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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 is:

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

To act as a representative body of Douglasses and septs.

To encourage genealogical research and documentation of Douglas history.

To promote fellowship amongst members.

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

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

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

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

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

We ask you to please notify anyone else you know to be eligible to join, especially those who may not be on our mailing list. Enclosed is a membership form to be returned with Australian currency cheques made out to CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION and send to - Membership Secretary, Clan Douglas Association of Australia, 6 Helidon Grove, Jacob's Ridge, Ormeau, 4208

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to 2009, I wish you all a happy, healthy and productive New Year. (Prosperity – at least financial prosperity is predicted to be allusive this year).

2009 is one of note in Queensland as we celebrate 150 years of being 'Queensland', and the separation from New South Wales.

From the records I have already seen of old film clips, it is amazing what development has been achieved in that time. Perhaps we can at least shake off our "banana benders" title now.

Representing CDAA, in January I attended a Burns Supper with other Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland members.

This time it was hosted by the Irish Pipe Band.

We do believe in the homogeneity of the cultures! But it was, in effect, very Scottish and very enjoyable.

In this newsletter I shall begin a series of instalments on the Earls of Angus and the roles they played in Scottish History.

I am hoping that other members will follow this lead and contribute writings about their lines, be they long or short.

(Even extracts on some notable Douglasses would be interesting)

In August there is to be a 'Gathering' of the Clans in Edinburgh, Dr. Beryl Turner plans to be there and will represent CDAA. If other members plan to go, please contact me.

Jan Shaw (nee Douglas) President.

CLERGYMEN

Of interest to people doing research in Old Parish Records, sasines, Service of Heirs, Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae, etc., the following may explain some puzzling records: Until the 18th century a clerk who had been to university was in Latin, called *Magister*. A non-graduate clerk was called *Dominus*, a word often translated as *Sir*, but this does not mean that he was a knight.

The person who originally founded, built or endowed a respective church had the right as its *patron* to make *presentation* to the 'Presbytery', of a suitable candidate to be its incumbent. The person *presented* might well be a relative of the patron and already be ordained. It was usual that he be over the age of 21 and be of legitimate birth.

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Wedding & Courtship Customs

(Compiled from "The Journal", Kilmarnock Family History Society, Issue 19, August 2006, p.17)

Courtship and marriage are important in all societies and many customs and rituals have risen as a result. Below are a few such events which used to happen in Scotland and which many of our forebears have brought to the countries in which they chose to live when they immigrated.

Prophecies

Remember the custom of foretelling your marriage partner? One such event was by paring an apple so that the skin came off in one length. As the clock struck 12, the skin was swung round the head and thrown over the left shoulder. When it landed it would form the first letter of the name of the future spouse. Another such custom was the burning of two nuts in a fire. If they burned quietly then all would be well but if they exploded and burst, true love would be hard to find.

Valentine Dealing

On 14 February an equal number of male and female names were written on bits of paper and placed in separate containers. Each person drew out a name from the appropriate tin. Whoever became paired were sweethearts for the following year. The modern custom of sending Valentine cards stems from this arrangement. Modern envelopes have "Postman, postman, do not tarry, take this to the girl I'll marry" and "SWALK" (sealed with a loving kiss) and/or HOLLAND (how our love lasts and never dies) written on them.

Courting/winching

Going out together was a popular activity for the young men and women and still is. Everyone would gradually pair off but in the old days, when they became engaged, they stood on opposite sides of a burn, dipped their hands in the water and joined hands.

Bundling

Orkney was particularly active in this custom although it was practised in many parts of Scotland too. The courting couple were encouraged to share a bed — but with a somewhat strange twist to the sharing. The girl's legs were tied and covered securely with a sheet or quilt with the idea being to allow the couple to talk and get to know one another but in the safe (and warm) confines of the girl's home.

Name Carving

We've all done this at some stage or other. Initials were often carved or written on tree trunks/stones/school desks/toilet doors etc. sometimes surrounded by a heart — DH loves JB.

