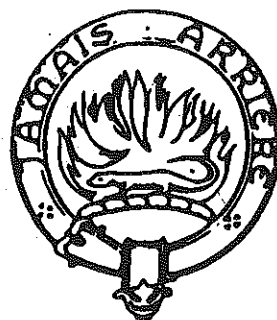


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On the list of sept families there are some who are recognised as belonging to other clans. It is therefor necessary to know your lineage in order to prove association. Clan Douglas of Australia cannot guarantee that your particular family is eligible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

# President's Message



Dear Members, Welcome to Newsletter No. 32 and the New Year. I hope you had a happy and perhaps merry Hogmanay amongst your family and friends.

As I sat here pondering what theme to discuss this quarter, I wondered how we would cope without chairs, the like on which I am sitting now. This subject is close to home for most of us, particularly to members of our Clan, when I mention that there is such a thing as a DOUGLAS chair. Many of you have seen one of these, but you may have generally heard it described as a Captains chair. This title puts more value on these chairs in antique shops, as a potential buyer contemplates sitting on a chair used by a grizzly old sea captain.

Very rarely is this the case! For universal popularity and easy recognition, few chairs can compete with the 'Douglas' or 'Captains' chair. The common Douglas chair was introduced in the 1860's, and it is only after this time that we see photographic evidence of its existence. Over the years they have been made in various combinations of timbers, of which two are illustrated. Hickory, beech, walnut, pine, oak and blackwood have all been used in Douglas chairs. Douglas chairs can claim a greater share of Hollywood's film time than any other chair. Their time-scale fits the period of the Wild West perfectly, thus they line the boardwalks, litter the saloons and can be seen breaking like matchwood over the heads of brawlers in endless celluloid battles. A solid oak Douglas chair is far more likely to break the head of the recipient in such a brawl than vice-versa, and their durability has ensured their survival in large numbers. They were just as much a part of Australia's frontier experience as they were America's; Holtermans' 1872 photographs of the New South Wales gold towns, Hillend and Gulgong show Douglas chairs, and they appear in illustrations of the exploits of the Kelly gang drawn in the late 1870's.

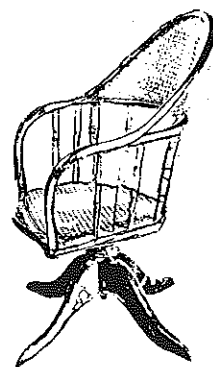
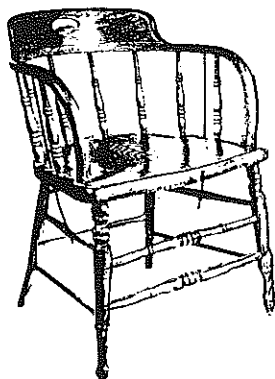
Many Australians now are more likely to associate them with public offices and government departments, for even today they are commonplace in some of these areas. Usually the Douglas chairs found in this situation are thin, quite light to carry, and have ply seats. They were made in large quantities up to the Second World War, and in limited quantities as late as the 1960's. Melbourne Chair Company now offers a handsome 'Captains' Chair' which incorporates some of the old 'Douglas' turnings.

Perhaps it can be said that the Douglas was the end of a long line of chairs leading back to the stick chairs of Old England, or does the line go on unbroken as we would hope our own family tree

would progress into the distant future. The one piece of information I cannot offer is which Douglas the chair was named after. If you know the answer we would like to hear about it. So, until next quarter, good hunting for a Douglas chair.

Regards,

*Don Douglas*



THE DRUMLANRIG/QUEENSBERRY BRANCH OF THE HOUSE OF DOUGLAS

James, second Earl of Douglas who was killed at Otterburn in 1388, was the direct ancestor of this branch. He was born in 1358, the son of William Douglas First Earl of Douglas who died in 1384 at Douglas, and Margaret of Mar. In 1380, James received the lordship of Liddesdale and he became known as Sir James Douglas of Liddesdale. He married the Princess Isobel, daughter of King Robert, but apart from a son who died in infancy, the pair did not have other children. When Sir James died, his natural eldest son, William Douglas succeeded and was the first to hold Drumlanrig which he had received by charter from his father prior to 1388. The charter conveyed the whole barony of Drumlanrig co. Dumfries, to William and his heirs and after them to his brother Archibald and his heirs, ancestor of the Cavers branch. The barony of Drumlanrig had originally been part of the possessions of the last Earl of Mar who gave it, probably as a marriage gift, to William, Lord of Douglas when he married Margaret of Mar in 1357.

Sir James was rather an adventurous lad and together with the Earls of Moray and Fife, joined forces with their French counterparts under the command of Sir John de Vienne, Admiral of France in the summer of 1385, and set forth on a raid into English territory. They successfully assaulted Ford, Cornhill and Wark before coming up against the superior force of King Richard II of England. A scorched earth policy followed when the Scots/French retreated.

