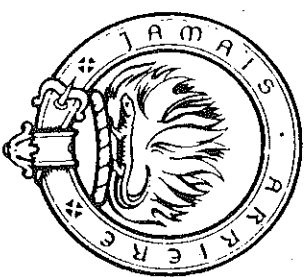


Don Armstrong

THE CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NEWSLETTER



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Those eligible to join the Douglas Association of Australia, upon application, are -
Anyone descended from, connected by marriage, or adopted by a Douglas or a Sept of Douglas.
The Septs affiliated with Douglas are -

BELL, BLACKLOCK, BLACKSTOCK, BLACKWOOD, BROWN, BROWNLEE, CAVERS,
DRYSDALE, FOREST, FORRESTER, FOSTER, GILPATRICK, GLENDINNING, INGLIS,
KILGORE, KILPATRICK, KIRKLAND, KIRKPATRICK, LOCKERBY, MACGUFFEY,
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

"SCOTTISH WEEK" with the President

As President of your Association, I will be attending Scottish Week in Sydney, commencing with the Gathering of the Clans in the Domain around mid-day on Sunday, 30th November, for the Grand March headed by various Pipe Bands. I will be in attendance at most of the functions for the following week, and do hope some of you can be in Sydney for this week, as we will have a General Meeting at the Castlereagh Inn, at 171 Castlereagh Street, on Saturday, 5th December, at 2 p.m., where I hope to enlighten members of our progress and answer any queries.

Dress for most functions will be Scottish day wear, if you have it, otherwise sports wear with tie (Douglas tartan will be fine), with the exception of the Grand March, where Scottish attire will be essential. The Grand Scottish Ball on the Friday night will be Scottish evening dress, dinner or lounge suit. Ladies - evening wear; if Sash worn, right shoulder only please, to conform with the Lord Lyons ruling.

For further information contact me at 96 Margaret Street, Toowoomba, 4350, or phone 076/327148. During Scottish Week please leave messages at the Castlereagh Inn, Phone 02/264 2281, where I am staying, and can completely recommend for its service and central location. For bookings to any event, contact the phone numbers listed on the Scottish Week 1987 Flyer.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As this will be the last Newsletter of 1987, I would hope that this year has been kind to all of you, and on behalf of the executive and committee, I wish all of our members and sister organisations across the world a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year, and I look forward to your continual support to make 1988, our Bi-Centennial year, a successful one for the Clan Douglas Association.

Ron Douglas

The famous SELKIRK GRACE by Robert Burns -
said by Scots on Burns Night, 25 January:

Some hae meat, and canna eat
And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thankit. Amen.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REPORTS

The "Get to Know You" B.Y.O. Clan Luncheon and Annual General Meeting on 10th October was a great success and all fully enjoyed the day.

We, on the Executive, were able to meet many of our members for the first time and welcome them to the family of Douglases.

Our Official Guests were representatives from other Clan Organisations in the area - Armstrong, Campbell, Ferguson, Forsyth, Hume and Jardine and the Caledonian Club.

The Guest Sepaker was Mr. Ross Forsyth the Head of the "One Family" Forsyth Clan and we were all most interested to hear how they function.

Sir Sholto Douglas was re-elected as our Patron and Mr. Ron Douglas as President with the following Office Bearers and Committee elected to serve for the ensuing year.

Vice President	- Mr. Jim Douglas	Treasurer	- Mrs. Edith Myers
Act. Secty	- Mrs. Dell Armstrong	Gen. Co. Ord.	- Mrs. Mary Smith
	N/Letter Ed.	- Mrs. Jan. Shaw	

Committee:- Mesd. Sue Douglas, Meg. Russell, Esme Taylor, Dell Armstrong, Jan. Waller, Bebe Seccombe, Messrs. Fred Douglas, Ian Douglas, Colin Douglas, Robt. R. Douglas and Ross Douglas.

At the conclusion of the meeting afternoon tea was served and all enjoyed a chat before heading home.

MRS. DEL. ARMSTRONG

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sir Sholto, Clan Douglas members and guests: It gives me great pleasure to outline to you our Associations establishment over the past year, and hope that its progress, has been as satisfactory to you, as it has been to the committee and myself.

Whilst our official inaugural meeting was held on December 2nd last year, the idea was in the melting pot for some time prior, and it is 1 year and 6 days since the nucleus of our association held a Douglas Family Gathering in Brisbane on October 4th of that same year.

It has been no mean task forming this association, as at this stage, there is no established Douglas Chief or Head in Scotland, or anywhere else, who could give us advice and guidance, and someone to whom we could offer allegiance.

