

FLETCHER

OF DUNANS

The Fletchers appear to have been long settled in the Glenorchy area however the notion that they form a Clan in their own right and have a long and distinguished line of Chiefs is a romantic one that is not corroborated by any extant evidence. The first to acquire lands and for whom there is reasonable proof, Archibald Fletcher, was a drover and appears to have achieved some success in that line of business as along with his son, Angus, he invested in various portions of land including Dunans. The claim that this line is somehow “Chiefly” came at a later date, no doubt to attempt to place the family on a social level more befitting of a landowning family of some substance. The first members for whom there is evidence are :

1. Archibald Fletcher of Dunans, (*see below*).
2. Angus Fletcher, who had issue which is dealt with at the end of the Dunans chapter, (*see below*).

ARCHIBALD FLETCHER OF DUNANS, was a successful drover and resided in several places including Bartavurich, Achallader and Glendaurel. He and his son, Angus, acquired various lands including those of Dunans and Stronardoran, in Argyleshire, from Archibald Campbell of Stonefield by Disposition dated July of 1745,¹ followed by those of Lurg-Lorne from Gilbert MacAlpine and Mary Fletcher, his spouse, by Disposition dated 16 May 1754.² Although he is known to have been twice married, the identity of his first wife is not known nor is it known if he had issue by her, however, she had died by the time of his second marriage, in 1717, to Ann, daughter of MacNab of Blairvan, with whom he is named with their two sons on 9 February 1739, as *ut infra*, (she *d.* in 1785). He *d.* in 1763, and was father of :

1. John Fletcher, is named first in the discharge of 9 February 1739, and appears to have been the eldest son by his father’s second marriage.

¹ GD1/1184/6

² GD22/1/L/2/4/4

2. Angus Fletcher of Dunans, (*see below*).

ANGUS FLETCHER OF DUNANS, was *b.* in about 1720, and is named with his parents and brother, John, in a discharge relating to their moveable possessions dated 9 February 1739.¹ He and his father jointly acquired various lands including those of Dunans and Strondoran, in 1745, and Lurg in 1754. He *m.* in 1743, to Helen, daughter of John MacGregor of Roro, *d.* at Dunans on 9 August 1807, aged 87 years² and was father of :

1. John Fletcher of Dunans, (*see below*).

2. A daughter, *d.* unmarried at Stafford Street, Edinburgh, on 13 January 1839.³

3. Christian Fletcher, *m.* on 21 August 1773, to Lachlan MacLachlan, tacksman of Kilbridemore,⁴ and from whom she a provision on 17 September 1773, in which she is styled as third daughter to Angus Fletcher of Dunans.⁵

JOHN FLETCHER OF DUNANS, *b.* in 1746, and succeeded to the lands of Dunans on his father's death in 1807. He *m.* at Inschewin in July of 1802, to Margaret, daughter of Alexander MacNab of Inschewin,⁶ (she *d.* at Lynedoch Place, Edinburgh, on 4 July 1832⁷), *d.* at Dunans "at an advanced age" on 8 December 1821.⁸ He was father of :

1. Angus Fletcher of Dunans, (*see below*).

2. John Fletcher, *b.* on 22 June 1817.

3. **ALEXANDER FLETCHER**, became a Roman Catholic Priest and succeeded as male representative of Fletcher of Dunans on his brother Angus's death in 1875. He *dsp* when the male representation appears to have passed to the male issue of Angus Fletcher, brother to Archibald Fletcher, 1st of Dunans.

¹ GD1/1184/5

² Caledonian Mercury, 15th August 1807, edition.

³ Fife Herald, 24th January 1839, edition.

⁴ OPR – Kilmodan.

⁵ GD1/1184/8

⁶ Aberdeen Press and Journal, 14th July 1802, edition.

⁷ Edinburgh Evening Courant, 12th July 1832, edition.

⁸ Scots Magazine, 1st February 1822, edition.

