**Reply to Douglas family of New Zealand**

**George Douglas (12)** born in 1674 apprenticed as a founder, married a Mary (surname unknown). They had 7 children in Chipping Warden. Although there is no mention of Mary’s death in Parish Records. Their first child was **Thomas Douglas (19)** 1692 – 1724 who also married a Mary, apparently in another parish (she died in 1733).

**Thomas & Mary** had 2 children, **Thomas (24)**1719 – 1792 and Mary, born & died 1721.

This **Thomas** married a Frances (died 1796). They had 6 children, the first 2 dying in infancy. The last was a **Mary** born in 1763.

In your tree **Richard Douglas (65)** born in 1794, was according to Parish Records, the illegitimate son of Mary Douglas.

There are 5 Mary Douglases alive in Chipping Warden in 1794. One is 3 years old, another 56, and a third married to William Cole. Of the 2 remaining candidates for Richard’s mother, one is the daughter of a churchwarden, who later marries the biggest landowner in Aston Le Walls (making her an unlikely candidate) and we are then left with Mary daughter of Thomas and Frances.

**Richard Douglas m Ann** (you have Forkes) and they have 3 sons, George who dies in 1825 aged 4, William b.1823 and **Owen Douglas** born 1832.

Richard is an agricultural labourer and appears to work for Daniel Bateman Douglas (his Gt Gt Grandfather George’s Gt Grandson by his 2nd marriage. More on this later). Daniel farms 200 acres and also owns the Griffin Inn in Chipping Warden, which is Richard’s home address in the 1851 census. In the 1861 census Ann is not present. Richard is at home with son **Owen** aged 29 **Dinah** Owen’s wife aged 24 and their son John Henry Douglas, aged 1. They reside at the shoe shop in CW.

In the 1871 census, **Owen & Dinah** are living in Wardington, on the Oxfordshire / Northamptonshire border. They have 4 children, John Henry, Stephen Emmanuel, Rufus Owen and Grover Jacob. Interestingly, they have taken to using the double S in their surname. All of these census records are available on My Heritage.

You are welcome to send me a join request for my heritage if you would like. I managed to visit the UK again this year and have some photo’s which you are welcome to upload. Luckily I am in touch with a cousin in Northants, who does a lot of joint research for our trees.

Regards, Nigel Douglas