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Lay the Proud Usurpers Low; Sir Thomas Randolph and Sir James Douglas



from the art of Andrew Hillhouse

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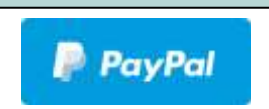
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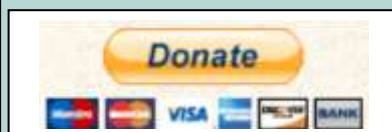
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a Regent must be a member
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**How can I renew my membership to CDSNA,
if I missed my local festival?**



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President's Comments

Hello Clan Douglas Society Members and Friends.

It is definitely that time of year again as we begin another season of Scottish Highland Games and Gatherings. We are gearing up for the games and hoping for another big year of family and fun. I know a lot our members around the world began their new season attending Robert Burns Dinners but CDSNA has a number of events still to come. A schedule of CDSNA Festival Events for January-April, 2017 was featured in our December 2016 newsletter issue of **Dabh Ghlasè** and, in this issue of the newsletter, we feature a schedule of CDSNA Festival Events for April-July, 2017 (see pages 21 and 22.)



Plans are moving forward for this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM). You can read more information for this year's AGM on page 16 of this newsletter. I would highly recommend that as many of our members as possible plan on attending one of our Annual General Meetings. An AGM is designed to let everyone know how we are doing as a Society while also giving attendees an opportunity to meet face to face with several members of our extended Clan Douglas family.

As with most Societies, we are losing members as the older generation passes. Some areas of North America are experiencing inactivity because we do not have enough Regents to fully represent us. Without a Regent, the Events in these areas lack a place for people to gather and celebrate their Douglas Heritage together. If you are a member of CDSNA in good standing and you live in one of these areas unrepresented by a Regent, please consider becoming a Regent and help us grow and keep Clan Douglas going for years to come.

Let me take a moment here to remind you about **Clan Douglas Scholarships**. Applicants must be dedicated to continuing their instruction and furthering their education in the field of Scottish arts, which includes piping, drumming, dancing, Scottish related languages, or general Scottish studies. Serious competition in traditional Scottish Highland Games athletics may also be considered. To be eligible, an applicant must have been an active member in Clan Douglas for a minimum of one year or a direct descendant of such an active member. Active membership will be certified by the Secretary. A Scholarship application was published in the December 2016 newsletter issue of **Dabh Ghlasè**. Interested parties can also download a copy of the application from the **SCHOLARSHIPS** page of the clan website.

Let me also mention the **Annual Clan Douglas Service Awards** information sheet found on page 30 of this newsletter. Each year Clan Douglas recognizes up to three members for their praiseworthy service to our extended Society family. We have a lot of volunteers who spend numerous hours representing our organization at games, Scottish events, and organizational tasks. The individuals selected are awarded a plaque and recognized at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The deadline for **Annual Clan Douglas Service Awards** nominations is August 1, 2017.

Lastly I would like to mention that Clan Douglas Society of North America was informed by our sister organization, The Clan Douglas Association of Australia (CDAA), that CDAA is standing down after 30 years and will wind down their Association due to the slow decline of membership. I have cordially invited them to become members of our Society and they are currently discussing this amongst their members in Australia. No matter what their decision, we send all of our best wishes to our brothers and sisters in Australia.

Best Regards,
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Douglas 13th c. Manors in England

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A number of stories regarding the medieval Douglasses in Scotland included references to lands held by Lord Douglas in at least six counties in Scotland. Few historians mentioned the additional manors held by William le Hardi, Lord Douglas in England. The original source of the Douglas wealth with respect to these other English manors was either ignored or perhaps unknown to many except to the readers of 'The Douglas Trilogy', specifically the first book in that series, ***My Truth Lies In The Ruins***.

In 1296 when William le Hardi pledged fealty to Edward King of England at Berwick Castle in August, heralds were dispatched to over six counties in Scotland that the Douglas had been restored. To the casual reader, it could be assumed that Lord Douglas held lands from sea to sea in Scotland. But that was not the true situation. In 1289 he married a wealthy widow, Eleanora Lovaine de Ferrers. Her mother-in-law was the late Margaret de Quincy, Lady de Ferrers. After Margaret's father died without issue male, she and her two sisters, Helen de la Zouche and Elizabeth de Comyn engaged in a huge court case involving Roger de Quincy's vast holdings in Scotland and England, as heirs to his estates. The lawsuits were not settled for nearly fourteen years after his death. Roger de Quincy was not only the Second Earl of Winchester but also he was the Constable of Scotland, heir to one-third of the Lordship of Galloway as well as other vast lands and manors in Fife, the Lothians, and Ayrshire, just to name a few.



Bycknacre Priory, originally Woodham Priory (many spellings)



13th c. Stebbing church...adjacent to the Ruins of the scarcely seen ancient priory

Eleanora Lovaine de Ferrers brought with her one-third of the lands awarded to Margaret de Quincy de Ferrers to her marriage with Lord Douglas. Her late husband, the elderly William de Ferrers was the sole heir of his mother and her de Quincy holdings. Two-thirds of those estates were given to his son and heir also known as William de Ferrers. As the de Ferrers widow, Eleanora was entitled to a third of those same de Quincy estates. When she married William le Hardi, Lord Douglas, she brought with her those lands and the feudal obligations thereof. She fined for entrance into those English estates May 1291 in the amount of £100 which is valued at approximately \$250K today; the amount was equivalent to the annual income in most cases. The Scottish portion of the de Quincy-de Ferrers estates granted to Eleanora as Lady Douglas

were estimated to be worth equally as much. The feudal rules mandated that as her husband, Lord Douglas entered into the properties, in chief in most cases. Those lands in Scotland were in six shires, Ayrshire, Berwickshire, Fife, Wigtonshire, Haddington and the Lothians. One interesting fact; normally those dower estates would have reverted to William de Ferrers the son upon the death of the widow (1328) but in 1315 young William became one of the 'disinherited', heirs to Scottish estates held by Englishmen who refused to pledge fealty to Robert Brus, King of Scots. He lost all his Scottish lands and manors for a generation; recorded as the biggest forfeit of inheritance during the reign of Robert the Brus, those estates were returned to the Crown.

There were two major de Quincy manors in England that were held in dower right by Eleanora, Lady Douglas and her husband William le Hardi, Lord Douglas, as of 1295. The dower portion of the entire



12th c. Woodham Ferrers church with original medieval cherubs...in the village of the 1291 manor

estate that was given to Eleanora was designated as Stebbing Park and included the site of the original medieval manor house and moat. The Park was actually a major part of the extensive land holding described in charters as Stebbing. I have stayed in a local B&B in the village of that medieval manor several times as it provided me with a central Essex location from which to explore that and other nearby estates. There is still water that surrounds the manor house that is believed to be part of an original moat system for defense. The ancient church in the village also dates to the 1200's. Of note, about a mile from the Stebbing Park manor house are the medieval ruins of Little Dunmow Priory that includes part of the original church; according to her will, it is where Eleanora Douglas was buried in 1328.



Rebuilt Woodham Hall, the original site of the Eleanora and William Douglas manor in 1291

In October 1293 there are entries into the Rolls of the Pipe that William Lord Douglas, as feudal lord of Stebbing, approved the request of John Dalham a farmer with six bovates of land to provide daily presence at a ford at the bottom of his farm lands. Lord Douglas gave sasine to Dalham for an annual rent of 20s. William le Hardi's active presence in Essex kept him busy. In fact, he was called to Court in England regarding feudal business for Parliament. On at least one occasion his appearance at English Court kept him from complying with his feudal responsibilities in Scotland as Lord Douglas. He was fined for the noncompliance on at least one of those occasions, though eventually Sir William was relieved from payment of the obligation for the obvious conflict of trying to please two kings.

Woodham Ferrers was another significant manor in Essex; one-third of the income was assigned to Eleanora and William in 1291. It brought the couple approximately £16 annually which equates to at least \$40K today. The original manor house known today as Woodham Hall burned down in the 16th century according to village lore and was later rebuilt, located again inside the original moats for protection. A secret priests' passage from Woodham Hall to Bycknacre Priory that dated to the times of the Conqueror was referred to often in local stories. It was rumored that an earlier de Ferrers lord met his secret lover there at the medieval sanctuary. The priory was originally called Wodeham Priory (spellings always vary); in earlier times it was part of the Woodham Ferrers estate; a common practice in the 11th century. The lord of the manor was required to provide protection to the priests and the church in return for a share of the revenue; in 1235 the priory became financially independent of the de Ferrers' estate and was renamed.

Other manors held by Sir William de Ferrers included Fairstead and Frating, both in Essex; Groby in Derbyshire and many more. The lack of records for any additional one-third shares of these and other significant de Ferrers' estates indicates the likelihood of a personal settlement between the widow and her stepson that would have provided Eleanora with more of her dower benefits to be settled with additional manors in Scotland. This agreement would make it easier to manage her inheritance because the estates were held under Scottish laws; more convenient to Lord Douglas for feudal business.

In a subsequent article I hope to explore the Scottish estates with some insights on how they were acquired along with some photographs to help the reader visualize the vastness of these Douglas medieval holdings, well before the extensive lands acquisitions the family made through the grants from King Robert the Brus to his trusted Lieutenant, the Good Sir James. As one of Scotland's oldest families the Douglasses, through their support of the king, their strategic marriages and political alliances went on to acquire many lands throughout the country. To read about these early Douglasses I have included many stories on my website, www.mytruthliesintheruins.com.



Groby Hall...Derbyshire...this is the new hall built next to the original manor held by the de Ferrers in the 1200's





For CDSNA Regents manning the Douglas tents at festivals all over North America, one of the most commonly asked questions by festival goers is **"Why is THAT name a Douglas name?"** In 2009, one CDSNA member took on the responsibility of finding an answer for each name in our clan's list of septs and allied families... and the CDSNA Septs & Allied Families Project was born.

Since 2012, research from the Septs & Allied Families Project has led to several new names added to our Douglas list.