The only other Douglas Society in the world, to our knowledge, is the Clan Douglas Society of North America, and through my position as Regent in Australia for them, they have been most helpful, as they have been established since 1975, and have now accumulated around 650 membership. (U.S.A. and Australia are about the same size - "LARGE"!) Because of this, the distances preclude a lot of Clan Gatherings, and the success of Societies such as ours, depends almost entirely on a regular and interesting Newsletter. Fortunately this has been achieved by two means - Firstly, an enormous amount of Douglas History has been generated over the last 1,000 years, for us to draw on, and Secondly, and most importantly, we have a newsletter editor of the calibre of Jan Shaw, who puts the newsletter together, with the help of many assistants and contributors. The cost of producing the Newsletter depends very heavily on members support, by way of annual subscriptions, and I urge you all, to keep up this support, to enable us to continue in the same vein.

We have memberships from all over Australia, with the predominance of members in Queensland, and currently we have a few joining from New Zealand, after a recent promotion there. We also have three members in Great Britain who have been of considerable assistance in our formation, namely:-

1. Arthur Douglas, an historian and Douglas researcher.
2. Norman Douglas, an historian and Douglas researcher.
3. Neil Douglas Ewins, who we have appointed as the Drysdale Sept representative in Great Britain for our Clan.

We have been fortunate in having a wonderful committee, who have made an enormous contribution both physically and intellectually, to the establishing of our Association, including the work of Letterhead, Application Form and Newsletter designs. A special thanks must go to Jan and Craig Shaw, for allowing us to use their home for our meetings, since our inception. The supper is really something to look forward to - thank you both.

Some may ask what is the purpose of Clan Associations? One may well reply that there are many reasons, including keeping the Scottish traditions and sentiment alive for future generations, and also promoting the aims of our association, which were formulated on our inception, namely:-

1. To document the History of the Clan.
2. Promote fellowship.
3. Show interest in the welfare of disadvantaged members.
4. Establish and maintain contact with other Douglas Societies throughout the world.

There is an enormous upsurge in the establishment of Clans throughout Australia, and there is an old Scots saying:

"HERE'S TO US! THERE'S NONE LIKE US!"

At this stage it has been established that there are about 34 other family names or variations, who have been accepted as being Septs of the Clan Douglas. Septs are names of families who at some stage through history, made some contribution to the Clan, or aligned themselves with this particular Clan, and accepted by them for services rendered. I would like to stress that the Septs are very important to us, and we value their membership.

I would like to mention the role of an organisation formed in Sydney in 1981. I refer to the Scottish Australian Heritage Council of Sydney, which was formed for the purpose of creating interest in the forming of Clan Associations, throughout Australia. It holds an Annual Gathering in Sydney at the end of November each year, and brings out two Scottish Chiefs at its own expense, for the occasion. It is a wonderful opportunity for Clan Members to get together during the week long program, which includes the Grand March of the Clans around the Domain, and other Scottish activities throughout the week. I would like to establish later today, if anyone may be interested in attending this function, so that I can give them the necessary details.

Closer to home, I would like to bring to your attention, that the Brisbane Caledonian Society is also interested in Clan Organisations and offer their premises for meetings, functions, etc. They are holding a function at their premises on October 17th, and all members of the Douglas Clan are invited. Fourteen Clan Associations are expected to be represented, and it should be a good evening. Our Clan Forsythe guest, Mr. Ross Forsythe, may further enlighten us on this function later in the meeting.

In summing up, I would like to thank all Committee members for their untiring efforts throughout the year, and also those Members throughout the country who have had confidence in us, and joined our Society, at a time in our infancy, when we most needed this support.

I now move that my report be accepted to this annual meeting.

Ron Douglas, J.P., F.S.A. (Scot.),
President

CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION TREASURERS REPORT
for the year ending 30th September 1987

a) COME for 1986/87		Membership fees	\$1664.00	
		Life Memberships (10%)	\$40.00	
		Advertising fees	\$100.00	
		Donations	\$42.00	
		Miscellaneous	\$19.43	
				\$1865.43
COSTS for 1986/87		Bank fees	\$38.95	
		Postage	\$322.78	
		Printing	\$341.52	
		Affiliation fee	\$20.00	
		Library Books	\$130.25	
				\$853.50
AMOUNTS OWING		Miscellaneous	\$19.43	
				\$1011.93
SURPLUS for 1986/87				\$19.43
Life Memberships (future income)				\$992.50
				\$360.00
Amount carried forward				\$1352.50
Membership fees for 1987/88 received in advance				\$339.00
				\$1691.50
Cash held for miscellaneous amounts owing				\$19.43
TOTAL CASH on hand				\$1710.93

NOTES: 1. As this was the first year of operation, no account was brought forward from the previous year.

2. Life memberships are assumed to represent 10 years of membership fees so only 10% are included in the current year's income.
3. The miscellaneous income and amounts owing are amounts received from prospective members who sent too little and have not yet sent the balance or requested return of the amount sent.

Edith Myers
Hon. Treasurer.

AUDITORS REPORT
for the year ending 30th September 1987

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.

