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"STRACHANS OF THORNTON
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Alexander successor to Thornton. In 1590 had Charter of lands of Innguhir, Aberdeenshire. In 1592 received gift of castle of Kincartine, (Privy Seal Register), m. (1) Isabel daughter of William 4th Earl Marischal, (2) Anne, daughter of Lawrence Mercer of Maitland, died May 1601. (Edin. Coun. Regist.)

Robert, m. 4th John Earl Charter. George resided at Cottoun April 1426, Sarah. 1537 of lands of Goffingletoun, Forfarshire oldest daughter of Phaedra, in 1528 off. and there died unmarried Sir William Douglas, Galtie, in 1547. April, 1526. (Con. Reg. afterwards styled of Heschied. of St. Andrews. Earl of Angus. m. (1) Isabel Raik (2) Margaret m. William before 1594. (Gen. Reg. of Deeds.) before July 1597. Katherine m. John Middleton of Kildhill. Elizabeth m. William Forbes of Corse.

Sir Alexander Strachan, Bart. in 1606, being of age, he was served heir to his paternal grandfather in estates of Thornton. (Privy Seal Reg.) In 1617 returned to Parliament, and soon afterwards appointed Commissioner for Plantation of Churches. Created Baronet 28th May, 1626. Commissioner of Exchequer 1630. m. (1) 1605, Margaret 3rd daughter of John Lindsay, of Balcarroes. (2) Margaret daughter of James VI Lord Ogilvie, and widow of George V Earl Marischal. (Privy Seal Reg.) Died before 1643.

By first marriage John described as star or younger of Thornton, 1626, Thornton, latterly resided in died before August, 1635. (Reg. Sec. Sig.) Sir Alexandra, Second Bart., of Flanders, (Acta. Scot. Parl.) died at Bruges, 1659. (Edin. Coun. Reg.) m. Elizabeth Douglas. D. s.p.

Sir James Strachan, Bart. Third Baronet of Thornton, succeeded Sir Alex. Strachan who died 1659. In 1661 sold Inchuthill to John Earl of Middleton from whom he repurchased a large portion of the ancestral estate of Thornton which had been alienated. He enlarged Thornton Castle. In 1664 he married his cousin, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Forbes of Watertown. Died 1686.

James Only son (Watertown Papers, Reg. Sec. Sig.) Studied at King's College, Aberdeen, m. 1669, Barbara, 3rd daughter of Robert Forbes of Newton. Got from his father, 1661, resignation of his estates. (Reg. Mag. Sig.) Died in his father's lifetime.

James Died in infancy.

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James, fell in rebellion of 1715. (Fast. Eccles. Scot.) Sir William Fyfe, 1st Baronet, living July, 1715, (Mayhirk Parish Records.)

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Monboddie Branch.

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Probably descended from Hamphus de Strathcan.

Sir James Strathcan, m. Agneta, heiress of Valens de Thornton, of that Ilk, Kinross-shire, by whom he got lands and Barony of Thornton. Had a Charter from David II, 1363. (Playfair's Baronetage.)

Donald Strathcan, Received from David II, along with Annabel his wife, a Charter of the lands of Kingstown and others in Forfarshire, about 1343; also other lands in the counties of Forfar and Aberdeen 16th April 1343. Succeeded his father in the Barony of Thornton. (Robertson's Index of Charters.)

Christian Strachan, m. Sir Malcolm Fleming of Biggar. (Playfair's Baronetage.)

Alexander Strachan, son of above, m. Margaret Rose of Kilravoch. (Playfair's Baronetage.)

John Strachan, witness to Charter 1473, entailed his estate on his sons and heirs male, m. (1) Margaret Strachan, (2) Janet Rose. (Macfarlane M.S.S. and Playfair's Baronetage.)

David, Justice Clerk 1492 to 1497. Confirmed in 1500 in lands of Thornton, m. Margaret Hay, daughter of William, 6th Earl of Errol. Died a.p. (Playfair's Baronetage.)

John, m. Margaret, daughter of Sir William Durham of Shug. (Playfair's Baronetage.)

Alexander, succeeded his uncle David in lands of Thornton, m. (1) Margaret Hay

John, succeeded in lands of Thornton got by Charter 1546 lands of Benturk, Aberdeenshire, (Privy Seal Records.) In 1550 got lands of Haddon, Kinross-shire, (Privy Seal Register.) Sat in Parliament 1560 and 1572, m. Margaret, daughter of Livingstone of Dunfries. Died Aug. 20th, 1587. (Chronicle of Aberdeen.)

