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Note

Numbers following quotations from *Waverley* refer to the pagination of the World's Classics paperback edition, ed. Claire Lamont, Oxford, 1986. This edition has been chosen here since it offers the 1814 text of the novel, corrected from manuscript. Although Scott's last words on *Waverley* are the emendations and appendages of the 1829 Magnum Opus edition, it is the first, 1814 version which is the landmark.

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Numbers following quotations from other novels and stories by Scott refer to the *chapter* of the work concerned. The works' titles are abbreviated as follows:

<i>BD</i>	<i>The Black Dwarf</i>	<i>RG</i>	<i>Redgauntlet</i>
<i>CC</i>	<i>Chronicles of the Canongate</i>	<i>RR</i>	<i>Rob Roy</i>
<i>GM</i>	<i>Guy Mannering</i>	<i>SR</i>	<i>St Ronan's Well</i>
<i>HM</i>	<i>The Heart of Midlothian</i>	<i>TA</i>	<i>The Antiquary</i>
<i>HW</i>	<i>The Highland Widow</i>	<i>TD</i>	<i>The Two Drovers</i>

Numbers following quotations from other works by Scott or by other writers refer to the pagination of the editions listed below or in the Guide to Further Reading. Where more than one work by the same writer is listed, the date of the work in question is additionally given. The abbreviations are as follows:

<i>AR</i>	'1814', <i>The Edinburgh Annual Register for 1814</i> (Edinburgh, 1816)
<i>BA</i>	<i>The Border Antiquities of England and Scotland</i> (London and Edinburgh, 1814)
<i>CP</i>	Review of the <i>Culloden Papers</i> , <i>The Quarterly Review</i> , 14 (1816)
<i>J</i>	<i>The Journal of Sir Walter Scott</i> , ed. W. E. K. Anderson
<i>JH</i>	Review of <i>The Life and Works of John Home</i> , <i>The Quarterly Review</i> , 36, 1827
<i>L</i>	<i>The Letters of Sir Walter Scott</i> , ed. H. J. C. Grierson
<i>MB</i>	<i>Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border</i> (Edinburgh, 1802)
<i>MM</i>	<i>Letters of Malachi Malagrowther</i> (Edinburgh and London, 1826)
<i>PL</i>	<i>Paul's Letters to his Kinsfolk</i> (Edinburgh, 1816)
<i>RS</i>	<i>Description of the Regalia of Scotland</i> (Edinburgh, 1819)

Chronology

	<i>Europe and Beyond</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>Scott</i>
1740–8	War of the Austrian Succession		
1745		Last Jacobite Rising (the Forty-five): Battle of Prestonpans and march to Derby	Family briefly divided over Rising
1746	<i>Ascanius</i> and other fictions of the Forty-five	Battle of Culloden. Penal laws against non-established religions	Distant relatives among those killed
1747		Proscription Act forbids wearing of highland dress. Jacobite estates forfeited	
1748	Remains of Pompeii discovered. Montesquieu, <i>L'Esprit des Lois</i> . Richardson, <i>Clarissa</i>	Hume, <i>An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i> . Smollett, <i>Roderick Random</i>	
1749	Fielding, <i>Tom Jones</i>		
1750		One-eighth of population urban. Half America's tobacco crop now exported to Glasgow	
1753	British Museum (first public museum) founded		
1754–6		Joseph Black discovers carbonic gas, carbonic dioxide	

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| 1771 | Arkwright opens first spinning mill in England | <i>Encyclopaedia Britannica</i> founded in Edinburgh. Mackenzie, <i>The Man of Feeling</i> | Scott born on the College Wynd – the ninth of twelve children, of whom only six survive infancy |
| 1772–3 | | | Attack of poliomyelitis leaves him lame in his right leg |
| 1773 | Boston Tea Party. Goethe, <i>Götz von Berlichingen</i> | Priestley discovers oxygen. Montboddo, <i>Of the Origin and Progress of Languages</i> | |
| 1773–5 | | | Sent for health to Sandy-Knowe, in the Borders |
| 1774 | Suppression of Pugachev Rising. Goethe, <i>Die Leiden des jungen Werther</i> | Kames, <i>Sketches of the History of Man</i> . General Register House, Edinburgh, begun | |
| 1775 | Highland Society of London founded | | Goes for a cure to Bath; visits London |
| 1775–83 | American War of Independence | Adam Smith, <i>Wealth of Nations</i> | Family moves to George Square, Old Town |
| 1776 | American Declaration of Independence | Robertson, <i>History of America</i> | First visit to Prestons and meeting with George Constable, <i>raconteur</i> of the Forty-five |
| 1777 | | | |
| 1779 | Spain declares war on Britain | First cotton spinning-mill (at Penicuik) | Attends High School, Edinburgh |
| 1779–83 | | Antiquarian Society of Scotland founded | |
| 1780 | | | |

