



CLAN DONALD & IONA ABBEY 1200 - 1500

THE EARLY CLAN DONALD AND THEIR IMMEDIATE ANTECEDENT
REGINALD mac SOMERLED WERE THE UNRIVALLED ENDOWERS, PATRONS, GENEROUS
BENEFACTORS AND BUILDERS OF IONA'S ABBEY, CATHEDRAL AND MONUMENTAL SCULPTURE, 1205 - 1503.

THE KINGS AND LORDS OF THE WESTERN PARTS OF SCOTLAND & ISLES

- 1156 - 1164 : **SOMERLED**
KING OF THE ISLES
- EXPELLED THE VIKINGS AND WON BACK THE ISLES. TRIED TO RESTORE COLUMBAN PRIMACY FOR IONA. BUILT THE CURRENT ST ORAN'S CHAPEL AND IS BURIED THERE.
"WOUNDED BY THE SPEAR, SLAIN BY THE SWORD, SOMERLED DIED."
- 1205 - 1207 : **REGINALD**
- ABBEY FOUNDER, FIRST ENDOWER OF BENEDICTINE ABBEY AND NUNNERY. BUILT THE MICHAEL CHAPEL. NOMINATED HIS SISTER BETHAG AS NUNNERY'S FIRST Prioress.
"THE MOST DISTINGUISHED OF THE GAILL OR GAEL FOR PROSPERITY AND GENEROSITY.."
- 1207 - 1247 : **DONALD I**
- *"OF THE STATELY GAZE."* CLAN DONALD'S FOUNDER. HE BUILT THE ABBEY CHURCH. IONA IS CLAN DONALD'S ANCIENT ECCLESIASTICAL CAPITAL.
- 1247 - 1292 : **ANGUS MOR**
- COMPLETED THE CHURCH, CLAUSTRAL BUILDINGS AND THE NUNNERY.
"FROM YOU, COLUM CILLE CAME OVER THRICE TO HELP US - O SCION OF TARA."
- "Remained generous benefactors to the abbey throughout."*
- "Unrivalled among the barons of Scotland as monastic patrons."*
- 1292 - 1299 : **ALEXANDAIR OG**
- *"BEST MAN OF HIS TRIBE."* KILLED IN IRELAND FIGHTING MACDOUGALLS.
- 1299 - 1318 : **ANGUS OG**
- *"MY HOPE IN THEE."* WITH ROBERT THE BRUCE AT BANNOCKBURN, 1314.
- 1318 - 1387 : **GOOD JOHN OF ISLAY**
- *"DOMINUS INSULARUM."* INITIAL IMPETUS FOR IONA SCHOOL OF STONE CARVING.
- 1387 - 1421 : **DONALD OF HARLAW**
- *"SONS OF CONN REMEMBER."* LAST BURIED IN ST ORAN'S CHAPEL, SOUTH WALL.
- 1421 - 1449 : **ALEXANDER**
- *"A GRAND MAN, CALLED MACDONALD."* BURIED CHANONRY OF ROSS, INVERNESS.
- 1449 - 1503 : **JOHN II**
- *"THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE GAEL TO CLAN COLLA, IT IS RIGHT TO PROCLAIM IT."*
BUILT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE ISLES, IONA. LAST MACDONALD LORD OF THE ISLES.

IN THE 15TH CENTURY THERE WAS TWO MACDONALD ABBOTS OF IONA AND TWO MACDONALD BISHOPS OF THE ISLES .
DONALD OF HARLAW GIFTED IONA ABBEY (ABBOT, JOHN MACALAXANDAIR) WITH THE GOLD AND SILVER RELIQUARY *"HAND OF COLUMBA."*

The dominion of the *"Royal family of MacDonald"* was evident in their thirty castles throughout the *Kingdom of the Isles*.