Dance Halls

Ever the popular meeting places for the young in both town and city. It was customary for the men to stand on one side of the hall and girls on the other. When the announcement "Please take your partners for..." was made, there was a mad dash by the boys across the dance floor. The legendary question was "Are ye dancing?" to which the reply was "Are ye askin?" As the evening progressed, there might be a mutual agreement for the young man to 'lumber' a girl home.



DRUMLANRIG – (Continued)

Gerald Noel Douglas was the twin son of Philip William & Charlotte Douglas nee Barber; lived at St Miguel, San Luis, Obispo County, California, USA; married Clifton 03/Feb/1876, Charlotte daughter of Frederick Elton of Whitestaunton, Somersetshire. They had issue

1. Gerald Elton Douglas, born 14/Nov/1876
2. Katherine Mary Douglas born 06/Jan/ 1878
3. Charlotte Isabel Douglas born 27/Jun/1879; married 05/Jun/1905, Paul M. Grigg of San Luis Obispo, California;
4. Charles Noel Douglas, born 16/Aug/1880; married 30/Jun/1917, Grace Sorguefrey;
5. Carolyn Frances Douglas born 28/Oct/1881;
6. Mary Dorothea Douglas born 08/Dec/1883; married 17/Sep/1907 Burton Laurence;
7. Ethel Millicent Douglas born 30/Jun/1885;
8. Ellen Constance Douglas born 22/Jun/1886;
9. James Mainwaring Douglas born 14/Nov/1887; lived at Fort Worth, Texas, USA;
10. Evelyn Salome Douglas born 22/Dec/1889; married 14/Nov/1916, Winthrop Martin.

Alexander Douglas born Fingland, 1709 the son of William Douglas and Elizabeth Clerk; died Newbegging Hallhead, Carlisle 1769; buried St Cutbert's, Carlisle, 06/Feb/1769; Captain of Royal Marines; married Janet, daughter and co-heiress of William Johnstone of Beirholm, in the parish of Kirkpatrick-Juxta. They had issue:

1. Sara Douglas, born 1743; died 29/Oct/1764; buried at St Michael's Dumfries; married Lieutenant John Campbell.

Robert Douglas was born Fingland, 1674 and the son of Archibald Douglas of Morton and Marion Kennedy; on 10/Dec/1709 sasine and 11/Dec/ obtaining the land of Aucinshinach from his uncle Samuel; Customs Collector in Glasgow; 1715 serving under Lord Derwentwater and was renowned as a stealer of horses to replace those that were lost in battle; married Glasgow, 16/Apr/1706, Margaret Corbet and had

1. James Douglas baptised in Glasgow 05/Dec/1710;
2. Archibald Douglas baptised Glasgow 21/Oct/1712;

SALWARPE Dorsetshire

Robert Douglas was the son of Archibald and Elizabeth Douglas nee Burchard of Fingland, and was the 6th son born Witham, Essex; died 06/Dec/1806; buried at Salwarpe; Robert obtained Salwarpe and Hampton Lovett from his father-in-law; 12/Apr/1796 owner of his father's house "White Hall", Newlands Street, Witham which he sold to his brother William; educated Harrow and Corpus Christie College, Cambridge (L.I.B. 1782); Cornet 4th Dragoons; Rector of Salwarpe and Brampton Lovett, Worcestershire and Curate of Winchin Hampton, Gloucestershire, of Knightwick, Worcestershire, and of Whitbourne, Herefordshire; married 15/Dec/1787, Frances daughter of Henry Vaughan Jeffreys of Kirkham Abbey, Yorkshire. They had issue:

1. Henry Douglas
2. Frances Anne Douglas born Wick, Worcestershire 01/Aug/1789; died



10/Sep/1882; buried Salwarpe Churchyard; married 09/Jun/1830, Rev. David Morgan, Rector of Ham, Wiltshire.

