

JOHN DOUGLAS 1759, JEDBURGH, ROXBURGHSHIRE AND HIS CLOCK AND WATCHMAKING DESCENDANTS – FOUR EXAMPLES OF CLOCKS –



John Douglas – 1759 Jedburgh when in Galston (son of George Douglas 1720 Jedburgh – a Gardener)

John Douglas – 1794 Jedburgh when in Greenock, Renfrewshire. A longcase clockface. (son of John Douglas 1759)

George Douglas – 1814 Galston when in Bonhill, Dunbartonshire. This clockface has been restored. (son of John Douglas 1759)

Gabriel (Gilbert) Douglas – 1869 Russell Street, when in Elizabeth Street Melbourne (great grandson of John 1759). This is a railway clock owned by a gentleman in country Victoria. His birth name was Gabriel, but as an adult he preferred to be called Gilbert. I heard on good authority that he changed his first name by deed poll.

Some of this dynasty of Clockmakers and Watchmakers also took on associated work such as being a Jeweller, Engraver, Goldsmith, Silversmith or Optician or more than one of these skills. Some worked independently as a Clock and/or Watchmaker. Some went into business say with a brother eg George Douglas 1820 Old Cumnock and his brother Gabriel Douglas 1822 Muirkirk did in Holytown, Bothwell and Airdrie, New Monkland, Lanarkshire. Some brought a son or sons into the Clockmaking business eg 'Douglas & Son' as John Douglas 1794 Jedburgh did in Greenock, and his son was Thomas Napier Douglas 1830 Dumbarton. He had 3 sons, and 'the son' at early stages could have at different times meant one of his other sons.

Some of the dynasty had other work skills eg Gabriel Douglas 1784 Jedburgh over his life as well as being a Watchmaker was an Innkeeper and Vintner in Troon and Irvine. While George Douglas 1814 Galston, at the time when at later stages as a Clockmaker in Bonhill, Dunbartonshire he was also a Hotel keeper.

Then there is the aspect of art or painting, and photography which obviously ran through the family. The examples of Clocks by John Douglas

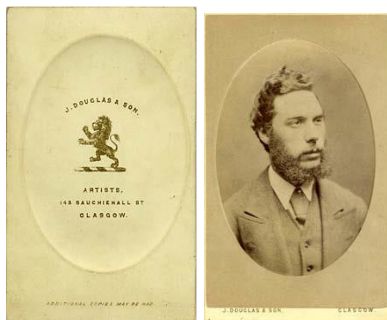
1759 and George Douglas 1814 above, clearly show that being artistic was part of their Clockmaking talents. Artists showed up in this family – James Douglas 1810 Kilmarnock who became a Portrait Painter and Picture Restorer. He tried out his early skills by painting a portrait of his grandfather John Douglas 1759 and a self- portrait in about 1826 and a little later a portrait of his son Edwin James Douglas 1848 Edinburgh who became an artist of some repute.



Art of James Douglas 1810 Kilmarnock – grandson of John Douglas 1759. James Douglas 1810 was a son of Gabriel Douglas 1784 Jedburgh.



Above are examples of the diverse art of Edwin James Douglas 1848. He also studied anatomy. Edwin James Douglas and his father James Douglas exhibited their art at the Royal Scottish Academy. They both eventually moved to England and in the case of Edwin James Douglas one painting at least of his is in the Royal Collection and one in the Tate Gallery. There are other Douglas artists in the family too, including women.



Then there is photography – to the forefront was John Douglas 1813 Dollar, Clackmannan. John was a son of Walter Douglas 1786 Jedburgh. John commenced his work activities as a Snuff Box Artist in Old Cumnock, Ayrshire. Then he moved on to become a Portrait Painter and lastly a Photographer, including carte-de-visite in Glasgow and Seafield Place, Helensburgh. He brought his sons into the Photography Business of 'John Douglas & Son'. Those sons in the Business with John were – Walter Douglas 1835 Old Cumnock who became an Artist as well as being a Photographer (he died young), John Douglas c1844 Old Cumnock, Robert Douglas c1846 Belfast, William Douglas c1849 Glasgow and Arthur Lorimer Douglas 1856 Blythswood, Glasgow. John Douglas 1813 and all of these 5 sons considered themselves as 'Artistic Photographers'. John's other son Thomas Lorimer Douglas became an Accountant and Insurance Agent.



