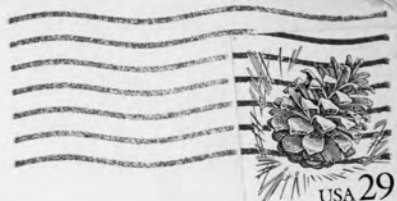




Mr. Roy Crow
P.O. Box 82
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645



Mr Ivan Doeg
17021 10th Ave N.W.
Seattle, Wa.
98177



Jan 17, 1994

Dear Sir:

Our daughter, Mrs Bob Foster, gave her Dad your book "Heart Earth" for Christmas.

In Reading it you talked about the Mass Agate School.

Some 49 years ago my husband bought that school from the Ringling school board and moved it to town on an iron wheel ~~mover~~.

He had a basement fixed for it a block south of Ralph Jordans.

We made a home of it and raised our children; then Lavern built a smaller home and we sold it.

It's still a home and used.

This probably doesn't mean a thing to you but we thought it was interesting.

Lavern worked with Wally.

on the Hi-way, and we spent
two years on Deep Creek before
we moved into the house.

I thank you for a good look.

Dear Mrs. Crow--

22 Jan. '94

Thanks for your letter about the Moss Agate schoolhouse;
I'll have a look next time I'm in WSS.

You maybe know that I boarded with the Jordans a winter
or two? And I remember Pork working with my uncle Wally,
too. The section house and Deep Creek and all that, I found
interesting to go back to in writing Heart Earth; glad you're
enjoying the book.

all best,

Edwin Doig, your Uncle, was my Great Uncle! My mother, who is with me, was his niece. We were from Three Forks.

He was married to my grandmother's sister, Christine Harder.

Christine Harder was the German lady's daughter you mentioned in this House of Sky.

The German lady was my great-grandmother, my mother's grandmother. ~~She~~ Mrs. ~~Har~~ Harder ran and owned the Harder Hotel in Ringling.

I brought a picture of her leaning on her glass counter.

You did know that your Uncle Ed passed away last November in Livingston at 96.

Kenneth Frank Doig
26363 Club Drive
Madera, CA 93638
(209) 674-8938
November 29, 1992

Dear "Cousin,"

Enclosed is the latest version I have of your Doig family tree. Your section is out of a total of 309 similar pages of Doigs, and more are in preparation. I am on the Kilmadock section that runs to 115 pages.

I hope you can add a few more bits of information and provide some more addresses and phone numbers of Doig descendants. Copies of any articles, newspaper clippings, photos, etc. will certainly be appreciated; please indicate the source. We hope to go to press in the next year, or two.

Our latest addition was from Jean Paterson in Dunblane, Scotland. She located a copy of the "Pre-Reformation" Doigs, or Dogs, that starts in 1460 and runs to about 1650. We are only one or two generations apart from connecting to the Kilmadock Doigs. There is also an unlocated Doig genealogy that was prepared in 1840 and includes Kilmadock, Brechen and Forfar; the search is on.

Jean also sent a tree on the Doigs that went from Kilmadock to New Zealand. I have current phone book listings on the islands, and we should be able to add to our tree.

John C. Doig has provided financial support, and a copy of the complete listings is being made available to a professional genealogist in Scotland. She is already familiar with the early Dogs, and can add much to our tree. One of the efforts will be to tie the separate branches, including yours, to the main tree.

I hope you will enjoy your family history. Bye for now.

Best regards,



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HELENA, MONTANA 59620

August 27, 1991

Ivan Doig
17021 10th Ave. N.W.
Seattle, WA 98177

Dear Mr. Doig,

Montana State Law requires that we have the fee of \$5.00 per certified copy of a birth/death certificate **BEFORE** we may start the application process. If for any reason we refuse you the requested certificate, the fee will be refunded.

Enclosed is an application for a certified copy of a birth/death certificate. **PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTION SIDE** of the application and complete the application fully so we may process your request. **Genealogists** please pay special attention to the conditions of issuance.

the 2 app.

Dona Williams, daughter of Bob and Vivian(?) Campbell,
62 E. Inglewood, Mesa AZ 85201, phone (602) 962-6733

20 July '89

Dear Dona--

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The information I have on our Campbell and Doig forebears is scant, but there are a few key dates and names which might help you track them genealogically in Scotland. Here goes:

--Annie Campbell, my grandmother, was born March 16th, 1871, to John and Isabell Campbell, according to her Montana death certificate (she died Feb. 13, 1943, in Ringling). The birthplace is given only as Scotland, but I'm sure my aunt Anna has told me the Campbell side of the family is from around Perth (which I believe the true Scots pronounce "Pairth"). In any case, at the Scottish equivalent of the National Archives--I think it would be Register House in Edinburgh--you could try look up the birth record of an Annie Campbell born on March 16, 1871, parents John and Isabell, and see where they resided.

--Peter Doig, my grandfather, died Sept. 26, 1910, and while his death certificate lists his parents as David B. Doig and his mother's name as Mary Scott (the death certificate informant is Peter's brother David, so this info should be utterly accurate) it doesn't give his birthdate. But on the Declaration of Intention he filed to take out citizenship, in order to file for a homestead, it states he was born Jan. 15, 1874. One of his witnesses on that citizenship application, incidentally, is Donald Campbell; the other is David Winter, who I believe was also related to us, probably by marriage. And as I told you on the phone, both family lore and some scouting I did at Register House pinpointed a little place called Panbride, on the east coast of Scotland near Carnoustie, as the site the Doigs came from.

I hope you have fun over there; my wife Carol and I have loved both Cardiff and Scotland. A quick word of advice, if you're going to do any work in Scottish archives such as Register House: take some pencils, not pens. Last time I was there, doing census research for background to put into my novel Dancing at the Rascal Fair, a woman next to me broke out in wails when the Scottish attendant in blue dustcoat politely but relentlessly informed her she had to use pencil. Happy hunting, and let me know how it comes out, hmm? Maybe Carol and I can hear in person, in Mesa, eventually.

all best,

p.s. The cousin who I think interviewed Jeannie Campbell, or perhaps told me one of her sisters did, is Beverly Doig (daughter of Jim and Elsie, if you have any kind of family scorecard), 23251 Los Alisos #18, El Toro CA 92630; if she happens to be away, try her sister Marilyn Doig, 3257 RogaeRRiver Rd., Belmont MICH 49306.

