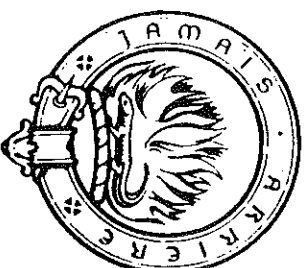


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Anyone descended from, connected by marriage, or adopted by a Douglas or a Sept of Douglas.  
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BELL, BLACKLOCK, BLACKSTOCK, BLACKWOOD, BROWN, BROWNLEE, CAVERS,  
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MACGUFFOCK, MC KITTRICK, MORTON, SANDILANDS, 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



Dear Members, Welcome to Newsletter #6; in our first newsletter I mentioned that in our endeavour to form a Clan Douglas Organisation, we were attempting this (as had the USA in 1975) without having any established family Head or Chief recognised by the Lord Lyon, or family seat where world wide members of this historic family could converge upon & pay homage to their ancestry.

This situation has not changed, although much correspondence & discussion has taken place regarding the anomaly of no present established Chief. Unlike many other Clans where the Chief of the Clan has been easy to establish, the Douglases have since the earliest known days of their existence, evolved a complicated extensive line of descendance having been strongly associated with the political & social establishment of Scotland's destiny, particularly in their association with Robert the Bruce, one time King of the Scots.

The Good Sir James Douglas (the Black Douglas was closely associated with Robert the Bruce during most of his military achievements being his right hand & staunch henchman. If one wondered why this close liaison existed, research reveals that they were first cousins once removed, hence the heart of Robert the Bruce used on some Douglas arms.

Since this period the Douglases have been prominent in the affairs of Scotland, as was outlined in our previous Newsletter #5 by our Scottish correspondent & member, Norman Douglas of Dundarrach.

Because of their Royal association, many lines have established with Dukes, Earls & Barons as heads of the various families & through certain anomalies occurring down the years as mentioned in Normans letter, there could be some doubt as to who the correct Chief of our family may be. This to us, is most frustrating to say the least, as there may be many contenders to the Title & it is up to us or the likely contender to prove his case to the Lord Lyon-not vice versa. The monetary cost of this could be quite considerable as mentioned.

This brings us to the question raised by our Editor-Jan Shaw in our last newsletter-do we need a Chief & should our association take steps to try & have a Chief established, bearing in mind the cost.

To answer this we have to look at other Clan Societies who have their respective Chiefs & see how successful they are in raising interest among the members throughout the world. They have established Clan Centres generally in their traditional Clan territories either in original castles or some form of substitute, where members can visit & acquaint themselves with the history of their family name & exploits. As Norman mentions the "extract" A Chiefless Clan, like an orphan family, is an imperfect group.

My personal views are that all Douglases & Septs across the world should consider this matter & if any organisation instigates the move, everyone should give their wholehearted support verbally and financially.

Your views and opinions are most welcome, please write in to our Secretary with your comment & in the meantime,

Yours Aye

*Ron Douglas*  
Ron Douglas.

## DOUGLAS (SS)

Compiled from material sent by Arthur Douglas, Laindon, England.

Douglas is a name well recorded in Scottish history, and the bearers of this name, be they of the Red or Black branch, were a force to be reckoned with by succeeding monarchs in the course of Scotland's turbulent history. Douglas means "Black Water", which suggests the wildness of the region on which they settled. The first one mentioned in 767 A.D. in recorded history by David Hume of Godscroft, was Sholto Douglas, who, it is generally believed, was descended from the "House of Murray", a belief due basically to the three Mulets, or Stars, held in Chief on the Douglas Armorial Bearings. In 1274, we have the death recorded of Sir William Douglas, nicknamed "Longleg", and in 1298, his son Sir William Douglas, "Le Hardi" died in the Tower of London. It was this last Sir William whose son, the "Good Sir James", was famous for his association with Bruce, whose faithful lieutenant he became. It was he and he alone, whom the English named "The Black Douglas" and it was for his relentless pillaging and terrorising of the Northern Counties of England that he earned the name. However, the historians over the centuries have tended to apply the term to the whole family line, which was the main stem of the family, in order to clarify the many family branches. The reason for this move was that the same christian names repeatedly appear in succeeding generations throughout history, and it is, to say the least, very confusing to the historian, genealogist and layman alike, to be confronted by such a vast maze of people all bearing the same name. Splitting his vast family up into its various branches has tended to bring a little clarity to what would otherwise be an extremely confusing jungle of names, dates and places.

The Douglases of Angus or "The Red Douglases" as they are known to history, lived in the shadow of their parent line, "The Black Douglases", right from their very first beginnings in 1300 A.D. through to 1455 A.D. when they took the field at the Battle of Arkinholm along with the "Douglases of Morton" against the "Black Douglases", who wanted revenge against the King for the murder of the 8th Earl of Douglas at Stirling. Angus was probably in a quandary as to whom he should support. Through his grandmother, a daughter of King Robert III, he was the King's cousin; whereas, to the 8th Earl of Douglas, he was related through an illegitimate son of the 1st Earl of Douglas. Therefore, Angus was more closely related to the King than he was to the 8th Earl of Douglas. Besides which, it was better to be on the King's side than against him, politically speaking. However, the fact remains that the event in 1455 A.D. was the reason that the "Red Douglases" succeeded to some of the "Black Douglas" lands which were lost to them for all time.

As the "Red Douglases" began to decline, so the "Morton Line" of the family took over, and although the "Morton Line" of the family rarely hit the headlines of the day, they too have had their moments of glory. So too, can this be said of the "Drumlanrig" line who succeeded the "Morton Line". Little is written in history about everyday affairs, and it is only when one of the family does something to warrant publicity, that we hear of the name Douglas today. Even so, the contributions made to history by some of our family over the past 800 to 1200 years, takes some measuring up to.

