

Prominent tartan display at reunion

1975

Bruce County is the only county in Canada with an authentic tartan, and the Women's Institute of Bruce county showed what could be done with the tartan, in a display at the Ripley-Huron Reunion.

The tartan is derived from the family colors of James Bruce, Earl of Elgin and Governor General of Canada at the time the "Queen's Bush" was surveyed and incorporated in 1867.

Not only do the red, yellow, and greens depict the Bruce Clan tartan, but also the foliage of millions of trees that cover the area.

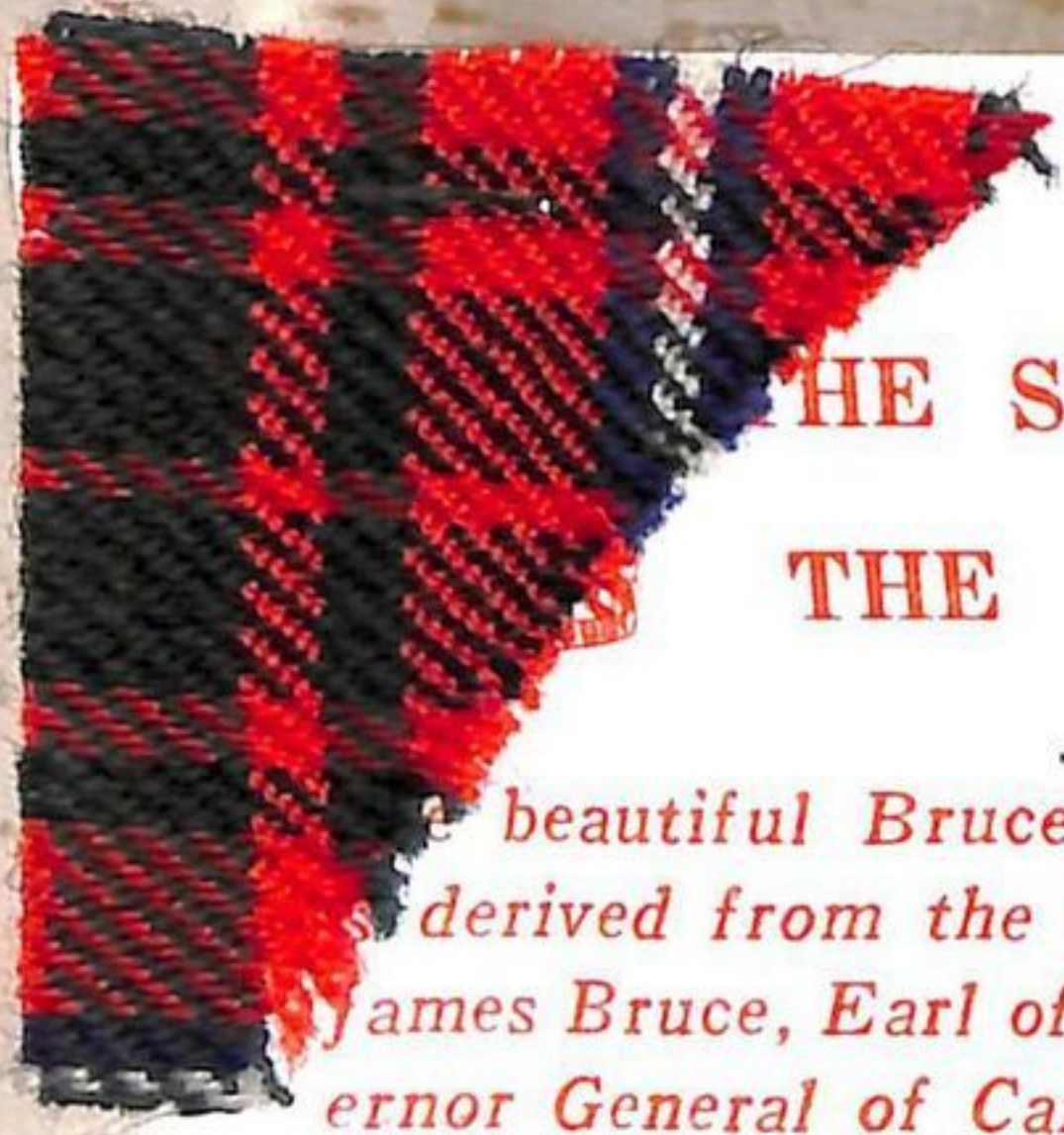
The tartan has been made into yard goods, as well as jewelry, which the Women's Institute displayed on Friday and Saturday, at the Ripley

Reunion.

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The Institute was given exclusive rights to reproduce and sell the tartan, by the Bruce County Council, in October 1974. This right will last five years, and then will be reviewed.

In 1975, Ripley held a Centennial Reunion along with the Township of Huron. It was held on the Civic Holiday weekend. Below is shown the float entered by the Ripley Women's Institute.



THE STORY OF THE TARTAN

The beautiful Bruce County Tartan is derived from the family colors of James Bruce, Earl of Elgin and Governor General of Canada at the time the "Queen's Bush" was surveyed and incorporated in 1867.

Steeped in history, the red, yellow and greens depict not only the Bruce Clan Tartan but the beautiful foliage of millions of trees that cover the area, the white and deep blue of the glistening waves washing the 367 miles of shoreline bordering Lake Huron and Georgian Bay as well as the many fresh water trout streams that cover the area.

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Bruce County virgin wool tartan, ties and souvenir giftware are available in leading stores in Bruce County.

These small brochures promote the Bruce County Tartan