



# THE CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NEWSLETTER

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*The first meeting of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia was held on December 3, 1986 in Brisbane. The current elected committee are:*

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## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

To act as a representative body of Douglasses and septs.

To encourage genealogical research and documentation of Douglas history.

To promote fellowship amongst members.

To establish and maintain contact with other Douglas associations throughout the world.

We send Members four Newsletters a year (and invite members to contribute articles of general interest). We hold social gatherings to enable Members to meet.

We invite you and your family to join this Association. We ask you especially to support the Committee and help us bring together people of Douglas Ancestry, Sept families and other connections, from all over Australia, New Zealand and the World.

Any one descended from, connected by marriage, or adopted by a Douglas or Sept of Douglas is eligible to join. The Sept families of the House of Douglas are:

BELL, BLACKLOCK, BLACKSTOCK, BLACKWOOD, BROWN, BROWNLEE, CAVERS, DICKY, DOUGLASS, DRYSDALE, FORREST, FORRESTER, FOSTER, GILPATRICK, GLENDINNING, INGLIS, KILGORE, KILPATRICK, KIRKLAND, KIRKPATRICK, LOCKERBY, MACGUFFEY, MACGUFFOCK, MCKILLRICK, MORTON, SANDLILANDS, SANDLIN, SIMMS, SOULE, STERRITT, SYMINGTON, SYME, YOUNG.

We ask you to please notify anyone else you know to be eligible to join, especially those who may not be on our mailing list. Enclosed is a membership form to be returned with Australian currency cheques made out to CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION and send to - Membership Secretary, Clan Douglas Association of Australia, K34/356 Blunder Road, Durack, 4077

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since our Newsletter in June, the CDAA members in Brisbane have had some interesting activities to share with our interstate and overseas members.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bannockburn dinner was hosted on Saturday 23/Jun/2007 by Clan Campbell and I was proud and happy to represent Clan Douglas there. It was a night to remember our Scottish Heritage with reference to Scotland's greatest victory over the

English at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. King Robert the Bruce led his army of 13,000 to bravely defeat the English King Edward II and his army of 40,000. (Our kinsman, Sir James Douglas also featured heroically in this famous battle). Detailed information is to be found with Google on the internet.

I have asked Mary Smith to print "The Flower of Scotland", the Scottish National Anthem which refers specifically to this battle and how the Scots sent 'proud England's army homeward — to think again'.

The next day, Sunday 24/Jun/2007, the Scottish Clans congress of Queensland held the Kirkin' the Tartan Ceremony at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Fortitude Valley. Eleven of our Clan Douglas members attended this historic ceremony and our new Douglas Banner was borne for the first time. Maddy Douglas held our banner high in the procession of Clans' banners led by a Scottish piper. Later that day, more members and friends gathered for a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch and my welcome address will also be included in this newsletter.

An interesting new member Dr Beryl Turner from Gladstone attended the lunch and as project administrator for Clan Douglas of North America, Dr Turner spoke about the Douglas DNA Project she is involved in. It already has participants such as the Earl of Morton, the Queensberry/Drumlanrig and the MacKenzie-Douglas lines and the organisers are currently looking for descendants of the Earls of Angus, the Red Douglas branch. When Dr Turner managed to track down the Australian Clan Douglas Association, I was able to tell her that my own family are descended from the first Douglas Earl of Angus, George 1380-1403. The aim of the project is to establish a data base of the various Douglas branches so that eventually, Douglas families will be able to distinguish from which branch of the family they are descended through DNA. More information can be obtained from the website: <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/Douglas>

Finally, I wish to say again how important it is to keep our Clan Douglas Association of Australia together. Our small band of dedicated committee members are passionate about doing this but we do need more support from members everywhere to bring in new and especially younger members.

Let us all make a determined effort to increase our membership!

Jan Shaw (nee Douglas), president.





