

1. John Douglas, our grandfather, was born in Ballymana, Antrim County, Ireland, about 1789. He was brought to this county when an infant. He died October 26th, 1872, at his home in Fairfield County, S. C., four miles east of Blackstock, where he owned a great deal of land and many slaves. He was married Feb. 11th, 1819 to Grace Jane Brice. The names of their children are as follows:

- William Douglas, born March 6th, 1820, died about Feb. 29, 1896
- Alex Douglas, born Dec. 3rd, 1821, died about 1897
- John Douglas, born Sept. 16th, 1823, died Dec. 9th, 1887
- Grace Jane (Douglas) Sloan, born July 18, 1825, died Oct. 14, 1854
- James Douglas, born March 10, 1827, died August 21, 1904.
- Charles Douglas, born Feb. 10, 1829, lives at Winnsboro, S. C.
- Elizabeth Phillips Douglas Irwin, born Dec. 19, 1830, lives in Texas
- Robert Leroy Douglas, born May 31st, 1835, died 1866
- Gract Jane (Brice) Douglas, our grandmother, died July 3, 1857

Her husband, John Douglas, died fifteen years later. He was noted for his great physical strength and piety and strict observance of Sunday.

Mollie Douglas never married, nothing more said.

William Douglas married a Miss Mobley contrary to the wishes of his family. It is said that the objection was on account of some idiotic or idiosyncratic tendencies of the woman. But William Douglas realized that he was not in the Old Country, but on Free America where every man has greater liberty and is more of a sovereign, than a king, in the fact that he picks his own wife. The marriage seems to have been a happy one if we may judge from the number of children. Their names are as follows:

Alex Douglas, Killed in the war.  
Liza Douglas  
Mary Douglas  
James Douglas  
Charlie Douglas  
Kate Douglas  
William Douglas  
Reuben Douglas  
Sam Douglas  
~~James Douglas~~  
John Douglas  
Mannie Douglas  
More yet, but names cannot be recalled.

William Douglas was a doctor and was said to have been<sup>a</sup> very intellectual man, but many of his children were lacking in the due amount of common sense.

h. James Douglas never married, but the historians did not treat him as badly on account of this as they did his sister Belle.

We find the aesthetic nature of James Douglas highly cultivated; while he might not have admired or become infatuated over the beauty of women, he did love beautiful flowers and that he would try to get every variety he ever saw or heard of.

He had much wealth in lands, slaves, livestock, etc. He was in sympathy with the Union Army instead of the Confederates. When he heard that Sherman's Army was in Atlanta, Ga., he said he would bid them God speed when they got to Fairfield County, but when they got there they completely devastated his estate, leaving him practical nothing; burnt all of his cotton, carried off all of his livestock. With the exception of one cow which they plowed all day and milked every morning and night. There being no stock left but this one cow. It was hard to make use of his farm and slaves. It was said that he could be heard mourning in his room at night and finally died of a broken heart, though an old man.

... if James Douglas had done as his brother William and married, even if the woman had not been the choice of his family, and with thirteen or more little ones scampering around, he could have had something else to do at night besides mourn over the lost property.

4. Alexander Douglas married a Miss Simonton.

The names of their children are as follows:

Martha (Douglas) Bell  
John Douglas, lives in Columbia, S. C.  
James Douglas Douglas  
Margaret (Douglas) Peoples  
Mary (Douglas) Brice  
Alex Douglas, Lawyer in Winnsboro, S. C.  
Sarah (Douglas) McMeekin

It is said that Alex Douglas was not very religiously inclined, in fact his lack of piety was a matter of much concern and grief to his family. He was out many nights late raising the "Devil" generally. He would not ask a blessing at the table, until he had a serious spell of sickness and after this he began, but with the same breath he said "Amen", he told his wife to start the dishes moving. But he is said to have been a very intellectual man, a good historian and an active, energetic man. He succeeded well in business. He was a farmer. Most of his descendants are getting along well in the world, both intellectually and financially.

