

Year	Month	Event	Description
		Norse line	863-1376
		Norman line (originally Norse)	911-1455
		Earl of Caithness line	1455-
		Lord Sinclair line	1476-
		Earl of Rosslyn line	1476-
		Viscount Thurso line	
370m	BC	Caithness	Part of Lake Orcadie lying 10 degrees south of the Equator.
2500	BC	Stone Cairns	Built in Caithness. The Camster round cairn is probably the finest chambered tomb on the British Mainland.
c 1850	BC	Abraham in Canaan	
c 1250	BC	Moses in Egypt	
c 1200	BC	Some of Moses' followers to Ireland?	And then Scotland?
c 600	BC	Brochs	Built in Caithness
515	BC	Second Temple	Organised by Ezra and Nehemiah and 'built with the sword in one hand and the trowel in the other'
330?	BC	Pytheas	Voyages from the Mediterranean to as far north as Orkney and Iceland
50	BC	Diodorus Siculus	Wrote of 'Cope Orcas' which is either Duncansby Head or Dunnet Head.
c 6	BC	Jesus born	
	5	Caithness	Mentioned by the somewhat apocryphal writer Ambrosius Merlin

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c 30	Jesus crucified	
43	Claudius	Negotiates a naval non-aggression pact with the Orcadian Chieftains
91	The Catti invade the North of Scotland in the reign of Emperor Domitian	This tribe from Northern Germany gave their name to Caithness.
140	Ptolemy	Mentioned Duncansby Head
300	Ynglingars, Scots' Norse ancestors	Leave Russia for Scandinavia
449	Saxons landed in Britain	Ochtha and Ebisso with 'forty keels' laid waste to Orkney
562	St. Columba in Scotland	
c 630	Guillermus (William) Sancto Claro	The beheaded Saint William St. Clair from Kent still has his healing well at St. Clair-sur-Epte in Normandy
late 600's	King Ingjald 'Ill Ruler'	Last of the Frey - born Yngling pagan sacral 'Peace-Kings of Uppsala' whose emblem was the moon-crescent-shaped Galley
	Olaf 'Tree Hewer' King of Vermaland, Norway	His son succeeds
c.710	Olaf	Sacrificed to Woden by his own people during famine
700's?	Halfdan 'White Leg', King of Upplanders in Norway	His son succeeds. Conquers Raumarike
700's?	Halfdan succeeded by his son Eynstein 'The Fart' and then by his son Halfdan 'The Stingy' (generous with his gold but mean with his rations) who was King in Vestfold	

742-812	Charlemagne	King of the Franks and then Emperor of the Romans. It was from him that Margaret Atheling received the Holy Rood - the 'True Cross'
790	Halfdan's second son Ivarr	became Jarl of the Upplanders
795	Vikings first appeared Western Seas	
800	Vikings invade Channel coast	
830	Eynstein 'The Orator'	Son of Ivarr becomes Jarl of the Upplanders
832	Battle of Athelstaneford, East Lothian	Angus mac Fergus, King of the Picts, defeats the army of Athelstane, King of Northumbria and the Saltire, the future flag of Scotland, is seen in the clouds.
843	Union of Picts and Scots	Under Kenneth Macalpine
845	Clair of Rye, England	Born. Later martyred in France
863	Vikings settle in Caithness Rognvald (Ranald) 'The Wise'	Succeeds his father Eynstein and later becomes Jarl of Moeri and 1st Earl of Orkney
870	Battle of Hafursfiourd	Harald Harfagri (Fairhair) becomes sole King of Norway
871-2	Harald Harfagri	Becomes sole King of Norway, Makes an expedition against the western Vikings, who have established their station in Orkney, drives them from their haunts and subdues Shetland, Orkney, the Hebrides and Man
875?	Rognvald, Earl of Moeri	Given Orkney and Shetland as an Earldom by King Harold of Norway

875	Dungaldus, (Duncan) Earl of Caithness	
875	Sigurd the Sea-King, brother of Rognvald, now 2nd Earl of Orkney	Invades northern mainland of Scotland and seizes control of Caithness and Sutherland called Cat or Cait then Cataness till end of Norse rule in C13
882	Sigurd dies	Poisoned by the tooth of Earl Melbrigd whom he had slain. Succeeded by his son Guttorm 3rd Earl of Orkney. Buried at Cyderhall (Sigurd's 'howe') near Dornoch
883	Guttorm 3rd Earl dies	Hallad, son of Rognvald, becomes 4th Earl of Orkney
884	04-Nov Saint Clair	English hermit martyred in Normandy
885	Hallad 4th Earl dies	Succeeded by brother Einar (one eye) 5th Earl of Orkney known as Torf Einar as he introduced the burning of peat for fuel. Einar married Grelod d. of Dungaldus and g.g.g.g.g.g.d. of Einar's ancestor Halfdan
890	Rognvald	Burnt to death in Moeri
893	Einar 5th Earl	Slays Halfdan Haleggson son of King Harold 'Fair or Fine' Hair of Norway. He then had to compensate Harold with 60 gold marks and lost his family's udal right over the Earldom and recognised he held it in fee from the King.
c 900	Einar 5th Earl	Builds Castle at Knock Einar now Knockinnon in Caithness.
910	Einar 5th Earl dies	Succeeded by his sons Arknell and Erlend
911	Hrolf (Rollo) also son of Rognvald	Conquers part of Neustria (Normandy), agrees peace with King Charles the Simple of France at a Treaty at St. Clair- sur-Epte and (?) marries (secondly) his daughter Gisela-no children (although Genealogie des Rois de France lists three).

912	Rollo	Baptised at Rouen. Created 1st Duke of Normandy
917	Rollo	Abdicates in favour of his son William
922	Rollo	Helps King Charles of France put down the rebellion of Robert of Paris
927	Rollo	Dies. Succeeded by his son William 'Longsword' 2nd Duke by his first marriage to Poppa dau. of Berenger, Count of Bayeux
c.935	Northern Britain	Becomes Scotland or Scotia having been formerly called Caledonia, Pictavia or Alban
	Grelod, dau. of Dungaldus	Married to Thorfinn Skullsplitter
948	William 2nd Duke of Normandy	Dies. Succeeded by his son Richard 'The Fearless' 3rd Duke
	Richard 3rd Duke	Had three sons Richard, Robert Earl of Evreux, Malger Earl of Corbueil and Archbishop of Rouen and two daughters Hedwiga who married the Earl of Brittany and Emma who was twice Queen of England
950	Erland 6th Earl and Arknell 7th Earl joint Earls of Orkney	Killed in battle in England. Succeeded by younger brother Thorfinn 'Skull Cleaver' 8th Earl of Orkney
963	Thorfinn 8th Earl	Dies. Succeeded by son Arfinn
967	Arnfinn 9th Earl	Murdered at Murkle. Succeeded by brother Havard the Happy

