty to the king. There have been many speculations about the motives for this crime but the most probable explanation seems to be that Crawford, if not already in rebellion, was near to it and the king and his advisors thought that with Douglas in league with Crawford also, theirs was a lost cause. The remains of the 8th Earl were buried at Stirling. He left no issue by his wife Margaret who afterwards married by special dispensation, her brother-in-law, James, the 9th Earl of Douglas thereby keeping the estates intact.

(Compiled from A History of the House of Douglas, by Right Hon. Sir Herbert Maxwell, Vol. I, pp. 158-174.)

#### SEPTS: BLACKLOCK

William Blaikloch, chaplain in the monastery of Dunfermline, appears as charter witness in 1483 (RD., p.372). Adam Blaiklok of the West Port of Edinburgh was hanged for perjury in 1615 (Trials, 11, p.354), and another Adam Blaiklok was constable of the parish of Kirkpatrick-Juxta, 1617 (RPC, XI, p.199). Janet Blaiklok was heir of John Blaiklok, Burgess of Drumfreis, 1637 (Inquis., 2310), Robert Blaiklok in Raehill and John Blaiklok in Harthope, 1638 (ibid., 2386, 2389), and Margaret Blackclock is recorded in Ruckan, 1684 (RPC, 3, ser. X, p.283). The most prominent of the name was Dr. Thomas Blacklock (1721-1791), the early friend of the poet Burns. Seventeen of the name are recorded in Dumfries Commissariat Record. A familiar Cumberland surname, meaning 'one with black hair', OE. blaec 10cc. Blaikloch 1684, Blaiklok 1541.

NORRIE'S NOTES No. 18.

The writer received his copy of our newsletter No. 2 from the treasurer, Mrs. Myers, and found the contents all very exciting and informative. However, looking at the envelope that brought the newsletter I noticed that one of the stamps had a copy of a painting from the Art Gallery of New South Wales called On the Wallaby Track 1896, and the artist was Fred McCubbin. Until recently, the name McCubbin was unknown to me, and at present is not very common in Scotland, however, I found that one of my ancestors in 1624 was a William Douglas in Glencrosh, (parish of Glencairn, Dunfries-shire) and was married to someone called McCullen. In a later document of 1645, William was recorded married to Margaret McCubbin, the correct name. They had a daughter called Jean, so I decided to look at the McCubbin family. When William died in 1680, he mentioned a John McCubbin in Marquirn in his will. John had a brother Alexander, who was shot as a rebel in 1685. It would appear that the parents of Margaret were a Robert McCubbin in McCubbinton parish of Dunscore and his wife Jean Freshie and their parents were John McCubbin and Janet Grier. I have traced the McCubbin family in the parishes of Dunscore and Kirkpatrick-Irongray down to 1763. It is obvious that some of the McCubbins have emigrated to Australia and at least one has become a noted artist. It would be of considerable interest if any of our readers could now say whether McCubbin is an uncommon name in Australia or otherwise.

It should be noted that a Rebel was a person who did not adhere to the religion that was laid down by the King. The south of Scotland was foremost in supporting the covenantors who fought for their own religion. Colonel Douglas of the Drumlanrig family and his brother-in-law, Grierson of Lag, were strong Royalists and their names are recorded on many gravestones in the south of Scotland as having shot covenanters while at prayer.



ON THE WALLABY TRACK.

# Concert judges are harsh critics with high standards

*Drum major Reg O'Malley leads the Wynnium RSL Services Memorial Club Pipe Band.*

## Romans brought bagpipes

THE bagpipes became Scotland's national musical instrument by a roundabout route.