DOIG FAMILY

Jan. 15
Peter Scott, b. 1874, Panbride
David L., b. 1865
Jack (John?)
Margaret (missionary in India)
Jeannie (m. Donald Campbell)
Mary (?)

father: caretaker of church *Manatee?*
at Manatee (?), 9 mi.
from Dundee

CAMPBELL FAMILY

Annie, b. 1871
Jack (John?)
Charles
Donald (m. Jeannie Doig)
Eliza (?)

father: John Campbell of Perth,
homesteaded nr Spencer, Ida.,
in late 1880s
(sister: Margaret Campbell,
mother: Isabella Stewart teacher)

DOIG FAMILY

Peter Scott

b. Jan. 15, 1874, Panbride

d. Sept. 26, 1910

David Lewis

b. 1864

d.

Jeannie Scott Cameron

b. Dec. 21, 1869, Monikie, Forfarshire

d. Aug. 4, 1962

Jack (John?)

b.

d.

Margaret (missionary in India)

CAMPBELL FAMILY

P. S. I would like
a copy of the Book
too. So you can
send me 3 + I'll
give them over

Dear Iron,

I wrote to Uncle Archie and
instead of trying to tell you
what he said, I am just going
to copy his letter as I got it.
His hand writing is a little hard
to read & I would like to keep the
letter so here goes.

"Dad & my mother came out from
Scotland May 9, 1888. They were
married May 4, 1888 took a boat
for the U. S. A. landed in New York
then from there to Townsend Mt.
and got on a stage from there
to white Sulphur Springs. Next day
they traveled by foot to the Jim
Campbell homestead which is the
Campbell Ranch owned by the Higgins
family. My Dad's Brother Jim filed
on a homestead there. Jim was

the first Campbell to come from Scotland. Jim got a friend of my Dads to come from Scotland, Dave Winter. Dave got a job working for the Foster Sheep Co. Dave Winter then got Dad to come to Montana. Mother and Dad stayed in Jim Campbell's cabin a year or better. The cabin did not have a floor in it and I think it is still there. (It is there now) Jim Campbell had ^{C.H.}itching feet. He went up the Klondike Alaska gold rush and he never returned. I do not think he proved up on his homestead, before going to Alaska. Dad started out for himself from there to where the old ranch is now. 13 miles South of Ringling in Gallatin County, to take up a homestead. Dad thought he could homestead there but being it was Northern Pacific Railroad he could not. Later he did file on

Section 6 adjoining Section 5
and took up his homestead.
Iron talks about the Middle
Fork, the old ranch is on a
branch of the Middle Fork which
flows into the South Fork Creek
then into Sixteen mile Creek near
Francis now, (was Josephine P.C.)

I have a Gallatin National Forest
Bozeman Ranger District map. It
shows the Jim Campbell ranch
in Meagher Co. South of Reuling
and the Potter and Gerde Ranch.

Strange our old ranch is only marked
as a black dot on the map. Dad
lived out there 57 years.

Finally - Mother Jeannie died
Aug. 4 1962. She was living with
Albert & Bob Foreman in Bozeman Mt.
Dad. Donald, died Jan. 19, 1946 in
Bozeman.

I did not know Iron's father

died, the last I heard he
was living in white Sulphur.
I hope you can read this
rambling letter of mine.

I just finished talking to my
nephew Bob Foreman and he is
interested in what Leon is doing
and would like to buy a copy
of the book & I would like one
too when it is finished.

Bob Foreman said he thought
Walter Doig was writing up some
of his family genealogy.

Love,
Arch

Mother he talks about is:

Jeannie Scott Cameron Doig Campbell
Father he talks about is:

Donald Campbell.

Somewhere at King's I have
where they were born in Scotland
& what years. If I find it I'll
mail it on to you Leon. Before

I close this I am going to
call Uncle Archie and see if
he knows about Annie Campbell.
All I know is that she was
Donald Campbell's sister and
married a Daig, and Jeannie Daig
married Donald Campbell, so Angus
Daig + Bob Campbell (my Dad) and
Angus ^{Daig} were double cousins.

Both of my Grandparents are
buried in Bozeman, (Jeannie + Donald)
Campbell

Just talked Uncle Archie and
he doesn't know too much about
Annie Daig - He thinks she came
here soon after Jeannie + Donald
Campbell died. Thought she worked
in Lewistown for awhile, then
married Pete Daig who was Jeannie ^(sister)
+ Dave Daig's brother. She died in
Lewistown. Pete had a ranch on
Turner Basin.

well. hope this helps some.
It has really been interesting
for me, sorry I was so
slow about it.

As Ever
Corinne

T. S. Stop & see us when you
get to Mont. again.

Summary.

Jeannie Scott Cameron Doig Campbell

Born - Dec. 21, 1869

Married - May 4, 1888

Left Scotland - May 9, 1888

Died in Bos. - Aug. 4, 1962

Donald Campbell

Born - April 24, 1861

Married - May 4, 1888

Left Scotland - May, 9, 1888

Died in Bos. Jan. 19, 1946

Both were born & married at
Monikie Forfarshire Scotland

and it should be:

Jeannie Cameron Scott Doig Campbell

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March 30, '76

Dear Corinne

Have been a bit slow getting off this note of thanks for your digging into the Doig-Campbell family background. The material from Archie is very useful. The same day your letter came, I also got one from Beverly Doig, the oldest daughter of Elsie Townsend, my uncle Jim's widow. Beverly has had quite an interest in the family background, and I guess once talked with Jeannie Campbell to write a high school assignment of some sort. Her information squares pretty well with Archie's, with the exception that she has Donald and Jeannie Campbell coming by ship to Quebec instead of New York. Beverly has the name of the ship as the Cartaghian, but I wonder if it wouldn't have been the Carthaginian. Anyway, that's something I can check on, when I can get to it.

