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This week we are going to look at Clan MacGregor.

The MacGregor clan had no single recognised chief at this time, but they still put together a regiment to fight for the Jacobites. They fought particularly effectively at the battle of Prestonpans and were part of the garrison at Carlisle and the siege of Stirling. At the time of Culloden, they were fighting further north in Sutherland, in pursuit of government troops in the area. Other MacGregors from across Scotland fought with various other Jacobite regiments. MacGregor of Glengyle was appointed Governor of Doune Castle, where the Jacobites held captured government prisoners.

Jacobites: Duke of Perth's; Atholl Men; Lord Ogilvy's; Glen Garry

MacGregors with the Atholl Men took part in the fatal Highland charge and suffered in the hand-to-hand fighting. Those with the Duke of Perth's regiment played a vital role in covering the retreat.

After Culloden many Jacobites were on the run, not just Prince Charles. Passing through ravaged Glenmoriston in July, the Prince encountered the 'Seven Men of Glenmoriston'. Among this group of fugitives was Gregor MacGregor. They had ambushed a party of redcoats and killed two and had sworn never to surrender. They stayed with the Prince for a month, helping him find caves to sleep in, and guiding him westwards.

Many of the MacGregors who were part of the garrison at Carlisle were captured and then transported. Others were taken prisoner – though unusually, a number seem to have been released or escaped.

In the book '*No Quarter Given*' there are 27 McGregors recorded.

In the book '*1745 - A Military History of the Last Jacobite Rising*' by Stuart Reid records One Ian McGregor aged 52 who served with the Government army for 23 years was wounded at Culloden.

