

District MULL

Gaelic Name

Muile

Tartan Designer Wilsons of Bannockburn

Date 1819

Mull, *Muile* -- 'Lands End' -- is one of the largest and most populous islands of the Inner Hebrides. It is the guardian of the entrance to Loch Linne and the Great Glen through the Firth of Lorn, dominated by the MacLean Castle of Duart on Mull. Mull is a mountainous island, Beinn Mhor rising to 3,169 feet (966 meters) within two miles of the sea. Iona, off the Ross of Mull, is the most sacred place in Scottish Gaeldom. Here Columba and his Irish missionaries landed to bring Christianity to the north of Scotland. Generations of Scottish kings lie buried on Iona. Today the rebuilt cathedral there is a place of Pilgrimage for both Scots and visitors. Tobermony Bay (*Tobar Mhorie* -- Mary's Well') is known for the Spanish galleon with its supposed treasure that sank there after the defeat of the Armada in 1588.

There are probably more well-known Gaelic songs about Mull and by natives of Mull than any other place in Scotland. It is a rare Gaelic concert that will not include *An t-Eilean Muileach* or *Fuar Bheann Ard* ('Mull of the Cold High Mountains'). Easily visible from Oban, the island is well worth the short crossing.

The Mull tartan is one of the simplest of the district setts. It was first recorded by Wilsons of Bannockburn and is also listed by their company as No. 53 or Glen Lyon (for which there is another distinctive sett).

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