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THE CLAN IVER

BY REV. A. MCVLEAN SINCLAIR.

Origin of the Clan.

Ivarr, Iver, of Iomhair, is a Scandinavian name. It does not follow, however, that the progenitor of the Clan Iver was a Scandinavian; it is certain that he was not. Gilchrist, chief of the MacKays of Ugadale, in 1314, was the son of Iver, son of Ferchar, son of Iver, son of Gilchrist; yet he was probably as much of a Gael as an Iver in his day. The MacIvers are undoubtedly of Gaelic origin.

It is assumed by some persons that the MacIvers are a branch of the Campbells. They tell us that Colin Maol Campbell of Lochawe had two illegitimate sons, Iver and Thomas—that Iver was the progenitor of the MacIvers—and that Thomas, or Tavish, was the progenitor of the MacTavishes. According to the MS. of 1467 Duibhne was the father of Malcolm, father of Gillespie, father of Duncan, father of Dugal Cambel, the progenitor of the Campbells, and consequently the first Cambel or Campbell in existence. Dugald was succeeded by his son Gillespie, who appears as a witness in 1266. Gillespie was succeeded by his son, Colin Mor Cambel of Lochawe, who is mentioned in an official document in 1292. Clans do not name themselves after illegitimate sons. We may safely assume, then, that Iver, the ancestor of the MacIvers, was a lawful son. There was no such person as Caillein Maol of Lochawe, but there was a Maol—Calum or Malcolm. Malcolm, however, was not a Campbell. Thus, then, even if he had two illegitimate sons, they could not be Campbells. If Iver was descended from Dugald of Lochawe, he was a Campbell; if not, he was not a Campbell. It is admitted, however, that he was not descended from Dugald. It is absurd, then, to assert that he was a Campbell. At the same time it is possible that he was descended from Duibhne, and that he was thus of the same stock as the Campbells.

There was an Iver in Perthshire who was contemporary with Gillespie, son of Malcolm, son of Duibhne. He lived thus at the very time in which tradition places the ancestors of the MacIvers and MacTavishes. He had a son named MacBeth, who was 'judge' or 'Sheriff of Scone. In 1219 Donald, son of MacBeth, son of Iver, witnessed a perambulation of certain lands belonging to the Abbey of Aberbrothoc. It is supposed by some people that Iver, the progenitor of the Clan Iver, was a son of Donald; and such certainly may have been the case.

The history of the MacIvers really begins with Iver Crom, who flourished about the year 1225, and possessed some lands in Argyllshire. Tradition says that he conquered Cowal for King Alexander II. We know that Alexander led an army into Argyllshire in 1222, and that he gave the greater part of the lands of Glassary to his standard-bearer, Strymeour of Dundee. It is possible, then, that Iver Crom came to Argyllshire with King Alexander, and that he was a native of Perthshire, but possibilities are not facts; the truth is, that we are totally in the dark with regard to Iver's origin.

THE MACIVERS OF ASKNISH.

Iver Crom possessed Asknish, Lergachonie, and other lands between Craignish and Kilmelfort, and also that portion of Glassary which extends to the lower part of Lochawe to the river Add. It is said that he was constable of the Castle of Fincharn. Among those who had lands in Argyllshire in 1292 were the following:—Alexander of Argyll (chief of the Clan Dugald), John of Glenurchy (chief of the MacGregors), Gilbert MacNaughton, Malcolm MacIver, Dugald of Craignish, John, son of Gilchrist, Radulph Scrymegeour, Gillespie MacLachan, the earl of Menteith, Angus Mor MacDonald of the Isles, Colin Mor Cambel of Lochawe, Lamont son of Malcolm son of Ferchar,

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Thomas Cambel, and Duncan Duff. Malcolm MacIver was either a son or a grandson of Iver Crom; he was, at any rate, chief of the Clan Iver.

In 1361 Iver MacIver of Lergachonie was chief of the MacIvers. He married Christina, daughter and heiress of MacDoull of Craignish. He seems to have obtained the lands of Ardlarach by her. He was probably a grandson of the Malcolm who is mentioned in 1292.

Iver MacIvers of Lergachonie, chief of the MacIvers about 1500, had three sons: Duncan, his heir, Charles of Stronshiray, and Iver Ban, feuar of Lergachonie and Asknish. Duncan died without issue; Charles Stronshiray had two sons, Iver and Duncan; Iver Ban had a son named Archibald, who is mentioned in 1581. Archibald had two sons, Dugald and Iver, Dugald succeeded him in Lergachonie, and Iver died without issue. In 1610 Archibald, only son of Dugald, made over his claim to Lergachonie and the other lands which he held in feu to Ranald Campbell of Barrichibyan.