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970		Havard the Blessed 10th Earl	Slain at Stenness. Disputed succession between Ljot 11th Earl and Skuli both claiming the title
c976		Skuli 12th Earl	3rd son of Thorfinn. Defeats Ljot after Ljot had received an earldom from the King of Scots but dies after the battle. Succeeded by brother Hlodver
980		Hlodver 13th Earl	4th son of Thorfinn. Who had married Audna, daughter of Kiarval O'Ivar King of Dublin dies. Succeeded by son Sigurd the Stout
980s		Sigurd the Stout 14th Earl	Defeats Finnleik at battle of Skidamire carrying the enchanted standard of the black raven - sacred to Odin - woven by his mother and then the Scottish Earls Hundi and Melsnati
995		Sigurd 14th Earl	Forced to convert and introduce Christianity 'the true faith' into Orkney by Olaf, Tryggvi's son, King of Norway
996	Nov	Richard 3rd Duke of Normandy	Dies. Son, Richard 4th Duke succeeds
		Richard 4th Duke	Had three sons, Richard 5th Duke, Robert 6th Duke and Malger Archbishop of Rouen, and four daughters Margaret (Helen) married Walderne Earl of St Clair (son of Malger), Alice married the Count of Burgundy, Eleonora married Earl of Flanders and their dau. married William The Conqueror, and Papia
1002		Marriage of Emma daughter of Richard 3rd Duke of Normandy to King Aethelred II of England	

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1006	Walderne Sinclair	2nd son of Malger born. Became Earl of St Clair.
1008	Hubert	3rd son of Malger born. Became Earl of Rye in Normandy. Had four sons Radulph, Hubert, Adam and Eudo who all fought at Hastings in 1066 and then held large estates in England
1014	Battle of Clontarf	Sigurd 14th Earl killed while carrying the enchanted banner. "all who bear it get their death". Succeeded by Somerled his eldest son
1014	Thorfinn , (to be 18th Earl and brother of Somerled)	Aged 5, made Earl of Caithness and Sutherland by Malcolm II, King of Scots, his maternal grandfather
1015	Somerled 15th Earl	Dies. Succeeded by Einar II his brother
1017	Jul Marriage of Queen Emma to King Knut (Canute) of Denmark & England	Following Knut's invasion and marriage, the grandsons, one of whom was 'Edward the Exile', of King Aethelred II escaped to Sweden, then 12 years later to Kiev.
1018	Einar II 16th Earl	Vanquished by Eyvind Urarhorn and King Conchobhar at Battle of Ulfreksfiord
1019 or 1026	Einar II 16th Earl	Killed by Thorkell in Deerness and Brusi, his brother inherits
1026	Richard 4th Duke of Normandy dies	Succeeded by son Richard 5th Duke
1027	William 'The Conqueror'	Born. Illegitimate son of Robert 6th Duke of Normandy
1028	William 'The Seemly' Sinclair	Born at St. Lo, Normandy son of Walderne, Earl of St. Clair. Founder of the Sinclair dynasty in Scotland
1028	Richard 5th Duke	Dies. Succeeded by brother Robert 6th Duke 'The Saint and the Devil'

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1028	Olaf the Holy	King of Norway driven out by King Canute of England and Denmark who is married to Emma
1030	Brusi 17th Earl	does a deal with brother Thorfinn and splits the land and then fades away. Thorfinn takes all
1030	Thorfinn II 18th Earl	Jarl of Orkney and Earl of Caithness
1031-33	Robert 6th Duke	Assists King Henry of France regain his throne
1034?	Moddan	Created Earl of Caithness by King Karl Hundason
1035	Robert 6th Duke	Makes pilgrimage to Jerusalem
1035	Robert 6th Duke	Dies. Succeeded by illegitimate son William by Hereleve
1035-1046	Rognvald II	Nephew of Thorfinn II jointly rule until they disagree and Thorfinn kills him
1040's	Thorfinn II 18th Earl	Defeats Moddan twice and then the King of Scotland. Subdues Sutherland and Ross. He is credited with the real establishment of Christianity in the Earldom. He established a bishop at Birsay in a 'fine minster'
1042	Edward the Confessor, son of Emma .	Crowned King of England
1047	Battle of Val-es-Dunes	Battle to decide Dukedom of Normandy. Hamo and Walderne St. Clair killed. William illegitimate son of Robert 6th Duke confirmed 7th Duke
1050	Thorfinn II 18th Earl	Pilgrimage to Rome and meets the Pope
1052	06-Mar Emma	Dies

1057		William 'The Seemly' Sinclair	Returns from Hungary with Atheling Edward 'The Exile' and his daughter Margaret who twelve years later married Malcolm Canmore King of Scotland. She had a piece of the True Cross 'Holy Rood'. In the Houses of Parliament it says 'given to her ancestor by Charlemagne' but this is probably symbolic.
1064		Thorfinn 'The Great' 18 th Earl of Orkney dies	Succeeded by his sons Paul and Erlend. His widow, Ingiborg marries Malcolm Canmore and their son is King Duncan I
1065		Hubert	Uncle to William the Conqueror sent by him on a secret mission to England to secure the throne when Edward dies
1066	25-Sep	Battle of Stamford Bridge, near York	King Harald Sigurdson (Hardradi) fell. His son Olaf and Earls Paul and Erlend, (20th and 21st of Orkney) who were also in the battle receive peace and are free to return north
1066	Oct-14	Battle of Hastings	William Sinclair 7th Duke of Normandy aided by at least one, maybe nine Sinclair "generals" defeats Harald and becomes King of England and The Conqueror
1069		Margaret marries Malcolm Canmore, King of Scots	
1076		Eudo St. Clair	Starts building Colchester Castle, the largest ever constructed by the Normans
1080?		Hako, son of Paul, and Magnus, son of Erlend	Joint Jarls of Orkney and Earls of Caithness
1087	Sep 9	William the Conqueror, King of England	Dies in Rouen, Normandy. Succeeded by his son William II
1093	Nov	Battle of Alnwick	King Malcolm of Scotland besieges William II King of England who surrenders but Malcolm is killed