A daughter, m. Wood of Ballinago. Margaret, m. (1) William Ramsay of Balmain, (2) Ogston of Ilk. Elizabeth, m. Andrew Arbuthnot of Fife, her 2nd son was Principal of King's College, Aberdeen

Sir William Strachan, Kt. of Monboddie, m. Margaret, daughter of Sir James Ramsay of Balmain. (Reg. Mag. Sig.)

James Strachan, of Monboddie, Had Charter of lands, 1538, of Arbuthnot, Craghill and Kirkbush, Kinross-shire, m. Janet Gardin. (Reg. Mag. Sig.)

John Strachan, of Monboddie, In 1561 he got lands of Craighill, Kinross-shire. (Reg. Mag. Sig.) Was alive Dec. 1571. (Cur Justiciar.)

James Strachan, Of Monboddie. Mentioned in legal instrument of date 1592. (Reg. Mag. Sig.) as will of Alexander Strachan of Thornton 1601. (Edin. Con. Reg.) Died July 10th 1614. (Con. Reg. of St. Andrews.)

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father, the late James Strachan of Monboddie, (Montrose Reg. of Deeds.) In 1550 bought the barony of Ramsay of Balmain (Father of Sir Gilbert Ramsay, Bart.)

Robert Strachan, A Physician, practised first at Stonehaven, then at Montrose. Had estate of land at Montrose in 1513. Had charter of lands of Edmiston 1518. (Register of Sasines.) Died between 1555 and April 1559. m. Agnes Troup.

David Strachan, Graduate at University of Edinburgh, July 37, 1622. Ordained minister at Fettercairn 1630, Bishop of Brechin 1662. m. (1) Margaret Henderson by whom he had two sons and four daughters, (2) Ann daughter of Capt. David Barclay of Mathers. Died Oct. 9th, 1677 (Burgh Records of Brechin, Fast. Eccles. Scot.)

John Strachan, Schoolmaster of Montrose, 1662. In 1669 obtained Minister of Strachan, m. (1) Beatrice 3rd daughter of David Strachan, Bishop of Brechin (2) Margaret Spied. Died 1701. (Fast. Eccles. Scot.) (Montrose Reg. of Sasines.)

John, m. May 19, 1642. Merchant, Montrose. (Montrose Reg. of Sasines.)

Christian, m. March, 1634. d. in infancy. (Mont. parish register.)

Catherine, b. April, 1638. d. in infancy. (Montrose parish register.)

Isabel, m. 1642. d. in infancy. (Montrose parish register.)

James, m. 1642. d. in infancy. (Montrose parish register.)

Beatrice, m. 1642. d. in infancy. (Montrose parish register.)

Christian, m. Robert, m. Margaret, d. unmarried.

By first marriage. Robert, Doctor of Montrose Grammar School, 1663, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. James Wishart, died before September, 1707. (Burgh Records at Reg. of Sasines, Montrose.)

By second marriage. Jean, m. George, (Reg. of Sasines, m. Catherine Turnbull.)

James, m. Alexander, m. Elizabeth.

James, born May, 1655. David, born July, 1658. Margaret, born June 1658, died May 1697.

James, m. 1655. d. in infancy. (Montrose parish register.)

Charles Strachan, Was Deputy-Governor of the Island of Guernsey. Died a.p. prior to April 6th, 1759. (Services of heirs, Town Clerk's Office, Montrose.)

Anna, d. a.p.

d. July, 1694. Jean, born 1691. Margaret, b. active Charles Feb. 1693. Governor of Jean, born of Hairs, Town March, 1695. (Montrose.)

James Lient, B.N., had in 1753, estate of Lament at Montrose, m. Catherine dau. of James Donaldson, Merchant, Montrose, died September 9th, 1794. (Tombstone inscription.)

Margaret, m. Alexandra Wyse of Lunan, son of David Wyse of Mains of Thornton, and representative of an old Scottish family of that name. By a previous marriage with Jean daughter of Peter Turnbull of Smiths Hall, he had issue, an only daughter. By Margaret Strachan he had the following issue.

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Anna born 1737, m. J. Leslie, Shipowner. Jean, born 1742, died in infancy. Jean, b. 1748, m. John Ritchie, Shipowner. Helen born 1746, m. Captain Spink.