## DRUMLANRIG (Continued)

Archibald Douglas of New Orchard was the youngest son of Archibald Douglas (b. 04/May/1759; d. Edinburgh 18/Apr/1820) of Morton Castle and his second wife Mary Hutchison (daughter of Archibald Hutchison of Thornhill) [see Newsletter #71]; solicitor to the Supreme Courts in Edinburgh; purchased property "New Orchard" in Hoddam & Ecclefechan Parishes, Dumfriesshire; married Edinburgh 14/Jul/1778, Margareth Dewar Ramsay, daughter of William Ramsay and had

1. Archibald Douglas; 2. William Douglas; 3. Mary Douglas born Edinburgh 21/Dec/1782; died 27/Sep/1787;

1. Archibald Douglas of New Orchard born Edinburgh 09/Dec/1779; died 14/May/1833/1848; advocate in Great King Street, Edinburgh; married St Cuthbert's Church 13/Mar/1809, Jean Brown daughter & heiress of Francis Brown of Bellair, Island of Saint Vincent, West Indies and had

1.1. Jane Brown Douglas born Dumfries 20/Feb/1810; married Alexander Farquhar Crawford.

1.2. Margaretta Ramsay Douglas born Edinburgh 19/Jun/1811; died 05/Aug/1816; buried Largs.

1.3. Mary Douglas born 05/Oct/1811; died young;

1.4. Mary Douglas born Dumfries 08/Sep/1812; unmarried

1.5. Francis Brown Douglas born Dumfries 02/Apr/1814; died Melville, Fife 08/Aug/1885; educ. Royal High School, Edinburgh; Advocate at Law; Lord Provost of Edinburgh; married (1) Edinburgh 14/Jan/1845 Mary Turner Christie, daughter of Charles Maitland Christie J.P. D.L. of Durie, Fife; no family.

1.5. Francis Brown Douglas married (2) Marianne Melville daughter of Hon. Alexander Leslie Melville of Branston Hall, Lincolnshire and had

1.5.1. Charlotte Melville Douglas born 25/Jan/1852; married James Stalker of Crieff Professor of Church History in the United Free Church College, Aberdeen.

1.5.2. Francis Archibald Brown Douglas born Dumfries, 17/Apr/1854; educ. Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge (MA); Advocate in Edinburgh at the same address as his father.

1.5.3. Lucy Lane Douglas born 17/Apr/1855

1.5.4. Charles Christie Brown Douglas born Dumfries 09/Feb/1857; educ. Repton College; married 1888 Jennie Graham White daughter of John Orr White of Hayfield, Rutherglen, Lanarkshire and had

1.5.4.1. Marjorie Douglas born 1890; married 1917 James Phayre de Hailes;

1.5.4.2. Irene Douglas born 1892; married 1913 Major Arthur Hyde Fraser;

1.5.4.3. Francis Campbell Brown Douglas; born 1894

1.5.4.4. Grace Douglas born 1898

1.5.4.5. Charles John Brown Douglas born 1904;

1.5.4.6. Archibald Graham Brown Douglas born 1907;

1.5.5. Marianna Georgina Douglas born 03/Dec/1858, daughter of Francis Brown & Marianne Douglas nee Melville; died 10/Oct/1907; married 29/Sep/1881 Julius Robertson van Milligen of Leewood, Dunblane;

1.5.6. Emily Catherine Douglas born Dumfries 05/Dec/1860 daughter of Francis Brown & Marianne Douglas nee Melville; married Rev. James Brunton of Monymail, Fife;

1.5.7. Edith Anna Douglas born 09/Jul/1862 daughter of Francis Brown & Marianne Douglas nee Melville;



1.5.8. Alexander Leslie Brown Douglas born Dumfries, 05/Nov/1864 son of Francis Brown & Marianne Douglas nee Melville; educ. Edinburgh Academy; married Newton Stewart, 30/Apr/1902, Florence Austin Watson daughter of George Watson and had  
 1.5.8.1. Alistair MacDougall Brown Douglas; born 04/Feb/1903;

1.5.8.2. Gerald Leslie Brown Douglas born 02/Aug/1904;  
 1.5.8.3. Margaret Rose Mary Douglas born 02/Aug/1904;  
 1.5.8.4. Marianne Helen Douglas born 11/Oct/1908;

1.5.9. William Henry Brown Douglas born Dumfries 29/Jan/1867 son of Francis Brown & Marianne Douglas nee Melville; educ. Halleybury and Trinity College, Cambridge (MA); Minister Manse, Newton Stewart; married Edith Katherine Stewart, daughter of Sir Thomas Grainger Stewart, Kt. MD, Edinburgh;

1.5.10. Albinia Mary Douglas born Dumfries 14/May/1871 daughter of Francis Brown & Marianne Douglas nee Melville;

1.6. Manders(t)on Douglas born Dumfries 12/Aug/1815 daughter of Archibald & Jean Douglas nee Brown; married Edinburgh 19/Feb/1840, Dr Joseph Williams.