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1093	Nov 16	Queen Margaret dies	Later canonised as 'an out-standing example of a true mother and a queen'. Her feast day is 16 November
1095		Eudo St. Clair	Founds the Benedictine Abbey of St. John in Colchester
1096-99		First Crusade	Henry "the Holy" Sinclair , son of William " The Seemly Sinclair " takes part. Jerusalem captured.
1098		Magnus King of Norway	Seizes Earls of Orkney, Paul and Erlend and banishes them to Norway. Places his own son Sigurd as Jarl
1099		Sigurd Magnusson	Crowned King of Orkney and the Isles by his father.
1103		Hakon the Imperious 22nd and Magnus the Martyr 23rd Earls	Sons of Paul and Erlend joint rulers
1110?		Harald Slettali	Jarl of Orkney and Earl of Caithness
1115		Magnus the Martyr 23rd Earl	Killed on Hakon's orders
1118		Knights Templars founded	At site of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem. Hugh de Payens, linked to Catherine St. Clair is first Grand Master
1120		John Sinclair, Earl of Essex	Son of Eudo Dapifer, the Lord of Colchester , and g.g.son of Malger created Earl of Essex
1122		Hakon the Imperious 22nd Earl	Dies. Succeeded by sons Harald the Orator 24th Earl and Paul II the Silent 25th Earl
1123		William Sinclair of Corbeil	Created Archbishop of Canterbury

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1127	Harold the Orator 24th Earl	Who held Caithness from the King of Scots poisoned by wearing a garment being made for Paul
1127	Erlend III the Younger 26th Earl	Son of Harald the Orator shares title jointly with Paul 25th Earl
1129	Macwilliam designated Earl of Caithness	Visit Sir Henry Sinclair of Roslin and initiated Templar headquarters at Balantrodoch
1129	Hugh de Paynes with Catherine St. Clair	
1135	King Stephen of England	Crowned by Archbishop William Sinclair of Canterbury
1136	Paul II the Silent 25th Earl	Dies. Succeeded by St. Rognvald III the Crusader, son of Magnus 23rd Earl
1136	St. Rongvald III 27th Earl	Starts building St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall in memory of his father
1139	Harold II the Wicked 28th Earl	Nephew of Harold I Scottish Earl of Caithness Orkney and Shetland
1140?	Paul 25th Earl	Jarl of Orkney and Earl of Caithness
1147-49	Second Crusade	
1150	Erling	Carried off the beautiful Margaret, mother of Harald II, to the broch at Moussa, Shetland. Harold beseiged them but then agreed to the marriage.
1152	Earl Rognvald of Caithness and Orkney	Makes pilgrimage to Jerusalem
1152	Harald Maddadson (Harold the Wicked) 28th Earl	Arrived in Scrabster, Thurso in a war galley followed by Einstein King of Norway and captured
1154	Laurence Sinclair	Abbot of Eynehallow

1156	Erlend III the Younger 26th Earl	Killed. Male line of earls of Orkney end.
1158	Earl Rognvald III 27th Earl	Killed at Calder in Caithness by Thorbiorn Klerk
1160	Sweyn	Famous Caithness and Orkney raider killed in an ambush in Dublin
1162	First scroll written in Caithness	
1162	Henry de St.Clair	Receives charter of lands of Herdmanston in Haddingtonshire
1163?	Hugh de St. Clair	Excommunicated by Thomas a Beckett for having 'taken possession of the goods and properties of the same church of Canterbury without permission'
1170?	Harald	Jarl of Orkney and Earl of Caithness
1176	Harald III the Younger 29th Earl	Earl of Orkney and Caithness
1189-1192	Third Crusade	Fails to retake Jerusalem but agreement gained for free visitation of Holy places.
1192	Rognvald 27th Earl	Canonised
1195	Harold the Elder 28th Earl	Forfeits Shetland to the Crown of Norway and it does not form part of the domain of the Earls until 1397
1196	Battle of Clairdon	Harald the Younger, grandson of Earl Ronald, slain by Harold the Elder and lies buried in 'Harold's Tower' near Thurso Castle
1196	Harald the Elder, Earl of Caithness and Orkney	Rebels against King William the Lion

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1201	Harald 28th Earl	Storms castle of John, Bishop of Caithness whose tongue is cut out as 'he was an informer'
1201	King William the Lion	Marches to Caithness in revenge for John's death. Harald buys peace for 2000 merks of silver and loses Sutherland
1202-04	Fourth Crusade	Constantinople taken and held for fifty years
1206	Harald the Elder 28th Earl	Dies, succeeded by his son David
1206	David 30th Earl and John 31st Earl	Sons of Harold II joint Earls
1206	Thorfinn	Eldest son of Harald 28th earl dies in Roxburgh Castle where he was confined as a hostage and after mutilation by King William the Lion of Scotland
1214	Gilbert Murray, distinguished ecclesiastic	Appointed Bishop of Caithness
1214	David, (30th Earl) Jarl of Orkney and Earl of Caithness	Dies, succeeded by brother John
1222	John, Jarl of Orkney and Earl of Caithness	Does not stop the burning of Adam, Bishop of Caithness to death in Halkirk for raising tithes. Gilbert succeeds to Bishopric and moves residence from Halkirk to Dornoch
1222	Alexander, King of Scotland	Came to Caithness and mercilessly avenged the Bishop's murder
1231	John, (31st Earl) Jarl of Orkney and Earl of Caithness	Murdered in his own house at Thurso by his own servants.
1232	Magnus II, (32nd Earl) Jarl of Orkney and Earl of Caithness	Kinsman of John granted title
1239	Magnus II, Jarl of Orkney and Earl of Caithness	Dies, succeeded by son Gilbert (Gilbride) Earl of Stratherne and part of Caithness.

1244	Gilbert I, Earl of Orkney and Caithness	Pledged himself to the Pope on behalf of the Treaty with England
1245	Gilbert of Moray, Bishop of Caithness	Saint, Social Worker and one of most outstanding men in the unreformed Church in Scotland, dies.
1256	Gilbert II 34th Earl of Orkney and Caithness	Dies succeeded by son Magnus III
1263	Haco (Hakon), King of Norway	Invaded Scotland and imposes an impost on Caithness to cover his expenses
1263	01-Oct Battle of Largs	Scots with William St. Clair commanding a wing of King Alexander III's army defeat Haco. Haco supported by Magnus, son of Magnus, Jarl of Orkney and Earl of Caithness . Haco dies in Kirkwall
1265	Battle of Lewes, England	King Alexander of Scotland ordered William Sinclair of Roslin to assist the forces of the king of England
1273	Magnus III	Dies succeeded by son Magnus IV
1276	Magnus	Created Jarl of Orkney and Earl Caithness by Magnus, King of Norway at Tunsberg
1279-81	Sir William Sinclair of Rosslyn	Guardian to Alexander, Prince of Scotland
1283	05-Feb Magnus 35th Jarl of Orkney and Earl of Caithness	Signs documents declaring Margaret, the Maiden of Norway, the nearest heir to the Scottish Throne
1284	Magnus 35th Jarl of Orkney and Earl of Caithness	Dies succeeded by brother John
1289	John 36th Earl, Earl of Caithness and Orkney	Involved in proposal of marriage between Prince Edward and Princess Margaret, the Maiden of Norway and Queen of Scotland