5. Charlie Douglas married a Miss Crosby.

Their children are as follows:

Tom Douglas  
David Douglas  
Mary (Douglas) Chapel  
Lennie (Douglas) McClurkin  
John (Douglas) Meadow  
Charles Douglas  
Lettie (Douglas) McMeekin

Sam Douglas married a Miss Young. There were no children. He married a Miss Reid the second time. Their children are as follows:

James Brown Douglas, died 1902. Married a Miss McDill,  
left one child named Sam  
Nennie Douglas, died about 1900  
Janie Douglas, died summer of 1902

Now all of these children of the foregoing seven are first cousins; they all being the grandchildren of the original Alexander Douglas. Our father, James Douglas, the son of John Douglas is one of these first cousins.

We shall go back and take up in order the children of these seven, that is the grandchildren of the original Alexander Douglas.

1. Family of John Douglas, son of Alexander Douglas.

John Douglas the oldest child of Alexander Douglas had eight children. Their names will now be taken up first.

A. William Douglas was born March 6th, 1820 and died 1896. He married Isabelle Peden April 6th, 1860, when he was nearly fifty years old. It has been said that he courted her seventeen years before this, but that Miss Peden kicked him, so he went back to his farm and quietly submitted to his fate, till after seventeen years he had a dream in which he saw her on the opposite side of the river beckoning to him to come over. This is considered a propitious omen and thus "went over" and they were soon married.

They had one daughter named Janie Brice Douglas.

Isabelle Peden Douglas died Feb. 22nd, 1890. She and her husband, William both died at the old home place of John Douglas, which they owned. Their daughter, Janie B. Douglas still owns and lives at this place. She died Oct. 16th, 1916.

1. John Douglas Family.

B. Alex Douglas was born Feb. 3rd, 1821 and died 1897. He was a farmer. He married Jane Douglas, his first cousin. If we look back under No. 5 we find that she was a daughter of Alexander Douglas. They married in 1850.

Their children are as follows:

Clarence A. Douglas

James F. Douglas

William Simonton Douglas

Robert Leroy Douglas

There were two or three more children, but they died in infancy

Jane Douglas the wife of Alex Douglas died

Clarence Douglas married first a Miss Refa. No children. married a Miss McWater. No children. Married third time to a Miss Sarah Lettie Withers.

There were four or five children by this wife. He changed his Church membership each time he changed wives. Clarence A. Douglas was born November 29th. 1856 and died October 15, 1915. He was married to Miss Fannie Felle Withers who was born Oct. 10, 1878 and died Feb. 3rd, 1913. Their children are:

Clarence Douglas  
Grace Jane Douglas (Tucker)  
Lizzette Douglas (Halstead)  
Robert William Douglas  
Ruth Belle Douglas

a. Clarence Douglas married Mary Polly Mobley. Their children are:

Clarence Alexander Douglas.

b. Grace Jane Douglas married William Madison Tucker. Their children are:

William Madison Tucker  
Douglas Tucker

c. Lizzette Douglas. Married Ernest Halstead. No children.

d. Robert William Douglas. Married Margaret McWaters. Their children are:

Etta Mae Douglas (West)  
Margaret Douglas  
Grace Jane Douglas  
Robert William Douglas

e. Ruth Belle Douglas. Never married. She was born and died and is buried in Greenville, S. C.

## 1. JOHN DOUGLAS FAMILY

Alex Douglas

B. James E. Douglas was a farmer near Blackstock. Married a Miss Walter Hicklin. He was born and died  
He was married to Miss Hicklin who was born and died

. Their children are:

Emma Jane Douglas  
Alex B. Douglas  
Vessie Belle Douglas  
James Douglas  
John Layton Douglas (this maybe spelled Leighton)

Case: E. Douglas, Family continued:

- a. Emma Jane Douglas, never married
- b. Alex B. Douglas married Miss Kathryne Brice.  
Their children ~~were~~ are:
- c. Messie Belle Douglas, never married
- d. James Douglas married Miss Viola \_\_\_\_\_  
Their children are:
- e. John Leighton Douglas married Miss Faye \_\_\_\_\_  
No children - John was born \_\_\_\_\_ and died \_\_\_\_\_

1. JOHN DOUGLAS FAMILY

W. ALEX DOUGLAS

- c. William Simonton Douglas was born 2/28/1863 and died 9/4/1936.  
He was first married 11/1/1887 to Miss Alice Irene Robinson. She was  
born 2/2/1846 and died 6/8/1900  
Their children are:

