

RAGMAN ROLL

On 23 October 1295, the Scots made a treaty (an agreement or pact) with France against Edward I. In late March 1296, Edward I invaded Scotland and destroyed the town of Berwick. The Scottish army was then defeated at the Battle of Dunbar on 27 April, and most of the Scottish leaders were captured. After the Battle of Dunbar, James the Steward of Scotland surrendered Roxburgh Castle, and King Edward was able to move through most of Scotland unopposed.

King Edward followed an eastern coastal route, via Edinburgh, Stirling, Perth, Forfar, Montrose, Kincardine, Aberdeen, Banff and Elgin, returning via a similar route, and taking in Kildrummy, Brechin, Arbroath, Dundee, and St Andrews, until he reached Berwick again on Wednesday 22 August. During this journey around Scotland, most of the landholders (wealthy people) of the kingdom came to King Edward to swear their loyalty to him and cancel (renounce) their alliance with the French king.

In July 1296, King John Balliol surrendered, submitted himself to King Edward, and was no longer King of Scots. In Edward I's eyes, Scotland was therefore no longer a kingdom as they had no king.

On 28 August 1296 more than 1,600 Scots, both men and women, came to Berwick to swear loyalty (sometimes for the second time) to Edward I as their ruler. Each person, or group of people, gave proof of their loyalty by fixing their seal (a flat round piece of wax with a personalised design on it) to a document. The documents mostly read as follows:

Since we have become faithful and subject to the will of the most noble prince, our well-loved lord Edward, by the grace of God king of England, lord of Ireland, and duke of Aquitaine; we promise on our own behalf and that of our heirs, upon punishment of body and property and whatever else we can forfeit, that we shall support him; and we shall serve him well and loyally against all mortal men, every time that we are called upon or summoned by our said lord, the king of England, or by his heirs; and that if we shall come to know of anything harmful to them, we shall do all in our power to obstruct it, and we shall make them aware of it.

In order to hold to and keep these promises, we pledge ourselves, our heirs, and all our goods. And we have furthermore sworn this upon the holy Gospels. As proof of this matter we have caused these open letters to be written, and sealed them with our seal.

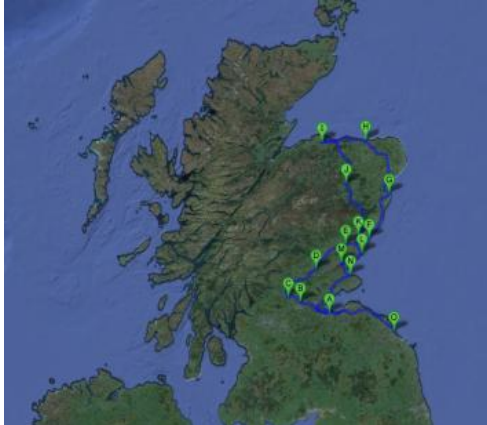
A few years later, King Edward I had all these documents written into an official legal account, which was copied three times into long rolls of parchment. This became known as the 'Ragman Roll'. All three copies of the roll survive.

The people living in Scotland at the time had to decide whether to swear loyalty or not:

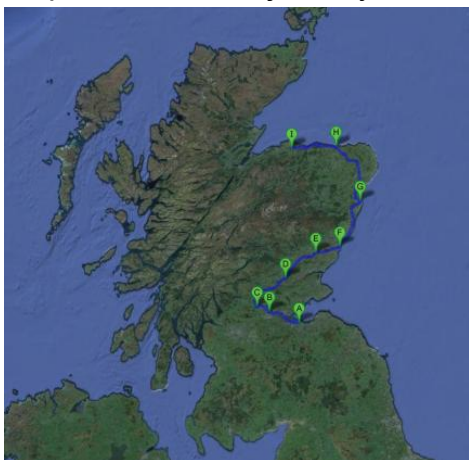
- If they did, they had to promise to fight for the King of England and give up on Scotland's independence.
- If they did not, they would be taken to prison and their land taken away from them and their family.

