



**Clan Douglas Society
of North America**

Regents Guidebook

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Ceud Maile Failte - Welcome!

First of all, please accept our thanks for your willingness to represent Clan Douglas as a Regent. For many of our members and the public, you **ARE** Clan Douglas, and we wish you good luck and great fun at games, parades, festivals and all manner of Scottish events.

By agreeing to accept an appointment as a Regent you are agreeing to set up a tent or otherwise represent us at a highland game, Scottish festival, parade or other event where you can educate the public about Clan Douglas and try to recruit new members. We expect that you will represent us at one such event per year. You may find it easy to do more, *but pace yersel', Clansman*, one will do for a start.

A few things you should know about this Guidebook...

This Guidebook has been thoroughly researched and prepared using the most traditional Scottish Border methods available ... that is, most of this has been *reived* from the original CDSNA Regent's Handbook created by CDSNA Secretary (then CDSNA VP) Jim Morton in the 1990s. The current CDSNA Regent's Guidebook updated and expanded the 1990s Handbook and was created by CDSNA Asst VP (East) Harold Edington in 2013. As such, it is **free** to anyone who finds it worthwhile. If you have a great idea you believe should be included in a future Guidebook, send your idea to your Regional Asst. VP.

This is a Guidebook and not a Bible. This Guidebook doesn't include everything you need to know but it does include enough to get you started. You are not obligated to do anything presented in this Guidebook exactly as it is written. There are many ways to operate a tent at Scottish events and these insights are offered to you as an assist. Feel free to improvise and adapt this advice to fit your special needs and requirements. If you are an experienced "Tent Sitter" it can serve as a source of useful ideas that may help you improve your tent. Your own experiences will be a better guidebook.

Believe it or not, this Guidebook probably contains a mistake or two. You can help us by emailing a note with any suggested corrections to the Clan Vice President, Clan Secretary, or your Regional Asst. VP.

**And if you ever need help ... do not hesitate to contact
your Regional Asst. VP.**

or the CDSNA National Vice-President.

**(Their contact information can be found in
the Society's quarterly newsletter, *Dabh Ghlase*.)**

Chapter 1 - Getting Started

According to the CDSNA Bylaws...

“Regents are appointed by the Vice President/Coordinator of Regents to supervise members and activities in specific geographical areas. Duties of Regents include public relations, promotion of Clan Douglas activities and recruitment of members. Represent the Society at Games within the area and maintain contact with members.”

A goal of CDSNA is to have a regent in every state and province. However, some Regents have accepted responsibility for more than one state or province where membership is low until other Regents can be appointed. Some states or provinces have more than one Regent due to the number of games and events and/or number of members. As a Regent, you can be as active as your time and interest permits. How you execute these responsibilities is entirely left to your imagination and level of commitment. Hopefully, this Guidebook will give you enough information and ideas to find your own way and create your own formula for success.

The two most important items you must bring to a Scottish Festival...

Now that you have made the decision to serve Clan Douglas as a Regent you will want to begin to assemble all the things you will need to fit out a tent and represent us. Do not feel that you must have a set-up similar to the longest standing or most award-winning clan at your particular games. If you remember your first visit to a clan tent (ours or anyone's), the things you remember are how you were treated and if you learned something new. These things don't cost much except in terms of your time and effort. The two most important items you must bring to a Scottish event are your enthusiasm for people and some knowledge of Clan Douglas. In summary, if you show up at your tent site at a typical Highland Games/Festival with nothing but a sunny smile and a handful of membership applications, you are ready for your first games as a Regent. Even so ... read on for more details on how to improve your presence a wee bit.

Ask for help from those who know how.

The clan Vice President and Regional Assistant Vice Presidents are available to help answer your questions. Their contact information can be found in our newsletter or on our clan website. Regents in neighboring areas will be willing to help you and may be willing to loan you equipment. You may get an experienced Regent to help you with your first games. If there is enough time before your games you may visit some other event prior to yours and sit-in on a Clan Douglas tent to observe and assist. If there is no Regent nearby to help you, talk to the game organizer's clan's representative. Ask if they can introduce you to someone from another clan that you could talk to on the phone and can check in on you at set-up time at the games. Although the Scottish folk have not been famous for this, make friends with your neighbors at the games and talk to them. You can learn a lot by observation and asking questions.

Try to find out as much as you can about the upcoming games or event.

Most games now will have a web page plus material they will mail out to clans that register for the next event. You should ask to get a copy of last year's program. Most games follow the pattern of the previous year with incremental changes for the current year only as necessary. This will give you a layout of the field, schedule of events, vendors, entertainment, parking, space restrictions, competitions, and special events.

Don't expect to 'have it all' for your first event.

You will find a listing of suggested equipment in **Appendix A - Equipment Checklist** and a list of reference books in **Appendix B - Reference Books** that will help organize your thoughts. Make due with things you already have around the house (folding chairs) and then get essentials in your list of priorities. Focus on the Clan Douglas unique items first and then get the general-purpose things later. Remember: **“People are more important than Things!”** and those ***two most important items*** can and will make up for most property deficits.

Create a budget for two things: time and money.

Lay out a planning calendar leading up to your first big event and plan backward from there. While most games are willing to take last minute registrations, with a little planning you should be able to reduce that stress by registering early. **Chapter 2 - Planning Sequence**, will guide you through the planning process of preparing for a typical Highland Games/Festival. While you may be full of enthusiasm, your day still has only 24 hours so don't overload yourself with self-imposed requirements. As for money, you have to strike a balance with your household budget and what you want to do for the clan. You must also balance between outfitting yourself and your tent! Few of us have the funds to do it all at once and no one in Clan Douglas expects you to do so.

A few responsibilities and rewards of being a Regent.

As a Regent, memberships (new and renewing) are important for you and for the organization. Memberships provide you with a reason to represent CDSNA at your local event. Building a local following at each event you sponsor for CDSNA can greatly increase the fun and joy of your tent experience. Keeping in touch with members outside of events is just as important. Try to contact each member at least once a quarter to keep up interest and build friendships. You can also contact former members in your state/area to invite them back to Clan Douglas and to help CDSNA update its member list. A database of members in your state/province (and adjoining states/provinces) can be obtained from the Secretary.

Representing Clan Douglas does have its costs and oftentimes you will have a number of out-of-pocket expenses. It is good to know that Clan Douglas will reimburse Regents up to \$125 per authorized One Day game or event and up to \$225 per authorized and approved multiday (2-4 days) event. And any unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the pursuit of official Society businesses are tax deductible (since CDSNA is a tax-exempt charitable organization.) Usually, if you are representing Clan Douglas to the public at a recognized Scottish/Celtic event, you are authorized. A Regent can also earn a 10% commission on the sale of Clan Douglas Store Goods.

According to the CDSNA Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3, "Only Members as defined in Article III and current in their annual dues are eligible to be a Regent ... As a Regent or Co-Regent of CDSNA, it is vital that you set the example for membership by being a current member of CDSNA in good standing. Should you falter in maintaining current dues, the CDSNA Secretary will contact you regarding membership.

Failure to respond and update membership may result in being suspended as a CDSNA Regent.

One way to guarantee that you are never removed due to a lapsed membership is to become a Life Member of CDSNA. Arrange with the Secretary to have your per event reimbursement (currently up to US \$225 per approved multi-day event or \$125 per one day event) applied to your Life Membership status.

Not written into the Bylaws is the expectation that Regents representing CDSNA at an event will complete and send in to the CDSNA Secretary a copy of the **ONE STOP** form (to report on monies collected for New or Renewing members and any Store Goods sales) within a reasonable time after the close of the event (within two-weeks of the close is a good cutoff time.) CDSNA is a **501(c)(3) organization** and the **ONE STOP** reporting form is an important tool CDSNA uses to maintain that status. Regents submitting the **ONE STOP** after the two-week window may not qualify for the reimbursement. Regents are also expected to submit an event narrative to the Newsletter Editor for publication in the next **Dubh Ghlaise**. The submission deadline for narratives is typically the 15th of the month preceding the issue. (Example: If the next **Dubh Ghlaise** issue will be sent out in early March, event narratives should be sent to the Newsletter Editor by February 15.) If your event occurs near or after the 15th of the month preceding the issue, contact the Newsletter Editor for options.

More about the **ONE STOP** form can be found in **section 9**.

Not written into the Bylaws but based on Common Sense is the fact that, as a CDSNA Regent, you are representing the *Clan Douglas Society*. Your actions at a festival with visitors to your tent, with the public in general, and/or with the organizers of the festival will reflect **positively** OR **negatively** on the *Clan Douglas Society*. Our *Clan Douglas Society* tents should be clean, wholesome, and family friendly. With that in mind, Regents and other representatives at our Douglas tents should refrain from...

- using explicit language.
- any excessive use of alcohol – **be careful with those "wee drams."**
- any use of tobacco products under the Douglas tent.

Chapter 2 - Planning Sequence – Useful *Suggestions* for Organization (before, during, and after Game-Day)

Your actual mileage (& time frame) may vary

- **G-Day – 120**
Contact the event Organizing Committee to inquire about sponsoring a tent at the selected event.
 - **G-Day – 90**
Check your equipment for completeness and serviceability. Any upgrades or additions should be ordered now to get them in time. If you will be selling clan Store Goods, order these from the Clan Storekeeper.
 - **G-Day - 75**
Mail in -- or web register, if the event allows it -- your event application form and fees. This should be enough advance notification to get Clan Douglas mentioned in the event program and listed on the event website.
 - **G-Day – 60**
Check the event website to see if Clan Douglas is listed. If not, contact the event organizers with a polite reminder.

Draft an email letter and Facebook post to all local and area clan members informing them that you will be hosting a tent at the Festival X on date Y.
 - **G-Day – 45**
Begin packing your gear boxes. Use a checklist. Make copies of your clan handouts.
 - **G-Day - 30**
Set up your tent and check for a quality check (mildew, holes, missing lines and stakes).
 - **G-Day - 25**
Send out your email and Facebook announcements. Also, post the announcement on our clan website.
 - **G-Day - 15**
Check your clothing items to be sure they are clean, serviceable, mended and pressed. Double check that you have clean and comfortable footwear.
 - **G-Day - 10**
Make sure you have received your Sponsor packet from the games committee. If not, call the Clan and Society committee chairman right away.
 - **G-Day - 7**
Plan your time and route to the event, especially if this is your first time there.
 - **G-Day - 3**
Pack your gear in easy-to-carry equipment boxes. Don't forget your Store Goods (if any).
 - **G-Day - 1**
Load all your equipment in your vehicle the night before. Lay out your clothing.
 - **G-Hour -2**
Get to the event parking lot as early as possible so you unload your gear as soon as possible. Usually, 2 hours before Gate opening is recommended. Some events allow clan vehicles to drive to Clan Row and unload. Most events require all vehicles to be cleared from the field at least 30 min before Gates open.
 - **G-Hour-1.5**
Set the tent up first and get everything under it just in case. Banners and flags up. Tables up and covered with cloth. Table displays set up, and sign-in book ready. Park vehicle (as required).
 - **G-Hour -0.5**
Visit the hospitality tent, and introduce yourself to your neighbors.
 - **G-Hour !!!**
Gates open, greet your first visitors, and have fun!
- - - After the event, ***Manners and Paper Work!!!*** (See Chap 9) - - -

Chapter 3 - Tent Organization

You will need a tent to protect yourself and your things from the elements.

Your tent site will serve several purposes. It is your home base. It is where you can display Clan Douglas insignia and information. It is where you can greet the public, recruit new members, and where you can entertain guests, friends, and clan members. The way you organize your tent and assigned space will affect how well you can accomplish these duties.

To get started you can frequently rent a tent or the games organizers will require using the tents they provide.

Most festivals have a tent rental option. In fact, renting a tent is mandatory at quite a few larger festivals. Tables and folding chairs can also be rented. The benefits of renting equipment that you don't have to carry to and from your vehicle can sometimes offset the costs of the rentals and save wear and tear on your equipment and your body.

If you choose to purchase a tent, look for one that is 10 ft by 10 ft. since most festival clan spaces are divided into 10x10 sections. Look for festival-style tents in a large sporting goods store or at Wal-Mart. Many festival-style tents are commercially available. A good tent can be used for things other than Scottish festivals.

If you choose to purchase a tent, don't feel you need to buy an EZ-Up tent for \$500. A lightweight lawn shade type tent can be had for far less. Look for one that is 10 ft by 10 ft. since most festival clan spaces are divided into 10x10 sections. Look for festival-style tents in a large sporting goods store or (occasionally) at Wal-Mart. Many festival-style tents are commercially available.

You should strive to make your tent eye-catching, welcoming and appealing.

Some clans seem to go overboard trying to make the thing look like a castle! They frequently will have to set up the day before and haul a trailer behind a truck to bring, in all their paraphernalia. You don't need to go that far, and should be able to set up all your things in 45 minutes with a little practice.

You will need a table and some folding chairs plus whatever display materials or visitor handouts you choose to bring. Transporting tables can be tricky in smaller vehicles. Look for smaller (4-foot and 6-foot) folding tables at your local Lowes, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club or Costco. These are sturdy but lightweight tables (meaning you won't tire yourself or any helpers lugging the thing to your tent from your vehicle and vice versa). Folding lawn chairs make great tent seating.

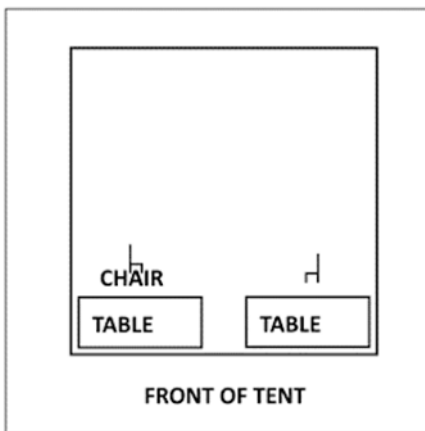
Tidy your tent periodically.

Your display items, hand-outs, and books will be touched and moved all day. Tidy your tent to maximize appeal.

Tent Layout

There are two basic layouts that all other designs are based on. You can experiment over time to see which tent set-up works best for your style of being a Regent.

- 1) You can arrange your setup on the assumption that you want visitors to enter your tent and look around on their own... OR...
- 2) you can arrange your setup to keep the casual passerby on the other side of your table until you invite him/her into your personal space.



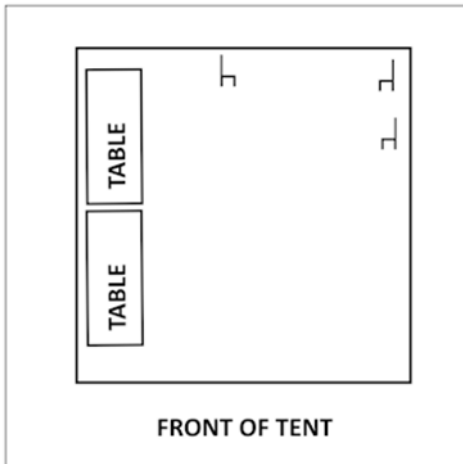
TABLE(S) UP FRONT

The most common set-up seen at festivals is set up your table(s) at the front edge of the tent. This helps you display your material front and center. The disadvantage is that it sets up a barrier between you and the public. This is not necessarily bad, but something to consider. Some visitors to the tent may interpret the table as a "Keep Out" signal might feel less inclined to engage with you.

To counter this, when they are standing in front of the tent and you have a tent banner listing all our CDSNA septs & allied families' names, ask them something to engage them at your tent. A good question is, "Do you see a name from your family history?"

TABLE(S) AT THE SIDE(S)

Another layout is to use one or two tables and place clan information on one side of the tent or place a table on each

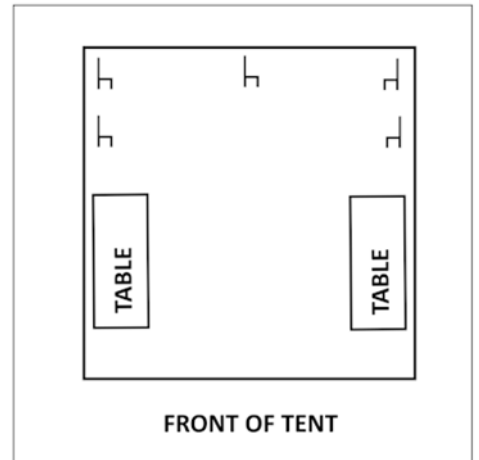


side to display clan information on one table and hospitality items on the other table. The chairs and visiting area goes toward the rear of the tent. This draws visitors into your tent to view the tables.

Decorate your tables with anything eye-catching.

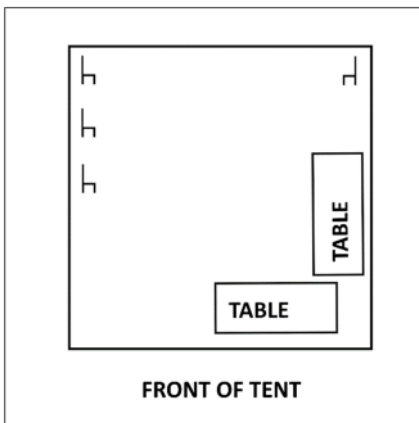
Arrange your chairs for a cozy chatting area with new friends and cousins.

If you bring a cooler... either place it under a table or somewhere at the rear of the tent convenient for you.



