

## A Bit of Family History

William Fraser Sr. was the son of James Fraser "Lord Lovat" of Beaufort Castle, Inverness Shire, Scotland. He was born in Scotland about 1760. He fought with Colonel Simon Fraser "Master of Lovat", in the regiment of Fraser Highlanders, on the Plains of Abraham, (Quebec), during Wolfe's Campaign. He also fought at the seige of Louisburg Cape Breton Island.

William Sr. and his first wife, Marion (Nee Marion Fraser), came to Nova Scotia in 1801. They brought six children with them. In 1811, William Sr. and his son, William Jr., received land grants from King George III of England, totaling 420 acres, in "Big Brook", now called Lorne. William Sr. and Marion had three more children while living in Lorne, namely Alexander, James, and Simon. Marion was very unhappy in Canada, so about 1814 or 1815, William took her back to Scotland. Marion became ill and subsequently died in Scotland. Later William married again to Marion MacKinnon who came from the Isle of Skye. They returned to Nova Scotia in 1822. William died at their home in Lorne in 1828. It is beleived by descendents still living in Nova Scotia (1988), that William Sr. and Marion are buried in the old Pioneer Cemetery, in Elgin, in an unmarked grave near the gravesite of William Jr.

by Peggy Bentley, Halifax, Nova Scotia (1988)

FAMILY OF WILLIAM FRASER SR. (SON OF  
JAMES FRASER LORD LOVAT)  
AND HIS FIRST WIFE MARION FRASER

CHILDREN

- 1. Catherine B. 1792 Scotland D. 1870 Wed James MacKintosh
- 2. Hugh (Evan) B. 1794 Scotland D. 1886 River John N.S.  
Wed Eliza Cooke
- 3. John B. 1796 Scotland D. 1887 Glengarry N.S.  
Wed Ann Fraser
- 4. William Jr. B. 1797 Scotland D. 1838 Lorne N.S.  
Wed Jane Fraser
- 5. Ellen B. 1799 Scotland D. 1902
- 6. Allen B. 1801 Scotland D. 1884 Lorne N.S.  
Wed Helen Fraser
- 7. Alexander B. 1808 Lorne N.S. B. 1874 Lorne N.S.  
Wed Catherine MacDonald
- 8. James B. 1812 Lorne N.S. D. 1889 Stellarton N.S.  
Wed Harriet Hamilton
- 9. Simon Kent B. 1814 Lorne N.S. D. About 1887 Grand Falls N.B.  
Wed Elizabeth (Betsy) Shaw of Elgin  
Wed Catherine Wilson of  
Andover N.B.

NOTE/

William Sr. married a second time to  
Marion MacKinnon from the Isle of Skye.  
There were no children by his second wife.

FAMILY OF HUGH (EVAN) FRASER (SON OF  
WILLIAM FRASER SR. AND MARION FRASER)  
AND FLIZA COOKE

Children

- 1. George B. 1827 Shoemaker in Boston
- 2. James B. 1829 Wed Jane Crockett
- 3. William B. 1831 Wed Miss Grant
- 4. Jessie Ann B. 1833 Wed William English
- 5. Elizabeth B. 1835
- 6. Helen B. 1838
- 7. Mary B. 1839
- 8. Jane B. 1839

Mary and Jane were twins

FAMILY OF JAMES FRASER (son of Hugh (Evan)  
Fraser and Eliza Cook) and  
JANE CROCKETT 1

- 1. Simon Migrated to Africa searching for diamonds
- 2. Owen
- 3. William
- 4. John
- 5. Alexander
- 6. Elizabeth Wed Powers
- 7. Mary
- 8. Christine Wed McQueen
- 9. Margaret Wed Harry Matherson

James Fraser and Jane Crockett were wed in 1859.

FAMILY OF JOHN FRASFR (SON OF WILLIAM  
FRASER SR. AND MARION FRASER)

AND ANN FRASFR  
Children,

- 1. Hugh      B. 1823   D. 1905      Wed Elizabeth Russell
- 2. John      B. 1824   D.              Carpenter and Wheelright  
Wed Catherine Forbs
- 3. William   B. 1825   D.              Blacksmith Lorne N.S.  
Wed Mary Irving  
Wed Hannah MacDonald
- 4. Catherine
- 5. Margaret
- 6. Annie

FAMILY OF ALLAN FRASFR (SON OF WILLIAM  
FRASER SR. AND MARION FRASFR)

AND HELEN FRASFR

CHILDREN

- 1. WILLIAM      B. 1828
- 2. ALEXANDER   B. 1832              WED CATHERINE FRASFR
- 3. ANNIE      B.              WED JAMES CHISHOLM
- 4. DONALD      B. 1837              WED MARY GRANT
- 5. SIMON HUGH   B.
- 6. CHARLES      B. 1842              WED CATHERINE TUNBAR
- 7. THOMAS      B.              WED HELEN CHISHOLM
- 8. ELLEN BELL   B.              WED WILLIAM GRAY