SEPTS

**Forest, Forrest:** (1) From residence near or in a forest; (2) a curtailed form of Forrester, q.v. William de Forest was a tenant of the Douglasses in the barony of Newlands in 1376, and Hugh de Forest was a Douglas tenant in Drumcorke in the same year (RHM., 1,p.1vi;11,p.16). Morgan de Forest in Aberdeen was charged with being a forestaller in 1402 (CRA., p. 384). Master Thomas de Foresta, licentiate in decrees, was rector of the parish of Goudon (Southdean) in 1404 (Melros, p. 486); Stephen de Foresta served on an inquest in Stirling in 1411 (Soun, p. 162), and William of Forest was physician to the queen of Scots in 1430 (Bain, iv, 1044). Thomas of Forrest and Robert Forrest, Scotsmen, had liberty to pass through England in 1453 and 1463 (ibid., iv, 1254, 1338). Thomas of Forest, bailie of St.John, Linlithgow, is recorded in 1472 ( Sc. Ant., xviii, p.118), and Henry Forest, one of the earlier martyrs for the reformed faith in Scotland, was burned in 1533. Taken from The Surnames of Scotland, G.F.Black.

Queensland Births:	NSW Marriages: 1900
Benjamin, son of Benjamin Collingwood Forrest and Elizabeth Jane Booth. B. 30th October 1882. No 83/000133	Mary Forrest to James Quinn No 2738. William Forrest to Elizabeth H. Canning No 855.
Reginald Frederick son of Thomas Forrest and Annie Scott. B. 2nd December 1884. No 85/000353.	Vic. Deaths: 1885
NSW. Deaths: 1900	Ann Forrest, daughter of Charles Lammond Forrest and Ann Farquhson. Died at Colac aged 85. No 11559.
Emily L Forrest - No 7886	John Forrest, son of William and Ellen Forrest, aged 56 years, born in Northumberland. No 11106
Gladye Forest, daughter of Emily L No 7887	
Doris Forest, daughter of Emily L No 7888.	
Bartholomew, son of Benjamin and Frances Forrest. No 326	
Victor J. son of Michael and Mary Forrest. No 13512	

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

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The following books have been donated to the Clan Douglas Association of Australia's Library.

DOUGLASS BERWICK-UPON-TWEED NORTHUMBERLAND, ENGLAND 1850 - Migration to Adelaide and Newcastle, Australia by James A. Douglass, 7 Price St., Mooroopna, 3629.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS. 18TH CENTURY SCOTLAND. HIS LIFE AND DESCENDANTS. of Swinside Townhead Farm, near Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, Scotland, Australia, and New Zealand. by Linda Mills, R.D.I. Waiuku, South Auckland, New Zealand.

Our grateful thanks to the contributors, Mr James A.Douglass and Mrs C.W.Kean.

## RESEARCH QUERIES

**DOUGLAS:** THOMAS ROY and LINDA of LUIDA. First known date in Sydney was 1895. Known issue:

ALICE, who married Mr Mellish, LILLIAN, who married Mr Rich. Youngest daughter was ELISIE VIOLET, born 1895, died 31.3.1970 at Bathurst, New South Wales. Married 1st Harold Ernest Broome; 2nd marriage, William March (no issue). Information sought about Thomas and Linda Douglas and their family. If you can help, please contact Mrs Y. Bluet, 18 Daisy Street, North Balgowlah, 2093.

**DOUGLAS:** Does any member share ancestors THOMAS DOUGLAS and MARY HENRY of Dumfries - circa 1847. Their eldest son JOHN, married AGNES ANDERSON at Newton House, Terrigles, Dumfries in 1867. If anyone has information about the above families or their descendants, would they please contact Mrs E.E. Skimming, 10/50 Darlington Road, Miramar, Wellington 3, New Zealand.

**DRYSDALE:** Hoping to trace Mrs M. Cameron whose previous address was 17 Dexter Street, Tennyson, Queensland, regarding her search for the parents of ISOBEL DRYSDALE (m. John Pearce, Altona, Scot. in 1777). Please contact Mr Neil Ewins, 14 Heathfield Road, Bexleyheath, Kent. DA6 8NP, England.

**MORTON** - Information wanted about the ancestry of Grace Morton, who married Charles Robert Fenwick in Invercargill N.Z. on 22/8/1863 in the house of Robert Stewart. Grace's death certificate of 1887 at the age of 44 years shows her birth place as Falkirk, Scotland, where her father's occupation was a game-keeper. She lived in N.Z. for 24 years. Those interested please contact Mr. G. Hooper-Browne, Upper Pitone Road, 4, New Plymouth 4621, New Zealand.

**DOUGLAS** - Has anyone a Douglas relative lost on the ship Dunbar? A Jane Theresa Douglas who married George Gee was thought to have had a Douglas brother lost on the Dunbar. Any information would be appreciated by Mrs. M. Ashton of 34 Charles St., Murwillumbah, N.S.W. 2484.

(When requesting research information, please remember to give dates and areas, towns countries etc.)



# International Gathering of the Clans

This year Australia has been selected to host the World Scottish Gathering in honour of it's Bi-centenary & it is a wonderful opportunity to participate in an international spectacular, without the expense of having to leave the Country. Please study the program & determine which events you would like to attend & order tickets as soon as possible, as there will be a heavy demand this year, with limited ticket numbers. We would appreciate if you could advise our association of your intentions, as it will assist us to organise special seating arrangements for Douglas & Sept members. On Saturday morning 27th November the Kirking of the Tartan will be held in Scots Church Margaret St. Sydney. Bring your lunch to the Domain & be ready for the Clan March to the Opera House Concert at 1.00 PM.

