

pass through it. But it did not. So he moved to Bangor, Maine, U.S.A., and surveyed around there, and built up a town called Henderson, and another little village called Brownsville. The last few years of his life he was retired, dealing in real estate in Seattle, Wash., and Bangor, in Maine.

He died 23rd October, 1915, at Bangor, Maine, U.S.A.

THOMAS FRASER

At the commencement of the American Revolution, Col. William Fraser, born in Inverness, Scotland, in 1745, on reaching his manhood, was sent out to America to join his Royal Regiment, then quartered at New York.

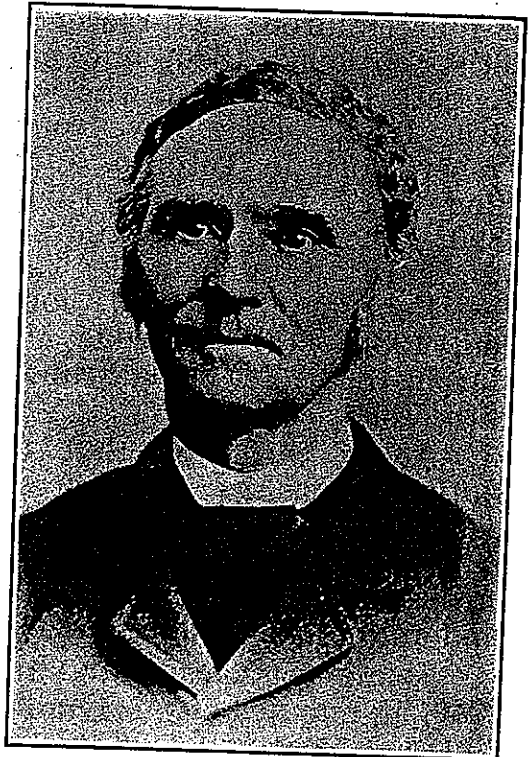
Remaining loyal, he and Lillian, his wife, came to Canada as a United Empire Loyalist and settled in Matilda township, in Dundas county, near Cornwall, about 1784, where he was granted 1,000 acres of land as a U.E.L., on account of his active loyalty to the British Crown. He died in 1826.

Col. Wm. and his wife had seven children, viz.: Lieut. Thomas, William, Fraser, Peter, James, Donald, and John.

Lieut. Thomas and William were appointed magistrates on the 10th June, 1793. Lieut. Thomas was M.P.P. for the second term for Dundas county.

Lieut. Thomas Fraser, the first son of Col. Wm. Fraser, was born in 1775. In 1802 he married Susan Smallman.

They had a son named Thomas, who is the subject of this sketch, who was born in Matilda township in 1803. He studied surveying and engineering at Auburn, N.Y. And on



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the 4th August, 1825, was appointed a land surveyor for Upper Canada, by Major-General Sir Peregrine Maitland, Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada.

With William H. Kilborn, P.L.S., and Thomas Burrows, afterwards P.L.S., he surveyed on the Rideau Canal. And afterwards he practised surveying in Lennox, Addington and Frontenac. For a term he was in the Army in Haiti.

He died New Year's day in 1856, in Kingston township, and was buried in the Presbyterian cemetery, three miles north of Bath, Ont., where a tombstone marked his grave.

He was Reform in politics and Methodist in religion.

He had a son named John Bell Fraser, M.D., who was born in Kingston township in 1855. He graduated as an M.D. from the Royal Military College in Kingston. He practised medicine at Spencerville, Ont., for a while. He married Frances McLean, of Augusta township, and moved to Toronto, where he now resides at 414 Sherbourne St. They had issue of four children: (a) Florence Fraser, born in Brockville on 26th February, 1886, and married December 2nd, 1907, to Kenneth Hugh Duvan, who was born in Quebec City, January 13th, 1884. They have four children. (b) Olive Alberta Fraser, born in Toronto, June 25, 1890, married September 22nd, 1917, to Norman Taylor, who was born August 9th, 1890. They had four children: Frances Elizabeth, born July 6th, 1918; Bata Jeanette Taylor, born April 12, 1924, who died February 3rd, 1930; John David Taylor, born February 2nd, 1932. (c) Gertrude Maud Fraser, born Toronto, 5th March, 1893. (d) Bata Frances Fraser, born Toronto, October 16th, 1898.