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1290	14-Mar John, Earl of Caithness and Sir William Sinclair of Roslin	Attend Parliament at Brigham to arrange marriage of Princess Margaret of Scotland to Prince Edward of England
1290	Margaret, Maiden of Norway	Drowns off Orkney coast on her way to Scotland
1292	10-Feb John, Earl of Caithness Sir William Sinclair of Roslin	Refused to sit in Parliament under Balliol was a nominee of Balliol's
1292	13-Jun Sir William Sinclair of Roslin	Swears fealty to Edward 1 of England. His son Henry also does
1296	25-Mar Battle of Dunbar	Sir William Sinclair of Rosslyn was captured and died later probably in Tower of London. Henry his son also captured and later sent to St. Briavels Castle.
1296	10-Jul Sir William Sinclair of Herdmanston	Swears loyalty to King Edward 1 at Montrose
1297	05-Aug John, Earl of Caithness	Earl Johan de Catanes' swore loyalty to King Edward I at Murkle in Caithness
1299	07-Feb Henry Sinclair	Exchanged prisoner for Sir William Fitz-Warin
1303	24-Feb Battle of Roslin	Scots including Henry Sinclair of Rosslyn , Wallace and Comyn defeat English
1307	10-May Battle of Loudon Hill	Robert the Bruce assisted by Henry Sinclair of Rosslyn defeat the English
1307	13-Oct Knights Templars attacked	by Philip the Fair of France on charges of heresy. Fleet escapes from La Rochelle to Scotland and Portugal. Treasure and archives taken to Temple near Rosslyn
1310	John II 37th Earl	Dies succeeded by son Magnus V
1312	28-Oct Magnus, Earl of Caithness and Orkney	Witnesses treaty between Robert the Bruce and King Hakon of Norway

1312		William Sinclair, brother of Sir Henry of Roslin	Made Bishop of Dunkeld
1314	23-Jun	Bannockburn	Bruce defeats Edward I of England. Henry Sinclair and his brother, William, the Bishop of Dunkeld there as was Sir William St.Clair of Herdmanston to whom King Robert gave his sword after the battle with the inscription 'Le Roi me donne St Cler me porte'
	24-Jun	Bannockburn	Henry with Bruce when he declares Scotland independent
1317		Battle of Donibristle, Fife	William, Bishop of Dunkeld, rallies Scots army to defeat English invading force
1319	Sep	Magnus, Earl of Caithness and Orkney	Receives letter from the Pope urging 'unity and peace'
1320	04-Apr	Declaration of Arbroath 'the Scots Declaration of Independence'	The reply to the Pope's letter Signed by Sir Henry Sinclair of Rosslyn and Earl Magnus
c1320		The St. Clairs of Rosslyn	King Robert the Bruce appoints the family, through the Royal Order, the hereditary Grand Masters of the crafts and guilds of Scotland.
1321		Henry St. Clair	Ballivus in Caithness for King Robert the Bruce
1321		Magnus V 38th Earl	Dies succeeded by heir in law Malise
1329		Peace of Northampton	Scottish Independence recognised
1330	25-Aug	Battle of Teba, Andalusia, Spain	Sir William Sinclair, heir to Henry, and his brother John both die attempting to carry Bruce's heart to the Holy Land. Buried in Rosslyn Chapel
1331		Malise, Earl of Strathearn	Through his descent from Matilda, daughter of Gilbert Jarl of Orkney and Earl of Caithness in 1244, assumes both titles
1332	24-Sep	William Sinclair, Bishop of Dunkeld	Officiates at Coronation of Edward Balliol

1333	Malise	Killed at Halidon Hill
1346	12-Jul Edward III of England invades Normandy	Six English Sinclair generals with him.
1346	08-Dec Sir John Sinclair of Herdmanston	Taken prisoner after the Battle of Neville Cross
c.1350	King David II	Decreed "ane common and equal weicht, quhilk is called the weicht of Caithness (pondus Cathaniae) in buying and selling, sall be keeped and used by all men within this realm of Scotland"
1353	Arngils Sunneson	Created Earl of Orkney by King of Norway
1357	Arngils Earl of Orkney	Deprived of Title
c. 1358	Lithuanian Crusade	William Sinclair, Baron of Rosslyn and father of Prince Henry Sinclair dies in Lithuania crusading with the Teutonic Knights
1364	Thomas St Clair, son of William Sinclair of Roslin who was killed at Teba	Ballivus in Orkney for the King of Norway
1375?	David Stewart Earl of Strathern	Created Earl of Caithness
1375	Alexander de Ard	Granted Earldom of Orkney for one year by King Hakon of Norway and resignd all his lands in caithness to King Robert II of Scotland
1379	02-Aug Henry made Jarl (Prince or Earl) of Orkney and Lord of Shetland	by King Haakon VI of Norway at Marstrand
1388?	Eupheme	suo jure Countess of Caithness and Countess of Stratherne
1389	Henry	Slays Malise Sperra near Scalloway, Shetland

1391		Henry conquers Faroe Islands	
1398		Prince Henry's voyage	sails to New world.
1398	02-Jun	Nova Scotia	Henry lands at Trin harbour, now Chadebucto Bay
1399		Henry in Massachusetts and Rhode Island	Evidence at Westford and the Newport Tower
1400		Prince Henry killed in Orkney	Succeeded by his son Henry 2nd Earl of Orkney
1402		Walter Stewart, Earl of Caithness	
1402	14-Sep	Henry 2nd Earl of Orkney and Sir William Sinclair of Herdmanston	Taken prisoner by the English at Battle of Homildon Hill but soon released
1405		Henry 2nd Earl of Orkney	Guardian to Prince James, the future James I of Scotland
1406		Henry 2nd Earl of Orkney	Escorted Prince James to France but the ship was captured by the English. Both imprisoned in the Tower of London
1407		Henry 2nd Earl of Orkney	Escapes or is released on payment of a ransom from the Tower
1418		John Sinclair, brother of Prince Henry 2nd Earl	Foud of Shetland and did homage to King Haakon
1420	01-Feb	Henry 2nd Earl of Orkney dies.	William 3rd Earl of Orkney succeeds
1421		William 3rd Earl of Orkney	Hostage for James 1 when he returned to Scotland
1428		Alan Stewart Earl of Caithness	on resignation of title by his father
1431		Alan Earl of Caithness	Slain at Inverloch by Donald Balloch. Succeeded by his father Walter