GENEALOGICAL CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

It gives me much pleasure to present this, my first annual report, for the Clan Douglas Association of Australia. Although we are less than one year old, a lot has been achieved during this time. As genealogical co-ordinator for the association, I have received pedigree charts from some of you, but there are still quite a few people whose charts haven't been sent in. I have received numerous requests for assistance from members, and I have done my best to answer all queries, if not by personal letters then in the newsletters. You will appreciate I'm sure, that I have only a limited space available to me in the newsletters, so my articles have had to be brief. A stamped self addressed envelope in with your request for assistance, would be appreciated. Those wishing local and overseas research undertaken on their behalf, may write to me and I will send them a letter explaining all relevant details, if I am unable to help them from the Clan Douglas files.

During the year, I have received two donated books for our library. One from Miss Grace Douglas of Essenden, Victoria on her particular family history, and the other from Mrs. Edith Myers on Morven and district recent centenary of the Railway and State School in that town. On behalf of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia, I should like to extend our grateful thanks to these two members. We should appreciate more donations from our members to boost our library sources. The association has acquired copies of "A History of the House of Douglas" by Sir Herbert Maxwell, "Douglases and Angus Douglas" by James Taylor, and "The Genealogy of the Families of Douglas of Mulderg and Robertson of Kindace and their Descendants" from Unicorn Ltd. in the United States of America.

On behalf of the Association, I have sold seven copies of the Master Charts of the Douglases of Drumlanrig, Morton and Angus at \$8-00 per copy to our members. These charts are still available for sale.

Mary Smith

NEWSLETTER EDITOR & PRESS SECRETARY REPORT

PRESS SECRETARY'S REPORT

My thanks go first of all to our President, Mr. Ron Douglas who launched an extensive publicity campaign by notifying some hundreds of provincial interstate and New Zealand newspapers of the formation of C.D.A.A.

The response was excellent and resulted in over 150 members joining our association. There was also some follow-up from the initial contact with newspapers in that more information was sought and more detailed articles written, and also a telephone/radio interview with the Cairns Radio Station.

I contacted Genealogical Societies all over Australia and New Zealand to inform their members of the formation of C.D.A.A. The Women's Weekly was contacted to have an ad placed in their Notice Board section - We now rely on members and friends to spread the word and encourage new members to join.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT

After being elected to the position of Newsletter Editor, I set about to work out some guidelines and aims and objectives for the Newsletter.

The main ones were:-

1. To present information to do with the Douglas or Sept of Douglas names in as interesting and visually pleasing way as possible. The information is to include notes on History, Heraldry, Genealogy, place names, houses castles etc., achievements, anecdotes and humour.
2. To encourage members to contribute articles and information.

3. To encourage children to contribute items which interest them so that the newsletter would be shared and enjoyed by all the family.
4. To be non-biased in my own views and opinions.
5. To keep costs to a minimum wherever possible.

I would like to report how these aims and objectives have been carried out.

1. Under the heading of "KNOW YOUR ROOTS" by Mary Smith, we have been able to publish historical, heraldic, and genealogical information. Humour has crept in in the FAMILY FUN section, achievements have been recorded under the MEMBER'S INTEREST heading and anecdotes have yet to appear. I am very happy to report that as from Newsletter No. 3 we will have a regular section called Norrie's Notes from Norm, Douglas of Arrochar, Scotland, who will contribute items dealing mainly with Douglas Castles and Houses still standing in Scotland and notes of heraldry and history. These will be of great interest as members may either be able to trace their ancestry to these places or if they travel to Scotland, may visit them. 2, 3 & 4. Already some very interesting contributions have come in from members and these will be printed in due course. I would like to see more, especially from the children. Remember, this is your newsletter you are entitled to express your views and opinions and share interesting information - I shall try to be non-biased in my views and opinions!

5. COSTS. This is an area where my good Scottish blood comes to the fore and without seeming to be stingy, I have endeavoured to keep costs to a minimum. After a successful visit to the Sales Tax Office, we now have exemption from Sales Tax, which lessened our printing costs. After a successful visit to the G.P.O. our postage costs will be reduced next year when we are eligible to register our newsletter with the P.O. as a periodical. The cost of printing our first newsletter of 500 copies was donated by an anonymous donor. These costs were quite high as typesetting for the first time was quite expensive, as was screening of photographs. However this generous donation helped get us on our feet.

The cost of 300 copies of the 16 paged newsletter "Newsletter No. 2" was

Printing	\$ 252-00
Envelopes & postage	<u>72-41</u>
	324-41
Less income from ads.	<u>40-00</u>
	<u>\$ 284-41</u>

Each newsletter = 95¢

We were able to keep the production and postage of newsletter to less than \$1-00 each. Costs were also cut by a working bee held to collate and staple each newsletter and my thanks go to members of the committee who helped with this project.

However, attempts at cost cutting do not always work, as in Newsletter No. 2, where I tried photocopying photographs instead of the more expensive method of having them screened, my apologies to Clan Chieftain Dr. John Henderson and our President Ron Douglas and his daughter, Kylie for the poor quality reproduction of their photographs.