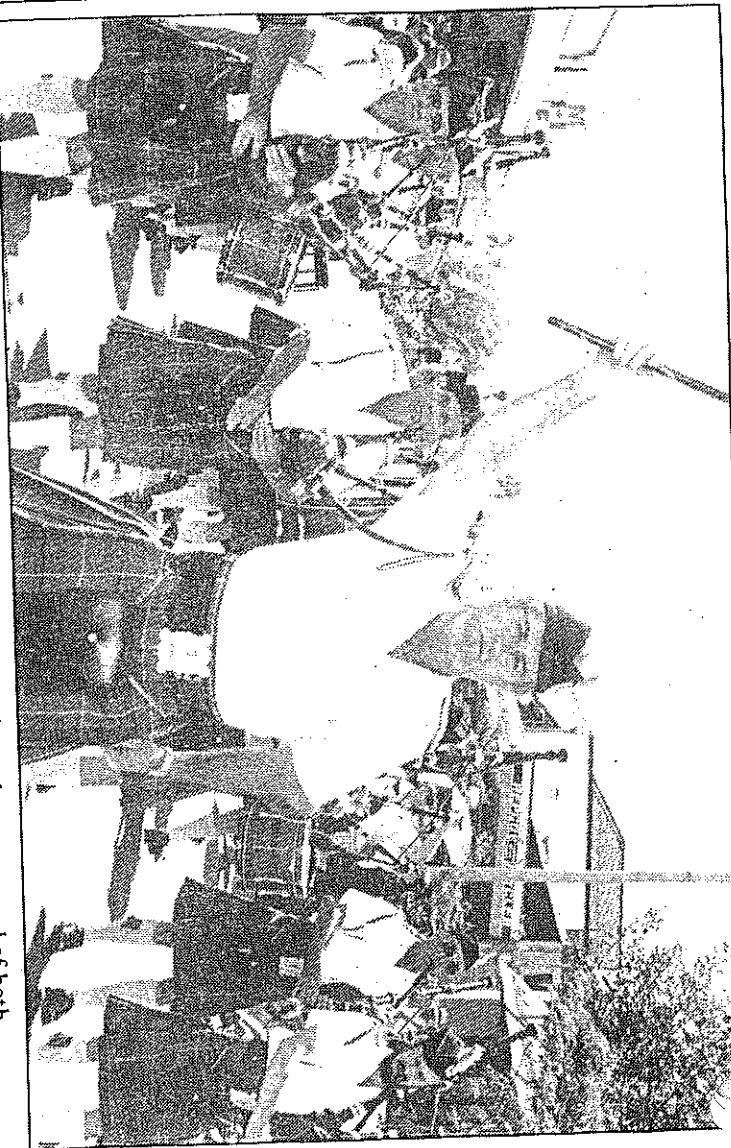
Roman legions brought them to Britain and the original form of the instrument eventually arrived in Scotland via Ireland.

The Scots however can claim credit for introducing, the third drone, imparting a more organ-like quality to the pipes.

The bagpipes' design has remained unchanged for centuries. It is a reed instrument with bass drone, two tenor drones, blow pipe or mouth piece, chanter and bag.

It is a difficult instrument to master and would-be pipers face up to two years' training on a practice chanter before moving on to the pipes.

The bagpipe is one of the oldest instruments to survive into the 20th Century. Its origin is unknown but Middle Eastern sheep and goat herders probably used it.



DRUMMERS in Saturday's Wynnium Highland Gathering mini band contest will have to pass the critical standards of vice-principal for drumming in Queensland Doug Lawrie, and Dave Gray, who will be judges at the Wynnium Highland Gathering.

Queensland vice-principal for piping Doug Thorsen, with Don Galloway, will judge the piping.

The appearance of all bands will be assessed by vice-principal for dress and drill in Queensland, Trevor Warnock.

Wynnium RSL Services Memorial Club Pipe Band members are no strangers to competition.

At Easter they were placed third (fourth grade) in the Australasian and South Pacific championships. First and second went to New Zealand bands, leaving Wynnium the best in Australia.

With their kilt of Ancient Douglas tartan and distinctive blue jacket they often take out dress and drill honors, and are undetected this year.

The band numbers 23 at present and is growing all the time.

Pipe-major is Fred Douglas. The fact that his name is the same as that of the tartan is coincidental but band members are proud of both.

Tutors are Doug Lawrie for drums and Doug Thorsen for pipes.

First, second and third placegetters in all grades the gathering will win \$250, \$200 and \$150 respectively plus trophies, ensambles included.

Trophies will be awarded for the best drum and best pipe corps, best dress and drill and first three placegetters in the drum major's flourish.

For the first time, bands which have travelled more than 160km but are unplaced will receive travelling expenses at the rate of \$100 per full band and \$60 per mini band.

## Royal Scots link

THE Wynnium RSL Pipe Band was drawn 15 years ago from the St Andrews Pipe Band. Itself a breakaway of the Queensland Cameron Highlanders.

It is known now by a much grander title as the Wynnium RSL Services Memorial Club Pipe Band and claims the Royal Scots Regiment as sister band.

A reminder of its origin is the Cameronian badge in the glengarry (cap) worn by members.

When Lord Mountbatten was killed by Irish terrorists the band was presented with a black ribbon which is on display at the Wynnium RSL clubroom.

Three founding members — Col McCrae, B Hannah and John Hayne — are still playing.

Many of the original all-male band members came from the defence forces but these days ages 11 to 70 years. At least half the contingent is female. Male pipers wear full kilts, women, if you please, wear kilts skirts.