In 1386, Sir James decided to raid the fine lands round Cockermouth which hadn't been assaulted since the days of his grand-uncle, the Good Sir James. Accordingly, he and his brother-in-law, the Earl of Fife and a body of soldiers, rode across the Esk and willfully collected much booty. For the next two years peace reigned in the district with the Earl occupying himself with the management of his estates. However, this was not to last.

When King Richard was starved out of Scotland in 1485, he left much discontent in his wake having burnt the abbeys of Melrose, Dryburgh and Newbattle behind him. Bad feelings were rife between the Nevills and the Percys. Scotland was spoiling for a fight! King Robert was a pacifist and wanted nothing of war; but he had nine sons ready and willing to join any fracas that evolved with England. The Scottish chief earls and barons met at Aberdeen and without consulting King Robert, arranged a great muster down at Jedburgh for the beginning of August 1388. To there, the Earls of March and Moray brought their fighting men. Archibald the Grim and his men-at-arms arrived and also, Sir John de Montgomery with his son and grandsons. Sir John Maxwell of Carlaverock, the Lindsays, the Drummonds, the Swintons and many others, all assembled at Jedburgh. Records show there were 1200 spears and 40,000 other arms.

This large assembly of warriors did not go un-noticed by the English. The capture of an English spy by the Scots at Yetholm where a council of war was in progress, decided the Scots to send a flying column under the Earl of Douglas to Northumberland while intending to speed the main column to Carlisle under the Earl of Fife.

"It fell about the Lammastide,  
When the muir men win their hay,  
The boughty Douglas bonn' him ride  
Into England to bribe a prey.

He chose the Gordons and the Graemes,  
With them the Lindsays light and gay,  
But the Jardines would not with him  
ride,  
And they rue it to this day".

There were some 300 or 400 spears and 2000 bowmen and others, all riding under the Douglas banner. They passed through Reedswire, under Ottercop and Rothley Craggs and went as far as Brancepeth close to the Yorkshire border. From there, they displayed their colours close to the walls of Newcastle. Here they met 'Hotspur' Percy and his brother Sir Ralph while the old Earl of Northumberland lay in wait in Alnwick to flank the Scots as they marched home. Douglas captured Percy's pennon in a skirmish and displayed it for all to see before his tent. This was paramount to insult with Percy vowing that Douglas should not leave England with the prize. Three days later, the Scots broke camp and marched to the town of Otterburn in Redesdale about thirty miles from Newcastle. Douglas, being the sport that he was, wasn't in any hurry to return home as he felt Percy wouldn't let him get away with his pennon without a fight.

Douglas chose to camp in a wood thinking that that way, he could negate the effect of archery. He ruled out the idea of using the old Roman fort of Bremenium where the ground was bare. August 12 1388 was a very busy day for the men as they had spent it attacking the tower of Otterburn and were tired on making camp that night. Percy chose his time of attack well suprising the Scots as they were eating dinner. Fortunately, the Douglas men were well entrenched and were able to put up a good fight in spite of being outnumbered three to one. The Scots gave way under the English onslaught, but Douglas fought his way into the English ranks. Unfortunately, his armour had been hastily put on and was not tied up properly. In the dim light, three spears penetrated his shoulder, belly and thigh and Douglas was down. As he fell, a battle-axe gashed his head.

Still the battle raged in the light of the moon. "Percy! Percy!" echoed across the moor. "Douglas! Douglas!" rang from the woods with the clash of steel and the cries of the fallen. Sir Ralph Percy was badly wounded and taken prisoner and his brother "Hotspur" was taken also. The Scots were victorious having casualties of about 300 men. The English lost about 3000 killed, wounded or prisoners taken.

One record of the Battle of Otterburn states that the fate of Douglas was unknown until his body was found the next morning. In all probability, he died very quickly, so badly was he wounded.

"My nephew good," the Douglas said,	Oh, bury me by the bracken bush
'What recks the death of ane? -	Beside the blooming brier,
Last night I dreamed a dreary dream,	And never let living mortal ken
And I ken the day's thine ain.	That e'er a kindly Scot lies here.'

Last night I dreamed a dreary dream,	He lifted up that noble lord
Beyond the Isle of Sky	Wi' the saut tear in his ee;
I saw a dead man win a field,	He hid him in the bracken bush,
And I wot that man was I.	That his merrie men might not see.

My wound is deep, I fain would sleep;	The moon was clear, the day drew near
Take thou the vanguard of the three,	The spears in flinders flew,
And bury me by the bracken bush	But mony a gallant Englishman
That grows on yonder lily lea.	Ere day the Scotsmen slew."

Compiled from A History of the House of Douglas, by Sir Herbert Maxwell, Vol.1, pp.99-112.