Iver, son of Stronshiray, was chief of the MacIvers in 1564. He is described as Iver MacIver of Lergachonie, of he held the superiority. In that year the Earl of Argyll entered into an agreement with him by which the earl renounced in favor of Iver all claim to any calps from persons of the surname of Clan Iver, on condition that Iver and his successors should pay their own calps to the Earl and his successors. By this agreement Argyll really acknowledged Iver as chief, or kenneinie, of the MacIvers, whilst Iver acknowledged Argyll as his feudal superior. Iver died without issue.

Duncan, second son of Charles of Stronshiray, was in possession of Stronshiray in 1538. In 1581 he gave to Archibald, son of Iver Ban, a new feu-charter of Lergachonie, and received from him in return the lands of Asknish. Duncan married, first, Catherine Campbell, and, secondly, a daughter of Sorley Buie of Antrim. He had three children—Iver, Charles, and Mary. Iver had a son named Iver, who died about 1605; Charles succeeded his father in Asknish and Stronshiray; Mary was married to Ranald Campbell of Barrichibyan.

Charles MacIver of Asknish was succeeded by his son Iver. Iver was forfeited in 1685 for supporting Archibald, ninth Earl of Argyll, in his rebellion. After the revolution of 1688 Archibald, tenth Earl of Argyll, gave the estates which had belonged to Iver to his son, Duncan; but imposed as a condition that Duncan and his heirs of the family of MacIver should bear the surname and arms of Campbell. Sir Humphrey-Trafford Campbell, who died in 1818, was the last descendant in the male line of Duncan MacIver of Stronshiray.

It is said that the MacIvers were hereditary captains of the Castle of Inveraray. We know, as a matter of fact, that at Duncan of Stronshiray had the office of Captain of that castle from 1581 to 1595. In 1679 Iver MacIver of Asknish could bring one hundred men of his own surname into the field. Of the MacIvers who followed him in 1685 six were banished to the plantations in America. Iver was really the last chief of the MacIvers as a clan. As Duncan his son changed his name to Campbell, Duncan could not be chief of the Clan Iver; he could only be chieftain of

those MacIvers who, in imitation of his example, made Campbells of themselves.

THE MACIVERS OF ARDLARACH.

The MacIvers of Ardlarach were a branch of the MacIvers of Lergachonie or Asknish. Iver Ban MacIver was their representative in 1647. He was succeeded by his son Iver Og, who after 1688 changed his name to Campbell. Iver Og had two sons—Neil, his successor, and Dugald, minister of Kilmartin in 1690.

THE MACIVERS OF PENNYMORE.

Iver MacIver of Pennymore, on Loch Fyne, appears as a witness in 1513. His representative in 1727 seems to have been the Rev. Neil Campbell, Principal of Glasgow College. Principal Campbell married Henrietta Campbell, by whom he had five sons—Patrick, Archibald, Colin, Neil, and Duncan.

THE MACIVERS OF BALLOCHYLE.

Iver MacIver of Strath-Eachaig and Dergachie, near Dunoon, had two sons, John of Dergachie, and Alexander of Kilbride, near Inveraray. Charles MacIver of Ballochyle and Kilbride was the son of Iver, son of Alexander of Kilbride. He had two sons—Alexander, his successor, and Robert, progenitor of the MacIvers or Macures of Glasgow. Alexander was succeeded by his son Charles MacIver, who was succeeded by his son Iver Campbell, the representative of the family in 1688.

THE MACIVERS OF GLASSARY.

Alexander MacIver held the lands of Kiran in Glassary in 1550. He was succeeded by his son John, who was succeeded by his son Alexander, who was succeeded by his son Archibald. In 1649 Archibald MacIver of Kiran married Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Dugald Campbell of Knapdale, and had by her three sons; Alexander Campbell, his successor; Daniel Campbell, minister of Kilmore, and John Campbell, minister of Kilmalmonell. Alexander Campbell of Kiran married Margaret, daughter of Stewart of Ascog, in Bute, and had by her Robert, Archibald, and Alexander.

Robert was in the army; he sold the lands of Kiran in 1732. He was the author of "The Life of John, Duke of Argyll and Greenwich." Archibald was a minister in Virginia; he married Elizabeth MacKay by whom he had a son named George Washington and other children. George Washington Campbell was for some time minister of the United States at the Court of St. Petersburg; he died at Nashville in 1848. Alexander, third son of Alexander of Kiran, married Margaret, daughter of Daniel Campbell of the Craignish family, and by her had eight sons and three daughters. Thomas, the youngest of his sons, was the celebrated Thomas Campbell the poet.

Alexander MacIver, son of Archibald son of Charles, held the lands of Glassvar in 1542. John Campbell, his representative in 1693, had two sons—Angus of Glassvar, and Archibald, minister of Lismore and Appin.

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