

Sutherland & Duffus.

Hurray Pres.

The Sutherlands & Duffus adhered to the covenant  
& their lands were wasted by Cromwell.

In 1647 the Estates taking into consideration, the  
supplication of Sutherland & Duffus & his uncle James  
Sutherland -- for the damage they had sustained for  
their adherence to the covenant voted them an allowance  
of £2000 Scots, (acts of Parl. vol 6 pt 1. 810) but  
as the Estates failed in their promises of the money  
was never paid. Duffus went over to Holland &  
joined the Royal exile. He accompanied Charles  
when he returned to Scotland & landed at Speyside  
Jan 1650. As a reward Charles raised him to  
the Peerage 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 1650. He was governor of  
Perth for Charles 1652. but he surrendered it to  
Cromwell.

Later however he lost favour owing to his  
connection with the Duke of Argyll, who was  
tried & imprisoned, sentenced to death but later  
released, for a while he wrote (reflections on Lord  
Middleton) to Duffus.

Ruffus. (Baroness)

The Ruffus had a charter of the lands of Aikenpall  
31<sup>st</sup> Aug. 1674 (in the time of Alex<sup>d</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Lord D)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Ruffus was very extravagant & was  
obliged to dispo<sup>se</sup> of his estates to his ~~brother~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> son  
James — so that when his eldest son Kenneth  
succeeded he was practically landless; James  
was obliged to sell the estates to Archibald

Dunbar of Thunderston

3<sup>rd</sup> Lord D. At the outbreak of the rebellion 1715 he joined  
his kinsman the Earl of Seaforth as Tain  
where he took part in the rising the Earl of  
Salisbury as superior. seized the Castle & Estate  
of Skelbo; & Dunbar of Thunderston brought an  
action against him distraining the tenants etc.  
The case was carried to the H<sup>h</sup> & the Earl  
retained possession, & has done so ever since!

Kenneth died abroad about 1734 leaving

= Elizabeth Dunbar & Hemphill

Eric died  
about 1768.

Eric -

Charlotte - = Gordon of Embs -

Anna

= Gustavus Palbistai.

Eric was succeeded as titular Lord Ruffus - he  
was an ensign in Col: Disney's Regiment in 1757  
He was succeeded by his only surviving son James  
"The young Captain James"

Ruffus  
here -  
Sunderland &  
Burway

Sutherlands of Duffus.

Nicholas Sutherland. 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Kenneth. 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Sutherland.  
received from his brother 5<sup>th</sup> Earl "

a charter for the lands of Torboll.

13<sup>th</sup> Sept 1360. He married  
Mary daughter & co-heiress of Resnais  
de Cheyne and Mary lady of Duffus  
with her he received his portion of the  
lordship of Duffus & was styled  
lord of the Castle of Duffus.  
He had two sons.

John Sutherland  
succeeded to ~~Torboll~~  
1408. died S.P.

Henry Sutherland received a charter  
of Torboll 1408 &  
confirmed in the lands  
of T. by John 7<sup>th</sup> Earl  
He married Isabel. dau  
of Christopher of Chisholm  
& by her Doris  
Marshallwood in Elgin  
died before 1487.

Alisander.

married Duffus &  
the baron.  
in 1451. & left a  
son

Gliphant:

William. in  
1451 styled of  
Berrydale;  
resigned his lands  
during about 1507

Succeeded by his son  
William Sutherland  
of Marshallwood &  
Duffus. succeeded later

by Percy & Torboll by  
Sutherland  
Said Adam

Succeeded by his son William (3)

Angus.

~~Nicholas~~ Sutherland  
received charter of  
Percy & Torboll.  
left 3 sons

1. Nicholas. 2. Hugh. 3. Donald.  
S.P.

of Percy & Torboll  
1492 1492.  
left a daughter.

Isabella.

m. Duncan  
of Marshallwood

2/ William Sutherland (3)

Christian's daughter  
Hugh Sutherland  
of Torboll.

of Quarrel wood 1527.

1529 Bought Skelbo. from John Rynard

" Killed at Thurso. by the Han Gun.

He left a son.

William (4) inherited of Torboll. from

1535. his cousin Christian Sutherland

1549. died about 1549. leaving 3 sons & a daughter

Alexander. succeeded as a minor.