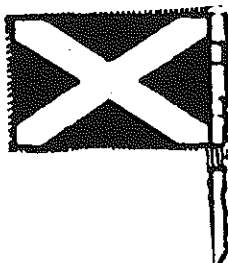
# RESEARCH QUERIES

IF YOU REQUIRE HELP TO COMPLETE YOUR FAMILY TREE AND WISH TO INSERT A NOTICE ON THIS PAGE, PLEASE WRITE TO MARY SMITH, GENEALOGICAL CO-ORDINATOR OR JANET SHAW, NEWSLETTER EDITOR OF THE CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, WITH YOUR RESEARCH QUERY. (addresses on title page)

DOUGLAS: Mrs J.A.Douglas, 28 Derek Rd., Coodanup, Western Australia, 6210, wishes information concerning WILLIAM DOUGLAS, b. Cornhulloch, Scotland, who immigrated to Port Phillip on the Australia, arriving 24 August 1852. He married in 1853, SUSAN CHESNEY, dau. of Robert & Grace Chesney, b. Wigtown, Dumfriesshire. Their seventh child, Robert was born 1867 at Carisbrook, Victoria. If anyone can assist, please contact the enquirer.



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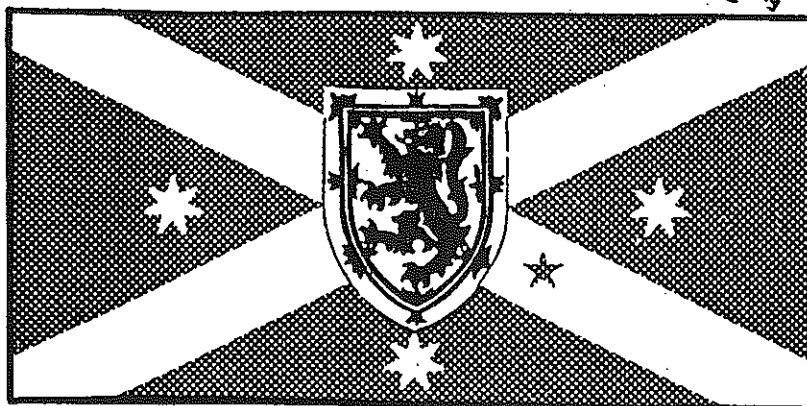


## "X" Means a Kiss

St. Andrew was the patron saint of Scotland. The St. Andrew's flag is represented by an X on a blue background. In medieval times contracts were signed with an X and the signer kissed the X to guarantee his obligation. Nowadays, an X at the end of a letter still means a kiss.

## The Scottish Thistle

The story goes that there were some Scottish soldiers who were about to be attacked and when a would-be attacker backed into a thistle, he put up such a howl, he unintentionally alerted the soldiers and foiled the surprise attack. Therefore, because of the thistle, the attack was thwarted and the thistle is now Scotland's national emblem.



THE SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN FLAG

## MEMBER'S PROFILE PAGE

My name is Mary Victoria Smith (nee Espie) and I am the genealogical co-ordinator for the C.D.A.A. My association with the clan comes through my husband Douglas whose mother was Margaret, daughter of William Archibald Douglas, solicitor of Brisbane.

I was born and grew up in the Charleville district of western Queensland where I met and later married Doug whose family lived at Gowrie Station in the Charleville area. We left the 'west' in 1966 and settled on the outskirts of Brisbane on a broiler chicken farm. Twenty-three years later, we left and purchased a farm in the Bowenville district. Bowenville is a very small town and is situated 3/4 hour west of Toowoomba, Queensland along the Warrego Highway to Dalby.

In 1988, I began a four year course at the Armidale University as an external student in Local and Applied History. I felt I needed to know where certain records were kept and how to access them. The course gave me a very comprehensive coverage of family history subjects and particularly of Australian history which I feel is a neglected area of the school curriculum. I graduated in 1992. Armidale is the only place in Australia offering this course.

I have written four books - three of which cover family history. The fourth is a church history. Most of my spare time is taken up with research in some form or another. I seem to spend many hours writing letters in order to obtain the information I require for my books. Living on a farm rather restricts access to records so I have to rely on my quarterly visits to Brisbane for the Clan Douglas Meetings to do my archival research. To attend Clan Douglas Meetings, I drive 2 & 1/2 hours to Brisbane and usually stay a couple of days with one of my two daughters. Our son David and his wife live and work on our cattle and grain farm.

If ever I can be of assistance to any Clan member, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mary Smith - Genealogical Co-ordinator

## Couple celebrate 60 years of marriage

Family of Margaret and Don Roseby travelled from Queensland and NSW to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Attending a dinner arranged in their honour were 35 members of their family, including four sons, some of their 11 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

In 1934 Mr and Mrs Roseby were married at Nullamanna, where they farmed for almost 30 years.

After another 30 years away from Inverell, they have returned to live nearer their family while pursuing their interest in gardening.

Both Mr and Mrs Roseby were active in community organisations in Inverell.

Mrs Roseby took office in the Presbyterian Women's Association and in the CWA.

They maintained a prizewinning garden at "Lochano", Nullamanna, the flowers from which Mrs Roseby used in her prizewinning floral art.

They were office bearers in the Horticultural Society when they began holding a Floral Festival.

Mr Roseby was a member of the Inverell Hospital Board, Land Board, Show Society, United Farmers and Woolgrowers Association and the Inverell Rotary Club.