4. Andrew Fletcher, *d.* at Strachurmore on 2 August 1837.¹
5. Helen Fletcher, *b.* on 24 June 1803, and *m.* Charles Gordon of Drimnin. She *d.* at Drimnin House in 1881, aged 78 years, having had issue.
6. Clementina Fletcher, *b.* on 13 October 1806.

ANGUS FLETCHER OF DUNANS, *b.* on 15 January 1805, succeeded his father on his death and was served his heir in the lands of Stronardoran, Dunans, Glenbrander and others, all in Argyleshire, on 29 April 1825.² He was admitted an Advocate and appointed Comptroller General of the Inland Revenue in Scotland, a post he held for thirty-five years until his death which occurred at Randolph Crescent, Edinburgh, on 14 February 1875, aged 70 years.³ He *m.* at Lisbon on 17 April 1845, to Harriet Eugenia, only child of Eugene Callanan,⁴ (she *d.* at Ainslie Place, Edinburgh, on 26 August 1851⁵), and by her he was father of :

1. Harriet Fletcher, (*see below*).
2. Margaret Clementina Mary Fletcher, *d.* at St. Margaret's Convent, Edinburgh, on 28 September 1855.⁶
3. A daughter, who was still-born at Ainslie Place, Edinburgh, on 20 August 1851.

HARRIET FLETCHER, *m.* at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Laurieston Place, Edinburgh, on 6 April 1869, to Bernard James Cuddon, only child of James Cuddon, Barrister-at-Law,⁷ Middle Temple, and of Somerset Hall, who adopted the additional surname and arms of Fletcher of Dunans, (he *d.* on 28 July 1934), and *d.* at Somerset Hall on 21 June 1889, aged 42 years. They had issue :

¹ Caledonian Mercury, 12th August 1837, edition.

² Chancery records.

³ Statutory record.

⁴ Perthshire Advertiser, 15th May 1845, edition.

⁵ Perthshire Advertiser, 4th September 1851, edition.

⁶ Greenock Advertiser, 2nd October 1855, edition.

⁷ Statutory record.

1. Bernard Cuddon Fletcher of Dunans, *b.* at Somerset Hall on 29 March 1870, entered the army and served as an officer in the Cameron Highlanders. He *d.* on 24 January 1935.¹
2. Angus Joseph MacNab Cuddon Fletcher, *b.* at Somerset Hall on 25 June 1874, and inherited Somerset Hall from his father. He *m.* firstly, to Mary Beatrice, eldest daughter of E. J. Fooks, of Laughton House, Kent, (she *d.* at Dunans on 1 May 1911²), and had issue ; and secondly, in 1916, to Eleanor Chaplin, by whom he had further issue. He *d.* at Leicester on 31 October 1940,³ and was father of :
 - 2a) Angus Humphrey Cuddon Fletcher, *b.* in 1909, and served as a Captain in the R.A.M.C. He became engaged to marry May, only child of Dr. Paul de Cresse Potter, Oakdale House, Melton Road, Leicester, in 1938.
 - 2a) Beatrice Cuddon Fletcher, *b.* at Heathercot, Herringfleet, Suffolk, on 25 September 1900.
 - 2a) Kathleen Cuddon Fletcher, *b.* in 1901.
 - 2a) Angela Cuddon Fletcher, *b.* in 1918, and *m.* in 1948, to Henry Green, only son of Admiral Sir John Green.
3. James Edmond Cuddon Fletcher, *b.* at Somerton Hall on 21 October 1875, and *m.* at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Tuesday 9 January 1906, to Susan, only daughter of George Auldgo Jamieson, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh.⁴ He was father of :
 - 3a) Helen Cuddon Fletcher, *b.* in 1907.
 - 3a) Susan Grisell Clare Cuddon Fletcher, *b.* in 1908, and *m.* at St. Roberts's Church, Harrogate, on 19 September 1933, to Captain Ronald Smith Sligo, son of Archibald Dominic Smith Sligo of Inzievar.⁵
4. John Archibald Cuddon Fletcher of Dunans, *b.* in 1882, and to whom and his brother Andrew his father conveyed equal half share of the lands of Dunans on his death. He afterwards bought his brother's share thereby reuniting the lands, and *m.* Isabella, daughter of Brigadier-General A. Douglas Dick of Pitkerro, (she was widow of Ralph Fane Gladwin, Scots Guards). He *d.* in 1962, and was father of :
 - 4a) Archibald Cuddon Fletcher of Dunans, succeeded his father on his death in 1962.
5. Andrew William Cuddon Fletcher, *b.* at Somerset Hall on 2 October 1883.
6. A son, who was still-born at Dunans House on 26 April 1885.⁶

¹ The Scotsman, 26th January 1935, edition.

