



# A link between counties

PLANNING in Renfrewshire was complimented this week when the warden of a Canadian County Council — the County of Renfrew, Ontario, laid a commemorative stone at the new civic centre presently under construction in Paisley.

Dr. Macfarlane and Mrs Sinclair pose for our cameraman after Mrs Sinclair has tapped the commemorative stone into position. The tablet reads: "This plaque was gifted by the Municipal Corporation of The County of Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, and was laid by Mrs Roselma Sinclair." (W209)

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A SECOND TRIP TO SCOTLAND \* A COURTESY JOURNEY TO LAY A CORNER\*STONE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW, ONTARIO CANADA IN THE NEW COUNTY BUILDING IN THE COUNTY OF RENFREW, SCOTLAND.



A PILGRIMAGE TO ANCIENT CASTLE OF THE CAITHNESS SINCLAIRS \* GIRNIGO CASTLE

(1970)



JUST BEGINNING TO DISCOVER OUR ANCIENT SCOTTISH HISTORY - IN THURSO AND HALKIRK MET THE HON. ROBIN SINCLAIR, NOW VISCOUNT THURSO. ALSO STAYED IN ROBIN SINCLAIR'S HOTEL IN HALKIRK AND VISITED ONE OF THE ROYAL HUNTING LODGES NOW OWNED BY THE CARMICHAELS.

### CLAN SINCLAIR (ST. CLAIR)

The Sinclairs are of Norman origin; the founders Walderne St. Clair, married the daughter of Richard, the 4th Duke of Normandy, thus making his children cousins to William "the conqueror." The "cousins" fought together in the Battle of Hastings and shared in the conquest of England. In 1068 William Sinclair forsook England and took refuge with Malcolm III of Scotland where he became the Steward of the Queen. This "Seemly St. Clair" was the founder of the St. Clair (Sinclair) of Roslin and was granted the Barony and Castle of Roslin (Rosslyn) in mid-Lothian County (1138).

Sir Henry Sinclair (Prince Henry) Earl of Orkney and Roslin wintered in Nova Scotia in 1398.

In 1471 Sir William Sinclair was created the First Earl of Caithness and relinquished the Earldom of Orkney to the King. In 1446 he founded Roslin Chapel.

The Sinclairs of Roslin were Hereditary Grand Masters of Masons of Scotland from 1437-1736 when the office became elective and William Sinclair was elected the first Grand Master.

The present Earl of Caithness (20th) Malcolm Sinclair is the hereditary chief of the Clan.

References —

Rosslyn, Will Grant  
Prince Henry Sinclair, Frederick Pohl



ROSSLYN CHAPEL  
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THE FAMOUS APPRENTICE PILLAR -