

The following is a fragment of a Letter written by Simon Fraser, 2nd Brother to the fourth William Fraser of Culbokie to his Brother John Fraser of Montreals, in or about the year 1763. (the date cannot be clearly made out) Dated at Geisachan Inverness-shire Scotland.

Dear Brother,

I own myself so culpable, and am so confounded for my long Silence, that I will not pretend to cover my negligence with faint excuses but ingeniously confess it was merely Lazine, and the innate aversion a Man whose lot is to be out of the gay world has to put pen to paper, and out of the use of writing, however hearing of a young Lady going immediately from this Country to Quebec, all of a sudden it awakened my drowsiness, and the remembrance of my Dear Brother, has recured to me, whose welfare I have always Cherish'd; so when I have promised a few things I will endeavor to answer the 2^o part of your last letter to me, I mean your laudable Curiosity in wanting to have a Sketch of the history of our family. — Laws de samps — I have at last put the sketch you was wanting to gether, if it affords you any satisfaction I'll think my pains well bestowed. — Now for the clearer understanding of this Geneologie you'l please observe these notes following.

That William more Taychase is undoubtly the 1st Cadet from the family of Lovat. And that the first Culbokie, viz. Hugh Fraser is his true representative and by a patronymick derived from his name. — A general hint, since called Mac-hustian, which designation shews him to be truly noble, for its after that manner that the Erse designes the greatest & most antient families in the Highlands of Scotland, such as Mac-Calen, Argyle, Mac Shime, Lovat, Mac Cainich, Seaforth, Mac. vic. Hester, Glengarry &c. 2nd that as the above William Mor-taychase was 2nd son to the Lord Lovat, so the 1st James Fraser of Belladrum was undoubtly 2nd son to the same William more Taychase & 2nd Brother to Hugh Fraser the 1st Culbokie who purchas'd those lands, which gave the name of Culbokie to this family. The famous & brave Colonel Hugh Fraser, alias a Crusair Mor-Frasail of whom there is great mention was 4th son to the 2nd Hugh of Culbokie, & the 1st Kenries.

4th that the worthy & extreme Mrs Ann Fraser & only daughter to the Hugh & sister german to the Culbokie William more: her memory & the Mackenzies is much celebrated & has done great honor & friendship to the Frasers she came from, she had the satisfaction to give heirs to the three Estates of the Mackenzies she was married in.

Lord Fraser the first of Lovat, was married to the Lord John Buggis
Hirep, his first son was heir to the Lordship of Lovat; his
second son was William Moretaylor Curde.

William Fraser, alias William Moretaylor Chaise, was the first Cadet that came
from the family of Lovat, he was married to a daughter of Arch.
Chisholm of Strathglap, alias gilles big dow Susail he had
issue two sons, first son & heir, viz. his second of whom &
else where, that is to say he was first James ^{Fraser} of Balladrum
1st Hugh Fraser of Culbokie was married to Andrew Munro's daughter, Laird
of Balmone hulin andre & by a patrosunnick derived from his name
his lineal heir is since called Macchustian as son of his name
he got the lands of Guis: he had issue his son & heir and he
purchased the Lands of Kulbokie, which gave title to his family.

2nd Hugh Fraser of Culbokie alias Rustian og, was married to Caterine
McKenzie alias Caterine more ne vicinian daughter to
the Laird of Gearlach by whom he had four sons & one daughter

3rd William Fraser of Culbokie, alias William more, was married to Marj
Grant daughter to Mr. James Grant of Micerish, he had issue
his son and heir.

4th Hugh Fraser of Culbokie, alias Rustian og was married to Christine
Chisholm daughter to the Chisholm of Strathglap he
had issue one son & heir, 2nd married to a daughter of Strath
by whom had a numerous issue.

5th William Fraser of Culbokie, was married to Margaret Grant, daughter
to the Laird of Gearlach by whom he had
four sons and four daughters, his 1st son and heir.

6th William Fraser of Culbokie was married to Margaret Macdonell, daughter
to John Macdonell of Ardnahe, he had a throng family of
children, nine sons, his 1st son and heir.

7th William Fraser of Culbokie, is married to Margaret Stuarth, daughter
to Alexander Stuart of Achchoillie, he had sons & daughters.
This Geneology does not, or did not come down further
by Simon Fraser, the brother of the 4th William, but it is continued
by Simon Fraser his son. Who resides in the Township of
Carron.

8th William Fraser of Culbokie, was married to a daughter of Colladrum
he had issue two sons, the younger died in the East Indies
and the elder died in Edinburgh, he had issue one son and one daughter,
the son, being the Grandson
of the last Inheritor, succeeded to the Estate in the year 1844
or thereabouts as I am informed.

9th Fraser of Culbokie