1.7. Archibald Douglas born Dumfries 12/Dec/1816 son of Archibald & Jean Douglas nee Brown; died before 1821;

1.8. Ramsay Douglas born 16/Sep/1818 son of Archibald & Jean Douglas nee Brown; died 17/Nov/1819;

1.9. William Douglas born Dumfries 02/Feb/1820 son of Archibald & Jean Douglas nee Brown; married 03/Sep/1844 Mary Latham daughter of Richard Latham of Bahia, Brazil and had  
 1.9.1. William Francis Douglas born 26/Jun/1846; married 26/Aug/1880 Mary Jane Galloway daughter of Thomas Galloway of Rio de Janeiro and had  
 1.9.1.1. George William Douglas born 12/Jan/1881; married 22/Jan/1908 Elsie May Derham daughter of Samuel Derham of Trull, Devonshire and had  
 1.9.1.1.1. Ian Francis Douglas born 24/Nov/1915;  
 1.9.1.1.2. Cecily Fay Douglas born 24/Nov/1915;  
 1.9.1.2. Charles Douglas born 06/May/1849 son of William & Mary Douglas nee Latham; Commissioner of the Peace for Lancashire; married Ada Constance Rawcliffe daughter of Henry Rawcliffe of Gillibrand Hall, Chorley, Lancashire and had  
 1.9.1.2.1. Mary Zelinda Latham Douglas  
 1.9.1.2.2. Florence Caroline Latham Douglas

1.10. Isabella Douglas born 06/Dec/1821 daughter of Archibald & Jean Douglas nee Brown; died same day as birth;

1.11. Archibald Douglas born 13/Mar/1821 son of Archibald & Jean Douglas nee Brown; died London 25/Jun/1874; unmarried Dr of Medicine;

1.12. Georgina Douglas born Dumfries 05/Jul/1822 daughter Archibald & Jean Douglas nee Brown.

1.13. John Douglas born 03/Oct/1823 son of Archibald & Jean Douglas nee Brown; died young;

1.14. Augusta Douglas baptised 03/Jan/1824 daughter of Archibald & Jean Douglas nee Brown;

1.15. James Robert Douglas born Dumfries, 04/Feb/1825 son of Archibald & Jean Douglas nee Brown; died St Vincent, 08/Nov/1849; unmarried.

1.16. Anna Ramsay Douglas born Edinburgh 22/Nov/1826 daughter of Archibald & Jean Douglas nee Brown; married Edinburgh 21/Jun/1854 James Johnston, MD of Creetoun, Kirkcudbrightshire.

(Compiled from *The History of the Family of Douglas* by Percy Douglas)



## **SANDILANDS, LORD TORPHICHEN (Continued)**

Sir James Sandilands of Calder was the eldest son of John and Margaret Sandilands nee Bartoun. James was denounced a rebel when he was charged of involvement with many others (March 1565-66) concerning the murder of David Riccio. He attended the Convention held in Edinburgh 14/Feb/1569-70, being the day of the Regent Moray's funeral. In July 1573, James Sandilands of Calder issued a warning to Captain Diones Pentland who had raised 300 soldiers for service in the Low Countries, that he should observe certain conditions or face a huge fine. Sir James Sandilands died intestate at Edinburgh 17/Feb/1576-77 leaving a very young family. He had married Jean Ross daughter of James, 4<sup>th</sup> Lord Ross and by her had

1. James Sandilands

2. Elizabeth Sandilands to whom James, Lord Ross, was appointed tutor -dative by the King 17/Jul/1578 and who was married to John Mowbray, son of John Mowbray of Barnbogle.

