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

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

To act as a representative body of Douglasses and septs.
To encourage genealogical research and documentation of Douglas history.
To promote fellowship amongst members.
To establish and maintain contact with other Douglas associations throughout the world.

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

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

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

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



DRUMLANRIG (continued)

Robert Hinde Douglas was the third son of Thomas Harigad and Jane Catherine Rachel Douglas nee Simpson and born Saint Brides House, Boroughmuirhead, Edinburgh, 31/Oct/1871 and died Guernsey, 07/Jan/1941. He was a captain in the mercantile marine and served in the Maritime Customs Service and Consular Service, Tienstin. By 1897, Robert was living at Cryland Cottage, Davidson's Mains, co. Midlothian. In 1902-1906, he was seconded to the Chinese Navy as an instructor in hydrographic surveying. 1911 saw him as harbour master at Tienstin. Having joined the firm of Goddard & Douglas Marine Surveyors in Hongkong, Robert then held an appointment in the Philippine Islands. He was married Shanghai, China, 16/Jul/1912, Sarah Jane daughter of William Raynolds of Ramsay, Essex. Their family:

1. Gawain Thomas Alexander Douglas
2. Sarah Jane Douglas, born Hong Kong, 26/Apr/1913, died infancy.
3. Sholto James Archibald Douglas, born Tienstin 06/Aug/1918; probably killed in action in 1942 as reported 'missing' with the Gordon Highlanders.
4. Margaret Isobel Douglas, born Hong Kong, 14/Dec/1919; married 23/Jun/1943 John Michael Hargreave son of Oliver Hargreave; Commander Royal Navy Reserve.

1. Gawain Thomas Alexander Douglas was born Eagle House, Woodford Green, Essex, 18/Dec/1914; educ. Elizabeth College, Guernsey and the Royal Military College, Camberley; officer in the Armoured Corps Special Reserve, Squadron leader Royal Air Force, D.F.C.; served with the 15th Lancers and the 11th Prince Albert Victor's Own Cavalry (Frontier Force) of the former Indian Army; Aide-de-Camp to Lord Erskine; 1938-1940 Governor of Madras; 1941 seconded to the R.A.F. and Commanded 28 and 34 Squadrons in Burma and Malaya, and 152 Squadron in India. Gawain married (1) Madras, India, 07/Nov/1940, Patricia Marie Turner daughter of Arthur Cleveland Turner M.B.E. Gawain and Patricia Douglas had two sons:

1. Nigel Gawaine Robert Cleveland Douglas
2. Charles James Michael Douglas

Gawain TA Douglas married (2) at Calcutta, India, 30/Dec/1955 Catherynne Anne Osbourne daughter of Reginald Arthur Osborne and had a daughter

3. Jennifer Claire Aruna Douglas, born Warsak, Peshawar, North West Frontier, Pakistan 19/Mar/1957; married Kingston, Surrey 10/Sep/1987, Anthony Buxton son of Alfred Buxton.

1. Nigel Gawaine Robert Cleveland Douglas was born Jodhpur, Central India, 15/Jan/1942; educ. Pangbourne Nautical College; married London, 18/Jul/1963, Hilary Ann Carter daughter of William Edward Carter. Nigel and Hilary have children:

1. Julian Edward Douglas born Tonbridge, Kent 07/Apr/1971; educ. Mayfield College, Sussex.
2. Melanie Jane Douglas, born London 25/Dec/1963; married (1) 08/Jun/1985, Benenden, Kent, Peter Clark son of Kenneth Clark; married (2) 03/Dec/1988, Ashford, Kent, Graham Arthur Luker son of George Arthur Luker.



2. **Charles James Michael Douglas** second son of Gawain TA and Patricia Marie Douglas nee Turner was born Wellington, Nilgiris, South-India, 19/Sep/1944; educ. Pangbourne Nautical College; married (1) London, 30/Apr/1964, Carole Leith-Ross daughter of Hugh Leith-Ross and had two children:

1. Emma Douglas born London, England 11/Nov/1964

2. James Riordan Dare Douglas, born Tonbridge 21/Dec/1970; educ. Hurstpierpont and St Andrew's University.

2. Charles JM Douglas married (2) 19/Sep/1984, Phillipa Louise Redfern daughter of Maurice Gerard Redfern and had a further two children:

