

District CALEDONIA

Tartan Designer unknown

Date: Probably eighteenth century, or earlier

No book on district tartans would be complete without the colorful Caledonian tartan. The very name Caledonia conjures up pictures of roman soldiers striding northwards towards the land of mountains, lochs, forest and glens they failed to subdue. To sailors, the Caledonian Canal, cutting through the Great Glen from Loch Linnhe to the Moray Firth, encapsulates of much of what is typical of Highland Scotland.

The 'Caledonia' tartan was popular in the eighteenth century and appears in a number of guises. Romantic stories are told of its origin but in reality little is definitely known. It is a suitable tartan for anyone who wishes to be associated with Scotland and is the choice of a number of pipe bands.

The sett is an early one and is taken from the Wilsons of Bannochburn Pattern Book of 1819 (No. 155)

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