Grace Douglas (Ragsdale)  
Louise Douglas (Ehrlich)  
William W. Douglas

The children and grandchildren of William Simonton Douglas by his first  
marriage to Alice Irene Robinson

- A. Grace Hood Douglas was born 11/14/1888 was married 6/26/1912 to James  
Law Ragsdale born 4/30/1885 died 3/11/1957

Their children are:

Elizabeth Irene Ragsdale (Geddings)  
Louise Ragsdale (Moore)  
Bruce James Ragsdale (Fayne)

- 1. Elizabeth Irene Ragsdale was born 3/1/1911. Married 8/26/1933 to Clarence  
Loring Geddings born 10/31/1904.

Their children are:

Elizabeth Douglas Geddings born 9/7/1940.

- 2. Louise Ragsdale, born 7/11/1918. Married 12/4/1937 to James Marion Moore  
born 5/20/1908. Their children are: James Marion Moore, Jr. Born 5/3/1939  
Robert Edward Moore born 5/18/1939 1948

- c. Bruce James Ragsdale born 5/11/1928. Married 8/30/1947 to Carter Harrison  
Fayne born 11/13/1920. Their children are: Dale Harrison Fayne born 4/25/1949  
Merion Douglas Fayne born 7/12/1951

- B. Annie Louise Douglas born 4/27/1893 was married 12/31/1913 to Morris Joseph Ehrlich, born 2/13/1888. Their children are: Mary Frances Ehrlich (Flyler) born 10/2/1910  
Morris Joseph Ehrlich, Jr.
- a. Mary Frances Ehrlich born 1/13/1915 married 4/21/1937 to George Washington Flyler born 6/20/1913. Their children are: Jo Anna Flyler born 10/2/1940
- b. Morris Joseph Ehrlich, Jr. born 1/9/1920. Married 3/1/1942 to Margaret Powell born 7/3/1923. Their children are: Morris Joseph Ehrlich, III born 2/5/1943, Frederick Terrell Ehrlich born 2/16/1945
- C. William Banks Douglas born 6/17/1896. Never married.

W. S. DOUGLAS FAMILY CONTINUED:

- William S Douglas married 11/20/1902 the second time to Miss Eliza Mozelle Wylie, who was born 10/31/1875  
Their children are:
- A. Infant daughter died 2/7/1905
- B. Nancy Caroline Douglas born 4/11/1906. Married 6/19/1929 to Angus Guy McInnis born 9/13/1901. Their children are: Angus Guy McInnis, Jr. born 9/13/1931, Carolina Douglas McInnis born 6/4/1934
- a. Angus Guy McInnis married 6/5/1957 to Peggy Ann Buaton born 6/15/1933
- C. Alexander Wylie Douglas born 7/9/1907. Never married
- D. Wilbur Simonton Douglas born 12/11/1910 died 12/9/1956. Married 6/26/1936 to Margaret Gladys Dixon born 2/12/1914. Their children are: Wilbur Simonton Douglas, Jr. born 11/16/1938
- E. John LeRoy Douglas, born 10/20/1915 died 2/18/1919

1. JOHN DOUGLAS FAMILY  
2. ALEX DOUGLAS

- D. Robert LeRoy Douglas was born April 13th. 1866 and died



Sept. 13th, 1922. He was a Physician at Rodman, Chester County, S. C. He was married November 14th, 1894 to Miss Jane Isabelle Wise, who was born Oct. 5, 1872 and died September 7, 1951. Their children are.

Robert Alexander Douglas  
Alice Zelma Douglas  
May Grace Douglas  
Isabelle Clifton Douglas

- a. Robert Alexander Douglas married Miss Allie Mae Billingsly from Monroe, N. C. Their children are:

Robert Alexander Douglas, Jr.

