



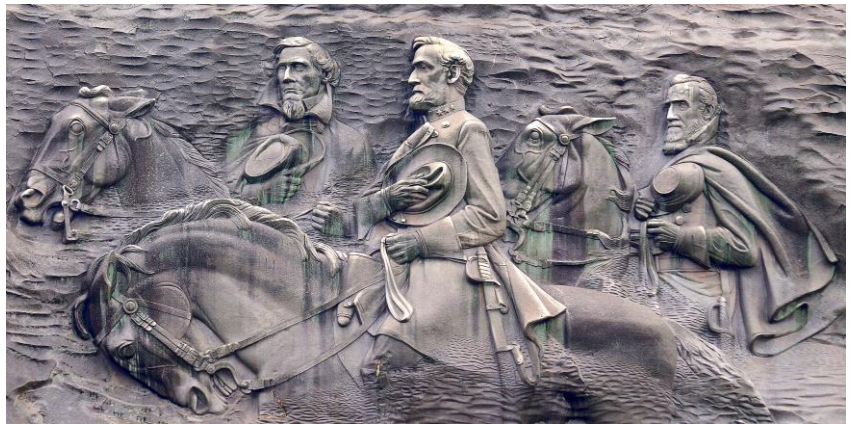
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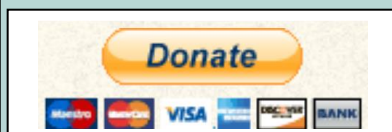
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President's Comments

Greetings everyone; I hope all of you are doing well and enjoying your summer.

As you most likely know by now, we will be having our Clan Douglas Society of North America's AGM during The Stone Mountain Highland Games Oct 14-16, 2016. All the plans are in place and I hope as many of you as possible plan on attending. It is a chance to support our Society and an opportunity to meet fellow members.

I would like to thank all of the Regents on their commitment to Clan Douglas and all they do for our Society. Without our Regents, "the Society would not be able to spread our cultural heritage and pass down our history to the next generation". Knowing the importance of our Regents leads me to mention -- If anyone is interested in becoming a Regent in a state or province where we currently have no representation, please contact me or our Vice President Chuck Mirabile. We can tell you what is entailed in becoming a Regent. We can certainly use your assistance in this area. We recently had two members of Clan Douglas step up and we now have a new Regent in Virginia and a new Co-Regent in Minnesota --there will be more on this in the newsletter. Please make them feel welcome... and by all means, show up at the games and support them and Clan Douglas.

I would also be remiss in not mentioning to the Regents: One of the responsibilities of being a Regent is to provide an article for our Newsletter Editor. Please take some time after your events and send a write up along with any pertinent information about the games you have attended.

I think it's time and long overdue to thank all the Officers of Clan Douglas. Without their dedication, our Society would not function as smoothly as it does. They do so much behind the scenes that I thought it was time I mentioned their efforts to everyone. While they do not want the lime light, they nonetheless deserve a big **Thank You** from all of us... and I hope you take the time to thank them and let them know we appreciate them.

Best Regards
Mark A. Peterson
CDSNA President



REGENTS... Please remember to send your post-event narratives and photos to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the newsletter.

Coming in the DECEMBER 2016 issue of *Dabh Ghalse*...

- Pictures & reports from the 2016 CDSNA AGM in Stone Mountain, GA
- An announcement of the location selected for the 2017 AGM
- Recognition of New Members in 2016 and our annual Recognition of our LIFE MEMBERS
- Douglas Septs & Allied Families spotlight on the family of **Sternett**
- Part 2 of **Who do you think should be Chief of the House of Douglas?**
- More Regents reporting on our members and events in the **NEWS FROM ALL OVER**
- A list of CDSNA Represented Events for the Months of JANUARY – MARCH
- More wonderful Douglas and Celtic themed articles

ATTENTION MEMBERS: Do you have a fabulous picture from a recent trip to a Douglas or Scottish themed place or event such as a local Scottish/Celtic festival or trip to Scotland? You are welcome to write about your travels and submit articles and pictures for publication in the newsletter. Submissions for the DEC issue can be sent before NOV 15 to the Newsletter Editor by email. Please include captions for any pictures submitted.

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Douglas Lowland Strongholds of the 13th century

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The first references to the name Douglas in the Scottish Lowlands appeared in charters as well as church records dating to the early 1100's. Well before the Good Sir James was repatriated to Scotland in 1304, the family was extremely powerful in the Lowlands, boasting strongholds to the west in Ayrshire, including lands in Carrick, moving easterly to their vast holdings in Douglasdale, then towards Selkirk where the Douglas Burn meets the Yarrow and finally moving south towards Jedburgh and into Northumbria** to the manor of Fawdon near the Breamish. There were also sundry charters with smaller landholdings, especially in the Lothians.

Not all the lands were on the radar of many historians as they originally appeared in charters of which many were destroyed. Only by careful review of the rolls of the pipe can we ascertain their existence, such as through the recorded actions of an assize, orders issued to Royal Heralds to alert various counties to reinstate lands held in chief and so forth. The Carrick lands for example were indirectly referenced in the early 13th century when William Lord Douglas, grandfather of Sir James Douglas, was required to attend an assize to sit in judgment of a neighbor-landholder accused in a trial.

Douglasdale:



13th c. walls and Folly Tower at Douglas Castle

Douglas became the family seat of the Lords of Douglas in the 1200's; perhaps earlier. The 13th century Douglas Castle was referenced in 1295 when William le Hardi Douglas was brought before King Balliol to answer to charges that he illegally imprisoned Hugh de Abernethy against his will in his donjon (tower) at his castle in Douglas. Earlier charges made against Douglas about his prisoner de Abernethy had been dropped as Lord Hugh died in his confinement at Douglas in 1291.

Several years ago during a summer drought I was walking the castle grounds in Douglas with Jim Fleming and we found what appear to be the earlier walls of rubble stone that once surrounded the original fortress. The only remaining structure above ground is a ruined late 13th or early 14th century tower that was likely constructed during the time when Robert de Clifford held Douglas. That English lord expanded the stronghold from 1297-1307. At the same time de Clifford's own castle in Brougham, Cumbria was undergoing extensive renovations in preparation for a visit from King Edward of England.

Park Castle, a second tower structure in Douglas was located on a hill above where Castle Mains is today. The Earl of Home resides there while in Douglas. According to a map from the mid-fifteen hundreds, a stone tower with a chapel nearby were located in the Park of Douglas on the hill overlooking the Park Burn. When Sir William le Hardi called out his muster to rendezvous at Irvine Water in 1297, it was for the Park in Douglas. And in 1330 on the Feast of St. Bride, Park Castle was the location where the Good Sir James made his final plans for going to Teba, Spain taking the heart of his late king, Robert the Brus on Crusade. He was residing at Park Castle because the nearby fortress of Douglas Castle required rebuilding due to his earlier raids during the Scottish Wars for National Independence.



Park Castle location near Castle Mains in Douglas on the Park Burn

****Note;** When Sir William le Hardi married the widow Eleanor Lovaine de Ferrers in 1289, she brought with her significant lands in dower, manors in several counties so that in 1296 when Lord Douglas put his seal to Ragman Roll for the second time in August, the king had to send royal messengers to over seven counties in Scotland as well as in Northumbria to release them to Lord Douglas.

The Lothians:



Tantallon Castle inner close,
a 14th c. stronghold built by
Sir William Douglas, the first Earl of Douglas

The early Douglas lords received lands from the Earl of Fife that included manors such as Hermanston and Tantallon. Lord Douglas, great grandfather of the Good Sir James gave Hermanston and several other Lothian manors to his second son Andrew. Andrew is the ancestor of the current Earl of Morton. The manor of Glencorse and similar charters for lands in the East Lothians were granted in a contract of marriage between Marjorie de Abernethy and Lord Douglas' oldest son, Hugh Douglas in 1259, falling to Douglas heirs in 1289. It is believed that other, ancient charters for lands near North Berwick was granted to the Douglas lords also by the Earl of Fife, including what is now Tantallon. The impressive castle was not built until the mid-14th century however; the Scottish Wars for National Independence putting any castle building on hold for Douglas lords until around 1356.



The Craig of Douglas, a second stronghold in the Borders near Selkirk

The Scottish Borders:

Before the Good Sir James brought the treasury of Scotland from Bishop Lamberton to Robert the Brus in 1306, the Lords of Douglas held lands in the Borders. Driving the romantic A708 from Moffat to Selkirk there are two Douglas strongholds that we know about, dating to the early 1200's, held by a man known as John of Douglas. The Craig of Douglas is a farm today not far from where the Douglas Burn meets the Yarrow Water.



Blackhouse Tower ruins on Douglas farm land today

Navigating the ancient cart paths on private lands adjacent to the farm house, meeting the challenge of single lane dirt roads that cut into the hills is worth the trip I discovered. Here I found the stone fortress ruins of Blackhouse Tower, the Borders hideaway of the Good Sir James. If you take time to drive through the ford of the Douglas Burn and turn to look up to the surrounding hills, you will see the famous Douglas Stones. It is a peaceful valley now but during the Scottish Wars for National Independence it was heavily guarded by Ettrick foresters and spearmen of Liddesdale.



Lintalee earthworks

Lintalee in Jedburgh became the well-known Borders fortress of the Good Sir James during the 14th century. Here James hid in caves along the Jed River, not far from the monastery after his last raid on his family's castle in Douglas. Later he built a large tower. When several Clan Douglas members along with me and my husband Ed visited there in 2009, now CDSNA President Mark Peterson climbed up part of the ruined earthworks to expose a partial wall of ashlar stone. The current owner is slowly renovating the location and hopes to discover some more of the stone remains.

