



## Clan NICHOLSON

**ARMS**  
**CREST**  
**MOTTO**

Gold with a chevron between three red hawks' heads.  
A lion issuant Or, armed and langued gules  
Generositate (By Generosity)

**N**ICHOLSON, NICOLSON, 'son of NIC(H)OL,' q. v. Maucolum Hz Nicol rendered homage in 1296. William Nicholai (Latin genitive) or Norse):cholayi was burges of Glasgow, 1419-21, Gilbert Nicholai was vicar of Aufurde (Alford) in 1435, and Patrick Nicholai, presbyter of Brechin, 1436, appears in 1446 as Patrk Nicholsonsone, perpetual chaplain of Caldhome. Michael Nycholson leased part of Parcy (Persie), 1443, and Gylbryd Nycholay in 1446, Matthew Nicholay, witness in Aberdeen, 1489 and John Nicholoun was burges of Dumfries, 1544 (*Anderson*). Ailleis Neclasson had remission in 1547 for his share in taking and holding the Castle of Akirgill, Caithness, and Mallie Niclason is recorded in the Boigis, 1663 (*Caithness*). The' Nicolsons of Lasswade are an old family, knighted in seventeenth century. Sir William Nicolson (d. 1766), four times married, was father of twenty-three children. The Nicholsons of Skye have Englished their name from MACNICOL, q.v. Necolson 1474, Nicollsoun 1624, Nucolsone 1655, Nycholsoun 1483.

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