

CAMERON INFORMATION FROM UNICORN LIMITED

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This surname has both a Highland and a Lowland origin. The Lowland name is of territorial origin and appears as Cameron or Camberone of Ballegarno in Fife, as Cameron in Lennox in Stirlingshire, or from Cameron near Edinburgh. In these three examples, the name was taken from place-names, but it is as Clan Cameron, a confederation of Highland families including the MacMartins and the MacGillonies, that it figures most often in history. There the name was said to be from the Gaelic *cam shron*, and to describe a hooked or crooked nose. Their ancient lands were contained within a figure eight drawn down the eastern shore of Loch Lochy and Loch Linnhe, along the shores of Loch Leven, around the Mamores, west along Loch Eil, north again by the watershed to Loch Quoich, then east to Loch Lochy. Domhnall Dubh, or Black Donald, was the progenitor of the Highland clan; the Cameron lands on one side or the other were surrounded by the Donalds, the MacLeans, the Menzies, the Mackintoshes, Clan Chattan, the Campbells, and the Gordons — and survival depended upon strong leadership and military agility. The family often sided with the Donald Lord of the Isles and were with him at the Battle of Harlaw. There were three main branches of this family joined with them or related to them: the MacSorleys of Glen Nevis in Inverness shire; the MacGillonies of Strone in Argyllshire, and the MacMartins of Letterfinlay in Inverness-shire. The MacMartins often anglicized their name to Cameron.

In Ireland, the Camerons resided mainly in Ulster and in Antrim, and to a lesser extent in Derry. Like many other Highland families, the Camerons came into Ulster primarily after 1603, when the Plantation of Ulster opened up lands for settlers from Scotland. The extent to which the Camerons were Catholic or Protestant before settling in Ulster is unclear, but Catholicism long remained a major religion in the Highlands and Islands.

ALTERNATE SPELLINGS. Surnames were spelled phonetically until well into the 19th century, and variations on this surname can reflect regional differences. You therefore should not be concerned if *your* name is not exactly the same as what is described here.

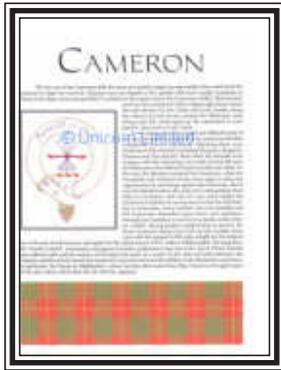
Camroun, Camprone, Camrone, Campbroun, Calmeroune, Cambrone,
Camrun, Cambrin

SEPTS AND TARTANS. **Septs and Tartans:** In any given locality, smaller families allied to greater ones in order to gain patronage and protection. A sept means that you are an associated family. Over the course of centuries, your family surname may have been a sept of numerous larger clans, and you do not have to choose among them. You may wear whichever tartan you wish from the list below. Certainly the Camerons of the Highlands were one of the most powerful and important families of that region and the Cameron tartans usually are available. Smaller branches of the

family, however, allied to the Colquhoun and MacDuff families and those clans accept Cameron as a sept.

Cameron Tartans

Cameron: MacDuff and Colquhoun



CAMERON FAMILY HISTORY SHEET. This handy at-a-glance introduction to the family's history provides a perfect place to start the study of your family. The family name appears in large letters at the top. There is a full-color representation of the clan crest, a history of the family, and a full-color illustration of an appropriate tartan. This handsome full-color print for your wall or for the clan tent measures 8-1/2 x 11 inches, is printed on heavy stock, and is ready to frame. \$13.95, postpaid

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D-736. History of the Camerons; with Genealogies of the Principal Families of the Name. By Alexander Mackenzie. Originally published 1884. 490 pages. Alexander Mackenzie was the foremost historian of Scottish families in the 19th century, and his works have well withstood the attention of the most recent historians. He was thorough, solid and exhaustive in his research and presentation. This history of the Camerons begins with a discussion of the origin of the family and of the name and then proceeds through biographical and historical as well as genealogical studies of the first 24 chiefs of the family. Chapter 19, for example, concentrates upon the "Gentle Lochiel", certainly one of the most famous of all members of this illustrious house. There are as well chapters on Dr. Archibald Cameron of Lochiel and his descendants, the Camerons of Fassiefern, Worcester, Erracht, Inverailort, Callart, Lundavra, Glenevis, Speyside, Dawnie, Barcaldine, Culchenna, Kinlochiel, Clunes, Camisky and Strone. This, then, constitutes a full and varied history not only of the main line of Camerons but of the cadet lines as well. Additional families which are included in some detail include: Campbell, Drummond, Davidson, Fraser, Gordon, Grant, Donald, Mackenzie, Mackintosh, MacLean, MacMartin, MacPherson, and Stewart.

