



THE CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NEWSLETTER

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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 Douglases 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, K34/356 Blunder Road, Durack, 4077

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since writing my Message for the Newsletter in March a couple of issues need addressing:

The Extraordinary General Meeting of C.D.A.A. was held on 24/Mar/2007. The purpose of this meeting was to change the wording in our Constitution in two areas:

1. To allow more scope for the election of future Presidents and Vice Presidents and the appointment of future Patrons. The new wording reads 'that only members descended from a Douglas may occupy these positions'.
2. The new wording for the number in a quorum now reads 'that at all General Meetings and all Committee meetings of C.D.A.A. 5 (five) members shall form a quorum'.

Both of these changes were voted in the 'affirmative' unanimously by post and by a 'show of hands'.

The second issue is of a more local nature — the future of *Yungaba*. For the benefit of our interstate and overseas members heritage listed *Yungaba* is a stately building on the Brisbane River constructed in 1887 as an Immigration Depot.

For over 110 years, *Yungaba* played an outstanding role in receiving immigrants who in turn, made a strong contribution to the population and prosperity of the State of Queensland.¹

I have on behalf of the CDAA, supported the Yungaba Action Group by signing a Petition of Protest to save *Yungaba* from a sale to & the possible demolition by a high rise apartment development group.

In conclusion, I'd like to remind members of the Kirkin' the Tartan on Sunday 24/Jun/2007 to be followed by our 20th Anniversary Lunch. I need to know names of members & friends attending one or both of these functions ASAP. Please call me T. 07 3379 6357 or e-mail janny31@ozemail.com.au I shall look forward to welcoming many of you then.

Jan Shaw (nee Douglas) President.



¹ There is a personal interest as it was my Gt. Gt. Grandfather Robert Douglas — also an ancestor of many of our C.D.A.A. members — who sold 2 acres of land at Kangaroo Point to the Q'ld Government in 1885 for *Yungaba*. Robert's home *The Willows* on the Brisbane River, became the home of the Superintendent of Immigrants at *Yungaba* until 1893 when it was washed away in the Great Flood.



DRUMLANRIG (Continued)

Naming Code:2= second son of Archibald & Jean Douglas nee Dickson.

1.= eldest son of David & Margaret Douglas nee Brydon.

6.= John David Wilber Douglas because he was the sixth son of James & Janet Douglas nee Torry.

2.1.6. John David Wilber Douglas was the son of James & Janet Douglas nee Torry (see Newsletter #71, September 2006) and was born in the Tower of London 05/Feb/1809. Searcher of Public Records, founded the firm of Douglas & Co.

Searchers of Public Records in Edinburgh. He married at Edinburgh in St Cuthbert's Church, 20/Jul/1843, Marianne Fullerton Ogilvie daughter of James Ogilvie and had

2.1.6.1. John Ogilvie Douglas born Edinburgh 14/Oct/1848 died Dunedin.

Emigrated to Florida, U.S.A. where he founded Dunedin and started a store and Post Office. He was also a citrus grower. Married 19/Mar/1884 Anna Crieg Douglas, daughter of Thomas Harigad & Jane Catherine Rachel Douglas nee Simpson (see Newsletter #72, December 2006). Their family

2.1.6.1.1. Ethel Catherine Douglas born Dunedin 15/Mar/1885

unmarried.

2.1.6.1.2. Mary Ogilvie Douglas born Dunedin 17/Sep/1887; lived in Atlanta, Georgia.

2.1.6.1.3. Helena Poole Douglas born Dunedin 22/Mar/1889.

2.1.6.2. William Young Douglas was the son of John David Wilber & Marianne Fullerton Douglas nee Ogilvie and was born 19/Jan/1853; married 19/Mar/1894 Sarah Florence Lovett daughter of John Lovett of Georgia, U.S.A. Their family