1. James Sandilands of Calder second Lord Torphichen of the name of Sandilands, was born about 1574 and succeeded to the peerage on the death of his great uncle in 1579. He only seems to have had 2 tutors — Harry Stewart of Craigiehall and latterly Sir James Sandilands of Slamannan until 1588-89 when James chose curators, next of kin on his father's side being Mr John Cockburn of Ormiston, George Dundas of Dundas and James Sandilands of Slamannan and on his mother's side Robert, Lord Ross, and James Ross of Wardlaw. He was retoured heir of James, Lord Torphichen brother-german of his grandfather in the barony of Torphichen 12/May/1597 and from that date to 1605, his name appears often in documents relating to the Hospitallers' possessions being retained by the family in that district. James Sandilands, Lord Torphichen, died August 1617. He married (1) Elizabeth, daughter of James Heriot of Trabroun by Isabella Maitland his wife, to whom the Mains of Calder and the lands of Camilty were confirmed 16/Feb/1600. He married (2) Mary, eldest daughter of Gilbert, 7<sup>th</sup> Lord Somerville. She married (2) William Douglas of Pumpherston and died 15/May/1620. By Elizabeth Heriot only, Lord Torphichen had issue.

1. James Sandilands, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Torphichen

2. John Sandilands, 4<sup>th</sup> Lord Torphichen

3. Mr William Sandilands of Hilderstoun, MA Edinburgh, 1617; served tutor of Torphichen 01/Nov/1637. He married (1) Grizel Bannatyre c.1626 and (2) 01/Jan/1641, Dame Elizabeth Cunningham, relict of Colonel Sir George Cunningham. By Grizel Bannatyre, William Sandilands had

- 3.1. Walter Sandilands his heir who assumed the surnames and arms of Hamilton of Westport.

- 3.2. William Sandilands

- 3.3. Margaret Sandilands

- 3.4. Susanna Sandilands

- 3.5. Isobel Sandilands

3. William Sandilands had issue by his second wife Elizabeth Cunningham of

- 3.6. Elizabeth Sandilands ch. 03/Sep/1641

- 3.7. Mary Sandilands ch. 26/Jan/1645

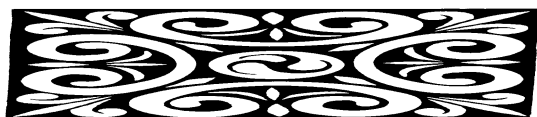
- 3.8. Elizabeth Sandilands ch. 29/Mar/1646

