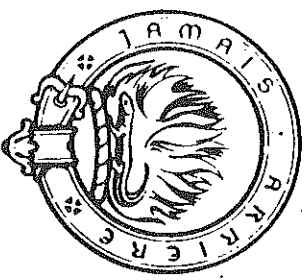


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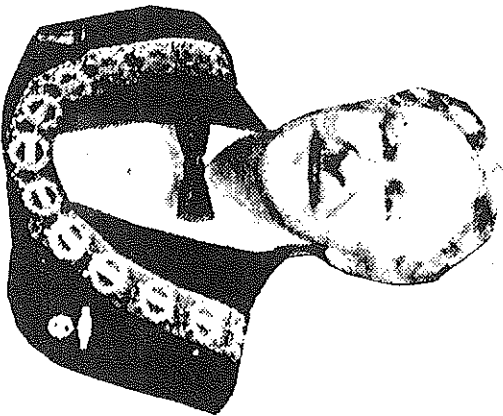
Those eligible to join the Douglas Association of Australia, upon application, are -
Anyone descended from, connected by marriage, or adopted by a Douglas or a Sept of Douglas.
The Septs affiliated with Douglas are -

BELL, BLACKLOCK, BLACKSTOCK, BLACKWOOD, BROWN, BROWNLEE, CAVERS,
DRYSDALE, FOREST, FORRESTER, FOSTER, GILPATRICK, GLENDINNING, INGLIS,
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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.

MRS DELL ARMSTRONG
32 ROTHBURY STREET
BALD HILLS 4036 QLD

President's Message



Our recent Annual Meeting held in Brisbane was an outstanding success, due to the organisation by our Secretary, Dell Armstrong, ably assisted by other members of the Committee. The day was further highlighted by the attendance of our Honorary piper, Fred Douglas, Chairman for elections, Bryan Roseby, and guest speaker, Malcolm Ferguson, who gave us an interesting insight into Heraldry, a subject closely allied with all Scottish associations and activities. Clan Douglas members and guests from the Scottish Clans Congress (Qld) helped to make our meeting a successful function.

On the evening of the same day, the Scottish Clans Congress (Qld) staged a Ceilidh (social) hosted this year with quite an entertaining program, supplemented with guest artists throughout the evening. Congratulations to Clan Cameron for their efforts.

1988 has been a very busy year due to our Bi-centennial celebrations, coupled with Expo, which I am sure brought a lot of members to Brisbane; I think Australia is now well and truly established on the tourist map of the world.

As this is our last Newsletter for the year, I would like to thank all members across the world for your participation in our association, even though at this stage for some of you, it is being Newsletter recipients only, but I feel due to the efforts of our Editor Jan Shaw, it is well worthwhile. Every financial member helps us to operate and maintain financial viability until we can spread our wings and diversify into your areas.

On behalf of the executive and committee I extend Good Wishes to all our members and sister organisations around the world for a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year, and I look forward to your continued support to make 1989 an even better year for the Clan Douglas Association.

Yours aye,

Dear Clan Members,

So sorry more of our members could not have been with us on the occasion of our second Annual General Meeting. The luncheon and meeting on 15th. October 1988 was a very happy event and though the numbers were down on last year those present enjoyed the day with old and new friends.

At the opening of our meeting our President, Ron. Douglas, who has recently become an Armiger, was piped into the hall by our Official Piper, Fred Douglas, and to his place at the head of the table.

Representatives of other Clans honoured us with their presence and we were happy to welcome members from the Clans Agnew, Armstrong, Ferguson, Forsyth and Wallace.

Our Guest Speaker was Mr. Malcolm Ferguson, also an Armiger, who enthralled the meeting with his address on Heraldry.

Two interested ladies, Brenda Smith and Christine Douglas-Joyce, came as visitors and left as members and we extend a hearty welcome to them both.

Sir Sholto Douglas was re-elected as 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
Secretary - Mrs. Dell Armstrong	Gen. Co.Ord-Mrs. Mary Smith
N/Letter Editor - Mrs. Jan. Shaw.	

Committee - Presd. Sue Douglas, Bebe Secombe, Meg. Russell, Esme Taylor, Christine Douglas-Joyce and Miss. Shirley Douglas.

At least two more Committee members are required and will be nominated at the next meeting on 23rd. November 1988.

A cup of tea was enjoyed at the conclusion of the meeting and the President wished everyone a safe trip home.

Cheers,

Dell Armstrong
Hon. Secretary.



PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

15/10/88

To our Patron Sir Sholto Douglas, Clan Douglas members, Clans Congress members & guests, it gives me much pleasure to welcome you once again to our second annual meeting of this association at the same location as last year, where we will outline our activities of the last twelve months.

Our previous report centred around the initial establishment of our association, on how we formed & got off the ground & raised the optimum number of memberships to enable us to finance the costs of the first few Newsletters. It appears that our success was due to commencing with enough people to be able to elect to office the full complement of Office Bearers in a proper constitutional manner. Those elected Office Bearers have all been members totally dedicated to the successful establishment of this society & have worked in a very harmonious manner to achieve & maintain this aim.

THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

Our previous Annual Meeting was a successful gathering & we had the support of representatives from other Clan Societies, particularly Trevor Campbell (now Secretary of Clan Campbell Old.) who congratulated us on our establishment & moved that my report be adopted. Our Guest Speaker was Ross Forsyth, who gave us an enlightening talk on the make up of Clan Forsyth & I am sure many of us received inspiration from his comments. Ross was also instrumental in organising the Ceilidh (social) at the Brisbane Caledonian Hall just after this Annual Meeting. This would have been the first Social to bring the Clans together. Our Honorary Piper - Pipe Major Fred Douglas, wearing the Ancient Green Douglas Tartan adopted by the Wynnnum Pipe Band, gave us some wonderful renditions on the pipes & showed what an accomplished piper he was (thank you Fred).

SECOND YEAR.

Since that meeting we moved into our second year & stage two of our development, which was the real test, as it is commonly known that it is one thing to start a Society, but sometimes harder still to maintain it; as for some members the novelty may wear off when it is time to renew subscriptions.

Fortunately we have been lucky & have not lost too many members through this transition period & a trickle of new members has counteracted this so we are now financially secure, as will be indicated in our Treasurers Report. I thank you all for responding to our request to renew your membership, so that we can continue to grow in the manner in which we anticipated at our inaugural meeting. An extra boost to us has been the interest shown from New Zealand as we have had a considerable number of members joining from over there; our hand of friendship is now firmly extended over the Tasman.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS.

We try to indicate through our Newsletters what topics of discussions transpire at our committee meetings, but sometimes this is not always possible, so I would like to mention some of the more important points that we have raised throughout the year.

One of the major achievements, was the final drafting of our constitution, which was a mammoth undertaking & a good one to now have behind us. The committee can now administer our Association knowing that it has a constitutional set of Rules to refer to if necessary.

