

District PERTSHIRE

Gaelic Name

Siorramachd Pheairt

Tartan Designer Willsons of Bannockburn

Date pre 1831

Perthshire, the central shire at the 'waist' of Scotland, is the inland gateway to the Highlands. The casual driver, traveling along the main roads, misses the small glens and villages. Castles, ruined, restored and occupied attract visitors. The 'Sma' Glen and Glen Almond are among the most picturesque in Scotland.

The Black Watch held their first muster in Perthshire and the Royalists won a short lived victory at Killiecrankie. Jacobite plotters met secretly at Amulree. The New Testament was translated into Gaelic by James Stewart, Minister at Killin.

Perth, an ancient settlement, was a frequent royal residence until James I was murdered there in 1437. Built at the lowest navigable point on the Tay, the only corridor into the Highlands below the Dee, Perth was ideally sited to control Strathtay, the starting place for the Breadalbane route to Argyll and the Tummel route to Lochaber, the Great Glen and the Hebrides. At the same time it controlled north-south communications along Strath Allan from Stirling through Stathearn and Strathmore to the glens of angus.

It was at Scone, just outside Perth, that the Kings of Scots were inaugurated on the stone that is still used in Royal coronations in Westminster Abbey. Scone Palace, built between 1803 and 1808, is open to the public.

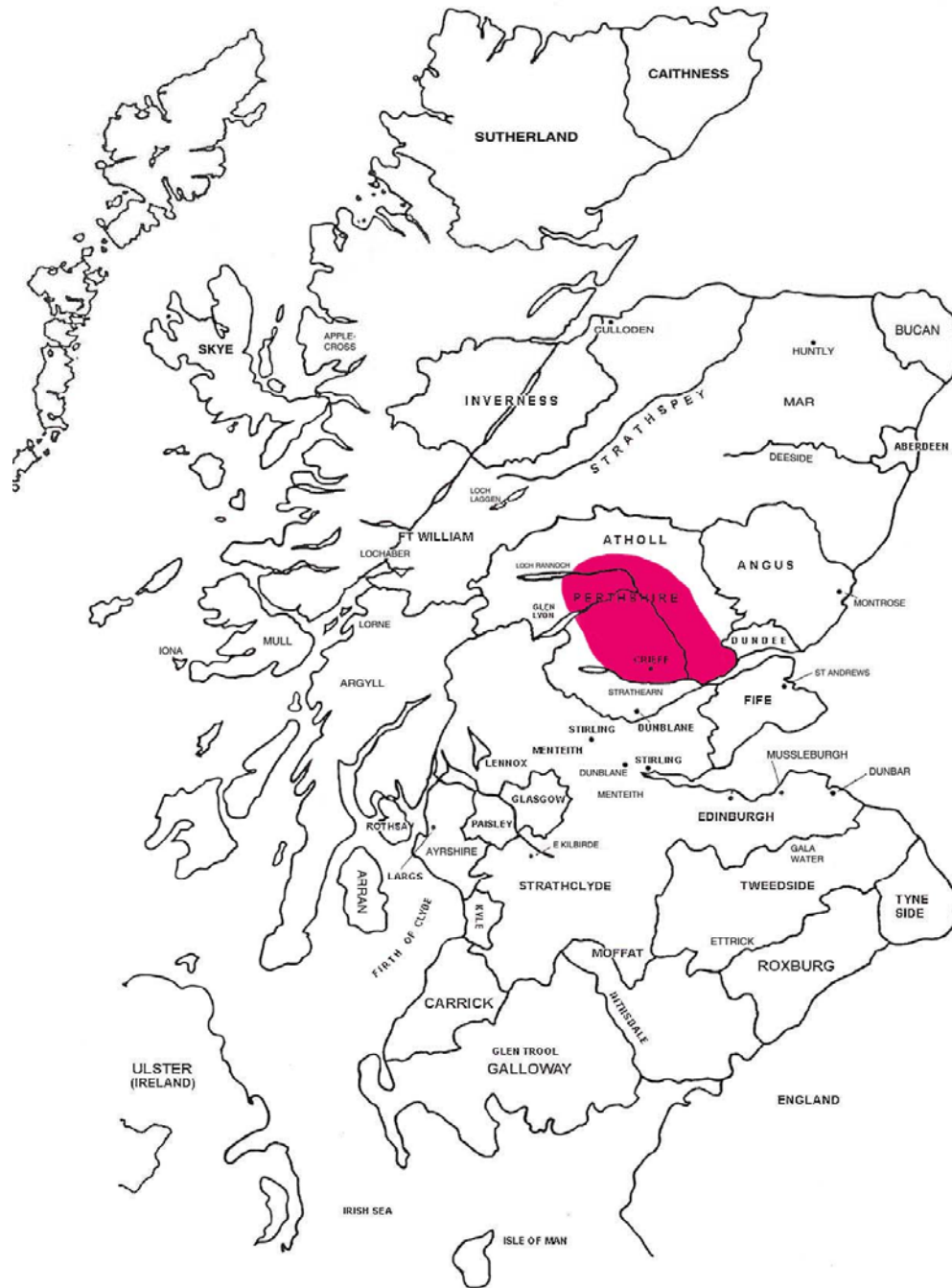
The Perthshire tartan is a variation of a Drummond sett. The first record of this tartan is in the early nineteenth century Account Book of Wilsons of Bannochburn when it is referred to as the 'Perthshire Rock and Wheel' being an early type of soft tartan. The sett woven today is slightly differing proportions. There are also a number of dress versions of this tartan.

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