

Campbell

One of the ten commonest surnames in Scotland, the name was taken to Ulster by galloglass and later, in much larger numbers, by settlers in the 17th century plantation schemes. It is now among the fifty commonest surnames in Ireland. Some of the name however, may be of ancient Irish origin, descended from a County Tyrone sept that bore the name Mac Cathmhaoil. CAMPBELL was known as the race of Diarmid, for centuries the most powerful influence in Argyll and the West of Scotland. In the 13th century Archibald Campbell obtained the Lordship of Lochlow through his marriage with the daughter of the King's treasurer, and for a long period thereafter, the Campbells of Lochlow formed one of the chief branches of the clan. Early records of the name mention Gillespie Cambel, who held from the Crown, the lands of Menstrie and Sauchie in 1263, and he was also a witness to a charter by Alexander II erecting Newburgh in Fife into a burgh in favour of the monks of Lindores. The name in Ireland is Mac Cathmhaoil (battle chief). When the sparse Irish population began to increase it became necessary to broaden the base of personal identification by moving from single names to a more definite nomenclature. The prefix MAC was given to the father's christian name, or O to that of a grandfather or even earlier ancestor. At first the coat of arms was a practical matter which served a function on the battlefield and in tournaments. With his helmet covering his face and armour encasing the knight from head to foot, the only means of identification for his followers, was the insignia painted on his shield and embroidered on his surcoat, the draped and flowing garment worn over the armour.

Plant Badge - Fir cub moss.

War Cry- Cruachan

Pipe Music- BAILE IONARORA - The Campbells are coming.

ARMS - Quarterly 1st and 4th gyronny of eight or and sable;
2nd and 3rd argent a lymphad her sails furled and oars
in action all sable flag and pennants flying gules.

CREST - A boars head fessways couped or

MOTTO - - NE OBLIVISCARIS - Forget not