Galbraith was accepted by CDSNA as an allied family in July 2012.

Clan Galbraith is an armigerous (arms-bearing) Scottish clan without a standing chief and is not recognized by *The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs*. Variations of the name include Calbreath, Colbath, Colbreath, Galberth, Galbreath, Galbreth, Gilbraith, Gilbreath, Gilbreth, Gilreath, Kilbreath, Kilbreth, Kulbeth.

The Scotsweb article on Galbraith states...

The surname Galbraith means *Foreign Briton*. The surname denoted the ethnic differences between the Gaels who migrated to Scotland in about the fifth century and the native Welsh speaking Britons of the Kingdom of Strathclyde. The Strathclyde Britons remained a distinct ethnic group from the Highland Gaels and Lowland Angles until the fourteenth century. The former capital of the Kingdom of Strathclyde was Dumbarton ("Fortress of the Britons"), in the Lennox.

In Scottish Gaelic the Galbraiths are called *Breatanuich* or *Clann-a-Breatannuich*, meaning "Britons" and "Children of the Britons". The early Galbraiths held lands in the Lennox, in the area of Loch Lomond, north of Dumbarton. The stronghold of these early Galbraiths was on the island of Inchgalbraith in Loch Lomond. The celebrated heraldist Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk speculated that the Arms of the Galbraiths, which bore *three bears' heads*, may allude to the British name Arthur, which means bear.

The man who is considered to be first chief of Clan Galbraith was Gilchrist Bretnach who married the granddaughter of the first Earl of Lennox.

The fourth chief, Sir William Galbraith of Buthernock, married a sister of "Black Comyn" who was head of the most powerful family in Scotland at the time. Sir William, however, sided against the Comyns when he had a part in the rescue the boy king Alexander III from Comyn's control. Ultimately Sir William rose in power to becoming one of the co-Regents of Scotland in 1255. Sir William's son, the fifth chief of the clan, Sir Arthur, supported Robert the Bruce, and also married a sister of Sir James Douglas. 'Good Sir James Douglas' is famous for perishing in Spain against the Saracens, while leading a small band of Scottish knights carrying Bruce's heart to the Holy Land.

The *Clan Galbraith Association* website claims in its *Galbraith of the Lennox Introductory*, the following connections to the House of Douglas:

In the "Scots Peerage," under "Earl of Douglas," it is stated that Willelma, daughter of Sir William Douglas (Longleg) married William of Galbraith, son of Sir William Galbraith by a daughter of Sir John Comyn of Badenoch. They had issue, four daughters, of whom the eldest, Joanna, married—de Cathe (Kethe or Keith). It is not known whom the other three daughters married, but it is clear that through one of these heiresses the lands of Buthernock descended to David de Hamilton and Jonetta de Keith, who it will be seen later, confirmed as feudal superiors a gift of certain lands in Buthernock and Kincaid

by William Galbraith of Gartconnel to his son James in 1381. From David de Hamilton and Jonetta Keith the superiorities of Buthernock descended to their youngest son, John Hamilton of Bardowie.

William Galbraith of Buthernock was probably dead before 1296, the year when so many of the Scottish nobles, clergy, landowners and burgesses swore allegiance to Edward I of England. His name at least does not appear in the Ragman Rolls. There is, however, a Gilbert of Buthernock among the other landowners from the County of Stirling. This Gilbert may have married one of William Galbraith's daughters and may have held the lands of Buthernock in right of his wife. However that may be, it is clear that the estates of Buthernock and others passed from Galbraith hands owing to the failure of an heir-male to William Galbraith and Willelma Douglas.

It seems possible that William Galbraith may have had a younger brother, Arthur. In the Ragman Rolls of 1296, there appears the name, Arthur de Galbraith from the County of Wigtown. He is named on the same roll with many well known names from the Lennox. The designation "from the County of Wigtown" would definitely preclude Arthur de Galbraith, the son of Maurice Galbraith, who held Cartonvenach, Auchincloch and other lands in the Lennox, although it might be that Arthur Galbraith of the Ragman Rolls was a son of Arthur Galbraith, the son of Maurice. But it will be remembered that Sir William Galbraith of Buthernock had married a daughter of John Comyn of Badenoch, who was Justiciar of Galloway. John Comyn was a very active participator in the government of Scotland during the middle of the 13th century. Sir William Galbraith was also a man in public affairs and was one of the regency commission of fifteen barons appointed in 1255. It would, therefore, be very natural that a younger son of Sir William Galbraith should be given land or a position in Wigtownshire, of which his grandfather had been Justiciar and in which, presumably, he had many interests. But there is undoubtedly some dubiety as to the identity of this Arthur Galbraith, from the County of Wigtown.

Also from Galbraith of the Lennox Introductory,

But it is known that William Galbraith was married and had one son and at least two daughters. In 1381 he granted a Charter to his son, James, of the lands of Easterbuthernock and Westerbuthernock and one fourth part of Kyncade. But it was only as a vassal that he held those lands, the superiority (or rather the mid-superiority) being in the hands of David de Hamilton and Jonetta Keith, who, in accordance with feudal custom, confirmed this Charter of 1381. These lands had come into the possession of David de Hamilton through one of the heiresses of William Galbraith of Buthernock.

William Galbraith of Gartconnel's son, James, did not survive long, but died before his father. The two daughters thus became co-heiresses. Janet Galbraith married Nicolas Douglas in 1373, and so **founded the family of Douglas of Mains**. The other daughter married Alexander Logan and succeeded to Gartconnel. James, the son of William Galbraith of Gartconnel, may have left a daughter, who would thus be a co-heiress along with her aunts. This may be the Galbraith heiress who is said to have married Patrick Buchanan, the 14th Laird of Buchanan.

In this way the lands of Cartonvenach passed out of the hands of the Galbraiths through heiresses of William of Gartconnel, even as the Buthernock lands had been carried away by the heiresses of William of Buthernock and Willelma Douglas.

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Lochleven Castle – A Douglas Stronghold

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Lochleven Castle is strategically sited on castle island in Loch Leven, a loch (lake) about half way between Edinburgh and Perth. The castle is accessed by boat from a small pier just outside the town of Kinross. This important Douglas castle played host to and provided protection for important visitors travelling between Edinburgh and Perth. Before 1830 the castle would have taken up most of the island, but around 1830 the depth of Loch Leven was lowered by about three or four feet. This increased the size of the island, and much of it is now woodland, and a nature reserve.

The castle's stone curtain wall was probably built around 1300, which makes Lochleven one of the oldest stone castles in Scotland. Initially the curtain wall may have just provided protection for some wooden

buildings for the garrison and their hangers-on. This was typical of Scottish fortifications around that time, although they would usually have a wooden palisade rather than a stone wall. The tower house within the curtain was built after the curtain wall. It was probably built in the early 1300s, and therefore is one of the oldest tower houses in Scotland.

William Wallace is reported to have captured the castle from the English around 1300 during the Wars of Independence, and to have slaughtered the English garrison.

For much of the 14th century Lochleven was a royal castle, but in 1390 King Robert II gave the castle to Sir Henry Douglas, a member of the Black Douglas branch of the clan. It remained a Douglas castle until 1672, when the Douglasses sold it with the estate to Sir William Bruce. Sir William, a noted gentleman architect who was known for the rebuilding the Palace of Holyroodhouse, built Kinross House on the mainland as his residence. Sir William deliberately sited the house so that its view was the now attractively ruined medieval castle on its island in the loch.

Lochleven Castle played an important role in 16th century Scottish history. Mary Queen of Scots had lost the confidence of many of her Protestant nobles following her disastrous marriage to Lord Darnley. Whilst the marriage had been in many respects a disaster, it did produce a child, the future James VI/I. Darnley's mother was Lady Margaret Douglas, and grandfather was Archibald Douglas, the 6th Earl of Angus, one of very many Douglas links to key episodes in Scottish history.

Darnley was murdered, and three months later Mary married the likely murderer, the Earl of Bothwell, and may herself have been an accessory to the murder. That, together with her Catholic faith when Scotland had just become Protestant and religious tensions ran high, had brought Scotland close to civil war.

Mary was arrested by her Protestant nobles and imprisoned in Lochleven Castle. They no doubt thought that imprisoning her in a castle in an island in the middle of a loch would have ensured she was under their control and could



Lochleven Castle.

The remains of the upper storey of the Glassin Tower is visible beyond the tower house.

not escape. Lochleven was then the home of Sir William Douglas of Lochleven. This was to be Mary's prison for the next eleven months, from June 1567 to May 1568, and Sir William Douglas her gaoler.

Mary was pregnant with twins by the Earl of Bothwell, but had a miscarriage at about three months. She was in a depressed and vulnerable state following all that had happened, including her miscarriage. The Lord's forced her to abdicate in favour of her infant son James. James, the great grandson of the Earl of Angus, was crowned James VI of Scotland when he was thirteen months old in a Protestant ceremony at the Church of the Holy Rude in Stirling. Nearly forty years later in 1603 Elizabeth I of England died childless, and James became King of England as well.

As time passed Mary started to recover, and the legendary Stuart charm returned to this still beautiful twenty-four year old woman. The owner of the castle, Mary's gaoler Sir William Douglas, had a younger brother George. They also had a young relation, Willie Douglas, living with them. Willie's parents had died and therefore he was in his Douglas relatives' care. Soon Mary had charmed George and Willie, and they were intent on helping her to escape.



The tower house from inside the castle
The ground floor entrance is a later addition. The tower was entered by the second floor door, accessible by a wooden stair which would have been removed in times of war. Tower houses were often accessed by wooden stairs to a first floor door for added security, rather than the second floor.



The Glassin Tower

Historic Environment Scotland believe this tower was added around 1550. It would have provided cosier living quarters than the old tower house, and Mary stayed here for the first part of her stay, before she was moved to the much more secure tower house to make escape less likely.

