



Clan MACADAM

ARMS	Green shield with three silver arrows, points down.
CREST	Not available
MOTTO	Steady.

MACADAM. Gaelic *MacAdaim*, 'son of Adam,' from the unaspirated form of the name. Dolfinus mach Adam witnessed a charter by Ernardus, bishop of St. Andrews, c. 1160-62. Nel McKadan, Donald Mckadam, and Fynlay McKadem held part of the lands of Calady in 1460, and Neyl McKeden appears again in Calady in 1474. John M'Caddame, burgess of Ayr, his father, 1609. The Macadams of Waterhead, Ayrshire, of whom John Loudon Macadam the famous roadbuilder was a member, claim to be descended from a Macgregor of the first half of the sixteenth century who fled to Ayrshire. Recently Mr. Roy Devereux, great-grandson of the roadbuilder, in a letter to the press says: "During my researches for the biography of my ancestor which I am now writing I have found no evidence whatever in support of the tradition that the McAdams are descended from the McGregors." Peter M'Caddame had sasine of lands of Craiglure in the earldom of Carrick, 1615. M'Caddam 1581, M'Caddim 1648, McCadamus (Latin) 1671, Makadam and Mackadam 1592, Makadame 1621, Makaddam 1569, M'Kadam 1647. An extraordinary spelling in 1714 is Mackadadam (its bearer evidently stuttered in pronouncing his name). See also Maccaw.

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