Tartan Details - 7th Cavalry

The information held within The Scottish Register of Tartans for the "7th Cavalry" tartan

STA ref: 644
STWR ref: 644
Designer: Paton, J & D
Tartan date: 01/01/1900
Registration date: This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.
Category: Military

Restrictions:

Registration notes: Swatch in Scottish Tartans Society Johnston Collection. Said to have been designed by J & D Paton of Tillicoultry. Nomindex notes say 'At present (1987) the Paton Collection is on loan to the Tartans Society'. Extract from 'People's Journal - Saturday 5th March 1949. An entry from the nineteenth century shows a scrap of largely blue and red tartan with the thread count falling in sevens, entitled 'The 7th Cavalry Tartan'. No British military formation has such a name, although there was an American 7th Cavalry, which achieved fame under General Custer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn, when it was massacred by the Sioux Indians. Apparently, General Custer had a liking for military bands and formed ad hoc brass and bagpipe bands. It is probable that the 7th Cavalry wrote to Scotland to commission a tartan for their pipers and drummers, since the regiment contained many Americans of Scottish descent.' Note: the threadcount now contains none that are divisible by 7! The 'inherited' threadcount for this tartan was DB/46 W8 LG6 Y4 W4 Y4 LG6 W4 R16 W8 DB10 Lav6 LG4 Lav6 DB10 W8 R/8. In May 2006 the woven sample from the Paton Collection was checked and the threadcount entered here. Warp and weft were different which produced a rectangular block of dark blue.

Please note
Where tartans were recorded before the establishment of the Scottish Register of Tartans (SRT) on 5 February 2009, the original Scottish Tartans Authority (STA) and the Scottish Tartans World Register (STWR) reference numbers have been retained. The new SRT reference number can be found in the address box on your browser (url).

The registration criteria now applied by the Register conforms to the Scottish Register of Tartans Act 2008. These criteria are different to those previously applied by either the STA or the STWR. You may wish to refer to the STA website for further information.

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