

# Old Kinross Shire

This important work of Scottish genealogy was originally published in 1890. The text is divided into eleven chapters, detailing the ancestry of eleven venerable Scottish families: Allan, Dalrymple of Waterside, Halkerston of Halkerston Beath, Hardy, Liston, McCall, Orr, Ranken of Colden, Scott of Thirlestane, Wilkie of Rathobyres and Young. For each family, the author presents a plethora of information including illustrative documents, sixteen pedigree sheets, portraits, illustrations of seals and coat of arms, traditions, anecdotes, tombstone inscriptions and extensive biographical material. M1590HB - \$53.00

Scotland's rich past and varied landscape have inspired an extraordinary array of legends and beliefs, and in *The Lore of Scotland* Jennifer Westwood and Sophia Kingshill bring together many of the finest and most intriguing: stories of heroes and bloody feuds, tales of giants, fairies, and witches, and accounts of local customs and traditions. Their range extends right across the country, from the Borders with their haunting ballads, via Glasgow, site of St Mungo's miracles, to the fateful battlefield of Culloden, and finally to the Shetlands, home of the seal-people. More than simply retelling these stories, *The Lore of Scotland* explores their origins, showing how and when they arose and investigating what basis - if any - they have in historical fact. In the process, it uncovers the events that inspired Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, probes the claim that Mary King's Close is the most haunted street in Edinburgh, and examines the surprising truth behind the fame of the MacCrimmons, Skye's unsurpassed bagpipers. Moreover, it reveals how generations of Picts, Vikings, Celtic saints and Presbyterian reformers shaped the myriad tales that still circulate, and, from across the country, it gathers together legends of such renowned figures as Sir William Wallace, St Columba, and the great warrior Fingal. The result is a thrilling journey through Scotland's legendary past and an endlessly fascinating account of the traditions and beliefs that play such an important role in its heritage.

The Kinross Museum web Site also acts as a hub site for the old county of Kinross-Shire with links to businesses, organisations and attractions.

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The small and largely agricultural county of Kinross-shire has always enjoyed good communication links, and its market towns of Kinross and Milnathort provided coaching inns on the main Queensferry to Perth road in the days of the stagecoaches. The county has a distinguished architectural heritage, benefiting from the patronage of the Adam family who owned Blaircrambeth (later Blairadam) Estate, while also boasting both Loch Leven Castle and the impressive Kinross House, the latter designed by Sir William Bruce. As well as the two main towns, other locations illustrated include: Kinross Junction Station, Balado, Balgedie, Easter Balgedie, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Blairadam Station, Cleish, Blairingone, Powmill, Rumbling Bridge (and Station), Crook of Devon, Carnbo, Tillyrie and Middleton.

This book examines the climatic and economic origins of the last national famine to occur in Scotland, the nature and extent of the crisis which ensued, and what the impact of the famine was upon the population in demographic, economic and social terms. Current published knowledge about the causes, extent, and impact of the famine in Scotland is limited and many conclusions have been speculative in the absence of extensive research. Despite the critical importance of this crisis, one of the four disasters of the 1690s, which are widely acknowledged to have contributed to the economic arguments in favour of the Union of the Parliaments in 1707, the topic has been largely neglected and even underplayed by historians. This is the first full study of

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the famine, providing a unique scholarly examination of the causes, course, characteristics and consequences of the crisis. A comprehensive study of agricultural, climatic, economic, social and demographic issues, the book seeks to establish answers to the fundamental question concerning the event. How serious was it? Using detailed statistical and qualitative analysis, it discusses the regional factors that defined the famine, the impact on the population, and the interconnected causes of this traumatic event.

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