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1436	William 3rd Earl of Orkney	Conveyed Princess Margaret of Scotland to France on her marriage to the Dauphin when also Admiral of Scotland
1437	Walter Earl of Caithness	forfeits title
1441	William 3rd Earl of Orkney	Created Grand Master Mason of Scotland by King James II. Title is hereditary
1446	24-Jun William 3rd Earl of Orkney	Summoned to Bergen by Christopher King of Norway to swear allegiance for the Orkneys
1446	Start of building of Rosslyn Chapel (Collegiate Chapel of St Matthew) for a provost, six prebends and two singing boys	by William Sinclair, Prince of Orkney
1448	William 3rd Earl of Orkney	Joins Earls of Douglas, Ormonde and others in repelling English invasion
1449	William 3rd Earl of Orkney	Senior of four candidates for the vacant Norwegian crown. Blocked by Hansa League as they wanted someone more amenable
1449	William also created Lord Sinclair	Sits in Parliament as Lord Sinclair
1450	21-Sep Rosslyn Chapel	Dedicated as Collegiate Chapel of St. Matthew
1452	George Crichton	Created Earl of Caithness
1454 Aug	George, Earl of Caithness	Dies
1454	William 3rd Earl of Orkney	High Chancellor of Scotland

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1455	28-Aug	William 3rd Earl of Orkney also created Earl of Caithness	Under Scottish law in compensation for foregoing right of Lordship of Nithsdale
1470	16-Sep	William forced to resign Earldom of Orkney	Orkney transferred to Scottish crown as part of the dowry on marriage of James III to Margaret of Denmark. Receives Castle of Ravenscraig and lands in Fife as compensation
1471-73		William 1st Earl	Ambassador to England
1476	07-Dec	William 1st Earl	Surrenders his Caithness title. Succeeded by his son William 2nd Earl. Another son Sir Oliver is left the Roslin Estates. William, son by the first marriage receives nothing.
1480		William 1st Earl	Dies buried at Rosslyn
1480		William Sinclair	Becomes 1st Lord Sinclair
1481	18-Feb	Agreement ratified between Sir Oliver and William, Lord Sinclair	William obtains Ravenscraig Castle and its lands as well as lands at Dysart but with his son, Henry, renounce claim to barony of Roslin
1482	17-Apr	William, Lord Sinclair	declared 'incomposmentis et fatuus' and a wster of his lands and goods for 16 years previously
1486?		Rosslyn Chapel	Completed
1487		William, Lord Sinclair	Dies and is buried at Dunfermline succeeded by his son Henry
1488 -89		Henry, Lord Sinclair	Sat in Parliament
1489	28-May	Henry, Lord Sinclair	Granted a thirteen year lease of Orkney and Shetland, the custody of Kirkwall Castle and the offices of Justiciar, Foud and Bailie of Orkney and Shetland

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1496	Jan de Grot (John of Groats)	Commissioned by James IV to operate a ferry service to Orkney having obtained a charter of land from William, the Earl of Caithness
1501	01-May Henry, Lord Sinclair	Regranted lease of Orkney and Shetland for nineteen years
1502	Sir David Sinclair, illegitimate son of William first Earl	Sent by King James IV to fight for Danes against Norse
1505	William 2nd Earl	Known to have sat in Parliament
1510	13-Mar Henry, Lord Sinclair	Created Master of the Artillery
1513	09-Sep Battle of Flodden	William, 2nd Earl helped lead the right wing of the Scottish army that beat the English left wing. Unlike some he returned to help the rest of the Scots and was killed. Loss of 300 Sinclairs including George Sinclair of Keiss, Henry 3rd Lord Sinclair, Sir John Sinclair of Herdmanston, The Bishop of Caithness as well as King James IV of Scotland.
1513	John, son of William becomes 3rd Earl William, son of Henry becomes 4th Lord Sinclair	Does not inherit Estates until his mother dies
1515	Sir James Sinclair, natural son of Sir William of Warsetter (brother to Henry 3rd Lord Sinclair) and thus a cousin	Elected by the Orcadians as their leader and withheld rents to Lady Sinclair (William's mother) and forces William to surrender Kirkwall Castle and to flee to Caithness
1529	William, Lord Sinclair	Receives letter from King instructing him to invade Orkney and overthrow Sir James. Goes to John for help

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1529	18-May Battle of Somersdale (Summerdale) Orkney	John, 3rd Earl of Caithness with 500 men dies in battle. Succeeded by his son George 4th Earl. William, 4th Lord Sinclair is taken prisoner.
1533	01-Jun John Seintcleere	Knighthed with the Sword at the Coronation of King Henry VIII of England and Queen Anne Boleyn
1540	Oliver Sinclair of Pitcairns	Second son of Sir Oliver Sinclair of Rosslyn appointed Justice, Sherriff, Admiral and Baillie of Orkney and Shetland by King James V
1542	24-Nov Battle of Solway Moss	Scots, commanded by Oliver Sinclair of Pitcairns , beaten by the English and taken prisoner
1542	George 4th Earl	First sat as a Peer in Parliament
1542	Gold produced in Caithness	At Rattar
1546	03-Jun Sir William Sinclair of Rosslyn	Marie of Guise appoints him the keeper of all the sacred treasures of Scotland
1556	17-Apr George 4th Earl	Received a grant of the hereditary justiciary of Caithness with full power over life and death
1558	Nov Henry Sinclair	Younger son of Sir Oliver Sinclair of Roslin made Bishop of Ross
1559	Sir William Sinclair of Rosslyn	Lord Chief Justice of Scotland
1560	John Knox (mother was a Sinclair) Oliver Sinclair of Pitcairns	Founds Presbyterian Church in Scotland Dies
1560	George 4th Earl	Oppose the ratification of the 'Confession of Faith' in Parliament
1565	29-Jul Dr John Sinclair, son of Sir Oliver Sinclair of Roslin	Marries Mary Queen of Scots to Lord Darnley

1567	12-Apr George 4th Earl	Foreman of the Jury at the trial that acquitted James, Earl of Bothwell for the murder of Lord Darnley and who then married Mary Queen of Scots.
1567	Thomas Sinclair	Keeper of the Privy Seal when Mary Queen of Scots was forced to abdicate and in turn was forced to attach the seals by the Lord Lindsay even though Mary's signature was obtained by coercion
1568	Henry 3rd Lord Sinclair	Assists Mary Queen of Scots to escape from Lochleven Castle
1570	John, Master of Caithness, son of George	Burns the Cathedral in pursuit of the Murrays who had taken refuge in the steeple
1570-77	John, Master of Caithness	Imprisoned in Girnigoe Castle by his father
1570	William, 4th Lord Sinclair	Dies, succeeded by Henry, a supporter of the Reformation
1571	26-Feb Rosslyn Chapel	Seized in the Reformation
1582	09-Sep George, 4th Earl	Dies in Edinburgh. Buried at Rosslyn. Succeeded by his grandson George 5th Earl
1588	Girnigoe Castle	Withstands siege by the Earl of Sutherland
1589	George 4th Earl	Invades and ravishes part of Sutherland
1589	Wick	Created a Royal Burgh by James IV

