

The Clan MacThomas Society

Application for Membership of the Australian Branch

Clan names: *Combie, McColm, McComas, McComb(e), McCombie, McComie, MacOmie, MacOmish, Tam, Thom, Thomas, Thoms, Thomson.*

Surnames have only become fixed in Scotland since the 18th century, so that early members of the clan used many forms and variations. The initial letter 'Th' in Gaelic having the value of 'H' in English, the name of *MacThomais* (son of Thomas) and its diminutives *MacThom* (son of Tom) and *MacThomaidh* (son of Tommy), came to be pronounced MacHomas, MacHom and MacHommy respectively, which readily explains the variations of the surnames still in use today.

The names Thomson and Thomas also occur in other clans, and in such cases adherence should be determined by genealogical and topographical evidence as to what part of Scotland one's ancestors came from. Those from the following counties in Eastern Scotland – Aberdeenshire, Angus, Fife and Perthshire – are regarded as belonging to the Clan.

Please complete this form and return it, with your membership fee, to the Society address shown at the bottom of this page. Please write clearly and preferably use CAPITAL letters.

Title:		Surname:	
First Names:			Preferred First Name:
Date of Birth:		Maiden Name:	
Place & Country of Birth:			
Current Address:			
Town/City & State:			
Postal Code:		Country:	
E Mail Address:			(If you have one and wish to provide)
Telephone Number:			(If you wish to provide)
Occupation/Profession:			
Please tick the box if you are prepared to serve on a committee at either local or national level: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Please give details below of any skills in any Highland arts or pursuits (eg piping, dancing, Highland games or crafts):			
If your surname or maiden name is not one of the Clan's surnames, on what do you base this application?			
Please let us know how you heard about the Society and why you decided to join: (Please continue overleaf if necessary)			
<i>I hereby apply for membership of the Clan MacThomas Society.</i>		I enclose the sum of: A\$	
Signature:		Date:	

Notes: Your personal information will never be shared outside the Clan or published on the Clan website. Brief details will be published in the Clan magazine, the Clach a'Choilich, during the year that you join.

Annual subscriptions are set at a minimum of the equivalent of A\$30 for individuals, and A\$42 for families (two adults). Families will receive one copy of the annual magazine. These amounts covers membership of the Branch & the Society in Scotland.

Please make your cheque payable to "The Clan MacThomas Society" and send it with this form to:

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