- 3.9. James Sandilands ch. 28/Feb/1647

- 3.10. Anna Sandilands ch. 28/May/1648

4. Robert Sandilands born 24/Dec/1600 in Woodheid of Calder son of James & Elizabeth Sandilands nee Heriot ; died December 1654
5. Mr Henry Sandilands the 5<sup>th</sup> son, ch. 25/Jun/1605, MA Edinburgh son of James & Elizabeth Sandilands nee Heriot;
6. Thomas Sandilands ch. 21/Jun/1612 son of James & Elizabeth Sandilands nee Heriot; probably died young.
7. Isobel Sandilands ch. 28/Oct/1607 daughter of James & Elizabeth Sandilands nee Heriot; married Hugh Wallace of Elderslie and had issue.
1. James Sandilands, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Torphichen was the eldest son of James & Elizabeth Sandilands nee Heriot. He was served heir to his father in various baronies and lands in the counties of Edinburgh, Linlithgow, Peebles 15/Dec/1618 and he died unmarried in January 1622.
2. John Sandilands became the 4<sup>th</sup> Lord Torphichen after his brother's death in 1622. He had a MA Edinburgh in 1615 and his presence was commanded at a Convention of the Estates held at Edinburgh 27/Oct/1625. Two years later, he received a peremptory order from the Privy Council to produce a list of all the fencible persons in the parish of Calder. In 1629, Lord Torphichen was charged to apprehend all Jesuits and all other persons found going on pilgrimages to chapels and wells. John died in July 1637. He married Isabel, daughter of Sir Walter Dundas of Dundas by whom he had issue
1. John Sandilands 5<sup>th</sup> Lord Torphichen
2. Walter Sandilands 6<sup>th</sup> Lord Torphichen
3. William Sandilands of Counston, co. Linlithgow, ch. 13/May/1630 son of John & Isabel Sandilands nee Dundas; married Mary Eastoun. Their eldest son Walter sued his mother for aliment. Another son William, executed an entail of Couston 28/Feb/1704.
4. Anna Sandilands ch. 27/Mar/1627 daughter of John and Isabel Sandilands nee Dundas;
5. Isabel Sandilands ch. 14/Jun/1631 daughter of John & Isabel Sandilands nee Dundas; married 24/Apr/1666 Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick of Closeburn.
6. Katherine Sandilands ch. 14/Aug/1632 daughter of John & Isabel Sandilands nee Dundas;
7. Margaret Sandilands ch. 31/Dec/1633 daughter of John & Isabel Sandilands nee Dundas; married Thomas Marjoribanks of Marjoribanks and had issue.
8. a child ch. 08/Jan/1635
9. Janet Sandilands ch. 14/Feb/1636 daughter of John & Isabel Sandilands nee Dundas;
1. John Sandilands, 5<sup>th</sup> Lord Torphichen, ch. at Midcalder 11/Feb/1625 son of John & Isabel Sandilands nee Dundas, to whom his uncle William Sandilands of Hilderstoun was served tutor-at-law 01/Nov/1637. That same month John was served heir of the baronies of Torphichen and Calder. He protested against the Duke of Hamilton's engagement to march into England in 1648 and was one of the few Peers who sat in Parliament in January 1649. He died unmarried in July 1649.

(Compiled from *The Scots Peerage* edited by Sir James Balfour Paul, Lord Lyon King of Arms, Vol.8 pp. 389-393)



## DOUGLAS MOTORCYCLES

Far away from the Birmingham and Coventry foundry centre of the Midlands of the United Kingdom, this Bristol-based Douglas Company became famous for the manufacture of machines powered by a horizontally-opposed twin cylinder engine.

Two brothers William and Edward Douglas both foundrymen of Scottish descent, settled in Bristol in 1882 and it was not long before they became noted for their quality castings in Kingswood where they had established their workshop. A man named Joseph Barter who had pioneered the horizontally-opposed twin cylinder engine, aroused William Douglas' interest and he decided to engage Joseph to design and help build motorcycles under the Douglas name after Barter's business went into liquidation. They commenced manufacture of the motorcycles in 1907 but it was not long before Edward Douglas left the business and went into the manufacture of boots and shoes.

A win in the 1912 Junior TT competition brought the company to the attention of the War Office and made the name 'Douglas' symbolic with its two-speed gearbox motorcycles and paved the way for the firm to supply in large numbers, motor cycles for the armed forces during World War 1. Further wins in 1923 Senior and the Sidecar TT races ensured the consolidation of a thriving business that carried the company successfully through the Great Depression of the late 1920s. The company was fortunate in getting a Royal endorsement of their product when Prince Albert (later King George VI) and Prince Henry became enthusiastic Douglas owners. The Spanish Monarchy also acquired motorcycles.

During the early 1930s, the company experienced a series of financial crises after which William Douglas relinquished his interest. However, William was eventually forced to buy back the company in order to safeguard its survival. Unfortunately not even he could save it.

Following the early deaths of two of his sons, William himself died in 1937 at the age of 78.

With the outbreak of the Second World War and no sign of contracts for motorcycle machines, the company opted for deployment and went into the manufacture of munitions and similar war work. A fresh start seemed assured in 1946 with some promising new designs but this was not to be. Always under capitalised and following the appointment of an Official Receiver, it remained an uphill struggle until in 1956 the Westinghouse Brake and Signal Company acquired the premises. In less than two years all production of motorcycles ceased — the area was required for other purposes.

The Douglas name lingered on with the importation of Gilera motorcycles in a range of Vespa scooters and mopeds from Italy, by the Douglas Company from their office at the Fishponds Trading Estate near Bristol. The Douglas company's death knell was sounded when Vespa (UK) Ltd., acquired the Company in 1982. It had enjoyed a run of some 50 years and acquired a following that is still very much in evidence today. Douglas enthusiasts everywhere feel very proud of their association with this famous company that is still regarded with such pride and affection in the Bristol area.

