The Vikings in East

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This booklet tells how the Vikings came to Sutherland, and how their leader Sigurth met his death in 895 and was buried at Cyderball, near Dornoch. It tells you how we know these things, and how the Norsemen lived when they were here.

If you are interested in place names, or in the Vikings, or in Scottish history, or in knowing more about the area you are in, this may be the booklet for you.

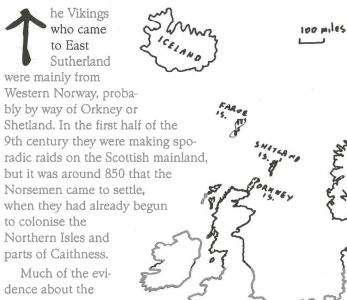
The names of the Norsemen have been spelled in the English fashion. They was Skeebo; Sigurth has a short i as in "big".

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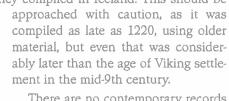
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Vikings in South-East Sutherland is in the Orkneyinga saga "the story of the men of Orkney",

a history of the Earls of Orkney compiled in Iceland. This should be



compiled as late as 1220, using older material, but even that was considerably later than the age of Viking settle-

There are no contemporary records other than the place-names left by the Norsemen, and a few archaeological remains, such as the "Viking's Grave" at Cyderhall, near Dornoch, and the Ospisdale brooch.