2.1.6.2.1. William Lovett Douglas born Dunedin 02/Jun/1895; died Dunedin 24/Apr/1975; educ. Clearwater and Davidson Colleges, South Carolina; owned a hardware store and acted as City manager of Dunedin; married 25/Mar/1921 Mary Alice Lapham (born 01/Jul/1902; died 15/Feb/1970). Their family

2.1.6.2.1.1. Marilyn Elizabeth Douglas born 04/Jun/1923; married 24/Dec/1943 Arthur Thomas Brice.

2.1.6.2.2. Dorothy Douglas born 31/Aug/1896 daughter of William Lovett and Mary Alice Douglas nee Lapham; died unmarried; resided in Dunedin where she started a Real Estate business which is still flourishing.

2.1.6.2.3. Gavin Russell Douglas born Dunedin 23/Apr/1899 son of William Young & Sarah Florence Douglas nee Lovett; educ. Clearwater & Gainesville University, Florida and Bliss Electrical School, Washington, D.C.; had a hardware store; married 29/Mar/1928 Margaret Moore and had

2.1.6.2.3.1. Russell Grant Douglas born 04/Sep/1929

2.1.6.2.3.2. Gavin Lee Douglas born Dunedin 25/Aug/1934 son of Gavin Russell & Margaret Douglas nee Moore; married 28/Jun/1958 Ruth Hinson; family lives in Austin, Texas. Issue

2.1.6.2.3.1. Peggy Lee Douglas born 19/Sep/1960

2.1.6.2.3.2. Vivian Lee Douglas born 29/Oct/1962

2.1.6.2.3.3. Laura Lee Douglas born 04/May/1965

2.1.6.2.3.3. Joan Douglas born 05/Sep/1932 daughter of Gavin Russell & Margaret Douglas nee Moore; married 20/Aug/1955 James Demer (div.)

2.1.6.2.4. Ronald Ogilvie Douglas born Dunedin 03/Dec/1902 son of William Young & Sarah Florence Douglas nee Lovett; died 10/Mar/1987; educ.



Dunedin and Clearwater; citrus fruit grower; married 02/Jul/1937 Rachel Livinston (died 18/Jun/1970) and had

2.1.6.2.4.1. Phyllis Douglas born 10/Nov/1939; married Barry Delphin who was killed in Viet Nam 19/Mar/1967.

2.1.6.2.5. Marjorie Douglas born 15/Mar/1901 daughter of William Young & Sarah Florence Douglas nee Lovett;

2.1.6.2.6. Laurence Young Douglas born Dunedin 13/Feb/1906 son of William young & Sarah Florence Douglas nee Lovett; educ. Universities of Florida and Cumberland, Lebanon, Tennessee; attorney and citrus fruit grower; of the 1000 acres of land which went with his home, 900 acres were sold to the Innesbrook Resort and Golf Club. He gave 100 acres land near Nashville, North Carolina to a youth group called "Young Life"; member of the Rotary Club in Clearwater and with his wife an active member of the Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbour; married 06/dec/1942 Sara Amara Sims and had

2.1.6.2.6.1. Ethel Ilene Douglas born 20/Feb/1944; married 19/Dec/1970 Lee Guthrie.

2.1.6.2.6.2. Laurence Young Douglas born 11/Feb/1946

2.1.6.2.6.3. Robert Bruce Douglas born 15/Sep/1947 son of Laurence Young & Amara Douglas nee Sims; lives in Houston Co. U.S.A.; married 17/Mar/1979 Sharon Ann Whitworth and had

2.1.2.6.3.1. Robert Bruce Douglas born 08/Apr/1980

2.1.2.6.3.2. Dawn Amara Douglas born 12/Apr/1983

2.1.6.2.6.4. Donald Scott Douglas born Dunedin 25/Jan/1949 son of Laurence Young & Amara Douglas nee Sims; married 12/May/1984 Margaret Hughes Leonard and had

