



Clan MACKIRDIE

ARMS

Half gold half black with an heraldic bird at the top and at the bottom a sword, a crown and a tree.

CREST

Not available

MOTTO

Dieu et mon pays (God and my country)

MACKIRDIE, MACKIRDY, MACCURDY. These surnames are common in the islands of Arran and Bute. In 1506 Gilcrist Makwreirdy held the lands of Bransar in Bute, and Finlay Makvreirdy had sasine of Brothok there in the same year. Donald Makwarty of Birgadulknok appears in 1534; several M'Uartys appear as witnesses in Bute in 1540; and Sir James M'Wartye, a Pope's knight, appears as vicar of Kingarth in Bute, 1554 and 1556. The latter's name, according to Hewison, is also spelled M'Verrit. James Makilveritie, chaplain in the chapel of S. Michael the Archangel in Rothesay Castle, between 1590-1600, appears in the *Exchequer Rolls* as McQuhirertie, McQuhirirtie, McQuheritie (these three spellings in 1596), McIlquharartie (1598), and Makquhirirtie and Donald M'Uarthie in Kelspok is in record, 1662 (*Isles*). Donald M'Vurarchy sold his portion of Bruhog (the Brothok above) in 1706 (*Hewison*, n, p. 174). Donald M'Curthy appears in South Garrachty in 1663 (*Isles*), and Mr. James Currie or M'Curdie (1790-1887) was minister of Kilbride in Arran (*Fasti*). Flaithbertach mac Murcertaigh, 'princeps Duincaillden' (i.e. Dunkeld) obiit 873 (AU., b.). The name is occasionally cited in the Icelandic Sagas as Myrkjartan, the name of an Irish king (*Landnamabok*, 2, 18); more correctly as M yrkjartag in the Norwegian codex *Fagrskinna* (p. 158). As Myrjartak it occurs in the *Agrip* (Compendium) *af N 6regs Konunga Sogum* (li. 7, ed. 1929). The modern Gaelic is *M'Urardaigh*, from early *mUirheartach*, 'sea-ruler,' or 'seadirector' (*muir*, sea, and *ceartach*, ruler, director). McKerdie (Bute) 1662, Makilwedy and Makwerich 1506, Makmurrarty 1547, M'Quiritei 1626, M'Vararty 1541, M'Verrathie and M'Verrachie 1600, Makvurrartie 1562, M'Vrathie 1623, MacVurarthie 1520, Makwararthe 1566, Makwarrarty 1517, Makweraith 1517, M'Werarche 1568, Makwerarty 1539, M'Werarthie 1564, McWerarthe 1561, Makweriche 1506, M'Weyorauchtie 1566, M'Wrarthie 1642, M'Wrathie 1623, M'Wyrartie 1555; M'Vararchy, Mackwarrathy, Makwarartie, M'Wreirdie, M'Quartie.

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Clan MAC KIRDY Septs

CURDY,-I
KIRDIE,-Y

MAC COURTIE
MAC CURTHIE,-Y

MAC KIRDY,-IE
MAC KURDY,-IE
MAC KURDY,IE
MAC MURTIE,-Y

MAC QUARDY,-IE
MAC QUARTIE,-Y
MAC SURDY,IE
MAC WARDY

MAC WORDIE,-Y
MUKURDY

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