

THE CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NEWSLETTER



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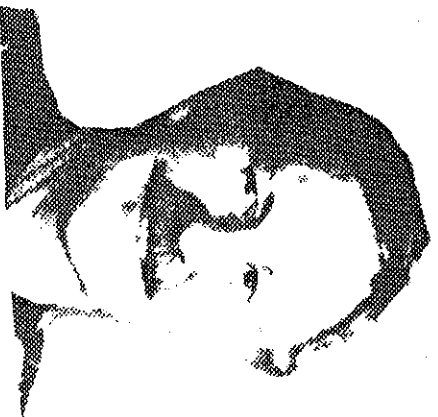
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On the list of sept families there are some who are recognised as belonging to other clans. It is therefore necessary to know your lineage in order to prove association. Clan Douglas Association of Australia cannot guarantee that your particular family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



President's Message

Welcome to Newsletter No.8 & good wishes for 1989. Our Editor gave you a bonus of some extra pages in Newsletter No.7 & I am not sure if you will get a repeat of that, unless some of you have sent in loads of interesting 'info'.

The World Gathering in Sydney in December was a memorable occasion, particularly, the dedication of the Scottish Cairn erected at Mossman overlooking the Harbour & donated by Scotland to Australia for its Bi-Centenary. All of the stones have been collected by children & postmen throughout Scotland & brought to a common dispatch point, then shipped by container to Australia.

A Scottish stonemason Duncan Matheson was also provided to erect the Cairn in the traditional way and was present at the Dedication Ceremony, which was conducted in a very moving manner, with luncheon provided for many of the guests, including the Duke & Duchess of Argyll, Chief of the Campbell Clan.

In the Clan March from the Domain to the Opera House we had a few more members in the contingent this year than previous. So we are slowly progressing in this area. The Douglasses joined the Camerons' Ferry Cruise on the Saturday & had a very detailed cruise around Sydney Harbour. It was a very good opportunity for our members to get to know each other.

As will be observed elsewhere in this Newsletter our daughter Kylie was fortunate in winning the Queen O' the Heather Guest providing her with the prize of a trip to Dunedin in N.Z. My wife Merle & I will accompany her as chaperones, but unfortunately our costs of travel are not included in her prize.

As we have done certain promotion in N.Z. we have recruited a number of members to our association & I am hoping to meet some of you during our trip. The function that we are attending is the Otago Scottish Heritage Council Annual Gathering held in Dunedin from the 4th to the 12th of March.

We can be contacted through Ailsa Rayner 10 GLENDEVON Place, Dunedin N.Z.

This is our first trip to N.Z. & we are looking forward to it immensely, as I have through research, established lateral relations, whose ancestors migrated from Scotland to Dunedin some time after ours came to Australia. This will be the first contact for approx. 130 years. Who said ancestral research is as dry as chips.

Cheerio until next issue.
Yours Aye,

RESEARCH QUERIES

DOUGLAS: William, son of John Douglas and Barbara Lumsden born c. 1852 at ? Kelso, Scotland. He married Ellen Leeson at Bass, Victoria on the 1st December 1884. Issue: Hugh b. c 1886 married Bridget Meehan 1911, Hayesford Vic. **Christina** b. 1st February 1887, Cowes, Phillip Island, Vic. She married Robert Hart 24th July 1918 at Adelaide, South Australia. **Fier** Douglas b. 1890 at Carlton, Vic. Would anyone having information on any descendants of William and Ellen Douglas, please contact Mrs Glenda Fenwick, 61 Church St., Beaumaris, Vic 3193.

DOUGLAS: Would anyone with information concerning the family or descendants of Hugh Douglas, born between 1830-1840, birthplace unknown; married Mary Ann Pounton (Pointon, Ponton). Children: Hugh, Mary & **Georgina** (twins), John, James Thomas, Alexander Ponton, **George Andrew**, Janet, **Andrew Frederick** and Thomas Robert **Heggie Douglas** - latter born Geelong, Victoria. Please contact Mr Ian Douglas, P O Box 1016, Toowoomba, Q'ld 4350.

BLACKSTOCK: Information is sought concerning **William Blackstock**, born on the 2nd February 1835, Dumfriesshire, Scotland ; indentured in England on the 29th March 1845; married **Rosina McKelvie** on the 20th January 1857 or 1859; died aged 33 years on the 16th April 1868 in Tasmania or Victoria, Australia. Rosina was born in Glasgow, Scotland on the 15th December 1838; married a second time to Peter Booth, and died in Parkes on the 9th August 1921 aged 83 years. Please contact E.W. Blackstock, 61 Kurrajong St., Windang, NSW 2503.

DOUGLAS: Jean Douglas born 1764, married **William Boyne** on the 26th May 1790. Their first five children were born in Linlithgow, Scotland, and seven more in Falkirk. One son **James** stayed in Scotland, but the rest came to Australia and New Zealand. Would anyone with information about Jean Douglas' ancestry, please contact Mrs R. Watson, 36 Quinn Street, Heidelberg, 3084 Vic.

