

Scott

The Scotts, one of the most powerful of the border clans, take their name from a race who invaded Scotland at an early date. Uchredus filius Scoti witnessed charters between 1107 and 1128, and from him were descended the Scotts of Buccleuch and the Scotts of Balwearie. The Buccleuchs exchanged Murdochston in Lanarkshire for Branxholm in Roxburghshire. Sir Walter, 13th, Baron, was created Lord Scott of Buccleuch by James VI and his son was raised to the dignity of Earl of Buccleuch in 1619. On the failure of the male line the Countess of Buccleuch married the Duke of Monmouth, natural son of Charles II. who was created Duke of Buccleuch. His grandson became 2nd Duke and the third Duke succeeded to the Dukedom of Queensbury. Sir Michael Scott, knighted by Alexander II obtained the lands of Balwearie by marriage with the heiress of Sir Richard Balwearie. Their son, Michael, who died about 1300, was the famous wizard, actually one of the most learned men of his time. It is notable that of fourteen successive barons of Balwearie, thirteen of them were knighted. The Balwearie family are now represented by the Scotts of Ancrum. Among the many prominent families of the clan are the Scots of Harden, of which family Sir Walter Scott, author of Waverley, was a scion. The burghs of Scotland owe much of their prosperity to the large immigration of foreigners which went on during the 12th and 13th centuries. The original founders of the towns, were in many cases wanderers from Flanders, who brought with them their habits of industry and knowledge of trade and manufactures. Settlers of this description came in great numbers to England in the reign of Henry I (1100-1135) and when Henry II (1154-1189) drove all foreigners out of his dominions they flocked into Scotland, where a more enlightened policy made them welcome. In many parts of central and western Europe, hereditary surnames began to become fixed at around the 12th century, and have developed and changed slowly over the years. As society became more complex, and such matters as the management of tenure, and in particular the collection of taxes were delegated to special functionaries, it became imperative to distinguish a more complex system of nomenclature to differentiate one individual from another.

ARMS - Argent three catherine wheels sable a border engrailed gules

CREST - A monkey passant collared around the waist and lined proper

MOTTO - REGI PATRIAEQUE FIDELIS

Faithful to my king and country.

They have a hunting tartan and a black and white sett.

Their war cry is A Bellandean

Origin of Name : National Name.