Because of the proximity of Jedburgh and Lintalee to the Douglas manor at Fawdon in Northumbria, it would make sense that Douglas lords held lands in the vicinity dating to earlier times; a stopping place as they traveled twice annually to their lands near the Breamish to collect their rents. James' selection of the site for his Borders fortress on the Jed supports this theory.

Northumbria:

By 1267 William Lord Douglas, grandfather of the Good Sir James, held the entire manor of Fawdon in Northumbria from Gilbert de Umfraville. On 19th July, the Eve of Saint Margaret that year, one-hundred men from Reddesdale, followers of Lord Umfraville, were dispatched to Fawdon to remove Lord Douglas and his family and ransack the place. According to the court records, de Umfraville was ordered to restore Lord Douglas to his manor of Fawdon and pay for goods stolen in the raid, totaling over £100 (valued at over \$250,000 today). A young William le Hardi, father of the Good Sir James, 'nearly had his head cut off' in defending his father's manor, the father's testimony revealed. Le Hardi's father granted him some lands in Northumbria for his valor. When young William reached his age of majority around 1270, he sold some of the holdings to Selby (Selby Deeds) so he could finance his next adventure, following Earl Adam on Crusade.

The stronghold at Fawdon was important to the Douglas family, if not a sentimental holding. The Good Sir James was focused on obtaining his inheritance of Fawdon (forfeited by his father in 1297) seemingly as a matter of principle rather than economic necessity. When James Lord Douglas went to England representing his king, Robert the Brus in a treat of peace in 1328, he made the audacious request directly to King Edward; to restore him to his father's manor of Fawdon.



Dower House above the Jed River with caves below hidden behind the trees that can be reached by river stones; James was said to have hidden here, beginning in 1307 before building his Lintalee tower and Border fortress



Fawdon Hill at Fawdon Burn, Northumbria near Alnwick

The request was immediately granted. The value of the estate hardly made a dent to his vast holdings; James had been granted so many lands that he owned over one third of all Scotland when he died in Teba, Spain in 1330.

Lands represented power in medieval times. The more lands you had, the more able bodied men you could call to muster to defend your estates and support your king when called upon to do so. The Douglas lords were powerful and well respected. The strongholds listed above, acquired well before the Good Sir James joined forces with Brus in 1306, were impressive. There were other indications of their influence. The great uncle of James Douglas was Brice of Douglas. He was a simple prior serving Lesmahagow Priory, a small religious house not far from Douglas when suddenly he was elevated to the very prominent position as the Bishop of Moray. It was an act unheard in the 1100's; without the presence of some great political influence the award of a bishopric could not have been accomplished. The Douglas family were powerful nobles in medieval Scotland; their many, early land holdings reflect their influence.

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UNDER the CABER

Among our extended Clan Douglas are a number of unsung heroes who promote traditional Highland culture through Highland athletics and do so by having some real skin in the game. In future issues, we will share their stories written in their own words.

Cue the Spotlight, please... **Bobby “the Kilted Cowboy” Douglas**

[EDITOR’S NOTE: Written by Bobby in late 2015, I am pleased to share this now.
I encourage other CDSNA member athletes competing in a Douglas kilt to share their own story.]

It was Fall of 2010 when I first got the hankering to explore my Scottish roots. I knew I had always loved the Bagpipes but little did I know that it was embedded in my DNA. I found a Scottish Festival nearby in Memphis, TN and was very intrigued. As I wondered around, learning more and more, someone mentioned I should go to a Festival that had the Scottish Highland Games. I was completely unaware of these and so I researched the next closest festival that had the Games and planned the trip to St. Louis, MO.

I remember first walking up to the Athletic Field and seeing all the activity. It was exciting. I could feel the adrenaline of the athletes and I admit I felt something bubbling up in me right off. As I viewed the events, unknowing of the classes of athletes or the names of the events, my curiosity burgeoned. I found myself saying, “I could do that” to several of the events. As I walked around even more, my attention was called to the center of the field. As I gazed outward I saw the true Giants. They were hurling this weight on a chain a distance that seemed like forever. Then they threw the weight on a stick (now I know this to be the hammer throw) and it was soaring!! I remember thinking, “Okay, I could NEVER do THAT”. Just when I was beginning to doubt my abilities, I found out these were the Pros and THEY WERE HUGE!! Once again, my mind began to ponder whether or not I could do this and then... one of the amateurs befriended me, patted me on the back and said, “You should be out here on the field”. I suppose that was the confirmation that pushed me forward.

I immediately found another Festival and Games in North Carolina and called the Athletic Director (A.D.) and asked if I could “handle” the implements if I came to the games. He



Photo by Larry Ventress



Photo by Larry Ventress

was very friendly and said, "of course". Once I arrived at the games I was so excited. I was actually going to get to go to the Athletic Tent which was off limits to me before. I informed the A.D. who I was and he showed me the implements. He said, "go ahead and pick it up". I will never forget how heavy it felt. It was the Heavy Weight for Distance (HWD). Basically, it was an anvil on a short chain with a handle. When I grabbed the handle and heard the clanking of the steel chain my adrenaline soared. I knew right then I was going to go for it. I heard the whisper of my name as I handled each implement. I was hooked. I immediately hit the weight room because I knew I would need to be conditioned. As the season ended, I wanted to be ready for the next year.

My first Games – and still two of my favorites as I have done them both every year -- were in San Antonio and then Arlington, TX. My favorite events are Weight Over Bar (WOB) and Sheaf, as I was naturally decent at both of these. I quickly began to love the Caber Toss but it took me five games before I could ever get the pick. I suppose my first dance with the caber was ugly since it took a sideways bounce and cracked me upside the head. There was blood, but my adrenaline kept me from feeling anything-UNTIL THE NEXT DAY!!! Nevertheless, the Caber and I are now good friends and we love to dance together, each of us taking turns leading.

This year (2015), I will be back on the fields of St. Louis as I finish my fourth year in the games and will be competing in the Amateur Scottish Masters World Championship. I am very excited and plan on doing my best even though I have absolutely no chance

of winning this year. I am getting better and stronger each year and am just happy to share the field with some wonderful athletes who continuously push me to be my best. All the Athletes I have met, male and female, are exceptionally nice folks who are willing to coach and help you excel in the sport. The camaraderie is amazing and I have met many really good friends.

I compete in the "Douglas Modern" sport Kilt and hope to find other "Douglas" tartans to wear on the field. One of my main reasons for beginning to look into the games was for my wife and children to know about the name that they carried and its rich history. They are now affectionately known as "The Douglas Girls" and are very proud of their name and their matching kilts. I also have a son and a grandson. The grandson has a matching kilt but my son has not yet acquired his—soon, he shall be kilted.

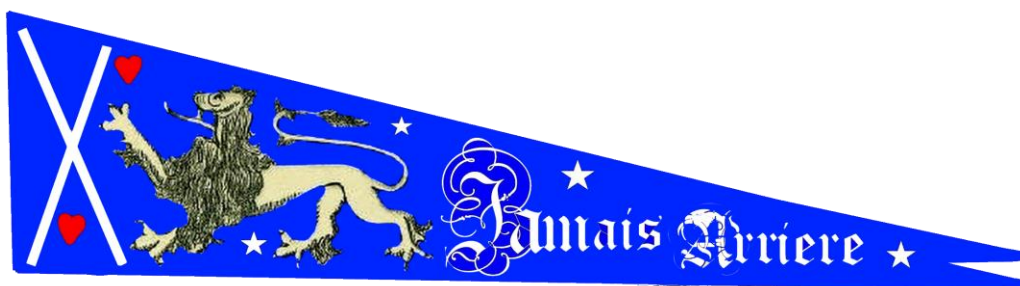
I compete under the name "Bobby Douglas" but my full legal name is Robert Nathan Edgar Douglas. I was named after two different Grandfathers. My Dad is Roy Robert Leslie Douglas and my Mom was Marion Lee (Bennett) Douglas. My wife was Christina Michele (Reed) Douglas and my children are Robert Steven Douglas (36), Calee Ester Michelle Douglas (8), Kassi Erika Nicole Douglas (6) and grandson Kaiden Kash Douglas (3). I was born in Ft. Worth, Texas (Cowtown)--hence the name "Kilted Cowboy"-- and graduated from Texas A & M at Commerce (Formerly East Texas State Uni).

I love my Scottish roots and heritage and I am very proud of our culture. I blended my Texas roots in as I added my cowboy hat and boots to my kilt and it makes for quite the conversation when I am out and about before or after my competitions. I plan on competing as long as my body will let me and I am proud to represent the "Douglas" name. I plan on getting better each year. "Always forward, never rearward" after all, I am "A DOUGLAS"!!



Photo by Larry Ventress

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Bobby placed 13th overall in the Amateur Scottish Masters World Championship in St. Louis in 2015.]



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THE POETS OF SCOTLAND— GAVIN DOUGLAS.

BY JAMES KENNEDY.

Gavin Douglas, one of the most eminent of the early Scottish poets, was a son of Archibald, the fifth Earl of Angus, and was born about the year 1475. His father was one of the most notable of the Scottish nobility, and was generally known by the name of Archibald Bell-the-cat. According to several historians he was every way accomplished both in body and mind; of colossal stature, his countenance full of majesty, eloquent of speech, terrible in battle, upright and honest, loving and kind to his friends, revered and respected by all right-thinking men.

It may be readily imagined that such a father took care to give his children a liberal education. Gavin was the bright boy of the family. He went to St. Andrew's and, like his predecessor, Durbar, he took holy orders. He was some time in France. Every Scot who could afford it seemed to think that a sojourn in France was essential to a complete education at that time. There were other reasons also, as the perpetual war with England rendered it necessary that a friendly alliance with France should be kept up, and thither all the promising sons of Scottish nobility sojourned for a time.