## FOR APPLICATION FORMS FOR

1. The Ceilidh - Western Suburbs Saturday 26th November.
2. The Ceilidh - City Wednesday 30th November.
3. The Golf Day at Cromer Tuesday 29th November.
4. The Grand Scottish Ball - Sydney, Friday 2nd December.

Please write to either:-

C.D.A.A. Editor - Mrs. Jan Shaw      or      - The Scottish Australian Heritage Council  
23 Essex Road      GPO Box 421,  
INDOOROPILLY Q 4068      SYDNEY NSW 2001

Our President of C.D.A.A., Mr. Ron Douglas will be staying at the Castlereagh Inn, 169 - 173 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, Telephone 02 64 2281 from 26th November to 5th December. Please phone him for details of Clan Douglas meetings.

## OVERSEAS NEWS

### INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLAN 1989

Will be held in May 1989 at Inverness Scotland. Plans for a Clan Douglas Tour of Scotland at this time are underway. Here is your chance to learn something of the Douglas Heritage and History with members of your own clan and Douglasses from other parts of the World.

For further details please write to:-

Mr. Jack Cumming  
Clan & Theme Tours  
28 Netherblane  
BLANEFIELD  
GLASGOW E639JW  
SCOTLAND

or

The Editor  
C.D.A.A., Newsletter.

## Scotland

## Clan Douglas Tour of

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS - 1988

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

***Sydney***

Saturday 26 Nov. Western ceilidh at 8p.m. Tel. 7278386

Sunday 27 Nov.

- 10. Kirkin' the Tartan at Scots Kirk.
- 12 - 1.30pm. Clan picnic in the Domain.
- 1.30pm. CLAN MARCH MOVES FORWARD.
- 2 - 4pm. Opera House concert.

Monday 28 Nov.

- 11 - 4pm. Information Centre opens at 49, Market St.
- Noon - Opening ceremony in Martin Place amphitheatre.
- 12.45 - 2.30pm. Parliamentary Luncheon tel. 3273820.
- 8pm. Scottish History evening. Tel.3874150.

Tuesday 29 Nov.

- 11 - 4pm. Information Centre.
- Scottish Golf Day. Tel.9699359.
- 12 - 2pm. Martin Place activities.
- 12.30 - 3pm. Scottish Golf Day luncheon. Tel.9699359.

Wednesday 30 Nov.

- 9am. Raising the saltire at the Scotland Australia cairn.
- 11 - 4pm. Information Centre.
- 12 - 2pm. Martin Place activities.
- 12 - 4pm. Scottish Race Day at Canterbury.
- 2 - 4pm. Scottish history afternoon. Tel.3874150.
- 7.30 - 11pm. Sponsors' Dinner. Tel.2323606.
- 7.30 CITY CEILIDH. Tel. 308455*

Thursday 1 Dec.

- 11 - 4pm. Information Centre.
- 12 - 2pm. Martin Place activities.
- 11.30 - 3.30pm. Manly Scottish Day. Ferry leaves 11.25
- All day - Campbelltown Day tel.5274309.
- 7.30pm. Manly ceilidh. Tel.9492797.
- 8pm. Scottish History evening. Tel.3874150.

Friday 2 Dec.

- 11 - 4pm. Information Centre.
- 12 - 2pm. Martin Place activities.
- 10 - 12 noon. Scottish History morning. Tel.3874150.
- 8pm - 1am Grand Scottish Ball tel. 4197159

Saturday 3 Dec.

Clan functions. Contact clan convenors. see Annual. Old Sydney Town. Be there at 12 noon. Australian Village.

Sunday 4 Dec.

Sydney Scottish Games starts at 9am. Tel.7278386.  
12.30pm. Members luncheon at the Sydney Scottish Games  
Tel.7278386.  
4.00pm. GRAND KILT'D PARADE. Tel.3273820.

There are a number of State and Civic functions but these are by invitation only.

