District ANGUS

Gaelic Name

Aonghas

Tartan Designer unknown

Date 1906 (or later)

The fertile Braes of Angus drain into the River Isla along Strathmore, the 'Great Valley' that skirts the southeast edge of the Central Highlands. A former county (previously called Forfarshire), Angus has since 1975 been a District in Tayside Region. The Earldom of Angus, one of the most ancient of Scotland, is now vested in the Dukedom of Hamilton. The name 'Gilchrist' has stayed in Angus as one of the names of Clan Ogilvie, whose Chief, the Earl of Airlie, represents a family granted lands in Angus about 1172. The Scottish nobles met in April 1320, in Angus at Arbroath to Declair, '...for as long as a hundred remain alive we are minded never a shit to bow beneath the yoke of English dominion.

Angus tartan first appeared in Messrs W. & A.K. Johnston's *The Tartans of the Clans and Septs of Scotland*, published in two volumes in 1906. Its origin is unknown and it is not clear whether or not it was originally intended as a family or district tartan. In consequence, it has been used as both. It is now firmly established as a tartan for all those people having a connection with Angus.

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