When Gavin came back at the age of 22 he was appointed to a benefice at Hawick and in a few years was advanced to the office of dean of St. Giles. At Hawick he began writing verses, first some translations of Ovid and then a

fine original work entitled "The Palace of Honour." In this poem the author's design is, under the similitude of a vision, to represent the vanity and inconstancy of all worldly pomp and glory; and to show that a constant and inflexible course of virtue and goodness is the only way to true honor and felicity, which he allegorically describes as a magnificent palace, situated on the top of a very high mountain, of a most difficult access.

The general opinion of the best critics is that John Bunyan must have adopted his idea of "The Pilgrim's Progress" from "The Palace of Honour." There is a very marked resemblance between the two works. Both are represented as dreams. Both represent a journey towards a place superior to the nature of this world. In the one the pilgrim of Honor, in the other, the pilgrim of Christianity, are the heroes; and both are conducted by supernatural beings on a march represented as somewhat trying to human strength. Douglas's is the more scholarly and ornate and symmetrical in structure, but in intense realism and portraiture of character it is nowhere comparable to Bunyan's marvellous work. Both works end in a place full of celestial glories, and in both cases, a limbo, or hades, by the wayside, a little before the ultimate end is reached. The poet's work has the charm of the medieval romance; the Bedford tinker's work has the breath of the life that is everlasting.

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In 1512 Douglas began his greatest work, a translation of the Aeneid of Virgil into Scottish verse. It was the first translation of a Roman classic into a British tongue, and while it is not generally looked upon as the best translation of that noble work, it is not only the work of a bold and energetic writer eminently qualified for the task, but exhibits a rich and varied fancy in the introduction of the different books where the poet presents original interludes descriptive of Scottish life and scenery and from which admirable idea, doubtless, Walter Scott has given the fine interludes in his poem of "Marmion" and other similar work. A brief specimen of Douglas's translation may be given of the well-known passage of Virgil describing a descent into the dwelling of Pluto. The Latin poet thus describes the journey:

"Facilis descensus Averni,
Noctes atque dies patet atri janua Ditis;
Sed revocare, gradum, superasque, evadere ad auras,
Hoc opus, hic labor est; pauci quos æquus amavit
Jupiter, aut ardens evexit ad æthera virtus,
Dis geniti, potuere. Tenent media omnia silvæ,
Cocytusque sinu labens circumfluit atro."

The following is Douglas's translation slightly modernized:

"It is richt easy I thee tell
For to descend down into hell,
Black Pluto's gates and that dark way
Stands ever open nicht and day,
But therefrom to return again
Is fraught with care and muckle pain;
There weary wark and labour lies,
For few there be beneath the skies
Whose ardent virtues so excel
To match with Jupiter himsel',

They born of gods may upward press
Through all the weary wilderness
Of pathless forests wildly rude
And Cocytus whose raging flood
Flows midway in the troubled space
Forever 'round that awful place."

The interludes written by Douglas between the several parts of the translation of Virgil's work form, perhaps, the most interesting portion of Douglas's poetical work. It has been claimed by eminent authorities that the first poems describing scenery were the two exquisite poems *L'Allegro* and *Il Penseroso*, written by John Milton. The following is a sample of Douglas's work written at least a century before the English poet. It describes an evening in June, in the prelude to the seventh book:

"On every pile and pickle of the crops
The dew-drops hang, like burning beryl drops,
And on the halesome herbs, and eke the weeds,
Like crystal gems or little silver beads,
The light begins to fail, the mists to rise,
And here and there grim shades o'er-spread the skies,
The bald and leathern bat commenced her flight
The lark descended from her airy height,
Mists sweep the vale before the lazy wind,
And night unfolds her cloak with sable lined,
Swaddling the beauty of the fruitful ground
With cloth of shade, obscurity profound.
Each thing that roves the meadow or the wood,
Each thing that flies through air, or dives in flood,
Each thing that nestles in the bosky bank
Or loves to rustle in the marshes dank,
All beasts, or wild or tame, or great or small,
God's peace and blessing rests serene o'er all."

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Besides these interludes there is little in the poet's works that reflect the world in which he moved. His poetry is of the academic or scholastic kind and it is remarkable that it never seemed to occur to the gifted poet and scholar to tell in verse some fact or fancy illustrating the turbulent and picturesque period of Scottish life in which he lived.

His own career was full of stirring events. About the time he finished his translation of Virgil, the poet's two brothers were killed at Flodden with about two hundred others of their name. His father, the Earl of Angus, the Provost of Edinburgh, had withdrawn from the army on account of some unkind expressions used by the headstrong King James IV. It was said, however, that the death, soon afterwards, of the great Earl was occasioned by grief at the death of his two sons. In these things the poet is silent, and in a short time the poet's nephew, the young Earl of Angus, was married to Queen Margaret. The marriage was very unpopular, and the various promotions offered to Gavin Douglas by the influence of his nephew led the poet into great trouble.

Soon after Flodden the Queen offered the poet the abbacy of Aberbrothock. This was objected to by the Pope's legate. The poet was then offered the bishopric of St. Andrew's, but the Queen and her new husband seemed to be unable to secure him in this splendid situation. He was displaced by the Pope in favor of the Bishop of Moray, a busy and ambitious churchman. He was then offered the position of Bishop of Dunkeld and on assuming the office was seized by the Duke of Albany and kept a year in prison. When the Queen was at last able to release the poet-priest he began to stir

himself. He laid aside the priestly garb and buckled on his armor. He laid siege to Dunkeld and routed his enemies headed by a creature of the Duke of Albany's, name Stewart, on whom Douglas afterwards conferred a benefice under the bishopric of Dunkeld.

The poet built the first stone bridge over the Tay and spent large sums of money in local improvements.

In the constant outbreaks between the Queen's party, headed by her husband, the Earl of Angus, and the late king's brother, the Duke of Albany, the poet was much occupied as a peacemaker. During one of the brief spasms of the supremacy of Albany, the poet and his friends were compelled to betake themselves to England for shelter. At London, the poet was received with much favor by Henry VIII. Hollingshed, the historian, informs us that the King conferred a pension on the Scottish poet, and here the poet contracted a friendship with Polydore Virgil, a learned Italian, who was then engaged in composing a history of England. It is supposed that the bishop assisted him with a history of the origin of the Scottish nation. There, however, the poet was suddenly cut off by the plague in 1522, and was buried in the Savoy Church.

As a poet he takes his place with Drummond, of Hawthorndon, and others of that class whose learning rather gives an artificial atmosphere to their work, leading their fancies into the realms of traditional ideals, divorcing them from nature and from the world that is around them. If Gavin Douglas had given us glimpses of his own stormy career it would have been more interesting than his labored Latin translations, but as it is his work is the work of a true poet who

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in the turmoil of troublous times had his own blessed visions of an ideal world, a dreamer of dreams, a man whose learning lay upon him like the coats of mail upon the broad shoulders of the warriors of his time, but which could not wholly obscure the genial soul within, a man of subtle intellect and of all-comprehensive tenderness, a worthy descendant of a noble race, and undoubtedly the brightest of all that ever bore the name of Douglas.

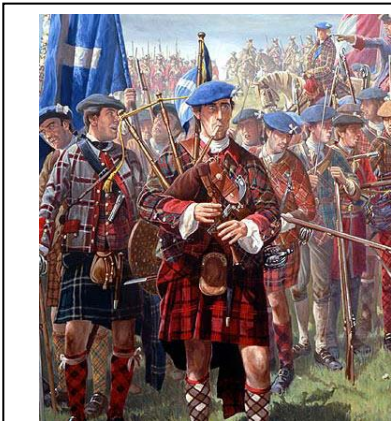


Is this the fabled Douglas Water?



Bagpipes – A Weapon of War! (1746-1996)

[EDITOR's NOTE: Adapted from a July 8, 2016 blog post by "Andy" posted in <http://www.scotclans.com/bagpipes-a-weapon-of-war/>]



Artwork from the posted article

It's interesting to learn that until 1996 the bagpipes were classified as a weapon of war. This does not simply mean an instrument played in battle, or a tool used to direct troops, it actually means a physical weapon, like a sword or a musket. The origins of this take us all the way back to the Battle of Culloden and a piper named James Reid.

James Reid was one of several pipers who played at the Battle of Culloden. He was captured along with 558 men by Cumberland's troops and taken to England. There James was put on trial and accused of high treason against the English Crown. Piper Reid claimed that he was innocent because he did not have a gun or a sword. He said that the only thing he did that day on the battlefield was play the bagpipe.

After some deliberation the judges had a different opinion on the matter. They said that a highland regiment never marched to war without a piper at its head. Therefore, in the eyes of the law, the bagpipe was an instrument of war. James Reid was condemned and subsequently hanged then drawn and quartered.

The decision of those judges has echoed down through the generations. It was the first recorded occasion that a musical instrument was officially declared a weapon of war. For hundreds of years and many conflicts to come the bagpipes, when listed among the items captured in combat, was counted among rifles, sabers, and munitions. It is interesting to note that bugles and drums were recorded as musical instruments, where the bagpipe ranked among the lists of weapons. This continued through the Great War. Perhaps a fitting place for the pipes, but a tragic legacy for the piper James Reid who played at the last bloody battle of the Jacobites on Culloden Moor.

In 1996, after some disputes with authorities, a man known as Mr. Brooks was taken to court for playing the pipes on Hamstead Heath, an act forbidden under a Victorian by-law stating the playing of any musical instrument is banned. Mr. Brooks plead not guilty by, claiming the pipes are not a musical instrument, but instead a weapon of war, citing the case of James Reid as a precedent. The unanimous verdict was that the pipes are first and foremost musical instruments returning them from a weapon of war to their rightful place as a musical instrument.