Learn to enjoy life, no matter what you are doing. Say to yourself, "I enjoy this!" Grocery shopping, changing a bed, driving a car, catching a bus ... how simple yet amazing, to hold the sheet or the steering wheel in your hand, to feel your own feet running. What delight — if we remind ourselves, "I really enjoy this." ... Use the words even when things are disagreeable or hard. Okay, so you've got to face this, do it, get through it — relax, think: "I can, I will. What's more, I'm going to enjoy it!" Use the words as a daily song and a glory shout: "It's my life and I enjoy it!"

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IF YOU HAVE OVERLOOKED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION PLEASE POST TO THE TREASURER.

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## SCOTTISH WEEK

### A REPORT ON SYDNEY'S 1994 CLAN MARCH

Sunday 27th November 1994 was the start of Scottish Week Celebrations in Sydney. The march of the Clans from Hyde Park to Tumbalong Park at Darling Harbour is always one of the most colorful aspects of the week's celebrations.

This year the numbers of most Clans were depleted, no doubt due to the unseasonable hot weather. The temperature soared to 32 degrees, so it was on with the shady hats and U.V. sun cream.

Missing from Clan Douglas ranks this year was Marjorie Ethell, one of our most loyal supporters. Marjorie has been on the sick list for some time, and we wish her better health and good luck in 1995.

The concert at Tumbalong Park included the opening ceremony for Scottish Week. Guests of honour were the Earl and Countess of Cromartie. The Earl, John Ruairidh Grant Mackenzie, Chief of Clan Mackenzie, declared Scottish week officially open. He spoke of the close ties between Scotland and Australia. Apparently this also includes test cricket. The Earl assured us that the Scots barrack for the Aussies when Australia and England are battling it out for the Ashes!

The concert at Tumbalong Park featured Highland and Country dancers, an accordionist and items by the massed Bands from N.S.W. An inspired rendition of 'Amazing Grace' by the Pipe Bands earned a big round of applause from the audience. This year's Queen of the Heather, Miss Sarah Mackenzie, was introduced to the gathering.

I did the rounds of the Scottish souvenir stalls with Yvonne Bluett, and of course we couldn't resist indulging in some of the goodies. One of our members, Doug Swan, was there with his usual attractive stall, and we spoke with him for a short time.

Any Clan Douglas members who happen to be in Sydney on the last Sunday in November this year, please come and join us in Hyde Park near Captain Cook's statue. The march starts at 1.30 pm. Just look for our **Clan Douglas Banner** and come and join us.

June Marks, N.S.W. Convenor.



Massed Pipe Bands performing at Darling Harbour  
with the Sydney C.B.D. in the background.

## OVERSEAS NEWS

MEMBERS TRAVELLING TO SCOTLAND WILL FIND THIS NEWS ABOUT THE NEW DOUGLAS HERITAGE MUSEUM VERY INTERESTING. DO INCLUDE A VISIT TO THE MUSEUM AT DOUGLAS VILLAGE IN YOUR ITINERY.

In 1993, some of the residents of Douglas obtained the use of St. Sophia's Chapel as a museum and trust centre for the village of Douglas. In 1993, several of the Douglasses of the Clan Douglas Society of North America visited the museum at Douglas. In 1994, I came in contact with the Douglas Heritage Trust, and with some of my family, were invited to attend the Trust weekend. On Friday, 2nd September, myself, Norman Douglas, my wife Margaret, our son Gordon, his wife Janice and their baby daughter travelled to Douglas. We were met at Douglas by Jim Fleming who is manager of the Douglas and Angus Estates, and Jim took us to the boarding house where we were to stay, and where we were delightfully treated all weekend.

On Friday evening we all attended a reception at New Mains, the home of Jim and Jeanette Fleming where we met many Douglas residents and also from the Clan Douglas Society of North America, Gilbert Douglas and his wife Sally, their daughter Dorothy and her husband Jim, and Gilbert's grandsons, another Gilbert and also Wesley. Also at the reception were T. George Douglas and his wife Pat.

On the Saturday, we were taken on a conducted tour of St. Bride's Chapel, a village walk learning much of some old historic buildings, and also a visit to the Douglas Heritage Trust museum which was fascinating, and the members are to be congratulated on all their hard work to obtain the final result. We were then all guests of the Flower Show Committee at the Douglas Country Club. In the afternoon we all attended the Douglas Annual Flower Show which was opened by the Hon. David Douglas-Home. Later in the afternoon we were all invited to have afternoon tea with the Hon. David Douglas-Home and his wife Jane and their three children. We were all introduced to Lord Home who is a former Prime Minister of Great Britain. This was at their house of Castle Mains.

The evening was spent at a Ceilidh at the Country Club where we were all read as guests of their committee. The evening was a super even with local talent providing the entertainment. There was accordion, fiddle, and piano music, songs by male and female singers, and an excellent compere by Jimmy Clarkson with plenty of topical jokes.

On Sunday morning, some members attended the local church service which was decorated with the flowers of the previous days flower show. We were all at the Church Hall after the service to have tea or coffee and biscuits.