FAMILY OF WILLIAM FRASER JR. (SON OF  
WILLIAM FRASER SR. AND MARION FRASER)  
AND JANE FRASER

- Their Children -

- 1. Donald  
Baptized in 1827, Nova Scotia  
Wed Janet Ross
- 2. Marion  
Baptized in 1829, Nova Scotia  
Wed James Angus Chisholm
- \* 3. Simon  
Baptized in 1832, Nova Scotia  
Wed Margaret Bulger of Austrila
- 4. William  
Born in 1835, Nova Scotia
- 5. Betsy (Elizabeth)  
Nova Scotia  
Wed John Brown

\*Simon migrated to Australia at an early age, after losing his father in an accident at Allen Fraser's saw mill. Simon's grandson Malcolm Fraser was Prime Minister of Australia in the 1980's.

Simon was Knighted in Australia by King Edward the seventh, see next page.

Simon married a second time to Ann Collins of Australia.

FAMILY OF SIR SIMON FRASER 1832/1919 (SON OF  
WILLIAM FRASER JR. AND JANE FRASER) BY HIS  
FIRST WIFE MARGARET BULGER OF AUSTRALIA  
CHILDREN

- 1. Simon Died in early life
- 2. Douglas Martin Wed Jane Collins
- 3. John Neville

By his second wife ANN COLLINS of  
AUSTRALIA

Children

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The Petition of  
William Fraser  
In Council 3 October  
1808

approved for a  
warrant of survey  
for 500 acres

Warrant made out

To His Excellency Sir George Dickson Baronet  
Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in  
and over His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia  
and its Dependencies Sec. Sec. Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

The Petition of William Fraser

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner was born in  
Shire of Inverness in Scotland, and emigrated,  
from thence with his family consisting of a wife  
and seven children last year. That he is a subject  
of Great Britain and his present place of residence  
is Pictou, where his family also resides. That  
he has never received any lands from Government,  
and is desirous of obtaining some which he intends  
immediately to settle on with his family and  
cultivate.

He therefore humbly prays your  
Excellency would be pleased to grant him five hundred  
acres of ungranted land wherever it may be found in  
this the District of Pictou, and your Petitioner  
being duly bound will ever Pray

His  
William X Fraser  
mark.  
Halifax 18 July 1808. — 3



ALFXANDER FRASER 1808, (SON OF WILLIAM  
FRASER SR. AND MARION FRASFR)  
AND HIS WIFE CATHERINE MacDONALD

- Their Children-

- 1. Isabel (Fraser) McKay            B.1833
- 2. William Fraser                    B. 1835 D.1923
- \* 3. Alexander MacDonald Fraser B.1837 D.1910
- 4. Marion (Fraser) MacDonald
- 5. John McKay Fraser                B.1845 D.1873
- 6. Duncan Grant Fraser              B.1851 D.1863
- 7. Ellen (Fraser) MacKinnon        B.1852 D.1873

(Above children all born  
in Nova Scotia)

\* NOTE: Alexander MacDonald Fraser was known as "Sandy the Fiddler". He was a shoemaker by trade. His remains are in the Union Cemetery, Grand Falls, N.B., Canada. In the same plot is his wife, Mamree (Murphy) Fraser and their daughter Elizabeth (Fraser) Davis. Elizabeth Davis' husband was a noted lumberman in Grand Falls. A park area in Grand Falls still bears the Davis name.

Alexander Fraser

Wed

Catherine McDonald

B. Est. 1800 Nova Scotia

B. Est. 1817 Nova Scotia

West River, Pictou County,  
Nova Scotia

Farmer & Saddler, Church of  
Scotland.

St. James Church Cemetery  
St. James Co., Nova Scotia  
Died 1881-living on homestead.

KNOWN CHILDREN-Not in birth order

- |    |                     |                |                          |
|----|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Isabella Ann Fraser | Wed            | Daniel J. McKay          |
|    | B. Oct. 22, 1833    | Bapt 12-8-1833 | B. Est. 1830 Nova Scotia |
|    | D.                  |                | D.                       |

Daniel McKay farmed and had a hotel. They lived close to the railroad station in Albion Mines, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. In 1873 she had 4 boys and 4 girls.

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|----|-----------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Maria           | 14 Yrs. | Born Est. 1857 Nova Scotia    |
| 2. | Sarah Jane      | 11      | Born Est. 1860 Nova Scotia    |
| 3. | Jessie Ann      | 9       | Born Est. 1862 Nova Scotia    |
| 4. | Daniel Roderick | 7       | Born Est. 1864 Nova Scotia    |
| 5. | Alexander Wm.   | 5       | Born Est. 1866 Nova Scotia    |
| 6. | Joseph          | 2       | Born Est. 1869 Nova Scotia    |
| 7. | Catherine       |         | Febr. 1871 Nova Scotia        |
| 8. | James Duncan    |         | Died Spet. 1873 Age 7 months. |

NOTE Birth dates above taken from Pictou County, Nova Scotia 1871 Census.

