



# Clan WOTHERSPOON

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| <b>ARMS</b>  | Gold on a cross between four red crescents, a silver diamond shape. |
| <b>CREST</b> | Not available   |
| <b>MOTTO</b> | Deo juvante (By God's assistance)                                   |

**W**OTHERSPOON, WEATHERSPOON, WETHERSPOON, WEDDERSPOON, WITHERSPOON. The meaning of this name is uncertain. 'Sheep pasture' has been reasonably suggested from OE. and ME. *weiler*, 'sheep, lamb,' and *spong*, obsolete English for a tongue-shaped piece of land enclosed by or lying next to higher ground. Late in the thirteenth century Roger Wythirspoun, clerk, attested a grant by James the High Steward of lands in Renfrew. "Widderspune the foulare that tald talis and brocht foulis to the king" received a payment in 1496. John Wyddirspwn was tenant of Dalbeth in 1518, and a tenant of Cupar-Angus Abbey, c. 1500, was named Wychthirspone. Maister Nichol Vithirspouyne who witnessed letters of reversion, 1519 may be Nicholas Wethirspwne, witness in Glasgow, 1548. Sir Thomas Vaddirspoun, a cleric, was witness at Falkland, 1548. Thomas Witherspoun witnessed a tack by the abbot of Cupar, and Archibald Wetherspune held the vicarage of Karridden, 1546. Robert Wyddirspune was witness in West Lothian, 1547. The Rev. John Witherspoun (1722-1794), born in Yester, became president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) in 1768, and took an active part in the American Revolution on the side of the colonists. General William Wallace Wotherspoun (1850-1921), head of the state canal system of New York, was of Scottish descent. Uedtherspon 1560, Uthirspwne 1552, Vatherspoune 1637, Wedderspoune 1620, Wetherspone 1614, Wetherspune 1549, Wethirspone 1590, Wethirspune 1569, Weythirspoun 1546, Widerspune 1483, Witherspone 1583, Witherspune 1588, Withirspovune c. 1530, Withirspwne 1575, Wodderspoun 1761, Wotherspone 1601, Wyddir-. . spwnn 1485, Wyderspone 1477.

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