Below are maps of Edward's journey and the names of people who swore loyalty to Edward I as he journeyed around the country.

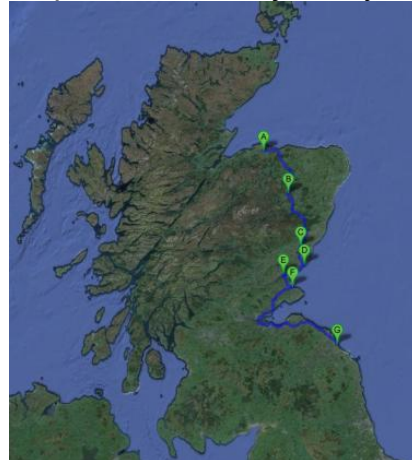
Map of Edward I's entire journey



Map of Edward I's journey North



Map of Edward I's journey South



ABERDEEN

People who swore loyalty to King Edward at Aberdeen:

Walter de Scherwinglawe; Norman of Leslie, knight; John of Glenesk, knight; Alexander of Lamberton, knight; John Stirling of Moray, knight; Patrick of 'Eggilvyn', knight; John of Garioch, knight; William of Clunie, knight; Thomas Durward called the Usher, knight; Alexander of Straiton; Gilbert of Mar; Sir William Comyn, provost of St Andrews; lord Gilbert de la Haye, knight; lord John of Cambo, knight; lord John of Kinross le fils, knight; James of Melville; Geoffrey of the Vennel; Robert of Elmslie; burgesses and community of the city of Aberdeen; Duncan of Frendraught, knight; Patrick Barclay, knight; Hugh Hay, knight; Reginald Cheyne, knight; John fitz Herbert of Maxwell, knight; John lord of Maxwell, knight; William Mowat, knight; Harvey of Crambeth, dean of Dunkeld; John son of Ranulf of Pitscottie; Robert of Wauchope; Robert Falconer; William of Innes; Henry, bishop of Aberdeen; Sir John Fleming, knight; Sir William of Moray, knight; Walter Blackwater, dean of Aberdeen.

People from Aberdeen who swore loyalty to King Edward elsewhere:

Henry Golightly of Aberdeen; Fergus, canon of Aberdeen; Henry, bishop of Aberdeen; Brother Hugh, minister of the Order of the Trinity in the county of Aberdeen; Fergus, canon of Aberdeen.

DUMBARTON

People from Dumbarton who swore loyalty to King Edward elsewhere:

John the napier, of the county of Dumbarton; Walter Sproull of the county of Dumbarton; John of Dumbarton, parson of the church of Nigg, of the county of Ross; Nicholas son of Adam of Dumbarton; Patrick Fleming, of the county of Dumbarton; Robert of Dumbarton.

DUMFRIES

People from Dumfries who swore loyalty to King Edward elsewhere:

