

Martin

This surname of MARTIN was derived from the Latin Martinus - from Mars, the God of War. A popular font name during the 12th and 13th centuries. The name was brought to England in the wake of the Norman Conquest of 1066. Early records of the name mention Martinus (without surname) listed in the Domesday Book of 1086. Martin de Littlebyr was documented in County Lancashire in the year 1273. Johannes Martynson of Yorkshire was listed in the Yorkshire Poll Tax of 1379. Timothie Goose and Susan Martyn were married at St. James's, Clerkenwell, London in the year 1580. Thomas Martinson married Sarah Burrows, St. George's Chapel, Hanover Square, London in 1797. George Rich Marton and Ann Pocklington were married at St. George's, Hanover Square, London in 1799. Most of the European surnames in countries such as England, Scotland and France were formed in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. The process had started somewhat earlier and had continued in some places into the 19th century, but the norm is that in the tenth and eleventh centuries people did not have surnames, whereas by the fifteenth century most of the population had acquired a second name. Families of the name in Ireland may be either of native or settler descent. Those of native origin derive their name from O'Martain or Mac Martain, the name of a County Tyrone sept: some may also be descended from the Mac Giolla Mhartain sept of County Tyrone, more usually anglicized as Gilmarton. The Martin's of Galway, one of the 'Tribes' claim to be of ancient settler descent, their forbear having come to Connacht with the de Burgos at the end of the 12th century. This name was borne by a famous 4th century saint, Martin of Tours, and consequently became extremely popular throughout Europe in the Middle Ages. It is one of the few saints' names other than the name of Old English saints that was found in England before the Norman Conquest of 1066. The associated arms are recorded in Sir Bernard Burkes General Armory. Ulster King of Arms in 1884.

ARMS - Gules on a chevron between three crescents
argent an anchor erect with a piece of cable proper

CREST - A dexter hand brandishing a sabre trenchant proper
pommel and hilt or

MOTTO - AUXILIUM AB ALTO
Aid from above