On 2 May 1568 they saw their opportunity. Lady Douglas, the wife of Sir William, had given birth and the attention of the garrison was on celebrating this, rather than guarding Mary. As Sir William Douglas was eating and no doubt a little drunk, young Willie Douglas managed to steal the castle keys. To make her escape, Mary changed into old clothes, and made her way down to the landing stage via a postern gate (a small secondary gate). Then together with Willie and a servant woman, they made their way by boat across the loch. Meanwhile one of Mary's ladies-in-waiting dressed in Mary's clothes, and made sure she was seen from a distance so it appeared that Mary was still in the castle.

Once Mary and her party reached the shore as prearranged, a party of her supporters, including George Douglas, were waiting to help her leave the area.

In the longer term her daring escape from Lochleven was to no avail. Mary's forces were beaten at the battle of Langside, and Mary fled to England. But that is another story.

Lochleven Castle is managed by Historic Environment Scotland, a government agency, and is open to visitors. Historic Environment Scotland operate a boat to the island.





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

by Harold Edington, CDSNA Asst VP and *Dabb Ghlase* Editor

Part 3: Branches of the Douglas Family

The Morton branch of the Douglas family began with Andrew Douglas of Douglas, also of Hermiston, believed to be the younger son of Archibald I, Lord of Douglas and uncle of William 'le Hardy.' Andrew was the progenitor of **the Douglasses of Dalkeith, the Earls of Morton, and the Douglasses of Mains**. Many authorities consider this branch the senior cadet branch of the House of Douglas.

Douglasses of Dalkeith and the Earls of Morton descend from Andrew Douglas of Douglas, said to be the younger son of Sir Archibald de Douglas and brother of William 'Longlegs' Douglas of Douglas. His son, William Douglas of Herdmanston married Elizabeth Stewart, daughter of Alexander, the High Stewart. William's grandson, the celebrated Sir William Douglas, remembered as 'the Knight of Liddesdale' and the 'Flower of Chivalry', was murdered in 1353 by his kinsman, William Douglas, 1st Earl of Douglas, thus consolidating the predominate power of the Douglasses in the 'Black' Douglas line. 'The Knight of Liddesdale' is believed to have married Marjory Graham, heir to the lands and castle of Dalkeith (southeast of Edinburgh). Consequently, the lands were resigned in favor of the Douglas family, thus ending two hundred years of the Graham line at Dalkeith.

Sir James Douglas of Dalkeith, nephew of the 'Knight of Liddesdale', married twice. With his first wife Agnes Dunbar, he received from her half-brother, George Dunbar, 10th Earl of March, the lands of Mordington and Whittinghame, and the castle and lands of Morton in Lothian. James and Agnes had five children. The youngest of these, Janet Douglas, married Sir John Hamilton, 4th of Cadzow, becoming an ancestress of the Dukes of Hamilton. As his third wife, Sir James married Egida, half-sister of King Robert II, but there were no children from this union. Egida and Robert II had different mothers.

The Dalkeith-Morton branch of the Douglas family also made its mark in Scottish history and the Morton history includes four marriages into the Scottish Royal (Stewart) family -- (1) James Douglas of Dalkeith married Egida, half-sister of King Robert II, as we have seen, but whether or not the marriage should be described as a marriage into the Royal family is debatable. (2) James Douglas of Morton and Dalkeith married Princess Elizabeth Stewart, daughter of King Robert II and Marjorie Bruce. He was created Lord Dalkeith in 1430. (3) His grandson, James Douglas, 3rd Lord Dalkeith, married Joanna, the deaf and mute daughter of King James I and was created the Earl of Morton. (4) His grandson, James Douglas, 3rd Earl of Morton, married Katherine, an illegitimate daughter of King James IV. Unfortunately, the 3rd Earl left only three daughters. One daughter married James Douglas (of the Angus branch) who became 4th Earl of Morton and was executed in 1580 for his alleged part in the murder of Lord Darnley. Another daughter married Robert, 6th Lord Maxwell and their son, John, 8th Lord Maxwell, was created 5th Earl of Morton, but the creation was later revoked causing confusion when the Earldom of Morton again passed to the Angus branch and Archibald, 8th Earl of Angus succeeded as 5th Earl of Morton. Archibald Douglas, 8th Earl of Angus and 5th Earl of Morton had no sons so the Earldom of Morton returned to the Morton branch (where it has remained to this day) when William Douglas of Lochleven succeeded as the 6th Earl of Morton.

The current Earl of Morton, John Stewart Sholto Douglas, 22nd Earl of Morton, enjoys an unbroken legitimate male lineage through William Douglas of Lochleven, 6th Earl of Morton, all the way to Andrew Douglas of Douglas. The Earl can also claim a direct connection to 'the Good Sir James'. After spending a couple of hours using *Stirnet* and *Burke's*

Peerage, I was able to find three connections between 'the Good Sir James' and the current Earl through daughters of James 'the Gross', 7th Earl of Douglas. I am sure other amateur genealogists with spare time can find other connections.

The Earldom of which Morton? One confusing aspect of the Morton branch for some (myself included -- until my research made it clear to me) is that the Earldom of Morton had little to do with the lands and castle of Morton in Dumfriesshire situated about a mile (give or take) from Drumlanrig Castle. The Earldom of Morton is derived from the lands of Morton in the Lothians lying between the southern shore of the Firth of Forth and the Lammermuir Hills. The lands and castle of Morton in Dumfriesshire, now part of the Queensberry estate owned by the Duke of Buccleuch, were once part of the holdings of Thomas Randolph, nephew of Robert the Bruce and later the first Earl of Moray. The lands of Morton in Dumfriesshire passed to the earls of March, who probably built (or rebuilt) the existing castle in the early 15th century. In the mid-15th century the lands were given by King James II to James Douglas of Dalkeith, who became 1st Earl of Morton (although the earldom is named for the Morton lands in Lothian). The lands and castle of Morton in Dumfriesshire were sold to William Douglas, 1st Earl of Queensberry, in 1608.

Regarding Dalkeith Castle (now Dalkeith Palace) [<http://www.glasgowarchitecture.co.uk/dalkeith-castle>]:

"The castle originally belonged to the Grahams and was given to the Douglas family in the early 14th century. Cardinal Beaton was imprisoned in the Castle in 1543. The Castle was destroyed by the English in 1547. When James Douglas of Dalkeith became the 4th Earl of Morton in the mid-15th century' Dalkeith Castle became the Douglas stronghold and was fortified around 1575. King James VI visited the Palace in 1617. Many years later, the 8th Earl of Morton sold the Castle and Estate to King Charles I and the Policies became his hunting ground. Dalkeith Castle and grounds were resold to Morton and then again in 1642 to the 2nd Earl of Buccleuch."^[1]

The 2nd Earl of Buccleuch's daughter married the Duke of Monmouth, eldest natural son of King Charles II: they became Duke and Duchess of Monmouth & Buccleuch. When the Duke of Monmouth died his widow, Anne, asked James Smith to use William of Orange's Palace in Holland as a model for Dalkeith Palace. James Smith completed this large Scottish Country House in 1701-11: it was deemed the grandest of Scottish Classical Houses."

Douglasses of Mains are a cadet branch of the Mortons. Nicholas Douglas, said to be the sixth son of John Douglas and grandson of William Douglas 'the Knight of Liddesdale' married Janet, daughter of William Galbraith of Gartconnell in 1372 and, through the marriage, received the lands of Manys in Dumbartonshire. Alexander Douglas, 6th of Mains, married Margaret Stewart, daughter of Matthew, 2nd Earl of Lennox. A later family member, John Douglas of Ferguson and Mains, married his cousin Mary Douglas. Their eldest daughter, Mary, married John Campbell of Woodside. From this marriage are descended the Monteath Douglasses, the Douglasses of Douglas-Support and the Campbell-Douglas Barons of Blythswood. Apparently, different generations of the Campbell-Douglas descendants would drop one surname or the other, keeping Campbell in one generation and Douglas in another – but all were Campbells rather than Douglasses.

The Sandilands branch are considered in law heirs-general of the house of Douglas from the marriage of Sir James Sandilands (who died fighting the English in 1333 at Halidon Hill) to Eleanor Douglas, only daughter of Sir Archibald Douglas, younger brother of 'the Good Sir James' Douglas. Through this connection, the Sandilands are also considered a sept of Douglas even though they have their own clan chief, Lord Torphichen. Sir James and Eleanor Sandilands are the ancestors of Lord Torphichen and the lands of West Calder given to Eleanor by her father, Sir Archibald Douglas, or perhaps by her brother William, 1st Earl of Douglas, are still owned by James Andrew Douglas Sandilands, 15th Lord Torphichen (b. 1946). The name Sandilands comes from lands by that name in Clydesdale. The family to bear the name may have originally fled to Scotland from Northumberland in the reign of King Malcolm III of Scotland.

The son of the James Sandilands and Eleanor Douglas, also called James, married Jean Stewart, a daughter of King Robert II. This James was the presumptive heir to the estates and titles of the 'Black' Douglasses and was in line to have inherited them when the 2nd Earl of Douglas died (hence the Sandilands' quartering the Douglas arms), however the lands and titles went to George Douglas of the 'Red' Douglas branch, instead.

^[1] The Dukes of Buccleuch inherited the Dukedom of Queensberry. More about this later when we discuss the Drumlanrig, Queensberry, and Kelhead branch.

According to the Clan Sandilands history found on ScotClans [<http://www.scotclans.com/scottish-clans/clan-sandilands/sandilands-history/>],

The Sandilands and Douglasses differed when it came to their support of James II^[2]. The Douglas clan had an unshakeable belief in the king, which the Sandilands didn't. This brought a lot of tension between the two close families, even to the point of murder. On the orders of members of Clan Douglas, Patrick Thornton assassinated both the chief of Clan Sandilands, John Sandilands, and his uncle James. John's son, James, inherited the Sandilands estates. James married Margaret Kinlock of Cruvie, and their son James Sandilands of Cruvie began the line of Sandilands who went on to become the Lords of Abercrombie^[3].