DOUGLAS: Margaret Douglas, daughter of Thomas Douglas (a Brewer's Carter) and Margaret Douglas (Nee Sheils), born in Leith, Scotland 1827c or 1833c. Emigrated to Australia where she lived at Smith Street, Collingwood, Melbourne, and employed as a Housemaid, until she was married to John Hodge at the United Presbyterian Manse, Collins Street Melbourne on 25th May 1854. Would appreciate any help in tracing her line, all replies to Gregory Hooper-Browne, Upper Pitone Road, R.D. 4, New Plymouth 4621, NEW ZEALAND.

MORTON: Grace Morton, daughter of ? Morton (a Gamekeeper) and Grace Morton (Nee Fairlie(or could it be Fairley)), born Falkirk, Scotland (this birthplace from her Death Certificate, although on three of her children's Birth Certificates (which presumably were done when she was alive). show (1) Falkirk, Scotland, (2) Scotland, and (3) Glasgow, Scotland.) in April (between 6-15) 1843c. Emigrated to New Zealand where she married Charles Robert Fenwick in the house of Robert Stewart, North Road, Invercargill on 22nd September 1863 (aged 20). Would appreciate any help in tracing her line, all replies to Gregory Hooper-Browne, Upper Pitone Road, R.D. 4, New Plymouth 4621, NEW ZEALAND.

Septs:

Lockerbie: A surname current in Dumfriesshire, derived from the small town of the name in the parish of Dryfesdale. John Lockerby in Lochmaben, 1790. The lands of Lockerby of that ilk were long possessed by Johnstons. (Nisbet,1).
(Taken from The Surnames of Scotland, by G.F.Black.)

SEPTS

The Drysdale Family

On the Twentieth Day of May, One Thousand, Five Hundred and
Three Years :-

We, Thomas, William and James Douglas, sons of the departed Thomas Douglas of Brushwood Haugh, in the parish of Dryfesdale and shire of Dumfries, left our native place for the reason here assigned, viz. defending our just and lawful rights against our unjust neighbour Johnston of Greenston-hill, who, being determined to bring water to his mill through our property, and having obtained the leave of his friend the King, began his operations on Monday, the 16th May. We prevented him with force. The next day he brought twenty of his vassals to carry on the work. We, with two friends and three servants (eight in all) attacked Johnston with his twenty, and, in the contest, fourteen of his men where killed, along with their base leader. A report of these proceedings was carried to the King, and we were obliged to fly (the tocsin being sounded). We took shelter under the shadow of the Ochil Hills, in a lonely valley on the river Devon. After having lived there for two full years, we returned home in disguise, but found all out property in the possession of Johnston's friends, and a great reward offered for our lives.

We, having purchased a small shot, called the Haugh of Dollar, and changed our names to the name of our native parish, are clearly in mind to spend the residue of our days under the ope of the Ochils, and wish the name of Drysdale to flourish in the lonely valley.

The King passed through this with his court on the 12th June, 1506, going from Stirling to Falkland, dined on Halliday's Green, an eastern neighbour, but we were not known.

The above document has been preserved among the descendants of Thomas, William and James Douglas, now known by the name of Drysdale. Copied at several times by different individuals, first by Symon Drysdale of the Haugh of Dollar, 1620; by Robert Drysdale, Tillicoultry, 1708; by John Drysdale, Dunfermline, 1835; by James Drysdale, Dunfermline, 1838; printed by John Drysdale, Montrose, 1841; printed by William Drysdale, Alva, 1870; printed for Robert Drysdale, Tillicoultry, 1881; printed for David Drysdale, Warwick Lodge, Brixton, London, 1892; printed for Alexander Drysdale, Alloa, 1938; and copied by Neil M. Douglas Ewins in 1987 a descendant of David Drysdale, tailor in Sauchie, Clackmannanshire, and Janet McGregor (married 5th January, 1800, Clackmannan).

From information gathered it appears that there is some truth in the story, although it is well known that the Drysdale name, or at least a similar name, existed in the Clackmannanshire area before the documented incident of 1503. These instances occur in the Exchequer Rolls of Scotland in the parish of Tillicoultry, (which is adjacent to Dollar), between 1480 and 1513 when several 'Drisdale' or 'Drysdale' families are recorded as tenants residing on the lands of 'Coschnachtain', (Coalsnaughton), 'Hervisdawak', (Harviestoun ?), 'Drummy', 'Schannach', (Shannockhill) and 'Eilokisdawak', (Elistoun Hill ?). (See map of Clackmannanshire). An earlier record of the name in the same district occurs in the Burgh records of Stirling in 1478 when a Thomas Drusdale appeared before the Abbot of Cambuskenneth regarding Alveth (Alva) church.