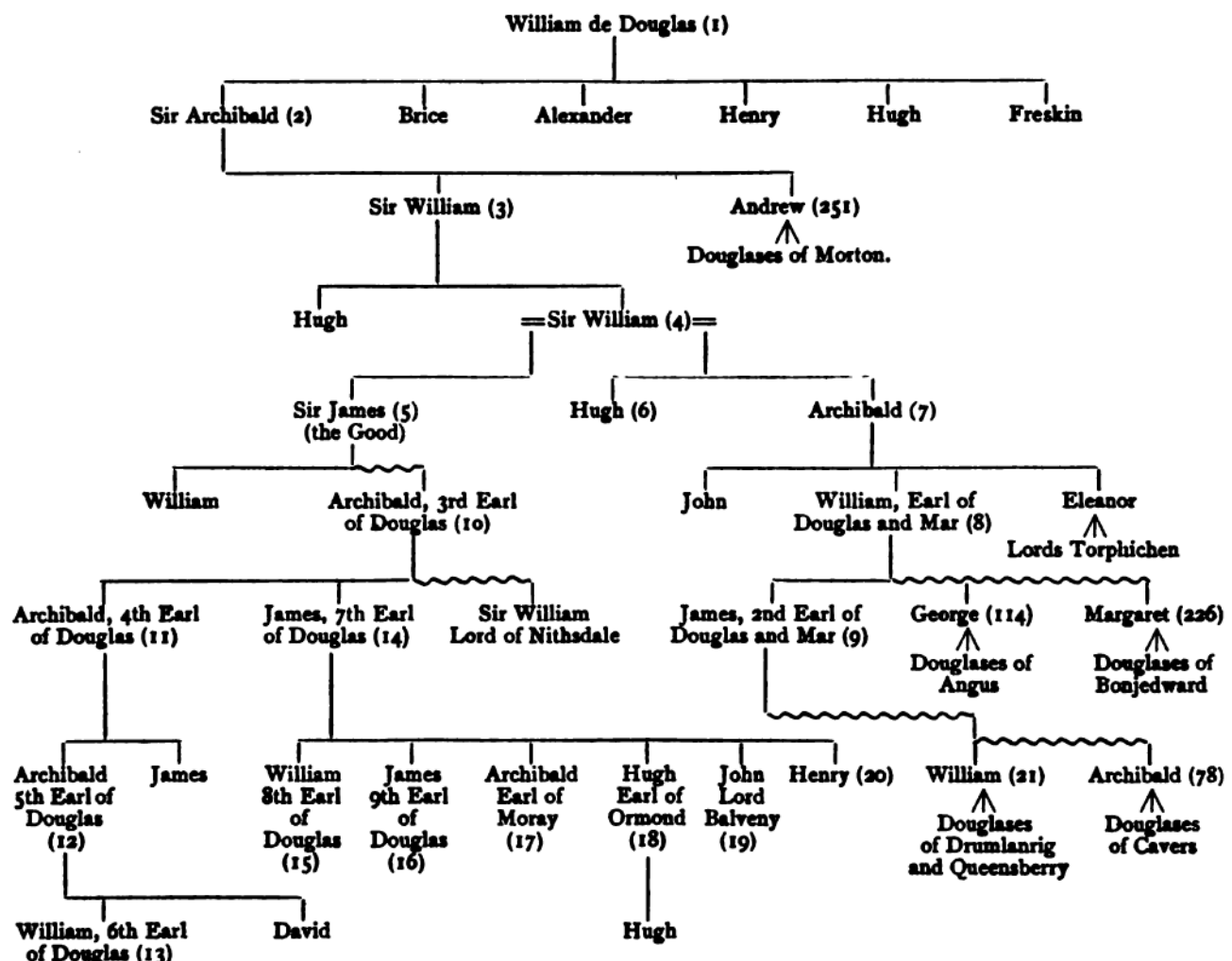
Who do you think *should be* Chief of the House of Douglas?

Harold Edington, CDSNA Asst VP and *Dabb Ghase* Editor

Part 1

As a CDSNA Regent, I am often asked at festivals or online, "Who is the Chief of Clan Douglas?" Once I explain the convoluted family history leading to the conclusion that there is no current Chief of the House of Douglas, the person asking the question will suggest something like, "I thought the Duke of Hamilton was the Chief of Clan Douglas. After all, that's what Wikipedia states." Once the discussion is complete about Wikipedia not being an authoritative source, the next natural question from those still listening is "Who do you think *should be* Chief of Clan Douglas?" For me, that is an interesting question and one to which I have devoted some time in research and contemplation. I have come to my own conclusion and I offer this editorial as my opinion only. I openly admit I am no expert on monarchical successions, noble title successions, Scottish Law, Scotland-in-general, or British Common Law. What I am presenting is *my opinion* based on research that includes George Harvey Johnstone's 1907 edition of *The Heraldry of the Douglasses*... [Johnston, G H. *The Heraldry of the Douglasses: With Notes on All the Males of the Family, Descriptions of the Arms, Plates and Pedigrees*. Edinburgh: W. & A.K.

PEDIGREE I. The Earls of Douglas.



From Johnston's *The Heraldry of the Douglasses* (1907)

Johnston, limited, 1907. Print.], a number of other Douglas-themed history books in my digital collection, information gleaned from Wikipedia, the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs [<http://www.clanchiefs.org.uk/>], and numerous other articles found on the internet (as informational rabbit trails required following). I will state again: What I offer here as an answer to the inevitable question is purely *my opinion*. I welcome any emails or letters from those holding contrary opinions.

Clan, House, or Family?

Many will make much ado about whether or not it is appropriate for our organization to call itself "CLAN DOUGLAS" rather than "HOUSE of DOUGLAS". They will argue Douglas was a Lowland family and 'Clan' is a distinctive of Highland families only. An article by Sir Crispin Agnew [Clans, Families and Septs by Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw Bt., 13 August 2001] stated:

"There is now a belief that clans are Highland and families are Lowland but this is really a development of the Victorian era. In an Act of Parliament of 1597 we have the description of the "Chiftanis and chieffis of all clannis...duelland in the hielands or bordouris" thus using the word clan to describe both Highland and Lowland families. Further, Sir George MacKenzie of Rosehaugh, the Lord Advocate (Attorney General) writing in 1680 said "By the term 'chief' we call the representative of the family from the word chef or head and in the Irish (Gaelic) with us the chief of the family is called the head of the clan". So it can be seen that all along the words chief or head and clan or family are interchangeable. It is therefore quite correct to talk of the MacDonald family or the Stirling clan".

It must be noted, we (CDSNA) are **CLAN** Douglas through an act of legal incorporation. However, **HOUSE** of Douglas does make more sense when one considers the power of the Douglas **FAMILY** was greatly enhanced by all those other families not having the name of Douglas but who still supported the Douglasses. Our list of Septs & Allied Families does have a number of names and History may yet reveal the names of other families that should be added. The families, though not "blood relatives" nevertheless, were willing to mingle their lives' blood in the struggles of the Douglasses and there would have been little to tell about the Douglas family without the support of all the families under the banner of the **HOUSE** of Douglas. In a later part of his 2001 article, Sir Crispin Agnew writes:

It should also be said that the various Sept lists, which are published in the various Clans and Tartan books, have no official authority. They merely represent some person's, (usually in the Victorian eras) views of which name groups were in a particular clan's territory. Thus we find members of a clan described, as being persons owing allegiance to their chief "be pretence of blud or place of thare duelling". In addition to blood members of the clan, certain families have a tradition (even if the tradition can with the aid of modern records be shown to be wrong) descent from a particular clan chief. They are, of course, still recognised as being members of the clan.

But all of the debate about septs and allied families or whether Douglas is a Family, a Clan, or a House doesn't touch on the topic of the Chief of the Douglas Family or how to become the Chief. Many of us might assume at this point that the decision about who deserves the honor of being called Chief of the Family of Douglas is in the hands of the Lord Lyon of Scotland; and he is sitting at his writing desk (or computer console) distressing over how he is going to word the pronouncement.

Contrary to what many may believe, my research would indicate the Lord Lyon of Scotland and the Lyon Court do not have the legal authority to decide who should be Chief of a clan. The Lyon cannot force a chief on a clan. The Lord Lyon considers a clan chief to be a social title and that title has no standing in law. The Lyon can within his authority grant or matriculate arms from a past chief, if you can prove the genealogical line and that is correct to do so. However it appears no one has to accept a particular chief, if the clan does not want that person.

Simply put ... What the Lyon can do is verify proof of a presented genealogical line from the last known chief of a clan to a candidate seeking the honor of being chief. If the person seeking the honor of chief has a clear and undisputed claim, the Lyon can grant arms or matriculate arms for the candidate. Should the Lyon recognize a candidate's claim to the honor of chief, the members of the clan are under no authority to follow the recognized chief.

Being expert in things armorial, the Lord Lyon's unbiased opinion in a matter of heraldry does carry weight – just not any legal weight. If there is a disputed claim to the honor of chief of a clan and the candidates cannot come to the mutual position of accepting the opinion of the Lyon, the dispute must be settled on legal grounds in a court of law.

The limits of the authority of the Lord Lyon and the Lyon Court are interesting to know and note of the facts should be taken, however, because the Lyon's role in declaring a chief is simply (and I may be oversimplifying) to verify a candidate's claim... but these facts do little to answer the question about what required to be Chief.

According to the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs [Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs – What is a Clan?

