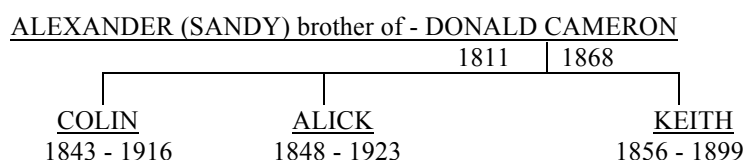


## THE CAMERONS

### FAMILY HISTORY

This very famous Piping Family though not having direct MacCrimmon tuition were strongly liked to this source through the MacKay's of Raasay and John Ban MacKenzie. The piping of this family died out with the second generation. Authorities for the statements made herein are noted by number (ie (1), (2), etc) and by checking Appendix "A", the authors name will be found.

### FAMILY TREE



### FACTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE LIFE TIME OF FAMOUS CAMERONS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>ACCOMPLISHMENT OR FACT</u>
<u>DONALD</u>	1811 (1)	-	Born in Maryburgh, Dingwall.
	1838 (2)	27	Was 2 <sup>nd</sup> at Highland Society's Competition, and in that year he was Piper to Mr MacKenzie of Scatwell. Some time before this year, and probably for a few years after it, he had tuition from Angus MacKay (Raasay) and John Ban MacKenzie (1).
	1841 (3)	30	Won 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize (a £10 set of pipes) at the Royal Playhouse in Glasgow. Among the competitors was Angus MacKay, this is a case of the pupil beating the master.
	1843 (5)	32	Had a son, Colin.
	1844 (3a)	33	Won Prize Pipe at Highland Society's Competitions, while still Piper to now Sir J MacKenzie of Scatwell.
	1848 (3b)	37	Had son, Alick.
	1849 (3a)	38	Won Great Champion's Gold Medal, given by "The Scottish Society of London" for Pipers who had previously won a Gold Medal. The value of the medal was £10. He played "The Blue ribbon",
	1850 (3a)	39	Won a Gold Medal donated by Seaforth (for Pipers who had won 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize at Inverness) out of nine competitors. Again he played "The Blue Ribbon".
	1854	43	Was Piper to SEAFORTH.
	1856 (3b)	45	Had son, Keith.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>ACCOMPLISHMENT OR FACT</u>
<u>DONALD</u> Cont'd	1859 (3a)	48	Won the Pipes Champion Gold Medal (value £5 out of 5 competitors, for Pipers who had won 1 <sup>st</sup> Prizes. All played "MacIntosh's Lament", W L Manson relates (p.282) that, after the Ground, Donald's drones slipped from his shoulder and remained in the crook of his arm for the remainder of the tune.
	1867 (3b)	56	Won Gold Medal for Gold Medallists.
	1868 (1)	57	Died and was buried in the High Church Cemetary, Inverness. The Old Woman's Lullaby was played at his funeral. (4).
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<u>COLIN</u>	1843 (5)	-	Born.
	1860 (3b)	17	Competed unsuccessfully at Northern Meeting.
	1861 (3b)	18	Won Prize Pipe at Northern Meeting whilst Piper to K Stewart Mackenzie Esq, Brahan Castle.
	1865 (3b)	22	Was former Winner Champion Gold Medal at Northern Meeting when Piper to Mr Malcolm of Glenmarog.
	1893 (6)	50	Was Piper to the Duke of Fife.
	1916 (5)	73	Died.
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<u>ALICK</u>	1848 (3b)	-	Born.
	1867 (3b)	19	Won Prize Pipe at northern Meeting. He is mentioned as "late Piper to Wm Malcolm Es, Dunoon".
	1870 (3b)	22	Won Gold Medal for former Prize Piobaireachd Winners, when Piper to the Marquis of Huntly. The late John MacDougall Gillies, who was present, said that he never heard anything finer than Alex's tune, "My King has landed in Moidart".
	1923 (3b)	75	Died.
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<u>KEITH</u>	1856 (3b) (6)	-	Born.
	1867 (3b)	11	Was awarded an extra prize at Northern Meeting for his outstanding playing.

NOTE: Alick must also have been a fine Dancer for he taught Neill Cameron, Glasgow, who in turn taught Bobby Cuthbertson (3).

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>ACCOMPLISHMENT OR FACT</u>
<u>KEITH Cont'd</u>	1876 (3c)	20	Was 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Strathspeys and Marches at Northern Meeting (18 entries), whilst Piper to Allan R Mackenzie of Kintail.
	1877 (about)	21	Enlisted in HLI and was quickly promoted Pipe Major. He later lost his appointment (7).
	1893 (6)	37	Was serving in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn HLI in India as a Cpl Piper, and assisting General Thomason to compile "Ceol Mor".
	1899 (7)	43	Died at Regimental Depot, 18 <sup>th</sup> September.

NOTE: Keith composed "The Lament for Donald Cameron" in 1893 (10).

<u>ALEXANDER (SANDY)</u>	?	----- -	Born, a brother of Donald.
	1845 (3a)		Was 2 <sup>nd</sup> at Highland Society's Competition.
	1846 (3a)		Won Prize pipe at Highland Society's Competitions while piper to Lord Seafield, playing "The Battle of Waternish".
	1854 (3a)		Competed unsuccessfully for former Winner's Gold Medal at Highland Society's Competitions. All Competitors (3 in number) played the "Princes Salute". At this time, he was Piper to Mr Malcom of Poltalloch.
	1862 (3b)		Won Champion Gold Medal for Pipers who had won 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize for Piobaireachd at Inverness. He won the Strathspeys and Marches as well, and it is said "he has now gained most of the champion Medals given at competitions and possesses, we understand, upwards of 130 prizes gained at Public Competitions. At this time, he was Pipe Major of the Greenock Volunteers and was formerly Piper to the Earl of Seaforth.
	??		Died.

NOTE: He was taught by Donald, and taught General Thomason in 1852 -63 (6).

NOTE: Donald Cameron, in 1854 was Piper to Seaforth, and was the recipient of Angus MacKay's Seaforth MS". This MS remained in the Cameron family until it was acquired by the Piobaireachd Society and placed, by them, in the National Library.

**FAMOUS PUPILS AND TEACHERS**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TAUGHT BY</u></b>	<b><u>PUPILS</u></b>
<u>DONALD</u>	Angus MacKay (Raasay) (1) John Ban Mackenzie (1)	His Brother, Alexander (Sandy) (6). His sons, Colin and Alick, Donald MacKay (6) (Nephew of Angus MacKay). Colin Thomson (9) Alexander MacDonald (father of John-Inverness) (8). Alexander MacLennan (3d)
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<u>ALEXANDER SANDY</u>	His Brother, Donald (6)	Donald's son Keith (6) General Thomason (6)
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<u>COLIN</u>	His father, Donald (6)	John MacDonald (Inverness) (6)
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<u>ALICK</u>	His father, Donald (6)	John MacDougall Gillies (3d) A Campbell, Kilberry (3e) John MacDonald (Inverness) (1)
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<u>KEITH</u>	His Uncle, Sandy (6)	General Thomason (6)

**APPENDIX "A"**

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(3b)	" " Vol 7 No 9	Northern Meeting 1860-70	A Campbell	6,7,8
(3c)	" " Vol 7 No 11	Northern Meeting 1871-76	A Campbell	7
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(10)	Ceol Mor	Tunes	General Thomason	143