

Founder of the Forestry Commission

Simon Fraser was born in 1871 and was the 16th Lord Lovat of Clan Fraser. He had a distinguished military career, from his first commission in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in 1890, to raising his own volunteer force in 1900, the Lovat Scouts, who fought in the Second Boer War. The Lovat Scouts were largely recruited from gamekeepers on Highland estates and were known for their marksmanship and fieldcraft.

After the Boer War, Simon returned to his family estate at Beaulieu and developed an interest in the woodlands of the estate and in forestry more widely. He recognised that forestry would provide employment and began to lobby for a state-funded programme of afforestation.



Britain was almost entirely dependent on imports of timber, and at the outbreak of the first world war in 1914, these supplies were severely challenged by German submarines.

Timber was essential for the war effort. In 1917 Lord Lovat was made responsible for the procurement of timber for the British Army in France. From his French base at Le Touquet, he directed sixty-three Canadian forestry companies, eleven Royal Engineer units and unskilled labour of some 45,000 men.

After the war, Britain's precarious timber supply led to the Forestry Act of 1919 and the founding of the Forestry Commission shortly afterwards. Lord Lovat was appointed as the first Chairman of the Forestry Commission, a task which he took on with his well-known energy and enthusiasm. Under his leadership, the early achievements of the organisation were considerable, with many thousands of hectares of new planting establishing some of the forests that you see today. Lord Lovat's vision and influence had a profound effect on forestry

before and during his period as Chairman, and long after his retirement. He died in 1933 and is buried here in the churchyard.



Creag Nan Eun was an early Forestry Commission forest in the Great Glen. (© Scottish Forestry)



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Lovat Estate Woodlands, March 1925. (© Lovat Estate)



Simon Fraser, with Lord Lovat at Glenquhair 1909, with King Edward VII, Sir Eichenberg MacDonnell and Mr. J. Baillie. (© Lovat Estate)



Mac Shimidh

These lands have been known as An Àird (The High Place) since the 13th century. They comprise the area to the south of the River Beauly and the Beauly Firth, and to the north of Glenurquhart. This is the traditional home of Clan Fraser of Lovat, and St Mary's Eskadale has been the resting place of the Lovat chiefs since 1827.

The earliest written record of Frasers in Scotland is in 1160, when a Simon Fraser held lands in East Lothian. By long standing tradition, the first-born male of each new generation is named Simon, and most Lords Lovat came to be known as Mac Shimidh (Son of Simon). Frasers have always been known for their fighting spirit and, from the Wars of Scottish Independence to the Second World War, the Mac Shimidh have been making history for centuries.

By the 15th century the clan consisted of warrior-farmers, Gaelic in speech, custom and thought, quick to defend their homes and the clan. At the Battle of Blar-ne-leine (the Field of the Shirts) in 1544, Clan

Fraser fought Clan Macdonald on the banks of Loch Lochy. It is said that the heat of the day caused the Highlanders to take off their heavy chainmail coats and fight in their shirts. The clan was defeated and hundreds of Fraser men died, but the clan survived.



In the 18th century, Simon Fraser, the 11th Lord Lovat, was known as the Old Fox. He sent the clan to fight in the Jacobite uprising in 1745. He was captured after Culloden and was beheaded in 1747, his titles forfeited. The attainder was reversed in 1854 and the peerage restored to the family. His son Simon went on to raise the 78th Fraser Highlanders who fought with General Wolfe in Canada.

And in the 20th century, Shimi, the 17th Lord Lovat, was well known for his inspired leadership of Commando units during the Second World War. He famously led the Commandos onto Sword Beach on D-day with his piper playing beside him, securing Pegasus Bridge later that day. Shimi rests peacefully in the graveyard opposite with his wife Rosamond.



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His son, Hans, was born in 1875 and was the sixth Lord Lovat of Glen Fannich. He had a distinguished military career. Early in his career he was in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in 1896, to which his own volunteer force in 1900, the 1st Lord Lovat, who fought in the Second Boer War. The Lord Lovat was largely responsible for the establishment of Highland regiments, which were known for their masculinity and discipline.



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Lord Grant was made responsible for the
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DONNE MACDONALD
7-1-1911 - 2-1-2013
A DEAR DAD, GRANDAD
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AGED 88 YEARS
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