



Clan GEDDES

ARMS
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MOTTO

A shield between three pike heads on a red shield.
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Capta majora (Seek greater things).

GEDDES, GEDDESS. Of territorial origin from the lands of Geddes in Nairnshire, which were in possession of the family of Rose before they obtained Kivravock. The three silver geds hauriant in the family arms are mere canting heraldry. Harrison's definition of the name as a Scots form of Gideon is nonsense. The family of Geddes of Rachan, Peebles shire, is an offshoot of Geddes of that ilk. They had a grant of the lands of Ladyurd in the barony of Kirkurd in 1406. Master Matthew of Geddes, a churchman, had a safe conduct into England in 1405, and was rector of Church of Forest in 1408. A later Matthew Geddas was canon of Aberdeen, 1470. In 1434 John of Geddes, laird of half of Ladyurd, resigned all that land into the hands of his overlord, Wat Scott, lord of Morthinyston, who thereupon granted it anew to 'ane honest man William of Geddes'. Alexander Geddes was licentiate in theology in Glasgow, 1452. Matthew Geddis, vicar of Tibbermure, was chaplain and secretary to Bishop Gawin Douglas. William Geddes was killed in 1558 by the Tweedies, and thus began a long feud with that family. There is no information about this murder other than an entry in the records of the Privy Council, according to which a respite was granted under the Privy Seal to James Tweedie of Drumelzier [et al.] for the cruel slaughter of William Geddes, son and apparent heir of Charles Geddes of "Cuthilhall" . . . On 29th December 1592 James Geddes of Glenhigton . . . fell another victim to the treachery of the Tweedies in Edinburgh. In the Home charters the name appears as Geddas (1494), Geddess (1522), and Gudhose .(1474). Dr. John Geddes (1739-1799), a bishop of the Roman Catholic Church, residing in Edinburgh, was an intimate friend of Robert Burns, the poet, and *his* brother, Bishop Alexander Geddes was an eminent Biblical critic, translator, and poet. Geddeis 1624, Ceddes 1664.

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Clan GEDDES Septs

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GEDDIE(S),-Y(S)
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