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CREST: A demi-piper all Proper, garbed in the proper tartan of the Clan MacLennan.

MOTTO: Dum Spiro Spero, While I breathe, I hope

SEPTS: Gilfiman, Gilfilian, Gilliland, Lagan, Lagan, Lenan, Lennan, Lennon, Leonard, Leonerd, Loban, Loban, Logan, Logan, Lyndon, LacAlemnon, MacAlinion, MacAlinden, MacAlonan, MacClanachan, MacClanchan, MacClaron, MacClennen, MacClendon, MacClendon, MacLendon, Ma

A Short History: The MacLennans are of ancient Celtic origin from Ireland, and in the mist of antiquity we find Lide MacLennan and his Clan of twelve hundred men in Ossianic poetry. The MacGillafinnens, or MacLennans, were titled Lords of Loch Erne, Tarig, and Muintir Peodachain. In Scotland they were appanaged land in Lorne, Mull, Tiree, and Iona. St. Adamans recorded they were occupying Glenshiel at an early date and were in residence at Eilean Donnan Castle before 1263. They spread to Strathearn in Perthshire, Kirkcudbright, Dumbarton, and Galloway. In Kintail, they lived with their kin, the MacRuairis, who were granted ten davochs of Kintail by David II in 1342. After raiding Tain and Chanonry in 1372 the Clan was defeated by the Frasers and MacRaes of Aird at Drumderfit, Black Isle. The sept name Lobban originated from this battle. A further reverse at Lagabraad Conon in 1481 of Chief Duncan and his Clan terminated the MacDonald association. The name Logan is from the Gaelic word for Laggan, meaning low lying ground, and this sept provided the Knights Sir Robert and Sir Walter Logan who escorted King Robert the Bruce's heart to the Holy Land. Both died with Sir James Douglas fighting the Moors in Spain in 1329. At an early date they held lands in Strathearn, Galloway, Ulster and later were Barons occupying Restalrig and Fast Castles. Geoffrey, son of Knight Logan c1150 took the name of his estate GASK from whom those of the name Gass descend. Duncan MacLennan of Strathearn, who is mentioned in the charter of Alexander II in 1217, became Laird of Bombie. This spelling over a period of time became MacLellan and there were no fewer than 14 Knights in Galloway at the beginning of the 15th Century.

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