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Dear James

I am on the hunt once again for information on the Sutherlands who claimed to live at Meikleferry. I now have evidence that the house they think their family come from is indeed Ferryton Farm, as they sent a photograph, which seems to be taken at the start of this century as there is an old car in the front, and most likely taken when a descendant Leslie Sutherland visited the area in search of information on his family. It is still possible that they took a photo of the wrong house, but one would expect that at that time local people would have had some memories of the history of the house and sent them to the right place.

I agree there is no mention of a Sutherland at Meikleferry in the Hearth Tax. The Commutation list you mentioned a know not of, where could I see this as it may be of interest in other matters as well? I have tried to find information in the Dornoch Council Minutes but no luck. It is very hard to read as well and if you increase the size of the print you lose the page. Do you know of any Skibo Estate Rentals Records for the late 18th Century? I think they may be helpful. Also would there be any way of finding out when a building was built. I have looked through the sasines but found nothing, although after saying that I did find some other very interesting things which I was not expecting. Another route could be wills but I think I would need to go to Edinburgh to follow that one up.

On another matter another member is looking for information on the Sutherlands of Birichen. Do you know of any Sutherlands who lived there at the start of the 18th century. They think there may be a connection with Sutherlands of Pronsie then it is all the same area really. I have some Sutherland Estate eviction records for Dornoch for 1811 which have helped a bit as it mentions Pronsie. I have not got any rental records but may try to get some from Edinburgh, but when you can not see them, it is hard to know what exactly to ask for as there are so many.

Anyhow if you think you can help in any way I would be very grateful. I am looking forward to visiting Historylink once it is open and may be I will find other things of interest there as well.

Yours sincerely

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