

MacTAVISH and CONNECTED NAMES

THOMAS, THOMSON, THOMPSON

Variant Spellings: Tamesone Thom Thomas Thomason Thomasson Thomassone Thomassoun Thome Thompson Thoms Thomson Thomsone Thomsoun Thomsoune Tomson Tomsone Tomsoun

THOM. A diminutive of THOMAS, q.v. Alexander Thome appears as vicar of Stracathro in 1433 and 1447 (REB, I, 60; II, 60), Jok Tom was tenant in Balgreschac, 1473 (*Cupar-Angus*, I, p. 176), Andree Thome held a tenement in Glasgow before 1487, and reference is made in 1497 to the tenement of quondam Walter Thome there (REG, p. 453, 476). A fourth part of the will of Westirparsy was leased to Alexander Thome and his son Alexander Thome in 1485 (RAA, II, 259). William Thom was witness in Dundrennan in 1545 (*Laing*, 497), Alexander Thome had a tack of a fourth part of Cotzardis in 1555, and Johne Thome a tack of an eighth part of the lands of Wester Balbroggy at the same time (*Cupar-Angus*, II, p. 121, 122). James Thome to stand in sackcloth for quarrelling in time of divine service, 1661 (*Rec. Elgin*, II, p. 293), Patrick Thome was merchant burghess of Edinburgh, 1673 (*Retours, Edinburgh*, 1205). In 1561 we have an instance of Thom as a forename in Thom Arnot, member of council of Stirling (SBR., p. 279). The founder of the Dublin printing house of Alexander Thom and Co., was a native of Aberdeen. Thom is also used as an Anglicized form of MacThom, q.v. Tom 1685.

THOMAS. A common Angle-Norman personal name. It is from the Syriac *te oma*, Heb. *to am*, 'twin,' rendered by Greek *Didymus* in St. John, XI: 16. **In Gaelic it assumes the forms Tomas, Tamhus, hence the Gaelic patronymics MacTavish, Maccombie, and Macomie**, q.v. As a surname in Scotland it is of late introduction from England. Thomas filius Maldoueny attested a deed of middle of 13th century (*Neubottle*, p. 27).

THOMASON, THOMASSON, 'son of Thomas,' q.v. Both forms are current in Shetland. Allan Thomason and Donald Thomassone were summoned as witnesses in Golspie in 1546 (OPS., II, p. 676), and in 1548 the goods of three brothers names Thomassoun in the barony of Skebo were escheated for slaughter committed by them (ibid., II, p. 609). 1537 Tamesone (*Goudie*, p. 114). Thomessone.

THOMPSON, 'son of Thom,' q.v., with intrusive *p*. This spelling is more commonly found in England.

THOMS. 'Son of Thomas,' from the diminutive Thom. It is also an Anglicizing of Macthomas, q.v. "Adam M'Intosh, son of William, the 7th Chief of the Clan M'Intosh, was the founder of that branch of the clan which afterwards came to be known by the surname M'Thomas, son of Thomas, which in time became corrupted to M'Thomie, H'Homie, M'Omie, M'Comie, and latterly M'Combie and Thoms" (*Memoirs of the families of M'Combie and Thoms*, p. 5). Robert M'Thomas, cousin to Robert M'Combie, became plain Robert Thomas; George Thomas, his grandson, was father of Patrick Hunter Thoms, which is the form now used by that branch of the family (ibid., p. 170, 171). Thownis, Thowms, Thownis.

THOMSON, 'son of Thom,' q.v. A fairly numerous surname in Scotland. Johm Thomson "a man of low birth, but approved valour," was leader of the men of Carrick in Edward Bruce's war in Ireland in 1318 (*Hailes*, II, p. 102, 206). Adam Thomson appears as lord of Kylnekylle, Ayrshire, c. 1370-80 (*Laing*, 64). Johannes filius Thome was elected bailie of Aberdeen in 1398 (CRA, p. 374), and John Tomson witnessed a grant in Ayr in 1401 (*Friars Ayr*, p. 37). Donald Thomson was one of an inquest to determine the rights os pasturage which the Temple lands had over the adjoining town and territory of Letter in 1461 (*Strathendrick*, p. 223). John Thomsoun was juror on an inquest at Dunipace in 1426 (*Cambus*, 87), Duncan Thomsone of Auchinhampteris witnessed a bond of manrent in 1491 (SMC, IV, p. 189). Cuthbert Thomasoun witnessed a notarial instrument

of 1517 (*SoltreI*, p. 89), James Tomsonsone was tenant of the bishop of Glasgow in 1511 (*Rental*), and Peter Thomsonsone was Illay Herald in 1561 (ER, XIX, p. 150). "The most conspicuous family of the name were the Thomsons who possessed Duddingston, near Edinburgh, for five generations till sold by Sir Patrick about 1668; his father had been created a baronet in 1636" (*Stodart*, II p. 140). **Many individuals of this name in Perthshire and Argyllshire are really MacTavishes.** The surname in these districts is an Anglicized form of Gaelic *MacThomais*, 'son of Thomas,' or of *Mac Thomaidh*, 'son of Tommie.'" The name is usually spelled MaKcome (3 syllables) in the early records, and was formerly common in Upper Deeside. Alexander Thomeson appears in Strathdee in 1527 (*Grant*, III, p. 70). John Dow Thomasson in Perthshire fined for resetting Clan Gregor, 1613 (RPC, XIV, p. 632). Tamson 1654, Thomeson 1504, Thomesoune 1477, Thompesoune 1665, Thomsoune 1535, Tomsoun 1567. In some instances it is also an Englishing of MacComie, q.v. See also Thomason.

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