TABLES IN AN 'L' SHAPE

A third layout is to use two tables in an "L" shape with a table in front and one down the side. Recruiting materials go in front and hospitality and sales items can go on the side. Either way, move the front table to one side to allow easy access for your invited visitors to come in to the visiting area. This layout invites people in under the front of your tent while still keeping a semi-private area at the back of tent.



Use the sides of your tent to display items such as pictures or banners.

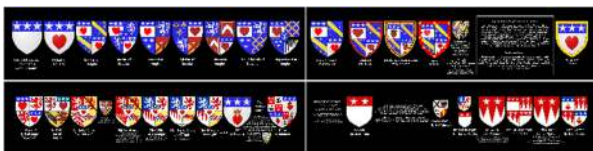
Cover your tables with a table cloth, our tartan, or a combination of both.

A covered table has a finished and appealing look. A cotton or poly-cotton fabric is recommended for a general cover since these materials can be washed and dried easily. Tartan cloth, usually wool but increasingly becoming more common in polyviscose, is a wonderful addition to any table. Since most of us cannot afford to have tablecloths of wool tartan, a solid white, black or deep blue table cover, clipped to the table in back and draping almost to the ground in the front of the table, is preferred. Any tablecloth can be 'detailed' with a runner of tartan later. Having a covered table also allows you to have a covered storage place under your table for miscellaneous items such as your

storage tubs or a cooler.

Displays attract visitors and should tell about our Clan's history.

Strive for color and variety. Maps to show from where we came, coats of arms, and histories of our septs and allied families are all good display items. Get as many things off the table and up to eye level as possible by hanging maps and charts from the tent framework. Visual/picture books and books related to Clan history are always popular. Suggested books can be found below in **Reference Books**. Start with a few things and add more each game (as you are able) to improve each year. More display item suggestion can be found in **Displays**.



Signage is very important and the best way to let people know from a distance that Clan Douglas is here.

Visitors will frequently stroll down the line of clan tents and happen upon you by surprise. Use every opportunity to get the name of our clan name in front of them. I strongly recommend a banner across the front of your tent, as high as is practical, with big, bold letters saying DOUGLAS or CLAN DOUGLAS.

As a CDSNA Regent, you can request a FREE tent banner (like the one in the photo) in either a 10ft x 10ft format or an 8ft x 8ft format.

People should be able to see you in a crowded clan area at a distance. A DOUGLAS banner with the Sept and Allied Families names listed is the greatest asset a tent can have. It stands out in a crowd of other tents. When people see it from a distance and note that there are other names on it, they are drawn to the tent to search for their family name.



“DO YOU SEE A NAME FROM YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?”



You can also have a smaller banner draped across the front of your table or one hanging in the back of your tent visible when people get up close. This smaller banner can double as a parade identifier.



Fly a tartan flag.

You should strive to display our tartan flags prominently in front of the tent either by attaching the poles to the tent legs or by pounding flag holder stakes in the ground. Flags are commonly found in two sizes: 3ft x 5ft and 2ft x 3ft. A 2ft x 3ft flag is smaller and lighter and, thus, more able to catch a breeze while larger flags are good for parades. Bottom line – whatever size tartan flag you have available will be just fine.

Clan Douglas is blessed having a number of tartan variations for flags – see **Douglas Tartans** below for tartan examples. While a *Modern Douglas* tartan is common and the material is relatively inexpensive, other tartan patterns – *Ancient Douglas*, *Weathered Douglas*, *Black Douglas*, *Douglas of Roxburgh*, and *Grey Douglas*, to name a few – exist. Wool, the traditional material for tartan is no longer the only material available. Polyviscose, a synthetic material, has the look and feel of wool, is machine washable, and costs a fraction of wool tartan is readily available in *Modern Douglas*.

Acrylic tartan, with many of the same features of polyviscose but of an inferior quality, is also available in *Modern Douglas*. Either of these synthetics would be great for making tartan flags exposed to the elements.

Where to acquire tartan.

Purchasing tartan for flags, banners, etc. can be expensive – often \$50 - \$150 per yard of fabric – but sources can be found online. It may be possible to contact kilt makers and ask for information about where to buy tartan fabric by the yard (or meter).

An economical way to acquire more common Douglas tartan (Modern & Ancient) is to search online sales outlets like Ebay and search for things such as “used wool tartan kilts”. The average ladies kilt skirt (size small or 12) is constructed from 2-3 yards of material. Larger or longer kilt skirts can yield more tartan material. Used items will need to be carefully deconstructed to avoid tearing the material. Pleated areas will also need to be steamed to relax the kilt pleats. You can even machine wash the wool in COLD water with **Woolite®** and allow the fabric to air dry. If desired, the wool can be steam-ironed to remove pleats. Simply use caution and common sense, when deconstructing, washing or ironing.



Modern Douglas



Ancient Douglas



Weathered Douglas



Douglas of Roxburgh nearly identical to Turnbull but their respective thread counts differ.

There is also a *Roxburgh* tartan but it is a district tartan rather than a Douglas tartan... so don't be confused by the similar naming.



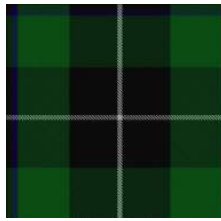
Roxburgh tartan

If the colors are more vibrant, it may be called Muted Douglas





Grey Douglas

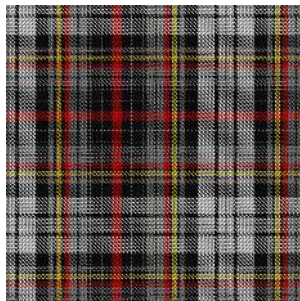


Hunting Douglas replaces the red stripe of the Black Douglas with a white stripe.



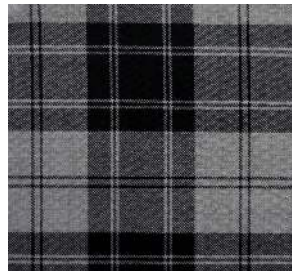
Black Douglas

Black Douglas & Red Douglas tartans are not indicative of a particular Douglas family branch



Douglas Ancient Dress (WCWM)

This tartan is actually a 'trade' tartan created by a British Columbia weaving firm who thought naming it "Douglas" would improve material sales. WCWM stands for West Coast Woolen Mills.



Modern Grey Douglas



Red Douglas

Other flags for display

Many tenters will commonly fly two or three flags in addition to their tartan flag; the American flag, the Scottish flag (also known as St. Andrew's Cross or St. Andrew's Saltire), and the Royal Standard of Scotland.

While everyone is free to display both the American and Scottish flags, please adhere to proper flag etiquette. If you are unsure of what the proper etiquette is, see if there is a SAMS tent in Clan Row. SAMS (the Scottish-American Military Society) membership is composed primarily of veterans of Scottish, Scots-Irish, Irish, and Welsh ancestry who have served — or are serving — in the US or British Commonwealth Armed Forces. The mission of SAMS is preserving and promoting Scottish and American Armed Forces customs, traditions, and heritage. A SAMS representative will be happy to assist you in showing proper respect for both of these national flags.



St. Andrew's Cross or Saltire

The Royal Standard of Scotland (also known as the Banner of the King/Queen of Scots, the Lion Rampant of Scotland, and the Scottish Royal Banner of Arms) is used historically by the King/Queen of Scots. The Royal Standard of Scotland differs from Scotland's national flag, the Saltire, in that its correct use is restricted by an Act of the Parliament of Scotland to only a few *Great Officers of State* who officially represent the Sovereign in Scotland. It is also used in an official capacity at royal residences in Scotland when the Sovereign is not present. The use of this flag by those not entitled to its usage is discouraged (although this seldom stops many clan tenters from proudly displaying on their tents).



Royal Standard of Scotland

Basic Equipment Checklist

IF RENTING EQUIPMENT ... Quality check all rented items when you first see them. Make notes about any issues/damages you notice before using and snap a few photos to back up your notes. If you have concerns, talk with an event organizer.

Tent (unless renting)

Tent Stakes (to secure the tent against winds. A good idea to have these even if renting the tent)

Hammer

Bungee cords of many lengths (up to 36 in)

Rain tarps or Tent SideWalls

Tie down cord

Table(s) or Folding table(s) (unless renting)

Tablecloth(s)

Folding chairs (unless renting)

Spring Clamps

Douglas Name Banner (preferably with septs & allied families li

Banner mounting frame

Cooler (with drinks and/or food ... *check with the festival org*

about any restrictions or prohibitions regarding alcoholic beverages at your tent.)

Paper Towels

Tartan Flags and any tartan table decorations

Duct Tape (maybe you can find yet another new use)

Clan Douglas Store Goods (if you wish to sell any, contact the Storekeeper)

Membership applications

Guest Register

Any Maps or Displays Items you prefer

Books (but consider the weight of them, if you have to walk your tubs to the tent site)

Printed Newsletters (if you can print one or a few cheaply.)

Rubber clan stamp and ink (Something for the wee ones at the games, especially if the event has "Clan Passports".)

YOUR SMART PHONE (for new member pictures and parade pictures)

Paper weights to keep loose literature from blowing away on windy days

*** Colorado Regent Chuck Mirable suggests that garage sales can be a good place to look for tents and generic "stuff" for tent decorating.

Help us help you better! Maybe you have a tried-and-true equipment checklist that has always worked for you. Please share it. Send it to your Regional Asst VP or share it on the Clan website. Being a Regent isn't a competition and it doesn't have to be lonely ... working together, we all become better representatives of CDSNA.



Use small bungee cords instead of zip ties to attach your banners, posters, etc. to support frames. The bungees are reusable and you won't leave a lot of dead zip bits on the ground when you leave.



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spring clamps of different sizes.

Displays Suggestions

- MAP(s) of Scotland or the Borders showing where Douglasses and allied families lived.
- Store goods - T-shirts and cap badges, scarves, ties, etc. (**Only Douglas, items, not general merchandise, please. The vendors get upset.**)
- Tartans on the table; get them in front of the visitor as often as you can.
- Handouts: *Check the Regent Resources on the Clan Website, ask your Regional Asst. VP or create one of your own*
- Photo album (label the pictures, name the people in the pictures and the setting).
- Swords, Daggers, Medieval or Jacobite weapons - Basket hilt broadsword or claymore are popular. **Make sure swords are not too sharp! You don't want little boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 94 getting hurt *when* they play with your swords.**

Make sure any displayed weapons are safe for visitors to handle... because, if they are displayed, they WILL BE handled (whether or not that was your intention.)

- Crafts – home-made needle point of the cap badge or other Douglas things.
- Other interesting and/or fascinating Scottish-themed or Douglas-themed items (according to your budget and taste)

Hints:

- Get as many things up to eye level as possible, don't lay everything flat on the table.
- Maximum use of color and motion - flags, banners, and maps.
- Get the name Douglas in front of the visitor as many ways as you can.
- Weatherproof as much as you can - think about wind and rain first.

Chapter 4 - Kitting Yourself Out

From the start you will face the dichotomy of having to equip yourself and your tent simultaneously. Many new Regents feel they are not authentic without wearing tartan; either the kilt or a kilted skirt. Kilts are very expensive and certainly not a necessity in life, so some form of **budgeting and planned savings** is called for. And most will also want to purchase a tent. As mentioned earlier in this guide, neither a kilt nor a tent is a necessity to start representing the clan. However, eventually you will want to acquire these things and so much more. This chapter will offer some suggestions on how to tap the piggy bank without breaking it. As with so many other things in life, the KISS principle (Keep It Simple, Silly) applies.

What to wear.

Remember: the two most important items you must bring to a Scottish event are your enthusiasm for people and some knowledge of Clan Douglas; *clothing is optional*.

Decide on your own style.



Scots, for all the desire to wear the Chieftain's tartan, are still very individualistic and you will have to decide on your own style. **As a Clan member**, we have to be a bit more individualistic and creative, since we do not have a Chief. This is an opportunity to break out of your shell some too. Some prefer a military approach, others the re-enactor kit, or the country gentleman look. Others prefer the medieval outfit with the lace up shirt. Ladies have a variety of feminine approaches to arriving at their own style. No matter what your interest in Scottish fashion, all are wise to consult "Scotty" Thompson's ***So You're Going to Wear the Kilt***. This thin booklet is chock full of information addressing all form and function of Scottish attire. The great benefit from reading it is that, in one place, you can gain the confidence of knowing you are wearing it right.

No one in Clan Douglas expects you to go deep into debt to represent us.

Some priority planning to acquire the essentials first will cushion the financial blow. Borrowing or renting will also help defray your initial expenses. Take your time and pick up both *needed* and *wanted* things as you go.

MEN: Seriously, outfitting yourself can begin simply with a Clan Douglas embroidered polo shirt and maybe a bonnet with a Douglas clan badge. For a dressier look, wear a white dress shirt and a Douglas tartan tie. While a wool kilt would be wonderful, if you do not already have a kilt, consider purchasing a polyviscose kilt in *Modern Douglas* tartan. As a reminder, polyviscose, a synthetic material, has the look and feel of wool, is machine washable, and costs a fraction of wool tartan and is readily available in *Modern Douglas* for under \$100.00. Wool kilts are often custom made and may take 4 to 8 weeks for delivery. Polyviscose kilts can usually be delivered in much less time. Keep in mind, men, if you wear the kilt, you will also need kilt hose, garters, flashes, a broad belt, and a sporran. And what self-respecting man wouldn't want a *sgian dubh*, or dark knife, slipped into the top of his kilt hose?





LADIES: Same as with the men, a Clan Douglas embroidered polo shirt is fine. But sometimes a lady wants to look more *lady-like*. Many women will typically wear a kilted skirt or sash and these are considered by some as essential pieces of any Scotswoman's wardrobe. The usefulness of a plaid skirt goes without saying and a sash can be worn over the shoulder or around the waist. But for those who haven't yet found a kilted skirt, but still want to dress in tartan, consider wearing an **arasaid** (ah ris say). The *arasaid* is an extremely simple yet historically accurate article of clothing where the tartan is worn over your clothes. It keeps you warm during cold days, while being loose enough to wear on warm days without becoming too hot. There is no pattern, cutting or necessary sewing (which is great for those who may not know how to sew.) Just like with the men, polyviscose material is a less expensive and machine washable alternative to wool.

Take 2.5 to 3 yards of 60" wide material tartan material. You need this width to go around you so the tartan will fall gracefully and create a full skirt effect. Gather the tartan width around your waist and allow enough length to create a long skirt. Belt the material around your waist. (To avoid having to measure the length every time, you can sew a casing and run a narrow belt or a cloth sash of a matching color through the casing.) Now you have an open long skirt worn over a dress with a very long piece of material going down the back. Take the 2 corners at the end of that long piece and tie them in a knot. You can put your arm through the "loop" with the knot on your shoulder. Now you have a very lovely drape of tartan down your back, similar to a plaid. If it is a cool day, put the loop around your neck with the tartan drape around your shoulders. If it's raining, put it up over your head. Simple, isn't it!

Here are instructions for making an *arasaid* for those more adventurous souls who also have skill with fabric or a friend with such skill.

Things You'll Need

- Tartan or striped woolen fabric measuring 2.5 to 3 yards in length and 60 inches wide
- Sewing machine
- 1 spool heavy cotton thread

Instructions

- 1) Lay the fabric on a flat surface. A tile or wood floor makes an excellent work surface for large fabric such as this.
- 2) Measure 1/2-inch in from the edge of the fabric on all sides. Draw a line along each edge using the fabric chalk.
- 3) Fold the fabric along the chalk guideline, pinning the fabric in place as you go. Pinning the hem will make sewing the edges easier.
- 4) Heat your iron to the appropriate setting for your fabric. Lightly press the hem in place. Pressing the hem creates a sharp edge.
- 5) Thread your sewing machine with the heavy-duty thread. Set your sewing machine to use a blind-hem stitch. The blind-hem stitch creates a sturdy edge without pulling or gapping.
- 6) Stitch the short sides of the fabric first, followed by the long sides. Feed the fabric slowly through the machine to maintain a straight line. Remove the pins as you go to avoid bending your sewing machine needle.
- 7) Add decorative fringe to the short edges at this point, if desired.
- 8) To wear the *arasaid*, hold the fabric behind you with one of the short edges at your ankles. Secure it at the waist with a belt. Drape the fabric in a billowing fashion so that it hangs to the back of your knees. Pull the ends of the fabric around the front of your neck and pin it in place with a brooch.



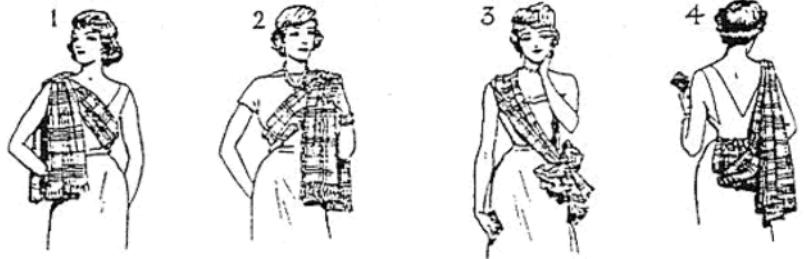
The Court of the Lord Lyon

Wearing of Sashes by Ladies in Evening Dress

Information Leaflet No.7 Wearing of Sashes by Ladies in Evening Dress

[<http://www.scotarmigers.net/pdfs/info-leaflet-7.pdf>]

The manner of wearing tartan sashes or light scarves had customary significance even two centuries ago, and whilst the wearing of sashes in any particular manner has so far no legal significance, a due respect for tradition suggests that uniform practice, and implication consistent with custom, is desirable. The difference methods undermentioned to wearing such are appropriate for ladies in different circumstances. All these suggestions are based on a careful study of old portraits, prints and traditional practice, and bear the authoritative approval of the Lord Lyon King of Arms.



