~ Clan Frazer in Scottish History ~ A SIMON FRASER gifted the church of Keith to the monks of Kelso c.1160. He left a daughter and heiress, EDA. GILBERT FRASER was at King William the Lion's Scottish Court and witnessed a charter in 1166. **UDARD FRASER** living c.1175, married a daughter of Oliver Kylvert (her brother, Oliver Fitz Kylvert, built Oliver Castle in Peeblesshire). Sir BERNARD FRASER Sir GILBERT FRASER **ADAM FRASER** 1st Laird of Hales Sheriff of Stirling 1234 of Touch Fraser (in Stirlingshire) Ambassador to England 1238. Sheriff of Traquair from 1233 also inherited Hales from his uncle Oliver, and of Drumelzier Sheriff of Peebles by 1259, c.1214-1263 Sir LAURENCE FRASER Sir ALEXANDER FRASER of Drumelzier by descent Frasers of **BERNARD FRASER** Fruid, Tain, Munlochy, Phopachy, Dunballoch, d.1296 Newton, Kingillie, Fanellan, Daltullich, JOHN FRASER, Yr. Sir SIMON FRASER **Sir ANDREW FRASER WILLIAM FRASER** of Touch Fraser of Oliver Castle (about whom the Rector of Whitfield also complained Chancellor of Scotland about 1275, Bishop of St Andrews 1279d. in his father's lifetime, after 1243 Sheriff of Traquair and Peebles from 1264 92. Consecrated by Pope Nicholas III in 1280, an executor of King to the King of England). (Rector of Whitfield in Durham complained about maltreatment to Alexander II and Regent of Scotland north of the Forth from 1285-King Henry III in around 1271) 1292, died abroad 1297, Sir RICHARD FRASER Sir SIMON FRASER **ALEXANDER FRASER** of Touch Fraser of Oliver Castle of Cornton (in Stirlingshire) Sheriff of Berwick 1292, was captured by the English 1296, Keeper of the Royal Forests of Traquair and Selkirk, chosen by John Balliol ancestor of the supported Bruce 1307 (may have been elder son). as one of his auditors to have and report on the pleadings for the crown. FRASERS OF MUCHALS in MAR. This line claimed the Fraser Chiefship through the Philorth line claimed he was the 2nd son. In 1617 his descendant ANDREW, 1st Sir SIMON FRASER LORD FRASER (from 1633), built Castle Fraser. The last line was Sir ANDREW FRASER of Oliver Castle CHARLES, 4th LORD FRASER, a Jacobite in the '15 Rising, died in of Touch Fraser Knight Baronet, fought against the English at Dunbar 1296, was captured and only released to fight for the English in France, was at siege of hiding in 1716. (Parliament in 1662 and Lyon Court in 1672 recognised Sheriff of Stirling 1293, taken prisoner to England, died in his Caerlavrock 1306, rose against the English 1303, supported Wallace, joined Bruce, was captured at Methyen 1306, and put to death in London them as Chiefs. father's lifetime. with great cruelty the same year. His heiresses took his estates in Tweeddale and incorporated them to the Hays (now Marquesses of Tweeddale) and Flemings, who both quarter Frasers in their Arms. Sir ALEXANDER FRASER ANDREW FRASER Sir SIMON FRASER Sir JAMES FRASER of louch Fraser, Inane of Cowie killed at Halidon Hill 1333 fought at Bannockburn 1314 (according to Froissart "Sir Simon chased Chamberlain of Scotland 1319-26. Joined Bruce and shared his perils the English for three days"), Sheriff of Kincardine 1317-1332, took part fought at Bannockburn, sat in Parliament as a Baron in 1328, sealed in the capture of Perth, and voted King Edward Balliol in Annandale 1332, was killed with two of his brothers at Halidon Hill 1333, married the Declaration of Scottish Independence at Arbroath 1320. Married King Robert the Bruce's sister Mary and was killed at the battle of Margaret dau of Earl of Caithness. by descent Frasers of Dupplin 1332. Durris, Forest, Findrack, Tornveen by descent Frasers of ALEXANDER FRASER -Sir WILLIAM FRASER **JOHN FRASER** Tullifour son of Simon, probably the first MacShimi, and probably father of of Touch Fraser **Thane of Cowie and Durris** Hugh Fraser of Lovat, died 1361. whose daughter and heiress married the Marischal of Scotland. killed at battle of Neville's Cross 1346. **HUGH FRASER** by descent Frasers of ___ 1st Laird of Lovat in 1367, MacShimi Sir ALEXANDER FRASER died before 1410. Forglen 1st Laird of Philorth fought in