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McKellar

Variants: MCKELLER

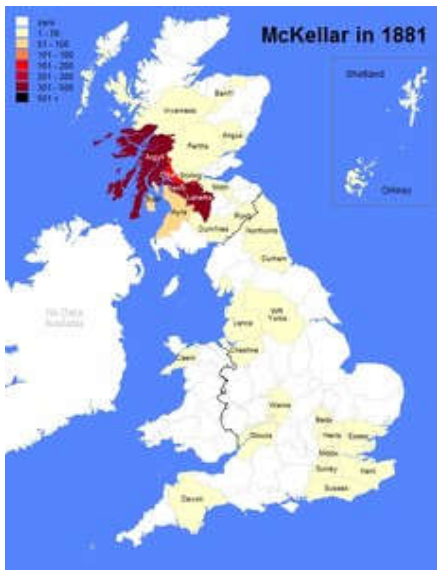
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1908, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1870
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll and Glasgow

1 Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Ealair* 'son of *Ealair*', the Gaelic form of the Latin personal name *Hilarius*.

Early bearers:

Patrick McKellar, 1436 in Black; Archibald Makelar, 1488 in Black (Argyll); Duncan McCallar, Makcallar, 1500 in Black (Dumbarton).

2 Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Céileachair** 'son of the companionable one'. Compare Irish KELLEHER.



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