No. 1: Style worn by clans-women. The sash is worn over the right shoulder across the breast and is secured by a pin or small brooch on the right shoulder.

No. 2: Style worn by Chieftainesses, wives of clan chiefs and wives of the Colonels of Scottish Regiments. The sash which may be rather fuller in size is worn over the left shoulder and secured with a brooch on the left shoulder.

No. 3: Style worn by ladies who have married out of their clan, but who still wish to use their original clan tartan. The sash usually longer than No 1 style, is worn over the right shoulder secured there with a pin and fastened in a large bow on the left hip.

No. 4: Style worn by country dancers or where any lady desires to keep the front of the dress clear of the sash (as, for example, when wearing the ribband of a chivalric order, or any orders and decorations). This style is similar to the belted plaid, and is really a small arisaid. It is buttoned on at the back of the waist, or is held by a small belt, and is secured at the right shoulder by a pin or small brooch, so that the ends fall backwards from the right shoulder and swing at the back of the right arm. Bearings in Scotland, and the principles on which they are allotted and should continue to be allotted.

Not everyone agrees with this interpretation by the Lyon Court regarding the fashion of how women should wear a sash. Here is what one clan chief proposes:

How Women Should Wear the Sash

A letter from Sir Malcolm MacGregor, 24th Chief of Clan Gregor

“Sashes are of a tartan design and are therefore highly symbolic, but ultimately, they are purely decorative whether worn by the Queen or anyone else. They have no heraldic resonance at all. Therefore, for that reason I do not believe they should come under the jurisdiction of the Lyon Court. Their descriptions of whether a sash should be worn on the left or right shoulder could lead to confusion.

“In my view the sash should be worn on the left shoulder by everyone. There is no historical precedence for it being worn on the right shoulder as far as [any clans] are concerned. Tartan sashes are normally worn for Scottish dances and balls, which means that the right arm needs to be free for turning partners. Wearing the sash on the left shoulder makes sense, as in principle the right arm is used most of the time, but not exclusively.

“We have enough complications with highland dress as it is, so I believe we can have one instance where it is simple – all sashes on the left shoulder no matter who you are.

“There is no need to distinguish between a chief’s wife and any other lady when it comes to wearing a sash. Whilst I cannot speak for specific clans, there is no history of such distinction in most clans. At a dance it would look distinctly odd if the chief’s wife was the only person wearing the sash on the left shoulder. We all know what she looks like and so there is no need to ID her through the wearing of a sash.”



Bottom line regarding Women wearing a sash ... Do as you wish.

Chapter 5 - Handling Visitors

Sometimes you can tell just by the look on their face that the stranger walking up to your tent is somehow a distant cousin. Perhaps they show a little bemused smile or wear a look of amazement when you meet. Sometimes, even though you have just met, you both sense “family”. The vast majority of visitors will simply be curious, or more likely, hungry for information.

Our mission is to be helpful and friendly to all.

No matter what the visitor's demeanor may be, you should greet everyone in a friendly manner. A smile and a polite hello will suffice. Don't spook a prospective member, you don't know what their motivation or interest truly is. You may want to comment on the weather or make a favorable comment on some Scottish article of clothing just to get the conversation started. If your Douglas tent banner has a list of Septs and Allied Families, seekers will often stop in front of your tent and read the names. **You can often spark a conversation by asking, “Do you see a name from your family history in the list?”** Many times you will be told, “No, but I have a friend who is a [insert name here].”

A lot of folks who stroll past your tent are ‘searchers’ who have no Douglas connection. Talking with them can frequently be rewarding. If you have a few very informative table resources, you can aid them in their search, possibly sending them to their suspected clan's tent, and create a great deal of good will among all the members in the clan area. Helping another clan's potential members find the right place to be will often be reciprocated by other clan's representatives sending potential Douglas members to your tent. And one more thing... save the last smile of the day for your last visitor; they deserve it and they may just join up on the spot!

Our job is to inform with confidence and to persuade with diplomacy.

You should expect to be challenged. Some might say, “I thought Douglas was English.” Or “I thought Douglas was a lowland family so they couldn't be a clan.” Some might want to argue that a name from our list is its own clan totally unrelated to Douglas.” Some will be more than happy to recite their “expert opinion” or share their “expert knowledge” and/or family tradition. Be a good listener -- but, if you need to “stand your ground”, be prepared to respond with confidence, respect, and diplomacy. Many of the references listed in **Reference Books [7-2 & 7-3]** can be used to settle or diffuse potential (or actual) arguments. Showing “proof in print” is mighty powerful.

Forewarned is forearmed: keep the visitors in view.

Even in this day and age some children will visit in packs without a parent at arm's length. The parents are somewhere nearby, but without the immediate restraining influence of an adult right there, the child will want to satisfy their natural curiosity. They ask questions, but they also touch without asking permission.

If you have more than one group visiting the tent at once, you should have some help to take on the second group. Get to know the clan reps in the tent(s) next door and agree to “watch each other's back” in the busy times. If two of you are with group “A”, don't feel shy about peeling off and speaking to group “B”. Try to separate them a little for convenience and conversation if you can. If you are alone, don't be shy about asking a neighbor for help.

Never leave your tent unattended.

If you have no backup, ask your tent-sitting neighbor to watch your site while you heed the call of nature. But never just leave the tent without some coverage. And be prepared to return the favor when your neighbor asks.

Food, coloring books, and other visitor gifts.

Some Regents go above and beyond the call and provide some simple Scottish treats for tent visitors. Shortbread cookies, heart-shaped candies (to showcase our Douglas motif), and mints are the most common food items.

Some Regents prepare a few coloring pages or a coloring book of Scottish-themed pictures for young guests. This is a simple enough thing to do and any number of good pictures can be found on the internet. Also, if you notice the representative of another clan has some nice coloring pictures, don't be afraid to ask for a copy. For the most part, all of us in Clan Row consider one another as family and will do whatever we can to help one another.

Some Regents have a small Douglas-themed card or small rolled-paper scroll for visitors to take with them. I have never done this myself but I have seen it before. It may be I lack the right kind of creativity to do this. (If you do have the ‘right stuff’ and want to share your idea, send your idea to your Regional Asst. VP.) It may be that my Scottish frugality prohibits me from giving too much away ... other than my stories and my enthusiasm.

Winged Heart or Flaming Salamander? And what is that one with the Boar in the tree?

I have had many festival attendees at our Douglas tent ask, "Why does the CDSNA crest have a winged heart with the motto **FORWARD** instead of the salamander in the flames with the motto **Jamais Arrière** like all the other Douglas crests?" There are a couple of reasons.

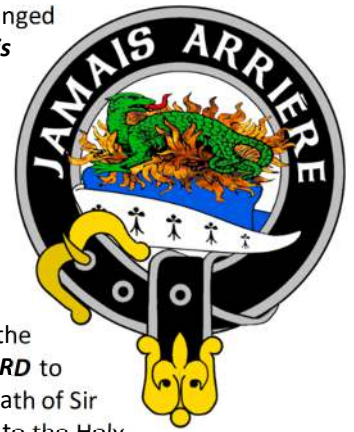


First, the selection of an "official" clan badge is the prerogative of the clan chief. Since Douglas does not have a clan chief, we have no "official" clan badge. The last recognized Chief of Douglas was the Duke of Douglas (from the Red Douglas/Angus line) and his badge was the "belted salamander in flames on a cap of maintenance" with motto **Jamais Arrière**.

The Drumlanrig/Queensberry branch of the Douglas family used the "belted, crowned and winged heart of Bruce" with motto **FORWARD** to represent the historical and sentimental pilgrimage resulting in the death of Sir James "The Good" while carrying the heart of King Robert I, the Bruce, to the Holy Land. Sir James "The Good" died 1330 near Teba, Spain. This story is related in the section titled "Have a story or two to tell" so keep reading.

And that "Boar in the tree"? That is the badge of the Morton branch – "a boar proper in the cleft of an oak tree fructed vert, with a lock azure holding the clefts of the tree together" with motto **Lock Sicker**.

Second, when the Clan Douglas Society of North America was established in 1975, the Society chose the "belted crowned and winged heart of Bruce" with motto **FORWARD** as its official emblem based on the consideration that they would not be infringing on any rights of a future chief.



Children and 'Clan Passport' Stamps.

Many festivals provide children with a 'Clan Passport'. This is an excellent device for getting parents to stop at every clan tent to allow the children to procure their Passport Stamp. It is also a brilliant system for teaching young ones about simple Scottish history.

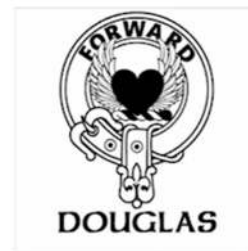
Having a Douglas Clan Passport stamp is a good idea. Otherwise, you have to write 'Clan Douglas' every time and kids, who are used to every other clan having a clan stamp, will look at you oddly. I have found the best clan stamp has the word 'Douglas' under the clan seal.

CDSNA Regents should look for the **Winged Heart** stamp. If this stamp is unavailable, the Flaming Salamander stamp will suffice.

Before you order something online, visit the vendors at your festival(s) and see if they have a clan stamp available (preferably with the name).

If you can't find a stamp at your festival vendor, shop around online. If the company offers an option to add the Douglas name, select it. There is a 'Clan Douglas Winged Heart Rubber Stamp' available online from Zazzle (https://www.zazzle.com/clan_douglas_winged_heart_rubber_stamp-256917965866940839). If you go the Zazzle route, it is worth knowing the site has frequent discount days. If you can wait for the 25%, 30%, or 40% days, you can save money.

You can make a game with children asking for a passport stamp. Say, "To have safe passage through Douglas lands, you will have to pay a price and that price is this: you must shout our Clan War Cry – **A Douglas!** – as loud as you can ... so loud, in fact, that you scare the other clan tents. Are you willing to do this on the count of three? 1 ... 2 ... 3!" And then see if they will shout. Many will, some won't. And that is OK. At some events, neighboring clan tents will mirror you and have the children shout their clan's war cry. While this all may seem silly to some, the children AND their parents love it. And when they do shout, it draws attention to your tent.



Chapter 6 – Advertising

The old saying goes, "It doesn't cost to advertise, it pays!" However, in *Real Life*, it does cost something so you might as well get as much as you can for each advertising dollar. This chapter will discuss several ways to get the news out to the public that Clan Douglas is here.

Register for games early.

Even before the quickly approaching games take place, you can plan to advertise Clan Douglas. If you register early enough, you will ensure that Clan Douglas is listed on the event’s website and in the event’s official visitors program. The website alerts current and potential members that Clan Douglas will be present and the event program will tell how to find the Douglas tent.

Banners should be big, bright, and visible from a distance.

In chapter 3-4, you saw that **Signage is very important**. Yours will be one of many tents on Clan Row so visitors should be presented with a sign that will catch their eye. If you back up to a big field where the athletic events or the sheep herding is demonstrated, consider placing a banner on the back of your tent too. *“If you display it, they will come.”*



Banners with our sept/allied family names listed will give visitors reason to pause in front of the tent and allow you an opportunity to open a conversation with them.

The *Clan Douglas Society* banner pictured above is available **FREE** to Regents from the Society and come in two sizes: 10ft x 2ft or 8ft x 2ft. Contact the Storekeeper to learn more.

If there is a clan parade at your event, get in it!

Even if you are the only one at your tent, get in it. Ask someone with lots of people at their tent to tent-sit for you. It is a chance to get our tartan and name in front of the assembled multitudes. Consider having a portable but large-lettered marching banner so the parade dignitaries can announce our clan. If you sign new members or greet any older members of Clan Douglas before the parade, ask them to march with you and allow them to carry the marching banner and any clan flags. When you pass in front of the reviewing stand, **sound off with our war cry, "A Douglas!"** and **do so loudly**. Few clans do this and we really do stand out when we scare the dignitaries on the dais. People remember that ... in a good way! Another good thing is to participate in the *Kirkin' O' the Tartan* and get our tartan banner in front of the gathered faithful.



Calling of the Clans (sometimes called “Fire Ceremony”)

Many events will have a *Calling of the Clans* as a part of an event’s opening ceremonies. Each clan will send a representative to announce “Clan X is here!” Each clan rep has his/her own short speech ready. Some are funny; some are serious. You get to decide how you want to present Clan Douglas. And this is a great time to do a little boasting.



Clan Douglas member Garrett Henson announces Clan Douglas at the St. Louis Scottish festival.

Oh ... and the clan rep doesn’t always have to be you. Sometimes it is a great idea to have a local member handle the *Callout*. I have included two *Callout* speeches I have created; feel free to use either or create your own to match your personality.

“Of all the great families of Scotland, only ONE NAME could cause the English to quake in their boots or turn tail and run. Only ONE NAME had the power and prestige to provoke the Stewart kings to jealousy and murder. Only ONE NAME can claim its history as the history of Scotland itself.

I am here to represent that ONE NAME and all the other names that comprised that ONE GREAT HOUSE: the House of Douglas is here. **A DOUGLAS! A DOUGLAS!”**

“Were it not for the House of Douglas, Scotland today would be known simply as “Northern England. From the Wars for Scottish Independence to the Acts of Union one branch or another of the House of Douglas stood in the forefront directing the course of Scottish history. Powerful and provocative, loyal and true -- the legacy of the House of Douglas and all its Allied Families continues today all over the world. Enemies quake and friends hold firm when they hear the call **A DOUGLAS! A DOUGLAS!** “

(Optional) Inter-Clan Competitions

Some events host competitions between the clans with tug-o-wars, wrestling, and some track & field events that don’t interfere with the more serious Scottish athletic events (although, this is not to say that clan rivalries can’t be serious. They can be and often are.) Obviously, you won’t be able to participate in an inter-clan event if you are by your lonesome but, if you have someone to watch the tent, try an event or two. You could also join forces with a clan we list as a **Sept or Allied Family**. If you have a good-sized Clan Douglas member group at your event and the event hosts clan games, field a Clan Douglas Team and have some fun.

(Optional) Sponsor a trophy or a competitor.

This is another entry in the official event program and another announcement over the PA system. There may be Douglas athletes competing in the athletic events. Sponsoring one of our athletes at your event shows that Clan Douglas truly has a family attitude.



(Optional) Store goods.

Clan Douglas offers a number of Clan Douglas specific store goods. Members -- new members especially -- may be interested in purchasing a new Clan Douglas polo shirt, Clan Douglas T-shirt, or Clan Douglas cap badges or kilt pins. People like to show off their new things ... and as these new Clan items circulate around the event, attention is drawn to Clan Douglas. Contact the Clan Storekeeper and ask what items appear to be the ‘hot sellers’ at festivals, then try and keep a few sizes of each on hand. Store goods sales also add to our Clan’s general fund.

If you have Store Goods and the person wanting to buy a particular Store Good item has only a credit/debit card, purchases can be made via our Society website. Once the Regent verifies the online transaction is complete – the purchaser can show you the Completed Transaction page from their phone - the item has been purchased and the purchaser can take the item.

If you choose to no Store Goods at your tent, or if you do have a particular Store Good in stock at your tent, the CDSNA Website allows for purchase online with a credit/debit card. To view the CDSNA Online store, direct the person to:

<https://www.clan-douglas-society.org/sale>

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Take some time to familiarize yourself with the website – especially the Store Goods list. It is important to know that prices may change since this Guidebook’s publication. It is always a good idea to familiarize yourself with our Store Goods options and prices. Also important to know... Some item prices may be dependent on **size** where larger sizes (2XL, 3XL, etc.) may cost more.

Chapter 7 – Genealogy and History

Genealogy is a great way to get people to open up to you and a good recruiting tool. Almost all visitors come to Scottish events hoping subconsciously to connect to their roots. Perhaps their interest is sparked by the current popularity of all things Scottish fanned by the flames of Hollywood. Perhaps when they were young, a close relative told them tales of Scotland. In our modern, fragmented society, many visitors are “looking for ... I don’t know ... something” and come simply to see if they “belong”. Helping visitors find their family connection to Clan Douglas rewards them for coming and makes it more likely that Clan Douglas will have a new extended family member.

Not all tent-sitters are thoroughly knowledgeable about genealogical research, but you need to know some basics. First of all, genealogy isn't easy; it's hard work! The totally uninitiated may think that all they have to do is tell a genealogist who their parents were and where they came from. Then they expect Clan Douglas to look up in a musty old leather-bound volume and, Viola! There is the whole family tree ready-made for them. Don't make extravagant promises and get their hopes up unfairly. Clan Douglas gives them entry to a whole group of like-minded members who may in fact have a connection or two for them. And the clan provides access to a few clan-specific web resources. But you must make it clear that they will have to do most of the work themselves.

If you yourself are interested in genealogy, all the better. Your interest makes you more convincing and authoritative. Discussions about genealogy are a wonderful way to strike a conversation with a visitor. If they have a genuine interest, they will open up to you, as they might to no other. Nowadays, people like to talk about their ancestors and this is a way to make friends even if they have no Clan Douglas connection. Getting anyone started in tracing their roots is always rewarding.

FACT: YOU WILL NEVER KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT EVERY DOUGLAS LINE OR ABOUT EVERY NAME ON OUR DOUGLAS BANNER... and it is OK to admit that. However, there are some nice resources that will help you with basic information.

