Surnames and Their Origin

McGOVERN

Variations—Magovern, Magauran, McGowran, Saurin, Somers, Summers.
Racial Origin—Irish.
Source—A given name.

"M'Samhradhain" doesn't look as though it sounded anything like McGovern. Nevertheless it is the true Gaelic form not only of this family name, but of Magovern, Magaurin, MacGovern, McGowran, Saurin and in some instances of Somers and Summers.

The last two names are also traceable to English sources and Norman-French origins. If either one is yours it depends on whether your ancestry is Irish or not as to which source your family name came from.

As a matter of fact, the pronunciation of "MacSamhradhain" is not so far from MacGovern. The Irish consonants are often not what they seem, especially when combined. An "m" sometimes has the sound of "b" and sometimes of "v." Often, too, consonants are silent in certain combinations. In this case drop the sound of the "s" after the "Mac," assume that "mh" has the "v" sound and that the "dh" is silent. You get a pronunciation something like "Mac-avra-an" or "Mac-ovra-an." The "G," of course, doesn't really belong there, except that it just happened in the Anglicizing of the name. It comes really as a result of the "k" sound of the "c" in "Mac." If the name were scientifically Anglicied, with as much respect as possible for both spelling and pronunciation, it would be "MacOvran." But names don't change in the hasty speech of the "man on the street" and his equivalent in the Middle Ages.

"Samhradhain," who founded the clan about 900 A.D., was one of the more ancient Clan O'Connor. The given name means "summer," hence the English variations of Somers and Summers through the process of translation.

CHANCE

Variations — Chauncy, Chauncey, Caunce, Chanceau, Cance, Chanzy, Kensall.
Racial Origin—English and French.
Source—A given name or a tribal name.

When the Anglo-Saxons came to England, following the fall of the Roman Empire, and drove back the Britons into Wales and Cornwall, they brought with them an organization that was loosely tribal in form.

In some cases the tribal names that were used, and which have survived principally in names of places settled, were formed on the spot, after the name of the chieftain of the band. In other cases, and by far the majority, they were brough with them from their old Teutonic homes on the Continent. It was typical of these Anglo-Saxon tribal names that they ended in "ingas," and their counterparts are to be found in many sections of Germany to-day as place names. The German tribal name ending was "inga."

Kensington, from the Anglo-Saxon "Censingaston" or town of the "Cenesingas," or followers of "Cenes," is a place name in England. In Germany is found Kenzingen in Baden and Gensingen in Hesse-Cassel.

The family names in this group appear to have been developed as patronymics from the same given names from which these tribal names were developed. For the most part they came through the Norman-French (who wereTeutonic in blood and in their nomenclature if not in softening introduction of the "h." Kensall, however, appears to be a straight development from a diminutive of the Saxon name. Chanceau, Cance and Chanzy are family names that have developed in France.

The Record of a War Industry.

Like an echo of the Great War in a period when the Dominion is just emerging from the economic maelstrom in which the Titan conflict plunged her, comes the report from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics of the Canadion explosives industry for the year 1918 and its record of the meteoric career of what rose to be for the time, an important Canadian industry to wane as rapidly as it had risen.

During the year 1918 when the pinnacle of the munitions industry was attained, this order of manufacturing accounted for a capitalization of $54,112,884 and a production of $186,034,980. Eleven firms were manufacturing explosives in Canada, of which five were in Ontario, three in British Columbia and three in Quebec. The total investment of all the firms engaged in the industry was $19,172,539, an aggregate of 4,959 persons being engaged receiving in salaries and wages $6,420,847.

Among the materials used in the manufacture that year were nitrate of soda to the extent of $3,000,000; mixed acids to more than $2,000,000; linters to more than $1,500,000; nitric-acid $1,500,000; pyro $2,500,000: and sulphuric acid, oleum, toluol each to the extent of $1,000,000. Among the more important products were general explosives to the extent of $30,000,000; smokeless powder $5,000,000; dynanite $4,500,000; and mercury fulminate $500,000.

Three establishments made matches and two made fireworks in Canada in 1918, the total assets of the five firms being $2,634,289, the number of persons engaged in the manufacture being 617, receiving $368,468. The total cost of the materials used amounted to $788,182 and the value of the year's output was $161,795.

The value of imports into Canada of materials for the manufacture of fireworks and matches totalled $2,594,448 and in the manufacture of eplosives $7,139,254. Finished products of the eplosives industry imported for consumption in Canada totalled $634,522 in value in the year. Exports of manufactured goods during the same year were as follows:—gun and pistol cartridges, $232,634,973; explosives and fulminates, $40,108,383; sulphuric acid, $165,579: charcoal, $3,841.

The manufacture of explosives in Canada in 1918 involved an investment in plant and equipment of over nineteen million dollars, with expenditures of almost seven million dollars for wages, and accounting for a production of forty-three million dollars. The magnitude of the industry is also reflected in the fact that over five million dollars was spent in the last year of the war in the construction of new buildings and nearly an additional million dollars in general expenditure.

The Lowest Tender.