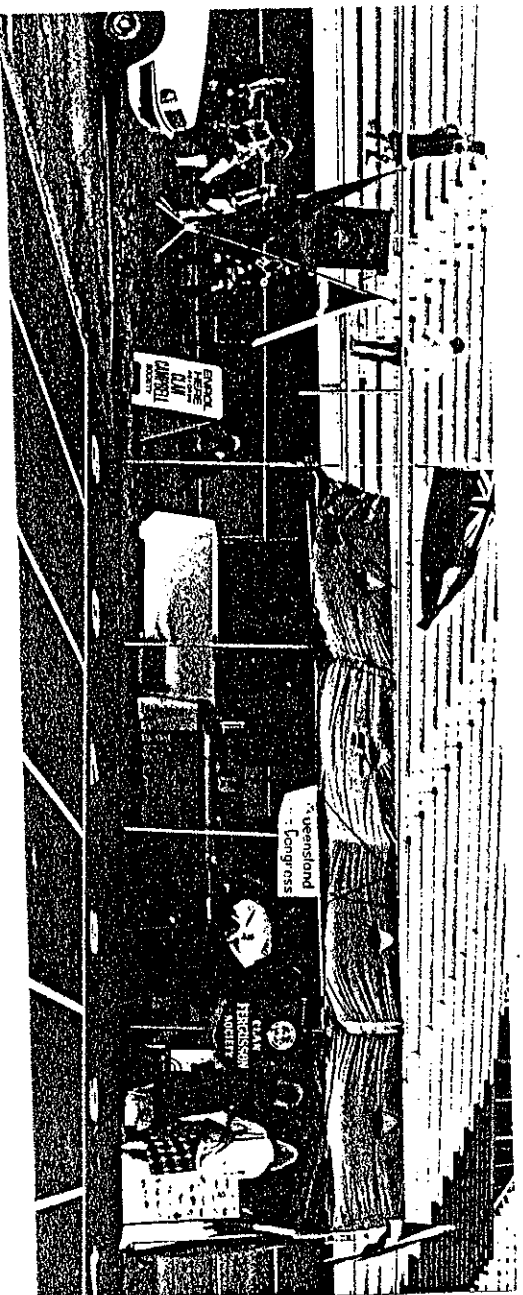
## MEMBER'S INTEREST

### BICENTENNIAL TARTAN SPECTACULAR

Those who travelled to QE II Stadium on Sunday 12th June were rewarded with a feast of Scottish entertainment. A full program of events in the main arena included the various Pipe Band competitions, Drum Major's Flourish, Massed Highland Dancing, a Scottish Country Dancing Display, Marching Girls, Scottish Breed Dogs Display, The Royal Artillery Brass Band, and some fun moments with "Jock McSporran" the clown.

There were many stalls displaying and selling a vast array of Scottish goods, including 'haggis' rolls for lunch. The recently formed Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland had their own marquee with 17 Clans represented, and were kept busy with enquiries for information.

Our Douglas association was well represented & we had a display of Douglas Family History & general information shown on the right of the photograph, being inspected by two interested spectators. On the left of the photograph is the Green Douglas Banner, between the Douglas Tartan flag & the St. Andrew's Cross. Some of the Clans were successful in recruiting new members on the day & thanks goes to Mark Fletcher for procuring the Marquee, tables and chairs for the occasion. Everyone voted the day a success & gave the Clan Congress the opportunity once again to present itself to the general public.



The one important thing I have learnt over the years is the difference between taking one's work seriously and taking oneself seriously. The first is imperative – the second disastrous.

Margot Fonteyn,  
*Margot Fonteyn*





There are some impressions of my voyage on the square-rigged Barquette 'Amorrina' promised in last February's C.D.A.A. Newsletter.

Amorrina is a Swedish ship one of the nine which took part in the epic Bi-centennial voyage leaving Portsmouth, England on 13th May 1987 and arriving at Port Jackson Sydney on Australia Day, 26th January 1988. They were not only the largest fleet of sailing ships to sail together since the Crimean War of 1854 but also the largest multi-national fleet ever to sail together in peace time. The vessels were from Australia, Britain, New Zealand, Canada, Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands with crew from 25 different countries.

The Historical link between the original First Fleet of 1788 and the re-enactment one of 1988, as well as the nostalgia for tall ships, touched the hearts of most Australians which was borne out by the hundreds of thousands who came from far and wide to see or board the ships or like me, were lucky enough to take an active part in sailing one of these majestic and beautiful vessels.

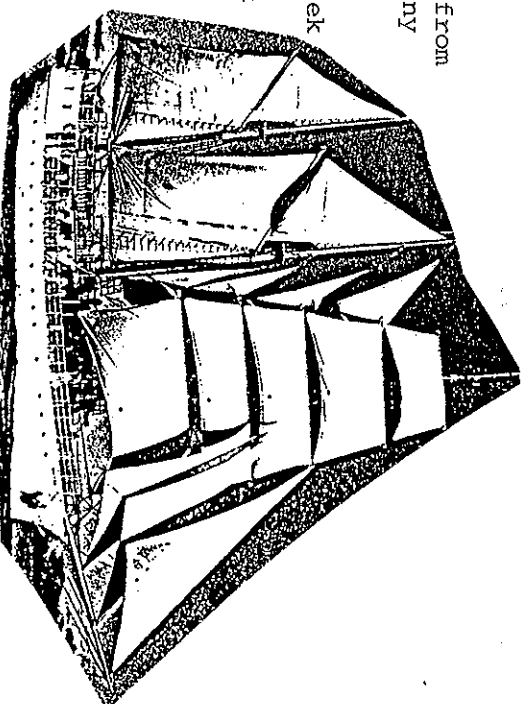
When researching the history of my own Douglas forebears for our book "A Douglas! A Douglas!" we came across the journals of my Gt.- Gt.- Gt. Grandfather, Robert Douglas 1759 - 1847. He tells of his rise from cabin boy in 1772 to become master and owner of sailing ships which sailed to Virginia in America and the West Indies - of Nelson commandeering his vessels to sail to Nicaragua in 1795; giving us vivid accounts of his voyages, names of vessels, the crew and the conditions on board.

When I first read these journals, I never imagined that it would be possible for me to share something of the experience of sailing a square-rigged vessel some 200 years later. With the 45 trainee crew I joined the ship at Newcastle Harbour. The 15 permanent crew were Swedish, and we lost no time in learning the ropes in readiness for our departure next morning. We sailed with the music from the Queens Band on board Britannia echoing across the sparkling harbour - our first mate, Walter Roth, soon brought us back to reality by saying we were no longer tourists and that all hands were needed on deck to haul up the sails and brace the yard arms.

We were divided into watches. Four hours on and eight hours off around the clock with about 10 - 12 trainee crew in each watch under the supervision of a "watch officer". Our duties varied depending on the time, but involved navigation, steering at the helm, radio duties, cleaning the brass, washing the deck and helping in the galley at meal times. The watch from Midnight to 4 am baked the day's bread supply. Sails were continuously being changed but climbing the mast and working on the yard arms was only for those who felt confident. I had not spent part of my youth climbing windmills for nothing so I soon found myself enjoying the exhilarating experience of being up amongst the sails and rigging and at one with the elements.

