

District ST ANDREWS

Gaelic Name

Cill Rìmhinn

Tartan Designer A.A. Bottomley

Date 1930

St. Andrews is the home of two great Scottish institutions, the world famous university founded in 1411 and the Scottish national game, golf. Located on the tip of Fife, the famous 'Old Course', the Mecca of golfers worldwide, lies at one end of the town while the ruins of the great Cathedral stand at the other. St. Andrews is a favorite holiday town for tourists both from Scotland and from abroad.

The Earl of St. Andrews tartan was created in 1930 by Mr. A.A. Bottomley, a respected designer of tartans, for the personal use of Prince George, who bore this Scottish title. The Prince, who is probably remembered more readily as the late Duke of Kent, wore it in London at a dinner of the Highland Society in 1939, three years before he was killed on active service during the Second World War. His daughter, Princess Alexandra of Kent (the Hon. Mrs. Angus Ogilvy) also wore it as a family tartan in the 1950s.

Since then it has progressively become accepted as a district tartan for the town of St. Andrews where it is sold in a variety of garments and accessories. It is a simple and attractive design, reflecting the white and blue traditionally associated with the compliment to the present Earl of St. Andrews, George, the elder son of the now Duke of Kent, that his grandfather's tartan is now proudly worn by people all over the world, especially by those having connections with the town of St. Andrews.

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