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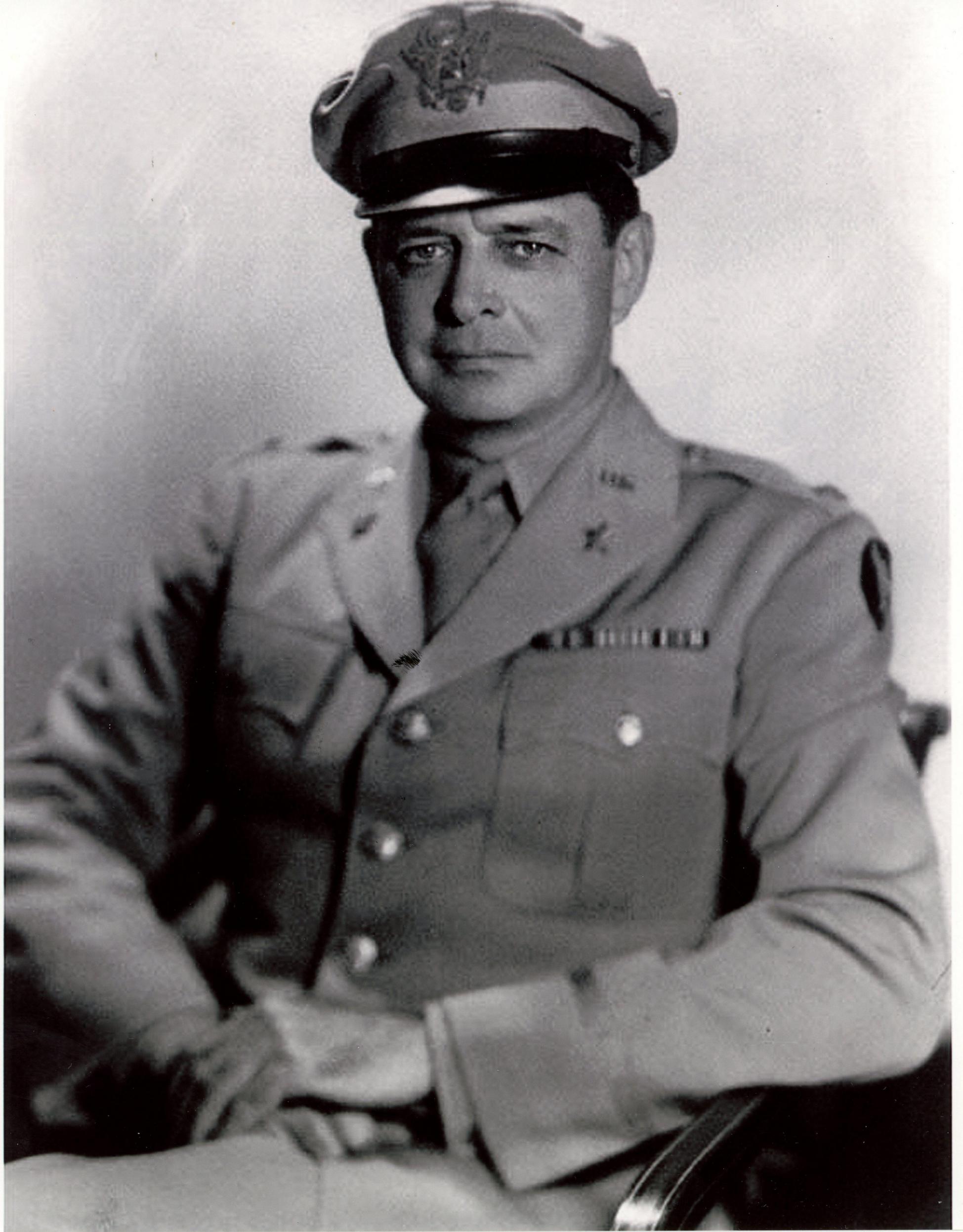
ABOVE: During the party, Donald Douglas of Lake Forest chats with Mrs. William H. Mitchell, of the same suburb.