3. Helen Margaret Douglas was born 19/Nov/1791; died 09/Mar/1830; buried Holywell Churchyard; married 11/Jul/1815, Very Rev. Thomas Gaisford, D.D. 1831-1855, Dean of Cathedral Chapel, Oxford;

4. Robert Archibald Douglas-Gresley, of High Park, Worcestershire and Salwarpe; born 24/Oct/1794; died 13/Feb/1885; educated Rugby College; member of Conservative Club in London. In 1829, he assumed the additional surname and arms of Gresley in compliance with the will of Philip Gresley of High Park, Droitwich. In 30/Jan/1830 he applied for and obtained the Royal License as Lord of the Manor of Salwarpe; JP for Worcestershire; secretary to his uncle, van Mildert, bishop of Durham and his 2 successors; married 1833, Rebecca Maria Harvey daughter of Thomas Harvey of Belmont, Herefordshire.

5. Mary Douglas was born 19/Nov/1796; baptised Salwarpe 28/Jan/1819; died 17/Jun/1849; married 28/Jan/1819, Rev. Richard Lowndes of Morden Park and Farnham, Surrey.

Henry Douglas was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Douglas nee Burchard; born 17/Apr/1793; died Durham College 15/Jul/1859; buried in graveyard at Durham Cathedral; educated Rugby and St John's College, Cambridge (BA 1815 and MA 1818); 1822-1832 Vicar of Newland, Gloucestershire; 07/Apr/1825 Rural Dean, Prebendary and Precentor of Llandaff, Glamorganshire; 1832 Rector of Salwarpe and Whickham, co. Durham; 1834-1849 Canon of the Cathedral Church of Durham; married 30/Sep/1823, Eleanor Birt, daughter of Rev. Thomas Birt, Vicar of Newland, Gloucestershire. Their family:

1. William Willoughby Douglas

2. Frances Ann Douglas, born 20/Oct/1825; died Barmouth, Merionethshire, 28/Aug/1887; married 06/Nov/1849, Right Rev. William Walsham How 1888-1897 Bishop of Wakefield;

3. Robert Archibald Douglas born 15/Oct/1825; died 27/Nov/1899; buried Brompton, London; educated Eton and St John's College, Cambridge (BA 1849, MA 1852); 26/Jan/1854 Barrister-at-law, Inner Temple.

4. Henry Douglas

5. Ellen Douglas born 20/Sep/1829; died 23/Jul/1905; married 16/Nov/1854, Rev. Charles Samuel Palner of Hampton Manor, Herefordshire, Canon of Hereford, son of Rev. Henry Palner of Withcote Hall, Leicestershire.

6. Mary Anne Sophia Douglas born 11/Jun/1831; died Durham 06/May/1919; married 06/Dec/1855 Rev. Charles William King son of William Clark King of Earden, Northumberland.

7. Jane Douglas born 05/Jun/1834; died at the rectory of Ham Wiltshire 31/Oct/1853, unmarried.

8. Edward van Mildert Douglas born 29/Oct/1835; died 01/Jul/1836

9. Elizabeth Douglas born 13/Sep/1837; died 03/Dec/1909;

11. Lucy Douglas born 11/Jan/1839; died 17/Feb/1920; married Rev.

Ambrose short, Rector of Llandrinio, Montgomeryshire

12. Thomas Douglas

13. Charles Philip Douglas

14. James Douglas born 02/Apr/1843; died 17/Aug/1894; Educated Durham school and Pembroke College, Oxford (BA 1867) Father Superior of St Augustine's of Modderpoort and Canon of Bloemfontein, South Africa.

15. Emily Maud Douglas was born 09/Sep/1844; died 20/Sep/1913.

16. Adelaide Douglas was born 03/Sep/1846; died 08/Feb/1908; unmarried.

(Taken from Douglas, Percy, "The History of The Family of Douglas" Rotterdam, pp.146-152.



THE EARLS OF ANGUS

AND THE LINK TO WILLIAM DOUGLAS 1174

By Jan Shaw

I have always believed that it is important and noteworthy to respect “the now” and “who you yourself are”, but also knowing and understanding one’s family heritage and inherited genes is not to be overlooked.

With the DNA testing of our Douglas lines, we are endeavouring to trace links and connections, not only to the first Douglas recorded in Scotland in 1174 but also to each other. Clan Douglas Association of Australia is committed to this research and every member’s genealogy is important.