One other detail from Beverly which might interest you. Jeannie told her that when she and Donald arrived by stagecoach in White Sulphur, "No one was there to meet them, so they began walking toward Donald's brother's place up Sixteen Mile Canyon. Finally they met someone who knew Jim Campbell and brought horses for them to ride."

I'm slowly gathering material on the Doigs, though my interest is less in the genealogy than in trying to figure out what happened back in Scotland to spread the family out into the world -- at least four of them off into the hills of Montana, and a couple of others off to India, as I gather it.

The book I'm working on really will focus on my dad, with just enough of the family background to make his Wall Mountain boyhood understandable. It's very difficult to write -- everything has to be pried out of memory or otherwise tracked down -- and it'll be more than a year, maybe a couple, before it's done. But some of it is beginning to be good enough to please me, and I'll see that you get some copies when it's at last in print. And perhaps we'll see you sometime this summer; I think I'm going to have to make a research trip to White Sulphur and Helena. Again, thanks for your help, Corinne. All our best to Bill and the girls.

17021 10th Ave. NW
Seattle, Wash. 98177
January 28, 1976

Dear Corinne

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You probably never expected that I'd be writing you about the background of the Campbell family -- I know I never expected it -- but that's where some of my current research and writing seems to lead. Off and on, I've been working on a book about my dad, what his life in Montana was like, and so on. Well, I thought I never much gave a damn about genealogy, but now I find that I have to track down as much genealogy as I can to figure out how the Doigs and the Campbells happened to land in Montana from Scotland. And I wonder if you know some answers which would help a lot.

All this comes about because I've been writing to my Aunt Anna (Beetem) in Nebraska to learn what she can remember of Dad's family, as one of the last ones left. She thinks that your grandparents, Donald and Jeannie Campbell (if I have the bloodline of your family straight in my head) were the first ones to come over from Scotland -- and then were followed by Dad's mother, Annie Campbell, and others of her family. It could have been, too, that D.L. Doig followed them over, and in turn was followed by Dad's father Peter, and some other Doigs.

Anyway, all this comes down to a few questions, which I wonder if you have the answer for, or know where I could find out:

--Do you know ~~what~~ year Donald and Jeannie Campbell came from Scotland?

--Did they take up a homestead right away, and is there any family story about how they happened to come all the way to the area they chose?

--I've looked at maps to locate their homestead -- the National Archives can provide copies of the paperwork made out by a homesteader if a person supplies the exact location -- but I'm a bit confused between two sites. I dimly remember that when I was a kid, Dad worked for your dad part of one spring, and I seem to remember the place as being on the Middle Fork of Sixteen. But the maps I've looked at show the "Campbell ranch" as being in there beyond the Snodgrass -- looks to me as if the location is the southeast quarter of Section 10, in Township 5 North. What happened there -- did your grandparents homestead on the Section 10 place, and move to the ranch your dad later ran? Or is my memory just fuzzy?

--Finally, do you know when Donald and Jeannie Campbell died, and where?

All this ancestor hunting aside, how's everything with the Higgins family? Our closest touch with your area now comes from Wally and Emma Ringer, who come out to see Wally's son about every year. With both my father and grandmother gone now, our trips to Montana get scarcer. We may make one sometime this summer, though.

All is well with us. I keep busy with writing, and only lack the time to do as much as I want. Carol still likes her teaching job, though she says the kids out of high school seem to be worse and worse at reading and writing. And incidentally, we have a constant reminder of you and Bill: the easy chair you gave Grandma years ago as a gift for her babysitting is now here in our study, still getting a lot of use and still good and comfortable.

best regards to Bill and the girls

Ivan Doig

From Eber & Co. 01
Livingston
Montana 59047

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Christmas



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Mrs. Bessie Ringer
White Sulphur Springs
Montana 59645

Dear Friend Bessie

I had a xmas card from Duon^{card} he wanted to know about the history of my mother & dad. it would take pages & pages for me to ditet it to the history of the Darg and Campbell Clan. so sometime when we can get together I can give the History of Both Sides from a to Z I am the only one living now that knows the history of both sides which would be very interesting. he wanted to know a couple of questions. so I will tell you & you can tell him when he is home at x-mas.

my mothers name was Annie Campbell
my grand father John Campbell came to this country in the late 1880's & home steaded at Spencer Idaho. where I was Born There were 2 Daughters & 3 Brothers in that family in the early days they worked for the Woods Lumber Co. out of Spencer Idaho. my grandad was a Stone mason he built there home out of stones & several more houses of the same & no doubt they are still standing They were extensive Sheep & Cattle Ranchers. my mother cooked on

Various Ranches in Montana
 including the Foster Sheep Co.
 which was formerly the Guigley ranch
 below Ringling & in the two Dak areas.
 that when she met Peter Daig they
 were married in Butte Mont 1898.

The Daig clan migrated from Manikie
 Scotland in the 1880's. D. S. Daig was
 the 1st to come over Dad Brothers & Sisters
 later, my Dad worked on various Ranches
 including the Foster Sheep Co., and
 the Dunbar Bros Ranch in the 3 Forks
 area. that is how my mother met up
 with Peter Daig & were later married.
 I could go on and on, like I saw it
 would take pages & pages. my father
 died in Sept. 1910, with heart attack
 3 seconds and after the other died with in 5 minutes
 we came from Spencer Idaho in 1899
 & took up a homestead. joining his
 Brothers in the Turkey Basin.
 So you can pass this bit of information on
 to Dewey. But there is lots more.
 hope you have a joyous holiday
 with Love

Edrick Daig

I tried to write the story of the Daigs, but failed miserably - gave up after 20 pages - could not get the "flavor" of it. I hope you do have success with it - keep at Anna; she's your best source. Friday, Feb. 6, 1976

Dear Ivan,

Yes, it has been long since we met. The last time that I remember was a week end we stayed in your home in White Sulphur Springs and my husband ^{went} hunting with your father. He was married to the second wife - her name eludes me - a very unhappy experience that union was for him - probably for you too.