Sir James Sandilands of Calder was the preceptor of the Knights of St John (Knights Hospitaller), a powerful religious and military order whose headquarters were at the Priory of Torphichen in West Lothian. After the Order was suppressed, Sandilands managed to gain a grant for a lot of the lands. However, this grant came at the cost of ten thousand crowns in gold to the Crown, and a further annual rent of five hundred merks. The preceptors used to sit as peers in Parliament under the title of 'Lord St. John of Torphichen', a rare instance at the time of a title belonging to an office rather than being hereditary and descending down through any one family.

In February 1564 Sir James surrendered the Preceptory lands to the Crown, i.e. his relative, Mary, Queen of Scots, whereupon she 'gave' the lands back to him, with the secular title Lord Torphichen, for a payment of 10,000 gold crowns and a further annual rent of five hundred merks.

The half-brother of the first Lord Torphichen, Sir James Sandilands of Slamannan, was a Gentleman of the Bedchamber to James VI and then later on he was the guardian of Blackness Castle (which stands on the shores of the Firth of the Forth.) The 4th Lord Torphichen, John Sandilands (son of the second and brother of the third), was a Royalist, supporting Charles I during the Civil War. However, after King Charles had been handed over to Parliamentarians by the Scots army, Sandilands was against the plan, known as the Engagement, to rescue the king by invading England, believing the plan to be ill-conceived. Cromwell routed the Engagers army at the Battle of Preston in 1648.

James, 7th Lord Torphichen, was a politician and a soldier. He first took his seat in the Scottish Parliament in 1704 and supported the 1707 Treaty of Union. As a soldier, he served on the European mainland returning to Scotland at the outbreak of the rising of 1715 to fight against the Jacobites on side of the British government. He led his Sandilands men at the Battle of Sheriffmuir, where they gained a strategic victory over the Jacobite rebels. Seven years later, he was appointed as one of the Commissioners of Police by King George I. During the second Jacobite uprising of 1745, James's eldest son was wounded and later died from tuberculosis and Walter, the second son, inherited the title as 8th Lord Torphichen. Walter served as sheriff of Midlothian and also had a successful career in law. His son James was a colonel in the Coldstream Guards, and sat in the House of Lords as an elected representative peer between 1790 and 1800. James's first cousin, also called James, succeeded him as 10th Lord Torphichen, and it is from the 10th Lord that the current Lord Torphichen, James Andrew Douglas Sandilands, 15th Lord Torphichen, is lineally descended.

The Drumlanrig, Queensberry, and Kelhead branch of the family has never had a color designation but I have always imagined them as the 'White' Douglasses based on an angelic interpretation of the wings in the family's "crowned and winged heart" motif. These 'White' Douglasses originated with an illegitimate son of James Douglas, 2nd Earl of Douglas and Mar. The son, William Douglas, was given the barony of Drumlanrig by his father. Knighted before 1405, William Douglas of Drumlanrig died in France during the *Hundred Years' War*. Another Sir William Douglas, 10th of Drumlanrig, was created Viscount of Drumlanrig and, a few years later in 1633, Earl of Queensberry. William Douglas, 3rd Earl of Queensberry, was created Marquess of Queensberry in 1682 and Duke of Queensberry in 1684. Yet another William Douglas, second son of the 1st Duke, was created Earl of March in 1697. His grandson, also William Douglas, 3rd Earl of March succeeded his cousin in 1778 as 4th Duke of Queensberry. The 4th Duke was known as "Old Q."

Upon the death of "Old Q", the intricacies of the Scottish laws of inheritance were called into play to sort through his various Douglas heirs and the inheritances of title and property. The details are rather tedious so I present only a three-point overview of the settlement.

^[2] In retrospect, the 'Black' Douglasses' support of James II was obviously misplaced. The Sandilands lack of support for James II may explain why lands and titles passed to the 'Red' Douglasses rather than to the Sandilands after the death of the 2nd Earl of Douglas.

^[3] James Sandilands, 2nd Lord Abercrombie (1645–1681), was the son of James Sandilands, 1st Lord Abercrombie. He died unmarried in 1681, and the peerage became extinct.

- (1) The Dukedom of Queensberry, along with a number of other titles and lands, devolved on Henry Scott, 3rd Duke of Buccleuch. Buccleuch was the son of Francis Scott, 2nd Duke of Buccleuch and Jean Douglas, daughter of James Douglas, 2nd Duke of Queensberry and Mary Boyle.
- (2) The Earldom of March, along with a number of other titles and lands, passed to Francis Douglas, 8th Earl of Wemyss. Wemyss was the descendant of David Wemyss, 4th earl of Wemyss and his first wife Lady Anne Douglas, the only daughter of William Douglas, 1st Duke of Queensberry.
- (3) The Marquessate and Earldom of Queensberry, along with a number of other titles and lands, devolved on a male cousin, Charles Douglas, 5th Baronet of Kelhead, descended from the second son of the 1st Earl of Queensberry. Charles Douglas was also the son-in-law of Henry Scott, 3rd Duke of Buccleuch.

The Drumlanrig/Queensberry branch did have a couple of cross-overs with the Angus/'Red' Douglas branch. Sir James Douglas, 7th of Drumlanrig, married a daughter of George Douglas, Master of Angus, son of Archibald 'Bell the Cat' Douglas. In 1657, William Douglas, 3rd Earl (and later Duke) of Queensberry married Isabel Douglas, daughter of William Douglas, 11th Earl of Angus and 1st Marquess of Douglas.

How did the Drumlanrig/Dukes of Queensberry branch become the Douglas/Scott/Dukes of Buccleuch branch? James, Duke of Monmouth was the illegitimate son of King Charles II Stuart. With the marriage of the Duke of Monmouth to Anne Scott, Countess of Buccleuch, Monmouth adopted the surname Scott and he and Lady Anne were created Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch. Their son, James Scott, Earl of Dalkeith (Dalkeith was a Buccleuch possession at this time) was the father of Francis Scott, 2nd Duke of Buccleuch. Francis Scott married Jane (or Jean, depending on the source), youngest child of James Douglas, 2nd Duke of Queensberry. As was mentioned above, after the death of "Old Q", The Dukedom of Queensberry, along with a number of other titles and lands, devolved on Henry Scott, 3rd Duke of Buccleuch. Essentially, the Dukedom of Queensberry rests with a Stuart descendant rather than a Douglas.

The often overlooked Marquess of Queensberry branch. With the death of 'Old Q', the dukedom and marquessates of Queensberry were split. As mentioned above, the marquessate and earldom of Queensberry, along with a number of other titles and lands, devolved on a male cousin, Charles Douglas, 5th Baronet of Kelhead, descended from the second son of the 1st Earl of Queensberry, who now stood as senior male representative of this branch. The other heirs of 'Old Q' – Buccleuch and Wemyss – were descended from female lines.

John Sholto Douglas, 9th Marquess of Queensberry, was a Scottish nobleman, remembered for lending his name and patronage to the "Marquess of Queensberry Rules" that formed the basis of modern boxing. His third son, Lord Alfred "Bosie" Douglas, was the close friend and lover of the famous author and poet Oscar Wilde. The second son of the Marquess, Percy Douglas, 10th Marquess of Queensberry succeeded to the title.

The current Marquess of Queensberry, David Harrington Angus Douglas, 12th Marquess of Queensberry (b. 1929) descends from an unbroken line of legitimate Douglas males to William Douglas, 1st of Drumlanrig, illegitimate son of James Douglas, 2nd Earl of Douglas.

The Douglasses of Cavers are descended from Archibald Douglas, called "Black Archibald", the illegitimate son of James, 2nd Earl of Douglas and Mar. The lands of Cavers were awarded to 'the Good Sir James' Douglas by King Robert the Bruce for services rendered to the King and were later in the possession of Lady Isabel Douglas, Countess of Mar and sister of James Douglas, 2nd Earl of Douglas. Lady Isabel Douglas granted the lands of Cavers to her nephew "Black Archibald" Douglas.

James Douglas, Esq. of Cavers (1822-78), who, in the 1830s played a significant role in Britain's campaign to abolish slavery, was the 20th and last in the male line of the Douglasses of Cavers. Mary Douglas, sister of James Douglas, Esq., married William Elphinstone Malcolm in 1857. She produced a daughter, Mary, in 1859, but died tragically in childbirth. Malcolm married again in 1866, but had no more children. Mary had inherited from her mother the great estate of Cavers near Hawick. She married Capt. Edward Palmer in 1879 and produced a son and heir to both properties – Archibald Palmer Douglas. When Mary died in 1949, aged 90, the death duties payable on her estate were fatal to the family's fortunes. Her son had pre-deceased her, so her eldest grandson, James, took over Cavers. The ruins of Caver Castle and ten acres surrounding it are currently (in 2016) up for sale. In its day, the castle was a grand 64-room family residence situated on a estate in excess of 100,000 acres.

The 'Red' Douglas line of Angus Earls originated through an illegitimate child of William, 1st Earl of Douglas after an affair between the Earl and Margaret (Stewart), Countess of Angus. Their son, George, is said to have had red hair and that is the reason for the 'Red' designation. Countess Margaret resigned the earldom of Angus to her son George. Another George, 4th Earl of Angus, was a third cousin of James, 9th Earl of Douglas but was more closely aligned to his Royal Stewart cousins. As a result, the 'Red' Douglasses sided with King James II at Arkinholm and contributed greatly to the fall of the 'Black' Douglasses. The 'Red' Douglas line added much to the history of Scotland. Archibald 'Bell-the-Cat' Douglas, 5th Earl of Angus, played a major part in the hanging some the favorites of King James III. Archibald lost two sons at the Battle of Flodden Field in September of 1513 but he was not present at the battle. He died about a month later. James Douglas, a great grandson of 'Bell-the-Cat' married one of the daughters of James Douglas, 3rd Earl of Morton (of the Morton line) and James Douglas (of the Angus line) became the 4th Earl of Morton.

