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border reivers were raiders along the anglo scottish border from the late 13th century to the beginning of the 17th century they included both scottish and english people and they raided the entire border country without regard to their victims nationality the story of the reivers dates from the 14th century and continued through into the late 17th century it concerns the border between the two sovereign countries of england and scotland in those days this border displayed all of the characteristics of a frontier lacking law and order border reiver territory straddles the once fiercely contested borderline between england and scotland border lands stretch from the solway firth to the north sea they comprise the cheviot hills the southern uplands the northern pennines and the lake district as well as the north cumbrian coast to the west and the merse and the northumbrian explore the tumultuous history of the border reivers notorious figures whose raids and conflicts persisted through the 1600s and beyond learn about the history and culture of the border reivers the lawless clans of the anglo scottish borderlands discover their surnames castles raids feuds and legends in this web page the riding clans or border reivers of the angloscottish borders were like the highlanders organized into clans led by a clan chief these clans were not of gaelic origin put simply when england and scotland became a united kingdom in 1603 there was no place for border bandits how could outlaws escape across a border that practically did not exist and james was ruthless by 1610 almost every reiver was either hanged or in exile the border reivers from the 13th century through to the beginning of the 17th the border lands between england and scotland were home to the reivers lawless gangs who survived by the curse of the border clans the carruthers along with many others were one of the great border clans also known as reivers they were one of 17 listed in the suppression of unruly clans act of 1587 the border reivers for over 150 years the border lands of england and scotland were held in the grip of the some of history s most ruthless clans the border reivers in the the excommunication of the border reivers made by the bishop of glasgow in 1525 the border reivers inhabited the regions of the border between scotland and england they suffered from regular incursions by the army of one country laying waste to the border land of the other country a reiver s choice of weapons clothing and horses allowed him to move with speed the elements of surprise boldness cunning and speed were necessary for a successful raid great importance was placed on a reiver s mount border reivers from the thirteenth to the early seventeenth century the border between the kingdoms of england and scotland was a turbulent frontier lacking in law and order ravaged in places to wasteland by frequent wars and invasions the inhabitants had to adapt their way of life to survive border reivers were raiders along the anglo scottish border from the late 13th century to the end of the 16th century their ranks consisted of both scottish and english families and they raided the entire border country carlisle england ever suspected that your ancestors were robbers who terrorized the border between england and scotland armstrong elliot graham irvine johnstone kerr at one time the most numerous family on the west border with 500 riders in 13 towers in 1552 they were savagely

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