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CHICAGO: JAMES H. DOUGLAS, JR., RIGHT, SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, ~~HOLDS MODEL OF A JET ENGINE AS HE TALKS WITH LT GEN. WILLIAM TURNER, LEFT, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS HEADQUARTERS, AND JOSEPH BLOCK, PRES. OF CHICAGO ASSN. OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. THEY ARE SHOWN AT DINNER MEETING OF "JET TRANSPORTATION DAY" HERE 9/26.~~

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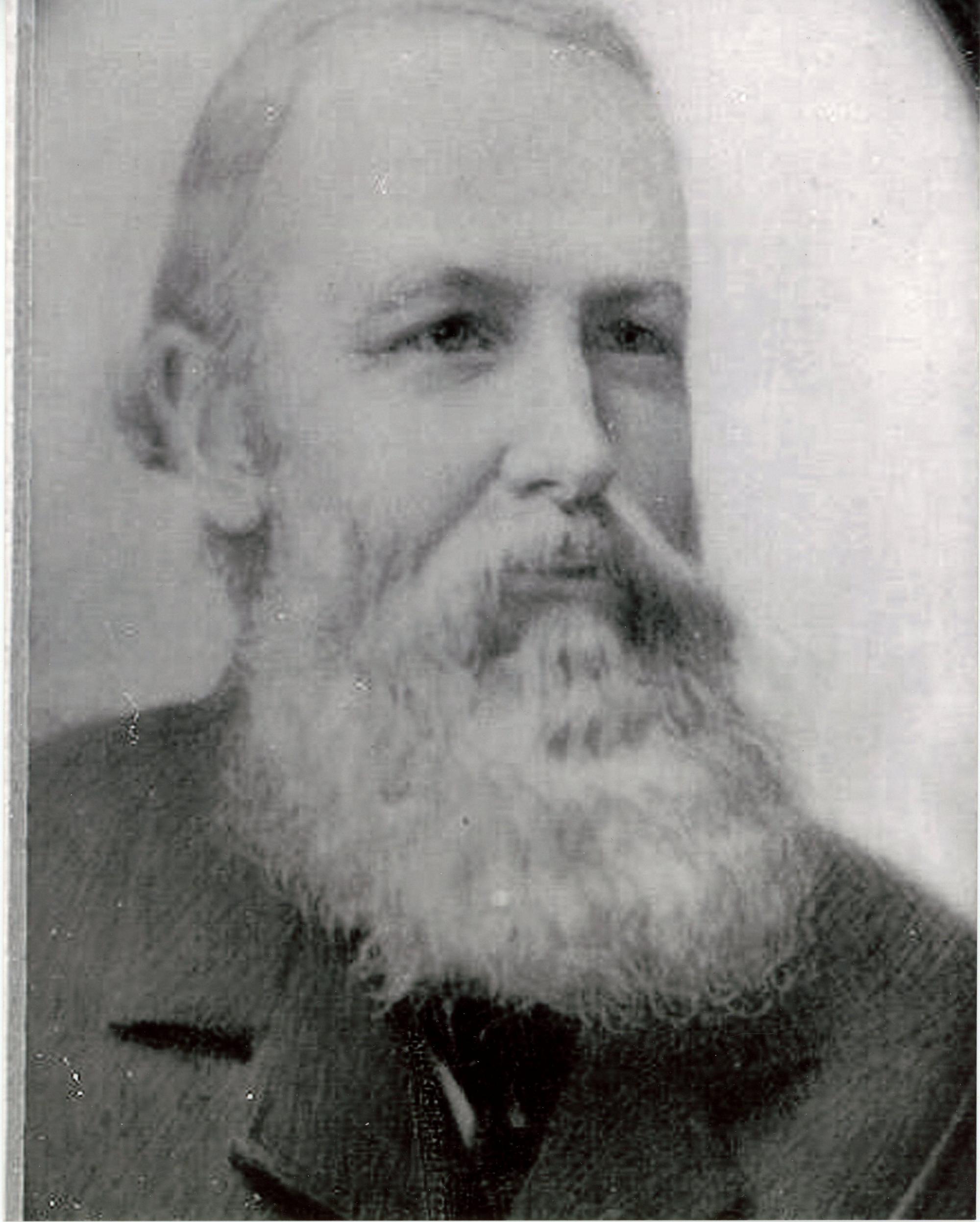
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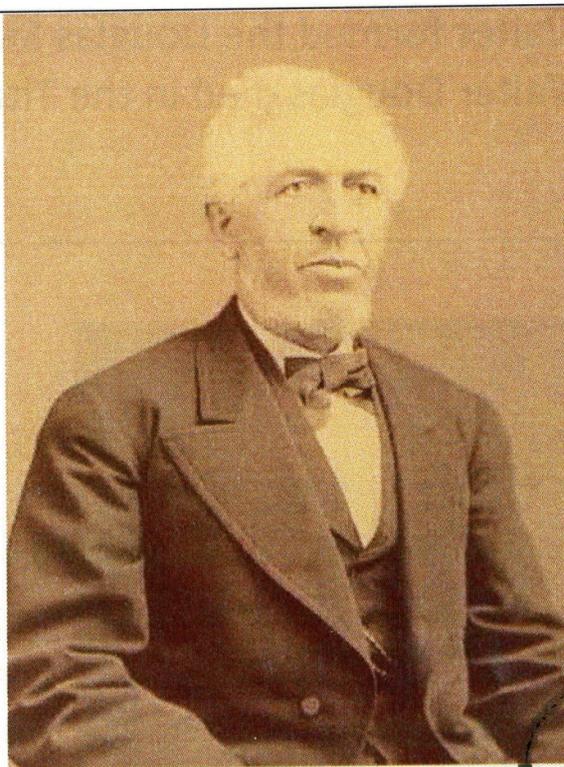








