



Clan MILN(E)

ARMS	Gold with a blue cross between three stars.
CREST	Not available
MOTTO	Tam arte quam marte (As much by art as strength)

MMILN, MILNE, MYLNE. A very common surname in Aberdeenshire. Of local origin from residence at or near a corn-mill. This is the more correct form of the surname, OE. *myln* from Lat. *molina*. Hugh de molendino and Johannes de Molendino in the parish of Fyvy were excommunicated in 1382. A family of this name were farmers at the Mill of Boyndie for generations (*Jervise*, I, p. 199-200). In 1492 we have record of "Johne of Myll, duelland at the Justice Myll", and in 1503 John of Myle at the Myle of Pitcapile was "accusit for strubance". Robert Myll was a witness in Arbroath in 1528, Gilbert Milne had a grant of the chaplainry of Golspe in 1575, and John Miln was servitor of John Scrimgeour of Glaswall in 1610. James Millin in Cowie was ordered to pay "ane stein of creischie" in 1617. In the following year his name is spelled Miln and Milne. A family named Mill in Inverurie in the seventeenth century changed the spelling of their name to Milne (*Inverurie*, p. 161). Other forms of the surname in record are Myll, Myln, Millen, Milln, Mylen, etc. (2) A second possible origin for the name in one or two instances is Gaelic *maol*, "bald." John Myill in Petty in 1502 certainly means "John the bald." Mac Giolla-Domhnaigh (*Some Anglicised surnames in Ireland*, p. 42) is in error in stating that Aberdeenshire Miln is an Anglicized form of Macmillan. A family of Mylnes were for centuries master masons to the kings of Scotland. Milln 1721, Millne 1688.

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