As 4th Earl of Morton, James (of the Angus line), took a leading part in the murder of Rizzio, Queen Mary Stuart's favorite, and was also implicated in the death of his cousin Lord Darnley, the husband of Queen Mary. After the 4th Earl's death, the earldom of Morton passed briefly to the Maxwell family and then returned to the Angus branch of the Douglas family when the 8th Earl of Angus was also the 6th Earl of Morton. After the death of the 8th Earl of Angus, the earldom of Morton returned to the Morton branch where it has remained.

My research turned up six royal marriages within the Angus branch of the Douglas family but I am sure, with more digging, others will be found. (1) George Douglas, illegitimate son of William, 1st Earl of Douglas, married Princess Margaret, daughter of King Robert III. Their son was William, 2nd Earl of Angus. (2) Archibald, 6th Earl of Angus married Margaret Tudor, widow of King James IV and daughter of King Henry VII of England. The Earl and Queen Consort were the parents of (3) Margaret Douglas who married Matthew Stuart, 13th Earl of Lennox and these were the parents of (4) Henry Stewart "Lord Darnley", 1st Duke of Albany, husband of Mary, Queen of Scots and father of King James VI & I. As granddaughter of King Henry VII, Margaret Douglas was in line for the English throne. (5) William Alexander Douglas-Hamilton, 11th Duke of Hamilton, married Princess Marie Amélie of Baden, daughter of the Grand Duke Charles of Baden and Stéphanie de Beauharnais, the adopted daughter of Napoleon I. Their daughter (6) Lady Mary Victoria Douglas-Hamilton first married Prince Albert, only child and heir of Charles III, Prince of Monaco. Mary Victoria bore Prince Albert a single son, Louis, who would take the throne of Monaco upon his father's death. Their marriage was annulled by the Church on 3 January 1880 (although civilly it was dissolved only on 28 July 1880 by the Order of Prince Charles III). Mary Victoria was the great-grandmother of Prince Rainier III of Monaco. For many members of Clan Douglas, I am sure it will come as a surprise that Albert II, Prince of Monaco, is a Douglas descendant.

The 'Red' Douglas connection to the Dukes of Hamilton and the Earls of Selkirk. Within the Peerage of Scotland, the Duke of Hamilton also holds the titles **Marquess of Douglas**, Marquess of Clydesdale, **Earl of Angus**, Earl of Lanark, Earl of Arran and Cambridge, Lord Abernethy and Viscount of Jedburgh Forest. William Douglas, 11th Earl of Angus, was created Marquess of Douglas in 1633. His fourth son, William Douglas, was created Earl of Selkirk before he married Anne Hamilton, 3rd Duchess of Hamilton in her own right (daughter of the 1st Duke of Hamilton and niece of the 2nd Duke of Hamilton), and became the Duke of Hamilton. His son James Douglas-Hamilton, 4th Duke of Hamilton, hyphenated the surname and is the ancestor of the Douglas-Hamilton line of the Dukes of Hamilton. The title 'Earl of Selkirk' is typically passed to the second son of the Duke of Hamilton. If the male line of Selkirk fails, the title will revert back to the Duke of Hamilton until a second son is created Earl of Selkirk.

The Douglasses of Bonejedward and Timpendean, another, although less talked about branch of the House of Douglas, originated with Margaret Douglas, illegitimate daughter of William, 1st Earl of Douglas and Mar. Margaret was the (half-)sister of both George, ancestor of the 'Red' Douglas line, and James, the 2nd Earl of Douglas and Mar. Margaret married Thomas Johnson (or Johnston) and he changed his last name to Douglas ... so, the Bonejedward and Timpendean branch is Douglas through a maternal connection only and the males of this branch are actually Johnstons.

So the question remains... Who is the person living today who could or should assume the designation of **Chief of Douglas** and be given the right to wear three eagle feathers? We are getting closer to an answer but we must first exhibit some due diligence. In **Part 4 of Who do you think should be Chief of the House of Douglas?**, we will look at the last recognized Chief and at the major candidates – living today – for the seat of Chief of the House of Douglas.

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Attendees are also free to make hotel reservations with any other local hotel ...
be sure to ask if your choice hotel offers a special clan rate or special Highland Games rate.

Start making your plans to attend now.

**AGM details will be published in the
JUNE 2017 issue of *Dabh Ghlasé*.**

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

EDINBORO HIGHLAND GAMES

Edinboro, Pennsylvania -- September 10, 2016

Normally we have typical Scottish weather at this event; rain, wind, sleet, hail, and sometimes snow. However this year it rained early in the morning and was nice the rest of the day. Friday night they held the "Calling of the Clans" Roger Pierce represented Clan Douglas again this year.

Heavy athletics, good music, and the Beer Tasting Booth close at hand. Everyone had a great time.

Yours aye,
John Douglas



Loretta Douglas, John Douglas,
& Roger Pierce



EVENSONG & KIRKIN O' THE TARTANS ST. ANDREWS FEAST/JOHN KNOX 500TH Spartanburg, Minnesota -- October 30, 2016

"Worship the Lord with Gladness; Come into his presence with singing."

The Gaelic Proclamation initiating the repeal in 1782 of the Act of Parliament passed in 1746 prohibiting the wearing of the Highland Dress. ...So those wishing to present their clan tartans, do so... And so they did.

As the First Presbyterian Bulletin so stated: "The Kirkin' of the Tartans ceremony, or the Blessing of the Tartans, is a Scottish-American

ceremony. It was begun by Peter Marshall in 1947 in Washington D. C. The idea of blessing the Tartan, however, has existed since the Jacobite's defeat in 1746 when the wearing of the Tartan was forbidden by Government Decree. Then the men would stuff a piece of tartan in their sock and at the end of the service would step forward when the minister blessed the congregation. The people and the minister knew what was happening, but any government observers did not. There is some evidence of such ceremonies in Nova Scotia, New Scotland, in the 1860's. The Kirkin' Ceremony has become a popular fixture in most Scottish Communities including Duluth's.

This year there was Highland Dancing in the church aisle (because the minister was late for the service and the church was unheated as the lore goes), Country Dancing, DSHA Pipes and Drums, Highland dancing and, of course, High Tea.

This year was interesting from a piping tuning standpoint. Many organists will "play up" to match the piper's 478 Mhz. This year Highland Cathedral was played at 466MZh which required 466 Mhz orchestral drone reeds and an old chanter which tuned as high as 470MZh. However, the band was tuning at the higher 478MZh this cold snowy, storming evening. It took about 1/2 hour to change out the drone reeds, install a different chanter, and tune the pipes to 478MZh, but it happened.

A very nice evening all in all.
Jock Glendenning
No, MN Regent



NEWS FROM ALL OVER

SALADO SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES

Salado, Texas -- November 11-13, 2016

In spite of the rain the previous night, Scots were happily setting up their tents in our favorite spot in Salado, TX, which by the way, is the Oldest Scottish Festival and Games in Texas, as well as this being our 55th year to hold the Salado Games!

Friday night we begin the Festival with the "Calling of the Clans" and afterward we met for finger foods and lots of fellowship! Saturday turned out to be wonderful weather and soon the grounds were full of people, the pipers practicing, and lots of folks at our tent! This was one of our largest Gatherings with 33 Clan tents!

Dale and Sy Douglass (North Texas Regents) and Sy's two sons came to give a helping hand, march in the parade, and talk with our visitors! It was good to see Life Member Audrey (Douglas) Ellison again; she is so faithful to come every year and bring guests. Her son Paul Burger and his *fiancée* Kym Ojeda were with her and Paul renewed his membership. We also met Audrey's friend Phyllis Siewinski.

Larry Slight, Life Member from St. Augustine, FL. came in to visit. Richard Tomlin from Colorado dropped in for a visit and says Hello to VP Chuck Mirabel! Richard says he is an ally of Clan Wallace. Those of you who were at the AGM will remember new Life Member Charles Wallace who gave that wonderful speech. Charles came by to visit and to say Hello to Secretary Jim Morton! We were graced by a visitor from Scotland: Ian Wallace, 35th Chief of Wallace Clan. In case you are wondering "why so many Wallaces?", it was their AGM!

Several visitors took applications with them and signed our Guest Register. We welcome our new member, Douglas Michaels from Waco, TX. We also had a 3-year renewal.

A very interesting gentleman, Ben Miller, came in our tent. His great-great grandfather (Rutherford) was from Jedburgh and Ben is planning on visiting there next year. He said he had ordered a kilt and would come to Arlington in May all "kilted" out! We certainly look forward to seeing him there.

Matthew Douglas, who is our new Clan Douglas Regent in Arlington will hold his first game. So mark your calendars and come out for the largest Scottish Game in Texas and meet Matthew!

We sure missed Edson Way from Lubbock, TX this year. We hope things are ok with you Edson! We did have a sweet lady come by to let us know that her friend, James Douglas of Houston, TX had passed away in September. James was a former Squadron Commander in the Civil Air Patrol and was loved by many. We don't know if he was a member, but he was a Douglas and we extend our sympathies.

This is our last game for the year, we always enjoy being in Salado! Thanks to everyone who came by our tent to talk about their Scottish families and their trips there and, the Douglas History. Please join us in April for our first 2017 game in Helotes, TX. (just outside San Antonio, TX).

Many Thanks to all for your support. You are what makes the Games Special!

Phil and Loretta Morton
Texas Regents

"Be true to thyself and never forget the people from whom you came"



**New member Douglas Michaels
with Regent Phil**



**Regent Phil with Paul Burger
& Kym Ojeda**



**Life Member Audrey (Douglas)
Ellison with Regent Loretta**



Richard Tomlin with Regent Phil



**Regent Phil with Life Member
Charles Wallace**



NEWS FROM ALL OVER

MOUNT DORA SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Mount Dora, Florida – November 19, 2016

The Fourth Annual Mount Dora Scottish Festival was held on November 19, 2016 on the banks of beautiful Lake Dora in Central Florida. In past newsletters I have written about the charm and beauty of this town. It receives continuous awards as being one of the "Top 100 Great Towns in America". And, it is the Sister City of the Royal Burgh of Forres, Morayshire, Scotland.