## CHAPTER 4 QUAKER OATS



George Douglas was born in Caithness, Scotland. He and his five brothers moved to Canada where George married Margaret Boyd who was born to Ulster Scots parents. In Illinois, George worked for the Northwestern Railroad. In Iowa George met John Stuart from Banfshire, Scotland and they formed Douglas and Stuart Oats which would eventually operate under the name Quaker Oats.

Curtesy John Douglas

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After graduating from Princeton in 1914, Donald Douglas served in the US Army. Later he joined the family business – Quaker Oats. In 1919 he married Lake Forester Martha Clow and the couple lived on Green Bay Road, next door to Donald's parents. Donald continued to work for Quaker Oats until he retired in 1957, just before his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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Donald Douglas and Mrs. William (Anne) Mitchell. At one point, 9 of the 12 workers living on the two Douglas properties on Green Bay Road in Lake Forest were born in Scotland. Donald and his employees hosted Scottish themed bonfire parties attended by neighbors and their employees. It is said that these parties were the inspiration for the annual Bagpipes and Bagpipes fundraisers held each fall in Lake Forest today.



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Joseph Betts McCall from Ayr, Scotland had served in the Cameron Highlanders. He was a sheet metal worker and lived with his family in Lake Forest. When the various Scottish families would gather for parties at the home of Donald Douglas on Green Bay Road, Joseph was the piper. To this day, Bagpipes and Bonfires is an annual fundraiser in Lake Forest.

Curtesy McCall family



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James Douglas Jr. and Grace Farwell McGann wearing each other's shoes while on a date. James Jr graduated from Princeton in 1920. In 1928 James Jr. and Grace were married. The couple eventually bought a home at 1 Stone Gate Road where they raised their four boys. Sadly, Grace died of cancer at age 42.

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George Jr., Walter and Edward Douglas. The children of George Douglas and Martha Douglas. After attending Shattuck Military Academy in Minnesota, the boys would join the family business. George Jr. and brother Walter formed the Douglas Starch Company and later Midland Lindseed Oil out of Minneapolis. Walter Douglas died in the Titanic after giving up his place in a lifeboat to a maid.

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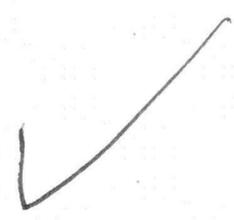


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James Douglas Sr. was born in Canada. He joined Douglas and Stuart Oats, eventually serving as President. James and wife Inez bought a home in Lake Forest where they raised sons James Jr. and Donald. The boys were classmates of F. Scott Fitzgerald at Princeton. Fitzgerald autographed a book for the Douglas family thanking them for hosting him for a summer month.

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At first, James Jr. worked as an attorney in Chicago but in 1932 he became Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. He returned to Chicago to practice law with Gardner, Carton and Douglas. In 1953 he began work for the Eisenhower Administration. He served as Secretary of the United States Air Force and helped establish the Air Force Academy, where Douglas Field is named in his honor.

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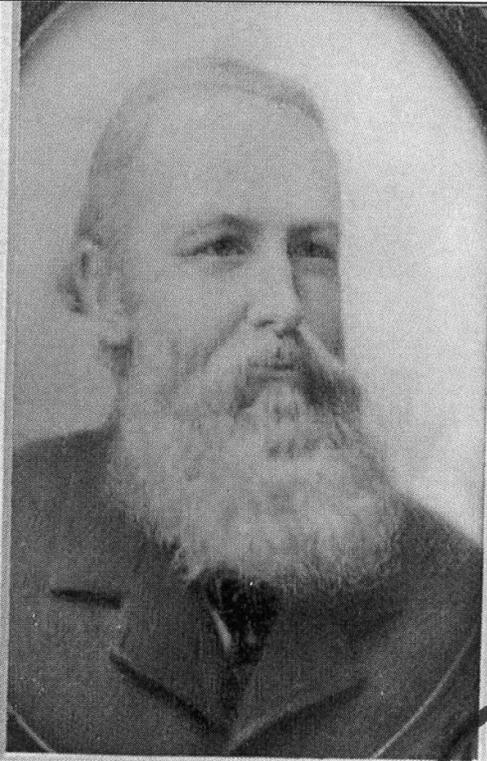
Air Force Secretary James H. Douglas Jr on right seen in a 1957 photo holding a model of a jet engine. At one point Douglas worked for the investment firm of Forgan, Field and Glore. The Forgan family were from St Andrews, Scotland. In 1961, President Eisenhower presented Douglas with the Medal of Freedom.

