

# District MUSSELBURGH

Tartan Designer G. Lawson

Date 1958

Musselburgh, a burgh on the Firth of Forth, at the mouth of the River Esk, dates from medieval time. Its Tollbooth dates from the sixteenth century. A center of fishing and marketing for the rich lands of Midlothian, the town clearly was first famous for the harvesting of mussels on the banks of the Forth. Musselburgh saw the establishment of the first machine made fishing net industry in the 1820s and coal mining was an important industry southwest of the town. As Edinburgh, only six miles away, has grown over the past two centuries, Musselburgh retains its own personality, identity and pride.

The Musselburgh District tartan was designed for the town celebrations of 1958-59 by G. Lawson of the Musselburgh Cooperative Society. Since then it has become very popular. Its design and colors make it suitable for ready-to-wear skirts, the purchasers of which are often unaware of its territorial connections.

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