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took place was ever afterwards called "Sis Sutherland"

meaning a "Sis Sutherland" and even to this day

the name "Sis" appears on our maps. An old traveler

of the hills is believed to have been the first

first endeavoured to recover the booty. This was resisted and a struggle developed which was " long furious cruel and doubtful". In the end the MacLeods were cut to pieces. Malcolm MacLeod was killed and of all his men only one survived to carry home the news of the disaster. The place where this conflict took place was ever afterwards called Tuttim Tarwigh, meaning a "plentiful fall or slaughter", and even to-day the name " Tutim" appears on our maps. An old graveyard on the hillside is believed to date back to the battle.

Not many years after this, the insurrection of the Lord of the Isles threw the whole of the north into a ferment. The triumphant progress of the Islesmen across Ross-shire threw the whole of the north into a ferment

In 1626, he was granted a commission of Ch. I
enjoining him to levy a regiment of 2,000 men
where in Scotland. 3,600 troops were raised in nearly
nine weeks, after some delays they embarked in October
& went to Hottent. Sir Donald Bontrey took service
under Christian IV of Denmark - who had joined the
Protestant League opposing Austria & - - - -

The regiment - saw very heavy fighting & endured
great losses, before 12 months were out they were
reduced to 800 men - Sir Donald returned who was
severely wounded in action, returned to Sweden.
where he was created Lord May for his services.

This - - - involved him in enormous expenses
which were never repaid & though he had added
largely to his estate by the purchase of lands
of decay - - from Lord Forbes, he was forced to
sell /

Whitchcraft

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Angus Mackay of Bishwore - died 1634 - & succ: by him
Mackay song his brief wife - "The death of Angus Mackay
" was much lamented in that dyacie, being a very active
" & able gentleman; he was taken away by whitchcraft.
" The witch was afterwards apprehended & executed, who
" at her death confessed the crime." Done

Character of Sir R. G. of Gordon & Gallager p 449

Calder - Hist. of Caithness

1595. Sept. 15. Rioting of High School boys. Because
their holidays were abridged - "the gentlemen soon resolved
to make a rioting". They barricaded themselves in the
school - while the master was away & spent the night
there - took weapons including pikes & shot. A day
passed - The Town Council decided on strong measures
& began to prize up the ~~door~~ back door with a 'jerk' -
Baillie John Macmoran was shot through the head
by - Sinclair, the Chancellor of Caithness son -
"Young Sinclair of Key" - and two of the ringleaders
who were made prisoners - "the chief of whom was
a son of Murray of ~~Shanie~~ Shainyiedale"
kept in confinement for 2 months.

Calder appendix 7 - p. 297 - 299.
Chronicle Domestic Annals of Scotland

1444

Malheur S. & Lemmon continued for Gen. Geo. J. Scott,
with the S. of Arran - (acc: a can:)

S. Malheur being X in his claim - directed his brother
Robert Stewart - bishop of Cat: with the S. of Glenocain
to go to Eng: & off ~~then~~ his services to H. 8th of Gen
Frank - H. S. received him as next heir to the
Crown of Scot.

Stewart sent - Rob: Stewart - to receive the can: of
Bumbarton - but the can: delivered to the Governor
who not willing restore Rob: St: to the
Bishopric -

Thus Rob: gave the lands of his B. into
the hands of S. of Futh - & his son Alex was
appointed in them

While B. S. was in Eng: the Bishop, was desirous
for Alex Gordon. (brother to S. John) in the
meantime S. of G. & McKay possessed themselves
of the lands & then returned to give them up

McKay came to Futh with St. & Scrabster

So S. of S. & H. sent Capt: James Allen

P III to take St: at whose arrival the

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countrymen were encouraged to work & -
the Strathmore men "convinced themselves
secretly out of the case & fled - - pursued to the
catholics & faith.

Presumption the S. of S. & H. came N. & surrounded
the S. of C. & H. to "confront" before them at
Helm's Dale "to answer for seizing the B's rent -
& the wages due to faith.

