

# 3 Cantray, Croy, Culloden, Fort George & Nairn

The Davidson of Cantray family rose to prominence when the merchant David Davidson purchased Cantray House and the surrounding estates of Cantray and Clava from the Dallas family in 1767. Cantray House today is a relatively modern private property. A wall plaque bearing the Davidson of Cantray arms was transferred here after the earlier house was destroyed by fire in 1926. The last Davidson of Cantray sold the property in 1931.



Hugh Davidson



Cantray House  
[Destroyed by  
Fire in the 1920s]



Davidson  
of Cantray Arms  
Wall Plaque



Nearby, **Croy Church** includes the **Davidson of Cantray** family enclosure in the graveyard, as well as several family memorials inside the church. These provide some clues to the history of this family in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.





## Culloden

On Culloden Moor to the east of Inverness, **The Culloden Memorial**, bears witness to the battle of 1745. The Clan Davidson Association's own researches provide a record of what happened to some of the Davidsons involved this battle.

Culloden Memorial

## Fort George

This huge military complex was built between 1748 and 1769 as an impregnable artillery and infantry base for the post 1745 military occupation of the Highlands. Today it is a major tourist attraction and the home of the regimental museum of The Queens Own Highlanders.

Fort George



Duncan Davidson 1800-81



A visit to this site provides the historical background to the many Highlanders including the Davidsons who have served in such regiments. The museum contains memorabilia, and uniforms which have been bequeathed from many sources, including a fine studio photograph of **Duncan Davidson of Tulloch, 1800-1881**, which had previously hung in the mess of the Ross-shire Volunteers.

## Nairn

**Adam Davidson [1801-1873]** was born in Elgin, settled in Nairn at the age of 26 and was appointed Town Clerk a year later, and then spent the rest of his life here. Over the next three decades, he was Town Clerk, County Clerk, Bank Agent, Estate Factor and a Farmer.



Adam Davidson 1801-1873

**Nairn Museum** contains a wide range of items and archives about this historic town, its fishing port and its people.

Nairn Museum