Some of his sons moved on to other Photography Businesses such as John Douglas c1844 and Robert Douglas c1846 going into business together in Edinburgh

JOHN DOUGLAS 1759 COMMENCED THIS DYNASTY OF DOUGLAS, CLOCKMAKERS AND WATCHMAKERS



An oak longcase clock by John Douglas 1759 when in Galston, Ayrshire



An 8 day oak longcase clock by John Douglas 1759 when in Galston, Ayrshire. For sale on eBay - May, 2019.

- **JOHN DOUGLAS** b Bef 29 Oct 1759 in Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, Scotland, d Abt 1833 in Galston, Ayrshire

+ (John's first wife) Mary Newton b Abt 1753 in Scotland, m Abt 1783 in Scotland, d Jan 1803 in Loudoun Kirk or Galston, Ayrshire. Buried at Loudoun Kirk, Ayrshire in Jan 1803.

John Douglas 1759 was apprenticed to John McDonald, Master Watchmaker, Inverness for 7 years from 10 March, 1772. At the same time (10 March, 1772) it was written that Alexander Douglas was apprenticed to John McDonald for 7 years from 12 June, 1769. 5 pounds for Alexander Douglas. Were John Douglas and Alexander Douglas closely related?

On 30 January 1793 Joseph Ellcot was an Apprentice Clockmaker with John Douglas 1759 in Jedburgh. 2 pounds premium paid. [British Clockmakers ad Watchmakers Appprentice Records 1710 – 1810 by Dennis Moore – Ashbourne Derbyshire: Mayfield Books 2003]. [Records also at the Guildhall, London].

On 31 October 1794 Thomas Hill was an Apprentice Clockmaker with John Douglas 1759 in Jedburgh. 3 years 6 months. 6 pounds, 6 shillings. [British Clockmakers ad Watchmakers Appprentice Records 1710 – 1810 by Dennis Moore – Ashbourne Derbyshire: Mayfield Books 2003]. [Records also at the Guildhall, London].

John Douglas was a Master Clockmaker in Jedburgh and Galston, Ayrshire. John and Mary moved to Galston by 1800 so that John could work for the Earl of Loudoun. John Douglas was in Galston 1800 – 1820 and in 1831 [from W & CM records]. He was on a 1831 Galston Census and was in Galston till about 1833 when he died there.

John's first son with his first wife Mary Newton/Nuton was –

- **GABRIEL DOUGLAS** b 7 Jul 1784 in Jedburgh, d Sept 1846 in Irvine, Ayrshire.

+ (Gabriel's first wife) Elizabeth Paterson b Abt 1784 in Scotland, m Abt 1832 in Scotland, d Abt 1831 in Scotland

In 1807 – 1820 and 1826 – 1827, Gabriel Douglas was a Watchmaker at Fore Street, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire [Pigot's Directory].

He was later a Watchmaker, Innkeeper and Vintner, in Irvine and Troon

Gabriel Douglas and his first wife Elizabeth Paterson had two sons who were Clock/Watchmakers –

- **GEORGE DOUGLAS** b 13 Mar 1807 in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, d 15 Sep 1849 at 5 Trafalgar Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire. Testaments & Willa 13/11/1849 Greenock. Also Inventory 10/2/1853 Paisley Sheriffs Court

+ (George's wife) Euphemia Duncan b 1817 in West or Old Parish, Greenock, Renfrewshire. M1842 in East Parish, Greenock

George Douglas was a Clock/Watchmaker in Ayrshire; and Greenock 1835 – 1849. At one stage he was listed as being at 2 Hamilton Street, Greenock with his House being at 5 Trafalgar Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire

After George Douglas died in 1849 Euphemia Douglas migrated to New Zealand. But it was after 30/3/1851 (Census) as Euphemia was in New or Mid Greenock at that date

- **GABRIEL OLIVER DOUGLAS** b: 18 Mar 1825 in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, d: Abt Sep 1864 in Keighley, Yorkshire, England

+ (Gabriel Oliver's wife) Agnes Alexander b: Abt 1828 in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, m: 14 Apr 1845 in Dundonald, Ayrshire, Scotland, d: 13 Nov 1903 in Ardenvohr, Troon, Dundonald, Ayrshire

Gabriel Oliver Douglas was a Clock/Watchmaker in Ayrshire, Greenock and Yorkshire

Gabriel Douglas 1784 Jedburgh had 14 children with his first wife Elizabeth Paterson who died in 1831. He married again in 1832 to Margaret Anderson and they had 3 children, Gabriel outlived 2 of those 3. Margaret Anderson was also a Vintner.

