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# The Gazetteer for Scotland

## A Teaching Resource

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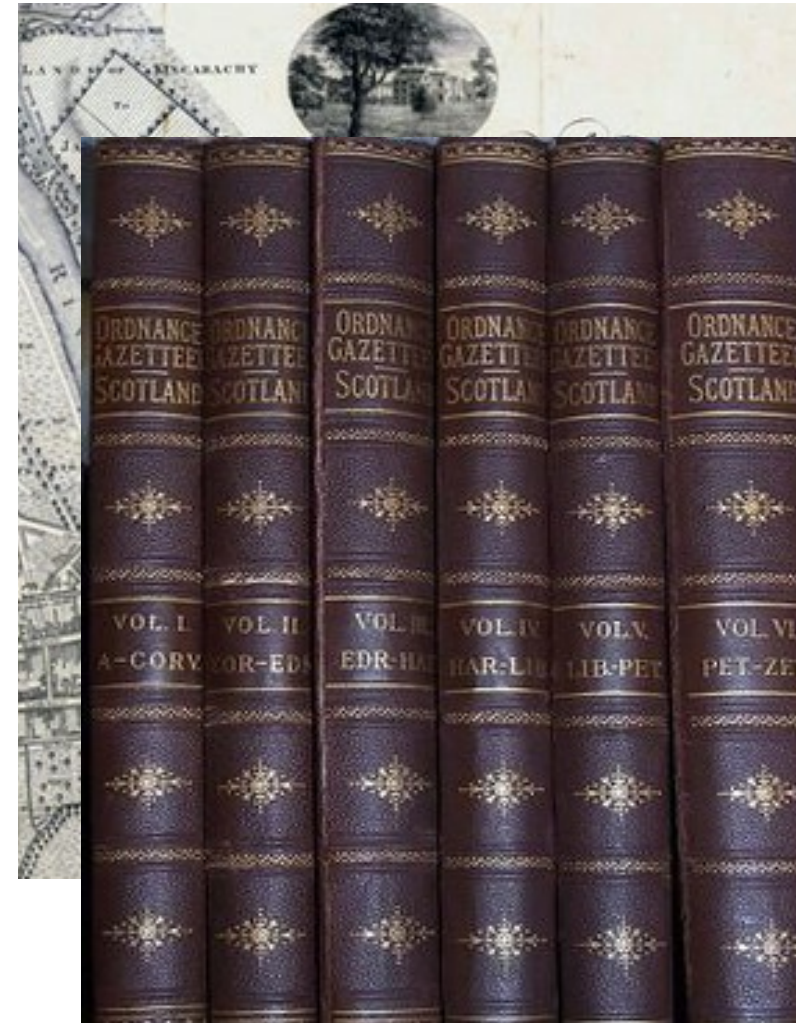
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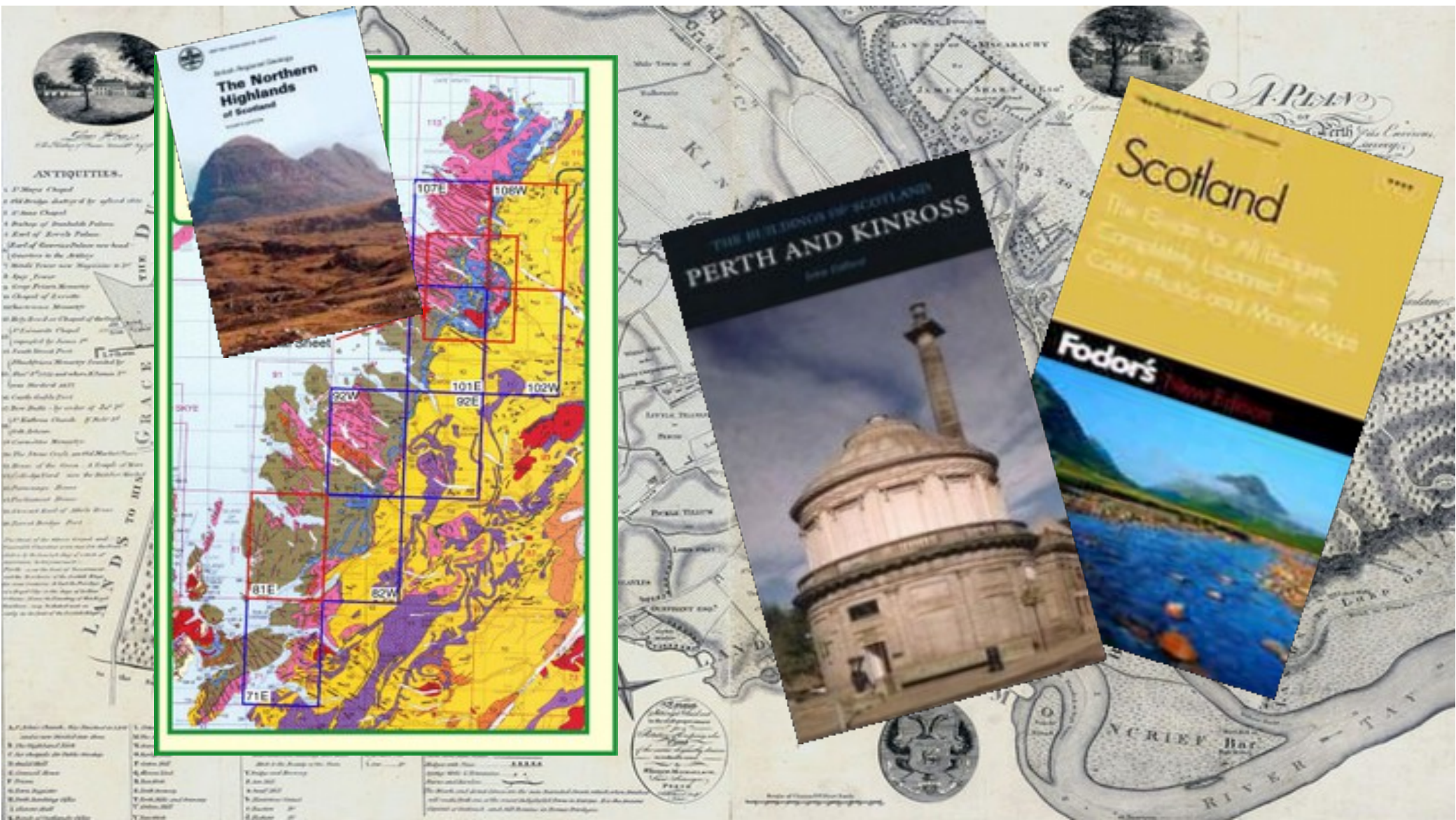
# A Tradition