2.1.6.2.6.4.1. James McDougall Douglas born 24/Mar/1987

2.1.6.2.7. Ruth Douglas born 07/Nov/ 1910 daughter of William Young & Sarah Florence Douglas nee Lovett; married 30/Jul/1931 James Buford Webb;

2.1.6.2.8. Stanley Royal Douglas born Dunedin 11/Oct/1914 son of William Young & Sarah Florence Douglas nee Lovett; married (1) 30/Mar/1939 billie Lanier Marks; (div.) 31/May/1948 and had

2.1.6.2.8.1. Sarah Virginia Douglas born Dunedin 04/Dec/1939; married 25/Dec/1960 and (div.) 12/Mar/1982 Dale Compton;

2.1.6.2.8.2. William Malcolm Douglas born Dunedin 14/May/1943 son of Stanley Royal & Billie Lanier Douglas nee Marks; educ. University of North Carolina (BA); manager of the Insurance Company of his father; married 08/Jun/1963 Charlotte Harrill. They are both Elders of the Presbyterian Church; no family.

2.1.6.2.8. Stanley Royal Douglas married (2) 10/Jul/1970 Gladys Nelson Reynolds.

2.1.6.3. Marianne Haliburton Douglas born 06/Jun/1846 only daughter of John David Wilber & Marianne Douglas nee Ogilvie; died St Austell, Georgia, U.S.A. 08/Mar/1901; married 27/Mar/1884 William Simpson of Florida.

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

Andrew Watson Brown admitted 16/Dec/1841; joined the Free Church; Minister of Free Church at St Bernards where he remained for about 20 years. In 1863, he returned to the Church of Scotland and was Minister of the East Parish, Aberdeen.

(Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae — The succession of members in the Church of Scotland from the Reformation by Hew Scott, D.D., Oliver Boyd, Edinburgh).



SANDILANDS, LORD TORPHICHEN (Continued)

Sir James Sandilands of Calder was born c.1482. In May 1509 he resigned the Cruvie estates to James Sandilands his uncle, but reserved a portion to Marion Forester his wife, and during the life of Margaret Ker, Countess of Erroll, a former spouse of his late grandfather Sir James Sandilands of Calder. With Marion Forester his wife he had several charters to lands. The King dined with Sir James Sandilands on 02/Jul/1526 and on that day granted him a pardon for the slaughter of James Somerville. He was given a pass to journey to Rome and on 13/Mar/1541, he was pardoned for the treasonable resetting of Archibald Douglas of Kilspindy, traitor. In 1555 together with John Wemyss of Wemyss, he was assigned by the barons to protest to the Queen-Regent about the tax she proposed to levy so that an army of foreign mercenaries could be employed to defend the kingdom. The barons considered that they were quite able to defend the kingdom as their fathers before them had done.

Sir James Sandilands had always been a supporter of the Reformation and in 1558, he was again approached to solicit the aid of the Queen-Regent in this matter by the barons. He died in December 1559. He married before February 1507-8, Marion (only daughter of Archibald Forester of Corstorphine) who had been married previously to Sir William Drummond of Kincardine, Master of Drummond. By her Sir James Sandilands had issue:

1. John Sandilands

2. James Sandilands — Upon the death of Sir Walter Lyndsay, Preceptor of Torphichen Priory and chief of the Order of St John of Jerusalem in Scotland, was succeeded by James Sandilands to that office. James was a member of the Privy Councils of Queen Mary, Regent Moray and of James VI and was present at the coronation of the latter 29/Jul/1567. When Queen Mary came to the throne, James Sandilands resigned the Order's property to her and she was pleased for him to continue in "all the privileges, dignities, offices, and regalities in old time possessed by the said James or his predecessors in the Preceptorship of Torphichen". She also conferred on him the title of Lord Torphichen. This Sir James Sandilands married Janet, daughter of William Murray of Polmaise and he died without issue at Hallyards, 29/Sep/1579. Janet later married John Grahame of Hallyards, Senator of the College of Justice and (3) she married 03/May/1596 Sir Peter Young of Seaton, preceptor and almoner of King James VI. She died 29/Nov/1596. Sir James Sandilands was succeeded by his grand-nephew James Sandilands of Calder.