The second son of John Douglas 1759 and Mary Newton was –

- **WALTER DOUGLAS** b 26 Feb 1786 in Jedburgh, Roxburghshire,

Scotland, d: 22 Mar 1870 in Holytown, Bothwell, Lanarkshire. Walter Douglas was also a Jeweller

+ (Walter's wife) Isabella Anderson b Abt. 1784 in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire Scotland, m: 12 Aug 1806 in Old Cumnock, Ayrshire, Scotland (also proclaimed at Muirkirk), d 01 Apr 1869 in Holytown, Bothwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland

Walter Douglas was a Clock/Watchmaker in Muirkirk in 1807; Dollar, Clackmannan in 1813-1817; Old Cumnock, Ayrshire in 1820; Muirkirk, Ayrshire in 1822, 1826 – 1827 [Pigot's Directory] and in 1831 in Muirkirk; at Polwart Street, Galston in 1837 [Pigot's Directory]; and Holytown, Bothwell, Lanarkshire in 1851 (Census) and Dalziel, Lanarkshire in 1861 (Census)

Walter Douglas and Isabella Anderson had four and possibly five sons who were Clock/Watch Makers –

Walter Douglas b 23 Jan 1811 in Dollar, Clackmannan, Scotland, d1856 in Tillicoultry, Clackmannan, Scotland

- **WALTER DOUGLAS** was a Clock/Watchmaker in Dollar and Tillcoultry, Clackmannan. In 1851 (Census) he was at Largs, Ayrshire.
- **ROBERT DOUGLAS** b: 16 Jan 1815 in Dollar, Clackmannan, Scotland

There was a Robert Douglas, a Clockmaker in Edinburgh who died in 1890. He had a son Andrew Douglas. This Robert Douglas was possibly Robert Douglas, son of Walter Douglas and Isabella Anderson (as above). However, I am not certain, Robert Douglas 1815 Dollar may have been an Iron Worker. Someone on the web was looking for information on him a few years ago.

- **GEORGE DOUGLAS** b 16 Jul 1820 in Old Cumnock, Ayrshire, Scotland.

George Douglas was a Clock/Watchmaker in Renfrewshire; Holytown, Bothwell, Lanarkshire 1841 – 1848; 14 Quay West Port Glasgow,

Renfrewshire in 1851 (Census); Airdrie, New Monkland, Lanarkshire c1853 and 1857; Glasgow, Lanarkshire in 1857 and in 1860 George Douglas was at Cambuslang, Glasgow. At some period in the 1860's George was in Hamilton, Lanarkshire. In the mid to late 1860's he was in Melbourne, Victoria working with his brother Gabriel Douglas 1822. George Douglas had a son David Laughland Douglas who an Ironworker. David's second name Laughland was after the Minister who baptized him.

In 1864 George Douglas could have been in Sandringham, Melbourne. He was in Melbourne as a Watchmaker by 1867 through to at least 1873. I think that his marriage may have broken up before he came to Australia

- **GABRIEL DOUGLAS** b 14 Jun 1822 in Muirkirk, Ayrshire, Scotland, d 02 Aug 1902 in 75 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy South, Victoria. When in Victoria, Australia he sometimes referred to himself G G Douglas for some reason. He absconded from Scotland in 1857 – 1858 so was it a 'wild herring' to be called G G?
- **JAMES DOUGLAS** b Abt. 1831 in Muirkirk, Ayrshire, Scotland, d 25 Aug 1873 in High Church, Glasgow, Scotland Lanark and Glasgow

There was a James Douglas in Glasgow – 1841 – 1873. Though the 1841 seems to be too early for him.

The G & V Douglas at Airdrie, New Monkland, Lanarkshire in 1857 were Gabriel Douglas 1822 and J Douglas. The only active partner was Gabriel Douglas and it is J and not V. (National Archives of Scotland). J was probably for John Douglas 1813 Dollar Clackmannan who was a Portrait Painter and Photographer (a silent partner?)