3. Alice Douglas, born 13/Jun/1991

4. George Douglas, born 21/Dec/1992

William Dodds Simpson Douglas was the sixth child of Thomas Harigad and Jane Catherine Rachel Douglas nee Simpson and was born 01/May/1880; died 1982; married 16/Sep/1905, Catherine Monro MacDonald daughter of James MacDonald of Craigeith. The children of William and Catherine Douglas nee MacDonald:

1. Jane Catherine Rachel Simpson Douglas born Balcarres 16/Jan/ 1900; married ? Davenport and lives in Florida.

2. James MacDonald Douglas was born Balcarres 25/Jul/1905

3. Jenny Davidson Douglas was born Balcarres, 15/Feb/1909

4. Sholto John Archibald Douglas was born Balcarres, 20/Jan/1911

5. Mary Douglas was born Balcarres, 14/Jan/1913

6. Marjorie Margeret Douglas was born Balcarres, 01/Sep/1917

7. William Ernest Douglas was born Balcarres 17/Jun/1919; joined the Royal Air Force at the outbreak of the 2nd World War and was reported 'missing in action'.

Archibald Douglas was the 4th child of James Torry and Anne Duncan Douglas nee Lennie of Edinburgh and was born 03/Sep/1871; married Jeannie Mark daughter of George Mark. Archibald and Jeannie Douglas had two daughters:

1. Mary Rose Douglas, born 15/Jul/1905

2. Hilda Brown Douglas born 16/Aug/1916

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

George Abercromby Douglas was the youngest son of William Douglas and the Honourable Grace Ogilvy of Sheriff Hall, Newton near Dalkeith, Scotland and was born on 28/Sep/1801; d.28/Feb/1879. George immigrated to NSW and was a cabin passenger on the barque *Rajah* which sailed from Leith, Scotland on 05/Apr/1838 with merchandise for Port Jackson via Hobart Town arriving 26/Sep/1838. Soon after his arrival, George met John Hillas who convinced him to apply for a land grant at Taralga. He was still at this location in 1841 as his daughter Margaret was born there. George Douglas married Jessy McDonald nee McIntosh and had two daughters, Grace Cecelia and Margaret Douglas. Grace Cecelia Douglas married John Barry and Margaret Douglas married John Joseph Hughes.

(*Our Families Past & Present to 1983* by Major WE Hughes, MBE, JP, RL, pp.200-201)



SANDILANDS

The surname SANDILANDS is derived from the lands of Sandilands in the upper ward of Clydesdale and with the lands of Reidmyre were given to James of Sandilands by William, Lord Douglas, 18/Dec/1348 for services rendered. Sir James of Sandilands was first recorded obtaining a charter of lands in the county of Peebles from King David 11 in October 1345 as well as grants of the barony and castlewards of Wiston in Lanarkshire. Sir James of Sandilands was one of the attendants chosen by Lord William Douglas to accompany him to London in 1347 in the train of David II. They obtained a 'safe conduct' to England from King Edward III to bring necessaries to Sir William Douglas of Liddesdale who was a prisoner in the Tower of London at that time. It seems that Sir James of Sandilands spent a great deal of his time traveling to and from London on business on behalf of William Douglas. When James Sandilands married Eleanor of Bruce, the sister of Douglas, James was granted the barony of Bengowre (Bangour) co. Edinburgh as a marriage settlement. In 1350, this was confirmed by Duncan, Earl of Fife who had given it to Douglas formerly. In consequence of the marriage of Sandilands to Eleanor Douglas, King David ratified that the Douglas arms be quartered by the Lords of Calder and it has indeed been pointed out that on the failure of the older legitimate line, the Sandilands became in law heirs-general of the house of Douglas.

Sir James Sandilands married Eleanor only daughter of Sir Archibald Douglas, Regent of Scotland and relict of Alexander Bruce, Earl of Carrick who was slain at Halidon Hill in 1333. After the death of James Sandilands in 1358, Eleanor married (3) William Towers of Dalry; married (4) Sir Duncan Wallace of Sundrum and (5) in 1376, Sir Patrick Hepburn of Hailes. Sir James Sandilands and the Lady Eleanor had two sons:

1. James Sandilands who succeeded his father.
2. Patrick Sandilands who obtained a dispensation from Pope

Clement VII to intermarry with Isabella, relict of John of Lyndissoun (Lindsay) John being a third cousin of Patrick's, at Avignon 02/Jun/1383.

