



Researching Scottish Border Reiver Families 1600-1800

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Helpful Resources

Sources for Reiver Activity

Calendar of Border papers Vol 1: 1560-1594 compiled by Joseph Bain [Internet Archive]

Calendar of Border Papers Vol 2: 1595-1603 compiled by Joseph Bain [Internet Archive]

Register of the Privy Council of Scotland 1545-1632 (17 volumes) [Ancestry]

UHF Muster Rolls

<https://ulsterhistoricalfoundation.com/genealogy-databases/muster-rolls-ulster-2>

An Act in Favour of John [Maxwell], Earl of Morton, his friends and servants

<http://www.rps.ac.uk/trans/1585/12/36>

Dumfriesshire Hearth Tax Records

<https://relativelyscottish.com/dumfriesshire-hearth-tax-records/>

Militia Ballot Lists 1797-1802

Roxburgh parishes : <https://www.scan.org.uk/researchrtools/lieutenancy.htm>

Dumfriesshire – parishes of Westerkirk, Eskdalemuir, Ewes, Langholm :

<https://relativelyscottish.com/eskdale-dumfriesshire-resources-for-download/>

Dumfriesshire – parish of Canonbie: <https://relativelyscottish.com/canonbie-parish-resources/>

Estate Rentals (Buccleuch)

<https://relativelyscottish.com/rentals-of-the-buccleuch-estates-1630-1833/>

The Hawick Word Book

<https://www.astro.ubc.ca/people/scott/book.pdf>

Reading Choices

- George MacDonald Fraser, The Steel Bonnets (1971)
- Godfrey Watson, The Border Reivers (1974)
- John Marsden, The Illustrated Border Ballads (1990)
- Philip Nixon, Exploring Border Reivers History (2007)
- Robert Borland, Border Raids and Reivers (1897)

Youtube Choices

- Youtube: Scottish Border Reivers and King James V. By Bruce Fumme
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkEduJCKaHY&t=5s>

Youtube: Who were the Scottish Border Reivers and Kinmont Willie Armstrong ? By Bruce Fumme.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= oIF0TEWKWs&t=21s>

- Youtube: Rise of the Border Reivers;Background and Context; Part 1 By The Jolly Reiver
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iIOHdhxR-xQ>

•Youtube: Border Mindset: Identity and Morality of the Border Reivers: Part 2 by The Jolly Reiver.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUHrfVITCKk&t=547s>

•Youtube: The KERRS: Border Reiver Families. By The Jolly Reiver.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nMZZLKUqJs>

Recommended Local Visits

Gilnockie Tower, Canonbie

Hexham Old Gaol

Tullie House Museum, Carlisle

Carlisle Castle

Hermitage Castle, Liddesdale

Caerlaverock Castle, Dumfries

Hawick Reivers Festival 28-30th March 2025

<https://relativelyscottish.com> for Scottish Family History Research