I can establish the links of my own branch of the Douglas line, which all CDAA members who are descendants of Robert Douglas of Kangaroo Pt. 1816 – 1890 share back to William Douglas 1174. We have been lucky because of the hard work, perseverance and research of our Genealogical Co-ordinator, Mary Smith who has made this possible. My hope is that CDAA members who belong to other lines will follow with writings in the Newsletter or on the website (however long or short your line may be.) I shall first of all give the male succession and then historical details of some based on writings by Scottish historians such as Maxwell, Fraser and Godscroft.

(1) William Douglas abt 1174; (2) Archibald (of Hermiston) Douglas, 2nd of Douglas, 4th Lord of Douglas b.1213. (3). William “Long Legs “ Douglas, 3rd of Douglas (4) William “Le Hardi” Douglas b. aft.1256 (5) Archibald Douglas , of Liddesdale and Cavers Douglas, b 1297 (6) William Douglas, 1st Earl of Douglas b. abt 1330 (7) George Douglas 1st Earl of Angus b.1378 (8) William Douglas; 2nd Earl of Angus b.abt.1398; (9) George Douglas 4th Earl of Angus b. bef.1429; (10) Archibald “Bell the Cat” Douglas 5th Earl of Angus b. 1453; (11) William Douglas of Braidwood and Glenbervie b.abt 1470; (12) Archibald Douglas 2nd of Glenbervie b. abt 1502; by Archibald’s 2nd wife; (13) John Douglas of Cruixton b.1558; (14) John Douglas b.1608; (15) Robert Douglas of Cruixton the Elder b.1630; (16) Robert Douglas of Cruixton, the Younger b.1667; (17) William Douglas (of Leith) b 1696; (18) Robert Douglas (of Pt. Glasgow) b.1723; (19) Robert Douglas of Ardrossan b.1759; (20) Robert Douglas of Kangaroo Pt., b.1816; (21) Robert Douglas (of Mt. Maria) b.1842 (22) Robert Francis Douglas (of Eversfield) b.1870; (23) Robert Marsh Douglas (of Rowallan) b. 1904; (24) Janet Douglas (Shaw) b. 1937.

George Douglas b.1378 was the first Douglas Earl of Angus, but the title goes back well before then, and is indeed one of the oldest titles in Scotland.

From Robert Maxwell’s *The History of the House of Douglas*, the modern county of Forfar corresponds pretty closely with the ancient Earldoms of Angus. In the 13th century Scotland, there were seven earls who ruled over provinces forming part of the constitution of Scotland.

Malcolm was the last Celtic Earl of Angus. His succession was passed down to John Comyn, the husband of his heiress daughter Matilda, and when John Comyn died in 1242, Matilda married Sir Gilbert de Umfraville, an English baron of Norman lineage, and he became the Earl of Angus. He died in 1244 and was succeeded by three of his line. The third forfeited the title by supporting Edward Baliol to take the Scottish throne.

King Robert the Bruce then bestowed the Angus Earldom on Sir John Stewart of Boncle. Sir John died in 1331, leaving the Earldom to his infant son Thomas by his wife Margaret, who was the daughter and co-heiress of Sir Alexander de Abernethy. By this marriage the Lordship of Abernethy and other lands came into the possession of the Earls of Angus.

Thomas Stewart, Earl of Angus married in 1353 Margaret, the daughter of Sir William St. Clair of Roslyn. Thomas Stewart having died of the plague and in disgrace, a prisoner in Dumbarton Castle. He left two daughters. When Margaret, the elder, married Thomas, the 13th Earl of Mar, she became the Countess of Mar, but Mar died in 1374 and in 1379 King Robert 11 granted confirmation of her title of Countess of Angus, (after her sister Elizabeth had surrendered her claim). She was then known as the Countess of Angus and Mar.

