

THE CATERANS

DID YOU KNOW?

The Caterans had their own school where they taught young boys to steal cattle, it was called The School of the Moon because they learned how to 'reive' under the light of the full moon.

The general plan or procedure for a cattle raid was to come into your victim's land stealthily before dawn and gather up the livestock with as little noise as possible, leading them off on a chosen path before the locals were awake

One of the most famous Cateran's was called The Halkit Stirk. It seems he got his name because he was a foundling baby who was heard crying like a young calf – a halkit stirk - outside the farmhouse where he was abandoned

The Gaelic name for a cattle raid was *creach* and the Scots *spulzie*