The band first marched at Wynnium on Anzac Day 1977. They played at Expo 88 three times and have appeared at the Cultural Centre in the An Stewart and Marian Martin concerts.

## TO YOURSELF BE TRUE — THE MAN IN THE GLASS

When you get what you want in your struggle for self,

And the world makes you King for a day,

Just go to the mirror and look at yourself,

And see what that man has to say.

For it isn't your Father, or Mother, or Wife

Whose judgment upon you must pass;

The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life

Is the one staring back from the glass.

He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,

For he's with you right up to the end,

And you've passed your most dangerous,

If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years

And get oats on the back as you pass,

But your final reward will be heartaches and tears

If you've cheated the man in the glass.

—Author unknown.



## Wynnum Highland Gathering

### Hunting tartan dress is part of band's history

THE Ancient Douglas tartan worn by the Wynnum Pipe Band, a hunting plaid of dark green and dark blue, was chosen quite early in the band's history.

Originally the band wore full Black Douglas plaids with feather bonnets, full hose and spats. At that time various people donated parts of the uniform such as spats or belts "to get them started" and some band members put in money to buy their outfits.

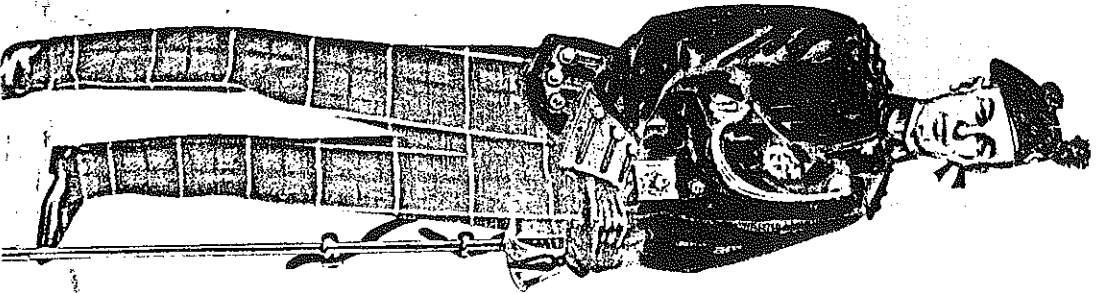
Later, functions were held to raise money and dress outlays were reimbursed, but the cost of replacing the expensive equipment, complicated by the effects of the Queensland

climate, eventually became too much to tolerate.

The band now wears country dress of kilt, shirt, blue jacket and tie and, in summer, a short-sleeved shirt, lanyard and shoulder patches. Full hose has been abandoned in favor of normal hose.

The tartan was banned from Scotland after the Jacobite Rebellion. It was not until almost 40 years later, in 1782, that wearing the tartan was permitted to be worn once more.

The Douglas tartan originated in Lanarkshire and Dumfriesshire towards the border, and is a true clan tartan.



## Scots in uniform

Lieutenant/No. 1 Dress/1966  
6/7th Bn.

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) (TA)

BY THE CARDWELL RECORDS of 1881 The 26th Cameronian Regiment and The 90th Perthshire Light Infantry were amalgamated to become the 1st and 2nd Battalions The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Rifle regiments were regarded as "Corps d'Elites" and as Scotland had previously been without one it was something of an honour to be chosen to make good the deficiency. The 90th had earned a reputation for skill-at-arms and marksmanship and had been the very first regiment trained as Light Infantry, so it is possible an entirely innocent coincidence that Cardwell's adviser, Sir Garnet Wolseley, early in his career, had served with that very same 90th foot.

During the American Revolution, troops skirmishing and sharpshooting, clothed in green and armed with the superior rifle, had proved a successful innovation. When it was decided to train regular units in this unorthodox warfare the green dress was retained probably more for its prestige value than for reasons of camouflage which, curiously, at this time was regarded as "unfair." The uniform, therefore, was based on that of the European originators who had affected the air of dismounted by cavalry and is a microcosm of "Rifle" history. The whistle on its chains was the means of controlling troops who manoeuvred in extended order, and the "stars" to which it is attached are composed of battle-honours because no colours were carried by nimble Riflemen. The black leather is typical of the dull facings, buttons and equipment. The tunic, in the devious ways of military dress, is of "Rifle" colour, cut in the Highland fashion, now known as "Lowland Brigade Pattern."

The Douglas tartan trews commemorate the 26th, raised at Douglas in 1689 and named after the followers of Richard Cameron, "the Lion of the Covenant." The strong ties with religion, Lanarkshire and the Douglas family have never been broken.

