

Clan MALCOLM



ARMS

Argent, on a saltire Azure between four stag's heads erased Gules, five mullets Or (Malcolm of Poltalloch)

CREST

A tower Argent, window and port Azure

MOTTO

In ardua tendit (He has attempted difficult things)

On Compartment Deus refugium nostrum (God is our refuge)

SUPPORTERS

(on compartment embellished with rowan plants with berries Proper) On either side, a stag at gaze Proper, collared and chin reflexed over the back Or

The Maccallums derive their name from "Mac Ghille Chaluim", 'son of the disciple of Columba'. They settled in Lorn, probably towards the end of the thirteenth century. 'Maol', or 'shavenhead', became synonymous in Gaelic for 'monk', and thus 'Malo Chaluim' can also be translated as 'monk' or 'disciple of Columba'. The historian Dr Ian Grimble challenges the thesis that Maccallum and Malcolm are simply interchangeable versions of the same name, asserting in his work, *Scottish Clans and Tartans*, that the name Colm was common throughout all the areas of Celtic settlement. Malcolm appears as a distinct surname in Dunbartonshire and Stirlingshire as early as the fourteenth century, and no less than four Scottish kings were so named.

Ronald Maccallum of Corbarron was appointed constable of Craignish Castle in 1414. Donald McGilspoe Vich O'Challum, received a charter of the lands of Poltalloch in the parish of Kilmartin in Argyll from Duncan Campbell of Duntrune in May 1562. The Reverend Archibald Maccallum, translator of parts of the bible into Gaelic, succeeded his cousin to become the fourth Laird of Poltalloch in 1642. His son, Zachary, the fifth of Poltalloch, was a noted swordsman who had been educated at St Andrews University. Zachary also succeeded to the estates of Crobarron, which were left to him by a kinsman. Neil Maccallum, son of Zachary's younger brother, Duncan, served in the French navy, and was reputed to have been the natural father of the Marquis de Montcalm, who was later to defend Quebec against what may well have been his own kin. The Highland regiments scaled the Heights of Abraham, defeated the Montcalm forces and ended French rule in Canada.

John Malcolm of Balbedie, Lochore and Innerneil, chamberlain of fife in the reign of Charles I, had four sons: Sir John was created a Baronet of Nova Scotia in 1665; Alexander became the judge, Lord Lochore; James fought with Viscount Dudgee at Killcrankie in 1689, and Michael. This distinguished family, today represented by the eleventh Baronet, bears a version of the chiefly arms of MacCallum, suitable difference as determinate cadets, which may provide some evidence of a transitional link between the two names. However, although heraldic authorities often assert that armorial bearings assist in authenticating genealogies, this evidence is by no means conclusive. It is, however, without doubt that it was not until the late eighteenth century that Dugald Maccallum, ninth of Poltalloch, changed his surname to Malcolm. According to the late Sir Iain Moncreiffe, this was for aesthetic reasons.

George Malcolm of Burnfoot near Langholm in Dumfriesshire married Margaret, sister of Admiral Sir Thomas Pasley of Craig, Baronet, in 1761. They were blessed with a large family including three sons, all of whom were to become Knights of the Order of the Bath, two as generals and one as an admiral. General Sir John served extensively in India, and in 1800 he became the first British representative at the court of the Shah of Persia since the reign of Charles II. He wrote several works on India, and in 1815 published a history of Persia still regarded by historians as being of great merit. His brother, Admiral Sir Pultney Malcolm, is perhaps best remembered as naval commander at St Helena when the Emperor Napoleon was imprisoned there after his defeat at Waterloo in 1815. The admiral seems to have had some sympathy for the fallen emperor's plight. When asked by Napoleon if it was his government's intention to keep him on the island until his death, Malcolm replied, 'I do fear so'. John Winfield Malcolm, who succeeded to the chiefship in 1893, had a distinguished Parliamentary career, representing first Boston in Lincolnshire in England, and then Argyll, from 1886 to 1889. In June 1896 he was raised to the peerage as Baron Malcolm of Poltalloch, but the title became extinct when he died without issue. He was succeeded by his brother, Edward, who was an engineer and much involved in local government. He had two sons, Major General Sir Neil Malcolm, who served in India and Africa, and throughout the First World War, and Sir Iain followed his uncle, Lord Malcolm, into politics, and was a Member of Parliament until 1919, when he was

appointed one of the government's directors on the board of the Suez Canal Company. He was made a Knight of the Order of St Michael and St George and a member of the French Legion of Honor, and the Khedive of Egypt invested him with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Nile. In 1902 he married Jeanne Langtry, daughter of the famous Edwardian actress and friend of Edward VII, Emilie (Lillie) Langtry. It was widely believed that Jeanne was, in fact, the daughter of Prince Louis of Batenberg, a name now famous in its anglicized form of Moutbatten.

The chief's seat is still at Duntrune Castle, where the family have lived for centuries.

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Clan MALCOLM Septs

ALLUM	MAC ALUM	MAC COLLEM	MAC CULLAM
CAL(L)UM	MAC CALLUM	MAC COLLIM	MAC HALLAM
CALLAM	MAC COL (L) UM	MAC COLLUM, -OM	MAC HOLM (E)
CALUM	MAC COLINN	MAC COLM	MAC ILSHALAM, -OM
MAC ALLUM	MAC COLLAM (E)	MAC COLUM	MALCOLM

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