In the afternoon we all went to see Castle Dangerous and take many photographs. This was followed by a car run to Crawford-John to see their museum and it also was most interesting. After this we continued our car journey to Carmichael where we visited their museum which had a marvellous wax-works display.

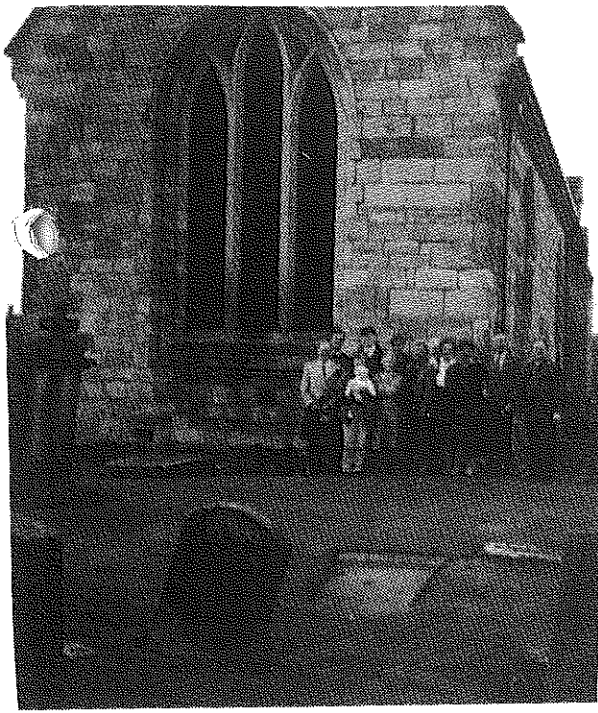
During our stay at Douglas some of us visited a recently opened service station restaurant called Cairn Lodge, the service and food were excellent and as many of us were wearing our Douglas kilts we got quite well known by the staff and were treated as friends.

On Monday, myself, Margaret and family had Jim and Jeanette Fleming as our guests to the Cairn Lodge so that we could get together for a last chat about all the events of the weekend and the future of the Heritage Museum. We agreed that it would be possible to have a section of the Trust devoted to the history of the Douglas family, and that may take place.

It is obvious that a very close rapport has grown up between the Douglas Heritage trust and The Clan Douglas Society of North America. It would be nice to hope that The Clan Douglas Association of Australia would also take an interest in this project and I can see it possible that Douglas could become a gathering place for our clan, particularly, at the time of the Douglas Flower Show. To be gathered together with so many Douglasses on the original site of the Douglas family was indeed a most uplifting experience.

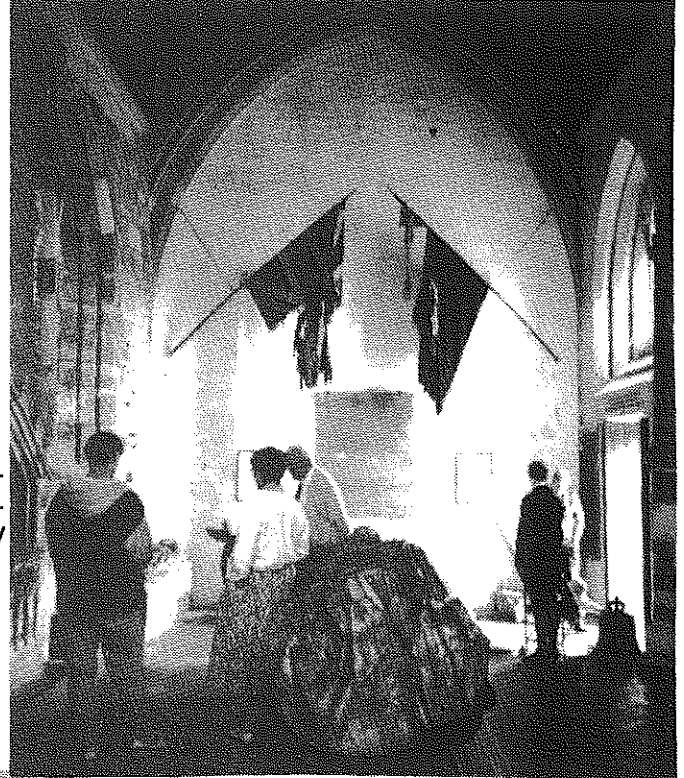
Norman Douglas of Dundarrach, September 1994.





Outside St Brides Chapel, Douglas, Lanarkshire  
 Left to right: Norman Douglas in kilt, behind him Jim Taft husband of Dorothy Douglas, Janice Douglas with baby Alison, behind Gilbert Douglas IV, grandson of Gilbert and Sally. Margaret Douglas in mauve dress, behind Wesley Douglas, grandson of Gilbert and Sally. Pat Douglas wife of T. George Douglas, behind Gilbert Douglas with his wife Sally just in front. Dorothy Douglas, daughter of Gilbert and Sally (Dot in black dress). T. George Douglas - Secretary C.D.S.N.A. Gordon Douglas, son of Norman and Margaret Douglas.

