

THE CAMERONS OF DAWNIE.

THIS is a branch of the Camerons of Glenevis. According to the traditions of Lochaber, "Eoghainn MacAilein, mhic Dhomh'uill Duibh, mhic Alastair a Ghlinne" – "Ewen, son of Allan, son of Donald the Black, son of Alexander of Glenevis," occupied Dawnie in 1745. Ewen is said to have led a body of Glenevis Camerons in the Highland army, and to have received special recognition for gallantry from Prince Charles. The tradition in the family is that he was knighted by his Royal Highness on his return from some skirmish in which he displayed great valour. The story goes that the Prince addressed Ewen, saying, "Give me your sword, Captain Cameron," who replied, "There is little but the hilt left, as it was broken in your Highness' service." "Never mind," replied the Prince, "my cane will do." With this he touched Captain Cameron lightly as he knelt, saying, "Rise up, Sir Ewen," and he then presented him with the cane, adding, "that it may never be used less worthily". According to the same story, the Prince afterwards sent Ewen a sword of his own to take the place of the broken one, and "both staff and sword were in the family until the sword was stolen and afterwards sold to the Marquis of Breadalbane, about 1835 or 1836". The staff was retained, and was for some time in possession of the late Captain John Cameron, Lianassie, Kintail, the representative of the family; and it is now in the possession of his descendants in Australia. The Prince was present at the baptism of Dawnie's eldest son, on which occasion the name Charles was introduced into the family, the

infant having been named Donald Charles, by special command, after his Royal Highness. The Camerons of Dawnie held lands in Lochaber, from the Duke of Gordon, for a pepper-corn rent, but they were claimed by the Duke's creditors, and, in consequence of some flaw in the title, were lost to the family.

EWEN CAMERON OF DAWNIE, who fought with Prince Charles at Culloden, married, with issue –

DONALD CHARLES CAMERON. He married a daughter of Cameron of Letterfinlay, with issue –

1. John, his heir.
2. Ewen, a sheep-farmer in Glenelg, and subsequently in Tallisker, Isle of Skye. He married Johanna, daughter of the Rev. Colin MacIvor, minister of Glenelg, with issue – (1) the late Captain Donald Colin, who succeeded his father at Tallisker, and who married Jane, daughter of James Thomas Macdonald of Balranald, with issue – Ewen, James Thomas, Donald, Mary, and Jeanie. He died at Tallisker, Isle of Skye, in December, 1883.

3. Donald Charles, first of the Camerons of Barcaldine, Argyllshire, of whom presently.

4. Allan, who accompanied his second brother, Donald, to the West Indies, where he died of yellow fever, unmarried.

Donald Charles had also five daughters.

He was succeeded, as representative of the family, by his eldest son,

JOHN CAMERON, an officer in the 79th Highlanders.

After Waterloo he retired, and took a lease of the farm of Lundavra in Lochaber, and subsequently of Lianassie, in Kintail. Captain Cameron married a daughter of Kennedy, Lianachan, Lochaber, with issue –

1. Donald Charles.
2. Ewen, M.D., who died without issue.
3. John, M.D., died, unmarried, in Berbice.
4. Angus, who went to Australia.
5. Alexander, M.D., in Demerara.

He died in Kintail, about 1852, when he was succeeded, as representative of the family, by his eldest son,

DONALD CHARLES CAMERON, of Barcaldine, Queensland, who first went to the West Indies, and from thence, in 1852, to Australia, where he was engaged in squatting, on an extensive scale, during the remainder of his life. He married Miss Moore, with issue –

1. John Cameron, of Kensington Downs, New Zealand, married, with issue – three sons.

2. Donald, of Caledonia, Queensland, who married Adelaide Anita Arabella, youngest daughter of Allan John Russell Bedford Cameron of Aughamore House, Co. Leitrim, Ireland, with issue – one child.

3. William.

4. A daughter, who married Mr. Crombie, of Greenhills, Queensland.

5. A daughter, who married Mr. William Crombie, Sydney, N.S.W., brother of her sister's husband.

6. Elizabeth Patricia, who married William Justin Beauchamp, of Uanda, Queensland, fourth son of Allan John Russell Bedford Cameron of Aughamore House, Co. Leitrim, Ireland, with issue – Donald and Margaret.

7. Adèle, still unmarried.

Donald Charles Cameron was succeeded, as representative of the family, by his eldest son,

JOHN CAMERON, now of Kensington Downs, Queensland, married, with issue – several children.

Mrs. Donald Charles Cameron now resides at Barcaldine, Queensland, the residence of her late husband.