Sir James Sandilands of Calder was granted permission by Edward III in 1358 to travel to Durham to further his studies. Over the years his name appears in various charters of King Robert II. Sir James Sandilands married Jean or Joanna daughter of King Robert II and widow successively of Sir John Keith and Sir John Lyon of Glamis the King's secretary and afterwards Chamberlain who was assassinated in 1382. Sir James Sandilands & the Lady Jean had a son

1. James Sandilands of Calder seems to have followed in his father's footsteps regarding the witnessing of various charters of Robert, Duke of Albany in which he is called the King's nephew. In 1409 George Douglas, Earl of Angus granted Sir James Sandilands 200 merks of the great customs of Haddington. Sir James was one of the hostages for King James I when he was allowed to visit Scotland in 1421 and there is also a safe-conduct given by Henry VI for Sir James Sandilands of Calder and retinue (20 persons) to meet James, King of the Scots in the city of Durham in 1423-24. In 1426 Sir James Sandilands was hostage in the Tower of London but died before 07/Dec/1426 when confirmation was received that Murdac, Duke of Albany conceded to James de Sandilands of Calder and to Jonet his wife, the lands and barony of Erthbisset, co. Stirling. Sir James Sandilands and the Lady Jonet had two sons:

1. John Sandilands who succeeded
2. James Sandilands who witnessed a charter 07/Jul/1434 but was

assassinated together with his nephew near Dumbarton, 21/Aug/1451.

Sir John Sandilands of Calder was infeft in the lands and barony of Calder under a writ from the Earl of Douglas in 1437. He received customs dues from Linlithgow in 1446 and in 1455 he had seisin of the lands of Davidstoune and Erthbisset. He is

mentioned together with his son and grandson in the years 1478 and 1481 and appears as a defender in a civil cause in December 1482. He is purported to have married Christian Dundas daughter of James Dundas of Dundas and had two sons:

1. John Sandilands aged 20 years was assassinated near Dumbarton 21/Aug/1451 with his uncle James by Patrick Thornton a secret agent of the Douglas faction.

2. James Sandilands fiar of Calder in 1466 and 1478 whose father John was still alive at this time but by 1488 was stated as his father's heir and had seisin. James held charters from his father of the lands of Torphin in 1450 and to himself and Margaret Kinloch his wife of the lands of Methill and Litol Harwode 1466. This marriage was dispensated and Sir James Sandilands had married by 1489 (2) Margaret Ker daughter of Andrew Ker of Altonburn who survived him and was in 1509, wife of William, Earl of Erroll. She was dead by 1532 when her sons Peter and James are named as her executors. There is a charter by John Kinloch of Cruvie dated at Inverkeithing in 1478 which concedes certain lands in Fife to his grandson John Sandilands, son and apparent heir of Sir James Sandilands son and heir to Sir John Sandilands, Lord of Calder. This Sir James Sandilands died before 1505 when James Sandilands of Cruvie was served heir to his father in Petlair and other lands. Sir James Sandilands and the Lady Margaret Kinloch had two children:

1. John Sandilands who succeeded his father

2. Christian Sandilands married (1) David Hepburn of Wauchton and (2) Andrew Anstruther of that ilk who died at Flodden in 1513.

By his second wife Margaret Ker, James Sandilands had issue:

3. James Sandilands of Cruvie ancestor of Sir James Sandilands of St. Monans, created Lord Abercrombie. He had had bestowed on him by his father the Calder estates but he resigned these in favour of his nephew receiving in exchange the lands of Cruvie.

4. John Sandilands to whom his brother Mr Peter was infeft as heirs in the lands of Gartcarron in Lennox in 1521.

5. Peter Sandilands was Rector of Calder in 1526 when he witnessed a charter of Andrew Oliphant of Berridale. Commenced the rebuilding of the Calder Parish Church before 1541 but died before May 1549 when James Sandilands of St Monans his brother's son was served his heir.

6. Margaret married (1) Robert Bruce of Auchinbowie burgess of Stirling in 1506 and before she married (2) Lawrence third Lord Oliphant.

7.— a daughter married William Dishington, fiar of Ardross. They had at least one son Paul Dishington, son and heir.