And this is where the Douglas line of the Earls of Angus begins and where we learn what an interesting, beautiful, powerful and persuasive woman Margaret Stewart became. Before the year 1357, the sister of Thomas, 13th Earl of Mar married William the 1st Earl of Douglas. She was also named Margaret and after 1374 when Thomas died, his widow, Margaret Stewart went to live at Tantallon Castle with her sister-in-law and William Douglas. It soon became a 'menage a trios' as she bore a son to William, the 1st Earl of Douglas, George Douglas b. 1378 (1st Earl of Angus)

There remains no record that the church remonstrated or interfered in the irregular private life of the Countess of Angus.

The Countess of Angus and Mar died before 23rd March 1418. Whatever may have been her moral delinquency, nothing could have been more exemplary and successful than her exertions to establish her son in an honourable position. On 9th April, 1389 she resigned in his favour, the Earldom of Angus. However, he did not assume the title until after his betrothal in 1397 to the Princess Mary, second daughter of King Robert III. A marriage planned and managed no doubt by the persuasiveness of George's mother. She had arranged with the King the terms of the marriage contract on 24th May 1397 and these were most favourable to her son. In all this may be traced the hand of a very clever woman, not devoid of ambition, and probably possessed of great personal charm.

George, the 1st Douglas Earl of Angus was indeed the 10th Earl of Angus since the Celtic Malcolm — and who knows how many preceded Malcolm? George took no great interest in public affairs, but in 1402 he was dispatched by the Duke of Albany and Earl of Moray to re-enforce the 4th Earl of Douglas in his invasion of Northumberland. That ended on the disastrous field of Homildon where Douglas, Moray, Murdoch and Angus were captured. Moray and Angus died of the plague in captivity c.1403 — Angus was only about 24 years of age. He left a son, William b.c.1398 who succeeded as 2nd Earl of Angus and a daughter Elizabeth who married (1) Sir Alexander Forbes (after Lord Forbes) and (2) Sir David Hay of Yester, ancestor of the Marquess of Tweeddale.

Angus' widow, the Princess Mary went on to marry three more husbands.

(to be continued)

Adages: Opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

BITS & PIECES

New arrangements have been announced from New Register House, Edinburgh and came into force in 2008 for people who wish to use the search rooms there. This repository holds the records for the BDM in Scotland, census returns and many other official records. The advantage of using this facility and once having paid the access fee, researchers can conduct quite a lot of research there. Some of the old part-day, weekly and four weekly passes are no longer available and have been replaced by a flat fee of 10 pounds no matter what time of the day people arrive. Places are allocated according to availability and bookings need to be still made, but if you arrive later than 10am, you might find your place has been given to someone else. If you are planning to go to Scotland to do research, it is strongly advised to read the information available at www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/famreclindex.html

Did you know that Robert Burns' 250th Anniversary will be celebrated in 2009? To those of you who are coin and medal collectors and to mark this important event in Scottish history, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, Alistair Darling, has announced that a 2-pound commemorative coin will be especially minted in 2009. Another addition to the special coin will be the National Trust's plan to open a new Robert Burns Birthplace Museum at Alloway, South Ayrshire. Robert Burns was born 25/Jan/1759 at Alloway, just 4 kilometres south of the town of Ayr. The museum will be well stocked with Burns artefacts and will include the original manuscript *Tam O'Shanter*. It is of interest, that Robert Burns was a personal friend of some members of the House of Douglas and often stayed at their homes on his travels through Scotland.

A DVD has recently become available for sale from State Records NSW of some of the records involving land transactions including affidavits, agreements, appointment of guardians, arbitration bonds, assignments, bills of sale, bonds of all types, deeds of different kinds, disputes, marriage agreements and separations, a secret method of treating New Zealand flax (not disclosed), general warrants, letters or powers of attorney, sales of horses and stock and promissory notes. For further information contact the Assistant, Publications and Online Services at: puboff@records.nsw.gov.au All proceeds from the DVD's sale will go towards the conservation of the 'Old Registers' which are in a sad need of repair. The DVD's cost is \$125-00 which includes GST and postage.