A macabre tale, too long to relate here, of drunken French revolutionaries, desecration of the dead and the sworn vengeance of Thomas Graham, Laird of Balgowan, is the unlikely origin of the 90th Perthshire Volunteers. Their Light Infantry badge emblem is incorporated in the Scottish Rifles badge.

The Territorial element of The Cameronians can trace its history back to the Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers who, apart from sponsoring the odd football team, were the progenitors of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Cameronians (TA).

FAMILY TREE RESEARCH - AND HOW WE GOT INTO IT. From Ian and Sue Douglas of Toowoomba

It was in January 1988, when we took our three children to Sydney for the Bi-Centenary celebrations, that we first realised that we knew very little about either our ancestors or our living relatives.

We were showing our children around the Rocks area of Sydney where their grandfather was born and grew up, when one of the children asked who were their cousins, and where are they now. We couldn't answer either question, and resolved to try and find out for them. This led us to contacting those few living relatives around Sydney, and finding out that they too knew very little of their relatives. Our next step was to visit the State Library in Brisbane, and we spent many hours going through the microfiche indexes to locate the main line back from our father. This led to our discovering that our grandfather was one of twelve children born and raised in Geelong Victoria.

We decided that to get details of descendants, we would write to every Douglas in the Geelong telephone book, and hoped that this might give us some leads. We had no idea that there are so many Douglas's in such a small town, that aren't directly related. The idea was good, as was the response, but alas it didn't help with the search.

Details obtained through the Mormon church in Toowoomba, who hold very good records and microfiche, showed that our ancestors married amongst other families into the Burr family. We had heard of the Genealogy Society of Geelong and wrote to them to advise that we were intending to visit Geelong for research, and asked if they could help us in our endeavours. We were delighted to discover upon our arrival at their office, that they had looked up early shipping records, newspaper articles and classified advertisements in the Geelong Advertiser back into the 1850's.

The information we obtained had us haunting cemeteries in and around Geelong, with quite a deal of success. The cemetery offices are all computerised, and supplied us with printouts of not only the person we were seeking at the time, but whole grave details, disclosing even more relatives that we would one day have to link to the overall family tree. The secret of searching graves is to go with both an open mind, and also the caution to not assume that every Douglas we find, was a cousin until cross proved by at least two other sources.

The name Burr seemed uncommon enough to try the telephone technique again in Geelong. Several calls later struck paydirt. We contacted and met several branches of the Burr family who showed us their research papers, and we were able to assist them with many details that we had found, that linked in with their family tree. This line of research led us to discover that their descendants had been in the same class at school in Mount Gravatt Brisbane, as my sisters children, all the time not knowing that they were second cousins, once removed.

The main method of recording our findings was to use a computer in two totally different ways. The first way is what we call our layout. This uses a spreadsheet and lays relatives in generation rows down the page. It readily shows brothers and sisters on the same row level as cousins, and determines who are Uncles and Aunts and who are cousins etc. The other way our family tree is recorded is to use a commercially available family tree program that records all relatives in a database, and keeps track of who is everyone's parent. This method allows actual family descendant and ancestor inquiries the database, but doesn't easily show who is on what generation line comparison to any other member. Both methods are automatically dated and easily updated as new information comes in to correct or add to old printout. It also allows printouts to be sent to selected family members for even further completion and return, with the promise receiving an updated version in exchange for information.



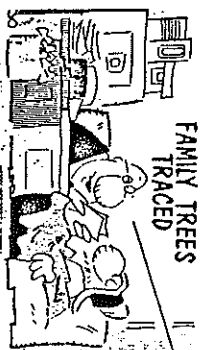
We are now approaching 800 members of our extended family, the number is ever growing. Sometimes we run up against dead ends sometimes against relatives who won't talk for one reason or another and sometimes by the sheer cost of certificates, but no matter what once you get the bug for family research, there's no stopping you.

The most memorable incident I recall was when I went to counter of the State Library, and announced to the attendant that I in the middle of doing my family tree. He just laughed and said "You not in the middle of doing your family tree mate, you're just beginning." I now know exactly just what he meant.

- BROTHERLY LOVE - from the Reader's Digest.

I RAN SHORT of money while visiting my brother, and borrowed \$50 from him. After my return home, I wrote him a short letter every few weeks, enclosing a \$5 cheque in each one. He called me up and told me how much he enjoyed the letters, regardless of the money; I had never written regularly before.

Finally, I sent off a letter and the last \$5 cheque. In my letter box the next week, I found an envelope from my brother. Inside was another \$50. -S.A.



WHICH DO YOU WANT TO HEAR ABOUT FIRST ... THE NUTS, THE LEMONS, OR THE BAD APPLES?