Sir John Sandilands was fiar of Calder and the eldest son was mentioned in 1478. There is another charter executed during the lifetime of his grandfather where James Scrimgeour, Lord of Dudhope and Constable of Dundee, granted John (junior) of Sandilands his daughter Elizabeth's husband half of the lands of Southbello, co. Perth dated Edinburgh 15/Oct/1481 — probably a marriage settlement. This John Sandilands died before 13/Feb/1493-94. John Sandilands and Elizabeth had two children;

1. James Sandilands who succeeded his father

2. Alison Sandilands who married Sir Alexander Boswell of Balmuto. They jointly held a charter of the lands of Balglegilly in 1508 but he fell at Flodden 09/Sep/1513. She remained a widow and was still living in 1531.

(Compiled from *The Scots Peerage* edited by Sir James Balfour Paul, Lord Lyon King of Arms, Vol.8 pp. 378-385)



President's Message

I hope 2007 will be happy, healthy and prosperous for you all. Our news media, as well as general conversation, seem full of global warming and WATER! Both issues, I feel are connected if we are to consider our planet and our future generations. "Think Globally and act locally" may become our catch-cry".

And now, to also think and act locally on a CDDA issue, may I remind you of our forthcoming EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING ON 24TH MARCH AT 116 STRONG AVE., GRACEVILLE, BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND AT 2PM. We have already received numerous postal votes on the issues outlined in the last Newsletter, and I hope to have a good roll up of members attending the meeting.

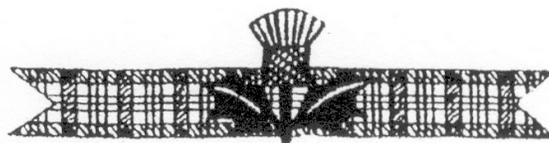
On the 27th January on behalf of the CDAA, I attended THE CLANS CONGRESS OF QUEENSLAND BURNS'SUPPER where I was invited to respond to the toast "To The Lassies." As well as a response to the "Proposer of the Toast", I had some interesting historical connections to Robert Burns of which I spoke and shall share with you in a small article.

KIRKIN' THE TARTAN is held annually at different churches of differing denominations, and this year it will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Morgan St., Fortitude Valley at 9am on Sunday 24th June (car park next to the church). Morning Tea will follow where clans usually mingle informally with Governor and each other.

A CELEBRATION TO MARK THE 20 YEARS for members and friends of CDDA will follow with a luncheon to be held at The Merthyr Bowls Club, Oxlade Drive, New Farm at 12.30.(The Bowls Club has a very good menu — most main course prices under \$20-00 and a bar). Please call me on 07 3379 6357 if you intend coming as a booking needs to be made early — it's a popular venue.

I shall look forward to welcoming members and friends of CDAA on the 24th June.

Jan Shaw (nee Douglas)



The Burns Supper 27/Jan/2007

All over the world, Scots gather together around 25th January, to celebrate the date of birth of Robert Burns the great poet. Scottish clansmen proudly wear their kilts and the lassies a tartan sash. A 'haggis' is piped in and addressed in the following manner. The connection with Robert Burns mentioned in the President's Message stems around a poem Burns wrote to commemorate his dinner at the house of Matthew Stuart.

Address to a Haggis

By Robert Burns in 1786

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o' the pudding-race!
Aboon them a' yet tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm:
Weel are ye wordy or a grace
As long's my arm.
The groaning trencher there ye fill,
Your hurdies like a distant hill,
Your pin was help to mend a mill
In time o' need,
While thro' your pores the dews distil
Like amber bead.
His knife see rustic dight,
An' cut upi up wi' ready sleight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like ony ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm-reekin', rich!
Then, horn for horn, they stretch an' strive:
Deil tak hindmost! on they drive,
Till a' their weel swall'd kytes believe
Are bent like drums;
Then auld Guidman, maist like to rive,
Bethankit! hums.
Is there that owre his French ragout
Or olio that wad staw a dow,
Or fricassee wad make her spew
Wi' perfect sconner,
Looks down wi' sneering, scornfu' view
On sic a dinner?
Poor devil! see him owre his trash,
As feckles as wither'd rash,
His spindle shank, a guid whip-lash;
His nieve a nit;
Thro body flood or field to dash,
A how unfit!
But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread.
Clap in his walie nieve a blade,
He'll mak it whissle;
An' legs an' arms, an' hands will sned,
Like taps o' trissie.
Ye Pow'rs, wha mak mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill o' fare,
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking ware
That jaups in luggies;
But, if ye wish her gratfu' prayer
Gie her a haggis!

