

Clan BRYCE

ARMS	A red shield with a gold saltire cross between four gold stars, and a red lion passant gardat on a gold chief.
CREST	Not available
MOTTO	Fiat justitia (Let justice be done)



Bryce, Brice. From Bricius, a Gaulish saint of the fifth century, nephew of S. Martin of Tours, whom he succeeded in the bishopric there. A common personal name in Scots records at the end of twelfth and beginning of thirteenth centuries. Bricius, judex, c. 1189-99, witnessed a charter by Laurence, son of Orm de Abernethy, another by Gilbert, earl of Strathern, a. 1198, and between 1204-11 he witnessed a third by William the Lion. Bricius, prior of Brechin, is mentioned c. 1178-98, and another Bricius was chaplain to Matthew, bishop of Aberdeen c. 1180. Bricius, prior of Lesmahago, became bishop of Moray, 1203, Bricius, persona de Cref, c. 1200-20 appears several times as charter witness. He is probably the Bricius who as chaplain to Gillecrist, earl of Angus, is witness to several local charters between 1201-07. Bricius de Dunyn witnessed a charter of confirmation of Fedel c. 1220-44, and c. 1260 another Bricius doubtless Brice, abbot of St. Columb, rendered homage, 1296. His seal bears 'In a vessel with one mast and pennon, sails furled, two figures seated, the dexter one mitred, each holding a pastoral staff erect,' *S' abbatis de Insula Sancti Coumbi*. Brice, abbot of Deer, also rendered homage in the same year. His seal bears the figure of an ecclesiastic standing, pastoral staff in right hand, left on breast, a maniple over his arm, *Sigillum abbatis de Deer*. Richard Brice, burgess and alderman of Stirling, also rendered homage, 1296. Brice, chaplain to Duncan, earl of Fife, c. 1331-1335, is probably Bricius, dean of Fife and Fothruff, in record in 1350. Bricius bane attested a charter of lands of Ochterardour, c. 1370. John Bris, elder and younger, followers of the earl of Cassilis, were respited for murder, 1526. There was an old Lennox family of Bryce, and John Bryse of Drumquhassell assisted the Macfarlanes in their feud with the Buchanans in 1619. Adam and John Bryce in Braco were resettlers of outlawed members of Clan Gregor, 1613. As forename we have Brice Strayton was member of council of Stirlin, 1546.

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