

MacTAVISH and CONNECTED NAMES

MacTAVISH

Variant Spellings: MacTamhais, M‘Tamhais, M‘Thamais, McTawisch, Mctawys, McTaevis, M‘ktaus, McThavis, McThavish, and all variant spellings.

MACTAVISH. From G. *Mac Tamhais*, a form of MacThamais, ‘son of Tammas,’ the Lowland Scots form of Thomas. Mactavishes are numerous in Argyllshire. The Craignish MS. Says the MacTavishes or Clan Tavish of Dunardarie descend from Tavis Corr, second illegitimate son of Gillespick, son of Callen moir math, ‘good bald Coline’ (SHSM, IV, p. 207). Doncan M‘Thamais was one of those cited in 1355 to give evidence regarding the lands of Glassre in Argyllshire (HP, II, p. 139). Duncan McTawisch was tenant of half of Kernach, Strogartnay, 1480 (ER., IX, p. 564), Donald duin Mc tawys made reversion to Evar Campbell of Strouquhour, 1488 (HP., IV, p. 20). Thomas McTaevis, charter witness at Kenaach, 1515 (HP, IV, p. 24), Alexander M‘ktaus in 1589 had custody of Ellanwirrich as constrable (*Wardlaw*, p. 184). The Mactavishes of Stratherrick are considered a sept of the Frasers. M‘Taveis 1672, McThavish 1676.

ONLINE INFORMATIONAL LINKS

Clan MacTavish Genealogy and History

<http://www.dunardry.net>

Patrick Thompson, Sennachie to Steven MacTavish of Dunardry

<http://mysite.verizon.net/resrz8zf/clanmactavishseannachie/index.html>

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## SOURCES

Scottish Surnames, Donald Whyte, 2000

Clans, Septs, and Regiments of the Scottish Highlands, Frank Adam, 1965, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, edited by Sir Thomas Innes of Learney (Lord Lyon), p. 301.

“*MacTavish, Thompson, etc.* – The MacTavishes, Tawessons, Thompsons, etc., are said to derive their origin from *Taus Coir*, an illegitimate son of one of the Lord of Lochow, who lived in the days of King Alexander II. Henry White (“Fionn”) said:

Many of the Argyllshire MacTavishes now make Thomsons of themselves, while others are known as Towesons. The surnames, MacLehose and MacLaws, are regarded as corrupted forms of *Mac-Gille-Thomais* – son of the gille or servant of Thomas. There was a strong colony of MacTavishes in Strathglass at an early period.

But these repudiate dependency on Clan Campbell, and MacTavish of Dunardrie is chief of that clan, whilst Thomson of that Ilk on the Border is regarded as a remotely connected or indeterminate connection of the MacTavishes.”

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