About the time that Col. William Fraser settled in Matilda township as a United Empire Loyalist in 1786, there also came Daniel Fraser, Senr., also U.E.L., who settled in Ernestown township. On account of his active loyalty throughout the American Revolution in the Royal Highlanders, he was granted 1,200 acres of land.

Daniel was born near Philadelphia in 1735. On April 2nd, 1760, he married Sarah Conklin, of the Province of New York.

He was Scotch. Owing to his strong British proclivities, he and two others were taken prisoners. Fearing—the worst from the hands of their persecutors, they sawed the bars, made ropes of their blankets and escaped. At the close of the American Revolution, his property was all confiscated, excepting their cow, which was left them through the appeals of his wife. This harsh treatment determined them to move

overland to Canada through Sacket Harbor, Kingston to Ernestown.

Dr. John Bell Fraser, who has visited Invernesshire, in Scotland, and has made search, says that his pioneer, U.E.L. ancestor and pioneer, Col. Wm. Fraser, and Daniel Fraser, Senr., also pioneer U.E.L., are both branches of the same tree of the Lord Lovat Fraser clan, and quotes the following letter, with other evidence, as proof:

“Ernst Town, 11th July, 1825.

“Dear Sir:—

“I beg leave to recommend to your favourable attention, the bearer, Mr. Thomas Fraser. He is a young gentleman of good character and undoubted loyalty, and being about to apply for a license as a land surveyor, and any facility that you can afford him will confer an additional obligation on your

“Obedient servant,

“(Sgd.) Isaac Fraser.”

“To John Beikie, Esq.”

John Beikie was an official in the then Government of Upper Canada. And was also a merchant in Cornwall, Ont.

Dr. John Bell insists that this letter was written on account of relationship and not friendship.

Children of Daniel Fraser, Senr.

1. Sarah Fraser, born, died very young.
2. John Fraser, born July 8th, 1762, was married by Rev. Robert McDowall to Experience Cotter, March 4th, 1792, and died August, 1829. He was granted 340 acres as U.E. He was in the 5th Regt. at Battle of Saratoga.
3. Esther Fraser, born December, 1769, married John Carscallen, died 3rd February, 1854.
4. Rebecca Fraser, born October 5th, 1765, died 1784.
5. Margaret Fraser, born August 25th, 1767, married Joshua Booth of Odessa. He was a member of the Land Claim Board, 1797-1798. Descendants are yet in Odessa. She died 5th July, 1847.
6. Andrew Fraser, born August 7th, 1769, died March 30th, 1855.
7. Abraham Fraser, born 16th February, 1771, died 10th April, 1841.

8. Daniel Fraser, Junr., born October 22nd, 1772, married Sarah Scouten on 19th December, 1798. He lived on lot 21, con. 7, Ernestown township, on the 200 acres granted to him as a U.E.L. Sarah lived on lot 21, con. 6, of same township. Issue: (1) Andrew; (2) Hannah, who married Almon Rockwell; (3) Eleanor Fraser, born 1813, who married William Hawley Perry, who was a brother of Aylsworth Bowen Perry, P.L.S.; (4) Martha, who married David Waggoner; (5) Isaac; (6) Belle, who married Thomas Draper. (A daughter and son live at Barriefield; (7) George.

William Hawley Perry and his wife, Eleanor Fraser, are the parents of Major-Gen. A. B. Perry, C.M.G., ex-Commissioner of the Royal North West Mounted Police. George E. Fraser, the 7th child, after teaching school, entered the mercantile business in Picton, which was very successful. He married Miss Powell. First issue, Belle and Reuben. By second marriage to Gertrude Noxon, the issue was, David Emmerson, Walter Scott, Janet Gertrude, Isaac Frith, George E. After the passing of his father, Frith continued the business.

