



Clan MACNIVEN

ARMS

Blue a silver horizontal line between two crescents facing each other at the top and in base a gold branch of palm.

CREST

Not available

MOTTO

Viva sperandum.

MACNIVEN, MACNEVIN. Gaelic. *MacNaomhMn*, 'son of the holy one,' a diminutive of *naomh*. In Iona the name is pronounced *MacRaoi'in*, and in Kintyre *'AcRiomhainn*. The Macnivenes were connected with the Macnaughtons, and had several farms and places about Lochawe. There is also a Macniven island in Loch Mor, Craignish. They were later dependents of the Campbells. Duncan M'Nicoll V'Nevin was one of Campbell of Barbreck's followers in 1623. John M'Nivaine appears in the muster-roll of the laird of Glenurquhay, 1638. McNewan 1684; McNeiving.

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