We intend selling back issues of the Newsletter at \$2-00 each, which is the custom of most genealogical societies and have overprinted with this in mind.

In closing I should mention that encouraging remarks and comments have been gratefully received on the two newsletters - I also welcome your comments on ways in which the newsletter can be improved. Thank you.

I move that this report be received.

JAN SHAW

Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory.

Dr Albert Schweitzer

SEPTS

MACGUFFOG

(Taken from "The Surnames of Scotland" by G.F.Black)

The name of an ancient and once powerful family that at one time possessed land in central and Western Galloway. Patrik McGuffok who made a proclamation at Botil (Buttle) on behalf of Sir Robert Bruce in 1291 (Palgrave, Documents, p42), is probably Patrick Maccokofo who appears as witness in 1289 (Holm Cultram, p88-89). Thomas Maccofoke appears in Berwick, 1297 (Hist.Docs., 11, p.156). Maucolum MacCuffok of the county of Dumfries rendered homage, 1296 (Bain, 11, p. 206). King Robert Bruce confirmed to Richard Mc cufok, for his homage and service, "octo bovates terre de Keilinsture at Cloentes in parochia de Soureby" in 1329 (RMS., 1, App.1, 101). The name of John McCoffot, rector of Gwilston, witness in Galloway, 1347 (Pap. Lett., 111, p. 396) is probably a misspelling (common in papal records of Scottish names). Gilbert M'Guffok was a tenant under the Douglas in Mikilbrekauch in the parish of Buttle, 1376 (RHM., 1, p. 11x), and Elene McGuffok appears in Aberdeenshire, 1369 (RMS., 1, 342). Thomas M'Guffok who was secretary to Margaret, countess of Douglas, 1429 (RMS., 11, 123), may be Thomas McGuffok who held the church of Glencarn in 1450 (REG., 358). Letters were raised against Johanne McGuffoc,

Births NSW, 1856.

Elizabeth McGuffie, daughter of James and Esther McGuffie. 4252 1859. Richard McGuffin, son of Richard & Adelaide McGuffin. 656 1860. Mary McFuffiecke, daughter of James & Esther McGuffiecke. 6586. Marriages.

1855. Isabella McGuffie and Peter Gordon No558, Vol.43) 1853 Robert M McGuffie and Hannah J Harrison No242, Vol 85 1885. John McGuffie and Clara H Judge. 3647 Deaths.

1890-1899

William McGuffog, son of James and Margaret McGuffog (96-11850)

Samuel McGuffie, son of Thomas & Mary McGuffie (98-08025)

1880

James McGuffiecke, aged 67 years died in Sydney, NSW (85-02522)

DRYSDALE

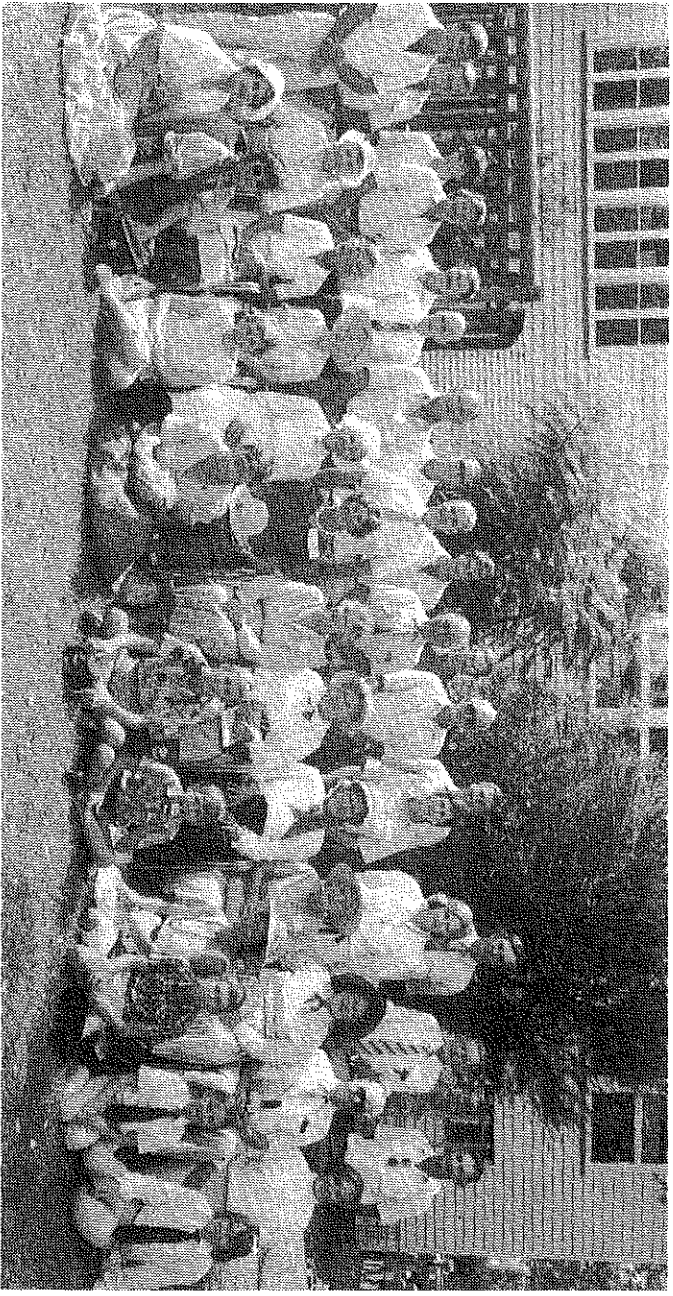
Mr. Neil Douglas Ewins who has recently been appointed our Drysdale Sept representative in Great Britain, has sent valuable research information and comments following the article printed on the Drysdale Sept in Newsletter No. 2 July 1987. We shall print this Drysdale information as soon as possible.

