

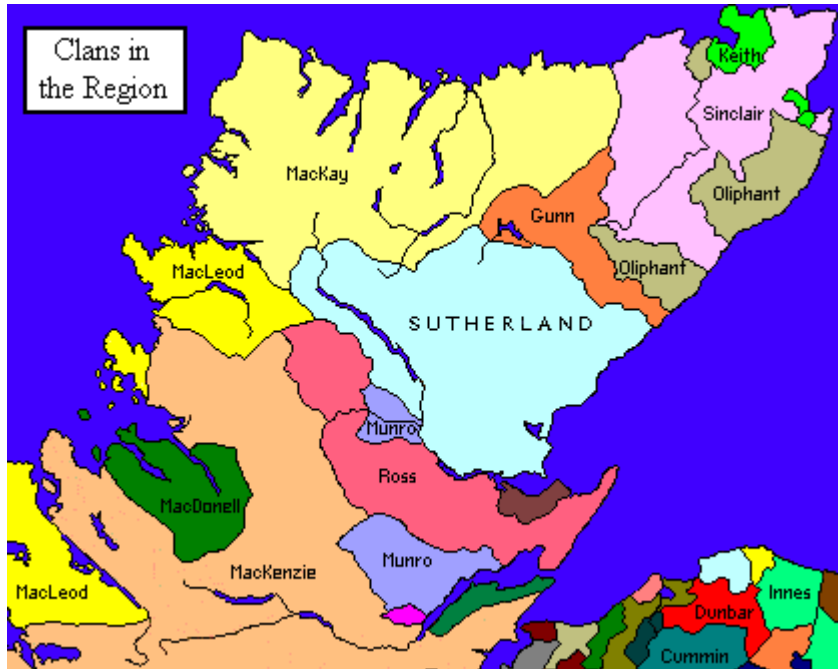


Clan Sutherland Society of North America, Inc.

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“One Hundred Thousand Welcomes”

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The Sutherlands take their name from the highlands of the far north of Scotland, known as Sutherland. To the Norsemen, it was the sudrland to the south of their settlements in Orkney and Caithness. Sutherland was originally the southern part of the ancient earldom of Caithness, but after it was detached from the Norsemen, it was given by the King of Scots at the beginning of the 13th century, to a great lord called Hugh of Moray. Hugh's grandfather, Freskin, was a Flemish noble with lands in various parts of Scotland. During the 12th century Freskin's family seems to have intermarried with the old Picto-Scottish royal house of Moray from whom the Mackay chiefs are believed to spring.



Miss Elizabeth Millicent Sutherland-Leveson-Gower is the 24th holder of the title, and became the Countess of Sutherland in 1963. She is married to Mr. Charles Janson. They have three sons and a daughter.



Dunrobin, which means “Robin’s Castle”, was named after Robert, 6th Earl of Sutherland. In 1389 Robert married a daughter of the “Wolf of Badenoch,” King Robert III’s ferocious brother. It has ever since remained the Chief stronghold of the Earldom of Sutherland. There may have been an earlier castle on the same site. Not far away were the remains of a Pictish broch or dry-stone tower.



The Sutherland Crest -
A cat sejant erect guardian proper



The Countess's Coat of Arms



The plant badge, a means of clan identification, was worn on the hat. The Sutherland Plant Badge is Cotton Sedge.

The Motto - The motto of Clan Sutherland is "Sans Peur", which is French for "Without Fear".

The War Cry - "Ceann na Drochaide Bige", meaning "The Head of the Little Bridge"

The official pipe music - "The Earl of Sutherland's March".

Anyone of a Sutherland lineage, or a lineage of one of the Septs or other associated families including Cheyne, Clyne, Duffus, Federith, Gray, Keith, Mowat, Murray and Oliphant, (regardless of any spelling variations) is invited to join. Relation by marriage is acceptable. Benefits of membership include:

- A subscription to our monthly newsletter The Dunrobin Piper
- Genealogical assistance
- An annual membership card
- A current membership roster
- A membership handbook
- Contact with those of a common heritage



An application and genealogy form are available on our Web site at www.ClanSutherland.org. Applications can be sent to our treasurer: Richard Langford, 1106 Horseshoe Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

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