

# District STRATHEARN

Gaelic Name

**Srath Eireann**

Tartan Designer Unknown

Date pre 1820

Strathearn, the beautiful and rich valley of the River Earn, lies between the front range of the Ochil Hills and the steep front of the Highland massif. The word *earn* means 'back part' or 'stern' in Gaelic and may be well chosen. Along the Earn, running parallel to the foot of the Highlands from Loch Earn to the Firth of Tay, are the sites of Roman army camps and outposts that mark the limit of the Roman frontier of the Empire -- the 'outback' of Rome. St. Fillans, at the eastern end of Loch Earn, commemorates the early missionary who brought Christianity to the region and from St. Fillans, James MacGregor emigrated to become the Gaelic-speaking minister to the Scottish settlement at Pictou, Nova Scotia.

Monument, famous names and historic spots abound in Stathearn, the home of generations of Scottish soldiers and statesmen. Perhaps the best known is Henry Dundas, Viscount Melville, whose monument above Comrie can be seen for miles. Drummond Castle, with its gardens and the famous Gleneagles Hotel and golf courses, bring many visitors. The Scottish Tartans Museum is located in the former weaving village of Comrie.

The Strathearn tartan is said to have been worn by the father of Queen Victoria, H.R.H. Edward, Duke of Kent, who was also Earl of Strathearn.

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