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- 1781 Comes to know Alexander Stuart of Invernayle, major *raconteur* of the Forty-five and source for *Waverley*
- 1782 Proscription Act repealed. Highland Clearances begin. Antiquaries' Museum established. 8 newspapers in Scotland
Glasgow Herald founded
- 1783 Peace of Versailles determines shape of future British Empire
- 1783–6
- 1784 Herder, *Ideen zu einer Philosophie der Geschichte der Menschheit*
- 1785
- 1785–6
- 1786 Burns, *Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect*
- 1787
- 1788 First colony in Australia
- 1789 Storming of the Bastille. Constituent Assembly in France
- Stays with aunt at Kelso. Discovers Percy's *Reliques*
Attends classes at Edinburgh University
- Haemorrhage: break in education, long convalescence at Kelso
Apprenticed to father. First visit to Highlands
Falls in love with 'Jessie from Kelso': love poetry
- 'On the Origins of the Feudal System'. 'On the Origin of the Scandinavian Mythology'

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- 1789–92 Again attends Edinburgh University
- 1790 *Burke, Reflections on the Revolution in France*
Water-powered spinning introduced. 27 newspapers in Scotland
- 1791 *Paine, Rights of Man*
Penal laws repealed. Severe clearances – ‘The Year of the Sheep’. General Convention of Scottish Friends of the People
- 1793 Louis XVI executed. Reign of Terror in France. Napoleonic Wars begin. Louvre (first national museum) founded
Convention leaders transported
- 1794 Radcliffe, *The Mysteries of Udolpho*
- 1795 Directory in France. British take the Cape
Death of Burns
- 1796 Napoleon’s Italian campaign
Translations of Bürger – *The Chase* and *William and Helen* – first (anonymous) publication. Williamina spurns him
- 1797 Threat of Napoleonic invasion of Britain
Co-founder and Secretary of Edinburgh Light Dragoons. Marries Charlotte Charpentier
- 1798 Napoleon’s Egyptian campaign. Wordsworth and Coleridge, *Lyrical Ballads*
Moves to 39, (North) Castle Street, New Town

- 1799 Publishes translation of Goethe's *Götz* (under own name). Contributes to *Tales of Terror*. Death of father. Daughter (Charlotte) born. Becomes Sheriff-Depute of Selkirkshire
The Eve of Saint John
- 1800 Maria Edgeworth, *Castle Rackrent*
- 1801 Expansion of woollen tweed manufacture in Borders
Telford surveys potential of Highlands
Edinburgh Review founded
- 1802 Peace with France
- 1802–3
- 1803 War with France resumes
Commission to open up Highlands established
- 1804 Napoleon crowned Emperor
- 1805 Battles of Trafalgar, Austerlitz
- 1806 Battle of Jena
- 1807 Hegel, *Phänomenologie des Geistes*
- Contributes to Lewis's *Tales of Wonder*. Son (Walter) born
- The Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border*. Daughter (Anne) born
- Takes country house at Ashetiel; visited there by Wordsworth
The Lay of the Last Minstrel – an immediate success bringing fame and profit. Becomes partner in Ballantyne printing company. Son (Charles) born. First chapters of *Waverley* (?)
Ballads and Lyrical Pieces. Becomes a Principal Clerk of Session
Concludes Strutt's historical romance, *Queenhoo-Hall*. Secretary to Parliamentary Commission for Improvement of Scottish Jurisprudence

- 1808 *Marmion* nets 1,000 guineas in advance. Edition of Dryden. Helps found *Quarterly Review*. Work on *Waverley* (?)
- 1810 Kleist, *Michael Kohlhaas*
- 1811 Buys Clarty Hole – the beginnings of Abbotsford. *The Vision of Don Roderick*
Move to Abbotsford
- 1812 Napoleon's retreat from Moscow. Byron, *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*
Battle of Nations at Leipzig
Weavers' strike in Glasgow and West
- 1813 *Rokeby*. Declines Poet Laureateship. Made Freeman of City of Edinburgh. Ballantyne helped out of financial troubles by Constable. *Waverley* resumed
- 1814 Napoleon abdicates. Britain celebrates peace in Europe (7 July)
Edition of Swift. *Waverley* (7 July) – another major success: profits of £2,100 by end of year. Agrees to write essay on 'Romance', contributes 'Chivalry' and 'Drama' to *Encyclopædia Britannica*
The Border Antiquities of England and Scotland
Severe clearances – 'The Year of the Burnings'
- 1814–17
- 1815 The Hundred Days. Battle of Waterloo. Holy Alliance
Glenfinnan monument to the Forty-five
The Lord of the Isles. *Guy Mannerling*. Visits battlefield at Waterloo and Paris