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1592	03-Apr George 5th Earl	Resigns Earldom in return for novodamus and remainder to his son William Sinclair
1592	17-Aug Altars of Rosslyn Chapel ordered to be destroyed	Oliver St.Clair summoned to appear before the General Assembly and threatened with excommunication
1592	31-Aug Altars at Rosslyn Chapel destroyed	'The altars of Roslene were haille demolishit' (George Ramsay). Chapel ceased to be used as a house of prayer and fell into disrepair
1592	11-Dec William Sinclair of Mey	Knighthed by King James VI
1601	21-Oct Henry 5th Lord Sinclair	Dies, succeeded by grandson Henry
1602	Henry 6th Lord Sinclair	Dies, succeeded by his brother James
1606	George 5th Earl of Caithness	By Act of Parliament allowed to change the name of Girnigoe Castle to Sinclair Castle
1606	William Shakespeare	Writes Macbeth featuring The Earl of Caithness as one of the powerful and influential Scottish Peers.
1607	James 7th Lord Sinclair	Dies, succeeded by his brother Patrick
1608	Rev Timothy Pont	Issues first map of Caithness
1610	Arthur Smith	Alledgedly minted coins for the Earl of Caithness in Girnigoe Castle
1610	06-Jan William St. Clere	Knighthed at Whitehall
1612	Battle of Kringen, Otta, Norway	George Sinclair and all but 18 out of 300 or so men killed in an ambush. I50 men came from Caithness
1614	George 5th Earl	Supresses rebellion in Orkney

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1615 or 17	Patrick 8th Lord Sinclair	Dies succeeded by his son John
1623	08-Jul William Sinclair of Mey	Receives Knighthood
1626	01-Feb Ralph St. Clare	Created Knight of the Bath
1630	Sir William Sinclair of Rosslyn	The William Schaw petition from the Master of the King's Work confirms the St. Clairs as traditional Grand Masters of the Masons of Scotland
1631	02-Jun James Sinclair of Mey	Created Baronet of Nova Scotia
1633	Thurso	Created a free burgh of barony by Royal Charter of Charles 1
1634	Famine in Caithness	The Privy Council give support to 'the people of Catnes and Orkney in this calamitous tyme of death and famine'
1636	18-Jan John Sinclair of Stevenson	Created Baronet of Nova Scotia
1638	Baptist Church founded	The first Baptist Church in Scotland was at Keiss in Caithness
1638	John, Master of Berriedale	With Sir James Sinclair of Murkle signed National Covenant
1639	23-Mar John 9th Lord Sinclair	One of the Covenanting Lords who took the Regalia from Dalkeith to Edinburgh
1640/41	John 9th Lord Sinclair	Garrisons Aberdeen
1642	Feb George 5th Earl dies	Buried at Hollyrood. Succeeded by George 6th Earl his great grandson
1644-45	Sir John Sinclair of Herdmanston	MP for County of Haddington

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1649	Battle of Carbisdale	Montrose defeated for the last time. Flees with Major Sinclair but is betrayed by McLeod of Assynt, imprisoned in Ardvrach Castle and late tried and killed.
1650	03-Sep Sir William Sinclair of Rosslyn	Dies at battle of Dunbar and was the last Knight to be buried in full armour below Rosslyn Chapel. General Monk sacks Rosslyn Castle but the Chapel is spared although used for stabling horses. Sir John Sinclair of Rosslyn sent to Tynemouth Castle
1651	03-Sep John 9th Lord Sinclair	Captured by Cromwell at Battle of Worcester fighting for King Charles II. Imprisoned in the Tower of London and then at Windsor until 1660. Liberated by General Monck.
1655	George Sinclair	Professor of Philosophy at Glasgow University and one of the first Scots to study Physics
1655	David Sinclair of Seba and Brobster	Naturalised and admitted into the College of Nobles as Baron Sinclair of Finnekumla
1657	15-Jul George 6th Earl	Present when Oliver Cromwell was proclaimed Chief Magistrate of the three nations in Edinburgh.
1653-9	Oliver Cromwell	Stationed troops in Caithness including '70 foot and 15 horse' at Girnigoe
1664	10-Sep Robert Sinclair of Longformacus	Created a baronet
1668	John Sinkler	Arrived as an indentured servant in New Hampshire, USA
1668	05-Nov George 6th Earl	Granted a remission under the Great Seal for 'the crimes of making war on his Majesty's lieges, manslaughter, robbery, fire-raising and general oppression
1670	George Sinclair	Employed by Magistrates in Edinburgh to superintend the introduction of water into the city

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1672	George 6th Earl	Granted a redeemable disposition of his lands and Honours to Sir John Campbell of Glenorchy
1674	Patrick Sinclair	First Sinclair in West Indies
1674	10-Nov John 9th Lord Sinclair	Dies. Title in dispute as only one daughter Catherine
1676	May George 6th Earl dies	At Thurso Castle.
1677	01-Jun Sir Henry St, Clair of Herdmanston (Grandson of John 9th Lord)	Created 10th Lord Sinclair. Obtained through Mother's line
1677	28-Jun Sir John Campbell of Glenorchy	Created Earl of Caithness
1680	13-Jul Battle of Altmarlach	George Sinclair of Keiss loses last clan battle in Scotland to Sir John Campbell of Glenorchy
1680	Andrew Sinclair of Sema and Brobster	Having emigrated to Sweden in 1635 made Count Sinclair of Lambahof
1681	15-Jul George Sinclair of Keiss	Declared 7th Earl of Caithness by the Privy Council. A cousin of 6th Earl. Sat in Parliament
1681	13-Aug Sir John Cambell of Glenorchy	Created Earl of Breadalbane and Holland in compensation for loss of Earldom of Caithness
1688	11-Dec Rosslyn Chapel	Damaged by a mob for being too Popish and idolatrous
1689	Henry 10th Lord Sinclair	Only Peer to oppose the settling of the Crown on William and Mary
1689	Sir Robert Sinclair of Stevenson	Created Lord Stevenson and a lord of session
1698	George 7th Earl dies	Succeeded by John Sinclair of Murchill (Murkle) 8th Earl, his cousin
1704	25-Jul John 8th Earl	Sits in Parliament

