



## Clan WILSON

<b>ARMS</b>	A black shield with a gold wolf rampant and three gold estoiles in chief.
<b>CREST</b>	Not available
<b>MOTTO</b>	Vincit qui se vincit (He conquers, who conquers himself)

**W**ILSON, WILSONE, WILLSON. 'Son of WILL,' q.v. John Wulson was a merchant in the service of Sir John of Mountgomery in 1405, Michael Wilsoun was burges of Irvine in 1418, and John Wilson was burges of Berwick in 1467. Thomas Wolsoun was tenant of Neubotel Abbey in 1563, and Dand Vilsone and Pait Vilsoun were tenants of the abbot of Kelso in 1567. William Willson is recorded as indweller in Cunyngham Baidland in 1662. The northern Wilsons are ranked as a sept of Clan Gunn, through George Gunn's son William, who flourished in the fifteenth century. The name was very common in Glasgow in the sixteenth century. Peter Wilson (1746-1825), classical scholar and linguist, professor of Greek and Latin in Columbia University, New York, was born in Ordiquhill, Aberdeenshire; and Alexander Wilson (1766-1813), the American ornithologist, was born in Paisley. For the spelling Wulson compare the Rev. Thomas Chalmers's pronunciation of 'filthy' as 'fulthy.' Villsone 1572, Vylsone 1511, Willesoun 1526, Willson 1668, Wilsoine 1586, Wilsowne 1549, Wilsoune 1554, Wulsone 1568 (this is a common broad pronunciation at the present day), Wylson 1506, Wylsoun 1547; Willsone, Wolson, Wyleson.

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### Clan WILSON Septs

BELBOYS, BOAS, BOECE, BOEIS, BOES, BOESS, BOICE, BOISS, BOISTE, BOOS, BOOST, BOS, BOUSE, BOUST, BOWAYSE, BOWES, BOWIS, BOWS, BOWYS, BOYCE, BOYES, BOYESS, BOYIS, BOYS, BOYSE, BOZE, BUIST, BUSTE, DEBOSCO, MACQUAT, MACQUATTIE, MACQUHAT, MACQWAT, MACROWATT, MACWALTER, MACWATER, MACWATSON, MACWATT, MACWATTERS, MACWATTIE, VATSOUN, VOD, VODE, VOID, VOUD, VOUDE, VOULD, WALTER, WALTERSON, WASSON, WATERS, WATERSON, WATSON, WATSONE, WATSOUN, WATT, WATTIE, WATTSON, WOD, WODE, WODDE, WOID, WOIDE, WOOD, WOYD, WYATT

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