RESEARCH NOTES

Mary Smith

To establish your descent from the early 19th century, you should first search the civil registers of births, marriages and deaths, together with the Census returns, and with the private information you started with, you should have a considerable amount of information. Remember that the entries recorded are the baptisms, marriages and burials and not the births, marriages and deaths. However, as a rule, baptism followed birth and burial followed death very quickly, but not always. There are no official records of actual births and deaths before 1837.

GATHERING OF THE CLAN



The Easter Centenary of the State School and the arrival of the Railway in Morven in 1887 was a wonderful opportunity for the descendants of Robert and Mary Douglas of Mt. Maria, Morven, to get together. After 112 years Mt. Maria is still in the Douglas family.



Garden weddings may be popular these days but not many bridal groups could boast such a homegrown setting as the vegetable patch.

Cabbages in the foreground, surrounded by family, guests and bridal attendants, Mary Ann Douglas and John Mowart, posed for their wedding pictures after their marriage at Tragowel on July 6, 1881.

Mary Ann was the eldest of 11 children of James and Ann Douglas, wearing a bonnet, to the left of the groom and bride. James Douglas and Ann McGregor married at Francis Robertson's residence at Carlsruhe on February 27, 1865.

The proud owner of this photograph is Kay Douglas, of Leitchville, who is researching the Douglas family. Kay is a member of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia which was formed in Brisbane last December.

ENGAGEMENT - HEELAN/SMITH

The Engagement is announced of Sharon, youngest daughter of Bob & Gwen Smith, Nebo, Q., to Kenneth, youngest son of Marie Heelan, Dalby and the late Don Heelan.

MEMBER'S INTEREST

CLAN GATHERING NIGHT IN BRISBANE

We had a most enjoyable night on the 17th October, at the Brisbane Caledonian Society, where about 14 Clan Associations were represented. I believe there were about 130 guests in attendance for a social evening of dancing, including Scottish Country Dancing and Highland Dancing demonstrations.

There was a lot of intermingling and self introduction among the various Clan members, who exchanged ideas and progress of their respective Clan activities. It was a most successful night, and we thank Ross Forsyth of Clan Forsyth, for hosting the first event of this kind, and also for Trevor Campbell, Chieftain of the Brisbane Caledonian Society, for supporting ventures such as these at their premises. There is talk of holding further functions such as these and also meetings of Clan representatives to discuss methods of forming, maintaining and expanding Clan Societies, which in the past has proved difficult and expensive; so by pooling ideas we can all benefit by those who have gone before.

If any Douglas members would like to organise functions in their district, they could write to *Mrs E. Myers, Page 14 (address)* for a list of members in their area, so they could arrange gatherings of their own. Perhaps if there are not enough members initially, members could approach established Clan Societies to attend their functions to take them under their wing, until they have sufficient members to be self supporting. I am sure existing Clans would be happy to do this and it would create good Scottish fellowship.

We would be pleased to hear if there is any interest in recommendations such as these to help decentralise the Associations' activities. Reports on the eventual function would make good Newsletter material.

R. Douglas

Vale - Clan Douglas members extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Joyce Douglas and Family, on the death of Mr. Keith Douglas. He was member No. 44 of C.D.A.A. and will be sadly missed.

Our thanks to Jenny Douglas, a Highland lass, who almost a hundred years ago entered the 'All Male' world of Highland dancing, and gave us the colourful dancing girls of to-day.

When organised Highland Games were instituted over 100 years ago, with caber-tossing, hammer-throwing and piping, the dancing contests, too, were an all male event. Nobody had ever considered that girls could dance. That is until Jenny entered a competition and was accepted.

By 1900 girls were steadily becoming involved in the Highland dancing and to-day the girls outnumber the boys by roughly 100 to 1.

Dell Armstrong.
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MacIennan Assoc.

DOUGLAS, Keith Shanklin,
July 29th. 1987, of Hors-
man Road, Warwick.