The centenary of the Douglas Motorcycles was celebrated in 2007 with the opening of the new Douglas Gallery at the Kingswood Heritage Museum near Bristol. A special Douglas Cavalcade of vintage motorcycles was held along the old factory test route. Despite the disappearance of the Douglas name from the racing circuit, old Douglas enthusiasts still appreciate the massive role the motorcycle played in its heyday.

(Taken from Briercliffe, Harold & Brockway, Eric "The Illustrated History of Douglas Motorcycles", Haynes Publishing Group, Yeovil Somerset, 1991)

This is the prototype Douglas that was produced for display at the 1907 Stanley Motor Show. The overall finish would have been in a green/grey colour with a dark blue panelled tank featuring the transfer in gold lettering.

Jan Shaw's Address to Clan Douglas Members  
At the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon 24/Jun/2007

First of all, I'd like to welcome you all today to join in a celebration of Clan Douglas of Australia's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I can see that we have committee members, family, friends and children & I'd like to welcome Dr Beryl Turner from Gladstone who is soon to join our ranks as a new member.

I shall ask Dr Turner to talk later about DNA Testing used in a way to trace your ancestors and how she hopes to establish a DNA data base for descendants of the various branches of the House of Douglas.

Clan Douglas of Australia began 20 years ago at a meeting in my house in Indooroopilly. Ron Douglas of Toowoomba had wanted to form a Douglas Clan in Australia and during the launch of *A Douglas! A Douglas!* In 1986, Ron could see a strong component of the clan at our family reunion. And so, a year later when Clan Douglas was formed, many of our branch of the Douglases became original members. We worked hard to encourage other branches of the House of Douglas to join and before long, we had a healthy membership from throughout Australia, New Zealand and even Scotland — Yes, Scotland as there is no Douglas Clan Association in Scotland and as far as I know, the only other one is in North America.

We contacted the North American Douglas Clan & for some years we both looked to find a Douglas who was eligible to become our Chief, but as the Lord Lyons of Scotland has pointed out, this succession is very complicated and as yet, we have no Chief.

I don't intend to give you a history lesson here so shall conclude my welcome with thanks to some very special people. Firstly the children who are here with parents and grandparents. I know grownup meetings and lunches can sometimes be very boring but I want to thank you all for coming. The two MacMillan girls Josephine & Eugenie here with their grandparents Ken & Jan Waller; Maddy, Sam, Harry, Guy & Leisa Douglas who are my first cousins twice removed; Bo Saji and Bella and Ryan Shaw who are my grandchildren. Some of you may be the ones to keep Clan Douglas going in the future! A special thanks to Maddy who was our Banner Bearer this morning at Kirkin' the Tartan; Mary Smith who was the Tartan carrier; John & Robin Godfrey for making this splendid anniversary cake which we shall soon all enjoy eating. Thank you all for coming to help us celebrate our anniversary milestone.

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Dell Armstrong the Membership Secretary writes:

This year is just flying and our **Annual Memberships** are due on 1<sup>st</sup> September — still only \$20-00.

I'm sure you all realise this is good value. It is the cheapest membership I pay, some are more than twice this much.

Great to welcome our new member since the last newsletter and I hope she enjoys the experience.



Above L to R: Bella Shaw, Ryan Shaw & Bo Saji. Jan Shaw's grandchildren admiring the Anniversary Cake made by Robin Godfrey to celebrate Clan Douglas Association of Australia's 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Note: The sterling silver buckles depicted have been handed down in a Douglas family for generations. The clan crest badge was owned by a previous member of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia.

Left: Maddy Douglas banner bearer and her father Guy Douglas.

Photo taken at the Kirkin' of the Tartan St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane on Sunday, 24/Jun/2007.

L to R: Mary Smith, Robin Godfrey, Maddy Douglas (banner bearer), Lara Godfrey, Jan Shaw and John Godfrey.