THAMES 11-1

### ANCESTORS

If you could see your ancestors, All standing in a row, There may be some of them perhaps. You wouldn't care to know. But there's another question which requires a different view, If you could meet your ancestors, Would they be proud of you?

Author unknown.

BABIES NO LONGER LIE STILL IN THEIR COTS OR PRAMS IN THE 1990'S! HERE IS RON AND MERLE DOUGLAS' GRAND-DAUGHTER, SARAH JANE (MENTIONED IN BIRTHS IN OUR LAST NEWSLETTER) AND HER COUSIN MITCHELL HOGAN ADVERTISING THE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR THE TOOWOOMBA CHRONICLE.

### THE CLASSIFIED KIDS

Darling... I was too late for the ad.

What!

Oh, no! I think I'm in the doghouse again

How many times do I have to tell you?

## JANET DOUGLAS

Janet Douglas was the fifth child of George Douglas and Elizabeth, daughter of John, first Lord Drummond, and widow of Sir David Fleming. George was known as the Master of Angus and was the eldest son of the fifth Earl of Angus. George and his father were both killed at Flodden c 9 September 1513.

Janet married John Lyon, sixth Lord Glamis and by him had two sons, John who became the seventh Lord Glamis, and George. There was also a daughter Elizabeth whose first husband was John, Master of Forbes. Janet's first husband was described by Sir Robert Douglas in his book The Scots Peerages

'a werie bold, stoute and resolute man, and by the Commones called to a werie bold, stoute and resolute man, and by the Commones called to a byename Clange-Causey for his many quarrells.'

Janet married secondly, before 1535, Archibald Campbell of Skipnish.

Lord Glamis died at Leith 8 April 1528 and was buried at Glamis. Janet married secondly, before 1535, Archibald Campbell of Skipnish, second son of Archibald second Earl of Argyll. There weren't any children. It was after this second marriage that tragedy struck Janet. She was a marked woman as far as King James V was concerned. His hatred for her brothers spilled over to include Janet simply because her name happened to be Douglas. He was just waiting for her to make a mistake, but her conduct was so irreproachable that it was years before the King was able to put his purpose into action. Janet's name was included with her brothers in their general denunciation in 1528, but it was some years before she was actually indicted on the ground of poisoning her late husband, Lord Glamis.

On the 1 January 1532, she was ordered to appear one month later before a jury - mostly of Angus gentry - who refused to support such a ridiculous trumped-up charge and were all fined for non-appearance. A second jury from a much wider circle than previously, was summoned and they in turn, refused to appear and were also fined. Finally on the 1 July 1537, Janet was accused as being

'art and part of the treasonable conspiratioun and ymaginatioun of the slaughter and destruction of our sowerane lordis maist nobill person be poysoned, and for art and part in the treasonable assistance supplie ressett intercommounyng and fortifying of Archibald, sumtyme Erll of Angus and George Douglas hir brether, traytouris and rebellis.'

She was found guilty and sentenced to be burned at the stake on Castlehill of Edinburgh immediately. Hume of Godscroft's History of the House of Douglas says:

'She was burnt upon the Castle Hill with great commiseration of the people, in regard of her noble blood, of her husband, being in the prime of her years, of a singular beauty, and suffering all, though a woman, with a man-like courage; all men conceiving that it was not this fact [the charge of poisoning the King] but the hatred the King carried to her brothers.'

On the day after her death, her husband, Archibald Campbell of Skipnish who had also been imprisoned, tried to escape but fell to his death on the rocks at the base of Edinburgh Castle.

(Compiled from The Scots Peerage by Sir Robert Douglas, Simpkin Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co. Ltd., London, 1904, Vol 1 p.189,190, Vol X111, p.278,279.)

ONE OF OUR MEMBERS WONDERED ABOUT OUR NOTABLE FEMALE DOUGLASES. JANET DOUGLAS OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY SHOWS US THAT A "LADY'S LOT WAS NOT AN EASY ONE". (ASK AT YOUR LIBRARY FOR NIGEL TRANTER'S BOOK, THE LADY GLAMIS).

HISTORICAL INTEREST  
GEORGE PALMER HISTORIAN

ANNIE LAURIE

Probably Scotland's most popular love song, and set to an air as widely and affectionately known as that of: Auld Lang Syne.

Maxwellton braes are bonnie,  
Where early fa's the dew  
and it's there that Annie Laurie  
Gie'd me her promise true;  
That ne'er forgot saill be;  
But for Bonnie Annie Laurie  
I'd lay down my head and dee.

