Robert Burns probably drank Tennents

Although brewing had been carried out at the site of the Wellpark Brewery for centuries, the Tennents company was officially founded by brothers Hugh and Robert Tennent in 1740.

Robert Tennent went on to be the proprietor of the original Saracen Head Inn, in the Gallowgate of Glasgow, in 1755. It can, therefore, be taken as read that the Saracen Head served Tennents Ale.

Scotland’s National Bard, Robert Burns, was notoriously fond of booze.

“O Gude ale comes and gude ale goes,
Gude ale gars me sell my hose,
Sell my hose and pawn my shoon,
Gude ale keeps my heart abune.”

(To cite but one of his numerous poetic tributes to beer.)

Burns is known to have visited the Saracen Head on more than one occasion between 1788 and 1791. It is unlikely in the extreme that he would not have sampled the Tennents Ale there.

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