

McAdam Family Tree 1162-1920

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Date First to Fuchsia According to the Account.
This chart is NOT necessarily all the way through, only generally correct. It contains theories which conflict and unconnected or incorrectly connected families.

Sources:
The McAdams Historical Society. Newsletters and Website - their sources were:
1) Records mostly documented in the Scottish Archives in Edinburgh, Scotland
2) Records and documents from the family papers transferred in the R.C. Head Collection in the Dumfries, Library in Dumfries
3) The London Library in London, England
4) The English National Archives in Surrey, England
5) Other historical publications.

All of most of the records were translated from the original Latin. Mistakes are to be expected in the work of scribe and painstaking attempt at accuracy.

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The research of Janis McAdams Taylor
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1 Donald McAdam of Erye
B. c. 1470
M. Elizabeth Sinclair
Lived at Darnley, tenant of Over Langford owned Arno next to Erye (1577)

Thomas McAdam
Alexander McAdam
M. Giles Spittal Carhart
Heri and Executor of Donald
c 1510

Donald McAdam
Served as witness in 1523, paid rent for Overmyrparthour in 1530. M. Janet McHenry

4 Andrew McAdam
M. Marion Gordon
M. Marion Gordon
M. Janet McHenry

1 William McAdam
Titled to Craigenhill 1568-1620. He lived at Auldcrags.
3 John McAdam
M. an Anderson, sister of Bessie. He died in 1576, and named his children in his will. He may have owned a group of properties called Grimmit, one of which was Darnley. One was Bessie's, named Craigenhill.
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The earliest known recording of a form of the McAdam name was a Duffness Macadam who witnessed a charter by Emaldus, Bishop of St. Andrew, dated about 1162. The Macadam of Blackwater House in County Clare, Ireland claim by tradition only that their Macadam ancestor was in the Crusades about 1100. This John MacAdam was able to speak nine or ten languages and led the army in to capture it. This ancient legend is borne out on their Coat-of-Arms which is much different and much older than the McAdams of Waterhead. This Waterhead branch of the McAdam is found in Ireland in a document dated 1599 at the west.

In Scotland an early appearance of the McAdam name was Johannes Dornecan MacAdam who died in Carlisle prison in 1300. Another person of interest was a priest, Roger MacAdams who was connected to the Royal Stewards of Scotland. In the time of Robert the Bruce, Walter married the King's daughter, Margaret in 1315. Their son, Robert, born in 1316, became King in 1329. He had married Elizabeth More (Maury) from an ancient Anglo-Irish family. They had many children but were not married in the usual way. They were married at Our Lady Kirk of Kilmartin by the Bishop about 1347 by Roger MacAdam of Our Lady Maury's Chapel in Largs of Kilm. In 1358, Andrew MacAdam is mentioned as a witness in a court case in the Book of Curriers at Ormsay, West.

Donald McAdam, Neil McAdam, and Fyning McAdam appear in the Central Angus records as having title to parts of Catelyn in 1468. Not appear again in 1487. Brothers, Patrick, and John MacHew (McAdam) appear in 1487. It is possible these were early McAdam families because they fit the correct time for the location of Adam (McAdam) and other MacAdam who showed up in records thereafter.
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[Adam Gregor MacGregor Macadam]
See MacGregor Family Line to the Right
McAdam Family Line
2 Andrew McAdam
B. 1445-1450 Ayr ? 1103-1104 years
(Reference to him and Patrick as witnesses in 1513)
M. Janet Campbell
Tenanted Overmyr, Wells of Galt in Cumnock, and Arroy

1 John McAdam of Waterhead
B. 1490 Ayrshire D. 1566 1576, test 1577
John, inherited rights to land from Andrew in 1516. Overmyr, Wells of Galt in Cumnock

David McAdam
Witness in 1514

William McAdam
Was witness at Knockengoroch, M. Robert Gordon of Knockgray (?)

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B. 1161 Glenorchy D. 1238 Scotland
M. Margaret Dunsyre
B. 1200 Scotland D. 1274 Scotland

Gregor MacGregor
M. 1239 Glenorchy Ayr D. 1300 Dumfries Glenorchy
M. 1266 Mauchline (From Dumfries)
B. 1286 D. 1300

Melrose Lord HD MacGregor
B. 1288 Perth D. 1314 Ayrhill
M. 1330 Mary MacAdam MacGregor
B. 1318 Perth D. 1374 Ayrhill

Gregor A MacGregor
B. 1286 Perth D. 1440 Perthshire
M. 1375 HD MacAdam
B. 1360 Perth D. 1430 Scotland

Gregor MacGregor
D. 1443 Edinburgh, Scotland

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