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Her brow is like the snow-drift,  
Her neck is like the swan,  
Her face it is the fairest  
That ne'er the sun shone on:  
And dark blue is her e'e;  
And for Bonnie Annie Laurie  
I'd lay down my head and dee.

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Like dew on the gowan lying  
Is the fa'o her fairly feet:  
And like the winds in summer sighing  
Her voice is low and sweet;  
And she's a' the world to me,  
And for Bonnie Annie Laurie  
I'd lay down my head and dee

Lady John Scott

Annie Laurie actually lived, the daughter of Laurie of Maxwellton in Dumfriesshire. An older version of the song written about 1680, was the work of one Douglas of Fingland, whose devotion, however did not win the lady's hand, for she married the laird of Craigdarroch. His second verse, printed below, compares very unfavourable with that in Lady John Scott's much later version.

She's backit like the peacock,  
She's breastit like the swan:  
She's jimp about the middle,  
Her waist ye well micht span,  
And she has a rolling eye:  
And for Bonnie Annie Laurie  
I'd lay me down and die

DOUGLAS OF FINGLAND

BUNDANOON — BRIDANOON

The township of Bundanoon in the Southern Highlands of N.S.W. is normally a quiet country town. Not so on April 13th when the 14th Annual Highland Gathering took place there - the hills came alive with the sound of Scottish music.

My family joined the special excursion train (with a Piper aboard) which left Sydney at 7.25 am to travel the 159 kms to Bundanoon, arriving in time for the street parade.

The local residents turned on a colourful parade with pipe bands, floats, penny-farthing bicycles, Pony Club members on horseback and a number of dogs wearing their owners tartan ribbons.

The games took place at the Bundanoon Oval and attracted a huge crowd. Apart from the traditional games there was a fine exhibition of Scottish Country Dancing. To add to the entertainment, four members of an Army Parachute Team dropped from a Cessna aircraft flying at 3500 ft. and landed safely on the Oval.

Over 70 different stalls ensured that there was something to tempt everyone. The Oval was close to the railway line and the train drivers entered into the spirit of the day and blew their hooters loudly as they passed through Bundanoon.

The turnout of Tartan was the biggest seen at any Highland Gathering. With typical country hospitality it was "one hundred thousand welcomes to everyone." Well done, Bundanoon!

June Marks, N.S.W.

