

KIDD: DOUGLAS LORIMER

Born: 12 September 1941, Levin, New Zealand

Married: 12 September 1964, Wellington, New Zealand

To: Jane Stafford Richardson (1943 –) b: Scotland

Douglas's parents were:

Lorimer Edward Revington Kidd (1911 – 1956) and
Jessie Jean (nee Mottershead) (1913 – 1989)

Married: 1936

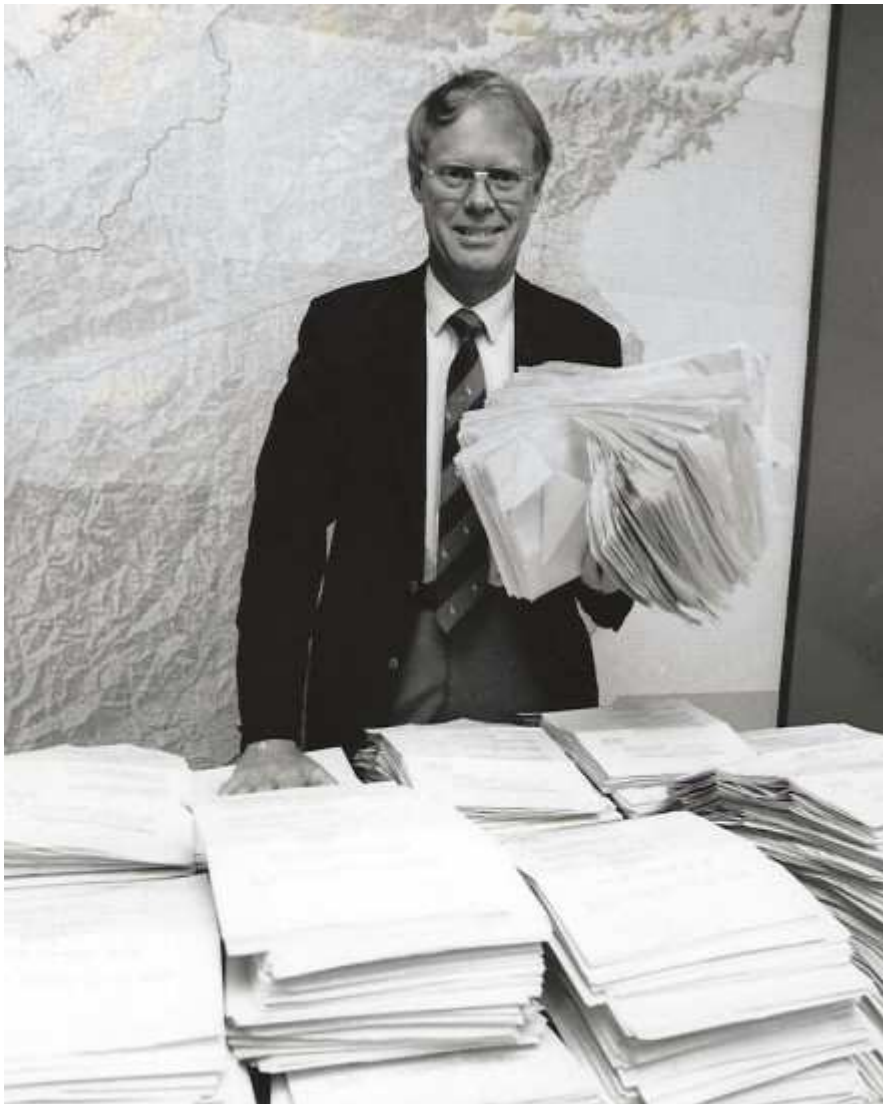
Douglas has 1 brother and 1 sister:

Gavin Edward (1939 – 2000)

married Leslie Kay Bradley

Pamela Jean (1945 –)

married Alastair George Wilson Gooch



Douglas and Jane have 3 children:

Alison Jane (1967 -)	married Ewen Stevenson (divorced)
Richard Lorimer (1970 -)	married Georgina O'Reilly (divorced)
Rachael Pamela (1975 -)	married Andrew Douglas Tredget

Douglas and Jane have 5 grandchildren

Anna Rachael Stevenson (2000 -)
James Ross Stevenson (2002 -)
Angus Robert Stevenson (2002 -)
Harry Douglas Tredget (2011 -)
Emma Rachael Tredget (2013 -)

Education:

Ohau Primary School 1946 - 1953
Horowhenua College 1954 - 1958
Victoria University of Wellington 1959 - 1963 Graduated LLB
Certificate in Company Direction 2001: Institute of Directors of NZ Inc

Work

NZ Army Territorial Force volunteer 1960 - 1964 Bombardier Gunlayer
Morison, Taylor and Co, Barristers and Solicitors 1960 - 1964 Part time law clerk
Nathan, Wisheart, Macnab 1964 - 1965 Staff Solicitor: Blenheim law firm
Wisheart, Macnab and Partners 1966 - 1979 Partner: Blenheim law firm
Member of Parliament for Marlborough 1978 - 1996
Member of Parliament for Kaikoura 1996 - 1999
Member of Parliament - List MP 1999 - 2002
Cabinet Minister 1990 - 1996
Speaker of the House 1996 - 1999
Member of Commonwealth Observer Team to Pakistan Provincial Elections: 2002 and team leader 2007
Member of the Waitangi Tribunal 2004 - 2023

