

Royal Burgh of Dornoch

Prior to 1628 Dornoch was a Burgh in Barony having the Earls of Sutherland as hereditary Provosts. It was erected into a Royal Burgh by the Charter of King Charles 1st. dated 14th July 1628

Roll of Provosts of the Royal Burgh of Dornoch

JOHN, 18th. EARL OF SUTHERLAND.....	1626-1631
THOMAS MURRAY.....	1631-1634
WALTER MURRAY.....	1634-1637
JOHN SUTHERLAND.....	1637-1638
THOMAS MANSON (1st).....	1638-1645
ALEXANDER MURRAY.....	1645-1649
ROBERT GRAY.....	1649-1656
ANDREW MANSON.....	1656-1665
THOMAS MANSON (2nd).....	1665-1672
GEORGE, 19th. EARL OF SUTHERLAND.....	1672-1703
JOHN, 20th. EARL OF SUTHERLAND.....	1703-1729
WILLIAM, 21st. EARL OF SUTHERLAND.....	1729-1750
WILLIAM, 22nd. EARL OF SUTHERLAND.....	1750-1752
LIEUT. GENERAL JAMES ST. CLAIR OF ST. CLAIR.....	1752-1756
WILLIAM, 22nd. EARL OF SUTHERLAND.....	1756-1766

HON. JAMES WEMYSS OF WEMYSS.....	1766-1785
GEORGE GRANVILLE, DUKE & EARL OF SUTHERLAND K.G.....	1785-1833
GEORGE GRANVILLE, DUKE & EARL OF SUTHERLAND K.G.....	1833-1861
GEORGE WILLIAM GRANVILLE, DUKE & EARL OF SUTHERLAND K.G.....	1861-1868
WILLIAM SUTHERLAND FRASER.....	1868-1889
WILLIAM SUTHERLAND.....	1889-1904
JAMES McLACHLAN.....	1904-1913
WILLIAM G. MOORE.....	1913-1919
GEORGE MACKINTOSH.....	1919-1922
JOHN MURRAY.....	1922-1946
JAMES GRANT MACDONALD.....	1946-1953
REV. WILLIAM MACLEOD.....	1953-1965
HENRY CLUNIE.....	1965-1975
TOWN COUNCIL TERMINATED.....	15th. MAY 1975
LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION.....	16th. MAY 1975

Roll of Freemen of the Royal Burgh of Dornoch

BRIGADIER GENERAL SINCLAIR OF ROSELINE.....	1741
Mr. THOMAS GRAHAM.....	1787
LORD COLCHESTER & THE HON. CHARLES ABBOT.....	1827
Mr. D. W. KEMP.....	1869
THE EARL OF ROSEBURY, K.G.....	1894
DUKE & EARL OF SUTHERLAND.....	1894
Mr. ANDREW CARNEGIE.....	1899

DUKE OF SUTHERLAND.....	1928
VISCOUNT ROTHERMERE.....	1928
Mr. J. MURRAY.....	1946
LORD JOWETT.....	1946
LORD KILMUIR.....	1954
REV. Wm. MACLEOD.....	1964
Mr. HENRY CLUNIE.....	1973

This roll of Provosts and Freemen of the Royal Burgh of Dornoch, inscribed on a wooden plaque, hangs in the old town council chamber, now the meeting place for the new Sutherland District Council. Other items of interest in the room are a floor-to-ceiling painting of Queen Victoria, various trophies presented to the town, a grandfather clock and a small French clock.