William of Swelick.

Nickelton.

of Torboll.

Skelbo.

married. Janet Caird of

assisted at the taking of  
Bernie Dale. Castle & the  
burning of Dornoch Cathedral

1566:

1552. Frenched. 1552.  
died about 1540.

2 sons James & Hugh

Alexander. William.

S.P.

betrothed to the  
Fg Catharine Dorn: Slig:  
married Hugh Traill of Traill

William (5)

1579 Succeeded his elder brother.  
to Skelbo. etc.

1588. erected into a barony

1616. He died about 1616  
Leaving 3 sons & a daughter

Richard?

James.

Elizabeth

line extinct  
1772.

ancestor of S. of Blair Sutherland

Alexander of Prossy = Christian

James = Margaret Sutherland.  
1412. 1687

William (6)

succeeded to the Duffus  
a minor? died about  
26 leaving 3 sons.

James S. of Kinninhead  
Baron. etc.

line extinct 1725.

Kin: Came through his mother  
Grandmother Janet S.

John Sutherland  
of Clyne.

line extinct  
1780

Margaret

3

William Sutherland (6)  
left 3 sons.

James Sutherland & Kenneth  
his uncle Tutor to Alex

Sir Alexander 1st Lord Duffus.  
1627.

William held lands of  
Inverharrise 1644. &  
had issue. His great-  
grandson Lieut: Hugh  
Sutherland & Gaelix.  
in 1705. was still alive  
1814.

John.

William  
James.

3 children.

James 2nd Earl.  
Kenneth married Lady Margaret  
1644. Kilmorie  
killed Kinross.  
1705. died. leaving 10 children.

Margaret

Henrietta

William &  
not common his brother  
attained

Kenneth 3rd Lord Duffus.  
attained. 1716.

James

3 sons.  
Will: X  
John  
Alex

Elizabeth. Frances.  
Henrietta. Mary. =  
James Sinclair of Mey.  
Elizabeth married  
Cuthbert born Clerk of  
Inverness. & had  
issue  
many married much  
below her rank. & had great  
pain

Erick. married his  
cousin Elizabeth  
Dunbar. Died at  
Sicbo. 1768.

acquired the  
estates from his  
elder brother married  
only child of Dunbar &  
Hempriess & assumed  
the name of Dunbar-  
Died 1739.

5 children

James. little  
restored 1827.

Elizabeth.  
= Captain Sinclair  
son of William  
Sinclair & Keiss  
= 2 Charles Sinclair  
& Blair.

Charlotte.  
= Sir John Sinclair  
& Mey.  
Anne.  
= Hon Genl  
McKay &  
Sicbo

Will: Sutherland &  
not common

5 daughters of James 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl  
died 1705. & made a bond over his estate  
for his younger children of 37,000 pounds

Hennietta ob. s.p.

Frances

Katherine = Sir James Sinclair & Grey

Elizabeth

Mary

= Catherine? (much below his rank)

Alex<sup>a</sup>

ob. s.p.

(4)  
Hon George MacKay of Skibo - married Anne Sutherland of  
Diffus - & had issue, the  
eldest son being Eric Lord MacKay  
& others.

Descendants of William Dunbar of Hempfrico -  
son of James Sutherland who married the heiress  
of both the name of Dunbar -

Sir William Dunbar was 3 times married.

1 Elizabeth Dunbar. heiress of Westfield.

2 Jean Daughter David Sinclair of South Dun.

3 Henrietta. Rose of Kilnabrock.

by whom he had two sons & 3 daughters

He died in 1742.

He had 6 children

Sir William Dunbar. had 4 sisters.

Janet. married 1 Sinclair of Barnah.

2 Innes of Borlum. & had issue to both

Charlotte. = 1st Sinclair of Keils & had issue

Elizabeth = Eric Sutherland of Duffus.

