

Henderson

The surname Henderson crops up widely across Lowland Scotland and in the Highlands in its Gaelic form MacEanraig. The Hendersons did not fight as a family group for either side in the events of 1745-6. We know of a few individuals who fought for the Jacobites and it is likely that there were Hendersons who fought on the government side too. On the Jacobite side, a cluster of Hendersons from Angus fought with Lord Ogilvy's regiment, taking part in all the major events of the campaign. They formed part of the ill-fated garrison left to guard Carlisle. Individual Hendersons fought with other Jacobite regiments, including the Atholl Men, the Stewarts of Appin and Grante's Artillery.

Position at Culloden - Lord Ogilvy's Atholl Men; Stewarts of Appin; Artillery

Lord Ogilvy's regiment fought in the centre of the second line. They played an important role in fending off the government army cavalry troops who were attacking the Jacobites from the rear and side as they retreated. This regiment was apparently the only one still intact after the battle of Culloden.

Andrew Henderson was a pro-government writer from Roxburgh who accompanied the government army and witnessed many key events of the conflict. He saw Prince Charles standing by the side of the road just after the battle of Prestonpans: 'He was clad as an ordinary captain, in a coarse plaid and blue bonnet, his boots and knees much dirtied; he seemed to have fallen into a ditch which I was told he had.' He later wrote a biography of the Duke of Cumberland.

After Culloden, some Hendersons escaped but others were taken prisoner or surrendered. Of these, some were pardoned or discharged but around a third of all convicted prisoners were transported to the British colonies in the West Indies or North America, including a Charles Henderson. Another Henderson man was amongst those executed by the government army for desertion.

In the book *'No Quarter Given'* there are the names of 13 individuals who were on the muster roll for the Prince. Prisoners of the '45 notes 7 individuals with the surname Henderson. One called John Henderson who was a writer from Lochmaben. 'He was committed at Carlisle for drinking treasonable healths. He was set at liberty and made Jail Keeper by the Rebels on their getting possession of that place ; made his escape when H.R.I I. the Duke of Cumberland retook that city, and now since Culloden has been apprehended and is prisoner in Carlisle.' He was subsequently tried and sentenced to death, and executed.