Perhaps it could be that the Tillicoultry 'Drisdales' or 'Drysdales' are a different family from those descended from the Douglasses who settled in Dollar, but had a similar surname distinguishable by the spelling. However, variations in all names were

extremely common as it was not until the late 18th century that there was any attempt to standardise spelling. If there is a distinction it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible to differentiate between those descended from the Douglasses and those who are not.

As the contents of the document concern an argument over the right to bring water to Johnston's mill through Douglas land, it is necessary to briefly discuss this point. The parish of Dryfesdale is located in the valley of Annandale and the western and southern parts are generally flat. The northern parts are hilly and according to the owner of St. Michael's Walls, (or Old Walls), there was in this vicinity a water-mill, though it has long since been demolished. This area was first identified by the Rev. Robert Paul, F.S.A. Scot., who wrote "The Drysdales of Dollar" in 1909, as a possible location of the feud. It is also worth mentioning that, despite extensive research by various authors, the precise locations of 'Brushwood Haugh' and 'Greenston-hill' have never been found. However, in Sir John Sinclair's "Statistical Account of Scotland" written in the 1790s, we find north-eastern parts of Dryfesdale being described as covered with hazle and 'brushwood'.

The evidence which suggests that there is some truth in the documented account is shown by the apparent patronage towards Drysdales by Douglasses. During the 1560-70 period a James Dryisdail and John Drysdail were employed by the Douglasses of Loch Leven castle and according to the Registrum Secreti Sigillm Regum Scotorum, James Dryisdail was granted a pension from James Douglas, Commendator of Melrose Abbey, (son of the laird of Loch Leven), for £40 yearly starting on Whit Sunday 1574 and confirmed in 1579.

A Thomas Dryvisdail was granted the ecclesiastical lands of 'Culwen' or 'Culven'*, in Kirkcudbrightshire, by Robert Douglas, Provost of Linculden, in 1566. Robert was the illegitimate son of Sir James of Drumlanrig.

Later, in 1638 according to the Register of Privy Council, a James Dryisdail, servitor to Sir William Douglas of Cashogle, was a witness to a summons. The Douglasses of Cashogle are also descended from the Lairds of Drumlanrig. So, it is clear that the Drysdales had close links with both the Douglasses of Loch Leven and Drumlanrig which may not have been purely a coincidence; kinsmanship was much more important in those violent times!

There are several possible reasons for doubting the authenticity of the 1503 document. To my knowledge there are no records of any Drysdales purchasing the 'Haugh of Dollar' or of a 'Symon Drysdale of the Haugh of Dollar' (who apparently copied the document in 1620), actually owning that property. The word 'of' implies ownership rather than tenancy. There are many Drysdales recorded as living in the parish of Dollar but all these were tenants. For example, according to the Visitation of the Diocese of Dunblane, a Thomas Drysdell was recorded in 1586 as being 'in Nether Mains': in the Commissariat of Stirling, under Wills, we find John Drysdale, 'in Wester Scherdail' in 1615 and William Drysdale 'in New-raw' in 1677; according to the Register of the Privy Council, John, Thomas and Symon Drysdell or Drysdail were recorded as being 'in Manes of Duler' in 1643. This appears to be the case for all Drysdales in Dollar until the 1760s when we find in the Sasines a mention of William Drysdale 'of Sheardale'. If we could find 'Symon Drysdale of the Haugh of Dollar' this would indicate that he was the direct descendant of the three brothers, and therefore, provide some evidence to support the 1503 document.

It is also interesting to point out that of all the documents recording the 1503 incident which have been made available by various descendants, the names of the first three who copied it are always the same. They are :- Symon Drysdale, of the Haugh of Dollar, in 1620,

Robert Drysdale, of Tillicoultry, 1708, and John Drysdale, Dunfermline, 1835; (different names begin after this date). This suggests that only one, or very few, copies of the document existed until the 19th century, despite the fact that many Drysdale families emigrated, or moved away from Clackmannanshire before that time. Surely different families would have taken copies, and variations in the above list would have resulted. Perhaps this indicates that the story was passed down among the descendants orally and then committed to paper at a later date and would explain why the document fails to preserve 16th or 17th century spelling.

Bearing in mind the evidence of patronage by the Douglasses towards Drysdales and the lack of definite proof to support the 1503 document there might be a possibility that the changing of the name from Douglas to Drysdale occurred earlier- in the 1460s or 1470s, perhaps. The reason for this suggestion is revealed by looking at the history of the Douglasses from the mid-15th century. As you know, James II, (1437-1460), was particularly worried about how powerful the Earls of Douglas had become; in 1444, William, 8th Earl of Douglas married his cousin Margaret, daughter of the 5th Earl, and acquired the lands of Galloway, Bothwell etc. William already owned Douglasdale, Annandale etc, and so he was master of a great portion of South Scotland. Later, in 1452, William was murdered at Stirling Castle by James II because he would not break an alliance with the Earls of Crawford and Ross. William's brother James succeeded to the Earldom but fled to England in 1455 and his lands were forfeited. As for James's younger brothers, Archibald, Earl of Moray, Hugh, Earl of Ormond and John, Lord of Balveny, they were defeated at the battle of Arkinholm, also in 1455. Archibald was killed at the battle and Hugh and John were captured and beheaded.

