

Who Fought On What Side At Culloden

Most people will tell you The Battle of Culloden was fought by the Scottish clans on the side of Prince Charlie and the British army with the Duke of Cumberland on the other side, Scot's against the English. This is not quite right. You had clans on both sides, and you had clans that did not come out for either side. Some clans such as Clan Gordon and Clan Grant were represented on both sides.

In the case of Clan Gordon, the chief of Clan Gordon took the side of the English but his brother Lord Lewis Gordon with many from Clan Gordon joined the Jacobite side. Clan Grant of Glenmorrison came out to fight on the Jacobite side, while Clan Grant of Freuchie opposed them on the English side. Clan Rose tried to remain neutral, on 14 April 1746 Hugh Rose of Kilravock, chief of Clan Rose entertained Bonnie Price Charlie. On 15 April Hugh Rose entertained the Duke of Cumberland. Can't get more diplomatic than that. The chief of Clan MacQuarrie took no side but did not stop his clansmen from doing so. This also happened with a lot of small clan groups.

So the question is what clan was on what side? The following list is compiled from present day sources. Some clans may not be listed, if your clan is not listed, take the time and find out which side they may have been on.

CLANS WITH BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE

Boyd	Cameron	Chilsom
Davidson	Drummond	Farquharson
Fraser	Hay	Livingstone
MacBean	MacColl	MacDonald of Glencoe
MacDonald of GlenGarry	MacDonald of Keppoch	MacDonald Clan Ranald
MacDuff	MacFie	MacGillivray
MacGregor	MacInnes	MacKinnon
MacKintosh	MacIntyre	MacIver

MacLachlan	MacLaren	MacLean
MacLea	MacNeil of Barra	MacNaughten
MacPherson	Menzie	Morrison
Oglivy	Oliphant	Robertson
Stewart of Appin		

Along with the clans listed on the side of Bonnie Prince Charlie was the regiment of Atholl Highlanders made up of Clan Murray and the following clansmen of Clan Ferguson, Stewart of Atholl, men from Clan Elphinstone, Forbes, Keith, MacKenzie, MacLeod of MacLeod, Macleod of Lewis, MacTavish, MacMillan, Maxwell, Ramsey and Clan Wemyss. Along with these men was a regiment of men from Edinburgh and a regiment of Irish Piquets.

On the Government (English) side
the following are listed as clans supporting the Duke of Cumberland

Clan Campbell
Clan Cathcart
Clan Colville
Clan Cunningham
Clan Grant of Freuchie
Clan Gunn
Clan Kerr
Clan MacKay
Clan Munro
Clan Ross
Clan Semphill
Clan Sinclair
Clan Sutherland

It is said Clan Campbell of Auchnabreck along with Clan MacDougall would have come out on the side of Bonnie Prince Charlie but were stopped by Campbell of Argyll. The chief of Clan MacTavish had been put in prison by the government or he too would have raised men for Prince Charlie.