- (a) Robert Alexander Douglas, Jr. married Miss Barbara Caroline Weeks, Lancaster, S. C. Their children are:

Elizabeth Jane Douglas  
Barbara Weeks Douglas  
Robert Leroy Billingsly Douglas

- b. Alice Zelma Douglas )  
c. May Grace Douglas : Never married  
d. Isabelle C. Douglas )

1. JOHN DOUGLAS FAMILY

- c. John Douglas was born Sept. 16th, 1823 and died Dec. 9, 1887. He was a farmer. He married Isabelle Sterling in 1856. Their children were:

William Douglas (died when very young)  
Lizzie (Douglas) Mills

Isabelle Sterling Douglas was still living at the same place of her husband, John, with her daughter Lizzie Douglas Mills about four miles east of Blackstock. The daughter, Lizzie Douglas Mills married Mr. J. M. Mills. Their children are:

Mattie Belle Mills  
Mary Mills.

1. JOHN DOUGLAS FAMILY

- D. Grace Jane Douglas was born July 18, 1825 and died October 14, 1854. She married Mr. Sloan in 1850. Their children were

Janie Sloan born died  
Lizzie Sloan Miller born died  
Janie L. Sloan (Never married)

Lizzie Sloan Married Mr. Gill Miller. Their children are:

George Miller  
Bessie Miller  
John Douglas Miller, lives in Florida  
Elinn Miller, lives near Rock Hill, S. C.

1. JOHN DOUGLAS FAMILY

- E. James Douglas was born March 10, 1827 and died August 21, 1904

He was a Presbyterian Minister. He married Margaret McDowell of Sumter, S. C. on December 2, 1858. Their children were as follows:

Kate McDowell Douglas, lives at Davidson, N. C.  
John Leighton Douglas  
Grace Jane Douglas James died Sept. 6, 1902  
James McDowell Douglas  
Davison McDowell Douglas died August, 1931  
William Alexander Douglas  
Robert Langdon Douglas  
Margaret Moore Douglas  
Agnes Richardson Douglas

Margaret McDowell Douglas was born Nov, 21st, 1835 and died Sept. 29, 1894. She and her husband, James Douglas, are both buried at Concord Presbyterian Church near Woodward, Fairfield County.

1. JOHN DOUGLAS FAMILY

F. Charles Douglas married Jane Beaty, April 4, 1854  
The names of their children are:

Sallie Douglas (lives with her father at Winnsboro)  
Nannie Douglas McCrorey  
John Douglas born March 1859 died about 1898  
Charlie Douglas married a Miss Bond, merchant in Marion S. C.  
Lizzie Douglas (lives with her father in Winnsboro, S. C.)  
Maggie J. Douglas (lives with her father in Winnsboro, S. C.)

Charlie Douglas was a farmer by profession, but has not given that up and lives in Winnsboro, S. C. He was born Feb. 10, 1829.  
His wife, Jane Douglas died and is buried at Catholic Presbyterian Church where both her husband, Charlie, and his father John Douglas were elders for a long time.

Nannie Douglas married Mr. Adger McCrorey. They live near Blackstock. Have two children: James McCrorey and Janie McCrorey Carter. James McCrorey married a Miss Higgins. Janie McCrorey married a Mr. Carter. They have two children.

1. JOHN DOUGLAS

G. Elizabeth Phillips Douglas was born Dec. 19, 1830. She lived in Texas. She married T. W. Irwin 1855. The names of their children are as follows:

Maggie Irwin  
John Irwin  
Nettie Irwin  
Robert Irwin  
Hattie Irwin  
Walter Irwin

Rev. T. W. Irwin preached at Concord and Mt. Olivet Prebbyteria

Churches and lives at White Oak, S. C. where he owned and ran a very large farm; but about 187 a wild notion struck him that he could make more money out West and regardless of the pleadings of his family to stay where he was, he went to Texas where he, his wife Elizabeth and all of their children still live.

I. JOHN DOUGLAS

H. Robert Leroy Douglas was born May 31st, <sup>1835</sup> 1935. He graduated at Davidson College, N. C. and then at the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C. He was preaching at Union, S. C. where he had been pastor for about three years, when returning from a fall meeting of Presbytery, in his buggy, in the year 1866, he got sick and stopped at Rev. Mr. Sayes in Chester County, S. C. where he died after one week's sickness. The body was carried to the home of his father, John Douglas, where he was till living four miles East of Blackstock, S. C. At the end of service held there the Thirty-Ninth Psalm was read. He was buried at Catholic Presbyterian Church where his father was an Elder.

