

Clan ACHESON



ARMS	Silver and black two-headed eagle, at the top on a green chief, two gold spurs
CREST	Not available
MOTTO	Ane chast arbor (One pure tree)

ACHESON, Aicheson, Aitcheson, Arrchison, Atkinson. These five names all mean 'son of Adam', the first four from the diminutive Atty, and the last from the diminutive Adkin with the d sharpened to t. Johannes Ade customar of North Berwick in 1384, appears in 1387 as John Atkynsoun, and in following years again as Johannes filius Ade. John Atkynsoun is recorded as a forestaller in Aberdeen in 1402, and William Atkinson was servitor to Sir Symon Glendonwyne in 1408. Laing gives the seal of Thomas Atkinson of Bnkyll as bearing on a chevron three buckles and with the legend *S' Thomas filius Ade* appended to an indenture of 1429. William Atkynson, was bedellus in Aberdeen in 1436. John Atkinson was admitted burgess of Aberdeen in 1437 and Andrew Atkynson in 1442, and John Atzinson was vicar of Morton in 1475. Patrick Atzensone was clerk of the diocese of Glasgow in 1479. William Atkynson, a native of Scotland, had letters of denisation in England in 1480, and George Aczinson in Lanark, who was ordered to 'stand under the cownt of the breid irnis' in 1490, appears again in 1498 as George aczin. Patrick Atzensone was notary-public in Jedworth, 1500. William Ackyson was a juror in Lanark in 1501, and from Marc Aichesone, who was customar of the Newhewin of Prestone in 1590, the haven may have been derived the name of Achesounes hevin (1609), now Morrisons Haven in the parish of Prestonpans. John Achisoune was retoured heir of his father James Achisone of bodisbek in 1676, and Mr. John Echesone was schoolmaster at the village of Killbryde in 1680. The name of Magnus Atkinstone, tacksman in Garth in Harray in 1492, may be a misreading of Awkinsone (= Hakon's son, Hauqinus was the Latinized form of Hakon). A family of this name was long connected with the Scottish mint in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. James Aitchesoun, 'Maister Cuyear,' was ordered to coin 'babies (bawbees) in 1553. Achenson 1525, Acheson 1539, Achesoun 1497, Achesune 1591, Achieson 1673, Achiesoun 1635, Achinsoun 1538, Achiesoun 1557, Aitchesoune 1610, Aitchysoune 1670, Aschesone 1556, Achesone 1692, Atchisone 1624, Atyesoun 1540, Atzeson and Etzesone 1531, and (undated) Aichensoun, Aticione, Eticione.

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