3. Alison Sandilands married John Cockburn of Ormiston, a zealous promoter of the Reformation. She is mentioned in a charter of Ormiston 05/Feb/1544-45 and survived her husband, dying 21/Oct/1584.

4. Margaret Sandilands married (1) Sir James Dundas of Dundas with whom she had a charter of lands in 1551. He died in 1553 and she later married (2) in 1560, William Wauchope of Niddry Marischal as his second wife.

5. Agnes Sandilands married James Drummond whom King Henry VIII recommended to Governor Arran for the Secretaryship 13/Mar/1542-43.

1. **John Sandilands** of Calder elder brother to 2. James Sandilands, was involved in various grants of lands between the years 1531-1553 in all of which he is called 'Fiar of Calder'. He gave the lands and barony of Calder

Comitis which included the mansion, manor etc. and the right of presentation to a benefice of the church and chapel to his son James his apparent heir, reserving liferent to James Sandilands his father and to himself. This was confirmed at Edinburgh 12/May/1567 by which time John was dead. He was a promoter of the Reformation and was present at the conflict between the Scots and the English on Ancrum Moor 27/Feb/1544-45. The Earl of Shrewsbury to King Henry VIII reported his supposed death there. However, John Sandilands was very much alive to support the Earl of Argyll and Lord James Stewart in the defence of the city of St Andrews against the party of the Queen in June 1559 but he really did die about the year 1565. His portrait can be seen amongst the family collection. John married (1) 17/Oct/1524 Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Bartoun of Over Barnton, High Treasurer of Scotland. It is not known when this wife died but she was still living 19/Dec/1552. John Sandilands married (2) 24/May/1560 Jean, daughter of John, Lord Fleming and widow of John, Master of Livingstone. After John's death in 1565, Jean married David Crawford of Kerse. By Margaret Bartoun, John Sandilands had issue:

1. James Sandilands
2. Margaret Sandilands married 27/Mar/1574 Henry Drummond of Riccarton.
3. Eupham Sandilands was mentioned in her grandfather's will recorded 1567.

By his second wife Jean Fleming John Sandilands had issue also:

4. Sir James Sandilands of Slamannan married (1) Jean Craufurd who was mother of his eldest son Sir James afterwards of Slamannan. His (2) marriage was to Barbara Napier who was his wife in 1602 and by her had
 1. James Sandilands
 2. John Sandilands
 3. Frederick Sandilands
 4. Elizabeth Sandilands

5. Mary Sandilands daughter of John & Jean Sandilands nee Fleming, married 15/Jul/1586 Joseph Douglas of Pumpherston and had issue:

(The History of The Douglas Family has this marriage date as being 1574)

1. William Douglas of Pumpherston who married (1) 1617 Mary, daughter of Sir Gilbert Somerville, 8th Lord Somerville and Margaret Somerville of Cambusnethan, widow of James Sandilands 2nd Lord Torphichen and had

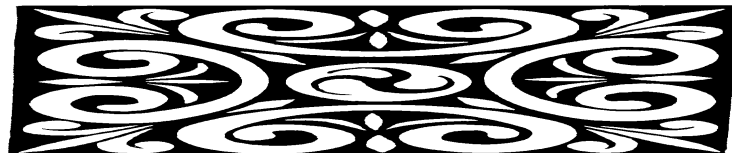
- 1.1. Joseph Douglas who was drowned 1682 on his way to Scotland. He was married and had William and Jean who married Robert Dalgleish of Lauriston.

- 1.2. Hugh Douglas who had an illegitimate son Hugh.

- 1.3. George Douglas who was alive between 1610 and 1637.

