

Clan BURNS

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It is likely that the name comes from one of the places in Scotland with a similar spelling or sound. Robert Burns, a farmer in Kincardineshire, had three sons. His elder son, Robert (1759-96) dropped the 'e' from his name, and overcame the handicap of a disadvantaged childhood to become the most famous, and many argue the finest, of all Scottish poets. He wrote equally well in English and in Scots and within a comparatively short period of a life composed numerous technically gifted love songs, satires, nature poems and depictions of rustic life as well as Tam o' Shanter, his version of a scary folk tale which is today recited all over the world on his birthday.

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