Bart., Purchased the estate of Montrose, Devonshire, served his wife in general Monboddie his great-grandson on the 25th October, 1841, of Sir Alexander Strachan, m. when he assumed the name of David Hunter, a, died June 9th, 1844.

David Wyse, born 1730, succeeded his father in estate of Lunan, which he afterwards sold, m. Orizel, dau. of Thomas Henderson of Grange of Barry, Died September, 1803.

(3) Alexander, born 1735, died young. (4) James, born 1741, died young. (5) John, born 1747, died young. (6) Henry, born 1749, died young. (7) Elizabeth, born 1758. In 1767 m. Alex. Wyse, Merchant, Montrose.

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Mary born 1740, m. Peter Will, Merchant, Dundee.

p. January 1854. m. died d. in Cave of Strathshire

Thomas bought estate of (Lament in Jamaica, and Hillbank, Forfarshire, m. 2nd daughter of William (Halmers, Esq., of Glen-licht, died 1816.

Alexander, died young. William, died young. David, died unmarried. Peter, died unmarried. James died young. Joanna m. Josiah Marton.

Grace m. J. Thomas, Esq., of Clingston and Humbergh, Fifeshire, with issue. Margaret, died young. Elizabeth, died young. Rachel, died young. Catherine, m. C. Smith, Banker, with issue.

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David, died young. William, Captain H.E.L.C.S. succeeded his father in the estate of Hillbank, died unmarried, Nov. 4th, 1845.

Emily Isabella Disney, 3rd daughter of Fownes Norton Disney, of Dublin. ob. May 19th, 1839, at Calcutta.

Thomas Alexander Wise, M.D., J.P., married (1) March 15th, 1828, at Calcutta;

Harriet Elizabeth Phelan, daughter of William Phelan, Esq., of Rock Abbey, Tipperary. January 4th, 1848, at Deca, Bengal.

Josiah Patrick, Boottellian Esq., ob. July 3rd, 1870. Ann, m. Esq., Clapham, Pittscoth, m. Esq.,

Dr. Hercules Scott, Professor of Moral Philosophy, King's College, Aberdeen. Dr. John Scott, Physician in London.

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CLUNY-MACPHERSON

MACQUARRIE

MACQUEEN



MACRAE OF INVERINATE



MALCOLM OF POLTALLOCH

*Heraldic Description of Armorial
Bearings.*

Arms: Party per fess or and azure, a lymphad of the first flagged gules, sails furling, oars in action proper, in the dexter chief point a dexter hand couped fesswise grasping a dagger erect palewise gules, and in the sinister a cross-crosslet fitché gules. *Crest:* A cat sejant proper. *Supporters:* Two Highlanders (in tartan doublets of the Cluny tartan), their shirts (or "leine chroich") fastened between their bare thighs, helmets on their heads, dirks by their sides, and targets on their arms. *Motto:* "Touch not the cat but (without) a glove."

Lyon Register, 49, 79.

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Arms: Argent a fess azure between three mullets in chief and a lion rampant in base gules. *Crest:* A cubit arm grasping a sword proper. *Motto:* "Fortitudine" (By fortitude).

Lyon Register, XXVII, 16.

Arms: Argent, on a saltire azure between four stag heads erased gules, five mullets or. *Crest:* A tower argent. *Supporters:* Two stags at gaze proper, collared and with chains reflexed over the back or. *Mottoes:* over crest, "In ardua tendit" (Aims at lofty things), and, under crest, "Deus refugium nostrum" (God is our refuge).

Lyon Register, II, 179, 49, 115.

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HOUSE OF MAR,
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MUNRO OF FOULIS

*Heraldic Description of Armorial
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Arms: 1 and 4, Azure a bend between six cross-crosslets fitché, Or. *Crest:* On a chapeau Gules furred Ermine two wings each of ten pen feathers erected and addorsed both emblazoned as the shield. *Supporters:* Two griffins argent, armed, beaked and winged Or.

Lyon Register, XXX, 67.

Arms: Gyronny of eight sable and gules, a lion rampant or, armed and langued azure. *Crest:* Issuant from an antique crown or a hand brandishing a scimitar fessways all proper. *Motto:* "Fac et Spera," and on a compartment embellished of roses four-petalled or. This motto "O'Chian."

Lyon Register, XLVI, 137.

Arms: Argent, a chief gules. *Crest:* A savage's head erased proper. *Supporters:* Two savages wreathed around the head and loins proper. *Motto:* (over) "Vil God I sal."

Lyon Register, I, 186; XLII, 141.

