

Families

Families whose names were to be familiar in Sutherland for the next hundred & fifty years were by now well established ~~in the~~ John Gordon of Drummy the particular favourite of the Earl, had purchased the lands of Sals, which the Gordons held till the middle of the 18th century. Gilbert Gray of Skibo gave the lands of Spindall & Airdrie to Robert Gray, his second son. The marriage of Pauline helped the lands of Hae Floaid & Spynie Dale at the Sutherlands of Duffus, never on really friendly terms with the Gordons, were to become a conspicuous example of how to waste a fine inheritance. The Sutherlands of Clepe, Panny, Ragsburn & Svelix were all cadets of the same family.

This description of the ~~deli~~ his city. The first of
"hyles" given is the introduction to the
history seems to belong to this period - there are
the names of the

rents were paid in kind or other services
which might press hard on the tenant but
did not produce the cash needed by the land
to pay his way. "Wadset" is ~~another~~ a form of
mortgage, by which the lender drew ~~off~~ the
rents of the property until the wadset was
redeemed, was almost the only ~~from~~ way of
raising ^{a sum of} money - & if the wadset could not
be met the land itself ^{was forfeited} passed into the
hands of the wadsetter. Quarrels between the
^{between the lands, well ended,} ~~lands well usually about~~ ^{the} ~~land~~ - & caused

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of bloodshed long after the two sides had given
up calling out their followers on the
slightest excuse. Everyon the story of Cyrus
treacherous - has alliter ^{may have been an} ~~was an~~ extreme
case, but it is worth relating as an
example of how scant was the respect
for life among those who fought themselves

by and the rule of justice.

The lands of Ardinst, ~~a~~ Ardinst known
to-day as Ardinst lie ~~on~~ on the hillside
above Bomas. They formed part of the lands
given to Gilbert Gray by his father John
Gray of Woodell & held by him of the Lord of L.

A complicated series of transactions led
to a waiver over Ardinst being held ^{on} by James
Murray, a ballie of Dornoch. Murray demanded
a higher rent from the tenant of the lands
who was the afore-mentioned James Murray
& ~~James~~ acted in just the way the reaction
of a person no different from the crafting

~~as soon as the way of justice was
opened the way of justice was
way, (Murray's) a mortgage on land was
the case decided by the Lord of L. & the
justice of the court but did not produce
results even held in hand or title services~~

then inclined to ~~give~~ ^{sell} such a dangerous property

to carry evidence at the risk of the law

Tenants of the 20th century, he refused to pay
more than his father had paid, Murray ejected
him & gave part his cousin - in his place
who afterwards reversed himself by murdering his
cousin, his wife & his two sons; & he followed this up
by murdering nine of the ^{persons} tenants who ^{as they} succeeded
endeavouring to ^{occupy} hold the lands. After the ninth
~~man~~ As no more tenants were inclined to risk
their lives ^{could be found to risk} deKenneth succeeded in
selling himself in evidence one more, but
But Murray, ^{who} had tired of his - gave up the
warrant to Gilbert Gray, ~~who~~ ^{and} willing to leave
deKenneth in possession ^{of} the lands he had ^{so}
seized - drove him out & ~~for~~ found another tenant
in one Friday, ~~for~~ deKenneth then murdered
him.



at the opening of a new century, with the quarrels
of the leading families of Sutherland & Caithness
in obivious, ~~and light is cast on the lives~~
it may be time to consider what is happening
the rest of the country. In the north the Baileys
were still living somewhat reduced in estate and
still poor. (Chambers vol 2 p 116) "Bailey, his
special ^{residence} ~~house~~ was at Toyness" says Sir Robert,
and he calls it a ~~house~~ ^{large detached property} not a "place" or tower
nor yet a castle like the old ~~house~~ ^{two}
branches of the Baileys ~~had~~ ^{had} their homes at
Scourie & Bighouse, names long remembered in
their own country - the Gums were settling in
Strath Ullie, & nearer the coast lay all the
families who were mostly ~~adventurers~~ ^{collaborators} of the Sails
of Sutherland. Helmsdale castle, now the home
of Sir Alexander Gordon, brother of Sir Robert
Gaird, when he was a chapel builder
Isobel Baillie widow of the Earl,
cracked ~~at~~ the home of another Douglas -
a fine a house in Sutherland the lands of
the Duncans, distant adventures of the E. of

murders committed by a man called
McAllister who was Tenant of the lands of
Girdens ^{on the hill above} ~~about~~ near Bonar Bridge -

Girdens

At

During the last years of the 16th century &
beginning of the 17th century the quarrels between
the two ears which involved ^{so} many
the persons in ~~warlike~~
the quarrels between the two ears was in
obeyance.

At the opening of a new century, it more is
known of the ~~for~~ a little light is thrown on
the general lines

with at the opening of a new century it is
time to consider what is known of the ~~general~~
with the quarrels of the principal families
of Saluband & Cullins in obeyance, is
to try to consider the ~~conditions~~ picture
presented of the lines

as shells the Sutherland & Ruffin
never on very friendly terms with the Gordons,
were represented by — —. This family came
to be a good example of how to waste a
handsome inheritance. Some jealousy of the
Gordons of the Sutherland Sutherlands
may have prompted them to take the other
side in politics, with disastrous consequences.
with consequences so different to the discrete
& timely abstinence of Sutherland & Sutherland to
the winning side — (to be ^{good} always on the winning
side) shells ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~construed~~ at least times
have been an imposing pile of masonry
surrounded by a wall (Shells castle was
built on lines much more imposing than
the small tower which seem to have
been ~~inhabited~~ the homes of the ~~feudal~~
it is a pity that these old masonry
have so completely vanished that
their appearance can only be conjectured
Cattle ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{with} ~~with~~ cattle, as it is now

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long perhaps the huge chimney which
forms part of the farm building has
an early date - Spindale, said to have been
originally the Bishop's Inn, was. built by
~~Robert Gray~~ John Gray - son of Gilbert of Spindale, hereditary
Constable of Shiro - a wall, 6 feet thick
originally the outside wall of the house
was probably part of the ^{also from this early building} type constructed
by Sir Robert Gordon.
~~After the accession of the Gordons to the title~~
~~some of their descendants also settled in~~
the Gordons of Solophuton & Kilmeacall
were soon to become Gordons of Strath
Drumnie. After this were many of the
name of Murray, settled in ^{the earlier} Dornoch
part of the county, beginning with the
Murray of Culrossie, descendants of
Richard Murray of Culrossie who
secured the property as a reward for
the apprehension of Thomas DeVeil
& many of the same name in Dornoch.

when they appear as byesses of that
town, & one in particular is mentioned
of Sir Robert Gordon as being his by-name
of the Merchant - which apparently
disqualified him from all other Murray-
the Merchant took part in several
raids & was wounded & finally over his ear
in 1651. some of these
these families all held land ~~in 1651~~
of great extent wadsels & mortgages
between landowners were commonly the best
way of raising some cash, the wadsels
might be redeemed in course of time
or was forfeited if the requisite funds
to redeem it were not forthcoming
An example of the difficulties &
squandals which beset landowners