At the Burns Supper, the immortal memory of Robert Burns is recalled, selections of Burns poems read, a Scottish band plays, a fine dinner is eaten and a toast to the Lassies is made, with a response by one of the Lassies present. This year, Jan shaw was asked to respond. As well as picking up some points of the speaker proposing the toast, she was able to share some interesting connections she'd found.

One of her guests at table was a good friend, Jan Noble and her 5xgreat grandfather was one Matthew Stewart (1717-1784, professor of Mathematics at University of Edinburgh.) His son, Dugald was a metaphysician who later held the chair of Moral Philosophy. These learned men were most impressed by Burns' genius and Burns in turn, wrote of them in his long and patriotic poem "The Vision" in 1786. A verse is included:

With deep-struck reverential awe,
The learned sire and Son I saw,
To Nature's God, and Nature's law,
They gave their lore;
This, all its source and end to draw
That, to adore.

However, Dugald Stewart invited Burns to dinner in Edinburgh on 23/Oct/1786 and amongst the guests was Lord Daer, and although Burns had expressed sentiments hardly flattering to the aristocracy in the past, he changed his tune on meeting Lord Daer and wrote the following poem:

This wot ye all whom it concerns,
I, Rhymer Robin, alias Burns,
October twenty-third,
A ne'er-to-be-forgotten day,
Sae far I sprackl'd up the brae,
I dinner'd wi' a Lord.
I've been at drucken writers' feasts,
Nay, been bitch-fou 'mang godly priests –
Wi' rev'ence be it spoken!
I've even join'd the honour'd jorum,
When mighty Squireships of the quorum,¹
Their hydra drouth did sloken.
But wi' a Lord – stand out my shin,
A Lord-a Peer-an Earl's son!
Up higher yet, my bonnet
An' sic a Lord! Lang Scoth ells twa,²
Our peerage he o'erlooks them a',
As I look o're my sonnet.
But O for Hogarth's magic pow'r!
To show Sir Bardie's willyart glow'r,
An' how he star'd and stammer'd,
When, goavin', as if led wi' branks,
An' stumpin on his ploughman shanks,
He in the parlour hammer'd.
I sidying shelter'd in a nook,
An' at his Lordship steal't a look,
Like some portentous omen;
Except good sense and social glee,
An' (what surpris'd me) modesty,
I marked nought uncommon.
I watch'd the symptoms o' the Great,
The gentle pride, the lordly state,
The arrogant assuming;
The fient a pride, nae pride had he,
Nor sauce, nor state, that I could see,
Mair than an honest ploughman.
Then from his Lordship I shall learn,

¹ A large drinking bowl

² twore

Henceforth to meet with unconcern
One rank as weel's another;
Nae honest, worthy man need care
To meet with noble youthful Daer,
For he but meets a brother.

And who was Lord Daer? You may well ask. None other than Thomas, 5th Earl of Selkirk and a clansman.

The Earl of Selkirk

The Earl of Selkirk is a title in the Peerage of Scotland, created in 1646.

William Douglas (1634-1694), younger son of the 1st Marquess of Douglas, was created Earl of Selkirk and Lord Daer and Shortcleuch in the peerage of Scotland on 04/Aug/1646. He married Anne Hamilton, 3rd Duchess of Hamilton, 29/Apr/1656. In 1660 he legally changed his surname to Douglas-Hamilton and was created Duke of Hamilton for life as then not an uncommon practice in Scotland when a peeress in her own right married someone of lesser degree.

On 06/Oct/1688, the new Duke of Hamilton surrendered his previous peerages to the crown and they were reconferred on his younger son Charles Douglas (1663-1739) with remainder to each of Charles's younger brothers before his elder brother.

(Charles had been christened as Charles Hamilton, but changed his name to Charles Douglas upon receiving his titles). The *novodamus* dictated that, should the earldom ever devolve to the holder of the

title Duke of Hamilton, his younger brother and his heirs should succeed to the title before him. Further, that were any Duke to hold the title at his death the Dukedom and the Selkirk titles should again separate to the eldest and second eldest sons.

This remainder is so unusual that a dance was created around it – Hamilton House. Charles Douglas died childless and the 3rd Earl of Selkirk was his younger brother John Hamilton (c.1664-1744) who on 14/Apr/1697 had been created Earl of Ruglen, Viscount of Riccartoun and Lord Hillhouse. He outlived his son and heir and the earldom of Ruglen and subsidy titles passed to his daughter Anne Hamilton, 2nd Countess of Ruglen, and through her marriage to the families of the Earl of March and the Duke of Queensberry.