The next item of interest discussed, which of course has been the establishing of a Clan Chief. This as outlined is quite a complex matter & is open to discussion from all quarters & is receiving comments from far & wide. We have ascertained that there are various avenues with respect to this that we can pursue & in the future it may be possible to take action to set the wheels in motion to achieve the desired result. Patience will be the key word with this venture.

COMMISSIONERS AND/OR REGENTS.

So far we have appointed two members as representatives Overseas; one in England, Neil Douglas Ewins as Drysdale Sept. agent there & also life member Norman Douglas of Dundarrach F.S.A. (Scot.) our Regent in Scotland, who you may have noted, contributes many articles to our Newsletter as does our other 'Douglas Historian' Arthur Douglas M.L.J. F.S.A. (Scot.) of Kent, England.

In recent issues I have mentioned that we would like to see branches being established in other States of Australia & New Zealand & we are waiting patiently for someone to contact us, so that we may achieve this end. I know that once it is initiated the normal chain of events will follow & things should get off the ground; please put your thinking caps on for this one.

ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE YEAR.

I would now like to report on the physical aspects throughout the year that we have been involved in. Firstly, immediately after our last Annual Meeting we were invited to a Combined Clans Ceilidh (Social) hosted by Clan Forsyth, which was held at the Brisbane Caledonian Club & proved to be a wonderful success. Another entertaining evening was held at the same venue on the 20th February, the night before our day time Gathering at Glen Ferny near Samford (Brisbane), where the Douglasses turned up with over 30 representatives to man our Marquee. The fellowship was most satisfying.

Prior to this a call had gone out to gather as many Clans together for the purpose of establishing an association to combine the various societies together in Qld. & this was eventually realised & was to become known as the Clans Congress of Qld. This body has been firmly established & is gaining much support by the various Clans of Qld. & I urge all members in this area to support them, as it helps us in the process.

The next function we were represented at was the Tartan Spectacular at Q.E.I.I. Sports Stadium in Brisbane where once again Douglas History & memorabilia were displayed in conjunction with other members of the Clans Congress Qld.

Last Year in November my wife Merle & daughter Kylie represented the Clan Douglas at the Scottish Australian Heritage Council Annual Gathering in Sydney for Scottish Week. This is always a spectacular week & I urge anyone who is able to try & make the trip this year, as it is the World Gathering to coincide with Australia's Bicentenary. It has been well advertised & I look forward to meeting members there.

CORRESPONDENCE ACTIVITIES.

Our Genealogical Coordinator Mary Smith has had much correspondence from members in our Association & I think our members find this a very important section in our society & has led to family contact.

Our Newsletter of course is the life line of the organisation & I must congratulate Jan Shaw once again for her compiling and editing; also those who have contributed articles toward it, together with the members who have helped Jan prepare the Letter for mailing (an important job well done).

In summing up I would like to thank everyone who has in anyway contributed towards our operation for the last 12 months, including the Clans Congress (Old) & its members & would also like to convey the good wishes of our association to the Executive & members of the Clan Douglas Society of North America.

To the gathered audience here today, thank you for your attendance, to help us celebrate our 2nd year & hope we all gain some inspiration to carry on till this time next year.

RON DOUGLAS ESQ. J.P. F.S.A. (Scot.)

CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.

TREASURERS REPORT 15/10/88

Mr Chairman, members and visitors.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present this the second Annual Treasurers report of the Association.

After two years of operation we have one hundred and eighty eight members with six of these being life members. Forty four (44) new members joined in 1988.

The following gives some member details :

N.S.W.	34 members
VIC.	35 members
QLD.	82 members
W.A.	10 members
N.T.	1 members
S.A.	4 members
A.C.T.	1 member
N.Z.	17 members
SCOT.	1 member
ENGLAND	2 member
U.S.A.	1 member

We have made every effort to reduce the cost of producing the newsletter. You will have noticed we are now able to send these by bulk postage and looking very attractive in their raincoats! This year we sent out four newsletters compared to ~~two~~ last year, yet postage this year is \$424.96 compared to last year \$ 322.78. In correspondence I receive, I read "well done" comments about the newsletters. May I warmly congratulate our newsletter co-ordinator and all those who so willingly and ably contributed to its success.

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

Edith M. Myers
Hon. Treasurer.

CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION TREASURERS REPORT
for the year ending 30th September 1988

INCOME for 1987/88

Membership fees	\$1979.00
Life Memberships (10%)	\$76.00
Advertising fees	\$92.00
Sales of Past Newsletters	\$70.00
Sundries	\$188.30
Interest received	\$78.77

COSTS for 1987/88

Bank fees	\$14.70
Postage	\$424.96
Printing	\$1062.50
Affiliation fee	\$40.00
Supplies	\$170.55
Advertising	\$40.00
Meetings	\$52.00

\$2484.07.

\$1804.71

SURPLUS for 1987/88

Surplus from previous years
Life Memberships (future income)

\$679.36
\$992.50
\$684.00

Amount carried forward

Membership fees for 1988/89 received in advance

\$2355.86
\$350.00

Cash held in Bank

\$2705.86
\$17.43

Cash held for miscellaneous amounts owing

TOTAL CASH on hand

\$2723.29

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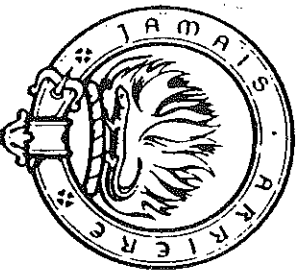
1. Life memberships are assumed to represent 10 years of membership fees so only 10% are included in the current year's income.
2. Cash held for miscellaneous amounts owing are amounts received from prospective members who sent too little and have not yet sent the balance or requested return of the amount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

Edith Myers
Hon. Treasurer.

AUDITORS REPORT
for the year ending 30th September 1988

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.



We are now into the second year with the Clan Douglas Association of Australia, and it gives me much pleasure to present this report for 1987-88. I feel a great deal of progress has been made and hopefully, a lot more about the Douglas and Sept families is now known by our members. I have tried to present newsletter articles that will interest our contributors generally, and also it has given me much pleasure to print personal biographies. However, we have not received as many of these autobiographies as we would like, so please send your contributions in as soon as possible. It doesn't matter if they are not set out - I can do that - just send in photocopies of names and dates, happenings, items of historical interest etc. that you may have sitting in a cupboard at home and never had the time to put together. I will return your material to you on completion of article. If you have any published material about the Douglas Family you would like to share with us all, please send photocopies of these too.

If you have ideas along specific lines you would like me to follow historically, please don't hesitate to write and tell me. It is your newsletter, and we aim to please.

During this last year, I have received several book donations for our library. Mrs Bidstrup of South Australia kindly donated The House of Glendonwyn by Gerald Talbot Clindenning; Douglas, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, England 1850 - Migration to Adelaide and Newcastle, Australia by James A. Douglass of Mooroopna, Victoria, and William Douglas, 18th Century Scotland. His Life and Descendants of Swinside Townhead Farm, near Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, Scotland, Australia and New Zealand by Linda Mills of South Auckland, New Zealand. On behalf of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia, I should like to extend to Mrs Bidstrup, Mr James A. Douglass and Mrs C.W. Kean, our grateful thanks. We should like more donations from our members to boost our library sources please.