The S. of C. appeared - & to show his repentance
crossed the B. of Helm with great dogs to
himself on foot - which was in good. He
made his head with S. & H.

Donald McKay - was often imprisoned in
the C. of Foulis.

He left the diocese in head - &

Robert Stewart possessed his own B's

o Alex. Gordon was made B's of Glasgow
& a series of B's

(Captain Cullen who lived 1571)

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" a weekly market on Saturdays & of keeping
" four fairs in the year, each of 48 hours duration
" Further he annexed & erected all the new lands &
" the see of Caithness, which, by act of P. were now
" held of the crown, together with other possessions
" the earl into a separate & distinct-sheriffdom to be
" called the Sheriffdom of Sutherland, appointing the
" earls of Sutherland hereditary sheriffs & coronators
" of the Sheriffdom, & Inverbrora was constituted
" the chief burgh of the shire. All cases to be held
" by the S. of S. & his successors of the Crown, blench,
" for payment of a pair of gilt spurs at mid-
" summer - if asked, the holding being changed
" from that of ward & relief."

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P. 176.

" By this charter a considerable modification
" was made in the extent of the shire of S:
see black book P. 10

1604-

On November 1604 - the earls of C & S. met at
" D. & it was arranged that the E & S. should sell
" sell to C: all the church lands he possessed in
" the county of C. for 40,000 marks. The lands were
" of great extent, & included the castle & lands of
" Strabster. This bond was duly fulfilled, but

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but it was not for years after that the Earl of
Caithness could be endured to grant a discharge.

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In 1608 the peace was then was a sanguinary
affair in Dornoch - (which involved the death
of one of the Papes) Three brothers of the name of
Pape had settled in Dornoch, where they had
acquired a considerable amount of property,
which was viewed with corresponding jealousy
by the inhabitants - This came to a head one
(Sunday?) day in July 1st 1608, when the
two of the brothers were set upon ~~and~~ in the
churchyard & the third brother who succeeded
to come to their rescue was himself slain. The
culprits however escaped, & the Papes being
nursed of their wounds left the country & retired
to - - -

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A more celebrated affair was the apprehension
of Arthur Smith ~~the~~ the wines, who was
employed by the E. & C. to manufacture false
coin with which the country ^{he} ~~became~~ flooded.
The country. ~~Constance~~ Smith had been convicted
of coining in 1599. but while in prison in Derby
he had obtained tools with which he manufactured

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a lock so intricate that it was presented to King James - who was so pleased with it that he ordered Smelter to be given his liberty. (114)

Story of slaughtering Smelter.

1613

The fray in Thurood was an occasion for fresh disputes between the two Saults - ^{preparations for} ~~but that was~~ carrying fire & sword into Saultland was made by Sault George - & on this occasion ~~to the~~ the burning of Cannons from Castle Gornif is specially mentioned. The Saultland men, ^{aided by Catholics} were gathered on the Heights of Stratallie - but on the advice of the Sault of E's friends &c. on the end Sir R.G. procured a remission from the crown for the slaughter made at Thurood & this ended the affair.

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This Earl died in 1615. Throughout his life he had adhered to the Catholic religion - & had suffered a considerable amount of bullying at the hands of the general assembly, who appointed a minister to reside for 3 months with the Earl & his family to instruct them in the reformed faith. He was afterwards wanted at St Andrews & then in Edinburgh.

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London
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P. 188.

when he "haunted" the blacksmith's forge, he begged to be allowed to return home - but some months later he was seized with a "bloody flux & dysentery" & died at Dunrobin.

During his life time he had opened the wall pub at Bura - (?) & caused salt-pans to be erected there at great expense. He left a son aged only six years old who became John 13th Earl.

P 16 Black B

1615-1679

John 13th Earl was carefully educated in the reformed religion - Some accounts for the schooling of the boy are preserved in the Charter Tutors accounts which still exist. They include £12 &

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£10 for bows & arrows, ^{no date given} gold clubs & balls, &

1617. → a few years later, £16 for a saddle & furnishings for a horse.