² The Scotsman, 5th May 1911, edition.

³ The Scotsman, 6th November 1940, edition.

⁴ Statutory record.

⁵ Yorkshire Evening Post, 19th September 1933, edition.

⁶ St. James's Gazette, 30th April 1885, edition.

7. A son, who was still-born on 4 October 1886.¹
8. Harriet Cuddon Fletcher, *b.* at Somerton Hall on 8 November 1871, and *m.* in 1904, to George A. J. Lee, Keeper of the Records of Scotland, and *d.* in 1966.
9. Margaretta Cuddon Fletcher, *b.* in 1873, and *m.* in November of 1905, to William Leadbetter Smith of Garswood House, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire.
10. Gwendoline Cuddon Fletcher, *b.* at Somerset Hall on 8 January 1877, and *m.* Patrick Alexander MacGrigor. She *dsp* on 2 May 1933.
11. Madeliene Mary Mira Cuddon Fletcher, *d.* in infancy at Somerset Hall on 13 April 1879.²
12. Mary Anne Cuddon Fletcher, *b.* in 1881, and *m.* in 1911, to Rupert Large, M.D., in Alberta, Canada.

ANGUS FLETCHER, was a younger brother of Archibald Fletcher, 1st of Dunans, and settled at Pubil, in Glenlyon. He *m.* Grace MacNaughton from Glenlyon, and by her he was father of :

ARCHIBALD FLETCHER, who was *b.* in about 1741 and admitted a member of the Faculty of advocates. He matriculated arms at the Lyon Court, Edinburgh, on 22 December 1825, and is then styled as "*Archibald Fletcher Esq Advocate residing at Auchindenny House in the County of Mid Lothian only surviving son of Angus Fletcher late of Pubil in Glenlyon within the County of Perth which Angus was a younger brother german of Archibald Fletcher of Dunan in the County of Argyle by Grace MacNaughton.*"³ He *m.* at Tadcaster on Saturday 16 July 1791, to Eliza, daughter of Miles Dawson, of Tadcaster,⁴ (she *d.* at Lancrigg, Grasmere, on 5 February 1858, in her 89th year), *d.* at Auchendinney House on 20 December 1828, in his 88th year,⁵ and was father of :

1. Miles Angus Fletcher, (*see below*).
2. Angus Fletcher, was initially trained to the law and admitted a Writer to the Signet although he gave this up, preferring to concentrate his attention on his love of sculpture. He was a close

¹ Morning Post, 9th October 1886, edition.

² Ipswich Journal, 26th April 1879, edition.

³ Public Register of All Arms and Bearings, Vol 3 p36

⁴ OPR – York. See also: Caledonian Mercury, 21st July 1791, edition.

⁵ The Scotsman, 27th December 1828, edition.

friend of Charles Dickens and to whom he served as guide during a tour of the Highlands. He *d.* unmarried at Leeds on 6 March 1862.¹

3. Elizabeth Fletcher, *m.* at Edinburgh on 16 July 1814, to William Taylor,² and had issue.
4. Grace Fletcher, *d.* at Castle Street, Edinburgh, on 16 April 1817,³ of typhus when aged about twenty.
5. Margaret Fletcher, *m.* at Tadcaster, on 8 March 1830, to John Davy, M.D., Physician to the Forces, (he *d.* at Lesketh-how on 24 January 1868), and *d.* at Lesketh-how on 6 January 1869, aged 71 years.
6. Mary Fletcher, *b.* in May of 1802, and *m.* at Grasemere Church on 4 August 1847, to Sir John Richardson, Inspector of Hospitals, Haslar. She *d.* at Lancrigg in October 1880, having had issue.