The relatives and friends of Mrs Joyce Douglas, Robert, Narelle and Philip, and their families, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service for her dearly be-
loved husband, their father, father-in-law and grand-
father, **KEITH DOUGLAS**,
which is appointed to leave
St Mark's Anglican Church,
Warwick, after a service
commencing at 1 p.m. on
MONDAY, 3rd August,
1987, for the Eden Gardens
Memorial Park, Rosenhall
Heights, Warwick.

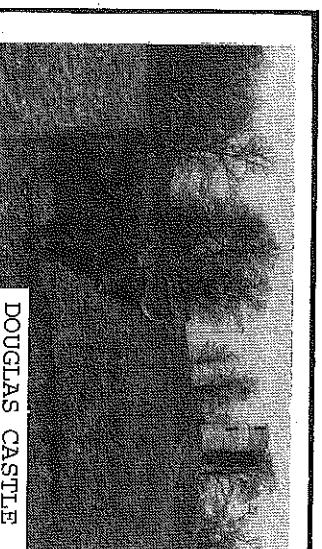
WARWICK FUNERALS
61 2528
Barry Walters, Manager

NORRIE'S NOTES No.1.

The editor of the newsletter of your Clan Douglas Association of Australia has asked me to write some articles for your newsletter on any matters of interest to our Douglas family. I have always had a great interest in our Douglas family, and have gathered quite an amount of information over the years, but to become an author all of a sudden is quite a large task. My first problem was what to write and how to write it, so I have decided to write any information in the form of short notes so that the editor can squeeze my information into available space in your newsletter. I have also decided that my information will not be too technical, although I will do my utmost to give correct facts as I know them. Should any readers of the newsletter wish to comment, or expand, or even disagree with my notes, I do hope that those readers will write to the editor and perhaps we may even get a technical discussion going.

According to the matriculation of my Arms by the Lord Lyon, my full legal name is Norman Cairncross Douglas of Dundarrach, which is rather a long name to use each time, and all my family and friends call me Norrie, so I thought that my short articles should be called Norrie's Notes.

I have no plan of campaign, so my notes will jump about from place to place, but I expect mainly to do with the homes and castles of our Douglas family, perhaps with a wee bit of heraldry thrown in.



DOUGLAS CASTLE

NORRIE'S NOTES No.2.

Douglas Castle is in Lanarkshire near the village of Douglas. All that remains to be seen by the visitor now is what is left of a three storey stone built round tower, which is only complete for about three quarters of its circumference, and of course has no roof. It is very likely that this tower is on, or near to the site of the original Douglas Castle, but as we know, Douglas Castle was captured by the English many times, and also re-captured by Sir James Douglas from the English many times, so it is doubtful if it is known if the remains of this tower is part of the first Douglas Castle, or was a later construction, but it was undoubtedly connected with our early ancestors. Douglas Castle was known to all, particularly the English as Castle Dangerous because of the danger to life in attempting to capture it, and also even of holding it if it was in fact captured. It would appear that there was more than just the tower in 1758 and at that time it must have been used to live in, because in that year it was burned down, one story being that the Duchess of Douglas, Peggy Douglas of the Mains branch, set the castle on fire as she hated living in it and she wanted to go and stay in Edinburgh. However the Duke of Douglas engaged Robert Adam, who had just finished the building of Inverary Castle, to rebuild Douglas Castle larger in all dimensions than Inveraray. Only one wing was however completed as the Duke died in 1761. The new castle stood till the second world war when a threat of mining subsidence caused the new castle to be demolished, which turned out to be a mistake as the mining under the new castle never took place.

The present castle ruin and estate of Douglas is owned by Sir Alex. Douglas Home, who very kindly allows the public access on foot through the grounds to visit the castle.

THE ANCESTRY OF NORMAN DOUGLAS OF DUNDARRACH

I was born at Dunfermline, Fife, on the 25th September 1922, and moved to stay at Rosyth when I was about four years old. My first recollection of an interest in the fact that my name of Douglas had some historical significance, was at Kings Road primary school, when I would be aged about seven years old. The teacher told the class some stories of Scottish history, and amongst other names, the names of several Douglases were mentioned. This awakened a desire in me to know my family history.

Over the next twenty years or so, my interest in the family waxed and waned. I married Margaret Kellie in 1951 and we had three children Katrina, Sheena and Gordon. It was in 1967, I wrote to the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Edinburgh to ask for information on how to search for my family. I received a most courteous reply and one of the things which came from that letter to the Lord Lyon was that in 1969, I was granted my own Coat of Arms, and also a great interest in Scottish Heraldry, to such an extent that I have given several lectures on the subject. Another item from the Lord Lyon's letter told me of the Scots Ancestry Research Society in Edinburgh, and so I wrote to them in March 1967 asking them to trace my family for me.