VALE: The death occurred on 16/Sep/2008 of Elizabeth Douglas-Hamilton aged 92 years. She was the Dowager Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon. Lady Elizabeth Percy was born in 1916 at Alnwick Castle in the North of England and was a daughter of Alan Percy, 8th Duke of Northumberland. She married Douglas Douglas-Hamilton, Marquis of Douglas and Clydesdale in 1937. He succeeded to the Dukedom in 1940 and they lived at Lennoxlove East Lothian until the Duke's death in 1973. The Dowager Duchess is survived by 2 sons, Angus the present Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, and James Douglas-Hamilton, Lord Selkirk of Douglas.

Douglas yDNA project update January 2009

We have had exciting results recently, and some important questions are pending.

The project has so far proven the DNA type of the Drumlanrig line back to 1478, to the 6th Baron of Drumlanrig. At the same time we have proven the Earls of Morton line to 1310. We know the genetic type of the John Douglas of Mains. These two men should be related since they are both said to descend from Willem de Duglis. However they do NOT match in DNA terms. This means that they do NOT have the same male ancestors. Only one can be the descendant of Willem de Duglis.

We have tested a man who believes he is a descendant of Douglas of Cavers, but he is uncertain of one link in his genealogy. His DNA matches the Morton line. This means that he has the same male line ancestors as the Earls of Morton, but NOT the same male line ancestors as the Barons of Drumlanrig. His results could mean that the Earls of Morton line is the original line, and that the Drumlanrig line has had an illegitimacy between the 6th Baron Drumlanrig, and James 2nd Earl of Douglas and Mar b 1358. However because of that one uncertain link we are not able to be sure about this- yet! We need another known descendant of Douglas of Cavers to do the DNA test! Please contact us if you are the man we need.

Sholto Douglas descendants

We have established that it is "somewhat likely" that Sholto Duglis was an ancestor of the Earls of Morton. To improve our confidence about this we need more descendants of the Scotti-Douglasses (or Douglas Scottis), and also more descendants of the Earls of Morton.

Red Douglasses (Earls of Angus)

This is the line we are having the least luck with. We are having trouble finding the descendants of the Earls of Angus to do the test, in spite of offering free tests.

We have tested 2 Angus men, 6th cousins and so we have proven the line back to William Douglas of Leith b 1696, their most recent common ancestor. He does not match either of the other major lines, but is descended from Niall of Nine hostages. Now we must try to push back our knowledge of this line as we have with the others, to see how far back this genetic type goes in the family. We will need more representatives of this line to do this.

If you are a descendant of the Red Douglasses and have not yet participated in our project please do contact us. We will pay for your DNA test if you have a direct male line from any of the Earls of Angus or their male relatives.

Are you a key to re-writing the history of Clan Douglas?

We continue to search for more men who can trace their lineage back to the Old lines. If you are a known descendant of Willem De Duglis (1174) please consider joining our project. You may be a key person in re-writing the early history of Clan Douglas! And we may pay for your test if you are suitable.

European lines of the Douglas family who have been separated from their Scottish ancestors for hundreds of years could be strategically very important

for our project at this stage. We would be interested in making contact with further examples of European Douglas lines. If you are one of the "lost" families, who cannot find their ancestor's connection into the Douglas family, then we can now tell you with confidence whether you are from the lines mentioned above.

The project web site (for information or to participate) is found at [http://www.familytreedna.com/\(we5jr2ewkhoxqe55wspcbh55\)/public/Douglas/index.aspx](http://www.familytreedna.com/(we5jr2ewkhoxqe55wspcbh55)/public/Douglas/index.aspx)

If you would like to join the project discussion group go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/douglasDNA/?yguid=132306060>

To talk to a project administrator (volunteer) or to apply for our free DNA test offer, message to:

bturner@occmcd.com.au

SASINES

A Sasine is a Scottish legal document which records the transfer of ownership of a piece of land or building when the land or building is sold or inherited. A Sasine may also record transactions where a piece of land or building was used as security for a loan (like a mortgage). Sasine films may be ordered in to view through the Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) Some examples follow:

30/Sep/1723 **William Douglas** eldest son of Robert Douglas merchant and soapboiler in Leith of 1 tenement of land on the east side of the Kirkgate of Leith.

