

The Sutherland Walker grandchildren



Grandfather Captain George Mackay Sutherland
(10 November 1798 – 22 April 1847)

George Mackay Sutherland was stationed in Halifax when he met his future wife, Elizabeth Walker (10 November 1801 - 28 December 1844) at a ball at the Walkers' Crow Nest mansion in Lightcliffe. They married on 29th October 1828. Their story is told in the article

George Mackay Sutherland and family

His only surviving son and heir was Evan Charles Sutherland who had to add the name Walker when he also inherited from his aunt Ann Walker. After Evan Charles Sutherland Walker married Alice Sophia Tudor in 1858, they had six sons and two daughters as explained in the article

Evan Charles Sutherland and family



Evan Charles Sutherland Walker
1835-1913

What follows is a more detailed account of the lives of the surviving children.

[A baby son William Sutherland Walker (21 June 1861 – 3 August 1861) was buried on 7th August 1861 in St. Matthew's churchyard, Lightcliffe. Seven-year-old Alice Sutherland Walker (2 April 1865 – 18 September 1872) was buried in Dornoch Free Cemetery in Northern Scotland.]

William Tudor Sutherland (Walker) was born on 11th October 1862. He attended Harrow School and then served in the 3rd Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders as *The London Gazette* 30th May 1882 noted.

***3rd Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire
Buffs, the Duke of Albany's), William Tudor
Sutherland-Walker, Gent., to be Lieutenant.
Dated 16th May, 1882.***

In October 1883 twenty-one-year-old William and his father were able to drop the name Walker from their surname, and presumably the rest of the family's surname.

He was made a Captain on 1st April 1886. Interestingly, his cousin Evan Sinclair Wemyss was a Lieutenant in the same battalion. On the 1891 census, and when William married Ethel Mary Garrard in 1893, there is no mention of a military title so presumably, he had resigned his commission by then. In one of his brother's probate records, he was recorded as 'sometime Captain'.



William Tudor Sutherland

He and his wife had two daughters Aileen Mary Sutherland (1893 – 1966) and Eveline Betty Sutherland.(1896 – 1961). The family were in Bedfordshire in 1901 and then in Herne Bay, Kent in 1911. For each census William Tudor Sutherland was recorded as having private means. He died suddenly at Ramsey Hall, Essex on 29th August 1915 aged just 52.

SUTHERLAND William Tudor of Ramsey Hall Ramsey Essex died 29 August 1915
Probate London 6 December to Ethel Mary Sutherland widow. Effects £103 12s 5d

By then, of course, WW1 had started. Both daughters would marry serving Royal Navy men during the war, Aileen in 1916 and Eveline (Betty) in 1917.

Aileen Mary Sutherland and Charles Harley Savory married on 16th August 1916. Previously on 26th July 1916 *The Tatler* had this image and caption.



The *Aberdeen Press and Journal* on 12th July 1917 anticipated Eveline Betty Sutherland's wedding that eventually took place sometime during Q3 1917 in the Kensington district.

A marriage is arranged, and will shortly take place between Lieutenant Arthur Walter Forbes, D.S.O., R.N., elder son of Captain W. B. Forbes, R.N., and Mrs Forbes, of Rathwade, Bagenalstown, County Carlow, and Eveline Betty, younger daughter of the late William Tudor Sutherland and Mrs Sutherland, of 20 Trebovir Road, and granddaughter of the late Evan C. Sutherland, of Skibo Castle, Sutherland.

More details about these two Royal Navy men and others will be recorded in the article

More Sutherland connected soldiers and sailors

The next grandson **Alic Sutherland (Walker)** was born at Crow Nest on 20th September 1863 and baptised at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe, on 12th November 1863. He attended Eton College and then had a long military career with the Princess Louise's (Sutherland and Argyll Highlanders), rising to the rank of Major. The *UK, Hart's Annual Army List, 1908* notes his promotion dates.