Gabriel Douglas 1822 was a Clock/Watchmaker in High Street, Airdrie, New Monkland, Lanarkshire in 1851 (Census) and in Airdrie in 1857; Holytown, Bothwell, Lanarkshire in 1857; and in Melbourne and country Victoria, Australia by 1858

+ (Gabriel's second wife) Mary Ann Ryan b: Abt 1842 in Geelong, Victoria, m: 10 Dec 1881 in Gore Street, Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia, d: 22 Nov 1883 in 226 Bourke Street East, South Melbourne, Victoria

Gabriel Douglas 1822 and his second wife Mary Ann Ryan had three sons who were Clock/Watchmakers –

- **GEORGE DOUGLAS** b 1862 in Daylesford, Victoria, Australia, d 05 Aug 1935 in Surrey Hills, Victoria

George Douglas was a Clock/Watchmaker in Daylesford and Melbourne

- **GABRIEL (GILBERT) DOUGLAS** b 03 Oct 1869 in 117 Russell Street, South Melbourne, Victoria, d 1946 in Mooroopna, Victoria

Gabriel Douglas 1869 was a Clock/Watchmaker in Melbourne and country Victoria – Bacchus Marsh and Gisborne. His contribution to the arts was singing in Comic Opera and acting in plays. He once dressed up as a clown for a Festival at Luna Park, St Kilda.

- **ROBERT WILLIAM ARTHUR DOUGLAS** b 1881 in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, d 20 Jan 1928 in Brunswick, Victoria

Robert William Arthur Douglas was a Clock/Watchmaker in Melbourne

- **WALTER LAMONT** b 31 Mar 1813 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland was a Clock/Watchmaker in Glasgow and Middlesex. He was a son of Jean (Douglas) Lamont 1788 Jedburgh, who was the daughter of John Douglas 1759 Jedburgh and Mary Newton.
- **JOHN DOUGLAS** 1794 Jedburgh was the third son of John Douglas 1759 Jedburgh and his wife Mary Newton –

John Douglas b 10 Sep 1794 in Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, Scotland, d 16 Mar 1867 in 7 Clarence Street, Glebe, Greenock, Renfrewshire

+ (John's wife) Mary McLiver b Abt 1791 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland, m: 1822 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland, d: 21 Jan 1871 in 3 Finnart Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire

John Douglas was a Master Clockmaker. He was in Glasgow, Lanarkshire in c1823; Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire in 1824 and in High Street, Dumbarton in 1826 –1827 [Pigot's Directory].

A John Douglas billhead of 1826 advertised clocks, watches, keys, rings, cutlery and hardware at John's business at Dumbarton.

John Douglas 1894 was also an Engraver. He was also a Silversmith.

From Macleod's History of the castle and town of Dumbarton – 1877.

“...A company of Dumbarton shopkeepers were, between thirty and forty years ago, making their monthly business tour on foot round the Vale of Leven. There were some choice spirits in the party. Among the rest were James Harris, draper; John Douglas, watchmaker; and John Macleod, hatter, my father. When they reached Renton on the homeward journey, an adjournment was, as usual, made to Peter M'Kellar's friendly change house of happy memory, when a supply of national Beveridge by way of liquids, and bread and cheese by way of solids, were ordered in for the due and proper refreshment of their weary bodies... The whisky was prime, the loaf toothsome, and the butter sweet, but John Douglas, who was considered great in testing the merits and demerits of cheese, preed a bit, put on a knowing air, shook his head deprecatingly, and then dunted (tapped or knocked) on the door for the landlord to appear...the horologer passed his verdict, and asked mine host if it was the best he could do by way of cheese, as it was not in his opinion 'the cheese'". Another cheese was brought in and "Douglas once more undertook the office of taster, and with beaming countenance declared that this was the best cheese that he had ever tasted in his life". He wily host loudly proclaimed "The cheese that you now commend so highly is jist the ither half o' the ane ye condemned before...The cheesy joke was a standard one with the merry merchants for many a day..."

John Douglas moved next to Greenock, Renfrewshire. He is listed as being there by 1830. Between 1830 and 1853 John Douglas was at 4 Breast Street, Greenock. By 1842 'Douglas and Son' was established. From 1842 to 1844 'Douglas & Son' were Clock and Watchmakers at 5 Hamilton Street, Greenock. In 1851 John's House was in Clarence Street, Greenock. In 1855 – 1856, they were at 9 Hamilton Street, Greenock, with John's House being a 7 Clarence Street, Glebe, Greenock. In 1855 – 1856, 9 East Breast Street was relevant as well. John being listed at more than one address in Greenock.

