

District TWEEDSIDE

Tartan Designer Wilsons of Bannochburn

Date c. 1840

Tweedside indicates the drainage of the River Tweed, the largest watershed of Scotland. Rising at Tweed's Well near Moffat, the river runs through Peebles, Melrose and Kelso. From Carham, the tweed forms the border between Scotland and England until it veers south to reach the sea at Berwick-on-Tweed on the English side. The traditional counties of this area are today known collectively as 'The Borders' and this name was given in 1975 to one of Scotland's new Regions. Robert the Bruce lies buried in the ruins of Melrose Abbey while the monumental remains of Jedburgh and ruined strongholds remind one of the vicious Border raids. This is the land of the 'Border Clans' and of the constant struggle with England for Scottish Independence. In an area dominated by several large feudal families, but with a large number of surnames, the Tweedside tartan is appropriate for families and friends of Tweeddale, Ettrick, Lauderdale and Berwickshire--lands rich in history and tradition. The Tweedside tartan was one of the patterns named after districts by Wilsons of Bannockburn. It appears in their Pattern Book No. 4 of c. 1840 and also in their scales of c. 1847.

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