I have sent your letter on to my oldest daughter, Beverly. When she and Marilyn were going to Scotland, she wrote to Aunt Jeannie (Daig) Campbell and asked about the places and things to see there that related to the family history. When my daughters arrived in Dundee

and went to Monckee (I don't know how it is spelled) they found that Aunt Jeannie's memory was accurate.

I have forgotten all that Aunt Jeannie told me of the Doig family. One thing I remember: she said that Dave Doig often helped the Pete Doig family (after the death of Pete). He took all their family to town and bought shoes for the winter (at least once, I know).

My husband (Jim) had no respect for Dave Doig - spoke of ^{this} unkindness to them - said he cheated them of pasture land, etc. When I mentioned this to Aunt Jeannie (once on a visit) she protested quickly - in her Scottish dialect - "It is not so." Then I remembered that Anna

had said Aunt Jeannie was closely attached to Dave Daig.

And she did not accept the term "Scotch," preferring "Scottish."

Once, when I was teaching in Boyeman and I visited Aunt Jeannie, I said I was teaching "Bobby Burns." Quickly she corrected me, "~~Not~~ It's Robbie Burns, not Bobbie Burns," and her r's rolled across her tongue.

When Jim and I were married, his mother said we were acting like "two döoes (doves) in a döo cat."

Jim? Wendell often used the word "sklester" to indicate confusion or a "mess." Jim's mother called the linoleum on the floor "ile-cloth."

Anna can tell you more of these familiar expressions.

Jim often said he talked through his nose to save the "wear and tear on his teeth" but he pronounced

"wear and tear" differently ^{from what} than I do.

Have you ever met Ed? He should be able to recall many details of the early life on the homestead? Of course he left home early, ^{at 13 or 15.}

Have you read my second book? It is a story (in third person, but using my mother as ~~point of~~ protagonist) of the homesteading of the little Andes community in 1910. The publishers edited the manuscript very badly - even changed the title (originally If the Flax Makes, to the mundane (enane) Always the Front Frontier. Ugh! I did much research for this writing, searching ^{for} and reading old diaries, letters, records, paying one old-time homesteader to come to visit me, talking to others who had gone there in 1911 and 1912. I was keenly disappointed with

the book as it was published.

In August my family ^(Daigs) is planning to spend a week in Montana, camping in the canyon of Middle Creek, not far from Bozeman. Wendell and I own a small ranch in the Gallatin Valley and hope to retire there ^{some day}. Meanwhile we lease it for grazing.

If you like roughing it - sleeping on the ground in tents, cooking over a campfire, climbing up ^{canyon} mountain walls to see beautiful falls and lakes - come join us there. My husband keeps us supplied with fresh fish from the streams.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Elsie Townsend

Dear Ivan,

March 7, 1976
3141 Santa Fe Terrace
Independence, Mo.

My book, Always the Frontier, is not so good. To get it published I had to let the editors cut 60 pages from the manuscript - also edit ^(delete) hundreds of words and phrases which were part of the local color. I have regretted its being published in this truncated condition. However, I can get a copy of the book for you - if you wish. It is sold by the Herald Book Store here in town.

The Christian Herald Publishing Company (in New York - it has sold 40,800 copies of my first book already) suggested that I submit my complete (original) manuscript for

of that second book and let
~~them~~^{it} consider publishing it
as it was written. My title
for it was If the Flax Makes
symbolic of the success of the
community of homesteaders -
also explained in the early
part of the book. Being a teacher
of literature - and of writing - for
so many years, I felt very deeply
when this title was changed!!

No, Ed Daig's remembrance of
events of the Daig family are not
accurate at times. You know, he
left the family early (when ^{Ed was} 14, Jim
told me) and went out on his own.
Not ever did he seem close to their
problems and struggle for existence.

Would enjoy seeing you and
your wife - someday.

Sincerely,

Your Aunt Elsie

P.S. Beverly Daig just called - wanted
to ask about Daig history material
for you. She's much interested

P. P. S.

Claude Daig is another one you should listen to. His Scottish burr is authentic. Have you ever met him? He lives in Minnesota now, you know. His address is Box 146, Mt. Iron, Minnesota, 55751.

Beverly wrote to the Daig aunt who lived in Idaho - the correspondence lasted for years. Also Beverly had ^{had} letters from Aunt Jeannie Campbell - ^{written} when Beverly was going to Scotland - about the Daigs and Campbell's there.

Archie Campbell, Bob Campbell's brother, is in a senior citizen home in Bozeman. I plan to visit him this summer. Address: ¹²⁰¹ Highland Blvd., ^{Bozeman}, 59715, E. T.

17021 10th Ave. NW
Seattle, Wash. 98177

January 28, 1976

Dear Elsie--

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Talk about a voice from the past, hmm? I can dimly remember a visit my dad and I made to your place -- in Bozeman? -- when I was a grade schooler, and that's been a while ago. Anyway, perhaps you know from Anna that I'm now a writer, plugging away at full-time at magazine pieces and books, and as most writers eventually do, I've come down with the notion that I should do some writing about my own family and its background. The book, as I see it somewhere in my head, will focus on my dad and the life we led together after my mother died in '45. When I wrote to Anna recently to ask her some questions about how the Doigs happened to end up back there in the Basin all the way from Scotland, she suggested that you might have some early family information which could help. By the same token, some of the material I'm gathering about the family after it came to Montana might interest you, if you're still gathering information, too.

Incidentally, I have seen None to Give Away. My dad bought a copy for me, and was quite thrilled that you'd written the book. I hope it has sold well for you.

Judging from what Anna has told me, I suppose I'm interested in any material whatsoever about the Doig (and Campbell) background in Scotland. If you have some sort of file or collection of information which could be photocopied, I'd happily pay whatever costs might be involved. The genealogy as such is not my main interest, but it does seem to be a key for the story of immigration and settlement which I'm mainly aiming for. (You liked to have no way of knowing that I took some time out a few years ago to go to the U. of Washington and earn a Ph.D. in U.S. frontier history. At the time, it had nothing to do with this project, but now it comes in handy.) That is, I'm trying to get any clues I can about what the family life had been like in Scotland in preceding generations, and why, all at once sometime in the late 19th century, so many of the Doigs up and left Scotland.