History is the reason why you are tent - sitting and the reason why all these visitors are appearing at your tent. Our clan’s history – the history of the main clan name and the histories of all of our septs and allied families – is one of our best talking points. “The History of the House of Douglas is the History of Scotland itself” is more fact than boast ... not that boasting is a bad thing, either. Knowing our clan’s history and having the willingness and ability to speak about it authoritatively is your other great recruiting tool. Take the time to read our clan’s history. You don’t have to know it all right away but continue adding more and more before each festival. In time, you will become the Douglas expert every visitor is expecting to find.

Start out by learning a few clan facts. Familiarize yourself with your tent resource books. Learn and tell a few “clan stories”. The story of the Good Sir James’ last battle in Spain is always a winner. Know why William “le Hardi” Douglas was considered so hardy. Discover what Sir Roger Kirkpatrick did to “make sure.” Be able to point to a map of Scotland and tell where the Douglasses held sway. Learn the difference between the “Black” and “Red” Douglasses and the importance of the Battle of Arkinholm. Knowing all these things makes you a more interesting tent-sitter and a more confident representative of Clan Douglas. The following section of **Reference Books** lists some great learning tools.

FACT: YOU WILL NEVER KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT DOUGLAS HISTORY OR ABOUT EVERY DOUGLAS NAME IN HISTORY OR ABOUT THE HISTORY OF EVERY NAME ON OUR DOUGLAS BANNER... and it is OK to admit that. And again, there are some nice resources that will help you with basic information.

Reference Books on the table are not only a good way to draw perspective members but they will also help you answer questions. Having a well-rounded variety of book titles about Scottish and Douglas history can be very helpful. The most useful reference books are the ones that help visitors find their names and Scottish connections. Books on tartans, kilts, Douglas castles, Scottish scenery, our **Septs & Allied Families of Clan Douglas** booklet and historical maps of Scotland can definitely add to your tent appeal. Between events, read these books or view these maps so you are knowledgeable and helpful for guests.

Because all these books and maps can mean extra weight to lug to and from your tent, I divide reference books into two categories: MOST Useful and Tent Optional.

**All of these resources cost money! Don’t expect to buy them all before your first event.
COLLECT THEM OVER TIME.**

The MOST USEFUL reference books (IBSN, Title, Author)

These are **MUST HAVE** in your tent. Mine are constantly being used. If you have these, you really don't need to have any other books at your tent (although it is nice to have some other books). Look for inexpensive but good quality copies online.

978-0788452703 Tartan for Me, 9th edition Dr. Philip D. Smith, Jr. (FSA Scot)

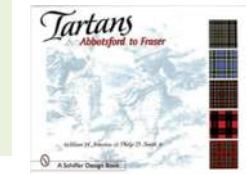
Along with the three-volume set of illustrated tartan books, this book is a tent favorite!

978-0764309618 Tartans: Abbotsford to Fraser Johnson & Smith

978-0764309625 Tartans: Fredrickton to MacNeil Johnson & Smith

978-0764310294 Tartans: MacNichol to Yukon Johnson & Smith

This three volume set of tartan pictures is as colorful as it is informative. A tent favorite!



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This booklet provides documentation for all the Septs and Allied Families names accepted by CDSNA from 1975-2022 and provides many answers when a visitors asks, "Why is THAT name on your Douglas list?". The booklet is in print and can be purchased. Many CDSNA Regents say this is the most actively used resource in their tent.

<https://www.lulu.com/shop/harold-edington/cdsna-septs-allied-families/paperback/product-v2n57g.html?q=Harold+A++Edington&page=1&pageSize=4>

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<https://www.lulu.com/shop/h-a-edington/your-clan-heritage-clan-douglas/paperback/product-yv794zy.html?q=Edington&page=1&pageSize=4>



****Useful reference books (Tent Optional) (IBSN, Title, Author)**

These books are wonderful Douglas and Scottish history learning resources and just plain good reading. If you want to have them in your tent, they are great resources for the serious seeker.

978-1852171261 So You're Going to Wear the Kilt!; Charles J. Thompson

978-1906307349 James the Good: The Black Douglases; David R Ross (personal collection worthy)

978-0710077530 Black Douglas: Life of James of Douglas; Irene Mary Davis

978-1862320253 The Black Douglases: War and Lordship...; Michael Brown

978-0750930789 From the Bloody Heart; Oliver Thomson (personal collection worthy)

978-1855324176 The Border Reivers (Men-At-Arms) ; Keith Durham

978-1874744832 The Surnames of Scotland; Their Origin, Meaning, and History; George F. Black, Ph.D.

978-0007103539 Collins Encyclopaedia of Scotland; edited by John & Julia Keay

978-0004705477 Collins Scottish CLAN & Family Encyclopedia; George Way and Romilly Squire

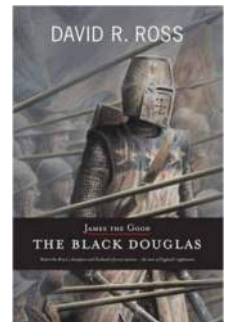
978-0319009376 In Search of the Border Reivers: An Historical Map and Guide (Map); Collins

978-1841920122 Borders of Scotland and England (Official Tourist Map); Alice Chambers

Also useful...

978-0007213863 Clan & Family Names Map of Scotland (Map) Collins

978-0007289509 Clans & Tartans Map of Scotland (Map) Collins



The books below are wonderful history resources for you to use to educate yourself on Douglas History but not that pleasant to lug around at events for display.

978-1120888488 The Heraldry of the Douglases: With Notes...; George Harvey Johnston

Although reprinted book versions are available, a PDF format can be **downloaded free of charge** at <http://archive.org/details/heraldryofdougla00john>

978-1845300777 Drumlanrig Castle and the Douglases: ...; Craufurd Tate Ramage

Although reprinted book versions are available, a PDF format can be **downloaded free of charge** at <http://archive.org/details/drumlanrigcastle00rama>

978-1103731206 A History of the House of Douglas (vol 1); Herbert Maxwell

978-1103728060 A History of the House of Douglas (vol 2); Herbert Maxwell

Although reprinted book versions are available, a PDF format of each book can be **downloaded free of charge.**

Volume 1: <http://archive.org/details/historyofhouseof01maxw>

Volume 2: <http://archive.org/details/historyofhouseof02maxw>

Chapter 8 –Members ... adding and renewing

New Members

A highlight of any event is signing a new member and knowing that you just found another member of our extended Douglas family. Although it sometimes happens that a visitor will walk up to your tent and say “I am ready to join!” don’t count on it. Most prospective members are reluctant to plunk down membership money to a stranger. You might stress to prospective members that membership brings certain benefits like the newsletter (with a picture of them joining), a sense of family belonging, or the sharing of a common heritage. Some might be calmed by the fact that our organization is charitable and our dues are tax deductible. What is it that brought YOU to Clan Douglas? Share that thought/feeling with the prospective member.

For those appearing to be genuinely interested in joining, encourage them to take a few minutes and complete a **New Member Application Form** right then and have them pose for the newsletter picture. Some prospects might ask for a membership form “to think about it.” Seldom does anyone ever come back later to join and you just wasted a form. [Have *those* visitors, **sign your Guest Register** and say you will email a copy of the application form later. Oh yeah ... **you need a Guest Register.**] If other Clan members are in the tent, introduce them and help the prospect to feel more at ease. **Remember to mark ALL membership forms (completed or taken) with the name and date of your event.**

Take a picture of the new member for the newsletter. Digital cameras (or cell phone cameras) are great for this. On the back of the new member’s application form, write a few descriptive notes about the person for matching names and pictures later. [Ex.: Sally wore the red&white striped sweater.]

Renewing Members



Whether the membership is New or Renewing, the same **Membership Application Form** is used. The only real difference between signing a new member and renewing an older member is that less persuasion is involved ... and it helps the Clan Secretary to know the older member’s *member number*. You can get that information prior to the event by requesting member records for your region from the Clan Secretary. [I usually add the member number after the event, once I have a chance to review the records.] Older members already know the benefits of membership. Renewing members are also instant family. Don’t hesitate to ask a renewing member for a little assistance.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RENEWING MEMBERSHIP FORM

↑ Check one above DATE: / /

Clan Douglas Society
of North America

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS & DUES: (MAKE A SELECTION)

ONE YEAR: \$20 THREE YEARS: \$55

LIFE, if UNDER 60 years old: \$300 → LIFE, INSTALLMENT: \$75

LIFE, if OVER 60 years old: \$200 → LIFE, INSTALLMENT: \$50

LIFE MEMBERSHIP MAY BE PAID IN FOUR EQUAL INSTALLMENTS

Dues are payable in US currency or equivalent currency of applicant’s home country at the exchange rate at time of payment.

PLEASE INDICATE PAYMENT TYPE: PAYPAL CHECK CASH OTHER,

*Pay via PAYPAL: <http://clandouglassociety.org/join-cdsna/>

**If paying by check, make payable to CLAN DOUGLAS SOCIETY

*REQUIRED CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS (Please Print)

*NAME:

*EMAIL: *PHONE:

The CDSNA *Dabh Ghlasè* Newsletter is digital only & will be emailed to your email address of record.

Do you possess any skills (Web Design, IT, Leadership, etc.) or have an interest in any activity or service you would be willing to share with CDSNA? Please list.

↓ ↓ FOR NEW APPLICANTS ONLY (please print) ↓ ↓


Family or Sept Affiliation (List all that apply):

Spouse’s/Partner’s Name:

Children under 18:

ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE/PROV: ZIP:



- Attn Regent: Scan & Email completed form to:
Carol Morton-Bianchini, Secretary
PO Box 6974
Portland, OR 97228
(Call/Text) 971.300.8593 (Email) DouglasSecretary@comcast.net

REGENT receiving Application:

MEM APP FORM 20220922

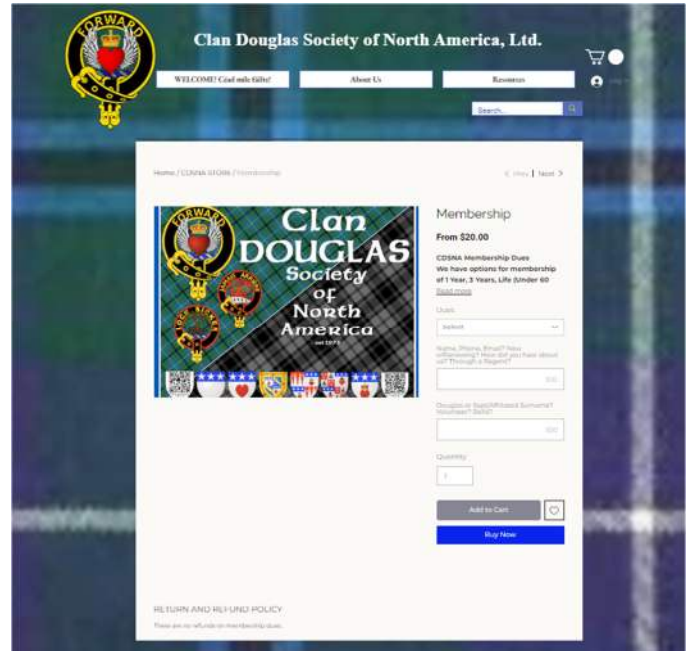
PAYING FOR MEMBERSHIPS ONLINE VIA THE CDSNA WEBSITE

With the creation of the new CDSNA Website in 2023, the process of joining CDSNA became digital. **Anyone wanting to join CDSNA can now pay for the membership online by credit/debit card or PayPal by following the link:**

<https://www.clan-douglas-society.org/product-page/membership>

In fact, this is the only way for someone to pay for their membership or any store goods with a credit/debit card.

For most tent visitors wanting to join CDSNA, online purchases are a common enough process to navigate. For any members joining or renewing online, the Regent should make a record – typically on the Membership Application Form – of the member’s NAME, PHONE, and EMAIL ADDRESS as the bare minimum information. With a Name, Phone and Email, there is enough known to contact the member, should any questions arise.



PAYING FOR MEMBERSHIPS AT THE TENT

Some renewing members or potential new members may feel more comfortable paying the membership dues at the tent. Regents at the tent can accept CASH or CHECK ONLY!

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
 RENEWING MEMBERSHIP FORM

↑ Check one above DATE: Jan / 1 / 2023

Clan Douglas Society of North America



TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS & DUES: (MAKE A SELECTION)

ONE YEAR: \$20 THREE YEARS: \$55
 LIFE, IF UNDER 60 years old: \$300 → LIFE, INSTALLMENT: \$75
 LIFE, IF OVER 60 years old: \$200 → LIFE, INSTALLMENT: \$50
LIFE MEMBERSHIP MAY BE PAID IN FOUR EQUAL INSTALLMENTS

Dues are payable in US currency or equivalent currency of applicant's home country at the exchange rate at time of payment.

PLEASE INDICATE PAYMENT TYPE: PAYPAL CHECK CASH OTHER, _____
*Pay via PAYPAL: <http://clandouglasociety.org/join-cdsna/>
 **If paying by check, make payable to CLAN DOUGLAS SOCIETY

***REQUIRED CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS (Please Print)**

*NAME: Ann Other-Douglas
 *EMAIL: anotherdouglas@justme.com *PHONE: 212-323-0007
 The CDSNA *Dabh Ghlas* Newsletter is digital only & will be emailed to your email address of record.

Do you possess any skills (Web Design, IT, Leadership, etc.) or have an interest in any activity or service you would be willing to share with CDSNA? Please list.
I am a Loan Officer at a bank and might be able to help the clan treasurer

↓ ↓ FOR NEW APPLICANTS ONLY (please print) ↓ ↓

Family or Sept Affiliation: Douglas and Kirkpatrick
 Spouse's/Partner's Name: n/a
 Children under 18: n/a
 ADDRESS: 123 NE Turley Lane
 CITY: Fremont, MO ZIP: 63941



Note to Carol: Member pd via Paypal at festival
 - Attn Regent: Scan & Email completed form to:
 Carol Morton-Bianchini, Secretary
 PO Box 6974
 Portland, OR 97228
 (Call/Text) 971.300.8593 (Email) DouglasSecretary@comcast.net
 REGENT receiving Application:
H Edington
MEM APP FORM 20220123

Using the Membership Form

It is usually better to allow the member to fill out the form and make the selections. Even so, the Regent or the Regent’s helper should stay nearby for any questions. Since handwriting varies from person to person, ALWAYS VERIFY THE EMAIL and any other “hard to read” info on the form.

Indicate whether the application is for a NEW or a RENEWING member. Select the Type of Membership and Dues choice. Indicate the PAYMENT TYPE. If someone writes a check, it is a good idea to note the check number in the Payment section. This alerts the Secretary (and reminds you) that a check should accompany the form.

The instructions say to “print” but that is a subjective term. Make sure you are able to read the information added. Ask questions about spellings or numbers, if you are unsure. If a new member does not give an email address, ask for one anyway to verify whether or not the omission was an oversight. Be especially sure of the email address (when given) since this becomes the main avenue for the member to receive contact from CDSNA in the form of information emails and our clan newsletter.

Bottom line: No email – No newsletter.

As Regent, you may have to ask the new member which name from our list of names is connected to them. That name is the Family or Sept Affiliation.

A renewal application is almost identical to a new member application. You use the exact same form for renewal but select “Renewal” instead of “New”.

Also, note that the lower section (Family or Sept Affiliation) is already on record with CDSNA and is not needed with a renewal.

Do be sure, however, to write your name on the form as the receiving Regent.

What if a renewing member doesn't know their CDSNA Member #?

As a Regent, you should have a list of all members in your state or province and adjacent states and provinces. If you need an Excel spreadsheet copy of the member information for your area, contact the Clan Secretary and request one. The member information will include each member's CDSNA member number. Either at the event or at home, when you have access to the member information, add the member number to the renewal form.

What do I do with forms and any monies collected while at the festival?

The membership forms and any monies that go with them need to be kept in a secure place while at the event. Once you are back at home, you have a choice about what to do with the form to transmit the application information to the Secretary.

What do I do with any forms after the festival?

Some Regents copy each form and mail the original forms to the Secretary. This can be costly in postage, though ... especially if you have several pages to mail.

Some Regents scan the member applications to convert the paper to an email document, send the forms electronically. This is the more common ... and preferred ... method.

Some Regents transfer the hand-written information into a digital Member Application document, save the forms, email the forms to the Secretary. This method does not require anything fancy except a digital form. Ask your Regional Assistant VP or the CDSNA VP for a copy of the “CDSNA Regent Event ONE STOP Forms” file. The ONE STOP file contains digital WORD format copies of every form a Regent might need. Electronic copies of the forms save on postage costs and get the information to the Clan Secretary faster for record keeping.

If none of the other possibilities listed above will work, as a last resort, the Regent can take a photo of each membership application and forward the photo to the Secretary via text.

What do I do with the monies collected?

ALL monies collected should be sent to CDSNA.

IF ANY MEMBERSHIPS OR STORE GOODS WERE PURCHASED ONLINE VIA THE WEBSITE, the monies are already with CDSNA. While it would be absolutely grand if every financial interaction and exchange was completed online via a credit/debit card, the truth is that Regents may have to deal with **CASH or CHECKS**. **IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED ANY CASH or COINS, NEVER SEND ANY CASH OR COIN THROUGH THE MAIL!**

IF YOU RECEIVE ANY CASH OR CHECKS, for membership dues or store goods sold, there are **two options** available to Regents to ensure the monies are received by CDSNA.