MILES ANGUS FLETCHER, *b.* on 6 September 1792, was bred to the law and admitted a member of the Faculty of Advocates, and was appointed depute Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland by the Duke of Argyll in 1831. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 27 December 1817, to Charlotte Catherine, daughter of General Henry Mordaunt Clavering,⁴ *d.* at Hillside on 21 August 1831,⁵ and was father of :

1. George Charles Fletcher, *b.* in 1818 and was served heir to his father in the lands of Mill of Auchinfour, Kilmarnoch, on 29 October 1858. He entered the Bengal Civil Service but suffering from ill-health he retired in 1859, returning to England and settling at his mother's family's property at Lancrigg, Grasmere. He *m.* firstly, at Berhampore, Bengal, on Monday 26 January 1846, to Mary Lucy, daughter of John Recham Barry,⁶ (she *d.* on 30 January 1869, aged 40 years⁷), and secondly, to Janet Forbes, (she *d.* at Comrie, Perthshire, on 2 May 1948⁸), *d.* at Lancrigg, Grasmere, on 10 September 1898, in his 79th year,⁹ and was father of :

¹ The Scotsman, 12th March 1862, edition.

² Perthshire Courier, 21st July 1814, edition.

³ Caledonian Mercury, 26th April 1817, edition.

⁴ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁵ Fife Herald, 1st September 1831, edition.

⁶ London Daily News, 27th March 1846, edition.

⁷ Edinburgh Evening Courant, 2nd February 1869, edition.

⁸ Statutory record. See also: The Scotsman, 5th May 1948, edition.

⁹ Dundee Courier, 16th September 1898, edition.

- 1a) Miles Angus Fletcher, *b.* at Furreedpore, India, on 5 March 1847, and *m.* at Ramsey, Minnesota, USA, on 14 September 1871, to Martha Cunningham, daughter of David Maitland Makgill Crichton of Rankeilour.¹ He *d.* in Minnesota, the following December when out during a snow storm attempting to track down medical help for his ill wife.
- 1a) Ella Fletcher, *m.* at Edinburgh on 17 November 1886, to Archibald Dominic Smith Sligo, younger of Inzievar,² and had issue.
- 1a) Mary L. Fletcher, *b.* in 1857.
- 1a) Lola Fletcher, who is said to have become a Nun.
- 1a) George Douglas Alexander Fletcher, who was appointed to the Legislative Council of Penang and *m.* there on 30 January 1936, to Ellen Elizabeth Rowe.³ He afterwards settled in the USA and *d.* in 1951
2. Archibald Douglas William Fletcher, *b.* in 1820, and entered the Royal Navy. He was raised to Captain and appointed Lieutenant Ordinary of Devonport Dockyard, and during the Crimean war, he had the command of the *Triton* gun boat in the Black Sea. He *m.* on 14 April 1846, to Jane Mary, daughter of Sir Edward Nicholls, *d.* at St. Oswald's Road, West Brompton, on 12 March 1882, aged 60 years,⁴ and was father of :
- 2a) Archibald Fletcher, *c.* at Grasmere on 12 August 1850, and *d.* young.
- 2a) Edward Nicholls Fletcher, *d.* at Leyton, Essex, on 14 April 1871, aged 16 years.⁵
- 2a) Angus George Charles Fletcher, *m.* at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on 1 April 1884, to Mary, youngest daughter of Edward Twining, The Chestnuts, Walthamstow,⁶ and *d.* at Johannesburg, South Africa, on 13 March 1899.⁷ He was father of :
- 2b) Archibald Fletcher,
- 2b) Douglas Mordaunt Fletcher, *b.* in 1895, and *d.* in 1900.
- 2c) Nancy Fletcher,
- 2a) Eleanor Bristow Fletcher, *m.* at St. John's Church, Fulham, on 1 July 1880, to Rev. George Staunton Batty, Vicar of North Mymms, Hertfordshire,⁸ and had issue.