Our crew were a friendly lot ranging in ages from 16 - 72 and from all backgrounds, however, many like me had ancestors who had sailed out to Australia on sailing ships and wanted to experience it for themselves in 1988. One week was a small taste of their three months voyage and with modern equipment it was a lot easier and safer but we were able to imagine that their conditions were far from comfortable. However, I thoroughly recommend it for people who enjoy the sea and have a sense of adventure.

Jan Shaw.



## JAMES OF DOUGLAS

AMONG those in captivity  
Was William of Douglas\* he  
That was of Douglas lord and sire.  
Of him they foully made martyr,  
For in their prison William died.  
And all his hands so fair and wide,  
To the lord the Clifford then they gave.

He had a son, a little knave,  
That then was but a gentle page,  
Though mighty when he came of age.  
Such vengeance for his murdered sire  
He took, that through their land entire  
Was none but thought of him with dread.  
He cleft so many an English head,  
No man alive their count can tell;  
But wondrous hardships him befell  
Ere he could come to his estate.

No danger could his heart abate,  
Nor yet could anything prevent  
His doing what was his intent.  
He always pondered carefully  
To do his deed advisedly;  
But thought, of little worth is he  
That never risks an injury!

To compass great things was his aim,  
And ever to increase his fame  
By noble feats of chivalry.  
Wherefore in all his lifetime he  
Endured great hardship and travail  
And never would through weakness fail;  
But drove things to their destined end,  
And took the fate that God might send.

James of Douglas was his name,  
And when to him the tidings came  
That in a cell his father lay,  
And all his lands were given away  
To Clifford, as I said to you,  
He knew not what to say or do.  
For he had nothing of his own,  
Nor could the friends that he had known  
Sufficient do for him that he  
Might be supported properly.

And as he wondered what to do  
And where to go, the fancy grew  
That he would cross the sea and dwell  
In Paris for a little spell.  
For there was none that knew him there,  
And his misfortune he would bear  
With greater heart, until so be  
That God should send him remedy.

He acted upon this intent,  
To Paris presently he went,  
And lived there in simplicity,  
With happiness and gaiety;  
And many follies did, in truth,  
Such as are natural to youth;  
And mixed in humble company,  
Which often can so useful be.  
For knowledge of how others live  
Has great advantages to give.

And so the earl of Artois found,  
Good Robert, he that was renowned.  
For oft pretence of ribaldry  
Would succour him in great degree.  
As Cato told us ages hence,  
Feigned folly sometimes is good sense!

\* Sir William "le Hardi" who rebelled against the English along with Wallace in 1297, and died in the Tower of London in 1298.

In Paris near three years dwelt he;  
And then came tidings o'er the sea  
To tell him that his sire had died.  
In sorrow did he then decide  
To journey home without delay,  
And see if there were any way  
To win his heritage again,  
And from their bondage save his men.

Soon to Saint Andrews journeyed he.  
The bishop\* met him courteously  
And welcomed him, and made him bear  
The knives before him at his fare;  
And told his men where he should sleep,  
And gave him handsome clothes to keep.

A good long time he sojourned there.  
So wise he was and debonaire,  
So gracious and so courteous,  
All loved him for his gentleness,\*\*  
And kind and generous was he,  
And over all loved loyalty.

A noble thing is loyalty;  
By it may men live righteously.  
With virtue and with loyalty  
A man may live sufficiently.  
Without it no man can succeed,  
Though he be strong and wise indeed.  
Nought else, if loyalty shall fail,  
Can ever be of much avail  
To make a man so good that he  
Be called "a good man" truthfully.

\* Bishop Lamberton (or Lambert) may have been a kinsman of James' mother who died soon after James was born. He was an active supporter of the Bruce; not only did he supply him with money, but himself performed the coronation ceremony.

\*\* Gentleness, i.e. good breeding as in the modern word "gentleman".

From the book "The Bruce", originally written by John Barbour, Archdeacon of Aberdeen 1375. Translated and Edited by R.R.H. Douglas and published 1964. Printed by William MacLellan and Coy. Ltd., 240 Hope St., Glasgow C.Z.

Sent in by Norman Douglas of Arrochar, Scotland.

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.

But he was not so fair that we  
Should praise his looks in high degree.  
In visage was he rather grey;  
His hair was black, so I heard say.  
His limbs were finely made and long;  
His bones were large, his shoulders strong.  
His body was well knit and slim,  
As those say that set eyes on him.

When happy, lovable was he,  
And meek and sweet in company.  
But those with him in battle saw  
Another countenance he wore!  
In speech a little lisp had he  
That suited him right wondrously.

To Hector, thus, of Troy might he  
In many matters likened be.  
For Hector's hair was black; like him,  
Well made was he, and stark of limb.  
And Hector had a lisp, as he,  
And was compact of loyalty,  
And courteous, and strong, and good.  
In truth, for strength and great manhood  
There's none in all the world I dare  
With Hector great of Troy compare.

Yet Douglas wrought so worthily  
That greatly honoured should he be.  
And there he quietly abode  
Till great King Edward proudly rode  
To Stirling, with an escort fair,  
To hold a large assembly there.  
The barons went, and thereupon  
Bishop William of Lamberton  
Rode thither too; and at his side  
Did the young esquire of Douglas ride.

The bishop led him to the king,  
And said:

"Sir, here to you I bring  
"This boy, that would be loyal still,  
"And begs your bounty, if you will,  
"To take his homage as your liege  
"And grant to him his heritage."