(Compiled from *The Scots Peerage* edited by Sir James Balfour Paul, Lord Lyon King of Arms, Vol.8 pp. 385-389)

N.B. There was a John Sandilands, Master of Arts, styled "Parson of Hawick" 1563, who was purported to have died at Edinburgh 21/May/1583. This information came from the *Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae*.



NOTICE BOARD

At the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 24/Mar/2007, members and executive passed both changes to the Constitution. The President Jan Shaw thanked all those who responded to the Proxy Vote.

23/Jun/2007 — Clan Campbell Society of Australia (Q'ld) Inc. 19th Annual Bannockburn Dinner to be held at the Irish Club, 171 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane at 7.30pm. Information or bookings to Trevor Campbell T. 3359 6662.

30/Jun/2007 — The Scottish Dancing Association of Australia's Annual Debutante Ball at the Bankstown Recreation Trotting Club in Eldridge St. Bankstown. Tickets available from G Rowan T.02 9543 4638.

01/Jul/2007 — Australian Scottish Community (Q'ld) Inc. free 11th International Tartan Day, Cultural Forecourt, South Bank, Brisbane 9.am – 4.30pm celebrating Tartan Day — Pipe Bands, highland dancing, clan displays etc. Contact Margaret Campbell T. 07 3359 8195 or E-mail: secretary@aussie-scots.org.au

As time passes, it gets much easier to build a family tree with accuracy and much detail. Scottish sources are mostly housed in Edinburgh archives. A small range of Scottish records are centred only in London. Those include Passport records, Military records, births, deaths of travellers on British passenger ships. Here are some of the most helpful websites for you to try:

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk> provides these options:

Statutory Registers

Old Parish Registers

Census Records 1841,1851,1861,1871,1881,1891,1901

Wills & Testaments

Births 1855-1904

Marriages 1855-1929

Births & Baptisms 1553-1854

Banns & Marriages 1553-1854

Free Index Search 1513-1901

New Records Alerts: "1837online.com" or through www.findmypast.com

The (England) National Archives now offer Death Duty Registers, Divorce Records, Births Marriages and Deaths at SEA, and Passport Applications. Plus more, notably military data. This website has a mix of FREE data as well as PAY PER VIEW.

Scottish soldiers who died in WW1 are included in the UK records compiled in 1921 which listed over 703,000 names.

UK Electoral Roll 2006: 192.com offers "NEW Electoral Roll 2006, latest, most up-to-date register of UK adults is now available to search... there is no better place to find friends and family. Get back in touch with the ones you love."

Ancestry.com ON-LINE without charges: Home-based subscribers to Ancestry.com are charged an annual fee for unbridled access to their enormous resources. Thanks to an agreement with LDS you may access Ancestry.com without charge, if you use the keyboards at LDS Family History Centres.

Royal Navy Seamen: A free index at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/ accesses over 500,000 names for those who joined between 1853 and 1923. There is a 3.5 pounds charge for downloading a document.

(Taken from p.14 of The Scottish Australia Heritage Council Inc. newsletter for April, 2007)

Kirkin' the Tartan, Brisbane will be held on 24/Jun/2007 at the St Patrick's Catholic Church, Morgan St., Valley at 9AM followed by Morning Tea. The President of the Clan Douglas Association, Jan Shaw has organised a lunch to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of CDAA at the Merthyr Bowls Club following the Kirkin' and Morning Tea — Fellowship at 12 mid-day and at 12.30PM, lunch will be served. If you are able to attend please contact Jan (T.07 3379 6357) so that a place can be reserved for you as she has to let the caterers know. Friends are welcome.

Next Meeting of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia will be held at 116 Strong Avenue, Graceville on Saturday 21/Jul/2007 at 2PM. All welcome.

VALE:

Ex-member of CDAA **Barbara Ellen Douglas** late of Neilson Home and Moonah Park Hostel, formerly of Ferny Grove and Sherwood, Brisbane. Passed away peacefully 21/Feb/2007 aged 83 years. Beloved wife of Stan (dec.d).