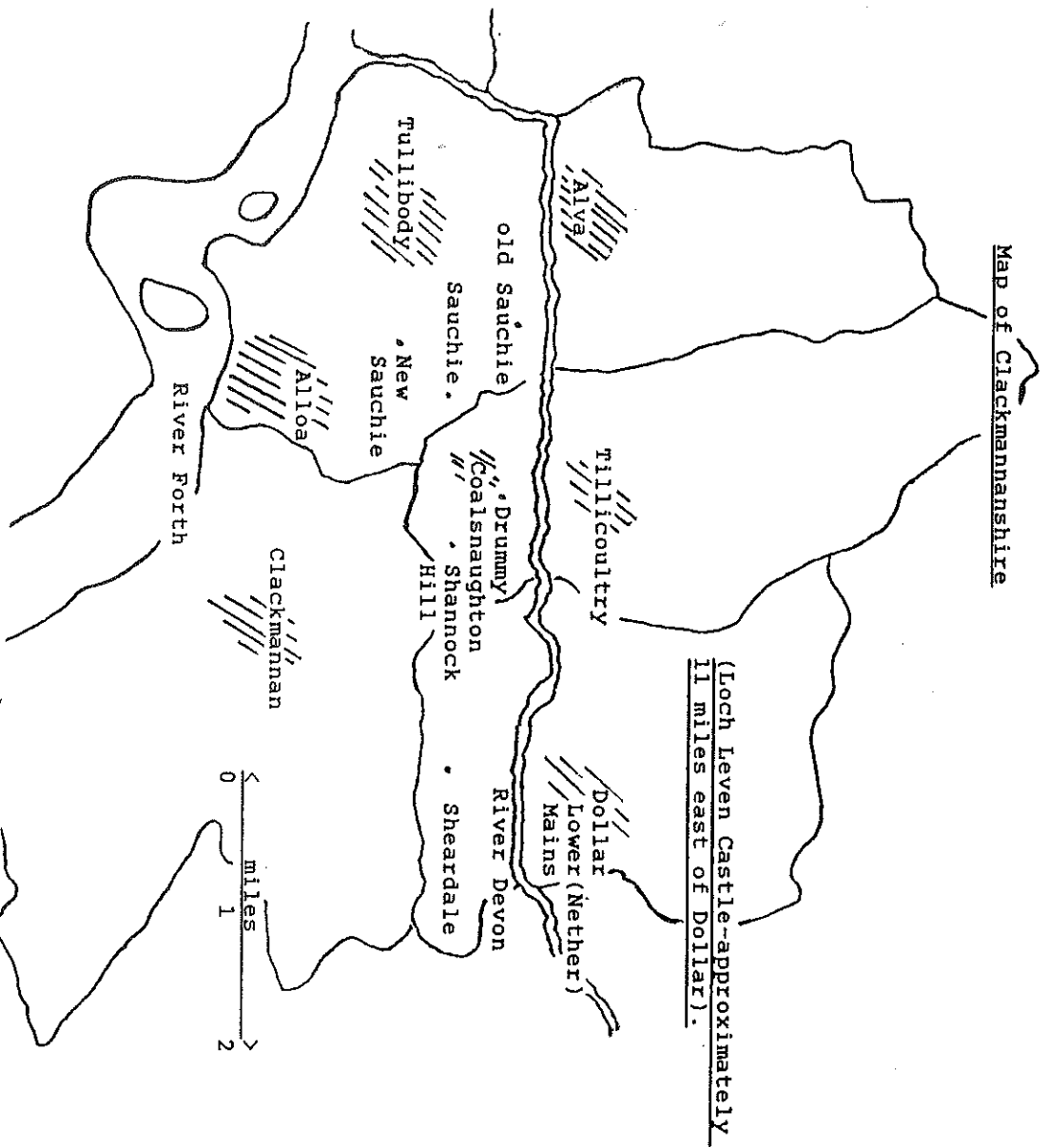
According to the 'Heraldry of the Douglasses' by Harvey Johnston, James II divided up the forfeited Douglas lands between his own supporters, and Annandale was shared between the Carlyles, Maxwells and most of important of all the Johnstons. It is clear from the information above that any Douglasses living in Annandale may have been in great danger after 1455 and one could speculate, therefore, that the Douglasses who fled and changed their name to Drysdale to prevent detection may well have done this earlier than 1503. This would provide an explanation as to why the name of 'Drusdale', 'Drisdale' or 'Drysdale' existed in the Clackmannanshire area, (especially Tillicoultry), from the 1480s. It seems to me too much of a coincidence that so similar name should exist in the Tillicoultry area yet have a different origin.