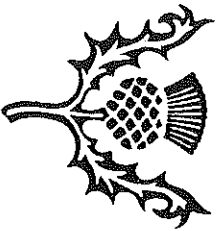
"What land claims he?" enquired the king.

"Sir, if it be to your liking,  
"The lord of Douglas should he be,  
"As was his father formerly."

Therewith the king was filled with ire,  
And said to the good bishop:

"Sire,  
"If thou wouldst keep thy fealty  
"Then mention no such thing to me!  
"His father was my deadly foe;  
"And died in prison, as ye know.  
"My sovereignty he would not bear,  
"Tis right that I should be his heir.  
"Let James buy lands from anyone;  
"From me he surely shall have none!  
"But they shall be the Clifford's; he  
"Has ever served me loyally."

His answer thus the bishop heard,  
And durst not speak another word.  
Out from his presence hastened he  
For fear of Edward's cruelty.  
The king accomplished his intent  
And soon again to England went.



PRAYER OF MARY STUART  
QUEEN OF SCOTS (1542-1587)

Keep me, O Lord, from all pettiness.  
Let me be large in thought and word and deed.  
Let me leave off self-seeking, have done with  
all fault-finding.  
Help me put away all pretence,  
that I may meet my neighbor face to face,  
without self pity and without prejudice.  
May I never be hasty in my judgments,  
but generous to all and in all things.  
Make me grow calm, serene and gentle.  
Teach me to be straight-forward, unafraid.  
Grant that I may realize that the trifling  
of life creates differences, that in the  
higher things we are all one.  
And, O Lord God, let me not forget to be kind.

Sent in by Mimi Douglass Clark



Lord Home

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## DOUGLAS NEWS

# Peer to join battle celebrations

By ANNE FETTS  
FORMER Conservative Prime Minister, Lord Home of the Hirsel, will take part in celebrations commemorating the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Otterburn later this year.

Lord Home, 84, who as Sir Alec Douglas-Home was Prime Minister from 1963-64, will read the lesson in a service, led by the Bishop of Larrow, ending a week of events organised by the Redesdale Society's 1388 Committee.

The service will be at Elsdon Church, where many of the English killed in the battle are buried. Lord Home's ancestor

James, Earl of Douglas, led the victorious Scots but was killed during the battle.

The main event — two re-enactments of the battle by junior soldiers from Albemarle Barracks, Horlow Hill, Newcastle, — is on August 13.

The traditional battlefield, where the action will take place, is now farmed by Mr Jim Brydon of Towhead Farm.

Lord Richard Percy, son of the Duke of Northumberland, whose ancestor led the English, will read the lesson of a service in the ruins of Old Southdean Church, Roxburghshire, on August 7.

The church has been chosen because the Earl of Douglas rolled his troops there before the battle.

### Concert

Other commemorative events include a concert in Elsdon Church on August 8; a Chery Chase concert with pipes Ms Katherine Tickell in Otterburn Club on August 10; Scottish pipe bands and dancers in Jedburgh town square on August 11; and a candlelight concert in Corriesside Church on August 12. Attractions will also include an all-day barbecue by Northumbrian

Young Farmers Club, a flower and vegetable show and a country fair. The Redesdale Society's efforts to obtain commemorative postage stamps were unsuccessful, but a cancellation cover bearing heraldic designs of the Percy and Douglas families, specially stamped to mark the anniversary, will be available.

The first 50 will be signed by Lord Home and the Duke of Northumberland. Several hundred of last year's Scottish heraldic stamps, which were bought up by the Redesdale Society, will also be available.

# Appeal for cancer care team

DR SHIRLEY DOUGLAS has been appointed to head a specially trained medical team being set up in the Borders to give aid and support to cancer patients and their relatives, writes GORDON ANDERSON.

She is currently doing the same kind of work at a hospice in Newcastle and will take up her position in the Borders soon.

The appointment was announced last week at a ceremony held in The Borders General Hospital to launch a scheme to raise £300,000 to fund two Macmillan nurses in the Borders over the next three years, plus the doctor's appointment and the necessary secretarial support.

After that, the Borders Health Board will pay for the entire service on a permanent basis.

But even as the appeal chairman, the Hon. Caroline Douglas-Home was pointing out that the contribution to the fund represented 30p per Borderer over the three-year period, she was able to announce that they had already received £30,000.

At the ceremony Mr Douglas Scott, director of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund said that there was a popular misconception that cancer was the number one killer disease, that death was inevitable, and pain, distress and suffering could not be avoided. But people could live happily with cancer. Even though 160,000 people a year died from



LAUNCH CEREMONY. The Duchess of Roxburgh, (second right) last week launched the £300,000 Scottish Borders Macmillan nurse appeal, aimed at funding a specialist doctor and two nurses for cancer treatment. With her are, from left, Dr Derek Doyle, medical director of St Columba's Hospital, Edinburgh; the Hon. Caroline Douglas-Home, appeal chairman; Mr John Gibb, chairman Borders Health Board; and Mr Douglas Scott, director Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

cancer, death was not inevitable. He said that all health authorities in the United Kingdom —

216 of them — would have a Macmillan nursing service specialising in the palliative care of cancer sufferers, within two years, and there would be 500 nurses working by this summer. "It isn't realised that people can live happy normal lives for many years. The Macmillan fund is one of four national can-

cer charities and is the only one solely committed to cancer patients and their families."

The Macmillan nurses would be hospital-based and would help chemotherapy nurses, for example. They would work mainly, but not exclusively with the National Health Service, as they would also help in private hospitals.

They would also be active around day centres and Mr Scott

felt that they were a "marvellously cost effective way" of providing palliative support services.