- 1) **Write a personal check for the cash and snail-mail all checks to the CLAN TREASURER.** Notify both the TREASURER and the SECRETARY by email when you snail-mail the checks and ask for a return email notification when your letter arrives. *Once the check is written and sent, the cash you collected can be deposited into your account.*
OR...

- 2) Use the **DONATE** button on the CDSNA Website (<https://www.clan-douglas-society.org/sale>) **to transfer any CASH amounts directly to our CDSNA account and snail-mail any checks to the CLAN TREASURER.**



Chapter 9 – After event follow up and paper work

(always keep copies!)

Once the event is over, you are tired! That is normal. Rest up for a day or two before you tackle the last (and some say most important) part of your event responsibilities as a Regent.

Before another week passes ...

Remember your manners ... and your helpers and your guests.

Thank You notes via email or snail mail to volunteers is not only courteous but lets your volunteer know you valued their participation and assistance. And it encourages future participation. Emails or post cards to new members let them know they are welcomed to our extended Douglas family and are valued for something more than their paid dues. It also validates your promise to be accessible for any later questions assuring your reliability. Emails or post cards to tent visitors who signed your guest register can provide encouragement to join. It expresses our appreciation for their visit and reflects that we are an organization that cares about others.

It isn't finished until the paperwork is done. (*always keep copies!)

Before you can tell yourself that an event is finally finished, you will need to take care of the post-event paperwork. Your Regional Asst. VP can provide you with a digital file (Word doc) **free of charge** titled **CDSNA ONE STOP 20161025 form** or you can download the form from the CDSNA website (Regent Resources page). This ONE-STOP form includes all four of the reconciliation and reimbursement pages needed by our Clan Secretary for accounting purposes. Since the forms are in digital format, you will be able to complete your forms on your computer and attach file copies to your email for the Secretary --OR-- you can print the forms and complete them manually (but please remember to **PRINT legibly**) and mail them to the Secretary. Again ... the **ONE STOP form** can be downloaded from the clan website.

There are four items needing your attention:

1 CDSNA Regent Event Revenue Reconciliation (2 pages) (*always keep copies!)

These two pages involve you reconciling the member revenues received at your event. These pages are required by the Clan Secretary. It is very important to clearly distinguish **membership RENEWALS** from **NEW memberships**. It is embarrassing for the Society if the Clan Secretary mistakenly issues a second membership number to a renewing member.

2 CDSNA Store Goods Reconciliation (1 page) (*always keep copies!)

This page requires you to reconcile all revenues received from Store Goods. The form should be fairly simple; indicate quantities of each item sold and dollar amount collected. Please double check all math. The completed form can be sent with the **Event Revenue Reconciliation** forms to the Clan Secretary. The website will have the MOST up to date form.

3 Regent's Request for Reimbursement and/or Contribution Acknowledgment (1 page)

On this form you will need to account for your event expenses – (tent space fees, rentals, lodging costs, meals, and travel mileage). The shocking total of your payouts can be offset (a little) by the Clan reimbursement (currently \$75 dollars for each documented event). Yes, you read that correctly ... *you will get money back*. In most cases, your expenditures will exceed your reimbursement ... *but fear not!* Remember CDSNA is a **charitable** organization and your non-reimbursed amount can be considered a *charitable contribution to CDSNA*. Of course, you can always choose to opt out of the reimbursement amount and request *all* of your expenditures count as a Contribution. There is also a **BONUS SECTION** for those who sold Store Goods. You can receive a 10% commission on all sold Store Goods and the commission amount will be added to your reimbursement amount. (***always keep copies!**)

Fortunately, these forms for items 1-3 are available in a convenient single "ONE STOP" file from the Clan Website, your regional Asst VP, or from our Clan Secretary.


The forms are available as an EXCEL file or as a fillable PDF file.

(*always keep copies!)

Copies can be printed copies or digital copies. Most Regents prefer keeping digital copies.

The ONE STOP FORMS

The following images are from the PDF version of the ONE STOP FORM last edited SEP 15, 2024.



CDSNA ONE STOP
PAGE 1: REPORT for SECRETARY/part 1

REGENT NAME: _____	REGENT EMAIL: _____	REGENT PHONE: _____
REGENT ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____	ST/PROV: _____ ZIP: _____
FESTIVAL NAME: _____	DATE OF FESTIVAL: _____	TODAY'S DATE: _____

NOTE TO REGENT: Please be sure to email copies of each NEW or RENEWING Member's Application Form to the Secretary when sending this report. The MEMBERSHIP INFO VERIFICATIONS below will allow the Secretary to contact the member in the event the Application Form is illegible or missing information.

Please record any membership sales in the appropriate boxes below. There are separate reporting boxes for **NEW MEMBERS** and **MEMBERS RENEWING**.

TOTAL NEW MEMBERS DUES COLLECTED and TOTAL RENEWING MEMBERS DUES COLLECTED sales totals are used as a check & balance against the MEMBERSHIP INFO VERIFICATION FORM on the next page. These two amounts are also reported on the ONE STOP FINANCIAL REPORT for TREASURER.


NEW MEMBERS JOINING @ EVENT				
MEMBERSHIP TYPE & AMOUNT	TOTAL # by Membership Type	DUES COLLECTED	# of Type PAID ONLINE By CREDIT CARD	
1-year \$20	0	\$ 0.00	0	
3-year \$55	0	\$ 0.00	0	
LIFE 59- \$300	0	\$ 0.00	0	
LIFE 60+ \$200	0	\$ 0.00	0	
TOTALS		\$ 0.00		

NEW MEMBERS JOINING @ EVENT				
MEMBERSHIP TYPE & AMOUNT	TOTAL # by Membership Type	DUES COLLECTED	# of Type PAID ONLINE By CREDIT CARD	
1-year \$20	0	\$ 0.00	0	
3-year \$55	0	\$ 0.00	0	
LIFE 59- \$300	0	\$ 0.00	0	
LIFE 60+ \$200	0	\$ 0.00	0	
TOTALS		\$ 0.00		

"CREDIT CARD" IMPLIES THE MONIES PAID BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS WERE PAID DIRECTLY INTO THE CDSNA WEBSITE ACCT.

The forms are easier to complete than they appear. With minimal input by the Regent, both the PDF and EXCEL formats auto-fill repeated fields and also calculate the monies fields.

Once completed and saved, digital copies can be sent to the CDSNA Secretary.



CDSNA ONE STOP
PAGE 2: REPORT for SECRETARY/part 2

REGENT NAME: _____	REGENT EMAIL: _____	REGENT PHONE: _____
REGENT ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____	ST/PROV: _____ ZIP: _____
FESTIVAL NAME: _____	DATE OF FESTIVAL: _____	TODAY'S DATE: _____

MEMBERSHIP INFO VERIFICATION FORM EXAMPLES

N	1 yr	\$20	CASH	Other-Douglas	Ann	annotherdouglas@decimalpi.com	314 159 2635
R	3 yr	\$55	CHECK	Jackson	Jack	babyji@gpofmail.net	234 567 8901
N	LF 59-	\$300	CREDIT CARD*	Glendinning	Olivia Morton	OMG1212@awesome.me	997 633 2233
R	LF 60+	\$200	CASH	Kirkpatrick	Roger	imaksikkar@greyfriars.lrk	332 010 1306

CC *CREDIT/DEBIT CARD IMPLIES THE MONIES PAID BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS WERE PAID DIRECTLY INTO THE CDSNA WEBSITE ACCT.

PLEASE PRINT MEMBERSHIP INFO VERIFICATION FORM – Please fill & verify each field (This information is required by the CDSNA Secretary)

MEM TYPE	MEM Option	PAYMENT (see below)		LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME & Middle	EMAIL	PHONE
		\$ AMT	PAY OPTION				
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MEM TYPE	OPTION	\$ AMT	PAID BY				
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* CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ARE THOSE PAID ONLINE VIA THE CDSNA WEBSITE STORE

ATTN REGENT: ACTIVE (dues current) MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO REMAIN A CDSNA REGENT.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP & PAY WITH A PORTION OF YOUR REGENT REIMBURSEMENT, BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOURSELF AS A RENEWING MEMBER IN THE FORM ABOVE. INDICATE THE \$\$ AMOUNT OF YOUR CHOICE AND LIST "REIMB" IN THE PAY OPTION CELL.

The ONE STOP FORMS

REMEMBER:

IF YOU RECEIVE ANY CASH OR CHECKS, for membership dues or store goods sold, there are two options available to Regents to ensure the monies are received by CDSNA.

1. **Write a personal check for the cash and snail-mail all checks to the CLAN TREASURER. Notify both the TREASURER and the SECRETARY by email** when you snail-mail the checks and ask for a return email notification when your letter arrives. Once the check is written and sent, the cash you collected can be deposited into your account.

OR...

2. **Use the DONATE> button on the CDSNA Website** (<https://www.clan-douglas-society.org/sale>) **to transfer any CASH amounts from your personal account directly to our CDSNA account and snail-mail any checks to the CLAN TREASURER.** Once you have confirmation of the Cash Donation, any Cash you collected at the Festival can be kept or deposited into your personal account.

NEVER SEND ANY CASH OR COINS THROUGH THE MAIL!

CDSNA ONE STOP PAGE 3: CDSNA STORE GOODS SALES REPORT & RECONCILIATION FORM

REGENT NAME: _____ REGENT EMAIL: _____ REGENT PHONE: _____
 REGENT ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ST/PROV: _____ ZIP: _____
 FESTIVAL NAME: _____ DATE OF FESTIVAL: _____ TODAY'S DATE: _____

ATTN REGENTS: Regents are required to report any/all Store Goods sales. Maintaining accurate Store Goods records is a requirement of our CDSNA 501(c)(3) status. Regents will receive a 10% Commission on any Store Goods sold. Commissions can be reported on the FINANCIAL REPORT for TREASURER page of the ONE STOP form. **"SALES PAID BY CC" IMPLIES THE MONIES PAID BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS WERE PAID DIRECTLY INTO THE CDSNA WEBSITE ACCT.**

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	QUANTITY	TOTAL SALE	# of SALES PAID BY CC
\$7 - Lapel Pin - Belted Heart of Bruce		\$ 0.00	
\$13 - Cookbook - The Douglas Larder		\$ 0.00	
\$20 - A Guide to Douglas Landmarks		\$ 0.00	
\$22 - Cap Badge - Heart of Bruce Pewter (CDSNA Exclusive design)		\$ 0.00	
\$22 - Kilt Pin - Sword-Heart of Bruce Pewter (CDSNA Exclusive design)		\$ 0.00	
\$25 - Women's Winged Heart T-Shirts - Adult S-2XL - BLACK Only	Total # of WWI T-shirts	\$ 0.00	
# sold of Size: M <input type="text"/> L <input type="text"/> XL <input type="text"/> 2X <input type="text"/>	0		
\$25 OR \$27 according to size - Castle Dangerous T-Shirts - Adult S-3XL (Men's Sizes) - NAVY Only	Total # of CD T-shirts	\$ 0.00	# @ \$25
\$25 \$25 \$25 \$25 \$27 \$27	0		0
# sold of Size: S <input type="text"/> M <input type="text"/> L <input type="text"/> XL <input type="text"/> 2XL <input type="text"/> 3XL <input type="text"/>			# @ \$27
			0
\$30 - Men's Polo Shirts - Adult - S-3X Embroidered Shield - in Blue (BL) or Green (GR)	Total # of Polo Shirts	\$ 0.00	
COLOR: BL GR BL GR BL GR	0		
# sold of Size S <input type="text"/> M <input type="text"/> L <input type="text"/>			
# sold of Size XL <input type="text"/> 2X <input type="text"/> 3X <input type="text"/>			
OTHER 1 - Please List: \$ <input type="text"/> Description: _____		\$ 0.00	
OTHER 2 - Please List: \$ <input type="text"/> Description: _____		\$ 0.00	
OTHER 3 - Please List: \$ <input type="text"/> Description: _____		\$ 0.00	
Page STORE-1: TOTAL COLLECTED			\$ 0.00

THIS AMOUNT ALSO REPORTED ON THE TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT PAGE

CDSNA ONE STOP PAGE 4: FINANCIAL REPORT for TREASURER

REGENT NAME: _____ REGENT EMAIL: _____ REGENT PHONE: _____
 REGENT ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ST/PROV: _____ ZIP: _____
 FESTIVAL NAME: _____ DATE OF FESTIVAL: _____ TODAY'S DATE: _____

COSTS/EXPENSES	REIMBURSEMENT & COMMISSIONS	Regent Affirmation & Signature
Game/Tent Fees: \$ <input type="text"/>	CDSNA allows a per event reimbursement of \$125. An additional \$100 may be claimed for a multi-day (2-4 full days) event, with CDSNA approval & at CDSNA discretion. [This amount is optional & related to your costs & expenses.]	Date: _____ I affirm that the information entered in these pages is true and correct, to the best of my abilities. I have read and accept the Payment Reconciliation Instructions. (Your typed signature, if sending digital copy) _____ (Signature of CDSNA Regent)
Lodgings: \$ <input type="text"/>	ARE YOU REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT & COMMISSIONS? NO: <input type="checkbox"/> YES: <input type="checkbox"/>	CDSNA Acknowledgement & Approval Date: _____ Reimbursement Amount \$ <input type="text"/> Approved by: _____ (Signature of CDSNA Secretary)
Meals: \$ <input type="text"/>	REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTED: \$ <input type="text"/>	
Travel: Total # of Miles (<input type="text"/>) x \$0.14 \$ <input type="text"/>	STORE GOODS SALES COMMISSION (Commission = Total Sales x 10%) TOTAL STORE GOODS SALES = \$ <input type="text"/> COMMISSION = \$ <input type="text"/>	
Other (describe): _____ \$ <input type="text"/>	Amount to Regent (Reimbursement + Commission) \$ <input type="text"/>	
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Other (describe): _____ \$ <input type="text"/>		
Other (describe): _____ \$ <input type="text"/>		
TOTAL COSTS/EXPENSES for this Event \$ <input type="text"/>		

1) REGENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT RECEIPTS FOR ALL CLAIMED COSTS/EXPENSES to maintain IRS compliance for our 501(c)(3) status.
 2) DIGITAL RECEIPTS ARE ACCEPTABLE. (Remember to keep copies for your own records.)
 3) SEND DIGITAL RECEIPTS WITH YOUR ONE STOP FORM TO THE CDSNA SECRETARY.

CONTRIBUTION TO CDSNA			TOTAL MONIES COLLECTED @ EVENT					
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And the fourth item needing your attention:

1 Game Report for the newsletter

This is one of the most important responsibilities of a Regent and something that creates and builds **community** within our Society. It provides invaluable information to all members. Remember those pictures you took? New members especially like to see their name and picture in the newsletter. Renewing and Life members like seeing their pictures, too. Members who normally attend the event but missed it will enjoy reading about it. And, if members think that coming to the next event will mean a picture in the newsletter, your Game report will serve as an encouragement to participate in next year's event as well as other local Clan events. There is no 'correct' way to write your Game Report but, if you need some writing ideas, read through a few older newsletters. **A copy** of your Game Report (the narrative report along with any pictures) will need to be sent (email is best) to the Newsletter Editor. If you are experiencing

difficulties emailing your narrative &/or photos, contact the Newsletter Editor.

Make sure you include a note matching names with the members and/or events pictured. And by all means, send copies of your pictures (again, with descriptions) to the Website Administrator for inclusion on our Clan website.

Games Reports

Clan Douglas was the only clan to participate, though all clans were invited. (At the Kirkin, about 2 dozen tartans are blessed, so there are more clans around.)

Moving the event indoors was great for the dancers, piper, and dance judge. The audience seemed to be confined to the dancers, relatives, and DSHA and Pipe Band members. Outside would have brought casual onlookers and curious viewers, but having the competition on the 3rd floor took the event out of the traffic flow.

Should we do this again next year? Sure. Maybe the rains (and snow) will have stopped. (O>) ...Still, it was fun.

John M. Glendenning, Jr.
Northern Minnesota Regent

Grandfather Mountain Games 2012

Thursday evening the weather was truly Scottish in nature. The grounds were shrouded in misty rain, fog, and cool crisp breezes. At times, visibility was limited to fifty feet due to the rolling fog.



Marc Hitchins, Jim Morton, Mark Peterson

At the appointed hour, representatives of the clans reported for the torchlight ceremony. After taking our positions on the field, we awaited in the darkness and mist to light our torches and form a fiery cross across the ground. I mentioned to those closest to me

how the weather and the glow from our torches gave the event an ethereal sensation to the gathering. Soon it was my turn to voice that our clan had taken their place on the field of honor. Solemnly, I strode to the microphone and with my torch held high I said the following, "I am here to represent the great Clan Douglas!" At this point I paused for dramatic effect and to wait for the cheers from our clan to die down. I then continued, "Our enemies near and far feared us. Especially when we gave our last battle cry, their defenses are broken.... let the



Diana Stell w/new member Barbara Cline

slaughter begin! A Douglas, a Douglas, a Douglas!" Our clan once again erupted in glorious cheers.



Harold Edington, Deb Foulkes and Sam Machado

On Friday, the day was a carbon copy of the night before except that time and again the cool mountain breezes brought in a series of rain showers. Even in broad daylight,

there were times that one could not even see halfway across the grounds due to the fog and mist. Most people did not seem to mind the "lovely Scottish weather." Even with the dampness, the mud, and the muck everyone in attendance found joy in the shared Celtic experience.