14/May/1730 **Joseph Douglas** of Edrington paid 900 merks Scotts in lands of *Soultra*.

07/Jan/1731 **Capt. James Douglas** late of the Royal Regiment of foot under the command of the Earl of Orkney of 8000 merks of the lands of *Braidshaw & Annalcross*.

03/Mar/1732 **Helen Douglas** relict of David Melville shipmaster in Prestonpans and Helen Henderson her daughter and the deceased Ninian Henderson shipmaster in Prestonpans of 1 saltpan, panhouse, Bukelpott, panstand & saltgirnell lying upon the Know called Murks Know in Prestonpans.

03/Feb/1724 **David Douglas** wright in Fisherrow 2 houses & 1/3 yard of 1 yard in Fisherrow.

11/Jul/1735 **William Douglas** son of deceased William Douglas brother German to Walter Douglas late of *Baads* of 3,340 merks of lands of *Baads Easter, Burngrange, Dykehead, Bushun, Aberlongford, Monkle, Harwood*.

17/Nov/1736 James Douglas tenant in Broxburn of the lands called the *West Croft* of Kinpunt with house, stables & burn & yard of Linlithgow.

31/Jan/1737 **Robert Douglas** of *Cruickston* in life rent and Robert Douglas his second son of lands and tenements in & about Inveresk.

(If anyone would like me to look at my Sasine records for Douglas of Midlothian & East Lothian 1726-1751, I will gladly do so.)

Some B.D.M. taken from the O.P.R. for Clackmannan, Scotland

INGLES: 24/Jan/1800 — James Ingles, shoemaker in town and Jean Adie Anderson had a daughter Helen.

DRYSDALE, David workman at Westfield & Janet Millar had a daughter Janet christened 04/May/1800

BLACKWOOD, James workman in Sauchie and Elizabeth Proud had a daughter Christian baptised 24/Jun/1800

FORRESTER, Robert carter in Clackmannan and Margaret Douglas had a son Robert baptised 23/Nov/1800

YOUNG, John servant at Lennox and Mary Russell had a daughter Mary baptised 02/Jan/1801

SYME, William, smith in Sauchie, and Ann Stride, had baptized a daughter Christian, 15/May/1802

BELL, George, labourer at Rickerstown, and Jean Malock, a son George 17/Jun/1803

DRYSDALE, Alexander, merchant, and Margaret Shepart, had a son John baptized 05/Sep/1803

DRYSDALE, Adam, tenant in Harelyick, and Ann Drysdale, had a son Adam baptized 07/Dec/1803

INGLIS, William, merchant in town and Mary Innis had a daughter Mary baptized 04/Jul/1803

DOUGLAS, John, labourer in town and Isabella Drysdale had a son James baptized 10/Jul/1805

FORRESTER, Thomas, collier in Kennet Pans and Margaret Strang, had a daughter Margaret baptized 06/Mar/1808

YOUNG, James, teacher Forest Mill, and Margaret Yule had a daughter Helen baptized 30/Mar/1809

DRYSDALE, Hugh, tailor in Sauchie, and Margaret Peterson had a son Alexander baptized 24/Apr/1809

INNES, James, labourer in Clackmannan and Janet Holley (Haley) had a son Edward baptized 08/Aug/1811

BELL, John, wright in Bernefield and Euphemia Meikeljohn had a son John baptized 02/Jan/1819

DRYSDALE, David tailor in Sauchie and Janet McGregor had a daughter Barbara baptized 12/Oct/1812



Editorial:

Here it is March already and we are experiencing another hectic year. The days never seem to have enough hours in them for me! Perhaps I'm finding that the older one gets the slower one gets and the less time there is to get things done.

This is a reminder that unless members are financial by the end of February 2009, their name will be deleted from the mailing list and no further Newsletters will be sent. However, it is not too late to pay this year's due.

Mary Smith, editor



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PLACE OF FAMILY ORIGIN, AUSTRALIA or N.Z.

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MEMBERSHIP FEE PER YEAR \$20-00 PER FAMILY

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

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membership secretary. Thank you.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

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.