

The Clan Names of Mac or Mc

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Clan names usually began with Mac. It was not until after the Scots had been in America for one or two generations that they adopted the character Mc. Thus, generally speaking, one should search in Scotland and Ireland for the Mac. Large Mac clans ruled Scotland for generations.

That is, until bonny Prince Charles (Stuart) found himself exiled by the English monarchy. From then on, the clans suffered persecution from English Lords. They certainly fell into poverty after the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745 (or the War of the British succession) when Scotland lost its right to rule.