



Clan MACKERREL

ARMS
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Blue on a gold stripe three red lozenges.

Not available

Dulcis pro patria labor (Labour for one's country is sweet)

MACKERRAL, MACKERREL. Ir. *MacFhearghail*, 'son of FearghaJ,' a name which means 'super choice.' An old surname in Ayrshire. According to Paterson the first of the name in record is Sir John M'Kirel who distinguished himself at the battle of Otterburne, 1888. The name, however, is found earlier. Recherus Mecmaccharil witnessed confirmation by Dunekan, earl of Karic of a charter by Roger de Scallebroc of lands in Carrik in the reign of William the Lion, and as Radulfus Makerel witnessed a charter by Richard de Moreville of lands in Roxburgh to the Abbey of Melrose in the same reign. Gilbert M'Corrill was a tenant under Douglas in the barony of Buittle, 1876. Gilbert Makcarole was tenant of the Grange of Ballyndune super Cree, 1481. Another Gilbert M'Garole, witness in Dumfries, 1534, appears again in 1541 as M'Carrulend in same year as Makcarrell, servant to William McGe of Balmage. William Makcarole, tenant of Balcrag, Wigtownshire, 1563. William McKeirell, sheriffclerk of Ayr, 1595, appears in two following years as McCarrell and McKerrell. William M'Kerrell was retoured heir of William M'Kerrell in Hillious, his father, in the parish of Dundonald, 1680. Neell McKerll, tenant of Nosbrig, Islay, _686. M'Carole 1583, M'Kerell 1602, M'Kirrell 1659, Makerrell 1643; Makcarall.

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