the moonlight fight between the Douglases and the Percys (Shakespeare's Hotspur) in the Chevy Chase at Otterburn **JOHN FRASER HUGH FRASER ALEXANDER FRASER** Laird of Lovat, MacShimi of Knock (in Ayrshire) Laird of Lovat, MacShimi born 1377, one of the hostages for James I's ransom when he died before 1415. returned from England in 1424, received the Barony of Abertaff Sir WILLIAM FRASER 1422, Sheriff of Inverness 1429-31, married Janet dau of Wm 2nd Laird of Philorth by descent Frasers of by descent Frasers of Fentoun of Beaufort, died 1440. died by 1441. Durris, Forest, Findrack, Tornaveen Drumdoe and Cleragh Sir ALEXANDER FRASER **ELIZABETH FRASER** THOMAS FRASER **ALEXANDER FRASER** 3rd Laird of Philorth Laird of Lovat, MacShimi of Golford of Lovat attended the Papal Jubilee in Rome 1450, made a mutual entail with his died by 1455. c.1419-1486. married Wm Leslie, 4th Lord Balquhain. beloved cousin Hugh, Lord Fraser of Lovat, settling their estates on each other if their male descendants died out. — Frasers of **HUGH FRASER** Memsie, Ardglassie — by descent Frasers of 1st LORD LOVAT Sir ALEXANDER FRASER Farraline, Erchitt, Balnain, Bochrubin, Abersky, Ruthven, a peer before 1464 as Lord Lovat or Lord Fraser of Lovat, 4th Laird of Philorth Culduthel, Errogie, Castle Leather, Balloan, Gortuleg, Leadclune. MacShimi, made a mutual entail with Philorth 1464, died before 14 died 1486. October 1501. Sir WILLIAM FRASER 6th Laird of Philorth Frasers of **THOMAS FRASER HUGH FRASER** killed in battle at Flodden 1513. Fairfield, Merkinch, 2nd LORD LOVAT of Lovat Aberchalder, Foyers, MacShimi, born 1460, married Lady Jane Gordon of Midmar 1493, born c.1465, fell in the field of the battle of Flodden with the flower Kinmonarie, Dunchea died 1524. of the Scots nobility with King James IV, Frasers of Sir ALEXANDER FRASER 9 September 1513. 7th Laird of Philorth Techmuiry, Strichen died 1569. Frasers of **HUGH FRASER** Garthmore, Guisachan, Foyness, 3rd LORD LOVAT Culbockie, Belladrum, Achnagairn, **ALEXANDER FRASER** Frasers of MacShimi, married Lady Janet Ross of Balnagowan, killed at the battle of Reelig, Ballindoun, Teannakyle, Quarrelbuss. Rathilloch Yr of Philorth Blar-na-Leine near Loch Lochy, fighting the Clan Ranald on behalf of his nephew Clunerackie, Struy died 1564. Ranald the rightful Chief of Clanranald. Buried in Beauly Priory 1544 (see his tombstone with his likeness in armour carved on it). Sir ALEXANDER FRASER Frasers of Finland, Tyrie **Laird of Philorth** founded the town of Fraserburgh 1588 and got a royal charter to **SIMON FRASER ALEXANDER FRASER** have his own university there, died 1625. 4th LORD LOVAT **Master of Lovat** MacShimi, born 1527, married Janet Campbell of Cawdor, died also killed at Blar-na-Leine 1544 1557. **ALEXANDER FRASER** 9th Laird of Philorth married Margaret Abernethy, dau of George, **HUGH FRASER** THOMAS FRASER 7th Lord Saltoun, died 1636. 5th LORD LOVAT of Knockie, & 1st Laird of Strichen born 1548, aguired the Barony of Strichen 1590. Tutor of Lovat MacShimi, attended Mary Queen of Scots with 400 of his clansmen at Inverness 1562, died 1576. 1576, married Isobel Forbes c.1580, died 1612. **ALEXANDER FRASER** 10th Lord Saltoun from 1670 survived the battle of Worcester 1651. **SIMON FRASER** THOMAS FRASER 6th LORD LOVAT 2nd Laird of Strichen MacShimi, (the first Lovat to be Simon, so that their immediate ancestors must have been sons of Simon, for them to be MacShimi, which Sheriff of Inverness, married Christian Forbes of Tolquhoun 1606, **ALEXANDER FRASER** with the Philorth entail of 1464 demonstrates their descent from Sir Simon, the Bannockburn hero). Sheriff of Inverness 1607-1610, died 1633 died 1645 **Master of Saltoun** when 5,000 horses and men on foot attended his funeral. died 1682 THOMAS FRASER Frasers of **WILLIAM FRASER** 3rd Laird of Strichen **HUGH FRASER** Fraserfield, Lonmay born 1612, married Christian Forbes of Pitsligo 1628, 11th Lord Saltoun 7th LORD LOVAT died 1656 opposed the Jacobites, died 1715 MacShimi, died 1646. **ALEXANDER FRASER SIMON FRASER HUGH FRASER ALEXANDER** THOMAS FRASER **JAMES FRASER** THOMAS FRASER 12th Lord Saltoun **FRASER** killed in Polish service as 4th Laird of Strichen **Master of Lovat** Tutor of Lovat MacShimi, at the age 13 was betrothed to Amelia Fraser, heiress of Lovat, but died 1640. died 1643. of Beaufort, posthumously a mercenary 1687 married Marion Irvine of Fedderet 1656, the Old Fox prevented the marriage, died 1748. died 1671. recognised as died 1685. 