Their services had cost £13M this year, and they had had no support from Government sources at all.

Dr Derek Doyle, medical director of St Columba's Hospice in Edinburgh, said there was "a very real notion" among people that cancer was incurable.

In fact 50% of patients could not be cured. A still commoner impression was that cancer brought intractable and uncontrollable pain.

"In fact we can eradicate a pain for 80% of all cancer patients, and control it well in further 16%. That leaves 4% for whom we can relieve pain, but they may have to be slightly sedated, and that is something we do not like."

The Borders had now joined world movement, with palliative being developed around a Scottish system.

The Macmillan nurses not only helped to eradicate pain, but they also helped to cope with the other problems cancer could bring, such as breathlessness, sickness, lung disease as well as emotional problems, where the could be greater than the physical problem, and apprehension.

"Cancer caring is discovering and exploring and re-defining life. It is not preparing for death."

"We are setting up a new pattern of community conscientiousness."

The appeal was formally launched by the Duchess of Roxburgh.

Mrs. Pauline Glendinning Alway (No. 145) sent this article from "The Southern Reporter", Scotland.

# Lord, it's really a Moreton Bay fig

**Y**ou don't get to meet an English lord every day of the week.

Meeting a member of the aristocracy in Australia is an event you associate with visits by the Royal Family. But they are around and, we are assured by a reliable source, they do pop into Brisbane every so often.

The "reliable source" is none other than Lord Aberdour, in Brisbane last week with his wife, Lady Aberdour, on a "quick tour round". Their travels have taken the lord and lady and their young son through New South Wales, up to Cairns and Cooktown.

But it is in Brisbane that Lord and Lady Aberdour have discovered more than just an interest in travel. They have discovered a number of names that are all too familiar...

Lord Aberdour is the eldest son of the 22nd Earl of Morton, a Scots family with an estate just outside Edinburgh. The name Morton should be familiar to Brisbanites, even if the spelling is not. The 14th Earl of Morton, one James Douglas, was instrumental in sending Captain James Cook in search of Australia. As the Royal Society President, the Earl of Morton selected Cook to command the voyage of discovery, sinking a large amount of his personal fortune into the venture.

Cook sailed along the coast

of Queensland in 1770 and, in remembrance, named Moreton Bay after his benefactor. That Cook misspelt Moreton doesn't bother Lord Aberdour in the least.

"I didn't really even know until about four years ago, when my father came out here. He came back and said he'd seen all these places named Moreton."

None of the locals realised the connection between Lord Aberdour and the fair city once named the Moreton Bay Settlement, during his family's week-long visit.

"Why should they?" he asked. His name is Lord Aberdour, and he doesn't even travel under that. His passport reads Stewart Douglas. The title is apparently a bit too cumbersome.

And perhaps pretentious. Lord Aberdour is now a farmer, working his 2400 ha property. You can almost smell the sod on his shoes when he talks of a seven-day week and the gripping, frozen winters. That the ancestral manor house (built by the same 14th Earl who commissioned the Cook voyage) is now operated by his parents as a golfing resort also indicates past splendor. The family money now comes from the property and golfing estate.

It is always a pleasure to help overseas travellers along on their voyage of discovery.



**LORD and Lady Aberdour with a Moreton Bay fig, named after the Lord's ancestor, the 14th Earl of Morton.**

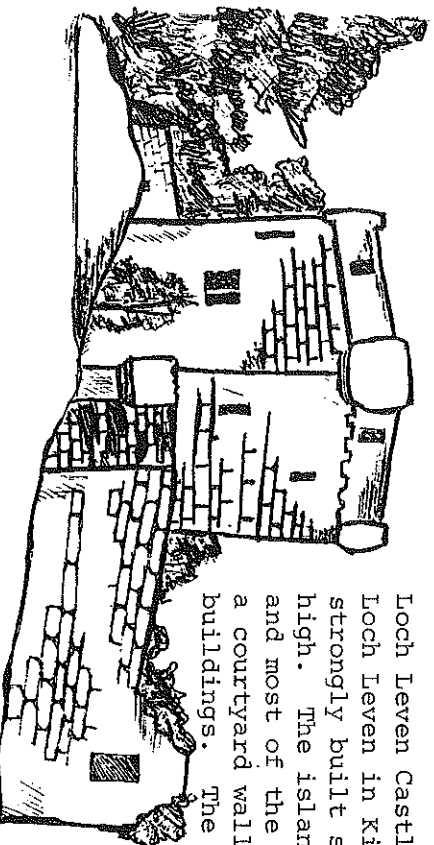
After they confessed to not having seen a Moreton Bay fig (let alone the notorious Bay), Lord and Lady Aberdour were packed into the back of the Corolla and driven to the local park, where a sickly fig struggled amid grass and discarded motor-oil containers. While Lady Aberdour collected the plastic oil containers for the rubbish, Lord Aberdour, pants

without belt and clad in tennis shoes, stood, hands clasped behind his back, admiring Brisbane's own fig.

As Lord Aberdour said later, it's the type of place in which you could bring up your children. Whether he moves his clan to the (almost) land of his ancestors is something that remains to be seen.

— MARK STRONG

NORRIE'S NOTES NO. 7



Loch Leven Castle is situated on an island in Loch Leven in Kinrossshire and consists of a strongly built square stone tower of five storeys high. The island is about eight acres in area, and most of the original island is surrounded by a courtyard wall, with foundations of other buildings.