- Names, descriptions and illustrations formed part of the map back into the 16th century
- A fine tradition of **descriptive** gazetteer publishing flowered in the 19th century
- Scottish publishers produced gazetteers for around the world, or certainly those countries administered by Britain
- But replaced by tourist guides, and other thematic collections





# What we have forgotten



# The Gazetteer for Scotland



- Aims to be a definitive and detailed resource
- Began work in 1995; at least another 30 years to go !
- Contents divided into:
  - Settlements
  - People
  - Council Areas
  - Events
  - Geofeatures
  - Families / Clans
  - Associated bibliographical references
  - Media (photographs, sounds, video)
  - Parishes
  - Old Counties
- Originally envisaged as a book
- Some statistics:
  - Around 23,000 full descriptive entries (+77,000 others)
  - 2.1 million words of contemporary text (30 novels !)
  - 2.25 million words of historical text
  - c.10,000 photographs
  - Maps with every entry
  - Approaching 1 million hits per week
- Significant interest for tourism and genealogy
- There are places in the GfS which are not on OS maps



# Historical and Contemporary Description

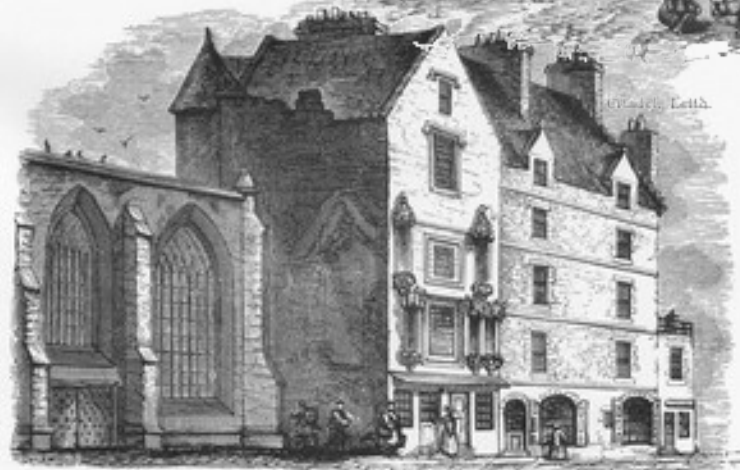


**Muirhouse**, a mansion in Cramond parish, Edinburghshire, on the shore of the Firth of Forth,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile NNE of Davidson's Mains and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles WNW of Edinburgh. Only two round towers remain of a previous mansion (*circa* 1670); and the present house is a picturesque Tudor edifice of about 1830, with a square battlemented tower and beautiful well-wooded grounds. Its drawing-room is adorned with several frescoes by Zephaniah Bell. Purchased by his ancestor in 1776, the estate belongs now to Thomas Davidson, Esq., F.R.S., F.L.S., F.G.S. (b. 1817; suc. 1865), who was born in Edinburghshire, valued at £1216 per annum in 1857. See John Small's *Casles and Castles of the Lothians* (Edinb. 1883).

## Muirhouse

### City of Edinburgh

Lying to the north of Ferry Road in Edinburgh and to the west of Pilton, Muirhouse is a public housing estate begun in 1953. It takes its name from the Tudor-Gothic mansion built on Marine Drive in 1832 for the Davidson family, who were wealthy merchants trading in Rotterdam. The estate was built in mixed housing styles, include regular white boxes, with low-pitched roofs, and large tower blocks, mostly constructed in the 1960s. The area has suffered from significant social problems. From the mid-1980s Muirhouse, together with the neighbouring West Pilton have been undergoing significant renewal, with many of the tired and vandalised council-owned blocks being replaced by private housing. Muirhouse suffers unemployment rates of more than three times the average for Edinburgh, with a larger proportion of long-term unemployment.