In 1866 – 1867 John Douglas was still at 9 Hamilton Street and 7 Clarence

Street. Thomas Napier Douglas of 'Douglas & Son' was at 5 Clarence Street, Glebe. In 1875 – 1876 the Clockmaking business was at 9 Hamilton Street. While in 1875 – 1876 Thomas Napier Douglas was living at 23 Brisbane Street, Greenock.

John Douglas 1794 and his wife Mary McLiver had three sons and they were Clock/Watchmakers –

- **JOHN DOUGLAS** b: Abt 1826 in Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire, Scotland, d 11 May 1845 in Captain Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire

John Douglas was Clock/Watchmaker in Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire and Greenock, Renfrewshire. John was young when he died

- **JAMES DOUGLAS** b 22 Jul 1827 in Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire, Scotland, d 29 Jun 1878 in Colac, Victoria

James Douglas was a Clock/Watchmaker in Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire; Greenock, Renfrewshire and in Mortlake and Colac in country Victoria. He was also an Engraver.

James Douglas had the one child, a son John James Douglas, later called John Leedham Douglas and even John Leedham

- **THOMAS NAPIER DOUGLAS** b 1830 in Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire, Scotland, d 27 Nov 1903 in 51 Union Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire

+ (Thomas Napier's first wife) Agnes (Nancy) Buchanan Lamont b 11 Apr 1842 in 25 Regent Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland, m 25 Jul 1866 in 6 Ardgowan Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire d 06 Apr 1877 in 23 Brisbane Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire

Agnes Buchanan Lamont was a granddaughter of Jean (Douglas) Lamont 1788 Jedburgh, daughter of John Douglas 1759, Jedburgh.

Thomas Napier Douglas was a Master by 1876. He was a Clockmaker in Greenock, Renfrewshire from 1861 and he inherited his father's Clockmaking business 'Douglas and Son' in Greenock in which he was

involved. He was a Jeweller in Greenock in 1879. By 1881 he was also a Goldsmith and through to 1901 he was still listed as a Jeweller.

Thomas Napier Douglas was also an Academic. For he was a member of the Greenock Philosophical Society from at least 1867 to 1902 (perhaps until the time of his death in 1903).

Thomas Napier Douglas and Agnes Buchanan Lamont had six daughters, one Alicia Campbell Douglas only lived for a day. The other five eventually inherited the Clockmaking Business in Greenock of their father Thomas Napier Douglas after he died. They had a financial interest in the business of Clockmaking –

- **MARY MCLIVER DOUGLAS** b 1867 in Loudon Place, Holmscroft Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire
- **GRACE BUCHANAN DOUGLAS** b 1869 in 60 Holmscroft Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire
- **LILY CAMPBELL DOUGLAS** b 1871 in Finnart Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire
- **AGNES (NANCY) LAMONT DOUGLAS** b 1873 in 5 Finnart Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire
- **ELLEN DOUGLAS** b: 1876 in 23 Brisbane Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire

In the Edinburgh Gazette of 1914 there was a 'Notice of Dissolution' –

The Firms of Douglas & Son, Watchmakers and Jewellers, nine Hamilton Street, Greenock was dissolved as at 31st December nineteen hundred and thirteen, by the retiral therefrom of the Subscribers – Mrs Lily Campbell or Tough and Mrs Agnes Lamont Douglas or Macara.

The Business will in the future be carried on at the same address and under the same Firm name of Douglas & Son, by the Subscribers – Miss Mary McLiver Douglas, Miss Grace Buchanan Douglas, and Miss Ellen Douglas, as Limited Partners, and the Subscriber Peter Boag Neill, as General Partner.

*Mary M Douglas
Lily C Tough
Agnes L Macara
Grace B Douglas
Peter B Neill*

Witnesses to the Signatures of the said Miss Mary McLiver Douglas and Peter Boag Neill – T B Rowan, Solicitor, 31 Cathcart Street, Greenock, Witness. James Letson, Law-Clerk, 31 Cathcart Street, Greenock, Witness. Witnesses to the Signatures of the said Lily C Tough, Agnes L Macara and Ellen Douglas – Hugh Morris, Chartered Accountant's Apprentice, 33 Cathcart Street, Witness. Ro. Gibson Dunlop, Chartered Accountant's Apprentice, 33 Cathcart Street, Witness. Witnesses to the Signature of the said Grace Buchanan Douglas – Henry Ross, Bank Agent, 19 Castle Place, Montrose, Witness. Andrew Paton, Bank Clerk, 8 Brownlow Place, Ferryden, Montrose, Witness.