For those of you contemplating an overseas trip to Scotland, why not take in the Hermitage Castle Anchors New Scottish Borders' Reiver trail? Once a Douglas stronghold, Hermitage Castle, known as "the Guardhouse to the bloodiest valley in Britain," is featured in a new Reiver Trail. Local clans to remember the Scottish Borderland's turbulent past launched it. The circular trail is located in Eskdale and Liddesdale, between the towns of Langholm and Newcastleton. Besides Hermitage Castle, other sites along the Trail include the Clan Armstrong Trust Museum in Langholm, the Liddesdale Heritage Centre in Newcastleton, the Milnholm Cross and Kershopefoot, the river crossing where prisoners in border fighting were exchanged. Five hundred years ago, the land along the border was very different to what is seen today. Thousands of raids between England and Scotland were made on horseback between the 14th & 16th centuries, as men from both sides of the border raided homes and stole livestock from each other. Constant warfare between the two countries had resulted in the area becoming a battleground. To survive, local families began to ride and raid. They became what was known as reivers. The word 'reive' literally means to steal and murder was commonplace — feuding was a way of life. In some quarters they were known as the 'Blue Bonnets'. Families who were Border Reivers included Armstrong, Beattie, Bell, Crosier, Douglas, Elliot, Graham, Hepburn, Irvine, Jardine, Johnstone, Kerr, Little, Maxwell, Moffat, Nixon, Oliver, Rutherford, Scott and Turnbull.



Editorial

In my published AGM report to the Clan Douglas Association of Australia, I mentioned the FREE advertising for members with requests for family history information, through the Clan Douglas newsletter. So far I haven't received any. If you would like to insert a request for information about your respective family, please don't hesitate to write to me with your request. It can be about descendants of Douglas or sept families — perhaps you want information about a family member who married a Douglas or sept — someone may be able to help if you ask.

Mary Smith, Editor



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COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Please make cheques payable in Australian currency to
CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA and post to the
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

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.

It is of interest to note that the clock at the Ancient Church of St Bride in Scotland gifted by Mary Queen of Scots about the time of her marriage to Lord Darnley in 1565 to Douglas Village has been dismantled, restored, rebuilt and placed back in the clock tower. The clock face was taken away for restoration and re-gilding but was found to be beyond repair. So the decision was taken for a new face to be installed in its place.

During the restorations in 1880 at the St Bride's Church, a new vault was built in the chancel and the Duke of Douglas's coffin (he died in 1761) together with others were brought down from the Parish Church and interred in the old church. The Duke had wanted to be buried in the bowling green at Douglas but in fact, he was buried in the vault at Douglas Castle and later transferred to the vault at the new Parish Church.

(Taken from the newsletter written by James Fleming for the Clan Douglas of North America's Newsletter for May 2007, Vol.xxxiv #2, p.8)

