



The Kindred feudal families divided into branches with the most important being:

1. **Macdowyl of Gairochloyne and Lougan-Elrig**: the first line on record
2. **Macdowall of Garthland**: the senior line today
3. **McDouall of Logan**
4. **McDouall of Freuch** (pronounced “frew”)
5. **MacDowyll of Makerstoun**
 - Each of these in time formed more cadet families.

About 1360 **Sir Fergus Macdowyl of Galloway** in the south west inherited his mother’s estate of Macarstoun in Teviotdale in the south east. This Makerston branch of the family carried on in Roxburghshire for centuries.

The **Makerston branch of Clan MacDowall** used several surname spellings including **Macdowyll, Macdowal, Macdowel, Macdougall, and Makdougall**

- They populated the south east of Scotland with various **Macdowall, Macdowel, Macdougall, MacDougall, Mcdougall, and McDougall** surname spellings in families unrelated to the Clan MacDougall of faraway Argyll.