

## MacTAVISH and CONNECTED NAMES

### TAWS

Variant Spellings: Taws, Tawse, Taus, Taise, and all variant spellings.

TAWS, TAWSE. A phonetic spelling of Gaelic *Tamhas*, 'Thomas.' Taus M'Gillese was a tenant under the earl of Douglas in 1376 (RHM, I, p. 1vi). In 1415 Tawis Michison appears as a charter witness (Scon, p. 205), and Taus ffrasser of Littlegarth is mentioned in 1632 (IDR., p. 25). William Taus (here a surname), tailor in Dunkeld, died in 1667. John Taws in Ordie, 1733 (Aberdeen, CR.). The surname *Taise*, found in Mar in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, is probably another form of the name. See *MacTavish*.

TAWESON, TAWESSON. An Englishing of *MacTavish*, q.v. William Tawson appears as bailie of Inverness, 1450 (*Invernessiana*, p. 119).

TAIS. A surname recorded in Mar in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, probably a variant of TAWS, q.v. John Tais, burghess of Stirling, 1481 (*Cambus*, 211). Beak Taiss at the Burne ayd of Logie accused of being a witch, 1597 (SCM, I, p. 183). John Tais in Torgudland, and William Tais, followers of the earl of Mar, were charged with resetting outlawed Macgregors, 1636 (RPC., 2. ser. VI, p. 215). James Tais, son of William Tais, tailor in Dunkeld, 1674 (DPD, t. p. 262). David Taish in Culcrieff, parish of Crieff, 1716, and Grissall Tais in Newbigginb, 1721 (*Dunkeld*). James Taes in Belnascough, 1767 (*Moray*), and John Taes, merchant in Banff, 1783 (*Aberdeen CR*).

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