For my part, I've been tracking down paperwork for the homestead which Peter Doig took up in the Basin, and during a trip to Montana later this year I'll try to track down any court records and newspaper items about the Doigs. If you'd like any of this, let me know.

Now, what news of your own family? I've lost track of your children and what they're doing, except for the memory from Anna's letters that you put them through fine educations. Also, do you teach in a community college? My wife teaches journalism and English at Shoreline Community College here in Seattle. We love Seattle and the Northwest, and seem to be here to stay.

Finally, as one writer to another, I hope your work is going well, and that your books are selling by the jillion.

best wishes

Ivan Doig

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April 16, 1976

Dear Elsie:

Thanks for sending the book. I haven't had a real chance to go through it yet, but will do so pretty promptly. You didn't tell me the price, so I am sending a check for the figure on the inside cover.

I'm continuing to plug away at my book as time allows. Anna continues to be helpful, and I must take the time somehow to frame some new questions for her. Once she gets started, she digs a lot of material out of her memory.

It begins to look as if I will make a research trip to Montana sometime this summer. There are several people I should talk to there. It is too early to firm up plans, but if Carol and I can coincide with you in August, we'll give it a try.

Have I written since I heard from Beverly? She was really very helpful, and sounds like a good lady, besides.

Best regards,

February 19, '76

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Dear Elsie

A very quick line of thanks for your helpful letter. I had intended to put off writing until I could send a copy of a magazine piece I recently did about Lewis and Clark as place-namers; might interest you, since it starts in Missouri and at least briefly mentions the Gallatin Valley. Anyway, the issue of the magazine hasn't come out yet, and I'll simply pass it along whenever it does.

I appreciate your searching your memory for some of the sounds of how the Doigs talked. It all helps. I fortunately tape-recorded my dad several years ago, and it's useful to hear how his burr sounded. It wasn't until I got married and my wife pointed out to me how Dad sounded that I realized he had a Scots accent.

You're right that the hard chore of writing about the Doigs is to get the flavor of the family and the area. I'm trying to focus as closely as I can on Dad and myself, which means I can scrape a good deal of material out of my own memory or other people's.

I will indeed keep at Anna; she's already been an enormously useful source. Ed Doig has been some help, but with him there's the problem that he's always dead certain about information, whether or not he's right about it. I'll look forward to anything Beverly may be able to contribute. And I would like to see your book, Always the Frontier. What's the simplest way to buy a copy?

Finally, thanks for the invitation to the Gallatin in August. Our summer plans aren't set yet, but we'll get in touch if a trip to Montana materializes. It would be fun to see you and your family; and I think you would like my professor wife a lot.

best regards

Dear Inan,

Now forwarded your letter and I have been digging through some of the material I have on the Doig and Campbell families. Several years ago I did a full family tree (4 generations) back, but I have not been ~~as~~ able to locate that -- too much moving around and storing things!

Let me recall what I can for you. Your grandfather was Peter Doig who married Annie Campbell after coming to the U.S. to work for Donald Campbell and Jennie (Doig) Campbell on their ranch up Sixteen Mile Canyon. His father was David Doig who was the gardner for the Earl of Dalhousie, at Bannewe Monument about 12 miles out of Dundee near Morikie Station. There are still Doigs living in that Area. David had two brothers and two sisters. William managed a linen factory in Dundee (still a Doig enterprise). Jim was a taylor in Dundee. Mary and Martha I don't know much about. David had four sons and three daughters. William was poet but not very successful. Jim went to India with the Seaforth Highlanders ~~to India~~ and died there at an early age (20) from bad water. Margaret was 35 years a missionary to India. Jennie married Donald Campbell from Perth and came to live in America. David ~~who~~ also came to America and lived near Iowa. Peter ~~was~~ is our Grandfather.

Aunt Jennie described their trip to America for me when I was researching some family history for a high school paper. They left Glasgow on the Castagham May 9th, 1888 bound for Quebec. They came across by train and the latter part of the trip

was by stage coach into White Sulphur Spring. No one was there to meet them so they began walking toward Donald's brother's place up Sixteen Mile Canyon. Finally, they met someone who knew Jim Campbell and brought horses for them to ride. They began ranching there and soon brought over their brother and sister, Peter Daig and Annie Campbell, to help on the ranch. They later married and had their own ranch on Wallied Mountain. I think you may be aware that Aunt Jennie had Uncle Donald committed to an asylum for many years until their son Bob had him released and took him to live in his home. Bally Foreman kept an eye on Aunt Jennie when she was living in Bogeman. Eliza Campbell (Annie's sister) married Jack Schaller and they settled in Idaho (Spencer, I think). I wrote to her for several years until she died in 1967. Her father lived with them there after his wife died and did stone mason work. He was 88 when he died. Another sister, Margaret, taught school near Renth. Some where I noted there were 10 children -- 6 girls & 4 boys but I can't account for all of them. I think your father was named for one of the boys.

If you traveled in Scotland, I am sure that you checked the Daig folder at the Dundee library and discovered that

Thomas Dag was a weaver granted charter in 1475
Captain James Dag led local Dundee volunteers against the English.
Peter was a prominent citizen 1553

Alexander Daig built the "Dog Well" in the downtown plaza in 1749.

Marilyn & I took the bus to Moxikie Station, walked in some graveyards and then walked back to Dundee enjoying the rolling countryside and low stone fences -- not unlike the valley below Jonson.

There is probably more about the family in America which I have not heard. We were not so much with the family, except Auntie Anna, after Daddy died. Mom can tell you about her early years teaching up Sixteen Mile and near Brainerds.

Good luck with your research and your book. You have much more courage than do I. I think I'll stick to my solid profession -- computing. It is amazing the scientific ability which shows at various times in the Daigs. There is a famous surgeon in Australia named Daig. Also the head of Control Data Australia Limited is Graeme Daig. ~~Also~~ Some of William's descendants live in the Ohio area and there is a doctor amongst them. I met a short-tail relative working for Aero-space Corporation as a Mathematician.

