

Clan MARSHALL

ARMS A silver shield with a blue saltire couped between three

green edock leaves slipped

CREST Not available

MOTTO Semper virescit virtus (Virtue always flourishes)

MARSHALL. This word means literally 'horse servant,' in which sense it is still used in France (marechal, meaning a 'farrier'). The word is OHG. maraschalh borrowed through LL. mariscalcus into Old French as mareschal, and introduced into Britain at the Norman Conquest. In time the position, like that of Constable and Steward, became one of great dignity; but there is little doubt that most of the Marshalls in Scotland derive their surname from the humbler occupation of horse servant or groom. A very common surname in Torphichen Commissariot Record. Maledoni Marescal is witness to gift of the lands of Perdeyc (Partick) to the church of Glasgow, 1136. About 1110 Symon Marescall witnessed a charter by Walter de Berkeley, and between 1178-80 Gillecolm Marescald witnessed a charter by William the Lion of Kinbethach to Gilbert, earl of Strathern. Guidone Marescaldus witnessed a charter by Robert, bishop of St. Andrews before 1173, and Robert Marescaldus de Molle witnessed Eschina de London's gift of the church of Molle to Kelso, c. 1185-1190. Philip Marescallus, a charter witness between 1187-c. 1202, married the heiress of Keith-Humbie, and thus became ancestor of the Keiths, Earls Marischal. Adam, Marescallus of the bishop of Glasgow, witnessed sale of lands of Scrogges to the church of Glasgow, c. 1208-13, Walter Marescallus witnessed sale of the lands of Drumsleed by Stepheri de Kinnardsley, c. 1218-22, and, William Marescalls was temporary provost .of Aberdeen, 1281. Richard, son of David Marshal of Nudref, and Agnes, daughter of Richard Siwart, knight, had a dispensation in 1290 to intermarry in the fourth degree. Several Marschals are among those who rendered homage in 1296. Mairschaell 1590, Mairschell 1652, Marchael, Marschel, and Marschale 1458, Marchel 1605, Marschal 1411, Marschale 1458, Marechall 1448, Marschale 1430, Marscheall 1511, Marschell 1698, Martiall 1684, Merchel c. 1470, Merchell 1567, Mercial 1511, Merschaell 1478, Merschale 1499, Merschell 1643, Merschiall 1548, Mer0 shaell 1590, Mershell 1692, Mersen.

See also: MARSHALSON, 'son of MARSHALL

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