Inside St Brides Chapel, Douglas, Lanarkshire  
 Left to right: Wesley Douglas, grandson of Gilbert Douglas. Dorothy Douglas, daughter of Gilbert Douglas. Gilbert Douglas. Janice Douglas, wife of Gordon Douglas. Local person. Baby Alison, daughter of Gordon and Janice Douglas.



Inside of St Sophia's Chapel, Douglas, Lanarkshire.  
 Now the Douglas Heritage Museum.  
 Man with hands behind back is Gilbert Douglas of U.S.A. Other man is a local person.

## ST. SOPHIA'S CHAPEL - DOUGLAS HERITAGE MUSEUM SOCIETY

They say St. Sophia's Chapel was the Dowager House for the Castle at one time and we claim that Mary Queen of Scots slept a night here. There is a latin inscription above the door beneath the Crown. I mind when the late Dr. McFeat had a party down here he said "Oh! Jimmy can you read this inscription?" "Yes doctor" I said, "Much easier than your prescriptions!" It was, of course, the old school teacher who had told me - Mr Riach. It says -

"This building is restored for the foster children of the muses under the auspices of the high and noble Duke of Douglas for the perpetual use of the School and School Master 1706."

Up till four years ago it was occupied by two families and I can remember in years gone past the Inspector of the Poor - Mr. Hutchison - he didn't like you to call him the Inspector of the Poor but said he was the poor Inspector - used to bring any old tramp he found round here up to this house for a night's lodging.

It used to be called the "House of Learning", and I was asking Mr. Reid why he called it "St. Sophia" and he said "St. Sophia was the Goddess of Wisdom" and that's how he arrived at the name.

The Greek inscription on the chancel screen reads:-

"Christ the Wisdom of God"

Under the inscription there are four Crests. Starting from the left, looking to the altar, is the Douglas Crest, followed by that of the Lanark County Council. On the right of the aisle is the Crest of the Diocese of Glasgow (St. Mungo) and Galloway (St. Minian) followed by Canon Reid's own family Crest.

There are six stained glass windows in the small chancel. The three square stained glass windows behind the altar are described from the left as follows:-

### First Window:

The First Earl of Douglas who was given the title in 1358. He married a sister of the Earl of Mar and, because the latter died without issue, the title passed to the Douglas Family who succeeded to the Earldom of Mar about 1374.

### Centre Window:

The Second Earl of Douglas and Mar, who succeeded to the Earldom in 1384, was killed at the battle of Otterburn in 1388. He married a daughter of King Robert the 2nd (Princess Isabel Stewart).

### Third Window:

Archibald the Grim, Third Earl, succeeded to the title in 1388. He was a son of the good Sir James and he married the widow of the Earl of Bothwell. The King gave him all the land between the Nith and the Cree in Galloway. He purchased the remainder of the County at a later date. He was Lord of Douglas, Bothwell and Galloway. He was a great church man. He rebuilt St. Bride's in 1390, restored Sweet-Heart Abbey, spent a big sum of money on Lincluden and built a hospital for the poor - The Chapel of Holyrood. He died in Threave Castle on Christmas Eve 1400.

Turning now to the west side of the chancel, there are also three square windows. The one nearest to the altar is:

The 4th Earl of Douglas, Lord of Galloway and Annondale and 1st Duke of Touraine, who succeeded to the Earldom in 1400. He married a daughter of King Robert the 3rd (Princess Margaret Stewart).

The shield carries the following:-

The Fleur de Lis for Touraine  
The Cross underneath for Annandale-Bruce's country  
The Heart for Douglas  
The silver Lion for Galloway  
The Royal Scottish Lion for Royalty - because he married a daughter of King Robert the 3rd

He went to France and the King of France made him Lord Lieutenant of the Forces and gave him a dukedom. He was 1st Duke of Touraine and Marshal of France. He was killed, along with his second son, in the battle of Verneuil and they are both buried in the cathedral church at Tours. He was known as the Tine-man or Lose-man.

The centre window on the west side is for -

William, the 8th Earl of Douglas who succeeded to the Earldom in 1443. He married his kinswoman Mary Douglas, Lord of Galloway. He was stabbed by King James the 2nd's own hand in Stirling Castle in 1452.

His shield carries the following:-

The Douglas Crest  
Three Stars for Bothwell  
White Lion for Galloway  
Criss-cross for Lauderdale

The third window on the west side is for -

Archibald "Bell the Cat" 5th Earl of Angus, born 1449, died 1514.

His shield carries the following:-

Silver Lion for Angus  
Red Lion for Abernethy  
Red Triangle for Liddesdale  
Buckles for Belt for Bonkyl  
Shield in the middle - Douglas

These six windows were brought from the private chapel from Douglas Castle in 1960.

The picture at the North end of the Chapel in a wooden frame was above the altar in the private Chapel in a more elaborate setting than at present. It has a touch of local history. On the right side is Old St. Bride's and the Free Church steeple and the villagers. In the centre is Mary and the Child and two Kings, representing Wisdom and Riches. On the left of the picture, the third King, Power, represents the House of Douglas and is shown laying down his sword before the Prince of Peace, with the Castle in the background and the Lord of the Manor chatting to the old shepherd and the sheep along the dyke.

