

Clan ABBOT

ARMS	On a red shield, a chevron between three golden pears
CREST	Not available
MOTTO	Deo patria amicis (A friend to God and my country)



Alexander Abbot is in record as a witness in Glasgow c. 1290. In the year 1306 Sir John Abbot, dean of Fife and Frothyrife, was ordered by the bishop to sequester the fruits of the provostry of Aberdeen. Alexander Abbot witnessed an instrument of sasine, (Scots law - is the delivery of feudal property, typically land) in Leith in 1548, and another Alexander Abbot signed the Band of Dumfries in 1570. It is probable that in some instances this name is shortened translation of MACNAB, which in Gaelic means "son of the abbot".

Bardsley says that in England Abbot and Abbott are from Abb, diminutive of Abraham with additional diminutive suffix *-ot*, and that "it is all but certain that the majority of our Abbots, although bearing a conventual title, are thus descended." As a diminutive of Abraham the name is found in Ireland at least as early as beginning of fourteenth century, but no instance of such use has been found in Scotland.

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