I still haven't received pedigree charts from some members. These charts are confidential and kept so that I can compare your ancestors' names with other families and if required, then put families in touch with one another. It doesn't matter if you can only go back as far as your father and mother or grandparents; but it may just turn out that someone else on my files has the same names and wants to contact other family members.

I still have the Douglas Master Charts for sale at \$8-00 a copy. These pedigree charts list the Douglas family branches of Drumlanrig, Angus and Morton from 1174 to the middle of the nineteenth century, as known to the compiler. They are fairly comprehensive and well worth having in collections of Douglas family papers.

I move that this report be accepted.

Mary Smith.

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR & PRESS SECRETARY REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to be able to present my report to the 2nd Annual General Meeting of C.D.A.A. both as Press Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

First of all the Press Secretary's Report.

Publicity for C.D.A.A. has been mainly by word of mouth; by exchange of our newsletter and by contact with other clans.

Our Newsletter is read now all over Australia & New Zealand and is sent to Scotland, England and America. We intend to enclose an application for membership form in every newsletter posted and it is anticipated that members themselves will encourage relatives and other people they know to be eligible, to join the association. If we are to continue to grow from strength to strength then we must have more members.

Newsletter Editor's Report.

First and foremost I would like to thank the willing band of helpers who meet at my house to help with the collating, stapling, sorting and posting of our quarterly newsletter, without this help I'd never manage to produce the newsletter.

Content - we continue to have regular contributions under the following headlines - President's Message from our president, Mr. Ron Douglas; Know your Roots and Septs by our genealogical officer, Mrs. Mary Smith; New Members from our membership secretary Mrs. Edith Myers and Norrie's Notes from Mr. Norman Douglas of Scotland.

Other regular items are - Research queries; Additions to the Library and recommended reading; Member's Interest; Notice Board and Family Fun.

I would like to thank our members for their continued support and encouragement, your letters are always most welcome. However, there seems to have been a lack of children's contributions and I would particularly like to foster more interest from the children so that the Newsletter can be shared by a wider range of age groups within the family.

The Newsletter is our main source of contact with members from far and wide and therefore it is important to me, as Editor, that it contains enough varied material to cover a wide range of interests.

Costs - inspite of increase in costs for paper and printing, I have been able to keep the cost of the newsletter down to \$1-00 per copy. Postage costs add to that amount and with the rise from 1st October, will continue to do so.

Our new method of enveloping the newsletter in a plastic bag reduces the cost from the original paper envelope. I would like to thank Jim Myers for printing our labels on his computer, this help also cut our costs.

Advertising - we could cut costs further by including more advertisements. Our advertising rates were printed in newsletter No. 2. If any members wish to advertise, please contact the Editor.

Newsletter - Back issues are available for sale at \$2-00 each.

Thank you all once again for your contributions and support.

I move that this Report be received and accepted.

JAN SHAW.

SEPTS

CAVERS: From Cavers in the parish of Bowden, Roxburghshire, William de Caveris was juror on inquest made in Edinburgh in 1402 (Egidii, p. 38). Thomas Caveris was witness in Lytham in 1444 and 1472 (Sc. Ant., xvii, p. 115, 119), and a later Thomas Caveris was Burgess there in 1531 (Johnsoun, 5). William Cavers had a grant of part of land of Mukdrum, 1503, and three years later Dionisius Cavers who held land in Perth, 1535, appears in 1546 as Dionese Cavers, witness there (Rollok, 116, 2). William Cavers was tenant of Neubattle Abbey in 1563 (Neubottle, p. 327). (Taken from The Surnames of Scotland, G.F.Black).

N.S.Wales Deaths, 1890-1899	Vic. Deaths, 1854
Walter Cavers, son of John and Janet.	Robert Cavers - (Cert. 05323)
(Cert. 9908280)	

RESEARCH QUERIES

DOUGLAS, James Roger married Jane Davies at Gulgong, N.S.Wales on the 21st August 1873. Children: Jessie Maude Douglas b.1881; James Edward Douglas b. 1878; unnamed child b. 1881; Roy Olsen Douglas b. 1882; and Archie R. Douglas b.1886. Would anyone descended from this family, please contact Mr Archibald Roy Douglas, 18 Turana Place, Rockingham Park, Western Australia, 6168.

DOUGLAS - Hoping to trace descendants.

James Douglas and Janet Currie of Riding Wood, Kirkmahoe, Dumfries. Known issue - son James, (my Gt.Gt. Grandfather), born February 9th, 1796. Please contact Mrs. June Marks, 3/20 Coolee St., Randwick NSW 2031.

Douglas - Mrs. Ashton of 34 Charles St., Murwillumbah, NSW, writes to say she has found another daughter of her Gt. Grand-parents, George Gee and Jane Theresa Douglas. Amelia Winifred Gee born 1868. Jane Theresa Douglas was born at sea and was 36 years old when Amelia was born. The family lived at Camperdown, Sydney. Their eldest daughter Elizabeth Jane was born in 1852. Does anyone have details about this family?

DOUGLAS: Captain Bryan Hill, Garden Flat, 13 Apsley Road, Clifton Bristol BS8 2SH, Avon County, England, asks for information concern any descendants of John Percy Douglas born 1863 in Bristol, England. married and left his father's firm of Douglas Bros. (renowned for Doug. Motor Cycles), for Australia between 1900-1910 bringing his wife, family with him. His children: Norman "Sunny" Douglas (b.c 1885-18; said to be "well known in Sydney"); Mary Ethel Douglas; Myrtle Douglas. direct descendant of the family in Australia is Mr Douglas Nichols who whereabouts is unknown to Captain Hill who would like to contact him.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Mary Smith for the publication of her second book "I Aspire Unto", Boyce - A Family History.

Genealogists researching Douglas Ancestors may be interested to know of books held in Scottish Libraries. For books on Douglas History refer to "Scottish Family History" by Joan P.S. Ferguson - National Library of Scotland. (Held in G.F.H.S. Genealogical Library, Brisbane.) - ED.

CHURCH RECORDS IN SCOTLAND

Anglican:

The Anglican Church in Scotland is known as the Episcopalian Church. Protestantism was established in 1560, and the Presbyterian Church in 1581. James VI formally established the Episcopal Church in 1610, and during this period, Presbyterians were persecuted. In 1638, it was the turn of Episcopalians to be persecuted and Presbyterianism was the recognised church. Episcopalian Registers were hidden, destroyed or not kept at all. In 1661, Charles II re-established Episcopacy. In 1690, again there was a change but this time, the Episcopalians and Catholics were forbidden to keep records. The law against Episcopalians was repealed in 1792 and they were all permitted to worship and keep records from that time on. Donald J. Steel's book, SOURCES OF SCOTTISH GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY, 1970, contains a list of known registers and where they can be found.

