

1812 1812 A General View of the Agriculture of the
County of Sutherland -- by Capt. John Henderson,
London, 1812

The map ~~has~~ names: Pronsy
Riaracher
Achahsten
Achavaich

abt. marked with a dot, and one more dot, unnamed,
lies between Pronsy and Riaracher
Grelicks Water

Oustal

No roads at all except linking Little Ferry-Dornoch-
-Gmbo. Bonar Ferry is marked, but there was
no road at all round the Firth, although a
road ran from the Shin River at the Kyle of
Sutherland, and up north over the hill to Loch
Fleer, by way of Airdines, Knock Dow, Loch
Bowie and Gaskillie. The Maenel had not yet
been built, and the road ended at Torboll
- there was no road to Golspie

The rents in the SE of the County were
15/- to 21/- per boll or acre arable, and
30/- to 35/- for accompanied pasture, with
services to the land lord thrown in. "The
poor who are proud suffer excruciating misery,
to the verge of starvation" - ~~the~~ if they were
too proud to beg, as many were, they had
to depend on the kindness of their neigh-
bours. Sometimes they had help from some

1912 wealthy and humane families, but this was not organized. There were no sturdy beggars (i.e. people not crippled or infirm) and no gypsies at all. The crime of murder, rapine and plunder stopped in 1640. "Domestic and social virtues are now cultivated and revered by all ranks of people."

Flax and wheat thrive near Dornoch; at Overskibo, peaches, walnuts and apricots ripened well out of doors, and pears, apples and cherries at Dunrobin.

Tenants called wadsetters paid £200 for rent of 30-50 acres, and sublet to their own tenants for £3 - £5 plus unlimited services (wadsetter = tacksman?). They^{wadsetters} had leases of 19-21 years, which could be renewable, but they gave their subtenants only short leases, 3, 5 or 7 years. At the end of the 19 years lease, the wadsett money was redeemed, and the farmer became a tenant, but then he could not sub-let - his sub-tenants then made their own arrangements with the proprietor, so that they were independent of the farmer. Land was not measured by acres so much as bolls. 1 boll = approx. 1 acre of land, enough to grow 1 boll of bear ~~or~~ or barley). Arable land was measured by pennyland, farthing + octos. 1 pennyland = approx. 8 acres. 1 octo = 1 boll or acre)

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1812 There were no Parliamentary enclosures in Sutherland i.e. none financed by loans or grants from the government. All enclosing was done by proprietors on their own land. Some of the boundary walls (dry-stone) are "extremely ancient", some recent.

Wadset : the holder of a farm gives a sum of money to the proprietor, and interest at 5% goes to the proprietor as rent, for years 1-19; after 19 years, the proprietor repays the original money, and the farmer becomes a heritable tenant, paying rent. His descendants then have some security.

The estates of Skibo, Embo, Rosehall (or Laing) and the Sutherland estates were all held of the Crown i.e. they owned no superior except the Crown. The rest were Baronies and wadsets. Anyone paying £200 p.a. rent, or more, was entitled to a vote. Some of the crofts within the Royal Burgh of Dornoch were held of the Crown.

Mr Dempster held Skibo and was an extremely enlightened landlord. His estates lay between the Firth and the Evelix river, and westward to Creich.

The Evelix river was the boundary between Skibo and the Sutherland estate, owned by the Marquis of Stafford.

Spinningdale Mill burned down in 1806

1812 It was a cotton spinning mill, employing 100 hands, with 36 jennys, 136 spindles in each. The mill hands lived in 20 tied houses (David Dale founded it). It was not rebuilt or reopened after the fire

~~Botham's Atlas, 1835 Map of Sutherland~~
~~R. Evelix~~

1823 J. Thompson, Map of the County of Sutherland
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " : 1 mile

Evelecks River

Astle

Achuwaich

Achosnich

Riarchar

Fluchary

Leadnanbirrichin

(5 houses south of road are marked. The name Leadnanbirrichin covers whole area n. of road)

