

the Camerons themselves. The historian of Clan Chattan says the Davidsons assumed the patronymic of MacPherson, in the time of "Leamas Laglock." A branch of the family previously settled in Gromarty, and the head of this family, Duncan Davidson, Lord Lieutenant of Ross, is now the head of his clan and entitled to the "Clape," a tribute which all clansmen owe to their chief, which Clape comprehends about nine-tenths of everything the clansmen can produce.

One member of the Davidson family came from Cromarty and settled near Dundee, Scotland. Another branch of the family went to Aberdeen. George Davidson acted as magistrate of Aberdeen. His son, James, graduated at the medical college of Aberdeen and came to the colonies and settled in Queenstown, Md., in 1769. He served during the Revolutionary war as surgeon in the Fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry. He married Elizabeth Blake, daughter of Charles Philemon Blake, of "Blakeford," and had children—George and Elizabeth. After his marriage he resided at "Cedar Dale," his farm near Queenstown.

Mrs. Elizabeth Blake Davidson died 23d November, 1802, aged sixty-four. Dr. James Davidson then married Mrs. DeCourcy, whose husband was the first proprietor of "My Lord's Gift." Mrs. DeCourcy was Miss Fitzsimmons, by whom he had two children, one dying in infancy, the other, Henrietta DeCourcy, married John Blake. During Dr. James Davidson's married life with Mrs. DeCourcy, he lived at "My Lord's Gift," died there and is buried there. Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. James Davidson, by his first marriage, married Frances I. Mitchell, of "Myrtle Grove," Charles County, Maryland, but a merchant of Baltimore. George Davidson, the other child by said marriage, married Catharine Thomas, daughter of Philip Thomas, of Rockland, Cecil County, Maryland, May, 1804, by whom he had seven children—James, Philip Thomas Sarah, Elizabeth, George, Frances and William Richmond. Said George Davidson resided at "Cedar Dale," Queen Anne's County, until about 1811, when he moved to Rockland, Cecil County, Maryland, then owned by Philip Thomas, his wife's brother. He built on Mount Araratt, his property in Cecil County, and lived there until his death in 1854. After the death of his wife, Catharine, he married her sister, Nancy, by whom he had two sons—Charles Wharton, who graduated at the University of Maryland, in 1849,