[Article reprinted 30 Dec. 2013],

“the clan system is closely bound up with Scottish heraldry. The best definition of a clan provided by a heraldic authority is contained in Nisbet's ‘System of Heraldry’, published in 1722: A social group consisting of an aggregate of distinct erected families actually descended, or accepting themselves as descendants of a common ancestor, and which has been received by the Sovereign through its Supreme Officer of Honour, the Lord Lyon, as an honourable community whereof all of the members on establishing right to, or receiving fresh grants of, personal hereditary nobility will be awarded arms as determinate or indeterminate cadets both as may be of the chief family of the clan. A clan is therefore a community which is both distinguished by heraldry and recognised by the Sovereign. At the head of this honourable community is the chief. He is the only person entitled to display the undifferenced shield of Arms, i.e. without any marks of dependency upon any other noble house.”

What is required to be Chief of the Family of Douglas?

So... if I am not mistaken... Three things must be considered in any application to be Chief of our clan.

- (1) To be a Chief, one must be from the **FAMILY** of Douglas. There is a hereditary component that must be satisfied, if one is to become the Chief of Family/Clan/House of Douglas. Tradition holds that the seat of the Chief passes from father to oldest living son -- or father to oldest living daughter, if the Chief has no sons -- following the rules of primogeniture.
- (2) To be a Chief, one must have the **NAME** of Douglas. In Scotland, no individual can be Chief of more than one family at a time. As such, hyphenated surnames are not permitted. [Well... they are not supposed to be permitted but we see exceptions to this rule when we note the Chief of Clan Hamilton, the Duke of Hamilton, has a hyphenated surname as does the Chief of Clan Home, the Earl of Home.]
- (3) To be a Chief, one must be an *armiger* (arms bearer) or one entitled to be an *armiger*, as part of an *armigerous clan*. According to *The Society of Scottish Armigers*, “An armiger is an individual with heraldic arms. A clan is a group of people who recognize a specific armiger as their chief and wear his or her crest surrounded by a strap and buckle bearing the chief's motto or slogan.” If a person is not entitled to arms, there is no possibility of there being a crest for a clan badge. Wikipedia describes *armigerous clan* as “a Scottish clan, family or name which is registered with the Court of the Lord Lyon and once had a chief who bore undifferenced arms, but does not have a chief currently recognized as such by Lyon Court.”

Since Douglas is an armigerous clan, if we want to determine who should be Chief of Douglas, we need to find someone who is part of the family of Douglas with the surname of Douglas who also has a superior claim of being descended from the last known Chief of Douglas or the recognized common ancestor of the last known Chief.

I would like to believe we all know the Douglas family has not one but many branches. The senior branch of the family was described as the ‘Black’ Douglasses. Many consider the ‘Black’ Douglas line began with either ‘the Good Sir James, the Black Douglas’, his nephew William Douglas, 1st Earl of Douglas and Mar, or with James Douglas, 2nd Earl of Douglas and Mar. Where does the line of ‘Black’ Douglasses begin and where should we be focusing our view? Perhaps the best place to start is at the **historical** beginning of the Douglas family -- with William Douglas (c. 1174 -1214), considered 1st Lord of Douglas -- and develop a better understanding of the trunk of the Douglas family before we begin following the branches of the family tree.

In **Part 2** of **Who do you think should be Chief of the House of Douglas?**, we will look at the line of ‘Black’ Douglasses and the first Chiefs of record. We will also take note of a few curiosities regarding the ‘Black’ Douglasses and their descendants.



THE SPANISH DESCENT of SOME of the KIRKPATRICK's of CLOSEBURN and KIRKMICHAEL

by CDSNA Regent for Spain Leopoldo Fernández de Angulo y Gómez de las Cortinas, MBA;
a descendent of the Spanish Kirkpatricks.

This paper will try to shed some light upon the Spanish descent of William Kirkpatrick of Conheath who at the end of the 18th century became a wine merchant in Malaga and married Dona Francesca, daughter of Baron de Grivegnée. Their daughter, Maria Manuela, was in her turn the mother of Marie Eugenie, wife of Emperor Napoleon III. The author of this paper wishes to present some of the descent of the Spanish Kirkpatrick's, particularly the Empress Eugenie of France, the Counts of Cabarrus and their relatives the Dukes of Alba.

Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick of Knock, Lord of Knock in Kirkmichael, Ayrshire, born in Dumfriesshire (Scotland) in 1640 and died about 1700, and was - as his father - buried in the cemetery of Garvald (Garrel Kirkyard) Dumfries, Scotland. The said Sir Thomas was the son of Sir William Kirkpatrick of Conheath, 5th and last Lord of Kirkmichael, who died on 09-June-1686 in Kirkmichael. and later buried in the cemetery named Garvald (*The aforementioned Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick had a cousin of the same name Thomas Kirkpatrick, Baron of Closeburn, whom by the grace of King James VII received a baronetcy of Nova Scotia by Royal Decree of 26-March-1685 for his loyalty and the merits of his family, having his armorial bearings registered in the Public Records Office of the Lord Lyon King of Arms*). The sons of Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick of Knock (1640-1700) were George, James and Robert Kirkpatrick.

Sir Robert Kirkpatrick of Glenkiln, Lord of Glenkiln, was born in Dumfriesshire (Scotland) in 1678 and died in Edinburgh 06-October-1746 at 68 years of age, being buried in the cemetery of Garrel (Garvald). He left a will signed on 06-March-1745. Said Sir Robert participated taking active part in the Jacobite rebellion of 1745 in favor of Charles Edward Stuart or "Bonnie Prince Charles" that attempted to restore the Stuarts to the throne of Scotland. He was captured by the English after the Battle of Culloden and was sentenced to death in a trial and was eventually beheaded. He married his cousin (abt 1726) Henrietta Gillespie of Graighsheille (*Enriqueta Gillespie de Graighsheille*) in Ahenskew, the daughter of Don John Gillespie of Graigshield. They were parents of Thomas, Roberto, Henrietta, John and William. The line continues with the latter:

Sir William Kirkpatrick of Conheath, Baron of Conheath, born in Kirkmichael, Dumfriesshire (Scotland) in 1736 and baptized on 18-March-1736 in the Church of Graigshields, Dumfries; died on 02-December-1787 in Conheath and was buried in the cemetery of the Parish Churchyard in Caerlaverock. Sir William held the charge of Customs Inspector at the Port of Dumfries and a leading position at Claverhouse, also being a Merchant of wines with two companies named "The Gatehouse Wine Company No. 1" and "The Gatehouse Wine Company No. 2". He married on 22-December-1755, Mary Wilson of Kelton Castle, eldest daughter of John Wilson and Isabella (Elisabeth) Fraser. They were parents of nineteen children, the line being continued by a son named William.

William Kirkpatrick of Conheath (*Don Guillermo Kirkpatrick y Wilson*), was born 24-May-1764 in Glasbury (Scotland) and baptized on 27 the same month in Dumfries, d. 20-January-1837 in Malaga (Spain). His will was undersigned before the Notary Public, Don Juan Sierra, in the same city on 14-May-1836. He became a rich and prosperous merchant, exporter of fruits and wines, being appointed Hannover Consul in Malaga and later, in 1803, the Consul of the United States (a position which he held for eighteen years). On 29-August-1795 he filed a lawsuit against the City Council of Malaga for not recognizing his foreign nobility. This was favorably settled on 23-February-1797, being recognized as a member of the nobility (Hidalguía) by the authorities. He married Madame Maria Francisca Grivegnée et Gallegos in the Church of San Juan de Dios in Malaga (Spain) on 02-November-1791. Maria Francisca Grivegnée et Gallegos was the daughter of Don Henri Grivegnée et Housse, Baron of Grivegnée, (born in Liege, Belgium) and Doña Antonia de Gallegos y Delgado. William Kirkpatrick Wilson and Maria Francisca Grivegnée Gallegos would become the grandparents of the Empress Eugenie de Montijo (also known as "Eugenie Palafox y Kirkpatrick de Closeburn" who married Louis Napoleon Bonaparte, the Emperor of France, Napoleon III) and also of the 12th Duchess of Peñaranda Doña Francisca de Sales Palafox y Kirkpatrick of Closeburn, the consort of Luis Jacobo Fitz-James Stuart y Ventimiglia, Duke of Alba and of Berwick, etc. William Kirkpatrick Wilson and Maria Francisca Grivegnée Gallegos were parents of Antonia Maria, Maria Manuela (*mother of the Empress Eugenie*), Charlotte Catherine and Harriet Kirkpatrick et Grivegnée, the latter daughter continues in the following generation.

Madame Harriet (Henrietta) Kirkpatrick et Grivegnée (*Doña Enriqueta Kirkpatrick de Closeburn y Grivegnée*) was born in Malaga (Spain) in 1796. She was the aunt of Empress Eugenie and of the 12th Duchess of Peñaranda, the Duchess consort of Alba. By Royal License granted by King Fernando VII of Spain, she married in the parish church *del Sagrario* of the Cathedral of Malaga on 17-March-1822 with Don Domingo de Cabarrús et Quilty, firstborn son and heir of the dignities of Count of Cabarrus and Vicomte of Rambouillet, member of the City Council (Regidor) of the City of Malaga, born in Madrid on 29-May-1798, d. in Malaga on 19-November-1834, the son of Don Domingo de Cabarrús y Galabert, 2nd Count of Cabarrús, Chamberlain to H.M. and Knight of the Royal Order of Spain and of Doña Rosa Quilty y Cologan. The aforementioned Don Domingo de Cabarrús y Galabert was in his turn the son of Don Francisco Cabarrús et Lalanne, 1st Count of Cabarrús, 1st Viscount (*Vicomte*) of Rambouillet and *Baron de Rambouillet* (founder and director of the Spanish *Banco Nacional de San Carlos* -today's Bank of Spain- and the Royal Company of the Philippines during the reign of Carlos III; a member of the State Council of H.M. Carlos IV, and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Minister of H.M. Carlos IV to Bern in Switzerland and a Minister of Finance to José Bonaparte), and his spouse Doña Maria Antonia

Galabert y Casanova). Henrietta / Enriqueta Kirkpatrick et Grivegnée and Don Domingo de Cabarrús were parents of Rosa, who died an infant, Henrietta the Countess of Navas de Tajo, and Paulina the Countess of Cabarrus (see the next generation).