In introducing us as we marched in the Parade of the Clans, the Master of Ceremonies again praised our Douglas forefathers as the "Robin Hoods of the Scottish Borders". He acknowledged that the Douglasses would occasionally undertake raids of harassment and acquisition south, into England. Their return home to Scotland would include sheep, goats, and cattle, which they had 'acquired' from England. They would then distribute some of these animals to their Scottish neighbors who were less prosperous and in need of food, wool, and hides. A noble deed was done. The Mount Dora Festival's Master of Ceremonies was from Scotland and knew his history well. His comments were greatly appreciated and totally unsolicited.



first row: Douglas Ram McVicar & FL Regent Marc Hitchins
second row (carrying our crest banner) - Rosie Urueta & Tonya Tharp
third row (those visible) - GA Regent Randy Bartle, Mark Hill,
and David Potter (with tall name banner)

Of note, our Clan Douglas mascot, the Blackface RAM - McVicar - led our clan in the parade. Thanks to McVicar's owners, Stuart and Lucy Ballantyne of Craigmalloch Farms, McVicar now wears a royal purple robe embroidered with 'Clan Douglas' and his name.



The invisible parade members:
Jeff Sparks, Tom Douglas

Clan Douglas members who joined in the day's activities and marched in the parade included all of the following; Tom Douglas, Dave Potter, Jeff Sparks, Mark Hill, Tonya Tharp, Rosie Urueta, and Clan Douglas Georgia Regent Randy Bartle. Sorely missed this year were Allison Morton Painter, her daughter Holly, and trusted companion Matt (of Clan Sinclair), retired Regent Judy Deitz and husband Don, Jill Ross, Pete and Ashley Jervis, and Patricia Fountain. Missing also were most of the Band of Bartles. These included Reverend Father Ed Bartle, Dan, Brian, Christopher, Mallory, Savannah, and Madison. We hope these folk join us at the Central Florida Games in January.

Also joining us in the parade were the Border Collies of Craigmalloch Farms, led by their owner, Lucy Ballantyne. Throughout the day, Lucy, Stuart, and the collies performed three shows, demonstrating the sheep herding skills of these intelligent canines. As usual, they 'wowed' the crowds.

Many of you are aware that Stuart Ballantyne is the owner of Craigmalloch Farms. There they raise a flock of Scottish Blackface sheep. There also are the Border Collies which they breed, train, and are the stars of the shepherding demonstrations. Stuart is a true Scotsman from Ayrshire, Scotland, a true son of Douglas Clan, and a true shepherd.

NEWS FROM ALL OVER



Randy Bartle (Georgia Co-Regent),
Dave Potter, Tom Douglas



Lizabet Nagelbach
with McVicar



Stuart Ballantyne
& his ram McVicar

From the number of Clan Douglas members attending the festival, to the good food, the mellow drams, and the great fellowship we shared, the day in Mount Dora was enjoyed by all. We are making the Mount Dora Festival an annual occurrence for Clan Douglas. Thanks to all clan members who made the event so successful. Thanks also to all who renewed their memberships.

Several Scottish events, at which Clan Douglas will be present, will be taking place in Florida over the next few months. By the time you read this, the Central Florida Scottish Games, on January 14-15, 2017, in Winter Springs, FL, will have concluded and the Northeast Florida Scot Games held at the Clay County Fairgrounds on February 25, 2017 will also be over. In March The Dunedin, FL Scot Games will be held. For details and dates on all upcoming Scot events, go to our Clan Douglas website or www.asgf.com. We hope to see you there.

Yours Aye,

Marc Hitchins
Florida (North) Regent

REGENTS & CO-REGENTS WANTED

to represent the Clan Douglas Society of North America (CDSNA) at various Scottish / Celtic festivals in the US and CANADA

CDSNA is seeking members willing to serve as Regents & Co-Regents in provinces and states currently un-represented or under-represented by CDSNA. **IF YOU ARE A MEMBER of CDSNA** willing to share your enthusiasm about Clan Douglas and available to serve as a representative in any of the following states and provinces, contact CDSNA VP Chuck Mirabile, CDSNA Asst VP (West) Loretta Morton, CDSNA Asst VP (East) Harold Edington, or your current Regent.

In CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA – Regent
NOVA SCOTIA – Regent
ONTARIO – Regent

In the USA

ALASKA - Regent
FLORIDA - Co-Regent(s) (multiple locations in the state)

ILLINOIS - Regent(s) for Chicago & Springfield areas
IOWA -- Regent for Quad City area
KANSAS -- Regent
KENTUCKY - Co-Regent(s)
MICHIGAN - Regent
MINNESOTA (South) – Co-Regent
NEVADA - Regent
OHIO - Regent
OREGON (South) – Co-Regent
SOUTH CAROLINA – Co-Regent

TENNESSEE - Co-Regent(s)
UTAH - Regent
WEST VIRGINIA - Regent
NEW ENGLAND AREA (as a region or as individual states)
CONNECTICUT - Regent
MAINE - Regent
MASSACHUSETTS - Regent
RHODE ISLAND - Regent
VERMONT - Regent

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FLORIDA	APRIL 1	No Regent Available -- Co-Regent Wanted	Dunedin Highland Games & Festival, Dunedin, FL
TEXAS	APRIL 1-2	Phil & Loretta Morton	San Antonio Scottish Highland Games, Helotes, TX
COLORADO	APRIL 7-9	Chuck Mirabile	Colorado Tartan Day, Longmont, CO
ARKANSAS	APRIL 7-9	Diana Kay Stell	Arkansas Scottish Festival, Batesville, AR
LOUISIANA	APRIL 8	Regent Conflict -- Co-Regent Wanted	Louisiana Tartan Festival, Minden, LA
HAWAII	APRIL 8-9	James Putnam	Hawaiian Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Honolulu, HI
NORTH CAROLINA	APRIL 8-9	Samuel Machado	Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, NC
OREGON	APRIL 22	Carol Morton-Bianchini	Clan Donald "All Clans Spring Ceilidh", Portland OR -- Contact Regent for details
KANSAS	APRIL 22-23	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Wichita Highland Games & Celtic Festival, Wichita, KS
FLORIDA	APRIL 22-23	Marc Hitchins	Ormond Beach Celtic Festival, Ormond Beach, FL
NEVADA	APRIL 29-30	Tim & Mary Tyler	Las Vegas Celtic & Highland Games, Las Vegas, NV
CALIFORNIA (North)	APRIL 29-30	Mark & Cora Peterson	Sacramento Valley Scottish Games, Woodland, CA
OKLAHOMA	APRIL 28-30	David Jones	Iron Thistle Scottish Festival, Yukon, OK
ILLINOIS	APRIL 29	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Northwest Celtic Fest, Hoffman Estates, Illinois
TEXAS	MAY 5-7	Dale Douglass & Sy Douglass	Arlington Highland Games, Arlington, TX
GEORGIA	MAY 6	Randy Bartle	Savannah Scottish Games, Savannah, GA
OHIO	MAY 13	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Celtic Beltane Festival, Akron, OH
MARYLAND	MAY 13	Chip & Barbara Zimmer	Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival, Mt. Airy, MD
NORTH CAROLINA	MAY 13	Jeffrey Dickey	Bethabara Highland Games, Winston-Salem, NC
ARIZONA	MAY 13-14	Barbara Wise	Prescott Highland Games, Prescott, AZ
MARYLAND	MAY 20	Chip & Barbara Zimmer	Fair Hill Scottish Games, Fair Hill, MD
NEW YORK	MAY 20	Daneen Muehlbauer	Finger Lakes Celtic Festival, Farmington, NY
NEW MEXICO	MAY 20-21	Eric Vigil	Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival, Albuquerque, NM
TENNESSEE	MAY 20-21	Ricky Lloyd	Smokey Mountain Highland Games, Maryville, TN
SOUTH CAROLINA	MAY 26-27	Thelma Hein	Greenville Scottish Games, Greenville, SC
OREGON	MAY 27	No Regent Available -- Co-Regent Wanted	Eugene Scottish Festival, Eugene, OR
MICHIGAN	MAY 27-28	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Alma Highland Festival, Alma, MI
CALIFORNIA (South)	May 27-28	Tim & Mary Tyler	Scottish Fest, Costa Mesa, CA

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MISSOURI	JUNE 2-4	Harold Edington	Missouri Tartan Days, Washington, MO
KENTUCKY	JUNE 2-4	Elizabeth Martin	Glasgow Highland Games, Glasgow, KY
WASHINGTON	JUNE 2-4	Frances C. Crews	Bellingham Highland Games, Ferndale, WA
CALIFORNIA (North)	JUNE 3	Bob & Dee Douglas	Modesto Scottish Highland Games, Modesto, CA
WISCONSIN	JUNE 3	Lori Garbett	Milwaukee Highland Games, Milwaukee, WI
RHODE ISLAND	JUNE 10	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival, Richmond, RI
WYOMING	JUNE 10	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Cheyenne Celtic Festival, Cheyenne, WY
MISSOURI	JUNE 10-11	Harold Edington	Kansas City Scottish Highland Games, Riverside, MO
GEORGIA	JUNE 10-11	Tim & Melissa Justice	Blairsville Highland Games, Blairsville, GA
ILLINOIS	JUNE 16-17	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Illinois St. Andrew Society Highland Games, Itasca, IL
WASHINGTON	JUNE 17	Frances C. Crews	Prosser Highland Games, Prosser, WA
OHIO	JUNE 23-24	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Ohio Scottish Games, Wellington, OH
WASHINGTON	JUNE 24	Frances C. Crews	Tacoma Highland Games, Graham, WA
MINNESOTA	JUNE 24	Jock Glendenning	Intr'n'l Highland Dance Competition, Duluth, MN -- Contact Regent for time/place info
ALASKA	JUNE 24-25	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Alaska Scottish Highland Games, Palmer, AK
CALIFORNIA (South)	JUNE 24-25	Tim & Mary Tyler	San Diego Highland Games, Vista, CA
PENNSYLVANIA	JUNE 24-25	Donald Dickey	Celtic Fling & Highland Games, Mannheim, PA
NORTH CAROLINA	JULY 6-9	Sam Machado	Grandfather Mountain Games, Linville, NC
ILLINOIS	JULY 8	Harold Edington	Springfield Area Highland Games, Chatham, IL
WASHINGTON	JULY 8-9	Frances C. Crews	Skagit Valley Highland Games, Mt. Vernon, WA
UTAH	JULY 9-11	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Utah Scottish Festival, Salt Lake City, UT
OREGON	JULY TBA	Carol Morton-Biancini	Athena Caledonia Games, Athena, OR
OREGON	JULY 14-15	Carol Morton-Biancini	Portland Highland Games, Gresham, OR
MONTANA	JULY 14-16	Annie Haines	Kootenai Highland Gathering, Libby, MT
MASSACHUSETTS	JULY 15	No Regent Available -- Regent Wanted	Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival, Florence, MA
WISCONSIN	JULY TBA	Lori Garbett	Montello Scottish Festival, Montello, WI
ARIZONA	JULY 15-16	Barbara Wise	Arizona Highland Celtic Festival, Flagstaff, AZ
COLORADO	JULY 15-16	Chuck Mirabile	Elizabeth Celtic Festival, Elizabeth, CO
WASHINGTON	JULY 29-30	Frances C. Crews	Pacific NW Highland Games, Enumclaw, WA

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NEWS FROM ALL OVER

In a Thousand Words (or less)...