The size of the island has varied at various times due to change in water level of the loch, at least on one occasion when the outlet river was dammed to attempt to flood out the occupants of the castle, without success. This

castle is probably known best as the castle where Mary, Queen of Scots, was held prisoner by William Douglas of Loch Leven from 17th June 1567 to 2nd May 1568. The story is well known of how young Willie Douglas threw his napkin over the castle keys which lay on the table while dinner was being taken, and swept the keys off with his napkin to release his Queen from captivity. Unfortunately it did not do her much good in the end. The Douglasses of Loch Leven are descended from the Red Douglasses of Dalkeith and the first is recorded as being in 1393 Sir Henry Douglas of Lugton and Loch Leven, and it is understood that there is a castle existing at that time. The Douglasses of Loch Leven eventually inherited the Earldom of Morton which is still existing at the present time. It is interesting to note the Arms of Douglas of Loch Leven with the Red Chief and the three Red piles issuing down from the chief. There are also only two silver five pointed stars (mulleets) instead of the three of the Black Douglas branch.

## NOTICE BOARD

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## AGM

Our 2nd A.G.M. is to be held on Saturday, 15th October, 1988 at 1-30 p.m., at the R.S.L. Hall, Nathan Avenue, Ashgrove, Brisbane.

We welcome all members, their families and friends to the meeting and to a B.Y.O. Lunch prior to the meeting at 11-00 a.m.

Nomination forms for Office Bearers are included in this Newsletter. Please have them in to the Returning Officer, Mrs. M. Russell, 116 Racecourse Road, Ascot, 4007, by 30th September, 1988.

- Tea & Coffee provided -

MEMBERSHIP DUES - NEW FINANCIAL YEAR BEGINS 1ST OCTOBER, 1988.

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Mrs. Edith Myers  
7 Paramount Tce.,  
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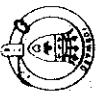
RECOMMENDED READING (ask at your local library).

My Lady Glamis by Pamela Hill - a novel about Janet Douglas, sister of 6th Earl of Angus. Although a novel, the historical facts are well researched.

The Stewart Kingdom of Scotland 1371 - 1603 by Caroline Bingham. Published 1974 by Weidenfeld & Nicholson - London. This book gives a well researched account of the succession of the Stewart Kings and the power of the Douglas noblemen in those times.



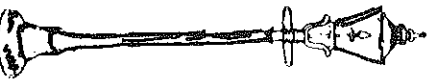
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1ST OCTOBER

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15TH OCTOBER 1988 Annual General Meeting.

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 1988

Combined Clans Ceilidh hosted by  
Clan Cameron at Yeronga R.S.L./Services Club  
Fairfield Road, Yeronga, at 7-30 p.m.  
Dancing and singing and supper for \$10-00.  
Phone Jim Clarkson 07 848 7206.

26TH NOVEMBER 1988 - 10TH DECEMBER 1988

International Gathering of the Clans.  
- Sydney.

6TH - 14TH MAY 1989

International Gathering of the Clans - Inverness,  
Scotland and Clan Douglas Tour of Scotland.

## WELCOME

### NEW MEMBERS :

336. MR & MRS D. ROSEBY MT WARREN PARK QLD. 338. MR RONALD K.  
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CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. R. Ethell, C/- Beverly Hills, N.S.W.,  
who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 8/8/1988.

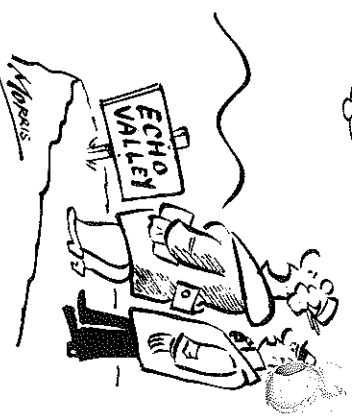
VALE - Clan Douglas members extend their deepest sympathy to Sir Sholto and  
Andrew Douglas on the death of their sister Miss. Eve Douglas.  
Miss. Eve Douglas had a deep interest in Douglas Family History and  
will be sadly missed.

VALE - Clan Douglas members offer their deepest sympathy to  
Mr. C.J. Perry, husband of C.D.A.A. member, Doris Joyce Perry  
of Bulimba, Brisbane.

## FAMILY FUN

Said the guest, upon approaching his host's home in the country: "Ah, there are some of your family on the balcony. I suppose that girl in the short dress is your daughter, the young man in riding breeches is your son, and the woman in the teagown is your charming wife?"

Said his host: "No, you are wrong. The girl in the short dress is my mother, the young fellow in riding breeches is my wife, and the woman in the teagown is my 12-year-old daughter, who likes to dress up in her grandmother's old dresses."



"For heavens sake, Edna — give it a chance to answer."

I hope members like the new "raincoat" your newsletter is wearing! Comments on the Newsletter, it's content and presentation and ideas to improve it are always welcome — it is YOUR Newsletter so please contribute to its content.

I have two replies to the Question "Do we need a Chief" of the House of Douglas.

One is from Dr. R.A. Douglas of Townsville, Q., who says "I think things are best left as they are with a number of heads of different branches of the family."

The second is from Mr. Gregory A.F.M. Hooper-Browne from New Plymouth, New Zealand who says "yes, we do need a Chief and yes he would like to see the Chief re-instated and it is in the interests of our clan to find the rightful heir to be chief and that we, C.D.A.A. plus the Clan Douglas of North America should be involved in having a Chief appointed."

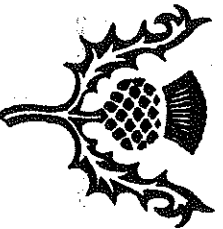
In "A Message from the President" on page 2, Ron Douglas has also outlined his views. We would like more members to express their opinions either for or against.

Jan Shaw - Editor (18)

A NOTE  
FROM  
YOUR EDITOR

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