The earldom of Selkirk being limited to male heirs, passed to the grandson of Basil Hamilton (1671-1701) the youngest brother of Charles and John. Upon succeeding to the title, Dunbar Hamilton (1722-1799) changed his surname to become Dunbar Douglas, 4th Earl of Selkirk. His son Thomas Douglas (1771-1820) and grandson Dunbar James Douglas (1809-1885) succeeded him.

Upon the 6th Earl's death, the Earldom of Selkirk reverted to the senior line, devolving by virtue of the special remainder on the younger brother of the 12th Duke of Hamilton, Charles George Douglas-Hamilton (1847-1886), 7th Earl of Selkirk. The 7th Earl died childless and title passed back to the 12th Duke. When he died without male issue, his 4th cousin Alfred Douglas-Hamilton (1862-1940) inherited the 9th Earldom of Selkirk along with the 13th Dukedom. Upon his death the dukedom went to his eldest son whilst the 10th Earldom of Selkirk went to his younger son George Nigel Douglas-Hamilton (1906-1994).

Upon the death of the 10th Earl, James Alexander Douglas-Hamilton younger brother of the 15th Duke of Hamilton, became the 11th Earl. He disclaimed his peerages in order to remain in the House of Commons, was later elevated to the House of Lords with a life peerage as Baron Selkirk of Douglas, and is now a Member of the Scottish Parliament. His son and heir is John Andrew Douglas-Hamilton, Lord Daer Master of Selkirk.

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Another source is from Marilyn Rowan MARBRACKT SERVICES, PO Box 38 Menai Central, NSW 2234 and email: marilyn@australis.net.au and her fees are comparable to Joy's.

(Information sent in by B Connaughton, Clan Douglas Association of Australia member)

24 March, 2007 — Extradordinary General Meeting at 116 Strong Ave., Graceville at 2pm

18 March, 2007 — Geelong Highland Games, Queens Park, Newtown, contact T. 03 5243 4276

25 March, 2007 — Ringwood Highland Games, Jubilee Park, Ringwood, contact T. 03 9876 4140

06-07 April 2007 — Lower Clarence Scottish Gathering, MacLean, NSW

14 April 2007 — Holroyd City Festival & Parade, Merrylands, NSW

15 April 2007 — Culloden Commemoration being held as part of the morning service at the Campbell Street Presbyterian Church, Balmain, NSW. Clan bearers are invited to participate in this service and all who attend are invited to Morning Tea afterwards in the church hall.

25 April 2007 — Scottish Act of Remembrance, Sydney, NSW

28 April 2007 — Annual Bundanoon Highland Games in the Southern Highlands of NSW

03-06 May 2007 — The Year of the Scots will be celebrated at the Australian Celtic Festival at Glen Innes in the New England.

04 May, 2007 — Annual highland Ball, Town Hall, Williamstown, contact T. 9314 0159

26 May 2007 — A new Celtic Festival at Berry, NSW at the Showground. Enquire from Col Hanbridge, T. 02 4234 1346. There will be massed bands, caber tossing, haggis hurling and pastie making, plus lots of Celtic music and dance.

28 May 2007 — Mini Pipe Band & Solo Competitions, Adelaide, SA

01-03 June 2007 — Manning Valley Historical Society will celebrate "Bonnie Wingham", a Scottish weekend in the valley. Enquiries Gaye Cameron T. 02 6553 5118

24 June 2007 — Kirkin' The Tartan at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Morgan St., Fortitude Valley, Brisbane at 9am Sunday. To be followed by a Celebration Luncheon for Members and Friends of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia to be held at the Merthyr Bowls Club, Oxlade Drive, New Farm, Queensland at 12.30pm to mark the 20th year since the Clans' inauguration. Please **RSVP** Jan Shaw if you are coming.

2007 promises to be a special year for the Highlands of Scotland. Thousands of events and activities will take place celebrating Highland culture in villages, towns and cities across the Highlands and beyond. It will be an exciting time to be in the highlands and a number of Clan Societies will hold International Gatherings within the region. For details go to <http://www.highland2007.com/events-home-page.html>

By Douglas town in ruin lies a Castle that knew fame,
For there a gallant Knight abode and Douglas was his name,
He put to flight the English Might and glory brought to us
Now history in ruin lies at Castle Dangerous.