This now includes all under No. 1 A to H and ends the children and grand children of John Douglas, the son of Alexander Douglas. We shall come back and take up their children, after we take up the families of those related to Alexander Douglas in the same degree that John Douglas is related to him.

2. A. MOLLIE DOUGLAS

Mollie Douglas was the daughter of Alexander Douglas and sister of John Douglas, She never married.

3. William Douglas

William Douglas was the son of Alexander Douglas and brother of John Douglas. He married a Miss Mobley. Their children will not be taken up.

A. Alexander Douglas, killed in the War.

B. Charles Douglas died at Davidson College and is buried there. He was said to have been a very intellectual man.

C. Liza Douglas. Married Simpson

D. James Douglas graduated at Davidson College, N. C. Was said to have been brilliant in books, but he had little practical sense. He read Latin and Greek Authors for pleasure till his dying day; could discuss fluently such subjects as Philosophy, Astronomy, Logic, Economy, etc. but it all amounted to little good in this world.

He was a Presbyterian Minister but got on so poorly he soon left that Church and went to the A.R.P. Church, where he preached for a short time, but as he got on no better there, he gave up preaching entirely, and went to teaching school, and failed there so completely at this that the patrons asked him to stop before his time was out. This he refused to do, so the patrons stopped their children but James Douglas continued to go to the Schoolhouse and sit there his required time. Then the patrons locked up the building but this failed to baffle James Douglas for he continued to sit the allotted time on the doorsteps and at the end of the term drew his full salary. He died in the spring of 1903. He, like his father, picked a very foolish and unattractive wife, who with their children, are said to be still living in the upper part of York County, S. C. in ignorance

and seclusion.

There were ten or more other children of William Douglas but they never amounted to much and little is known of them. William Douglas was said to have been brilliant and intellectual doctor, but it does not seem that any of his children inherited this intellectual quality, but rather inherited the tendencies toward lunacy of their mother.

4. JAMES DOUGLAS

James Douglas was the son of Alexander Douglas and brother of John Douglas. He never married.

5. ALEXANDER DOUGLAS FAMILY.

Alexander Douglas was the son of Alexander Douglas and the brother of John Douglas. He married a Miss Jeanette Simonton. Their children will be taken up. Jeanette Simonton was the daughter of John Simonton and Jeanette Strong Born 9/8/1799 died 1/3/1872

A. Martha Douglas married a Mr. Bell. Their children were as follows: Douglas Bell. Don't know whether there were more children or not.

5. ALEXANDER DOUGLAS FAMILY

B. John Douglas. John Douglas married a Miss Bell the first time. There were no children. The second time he married a Miss Boyce and their children are as follows:

Willie Douglas  
Nellie Douglas  
Louis Douglas  
Charlie Douglas (Lawyer at Washington, D. C.)  
Calvin Douglas (Minister. Died)  
Scott Douglas (Lawyer at Washington, D. C.)  
Ebb Douglas (Lives in Columbia)  
Alberry Douglas (Lives in Columbia)  
Eugenia Douglas (Died)  
Walkup Douglas (Minister in Baltimore, Maryland)  
Joe Douglas (Lives in Columbia, S. C.)

John Douglas was a farmer on Little River, Fairfield County

for a long time, but now lives in Columbia, S. C. His wife died about 1902.

5. ALEXANDER DOUGLAS FAMILY

C. Jane Douglas Douglas

Jane Douglas married Alex Douglas, her first cousin. Their children have been given under "No. 1 B" but will be given again. Clarence A. Douglas, James E. Douglas, William Simonton Douglas and Robert Leroy Douglas and two more died in infancy.

It is said that once when one of the Miss Peoples was visiting her Aunt Jane Douglas, that Clarence Douglas got stuck on her and while "sitting up to her" one night on the piazza, his father Alex Douglas, who always enjoyed teasing and joking, wrapped himself up in a sheet and came around the house and in the front piazza to scare Clarence; And Clarence got so frightened he ran into the house and left his girl on the piazza by herself. Then they teased Clarence so much about this that he was never seen with another girl for the next twenty years. But only about two weeks elapsed after he met Miss Refo till he married her and in about five years time had named his third wife.