"Yes" said the specialist, as he stood at the bedside of the sick purchasing agent, "I can cure you."

"What will it cost?" asked the sick man, faintly.

"Ninety-five dollars."

"You'll have to shade your price a little," replied the purchasing agent. "I have a better bid from the undertaker."

A little less haste in our decisions, a little less of the court-martial in our judgments, a little less do-or-die, a little more do-and-live. The world has been made a safe place to live in. Let's act as if we felt safe.

Whose fault is it when your husband is cross at breakfast?

If you hit your thumb with a hammer you wouldn't blame your thumb for hurting.

Then why blame your husband whose nerves may have been pounded by tea or coffee, and whose rest probably has been broken by the irritation of the thein or caffeine it contains?

If you stay awake half the night you don't feel any too cheerful.

The thein of tea and the caffeine of coffee are known drugs. If their use is persisted in, sooner or later the nervous system may give way.

Then you may have insomnia, or disturbed sleep. Your nerves and tissues will be robbed of that stability essential for normal and happy living.

You can avoid this possibility if you'll stop drinking tea and coffee and drink instead, rich, pleasing Postum.

Postum is the delicious cereal beverage with a satisfying flavor. It affords the advantages of a hot drink, without the ill effects of tea or coffee.

Order Postum from your grocer today. Try it with the family for a few days, and see what a difference there'll be — how it will permit Nature to bring sound sleep and strong, sturdy, quiet nerves. Sold by grocers.

Postum comes in two forms: Instant Postum (in tins) made instantly in the cup by the addition of boiling water. Postum Cereal (in packages of larger bulk, for those who prefer to make the drink while the meal is being prepared) made by boiling for 20 minutes.

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If with pleasure you are viewing any
work a man is doing,
If you like him or you love him, tell
him now;
Don't withhold your approbation till
the parson makes oration
As he lies with snowy lilies o'er his
brow:
For no matter how you shout it, he
won't really care about it;
He won't know how many teardrops
you have shed.
If you think some praise is due him,
now's the time to slip it to him,
For he cannot read his tombstone
when he's dead.

More than fame, more than money is
the comment kind and sunny,
And the hearty, warm approval of a
friend;
For it gives to life a savor, and it
makes you stronger, braver,
And it gives you heart and spirit to
the end;
If he earns your praise, bestow it; if
you like him let him know it;
Let the words of true encouragement be said.
Do not wait till life is over and he's
underneath the clover,
For he cannot read his tombstone
when he's dead.

—George A. Turner.

Growing Fuel in Six Years.

Many of the species which can be used on the prairies are very rapid growers, for example, cottonwood, willow, Russian poplar, and Manitoba maple. It is safe to say that wood large enough for fuel can be grown from any of these trees within six years. After that time a plantation will increase in value and productiveness year by year and will prove one of the best investments on the farm.

On the Nursery Station at Indian Head, Sask., a plot three-quarters of an acre in extent was planted out to Russian poplar in 1906, trees spaced four feet apart each way. In 1913 the average height of these trees was twenty-three feet. In the fall of 1913 half the plot was cut down and yielded six and three-quarter cords of quite fair fuel. This is at the rate of about eighteen cords per acre in eight years. The soil was a medium clay loam. The labor cost of planting was $5.86 per acre and cultivation for two years about $6 per year.—N. M. Ross, Supt. of Tree Planting, Dominion Forestry Branch, Indian Head.

GUARD THE CHILDREN FROM AUTUMN COLDS

The Fall is the most severe season of the year for colds—one day is warm, the next cold and wet and unless the mother is on her guard, the little ones are seized with colds that may hang on all winter. Baby's Own Tablets are mothers' best friend in preventing or banishing colds. They act as a gentle laxative, keeping the bowels and stomach free and sweet. An occasional dose of the Tablets will prevent colds, or if it does come on suddenly their prompt use will relieve the baby. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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Marvellous Eyes in Tiny Insects.

On the top of a fly's head are three little eyes, set above and between the huge compound eyes. Their usefulness has long been a puzzle.

As a result of recent experimental study, it is believed that they are for long-distance vision, thereby supplementing the compound eyes, which appear to be for close-at-hand magnigcation.

The three "ocelli," set in triangular arrangement, are not peculiar to flies; a great many species of insects have them. They are simple eyes, like ours, whereas the compound eyes are made up of thousands of tiny eyes massed together, each with its own cornea, retina and optic nerve.

Strange it seems that nature should provide a fly with a seeing apparatus so inomparably more ingenious and complex than that with which a human being is equipped.

If it be true, as supposed, that the compound eyes of a fly are powerful magnifiers, the insect must be able to see with distinctness things which are made visible to us only by the aid of a microscope.

It has often been said that the human eye is a very imperfect optical instrument. So it is, undoubtedly; but it is an excellent all-around instrument for general purposes, adapting itself to a great variety of uses.

Apparently, of all the mammals, man has the best long-distance vision. A cat can see better in the dark owing to the wide expansion of its pupils to take in as much as possible of what light there is. In absolute darkness a cat could see no better than a man. Anybody who knows dogs is aware that they are near-sighted.

