



Clan MACCALLUM

ARMS	A silver shield with five gold stars on a blue saltire cross, between four red deers' heads erased.
CREST	A tower argent, window and port azure
MOTTO	In ardua petit (He has attempted difficult things).

MACCALLUM. Gaelic. *MacCaluim* or *MacC(h)aluim*, for earlier *Mac GilleChaluim*, 'son of the gillie of Calwn.' Gilbert MacCalme, merchant in Ayr, 1631. Iain M'Callum vs Raldounoch was one of those murdered at Dunaverty, 1647, and in 1661 Archibald M'Callome was minister at Glassary. Zacharie M'Callan, "a hieland boy in St. Androis," mentioned in 1650 was most probably a Maccallum. Donald McCallum was sasine witness, 1659. A precept of sasine was addressed to Zacharie McCallwn of Poltalloch, 1661. In 1662 Donald McGillespie vic O'Challwn was seized in the lands of Poltalloch and was the lineal ancestor of Neill Malcolm of Poltalloch, who succeeded his cousin Dugald in 1787 and died in 1802. John Wingfield Malcolm of Poltalloch was created Lord Malcolm in 1896 and died in 1902. In 1667 Archibald, ninth earl of Argyll granted a charter to Zachary M'Callwn of Poltalloch and the heirs male of his body, 'quibus deficientibus heredibus suis masculis quibuscunque cognominis de Clan Callum Glass Duncan Glass M'Callum or M'Allum was charged with cattle-lifting in the regality of Lennox, 1687. Sometime before 1850 the head of the family of Poltalloch changed the name from Maccallum to Malcolm 'for aesthetic reasons.' An old Highland prophecy that Maccallum should sit in MacCailein Mor's chair was held to be accomplished by Malcolm of Poltalloch becoming possessor of the castle which formed the principal messuage of Lochow. For the folk legend 'MacCallwns offspring of the sixty fools' see Lord Archibald Campbell's. John McHallom appears in the parish of Kirkinner, 1684, and John Mahallum in Barmore, parish of Kirkcowan in the same year. M'Allom 18c., McCalim 1692, M'Callome 1648, McCallume 1546, McCalune 1686. See also MACGILLECHALLUM.

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