O long may Scotland sing in praise, her sons wi' famous names,
Now let us sing the glory of a Douglas Good Sir James,
Let every hill and glen resound his battle cry of yore,
"A Douglas" "Douglas" "Douglas" "A Douglas Evermore."

Side by side wi' Bruce he fought, and always played his part,
And when at last the great Bruce died, he took his dear King's heart
Into the thickest of the fray he flung the heart on high,
"Go first as thou were wont to do, I'll follow thee or die."

At last at rest in auld St Bride's, the famous Douglas lie,
Nae mair the English fear their names or fear their battle cry,
But long may Scotland praise his name who fought victorious,
The Great Black Douglas, Good Sir James, of Castle Dangerous.
Author unknown

When the Gaels celebrate the birth of Christ they picture the gentle Bride, Saint Bride of the Kine, stealing on tired wondering feet across the Courtyard of the Inn at Bethlehem. They see her crossing to the sleeping babe wrapped in her mantle, and through the swelling harmonies of the first service on Christmas morning, they listen to her angel's song.

Who is this Saint Bride, this Muime Chriod of the Celtic Race, this tender-hearted pitying "Fostermother of the Christ?" Some hold she was the niece of Saint Ultan, and followed the footsteps of Saint Patrick. She is, above all, Saint Bride of the Mantle, the loving shepardess of sheep, and perhaps because she was borne of the Royal Blood of Ireland, and exiled on account of the high destiny that should be hers, or because her parents were poor and obscure, yet filled with piety, she came in some mysterious way to be a serving maid in the Inn at Bethlehem.



Editorial

I am pleased to report that the Clan Douglas Association of Australia has regained nearly all its old members from 2006 but there are still some who have not rejoined. Unfortunately, these non-members won't be sent a newsletter in future. Although the membership fee remains low in comparison to other like organizations, we are unable to continue to carry non-subscribing members. Therefore, I ask that if you are aware of old members who have not rejoined, then please ask them to send the subscription fee of \$20-00 to the Membership Secretary, Clan Douglas Association of Australia, K34/356 Blunder Road, Durack, 4077 and they will then receive a copy of your latest newsletter.

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

The Story of St Bride
The Handmaid of the Inn

A decree had gone out from Caesar Augustus, and the little city was full. A great drought held the land in its parched grip and the innkeeper must needs make his way to the well that is beside the gate, there to bide his time. He left Bride but a stoup of water and a bannock for her use, and till his coming back no further traveler must be admitted to the caravanserai.

The twilight deepened into the dusk of an Eastern night, lit with a glory of twinkling stars, and a golden planet hung low upon the horizon. Palms and cypresses rose out of the barren sand, and beyond, the roofs and domes of the town glimmered white in the stillness.

There entered slowly into the courtyard an old man with hair and beard yet brown, and with mild eyes in which there brooded wondering joy and great awe. In one hand he grasped his pilgrim' staff, and by the other he led a mule on which was seated a woman. He asked for food and shelter, but Bride could give naught but the provision which was hers, and guide them to the shed where meek oxen lay. There was no more room for them in the Inn. Then she returned to her post and fell into a deep sleep, but when she awoke it seemed to her that as from a distance she heard a rapture of music ineffable, as when the morning stars sung together and all the sons of God shouted with joy. A dazzling radiance shone above the stable door, a glory exceeding the glory of sunset or of dawn. Trembling, she entered the lowly rockhewn byre, and fell upon her face in adoration, for there was that Blessed One she had seen in a vision of her childhood as she gazed into the cool depths of the fountain of youth. In that instant her memory returned to an Island set in western seas, where on the horizon dim enchanted Isles lie shadowy, and the winds blow out of an unknown past.

Often through her slumbers there had floated the song the white merle sang in the branches of the quicken tree beside the spring, while that form in which the perfect ideal of womanhood was revealed, whose innocence and loveliness no painter has ever succeeded in portraying, had haunted her waking dreams.

The Babe slept and gently bending, Bride received Him from the arms of the Blessed among women, and wrapped Him in her mantle, for the breeze would come chill with the dawning. Then sprinkling on his head three drops of water, she, too, fell asleep.

(Taken from "A Guide to Douglas Landmarks in Scotland" Castles, Abbeys and Battles.