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CREST: five mountain peaks inflamed

MOTTO: Luceo non Uro, I shine, not Burn

SEPTS: Charles, Charleson, Clunes, Clunies, Cromarty, Iverach, Iverson, Ivory, Kenneth, Kennethson, Kenzie, Kynoch, Kinnoch, MacBeolain, McConnach, McConnachie, McIver, McIvor, Mahiver, McKenna, McKenney, McKerlich, McKinnie, McKinsey, McKinzie, Murchie, McMurchy, McQueenie, McVanish, McVinnie, McVinnish, McWhinnie, Murchie, Murchison, Mynock, Smart, The above names may be spelled with other variations such as Mac or Mc or M'. The spelling of the name MacKenzie may also be McKenzie, Mackenzie, Kenzsie or MacKinzie.

A SHORT HISTORY:

The name Mackenzie, or MacCoinneach in Gaelic, means literally, "Son of Kenneth." The original Kenneth lived in the 13th Century and was descended from a younger son of Gilleoin of the Aird, from whom can also be traced the once powerful Earls of Ross. Clan MacKenzie rose rapidly in importance during the 15th Century through the acquisition of lands extending across Scotland from the west to east coasts, in the counties of Ross & Cromarty, and parts of Sutherlandshire. Kenneth, the 12th Chief, was created Lord Mackenzie of Kintail in 1609. Kintail's brother, Sir Roderick MacKenzie, the 'Tutor of Kintail', was progenitor to the present Chief of the Clan, the Earl of Cromartie. On 3 December 1623, Kintail's son Colin was raised to the dignity of Earl of Seaforth. A number of famous regiments have been raised for the MacKenzie clan, including the Highland Light infantry (raised in 1777), the Seaforth Highlanders (raised in 1778), and the second battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders, known as the Ross-shire Buffs (raised in 1793). All those regiments wore the MacKenzie tartan.

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