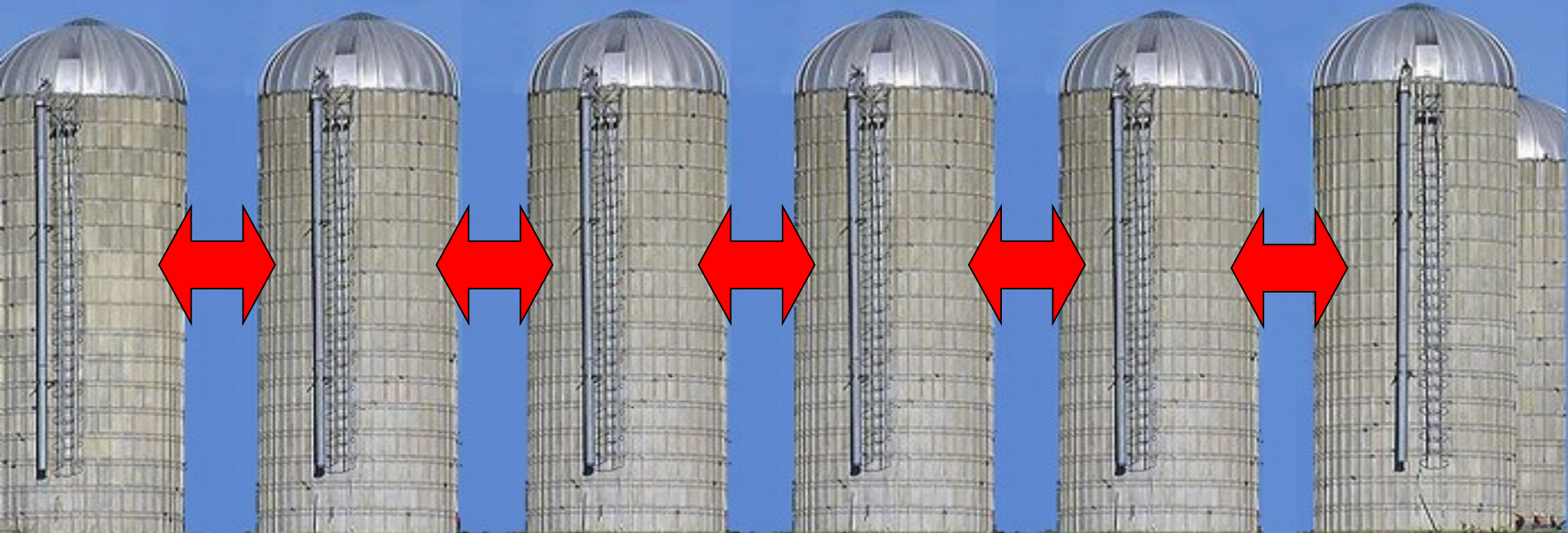


The Old Tolbooth, Edinburgh—"The Heart of Middlethian"—Demolished in 1857.





# Silos of Information



# Linking Resources

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- Mapping provides access to
  - Historical maps (NLS)
  - Geological maps (BGS)
  - Natural areas (SNH) etc.
- Also entry-specific linkages to:
  - Listed Buildings (Historic Scotland)
  - Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Architectural, Archaeological and Industrial Sites (RCAHMS)
  - Statistical Accounts (EDINA)

Lying 2½ miles (4 km) east of Dalkeith and 2 miles (3 km) west of Ormiston and just within the northern boundary of Midlothian, lies the village of Cousland. The name derives quite literally from the Scots for



## Cousland

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Relevant results from Historic Scotland are:

- COUSLAND SMITHY COTTAGE
- SMITHY COUSLAND

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Relevant results from the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments for Scotland are:

- COUSLAND CASTLE
- COUSLAND, WINDMILL PLANTATION
- COUSLAND, SMITHY
- COUSLAND, HADFAST ROAD, SCHOOLHOUSE
- COUSLAND, GENERAL
- COUSLAND SMITHY COTTAGE
- WINDMILL PLANTATION

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# Temporality appears to public as timelines



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## Scottish History Time-line (21st Century)

Note that, **within** a single year, events are **not** necessarily presented in chronological order.

### Previous Period

- 2000 [Carronvale Recreation Centre](#) (Falkirk) Opened
- 2000 Donald Dewar died - Politician and the first Premier of the modern Scottish Parliament
- 2000 Dun Law Wind Farm (Scottish Borders) Opened
- 2000 Ellenabeich Heritage Centre (Argyll and Bute) Opened
- 2000 Hare Hill Wind Farm (East Ayrshire) Opened
- 2000 Kippford Millennium Cross (Dumfries and Galloway) Erected
- 2000 Low Parks Museum (South Lanarkshire) Opened
- 2000 Nigel Tranter (Nye Tredgold) died - Historical novelist
- 2000 Scottish Korean War Memorial (West Lothian) Erected
- 2000 Scottish Seabird Centre (East Lothian) Opened
- 2000 Sensation (Dundee City) Opened
- 2000 Sir (Crawford) Murray MacLehose (Lord MacLehose of Beoch) died - Governor of Hong Kong
- 2000 Sir James (Jimmy) Shand died - Musician
- 2000 The Big Idea (North Ayrshire) Opened
- 2000 The Caerlaverock Cairn (Dumfries and Galloway) Erected
- 2000 The Imax Cinema (Glasgow City) Opened
- 2000 The Museum of Abernethy (Perth and Kinross) Opened
- 2000 Timothy (Tim) Stead died - Furniture designer, wood sculptor and conservationist
- 2000 Water of Leith Conservation Trust Headquarters (City of Edinburgh) Opened
- 2001 Birnam Arts & Conference Centre (Perth and Kinross) Opened
- 2001 Cairngorm Mountain Railway (Highland) Opened
- 2001 Cardinal Thomas Joseph Winning died - Leader of the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland
- 2001 Dance Base (City of Edinburgh) Opened