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- 1816 Paul's Letters to his Kinsfolk. *The Antiquary. Tales of My Landlord*, first series (*The Black Dwarf and Old Mortality*). '1814'
- 1817 First grave stomach disorder
- 1818 Rob Roy. *Tales of My Landlord*, second series (*The Heart of Midlothian*)
- 1819 *Tales of My Landlord*, third series (*The Bride of Lammermoor and A Legend of Montrose*). *Ivanhoe* sells 10,000 copies in a fortnight. Death of mother
- 1819–26 *The Provincial Antiquities of Scotland*
- 1820 *The Monastery. The Abbot*
- 1821 *Kenilworth*
- 1822 *The Pirate. The Fortunes of Nigel. Peveril of the Peak*. Essay on 'Romance'. Part-organizer of George IV's visit
- 1823 *Quentin Durward. St Ronan's Well*. First symptoms of apoplexy
- The Scotsman* founded
- 'Radical War' in West – last rising against Union. Celtic Society founded
- One-third of population now urban. Galt, *The Ayreshire Legatees, Annals of the Parish*
- George IV visits Scotland. Second New Town, Edinburgh started. Caledonian Canal opened
- Galt, *The Entail*
- Congress of Aix-la-Chapelle
- Peterloo Massacre. Carlsbad Decrees. Singapore taken. Irving, *Rip van Winkle*
- Liberal revolt in Spain
- Greek War of Independence. Cooper, *The Spy. Adolphus, Letters to Richard Heber*
- Congress of Vienna discusses Greece, Spain. Hegel first lectures on philosophy of history
- Alexis, *Die Geächteten*. Cooper, *The Pioneers*. Hugo, *Han d'Islande*. Alexis, 'The Romances of Walter Scott'

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1824	Anglo-Burmese Wars. Death of Byron	Hogg, <i>Confessions of a Justified Sinner</i>	<i>Redgauntlet</i>
1825	Decembrist uprising in Russia	Widespread business failures	<i>Tales of the Crusaders (The Betrothed and The Talisman)</i> . Begins <i>Journal</i>
1826	Cooper, <i>The Last of the Mohicans</i> . Tieck, <i>Der Aufbruch in den Cevennen</i> . De Vigny, <i>Cinq-Mars</i>	Galt, <i>The Last of the Lairds</i>	Collapse of Ballantyne, Constable: Scott left bankrupt. Sells 39 Castle Street. Wife dies. <i>Letters of Malachi Matagrowther</i> . <i>Woodstock</i>
1827	Treaty of London. Manzoni, <i>The Betrothed</i>		Public acknowledgement of authorship of Waverley Novels. <i>Life of Napoleon Buonaparte</i> . <i>Chronicles of the Canongate</i> , first series (<i>The Highland Widow</i> , <i>The Two Drovers</i> , <i>The Surgeon's Daughter</i>)
1828			<i>Tales of a Grandfather</i> , first series. <i>Chronicles of the Canongate</i> , first series (<i>The Fair Maid of Perth</i>)
1829	Balzac, <i>Les Chouans</i>	Thomas Graham formulates law on diffusion of gases	<i>Anne of Geierstein</i> . <i>Tales of a Grandfather</i> , second series. <i>Magnum Series of Waverley Novels</i>
1830	Liberal revolt across Europe. Greece declared independent.		<i>Tales of a Grandfather</i> , third series. Electioneering before hostile crowds. Paralytic attack. Apopleptic attack
1831	Mazzini launches Young Italy. Hugo, <i>Notre Dame de Paris</i>	Ross determines position of magnetic North Pole	<i>Tales of a Grandfather</i> , fourth series. Health compels voyage to Mediterranean. Government supplies frigate
1832	First Reform Bill. Death of Goethe	Reform Act (Scotland) passed. Galt, <i>The Member</i>	<i>Tales of My Landlord</i> , fourth series. Returns to die at Abbotsford. Debts now almost paid. Death (21 September)