Arms: Or, an eagle's head erased gules. *Crest:* An eagle on the perch proper. *Supporters:* Two eagles proper. *Motto:* "Dread God."

Lyon Register, I, 189; XXXIX, I.

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SUBJECT: STRACHAN, STRACHEN, STRAUGHEN

REPORT:

The Strachans are not a clan or part of a clan, but, together with the Morrier Toughs and Marrs formed what is known as the "Tribe of Mar".¹ The Chief of the Mar Tribe and the family of Mar is the Earl of Mar and Kellie.

According to Dr Black,² the name and its variants is territorial in origin and is derived from the lands of Strachan (pronounced Strawn) in Kincardineshire. As can be seen from earlier spellings of this name (as given in 'Black' it was originally Strath meaning a valley. The name has been softened in England into Strachan in accordance with pronunciation.³

The family of Strachan of Strachan is of great antiquity.³ The name was first recorded when Waldeus de Stratheiha, who with the consent of his son and heir Ranulfus, granted the lands of Blarkerroch to the church of St. Andrews c1200. Between 1203-14, Ranulph de Stratheuchin witnessed a charter granted by Thomas de Lunedin. Thomas de Strathechyn who served on an inquest in 1333 may be the same Thomas de Strathawyn who had a lease from the Abbey of Abirbrothich of lands in "the Mearns in 1342, and Thomas de Stradeqwhyn designed "dominus de Knokkis in le Mernys" 1351.¹

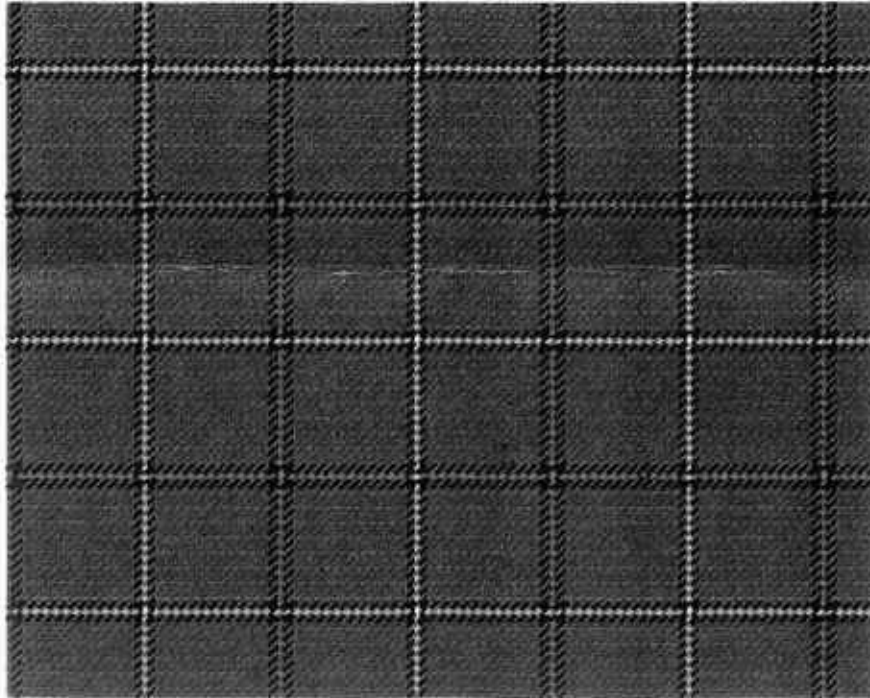
In 1489, Sir John Stradachyn, a cleric, was witness in Aberdeen and several years later in 1512, David Straughin was procurator of the Scottish "Nation" in the University of Orleans. In later years some thirty or so variations in spelling of this name are on record.²

There is no Strachan tartan, but the name has been associated with the Tribe of Mar and people of this name may wear the Mar tartan, which was registered with Lyon Court on 23rd May 1978 (This tartan is also known as the Skeffington tartan).

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Mar (Tribe of..)



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District tartan
1978**

**Lyon Court Book 1978
Source: Rt Hon Margeret of Mar**

There is much debate over the true representation of the Mar District tartan. In order that the matter should be settled and the design be "known and recognised as the proper tartan of the Tribe of Mar", the Rt Hon Margaret of Mar, Countess of Mar, made a petition to the Lord Lyon to record this sett. The designer is unknown and the date is possibly pre 1850. Frank Adam called the sett Skene, and said it came from the Duke of Fife whose ancestors owned Mar Lodge. Both Skenes and Robertsons lived in the Mar district in the north east of Scotland.