Catholics:

These registers are generally held by local churches although a few have been microfilmed. In the early days of Scottish history, the church was plagued by persecution, so record keeping was somewhat spasmodic or non-existent. It was feared by the Crown that Catholics may have an association with the Stuarts, and so were deprived of their normal citizen rights. It wasn't until 1829 that Catholics enjoyed full rights throughout Great Britain. During the dreadful Irish famine years of the 1840s, many Catholics migrated to Scotland in search of work, thus augmenting the numbers in that country.

Presbyterians:

The Fasti Ecclesiae Scotticanae covering the years 1560-1929, may be of help if your ancestor was a Scottish clergyman. These fiche give a short autobiography of the minister concerned and sometimes contain a lot of valuable information about his wife and off-spring. There are nine volumes each representing a particular area of Scotland and have been microfilmed by the LDS Church. The State Library of New South Wales is known to hold a copy, and I myself, have ordered a copy of volumes 2 and 6 into the LDS Church at Kangaroo Point in Brisbane. There are quite a few Douglases recorded for the large areas around Aberdeen and Edinburgh. If your ancestors were academics or ministers of religion, it would be a good idea to check in the Alumni Cantabrigienses and Alumni Oronienses, if they attended Cambridge or Oxford Universities. These books are held in local university and state libraries.

Burgess Records:

Burgess records exist from 1406-1846 and give the dates and names of men who passed their apprenticeship and joined their own trade guild. Their father's name is often recorded. Some records have been filmed by the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints [LDS] and can be hired for viewing at one of their branch libraries. Six burgess rolls have been published: Aberdeen (1399-1700), Banff (1549-1892), Canongate (Edinburgh) (1622-1733), Dumbarton (1600-1925), Edinburgh (1406-1841), and Glasgow (1573-1846). Your local state or genealogical library may hold copies. If not, I suggest you write to the Scottish Record Office, H.M. Register House, Princes Street, Edinburgh, Scotland EH1 3YX.

(Compiled from Janet Reakes, An A to Z of Scottish Genealogy, The Genealogy Research Service Centre Pty. Ltd., 1985.)

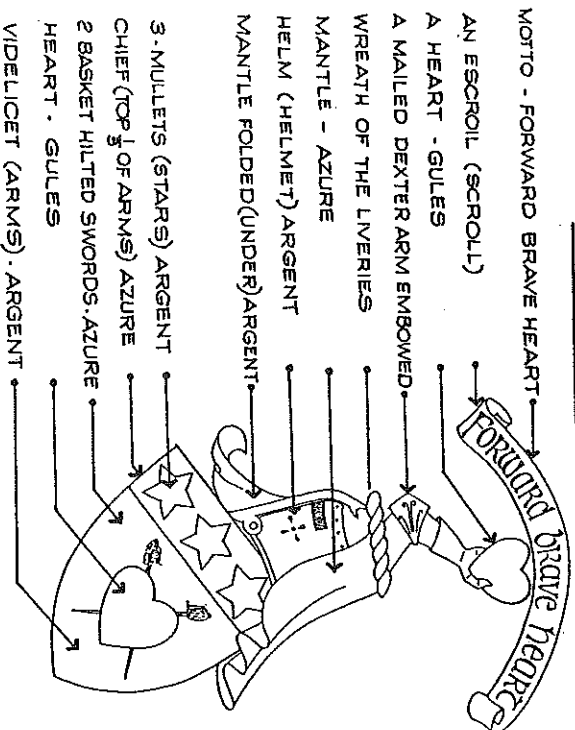
CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our President, Mr. Ron Douglas on becoming an armiger, that is having been granted his own personal Coat of Arms by the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland.

An illustration of the Coat of Arms is below.



BELOW IS ILLUSTRATED THE "FULL ACHIEVEMENT"
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KING OF ARMS



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AZURE - BLUE

GULES - RED

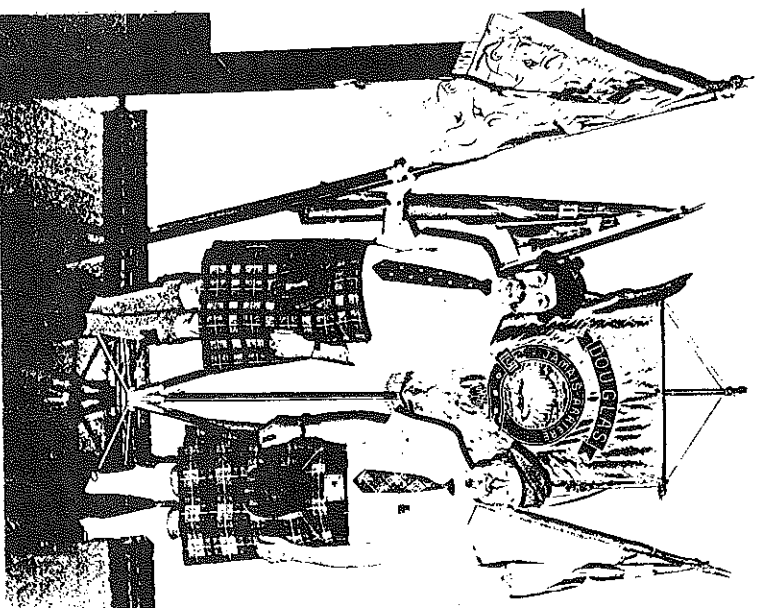
EXPLANATION OF RONALD DOUGLAS'S REQUEST FOR ABOVE

CREST - MAILED DEXTER ARM OF THE BLACK DOUGLAS
THROWING ROBERT BRUCE'S HEART AT HIS FOES.

MOTTO - REFERS TO ABOVE ACTION

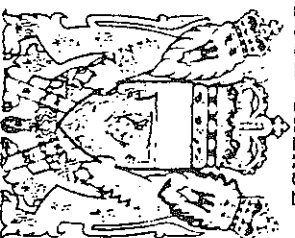
ARMS - ORIGINAL ARMS OF THE DOUGLASES, ADDING THE

2 - BASKET SWORDS, (REPRESENTING THE OWNERS
COLLECTION OF SCOTTISH ANTIQUE WEAPONS).



At the 2nd A.G.M. of Clan Douglas Association of Australia, two armigers were piped in. Mr. Ron Douglas, President, (Right) and Mr. Malcolm Ferguson, Guest Speaker, (Left).

Information Leaflet No.2

SCOTTISH
CREST BADGESTHE COURT OF THE LORD LYON
H.M. NEW REGISTER HOUSE
EDINBURGH EH1 1TL 031-556 7755

INTRODUCTION

Much confusion exists about the meaning, use and entitlement to wear Scottish Crest Badges, and it is constantly increased by well-meaning but ill-informed explanations. This leaflet is authoritative in setting out the main facts. Even the popular name "Clan Crest" is a misnomer, as there is no such thing as a "Clan" Crest. The Crest is the exclusively personal property of the Clan Chief, and it is fully protected to him by the law in Scotland. The circumstances in which it may be worn by his clansmen are set out hereafter. But, first, four brief definitions of the technical terms are necessary.