<i>Majors.</i>					969
	2nd LIEUT.	LIEUT.	CAPTAIN.	MAJOR.	LACED ON HALF PAY.
Herbert Gordon, <i>Major</i> , Leicestershire Regt.	21 Sept. 89	1 Apr. 91	1 Jan. 98	26 June 07	
Geo. M. N. Harman, <i>DSO. Major</i> , Rifle Brigade.	7 Nov. 91	11 Oct. 93	1 Jan. 98	26 June 07	
Alic Sutherland, <i>Major</i> , Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders....	...	25 Nov. 85	23 Feb. 96	27 June 07	

He was posted abroad serving in Afghanistan, Ceylon, Hong Kong and India. In 1900 he was seconded to the Egyptian Army and spent time in Cairo and Khartoum. In May 1906 similar reports to the one below were reported in a number of newspapers.

REWARD FOR SERVICES

Captain Alic Sutherland, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and Captain Samuel K. Flint, City of London Regiment, are gazetted Brevet Majors in recognition of their services during operation in the Bahr-El-Ghazal Province, January to March 1905.

At a September 1910 ball in Inverness, he was listed as Major Alic Sutherland of Stirling Castle by the *Inverness Courier*. He was present when his father died on 24th July 1913. A few months later in September 1913 he was placed on 'retired pay'. But then, when the Great War started, he was created a temporary Lieutenant-Colonel in November 1914.

On the 1921 census Alic Sutherland was described as :-

A photograph of a handwritten note on lined paper. The text is written in cursive and reads: "Major retired 93rd Highlanders 99". The number "99" is written at the end of the line.

whilst visiting at Nos. 44 & 45 Stanhope Gardens, South Kensington, SW. He was at a North Kensington Hotel in 1939. He died in Kensington on 12th September 1946.

His only surviving sibling, his widowed sister Marion Gee, was granted probate.

SUTHERLAND Alic of Hotel Woodmere 26/27 Courtfield-gardens South Kensington London and of United Services Club Pall Mall London S.W.1 died 12 September 1946 at St. Mary Abbots Hospital Marloes-road Kensington London Probate London 6 January [1947] to Marion Gee widow Effects £1467 14s 3d

Ewen Mackay Sutherland (Walker) was born on 21st February 1867 in Berkley Square, London and baptised on 17th April 1867 in Westminster. For the 1881 census he was a 14-year-old scholar boarding in Eastbourne so probably at Eastbourne College. By census night 5th April 1891 the 24-year-old was living on his own means and lodging with a family in Westminster. He appears to have made his Will a few weeks later. Was this before he went to Canada? Did he follow his older brother into a military career? No evidence of this has been found.

A transcribed Scottish death record from *Moray, Scotland, Local Heritage Index, 1632-2014* states that 40-year-old Ewen Mackay Sutherland, son of E.C. Sutherland of Skibo and Aberarder, died on 18th April 1907 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Then there is this 1908 Scottish probate record which, perhaps tellingly, does not mention a military title for Ewen whereas it does for brother William.

SUTHERLAND, Ewen MacKay, sometimes of Skibo Castle, Sutherlandshire, afterwards of Rat River, County Champlain, Province of Quebec, Canada, died 19 April 1907, at Montreal, Canada, testate. Confirmation granted at Edinburgh, 28 March to William Tudor Sutherland, sometime Captain, 3rd Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, residing at 10 St. Mary's Mansions, Paddington, London, his brother, universal legatory, and as such Executor nominate under Will or Deed, dated 19 July 1891, and recorded in Court Books of Commissariat of Edinburgh 27 March 1908. Value of Estate, £39 : 19s.

The next son was **Kenneth Sutherland (Walker)** who was born on 21st May 1869. He may have had a disability, explaining why he lived with his parents until they died. On the 1921 census he was a visitor with his sister Marion Gee, wife of Rev. Lawrence Gee. Kenneth Sutherland died of "cerebral apoplexy" on 5th January 1928, in Bank Street, Inverness. His funeral service was held two days later at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness as the *Inverness Courier* announced on 6th January 1928. There are probate records.