In the phone book at Dundee are listed 63 Daigs - I have found Daigs in Windsor, Canada; Ottawa, Canada and Toronto. I haven't done much about the history in recent years. I would be interested in anything you find.

Beverly Daig

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March 18, '76

Beverly Doig
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Dear Beverly

Hey, many thanks for your letter and all the information in it; that was voluntarism above and beyond the call of duty. Some of the specific facts you had from Jeanie Campbell have helped immensely. The same day your letter came, there also came a letter from Corinne Higgins, Jeannie's grand-daughter -- each of you had some information the other didn't.

Also, my quick stay in Scotland wasn't very fruitful for family research because a letter from Anna didn't catch up with me in time -- I didn't have the basic names and birthdates to work with in the Scottish archives in Edinburgh, which was the way I intended to approach the family background. So, your information from Dundee is helpful, too.

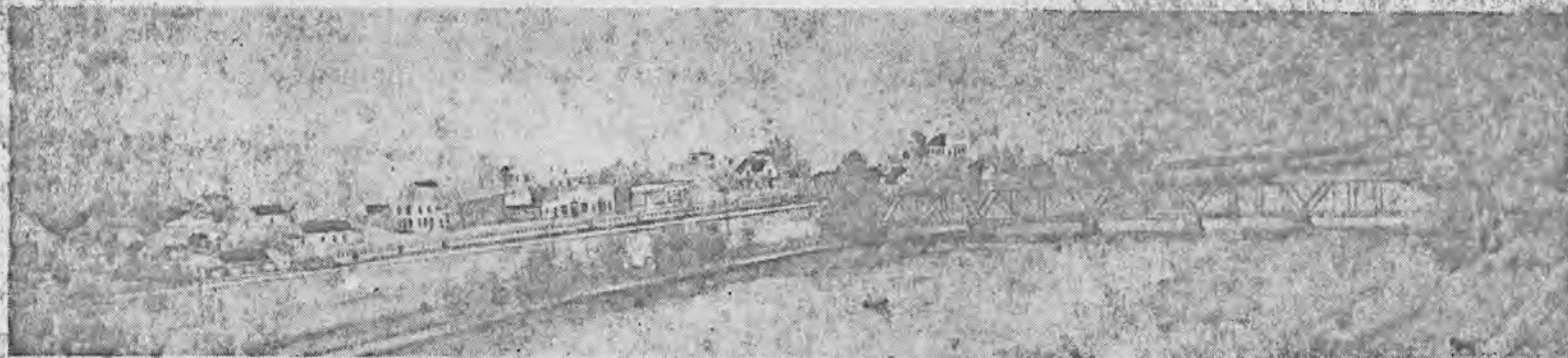
I'll try keep you posted on the more recent family information I come up with -- some of it will await a research trip to Montana this summer. Meanwhile, I was interested in all the scientific ability ~~xx~~ you've noted in the Doigs. I must have gotten some of the family genes where that was omitted -- my skills are almost entirely verbal now, though I did have the knack when I was a kid of being able to do some instant arithmetic, including multiplying sets of 2 and 3-digit numbers, in my head. That knack is long vanished, and I admire your expertise with the computer, which is pretty much a mysterious gadget to me.

So, thanks again. I'll be in touch as I go along with this project, and I hope sometime we'll meet. The last time, neither of us could have been much bigger than a teddy bear.

best regards

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THE HISTORY OF TOSTON — By Eleanor H. Marks



Toston about 1900. This pre-dates the blacksmith shop and the "Central" Hotel, although Mary Shull Udem's impressive brick shows up on the corner. The Holker house is here, and the "Bird

Cage" east of the Holker house. The school house had but one story. (Picture courtesy of Mrs. Wilbur Greaves)

SIXTEEN AND WALLED MOUNTAIN

A man named George Robeson was an early day homesteader in this area and owned the land on which Sixteen Mile Station is located. (It is part of the D. D. Davis ranches now). Mrs. Robeson cooked for the railroad crews building the Jawbone and the first postoffice was on this ranch. Mr. Robeson is quoted by Walter Doig as having remembered carrying food to a family who were enroute to Bozeman one bad winter. The snow had become so deep that it was necessary for them to winter near Pally's Run. Either they built a sort of Indian dwelling or had stopped at an old encampment that Indians had built earlier. In any case, their winter home was a teepee made of Quaking Asp boughs covered with hides. For many years traces of this habitation remained along with a broken down wagon. Some graves nearby testified to the fact that some members of the family must have perished before spring.

Earl White was another early day rancher at Sixteen (his place was later a part of the C-A). The Whites had three sons: Everett, Herbert and Aaron (called "Big A"); and daughters: Inez (Mrs. Frank Austin, Three Forks), Jennie and Frances.

A man by the name of Charlie Jordan had a homestead at Deer Park and had two sons, John and Bob, and a daughter, Erma. He used to ship cattle along with Doigs from the Deer Park siding.

Others were: Frank and Bob Winterhalter, Frank Mesher, (section foreman, lived a mile below Stockburgers on the Milwaukee); Charlie Peterson worked on the section and herded sheep; Peter Holmes was a section foreman and homesteaded near Cardinal (formerly Crane, School Dist. No. 63, later No. 1). The original Stockburger ranch was later owned by George Brainard. He had several children: sons—Harry, Bill, Albert, Charles, John, Don (called Bill); and daughters: Betty (Mason), May and Ruth. This land is now owned by Bill Brainard. A man by the name of Ernest Hale lived there at one time, and his children went to the Toston school for a time. Bill Mott, Charlie Beenig and Maurice Beatty all lived there.

Jim Stewart lived at Stewart's Basin. He had sons: Bob, Frank, Alex and Jess (killed when a tree fell on him), and a daughter, Nellie, who married Fred Koenig.

