

This email was sent to another " Scottish" website by Rick Stirling.

Dear Sirs,

A search on your website for Clan Stirling brings up Clan MacGregor. This is incorrect. Clan Stirling is not a sept of any other clan. Clan Stirling traces its chiefly heritage back to the 12th century to Thoraldus de Strivelyn Vicecomes de Strivelyn in the reign of Edgar and David I of Scotland

The association with Clan MacGregor is purported to have occurred during the time that the MacGregors were proscribed by law in the 17th - 18th century. It is said that some of the MacGregor clan took refuge with the Stirlings of Keir for protection. After the proscription was lifted, these MacGregors continued to use the name of Stirling. Recently ( 1929 ) the Lord Lyon of Scotland recognized this relationship by granting the Stirlings of Fairburn arms which incorporate the Stirling's bend and buckles suitably differenced, with the addition of the MacGregor charges. (see arms below)



The current Chief of the Name of Clan Stirling is Francis Stirling of Drumpellier, presently residing in London.

Many old Scottish families can trace their lineage back to Thoraldus de Strivelyn. The Crawfords, the Royal Stewarts, the Lindsays and the Ruthvens to name a few.

The Clan Stirling motto is "**GANG FORWARD**"

The Clan Stirling badge is a "Out of a ducal coronet, or, a hart's head, azure "



Arms granted in the 13th century, over 800 years ago, to a Stirling are "argent, on a bend sable, three buckles or"



The Stirlings of Fairburn arms granted in 1929 with the bend engrailed for differencing - modified in 1955 as shown

Edinburgh 10<sup>th</sup> October 1955: The Lord Lyon King of Arms on the motion of the said Duncan Alexander Stirling, ordains the bend to be blazoned Sable instead of Azure, as being the tincture proper to the name of Stirling, and Ordains all Extracts to be so given forth.

(Signed) Thomas Innes of Learney  
Lyon

*M.A. Lawson*  
*per Clerk of the Records*