1618 He was in disfavor.

1623
Fraser 214.

He was sent to Edinburgh to study & entered St Andrews on the same day as the young Earl of Montrose.

1631

In 1631. Important agreement re Saltkirk
see B.B. P 17. & 18

See Genealogy about handing of churches on the Earl.

See
463-67

Dracell
* 153

differences into arbitration & both were laid under heavy penalties to keep the peace & their followers also were enjoined to make reparations

* 153. to those who had suffered by their depredations. But this was not easy to enforce, & soon there were fresh complaints of raids & spoliation - at last a more settled arrangement was reached by an ^{ancient} ~~ancient~~ agreement which was reached in 1587. By this time the two earls agreed to bury their ^{old} grudges - but from this time forth Traill was excluded.

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Dracell
157.

However after some negotiations Traill met the Earl at Elgin in Nov^r 1588 & "agreed on terms of peace."

By these terms Traill agreed to pay the Earl £50,000 Scots or to make a formal resignation of the "whole lands & barony & fairs in the earl's favour". It placed Traill at the earl's mercy but was perhaps more a determined effort to prevent Traill from assisting the earl's enemies. At any rate the agreement was sealed by the marriage of Traill to the young & lovely Lady Jane Gordon, Earl

Markey was excluded from the estate
since 1587

Markey married Lady Jane Gordon in
1589. Her eldest child was Donald 1st Lord Ray

Drach
157.

Deed with Markey in 1588 - but
in the interim Earl Alex^r had
assigned his right to the lands & barony
of Ray to his son - the
master, to whom the JVI confirmed the
same.

1589.

20,000 merks -
Markey to Ray
50,000 ~~merks~~ - £50,000 Scots before North
of joining was to make a formal resign: of
the whole lands & b. of Ray in the E's favour

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Markey married Lady J. G. December 1889.

Alexander had 5 sons & 2 daughters
1. Son - Markey
2. Mary - Mrs J. Balnagowan -

" 153- The penalty for breach of observance

was 50,000 marks -

- " Further to the same - were enjoined to cause
" their followers to grant mutual letters
" of stain - & to repossess all, or the heirs
" of such as had been slain, who had been
" ousted from their ~~lands~~ farms or lands or
" had been compelled to leave the same
" for fear of their lines, whether in G. S. - 4
" Statute since April 1536"

NOTE. " Letter of change dated 1st July 1540 in S-
" charter chert - "

- " after this decision (q/m) the F of Strathallie granted to
" the F of S- & his heir, successors being Seals of S.
" the office of Sheriff of Inverness within Suth:
" excepting Strathallie, & also over the lands,
" which he held in Strathmurray & Cuthbert. This
" grant was confirmed by the King 21 in 1540.

" On the spring of the following year renewed efforts
" were made to terminate the bloodshed - - - at -
" last crowned with success. - - -

" they were enjoined to adhere to the last Decret
" Strathallie to be made over to S. & with Pay: etc
" to C -

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But Caithness refused to fulfil the condition
the agreement & the E of S. sent a body of men
Caithness who spoiled the parishes of d. & b. the

Fraser.
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- for the slaughter of George Gordon. he advanced
- into Caithness & laid siege to the castle of Gornio-
freidun
- But the castle was too strong to be taken -
the Earl sent his troops to ravage the whole
country. The town of Wick was burnt, & the
heart of Saint George was taken from its socket
in the church & the ashes blown to the winds.
Finding the castle too strong to be taken the

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Gen?

r.t.

- Earl agreed to a truce, but this was broken
by the Earl of Caithness who sent a party of men
to Baddentone & killed the Earl of Sutherland
herdsman there. "In retaliation" Earl Alex:

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- sent another expedition into Caithness, who
wasted & ruined the country & returned with
great booty - to be followed by yet another
raid by 3,000 men from Caithness who
ravaged Strathallie & Strathbrora, but were
pursued by Macleay & forced to abandon their
booty." + 000

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all but on the intervention of Huntly the
two Earls were induced to submit their

them fortified by a commission from
the crown for the slaughter of Geo Gordon.
he waded Carthage at the head of a
large force & laid siege to the castle
of Goring.

