



## Clan MACPHAIL

<b>ARMS</b>	Gold with a black fesse between two black eagles displayed in chief and a black stag's head cabossed in base
<b>CREST</b>	Not available
<b>MOTTO</b>	None

**M**ACPHAIL, MACPIUAL, MACPIDEL, MACFAIL, MACFALL, MACFAUL, MACVAIL. In G. *M'Phdil* 'son of Paul.' Gillemore M'Phale was one of an inquest at Inverness, 1414. Niven M'Phaill was a charter witness at Sonnachan, Argyll, 1488. Donald M'Pawle witnessed an indenture between Doncan Makyntosche and Huchone the Rois, baron of Kyraok, 1490, and Donald Makfaill and Gylleis Makfaill were witnesses to a contract of friendship between Dunbar of Westfield and the Clanchattan, 1492. Finlay MacChaell, Baillie of Rothesay, 1501, appears in 1503 as Macfaill, and again in 1506 as Makcaill, under which name he received a grant of a third of the lands of Dunallirde in Bute (RMS.). The lands of Dulatyr in the lordship of Petty were let to Gilleis McFale in 1504. Sir John Mcfaell, a Pope's knight, who witnessed a bond of manrent in 1533, is possibly D[ominus] Joh. M'Fale who witnessed a charter relating to the church of Lindichty, 1535, and in 1538 appears as rector of the church. Mare Vykfflill (= mhicFaill) or W'Faill gave band to Campbell of Glenurquhay, 1547, and Maria M'Kane M'Fale is in record in Lochalsh, 1548. William Dow McPhayll was a 'brebner' in Inverness, 1557; in 1578 complaint was made against Donald McFail in Archindoun; John Dow McPaule was in Kenmore, 1579, Angus M'Phaill was vicar of Killespicerell in Mukcarne before 1583. Makphaile, a 'reformed incumbend, held the parsonage of Farnway [Farnua] in 1589 Donald McPhaull or McFoill in Edinampell was prosecuted in 1618 for illegal carrying of arms; Neill McFoill held a lewirheis [a local term for a parcel of land] in Islay, 1686; and Donald M'Fyeill was tenant in Kilmun, 1711 (*Argyll*). The author of the *Book of Mackay* (p. 51) maintains that a section at least of the Macphails sprang from the Mackays, and the list of tenants on the Reay estates about 1678 certainly shows that a number of Macphails were among them. The Seil-Phaill of Sir Robert Gordon appear to have been Mackays descended; from Paul, son of Neil MacNeil Mackay, the latter a brother of Angus "Dubh of 1411. Katherine N'Phael in Fortingall, 1684. The name is a common one around Ardchkttan, and several Macphails were among the fencible men enrolled in Glenlyon by the duke of Atholl in 1706. John M'Phell, taylor burges of Edinburgh, 1736. Some Macphails now write their name Macfall and Macfyall. It is also sometimes Englished POLSON, q.v. Mackphaill 1603, M'Fal 1502, Makfaill 1481, Mcffaill 1692, Makfale 1588, Makfele 1510, M'Fyeill 1711, Macfauld 1583, M'Kaill 1575, McPaill 1692, McPhaell 1684, McPhale and McPhaile 1699, Nickphaile and Niphail (both fern.) 1670-1671. Latinized Macphalius.

*Taken from "Surnames of Scotland", by Black, The New York Public Library.*

### Clan MAC PHAIL Septs

FAILL	MAC FEELIE,-Y	MAC PHAL(L)	MAC VAIL(E)
MAC CAIL	MAC PALL	MAC PHAUL	MAC VALE
MAC FAIL	MAC PAUL	MAC POLL	VAIL
MAC FEEL	MAC PHAIL	MAC THAIL	

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