

REPORT

to  
Dornoch Heritage Society on 2nd November 1989 on the papers  
of ~~the~~ Sutherland Field Club from 1879 to 1883.

The Sutherland Field Club was formed on 5th December 1879..

Founder members included :-

- (1) Rev. Dr. Joass, Minister Golspie.
- (2) Mr. Traquair, S.S.C. British Linens Bank Golspie.
- (3) Mr. George R. Lawson, Town & County Bank Golspie.
- (4) Mr. Wm. Fowler, Architect Golspie.
- (5) Mr Thomas Stevenson, Schoolmaster Golspie *and*

~~and 12~~ <sup>23</sup> other members joined in first session.

4 junior members. 4 ladies were proposed as members but none took any part in the club's activities.

~~The~~ Dornoch members were Mr. Chas, Neil, Schoolmaster and Registrar of Births, deaths and marriages etc and poet, ~~and~~ Mr McHardy, Police Superintendent, <sup>0 NONE</sup> ~~neither~~ appears in the records as having taken any part in the club activities.

Honorary members were :-

- (1) Dr. Gunn, Culgower
  - (2) Mr H. Hill, Bank Manager Helmsdale.
  - (3) Dr Arthgür Sutherland Invergordon
- First Session to December 1880.

15 talks were given and 4 excursions undertaken.

- Important finds were:
- (1) Sub-marine peat at west beach Golpie
  - (2) Flint tools at Golspie Links.
  - (3) Cist etc at Dunrobin.

It is clear from the records that Dr Joass was the leading archaeologist and Mr Traquair a dedicated botanist.

Second Session December 1880 to December 1881.

9 talks given but no excursions undertaken.

From February 1881 the club meetings were held in the Dunrobin Museum. This would appear to have been a retrograde move as the meeting place was too far from the village

Third Session from December 1881 to December 1882

Mr Traquair and his son (junior member) left the district. An appeal was addressed to 32 ministers, 36 teachers and several other persons requesting them to co-operate but it does not appear from the records that there was any response

*Mr Kidd  
A Forester  
at Inverness  
Birkenhead  
Lately  
Schoolmaster  
Reverend  
(Growth  
of hills in  
Inverness)*