New Members Steve and Cynthia Drysdale

Saturday morning greeted everyone with overcast skies and dense fog. The lads and lasses greeted the weather by presenting themselves in their finest regalia and by displaying their Scottish pride. At 10:45 a.m. the sky began to clear and soon warm winds pushed the fog away to reveal deep Carolina blue skies. Someone at our tent remarked, "Oh my gosh! We can actually see the sheep being herded!" This was because the border collies and the livestock that they tended to were almost like ghosts in the misty fog. It was such a dramatic change from the poor visibility on Friday.

The day was filled with excitement on Sunday as the clans gathered in anticipation of the Parade of Tartans. Many had apprehension because the weather was gloomy and distant thunder could be heard. However, the Scots are a hardy sort and took to the field, marching in splendid rejoice of their heritage. After the parade, we experienced a torrential downpour. The rain came in sheets and the winds howled as we huddled in the center of the tent. We took turns lifting the corners of the fabric



Scott, Gayle & Erik Brown charmed the tent with their musical talents

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Douglas paraders at the Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival

warmly accepted and are looking forward to attending again next year.

We had a great time. We had a lot of people stop by and ask questions. A lot of people were surprised to find their families associated with the Douglas clan.

The weekend started out slow as it started to rain just as the opening ceremonies got going, needless to say we were all wet by the time it was over. Our uncle participated in the "Calling of the Clans" ceremony. There was a potluck dinner on Saturday for all the clans represented, a good time was had by all.

We had 6 pipe bands over the 2 days, we even had a small private concert as one of the bands practiced in front of our tent.

Sunday was a much nicer day and it was announced that it was a record attendance for a Sunday. The Highland Games were very interesting with both men and women competing.

I was honored to be included in the closing "Sword Ceremony". It was the first time a woman was allowed to participate in it. The ceremony was very moving as they honored the passing of soldiers and people involved with festival.

We are already planning on a few new things for next year and have been asked to attend a few others as well. We are planning on at least one

more festival in Jamestown, New York.

Hopefully, next year we will have a few more family members attending, we always have a good time when our Douglas family gets together. I will say that we wish we had done this sooner.

Next year the festival will be September 19-20, 2014 at Olcott, New York.

Daneen Muehlbauer
New York Regent

**CHARLESTON SCOTTISH GAMES & HIGHLAND GATHERING
Charleston, SC – September 18-20, 2014**

It was a cool and damp morning (very Scottish feeling) on September 20, 2014 as we set up and arranged our Douglas tent for the Charleston Games. The sun never came out, but the rain held off. Boone Hall (the setting for Tara in "Gone With the Wind") is a beautiful old plantation, a wonderful place to hold the Games. We were happy to have many visitors to the tent, and all were welcomed to sit and enjoy the athletic competitions, sheep dogs, massed bands and all other activities from our superb location, as well as the shortbread I made. Everyone please welcome Melanie Wyatt from Raleigh, NC; Julia Avant from Georgetown, SC; and Edgar Inglis from Charleston, SC who joined Clan Douglas that day. We also handed out some applications and showed some people their affiliations with various Septs and Allied Families of Clan Douglas. It was a wonderful day, and if you are in the Southeast next year on September 19th, please come and enjoy the Charleston Games with us.

Thelma Hein
South Carolina Co-Regent

**NORTH ALABAMA SCOTTISH FESTIVAL
New Market, AL – October 4, 2014**



Gilbert Douglas in the Douglas tent

Clan Douglas Society was represented at the North Alabama Scottish Festival October 4th by Gilbert and Cindy Douglas and Rosemary Douglas Beck who manned the Douglas tent. They passed out membership brochures and enjoyed talking about Clan Douglas with numerous passersby.



Rosemary Douglas Beck & Cindy Douglas

Gilbert, Cindy and Rosemary carried the Douglas banner proudly in the parade of tartans! The games featured some of their favorite traditional musicians, among them Colin Grant Adams (KY) and Trent Bradford and Hooley (Birmingham, AL).

Gilbert especially enjoyed watching the contingent of Scottish soldiers with muskets firing off rounds of blanks. The Border Collie sheep herding demonstration was great AND to top off the day there was a dog show that ended with a parade of dogs dressed in Scottish attire.

Gilbert Douglas
Alabama Regent

NEWS from ALL OVER



Marchers: Day 1 of the festival in Sacramento



Photo from the Kern County Scottish Games held April 18 in Bakersfield, CA

SAVANNAH SCOTTISH GAMES; Savannah, Georgia --- May 2, 2015

For the first time in a few years, the Douglas Banner was raised at the Savannah Scottish Games. This was also extra special for me as it was the first games I represented Clan Douglas. The venue and the weather could not have been any better. Our tent was set up under a large Oak tree next the athletic fields, providing shade and a great view of the games.



Bobby Groves III

Being a new Co-Regent was no problem at all -- mainly because of the assistance of our Florida Contingency, as well as a life member from Savannah. The day kept us pretty busy at the tent with some great discussions. From Florida was Marc Hitchins, Dennis Conrad and family, Jeff and Mona Sparks and Jill Ross.



L-R: Marc Hitchens, GA Co-Regent Randy Bartle, Carole Anthony, & Jeff Sparks

There were also two Georgia folks, Carole Anthony and one of my predecessors, Bobby Groves III. Unfortunately, Dennis and his family got stuck in some road construction for over 2 hours just a few miles

from the games, and missed the parade. We still had good representation for the parade. Carole Anthony led the group carrying the Douglas name placard followed by GA Co-Regent Randy Bartle, FL Regent Marc Hitchens, and Jeff Sparks. Well-known Georgia historical figure General James Edward Oglethorpe visited our tent. He enthralled us with an abundance of facts about the General's leadership, and the Scot's role in protecting Fort King George in Darien, Ga. The Savannah Scottish Games were truly a very rewarding and wonderful experience. Randy Bartle - Georgia Co-Regent



Dennis Conrad with Gen. James Edward Oglethorpe

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PORTLAND HIGHLAND GAMES

Portland, Oregon – July 20



The 2024 Portland Highland Games was accomplished in the most idyllic of settings with the majestic Mt. Hood ever looming in the east. A sunny day with clans cheerfully setting up and enjoying the coffee and donuts we had set out for them. Clan Douglas hosted the clans this year. We saw new people looking for clans who hadn't attended such as the Stewarts and Campbells. Helping people to the best of our ability to find contact information, a website, and of course their tartan. We saw a steady stream of guests and some friends stopped by to enjoy the shade of the tent. Favorite storytellers are always welcomed. Three generations of Regents manned the tent and shared our history.

The highland athletic competition saw a weight for height record thrown of 23'. The results were Masters 60 Plus Men – Raymond Mabey, 50 Plus Men – Jeff Chase, Masters 40 plus Men – Jeff Rose, Mens Advanced Amateurs – Scott Hutchinson, Womens Open – Crystal Rubert, Women Lightweight – Kelly Odden, and Women Masters – Heather MacDowall.

Clan Macleay Pipe Band Grade 5 Quick March set took 1st, Grade 4 Portland Metro Youth Pipe Band took 2nd Place, NW Junior Pipe Band took 1st Place and won Overall. The Keith Highlander Pipe Band was the Guest Band. They are a Grade 3 pipe band from Seattle, W A. www.Khpb.com.

Dancers came from Oregon, Washington, Montana, Alaska, and Langley, BC, Canada. Elizabeth Ochs, WA, won 1st Place Overall, Janissa Dorcheser, WA, 2nd place, and Heather MacFarlane, AK took 3rd place.

We were honored to be named Best Clan Tent by the Clan Tent Organizer and her select committee of Judges. Special thanks to Connie Edgar (along with Pastor Bob Edgar) and Oregon (South) Regent Dakota Blair who shared in the storytelling and welcoming of guests. Dakota marched alongside another member and shouted "A Douglas! A Douglas!" as we marched in front of the grandstand. It was a grand day at the 2024 Portland Highland Games.

Yours aye,

Carol Morton-Bianchini
CDSNA Secretary & Oregon Regent



OREGON REGENTS: Carol Morton-Bianchini & Dakotah Blair

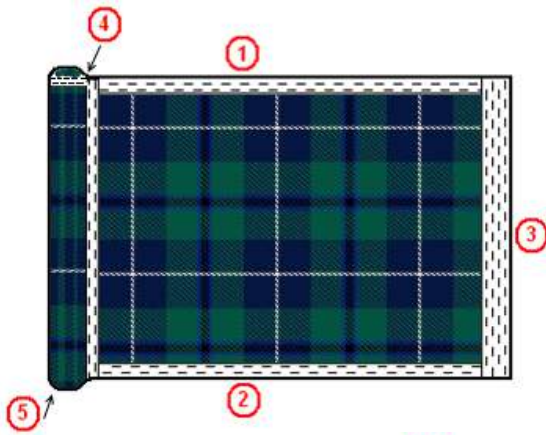


If you still are unsure about what to say in your Games Report and need a few more examples for viewing, contact the Newsletter Editor and request a few electronic copies of older newsletters or ask for assistance.

Chapter 10 – For the DIY Regent

Quick & Easy Tartan Flags and Flagpoles

Flag Dimensions 3' by 5' *or* 2' by 3'



Use lightweight Tartan fabric in wool, polyviscose, or acrylic – whatever is handy. Lightweight fabrics blow better in the wind.

No-Grommet Flag

- 1) Fold top edge over twice, 2 rows of stitching.
- 2) Fold bottom edge over twice, 2 rows of stitching.
- 3) Fold fly end over twice, 4 rows of stitching.
- 4) Fold hoist end over to create sleeve, 2 rows of stitching, and stitch across the top of the sleeve, 2 rows
- 5) Slide tent pole into bottom side of hoist end

NOTE: The above directions are written for people who do not sew. The rows of stitching keep the fabric from unraveling and makes for stronger edges in the wind. I am indebted to my wife for explaining the process to me.

With-Grommets Flag

- An alternative flag method is to repeat steps 1 through 3, then ...
- 4) Fold hoist end over, 4 rows of stitching; leave no sleeve
 - 5) Add grommets to hoist end

A 3' by 5' flag is good for parading but a 2' by 3' flag will fly better above the tent ... and a smaller flag will create less tent drag in winds.

Consider having a number of extra 2' by 3' flags on short (4-foot) PVC poles available for the clan parade. New members love to carry a flag!



A Quick & Easy Flagpole

There are a number of good *Quick & Easy* flagpole ideas. Here are two.

Idea #1 for no-grommet flags

Cut two 4-foot lengths of 1 inch PVC. Join the two lengths with a PVC joint connector. Slip sleeve of flag over the top end of the flagpole. If you prefer a longer flagpole, cut longer lengths of PVC.

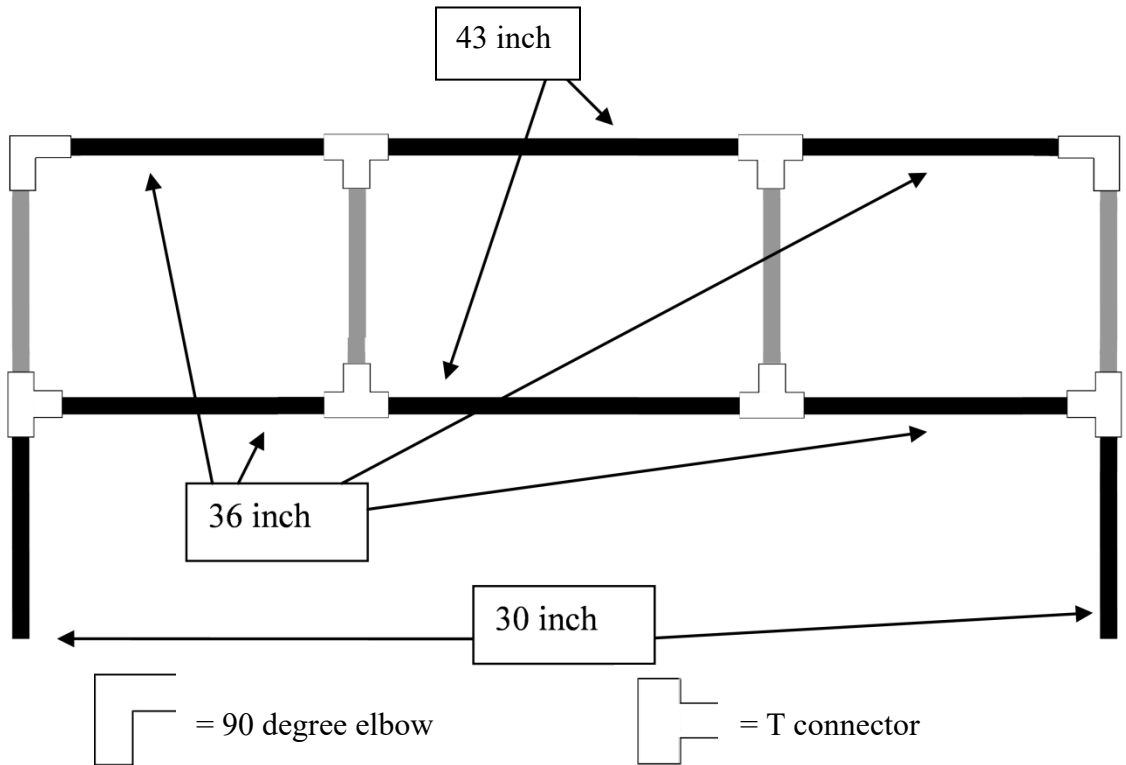
Idea #2 for with-grommet flags

Extending paint poles are great. They have a threaded end and some will go up to nine feet tall. You can make a metal loop that fits over the pole threads and is permanently attached to the upper flag grommet. The lower grommet has a metal shower curtain hook in it. Pull the ring down the pole and secure it with a hose clamp.

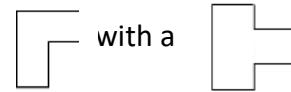
PVC banner frame thingy 10 ft wide

All pieces are 1-inch PVC stock (for a heavier/sturdier frame, you could use larger stock)

4	upright supports (1 or 2 inches wider than your banner)
4	36 inch horizontals (L & R)
2	43 inch (centers)
2	30 inch verticals (to strap to tent legs)
2	1 inch UNTHREADED 90 degree elbows
6	1 inch UNTHREADED T connectors



OPTIONAL FLAGS: If you want to display a flag at each corner, replace each and cut two matching lengths (3 to 5 ft long) to insert for flags.



PVC banner frame thingy 9 ft wide

TRADE the two 30 inch pieces with the horizontal 43 inch pieces to use the frame on a 9 ft wide tent.

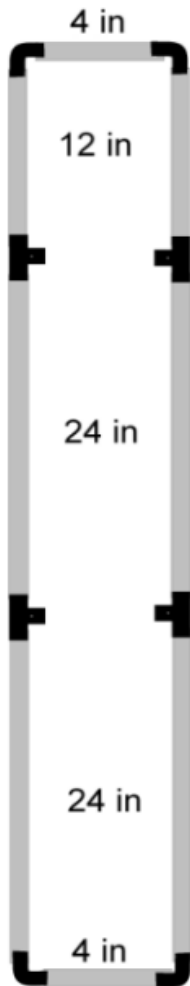
This is a simple design to tinker with if you need a custom banner frame. Alter as needed to fit your need.

Design by ...
Harold Edington: clan.douglas@yahoo.com

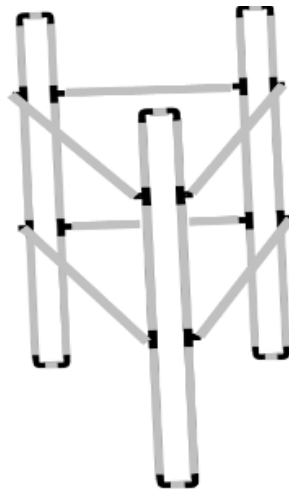
PVC display frame (for displaying laminated maps, etc.)

All pieces are 1-inch PVC stock
(for a heavier/sturdier frame, you could use larger stock)

12	24 inch upright supports	
6	12 inch upright supports	
6	4 inch horizontals (top & bottom)	
6	36 inch (spacers between tripods)	
12	1 inch UNTHREADED 90 degree elbows	
12	1 inch UNTHREADED T connectors	



Leave frame pieces unglued.
You can leave connectors attached to a tube to keep them from getting lost.



This is a Quick & Easy design for creating a 3-panelled display tripod. The idea was reived from a Clan Logan friend.

This design uses a 36-inch horizontal display bar. You can use longer or shorter horizontals based on your display needs.

The frame is sturdy and stable. You can add a few small grommets to your map or laminated display posters and use zip ties or small bungees to secure your display item to the frame.

Tripod corners
(make 3 of these)

(diagram is not to scale)

 = 90 degree elbow

 = T connector

Design by ...

Harold Edington: clan.douglas@yahoo.com

How to Make a Double-Sided Badge Flag

Design by Lori Garbett: grabit1112@sbcglobal.net



Things needed:

- 1 - Closet Clothes Rod Pole
- 1pc 26" 1pc 54"
- 1" T PVC fitting.
- I painted to look like the pole color
- Tartan fabric (used PolyViscose)
- 2x4 Banner printed with both badges. (Request jpg image from Harold Edington, you will need this when ordering.)
- Avery dark t shirt iron on transfer paper
- Ordered a 2x4 banner from 24hourwristbands.com with both badges printed. Cost about \$33.00. When received measure badges height and width. Badge size was 17"x 22 1/2"

Cut Tartan fabric 21" wide and 30". Sew double fold on sides and top this will make a 1/4" hem. Used the salvage edge on the bottom as a fringe. If a salvage edge isn't available use double fold hem. This ended up being 20" wide and 29 1/2" long

Cut the image's out leaving about a 1/4:" of white around each badge. Lined up towards bottom of banner pin and sew a zigzag around the badge with white thread.