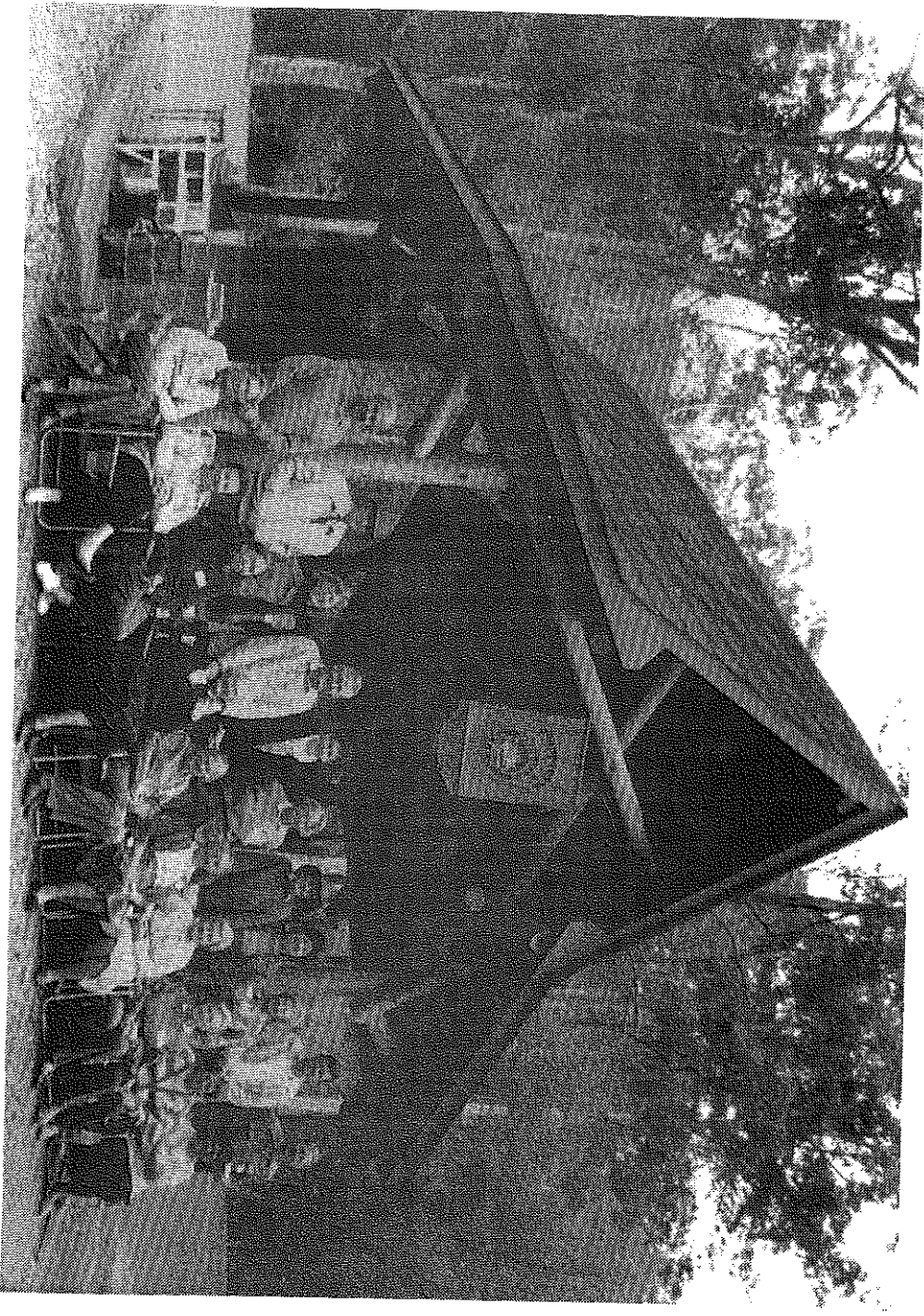
THE LATE MR. MARTIN DOUGLAS

A PAGE OF LOCAL HISTORY

By the death of Mr. Martin Douglas, of Fernalde-villa, Ashbrooke-road, we lose another of the links which connect the Sunderland business men of today with those of an all but gone-by generation. Though during his later years Mr. Douglas had not been actively engaged in business, yet he was of very evergetic habits and vigorous to the last. Some half-century ago, few figures were better known in Wearmouth than that of the gentleman who passed peacefully but suddenly to his long rest, in his 7<sup>th</sup> year on Thursday morning last. The family of deceased, which had long been honourably connected with Sunderland, was directly descended from Sir John Douglas, of Dalkeith, brother to the redoubtable laird of Liddesdale, who was distinguished as "The Flower of Chivalry", after his gallant defence of Loch Leven Castle during the minority of David II. During the rebellion of 1745, they espoused the cause of Bonny Prince Charlie, and more than one member of the family were present at the disastrous battle of Cullodan, where the great-grandfather of the lately deceased gentleman was killed. His son, then a boy ten years of age, was more fortunate. In company with Thomas Drummond, son of the Duke of Perth, he reached England and settled at Sunderland shortly after the collapse of the rebellion. Mr. Drummond we believe, took up his abode in the neighbourhood of Biddick, and many of his descendants still reside on the banks of the Wear. Young Douglas prospered in the land of his adoption and subsequently married Miss Coulson, the then heiress to the Thornhill estate. One of their sons, Martin, father of the deceased, on many occasions distinguished himself in rendering assistance to the crews of vessels in distress in the vicinity of the port. His courageous efforts were the means of saving many lives, and on one particular occasion his heroic exertions received recognition at the hands of Government, and a public subscription amounting to Three Hundred Pound, was offered to him by Lord Dundas, but this he declined, giving an answer characteristic of him, "I don't do it for fee or reward, but for the good of my fellow creatures." The money thus subscribed was subsequently expended in the purchase of the first lifeboat ever stationed at Sunderland. Mr. M. Douglas, sen, having been long in the employ of, was taken into partnership by Mr. Hayton, coal fitter to the Marquis of Londonderry, at a time when all the coals from the Seaham Collieries were shipped at Sunderland. In 1822 the subject of this sketch became the partner of his father on the retirement of Mr. Hayton. Two years afterwards he married Eliza, daughter of Mr. Thomas Mordey, fitter for Earl Durham and father of the late Dr. Mordey. On the commencement of sinking operations at Wearmouth Colliery Mr. Martin Douglas, jun, was appointed manager and continued to act in that capacity until it passed out of the hands of the original promoters in 1848. So highly were his services valued by the colliery owners, that at his decease, in 1854, Mr. William Smith, one of the partners, left his whole fortune to the deceased gentleman. In connection with this legacy Mr. Douglas gave a striking proof of his sterling integrity. Among Mr. Smith's effects a slip of paper was found, upon which that gentleman had written the names of several of his friends, and the titles of the principal local charities. Opposite to these names figures representing sums ranging from twenty-five pound to Three thousand five hundred pound were placed, but the paper was neither dated nor signed, nor were any instructions found therewith. Mr. Douglas thinking his deceased friend had at one time prior to his last will intended those bequests, he, with most uncommon disinterestedness, handed the sums mentioned, amounting to about Nine thousand pounds, to the various institutions and persons referred to on the slip of paper. Between 1854 and 1869 Mr. Douglas entered largely into commercial speculations, which in the end, unfortunately for him and for his family, proved unsuccessful, and in the latter year he retired from business altogether, and up to his death resided at Fernalde Villa, where he died. The deceased has left a widow and family of four sons and two daughters, the youngest of whom is our respected townsman, Dr. Mordey Douglas. Many friends will miss the genial kindness of his disposition and he will long be remembered for his high probity of character. Interment will take place Monday 1st at Sunderland Cemetery.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT MEMBERS OF THE C.D.A.A. COMMITTEE LOOK LIKE?  
 MOST OF THEM ARE HERE AT A CLAN PICNIC LAST YEAR. WHERE WERE ALL OUR  
 LOCAL MEMBERS?