It is my theory that the main facts of the story are true and that some Douglasses did settle under the 'ope of the Ochils' though not in 1503, but at an earlier date. (The date of 1503 could be accounted for by mistakes made when the story was finally committed to paper and recopied). There seems to me little point in writing a fictitious document about a small family of Douglasses who changed their name to Drysdale. A few Drysdales did gain employment from Douglasses, but if they had invented the story merely to obtain wealth and power, surely, it would have been better simply to call themselves 'Douglas' and guarantee nepotism.

Neil M.D.Ewins

* Norman Douglas of Dundarrach, F.S.A. (Scot.), Arrochar, Dunbartonshire, Scot., informs us that Culwen or Culven in Kirkcudbrightshire is the same place as Colvend, and that on Timothy Pont's map of 1654 this place is marked as Couenn. (A number of Norman's ancestors, who were descended from the Douglasses of Cashogle, were buried in Colvend).

Map of Clackmannanshire



WOMEN IN THE WOOL INDUSTRY

ANNE DRYSDALE

Anne Drysdale was born in Scotland in 1792 and at the age of 47 years left for Australia and settled in Melbourne. Having had experience in rural life she was determined to make a success of farming in her new home.

A chance meeting with Dr. Alexander Thomson led her to the Geelong district where she took up his offer of one of his runs, Borongoop, on the Barton River a few miles south of the town of Geelong. While some living quarters were being built on the run, Anne Drysdale, lived with the Thomsons and became great friends with their governess, Caroline Newcomb.

In 1841 Anne and Caroline moved to the 10,000 acre run, Borongoop, and began their most successful partnership. They later acquired other stations and these were mainly used for agriculture, while their sheep, horses and cattle were kept at Borongoop.

From an initial 800 sheep they were able to increase their flock to 8,000 by 1847 and their annual wool production was 20,000 lbs. Anne and Caroline also built up a substantial horse stud and in their "spare time" they looked after a herd of pigs, all kinds of fowls, crops such as wheat, oats and barley, an extensive vegetable garden and a vineyard.

The names of Drysdale and Newcomb must certainly go down in history as pioneering pastoralists.

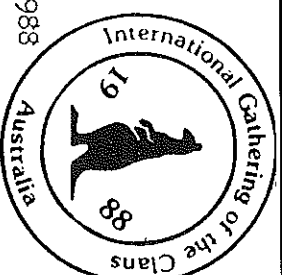
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INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS

SCOTTISH WEEKS '88

S Y D N E Y D I A R Y
by JUNE MARKS

MARCHING WITH THE CLANS - Sunday November 27th 1988



The International Gathering of the Clans drew a large number of Clans to the Sydney Domain in readiness to march through the City streets to the Opera House. We arrived at the Domain in plenty of time to browse through the Scottish souvenir stalls, and to enjoy a picnic lunch before assembling for the march.

The multi-coloured tartans set against the green back-drop of the Domain lawns was a colourful sight, and our cameras were soon recording the scene.

Sydney's weather was in a perverse mood and dark clouds were gathering overhead, but we chose to ignore the possibility of a downpour.

New South Wales members of the Clan Douglas Association were joined by Queensland members, including our President Ron Douglas and his family, and Newsletter Editor Jan Shaw. It was with a feeling of pride that we all assembled behind our Douglas Banner, and accompanied by a number of pipe bands we set off.

The moment the march commenced, this of course, was the signal for the rain to start, and it stayed with us until the march ended.

Feeling rather wet and soggy, we finally arrived at the Opera House forecourt, where a large number of people were waiting for the arrival of the Clans.

His Grace, the Duke of Argyll and other important guests were officially welcomed and introduced to the gathering.

Then followed a concert featuring pipe bands, dancing and singing, which put everyone in a happy frame of mind.

Our Sydney and Queensland members took full advantage of the opportunity to get to know each other - exchanging family information and forming friendships. This in itself was a rewarding experience, and when the day ended I knew that I wouldn't have missed this occasion for anything.

Next time the Clans march, I urge our members to be part of the action and 'be in it', you won't regret it!!



L. to R. KYLIE, RON & MERLE DOUGLAS, MARJORIE ETHELL,
JUNE MARKS AND HER HUSBAND.
FRONT ELIZABETH DOUGLAS AND JAN SHAW.

Queen O' The Heather a world honour

It is not very often that Toowoomba can boast a world champion, but in Kylie Douglas the city has the queen of the world Scottish community.

Kylie, 17, won the Queen O' The Heather crown at the world gathering of the Scottish clans recently.

The Scottish community gathered in a city each year for its world celebration and this year came together in Sydney for seven days.

Kylie said the six contestants

for the queen title were judged on personality and presentation throughout the week at a number of official functions and at the dedication of the cairn — Scotland's Bicentennial gift.

"They were looking for someone who could represent the Scottish youth of Australia at a Scottish week gathering in New Zealand in March," Kylie said.

"The trip to New Zealand is my prize."

"They made the announcement on the last Sunday at the

Scottish games and it was a big thrill when my name was read out."

Kylie said she entered the queen contest "just for fun" after competing in similar contests for the Scottish community.

