

## James Gavin Memorial Stone



In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Douglas became an important center in the religious conflicts of the Covenanting period. One local martyr to the Covenanting cause was James Gavin, a tailor who had his ears cut off with his own shears.

Gavin carved a stone in the lintel of his house. When the home was demolished, the stone was set in a memorial cairn on the site of his house.

Douglas is the birthplace of the famous Cameronian Regiment organized in 1689 to fight for religious freedom. Its first Colonel was James Douglas, Earl of Angus. The regiment was disbanded in 1968 and both its raising and disbandment are marked by memorials in the village.



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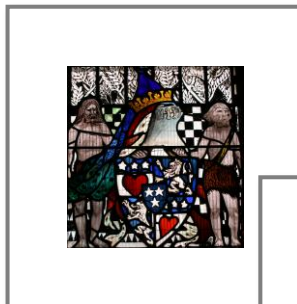
opened its doors in the former St. Sophia's Episcopal Chapel in 1993.

Situated a few yards west of Old St. Bride's Church, the building itself is very old and has been used as:

- the Dower House of Castle Douglas
- the Parish School and Schoolhouse
- the Poores House
- dwelling houses (until 1961)
- St. Sophia's Chapel
- the Douglas Heritage Museum (1993)

The interior retains much of the character of the Chapel with triptych, christening font and six stained glass windows all having come from the private Chapel of the Douglas-Home family at the former Douglas Castle.

The museum houses local memorabilia and each year a special exhibition is mounted which reflects some



aspect of the historical life and heritage of Douglas and Douglasians.

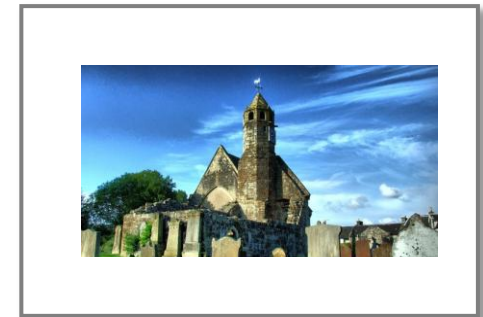
## Castle Douglas Castle Dangerous

Douglas Castle was a stronghold of the Douglas family from medieval times to the 20th century. This was the *Castle Dangerous* immortalized by Sir Walter Scot in his novel of the same name.

The first castle, erected in the 13th century, was destroyed and replaced several times until the 18th century when a large mansion house was built in its place. The castle was the former family seat of the Prime Minister, Alec Douglas-Home, until it was demolished in 1938.



Today only a single corner tower of the 17th-century castle remains.



## St. Bride's Church

Only the chancel of the much larger 14<sup>th</sup> century Old St. Bride's church stands today. The church, which contains some very fine 14<sup>th</sup> century stained glass windows, houses the tombs of the Black Douglasses and Archibald "Bell the Cat" Douglas (a Red Douglas).

The clock tower is the oldest working town clock in Scotland and was reputedly gifted to the village by Mary, Queen of Scots on occasion of her Marriage to Lord Darnley, whose mother was a member of the Douglas family. The clock, famous for its good timekeeping through the centuries, chimed three minutes before the hour in accordance with the Douglas motto *Jamais Arriere* ...never behind.



(The key for the church can be obtained on request from the house behind the Cross Keys Inn.)