

The Surnames of Scotland:

MACAUSLAN, Macausland, Macauselan, Macauslane, Macauslin, Maccaslane, Maccausland, Macaslan, Macasland, Maccasland, Macaslin, Maccasline, 'son of Absalon'. The first name recorded appears to be Absalon, son of Macbed (or Macbethe), a churchman, to whom a charter of the island called Clarines (Clarinch in Loch Lomond, later the gathering place of Clan Buchanan) was granted by Maldoun or Maldouen, third earl of Lennox, in 1225 (*Lennox*, II, p. 4). Between 1208-14 as Absalon or Absalone, 'clericus meus', he witnessed the gift by Alewin, second earl of Lennox of the church of Kamsi (Campsie) to God and S. Kentigern, and also witnessed the gift of the church of Cadinros or Cardinros (now Cardross) by Maldouen, son and heir of Alwin, to the same (REG., p. 87, 88, 93). As dominus Absalone de Buchkanan he witnessed Earl Maldouen's charter to Sir Robert Herthford, precentor of Glasgow, before 1224 (RMP., p. 217). Absalone, 'senescallus meus' or 'clericus meus', probably son of Absalon son of Macbed, appears several times as a charter witness between 1238 and c. 1240 (*Levenax*, p. 13, 91, 96, 98). Absalone, son of Absalone, probably the third of the name, along with his brothers Gilbert and Mathew, appear as witnesses between 1273 and 1315 (*ibid.*, p. 15, 16, 20, 85, 99), and Gilbert filius Absalon served on an inquisition in Dumbartonshire, 1271 (RMP., p. 191). Malcolm Macabsalon witnessed a confirmation charter by Robert I to Sir John Colquhoun, 1308 (*Lennox*, II, p. 407), and "Anslan Macgilespie de Lany" (c. 1330) is mentioned in an old genealogical tree of the Lanys of that Ilk compiled probably before 1540 (*Strathendrick*, p. 292) It may have been a Macauslan who killed the duke of Clarence, brother of Henry V of England, at the battle of Beaugé in 1421, as the duke's circle of gold was brought into camp by Alexander Macausland (*Book of Pluscardyn*). Patrick McCaslane of Caldanacht and Donald McCaslane his brother were followers of the earl of Argyll in 1536 (RSS., II, 2152), and the death of Katherine N'Chastyllan at Slattyck in Glenlyon is recorded in 1542 (*Chr. Fort.*, p. 121). John McAslan in Auchingech and Patrik More McCaslen in Auchingyle, were fined for aiding outlawed Clan Gregor, 1613 (RPC., XIV, p. 644). The McCauslands of Drenagh, county Londonderry, are descended from the Macauslans of Dumbartonshire. Makaslane 1478.