



Clan PENMAN

ARMS

Red with a chevron between three half spears.

CREST

Not available

MOTTO

Fortiter et fideliter (Boldly and faithfully)

PENMAN. Of local origin from a small place of the Dame formerly in Roxburghshire or Selkirkshire. Chalmers records a Penmanscore formerly near Minchmoor, and there is a Penmanshiel in Berwickshire, near Cockburnspath. Penman, for Old British *Penmaen*, is rendered 'head of (the) stone'. A payment was made to Thon Peneman in 1606, Andrew Penman is recorded in Edmistoun, parish of Biggar in 1638, Andrew Penman in Melrose in 1662, and Janet Penman in Lauder, 1654. The Reverend Gideon Penman, 'sometime a minister,' was accused in 1678 of being chaplain to the Devil. William Penman was writer in Edinburgh in 1672, and John Penman is recorded in Winding-toun-rigg in 1688. The names of Agnes Pennane and Issobell Pen-nane, tenants on the lands of the Abbey of Kelso, 1567 are probably but another spelling.

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