

Doig Digest
Newsletter of The Doig Family Society
August 2005

Dear Doig Cousin,

Did you know that ‘Doig’ is an ancient and distinguished Scottish Name?

Doig’s can be traced back throughout Scottish History, as far as the sixth century. The Doig Family Society was established in 2004 with the primary objective of promoting the Doig Family and that of achieving full Clan status in our own right. We invite you to attend the next International Gathering of the Doig Family Society. This exiting event will be held from August 4th to 6th 2006 at Stirling, Thornhill and Bridge of Allan, Scotland.

All welcome! Come and join founder members of the Doig Family Society from all over the world – Doigs from Scotland, England, Wales, Canada, USA, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Peru, Malta and Switzerland have already indicated their attendance.

Please bring the family along with you!

Come to the Doig’s homeland in Central Scotland and explore your ancient family history, for an experience to treasure for a lifetime!

Motto: Yield not to Adversity

Kerr Doig Chairman Doig Family Society

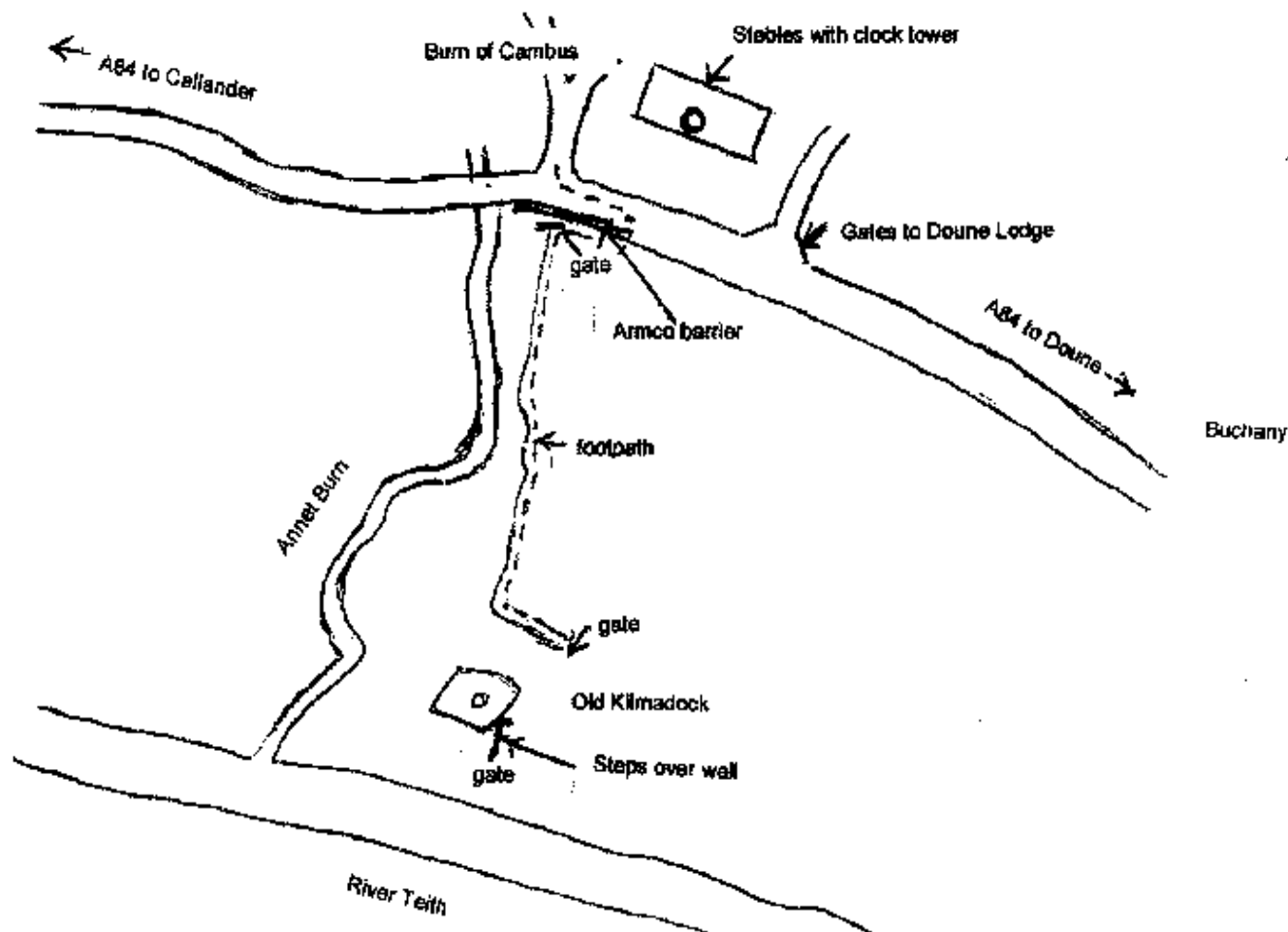
Stirling, Scotland. - Right in the centre of Scotland, this is truly historic territory, linking the Highlands and Lowlands. Many famous folk have passed this way. Some had a dramatic role to play in Scotland’s story like King Robert the Bruce, Sir William Wallace and Mary Queen of Scots. Others made their contribution to literature and in passing through the area, left their written or poetic impressions. In this category Robert Burns stands foremost. Our own Dr David Doig was headmaster of the Grammar School in Stirling around 1787. See a photo of the commemorative plaque courtesy of Ian P Doig society treasurer.

