



Clan DUNCAN

ARMS

Azure, a saltier Argent, a cross Gules between two cinquefoil Argent on a chief, a lion's head Proper, in base an oak tree Or

CREST MOTTO

An elk's head faced Proper
For family and nation).

Descended from the ancient Earls of Atholl, the name was taken from a chief of Clan *Donanachaidh*, 'Fat Duncan', who led the clan at Bannochburn. The Robertson Appellation derived from their chief, Robert, in the time of James I. Considered as a sept of clan Donnachaidh, the Duncans possessed lands in Forfarshire including the barony of Lundie and the estate of Gourdie.

Adam Duncan of Lundie became an admiral and was responsible for the defeat of the Dutch navy off Camperdown in 1797. His son was created Viscount Duncan of Camperdown. Donnchad, Duncha, and in the 1497 Gaelic genealogical it appears in the genitive as Donnchaid. The early Irish form Donnchad seems to represent early Celti Donno-catu-s, 'brown warrior from donn and cath. On an ogham stone at Glan Usk near Crickowel in Wales The name occurs spelled Dunocatus, which points to fort warrior, as the meaning of the name. The exact meaning is therefore uncertain.

Dunchad, eleventh abbot of Hii (Iona) died in 717. Duhad abbot of Dunkeld, was killed in the battle of Dorsum Crup. *Dunchad mac mec Bead mec Hidid* gave the field called Achad-madchor to the Abbey of Deer, and in the same record is mentioned Donnachac mac Sithig Toesechclenni Morgainn, 'Duncan Sithech's son, leader of Clan Morgan. Donachadus, earl of Fife was witness to King David's letter of protection to the clerics of Deer. Willelmus filius Dunecan witnessed the gift of Swintun to Hernulf the knight. Dunecanus comes witnessed confirmation charter by William the Lion to Jaobus de Pert of lands of Rosin. Willelmus Filius Duuecani is an error for Dunecani. Dunecan, parson of Duuglas, appears as charier witness between 1240-49. John Duncan held a 'waste' in Berwick-on-Tweed in 1367 and probably John Duncanson or Dunkanson, mayor of Berwick in the same year in the same year was his son. Duncanus 'pavrus garcio', a forestaller in Aberdeen, 1402. Oieut.-General Jacob Duncan, governor of Funen, was of Scots parentage. The Clan Donnachaidh (Robertson) derives its name from Fat Duncan (Donnachadh Reamhar) de Atholia, chief of the clan in the time of Bruce.

In Ireland Donnachadh is Englished 'Denis' by some and refined to 'Dioysius' and 'Donatus' by others. Docane (for Docane) 1516, Dokan (for Dokan) 1515, Duncane 1424, Dunkane 1515, Dwnkane 1527, Dwnken 1707.

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Clan DUNCAN Septs

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DUNKIN
JUNKEIN

JUNKIN(S)
MAC JUNKIN

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