1. DEFINITIONS

(a) THE CREST

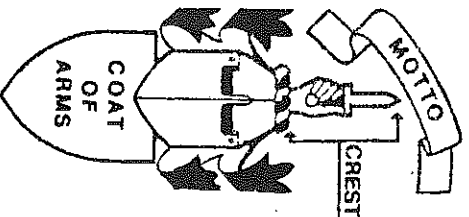
When a coat of Arms is granted by the Sovereign through Her Majesty's Lord Lyon King of Arms, the Grant of Arms document shows the coat of Arms on a Shield. Above the Shield is placed a conventional helmet, and on top of the helmet is shown an additional device, called the CREST, accompanied by the owner's Motto on a conventional scroll. It is impossible to own a Crest without first owning a coat of Arms, shown on the Shield, as the Crest is an adjunct to the coat of Arms. Sometimes an additional Motto or Slogan is granted, which may correctly appear on the Clansman's bonnet badge as an alternative to the first Motto.

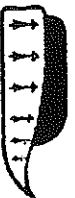
(b) THE WREATH

Between the Crest and the helmet usually appears a WREATH of twisted cloth of alternate twists of the owner's "livery colours", on which the Crest stands. When the Crest is shown by itself, without the coat of Arms, this WREATH is always shown beneath it to indicate that it is a heraldic Crest and not merely a depiction of some object or other. It is usually shown as a sort of straight sausage, with six twists.

(c) THE CREST CORONET

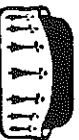
Sometimes a coronet appears instead of a Wreath, and serves the same function. This is usually a CREST CORONET, similar to that of a Duke but showing only one and two halves of strawberry leaves on its upper rim instead of a Duke's three and two halves, and without the velvet and ermine cap which fits inside a ducal coronet. Many Clan Chiefs have Crest Coronets beneath their Crests instead of Wreaths. Sometimes Crests have different forms of coronets beneath them instead of Wreaths, usually the form known the "antique crown" which is an "open" crown (having no arches over it) showing on its upper rim three and two halves of tapering triangular spikes.





(d) THE CHAPEAU

Sometimes a heraldic CHAPEAU replaces the Wreath, or occasionally appears between the Wreath and the Crest. This is a conventional depiction of velvet hat, flat on top and lined with ermine fur which shows on the turned-up brim of the hat. The edge of the brim is sometimes shown scalloped, sometimes straight. The shape of the hat varies with the artist who drew it; usually a side view is shown, when the hat looks rather like a Glengarry, with the brim tapering to a point at one end; a front view looks like a pillbox, with the brim turned up across it. Nowadays the Chapeau, which indicates its owner's baronial rank, usually appears beneath the helmet instead of beneath the Crest.



NOTE: The choice and use of Wreath, Crest Coronet or Chapeau is NOT a matter of the owner's whim, but is part of his Grant of Arms where they are stipulated. They may ONLY be used when they have been so granted by the Lord Lyon King of Arms.

2. RIGHTS

Any Scot who has recorded Arms and Crest in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland ("Lyon Register" for short) has the right to wear his Crest as a badge in various particular forms (see Section 5). NO ONE ELSE AT ALL may wear a badge of the Crest that such an "armiger" has recorded as his own, and this is a matter of law. The Arms and Crest are protected for their owner by the Laws of Arms in Scotland, and illegal infringement of his sole rights can bring prosecution, a fine and confiscation of the property marked with the rightful owner's Arms and/or Crest. Such a prosecution is conducted entirely at the expense of the Crown, and so the owners of Arms invoke it very freely and at no cost to themselves.

In Scotland ALL Arms and Crests are PERSONAL. There is NO SUCH THING as a "Family" coat of Arms or Crest. Though the Arms or Crest may be borne by SUCCESSIVE members of a family, they are personal to each in turn. The rules of the inheritance of Arms and Crests are legal and strict.

3. SAME NAME

When a person has recorded Arms and Crest in the Lyon Register, it is strictly NOT open to anyone else of the same surname to use his Crest. This is an infringement of the owner's legal rights, for which he may ask the Procurator Fiscal of the Court of the Lord Lyon to prosecute the offender.

Ownership of Arms and Crest is PERSONAL, and is NOT extended to others of the same surname except in the cases outlined in Section 5 hereafter.

4. CHIEFS OF CLANS AND HEADS OR "REPRESENTERS" OF FAMILIES

Chiefs are heads of very large "extended" families, including all of the same surname and probably many "septs" as well. "Septs" are large extended families (i.e. including distant cousins and connections) within a Clan but bearing different surnames from the Clan, usually the result of arbitrary fixing of surnames about the 17th century, prior to which surnames were not general in their modern form in Scotland. Fairly comprehensive lists of sept names and their Clans are given in "The Clans, Septs and Regiments of the Scottish Highlands" by Frank Adam and Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, 6th ed. 1960, in two extensive appendices, and also in "The Official Tartan Map" by John Telfer Dunbar and Don Pottinger, Hamish Hamilton 1976.

Heads or REPRESENTERS of families are those whose claims to be the genealogically senior living persons of their surnames have been Officially Recognised by the Lord Lyon King of Arms, and are recorded as such in the Lyon Register. They are usually heads of extended families too small in number to claim to be "Clans". But they can be small or Lowland too; "Clan" simply means "Family" in the broad sense.

5. WEARING AND FORM OF CREST BADGES

(a) CHIEFS OF CLANS

Chiefs have the right to wear their Crests as badges :-

EITHER simpliciter, without the accompaniment of circlet, motto or feathers behind the badge.

OR

as is more usual, surrounded with a plain circlet inscribed with his Motto or Slogan, NOR a strap-and-buckle which is for clansmen; and, if they choose, with THREE eagle's feathers in silver behind the circlet.

If the Chief is also a Peer of the Realm, he may correctly add his appropriate coronet of rank on top of the circlet, but this is a matter of his personal choice.

(b) CHIEFTAINS

i.e. Heads of large branches of a Clan and Officially Recognised as such by the Lord Lyon King of Arms. Chieftains may wear either their own personal Crest within a plain circlet inscribed with the Motto, as for a Chief, but with TWO small eagle's feathers instead of the Chief's three. If the Chieftain is also a Peer, he may add the appropriate coronet of rank on top of the circlet,

OR they may wear their Chief's Crest badge like any other clansman, as described for CLANSMEN in Section 5(d) below.

(c) ARMIGERS

i.e. Persons who have registered their own coat of Arms and Crest, or have inherited these according to the laws of Arms in Scotland from ancestors who had recorded them in the Lyon Register.