The christening font at the chapel came also from the private Chapel at the Castle along with the silver christening jug and plate.

On his visit a few years ago, the present H.R.H. PRINCE CHARLES signed the visitors' book and showed a great interest in the building and its history.

St. Sophia was dedicated on 20th May, 1961 by the Right Reverend F.H. Moncrieff, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway.

*St. Sophia's was converted to a museum by the Douglas Heritage Society in 1993 to house local memorabilia.*

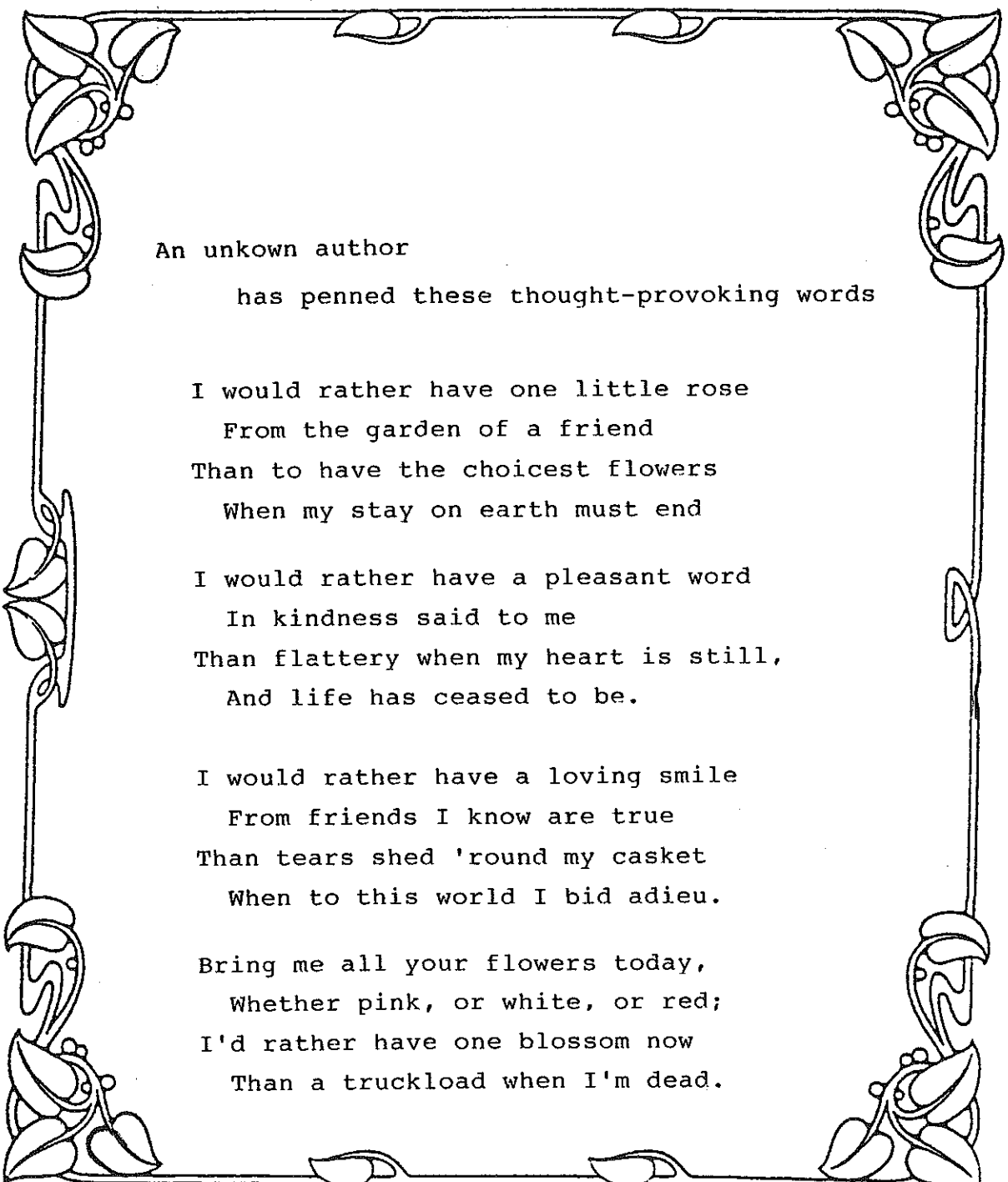
Dear Jan,

I thought you might be interested in this verse I came across in my daily readings - I think it is a wonderful piece and therefore would like to share it with the other readers of our newsletter - that is, of course if you have room to spare.

I thoroughly enjoy my CDAA newsletters as I hope others do, so please keep up the good work! I am currently half-way through my term as President of the Avoca & District Historical Society - in fact I am just home from a trip to Ballarat, where I was an invited guest at the opening of the extended and refurbished Public Records Office by Hon. Richard S. De Fegely.