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The Douglas family were generous supporters of the Illinois Saint Andrew Society and never forgot their roots. For many years they donated truck loads of food and clothes to be distributed to needy Scots in Chicago. They also supported the Scottish Old People's Home in North Riverside. James H. Douglas Jr. died in 1988.



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John Stuart was born in Banffshire, Scotland. The Stuart family moved to Canada and started a grain business. In 1893 John moved his family to Cedar Rapids, Iowa where he met George Douglas who was from Caithness, Scotland. Together the two Scots founded their own grain milling business, a company which would later operate under the name Quaker Oats.



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John Stuart's son Robert Stuart was born in Ontario, Canada in 1852. The family moved to Iowa where Robert joined the family grain business. Robert married Margaret Sharrar who also had Scottish lineage. The family and their grain business eventually moved to Chicago. Robert and Margaret raised three children: John, Margaret and Robert. The family owned a home on fashionable South Woodlawn Avenue.

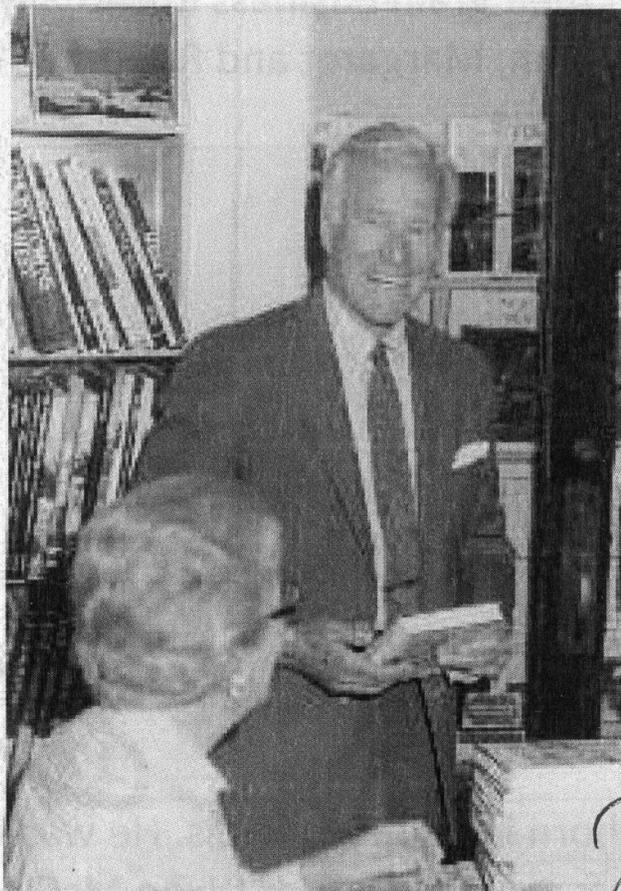


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Robert Douglas Stuart Sr., was born in 1886 in Illinois. He was the next generation of the family to join the grain business. Robert married Harriet Dixon McClure – both the Dixon and McClure families were Ulster Scots. The couple lived at 528 Mayflower Road in Lake Forest and Stuart would eventually serve as President of Quaker Oats.



President Dwight Eisenhower (left) is seen walking with Robert Douglas Stuart. R. Douglas Stuart was a delegate to the 1952 Republican National Convention. In 1953, President Dwight Eisenhower named Stuart as the United States Ambassador to Canada. R. Douglas Stuart also served on the board of the Illinois Saint Andrew Society.



R. Douglas Stuart Jr. entered the business after his father. He served as CEO of Quaker Oats from 1966 to 1981. He also served as the United States ambassador to Norway from 1984 to 1989. Stuart family members owned homes in Lake Forest on Elm Tree and Mayflower Road, where Scots born Margaret McRobbie and Mary Dunlop lived and worked for the family.

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