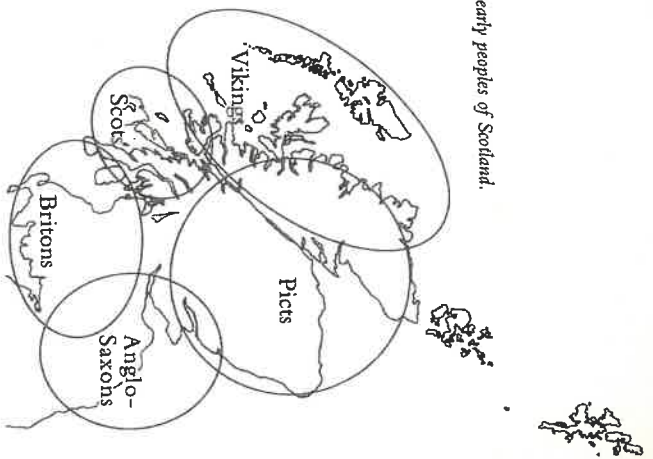


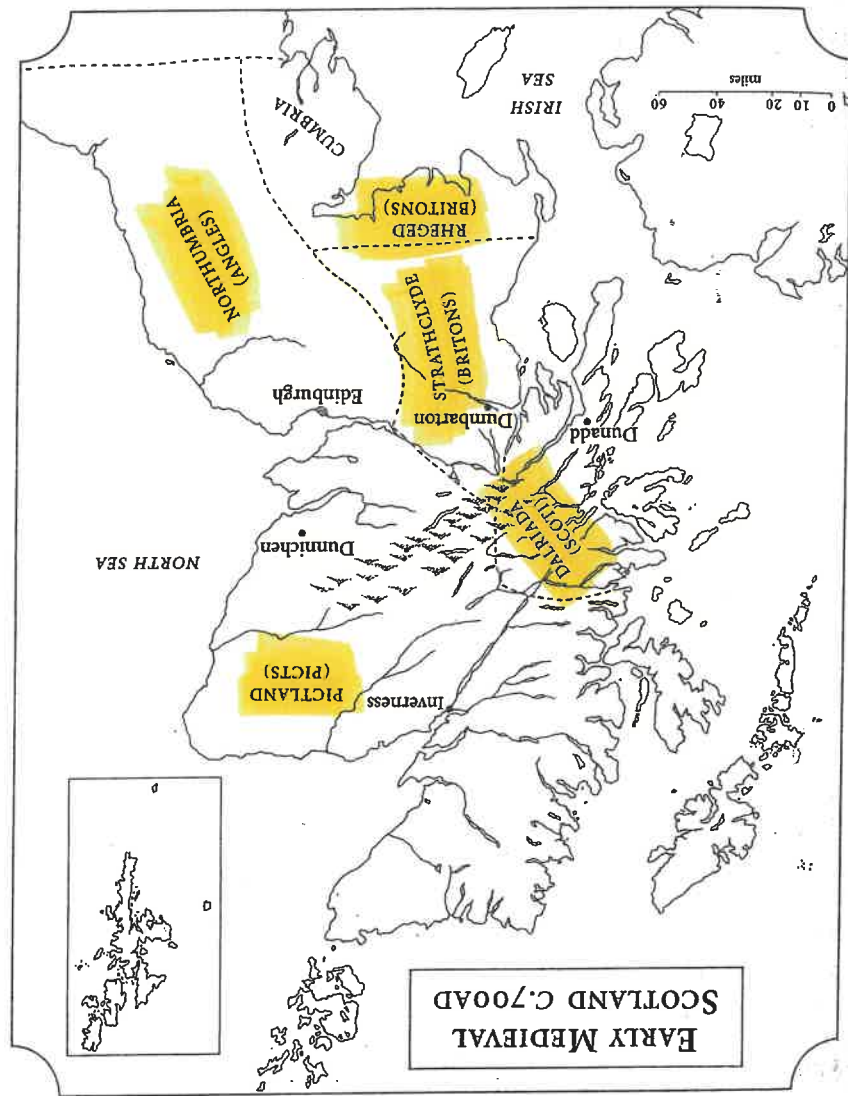
Approximate zones of the early peoples of Scotland.



and killed Ecgfrith at the battle of Nechtansmere near Forfar in 685. This may be the military event depicted on the nearby Aberlemno Stone, though it was actually carved at least a century later. Bridei dealt not only with the Anglian threat but did much to restore active royal authority throughout most of Pictland.

Pictland was also fortunate in having a succession of dynamic and successful kings to follow Bridei. By the middle of the eighth century Angus mac Fergus had not only managed to ensure Pictland's independence but had actually captured Dunadd and established himself as overlord of Dal Riata. He then turned his attention to the British

Recent archaeological excavations have shown that Dunadd was occupied, albeit intermittently, from about AD 500 to 1000; it is usually called 'the capital' – or 'a capital' – of the kings of Dalriada. It was a place where skilled craftspeople fashioned high-quality jewellery and implements in bronze, silver and gold. It was also a major trading centre in a huge Celtic network which stretched from Ireland, down the west coast of Britain and across to the Mediterranean. Dunadd was clearly an important player in European trade, exporting



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Kings and Queens of Scotland

Kenneth I (mac Alpin)	c.840-58	Malcolm IV	(the Maiden')	1153-65
Donald I.	858-62	William ('the Lion')	1165-1214	
Constantin I	862-77	Alexander II	1214-49	
Aed	877-78	Alexander III	1249-86	
Eochaid	878-89	Margaret		
Donald II	889-900	(the Maid of Norway')	1286-90	
Constantin II	900-43	John Balliol		
Malcolm I	943-54	(Toom Tabard')	1292-96	
Indulph	954-62	Robert I		
Malcolm II	1005-34	(Robert Bruce)	1306-29	
Duncan I	1034-40	David II	1329-71	
Macbeth	1040-57	Robert II	1371-90	
Lulach	1057-58	Robert III	1390-1406	
Malcolm III		James I	1406-37	
('Canmore')	1058-93	James II	1437-60	
Donald III	1094	James III	1460-88	
Duncan II	1094	James IV	1488-1513	
Donald III (restored)	1094-97	James V	1513-42	
Edgar		Mary		
(the Peaceable')	1097-1107	(Queen of Scots)	1542-67	
Alexander I		James VI	1567-1625	
(the Fierce')	1107-24	(James I of Britain	1603-25)	
David I	1124-53			