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## Patronymic surnames

A patronymic surname is derived from the name of a father or ancestor. Surnames with Mac or Mc (meaning son of) before them are Gaelic in origin, and are very common in Scottish and Irish surnames. However, the O prefix (meaning grandson of) in Irish names like O'Neill, O'Hara and O'Donnell isn't very often used in Scottish names.



<b>McAllister</b>	<b>McAuley/Macaulay</b>
<b>McBurney</b>	<b>McCartney</b>
<b>McClelland</b>	<b>McClintock</b>
<b>McConnell</b>	<b>McCullough</b>
<b>McDonald</b>	<b>McFetridge</b>

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<b>McGregor</b>	<b>McIlroy</b>
<b>McIlveen</b>	<b>McIntyre</b>
<b>McKendry</b>	<b>McKinney/McKenzie</b>
<b>McKinstry</b>	<b>McLean</b>
<b>McLoughlin</b>	<b>McNeill/McNeilly</b>

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In many Scottish and Northern English names, instead of having the Gaelic Mac/Mc before the name, they have son after it.



<b>Adamson</b>	<b>Anderson</b>
<b>Atkinson/Acheson</b>	<b>Davidson (Davison)</b>
<b>Dickson/Dixon</b>	<b>Donaldson</b>
<b>Ferguson</b>	<b>Gibson</b>
<b>Harbinson/Herbison</b>	<b>Henderson</b>

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<b>Jackson</b>	<b>Morrison</b>
<b>Patterson</b>	<b>Robinson/Robson</b>
<b>Robertson</b>	<b>Simpson</b>
<b>Stevenson</b>	<b>Williamson</b>
<b>Thompson (Thomson)</b>	<b>Wilson</b>