THE LATE MR KENNETH SUTHERLAND – The death of Mr Kenneth Sutherland, son of the late Mr Evan Charles Sutherland of Skibo, who had been ailing for some time, took place yesterday. He was a devoted member of St Andrew's Cathedral and was held in esteem by all who knew him. He was 58 years of age, and is survived by a brother and sister, to whom sympathy will be extended. The funeral takes place at twelve noon tomorrow from the St. Andrew's Cathedral.

SUTHERLAND Kenneth of 27 Bank-street Inverness and of 1 Exchange-place Inverness died 5 January 1928 at Inverness Confirmation of George Forrest chartered accountant and Edward Ernest Eccles, Sealed London 27 March.

SUTHERLAND Kenneth, sometime of 19 Fitz George Avenue, London W, latterly of 27 Bank Street, Inverness, and c/o Robert F Cameron & Forrest, C.A., 1 Exchange Place there, died 5 January 1928, Inverness, testate. Confirmation Inverness 8 March to George Forrest, C.A, Rossie Lodge, Inverness, and Edward Ernest Eccles, 55 Drayton Gardens, London S.W., executors. Will dated 18 April 1925, recorded Inverness 7 March 1928. Value of estate: £1033 : 12s : 8d.

More is known about the military career of the youngest son **Reay Mackay Sutherland (Walker)** who was born on 23rd September 1875 at Skibo Castle. He was boarding at Inverness College for the 1891 census. Two years later he went to South Africa and followed a military career there. His *UK, Hart's Annual Army List, 1908* under RESERVE OFFICERS records that :-

“Reay Mackay Sutherland Lieut. Garrison Artillery on retired pay”,

became a 2nd Lieutenant on 23rd May 1900, a Lieutenant on 11th September 1901 and resigned on 13th July 1907.

The *Volunteer Service Gazette and Military Dispatch* on 4th January 1901, and other recorded announcements and records below would appear to confirm this.

Royal Garrison Artillery – The undermentioned Gents., from the Cape of Good Hope Local Military Forces, to be 2nd Lieutenants, May 1900, but not to carry pay or allowances prior to Dec. 29, 1900: Corpl. Reay Mackay Sutherland, from the Cape Mounted Rifles.

Sutherland, Mackay	Reay	24 Sept 75	2nd Lt. from Ranks, Local Mil. Forces, C. of Good Hope) R.Art. 23 May 00	R. Art. 11 Sept 01
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**Royal Garrison Artillery.—Lieutenant Reay M
Sutherland resigns his Commission.**

**Reay Mackay Sutherland, late Lieutenant, Royal
Garrison Artillery, to be Lieutenant. Dated
13th July, 1907.**

After resigning Reay Mackay Sutherland joined the police force for the Bechuanaland Protectorate in Southern Africa which became Botswana. On 27th January 1908 he married Florence Ottilie Riesle as the *London Evening Standard* announced on 25th February 1908.

SUTHERLAND -RIESLE.—At Mafeking, on 27th Jan., by the Revd G. Robinson, Rector of St. John's, Mafeking, Reay Mackay Sutherland, Bechuanaland Protectorate Police, youngest son of Evan Charles Sutherland Esqrd., to Florence Ottilie, eldest daughter of George Riesle, Esqr., Mafeking

At the beginning of 1910 a tragic incident occurred in Basutoland, which the *Bradford Daily Telegraph* was the first to report on 29th January 1910 .