"In Toowoomba, in 1986, there was a highland gathering and I won the charity princess and the overall highland gathering princess crown."

The Scottish ties go deep in Kylie's background. Her grandparents emigrated

from Scotland and her father Ron is the chieftain of Toowoomba Caledonian Society and the chairman of the clan Douglas.

Kylie, who finished Year 12 at Fairholme College this year, has plans to become a journalist.

Kylie will hold her queen title until the world gathering in Inverness, Scotland, in May next year.

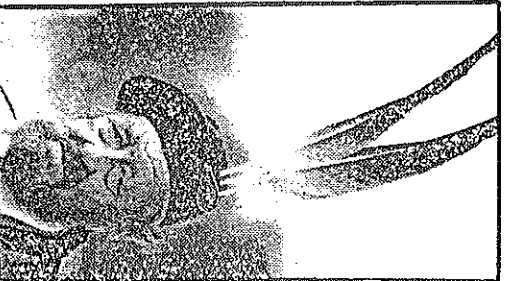
She will not be going to Scotland to "defend" her title.



Toowoomba girl Kylie Douglas who won the Scottish community's Queen O' The Heather competition in Sydney recently.

CONGRATULATIONS to C.D.A.A. Member Miss. Kylie Douglas of Toowoomba for winning the Queen O' The Heather title in Sydney at the International Gathering of the clan last November. Kylie was crowned Queen O' The Heather at the Grand Scottish Ball amidst Scots and Scott's descendants from all over the World representing about 90 clans. - WELL DONE KYLIE!

*DOUGLAS AND
BANNISTER WERE THERE!*



Iain MacNeacail... "We don't kill one another anymore."

AYE, The Campbells are coming, mon. And the MacAlisters, McNells, MacAlpines, MacDuffs, MacDougalls, Mackenzies, MacIntyres, Kennedys, Donnchaidhs, Kinairds, Kincaids and Kerrs.
Not to mention the Lamonts, Drummonds and Carnegies, Arbutnots and Menzes.
Or the Frasers, Stewarts, Sutherlands, Lockharts and a whole host of Highland heavyweights who can trace their ancestry back through a tartan tradition to Scotland's green and pleasant land, the noo.

Aye, they'll all be here when the clans gather in Sydney for the Scottish Australian Heritage Council's Bicentennial



GUEST CHIEF: The Duke of Argyll, head of Clan Campbell

INVERNESS - MAY 1989

OVERSEAS NEWS

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS
TENTATIVE BASIC PROGRAMME

Sat 6 May Official Opening. Registration. Evening Reception.

Sun 7 May Kirking of Tartans on Culloden Moor. Clan March through Inverness. Clan Centre opens.

Mon 8 May to Clan Centre open, various demonstrations, films, exhibitions, seminars, Scottish music and dancing, meetings, ceilidhs etc.

Fri 12 May Programmes as above, Clan Centre closes. Grand Highland Ball.

Sat 13 May International Highland Games, Bught Park.

Sun 14 May Highland Games (2nd day). Closing Ceremony.

For further information or a detailed programme, please write to
The Scottish Australian Heritage Council
GPO Box 421
SYDNEY NSW 2001.

C.D.A.A. Members going to Inverness in May for the Gathering will
be Mr. J.E.C. Sandilands

34 Gray Ave.,
GLEN FOREST
BUNDABERG Q 4670

other members intending to attend the International Gathering may care
to contact Mr. Sandilands.

GENEALOGY, HERALDRY AND HISTORY OF THE DOUGLAS FAMILY by

ARTHUR L. DOUGLAS M.J., F.S.A. SCOT. OF ESSEX, ENGLAND.

Arthur Douglas, whose name may be familiar to some members through the newsletter as an Historian, interested particularly in Douglas History, is in the process of having his book published. This is a costly business but the greater the number of books printed the costs per book become less.

Estimated costs are approximately

500 copies	-	thirty-seven pound each
750 copies	-	twenty-seven pound each
1000 copies	-	twenty-one pound each

£37 stg
£27
£21

and so on.

If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of this detailed 560 page book could they please fill in the order form and return to The Editor, C.D.A.A., Newsletter, 23 Essex Road, Indoorspilly, Q.

THE CHIEF OF THE HOUSE OF DOUGLAS

THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT COMES FROM A LETTER TO THE EDITOR, FROM MR G.A.F.M HOOPER-BROWNE OF NEW PLYMOUTH , N.Z.

I have some further information to impart to the Clan Douglas Association on this matter. (although I am not sure if you are aware of it or not.) It comes from a book titled "The Tartans of the Clans and Families of Scotland" and it was written by Sir Thomas Innes of Learney (Lord Lyon, King of Arms, K.C.V.O., Advocate).

which states "The clan being a community recognizable in the Law of Arms, and recognised by the Imperial Parliament, it is next necessary to define it's chief." "he càann cinnidh or clan chief-or more properly the "Head of the Clan"-is thus in nature precisely the same as the Chief of the Family. Both are the living individual who represents the founder of the tribe, and who is the sacred embodiment of the tribe itself."