## BIRTHS

The Clan Douglas Association of Australia welcome with love **Archie James Dickensen**, born on 17/Aug/2007, son of Ben & Tricia Dickensen nee Douglas and grandson of Jock & Mina Douglas of Roma, Q'ld.

**Howard Hunter Douglas Cameron** son of Robert & Penny Cameron of Brisbane grandson of Ross & Anne Douglas of Toowoomba, Q'ld.

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## MARRIAGE:

Mr Douglas Waller, former President of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia, married Miss Victoria Neale in Brisbane on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2007. Douglas, who is the son of Janet and Ken Waller of East Brisbane, recently obtained his M.B.A. from Oxford University and is now working with Avis International in their European and UK Headquarters, just outside London. Victoria is the elder daughter of Sue & John Neale of Montville and has been working in Dublin while Douglas was in Oxford. The newly weds now reside in the inner London suburb of Earlsfield.



## EDITORIAL

It doesn't seem twelve months since I informed members the date for the last AGM. This year's **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Saturday **10/Nov/2007** at 2pm at our president's house 116 Strong Ave. Graceville. Everyone is most welcome to come and join us for this meeting. You are all aware that memberships are due — \$20-00 per person. This amount compares very reasonably with other genealogical societies around Australia. We do try to keep it economical and trust that our members will not find it a financial burden.

Mary Smith, Editor

## Douglas yDNA Project

A most exciting development in modern genealogy has reached the Douglas family! Now we can examine some of the mythologies surrounding our heritage and at the same time find our links to the old Douglas family. The Douglas (Duglis, Douglass, and other surname variants) family has been well documented and goes back to Willem de Duglis (c1174). Willem is thought to have been a Viking and perhaps the son of Theobald the Flemming. There are various theories as to his connections, based on similarities in the crest and tartan with other Scots clans.

There have been a number of distinct lines within the Douglas family, such as the Black, the Red, and the Morton Lines. And there are many other groupings, such as the Hamilton-Douglasses, the Queensberry line, the McKenzie-Douglasses, the Douglasses of Glenbervie and the list goes on. For modern Douglas families, particularly where emigration has taken them a world away from Scotland, the connections to the old lines have often been lost. Many Douglasses do not know where they fit into the Douglas family. We often have oral history linking us to a particular branch or person, but until now, no way of proving that connection.

The Douglas Surname yDNA Project can provide the means of re-establishing our connections between males of the Douglas family and allows us to focus our research into appropriate branches of the tree to find our ancestors. Each line of the family will have distinct yDNA characteristics and modern Douglasses can compare their own test results with the results of those known to be of a particular line.

The project is still in its infancy, but already, we have yDNA samples from the Morton line and the Queensberry line. We also have a McKenzie-Douglas participant whose results are expected soon. Modern Douglas families are joining the project in the hope of finding where they match with the old lines. Some of these can immediately see that they should direct their research into one line or abandon another.

We are hoping to find more participants, perhaps from the Clan Douglas Society who can trace their lineage back to Willem (1174) and who will join the study. In particular, we currently need someone who is descended from the Earls of Angus (Red Douglasses), or someone from the Earls of Hamilton line. We have members who think they might be related and are awaiting a known (by conventional genealogy) descendant to compare results. We would also like to hear from any Douglas with Gordon connections.

And, with enough participants, we may eventually be able to say with confidence whether or not Willem (1174) was a Viking and even whether his father was Theobald the Flemming.

Dr Beryl Turner (my mother is a Douglas)

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The project web site (for information or to participate) is found at:

[http://www.familytreedna.com/\(we5ir2ewkhoxqe55wspcbh55\)/public/Douglas/index.aspx](http://www.familytreedna.com/(we5ir2ewkhoxqe55wspcbh55)/public/Douglas/index.aspx)

If you would like to join the project discussion group go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/douglasDNA/?yguid=132306060>



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MEMBERSHIP FEE PER YEAR \$20-00 PER FAMILY

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

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Please make cheques payable in Australian currency to  
CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA and post to the  
membership secretary. Thank you.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

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The Clan Douglas Association acknowledges that on the list of Sept families  
there are some who are recognised as belonging to other clans, but some families of  
these surnames were closely linked with branches of the 'Douglas' in the early  
years

