

# History of Northumbrian Edinburgh

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The kingdom of Northumbria lasted for three centuries (7th-10th). The Angles of the Kingdom of Bernicia had an important influence on what would later be Bernicia, Northumbria, and finally south-east Scotland.

Din Eidyn was a hillfort built by the Gododdin before the 7<sup>th</sup> century in the area of modern Edinburgh. When the Angles invaded the fort in the 7<sup>th</sup> century, the Old English suffix, “burh” was added to the name Eidyn creating Edinburgh. (A “burh” or “burg” was a fortified settlement). Edinburgh had a very specific purpose. It was made to be a frontier stronghold. During this period the language spoken in Edinburgh was Northumbrian Old English. While history records little about Northumbrian Edinburgh, it is said that Symeon of Durham mentioned a church at *Edwinesburch* in AD 854. He was an English chronicler and a monk of Durham Priory.

The northernmost part of Northumbria, which had retained its Brythonic name, Lothian, came under the sway of the Kingdom of Scotland during the 10<sup>th</sup> century.

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