# Examples of Use in Teaching and Research

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- Used in many school classrooms
- Local history research
- One-stop shop for mapping and access to other resources
- Supporting resource for:
  - Fieldwork
  - Dissertation research
- Dataset for research projects (used in GeoS, Informatics)
- Writing projects: I can give a home to descriptive place entries eg. abandoned / cleared settlements
- A focus for the outcomes of student's archival research
- IT Development projects



# Search Results can be Mapped



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## Power Stations (Wind Farm) in Argyll and Bute

- Hold the mouse over the red dots to see the geographical feature's name. This will highlight an entry in the place-name list. You can click on the red dots or the name in the place-name list to display the entry of the place of interest. The  can be clicked to go to a detailed map, courtesy of [Streetmap.co.uk](http://Streetmap.co.uk).


Beinn Ghlas Wind Farm	
Beinn an Tuirc Wind Farm	
Cruach Mhor Wind Farm	
Deucheran Hill Wind Farm	
Tangy Wind Farm	

























# Family Maps

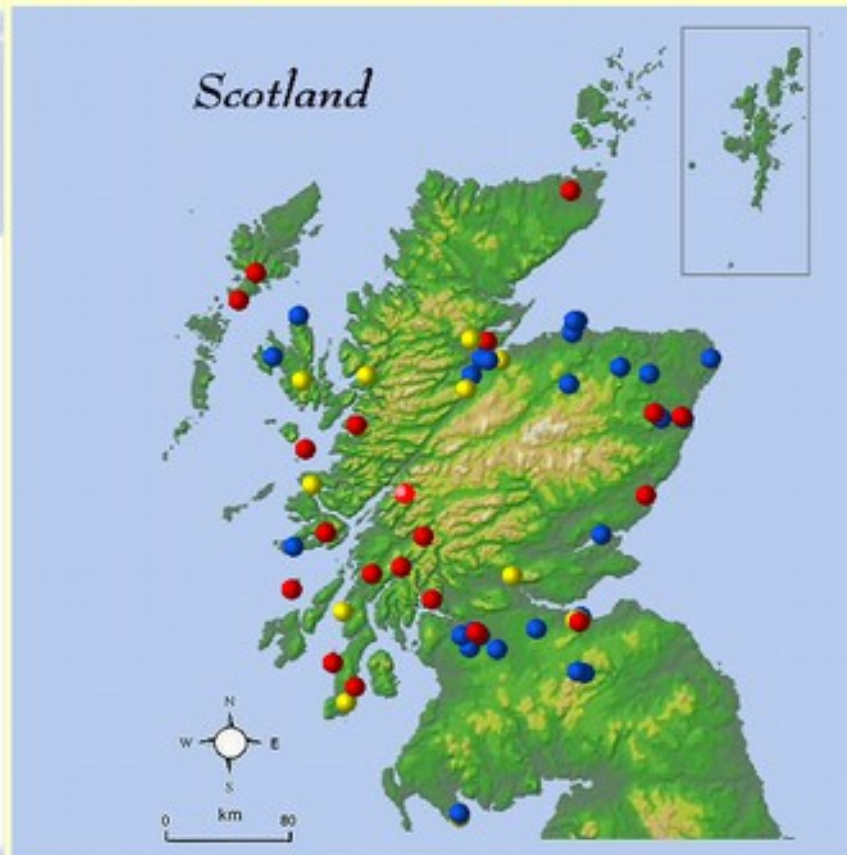


## Places associated with MacDonald

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**Key:** Geofeatures  Tourist Attractions  Settlements 

Aberdeen	
Abriachan	
Archers' Hall	
Argyllshire	
Assembly Hall of the Church of Scotland	
Bathgate	
Black Isle	
Branderburgh	
Bridgeton	
Bunhrew	
Bunessan	
Caithness	
Cara	
Cardrona	
Castle Sween	
Coe, Glen	
Colonsay	
Culloden Battlefield	
Dean Cemetery	





# The Gazetteer for Scotland Guidebook Series:



## Perth



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# Different Products

