

# Thompson

The surname of THOMPSON was a baptismal name 'the son of Thom' a nickname from Thomas, a name meaning 'the twin'. It was one of the favourite personal names during the 11th century. Early records of the name mention Thomas (without surname) listed as a tenant in the Domesday Book of 1086. Eborard filius Thome, was recorded in County Cambridge, in the year 1273 and William Thompson of Lancashire, was documented during the reign of Edward III (1327-1377). Abraham filius Thome of Yorkshire was listed in the Yorkshire Poll Tax of 1379. Ralph Thommysone, was documented in 1381 in the county of Suffolk. Thomas Thomson and Mawdalen Langsen were married at St. James's, Clerkenwell, London in the year 1602. Robert Thompson and Elline Lettuce were married in the same church in 1630. The name was taken early to Scotland, and John Thomson 'a man of low birth, but approved valour' was the leader of the men of Carrick in Edward Bruce's war in 1318. Adam Thompson appears as Lord of Kyleneckyle, in Ayrshire in 1370. Johannes filius Thome was elected the baillie of Aberdeen in 1398. John Thomsoun was on an inquest to determine the rights of pasturage which the Temple lands had over the adjoining town and territory of Letter, Scotland in the year 1461. James Tomstone was a tenant of the bishop of Glasgow in 1511. The associated arms are recorded in Sir Bernard Burkes General Armory. Ulster King of Arms of 1884. This name is widely distributed throughout the country, Thomas being especially common in Wales and Cornwall, while Thompson is rather more common in North England. The form Thomson is especially common in Scotland, although the name is not exclusively Scottish. It has long been a matter of doubt when the bearing of coats of arms first became hereditary and it was not until the Crusades that Heraldry came into general use. Men went into battle heavily armed and were difficult to recognise. It became the custom for them to adorn their helmets with distinctive crests, and to paint their shields with animals and the like. Coats of arms accompanied the development of surnames, becoming hereditary in the same way.

ARMS - Per fess argent and sable a fess nebuly between three falcons all counter-changed belled and jessed or

CREST - A lion rampant per fess nebuly argent and sable holding between the paws a lure or

MOTTO - NOSCE TEIPSUM  
Know thyself