



The Douglas of Tilquhillie family is most often linked to the Douglas of Dalkeith and Douglas of Lochleven branches, though the connections are debated and partially speculative.

Here's a breakdown of the most plausible genealogical ties:

Key Ancestral Connections

1. Douglas of Dalkeith

- *James Douglas, 1st Lord of Dalkeith* (d. 1441) is cited in early genealogies as the possible progenitor of several cadet branches.
- Sir Robert Douglas's early heraldic works suggest that an **Archibald Douglas**, son of James, was the ancestor of the **Netherdale, Tilquhillie, and Inchmarlo** families—but **no record of Archibald exists**.
- Other sources propose **David Douglas of Tilquhillie** (b. ~1440) as a **younger son of James, 2nd Lord of Dalkeith**, and **Elizabeth Gifford**, though this remains unverified.

2. Douglas of Lochleven

- WikiTree and FamilySearch genealogies show **David Douglas of Tilquhillie** as the son of **Henry Douglas III of Lochleven** and **Elizabeth Erskine**, making him brother to **Robert Douglas IV of Lochleven**.
- This would place Tilquhillie as a **cadet of Lochleven**, itself a powerful branch with ties to Mary, Queen of Scots' imprisonment at Lochleven Castle.

Other Suggested Links

3. Douglas of Morton

- *The Book of the Irvings* (1907) claims that **John Douglas**, brother of James, Earl of Morton, married the heiress of Hawthornden Abernethy and founded Tilquhillie around 1450.
- However, **no record of this John Douglas exists**, and the alleged maternal link to **Agnes Keith** is chronologically implausible.

4. Douglas of Inchmarlo and Netherdale

- These branches are often grouped with Tilquhillie in speculative genealogies, possibly sharing descent from the same unrecorded cadet of Dalkeith.
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Archival and Heraldic Evidence

- The **Douglas Archives** and **National Archives of Scotland** hold estate papers, title deeds, and legal documents for Tilquhillie from the 18th–19th centuries.
 - A **pedigree chart** in the National Library of Scotland links Tilquhillie to Inchmarlo and Netherdale, though with gaps in early documentation.
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Summary of Connections

Branch	Proposed Link to Tilquhillie	Evidence Status
Dalkeith	Via Archibald or David Douglas	<i>Speculative</i>
Lochleven	Via Henry Douglas III and Elizabeth Erskine	<i>Genealogically plausible</i>
Morton	Via John Douglas and Abernethy heiress	<i>Unverified and disputed</i>
Inchmarlo/Netherdale	Possibly shared descent from Dalkeith cadet	<i>Grouped in heraldic tradition</i>
