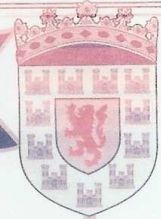
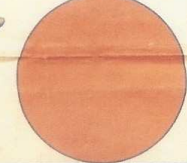


Family Origins



Malone

This surname is of Irish descent. This is one of the first countries to have a system of hereditary surnames that dates back to the 4th century. From this century surnames were taken by people from the septs or clans to which they belonged. Up to the 11th century Ireland had seldom been subjected to incursions by English forces and it was the Irish King, Dermot MacMurrough of Leinster, seeking aid from the English King, Henry II, who was responsible for the Anglo-Norman Invasion of Ireland in the year 1170, led by Strongbow. This invasion by the Normans introduced the next set of surnames, some of which they derived from the Irish Gaelic, and others from their possessions and lands. By the 16th century settlers arrived under the patronage of Elizabeth I of England and from this time Irish surnames were crudely Anglicized. Continuing with our research of this surname our records show the following: Although Malone is a genuine O name, being in Irish O Maoileoin (meaning descendant of the follower of St. John), it is never met with in English with its prefix. The Malones are an ancient sept, associated with the O'Connors of Connacht, and their principal family was for centuries associated with the Abbey of Clonmacnois, to which they furnished many abbots and bishops. Three Malones sat in the Parliament of 1689, three served in King James II's army in Ireland and eight were attainted after 1691. One family of Malones was out-standing in the eighteenth century in Ireland. They had conformed, but were nevertheless prominent in their advocacy of Catholic emancipation.



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