On the Six Mile side, a man named Ross Windsor homesteaded. He had a son, Willis and two daughters, Bertha and Lena. They moved to Toston during the 20's and lived on the Suiter place (now Mrs. Hattie Hargrove) and Windsor worked on the "new" bridge. The writer recalls the son, Willis because of his rather unique way of entertaining the girls by eating fried grasshoppers!

THE DOIGS

David Doig (April 4, 1864-Aug. 11, 1939) and his wife, Mary and their three children, came from Scotland to Helena in 1891, where he worked as a tailor for two years before buying the homestead of Tom Sherlock at Walled Mountain. He continued buying land until he owned a great deal on which he ranched and raised cattle until he moved to Toston where Art Jersey now lives, in about 1928. (This was the Guthrie Middleton place originally). He raised chickens as a sideline and showed them all over the world, winning many trophies. He is said



David Doig and his dahlias. Mr. Doig had a "green thumb" and a red beard. (Photo, courtesy of Walter Doig)

to have had the finest in North America at one time, and possibly in the world. He sold chickens to the Russian government at \$100 per fowl.

His sons were: David (Houston, Texas); Donald (died of the flu in 1918); Alex (deceased); Walter (married Villa Leach) and daughters: Mary (Christison); Jean (White, deceased); Mayme (Jersey, deceased); Margaret (Gordon, deceased) and Nellie (Shanks, deceased). Mary, David and Jean were born in Scotland. Mrs. Mary Doig returned to Scotland for a visit in 1927.

Peter Doig, brother of David, also ranched at Walled Mountain. His sons were: Edwin (a Three Forks barber); Varick (retired, lives in Townsend); Charles (Ringling); Jim (killed by being thrown from a horse); Angus (also died from the affects of a fall after being thrown from a horse); Claude (raises thoroughbred stock at Big Timber); and daughter Anna (Beetam, lives in Nebraska).

David and Peter had a sister who was Mrs. Donald Campbell and she lived at Ringling.

JACOB MITCHELL

Jacob Mitchell was born in Douglas, Scotland in 1875, and came to the United States about 1895. He came to Walled Mountain in 1897 and the last lap of his journey took him over the Jawbone railroad. He married Mary Luke Sanford, a teacher from Kalispell who was educated at Bozeman and the University of Montana. They bought a relinquishment from W. E. Tierney and went into the sheep business for the next 40 years. They also bought the ranch where the family now resides on Deep Creek in 1919. They moved to this ranch in 1937 and have since run a very successful cattle operation. They had two sons, Charles (former Broadwater County Commissioner) and Jacob, who, with Mrs. Mitchell, operate the ranch since Mr. Mitchell's death on Aug. 25, 1954.

The first school at Walled Mountain, on land that is now Pete Cartwright's cow camp, was taught by Stella Keene, then Ida Baltz. Mary L. Stanford also taught there and later married Jacob Mitchell.

These people were, of course, dependent entirely upon their own resources for recreation. There were dances and other entertainment in the school house and at private homes. Mrs. Christison can remember Mrs. Robeson playing the piano in the school house and practicing Sunday school hymns. There were card games at Doig's where they played "500" and "Whist." Rachel Sutton (Smith) entertained with lavish dinners as she was a fine cook. She also smoked a corncob pipe and made beautiful patchwork quilts. (The writer has two of these purchased at a sale that Mrs. Smith held after she moved to Townsend). The isolation of these people would lead one to believe that theirs must have been a lonely existence, but Villa Doig commented "I was lonely for months after I left and moved to Townsend." Lela Swarts Biggs learned to dance at the Stockburger school house when she was in the 7th grade.

MAUDLOW

Maudlow (named for Miss Maud Harlow, daughter of R. A. Harlow, president of the Montana Railroad), located between Lombard and Sixteen, was a postoffice and trading center, but little remains of the town today. Fairly recently, however, a large saw mill has been placed there. After the division of the Climbing Arrow ranch, Don Anderson, one of the owners, has timbered off a section of land 6 by 22 miles and ships logs out by rail and truck. What remains after the logs are cut is run through a chipping machine and sent east for paper. Many trailer houses are stationed there to accomodate the workmen.

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WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

At the western edge of the valley in the Big Belt Mountains lay Gold Country--Confederate Gulch! This was one of the big names in Montana's golden era of mining, like Alder, Bannock and Last Chance. Here was Diamond City, the parent-town of White Sulphur Springs.

In the early '60s the Big Belt Gulches were filled with gold-seekers, and millions of dollars in gold were washed out of the gravel bars of Boulder, Greenhorn, and famous Montana Bar. Then, suddenly, it was over. People left as quickly as they had come. Some who had established businesses in Diamond City, which, in 1867, was the county seat of that sprawling area, Meagher County, moved lock, stock, and barrel and some buildings** down to the Springs.

The springs, called White Sulphur because of the gasses and minerals in the water which bubbled out of a small thermal area at 115 degrees, were claimed by James Brewer, who took squatters rights and built a cabin there in the winter of '66-'67. There were few settlers in the valley, but they were harassed enough by renegade Indian parties to cause a Fort* to be established in '69. This was the trading post and center of business until 1870 when Diamond City descended on the springs with its county seat, its newspaper, the "Rocky Mountain Husbandman," its doctor, Dr. Parberry, and its trade. A town was born. With freight lines passing through from Fort Benton to Helena, it was soon flourishing. The springs became attractive as a health resort. The newspaper, with its front page devoted to promoting agriculture and the short understated items on Indian forays on the back page, was read throughout the Territory. White Sulphur Springs had one of the first high schools (1888). Court sessions for the area, down along the Mussellshell, through Judith Basin to Lewistown, were held in the balconied old courthouse set back in the cottonwood trees. It was no longer Gold Country. It was Cow Country, and it is still Cow Country. A thriving lumber mill and tourism help the present day economy. "Cattle on the range and money in the bank" built several impressive early day homes. The Castle is one of them. We hope you enjoy it.

--Courtesy of MEAGHER COUNTY COWBELLES

Historian, Theresa Buckingham

* Fort Logan 20 miles West.