John Douglas 1759 Jedburgh married for a second time

+ (John's second wife) Agnes Allan b Abt. 1788 in Scotland, m: 23 Oct 1808 in Galston, Ayrshire, Scotland

They had two sons, one James Douglas who died young and is thought to be buried with John's first wife Mary Newton/Nuton at Loudoun Kirk, Ayrshire. At this time John Douglas and Agnes Allan were living in Galston, Ayrshire

Their other son was a George Douglas was a Clockmaker –

- **GEORGE DOUGLAS** b 03 Apr 1814 in Galston, Ayrshire, Scotland, d 12 Sep 1891 in Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire. Wills & Testaments 30/11/1891 Dumbarton Sheriffs Court.

+ (George's wife) Christian McLintock b 1816 in Bonhill, Dunbartonshire, m 29 Dec 1837 in Bonhill, Dunbartonshire

George Douglas was a Clockmaker in Galston, Ayrshire and Bonhill, Dunbartonshire by 1837. In 1851 (Census) George Douglas was a Master Watch and Clock maker and he and his wife Christina and their family were at Main Street, Bonhill, Dunbartonshire. He employed one boy. George and his family were still in Bonhill Dunbartonshire in 1852. In 1861 (Census)

George Douglas and his wife had a Hotel as well as George being involved in Clockmaking. George's address was 129 High Street, Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire. George Douglas was a Master employing two men. In 1871 George Douglas and family were at Brewery Lane, Dumbarton. In 1881 this George was still a Clockmaker in Dumbarton. He and his family were residing at 157 High Street, Dumbarton. George was employing 1 man and 1 boy. In 1891 (Census) George Douglas was a Retired Watchmaker with his wife Christina and a Servant at 7 Levenbank (Levenbank?) Terrace, Dumbarton.

George Douglas 1814 was keen on the Arts and Paintings

A snippet on George Douglas 1814 after he had died, "Learning from the late Mr George Douglas, watchmaker, then in Bonhill, that, he required to go professionally to Arden on a certain day, I was happy to find there was no reason why I should not accompany him. To Arden we went, the occupant then being Mr George Buchanan, son and successor of Herbert".

It appears that Arden (Superior Dwelling House with Garden Plantations and Ornamental Gardens) and Arden Cottage (Cottage and Garden) in Bonhill were both owned by Mr Buchanan prior to 1860. I think that George Douglas wanted to go there to view a painting.

This George Douglas and his wife Christian McLintock had a son George Douglas who was a Clockmaker –

- **GEORGE DOUGLAS** b Abt. 1852 in Bonhill, Dunbartonshire, Scotland, d Bef Sep 1891

George Douglas 1852 was a Clockmaker in Bonhill, Dunbartonshire
In 1876 'George Douglas & Son' were Watchmakers in Dumbarton, so the two Georges were in business

OTHER DOUGLAS CLOCKMAKERS IN SCOTLAND –

Alexander Douglas – Apprentice Clockmaker in Inverness in 1769

Alexander Douglas – Canongate, Edinburgh 1817

Alexander Douglas – Bowmore, Islay, Argyll 1837 – 1860

Alexander Douglas – Strathaven, Lanarkshire 1860

C & J Douglas – Airdrie, Lanarkshire c1835

Daniel Douglas – Glasgow 1855 – 1895. In 1855 he was at 30 Argyle Arcade. In 1866 and 1871 Daniel was at 28 Argyle Arcade, Glasgow. Daniel Douglas was succeeded by William Semple a Watchmaker and Jeweller. In 1871 Daniel Douglas a Watchmaker was in Glasgow aged 59. He was born in Cambuslang, Glasgow. His wife was Janet

Daniel Douglas – a Watch Jobber in 1881. He was aged 28 and living at 424 Argyle Street, Glasgow. His mother was Ann. In 1891 he was a Watchmaker at 28 Gray Street, Glasgow. He was said to be 30 (sic 38). His wife was Beatrice P. In 1901 he was a Watchmaker aged 48 living at 28 Gray Street, Glasgow. His wife was Beatrice.