VA Regent Scott Douglas at the 46th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend & Parade in Alexandria, VA, Dec 2-3, 2016



California (South) Regent Tim Tyler (in red) and Clan Douglas Society of Australia coordinator Andrew Douglas chat in Clancey's Irish Pub, Long Beach, CA, Dec 19, 2016



Tent decoration in the Douglas tent
[New Mexico Regent Eric Vigil]



Stuart & Lucia Ballantyne with McVicar the Ram representing Clan Douglas at the Florida Keys Celtic Festival, Jan 7, 2017



DOUGLAS of *WHERE??*

Everyone loves a mystery!

While obviously a Douglas shield, the actual branch of the family is unknown.

If you have a clue, contact William Douglas of the *Douglas Archives* or send your information to the *Dabh Ghlase* editor and it will be forwarded to William.

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

CLAN DOUGLAS SOCIETY of AUSTRALIA (CDSA) Opens its Doors

A new Clan Douglas organization has opened its doors. The Clan Douglas Society of Australia (CDSA) had its first organizational meeting Dec 2, 2016. New members in attendance were organizers Mrs. Anne Bruest, Mrs. Janine Warren, and CDSA coordinator Andrew Douglas.

CDSA will be picking up the Douglas banner in Australia as the Clan Douglas Association of Australia (CDAA) is closing its doors after 30 years.

CDSA welcomes everyone associated with Clan Douglas throughout Australia. As the new organization is looking for members, at this time, membership in the Clan Douglas Society of Australia is free. Interested parties can contact CDSA via email [clan.douglas.australia@gmail.com] and EVERYONE is invited to view the CDSA Blog for articles and news [<https://clandouglasaustralia.wordpress.com/>].



L-R: Mrs. Anne Bruest, Mrs. Janine Warren, and Andrew Douglas

NEWS from the BENELUX

The small village of Hanks in the Netherlands will host the World Invitational Heavy Games Events Championship on September 2-3, 2017. This invitational tournament brings together the **best of the best** of heavy games athletes from around the world, including several American multi-games winners. This is a focused event, with all the attention on the heavy athletes and is a great event for fans.

Alden Biesen in Belgium is the longest continuous games in the Benelux. This year's completion will be the weekend of September 8-10, 2017. This games is heavy on band competitions, bringing together many, if not most, of the bands in continental Europe. Solo competition is growing in popularity as well -- and of course spirits are always high as Scots whisky competes with Belgian beer. This event is becoming more family friendly with a wider variety of vendors, more activities for the kids and a performance stage in the food tent.

Finally, the second annual Waterloo, Belgium games will come in mid-August, but the date has not been set as of this writing. The event is set in the shadow of the "Butte de Lion", the memorial of Wellington's defeat of Napoleon. Year one of the games was a small but well-thought out event with instructors teaching techniques from tossing the caber to correctly handling a pitchfork, a small group of vendors, and a performance stage. Plans are underway to expand but nothing has been made public at this point.

In the meantime, Clan Douglas will be represented at the Burns Night supper on 25 January, hosted by the American Women's Club. Regents Murray and Sue Frick will be providing the **ceilidh** music and leading lowland dances for novices and old-hands alike.

Regent Murray Frick will be offering three whisky tasting classes this spring; one at the American Women's Club, one at the British Embassy, and one for the International Club. These classes are usually well attended and feature a variety of malts paired with appropriate foods.

And that's about it for this side of the pond.

Blessings,
Murray Frick
BENELUX Regent

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH GAMES Winter Springs, Florida – January 14-15

The 40th Annual Central Florida Scottish Games were again held in Winter Springs, Florida, January 14 & 15, 2017. After a heavy morning dew, Saturday was a cool clear day, with attendance estimated at between 20,000 and 25,000 visitors. With the Good Lord's guidance, Sunday resulted in a similar day. In all it was a beautiful weekend.

A total of 67 clans were represented in their tents along clan row. This was the highest number of clan participants in the 40 year history of these games. The organizing committee knows how to do things right.

This year we were honored to have our CDSNA Treasurer, Shirley Douglas, and her husband, CDSNA Past President, George Douglas, join us for this event. They bring decades of wisdom and experience relating to Clan Douglas. The newer clan members were thoroughly delighted and impressed having them among us.



First Row (seated) L-R: CDSNA Treasurer Shirley Douglas with her husband past CDSNA President George Douglas

Second Row L-R: GA Regent Randy Bartle (white shirt), Tonya Tharp, Jeff Sparks, Allison Morton Painter, Tom Douglas

Third Row L-R: Chris Bartle, FL Regent Marc Hitchins, Kevin Bartle



Chris Bartle, Aisha Bartle & Kevin Bartle, followed by Lucia Ballantyne, Christie Marshall, & border collies Crockett and Hailes

South Georgia Regent Randy Bartle, also was present and accounted for. He too traveled far and is always an asset, friend, and leader to have among us.

David Crampton, a long- time member of Clan Douglas from Savannah, GA, also visited with us but did not march. His wife is a judge for the Highland Dancing competition. So they both came down to join in the events of the weekend.

After a six month sojourn, working in Alaska, Allison Morton Painter returned to our clan and her proper home in Florida. Allison is an important member of our Florida clan's presence. It is great seeing

Allison and Matt back where they belong.

We welcomed new members Joe and Justin Douglas to our fold. They are great people and will be worthy and active members among us Douglasses. Of note, they are planning a trip to Scotland later this Spring. They may be contacting some of you for insight and travel suggestions.

Many of our Douglas Clan members were present and helpful around our tent all weekend. Additionally, most marched with us in the noon *Parade of Clans* and were helpful in our clan tent throughout the day. They included; Tom & Linda Douglas, Joe & Justin Douglas, Allison Morton Painter, Randy Bartle, Rev. Ed Bartle, Rev. Phyllis Bartle, Dan Bartle, Kevin Bartle, Ashley Bartle Jervis, Peter Jervis, Chris Bartle, Brian Bartle, Tonya Tharp, Rosie Urueta, Jeff & Mona Sparks, Mark & Sally Hill, and Dawn Douglas. To anyone not mentioned, please forgive my oversight.



Justin Douglas, McVicar, and Marc Hitchins

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

We missed some of our regulars who were either at work or had commitments of a higher priority. These include; Life Member Pat Douglas, David Potter, Sharon Acosta, and others

As usual, our mascot, Scottish Blackface Ram, McVicar, joined us. He is now 4 years old and weighs about 250 pounds - mostly muscle. He is an active breeder and proud of it. The House of Douglas is clearly and uniquely recognized when McVicar is part of our clan activities and we draw crowds. McVicar seems especially pleased and poised when he is leading Clan Douglas on parade. Special thanks to Stuart Ballantyne, of Craigmalloch Farms, for giving us custody of this handsome beast and the Lord of his Realm.

Joining us in the clan parades, we were honored this year by the Craigmalloch Farms border collies. Lucia Ballantyne owns the border collies and narrates their herding demonstrations throughout the weekend. Lucia and Stuart Ballantyne are Clan Douglas members and frequently do demonstrations wearing their Douglas Tartans. In the pictures you will see Lucia, assisted by Christie Marshall, parading with pedigree champs Crockett and Hailes (father and son).

Throughout the weekend, we renewed our bonds of friendship with our fellow members of Clan Douglas and with those in other clans we see regularly. We had some great conversations with a multitude of people seeking their roots. In some cases, we could help them. With many, we could only direct them to more appropriate sources.

Several folks who qualified took member applications. We hope to see all of them as clan members at future games and see more of our members at future Scottish events.

Yours Aye,

Marc Hitchins

CDSNA FL Regent



Mark & Ruth Hill and Mona & Jeff Sparks in front of the Muted Clan Douglas Tartan flag dedicated to past FL Regent William Douglas, Jeff's uncle

Robert Burns Night at *Mulligan's On The Blue* Wailea, Maui, HI – January 24

CDSNA member Hamish Douglas Burgess was Master of Ceremonies at the **Maui Celtic's** 13th annual Robert Burns Night at *Mulligan's On The Blue* in Wailea, Maui,

Hawaii, just as Burns' birthday began in Scotland. Hamish also piped in the Haggis to Burn's "Scots Wha Hae".



Piping in the Haggis: Piper Hamish Douglas Burgess, Whiskey-Bearer Cameron Keys, and Haggis-Bearer John from Seattle



The many who gathered at Mulligan's On The Blue for an evening of Scottish tradition

It was a night of Scottish traditions with Celtic music from *Glen Innes Session Band - Maui* with special guest Irish singer Paddy Homan.