We have a very active and dedicated group of members, who have all got the one line of thought - that is - preserving our wonderful heritage for the future generations.

Once again, thank you for your time,  
Jill Hunter.



An unknown author

has penned these thought-provoking words

I would rather have one little rose  
From the garden of a friend  
Than to have the choicest flowers  
When my stay on earth must end

I would rather have a pleasant word  
In kindness said to me  
Than flattery when my heart is still,  
And life has ceased to be.

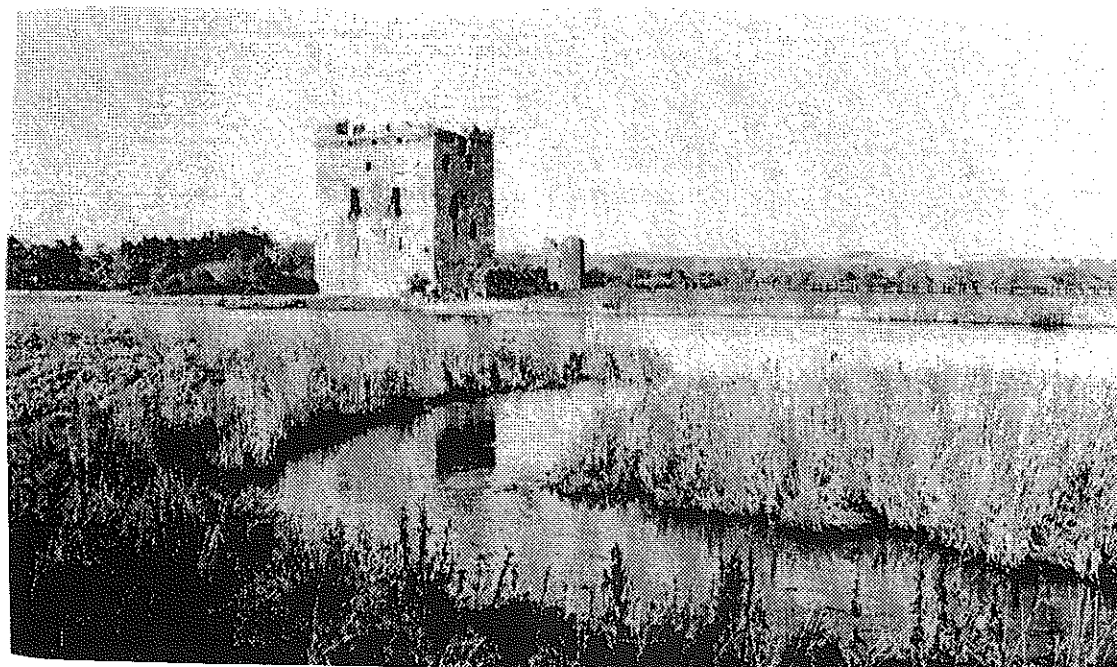
I would rather have a loving smile  
From friends I know are true  
Than tears shed 'round my casket  
When to this world I bid adieu.

Bring me all your flowers today,  
Whether pink, or white, or red;  
I'd rather have one blossom now  
Than a truckload when I'm dead.

Norrie's Notes No. 44

Threave Castle

Threave Castle is not far from the Town of Castle Douglas, and Threave was built shortly after 1369 by Archibald Douglas, third Earl of Douglas, called the Grim. Threave had a chequered life of Battle and Siege, but was eventually bombarded by the King's forces in 1455, which was the last incident that brought the complete downfall of the Black Douglasses.





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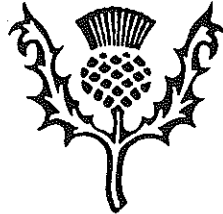


C.D.A.A. Member Marjorie Ethell is recovering from prolonged sickness and surgery. We all wish you good health Marjorie.

THE GOOD SIR JAMES or the BLACK DOUGLAS.

(Written in 1375 and translated by John Barbour)

In all his deeds was Douglas true;  
For nothing would he have to do  
with treachery, nor with a lie.  
His heart was set on honour high.  
All things did he so nobly do  
That he was loved by all he knew.



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**A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**



I wish all C.D.A.A. members a Very Happy Year in 1995. We have only 5 years left in this century so lets all make a more concentrated effort to support "MADE IN AUSTRALIA": lets turn our attitudes and thoughts positively to making our country strong healthy and safe, to care about our environment, natural resources and most importantly for fellow Australians no matter where they or their forebears originated. Then we can welcome the new century with more hope for the future of our country, 'AUSTRALIA'.

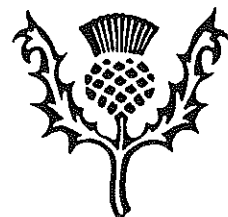
And on the 'housekeeping' thoughts for C.D.A.A. - to support and keep up the communication with fellow members. We do thank those members who voluntarily sent a little donation with their subscription. I do need more 'Members Profiles' please. We all have some story to tell in our own way.

For those country members still needing rain, I hope your prayers are answered in 1995 and good seasons return.

Jan Shaw - Editor

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