

## **Clan MACAULAY**

CREST MOTTO

ARMS

Gules, two arrows in saltire Argent surmounted by a fess ;Chequy of the Second and First between three buckles Or A boot couped at the ankle and thereon a spur Proper Dulce periculm (Danger is sweet)

Anderson attributes this clan to one of the branches of the Siol Alpen, from whom also descend the Macgregors. It has equally been asserted that they stem from Almhalidh, a younger son of the Earl of Lennox. Nisbet, in his commentary on the Ragman Roll of 1296, states that Maurice de Arncaple, who submitted to Edward I of England, was the ancestor of the Lairds of Ardincaple, which was to become the principal Macaulay seat. In 1587 Sir Aulay Macaulay of Ardincaple was noted as a principal vassal of the Earls of Lennox. Whether the connection between the Macgregors and the Macaulays was one of descent or not, they became closely connected, and a bond of man rent was entered into on 27 May 1591 between Macgregor of Glen Strae and the Laird of Ardincaple; in it, Macaulay acknowledged the superiority of Macgregor and agreed to pay him tribute in cattle. The historian Skene, while skeptical about the claim that the Macaulays were a sept of Macgregor, states that 'their connection with the Macgregors led them to take some part in the feuds that that unfortunate race were at all times engaged in, but the protection of the Earls of Lennox seems to have relieved the Macaulays from the consequences which fell so heavily upon the Macgregors" The Macaulays were certainly keen to renounce any connection with the Macgregors when they were declared outlaw, and Ardincaple was required to find surety for the good behavior of his clan in 1610. The fortunes of the family declined, however, and the twelfth and last chief of the Macaulays sold off the estates to the Campbells around 1767. The Macaulays of Lewis asserted that they were of Norse descent, their name meaning simply, 'son of Olaf', One of the chiefs of the Lewis Macaulays in the sixteenth century was known as Donald Camm, meaning Donald One-Eye. He was so renowned for his great strength and quarrelsome nature that Anderson tells us that there was a Gaelic saying, 'whoever is blind in an eye is pugnacious'. The son of Donald Camm followed the Marquess of Montrose in his campaign for Charles I during the civil war, and died at the Battle of Auldern in 1645. Thomas Babington Macaulay, the nineteenth-century politician and historian, was descended from the line of Donald Camm. He is best remembered for his works, History of England, which is still read by historians today, and Lays of Ancient Rome. He appears to have made little reference during his life to his distinguished Highland background. He received many honors and was raised to the peerage as Lord Macaulay in September 1857. He died unmarried in 1859 and is buried in Westminster Abbey, Lord Macaulay of Bragar is a distinguished modern Scottish jurist who now sits as a life peer.

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## **Clan MAC AULAY Septs**

AULAY	MAC AVLAY, -EY	MAC CO
CAMBL(E)Y	MAC CALLA	MAC CUI
COOLEY,-IE	MAC CALLIE	MAC GA
COOLEY,-IE	MAC CALLOUH	MAC GA
HOWIE, -Y	MAC CAM(B)LIE,-EY	MAC GA
MAC AL(L)IE	MAC CAMBRY	MAC HA
MAC ALEY	MAC CAMLIE,-Y	MAC HO
MAC ALI(E)	MAC CAUGHLEY	MAC HO
MAC ALLA	MAC CAUL(L)EY	MAC KA
MAC ALLEY, -IE	MAC CAULAND	MAC KEI
MAC ALLY	MAC CAULE,-IE	MAC KU
MAC ALY	MAC CAULY	MAC KU
MAC AMBLIE, -Y	MAC COLLIE, -Y	MAC LAI
MAC AMHLA	MAC COLLY,-IE	MAC KU
MAC AULAY, -EY	MAC COMLIE,-EY	MAC KU

MAC COWLIE,-EY MAC CULLIE, -Y MAC GALE(Y) MAC GAULIE,-Y MAC GAWLIE, -Y MAC HAUF MAC HOWIE, -Y MAC HOWLEY,-IE MAC KALLIE,-Y MAC KULA MAC KULA MAC LALLY, -IE MAC KUILIE,-Y MAC KULA MAC LALLY,-IE MAC OLEA MAC OULEY MAC PHEDRAN, -ON MAC PHIEDRAN, -ON MAC QULAY, -EY MAC ALEY MAGAWLEY MECALLIE,-Y MECAULIE,-Y MECAULIE,-Y PAT(T)ERSON PATTEARSON

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