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|----|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 2. | William Fraser          | Wed            | Helen Fitzgerald        |
|    | B. Nov. 5, 1835         | Bapt 4-11-1836 | B. April 5, 1837 Maine  |
|    | Nova Scotia             |                |                         |
|    | D. 1923 Masardis, Maine |                | D. 1923 Masardis, Maine |

NOTE-I have this complete line.

Grandpa

BROTHER TO OUR  
great grandfather  
SIMON FRASER  
Signed

(12) 75

Byron W. Fraser

Alexander Fraser	Born	1808	
" " Died Nov 26		1874	
Cashim Mc Donald Fraser	"	1814	
" " " Oct 7		1884	
— Children —			
Ellen Fraser Mc Kenison	Born	1832	
" " " Died		1873	
her daughter Cashim Ann age	16 Mo.		
Duncan Grand Fraser	Born	1851	
" " " Died		1863	
John Mc Kay Fraser	Born	1845	
" " " " Died		1873	age 28
William Fraser			
Jesse Mc Kay			
Mary Mc Donald			
Alexander Mc Donald Fraser	Born Dec 21	1839 or 1837	
" " " " Died Oct 19		1910	
Know as Sandy the Fiddler			
		1852	
		1873	
		79	107
		28	

Same Alex and  
his  
grand daughter

This Family record was found in Margaret Roberts personal papers. It was given to me by her daughter Mrs Giles Sager of Stevens ave. Portland Me.  
Signed

P.O. Box 137  
Gagetown, N.B.  
E0G1V0  
26th. Aug 1987.

Dear Byron:

Received your parcel enclosing the Fraser's of Plaster Rock. I must admit old Donald was quite a boy. Many old Scots were like that family. Thanks for adding that to my library. I will remit the cost when you next come to Gagetown. Sorry to hear that they could find no record of Simon in Fredericton. Maybe the old boy did take off and went to some other part of the country, stranger things have happened as you know. In any event a further try in F'ton is warranted.

For your information I found the following in the Pictou Co. census records for 1871. McKAY.

Hopewell April 5th.

Danil (M 41 Married farmer), Isabella A. (F. 37 Married),  
Maria (Female 14), Sarah Jane ( Female 11), Jessie A.  
(Female 9), Daniel R. (Male 7), Alexander W. (Male 5),  
Joseph A. (Male 2), Catherin E. (Female 2 Months) born  
in February. All born N.S. All origins Scotch, Religion  
all Presbyterian.

This is family of Daniel McKay who ran the Hotel and his wife  
Isabella who wrote most of the letters. Maybe you already have their family names up to 1871. I plan on going down to Westville on the 5th of September and stay probably for a week. Jennie has a birthday on the 13th. Sept. so I would like to stay for that day. Hopefully when you have the family gathering our slate will be clear as we are really looking forward to that. We can also slide down and visit my cousin Dot Cole in Auburn. Guess I will either see you here in Gagetown or in Westville. Best to you and yours and again many thanks for everything.

Yours Truly,

*John R.*  
John R.

ALEXANDER McDONALD FRASER 1837 (son of Alexander Fraser and Catherine McDonald) and his wife, Mamree Murphy of Tobique, N.B.

- Their Children -

- \* 1. William Duncan Fraser            B.1870, Wed Hope Adams
- 2. Nellie                                Died in Maine
- 3. Jennie                                Wed Isaac Wiley of Scarborough, Maine
- 4. Elizabeth                            Wed O.B. Davis of Grand Falls, N.B.
- \*\* 5. John Alexander                    Born 1874, of Grand Falls
- 6. James                                Died in infancy
- 7. Catherine                            Died very young
- 8. James Nelson                        Of Stetson, Maine
- 9. Margaret                             B. 1887 D. 1986 in Portland, Maine

\*William Duncan Fraser and his family lived near Newport, Maine, in the 1920's. My oldest brother, Harold, went to high school with their daughter, Mamree.

Byron Fraser

\*\*John Alexander Fraser was the father of John Robert Fraser of Fort Fairfield, whose wife, Doris (Berry) Fraser gave me a lot of information from The DK Ross Book.

NOTE: Elizabeth, Jennie and first James were born in Nova Scotia. The rest were born in Grand Falls, N.B.

FRASER FAMILY-Cont.

*live this family in Fairfield, Maine*

(3.)