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

SCOTTISH SOCIETY of CENTRAL CALIFORNIA BURNS DINNER

Fresno, California – January 21

Clan Douglas was well represented at the Fresno Scottish Society of Central California Robert Burns Dinner.

On January 21, 2017, the Scottish Society of Central California sponsored its annual Robert Burns Dinner. As many of you know, this is an annual event held around the world by people of Scottish heritage to celebrate the life and writings of Scotland's National Hero Robert Burns.

The event was held at the local VFW Post 8900 here in Fresno, CA. We had a traditional Scottish meal consisting of Beef Scotch Collops, Rumbledthumps, Green Beans and, for dessert, we had Cranachan. Those of you interested in what the heck we ate, you will have to look it up on the internet.



Clan Douglas had 11 people attend the dinner which gave us the largest contingency of people attending the Robert Burns Dinner. This made for a lot of fun and a very entertaining evening. We hope that members of Clan Douglas will support events like this in the future by attending and showing pride in being part of Clan Douglas.

Best Regards

Mark & Cora Peterson

CDSNA President & California (North) Regent



"Kilted Cowboy" heading to Iceland



Bobby "the Kilted Cowboy" Douglas has made the starting list for the Masters World Championships in Iceland (June 2017)!!

Photo by Larry Ventress

Upper East Tennessee Celtic Society Burns Supper January 28

Tennessee (East) Regent
Ricky Lloyd at the
Upper East Tennessee
Celtic Society Burns
Supper, January 28



NEWS FROM ALL OVER



Burns Night: Kitchi Gammi Club Duluth, Minnesota -- January 28

It was a real privilege to have part of the Glendenning clan at this year's Burn's Night at the Kitchi Gammi Club. Clan Douglas sponsored the Hartley Room again this year. We were one of 6 clans to sponsor a room. The Master of Ceremonies reported this was the largest crowd for this celebration--the Kitch's 43rd year; Burn's 258th Birthday--and the largest crowd of any of the Kitch's annual events.

Among those present from the Glendenning clan were Jody and Jock Glendinning, their daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Steve Wilson; daughter Marian Wilson; and son Ian Wilson. It was a wonderful experience for all of them, going from room to room sampling the salmon, roast beef, 'neaps, and other great foods, and the haggis. I

almost forgot to mention – there was also a Whisky tasting room. For these many years, we have had North Sea Scottish Salmon. Some was smoked, and some was not. With a smile, we jokingly ask some of our many visitors to take the non-smoked salmon (Well, that didn't work.) "Man oh, man" was the smoked the greatest! We also had a salad and Abercorn served on crisp bread.

Jock Glendinning and Kerry Welsh presented the *Gaelic Toast*, Judge David Sinclair Bouschor gave the *Address to the Haggis*. But of most interest was this: Ian plays for the Dundee Scottish (IL) P & D. An old acquaintance, Barbara Reyelts, was Heather's dance instructor, and Barbara's brother, Hugh McPherson--P/M, who was knighted by the Queen some years ago, was the evening's P/M. While Ian was tuning, Barbara (herself and ex-piper) came up behind him, slowly, listening with a wide smile across her face. We looked at each other; she mouthed a great acceptance of Ian's playing -- something like "Wow!" Made me proud! Ian played with the Duluth Scottish Heritage P & D this evening and the P/M was very well pleased.

A great evening. A great event.

John M. Glendenning, Jr.
MN (North) Regent



The center attractions: Jock and Ian piping with the Duluth Scottish Heritage Pipe & Drum

***May the best ye hae ivver seen be the warst ye'll ivver see.
May the moose ne'er lea' yer giral wi a tear-drap in its ee.
May ye aye keep hail an hertie till ye'r auld eneuch tae dee.
May ye aye juist be sae happie as A wuss ye aye tae be.***

Translation

***May the best you have ever seen be the worst you will ever see.
May the mouse never leave your grain store with a tear drop in its eye.
May you always stay hale and hearty until you are old enough to die.
May you still be as happy as I always wish you to be.***



Flowers of the Forest

Flowers of the Forrest is an ancient Scottish folk tune typically played to honor fallen soldiers. Our *Flowers of the Forest* tradition as a clan is to pay tribute to our own “fallen soldiers”, our extended Clan Douglas family members.

Contact your local Regent, one of our Clan Douglas Officers, or the Newsletter Editor to submit a tribute.

Pauline Edna (Waller) Albers Feb 18, 1930 – Jan 14, 2017



Pauline Edna (Waller) Albers died January 14, 2017 at the age of 86. Pauline was preceded in death by her husband Norman Henry Albers. She is survived by five children --: Debra Kay Weimer [Patrick], Wayne Allen Albers [Cathy], Donna Sue Baker, Nancy (Kris) Lacefield [Vince], and Patti Jo Richardson – 7 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. Pauline’s passions were travel and genealogy where she traced her lineage back as far as she was able.

MO Regent Harold Edington says, “Pauline was one of the most enthusiastic persons I have ever met and her passion for all things Clan Douglas was immense. A LIFE MEMBER of Clan Douglas, she will be missed.”



Pauline Albers with her daughter
Debbie Weimer at the
Douglas tent in St. Louis 2015



Saint Brigid of Kildare or Brigid of Ireland is one of Ireland's patron saints, along with Patrick and Columba. Irish hagiography makes her an early Irish Christian nun, abbess, and founder of several monasteries of nuns, including that of Kildare in Ireland, which was famous and revered. Her feast day is 1 February, which was originally a pagan festival called *Imbolc*, marking the beginning of spring. St. Bride's Kirk in Douglas, where is buried the Good Sir James Douglas and many other Douglas lords, was dedicated to St. Brigid.



Saint Patrick was a Romano-Briton. Legend says Patrick was born in Scotland in the village of Old Kilpatrick in West Dunbartonshire, Scotland, on the north bank of the River Clyde at the western end of the Antonine Wall. The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty but there is broad agreement that he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the second half of the fifth century. Saint Patrick's Day is observed on 17 March, the supposed date of his death. The reputed burial place of St. Patrick in Downpatrick, Northern Ireland.



Annual Clan Douglas Service Awards... Do you have someone in mind?

Each year Clan Douglas recognizes up to three members for their praiseworthy service to our extended Society family. We have a lot of volunteers who spend numerous hours representing our organization at games, Scottish events, and organizational tasks.

Each nomination must be accompanied by a written recommendation of 1 to 2 paragraphs describing the meritorious service of the nominee. The nominations are reviewed by an Awards Committee appointed by the President. The Awards Committee makes a recommendation of up to three potential recipients to the Board of Directors who make the final selections. The individuals selected are awarded a plaque and recognized at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Active Member Service Award

Active Member Service Award nominations are solicited annually from the general membership, Regents and Board of Directors via email and articles in the newsletter. **Nominees must be an active (dues current) member of CDSNA; any active member is eligible.**

Dr. Gilbert Douglas, Jr. Award

The Dr. Gilbert Douglas, Jr. Award is intended to be offered on an occasional basis to individuals who have served Clan Douglas for many years in an exemplary manner. The Board of Directors nominates and approves recipients of this award. **Nominees must have served 10 or more years in either an elected or appointed position with Clan Douglas.**

Robert W. Groves, Jr. Award

The Robert W. Groves, Jr. Award is intended to be offered on an occasional basis to individuals who have served Clan Douglas for many years in an exemplary manner. The Board of Directors nominates and approves recipients of this award. **Nominees must have served 15 or more years in either an elected or appointed position with Clan Douglas.**

Service Awards Nomination Committee

The President will appoint a chairperson and 2 members to the Awards Committee to serve a period of time determined by the President. The Awards Committee will be responsible for soliciting nominees through emails and an article in the *Dubh Ghlasé*.

Once nominees have been received the Awards Committee will review all candidates and make a recommendation to the Board for their approval. The Board should be provided the names and information for all nominees so that the Board can make an informed decision.

Once the Board approves the award recipients, the Clan Douglas Secretary will notify the CDSNA Storekeeper of the names so that the plaques can be ordered. The Awards Committee chairman should submit an article for the *Dubh Ghlasé* for the issue immediately following the AGM.

**Recommendations to the Board must be made at least 45 days prior to the AGM
so that sufficient time is provided for the decision and preparation of plaques.**

**Award Nominations should be sent to the CDSNA President, Mark Peterson,
BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2017.**

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Gleanings from the Interwebs

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

The articles presented in this section are purloined from the internet
and care has been taken to provide correct attribution to active story links.

Just follow the weblink (copy/paste into your computer browser) to read the story.

If you find an internet article of Celtic or Clan Douglas interest, email the newsletter editor with the weblink.

1. *Traditional Scottish Recipes*

http://www.rampantscotland.com/recipes/blrecipe_index.htm

Here is a collection of traditional recipes from Scotland, ranging from drop scones and tablet to melting moments and whisky toddy. New recipes in this section are added regularly, so bookmark the page and come back for second helpings!

2. *Celtic Christianity and Spirituality*

<http://www.heartoscotland.com/Categories/CelticChristianity.htm>

Celtic Christianity and spirituality are irrevocably bound to the early Celtic Christian saints of Ireland and Scotland.

3. *The Clan System*

<http://www.scotclans.com/scottish-clans/the-clan-system/>

It is the fundamental urge of all living creatures to re-produce, to seek protection in the safety of numbers and to seek order through some form of social harmony. As human beings differ little from this, all over the world from the beginning of recorded time societies have existed, which have bound it's population together in such a way.

4. *Battle of Largs*

http://military.wikia.com/wiki/Battle_of_Largs

The Battle of Largs (2 October 1263) was an indecisive engagement between the kingdoms of Norway and Scotland near Largs, Scotland. The conflict formed part of the Norwegian expedition against Scotland in 1263, in which Hakon Hakonarson, King of Norway attempted to reassert Norwegian sovereignty over the western seaboard of Scotland.

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clan.douglas@yahoo.com
or contact your Regional Asst VP
or the CDSNA Vice President.

Anyone is welcome to submit articles, games reports,
and general information.

**We do request that any article submitted be related to
CDSNA or of general Celtic interest.**

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