

In April 1886, William Sutherland and his wife Alexanderina, residing at Lionacidhe, South Uist, became the parents of a baby boy, who they named Robert. William was a member of the Inverness-shire Constabulary stationed at Lochdar.

INVERNESS-SHIRE CONSTABULARY.			
NAME <i>William Sutherland</i>	No. of Schedule <i>96</i>	Date <i>1886</i>	PROMOTIONS
Age <i>26 years</i>	Occupation <i>Fireman</i>	Date <i>Jan 16</i>	<i>From 1st to 2nd grade of 3rd class Constable</i>
Height <i>5 feet 10 1/2 inches</i>	Native of <i>Sutherland</i>	Date <i>Nov 20 1880</i>	<i>Promoted to 2nd class Constable</i>
Eyes <i>blue</i>	Date of Appointment <i>29 April 1884</i>	Date <i>Feb 14 1889</i>	<i>1st class Constable</i>
Hair <i>fair</i>	Where Stationed <i>Lochdar</i>		
Complexion <i>fresh</i>	Rank <i>53rd class Constable</i>		
Married or Unmarried <i>Married</i>			
If previously in the Police or Army, State Force or Regiment, Length of Service, and how Discharged <i>No</i>			
APPOINTMENT.		Date <i>1892</i>	TRANSFERS.
<i>29 April 1884</i> I have this day, subject to the approval of the Police Committee, appointed <i>William Sutherland</i>		<i>April 1 20 Lochmaddy</i>	
a Police Constable in the Inverness-shire Constabulary, in terms of the Act 20 and 21 Vict., Cap. 72.		<i>1893 Dec 4 20 Fort Augustus</i>	
		<i>1896 May 30 20 Fort Augustus</i>	
		<i>1900 May 27 20 Foyers</i>	
		<i>1912 Dec 24 20 Aviemore</i>	

William's service record indicates that he was five feet ten and a half inches tall with blue eyes, fair hair and a fresh complexion. A native of Sutherland, he was married and prior to his enlistment in the force had worked as a fireman.

After eight years at lochdar, William was posted to Lochmaddy, Fort Augustus, Portree, Foyers and Aviemore from where he retired on "a special pension under medical certificate after 30 years approved service" in April 1913.

The Foyers Station Occurrence Book contains William Sutherland's own entries detailing the extent of his beat and diversity of the duties.

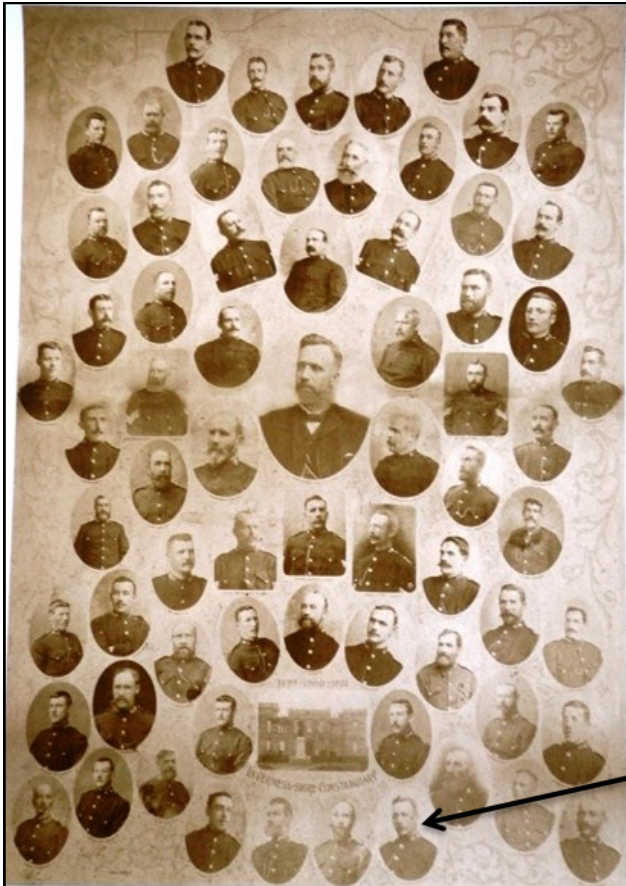
1909. Daily journal of Duty performed by	
Sept 17	Friday At 9 Am. left Station and patrolled by Fairy burn and Bell to Corriezarth Lodge called on Mr. Staple Butler there, afterwards by Gortlick and Cullis to Station at 5 Pm. Travelled 11 miles; On duty 8 hours.
"	" Night Duty At 7 Pm. left Station and patrolled to the Pit and attended delivery of letters, received the Gramophone Horn and Ring returned to (see duty of 15 th inst.) patrolled about Foyers generally till midnight, Travelled 6 miles; On duty 6 hours.

Sept 18	Saturday At 9 Am. left Station and proceeded to deliver the Gramophone Horn at Gortzick Lodge, but ascertained at Whitebridge that Mr. Powell who lost the Horn was not at home so I returned to Station, At 3 Pm. left Station & proceeded to Fort Augustus on way to Kinlochleven to do special duty there on account of the King's visit to Mamore Forest. there, joined Supt. MacLennan and the other Constables at Fort Augustus. proceeded by train to Fort William and remained there for the night. Travelled 40 miles; On duty 13 hours.
---------	---

These included the return of lost property and Royal protection duty at Kinlochleven.

In 1901, PC William Sutherland photograph is among those featured on a collage of all serving officer's in the Inverness Constabulary.

This is the only known photograph of William, whose son Robert emigrated to Australia.



P.C. William Sutherland

Robert's grandson, Donald and his wife Margaret, visited the Archive Centre last year and from a copy of Robert's Birth Certificate, staff were able to identify and make these records available to them.