NATIVE AMOK

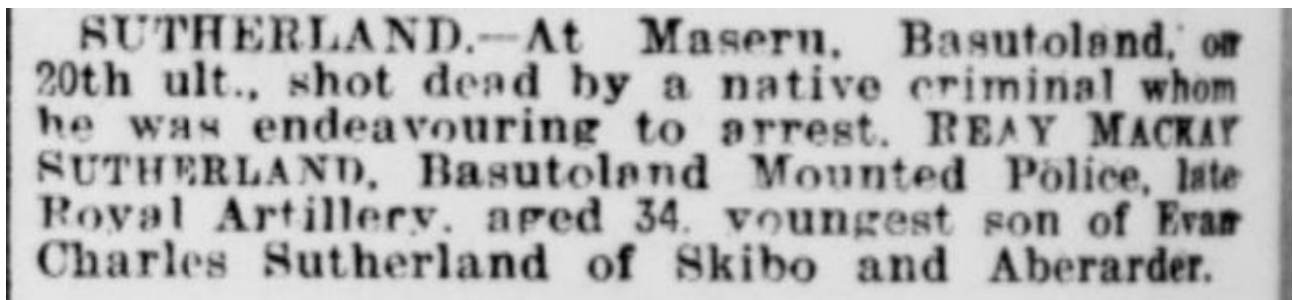
BRITISH OFFICERS SHOT

BASUTOLAND TRAGEDY

The Colonial Office yesterday issued details of the death of two officers of the Mounted Police at Mas Ru, Basutoland, as the result of a native running amok on the 21st inst.. Two days previously the native in question threatened his wife and family with a gun. The following morning a force of mounted police attempted to arrest him, but he took refuge in a small stone kraal and began an indiscriminate fusillade with a repeating carbine.

Inspector Sutherland was shot dead and Inspector Moutray, son of a County Tyrone rector, died three days later.

Then on 4th February 1910 the *Inverness Courier* announced the death of Inspector Reay Mackay Sutherland.



Reay Mackay Sutherland had these English and Scottish probate records.

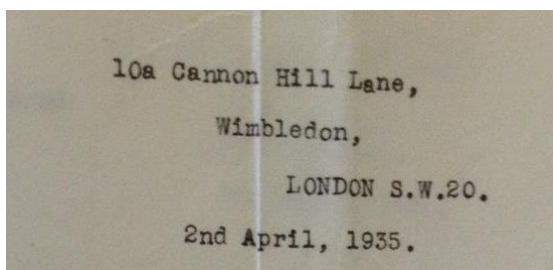
SUTHERLAND Reay Mackay of Maseru Basutoland died 20 January 1910 Confirmation of Evan Charles Sutherland. Sealed London 12 April.

SUTHERLAND, Reay Mackay, of the Basutoland Mounted police, sometime residing at New Bank, Inverness latterly at Maseru, Basutoland, died 20 January 1910, at Maseru aforesaid, testate, Confirmation granted at Edinburgh, 4 April, to Evan Charles Sutherland, 6 Campden Hill Court, Kensington, London, his father, Executor nominated in Will or Deed, dated 22 January 1909, and recorded in Court Books of Commissariat of Edinburgh, 2 April 1912, Value of Estate, £260.

The brothers' only surviving sister was **Marion Sutherland (Walker)** who was born on 29th November 1872 at No. 2 Grosvenor Crescent, Belgravia, London. She married Reverend Lawrence Gee on 26th October 1897, in York. They had two children, both born at The Vicarage, 11 George Street, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, Lawrence William Gee on 3rd February 1912 and Alice Marion Agnes Gee on 30th October 1913.

On 19th June 1921 when the census was taken Lawrence, Marion and their daughter Alice were at The Rectory, West Walton, Wisbech, Norfolk with her brother Kenneth Sutherland visiting them. Their son Lawrence was boarding at a school in Sussex. Rev. Lawrence Gee died on 1st August 1932 at this West Walton Rectory.

By April 1935 his widow Marion Gee née Sutherland was at the Wimbledon address below from where she and her brother, Major Alic Sutherland, sent the letter to the Parochial Church Council of St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe. The letter indicated that they were formally giving up a piece of land in Lightcliffe churchyard that their father had reserved for the burial of members of his family.



10a Cannon Hill Lane,
Wimbledon,
LONDON S.W.20.
2nd April, 1935.

This was still her address nearly twenty years later when she died, the last of the Sutherland (Walker) grandchildren.

GEE Marion of 10a Cannon Hill-lane Wimbledon Surrey widow died 11 February 1951 at 2 The Downs Wimbledon Probate London 14 June to Lawrence Willian Gee farmer and Alice Marion Agnes Preston (wife of Francis Noel Dykes Preston).
Effects £3715 11s 7d

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