George E. Fraser married Miss Powell. They had two children, named Belle and Reuben. After her death he married Gertrude Noxon, the issue being: Davis, who died when a baby; Walter, who died eighteen months ago; Janet, and Frith.

Gertrude Noxon was a daughter of Isaac Noxon and Janet Demorest. Her grandfather being the founder of Demorestville.

Walter Fraser went to New York, where he occupied responsible executive positions. Retiring and returning home to Picton, in 1933, he built a beautiful home on a beauty spot on the shores of the Bay of Quinte, just outside of Picton. He died ten months after its completion, leaving a widow with no issue.

Frith married Edith G. Halliday, in the Presbyterian Church, on the 14th February, 1911. Three children were born to them: Margaret, born December 24th, 1913; George, born 21st September, 1915; Walter, born September 23rd, 1921. All now members of the United Church.

9. Hannah Fraser, born September 28th, 1774, married David Lockwood Col. Died 20th April, 1862.

10. Isaac Fraser, born September 19th, 1779, married Nancy Sterling on 12th January, 1802, by Rev. Robt. McDowall. Upon his retiring as M.P. about 1830, he was ap-

pointed Registrar of Deeds for the counties of Lennox, Addington and Frontenac, which included Kingston, with his office at Millhaven, on Mill Creek, on the Bay of Quinte. He was described as a hard-headed Scotchman, who took his time at arriving at a conclusion. And when he did come to a conclusion, there was no changing, so far as was concerned. He belonged to the old Tory party. In the 1837-38 Rebellion he volunteered as Captain of Cavalry and was promoted to Colonelcy. He died 2nd July, 1858.

11. Jacob Fraser, born June 27th, 1782; married Elizabeth Jones of Kingston on 2nd August, 1802; died June, 1854.

Sarah Conklin, wife of Daniel, Senr., died at Ernestown in March, 1791.

Daniel Fraser, Senr., married Elizabeth Davis (widow) in January, 1793. They had one son, named George Fraser, born December, 1794. On the 2nd December, 1817, he married Mary Vandusen of Sophiasburg. Issue: (1) Daniel Grant Fraser; (2) David Fraser; (3) Isaac Fraser; (4) Abram Fraser; (5) Hannah Fraser; (6) Rhoda Fraser.

The Daniel Grant Fraser branch: (1) George A. Fraser; (2) John C. Fraser; (3) Addie M. Fraser; (4) Hattie B. Fraser; (5) Donald H. Fraser, who married Isabel Anderson, who acquired the old Colonel Ruttan homestead on the Marsh Front, where he resides now. George Fraser, the son of Daniel, Senr., by his second wife, was drowned near Napanee on November 25th, 1871, aged 77 years.

The children of Col. Isaac Fraser, the 10th son of Daniel Fraser, Senr., are:

1. Catharine Fraser, born 22nd October, 1802, married Michael Asselstine, 7th November, 1819, died May, 1885. He owned the historic Asselstine Woolen Mill on Mill Creek, near Odessa, which passed into the possession of his son, Michael, who operated it until his death a few years ago.

2. Adam Fraser, born March 11th, 1804, died young.

3. Sarah Fraser, born 29th June, 1806, married David Brown, died March 13th, 1876.

4. Nancy Fraser, born March 31st, 1808, married David Aylsworth, died 25th August, 1882.

5. Col. Charles Fraser, born 12th January, 1810, married Catharine Elizabeth Amey. He was the uncle of Charles Fraser Aylsworth, O.L.S., who was the father of the Chairman of the Biographical Committee, and after whom the Chairman was named.

The children of Charles and Catharine are: Sarah Elizabeth Fraser, born 26th October, 1836; Olive Maria Fraser, born 22nd April, 1838; Isaac Fraser, born 16th July, 1840; Margaret Adelaide Fraser, born 16th March, 1843. Col. Charles Fraser was Deputy Registrar of Deeds during the time his father, Daniel, Senr., was Registrar. Charles died 1st August, 1899, at Odessa.

