

# Lords of the isles - a history of Clan Donald

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## The Rising Eagle

Though the Lordship was taken away from the MacDonald family in the 15th century, waves of successive MacDonald leaders have contested this and fought for its revival ever since, notably during. Most historians have concluded that the eagle represented the Lord of the Isles claim to the Earldom of Ross, but it has since become the seal representing all the Lords of the Isles. In the style of an independent prince he sent an ambassador to sue for peace; but this presumption merely incensed the monarch, who vigorously prosecuted the campaign against him; and presently, driven to desperate straits, the chief was forced to throw himself upon the royal mercy.

## Donald of Islay, Lord of the Isles

This chief was in reality the last of the Celtic Lords of the Isles; but his house was not to be crushed without a struggle.

## Donald Macdonald (1359)

The Scots do like to bend the rules and occasionally instead of white thread, yellow is used and this is where the rather wild MacLeod Dress Modern and Barclay Dress Modern came from. They concluded that adding the eagle to the Lords of the Isles arms represented the leadership role of the Lords of the Isles governing these other isles clans. King sent his own emissaries to Donald in the following year to negotiate an alliance against Albany.

## Donald Macdonald (1359)

The Earl, however, showed a fatal hesitation to attack. It is first documented in the hands of the McQuillan family in 1513 after they became Lords of the Route. During the long imprisonment of this unfortunate chief the MacDonalds wasted their strength in fierce feuds among themselves, MacIain of Ardnamurchan slaying the whole race of John Mor of the Isles and Kintyre except one Alexander, son of John Cattanach, who in the end married his daughter.

## Armadale Castle

The cover of Donald J.



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