On the top of the tartan I used the t-shirt transfer to make DOUGLAS printed twice on one sheet. Cut to size wanted. Centered in the remaining area and ironed on per directions. Mine was 10" x 1 3/4"

For the pole loops I used 1 1/2" wide pieces of tartan about 6" long Hemmed the sides of the strips. Fold in half and pin to first badge start in corner, about every 3" and ending in corner. I have 7 loops on the **Forward** Flag and 6 loops on the **Jamais Arrière** Flag.

Lay first flag face up above the second flag. For the second flag adding pole loops in spaces not to overlap. This is when you put the flags back-to-back on pole you will be alternating loops on each flag. I tuck the center loop on Forward Flag under when on the pole. When you have these pinned and spaced like you want sew.

When mounting on pole you will need to figure when to add the T fitting. Mine is 3 loops on each flag I skip a loop on the Forward flag add the T and the remaining loops. Add bottom pole and you have a double-sided flag

When not being used in parade I take them off the pole and hang individually inside my tent.



PVC Flagpole

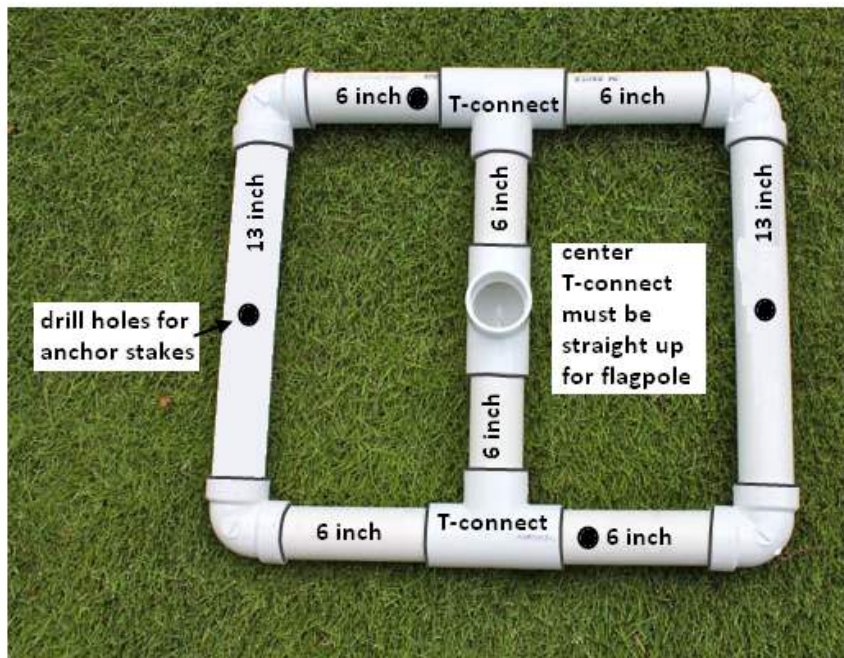
Use 1 inch or slightly larger pipe for stability and strength

Make the BASE

Point open hole UP to receive flagpole before gluing.

Use a peice of flagpole pipe and a level to ensure vertical.

**DO NOT GLUE
FLAGPOLE
INTO THIS HOLE**



Use tent spikes to secure base to ground. Drill holes through the PVC pipe for spikes.

Make the Flagpole

Use two nearly equal peices of pipe and a straight joint coupling to create a flagpole of any desired length.



It is important that you *****DO NOT GLUE THE FLAGPOLE PEICES TOGETHER*****
Sectioning the flagpole will make packing and transport easier.



About CDSNA

The *Clan Douglas Society of North America, CDSNA*, was organized in 1975 at the *Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans* in Linville, North Carolina and duly incorporated July 21, 1977 as a tax-exempt organization recognized as a charitable historical organization by the IRS. All donations to CDSNA are tax deductible.

The Purpose of CDSNA as a *charitable non-profit organization* of Scottish descendants of the name of Douglas or the septs and allied families of the House of Douglas is to foster and promote understanding and good fellowship among other Scottish descendants, to study and learn about our Scottish heritage, and to promote and increase our friendships with those of similar mind now residing in Scotland and the world. CDSNA is totally independent of any associations in Scotland, where the Chief of the Clan is said to be “dormant”. CDSNA is neutral on any and all claims or movements to establish a claim for a Chief of the House of Douglas. If an active Chief of the House of Douglas should be named, it will become incumbent on active CDSNA members to make application to such Chief or chief’s organization and establish personal claim of right to affiliation with them.

CDSNA works to maintain a cordial relationship with the office of The Lord Lyon, The Duke of Hamilton, The Duke of Buccleuch & Queensberry, The Marquess of Queensberry, The Earl of Home, The Earl of Morton, Lord Torphichen and others within the historical House of Douglas asking all such persons to advise us on any matter to assure cordial and diplomatic relationships and to maintain historical accuracy. CDSNA recognizes the ignorance of most Americans on these matters of peerage and apologizes to our cousins abroad for any trespasses in such matters. Society members are encouraged to preserve our Douglas and Scottish heritage and support *the Douglas Archives* and also the *Douglas Heritage Museum* in Douglas, Scotland by becoming a “friend of Douglas Heritage.”

CDSNA is primarily an independent American and Canadian organization although we do extend the privilege of affiliation with our Society to persons worldwide having the surname of Douglas or one of the many surnames of families traditionally and/or historically allied to the House of Douglas or with spouses of such lineage. The Clan Douglas Society of North America has representatives and affiliates in the United States, Canada, the BENELUX, Spain and Australia and boasts having members in several foreign countries. The Society promotes Douglas history, heritage and fellowship at many Scottish Festivals, Highland Games and related events.

The primary unifying efforts of the Society are

- **Dabh Ghlase** newsletter; the Official newsletter of Clan Douglas Society of North America, available in a full-color, digital format via email
- **Clan Douglas Website:** www.ClanDouglasSociety.org
- **Sponsored Clan tents at selected Celtic/Scottish events coast to coast**
- **CDSNA group on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/clandouglassociety>
- **CDSNA page on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063649176971>
- **The triennial CDSNA GMM**

General Members Meeting, GMM

CDSNA has its triennial (every third year) General Members’ Business Meeting, GMM, concurrent in a location hosting a Scottish game or festival sponsored by a clan Regent. Announcements informing membership of any GMM arrangements will be publicized at least six months in advance of the GMM in **Dabh Ghlase**, the official newsletter of the Clan Douglas Society of North America, and also on the clan website. Any change of GMM time or place or any special meetings may be designated by the President, with approval of the Board. Any change requires 30 days written notice to all members. Announcements informing membership of any GMM arrangements and/or changes will be published in the newsletter and on the website.

How much does it cost to join?

- Annual (1 year) membership dues are US \$20 per year.
- A three-year (3 year) membership is available for US \$55.
- A **LIFE MEMBERSHIP** is available for **US \$300 for those under 60 years old** and **US \$200 for those over the age of 60 years**.
- Online membership and payments options can be found on our CDSNA website.

Where do our Membership dues go?

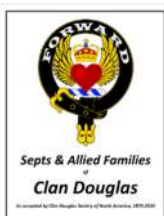
- CDSNA awards scholarships (up to four a year in the amount of \$250.00 each) to CDSNA members or their direct descendants dedicated to traditional Scottish arts or studies. See the Clan website for more information or to download a scholarship application.
- CDSNA publishes a quarterly Clan newsletter – **DUBH GHLASE** - with articles on Douglas and Douglas-related family history and CDSNA activities across North America.
- CDSNA supports the **Douglas Archives** and the **Douglas Heritage Museum**.

Membership in Clan Douglas Society of North America is open to anyone descended from, connected by marriage to, or adopted by a Douglas or Sept/ Allied Family of Douglas. **Membership is also open to** any person, at least eighteen (18) years of age, who is a direct lineal descendant of a Scot who does not descend from the DOUGLAS Clan or one of its Septs and Allied Families (as Voting Affiliate Member) and to friends of the Society who desire to become a part of the Society but have no available record of Scottish Ancestry.

~ Recognized Septs & Allied Families ~

Agnew	Carruthers	Forest	Kirkconnell	Rule
Bell	Cauldlaw	Forrester	Kirkland	Rutherford
Blackadder	Coldlaw	Foster	Kilpatrick	Sandilands
Blackett	Cavan	Galbraith	Kirkpatrick	Sandlin
Blacklock	Cavers	Gilpatric	Lockerby	Simms
Blackstock	Cleland	Gladstain	Lockery	Soule
Blackwood	Clendenon	Gladstanes	Lockhart	Sterrett
Blaylock	Crockett	Gladstone	MacGuffey	Syme
Breckinridge	Dalyell	Glendenning	MacGuffock	Symington
Brown	Dalzell	Glenn	Maxwell	Troup
Brownlee	Deal	Hamilton	McKittrick	Turnbull
Caddie/Cadie	Dick	Harkness	Moffat	Weir
Caddy/Cady	Dickey	Home/Hume	Morton	Young
Cadden/Caddin	Dickson	Inglis	Pringle	Younger
Caggie/Caggy	Dixon	Kidston	Rowell	
Carmichael	Drysdale	Kilgore	Rowle	

With a family as powerful as the Douglas family, several non-related families would have been supportive in exchange for favor and/or protection. These allied families may have intermarried into the House of Douglas several times but they truly could not be called septs. It makes much more sense, under these circumstances, to consider the list of names associated with the House of Douglas as a list of septs and allied families to acknowledge the historical and familial connections between these names and Douglas without ascribing any particular subordinate classification or attenuation to any name in the list. Various spellings of the above are also recognized. These recognitions and relationships make no pretense to establish a line of peerage or confirm any genealogical relationship.



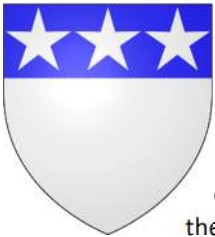
Septs and Allied Families of Clan Douglas, ©2022 by H A Edington

This booklet provides documentation for all the Septs and Allied Families names accepted by CDSNA from 1975-2022 (our current listing of Septs & Allied Families) and provides many answers when a visitors asks, "Why is THAT name on your Douglas list?". The booklet is in print and can be purchased. Many CDSNA Regents say this is the most actively used resource in their tent. <https://www.lulu.com/shop/harold-edington/cdsna-septs-allied-families/paperback/product-y2n57g.html?q=Harold+A++Edington&page=1&pageSize=4>

A Concise History of the House of Douglas

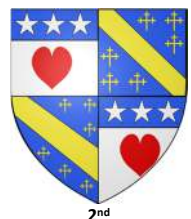
Four principle stems of the Douglas family wrote their great and often noble deeds into more than seven hundred years of turbulent Scottish history. The branches of the House of Douglas were: the senior branch *Douglas of Douglasdale "Black Douglasses"* who gained fame with Bruce and figured prominently in the Scottish Wars of Independence and whose line ended with the 9th Earl of Douglas; the *Douglas of Angus "Red Douglasses"* who played a significant part in the Scottish/English conflict between the mid-15th and early 18th centuries; the *Douglas Earls of Morton*, closely aligned with the fortunes of Mary, Queen of Scots; and the *Drumlanrig/Queensberry Douglasses* who reached their zenith with the "Union of Crowns" in the early 18th century. Persons of status within the House of Douglas today include the Duke of Hamilton, the Earl of Home, and the Earl of March (all three from the "Red Douglas" line); the Duke of Buccleuch & Queensberry, and the Marquess of Queensberry; the Earl of Morton; and Lord Torphichen, Chief of Clan Sandilands. Other minor branches of the House of Douglas exist but are not covered here.

The Black Douglasses, the Earls of Douglas



Sir William "le Hardy" Douglas, was the first person of note to join William Wallace in his revolt against England. He was Constable of Berwick Castle in 1297 and a witness to the sacking of Berwick by Edward I "Longshanks" of England. Captured during Wallace's revolt, William Douglas was taken to the Tower of London, where he died in 1298.

Sir William's son ("the Good" Sir James or "the Black Douglas") was the foremost captain of Robert Bruce during and after the Scottish "Wars for Independence." Sir James was given the task of taking King Robert's heart to the Crusades. He fell in battle against the Moors near Teba, Spain in 1330. His son, Sir William, inherited the family estates but fell in battle against the English at Halidon Hill in 1333. Sir William's heir and uncle, Sir Archibald, was killed within an hour during the same battle.

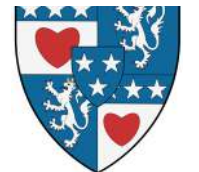


Sir Archibald's son, Sir William, became the first Earl of Douglas and later succeeded to the Earldom of Mar. The 2nd Earl, Sir James Douglas, fell fighting against Percy at the Battle of Otterburn in 1388.

Sir Archibald "the Grim", the 3rd Earl, was the natural son of "The Good" Sir James. He is known to have fought against the English at Poitiers in 1356 and is credited with the restoration of many church properties. Archibald subdued Galloway for the Scottish Crown and built Threave Castle soon after.



1st



3rd

The 4th Earl, another Archibald, fought against Henry IV of England at the Battle of Shrewsbury in 1403, where he was taken prisoner. He became a general in Joan of Arc's army, continuing to fight against the English. For his efforts, he was awarded the *Duchy of Touraine*. The 4th Earl was killed at the Battle of Verneuil.



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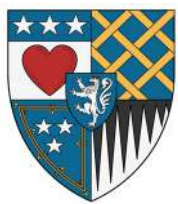
6th

Sir Archibald Douglas, 5th Earl, died from a fever in Restalrig, Midlothian, and was buried at Douglas. Sir William, 6th Earl, and his brother David were murdered, on trumped up charges, in the presence of the young King James II in the so-called *Black Dinner*. Sir James Douglas, 7th Earl of Douglas, called "the Gross", was also created Earl of Avondale in 1437. He was the great-uncle of the murdered Douglas lords and likely had something to do with it to obtain greater political power.



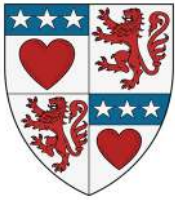
7th & 8th

William Douglas, 8th Earl of Douglas was the eldest son of James Douglas, 7th Earl. In 1452 King James II sent one of Douglas' friends with an invitation to Douglas to come to Stirling Castle under a safe-conduct. There James demanded the dissolution of a league into which Douglas had entered with two other powerful lords. Upon Douglas' refusal, the king murdered him with his own hands, stabbing him 26 times, and had the earl's body thrown out of a window.



9th

James Douglas, 9th Earl of Douglas, was the last of the 'Black' earls of Douglas and the last male member of the Black Douglas line when died in 1491. He succeeded to the earldom on the murder of his brother William. He denounced his brother's murderers and took up arms against the king. This rebellion culminated in the Battle of Arkinholm in 1455 where the power and fortunes of the Black Douglasses were forever broken.



1st & 2nd
Earls of Angus



'Bell the Cat'
5th Earl of Angus



7th - 10th
Earls of Angus



Duke of Hamilton

The Red Douglases, Douglas Earls of Angus

The "Red Douglas" line of Angus Earls originated through an illegitimate child of William, 1st Earl of Douglas. George, 4th Earl of Angus, was a third cousin of James, 9th Earl of Douglas but was more closely aligned to his Stewart cousins. As a result, the "Red Douglases" sided with King James II at Arkinholm and contributed greatly to the fall of the "Black Douglases." It is speculated that, had Angus sided with Douglas, a Douglas would have been seated as King of Scotland.

The 5th Earl of Angus, Sir Archibald "Bell the Cat", was involved in the conspiracy by a clique of nobles to remove the king's favorite, Cochrane. When the tale of the mice tying a bell around the cat's neck was related to the nobles, Sir Archibald stepped forward proclaiming, "*I will bell the cat!*" The nobles then captured Cochrane and hung him from Lauder Bridge in front of King James III. The two elder sons of "Bell the Cat" fell at the Battle of Flodden Field in 1513.

The 6th Earl of Angus married the dowager queen and regent, Margaret Tudor, widow of James IV, mother of James V, and elder sister of Henry VIII of England. Through his daughter Margaret, the 6th Earl was the grandfather of Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley, husband of Mary, Queens of Scots, and therefore, the great-grandfather of James VI&I.

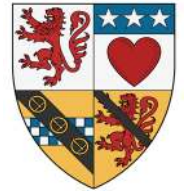
The 8th Earl of Angus was also the 5th Earl of Morton. The 9th Earl was a cousin of the 8th Earl and descended from the 2nd son of the 5th Earl.

The 11th Earl of Angus was created Marquess of Douglas and his grandson Archibald Douglas was created Duke of Douglas. After the death of the Duke of Douglas (last accepted Chief of the House of Douglas) in 1761, a lengthy and costly legal battle – called

The Douglas Cause – commenced to determine who would inherit the Duke's titles, lands, and wealth. One claimant in the case was the supposed nephew of the Duke, son of his only sister who is said to have given birth to twins at the age of 50. The other claimant was the 7th Duke of Hamilton, a descendant of Anne, Duchess of Hamilton and a younger son of the 1st Marquess of Douglas from a few generations before.

