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‘Hiberno-Scandinavian influence east of the Pennines’

The west of the Northumbrian kingdom became part of the Gaelic-Scandinavian world during the tenth century. Gaelic-Scandinavian influence was less marked in eastern Northumbria, despite the fact that some of the rulers of York and Dublin were drawn from the same dynasty. Nevertheless, it is possible to trace enclaves of Gaelic-Scandinavian settlement to the east of the Pennines. In this paper, I will argue that the settlers were closely linked to Ireland, and that the settlements lay beside route-ways between York and Dublin. I will focus on the personal names of the settlers and their descendants; this category of evidence has been somewhat neglected by scholars.