

Franks Forage No 35 Sir Henry William Cameron-Ramsay-Fairfax-Lucy

Sir Henry (3rd baronet) was born on 25th September 1870 in Leamington Spa, the eldest son of Sir William Ramsay-Fairfax 2nd baronet of The Holmes, St. Boswells, Roxburghshire. He was born Henry William Fairfax and other names were added as explained in notes below.

During his life of military and public service he held many titles. As well as his involvement with Charlecote, he inherited the family estate of Maxton in Roxburghshire.

He served as a member of Roxburghshire County Council and was registered as a Chartered Accountant at Warwickshire.

He held many other roles:

- Associate Private Secretary to the Financial Secretary of Treasury from 1895-97.
- Private Secretary to the Solicitor-General of Ireland, 1898-1900.
- Fought in the Boer War in 1900, receiving a medal and two clasps.
- Staff Lieutenant of the War Office in 1901.
- Was admitted to Middle Temple in 1902 entitling him to practice as a barrister.
- Gained the rank of Major in the 2nd Life Guards.
- Honorary Colonel in the 48th Division Train, Royal Army Service Corps.
- Inspector of the Quartermaster-General's services, Headquarters of Scottish Command 1915-18.
- President of the Civilian Advisory Board of the 4th Army in 1919.
- Chairman of the Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association.
- He held the offices of Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant of both Roxburghshire and Warwickshire.

Although he preferred to live in Scotland, he was active in the parish life of Charlecote. He wrote to Churchill offering his services during WWII in an advisory capacity but his approach was ignored or not accepted.

In 1892, Sir Henry married Ada, who in 1890 inherited Charlecote, being the eldest daughter of Henry Spencer Lucy who died that year. By royal assent Henry added the name Lucy to that of Fairfax. Ada had ten pregnancies, seven of which resulted in live births. These seven were: -

- Alianore Mary Christina, born 8 January 1894 at Hampton Lucy; died 14th Feb. 1979. She was registered as a Licentiate, Royal College of Physicians (L.R.C.P) and invested as a member of Royal College of Surgeons (M.R.C.S), both in 1943. She was a churchwarden of Charlecote parish church for 30 years and well known for her love of all things equine. She had great affection for the tack room!
- William George Thomas, born 7 April 1895 at Charlecote; died 20th May 1910 following an operation for appendicitis whilst at Eton.
- Sybil Redegunde Joyce, twin with William; died 4 October 1957. Unmarried.
- Sir Henry Montgomerie, born 20 October 1896 at Charlecote; died 22 December 1965 in Kenya. 4th baronet, he handed the property over to the National Trust in 1946.
- Sir Brian Fulke, born 18 December 1898 at Maxton; died 21 January 1974 in Cirencester. Co-authored "Children of Charlecote" and married Alice Buchan, daughter of the author John Buchan. Alice wrote "Charlecote and the Lucys" and edited and published "Mistress of Charlecote" based on the diaries of Mary Elizabeth Lucy. Father of the present (6th) baronet, Sir Edmund.
- Ewen Aymer Robert, born 31 December 1899 at Maxton; died 12 July 1969. Father of Duncan who lives in Wellesbourne. He has two married children, Angus and Anna. Duncan's wife Janet died on January 11, 2017. In 1979 Duncan inherited Ben Nevis and in 2000 sold it to the John Muir Trust.
- Cecily Alys, born 14 December 1901 and died 24 February 1902 at Hatfield. (The family were living at Holwell House near Hatfield at the time of the 1901 census.)

The roots of the added surnames.

Lucy on his marriage to Ada as mentioned above.

Ramsay. In October 1832 Elizabeth Williamson, wife of Thomas Williamson died. Elizabeth's only brother, Robert Ramsay was Thomas' business partner. Robert had died in 1814 without issue and it was Elizabeth's wish that the Ramsay name continues through her husband. Robert had acquired Maxton in 1811 and in accordance with his will, Thomas Williamson inherited the estate on the death of Robert's wife Archibald in May 1832. After the death of Thomas in 1838, Maxton was occupied by his unmarried daughters Jane and Elizabeth. Elizabeth died in 1876 and Maxton passed to Sir Henry Fairfax (1st. baronet) who had married Elizabeth's sister Archibald (the 2nd Archibald). Sir Henry also inherited the Ramsay name, added to Fairfax and the Ramsay name has passed down through the family to this day.

Cameron. By royal licence in 1921, Sir Henry added Cameron to the family name after Ada inherited the Cameron estates. Cameron was the maiden name of Ada's mother Christina, she being descended from Sir Ewen Cameron of Fassifern (Portrait by Raeburn in the Billiard Room at Charlecote), himself related to Cameron of Lochail, chief of Clan Cameron. When Ada's father Spencer Lucy died in 1890, Christina went to live at the Cameron family home at Callart and added the name Cameron to that of Lucy. It was Sir Ewen Cameron of Fassifern's second son Duncan who bought Glen Nevis (including the Ben) from his neighbour, MacSortie-Cameron of Glenevis

Ada died at Maxton on 17 December 1943 (cardiac problems) and Sir Henry died on 20 August 1944 at Station Hotel, Perth (acute senile cardiac failure), having re-married 15 days earlier Norah age 49, youngest daughter of John Mackenzie OBE of Mornish, Isle of Mull. There are memorials to Sir Henry and Ada in Maxton kirk and Benrig cemetery, St. Boswell's as well as in Charlecote church.



Photographs of Sir Henry and Ada taken by the studio of the Royal Photographers, Bassano Ltd c1920 and are in the National Portrait Gallery

Below (left); Memorials in Benrig Cemetery, St. Boswell's. (St. Boswell's is the next village west of Maxton). Not very clear but Ada, left and Sir Henry, right.



Pictured below right is Norah, Sir Henry's second wife, from the back cover of her autobiography "A Highland Childhood."



The following 'forages' provide relevant information on the family; - 1A, 4A, 6A, 10A, 12A, 17A, 25, 27, 28 and 31. I will be pleased to email these to anyone interested. Contact me on n.splurge@btinternet.com The complete set of forages can be accessed from Len Mullenger's site at <http://www.musicweb-international.com/Charlecote/>

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