10th LORD LOVAT **HUGH FRASER** died 1699 8th LORD LOVAT **GEORGE FRASER ALEXANDER FRASER** MacShimi, died 1672. 14th Lord Saltoun 5th Laird of Strichen died 1781. married Amelia Stuart, day of Lord Doune an heiress in blood and of the Regent Moray, died 1699. **SIMON FRASER HUGH FRASER** 11th LORD LOVAT 9th LORD LOVAT **ALEXANDER FRASER** the Old Fox (1st Jacobite titular Duke of Fraser), MacShimi, outlawed MacShimi, married Lady Amelia Murray sister of the 1st Duke of Atholl 15th Lord Saltoun **ALEXANDER FRASER** in 1698 for his violence in support of his father's claim as heir male, and as a widow she was abducted and forcibly married to the Old died 1793. **Lord Strichen** abducted the Dowager Lady Fraser 1701, imprisoned in France after Fox (her husband's cousin), died 1696. 6th of Strichen (a Lord of Session) 7th Laird, General of the Mint, 1764, acting a double part when employed by the King of France on a secret married Countess of Bute, dau of 1st Duke of Argyll. One of the first mission in Scotland, 1703, supported the Hanovarians in 1715, so agriculturalists to use artificial manures. Died 1775. received the Lovat estates 1716, was created Duke of Fraser by **ALEXANDER FRASER WILLIAM AMELIA FRASER** the "King over the Water," sent out his clan for the Jacobite cause **FRASER** 16th Lord Saltoun recognised as Baroness Lovat in her own right by the authorities, nearly 1745, captured near Loch Morar, taken to the Tower of London and Lt General, fought in the 1st Guards in West Indies eloped with the Old Fox (who kidnapped her mother instead), was beheaded 1747. the Napoleonic wars, commanded at merchant ruined betrothed to the Master of Saltoun but the Old Fox prevented it, married **ALEXANDER FRASER** Hougemont in the battle of Waterloo and by the abolition of Alexander Mackenzie who took the name of Fraser of Fraserdale, and 8th Laird of Strichen received the surrender of the Cambronne slavery, died 1845. as she was a Jacobite in the 1715 Rising the Government got the Court married Jean Menzies 1764, a Jamaican heiress, who led the Imperial Guard 1815, fought in of Session to reverse the decision in her favour and to declare died 1794. China 1841, died 1853. the Old Fox rightful Lord Lovat 1730. She died in 1763. **ALEXANDER FRASER ALEXANDER FRASER** 9th Laird of Strichen 17th Lord Saltoun married Amelia Leslie, dau of John Leslie of Balquhain as a result **HUGH FRASER** wrote a history of the Frasers of Philorth, died 1886. of which the Frasers became Catholic again. who styled himself Lord Lovat, died 1770 leaving two daughters. **ALEXANDER FRASER** THOMAS ALEXANDER FRASER 18th Lord Saltoun 14th LORD LOVAT, MACSHIMI died 1933. **SIMON FRASER ARCHIBALD FRASER** inherited the Barony of Strichen as 10th Laird 1805, inherited the of Lovat, MacShimi of Lovat, MacShimi Lovat estates and became Chief of the Clan Fraser of Lovat 1815. **ALEXANDER FRASER** Master of Lovat till 1747, took part in 1745 Rising as Jacobite, Consul in Algiers 1766-75, redeemed many Christian slaves from the was created a Peer of the United Kingdom or 1st BARON LOVAT 19th Lord Saltoun pardoned 1750. Advocate 1752, raised the 78th Fraser Highlanders Moslems, helped to secure the restoration of Highland dress 1782, MP 1837, was restored to the ancient peerage of Lord Fraser of Lovat after the Seven Years War, commanded it under Wolfe at Quebec. for Inverness 1782-95, raised the Fraser Fencibles, an eccentric who born 1886, died 1979. 1857, married Charlotte Jerningham 1823, died 1875 and buried at wounded at Montmorency and Sillery in Canada, Brig. General 1762, in his old age thought he was a turkey and sat on eggs, died 1815. Eskadale. raised 2,340 more men 1776, restored to the Lovat estates 1774. **FLORA FRASER** died 1782. 