

Clan names: Combie, McColm, McComas, McComb(e), McCombie, McComie, MacOmie, MacOmish, Tam, Thom, Thomas, Thoms, Thomson

## The Clan MacThomas Society Application for Membership

Surnames have only become fixed in Scotland since the 18<sup>th</sup> century, so that early members of the clan used many forms and variations. The initial letter 'Th' in Gaelic having the value of 'H' in English, the name of *MacThomais* (son of Thomas) and its diminutives *MacThom* (son of Tom) and *MacThomaidh* (son of Tommy), came to be pronounced MacHomas, MacHom, and MacHommy respectively, which readily explains the variations of the surnames still in use today.

The names Thomson and Thomas also occur in other clans, and in such cases adherence should be determined by genealogical and topographical evidence as to what part of Scotland one's ancestors came from. Those from Aberdeenshire, Tayside, and Fife are regarded as belonging to the Clan.

The completed form should be returned to the Society address shown on the bottom of this page, with your membership fee. Please write clearly.

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current mailing address.

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State/Region, Country, post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address, if you would like to provide it: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number, if you would like to provide it: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** your personal information will never be shared outside of the Clan. It will be published in the Clan magazine, the Clach a'Choilich, during the year you join. It will not be published on the Clan website.

Occupation or profession: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have some skill in any traditional Highland arts or pursuits, please give details, e.g., piping, dancing, Highland games or crafts:

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to serve on any Committee, either at the local or national level? \_\_\_\_\_

If your surname or maiden name is not one of the Clan's surnames, on what do you base this application?

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I hereby apply for membership in the Clan MacThomas Society. I enclose the sum of \_\_\_\_\_.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: annual membership dues are set at a minimum of the equivalent of GBP10 for individuals, and GBP25 for families (applicant, spouse, and dependents under 16); families will receive one copy of the annual magazine.

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