Edward Douglas – 59 Rue End Street, Greenock in April, 1855. He was a Watchmaker and Jeweller. Edward was born c1825 in Dunbartonshire and moved to Greenock. He was the son of John Douglas an Agricultural Labourer 54 and his wife Margaret 56 of Hardgate, Dunbartonshire – 1841 (Census). In 1855 Edward Douglas had ‘a large stock of watches, clocks and jewellery ...by the First Makers in London, which he is selling at and below Cost Price...’

George Douglas of Wishaw – Edinburgh Gazette of 23 February, 1864. George belonged to a Business ‘Douglas & Son’. At that time he was a creditor in Prison in Hamilton. Could this be George Douglas 1820 Old Cumnock? For at some period in the 1860’s he was in Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

In 1864 George Douglas 1820 could have been in Sandringham, Melbourne. He was in Melbourne as a Watchmaker by 1867 through to at least 1873. I think that his marriage may have broken up before he came to Australia (repeated from above on George Douglas 1820 Old Cumnock, Ayrshire

James Douglas – Edinburgh, 1759 – son of Alexander Douglas, Wright in Lintrathen, Angus-shire. Apprenticed to William Nicol 24 February, 1759

James Douglas – Dundee 1794

James Douglas – 63 Prince’s Street, Dundee 1844 – 1847

James Douglas – 65 Gallowgate, Glasgow 1841. He was at 34 Garcsube Road, Glasgow in 1845. He moved to 422 Argyle Street, Glasgow by 1850. Then his House was at 424 Argyle Street, Glasgow. He was still at 422 with his Business in 1872 and possibly later at 140 New City Road, Glasgow as a Clock and Watchmaker. His House was at 105 Buccleuch Street, Glasgow. By 1846 his son James Douglas was an Apprentice Watchmaker

James Douglas, junior – Apprentice Clock and Watchmaker in Glasgow 1861. Age 15 and born on Glasgow. His father was J B Douglas and his mother was Ann

James Douglas – Watchmaker in Glasgow age 32 in 1871. He was living at 37 Ellington Street, Glasgow. His father was Daniel Douglas and his mother was Janet.

J B Douglas – 4 Argyle Street, Glasgow 1875 – 1892. Possibly related to the James Douglas 1841 of Gallowgate.

J B Douglas was at 420 Argyle Street, Glasgow 1878

James Douglas – Watchmaker and Jeweller at 96 Argyle Street, House Craigton Terrace, Percy Street, Glasgow 1878

Peter Douglas – Clock and Watchmaker, Edinburgh 1841 (Census). Peter was 53, his wife Janet was 42 and their daughter Isabella was 11. All three were born in Midlothian. Address - 156 High Street, Burnets Close, Edinburgh

Robert Douglas – a Watch Jobber aged 33 in 1881. Born in Edinburgh and residing at 1 Blenheim Place, Edinburgh

Robert Douglas – was a Clockmaker in Edinburgh who died in 1890. He had a son Andrew Douglas. Was he Robert Douglas 1815 of Dollar, Clackmannan ie a son of Walter Douglas 1786?

Walter Douglas – Dollar, Clackmannan 1795

Walter Douglas – Douglas, Lanarkshire 1820

Walter Douglas – Hamilton, Lanarkshire 1860. This could have been Walter Douglas 1786. Or possibly this Walter was related to a John D Douglas in Hamilton from 1800 to 1820

William Douglas – Hawick and Jedburgh. William Douglas who was living in Jedburgh made a longcase clock c1775. He appears to have later been working in Hawick. Was he undocumented as a maker or retailer?

William Douglas born c1785 in Jedburgh, Roxburghshire and working in Jedburgh in 1810. He was a Clock and Watchmaker

William Douglas & Son – Greenock 1842 – 1863. Was he related to George Douglas, John Douglas and Thomas Napier Douglas who were Clockmakers in Greenock?

William Douglas – Leith 1847 (probably a Journeyman) and Anstruther, Fife by 1860. He married 18/6/1847 Elizabeth Burn daughter of Thomas Keay a Stabler of Anstruther

William Douglas – a Watchmaker in Perth 1849 – 1850

William Douglas was a Watchmaker at 38 Campbell Street, Glasgow in 1861. He was born in Glasgow and his father's name was Daniel Douglas, His mother was Janet.

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