

marching air

The Banks of Avon

Alexander Walker

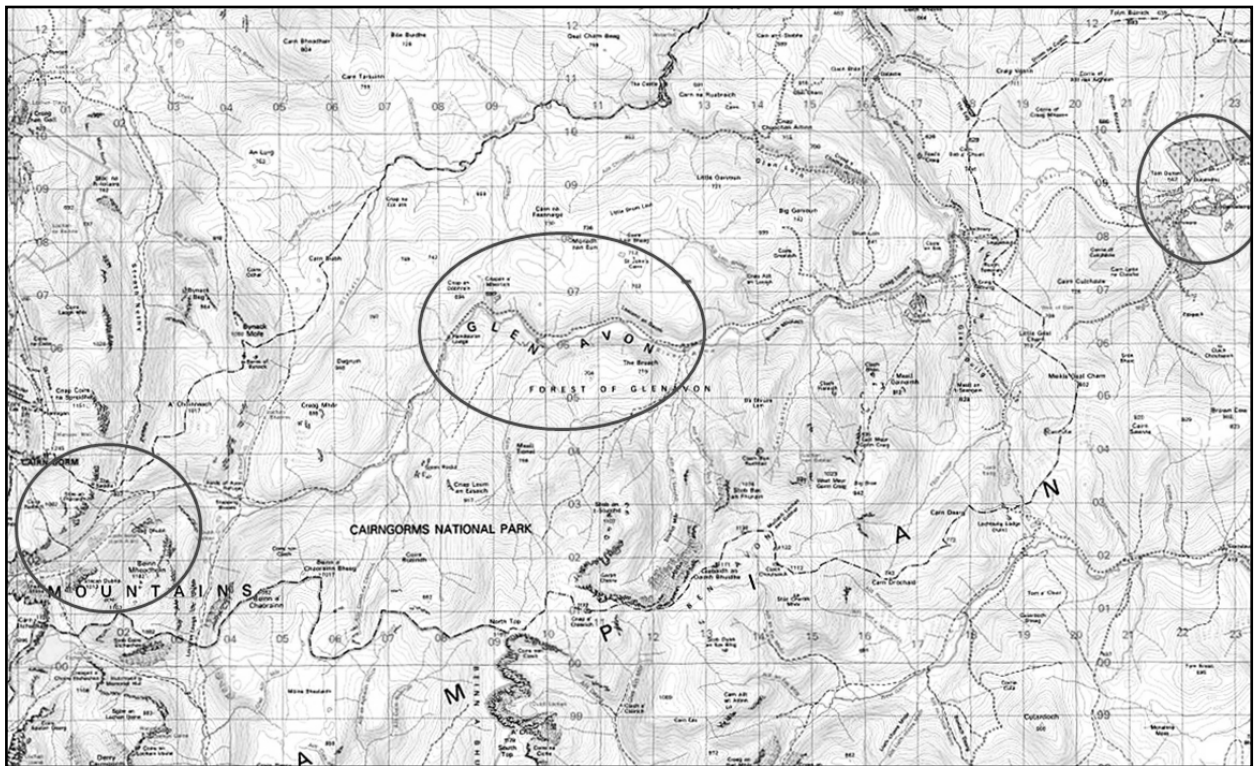
The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 2/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'slow'. The score consists of six staves of music. Above the notes, the following chords are indicated: D, D, G, D, A, D, G, D, D, D, D, A, D, D, G, D, A, D, D, G, D, A, D. Trills (tr) are marked above several notes in the first, second, and fifth staves.

BANKS OF AVON, THE.

Walker: A Collection of Strathspeys, Reels, Marches, &c., 1866; No. 96, pg. 33.

Scottish, Slow Air (2/4 time). D Major, AAB.

i. Paddy LeBlanc, LP, c.1963



Left: Loch Avon, Middle: Glen Avon. Right: Delnadamph (Sir Charles Forbes Lodge)

The River Avon flows from Loch Avon, in the Cairngorms, and joins the River Spey at Ballindalloch near Aberlour. The River Avon is a river in the Strathspey area of the Scottish Highlands, and a tributary of the River Spey. It drains the north-eastern area of the Cairngorm Mountains and is largely contained within the Cairngorms National Park

The source of the River Avon is conventionally said to be Loch Avon situated between Cairn Gorm and Ben Macdui (Gaelic: Beinn MacDhuibh). Loch Avon itself collects headwaters from a number of burns on these two mountains. From Loch Avon, the river then continues east down Glen Avon to the north of Ben Avon, for 10 miles before turning north towards the village of Tomintoul and Strath Avon.(See tune '*Glenavon Forest*')

The river passes near to the west end of Sir Charles Forbes estate.

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If Alexander was travelling north he would have taken the old military road from Corgarff over the Lecht and join the Avon which would have taken him to the Spey River and then on to the coast. Jane Shaw, Alexander's wife came from that area and her family would have known it well.