The results of the legal contest were a determination that the title "Duke of Douglas" was extinct at the Duke's death. The titles "Marquess of Douglas" and "Earl of Angus" passed to the Duke of Hamilton. Some other titles were passed to the Earl of March, a distant cousin from the Douglases of Queensberry line. The lands and wealth of the Duke passed to his supposed nephew Archibald Stewart, (who changed his name to Douglas and was later created) "1st Baron Douglas of Douglas". The daughter of the baron married the 11th Earl of Home. Among the lands passed to the nephew now belonging to the Earl of Home was the village of Douglas, home of the derelict Douglas Castle tower, a remnant from the 17th century castle, and St. Bride's Kirk.

The current Duke of Hamilton is the presumed Chief of Douglas.



3rd & 4th
Earls of Angus



6th Earl of Angus



11th Earl of Angus created
1st Marquess of Douglas



Earl of Home

Douglasses of Dalkeith, Lochleven, Morton, & Mains



Douglass of Dalkeith & Hermiston & Morton
1st – 4th Earls of Morton

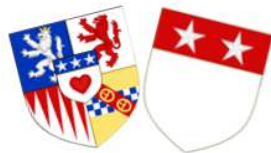
Andrew Douglas of Hermiston, younger son of Archibald I, Lord of Douglas and uncle of William "le Hardy" was the progenitor of the Douglasses of Dalkeith, the Earls of Morton, and the Douglasses of Mains.

The 4th Lord Dalkeith married a daughter of James I and was created Earl of Morton in 1458. The 3rd Earl of Morton had only daughters; the second daughter married James Douglas of Angus who became the 4th Earl of Morton and entailed the Morton line.

The 4th Earl of Morton, played an important role in the affairs of Mary, Queen of Scots. He became Regent of Scotland in 1572, for the infant James VI (and I.) However, once James VI reached the age of majority, Morton was implicated in the murder of James' father, Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley (in 1567), and was executed in 1581.

Darnley was the second but eldest surviving son of Matthew Stewart, 4th Earl of Lennox, and his wife, Lady Margaret Douglas. Darnley's maternal grandparents were Archibald Douglas, sixth Earl of Angus, and Margaret Tudor, daughter of Henry VII of England and widow of James IV, king of Scots. Darnley was a first cousin of Mary, Queen of Scots.

In 1581, the 4th Earl of Morton was convicted and executed for the murder of Lord Darnley in 1567 and his titles became forfeit. Later in 1581, the 8th Lord Maxwell, a grandson of the 3rd Earl of Morton, was created Earl of Morton, with the subsidiary title Lord Carlyle & Epsdale, and he received the lands of Morton in a charter the same year. In 1585, his rights to the lands were revoked, although he apparently retained the right to use the title, as he was styled "Earl of Morton" until his death despite the 8th Earl of Angus being confirmed as the 5th Earl of Morton in 1586.



8th Earl of Angus/
5th Earl of Morton

After the death of the 8th Earl of Angus/5th Earl of Morton, the earldom passed to Douglas of Lochleven. The Douglasses of Lochleven were descendants of Andrew Douglas through a younger brother of the Douglasses of Dalkeith & Morton.

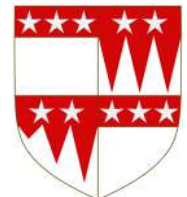


8th Lord Maxwell,
Earl of Morton

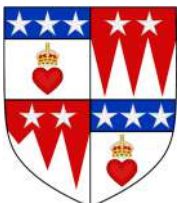
The 8th Earl of Morton was the only grandson of the 7th earl.



6th & 7th
Earls of Morton
9th Earl of Morton



8th Earl of Morton



11th & Later
Earls of Morton

The 9th earl resigned the Barony of Dalkeith in favor of the 1st Duke of Monmouth/1st Duke of Buccleuch, the illegitimate son of King Charles II. The estate of Dalkeith and other lands had been sold to Buccleuch by the 7th earl to meet expenses supporting the king. The arms of the 9th earl reflect the loss of Dalkeith and reverted back to the arms used by the 7th earl.

The arms of 11th & later Earls of Morton have included the familiar *Argent a heart gules imperially crowned Or and a chief azure with three mullets argent on the chief* (for Douglas).

Douglasses of Drumlanrig/Queensberry & Kelhead



Douglas of
Drumlanrig

William Douglas, the illegitimate son of the James Douglas, 2nd Earl of Douglas & Mar, was given the Barony of Drumlanrig by his father. Sir William Douglas, 10th Lord of Drumlanrig was created Viscount of Drumlanrig and, a few years later in 1633, Earl of Queensberry.

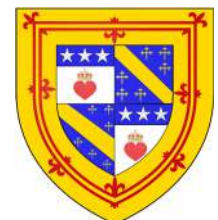
Another William Douglas, 3rd Earl of Queensberry, was created Marquess of Queensberry in 1682 and Duke of Queensberry in 1684.

James Douglas, 2nd Duke of Queensberry, was a leading politician of the late 17th and the early 18th centuries. As Lord High Commissioner he was instrumental in negotiating and passing the Acts of Union 1707 with England, which created the Kingdom of Great Britain.

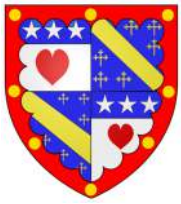
James Douglas, 3rd Marquess of Queensberry (1697–1715), known until 1711 as James Douglas, Earl of Drumlanrig, was the second son, and eldest to survive infancy, of James Douglas, 2nd Duke of Queensberry. Stories describe him as an "imbecile" and violently insane. He was kept under lock and key from childhood at Queensberry House in Edinburgh, now part of the Scottish Parliament complex.

It is reported that when the Act of Union was signed in 1707, the disruption from either the festivities or the riots resulted in his escape. Drumlanrig, then around 10 years old, slaughtered a servant in the house's kitchen, roasted him on a spit, and began to eat him before he was discovered and apprehended. A charter of *novodamus* (i.e., *de novo damus*, "we grant anew"; a charter containing a clause by which a feudal superior re-bestows a former grant under a new set of conditions) had been made out for his father's titles, excepting the marquessate of Queensberry in 1706, to remove James Douglas from the succession. The dukedom of Queensberry passed to Charles Douglas, younger brother of James.

Yet another William Douglas, 2nd son of the 1st Duke, was created Earl of March in 1697. His grandson, also William Douglas, 3rd Earl of March succeeded his cousin in 1778 as 4th Duke (& 5th Marquess) of Queensberry; he was known as "Old Q". Upon the death of "Old Q",



Douglas Marquesses
& Dukes of Queensberry
until 1810.
Resumed as the arms
of the marquessate only
after 1810.



Douglas of Kelhead

the dukedom of Queensberry devolved on Henry Scott, 3rd Duke of Buccleuch and the marquessate of Queensberry devolved on Charles Douglas, 5th Baronet of Kelhead as the 5th Marquess of Queensberry.

In an odd twist of History, the Dukes of Buccleuch/Queensberry are descendants of Lady Jane Douglas, daughter of the 2nd Duke of Queensberry who married Francis Scott, Earl of Dalkeith (grandson of James Scott, 1st Duke of Monmouth and Anne Scott, 1st Duchess of Buccleuch) who became 2nd Duke of Buccleuch; Lady Jane died prior to him succeeding in the dukedom.

The Barony of Dalkeith from which the Earls were elevated was a former property of the Earls of Morton



Duke of Buccleuch / Duke of Queensberry

Douglasses of Cavers



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

The Sandilands, the Lords Torphichen



Lord Torphichen

The name Sandilands comes from lands by that name in Clydesdale. The Sandilands are considered *heirs-general of the House of Douglas* from the marriage of Sir James Sandilands to Eleanor Douglas, only daughter of Sir Archibald Douglas, younger brother of 'the Good Sir James' Douglas and father of the 1st Earl of Douglas. Through this connection, the Sandilands are also considered a sept of Douglas even though they have their own clan chief, Lord Torphichen (pronounced 'Tor-fikken').

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House or Clan?

Many will make much ado about whether or not it is appropriate for our organization to call itself "CLAN DOUGLAS" rather than "HOUSE of DOUGLAS". They will argue Douglas was a Lowland family and 'Clan' is a distinctive of Highland families only. It must be noted, our Society is **CLAN** Douglas through an act of legal incorporation. However, **HOUSE** of Douglas does make more sense when one considers the power of the Douglas family was greatly enhanced by all those other families not having the name of Douglas but who still supported the Douglasses. Our list of Septs & Allied Families does have a number of names and History may yet reveal the names of other families that should be added. The families, though not "blood relatives" nevertheless were willing to mingle their lives' blood in the struggles of the Douglasses and there would have been little to tell about the Douglas family without the support of all the families under the banner of the **HOUSE** of Douglas.

Understanding "Sept" and "Allied Family"

by Harold Edington, CDSNA Asst VP

What was and is a Sept?

The Wikipedia article [<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sept>] states ...

in the context of Scottish clans, septs are families that followed another family's chief. These smaller septs would then comprise, and be part of, the chief's larger clan. A sept might follow another chief if two families were linked

through marriage; or, if a family lived on the land of a powerful laird, they would follow him whether they were related or not. Bonds of manrent were sometimes used to bind lesser chiefs and his followers to more powerful chiefs.

And again, in Scotclan.com's "What's A Sept?" [http://www.scotclans.com/my_clan_shop/whats_a_sept.html]

These were large and powerful families within a Clan. They did not share the native surname but in some cases their heads could be as powerful as the Chief himself. Smaller Clans could also bond together for protection, forming a larger confederation. The Clan Chattan, made up from several smaller member Clans was an example of this.

Dr. Phillip D. Smith, Jr. (FSA Scot), author of Tartan for Me! and several tartan books makes the case that "sept", a borrowed term from Irish culture and "roughly synonymous" with Scottish "clan", should be avoided in our modern usage stating it is better to "simply describe these names as what they are – surnames of a family and of allied or dependent families." Dr. Smith suggests "it is preferable to speak of 'The names and families of Clan X' rather than to call a name 'a sept of Clan X'.

Dr. Smith's suggestion is noted. In many ways, calling a name 'a sept of Clan X' places that name in a diminutive position to the larger, more important clan name and gives the impression, perhaps, that these allied families were less important. However, history and the politics of the day would indicate that the family of the chiefly name was able to gain power and prominence only with the assistance of its allied families. This is a lesson many of us moderns need to take to heart since it tempers the purpose of adding any allied family names to a particular clan. With a family as powerful as the Douglas family, several non-related families would have been supportive in exchange for favor and/or protection. These *allied families* may have intermarried into the House of Douglas several times but they truly could not be called septs. It makes much more sense, under these circumstances, to consider the list of names associated with the House of Douglas as a list of **septs and allied families** to acknowledge the historical and familial connections between these names and Douglas without ascribing any particular subordinate classification or attenuation to any name in the list.

Looking through a more modern lens, septs are a recruitment tool for modern Clan Societies and the means to an end for Scottish industries ... although this view does not and should not diminish the sense of belonging one has to a particular House or Clan; the sentiments and passions expressed in belonging are very real. What such a view, sentiments, and passions do provide is a simple explanation for the controversies sure to arise as more and more surnames form their own Clan Societies. But how did all these Clan Societies come about?

Septs and modern clan societies

In the aftermath of the Jacobite Rising of 1745, the pro-Hanoverian Parliament of Great Britain passed the Act of Proscription and other measures to assimilate the Highlands and crush the strong regional and familial connections of the clan system. Among the measures enacted were the disarming of the clans, the refutation of feudal authority of the clan chief, and the prohibition of wearing "Highland dress" (i.e., tartan). **The Dress Act** [*Abolition and Proscription of the Highland Dress 19 George II, Chap. 39, Sec. 17, 1746*], part of the **Act of Proscription**, declared,

That from and after the first day of August, One thousand, seven hundred and forty-six, no man or boy within that part of Britain called Scotland, other than such as shall be employed as Officers and Soldiers in His Majesty's Forces, shall, on any pretext whatever, wear or put on the clothes commonly called Highland clothes (that is to say) the Plaid, Philabeg, or little Kilt, Trowse, Shoulder-belts, or any part whatever of what peculiarly belongs to the Highland Garb; and that no tartan or party-coloured plaid of stuff shall be used for Great Coats or upper coats, and if any such person shall presume after the said first day of August, to wear or put on the aforesaid garment or any part of them, every such person so offending ... For the first offence, shall be liable to be imprisoned for 6 months, and on the second offence, to be transported to any of His Majesty's plantations beyond the seas, there to remain for the space of seven years.

From August 1, 1746 until July 1, 1782, these harsh measures were in effect and all but extinguished the Highland culture. In this time, "Highland dress" was superseded by other fashion and was no longer considered every day wear. Within a few years of the lifting of these acts, Highland aristocrats were setting up Highland Clan Societies "with aims including promoting 'the general use of the ancient Highland dress'. This would lead to the Highland pageant of the visit of King George IV to Scotland turning what had

been seen as the uncivilized outfits of mountain thieves into national dress claimed by the whole of Scotland." [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dress_Act_1746]

The success of Sir Walter Scott's historical novels and the visit of King George IV to Scotland in 1822 renewed enthusiasm for clans. This enthusiasm was fostered by both the tartan manufacturers and the Clan Societies (for their own reasons), resulting in attributing as many names as possible to particular clans as septs - too often with stretched and/or preposterous results.

Examples claiming relation by virtue of sharing a region (of Lanarkshire) or town ("de Moffat", for example) where anyone coming from the same place might use the descriptive, related or not, are untenable. Similarly, it is absurd to think that all Bowmakers and Fletchers should belong to Clan Macgregor or all Taylors and Clerks should belong to Clan Cameron or all

Millers and Weavers to Clan Macfarlane when it is clear these were work or trade names found in almost every part of Scotland.

The same enthusiasm triggered attaching as many names as possible to well-known clans -- often without real justification (and sometimes based on lively imagination and wishful thinking) or on a single recorded instance (ex: "Angus Wooler was a tenant of the Earl of Douglas, 1389") -- so that all holders of the name without a clan name of their own could connect to a Scottish clan and thus feel "entitled" to its tartan. In this way, Clan Societies gained members and prestige and the tartan manufacturers gained product sales.

Most people looking for a possible Clan affiliation will do a web search of their last name. Or maybe, a person has been told "you belong to Clan X" and they look it up online. Any such search will likely present you with a number of sites listing "recognized" or "official" "septs" of Clan X.

The problem with most "sept" lists is that nothing is included with the list providing any documentation about why these names were considered septs. And few, if any, lists of names distinguish between "septs" and "allied families". Our own Douglas list of septs and allied families is by no means perfect. It is quite likely some names included on our list were based more on 19th century renewal enthusiasm than on historical accuracy and it is just as likely that the surnames of many loyal followers of the Douglas Chiefs have not been included.

For someone looking online to find their clan affiliation, undocumented and likely erroneous lists of names can be problematic at best and deceitful at worst. But where is such documentation found? Sadly, the answer is "on the internet."

Information is easy to find in this age of internet and the simplicity of Wikipedia. But many fail to realize Wikipedia is an "open source" webpage that can be added to or edited by anyone. As a result, many Wikipedia topic pages are filled with speculation and half-truths. While one should not hold much stock in Wikipedia and similar web-info services, they can be useful in gleaning other sources to research. And sometimes, even Wikipedia gets it right. However, more authoritative sources do exist. Volumes of Scottish history and other Clan related books, now mostly out of print for over a century, have been converted to PDF format and placed on the internet.

Who decides whether a surname belongs to Clan X?

Determining which surnames are septs or allied families of a clan is one of the prerogatives of the clan chief. Clan Douglas, while an armigerous (arms-bearing) family recognized as a clan by the Lord Lyon of Scotland, currently has no standing chief.

Without a standing chief, CDSNA has selected certain guidelines in determining the surnames it accepts as Septs and Allied Families of our Clan Douglas organization. The criteria used for determining what surnames are (or can be) Septs and Allied Families of Clan Douglas (as published in the August 2005 ***Dabh Ghlas***) are as follows:

[A] Those of the surname of Douglas, in all of its many and varied forms...

[B] Those families whose surname was originally Douglas but have suffered a change of name due to the conditions prevailing at some point in history; i.e. Drysdale.

[C] Those families who were known to be followers of the Douglas family in the past.

[D] Those families who are known to have served the Douglas family in times past as either estate managers, farm workers, men-at-arms, scribes, chancellors; i.e. Bell, Symington, Young, etc.

[E] Those descendants of a female line of the Douglas family who are able to prove their descent and do not owe allegiance to any other family or clan.

[F] Those descendants whose families originated within the known Douglas territories but were too small to have a family status and have no allegiance to any other family or clan.

[G] Those descendants of families who are known to have broken away from their accepted group and are also known to have re-settled within the Douglas territories.

The criteria presented here for ***Sept and Allied Families*** names are not listed in the CDSNA Bylaws. At this time, no "official" criteria exist but this list provides a reasonable basis for surname inclusions. It should also be noted that IF the day comes when Clan Douglas does have a standing chief, the Chief of Douglas will have the sole right to create a list of Septs and Allied Families of Clan Douglas and such list may or may not include many names CDSNA and other Douglas associations have accepted as septs and allied families.

Each one of the names currently listed on our CDSNA Douglas Septs and Allied Families list has been researched and documented by Harold Edington and the research has been published in his book, ***Septs and Allied Families of Clan Douglas***.