

Our custom has been to spell it MAC. Perhaps the influence of the spelling of the great publishing house MACMILLAN, which name appeared on many, many, of our school books in school or college or university, has accounted for this in part. We marked our books by adding our Christian name or initials to the printed MACMILLAN already on the front page. Or perhaps we liked the pronunciation of MACMILLAN better than an abbreviated, indistinct usage.

Here are a few notes gleaned from records in the reference library in Edinburgh.

BUCHANAN of Auchmar, the historian of the great House of Buchanan, in enumerating the various branches of that wide-spreading tree, mentions the MacMillan as one of them. (May I here add that there are also other spellings of the name in use. Macmillan, and Mac Milann)

"The sons of Methlan" went to Kintyre upon account of a friendship then much cultivated betwixt the families of the great Macdonald and Buchanan" and "met with a very kind reception from the Lord Macdonald who, for service, allowed to one of them then a considerable estate in Knapdale, in the South-West part of Kintyre, who, for his heroic achievement, was termed "THE GREAT MACMILLAN of Knapp." as is asserted by an account of his family, conveyed to my hands by MacMillan of Dunmore, in Knapdale, being the principal man of that name or sept; who further adds, that in all times bygone, as also at present, he and his whole sept did and do own themselves to be descended of the family of Buchanan. AND THAT ONE OF HIS ANCESTORS CAUSED BUILD A VERY PRETTY CHAPEL IN KINMORIE OF KNAP, FOR DEVOTION AND BURYING PLACE, IN WHICH THERE IS A FINE CROSS, WITH DIVERS OTHER FIGURES NEATLY CUT IN STONE, AND A GREAT MANY CHARACTERS ENGRAVEN THEREON, SCARCELY LEGIBLE, WHICH INTIMATES THE FOUNDER'S NAME TO HAVE BEEN AENEAS MACMILLAN."

The MACMILLAN CROSS is described by Skene to the Antiquary Society of Edinburgh, as follows: "On one side, being that which looks to the West, in the Upper part of the Cross there is a representation of the crucifixion of our Savior, and on the shaft there is a sword, surrounded by an elegant moulding similar to that which we so often find in church architecture of the English style, called chain moulding. On the other, the Eastern side, the shaft is filled with crude representation of a deer-chase, and the upper part is ornamented with a rich and beautiful series of intertwisted lines; an assemblage of forms of the kind usually denominated Runic. In the base, on this side, is the inscription, in the Anglo-Saxon characters,

"HAEC EST CRUX ALEXANDRI MACMILLEN"

of which I now exhibit a drawing of the full size of the original .....quite fresh after exposure to the weather for at least three hundred years.

There is a kind of tradition that they were brought from Iona.

On the MacMillan clan crest are the words MISERIS SUCCURERE DISCO