An armiger may wear his own Crest as a badge :-

EITHER simpliciter, on its Wreath, Crest Coronet or Chapeau,

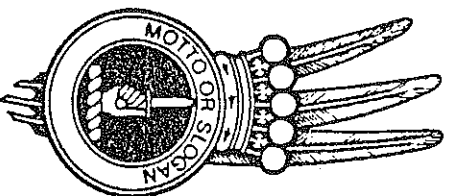
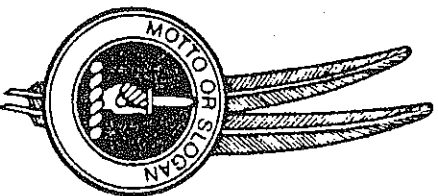
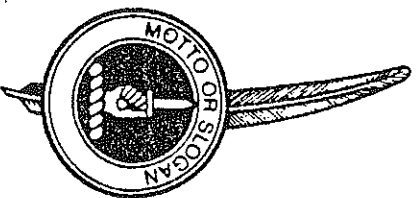
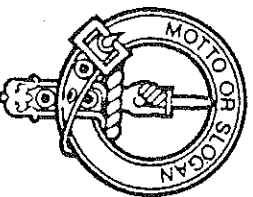
OR, as is more usual, within a plain circlet inscribed with his Motto.

An armiger is entitled to ONE silver eagle's feather behind the circlet, and if he is also a Peer he may add his appropriate coronet of rank on top of the circlet. An armiger may also choose to wear instead the Crest badge of his Chief if the armiger is a clansman, as for CLANSMEN in Section 5(d) below.

(d) CLANSMEN AND CLANSWOMEN

i.e. The Chief's relatives, including his own immediate family and even his eldest son, and ALL members of the extended family called the "Clan", whether bearing the Clan surname or that of one of its septs in sum, all those who profess allegiance to that Chief and wish to demonstrate their association with the Clan.

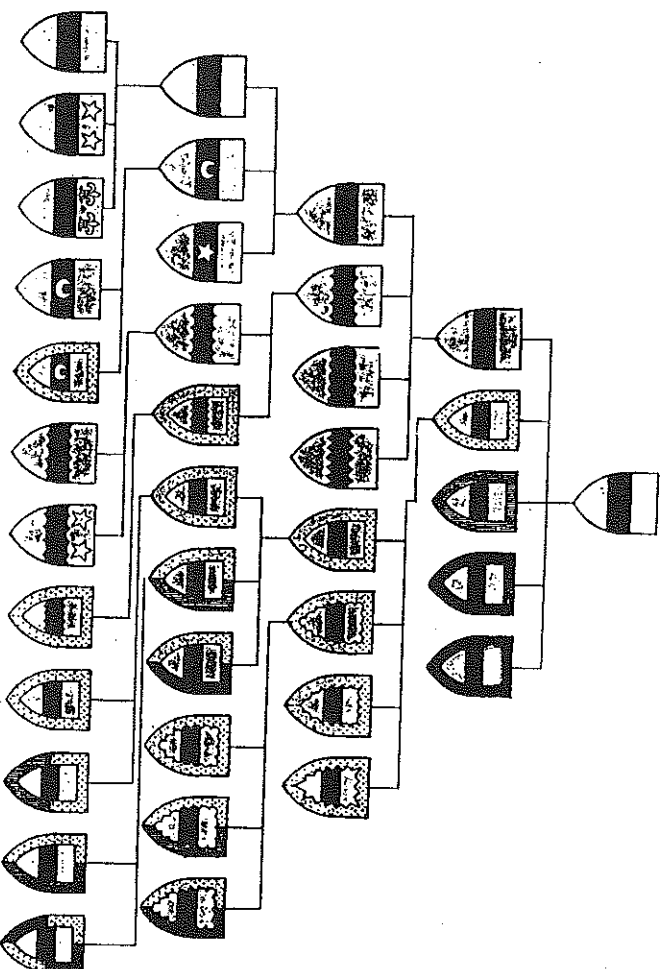
It is correct for these to wear their Chief's Crest encircled with a STRAP AND BUCKLE bearing their Chief's Motto or Slogan. The strap and buckle is the sign of the clansman, and he demonstrates his membership of his Chief's Clan by wearing his Chief's Crest within it.



6. NOTES

1. Although the Crest Badge is purchased by and is therefore owned by the clansman, the heraldic Crest and Motto on it belong to the Chief and NOT to the clansman. They are the Chief's exclusive heraldic property, which the clansman is only thus permitted to wear.
It is illegal for the clansman to misappropriate the Chief's Crest and Motto for any other use of his own, such as decorating his own silver, writing paper or signet ring, which anyway would mean that these articles belonged to the Chief who is the owner of the Crest and Motto on them.
Clan Societies, Officials and clansmen who have reason to use the Crest Badge on stationery should add beneath it the words "Crest Badge of a member of the Clan...", to make it clear that the Crest Badge is not being misappropriated by the Clan Society or official involved. It is the Crest Badge of ALL clansmen, whether members of Clan Societies or not, and non-members may not be excluded if they are clansmen.
2. The strap-and-buckle is NOT a "Garter", and it should NEVER be shown coloured blue with gold buckle and edgings like the insignium of the Order of the Garter. Crest Badges are for wear by the clansmen, and as they are made of silver or white metal they should never be illustrated on paper or other materials in colour, other than white or silver. Line drawings should be printed in monochrome. It is the privilege of ladies to wear the Crest Badge of their Chief as a brooch, usually on the left lapel of a jacket or equivalent position on a dress, and they may wear it thus in gold if they choose. Real eagle's feathers behind the badge may be worn by those entitled to feathers on appropriate occasions, e.g. Clan Gatherings. Ladies do not wear feathers behind the Crest Badge, either real or in metal, unless they are Chiefs, Chieftains or armigers in their own right.
3. Strictly speaking, membership of a Clan goes with the surname. And so it does NOT pass through married women who take their husbands' surnames and do NOT therefore transmit their own Clan surname to their children. The children are members of their fathers' Clans. But many people who have no paternal Clan of their own are content to demonstrate their relationship with their mother's Clan by wearing the Crest Badge of a clansman of her ancestral Clan. Few Clans would be so strict as to reject such affiliation, but some Clan Societies do.
4. When surnames were generally adopted in Scotland in the 17th century, some families took the surname of their Chief, not always spelling it in the same way, as spelling were not yet firmly fixed. Some took descriptive names, such as ROY which means RED, or trade names such as SMITH, WRIGHT, FLETCHER and MILLER. Their descendants cannot expect to find Chiefs for such derivative names, but must search back in their ancestry to discover in which Clan their family originated, as every Clan would have had its own smiths, wrights, fletchers (arrow-makers) and millers - and redheads.
5. Many established and reputable Clans do not have a Chief, where the Chief's line has died out or been lost - possibly through long past emigration of the line who are now heirs to the Chiefship. No Chief can exist for such Clans till a claimant comes forward and proves to the Lord Lyon King of Arms that he is the senior heir, when the Lord Lyon will Officially Recognise him as the Chief.
In some such cases, the Arms and Crest of a former Chief are known from past records though not the present Chief. His clansmen may wear the Crest Badge of the last known Chief, which would be the same as that of his present undiscovered successor. In some cases there is no such record, and the clansmen have no Crest Badge for their Chief at all, nor will have until a Chief is discovered.
6. Although the illustrations in this leaflet of Crest Badges for Chieftains and armige show the same "notional" Crest within the circlet as for Chiefs and clansmen, these are of course intended to represent their own personal Crests, NOT their Chiefs'.