While I was waiting very impatiently for a reply from the Society, my friendship with my cousin Ian Douglas and his wife Wilma was growing, which led to my meeting Ian's father, the only brother of my father whom I got to know very well; and he, my Uncle Charlie, took a great interest in my plan to research our family. He gave me lots of invaluable information about his family and also lots of stories. One of the stories he told me, was that our family had some connection with Dunscore in the County of Dumfries, but what he did not know.

In November 1967, I received my reply from the Scots Research Society, but unfortunately, it gave me the wrong information about my family. As a result, the Society offered to start all over again and this time, the information I got was correct. It corresponded with the information that my Uncle Charlie had given me previously. Had I not received this information from my Uncle Charlie, I would not have known my correct family. My first lesson in family research, never believe anything unless it is cross checked with another fact.

The information received from the Society in February 1968 showed that my grandfather was indeed John Campbell Douglas and that he had been married twice, first to Florence Robinson, by whom he had eight children, and secondly to the sister of Florence, Alice, who was known to all the children as Aunt Alice. It is interesting to note that the marriage of John Campbell Douglas and Alice Robinson did not take place in a church or registry office, but was by the old Scottish method of declaration before witnesses. It is also worthy of note, that when my father, William Newberry Douglas died in 1953, I found in his safe, a copy of an autobiography of John Campbell Douglas, my grandfather, which my father never told me of, which is surprising considering he knew of my interest in the family.

The report of the Scots Ancestry Research Society showed that my great-grandfather was Robert Douglas born 20th June 1820, who married Margaret Newberry, and also recorded some of their children. Robert Douglas was the son of James Douglas and Jean Thomson, and James was a farmer of Brough, parish of Southwick, county of Kirkcudbrightshire. The report detailed several other children of James Douglas and Jean Thomson as well.



From the information given in the above report, my wife Margaret and I, learned of the existence of birth, marriage, and death certificates, and also census records, old parish registers, and soon found that these records were available for inspection at Register House, Edinburgh. We found that Jean (or Jane) Thomson was born in the parish of Kirkbean, and after that, the Society said they could not help us further. Kirkbean turned out to be next to Southwick. In 1968, we started to use all holiday and off time to travel the country looking for graveyards, taking the children with us. Very soon the children labelled our efforts "grave-scraping-holidays", and there were many times when fellow holiday makers learned of our interests and gave us some most peculiar looks. We found Jane Thomson, wife of James Douglas on one of the flat (through) table stones at Kirkbean, but were dismayed to find that her death date would make her too young to fit in our family. However, after much deliberation, I realised that if the "1" I had read at the end of her death date was instead a "7", then all would fit in. This proved to be correct, after a trip to Edinburgh Register office to check. We have searched year after year, but we never yet have found either the place that James Douglas and Jane Thomson died or were buried, or where they were in 1841. The stone we found, was a Thomson memorial stone to the Thomson family.

We soon found out that there wasn't any graveyard at Southwick Church and that latterly, the parishes of Southwick and Colvend had been united, and so again, one of our early visits was to Colvend Churchyard. Here we found a James Douglas but not the right generation, although we later found that he was of my family. We also found a John Douglas in Thornyhill, and he turned out to be the brother of James Douglas, my great-great-grandfather.

On one of these early visits to the area, we decided to visit Brough Farm, but we had great difficulty in determining where it was, and it was only by studying a very old map of the area that I had, that we found where it was, now called Home Farm. We promptly visited the farm and were fortunate in that the people there knew where the old Southwick church and graveyard were situated at Nether Clifton, and of course, we set off with our family to find it. On arrival, we immediately set about trying to find a James Douglas. A stone was found in the middle of a big holly bush by Sheena, but it was not the James Douglas we were looking for. *To Be CONT.*



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will adopt a constitution for Clan Douglas Association of
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RESEARCH QUERIES

GLENDINNING - descendants of a son of John and Christian Glendinning, nee Reid, brother to John Pearson Glendinning (changed to Glendennin) who lived at Winton, Queensland. Probably born in South Australia - christian name unknown. Please contact Mrs Pauline Alway, 20 Coventry St., Brighton, South Australia, 5048, if you have any information about the above.

DOUGLASS - trying to trace descendants of Andrew & Elizabeth Douglass nee Thompson, both ? deceased 30/3/1841; family originally from Berwick-on-Tweed and were tailors by trade. Should appreciate assistance, please contact James Douglass, 7 Price St., Mooroopna, 3629, VIC.

DOUGLASS - anyone help with information about George Douglas, coachmaker of London, Co Middlesex c.1831. Please contact Mrs J. Pollard, 94 O'Halloran Circuit, Kambah, 2902, A.C.T.

DOUGLAS - information requested concerning James Forman Douglas, b. 25/3/1883 in Tasmania. Please contact Roy Douglas, GPO Box 726, Brisbane, 4001.