5. ALEXANDER DOUGLAS FAMILY.

D. Margaret Douglas Peoples.

Margaret Douglas married a Mr. Peoples. There are several children but do not know the names of any.

5. ALEXANDER DOUGLAS FAMILY

E. Mary Douglas Brice

Mary Douglas married Mr. Henry Brice and their children are

as follows:

Douglas Brice  
Robert Brice  
Mattie Brice

Janet Brice  
Lois Brice

5. ALEXANDER DOUGLAS FAMILY

F. Alex Douglas married a Miss Byers the first time and there were two children:

Byers Douglas (Married a Miss Hicklin, lives in Gainesville, Florida)

Davis Douglas (Lawyer in Winnsboro, S. C.)  
He married a Miss McCants the second time. Three children:

Isabelle Douglas  
Laura Douglas  
James Douglas

Alex Douglas still lives and practices law in Winnsboro.

5. ALEXANDER DOUGLAS FAMILY

G. Sarah Douglas McMeekin

Sarah Douglas married a Mr. McMeekin. There were several children but don't know their names.

6. CHARLES DOUGLAS FAMILY

Charles Douglas was the son of Alexander Douglas and the brother of John Douglas. He married a Miss Crosby. Their children will now be taken up.

A. Tom Douglas. Tom Douglas married a Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
and their children are as follows:

James Douglas  
Tom Douglas  
Charles Douglas  
John Douglas

I am under the impression that most of these men, both father and sons were and are medical men.

6. CHARLES DOUGLAS FAMILY

B. David Douglas never married

6. CHARLES DOUGLAS FAMILY

C. Mary Douglas Chapel.

Mary Douglas married a Mr. Chapel. Their children are

Mary Chapel  
Charles B. Chapel  
Mattie Chapel  
Lois Chapel  
and others

6. CHARLES DOUGLAS FAMILY

D. Nannie Douglas McLurkin

Nannie Douglas married Dr. McLurkin. They had one child, a son named Charlie McLurkin. Their son Charlie McLurkin is a doctor at Halselville, Chester County, S. C. He married a Miss Janie Clowney. They have several children

6. CHARLES DOUGLAS FAMILY

E. Emma Douglas Meadow

Emma Douglas married a Mr. Meadow. I think there were no children.

6. CHARLES DOUGLAS FAMILY

F. Martha Douglas McMeekin

Martha Douglas married a Mr. McMeekin. Their children are Janie McMeekin and others.

6. CHARLES DOUGLAS FAMILY

G. Charlie Douglas

Charlie Douglas married a Miss Cook

Their children are: Charlie B. Douglas and others.

7. SAM DOUGLAS FAMILY

Sam Douglas was the son of Alexander Douglas and a brother of John Douglas. He married a Miss Young the first time. There were no children. Married a Miss Reid the second time and these children will now be taken up.

A. James Brown Douglas



James Brown Douglas married a Miss McDill. He and his wife are both dead. They left one son named Sam Douglas. Their son is kept by some of relatives now about Cornwell, S. C.

B. Nannie Douglas

Nannie Douglas never married. Died about 1900.

C. Janie Douglas

Janie Douglas never married. Died about 1902.

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This ends the Douglas Line.

M. = married  
b. = born

Crosby Family

Thomas Crosby M. Margaret Davis

Issue: Dennis M. Lucy Conway  
Nancy M.. Alexander Daniels  
Thomas Jr. died young  
John died young  
Margeret M. Adam Poole  
Stephen m. Chariety Coleman  
11-10-1782  
Richard died young  
Allen  
Polly m. Robert Parker

Stephan Crosby m. Charity Coleman  
Nov. 10, 1782

Issue: Thomas m. Charolotte Parks  
Nancy b. 5-3-1804  
William b. 3-8-1806  
Coleman m. Adeline Walker  
Sarah Jane b. 7-15-1810  
m. Charles Brown Douglass  
Stephan, Jr. b. 8-1-1812  
m. Frances Nevitt  
David m. Lucy Boulware