NOTES ON GLENDINNING

Adam Fitz Hugh was the 4th son of Hugh Fitz Henry of *Ravensworth*, in Yorkshire England. Hugh had married Aubrey, widow of Sir William de Steyngrave and had issue among whom was Adam. In 1301 Hugh and Aubrey held as her dower the manors of Isabel, wife of Walter de Teye who in 1298 held with Ingelram de Gynes all of Westerker in Eskdale, Scotland. Adam Fitz Hugh first appears in records in 1307 together with his brother John as having carried off the goods of John de Halton, burned his house at Grendon near Hauden in Northumberland probably in 1305 when John met an untimely death. Again in 1308 Adam was accused by Thomas Crull of violence towards him and his men and in taking his corn and hemp from his lands at Reedness in Yorkshire. In 1309 under the English Crown, Adam appears as Bailie of Westerker or Eskdale proper, with jurisdiction over all the lands of the lordship of Eskdale, for Sir John de Graham of Abercorn and Westerker. Adam Fitz Hugh came to Scotland and settled there at a time when the fortunes of Scotland's King were steadily rising. Around 1311-12 Adam was at a garrison at Bothwell Castle on the Clyde as archer of the guard under Walter fitz Gilbert founder of the House of Hamilton. Bothwell, by agreement between fitz Gilbert and Edward brother of King Robert Bruce, was surrendered to Bruce soon after Bannockburn. Adam's employer Sir John of Graham had previously gone over to the King of the Scots and both he and Adam fought at Bannockburn 24/Jun/1314. Adam again becomes noticed in 1319 when he and his brother William with friends from Scotland and northern England distinguished themselves in a melee against some of King Edward's horse on the highway to York. By this time, Adam had been long settled at Westerker and was now "the firm and faithful friend" of King Robert Bruce who on 12/Apr/1320, bestowed upon him, now styled of *Glendonwyn*, a grant of 20 shillings sterling from the ward duties of Roxburgh Castle. At about the same time Adam's overlord, Sir John de Graham, conveyed half of Westerker to Sir William Soulis of Liddesdale, a transaction confirmed by King Robert. But almost immediately, Soulis was convicted and imprisoned for conspiracy against the throne and upon 20/Apr/1321, King Robert gifted Soulis' half of Westerker to Sir James Douglas of Douglas who as it happened, was directly related through the family of Bataille to Isabel, wife of John fitz Hugh, Adam fitz Hugh's brother. Douglas made Adam fitz Hugh his constant companion and from then on in 1321 may be seen the rise to baronial proportions of the '80 pound lands of Glendonwyn'. The latter was a name of peculiar variants — Glendonin, Glendonyn, Glanonwyne, Glendonwyn, Glendonine, Glendonie, Glendonyng, or simply as in 1363 as Glentone and appears only in Westerker after the advent of Adam fitz Hugh. The land was probably named after John fitz Hugh's lordship of Glenton or Glanton in Northumberland: thus Glenton-in or Glentonine, ie., Glenton House, dwelling, or mansion, the 't' becoming softened in the Scottish tongue to 'd' while the terminations -in, -ine, -ing and -win, -wyn, -wyne became the norm in the old records. Before the century had closed, the new barony occupied the full half of ancient Westerker, an area of fully 13,000 acres, including the farms. The tower or castle of Glendonwin at the junction of Upper Meggot Water and Glendining Burn was built before 1391, and its remains were to be seen in 1841, but it has now totally disappeared. For services to the crown, Adam, in 1325, received confirmation of the lands of Falthorpe (Falhope) and several others in the forest of Jedburgh, shire of Roxburgh, free and feudal service to the lord superior, Sir James Douglas. Four years later, Robert Bruce died at Cardross and early in 1330 Adam set forth with the 'Good Sir James' Douglas on his mission to place the heart of their great master in the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem. As history tells us, Sir James Douglas met his death at Teba but Adam fitz Hugh survived and helped bring home the silver casket containing the heart of Robert Bruce and the body of Sir James Douglas to be buried in Scotland. When Edward de Balliol surrendered to King Edward III of England on 12/Jun/1334, the forests of Jedburgh, Ettrick and Selkirk and the shires of Roxburgh, Dumfries, Peebles, Linlithgow, Edinburgh and Haddington came under the jurisdiction of the English. Adam fitz Hugh once again became an English citizen while his son Adam occupied Glendonwyn in Westerker. Adam senior settled in the town of Roxburgh as a man of business probably representing the Douglas interests there. In 1337 Adam was a Councillor and Burgess there and witnessed many an important document in the following years. He died shortly before 20/Jul/1363 probably in Roxburgh. He married (1) Agnes Towers, daughter of Sir John de Towers, Lord of Adwick-le-Street in Yorkshire and had a son Adam who became a priest. About 1342 Adam married (2) Margaret Douglas daughter of Sir John Douglas of Lothian and had a further 4 sons and 2 daughters.

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