DF-749. Cameron Family Records: A Collection of Materials Relating to the History of the Cameron Family. The items which appear on this disc are: 1) "An Account of the Surname of Cameron", from *An Inquiry into the Genealogy and Present State of Ancient Scottish Surnames*, by William Buchanan. 2) "Clan Cameron" from *The Highland Clans of Scotland: Their History and Traditions*, by George Eyre-Todd. 3) "Some Stray Notes on the Camerons of Glendeshary", by Alastair Cameron. 4) "The Gentle Lochiel", from *The Romance of the Aristocracy*, by Sir Bernard Burke. 5) "Allan Cameron's Narrative, February-April, 1716: The End of the '15", by C. S. Terry. 6) "The Camerons in the Rising of 1715: A Vindication of Their Leader, John Cameron of Lochiel", by William Mackay. 7) "How the Feud between the Camerons and Mackintoshes Was Ended", by Angus MacKintosh. 8) "The Last of the MacMartin Camerons".

9) "The Camerons of Letterfinlay, styled 'MacMartin,'" by Charles Fraser-Mackintosh. 10) "Concerning Lochiel — 1664, 1717, and 1784," by Charles Fraser-Mackintosh. 11) "Origin of the MacGillony Camerons". 12) "The Camerons of Rannoch". 13) The section on Cameron of Lochiel from *A Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Landed Gentry of Great Britain and Ireland*. 14) The Cameron section from *History of Ryegate, Vermont*.

DF-8047. Memoirs of Sir Ewen Cameron of Lochiel, Chief of the Clan Cameron. With an Introductory Account of the History and Antiquities of that Family and of the Neighbouring Clans. Originally published 1842. 503 pages. Sir Ewen Cameron's memoirs detail the activities of the Camerons and their chief during the 17th century, and in particular during the civil wars of 1639-49, the restoration and reign of Charles II, the activities of the Catholic King James II, the revolution of 1688, and the reign of the Protestant King William. The emphasis is upon the involvement of the chief and of the clan both in local affairs and also on the national stage. There is material in particular on the Campbell, Mackintosh, Mackay, MacLean, and other local families interwoven throughout the text. This memoir exists in several variations, and these are given here with commentary and comparison. There are as well extensive notes and appendices.

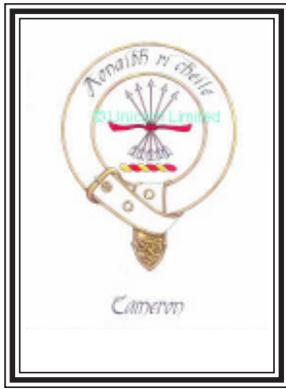
RESEARCH GUIDE. Scottish Clans and Their Associated Families: A Researcher's Guide.

By Robert J. Heston. 128 pages. paperback. This is the only authorized guide to family names and their clan affiliations now available, either in North America or in Great Britain. It has been compiled through close association and cooperation with those clans which are members of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, and therefore includes family links which are accepted by the clan societies themselves. It is a valuable and necessary addition to your genealogy reference shelf. \$25.00, postpaid

MAPS. Maps are an important element in your family and genealogical research. The best source we have found is the *Philips' Handy Atlas* because it includes a detailed map of each county in Scotland, and on that map provides the old, pre-20th century parish names. These can be "blown up" on your computer to allow you to study your particular area of the county.

D-668. Philips' Handy Atlas of the Counties of Scotland. Constructed by John Bartholomew. Originally published 1888. 32 full-color maps + 34-page index. Here is a dream of a book for the genealogist or researcher. The first map shows all of Scotland, with the counties located for easy reference. Then, each county is given its own full-color map in wonderful detail. What is of particular importance, though, is that all the parishes are identified on each county map. There is as well a comprehensive index at the end of the work. This truly is one of those situations where the newest, most up-to-date model simply will not provide the same information as the antique! Also included on this disc is a map from the same period of the counties of the Ulster region of Ireland. \$20.00 CD, \$15.00 download.

Scotland of Old Clans Map. Folded map. This remains one of the most popular and useful tools in your research chest, three decades after its initial publication. It features over 170 arms, the official insignia of clan chiefs, and crest badges; a map showing the locations of the ancient territories of the principal clans at the beginning of the 17th century; and the arms of the ancient Scottish principalities. \$12.95, postpaid



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McIAN SCOTTISH CLAN PRINT. Cameron Print from *The Clans of the Scottish Highlands: The Costumes of the Clans*. By R. R. McIan. McIan's *Clans* is quite possibly the most famous book ever published about tartans, clans, and Highland costume. It originally was published in 1845-47, and was an immediate success. This handsome reproduction from the book measures 8-1/2 x 11 inches on heavy ivory stock, ready to mat and frame as you wish. \$15.00, postpaid.



