

Clan MACCLURE



ARMS

engrailed, between two

A silver shield with a gold star on blue chevron

red roses in chief and a blue sword in base.

CREST

Not available

MOTTO

Spectemur agendo (Let us be judged by our actions)

Also MACCLURE, MACLURE, MACCLOOR, MACLEUR

G. *M'Il'uidhir*, 'son of Odhar's servant.' A common surname in Galloway of old as it is today. John McLur, Robert McLure, and Robert McClure, followers of the earls of Cassilis, were respited for murder, 1526 (RSS., I, 3386), and Tho. Maklure was sergeant of assize in Carrick, 1532. Johnne McLoir signed the Band of Dumfries, 1570. Andrew McLuir in Bugane and three others of the name were charged with assault, 1607, and Fergus McLur in Craigfine was charged with usury, 1617. Gilleane MacLoure was Bowman to the laird of Parbrek, 1618, and John M'Clour appears in Abyn, 1664. Elizabeth M'Cloor or M'Clwre is in record in Barley, Galloway, 1684, as Elizabeth M'Whore (I) in Barley, she and Mary MWhore were sentenced to be banished to the plantations for resetting of rebels and other offences in the same year. Andrew McKluire in the parish of Carsfem was reckoned a disorderly person (i.e. a non-conformist) in the same year. William MacClure (1763-1840), born in Ayr, was called "Father of American geology,". There are a number of families in Sleat named in English MacLure, but whose name is spelled in G. *M'Leora* (for *MacGille dheoradha*), a side form of DEWAR, q.v. The earliest documentary evidence of a clan piper is a reference to Robert MacLure, piper to the chief of the Buchanans, in 1600, who got into trouble a few years later as appears from the Stirling Kirk-Session Register, under May 28th, 1604. JcCluir and McCluire 1684, Makcluir 1637. See also MACALEAR.

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