Low Land That Is Dry.

The lowest point of dry land in the United States is in Death Valley, California. It is 275 feet below sea level.

MUCH ILL HEALTH DUE TO BAD BLOOD

If the Blood is Kept Rich and Red You Will Enjoy Health.

More disturbances to health is caused by weak, watery blood than most people have any idea of. When your blood is impoverished, the nerves suffer from lack of nourishment and you may be troubled with insomnia, neuritis, neuralgia or siatica. Muscles subject to strain are under-nourished and you may have muscular rheumatism or lumbago. If your blood is thin and you begin to show symptoms of any of these disorders try building up the blood with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills have a special action on the blood and as it becomes enriched your health improves. The value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in cases of this kind is proved by the experience of Mr. D. J. McDonald. North River Bridge, N.S., who says: "For some years I suffered severely with headaches, pains in the back and a run-down condition. At times the pain in my back would be so bad that I would sit up in bed all night. From time to time doctors were treating me, but did not give me more than temporary relief. And then one day when I was suffering terribly a neighbor came to see me, and urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After taking two boxes I felt relief. I got five boxes more and before they were all gone I felt as though they were giving me new life, as in every way they built up and improved my health and strength. I am now working as a barker in a pulp mill, ten hours a day and feeling none the worse after my day's work. I say with pleasure that this condition is due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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Ten Millions Instead of Nine.

The Canadian people expect that when the complete census returns are published they will disclose a Dominion population of nine million souls. The increase is gratifying. Some who would see their country making yet more stalwart strides are not satisfied, however. To an inquiring mind it occurs to ask what would be the effect on Canadian economics if the population were greater, say ten millions. What, in brief, would be the effect of a million suddenly added to Canada's population, the increment of a million immigrants of that splendid type Canada has been attracting to her shores since the termination of the Great War. To take only three cardinal points of Canadian national economic life.

In the western provinces there are approximately 300,000,000 acres of good arable land which have never known the plough and are unproductive. If the entire million immigrants went on the land and each took a homestead it would settle and render productive more than half of this tremendous area and multiply four times the west's present agriculturally producing area.

Canada has a national debt of 2,349 millions of dollars, which is slowly being paid off by nine million people. The per capita debt is approximately $261. Add a million tax payers to the country's population and it drops at once to $235.

The whole nation is worried by the deficit on the government railways for which no solution has yet been found. Expert statisticians have estimated from carefully worked out figures that each new Canadian settler is worth in revenue to the Dominion railways the sum of $746.33. Add a million to Canada's population and the $746,000,000 contributary revenue wipes out the railway deficit for all time.

And this is not visionary. Why should Canada's population not be ten millions? Overseas the most desirable people, in a proportion Canada has never previously experienced, are looking towards Canada and its offering of new homes and enviable citizenship. This favor is the result of the country's economic disturbance. It will not be the last. Now is the time for Canada to seize the opportunity presented and hold out the hand of welcome to a million new citizens.

How to Prevent Forest Fires.

Never leave camp with your campfire burning.

Never drop lighted matches or tobacco in the woods.

Never clear land by fire in very hot weather.

Would Have Walked.

An Irishman had just landed at Liverpool after a terrible voyage, on which, as someone had said, he first feared he was going to die, then feared he wasn't.

As he crawled on to terra firma, his lack lustre eyes fell up on a diver coming out, glistening, from the water.

"Och," he muttered, "if I'd known it was going to be so rough I'd have walked myself."

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The Limit.

McTavish — "What's this, stewed fruit?"

His Wife—"Ay. Dinna ye like it?"

"Indeed, I doo; but wha' ha' ye done with the rice we left yesterday?"

Impossible.

"Now that we are married, dear," said the bridegroom, "you have a serious task before you."

"Why, George, what is it?"

"You must prove to my three sisters that you are worthy of me."

The Wrong Place.

A teacher was explaining to her class that if one wanted to do anything well, one had to begin at the bottom, when a voice from the back interrupted her.

"How about swimming, teacher?"

When Father Forgot Himself.

Dad—"Do you know, young man, that when I was a boy I was never allowed out later than 8 o'clock."

Son—"Some father!"

Dad (hotly)—"He was a better one than yours."

Just a Chance.

Editor (testily)—"I can't see anything in that manuscript of yours."

Struggling Author—"I presume not, but it is possible that some of your readers may be quite intelligent."

Two Varieties.

"Bill of fare, waiter, please," demanded the diner,

The old waiter ambled forward.

"The bill of fare, sir, is ham, eggs, bread, and coffee."

The old waiter bowed and shuffled out. But a moment later he put his head through the doorway again.

"Guv'nor," he called, "how d'ye want yer eggs—blind, or lookin' at yer?"

Forbidden to Wear Calico.

Calicut, the storm-centre of the Indian riots in Malabar, gave a new word to the English dictionary by the cotton stuffs originally exported there, and known as "calico."

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Consequently an Act of Parliament was passed forbidding the use of Calico under a penalty of $1,000. Nowadays Calicut exports more teak and sandalwood than calico.

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