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SKENE, MAR (DISTRICT)

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Lyon Register 23 Mar. 1978

Frank Adam No 106
The Setts No 232

Sett given by Adam is Setts 230 ?
in later additions.

See McIan's plate.

BRB:BRG
KKB:WRG
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DEESIDE*Gaelic Name***Strath Dhe***Designer Fenton Wynes**Date 1963*

There are two rivers with the name Dee in Scotland; One in the Grampian Region in the northeast, the other in Dumfries and Galloway in the southwest. It is to the former that the Deeside district tartan relates. The northern Deeside is an extensive area since the river Dee drains some 765 square miles of countryside, mainly in the former county of Aberdeenshire. The river rises in a spring on Braeriach, one of the peaks in the Cairngorms, 4061 feet in height, with a secondary source, the Pools of Dee in the Lairig Ghru. Its initial course flows southwards through the wild, steep-sided Glen Dee, until it joins the Geldie Burn at White Bridge. Thence it turns eastwards through Aberdeen. Wooded slopes flank the river in many places. It is not surprising that Queen Victoria chose it as the site for her Scottish home, Balmoral. The names of many of its towns and villages are known throughout the Highland world because of their Highland Games. Braemar, always attended by the Royal Family, Ballater, Aboyne, Banchory and Aberdeen, among them. Deeside, too is renowned for its fine salmon fishing.

The Deeside district tartan was designed in 1963 by a well-known local historian and architect from Aberdeen, Fenton Wynes, on behalf of the Dee Valley Textiles Ltd. The tartan is symbolic, which is unusual for Scottish district tartans. The colours represent —

Grey	the granite rocks and pinnacles and enshrouding mists
Blue	the River Dee and the two great mountain ranges, the Grampians and Cairngorms
Green	the pine forests, the Scots firs and larches
White	the slender birch trunks and the snow in remote corries
Yellow	the broom, gorse and the bracken
Purple	the heather, bell and ling and the Royal Purple for the Celtic dynasties and their present-day successors, the House of Windsor

W	N	P	N	G	B	Y	.
4	4	10	30	4	20	4	

NAME

TARTAN

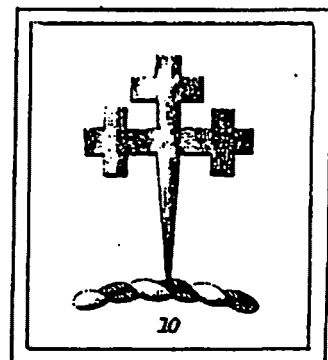
STORM	CULLODEN DIST
STORMONT	FIFE DIST
STORRAR	CULLODEN DIST
STORRIE, -EY	OGILVIE
STORY	TYNESIDE DIST
STOTT	ABERDEEN DIST
STOUT	ABERDEEN DIST
STOW(E)	EDINBURGH DIST
STRACHAN	DEESIDE DIST
STRACHAN	MAR DIST
STRACHAN	STRATHSPEY DIST
STRACKAN, -EN	MAR DIST
STRADE	ABERDEEN DIST
STRALOCK	ABERDEEN DIST
STRANACK	ABERDEEN DIST
STRANG(E)	ANGUS DIST
STRANGE(R)	MAC GREGOR
STRAT(T)ON	EDINBURGH DIST
STRATH	ABERDEEN DIST
STRATHARN	STRATHEARN DIST
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MARR

MARR, Scotch

CREST : A' cross crosslet, fitched, gold

MOTTO : IN CRUCE SALUS
(Salvation from the cross)



MARR, English

CREST : A horse's head, erased and
bridled, proper



MARR, Essex

CREST : Two lions' gambs, erased, in
saltier, gold, in each a battle axe,
handles, gules, blades, argent



MARR and KELLIE, Earl of, Baron Erskine
and Dirleton, Scotch,

CREST : In dexter hand, couped above wrist,
a dagger, erect, proper, pommel and
hilt, gold.



MAR

MAR, Scotch

CREST : A goat's head, erased



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<u>R</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>Y</u>
2	4	32	4	2
2	3	45	3	2

Lyon Register 23 Mar. 1978

Frank Adam No 106
The Setts No 232

Sett given by Adam is Setts 230 ?
in later additions.

See McIan's plate.

BRB:BRG
KBK:WRG
RKG:YK

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SKENE , MAR (DISTRICT)

ORIG. SLOG RKG:YK

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