MORTON - Mrs Edith Van Driel, 23 Terry Ave., Belgrave, 3160, VIC. would appreciate information concerning Betty Morton (1644-1737), Bell of Blackwood who married Carlyle, and if any of the John Carlyles married Douglas, Bell or Roberts families.

DOUGLAS - Marilyn Keehan, 69 Ludstone Road, Kaikoura, New Zealand, is seeking information on descendants of Helen Douglas & John Cochrane, and Jane Kirkland & John Douglas.

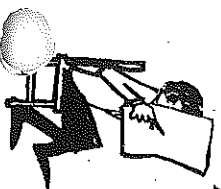
McGUFFOG - information is sought concerning this family originating Castle Douglas, Buittle, Kirkpatrick, Durham areas of Great Britain. Please contact D.R. McGuffog, Unit 7, 69 Orleigh St., West End, 4101, if you are able to help.

DOUGLAS - anyone help with information concerning Andrew Douglas (1841-1900) of "Braes o'Yetts", Kirkintilloch, Scotland. Please contact Mrs J. Douglas, Fairhill Road, MS 1197, Yandina, 4561, Q'ld.

DOUGLAS Jane - born 1835, father an artist, mother the daughter of Lord and Lady Chick of Lopen Castle, Wales. If you can assist with information about Jane Douglas's ancestry, please contact Mrs Mary Faragher, 80 Argyll Garden Village, Twyford Street, Bundaberg, 4670.

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Douglas, A Family History 1843 - 1981, compiled by Grace Douglas and Rosalie Vanstan (nee Douglas). Donated by the authors.



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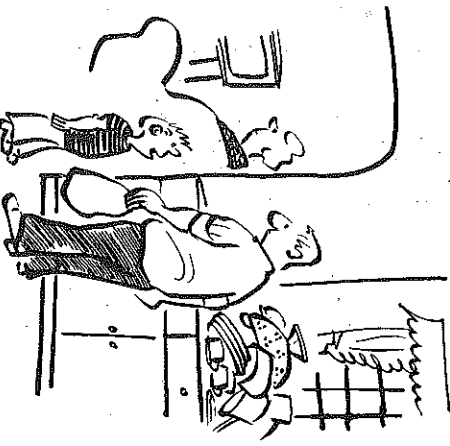
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Example: 16 - 0 in a P (ounces in a pound)

Answers next newsletter. Ed.

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| 1. 26 - L of the A <u>Letter of the Alphabet</u> | 13. 20000 - L U T S <u>Mt. Lyndesay Mountain</u> |
| 2. 7 - W of the A <u>Widespread of the Australian Bush</u> | 14. 3 - B M <u>1801</u> |
| 3. 1001 - A N <u>Arabian Nights</u> | 15. 4 - Q in a G <u>48 Power Street</u> |
| 4. 12 - S of the Z <u>Signs of the Zodiac</u> | 16. 24 - H in a D <u>10000</u> |
| 5. 54 - C in a D (with the j) | 17. 1 - W on a U <u>Victoria 3142</u> |
| 6. 9 - P in the S S | 18. 5 - R form the O S <u>TEL. 806334</u> |
| 7. 88 - K on a P <u>Keep on a Plane</u> | 19. 57 - H V |
| 8. 13 - S on the A F | 20. 11 - P in a C T |
| 9. 32 - D F at which W F | 21. 1000 - W that a P is W |
| 10. 18 - H on a G C | 22. 29 - D in F in a L Y <u>Bag on the in Shop Year</u> |
| 11. 90 - D in a R A <u>Regatta in Port Phillip</u> | 23. 64 - S on a C B |
| 12. 200 - D for P G in M | 24. 40 - D and N of the G F <u>Bag a Nipper of the 4th</u> |

Answers next newsletter. Ed.



"You do my homework and I'll do your dishes."

WHAT IS A SCOT ?



"A Scot is a man that goes around in a funny liddel skirt with pleats in it and a hairy thing with tassles hanging on the front. He carries a bag with some pipes sticking out from it. I don't think they are water pipes because I never seen any water coming out. He blows on one of the pipes and marches up

and down looking serious making terrible noises. If nobody lissens, he puts the bag under his arm an looks like he is lost. I don't think he wears anythin under the skirt, because in the winter you don't see him much, and he always has a funny look on his face like somethings hurting when he sits a lot. He is always eating a big sausage thing that spurts juice when it's stuck with a knife. He is not to brite, either, because he looks around for the knife when all the time he has another one stuck in his sock. I never seen him wear any pants atall which must mean he is very pore. And when he drinks his brown drink with ice cubes in it, he falls down alot. Then, people stare at him, dogs grab at his skirt, he looks like he is grumpy, and his eyes are red to match his nose. I don't know why any one wants to be a Scot."

Ian Stuart, aged 9.

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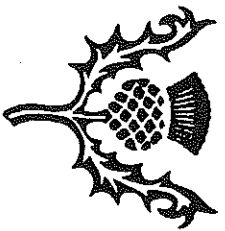
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