

# District STIRLING & BANNOCKBURN

Gaelic Name

**Sruighlea**

Tartan Designer Wilsons of Bannockburn

Date c. 1847

Stirling and Bannockburn are at the heart of Scottish history. Rugged mountains to the west and the broad Firth of Forth to the east effectively pinch Scotland into two parts; north and south, Highlands and lowlands. Until modern times, only the fords and later the bridge at Stirling, provided practical land access between the two halves of Scotland and these were controlled by the great fortress of Stirling Castle. Defeat of the English by William Wallace at Stirling Bridge in 1297 and by Robert the Bruce at nearby Bannockburn seventeen years later, preserved Scottish independence.

The Stirling and Bannockburn tartan pattern was woven by the noted firm of Wilsons of Bannockburn and appears in Book IV of their records. It was used at the time by the Stirling and Bannockburn Caledonian Society. First rewoven by John Cargil of Dundee, and expert on tartan, it has regained popularity as an authentic old tartan woven almost a century and a half ago by a firm located in the very district after which the tartan was named.

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