

The Reids

Reids from Angus and Aberdeenshire joined Lord Ogilvy's Forfarshire regiment which joined the Jacobite army at Edinburgh in the autumn of 1745. They took part in the invasion to England and some remained as part of the ill-fated garrison at Carlisle. The regiment fought at Falkirk and Culloden. Other Reids from Perthshire joined Lord George Murray's Atholl Men, who fought throughout the campaign.

At the battle of Culloden Reids stood alongside Atholl Men & Lord Ogilvy's regiment.

Those with the Atholl Men took part in the fatal Highland charge and fought in the fierce hand-to-hand fighting with the men of the government left wing. Those in the second line supported them and tried to cover the retreat.

A number of Reids were left to guard the garrison at Carlisle when the Jacobites returned to Scotland in late December 1745. After heavy bombardment by Cumberland's troops, the garrison surrendered and were taken prisoner. One of the prisoners was James Reid of Angus, a piper in Ogilvy's regiment. He pleaded for mercy, saying that he was just a musician. However, the court ruled that the pipes were 'an instrument of war' and Reid was executed in York in November 1746.

After Culloden, some were taken prisoner or surrendered. Of those, some were discharged and others transported to the West Indies. Affleck Castle and the estate lands were forfeited to the Crown and sold to different purchasers.

In the prisoners of the '45 it records 15 individuals with the surname Reid. It names on James Reid who was captured on the 30th of December 1745. "It was pointed out at his trial at York on 2nd October that he was only a piper, but he was found guilty, but recommended to mercy. Nevertheless he was executed. The Court ruled that 'No Regiment ever marched without musical instruments such as drums, trumpets and the like; and that a highland regiment never marched without a piper; and therefore his bagpipe, in the eye of the law, was an instrument of war'." He was executed on the 15th of November 1746.