Bonar Bridge Inn

Kincardine Inn

(no Ardgay)

loch na Astle

Druim Astle

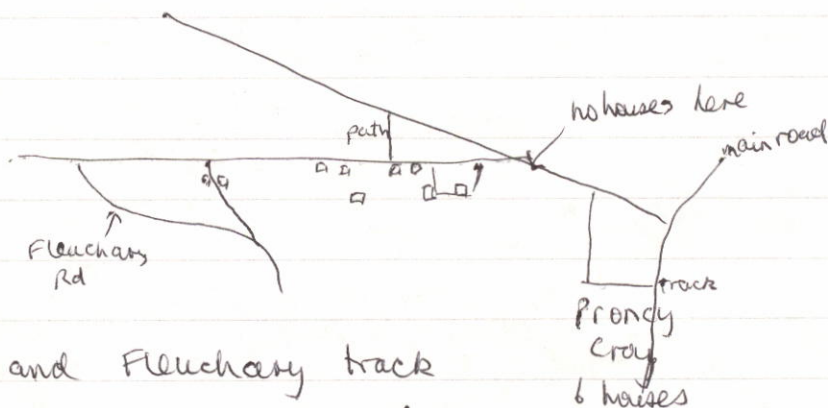
OS 1850
(cont)Fleuchary
Dalchail

14 houses marked in Rhierchar

5 houses east of the Fleuchary road, S. of our road

7 " " " " " " on S. side of our road
(at roadside)

9 north of road



Our track and Fleuchary track
both same - unmetalled unfenced
tracks. 2 houses on our track.

1879 Tourists' Guide to Sutherland and Caithness, by
New Morrison, FSA. Published 1883

Golf was mentioned on Dornoch links in 1630.
Names mentioned:

Evelix or Avelech water

Skibo or Scytheboll

Cyder Hall or Sidera or Siward hoeh (Siward's
Howe - burial place of an Orkney earl (Erik's
bakki in Orkneyinga Saga?))

Dornoch > a Burgh in 1628. There were
4 fairs per year, in the unenclosed church yard:
St Gilbert's, 1 April; St Margaret's, 20 July,

1879
Cont

sr Bernard's, 20 August, sr Barr's 25 Sept,
later > 10th Oct, then > 25th Oct. Each lasted
3 days

10 Canons were appointed to Dornick Cathedral,
by Bishop Gilbert, each with a residence in the
town. 2 have been traced ① the Chanter
(Canon of Creich) was where the Caledonian Bank
now stands; ② the Dean or Canon of Clyne
was at the East end of the town.

The Bishop's Palace > the jail. An old
cross stands near the cemetery of sr Gilbert

Little Ferry, linking Golspie to Skelbo, was
formerly called Unes (U-ness) Ferry.

Montrose was taken at Castle Ard^evrack,
near Glashven, Assynt.

1835 Lothian's Atlas - Map of Sutherland

R. Evelix

~~Opis~~ Opisdale

Bonarbridge Inn

Inn (at Kincardine, not named)

(as Ardgay)

Skello

Embo

Dornoch

Skibo

Creech

Cambusawie

NO other names.

1850 O. S. Map of ^{S.E.} Sutherland 1" : 1 mile

W - E, down Evelix River:

N. of river : Achornlary

Achvaich }

Crockan }

Achosnich

Boggan

Rhiarchar

S. of river Rhian (near Achvaich)

Lonflich

Onvaig

The Crask

Creag Asdale

BIRCHIN (above and below road)

Gashagich

BLAEU'S ATLAS : TIMOTHY PONT'S MAP OF SUTHERLAND

1654

Lists names of Riaraichan

Evelick

Dornogh

Drumdiran

Dalnamain (N. of Achavaich)

Siddera

Luttl Ferrytown

Spainadail (beside the Firth)

Ospisdail (well to N.E.) (nr Aisdail)

Aisdail

Davachfin

Achavaich

Pale-chnuik

Proncie

Pitgrudie

(No mention of Bonar, Ardgy, ~~or~~ just Inner Charlton and Kincarn K.)

Overskibo, N.W. of Dornogh

Large buildings, house w church, marked at Evelick, Skibo, Embo, Skelbo, Siddera and Luttl Ferrytown. Cathedral church marked at Dornogh.