Honours:

Distinguished Companion of the NZ Order of Merit: 2000

for services as Speaker of the House of Representatives between 1996 and 1999

Accepted redesignation 2009 as

Knight Companion of the NZ Order of Merit

following the restoration of titular honours by the NZ Government

1964: Butterworth Roman Law prize

1990: Queen's Service medal

1990: Sesquicentennial Medal for Public Service

1997-2003: Honorary Colonel, 2 Canterbury Nelson Marlborough West Coast Battalion Group, Territorial Force, NZ Army

1999: Chief of the Army General Staff's Commendation for Outstanding Service to the NZ Army

Civic Citation 2000: Marlborough District Council

2006 – 2013: President, NZ Institute of International Affairs

Associations:

Honorary Solicitor for many organisations

Blenheim Chapter President, Regional Governor, national Commission Director and General Legal Counsel for NZ Jaycees

Founder/member/Secretary of Edwin Fox Restoration Soc.Inc

Anglican Church: member Blenheim Parish, Vestry member of Blenheim Parish, Synodsmen of the Nelson Diocese

Member of Omaka Marae

Member of Marlborough Regional Development Council

Elected to Marlborough Catchment and Regional Water Bd

Founding President of Marlborough Forest Owner Assn. 1975 - 1979

Appointed (by Government of the day) to the National Water and Soil Conservation Authority in 1977

Honorary Colonel 2(Canterbury Nelson Marlborough West Coast) Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment



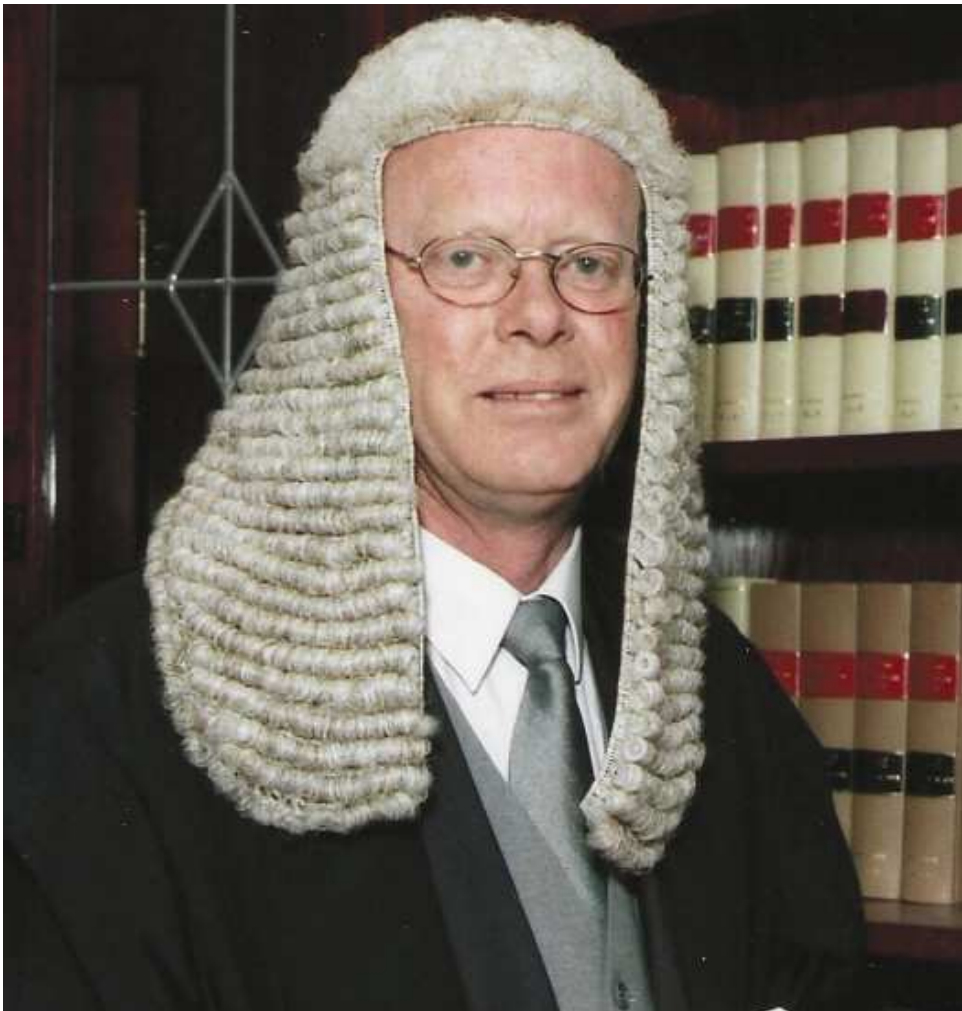
Family Background:

The Kidd family has been continuously in New Zealand since 1842 when Doug's great, great grandparents, John and Elizabeth Haycock arrived at Nelson on the "Thomas Harrison" after a voyage of 5 months from England.

