

7: A United Kingdom?

Wearing the tartan was banned along with other symbols of Highland society after Culloden (1746). The ban was lifted in 1782 and tartan became a central part of the romance of Scotland. The banners here were among those used by the London Morayshire Club (1832-circa 1938) to decorate their meeting place.

1. from left to right - Royal Stewart

Grant

MacKenzie

ELGNM:1965.32.6, 1965.32.7, 1965.32.5

Culloden

Culloden (1746) was the last battle to be fought on British soil. Contrary to popular belief, it was not a battle between the Scots and the English, but between the Roman Catholic Jacobites and the Protestant Hanoverians. Scots fought on both sides, often brother against brother.

Here are a few items said to have been found on the battlefield:

2. Bagpipes

ELGNM:1860.3

3. Targe (Highland shield)

ELGNM: 1858.2

4. Leather tankard.

ELGNM:1938.10

5. Sword hilt

ELGNM:1978.676

6. Sword blade

ELGNM:1838.1

7. Dirk blade.

ELGNM:1882.3

8. Powder horn.

ELGNM:1882.1

9. Horse's hoof and shoe

ELGNM:1853.5

10. Sporrán clasp

Speak well o' the Heilands but live in the Laich

ELGNM: 1932.2

11. West of Scotland broadsword with German (Andrea Ferrara) blade and Scottish basket, 1690-1720.

ELGNM:1978.361

12. Two 17th century Highland brooches from Huntly (left) and Urquhart (right).

ELGNM:1978.682, 1857.1

13. 18th century travelling cutlery set, owned by Robertson of Struan.

ELGNM:1975.116

14. Powder horn

ELGNM:1978.354

15. Purse or child's sporrán clasp, marked "JM 1730".

ELGNM:1860.2

16. Highland brogue, found in a Lochaber peat bog, 1700-1750.

ELGNM:1978.77

17. Quaichs, 1715 and 1770, carved in wood from the Oakwood for drinking whisky.

ELGNM:1989.12.2, 1989.12.1

The Myth

Whether these items are what they claim to be hardly matters. The fact that they remain important speaks of the continuing romance of the Jacobite story.

18. Cup said to be Flora Macdonald's

ELGNM:1929.2

19. Picture of Bonnie Prince Charlie, who remains the stuff of legends. This half Polish, quarter Italian, quarter Scottish grandson of James VI died an alcoholic in Rome in 1788.

ELGNM:1861.2

20. Plate said to have been used by Prince Charlie at Kerrowaid Farm, near Inverness.

ELGNM:1965.9

21. Medal commemorating the Duke of Cumberland's triumph at Culloden. Cumberland's persecution of the Highlanders after Culloden only added to the romance surrounding the Jacobites.

ELGNM:1978.816

22. Letter from Charles Sobeiski Stuart, 1837, about the piece of plaid in the peephole.

ELGNM:1999.19.61a

Coins

ELGNM:1978.1257, 1978.1067, 1978.1258, no number, 1978.1131, 1978.1130, 1978.1058, 1978.1077, 1978.1075

Dirk Blade

ELGNM:1932.4

In the Peephole

The Young Pretender's Plaid

This piece of tartan, said to have belonged to Prince Charles Edward Stuart, was collected by the Grants of Wester Elchies.

ELGNM:1999.19