(NEXT PAGE 31.5.1991 AT TCDACCA/3A.)



BACK (L-R) CRAIG SHAW DAVID SECOCOME, EDITH MYERS, RUSTY JOYCE,  
 CHRISTINE DOUGLAS-JOYCE, ---, JEAN RIDDELL, MERLE DOUGLAS, RENE REDPATH,  
 IAN DOUGLAS, RON DOUGLAS

FRONT MEG RUSSELL, HEATHER HORSFALL, JAN SHAW, BEBE SECOCOME, ESME TAYLOR,  
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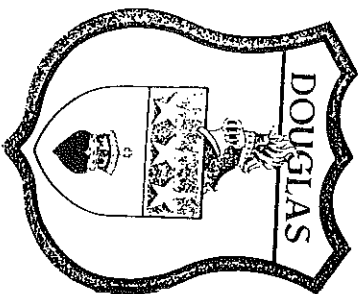
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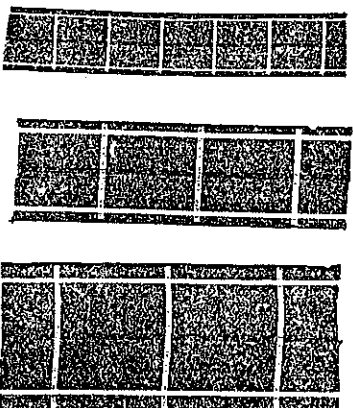
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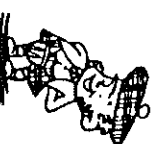
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*C.D.A.A. Picnic AT TOOWOOMBA*

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*31 AUGUST 1991*

CLANS CONGRESS CELEBDH, 19TH OCTOBER 1991 AT THE IRISH ASSOCIATION ROOMS IN  
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KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN CEREMONY, BRISBANE 29TH NOVEMBER, 1991 (MORE DETAILS LATER.)

VALE - C.D.A.A. MEMBERS WISH TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY TO CLAN MEMBER MRS. EILEEN SCHMIDT  
WHOSE HUSBAND, RONALD SCHMIDT PASSED AWAY LAST OCTOBER.

VALE - William Douglas of Toowoomba, C.D.D.A. Members extend their sympathy  
to his family.

## MARRIAGE

On 9th March 1991, Penny Shaw and Paul Sakrewski were married in Brisbane.  
Penny is the younger daughter of Craig and Jan Shaw of Indooroopilly,  
Brisbane. The couple have returned to their work in Tokyo, Japan.

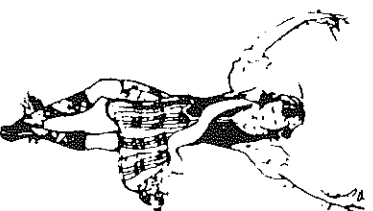


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### A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

First of all my apologies to those members who had trouble reading the poor print in the last newsletter. Those of you who are familiar with the printing trade will know about the little gremlins which creep into the machines or ink from time to time. I hope this copy is legible.

In reiterating the opening lines of our President's message "Welcome to the end of the Gulf War" I wonder how many of our members directed their thoughts and prayers towards this peace? A quote from the May 1991 Reader's Digest, The Art of Brevity, by Arthur C. Clark summarizes some of my own thinking - "It has always seemed to me that if you preach doom and disaster, you may help to achieve a "self fulfilling prophecy". And if you take a positive attitude towards the future, you may tilt the balance in that direction." (Food for thought?)

Jan Shaw - Editor

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