151 " P. 151. At last - the E of C. sent to
" demand a cessation of hostilities & a reference
" of their differences to mutual friends to which
" the E of S. more readily agreed as the prospect
" of reducing Goring's army to its strength &
" supplies was remote.

152 ⁷ " Proceeding Sir Rob: relates that not long after
" the making of the treaty before any reference had
" been made - the E of C. violated it

152 ⁰⁰⁰ " and the E of S. himself prepared to advance
" force into Carthage, when also all available
" men were assembled to meet them.

4 stones of wool. at 10 merks the stone, 24 swords
at £10 the piece, 30 bows, & 30 dozen arrows 30/-
dozen - 20 kettles, (£3 each) 10 brewing caldrons
& £1000 in cloth, 20 & 10/- pieces - For their
spoillations Thos was summoned to appear on
15 Dec: 1598-4. But the difference between
him & the earl was not settled in Saul Alexander
town & became a legacy to his son.

Grace

1588

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7. 151.

This was renewed from time to time until
the assurances were completed. The earl
received from the King a letter of special
protection to himself & his household, but
the not long after his the "feud between"
Sutherland & Caithness reached a climax
-- "Sir Robert Gordon relates a succession
of raids & reprisals which now took place"
Caithness having refused to fulfil the
condition of his agreement with the E. of S.
the earl sent a body of men into
Caithness who wasted the parishes of
Sutherland & Dunbeath. Then fortified
with a commission from the crown

William 17th Paul

S.B.

Born 1735. Was 15- when he succeeded

Sent to school at Winkley then to Harrow

1749

1735
15
1740

August Schmitt was appointed factor for the
whole estate, but he had of course been a
factor for many years. John Macpherson

Debrin, cashier, writer & agent

went abroad - 1751. In Scotland was was

then was a great want in arrears into this
year. Her estate was heavily in debt

He received a commission as an ensign

in the first of Royal Scots regiment - of foot
& was very keen on serving

John Macpherson, 20 yrs. was in arrears with his
rent. was liberated by the earl paid the arrears
& liberated him

469 x 14th April married 1761 x Mary Maxwell. Went to
London for George the coronator, in September
they stayed in London till 18th April & then
departed for Scotland, but they did not reach
Dumfries till July 1762. Stayed winter in D.
In March 1763 they went south again

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x S.B. 455

William 1st Earl, 2

The earl to attend Parliament, she stayed in Edinburgh
Their eldest daughter died 3rd Jan 1766 - This was
a severe trial especially to the earl - whose health
suffered His wife wrote of his "delicate
constitution" "the gout, from not fixing, gave
me a very great alarm, & indeed he himself
was under very great apprehension for some
days, & the dread of the greatest of all misfortunes
has almost reconciled me (the writer) to what
was my duty, tho' a difficult one to submit
without repining"

S. B.
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The earl resolved to go to Bath, as soon as he was
able, & accomplished this in the course of the spring
On the 22nd April, ~~the earl wrote to~~ he wrote
to his wife Mrs Wemyss & Wemyss that he was very
well with no sign of gout. He had proposed to
go to London, but before he could do this, he caught
fever. His wife nursed him so faithfully
1763 that she too got the fever & she died on June 1st

17 The earl survived till the 16th & then died
He was only 32.

Her funeral was to have been in Dornoch-
shire. Cloths was to be hung on the pulpit

Wm 17th ear (3)

S.B.

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the main is that seat
• Similarly in Golspie church - the door to be
haunted black
But when the earl died

See about monument to them in Dornoch
cathedral

Elizabeth Dornoch Countess of
Sutherland

S.B.

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Born 24 May 1765 - only 1 year & a few
weeks old when her father died 16th June 1766

Ruadh

~~ruadh~~

ruadh

~~ruadh~~

ruadh.