(Sandy)	Alexander McDonald Fraser	Wed	Mamre Murphy
B.	Dec. 21, 1838	Bap 3-14-1839	B April 1847 Andover, New Brunswick
D.	1910	Buried Grand Falls, New Brunswick	D. Buried Grand Falls, New Brunswick

Served in the American Civil War from the State of Maine. Married by 1867 Was a shoemaker. Around 1900 he lived in Caswell, Maine. April 11, 1874 he had two children. A boy John Alexander Fraser born Febr. 22, 1874 and a girl. In 1867 he was living close to sister Isabella Ann Fraser McKay in Albion Mines, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. In 1882 Alexander and his family were living with his mother Catherine McDonald Fraser in Lorne and he was working in Westvill, Pictou County.

CHILDREN: (1) William D. Born April 1870 Canada (2) John Alexander Fraser born Febr. 22, 1874 (3) Maggie born June 1887 Canada.

4. Merrion Fraser (Marion) Wed William McDonald  
 B. B.  
 D. D.

Husband worked on railroad 1873 for the last three years. In 1882 they farmed in Archibald, Manitoba. Known to have had three boys. One boy died at grandfathers house (Alexander Fraser) July 1873 at the age of three. His name was Alex Duncan McDonald.

5. Ellen Fraser Wed William McKinnon  
 B. Est. 1852 Stellarton B.  
 D. August 4, 1873 at D. March 1873 Lower Canada (Quebec)  
 Isabella's house in  
 Albion Mines or  
 Stellarton, Pictou County  
 Nova Scotia. Age 21 years

Wm. McKinnon was a blacksmith and worked for the railroad in Lower Canada (Quebec). Ellen was only married about 1 1/2 years when her husband died. Her only child Catherine A. McKinnon died Sept. 19, 1873, age one year. Both Ellen and her child died at Isabella's home in Albion Mines, Nova Scotia. Ellen may also have been called Hellen. It is hard to tell from the old letters if Ellen and Hellen are the same daughter. Father's letter says Hellen and Isabella's letter says Ellen. Ellen and child buried St. Columba Church Cemetery, in Hopewell, Nova Scotia.

6. Duncan Grant Fraser  
 B. June 10, 1844

NOTES

In Isabella's old letter she tells of the death of Johney. This could be another brother. She also mentions Sandy.

In the 1882 letter of Catherine McDonald Fraser she mentions a Uncle Allan and Aunt Nellie. Also a Aunt Nancy. Mother mentions Allan, Nellie and Nancy getting quite old.



JOHN ALEXANDER FRASER 1874 (son of  
Alexander MacDonald Fraser and  
Mamree Murphy) and his wife  
Ella Lundy

- Their Children -

1. Harold James Fraser  
Of Grand Falls, N.B.  
Wed Betty McCloud  
He died April, 1987
2. Leigh Fraser  
Wed Ellen Griffith  
Leigh is buried in Ward  
Cemetery in Limestone,  
Maine

JOHN ALEXANDER FRASER 1874 and  
his second wife, Caroline Simmons

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|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Orren Fraser       | Wed Gertrude Riley   | (11 children) |
| 2. Colby Fraser       | Wed Nettie Griffith  | (5 children)  |
| 3. Madeline Fraser    | Wed Austin Churchill | (12 children) |
| 4. John Robert Fraser | Wed Doris Berry      | (6 children)  |
| 5. Cora Fraser        | Wed Colby Clark      | (3 children)  |
| 6. Willard Fraser     | Wed Helen Paul       | (7 children)  |
| 7. Geneva Fraser      | Wed Ralph Doherty    | (5 children)  |
| 8. Phoebe Fraser      | Wed Roy Flagg        | No children   |

We have met and shared geneology with John Robert Fraser  
and his wife Doris.

Also did a lot of sharing with Willard Fraser and his wife,  
Helen. Studied Willard's copy of D. K. Ross Book. Had a  
talk with Phoebe one day in Waterville.

Byron Fraser

12. Pauline (Fraser) Davis





ELGIN FRASERS  
(OUR CAMERON CONNECTION)

JAMES FRASER of Elgin and his wife,  
Hannah McLeod

- Their Children -

- 1. Elizabeth Ann            B.1851
- 2. Mary Bell                B.1853
- 3. Catherine M.            B.1855
- 4. Duncan Hugh            B.1857
- 5. Margaret Ellen         B.1859
- \* 6. Alex D.                B.1861
- 7. Samuel W.              B.1863
- 8. Jane Hannah            B.1865
- 9. John James             B.1868
- 10. Henry Ed              B.1870

\*Alex D. wed Phoebe Murphy, a sister of Mamree Murphy,  
who was Alexander McDonald Fraser's wife.

The children of Alexander McDonald Fraser and Mamree  
Murphy called Alex D. "Uncle".

He would be an uncle to them by marriage only.