

Hi Sue

That is very generous of you and much appreciated! Look forward to receiving this. The data below may be of some interest to your group? Our local newspaper used it for a feature a few years ago, based on these notes of mine. I have no idea if you have heard of our local Lesbian Diarist Anne Lister (1791-1840), but her diaries give quite some detail as to "Captain Sutherland." Anne was the lover of Ann Walker, sister of the captain's wife Elizabeth. There have been dramatisations on TV relating to Anne Lister and her journals, of recent years.

Best wishes, David

John Walker of Crow Nest = Mary Edwards of Pye Nest, Halifax
Lightcliffe

1753-1823

1763-1823

Their two daughters were co-heiresses to the Crow Nest estate in 1830

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| Elizabeth Walker | = | Captain George Mackay Sutherland, 42nd Regt Ann Walker |
| Born 10 November 1801 | | partner of Anne Lister |
| Died of TB, 28 December 1844 | of Udale, Cromarty, | who left her |
| Buried at Wimbledon | son of George Sackville | a life interest |

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| Sutherland of Uppat. | in Shibden Hall |
| | Born 10 November 1798 Born 2 May 1803 |
| | Died at Shibden Hall Died unm. 25 February 1854 |
| | near Halifax, 22 April 1847 Spent years in an asylum |
| | Buried at Lightcliffe. Buried at Lightcliffe |
| (Married at Halifax Parish Church 29 October 1828) | |

From Anne Lister's Diary, 7th September 1828:

"One of them [the Sutherlands], in the 42nd [Regiment], has just got his company. Was quartered at Halifax, and is going to marry a girl of good fortune here, Miss Walker, of Crow Nest."

Thursday, November 6th 1828 - "Stayed half-an-hour with Miss Walker at Cliff Hill. Ate some of Miss Walker's (Crow Nest) brides cake, who was married yesterday week to a Captain Sutherland of the 92nd Highlanders. His mother and sister live at Inverness. He bought his commission five or six years ago and retired; said to be of the Countess of Sutherland's family."

Saturday, November 8th 1828. - "Miss Walker, Crow Nest, married to Captain Sutherland; gone to spend the honeymoon at Buxton; they go next spring to Scotland, and settle at Ross-shire."

Xmas Day 1828; "Captain Sutherland better in appearance and manners than I expected..."

Captain George Mackay Sutherland 1798-1847 - died at Shibden Hall

Eldest surviving son was
Evan Charles Sutherland-Walker
Born at Udale, 12 October 1835
Baptised at Cromarty, 10 Nov 1835

His aunt Ann Walker left all her Lightcliffe estates to Evan, provided her legal requirement was met: namely, that he incorporated the surname Walker; so he changed his surname to Sutherland-Walker. (He also inherited from his father the Aberarder hunting lodge, Brin House, east of Loch Ness.) When Evan came of age in October 1856, there were great rejoicings in Cliffe Hill Park, Lightcliffe, and all the tenants and villagers invited. On inheriting the property he served the tenant at Crow Nest notice to quit - he was Mr Titus Salt who had lived there as a tenant from 1848; who moved out (making his new home at Methley near Leeds.) Evan then moved in.

Evan founded and paid for Lightcliffe National School in 1866, at a cost (it is said) of about £5,000. However, in 1867 he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps as an old fashioned feudal Scots Laird. He put all the family's Lightcliffe estates up for sale, selling Cliffe Hill for £15,000 to Johnston Jonas Foster (a member of the Queensbury mill owning family of Foster's). Crow Nest was sold in a private transaction to the then Sir Titus Salt, by now a baronet, for £26,500.

Evan and family then moved to Skibo Castle, County Sutherland, Scotland complete with 35,000 acres (and dropped the name “-Walker” from the family name by deed poll dated 13 October 1883). However there was trouble from the outset – he famously took most of his tenant farmers to court in Edinburgh, but lost almost all the cases which resulted in him losing a huge amount. Skibo was sold to Andrew Carnegie (whose family sold the whole estate c.1983 with the Castle and only 19,000 acres. It was then bought for 2 million by Peter de Savary and is now one of his famous private golf clubs and currently worth about 40 million.)

Evan and his wife were now in “reduced circumstances”; they moved to a flat in Cheniston Gardens, London SW7. He died at 7 Falkland House, Cheniston Gdns, London SW7 on 24 July 1913.

Evan Charles was “not a nice person” (to quote someone who met him as a child). Certainly his attitude to his Scots tenants left a great deal to be desired! A memorial and window was placed by him to his family's memory in Halifax Parish Church.

Evan married on 3 February 1859, **Alice Sophia Tudor**, daughter of Henry Tudor of Portland Place, London, by whom he had eight children. Alice died in London in 1918, aged 80 years.

Their eldest surviving son was
William Tudor Sutherland[-Walker]
Of Ramsay, Hall, Essex
Born 11 December 1862.

In 1884 dinner and ball were held in his honour at Lightcliffe National School to belatedly celebrate his coming-of-age.

He died in Kent 1915.
He and his father dropped
the additional surname “-Walker”
by deed poll dated 13 October 1883.

He married 2 January 1893
Ethel Mary Garrard

Daughter of James Mortimer Garrard (1834-1900), of Pinner, Middx.
(Head of Family of the Royal Jewellers, Garrard's of London - one of the oldest firms
of silversmiths.)
Born at Windsor, 1870

Second daughter

Eveline Betty Sutherland

Born at Windsor, 1896

She married, first 5 September 1917, Lieutenant Arthur Walter Forbes, RN (born
1892 - lost at sea, March 1918, on Active Service)

Eveline married, secondly, 31 October 1919, **Commander John Gordon Aitchison**,
son of Sir Stephen Harry Aitchison, 1st Bt.

She died on 16 July 1961.

Second son:

Timothy John Aitchison

born 19 July 1928

Died 2001

Married 24 October 1955

June Rosemary Whitfield, actress,

daughter of John Herbert Whitfield.

Born in London 11 November 1925