For more details about the area including places to visit, accommodation etc please see – <http://www.visitscoticshheartlands.com/>

Thornhill, near Stirling. The Doig family arrived in The Thornhill area in the sixth century.

Close by is Kilmadock’s ruined churchyard (*Church of the Doigs*), complete with Doig gravestones, see Archivist Ken Doig’s web page at www.doig.net

How to get to the ancient Doig churchyard? Just beyond the houses in Buchany turn right into the entrance beyond Doune Lodge. Before the road divides it is quite wide and it is possible to park close to the wall at the side of the roadway without being a significant danger to traffic. Cross over the road with great care, traffic comes round the corner at speed, and go down the grassy slope behind the Armco barrier. Turn left through a gate and follow the path to the east of the Annet Burn to the edge of the field above the graveyard. Walk across the field and take care getting into the graveyard using the steps over the wall. The ground in the graveyard is uneven and some parts of the outer wall have collapsed. **BE VERY CAREFUL. A warning on the entrance states “Some of the materials within this site may be unstable, visitors are advised not to touch any monuments and to remain on the paths at all times”. We found the pathway to the site very difficult to access in the summer.**



DOIG INTERNATIONAL GATHERING 2006 : - OUR VENUES

[Stirling, 4th and 5th August 2006](#) Commencing at 10.30 each day at The Stirling Smith, Art Gallery and Museum, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, Scotland.

See – www.smithartgallery.demon.co.uk/

Gallery director Elspeth King and her dedicated staff will welcome both “kent faces” and new Doig cousins attending for the first time.

[Thornhill near Stirling, 5th August. 7.30pm.](#) “The Doig Doo” Our Ceilidh Dance, to be held in the Thornhill village hall, dance until midnight, definitely not to be missed! Please apply for your tickets early as space is limited.

[Bridge of Allan 6th August.](#) Come with us to the world famous Bridge of Allan Highland Games one of Scotland’s premier events attracting crowds of between 10,000 and 15,000. The games field is situated in a spectacular setting nestled between Stirling Castle, the Ochil Hills and the Wallace Monument and Bannockburn Battlefield, made famous by the blockbuster movie Braveheart. The games themselves offer a full athletic programme including the crowd pleasing heavyweight competitions, nearly 200 highland dancers, approx 1500 pipers, wrestling, tug-of-war, cycling, over 40 Exhibition and trade stands, food stalls, bars and a huge fun fair. See <http://www.bofagames.i12.com>

If you would like to represent the Doigs in any of the competitions please feel free.

Full weekend programme details under preparation, and will include :-

- *Doig International Conference. Fri 4th & Sat 5th
- *Guest Speakers.
- *Our quest for Clan Status. See www.doig.net for details

Richard "Tartan" Doig is attending: purchasing of Doig Tartan goods will be available, ties, scarves, plaids, etc. Order your Doig Tartan Kilt see - <http://www.thekiltshop.co.uk/>

- *Vote for the Scottish Doig venue 2008.
- *Vote for 2010 Doig International Gathering venue :- Canada.
- *Vote for our first "Clan" Chief.
- *Doig Evening Soiree. Fri 4th
- *Doig Ceilidh. Sat 5th evening 7.30 onwards.
- *Visit to Bridge of Allan Highland Games Sun 6th
- *Farewell Doig Dinner. Evening Sun 6th

Doig speakers wanted urgently; Doig pioneer stories, or Scottish topics, Also singers / entertainers for the evening soiree. Please e-mail John. john.doig@tiscali.co.uk Bring a raffle prize with you to the Gathering. Grand draw at the "Doig Doo"

Sorry if you missed the first Doig International Gathering? ; be there at the SECOND. Contact our Kennel Master John Doig Liverpool. August 2006 is less than 365 days away! CONFIRMATION OF YOUR ATTENDANCE IS NECESSARY! Please register indicating THE DAYS / DATES YOU INTEND TO BE PRESENT. No later than 30th April 2006 to ensure your booking.

The only Doig Gathering DVD film in the World! First International Gathering DVD's are available. £10 incl. p&p in UK, \$20 US outside UK. Contact Secretary John Doig for copies.

Do you know of a location or a street near you named after the Doig Family? Please let us know. We know of Doig Street & Doig Place in Thornhill, Scotland. A Rue Doig and a Doig River in Canada. Also a Doig Crescent in Stornaway named after Founder Member Dr Henry Doig's father, Dr Robert Doig MBE. Does anyone know how the above names were called we would be please to know.

Some Photographs from the First World Gathering and Kilmadock Cemetery are attached and will appear on the web www.doig.net

Did you know the small parish of **KILMADOCK** was named after the Doig family.
Visit the Kilmadock Heritage Centre shop in Main St, Doune. Many books on sale.
If you have any "Doig memorabilia" it would be appreciated if paper copies were sent to the Kilmadock Heritage Centre who would be most grateful to receive them.

TALK FOR FREE ON SKYPE

Use your search engine and download SKYPE for free! This will enable you to talk over the Internet for free! A microphone is required. One can also ring up a normal telephone anywhere in the World for ~ 1.2pence per minute
Our Secretary is on line as doigjohna

Doig World Co-ordinator required Now!

To help set up the Doig DNA Project, a simple mouth swab is all it takes!

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The final few words

DOIG REPRESENTATIVE REQUIRED IN EACH COUNTRY
ARE YOU WILLING TO VOLUNTEER?

Wanted!

Editor for future issues of this newsletter, keep Doig cousins in touch!