Henry Mandeville, Thomas Coleville, Andrew Chartres, David Marshall, Humphrey Jardine, Mariot of Sutton, Patrick of Buittle, Donald son of Can, Walter of Twynholm, William Chambers, John of Gelston, Walter son of Richard of Twynholm, Stephen of Kilpatrick, Walter Durant, Matthew of 'Leghe', Thomas of Kirkconnell, Thomas of Bardannoch, Robert of Moffat, Roger of Falside, Duncan of Conisbrough, Gillemichael Mac Aed, Macrath ap Molegan, John Murdoch, John of Johnstone (a knight), John Blunt of Esbie, Henry Graham, John Leye, John of Seton, Peter Graham, Beatrice of Carlisle, Adam of Hoddam, Eustace Boyle, Ivo the messenger, Richard of Seton, James of Torthorwald, Hugh of Urr, John of Seton, Nicholas of Corrie, John of Torduff, Ralph of Errington, Simon Chambers, Robert of Dumbarton, Robert Fraser, William of Helbeck, Henry of Gillenbie, Giles, parson of the church of Ecclefechan, Robert of Pennersaugh, John of Kirkpatrick, Thomas Moffat, Malcolm MacCussok, Bartholomew of Eaglesham (a chaplain and warden of the New Place, Sanquhar), William Taylor, Patrick son of Matthew of Parton, Henry (the vicar of Lauriston), Robert of Tynedale (parson of Dalton Magna), Walter Curry, Henry Crake, John Normanville, Gilbert MacCoinnich, John Araz, Patrick of Bardonnach, Maurice Macsalny, John of Heiton, Humphrey Bois (a knight), Roger of Kirkpatrick (a knight), Hugh Mauleverer, Gilbert of Johnstone, Hugh of Urr, Cuthbert MacAomlinn, Gilbert MacNaught, John of Bombie, Fergus Marshall, Roland Marshall, Maurice of Stubhill, Gilbert of Southwick, Gilbert of Carlisle, Walter son of Walter of Cumstoun, Thomas Coleville, Adam of Colvend, Thomas of Southwick, Michael of Cardoness, Duncan son of Andrew, Dougal son of Godric, Alan of Roffa, Robert of Drusquem, William Heriz, Thurbrand of Logan, John of Cardoness, Sir Herbert of Maxwell, Sir Richard Fraser, Walter (the parson of Morton and master of Coldstream), Peter of Yarm (the parson of Kells), John (the vicar of Urr), Walter of Dernington (the parson of Parton), Master William of Gosford (the parson of Castlemilk), Robert of Carsan (the parson of Kirkandrews), Eleanor (the prioress of Lincluden), Robert Chartres, Alexander of Keith (the parson of Hoddam).

DUNFERMLINE

People from Dunfermline who swore loyalty to King Edward elsewhere:

Ralph, abbot of Dunfermline.

EDINBURGH

People who swore loyalty to King Edward at Edinburgh:

Sir William of Douglas, knight; Walter Logan; Robert Muschamp.

People from Edinburgh who swore loyalty to King Edward elsewhere:

Adam, abbot of Holyrood; William Dederick, burgess and alderman of the burgh of Edinburgh; James of Edinburgh; Richard fitz Walter of Edinburgh; John Wigmore of Edinburgh; the whole community of the burgh of Edinburgh.

ELGIN

People who swore loyalty to King Edward at Elgin:

Robert the bishop of Glasgow; Alexander, earl of Menteith; Thomas de Soules; John Wishart; Gervase of Rait; Alexander of Argyll; Alexander Comyn; Nicholas de Soules; the burgesses and community of Elgin; Alan of Moray; John de Saint-Michel; Robert de Normanville; Donald son of Can; Adam Gordon; William Wiseman; John de Montfort; Alexander of Hatley; James son of Godfrey de Ros the elder; Reginald de Saint-Michel, clerk; James son of Godfrey de Ros the younger; Robert de Tremblay; Audomer Comyn; William de Lascelles; Gilbert of Southwick; Henry called Cor; John Wishart of the Mearns; Andrew son of Godfrey de Ros; Alexander of Ogston; William of Tattenhall.

People from Elgin who swore loyalty to King Edward elsewhere:

Gilbert of Glencarnie; John [of] Auchenross; William of Hamstead; William of 'Rothenethe' (Rathenach); William Wiseman; Angus of Rothnick; Walter Herok, dean of Moray; Austin, vicar of the church of Botriphnie; Master Henry of Banff, chancellor of Moray; William son of William of Fedderate.

GLASGOW

People from Glasgow who swore loyalty to King Edward elsewhere:

the lord Alexander Kennedy, canon of Glasgow; Robert bishop of Glasgow; Master William of Lamberton, chancellor of the church of Glasgow; Alan, vicar of Glasgow.

INVERNESS

People from Inverness who swore loyalty to King Edward elsewhere:

Christina of Mar widow of Duncan of Mar; John Prat; Gilbert of Glencarnie; Roland son of Alan MacRuadri; William of Kinghorn, parson of the church of Kiltearn; William of 'Knokyntynnone'; William son of Stephen of Aird.