** See old Presbyterian Church



April 9, 1968

Dear Russ;

Thanks for sending on the article by Ivan Doig. Very nice. Yes we probably are related not too distantly. Most of the Doigs in the country are descended from three brothers who came over from Edinburgh something over a hundred years ago, and settled in New York. One stayed there, and there are quite a number of Doigs around New York and New Jersey. One went to Canada, and my ancestor went to Kansas to establish a Presbyterian church. If Ivan is related to the Frank Doig who used to be with Strang & Prosser, he and I are certainly related, because Frank had a strong resemblance to my fathers youngest brother.

Glad to know the "Cahill Construction Company" has completed the Project, and that the presses are now being installed. Quite a different picture than the little old building in the center of town that I knew in 1930.

Down here we are now entering the "Summer Season". The Papayas have been in abundance for the last month, the Mangoes are ripening, and soon we'll have guavas, avacados, and mommy apples. The hibiscus and bougainvillea have been particularly spectacular this year, and the buds on the frangipani trees and the Pride of Barbados give promise of great masses of flowers.

We had the pleasure of a half day visit from the Farrars recently, off the Nieuw Amsterdam. So next time you see them they can give you a first hand report on this rather unusual island.

Was glad to know you took some of the family over to Hawaii for a Mai Tai. Send me the recipe, and I'll introduce it down here. We have all kinds of Rum - brown, white, dark, - Mount Gay, Fernandes, Doorly's (distilled by a relative of Harry Doorly).

Latest tid-bit from Nevis: One of the peasant women from up on the mountain went to the hospital to have her baby. When she brought it up to the village she was asked what she had named the baby girl.

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January 28, 1976

No answer

Dear Claude

Probably the last you saw or heard of me, I was just a little shaver. I can't recall that our families saw one another after my dad and I came down and stayed with you during a Big Timber rodeo, and that was a lot of years ago. Anyway, to tell you what I'm up to: I make my living as a writer -- about a hundred magazine articles and three books written to date -- and I'm starting to write a book about my dad, what his life in Montana was like, how the Doigs happened to land back there in the Basin from Scotland, and so on. I've talked with Ed and with Walter Doig, and have been writing to Anna; she suggested that since you have a good memory, I might do well to try some questions on you. So, I wonder if you can help me on any of these points:

--I've tried to ask folks around White Sulphur Springs and Ringling, "Did you ever work with Charlie Doig or any of the other Doig boys?" But the ones who can remember those days are getting scarce. So, can you remember any of the places where my dad worked, either as a youngster back in the Basin or during the 1920's when he was a young man? Was he ever foreman on any place you can think of?

--From what Dad told me, a lot of bronc-busting went on when you guys were young; I think he considered that you were the best rider in the family, in fact. Others, such as Clifford Shearer, tell me Dad was quite a rider himself. Can you remember anything about those riding days -- where the horses came from, some of the places the riding was done, anything at all about my dad or the other guys you rode with?

--Anna gave me, to the best of her memory, the birthdates for all the family; is she right that yours was June 20, 1908? That would have made you seven years younger than Dad. You had a lot of older brothers around when you were growing up. I've never quite understood how the family operated after your father died -- was one of the older brothers more or less in charge of the panch, or did your mother pretty much run it, or what? Also, what was the arrangement during the 1920's -- did all the brothers except Ed live at home until they got married, or was it just you and Anna with your mother?

--I've looked up the paperwork on the homestead your father took out, and it's listed as 160 acres. But Clifford Shearer thought the Doig place was bigger than that, and Anna thought maybe so, too. Do you know how many acres it was, and how they got the land?

--One last question: from the photo albums I inherited from my dad and mother, it looks as if Dad and Angus chummed together a lot in the late 1920's, and you seem to be on hand quite a bit, too. Can you remember from that time as to how my dad met my mother, and why they went together so long before they were married?

And, of course, anything you can add on your own about the family would be much appreciated, Claude. Sorry to bother you with a list of questions, but it seems the only way to find out anything. By the way, the last time I was in Montana -- I don't get there any too often since Dad died in '71 and my grandmother Ringer died in '74 -- I talked with Walter Doig and Johnny Gruar, both doing pretty well. And what are you up to these days?

best regards

Ivan Doig

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January 7, 1976

No answer

Dear Blanche

Some of my Christmas cards have been pretty late in getting sent this year. Carol and I are just back from three weeks in California, where we spent the holidays with her folks. Between the traveling and some research work I did during the trip, not much else got done.

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You asked in your card about the book I'm writing about the Doigs. Lord knows when it'll be done -- I simply peck away at it between ~~xxx~~ other projects -- and it's not entirely about the family, but yes, I'll let you know whenever it finally reaches print. In the meantime, maybe you could help me with a few questions, as a lot of the Doig history before my time is pretty unclear to me. Ed and Anna both have answered some questions for me, but there are always more. You can help by telling me whatever you can remember about when and why the Doig ranch in the Turney Basin was sold. Some of the questions:

--What year was the ranch sold, and who bought it? Were you and Red living on the ranch when it was sold, or who?

--Why was it sold, and who had the say so about selling -- Mother Doig? Ed seems to remember that all the brothers and Anna shared in the sale price, which wasn't very much -- is that the way you remember it?

--Do you know how many acres the ranch was? Someone told me it was 300 or 320 acres, but I've looked up Peter Doig's original homestead claim papers, and that was for only 160 acres.

--I'm not quite clear how the ranch was run after the brothers were all grown. Did different ones run it for Mother Doig at different times, or what? Did Red stay on and run the place for some years, I suppose before you were married?

--I guess no one at all lives in the Basin now, do they? I wonder who the last people to live there would have been, and about when they left?

I don't expect you'll have answers to all of these, but whatever you can remember will be a lot of help.

All is well with us. Carol still is teaching, and I'm still writing. I have another textbook being published in a few months, and meanwhile do quite a bit of magazine writing. We enjoy Seattle, and seem to be here to ~~stay~~ stay. Your trip to see Marvin and family in East Berlin sounds like a great adventure -- I'm glad your health is good enough so that you can enjoy life that way.

best regards

Ivan

Ivan Doig