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Clan GALBRAITH

Gules, three boars' heads erased Argent muzzled Azure
Ab Obice Suavior

This surname is said to derive from the Gaelic for 'strange or foreign Briton'. Black states that it may simply mean 'the Briton's son'. In Gaelic the clan were known as 'Clann a' Bhreatnnaich'. The original Galbraith seems therefore to have been one of those who fled from the south to live among the Gaels of Strathclyde. Gillescop Galbrath witnessed a charter by Mulduin, Lord of Lennox, around 1208. At the beginning of the reign of Alexander II further charters were witnessed and William, son of Galbrat, received land in Lennox at Buthernockis and Kincaith. The Balgraiths of Barhernock, afterwards Baldernock, became the principal family of this name, from whom were descended the Galbraiths of Culcreuch whose splendid castle still stands to this day. There is some evidence that the Galbraiths were related to the mighty Celtic Earls of Lennox, referred to Gillespie Galbrtaith as 'nepote nostro' ('our nephew'). In the twentieth century two members of the family of Galbraith of Barskimming, cadets of Culcreuch, have served as Members of parliament for constituencies in Glasgow. John Kenneth Galbraith has been one of the most influential economists of the twentieth century.

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Clan GALBRAITH Septs

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