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Phone or email Vicki to discuss the available tartans for your family and current pricing. We are happy to offer you a full line of the finest Scottish tartans on a special-order basis. We work exclusively with the premier tartan mill in Scotland, so you need not worry about the quality of the items you will be receiving. Frankly, there are some truly low-quality tartans being woven out there, and we don't want anything to do with them! Because these are special-order items, we can offer you better prices than many stockists who have to keep inventory on literally hundreds of tartans. Unless a tartan is "on the loom" and being woven at the time, orders normally take 4-8 weeks to arrive, so do plan ahead. All items are postpaid in the US. But please be aware that all the Scottish tartan mills go on holiday for the entire month of August, so be sure to allow extra time if ordering just before or during that month.

And now, a few words about the tartan itself. You will see tartans listed in "ancient," "modern," and "weathered" colors. Modern colors are those we are most used to seeing — bright, strong, vibrant shades. The reds are bright red; the greens are a strong green; the blues are bright or dark blue. Ancient colors are softer and more muted. Reds take on a more rosy hue; greens are softer, more "sage"; and blues are more of a medium shade. Weathered colors replicate the look of an ancient piece of tartan that has been buried in a peat bog for a century or two. Think of the ancient colors with a soft brownish overlay. Every mill uses its own dyes and wools. Therefore, there is no one absolute color palette for the sett of a tartan. Be aware that the shade of red in your new tartan scarf may not be exactly the same as in a scarf you saw ten years ago at the Games.

All of the tartan we sell is 100% new wool, spun and woven in Scotland. We do not provide cloth made anywhere else in the world. You may find cheaper tartan, but you will never find better!

Most of the items listed here are in a 10-ounce tartan. This is a good, medium-weight cloth, suitable for scarves, sashes, and ladies' clothing. The 13-ounce tartan is used for a lighter-weight gentleman's kilt. The 16-ounce tartan is the traditional weight for the kilt, but can be awfully heavy for an American summer. However, there is nothing that "hangs" better than a full 8-yard, 16-ounce kilt. All the fabric here is either 54 or 59 inches wide, or "double width." You therefore will need to order only 4 yards to make a full 8-yard kilt. The piece of fabric is simply split lengthwise, with one seam hidden in one of the pleats. This is normal kiltmaking practice.

To order, call Vicki at 334.501.0202 or email her at unicornlimited1@gmail.com. She will be happy to help you with all your tartan questions.

Please continue to see your tartan!

10-OUNCE TARTAN

Available in: Cameron Clan Modern; Cameron Hunting Ancient
Other Cameron tartans are in production from time to time.
Check with Vicki for current availability.

Scarf, with fringed ends. 9-1/2 inches wide x 57 inches long.

Ladies' Sash. 11 inches wide x 90 inches long. This is the traditional sash, worn wrapped around the body, crossed at the shoulder, and held in place with a sash brooch.

Rosette Sash. 5 inches wide x 26 inches long. This is a wonderful addition to your tartan wardrobe, for it goes beautifully with everything from a little black dress to full Highland attire to a polo shirt and jeans. The rosette is pre-folded, and the scarf portion hangs down the back. Again, the sash is held in place with a sash brooch at the shoulder.

Baby Carriage Blanket. 36 inches wide x 57 inches long. What a perfect gift for the newest clansperson!

Tartan Throw Blanket. 57 inches wide x 72 inches long. Hemmed (no fringe). The perfect weight to cuddle under on a chilly evening!

LAMBSWOOL

Available in: Cameron Clan Modern

Scarf, with purlled ends. 12 inches wide x 58 inches long.

TARTAN BY THE YARD

Minimum order 1 yard per tartan design or weight.

10-ounce Tartan. 59 inches wide. Available in: Cameron Clan Modern; Cameron Hunting Ancient

13-ounce Tartan. 54 inches wide. Available in: Cameron Clan Modern

13-ounce Kilt Length. 4 yards, double width. Available in: Cameron Clan Modern

16-ounce Kilt Length. 4 yards, double width. Available in: Cameron Clan Ancient, Modern; Cameron Hunting Ancient, Weathered

CLAN CREST BADGE

In Scotland's turbulent past it was the custom for clan chiefs to give their followers a metal plate of their crest, to be worn as a badge of allegiance, which fastened to their clothing with a strap and buckle. When not in use, the belt was coiled around the crest, and this convention is used in the clan crest badges of today. This badge of your clan crest is 1-3/4 inches in diameter, making it the ideal size for either a gentleman's cap badge or a lady's sash brooch. It is made in Scotland of durable pewter with a plated finish of palladium, which gives the look of silver without the need to polish.



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