1704	12-Oct James Sinclair of Dunbeath	Created Baronet of Nova Scotia
1705	John 8th Earl dies	Succeeded by Alexander 9th Earl, his son.
1708	Union of Parliaments	Scotland's Parliament suspended The Earl of Caithness against it and was the last surviving peer of the Scottish Parliament. Sir Robert Sinclair of Longformacus, John Sinclair of Stemster and John Sinclair (younger) of Stevenson also voted against.
1708	John, Master of Sinclair (Son of Henry Lord Sinclair)	Kills Ensign Schaw and Captain Alexander Schaw in duels. Exiled to Prussia and later Pardoned by Queen Anne
1715	John Master of Sinclair	Captures vessel with 420 stand of arms bound for the Earl of Sutherland for the Jacobites
1715	Battle of Sheriffmuir	David Sinclair of Brabsterdorrans fights for Jacobite cause, as did John, Master of Sinclair who fled to Orkney and then to Europe
1715	John, Master of Sinclair	Attainted and never assumed the title.
1723 Mar	Henry 10th Lord Sinclair	Dies. No successor due to attainder.
1733	03-Nov John Sinclair of Murkle	Younger son of John 8th Earl created Lord Murkle
1736	Rosslyn Chapel	Sir James Sinclair glazed the windows for the first time, relaid the floor with flagstones and repaired the roof
1736	Sir James Sinclair of Rosslyn	Resigned his office as hereditary Grand Master Mason of Scotland to the Scottish Lodges on their foundation. Reappointed for his life.

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1739	17-Jun Major Malcolm Sinclair	'A good and faithfull servant of Sweden...Charged with affairs of State, he was assassinated at Grunberg in Siesia by agents of Czarina Anna of Russia'
1745	04-Jun Sir James Sinclair of Rosslyn	A Lieutenant general with the Royal Scots appointed Commander of the British Forces in Flanders
1746	Lord Macleod	Enters Caithness with a body of Prince Charlie's men
1746	16-Apr Battle of Culloden	Prince Charles Edward defeated. Sir James Sinclair of Rosslyn commanded the Royal Scots on the Hanoverian side. About 500 Caithness Sinclairs were about to join the Jacobite cause, but the Earl supported the Hanoverians
1747	Heritable Jurisdiction Act	Highland landowners must accept English Juisdiction or forfeit their lands
1747	Act of Proscription	Banned the wearing of tartan, the teaching of Gaelic, the playing of bagpipes and the gatherings of Highlanders.
1750	Sir William Sinclair of Dunbeath	Founded Baptist Church at Keiss
1759	Lt. A. Sinclair	Carried the Colours for General Wolfe at the Battle of the Heights of Abraham. Became a Major General.
1761	10-Mar Sir James Sinclair M.P.	who should have been 11th Lord Sinclair gazettted a General
1765	09-Dec Alexander 9th Earl dies	Disputed succession
1772	07-May William Sinclair created 10th Earl	A cousin of 9th Earl
1777	29-Dec Battle of Charlestown, Virginia, USA	John Sinclair , son and heir of William, a Major in 76th Foot wounded in the groin by a musket ball when reconnoitring with Sir Henry Clinton

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1779	29-Nov	William 10th Earl dies	Succeeded by his son John 11th Earl.
1782	25-Apr	Charles St. Clair	Establishes claim to be 14th Lord Sinclair (no 11th,12th or 13th)
1782		John Sinclair of Ulbster MP	Receives £15,000 towards the relief of a serious famine in the north of Scotland
1786	14-Feb	John Sinclair of Ulbster	Created Baron of GB
1788	26-Jan	Duncan Sinclair	Master of The Alexander, part of the first fleet bringing convicts and settlers reaches Sydney Cove
1789	08-Apr	John 11th Earl dies	Title again in dispute
1790-99		Sir John Sinclair of Ulbster	Compiled a 'Statistical Account of Scotland'
1791	04-Nov	Battle at Wabash River (now Fort Recovery, Ohio, USA)	Gen St. Clair, Governor of the Northwest Territories defeated by the largest Indian confederation ever assembled.
1793	04-May	Sir James Sinclair 7th Baronet of Mey becomes 12th Earl	Cousin of 11th Earl
1794-1823		James 12th Earl	Lord Lieutenant of Caithness
1793		Sir John Sinclair of Ulbster	First President of the Board of Agriculture
1794		Caithness and Rothesay Fencibles formed	By Sir John Sinclair of Ulbster
1795		Caithness Highlanders	formed
1789	01-Jan	James St. Clair-Erskine (to be 2nd Earl of Rosslyn)	Commander in Chief of the Mediterranean

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1801	21-Apr	Alexander Wedderburn St. Clair	Created 1st Earl of Rosslyn
1805	02-Jan	Alexander 1st Earl of Rosslyn	Dies succeeded by nephew James St. Clair-Erskine
1807-18		James 12th Earl of Caithness	Representative Peer of Scotland
1807-59		Charles 14th, Lord Sinclair	Representative Peer of Scotland
1810		Alexander Bain	Born in Watten. Later invented telegraphy
1810-12		James 2nd Earl of Rosslyn	Grand Master Mason of Scotland
1811-23		James 12th Earl of Caithness	Postmaster General of Scotland
1814		James 2nd Earl of Rosslyn	Created a General
1818		David Sinclair	a convict is first Sinclair to remain in Australia arrived on the 'Morley'
1820	20-May	James 2nd Earl of Rosslyn	Created a Knight of the Bath
1823	16-Jul	James 12th Earl dies	Succeeded by Alexander 13th Earl, his son
1823-55		Alexander 13th Earl of Caithness	Lord Lieutenant of Caithness
1829		James 2nd Earl of Rosslyn	Created a Privy Councillor
1831		Dougald Sinclair	A Baptist minister from Mid-Argyll who laid foundation of the church in Colonsay emigrates to Canada at earlier emigrants wishes and churches around Lobo became known as 'Sinclair Baptist'
1833		Lt. Col Thomas Staunton Sinclair	Created a Knight of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order
1834		George Sinclair	Involved in the planning and laying out of Prince's Street Gardens in Edinburgh

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1834-35		James 2nd Earl of Rosslyn	Lord President of the Council
1837	18-Jan	James 2nd Earl of Rosslyn	Dies succeeded by son James
1844	06-Jan	Andrew Sinclair	Colonial Secretary in New Zealand
1855	24-Dec	Alexander 13th Earl dies	Succeeded by his son James 14th Earl, a Fellow of the Royal Society and an inventor of a steam carriage on macadam roads, a gravitating compass and a tape loom for weavers.
1856-81		James 14 th Earl of Caithness	Lord Lieutenant of Caithness and Vice Admiral of Caithness
1856-58 &		James 14th Earl of Caithness	A Lord in Waiting to the Queen
1857		James Sinclair	Having been instrumental in the layout of the Imperial Gardens at St. Petersburg he was commissioned to plan the refurbishment of 64 acres of rubbish tips and swamp into what is now known as Fitzroy Gardens, Melbourne
1858-68		James 14th Earl of Caithness	Representative Peer of Scotland
1859	Mar	James 3rd Earl of Rosslyn	Under Secretary of State for War
1861		Rosslyn Chapel	Restored by James , 3rd Earl of Rosslyn. Sunday services begin again.
1861 - 62		Charles,(to be 16th Lord Sinclair)	Assistant Military Secretary in New Zealand Wars
1861		Catherine Sinclair	Reknowned novelist, dies
1862	22-Apr	Rosslyn Chapel	Rededicated by Bishop of Edinburgh
1862		Wick	Largest herring port in the world with 1122 boats