Prophecy by "sagart-ruadh" or red friar
at Dornoch regarding the house of Sutherland

"When after John comes George & after
him comes John & after William comes
William, after him comes none"

Captain James Sutherland was superintendent

to say had another
much smaller card 3
at Helmsdale

480 Fencible reg: again raised 1783.
7000 embodied at the 92nd Highland

486 1783-17. Great distress on the estates - £9000
national budget & sums given to every parish
400 families = 1500 to 2000 people were smaller
having no rent to anyone
Those who had been settled on the waste did not
suffer from the scarcity

Duke of Argyll 1783. As he
what title he would like to take he replied
Sutherland

Kitty & Hil da — E
Mary Stevenson —
d. Kaenamara —
Cornelia —
Miss H. —
Mrs. Sauran —
Ruth Boulton
Joyce Robertson
Lily Brock —
Jean
Weda

William Baillie H.C.P.

Letter to Duncan Forbes about Barnisdale in
Assent - on friendly terms with him.

Vol IV p. 96-98 10th Oct. 1745 -

Letter was about Barnisdale raising men in
Assent - for Prince Charles - evidently on
friendly terms with William B.

Noting about him in Vol. III

Refers to Malcolm Ross of Pitcalnie.
Joining Prince C. letters in Culloden Papers -
483 - 486 - 487.

On 17 Oct. 1745 - He wrote Duncan Forbes
re Independent Co. for P 110. Vol IV
P 110. Writing from Andrew says he has just
returned from the Highlands -
he had got 100 men - all tenants from the
estate of Balnagowan.

Reply from Duncan Forbes re forming the
Ind. Co.

Calum Og. burning houses in Ruthven
H.C.P. Vol. V The 1st President's Estate of
Fenton - & he himself on Monday the 17
saw smoky fires on fire on the opposite side
about 3 miles above Donnell which was
and next day informed was done by Ross of Pitcalnie.

late Emperor is Lord London agent but
now a Colonel among the Rebels in order
to force the Country here to take up arms

Sutherland Book - Vol 1

p. 290. George 14 Earl of S:

1668. "Towards the end of 1668 Lord Strath:
raised a summons - against the S. of Caithness for
invading Strathness in March with 1200 men
& carrying off 900 cows & other property,
burning houses, as well as for various offences
elsewhere. A counter summons was raised by
the S. of C. & others, which, however, was
abandoned, as it was based on false information.
The parties were charged to appear in the court
of session on Dec 10 1668, but before that day
they entered into a contract of compromise

William Lord Strathness

Dec 13th July 17²⁰

Bills of fare at Dunrobin for the years 1702
& 1712. No of household servants at Dun.

12-16. For the year 1712. For the household
19 cows, 29 deer 67 widders, 31 calves
5 lambs, 26 kids, 5 swine, 213 rabbits
134 wild fowl, 473 hens, 230 chickens
34 pigeons, 2,405 eggs, 400 herrings
5,309 other fish, &c.

George 1st Earl 1st.

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2nd son - succeeded his elder brother who died in 1637. He then received the courtesy title of George Lord Stratmore till his succession to the earldom in 1679
visited London. 1654-56

married Lady Jean Lovegrove at Edinburgh
11th Aug. 1659. The young men rode to Edinburgh where they stayed 11 days, & then rode to Borough-bridge, where they took coach for London -
They left Leith Tuesday 29th August, reached London Tuesday evening 5th September - a week's journey. Leith to Edinburgh

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292.
Letter from John Murray, abis cross.
10th April 1667. 'a state of brigandage
There was a continuation of these depredations
& the Murrays mother again appealed to
Lord Stratmore - Sept 1671

The 1st Earl after he succeeded spent some years to have lived been little at Demrobie, but was still on leave - he was often in London abroad.

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George 14th Earl. 29

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His widow interested herself in obtaining a copy of Sir Robert Gordon's MS. from Mr. Robert Gordon, a younger son of Sir Robert. Mr. Gordon had obtained the copy ~~1658~~ 1658

The Countess succeeded in obtaining the manuscript volume before 1705 Jan 1st, on which Day she presented it to write a holograph inscription. "This book is for my son, the Earl of Southesk on the 1st Day of January 1705"

It has been at Dundee ever since