PERTH

People who swore loyalty to King Edward at Perth:

Sir Robert Cameron of Baledgerno (a knight); Sir John Hay (a knight); Hugh of Urr; Sir Alexander of Abernethy (a knight).

People from Perth who swore loyalty to King Edward elsewhere:

John Butler; Nicholas Hay; Robert Cameron of Baledgarno; John of Moncreiffe; Roger of Meckphen; Malcolm of Glendochart; Malcolm of Strathearn (a clerk); Duncan, son of the earl of Mar; Robert of Auchtergaven; John Tresour (a burgess of

Perth); Malcolm of Glendochart; John of Buttergask; Robert Cameron of Balnillo; Henry of Farsley; Theobald Pictoc; William of Kinmonth; Robert of Auchtergaven; Thomas Campbell; Alexander of Argyll; Malcolm fitz Juneyr; Patrick of Rothenayke; Ralph of Kilgraston; John Ewenson MacGilchrist; Ralph of Kinnaird; Gilbert Hay; John Malere; Richard Furdale; Dougall Campbell; Edmund Hay; Marjory Graham; John Laumonsone; Laurence of Flisk; Arthur Campbell; David of Blair; Duncan Campbell; Robert Gerland; Thomas Hay; Ewen son of Lachlan; William Parker (the parson of Kilham, Northumberland); Amable, the widow of Patrick Graham; Muriel of Inchbrakie; John of Muirhall; John Pedgrogeny; Gilbert (parson of the church of 'Kilkedauena'); William the parker, parson of the church of 'Kilmon', Richard, vicar of the church of Selkirk, Richard of Perth, of Roxburgh; Malcolm Inglis; Roger Mortimer, John Curry, William of Clunie (or Cluny), Henry Despensers, John Contegarvy, Thomas of Catton, Adam of Stewarton, Mary, queen of Man, Master Hervey (the dean of Dunkeld), Duncan of Ramsey (the parson of the church of Lochore), Nicholas Hay (the parson of the church of Errol), Thomas of Preston (a canon of Dunkeld), Master William Tilliol (a canon of Dunkeld), Walter of Cargill, Henry of Lemington (the parson of Doune), Adam Bernard of Hilton, John of Perth (a burgess and alderman of Perth), John son of Richard of Perth, Duncan Sellar, Richard Neville of Perth, Ralph Tendeman, William Alyth, John Treasure, William son of John of Perth, Bernard Mercer, John Serle of Perth, Donald Bryde, Robert Fulk, Philip Tacket, Warin of Whitby, Wadin of Perth, Thomas Wight, Simon Glover, burgesses, and the whole community of St Johnstone of Perth.

STIRLING

People who swore loyalty to King Edward at Stirling:

John of Callander, knight; William Colnehach; John of Lamberton; Sir William of Ruthven, knight; William of Gardyne; Malise, earl of Strathearn; Sir Walter of Corrie, knight; Sir Michael of Wemyss, knight.

People from Stirling who swore loyalty to King Edward elsewhere:

Sir John of Stirling of Moray, knight; Andrew of Stirling, burgess of Inverkeithing; Alexander of Stirling (but from the county of Lanark); John of Stirling of Carse; William the servitor, of the county of Stirling; Thomas of Morham the younger, of the county of Stirling; Richard Pessun of Stirling; Odo son of Maurice (possibly Áed son of Murdoch) of the county of Stirling; William of Stirling; Master Henry of Stirling, of the county of Stirling; John of Bondington, clerk, of the county of Stirling; Patrick of Blantyre, of the county of Stirling; Henry of Stirling, parson of the church of Upsettlington; Andrew Keir, of the county of Stirling; Alwin of Callander, of the county of Stirling; John of Kenmuir, of the county of Stirling; Richard Fraser, knight, of the county of Stirling; Mary, who was the wife of Hugh of Airth, of the county of Stirling; Richard Bryce of Stirling, burgess and alderman of the burgh.