6. Hannah Fraser, born May 13th, 1811, married Robert Aylsworth, and were the grandparents of the Chairman of the Biographical. Hannah died 12th March, 1869. Issue: (1) Rev. David Wright; (2) Rev. Isaac Brock; (3) Charles Fraser, O.L.S.; (4) Nancy Catharine; (5) Hannah Elizabeth; (6) Bowen Ladow; (7) Sarah Ann; (8) Mary Maria; (9) John Sidney, O.L.S.; (10) Esther Alida; (11) Martha Matricia.

7. Margaret Eve Fraser, born February 29th, 1813; married, first, George Amey; second, William Hinch; died June 16th, 1905.

8. William Colier Fraser, born November 26th, 1814, died March 12th, 1882.

9. Isaac Fraser, born 29th April, 1816, died 30th September, 1831.

10. Timothy Fraser, born 27th March, 1818, married Annie Hogle, died December 29th, 1892. Had son, Sidney.

11. Allan, born 31st December, 1819, married Harriet Brock, died 23rd April, 1899.

12. Elizabeth Staring Fraser, born 1st November, 1822; died March 10th, 1881, unmarried.

In 1895-96 there was a meeting of the Canadian branch (including some Americans) of the Clan Fraser, held in Toronto, at the old Rossin House, at which officers were elected representing all parts of Canada, at which Lord Lovat was elected Honorary Chief. And Charles Fraser, MacKintosh of Inverness, was appointed Honorary Chieftan. Mr. Alexander Fraser (Mac Phionnladh), Toronto, late Prvl. Archivist, was appointed Curator. And Dr. John Bell Fraser was appointed on the Council, representing Toronto, and was also Chairman of the Committee on Arrangement and Programme.

It is said there is a Simon Fraser in almost every generation of the Clan Fraser. Brigadier-General Fraser, of Fraser's Highlanders, is well known. He spoke French fluently. At the battle of the Plains of Abraham, the first boat of British troops to scale the precipice, to be questioned accordingly by the sentinels.

A captain of Fraser's regiment, who spoke French, answered without hesitation to, "qui vive?" (who goes there?). The captain unhesitatingly replied La France when the sentinel demand, "a quel regiment?" (of which regiment?). The answer was rapid, "de le reine" (of the Queen).

The sentinel took this that it was the expected convoy of French provisions for the garrison of Quebec, and, saying "passe" (go on), allowed the boats to proceed. In the same manner other sentries were deceived, though one came running to the water's edge and called, "pour qui est ce qui vous ne parlez pas haunt?" (why don't you speak out?). To this question of doubt, the captain replied in a soft tone of voice, "Tai loi nous serens entendues" (Hush, we will be discovered), then the sentry beat it. A beautiful, massive painting in oils has been presented to the Ottawa Archives, of Brigadier-Gen. Simon Fraser, by Lord Lovat.

It has been discovered that although history records that General Wolf, after being shot, said, "How goes the battle?" his officers replied, "They run," Gen. Wolf asked, "Who runs?" "They, the enemy," he is reported to have answered, "I die in peace."

From correspondence of John Graves Simcoe, preserved at Wolford, Honiton, Devon, the late John Ross Robertson bequeathed a letter dated, "Near Quebec, June 10th, 1792," from Major Samuel Holland, who writes that although he was near the General, he did not hear him utter those words. But, when he was told how the battle was going, he smiled and lapsed into death.

Then there was Simon Fraser, the distinguished explorer, who discovered British Columbia, and after whom the Fraser River was named.

And also the historic Malcolm Fraser, the seigneur of Murray Hill, at Murray Bay, whose family history has been prepared and published by Professor Wallace of Toronto University. As the legends on the tablets on the Historic Sites and Monuments Cairns reads, "Canadians, know thy country."

So, please do not be surprised if your Chairman of the Biographical Committee "steps out" in the Scottish kilties, made from the Clan Fraser plaid, all of which family history, previously, has been unknown to him.