20th Lady Saltoun born 1930, married Capt Ramsay **SIMON FRASER** 15th LORD LOVAT Four other sons, died young **KATHERINE SIMON FRASER** MacShimi, born 1828, married Alice Weld Blundell in 1866, Vice-Yr. of Lovat born 1957, Chairman of the Highland Railway Company, died1887. married Mark Nicolson Colonel of the Fraser Fencibles, died in Lisbon 1803. ARCHIBALD FRASER **ALEXANDER** of Abertarff born 1990 (natural son) died 1884 **SIMON FRASER HUGH FRASER of LOVAT ALASTAIR FRASER of LOVAT** 16th LORD LOVAT fought in the Boer War, killed at battle of Ypres 1914. fought in the Boer War 1900-02 and WW1, died in 1949. MacShimi, commanded the Lovat Scouts in the Boer War, commanded the Highland Mounted Brigade at Gallipoli 1915, Rhodes Trustee, Under Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs 1926-28, 1st Chairman of the Forestry Commission 1919-27, born 1871, married Laura dau 4th Lord Frasers of Ribblesdale, Knight of the Thistle, died 1933. Moniack **SIMON FRASER MAGDALEN FRASER** Sir HUGH FRASER **MARY ROSE FRASER VERONICA FRASER** 17th LORD LOVAT born 1913, married Earl of Eldon, died 1969. of Lovat born 1920, married 1st Alan Phipps (killed in action born 1926, died 1940. Leros 1940), 2nd Sir Fitzroy Maclean, Knight of the MacShimi, born 1911, married Rosamund born 1918, married Lady Antonia Pakenham, Broughton 1938, Commando leader, Under Member of Parliament for Stafford and Stone for 40 Thistle. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs 1945, died years, died 1984. 1995. SIMON FRASER Master of Lovat **FIONA FRASER TESSA FRASER KIM FRASER HUGH FRASER ANDREW FRASER** born 1939, married Virginia Grose 1971. born 1941, married 1982 to Robin Allan born 1952, married Lady Charlotte Greville born 1942, married in 1964 to Hugh McKay, born 1946, married Joanna North in 1975 born 1947, married Drusilla Montgomerie in died in his father's lifetime 1984. 14th Lord Reay (div 1978), remarried in 1976 in 1979, died 1994 1985 to Henry Keswick **HONOR FRASER VIOLET FRASER JACK FRASER SIMON FRASER Master of Lovat** 18th Lord Lovat born 1972. born 1973, married in 2004 to Stavros Merjos born 1977. Master of Lovat from 1994. born 22 August 1984 succeeded to the title 1995

Note

Though the name Fraser - however spelled - is French, it is now over 800 years since the first bearer of it, Simon Fraser, is recorded in Scotland. He and his successors are found in the Borders, but the advance of the Frasers northwards was swift. In the process they contrived to make some remarkable contributions to Scottish history. By the 14th century the Northern Frasers formed two distinct groups, in Aberdeen-shire and in Inverness-shire. Of the former group, a forebearer of the Fraser Lords Saltoun founded Fraserburgh about 1601: of the latter, Lord Lovat's forebearers had created one of the great Highland Clans at least a century earlier. It was from the Tower and plain of the Beauly estuary that the Chief of the Inverness-shire Frasers took the peerage title granted to him about 1460 - the precise date is not known. By then, as since, Gaelic speakers accorded him the honour of the patronymic MacShimi (Son of Simon).

The Lovat Chiefs never made the mistake of acquiring their lands as conquerors. Prudent marriages and diplomacy established the Frasers as proprietors south and west of the Beauly Firth, in Stathfarrar, in part of Strathglass, in Strathcarrick, to the east of Loch Ness and even, for a time, in part of Glenelg on the western coast. In all these districts, the numerous younger children and other relaives of MacShimi married with alacrity and content into the families of the original occupants of the land. The happy consequence was that during the 15th century there emerged a swarm of warrior-farmers, enjoying somewhat better soil and climate than some of their neighbours: Gaelic in speech, custom and thought, quick to defend their homes, *and all proud to consider themselves Frasers and MacShimi's men*. The Clan Fraser of Lovat had been born.