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1862	13-Dec Battle of Fredricksburg, USA	Colonel William H Sinclair of Sixth Regiment (Federal) serves with distinction and is wounded
1863	30-Sep Charles 14th Lord Sinclair	Dies. Succeeded by his son James
1866	01-May James, 14th Earl created Baron Barrogill	
1866	James 3rd Earl of Rosslyn	Promoted to General
1866	16-Jun James 3rd Earl of Rosslyn	Dies succeeded by son Francis
1868 - 80	James, 15th Lord Sinclair	Representative Peer
1871	Francis 4th Earl of Rosslyn	Elected 69th Grand Master Mason of Scotland
1874	01-Aug Last Royal Mail Stagecoach journey	From Berriedale to Wick. The last link of the once great coaching link from London to Thurso and Wick. Replaced by the 'car of civilisation'.
1880	24-Oct James, 15th Lord Sinclair	Dies, succeeded by his son Charles
1880	16-Dec Edward Burrowes Sinclair	of Dublin, Knighted in recognition of his public services in training soldiers wives as nurses
1881	28-Mar James 14th Earl dies in New York	Buried at Chapel Royal, Holyrood. Succeeded by son George 15th Earl, who was a lieutenant-colonel of the Caithness Artillery Volunteers
1881	16-Nov Rosslyn Chapel	Apse added by Francis 4th Earl of Rosslyn with organ loft above
1881-89	George 15th Earl of Caithness	Lord Lieutenant of Caithness
1883	04-Oct William Alexander Smith	Founded the Boys Brigade in Glasgow, but having been born in Thurso.

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1885	Isabells McHutcheson Sinclair	Wrote 'Indigenous Flowers of the Hawaiian Islands' still the 'bible' of Hawaiian flowers today
1886 - 90	Francis 4th Earl of Rosslyn	Capt of the Hon. Corps of Gentlemen at Arms
1889	25-May George 15th Earl dies	Left the family estates out of the family. Succeeded by his cousin James 16th Earl. Barony of Barrogill becomes extinct
1890	06-Sep Francis 4th Earl of Rosslyn	Dies succeeded by son James
1891	20-Jan James 16th Earl dies	Succeeded by son John 17th Earl
1904	19-Dec William Japp Sinclair	Knighthood for work in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Victoria University, Manchester
1905-12	John Sinclair	Secretary for Scotland (to be Baron Pentland)
1909	15-Feb John Sinclair	Created Baron Pentland
1914	30-May John 17th Earl dies	Succeeded by cousin Norman 18th Earl.
1918	William Sinclair	Lieutenant in Australian Army awarded the Military Cross for outstanding bravery in France
1909	15-Feb John Sinclair of Lyth	Created 1st Baron Pentland
1916	01-May Harry Ford Sinclair	Founds Sinclair Oil and Refining Corporation
1917	Ewen George Sinclair-Maclagan	Appointed Major general in Australian Army
1918-29	Norman 18th Earl	Representative Peer of Scotland
1925	23-Mar John 1st Baron Pentland	Dies, Succeeded by son Henry
1931-32	Sir Archibald Sinclair of Ulbster (4th)	Secretary of State for Scotland

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1935-45	Sir Archibald Sinclair of Ulbster	Leader of the Liberal Party
1939	10-Aug James 5th Earl of Rosslyn	Dies succeeded by grandson Anthony
1940-45	Sir Archibald	Secretary of State for Air in Churchill Government in World War II
1947	25-Mar Norman 18th Earl dies	Succeeded by his nephew Roderick 19th Earl
1948	28-Feb Aubrey St Clair-Ford	Inherits Baronety of GB created on 22 February 1793
1950-58	Roderick 19th Earl of Caithness	Representative Peer of Scotland
1952	10-Apr Sir Archibald	Created Viscount Thurso
1953	Colin Archibald Sinclair	Ex Government Minister and Grazier in Australia is Knighted
1955-65	Roderick 19th Earl	HM The Queen's Resident Factor Balmoral Estates
1956	10-Nov Harry Ford Sinclair	Dies
1957	Murray 17th Lord Sinclair	Succeeds his father
1957	22-Jan Robert John Sinclair	Created 1st Baron Sinclair of Cleeve
1958-65	Roderick 19th Earl	Having been a Brigadier in the Gordon Highlanders was made Brigade Colonel of the Regiment
1963-65	Roderick 19th Earl	Deputy Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire
1964	03-Apr Major General Sir William Sinclair-Bugess	Dies. The most decorated and longest serving head of the New Zealand Army
1965	08-May Roderick 19th Earl dies	Succeeded by his son Malcolm 20th Earl

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1968	25-Nov	Upton Sinclair	Dies. A rebellious literary and political voice in the USA
1970		Susan Cunliffe Lister (Nee Sinclair)	Created Baroness Masham of Ilton (Life Peer)
1970	15-Jun	Archibald 1st Viscount Thurso	Dies. Succeeded by son Robin
1973-95		Robin 2nd Viscount Thurso	Lord Lieutenant of Caithness
1977		Peter 7th Earl of Rosslyn	Succeeds father.
1984		Henry 2nd Baron Pentland	Dies. No successor
1984-94		Malcolm	Government Minister under Mrs Margaret Thatcher (later Baroness Thatcher) and then John Major
1984		Henry 2nd and last Baron Pentland dies.	
1985		John 3rd Baron Sinclair of Cleeve	Succeeds father.
1990		Malcolm	Created a Privy Counsellor
1990		Patrick Sinclair	Inherits Baronetage of Dunbeath
1995		John 3rd Viscount Thurso	Succeeds his father
1997		Veronica Linklater (gd 1st Viscount Thurso)	Created Baroness Linklater of Butterstone (Life Peer)
1999	Mar	Clan Sinclair Trust	formed
1999	05-Nov	Malcolm 20th Earl and Peter 7th Earl of Rosslyn	Elected Representative Hereditary Peers. John 3rd Viscount does not stand in election.
2000		The Kirkwall Scroll	Radiocarbon dating proves how the Templars joined the Masons through the Sinclairs in Orkney in the 15th Century

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