



Clan MURRAY OF ATHOLL

ARMS	Gold background with three black pales.
CREST	A mermaid holding in her dexter hand a mirror, and in her sinister a cob, all proper
MOTTO	Tout prest (Quite ready)

MMURRAY. Of territorial origin from the province of Moray. William de Moravia (lord of Petty) was witness to a royal charter to the Abbey of Holyrood, 1203 (LSC., p. 36). A little earlier he appears as William, son of Freskin (*Inchaffray*, p. 269). Hucting de Moravia witnessed confirmation of sale of the land of Scrogges, c. 1208-13, and Malcolm de Moravia witnessed gift of a mark of silver annually to the Abbey of Arbroath, c. 1250, and also attested a charter by Manse, earl of Strathem, c. 1258/71. William de Morreve rendered homage, 1296. His seal bears on a triangular shield three stars of six points, with a label of five points, S' *Willelmi: de: Morevia*. Sir Andrew de Moravia, Hugh de Morreve, William de Morref of Ramsirgard, and Alan de Morref also rendered homage. Ricardus Murref was burges of Aberdeen, 1317, and Sir Andrew Moray was designated 'panetarius Scotiae' in 1327. Emma de Moravia was spouse of John Schairp in Aberdeen, 1405, John de Murrefe de Ogyface in record, 1424, and Alexander de Moreh, juror on inquisition on lands of Tulloch, .1438. Harbard de Murraf held part of Easter Drummy, 1470, John of Murrafe was steward to Alexander, duke of Albany, 1476, Sir Patrick Morra was a monk of Beaully in 1480, and Stephen MurreH was witness in Brechin, 1496 (REB., n. 139). Morray 1591, Murra 1491, Murrafe 1476, Murrai 1444, Murraue 1457, Murrave 1469, Mvry 1546, Mwrey 1732, Mwrray 1555; Mowrey, Muref, Murref, Murrefe, MurreH, Murry, Mwry. The name Murray in Galloway is most likely from MACMURRAY, q.v.

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