END



SCOTTISH ARMORIAL DIFFERENCING SCHEME.

When a younger son establishes an independent position or marries, he must matriculate the parental arms with a difference, usually based on this scheme, and then abandon any "courtesy" minute difference borne as an unfamiliar child in his parents' household (Nisbet's *Heraldry*, vol. ii; pat. iii; p. 14). These minute differences of seniority borne by courtesy by sons living in their father's household, or until marriage, are the armorial equivalent of the courtesy title "Honourable" in peerage families. They are in each generation coloured, as far as possible, in the tincture precedence on p. 53, and placed on the field on an ordinary or suitable charge, as best suits the tinctures. These minute temporary differences are:

Heir or first son, the Label		Fourth son, the Martlet		Seventh son, the Rose	
Second son, the Crescent		Fifth son, the Annulet		Eighth son, the Cross moline	
Third son, the Mullet		Sixth son, the Fleur-de-l'ys		Ninth son, the Double-quatrefoil	

NORRIE'S NOTES NO. 22

Scotland is considered to have the finest Heraldic system in the world. When a person is granted a Coat of Arms by the Lord Lyon, King of Arms, those Arms are recorded in the Lyon Register in Edinburgh and are there as long as the registers exist, which is an excellent way of officially recording your family. A person's wife, sons, and daughters are allowed the courtesy use of that person's Arms, the daughters till they are married when they should combine their father's Arms with their husband's Arms, and the sons only till they are of age when the sons should apply to the Lord Lyon for a differencing to their father's Arms. This usually means that the eldest son would have a label, which is like a capital E fallen forward, applied to his father's Arms, and shows the difference between the son and his father. When the father dies, the son would have the label removed and so inherits the Arms as his father had them. Any other sons would never have the same Arms as his father, but similar with some difference approved by the Lord Lyon, and all these other sons would then become the start of a new cadet family, and the heraldic differencing shows exactly where each person fits into the family tree, and so no Arms are duplicated. Sex discrimination has never existed in heraldic Scotland, as ladies are equally allowed to have their own Arms, and many do, but as ladies are not considered as warriors, their Arms are displayed, not on a shield, but on a lozenge, which is a diamond shape.

CU pushes government over land care program

CATTLEMEN'S

By BOB LAKE

Union president Jock Douglas has called on the Federal Government to take steps to overcome the impasse which is holding up the implementation of a national land care program.

He says a discussion paper on land care, drawn up by the Cattlemen's Union has received wide support. The paper was aimed at increasing the awareness and direct involvement of more people in the responsible use of their land.

He said primary producers were regarding as increasingly sig-

nificant, the need to maintain their productive resource base for the future.

Far too often, poor decisions were being made on such matters as stocking rates, development and cultivation practices in the search for short term profits and expediency.

Comments prepared by Mr Douglas for the recent Cattlemen's Union/UGA/DPI beef forum in Kingaroy were presented by the Union's communications officer Brendan Egan, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr Douglas.

The Cattlemen's Union discussion paper had proposed a national 'land care' program, funded and guided by the Commonwealth, directed by each State, and implemented by producers themselves. The program included elements of taxation relief for land care expenditure, education and research, and extension.

Local land care committees would become "front line forces, and the most important focal group in Australian agriculture," Mr Douglas believed.

These committees would comprise representatives of all types of agricultural production in a given area, and would build awareness of sustainable land use practices.

Mr Douglas said the problem was to reach those people who "don't attend meetings, don't listen, and who possibly don't care."

The only way he could see them becoming an active part of a land care program was to have the incentives packaged by the Federal Government. The local land care committees would then play a recommending role on the eligibility of individuals within their districts to receive the incentives provided.

But in spite of a remarkable number of positive responses, the land care program proposal is in danger of foundering, Mr Douglas said.

And the reason for this, he said, was that at the Council of Agriculture, (Australian Soil Conservation Council) ministers' meeting in Cairns, "politics came in the door and a sense of purpose and direction went out the window."

Mr Douglas said the



• CU president, Jock Douglas

States showed a "high degree of paranoia about the possibility of the Federal Government strengthening its role in soil conservation or land care generally."

The example of heritage legislation had made the states nervous and negative.

He said the way ahead now had to be for the Federal Government to

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assure the States that it would not override or replace existing State soil conservation or land care programs. It should also directly provide states with funding for extension through local land care committees, and develop incentive programs in conjunction with the NFF.

And "operation land care" needed a national plan and focus, with a timetable for implementation.

Mr Douglas said the States should then move to embrace the national plan.

Douglas retains leadership

MORE than 300 Cattlemen's Union members this week unanimously re-elected president Jock Douglas to the organisation's top position.

The union's BTEC committee chairman, Paul Wright, won a three-way contest for the vice-presidency to replace Keith McCanley who did not stand for re-election.

The new CU executive and regional council members are: president, Jock Douglas; vice-president, Paul Wright;

Old chairman, David Corr; Old vice-chairman Raymond Becker; NSW chairman, Peter Strachan; NSW vice-president, Eric Muller.

Councillors — South Qld: Paul Wright, Graham Carvay, Jock Douglas, Stephen Duff, John Mulvey; Central Qld: Peter Peasey, Ivan Schmalkuchie, Kerry Martin, deBurgh Joyce, Raymond Becker. North Qld: Bill Bode, David Corr, Robert Willis, Trevor Stretton, Carol Shephard, Robert Johnson. NSW: Bruce Rossiter, Bruce MacDougall, Eric Muller, Brian Fisher, Peter Strachan, Benjamin Thomson.



CONGRATULATIONS

Black Douglas memorial stone leaves for Spain

A GRANITE memorial stone is to be erected where the Black Douglas — also known as "The Good Sir James" — fell in battle against the Saracens while on his secret mission to take the heart of Robert the Bruce to the Holy Land.

Weighing over a ton, it left Scotland in the back of a van at the weekend and will arrive in Tolu, Southern Spain, at the end of the week.

At the wheel is a direct descendant of the Black Douglas, Scottish-born Mr Douglas Macdonald, now the 57-year-old deputy attorney for Brockville, Ontario. He and his 31-year-old uncle, the Earl of Selkirk, have been planning the memorial for the past ten years.

Accompanied by his wife, Bina, and his son, David, Mr Macdonald was optimistic, despite the fact that the Scottish boobyer will come as a surprise for the people of Tolu, let alone Spain.

"Communications at long range with the town of Tolu have been difficult, so we will arrive with the stone to arrange its erection on site," he explained.

"Tolu is about 50 miles north of Malaga. I have lived up an historical picture with the mayor and other people will help — I hope. My first task is to get permission to erect the stone."

"We hope to get a mason to fix the memorial at the exact place where the Black Douglas fell. Tolu is very picturesque, and is quite a large town now. The battle scene is covered in olive groves."