John died in 1872 as sub-lessee of the 32,000 acres Crown Depastureage Licence known as the Tyler Run in the Clarence Valley. The property was grazing 10,000 sheep at the time of his death.

New Zealand turned out to be a land of opportunity for his descendants. John and Elizabeth's daughter Sarah Ann married Doug's great grandfather Robert Kidd, who was born in Scotland in 1834. Robert arrived in Wellington on the "Ann Wilson" in 1857, and lived, farmed and died in Marlborough and Nelson.

Doug's maternal great grandparents arrived on the "Oliver Lang" in Wellington in 1858 and settled in Napier.



Doug's journey:

He grew up on the 100 acre family farm (Westbridge Jersey stud), along the Kuku stream, at Kuku beach Rd, Ohau just south of Levin. Sadly his father's health failed and he had to move to Levin. However the farm stayed in the family. It was eventually sold

in 1997 when his brother Gavin had to sell his adjoining farm – also due to ill health. This ended 85 years of the family in the area.

He attended Ohau Primary school and then Horowhenua College. He became the Kowhai House captain and a Platoon Sergeant in the cadet Battalion. He attended NZ Cadet Corp camps At Linton and then later Trentham.

During school holidays he worked as a rates clerk at the Levin Borough Council, field worker on a strawberry farm, contract rose grafting at a rose nursery as well as on the family farm – including during his time at University.

He became a student in the Law Faculty at Victoria University, boarding at Weir House for 3 years. During this time he became a part-time law clerk at Morison Taylor and Co in Wellington. He also worked as a 'seagull' watersider on the Wellington wharves after work and lectures.

He spent 4 years as a Territorial Force volunteer; he was nominated for a commission but resigned from the Force on going into law practice in Blenheim.

In 1964 he started as a staff solicitor for Wisheart and Macnab, barristers and Solicitors in Blenheim. In 1965 he became a partner in the firm now named Wisheart Macnab and Kidd, Barristers and Solicitors.

His most challenging and satisfying single job in his law career was developing and securing the enactment of the Marlborough Forestry Corporation Act 1970.

He also was involved in other business activities in Marlborough.

Founding shareholder/director of Recycled Products Ltd

Founding promoter/chairman/manager of Mt Duncan Afforestation Co Ltd

Founding partner of Makaki Marine Farms

Shareholder/director and later Chair of Cellier Le Breu Ltd

In 1978 Doug was elected to Parliament as the MP for Marlborough in the Muldoon government.

He held a number of ministerial portfolios, including Fisheries, Energy, Labour, Maori Affairs, State Owned Enterprises/Public Works/Railways and ACC.

He held his Marlborough electorate until the 1996 election, when the electorate was abolished and became the MP for the new and larger Kaikoura electorate until 1999.

After the 1996 election, Doug was elected Speaker of The House of Representatives until 1999 when the National Party lost this election.

He also became the Chairman of the Parliamentary Services Commission, Chairman of the Business Committee, Chairman of the Officers of Parliament Committee, Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee.

He led Speaker delegations to visit Parliaments in Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Poland, Hungary, France, UK, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Sth Korea.

He was also President of the NZ Business and Parliament Trust.

He then became a List MP, and after serving a time in opposition he finally retired in 2002.

In 2004 he was appointed to the Waitangi Tribunal for a 3 year term. He was reappointed for four 3 year terms in 2007. After this he continued on the various panels he was originally appointed to till he retired in 2023.

Doug's words:

"In time my major contribution to the future of the people of Marlborough will probably be seen as my leadership of the protest movement against the local government reforms of the Labour government which took effect in Oct 1989. After a change of government, in 1990 I persuaded my cabinet colleagues to allow us to run referenda in the region to choose the status quo or its abolition and replacement with 3 Unity councils. This was carried by 2:1 in the case of Marlborough.

I have been fortunate to have had a long and relatively successful parliamentary career – starting from a majority of only 343 votes. This has enabled me to acquire a vast knowledge of practice and procedure, and given me opportunities to participate in and chair countless committee meetings of varying sizes, and the ultimate challenge, Parliament itself.

As both a backbencher and a Minister I developed the skills to influence, shape, negotiate and successfully enact legislation.

I have experienced Parliament from many perspectives: as a front, middle and backbench member in both Government and Opposition, as the Chair of many committees; as a Minister; and as a Speaker.

I enjoyed the opportunity to develop parliamentary diplomacy.

As the Honorary Colonel I made commemorative visits to Gallipoli and a number of battle sites in France where our unit fought and suffered huge casualties during WW1. Laying the New Zealand wreath at the Cenotaph in Whitehall and leading the New Zealand representation in Westminster Abbey on Anzac Day 1998 were highlights.

At the time I retired from Parliament I was the only MP with a military uniform on issue."