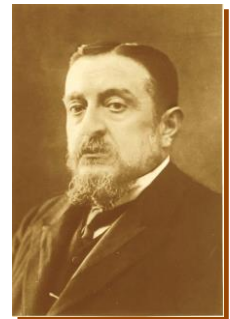


Ilustrísimo Señor Don Emilio Fernández de Angulo y Pons, Count of Cabarrús (through his marriage with Doña Paulina Cabarrús y Kirkpatrick de Closeburn)

Ilustrísima Señora Doña Paulina Cabarrús y Kirkpatrick de Closeburn, born in Malaga on 17-September-1825 and baptized in the Church of the Holy Martyrs Ciriaco and Paula. She passed away in Malaga on 25-Feb-1882. She was to be the third Countess of Cabarrus as confirmed by the "Real Letter of Succession" issued by Her Majesty Isabel II of Spain on 23-February-1848 upon the death of her grandfather Don Domingo de Cabarrus y Galabert on 09-February-1842. (*Paulina Cabarrus Kirkpatrick of Closeburn is also a cousin of Empress Eugenie of France and her sister the 12th Duchess of Peñaranda the Duchess consort of Alba*). She married on 28-July-1846, in the Church of San Sebastian, Madrid (Spain), with the *Ilustrísimo Señor Don Emilio Fernández de Angulo y Pons*, born in Gijón (in the Principality of Asturias) on 28-January-1815. He was baptized the next day in the parish church of San Pedro. He was the Head of the House of "Fernandez de Angulo" of Asturias and held various offices, such as Principal member of the City Council of Madrid (Regidor), Stock Broker and Trader etc., Knight of the Order of Carlos III and appointed as Royal Chamberlain. He was the son of Don Domingo Fernández de Angulo y Fernández de Angulo, born in Oviedo (Asturias), Director General of the Port of Gijón, Minister of the Court of Accounts of the Kingdom, etc. and his spouse Doña Francisca Pons y Segui, born in Perpignan (France), and a grandson of Don Juan Fermín Fernández de Angulo y Fernández de Angulo, Esquire, standing member of the Council Board of the Town of Lena and its representative before the Parliament of

the Principality of Asturias in 1787, a Judge Magistrate of the Noblesse in the aforementioned town and in the Court District of Mieres (1785), Treasurer General of the Provincial Tax-administration of the Principality of Asturias (1802) and of his spouse doña María Concepción Leocadia Fernández de Angulo y de Lariz (*the daughter of don Lázaro Fernández de Angulo y Fernández de Mon, Director General of the Land and Sea Postal Services of the Realm, Councillor to H.M. King Fernando VI and HM. Carlos III, Noble Magistrate of Council Board of the Town of Lena and in the Court District of Mieres, as well as Knight of the Royal Order of Carlos III*). Paulina Cabarrús y Kirkpatrick de Closeburn and Emilio Fernández de Angulo y Pons were parents of Carmen and Cipriano, the latter continues in the following generation.

Ilustrísimo Señor Don Cipriano Fernández de Angulo y Cabarrús, Pons y Kirkpatrick was born in Madrid on 11-June-1847 and baptized in the Church of San Sebastian of that capital. He died in Madrid on 05-January-1911 and was the 4th Count of Cabarrus the and the 2nd Viscount (*Vicomte*) de Rambouillet; a Lawyer, Equerry (*Caballerizo de Campo*) to H.M. Isabel II, Knight Commander with Star of the Royal Order of Isabella the Catholic and Commander with Star of the Royal Order of the Immaculate Conception of Vila Viciosa of Portugal; member of the Scientific and Literary Society (Ateneo) of Madrid. He received a Royal License on 15-June-1871 by H.M. Amadeo I of Spain (Amadeo of Savoy) granting permission 15-June-1871 to marry Madame Clotilde de Semprún y Pombo, marrying on 6-July-1871 in the Parish Church of San Sebastian, Madrid. She was from Valladolid and the daughter of D. Jose Maria Semprun y Alvarez de Velasco, Senator of the Realm (appointed for life) for the province of Valladolid, Vice Consul of Portugal, Knight of the Royal Order of Carlos III and of the Royal Order of the Immaculate Conception of Vila Viciosa of Portugal. Cipriano and Clotilde, were the parents of Maria del Carmen, María Asunción, Joseph, Paulina, Luis and of Cipriano (see the following generation).



Ilustrísimo Señor Don Cipriano Fernández de Angulo y Cabarrús, Pons y Kirkpatrick

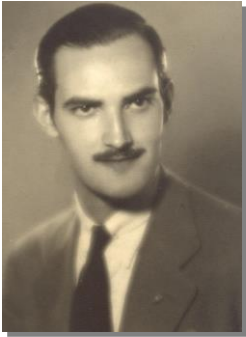
His Excellency Don Cipriano Fernández de Angulo y Semprún, Cabarrús y Pombo, born in Madrid on 8-June-1879 and baptized in the



Excelentísimo Señor Don Cipriano Fernández de Angulo y de Semprún

Parish Church of San Sebastian. He died in Seville on 1-April-1961, and was buried in San Fernando Cemetery of that city. He was the firstborn male of the Counts of Cabarrus, Viscounts of Rambouillet and became a Lawyer and a Senior Consultant of the Civil Service receiving through his career the appointment as Representative of the Government during the reign of Alfonso XIII in the Canary Islands (Spain); Secretary General of the Provincial Governments of Murcia, Vizcaya and Seville, and finally appointed Chairman of the Board of the National Welfare Institute in Seville. He received numerous awards and decorations, among them the Knight's Cross (3rd class) with white ribbon of the Military Order of Merit, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Order of Crown of Italy, Knight Commander of the Order of the Black Star of France, Knight's Cross 2nd Class with white badge of the Order of Military Merit, Knight Commander of the Order of the Southern Cross (Brazil), Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Civil Merit, the Work Merit Medal in Silver (1st Class) and lastly Knight of the Order of St. Michael of Bavaria, a leading and distinguished German aristocratic order of knighthood. He married in the Church of Santa Maria Magdalena of Seville on 15-June-1924 with Doña Maria Joaquina Montañó y González, born in Sanlucar de Barrameda

(Cádiz) on 23-November-1896 and later baptized in the Parish Church *Nuestra Señora de la O*, who died on 11-August-1973. In their marriage they were the parents of Manuel and Camilo, the latter continues in the following section.



*Ilustrísimo Señor Don Camilo
Fernández de Angulo y Montañó*

Ilustrísimo Señor Don Camilo Fernández de Angulo y Montañó, born in Seville (Spain) on 23-December-1917 and baptized in the Parish Church of Mary Magdalene in the aforementioned city died on 12-August-1960, being buried in the Cemetery of San Fernando of Seville. He entered as a Cadet at the Army Military Academy in Granada (*Academia de Alféreces Provisionales*) but was forced to resign due to illness on 4-August-1937. As the eldest son he was the heir-apparent of the dignities of Count of Cabarrus, Viscount (*Vicomte*) de Rambouillet and that of Chief or Head of the House of "Fernandez de Angulo" but he died, *vita patris*, in 1960. He graduated in Business and was also a farmer and a commercial agent for the company *Sevillana de Electricidad* and a consultant at the Spanish Social Welfare, and finally a member of the Society of Trade Union Association of commercial agents of Seville (Spain). He married in Ronda (Malaga), in the Church of the (Spanish) Discalced Trinitarians on 26-June-1941, with Doña María de los Dolores Gómez de las Cortinas y González, born in Ronda on 26-December-1920 and baptized in the Parish Church of Ntra. Sra. del Socorro, who passed away in Seville on 27-May-2015 at the age of 94. She was the sister of Mercedes the Countess of Villa Santa Ana and of Socorro the Viscountess Amaya. *Don Camilo* Fernández de Angulo and Doña María de los Dolores Gómez de las Cortinas were the parents of Maria Dolores, Manuel María, Cipriano, Camilo, José Carlos, Pedro Luis, Joaquina Mercedes, and Leopoldo (the author of this paper).



*Ilustrísimo Señor Don
Leopoldo Fernández de
Angulo y Gómez de las
Cortinas, MBA
Spain's Regent for
Clan Douglas
(and author of this paper)*

Ilustrísimo Señor Don Leopoldo Fernandez de Angulo y Gómez de las Cortinas, born in Seville on 31-March-1960. Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre (Noble Chapter of Castile and Leon), Bachelor of Marketing and Business Administration, Master in Marketing and Sales Management, Master in Business Administration (Administrative and Financial Officer), Graduate Diploma in Genealogy, Heraldry and Nobiliary Laws by the *Instituto Salazar y Castro* of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC). Currently employed at the bank *Unicaja Banco, SA*, and a recent member of the Clan Douglas Society. He is a younger brother of Excmo. Sr. D. Manuel María Fernández de Angulo y Gómez de las Cortinas, the current Count of Cabarrus, Viscount de Rambouillet, who as his brother a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and also a member of the Royal Brotherhood of Santo Caliz of Valencia – Corps of the Valencia Nobility (*Real Hermandad del Santo Cáliz, cuerpo colegiado de la nobleza titulada valenciana*) and a member of the Standing Council of the Grandee's and Titled Nobility of Spain.

[EDITOR's NOTE: As descendants of the Closeburn and Kirkmichael Kirkpatricks, the descendants of the Spanish Kirkpatricks are more closely aligned with the House of Douglas than with Clan Colquhoun. CDSNA members may find it interesting that a descendant of the Spanish Kirkpatricks currently holds the title **Countess of Teba**. Teba is known to us all as the place where the Good Sir James lost his life in 1330. Perhaps the Countess of Teba will one day be a Clan Douglas Society member.