"If there are too many delays we will leave the stone and erect it later. Anyway, we will organise an official unveiling next spring. Scots generally, especially Douglases, from all over the world will be welcome."

By JILLIAN HAMILTON

stone from Cremona in Ritzend, by nightfall, designed by sculptor Sir Kenneth, of Kelly Castle near St Andrews, has cost around £3,000 and it is anticipated it will cost another £2,500 to have it put on a pedestal and anchored to the ground. It is being paid for by donations.

The inscription carved on the stone is in English and Spanish and reads: "Most loyal comrade in arms to Robert the Bruce, King of Scots, while on his way to present the heart of Bruce at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem, the good Sir James turned aside to support King Alfonso capture the strategic Castle of the Stars, Tolu, and was slain in battle, August 29th 1330."

Robert, the Bruce's last request before his death from leprosy in 1329 had been to his life-long friend and

comrade in arms, Sir James Douglas, to have his heart removed from his body and taken on a Crusade.

The king's heart was embalmed, put in a silver casket, hung around the neck of the man who has since become the most famous member of the House of Douglas, and sent off on the long journey to the Holy Land, Sir James, however, stopped in Seville to help the Christian King of Spain against the Saracens.

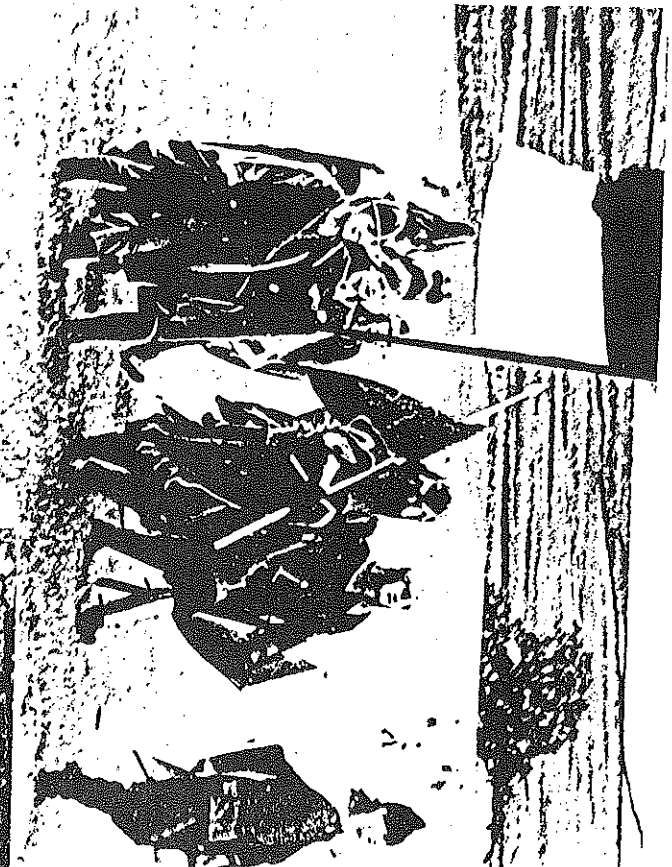
In the ensuing battle, the Scots became separated from their allies and surrounded by the enemy. Just before he fell Sir James flung the casket in front of him, shouting: "On Bruce and I will follow thee." The heart and casket were later found under his corpse.

To stop their ill-fated general routing in the Spanish sun, the Scottish soldiers carried out the macabre procedure of boiling him in a

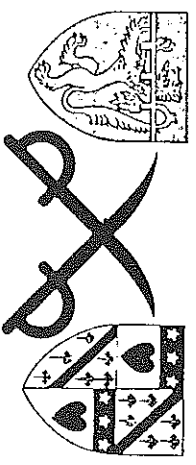
vat. This separated the flesh from his bones which they carried home along with Bruce's heart. Finally the stone was buried at St Bridget's in Douglasdale where there still exists a memorial to him erected by his son.

Although Bruce's heart was interred at Melrose Abbey, his body remained at Douglasdale. Bruce was enthroned and it was discovered that the breast bone had been seen through to enable his heart to be removed. At the time of the extraction a cast was made of his skull and taken to Holyrood, and his teeth were put in a glass case and given to the Earl of Elgin. — they've still at Broomhall, near Dunfermline.

"Perhaps next," added Mr Macdonald wittily, "we should fulfil the mission our ancestor set out to do: finish the task of taking the heart to Jerusalem. But I realise that that would present difficulties."



THE
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BATTLE OF OTTERBURN
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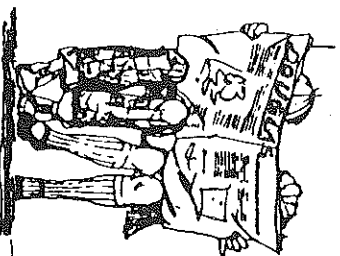


Photographs from the Re-enactment Battle of Otterborn of 1388. Sent by Mr. Norman Douglas of Dundarrach, Scotland who watched the 600th Anniversary Battle.

FAMILY FUN

- A swarm of people is called a crowd. A crowd of clouds is called an overcast. An overcast of a Broadway play is caused by too many understudies.
- A convention of surgeons is called a floilla of cutters.
- A clutch of straws • A fleet of foot • A litter of picnickers • A peel of strippers • A cast of fishermen • A crew of interest • A brood of tea
- A swarm of summer greetings • A school of winter greetings.

- A pall of mourners.
- A strike of workers.
- A chowder of clams.
- A conversion of sinners.



McNaviish approached a bus idling at a corner in a small town and asked the fare to Edinburgh. Driver replied, "It's two pound, six and 3." "That's too much," said Angus. "Suit yourself," says driver and off he goes. Well, Mr. Mac being young, vigorous and thrifty, decided he'd run behind the bus and get on at the next stop. So he followed the bus through muck and mire and arrived at the next town, out of breath, just as the driver was about to shut the door and go on. "Hold up," yelled Angus. "How much from here to Edinburgh?" "From here," responds the driver, "'tis an even three pounds. Ye've been running in the wrong direction, lad."

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THE DOUGLAS FIR

The Douglas fir is tall and straight. Its cones stand erect on the branches, making it a desirable Christmas tree. The fir is named for a famous Scottish botanist, David C. Douglas, who discovered this species in 1825. Furniture made from this tree is much in demand.

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

As 1988 draws to a close, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Good Health, Wealth and Happiness throughout the New Year.

As already mentioned in my report to the A.G.M., we are hoping for a larger membership for C.D.A.A. in 1989 and intend enclosing an application form with each Newsletter. Could you all please try to encourage relatives or eligible friends to join our ranks by giving them the form - and a first hand recommendation. Please keep your contributions coming in 1989 -

International gathering of the Clans in 1989. Some members have already indicated that they will be attending the gathering at Inverness, Scotland in May next year.

It makes us proud to think we will have members of C.D.A.A. there to represent the Douglas name.

More news about the gathering in our February Newsletter.

Jan Shaw

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