¹ Fife Herald, 12th October 1871, edition.

² Statutory record.

³ Singapore Free Press, 31st January 1936, edition.

⁴ Statutory record. See also: Morning Post, 16th March 1882, edition.

⁵ Morning Post, 19th April 1871, edition.

⁶ Morning Post, 7th April 1884, edition.

⁷ Hampshire Telegraph, 18th March 1899, edition.

⁸ London Evening Standard, 8th July 1880, edition.

- 2a) Katherine Campbell Fletcher, *m.* at Leyton on 3 November 1874, to Ernest Henry Fothergill, eldest son of Henry Fothergill, Captain H.M. 67th Regiment.¹
- 2a) Elizabeth Nicholls Fletcher, *b.* on 3 May 1859, and *m.* at St. Mary's, North Mymms, on 2 June 1886, to Hervey Lodge, eldest son of James Lodge de Montmorency.²
- 2a) Anna Hill Williams Fletcher, *b.* in 1862, and *m.* at St. John's, Fulham, on 7 October 1882, to Edmund S. Dashwood, M.R.C.S.³
3. Henry Mordaunt Fletcher, *b.* in 1822, was educated at Balliol College, Oxford, from where he graduated Master of Arts, in 1850. He held various appointments until finally being admitted Vicar of Nackington, in Kent. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 14 October 1851, to Charlotte, youngest daughter of Alexander Monro of Craiglockhart,⁴ and *d.* at Oxford on Sunday 31 May 1914, aged 91 years.⁵ He was father of,
- 3a) Miles Douglas Fletcher, *b.* at Peasmore, Berks, on 22 January 1853, and being bred to the church, he was appointed Vicar firstly at Marden and then at Brize Norton. He *m.* at Newton Abbot, on 20 October 1891, to Ethel, daughter of General Henry Bennett of Hillsden, Forde Park, Newton Abbot, and *d.* on 5 November 1942,⁶ being father of :
- 3b) Miles Henry Alexander Fletcher, *b.* in 1894, and led a military life, retiring as Lieutenant-Colonel.
- 3b) Rawdon Angus Fletcher, *b.* on 25 June 1895, and *m.* in 1920, to Margaret, daughter of Archibald Dominic Smith Sligo, of Inzievar. He *d.* in December of 1974, having had issue.
- 3b) Bernard Campbell Fletcher, *b.* on 17 June 1898, and graduated from Royal Military College, Sandhurst, being commissioned a second lieutenant in the Highland Light Infantry on 7 April 1916. He served in both world wars, being temporarily appointed Colonel and Brigadier, in 1944. He retired from the army on 3 September 1948, with the honorary rank of Brigadier. He *d.* in 1968.
- 3b) Ian Clavering Fletcher, *b.* in 1910, and was *k.* in action during WWII, on or about 25 March 1941.
- 3b) Adela Chalotte Mary Fletcher, *b.* in 1903, and is believed to have been *k.* in an air raid in 1941.

¹ Buy and Norwich Post, 10th November 1874, edition.

² Portsmouth Evening News, 8th June 1886, edition.

³ Norwich Mercury, 21st October 1882, edition.

⁴ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁵ Statutory record.

⁶ Statutory record.

3a) Archibald Henry John Fletcher, *b.* in December of 1856, and practised as a solicitor in Huddersfield. He *m.* in 1884, to Florence Emile Bunting, and was father of :

3b) Anthony Archibald Fletcher, *b.* on 13 April 1886, and became an Aeronautical Design Engineer.

3b) John Douglas Fletcher, *b.* in 1889.

3b) Dorothy Charlotte Fletcher, *b.* in 1890, and *m.* at Blackburn, Lancashire, on 19 September 1914, to Bernard Seton James.

3a) George Charles Fletcher, *b.* in October of 1859, and was bred to the church. He *d.* unmarried in 1949.

3a) Charlotte Maria Fletcher, *b.* in 1855, and *d.* unmarried.

3a) Elizabeth Grace Fletcher, *b.* in October of 1858, and *d.* unmarried.

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