Doña Macarena Mitjans y Vereá, Countess of Teba was born 2 February 1936. She received the title *Countess of Teba* 29 January 1998. In the picture from L to R:

Doña Eugenia Sol María del Pilar Fitz-James Stuart y Falcó, 21st Countess of Teba (seated holding baby), Don Carlos Alfonso Mitjans y Fitz-James Stuart (son of Doña Eugenia and father of Doña Macarena), Don Jaime Patiño y Mitjans (infant son of Doña Macarena), Doña Macarena (in white), Doña Elena Vereá y Corcuera (spouse of Don Carlos and mother of Doña Macarena), Don Francisco de Borja Patiño y de Arróspide, (spouse of Doña Macarena). The picture was taken in 1960.

Family History and Photo found online: <http://www.hisnatiba.com/textos/texto15.html>

For more information regarding the Spanish Kirkpatricks,
see also: <http://www.jacobite.ca/essays/fitzjames.htm>



**Four generations of the noble house
of the Counts of Teba, 1960**

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WICHITA HIGHLAND GAMES & CELTIC FESTIVAL

Wichita, Kansas -- April 23-24, 2016

The games in Wichita are a combination Ren Faire/Highland Games. I know they wanted to keep the games going, but the overall feel of the event was very Ren Faire with the clans wedged between vendors and games going on off to the side. Even so, it was a valuable first experience as a Regent for me. I made some good contacts with other clans and checked out their tents to gather ideas and just see how they did things.

I had to rent a tent from the organizers and sadly, it wasn't up to battling the constant barrage of the 15-20 mph wind. Without sidewalls on the tent, anything on the table was at the mercy of the wind -- even with some pretty heavy paper weights. The PVCframethingy supporting my tent banner was being blown apart by the wind in the early afternoon. Luckily, I was able to get a couple of the Fraser rep's nephews to help me take it down before it fell down completely.

But despite the winds, I did get a handful of visitors. One pair of visitors, a very nice young couple about to move to Arizona, was curious about what it took to become clan members. I gave them a membership form and told them they could mail it in -- or, if it got lost in the move, they could also go online to sign up. Another visitor was a woman who said she needed to talk to her husband. She thought his family was the one with a tie to Clan Douglas, but she couldn't remember the surname. So we talked about resources and I also gave her some information to take with her.

Saturday afternoon I decided to pack up for the weekend. The Saturday winds were bothersome enough being only 15-20 mph. The winds Sunday were expected to intensify as a storm across the Plains brewed. Sunday morning, the winds were already at 25 miles an hour and slated to get worse throughout the day as the promised weather rolled in.

My top priority before McPherson (McPherson, KS) and ScotFest (Tulsa, OK) in September is to get my own tent with sides to protect from the elements. I also plan to procure some of the other resources mentioned in the Regent's Guidebook.

Like I said, Wichita was a good experience for my first games because of the challenges resulting from my inexperience and only having the few tent items. With this experience under my belt, I'm very excited about the upcoming events later in the year.

Kathy Fields-Smith
KS & OK Co-Regent



TEXAS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES

Arlington, Texas -- May 5-7, 2016



TX Co-Regents Dale & Sy Douglass with
"the Kilted Cowboy" Bobby Douglas

We want to take a moment to brag on Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games. Moving the Games to early May has paid off with great weather this year and Maverick Stadium at the University of Texas, Arlington campus, is the perfect backdrop for the Festival and Highland Games. The infra-structure of the stadium provides spacious fields for all the sporting events (amateur to pro class with a Rugby tournament added this year), and easy access to plenty of vendors and to restrooms. The event features air conditioned classrooms for the many workshops, symposiums and lectures about our Scottish heritage. The organizers spaced four large entertainment tents throughout the stadium for all kinds of music from Scottish rock to traditional and everything in between. The "fiddle faddle," a mix of musicians from various bands, came together late Saturday evening to jam the

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night away. This one event was a major highlight of the festival and not to be missed next year.

If you are looking to explore your Scottish roots, consider a trip to the Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games (www.texasscottishfestival.com) in Arlington, TX in early May next year. Everything there will delight your senses, so be prepared for a wonderful weekend of Scottish FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP.

See y'all at the Clan Douglas Tent!

Sy & Dale Douglass, North Texas Co-Regents



New members Thomas E. Trainer and his daughter with Regent Dale



Sy & Dale with Samantha Blackwood (daughter of new member Laura Blackwood) who won best overall dancer for highland dancing in her group



KANSAS CITY SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

Riverside, Missouri – June 11-12, 2016

Twenty-one clans attended the Kansas City Scottish Highland Games this year along with two pipe and drum bands, Highland dancers, two days of traditional Highland athletic events and athletes, and an unknown number of event visitors. Both Saturday and Sunday were hot (96 F) and humid (90%) under a scorching sun punctuated by a few clouds and the occasional wisp of breeze. We were again assembled at Young Park in Riverside, MO, literally yards away from the Missouri River. One advantage of the hot, dry weather was no threat of flooding this year.

Soon after setting up the tent Saturday morning, my wife Jennifer and I were blessed by the arrival of Alan Douglas, his family, and some of his neighbors. The Douglas bunch shared tent watching responsibilities with us so everyone would have a chance to stretch their legs and find something cool to drink. Being from Scotland, Alan has a wonderful grasp of places in Scotland and Douglas history. Being a professor at a local college, Alan is gifted in sharing his knowledge of our Douglas history with others. We had a number of visitors wanting information and were happy to share clan news and information with individuals recognizing Morton, Kirkpatrick, Young, and Sandlin, as well as Douglas, from the names on our tent banner.

Mid-morning Saturday, I was poised to join what I thought was an impromptu clan parade. But before I could grab my banner and join the march, the clans all stopped in front of our Douglas tent and joined in presenting Clan Douglas with the coveted Jim Kerr 2016 Honored Clan Award. Mr. Jim Kerr was known for many years for his Scottish themed street signs at area festivals and his open style of sharing information with visitors at his clan tent. After Mr. Kerr passed away in 2004, his daughter, Karen Kerr Miller, decided to honor her father's memory by sponsoring an Honored Clan award at



Mr. Jim Kerr with one of his street signs



Karen Kerr Miller presents the 2016 Honored Clan award to MO Regent Harold Edington

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the Kansas City games. The first award was presented in 2005. The award is in the shape of a pub sign. Knowing the history of this award, we were stunned and humbled.

Sunday's weather was an unwelcome repeat of Saturday's weather. The crowds were much thinner but we still had a number of visitors at our tent. Taking a break from the tent mid-morning, I wandered over to the athletic field to chat with three time Master's World Champion Terri Douglas Ventress and her photographer husband Larry "the Godfather" Ventress who were among the athletic organizers for the Highland Games.

On the field were also two of our Douglas athletes: John Douglas and Bobby "the Kilted Cowboy" Douglas. Bobby took home the 1st place overall honors in Men's 50+ Division. Both of these gentlemen have been busy following the Highland Games circuit this year and both did well in Sunday's competition. We made sure our Douglas reunion was documented again this year with a picture. As Sunday drew to a close, we were visited at the tent by another Kirkpatrick cousin interested in learning more about clan Kirkpatrick and its connection with Clan Douglas. Many Kirkpatricks are amazed to learn that not all Kirkpatricks fall under the banner of Clan Colquhoun.

I cannot express enough my admiration for our Douglas athletes who contribute their time, money and energy to keeping the Highland Game athletic tradition alive. These men and women heap accolades and recognition on Clan Douglas through their on-field accomplishments and are every bit as valuable as ambassadors of our Clan Douglas as we Regents are.

Moving FORWARD and Making Sure,

Harold Edington

CDSNA Missouri Regent



John Douglas, Terri Douglas Ventress,
Regent Harold,
and Bobby 'the Kilted Cowboy' Douglas



Front Row L-R: Alan Douglas, Camden Douglas (Grandson), Aileen Douglas (Alan's wife),
Gillian Douglas Ferrel (Granddaughter), Kaelin Davies (neighbor), Carole Douglas Ferrel, (daughter, in white),
Thomas Ferrel (son-in-law), Sean Douglas Ferrel (grandson),

Back Row: John Davies (neighbor in blue hat), Kristine Davies, (neighbor's wife),
Jack Davies (neighbor's son in red hat)

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DULUTH SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL DANCE COMPETITION

Duluth, Minnesota -- June 25th, 2016

What a glorious day at Fitgers Brewery Courtyard, Loch Superior for the 40th Annual Duluth Scottish Heritage Association's (DSHA) competition! It really was! Rain/Thunderstorms were predicted, but none came during the event. However, it was very windy with gusts to 25 kph. All in all, God Blessed the Scots, this day. Dancers came from Canada, and the Upper Midwest, though fewer than in previous years because of the economies. In addition to the dancing, the DSHA P & D's performed in the Fitgers Complex, both floors, and outside on the dance stage and a silent auction was held for Scottish items via a drawing.

Clan Douglas had a table displaying its information, and, of course, other clan information when asked. We also had coloring books supplied by the DSHA for those who wanted to color while waiting to dance or for their sibling to finish dancing. A number of competition guests visited our table and chatted about everything Scottish. One couple of Italian descent from Plano, Texas, stopped by as I was speaking with a piper friend. The discussion of "Nero's Pipes", as referred to in the Bible, was brought up. If you recall, in last month's issue, these Italian Bagpipes were demonstrated at the Thistle to Shamrock concert last March. This couple was familiar with them -- 2 drones, 2 chanter, with the bag held on the chest and squeezed by both arms at the elbows. -- and with Nero's connection.