Two things I noticed in the above were the importance placed on the Clan(or Family which we are), needing a Chief by the use of the word "necessary", and the Chief being the living individual who is the sacred embodiment of the Clan itself. He goes on to say that "chiefship of an honourable community is thus a title and dignity, even though og no hegher rank than esquire, held of the Crown and indicated by armorial bearings in terms of the Commissions of Visitation ("Visite" is a technical term in the Law of Arms), and anyone who "challenger forth any name of title or honour or dignity as Esquire or Gentleman or other must 'justify the same by the Law of Arms'" and Lyon in 1672 held that an assumption of Chiefship without his permission was unlawful."

"Originally, under tribal custom, the chief was inaugurated like the Ard Rìgh in a solemn ceremony. Like the Royal Coronation, this ceremony included three features:

- A. the selection or determination of the candidates' right to the Office by succession, nomination, or selection, as the casemight be.
- B. the "Presentation."
- C. the Inauguration."

From reading all that the writer has written on the subject one is satisfied that a Chief is necessary for to exist or is for nothing as the Clan is the family of the Chief. Now to the page regarding "Douglas" and in the final paragraph he says "It is difficult to say who is now chief of the name and family of Douglas, as the Arms and estate are at present merged in the Earldom of Home, and the Duke of Hamilton, although paternally a Douglas, became by marriage with the Hamilton hierness, on taking her name and arms, by the Law and Custom of Scotland, chief of the name and house of Hamilton. If Douglasdale were settled. with the name and arms of Douglas, upon a younger son of Lord Home, he would thereupon as next of blood bearing the name of the house of Douglas, failing which that position may pass to the next brother of the House of Hamilton resuming the name and arms of Douglas of Douglas."

Surely, this last piece is quite explicit in that it leaves us two choices for a Chief of our Clan. The first being the "YOUNGER SON OF LORD HOME" or else failing that (yes note:"failing that"), then it would go to the "NEXT BROTHER OF THE HOUSE OF HAMILTON". So the Law of Succession means that it should go to the younger son of the Lord Home but if not and only if not then to the next brother of House of Hamilton. Always remembering that these articles were written by the Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland.

CHIEF OF THE DOUGLAS CLAN

Mrs. Shirley Coughlin of Sunbury, Victoria writes "I think it is a good idea to re-establish a Chief for the House of Douglas. I realise the cost factor would be enormous, but I think the end result would be deeply satisfying, making us complete."

Cooks Corner

DUNDA RRACH SUPPER DEVISED BY KATRINA M. DOUGLAS.

4 Bananas
4 large slices of cooked gammon or ham
1 Small cauliflower
1 Pint of milk
½lb Scottish Galloway Cheese
1 oz. Margarine
1 oz. Flour
Cocktail Sticks
Salt and Pepper to taste

METHOD.

Peel, then cut the bananas to half their length, and round each half wrap half a slice of cooked gammon, and pin in position with a cocktail stick. Put the eight wrapped half bananas in a moderate sized oven dish.

Cut the cauliflower into small pieces and put in a pot with a little salted water, bring to the boil, continue to boil, total time from cold 15 minutes. Drain water from pot, empty cauliflower over bananas.

Grate the cheese.

Make sauce by warming margarine in a pot, blend in the flour, and salt and pepper to taste, add a little milk and bring to the boil, adding a little milk each time and boiling, stirring all the time, untill the sauce is of the correct consistency, not too thick and not too runny.

Add a heaped dessertspoonful of the grated cheese to the sauce and stir well, then pour the sauce on top of the bananas, gammon, and cauliflower.

Spread the remainder of the grated cheese on top of the bananas, gammon, cauliflower, and sauce.

Put the dish in an oven at 150 degrees centigrade for 40 minutes, remove and serve.

RECOMMENDED READING (ask at your local library).

A Novel - "The Black Douglas", by Nigel TRANTER



I THOUGHT AND I THOUGHT

I thought and I thought, till I thought
The thought that the ages had sought.

Unfortunately

It turned out to be

Not the thought that I ought to have thought.

—W.R.E.

NORRIE'S NOTES NO. 8.

By now I think that all the readers of our newsletter will know that the Douglas Coat of Arms up to the time of King Robert the Bruce's death in 1329 was a silver background with the top horizontal third, called the chief, blue, and on the blue chief, were three five pointed silver stars called mullets. The Coat of Arms of Weir of Blackwood is given as a silver background with the middle horizontal third, called a fess, with three silver mullets on the fess. The Coat of Arms of Muir of Rowallan is given as in four quarters, the first and fourth quarters are exactly the same as the Weir of Blackwood Arms, and the second and third quarters are a blue background with three sheaves of corn on them.