Rachel = James Sutherland of Lamswell  
had issue

all these about the time of Donald I

Ruffus

IV Eric Sutherland only s & d heir. 29<sup>th</sup> Aug.  
1710. babbled at Turickenham.  
His claim 18 Mar. 1733/34 to the title, on the  
ground of his father's surrender, was  
~~heard~~ ~~disallowed~~ but ~~not~~ ~~heard~~ disallowed.  
He took no part in the Rising of 1745.  
He was an Ensign in Disney's Regt. &  
a captain in Sutherland's regt 1759.  
He m. Elizabeth, dau. of his paternal  
uncle The Hon. Sir James Dumbarton.  
(formerly Sutherland) by Elizabeth, d  
of Sir Wm Dumbarton of Hampden  
& Caithness. He died 1768 in his  
58<sup>th</sup> year at Slalbo (Skelbo?)  
His admon. as the Hon. Eric Sutherland  
commonly called Lord Duffus. of Arich  
Co. Caithness. 18 Mar. 1769 was under  
£300. His widow died 1800 Edinburgh

only

Richard de Buraia fell in battle  
against the Danes his sarcophagus was in  
Dornoch. he was brother to St. Gilbert.

Duffus

Baron Duffus

V James Sutherland. 1<sup>st</sup> & only surviving s of Eric S. & Elizabeth. being grandson & heir of the attained Lord Duffus. He was b. 8<sup>th</sup> June 1747 at Skibo. was an officer of the army being in 1771 a cap: in the 26<sup>th</sup> foot.

By act of Parliament he was resolved to the Honours etc of Lord Duffus 1826 died unm. 1827 aged 80

V Benjamin Dunbar, styling himself Lord Duffus cousin & h. male. being y<sup>g</sup> & only surviving s. of his w<sup>m</sup> Dunbar of Henric, wife of his 2<sup>d</sup> w. Henrietta d. of Henry Lord of Kilravock.

This man was descended of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Duffus.

Eric Sutherland who & Elizabeth Dunbar.

Forshui de Botavia - died 1171

Forshui Grauden William was surnamed  
de Salthuslaw - & this remained the family  
name till 1477. 15-15.

Graham. a Group of Scottish women. p 46

In that year (15-15) the heiress of the  
house married Adam Gordon. whose surname  
he adopted. but in 1688 the descendants of  
this pair resumed the name of Sutherland  
Ibid. p. 46.

The castle of Dunrobin - founded in 1097 by  
Robert of Sutherland, after whom it was  
named is one of the oldest secular Scottish  
buildings still inhabited

p. 46.

The marriage took place at Court &  
Mary presented the bride with her  
wedding dress of silver tissue, ~~and~~ <sup>but</sup>

Two years later Bothwell  
having seen his way to ~~free~~ Mary  
the Queen. was not going to let a  
little thing like a divorce stand  
in the way of ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> much worldly  
advancement. James Gordon

brought a suit for divorce against  
him on ground of adultery with  
one of his servants. The divorce  
commission for the divorce was  
issued on Sunday - the judge  
pronounced a verdict in favour of  
Lady James on Monday & two days  
later the marriage was annulled  
~~and~~ <sup>almost</sup> ~~was~~ a record for divorce proceedings

a week after the decree was promul-  
gated Mary & Bothwell were married  
at Holyrood.

James Gordon retired to his brother's  
house at ~~Stirling~~ <sup>Stirling</sup> ~~Stirling~~. Here  
also was another refugee -  
Alexander the 17<sup>th</sup> Earl. some  
3 or 4 years younger than Lady Jane.  
he had been driven from his possession  
by his guardians the S. of Caithness.  
On attaining his majority he  
obtained possession of his estate  
& in 1543 he married the former  
Countess of Bothwell.

The marriage was a happy  
one - ~~The Countess of Sutherland~~  
~~was a woman of~~ & it was born

5? Sons & two daughters - one of  
the sons was Sir Robert Gordon the  
historian - who pays a beautiful  
tribute to the character of both the  
parents. indeed she was a  
woman of grace May 14

Lady Jane died in 1629 at  
the age of 84. & was buried by  
her sons Sir Robert, & Sir Alex<sup>d</sup>  
the only ones of her children to survive  
her) in Dornoch Cathedral.

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She was, & remained throughout her  
life, an ardent R. C.

She survived The Earl Alexander  
died in 1594. & she then married  
~~the 2<sup>d</sup> son~~, Alexander Spalding  
of Boyne, former husband of Mary  
Beaton - at his death she remained  
widow