

District DUNDEE

Gaelic Name

Dun Deagh

Tartan Designer Wilsons of Bannockburn

Date Pre 1819

Dundee, a port city on the Firth of Tay, is one of Scotland's major industrial centers. Built on the slope of Dundee Law, the city has always been the focus of trade for a large area. For a time it was the leading center for the manufacture of jute. This trade has been replaced by adversity of industries and Dundee is currently Scotland's leader in electronic and laser technology. It is also a university city. The stirring march, 'Bonnie Dundee' commemorates not the city but John Graham of Claverhouse, Viscount Dundee.

The late John Cargill of Dundee, one of the early members of the Scottish Tartans Society, considered that the Dundee tartan was first woven at the end of the eighteenth century, or early in the nineteenth by Wilsons of Bannockburn. The weaving scale is preserved in the Key Pattern Book of that firm dated 1819. The actual design of the tartan is very similar to that of a tartan jacket said to have been worn by Prince Charles Edward Stuart at the Battle of Culloden in 1746. This jacket is now preserved in the Scottish United Services Museum in Edinburgh Castle.

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