It can be seen that the Weir and Muir Arms both are very similar to the original Douglas Arms, only the silver stars on the blue ground have been dropped from the chief position to the fess position. The use of Arms so close to the Douglas family tends to lead one to believe that these two families must have been very closely connected with the Douglasses, and one wonders if these two families held lands from the Douglasses and may well be considered as being a sept of the Douglas family.

Rowallan Castle is a roofed fortified mansion, of the 16th Century and is in the care of the department of the environment.

NORRIE'S NOTES NO. 9.

The Church of Durisdeer, or Kirk as it is known in Scotland, is in Dumfries-shire, and is of particular interest to the Douglas family as it contains the Queensberry Marbles, in the Queensberry Aisle.

This Aisle has the exuberant monument to James Douglas, second Duke of Queensberry and first Duke of Dover and his Duchess. The monument is in black and white marble, and was sculptured by the Flemish artist Van Nost. The baldacchino over the vault is said to be the responsibility of the first Duke who contracted with one, James Smith, to build a mausoleum on to Durisdeer Church.

The present Kirk was built about 1700, and must stand on the site of an older place of worship. Mention is made of the Kirk of Durisdeer in the 13th Century in the books of the monks of Kelso. It was probably dedicated to St. Cuthbert.

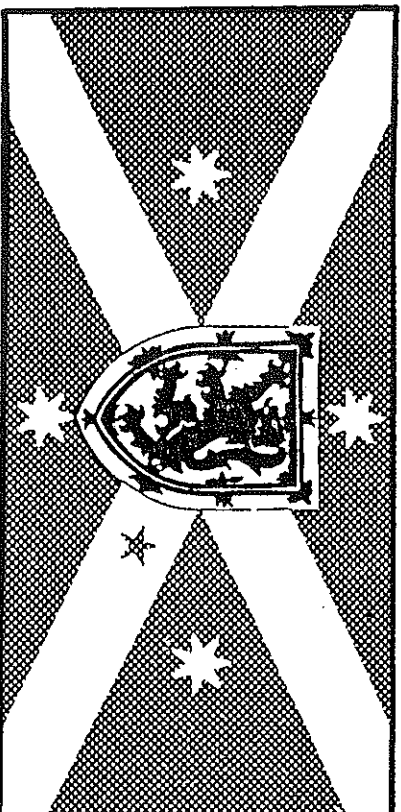
The sundial over the south door gives the date 1699.

The communion plate is dated 1617 and was made by Gilbert Kirkwood of Edinburgh.

The bell was cast in 1899.



AUSTRALIAN SCOTS RAISE THE STANDARD



THE SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN FLAG

Almighty God, Creator and Father of all peoples; Leader and guide of all nations; who created all mankind of one blood to live together.

We give praise and thanks as we break-out this flag realising our separate histories, our common traditions, and the close bonds that unite us. For the Cross of St. Andrew and the Church; for the Lion Rampant and the Crown and Commonwealth; for the Southern Cross, the symbol of this land, our land, Australia.

Grant that you will bless the people of Scotland; the peoples of Australia and especially Scottish-Australians working and living within its states.

As this flag flies above the people, may they look up to see a symbol of loyalty to this country; a symbol of unity between two great nations and a bond between them and between Church and State.

Through Christ the King and Head of the Church we pray this prayer.

Amen.

The above prayer, was read by the Rev. David Inglis, Minister of Scot Kirk, Sydney who blessed the new Scottish Australian Flag at 10.30am on the 21 July 1988, when it was raised for the first time by William MacLennan, Chieftain of Clan MacLennan and Chairman of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council, at Duesbury's Chartered Accountants Phillip Street Sydney.

Vale - Mr. Warwick Roseby C.D.A.A. Members extend their sympathy to Committee members Mrs. Meg Russell and Mrs. Edith Myers and their family on the death of their loved brother, Warwick Roseby of Tamworth, N.S.W.

Vale - Mrs. Enid Douglas. C.D.A.A. members extend their deepest sympathy to committee members Misses. Dawn and Shirley Douglas on the death of their mother, Mrs. Enid Douglas of Brisbane.

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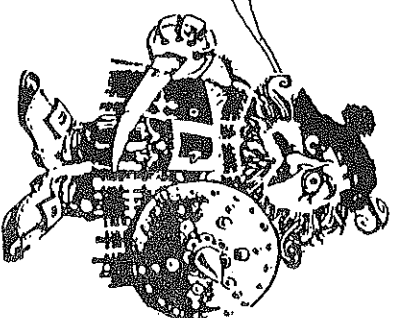


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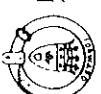
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If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
he learns to find love in the world.*

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR



In newsletter no. 8, the first for 1989, there are contributions sent in from at least 10 different members, - this is very encouraging and reflects your interest in the newsletter. Please keep your contributions coming in - anything of interest that can be shared with fellow members. (some times it takes a few months before the articles are printed, but eventually they will appear!)

Our list of new members continues to grow, but we do need C.D.A.A. members help in encouraging more to join. Give a relative the application enclosed with each newsletter.

JAN SHAW

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