



Clan MACCOLL

ARMS	Silver with two red stars at the top of the shield and a blue arrow at the bottom.
CREST	Not available
MOTTO	None

MacColla'son of Coll', Maccolls have been long settled in Appin and around Ballachulish, and though said to be of Macdonald race. They followed the Stewarts of Appin, being native men to the latter. Eighteen Maccolls in Stewart of Appin's regiment in the '45 were killed and fifteen wounded.

Historical references to the name are very meager, and though the etymology of the name from the personal name Coll might infer a connection with the Macdonalds the precise meaning of the name is not clear. One of the most distinguished of the name was Evan McColl author of "*Clarsach nam Beann*" (The Minstrel). The earliest known Maccoll of those who held charters of the lands in Glasdrum was Paul MacColl, who must have lived about the year 1500. A payment of £25 Scotts was made to Mathew M'Knoll, merchant burghess of Edinburgh. 1720.

Two men named MacColl were servants to James Stewart of the Glen. Although cited in the trial as MacColls, they do not seem to have been MacColls at all. At least the writer of tale writes, for the most part, MacSholla and Clan Sholl. In Campbell's ms. "*Tales*" they are said to be descended from a certain Solla who live near Oban, and eventually settled at Innseag in Appin. They are said to have been once Barons of Bealach but that during the Wars of Montrose they sold their lands and went to live in Lettermore at the foot of Beinn a' Bheithir. It is apparent that the name of Solomon was in the family, for one of the Crown witnesses cited was Solomon MacColl, merchant in Auchindarroch.

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