John (Jock) M. Glendenning, Jr.
No. MN Regent



Northern Minnesota Regent Jock Glendenning



Visitors discussing "Nero's Pipes" at our Douglas table



CELTIC FLING & HIGHLAND GAMES

Manheim, Pennsylvania -- June 25-26, 2016

The 18th annual Celtic Fling & Highland Games was held on Saturday, June 25th and Sunday, June 26th. I attended the main day on Saturday. There were many sites including singing entertainers, kilt wearing Celtic rock bands, dancing competitions, Wolf Hound dogs, Highland Games, clothing vendors, and much more. I stopped by the **House of Douglas Scottish Bakery** from Tennessee. Wow! Great goodies and the cookies! I purchased were devoured by the time we got back to our Clan table.

I did not think I would be available to make the 4 ½ hour drive and stay in Manheim, Pennsylvania for the weekend. My schedule cleared up two weeks before the event and I emailed the event director. I called and spoke with the event organizers and was greeted with great enthusiasm and friendship. Like that... I was in.



House of Douglas Scottish Bakery... Check them out:
<https://www.facebook.com/House-of-Douglas-Scottish-Bakery-108193152582847/>

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We were the last tent on the left

Set up was very easy and quick. I went and introduced myself to all the other Clans. I learned that this was the first time Clan Douglas had ever been in attendance. The Clans and the organizers have been trying to build up a presence for the Highland Games. As of a few years ago they only had 5 Clans in attendance.

The athletes gave the crowd a good show in their competitions of the Clachneart, Caber Toss, Sheaf Toss, and other throws. Several people visiting the tent expressed interest about joining CDSNA.

A funny note! I was told, by members of the Lancaster County Historical Society, that it was wonderful to have "such a well-respected Clan" in attendance. Some of Clan Donald members overheard those comments and asked if they should "genuflect" in front of me. I just responded with, "Bowing will suffice!" We all had a good laugh.

Overall, it was a great experience! I met so many new people and had several people stop by and "ogle" at our banner.

Donald Dickey

Pennsylvania Regent



A little closer

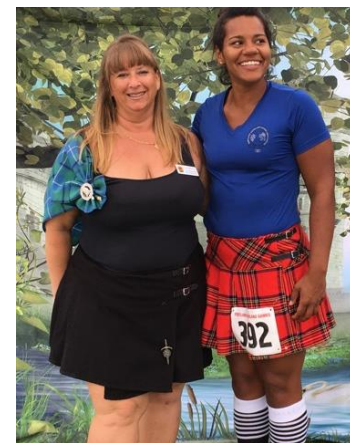
PORTLAND HIGHLAND GAMES Portland, Oregon – July 15-16, 2016

Mt. Hood looms in the background on normal sunny summer days in east county Portland, Oregon, but that was not to be today. Mt. Hood Community College is the site of the Portland Highland Games encompassing a full stadium, track and field, side lot, and the entire upper lot of the campus held in Gresham, Oregon. Friday we set up our three tents right by the entrance for the best visibility, which would hold our displays, provide a lounge area for Clan Douglas members, and offer a photo booth for all to enjoy with a medieval castle and pond background. It was a great draw for attendees to stop and have their photo taken by the "castle".

On Saturday, we were greeted with an overcast day and attendees trickled in. Not the normal sunny weather and massive amounts of people, but we were not to be disappointed later in the day. Mid-day brought the sun and the attendees out in larger crowds. My own family of Mortons (Oregon and Washington) were invited for a family reunion. A social group called "Brits and Irish Ex-pats of Portland" were included. The group had 236 members, but just merged with the "Brits of Portland" group to encompass around 650 members. I was invited to participate as the Regent of a Scottish clan by their Leader who felt it was important due to our contribution to history and preservation of Scottish culture.

We invited Author, Poet, and Clan Douglas member, Lawrence Overmire, and his wife/publisher, Nancy McDonald, to speak about and autograph his book, "The Ghost of Robbie Burns: An American Poet's Journey Through Scotland." Laurence is a skilled historian who enchanted the attendees with his enthusiasm for Scotland and his storytelling ability. It was a treat to hear and see both of them engage our members and attendees with their personal stories of travel in Scotland and knowledge of history.

We also hosted athlete, Elissa Hapner, Women's Heavy Athlete World Champion, as our house guest. Elissa is a gracious, accomplished teacher and coach. On her lunch break, she stopped by the clan tent to pose for pictures.



Regent Carol with Professional Division's Women's World Champion, Elissa Hapner

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Elissa is a delight through and through. My daughter and I were able to tour Elissa through downtown Portland for a view of the mighty Willamette River and to dinner so she could be ready for the competition on Saturday.

Our displays of the Douglas castles, Regent's list, story boards about the Good Sir James, Janet Douglas Glamis, and David Douglas, Botanist and Adventurer were a hit as usual. The attendees love the visuals -- especially the of the castles. It always sparks conversation, which is helpful to make them feel that they are connected to Clan Douglas.

We greeted members and families associated with Clan Douglas at a fairly steady pace this year as well. New members were signed up and a picture of them was taken by the castle.

Gary Cosgro who helps the Washington Regent, Frances Crewes, joined us for the Clan Parade where the Morton families gathered in force with their Douglas tartans on. The much cooler temperature made it more tolerable than last year when it was over a hundred degrees. The Morton families had a grand time marching in their first parade and did a wonderful job. Our only hiccup came when the announcer forgot to call out "Clan Douglas", which was my signal to yell out "A Douglas! A Douglas!" to the new members. He's a Stewart. What can I say? I called it out anyway.

It was a great day and as we continue to be present at the games the number of attendees grows or seemed to at our booth. We are earning back lost trust and they are starting to count on us being there again. Facebook helps to advertise our events. So much so, Larry, Nancy, and I are kicking around some new ideas for coffee "Meet & Greet" and events throughout the year -- especially now that games are being cancelled so often due to a lack of volunteerism. The Albany festival has already been cancelled for 2017. Clan Donald organized the first all clan Spring Ceilidh, which was a hit and will be repeated in 2017. Thank you to the Board of Clan Douglas Society of N.A. and all the volunteers for your hard work and dedication!

A Douglas! A Douglas!

Carol Morton-Bianchini (#3898)
CDSNA Regent for Oregon (North)



L – R: Dakota Jones, author Laurence Overmire (green shirt), Rodney Morton, Kai Jones, Rainer Jones, Kristina (Morton) Jones, Laurie Morton, Carol Morton-Bianchini. Except for Larry these are cousins (Rod is my first cousin and his daughter's family)



L – R: Laurence Overmire, Nancy McDonald (Larry's wife), Angie Milliken, Kira Milliken, Alyssa Hammers, William Hammers (Reita's son), Reita Hammers (my first cousin). Front row, L-R: Tyson Milliken, Austin Hammers.

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

PACIFIC NW HIGHLAND GAMES Enumclaw, Washington – July 30-31, 2016



CDSNA WA Regent Frances C. Crews with Gary Cosgro (blue bonnet), Tim Kirkpatrick (green shirt), and two burly athletic events coordinators-- "Big Daddy" Jay Patrick O'Neill and, on the far right, Max Sadtler



L-R Douglas Paraders: Greg Douglas, wife Pam, son Geoff Douglas (kneeling), Tim Kirkpatrick, Gary Cosgro, Cameron and Michele Minich.



MONTEREY SCOTTISH GAMES Monterey, California – Aug 6-7, 2016

Vita Blaylock of Sacramento, CA, daughter of CDSNA member David Blaylock, competed in the Highland Dance competition on August 6th at the Monterey, CA Scottish Games. Vita danced a splendid Highland Fling, winning a 1st Place gold medal and the compliment of the judge who noted Vita's "lovely presentation". In addition, Vita took 3rd place in the Seann Triubhas, and 4th place in both the Lilt, and the Flora. Because of her accomplishments, Vita will now advance from the Beginner class, to the Novice class for her future competitions. She will be dancing in her new Novice class at the San Francisco Games and Gathering -- the largest Scottish Games and Gathering in the world -- September 3 and 4.



Vita, dancing the Highland Fling



Gleanings from the Interwebs

The internet abounds with interesting Celtic-themed and Douglas-themed articles.

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1. *Scotland and the American Revolution*

<https://allthingsliberty.com/2013/10/scotland-american-revolution/>

Reading Thomas Fleming's fascinating article on "Celts in the American Revolution," one is struck by the extent to which Scotland and the Scots informed and supported American independence.

2. *Declaration of Arbroath to become a Unesco 'memory of the world'*

<http://www.thenational.scot/news/declaration-of-arbroath-to-become-a-unesco-memory-of-the-world.19613>

THE Declaration of Arbroath of 1320 will today (July 5, 2016) be named as a "Memory of the World" by the United Nations' cultural body Unesco.

3. *DNA evidence proves accountant is true heir to Scottish baronetcy [of one Pringle family]*

http://www.theguardian.com/law/2016/jun/20/dna-evidence-proves-accountant-heir-scottish-baronetcy-stichill?CMP=share_btn_fb

An accountant from the home counties has won the right to inherit a Scottish baronetcy in a pioneering case where DNA testing proved aristocratic entitlement.

4. *10 things you (probably) didn't know about Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobites*

<http://www.historyextra.com/article/feature/10-facts-jacobites-bonnie-prince-charlie-culloden>

The 1745 Jacobite Rebellion was a turning point in British history. Believing the British throne to be his birthright, Charles Edward Stuart, aka 'Bonnie Prince Charlie', planned to invade Great Britain along with his Jacobite followers and remove the Hanoverian 'usurper' George II. Yet, argues Dr Jacqueline Riding, the reality of the '45 continues to be obscured by fiction and fables.

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