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Crux Australis Herald

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everybody who receives this report. I suspect we'll be about a week late with this month's mailing due to the Christmas effect, for which I beg your indulgence.

I hope that you were all favourably impressed with the new look Camel. I know I was. Suggestions on layout, etc, should be forwarded to Ædward Stadfæste, whose own little piece in this publication will contain his address and phone numbers.

Camel Subscriptions:

Twelve months ago the price of a years subscription to the Camel rose to \$25.00, and most subscribers took the opportunity to renew at the then lower rate. One year later, all of these subscriptions are about to run out, which means most of Lochac is reading it's last issue of the Camel. See the list of all those whose subscriptions are about to expire.

A question has been raised about this years subscriptions. Considering that several of the Camels this year have been two month combined issues, I have been asked if I intend to extend the subscriptions to cover the months that didn't appear. The implication is that if I don't do this I am failing to fulfil the subscription for a full twelve issues and, in effect, making off with your money.

The answer is - No, I'm not extending the subscriptions. You subscribe for twelve months. I contract to supply you with twelve months worth of heraldic information. We would all prefer that this be provided monthly,

however I haven't been able to do this consistently. Nevertheless, you have all received twelve months worth of Camel, with details of each months Crux, Vesper and Laurel meetings as well as other sundry information. To the suggestion that I am shortchanging you, I would like to point out that the bimonthly issues needed to be twice as thick and cost twice as much to post as the monthlies. (Actually, they cost 80 cents as opposed to 45 cents.) There has been a trivial saving of about 40 cents per subscription over the course of the year, which is insufficient to extend subs by even one month.

I regret if I sound a little rabid about this topic, but it hit me on a nerve. I have never been happy that I couldn't maintain the monthly production, and the idea that I am shortchanging subscribers has enough superficial truth to it to sting. Any subscriber who disagrees with my arguments is invited to reply to them in writing. I'll publish your letter here and put the issue up to the Lochac college. If the opinion of the college is against me, then I will reverse my decision.

A Farewell to those about to leave us

Kate Fletcher
Richard Cullinan
Bruce Probst
Reindert Jonkryg
Keith Fainges
Janet Andrews
Wayne Browning
Nigel Castle
Megan Dansie
Craig Anderson
David Ferstat
Derek Binns.

(please Renew)

Meeting Schedule:

I hold a meeting every month on the first Sunday of the month to consider submissions received since the last meeting. These meetings are held in my home at 3/60 Buller St, Everton Park, Brisbane, and usually commence at 2.00 PM. This starting time is proving to be very flexible. If you're planning on dropping in as a surprise, phone ahead to confirm the starting time. I promise to act surprised when you arrive.



Subscriptions & Publications

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The *Crux Australis Monthly Letter* (Camel) is available from the address in the letterhead of this letter for \$25.00 for 12 months. Make cheques payable to "SCA College of Heraldry". Back issues are available by arrangement.

The *Minutes of the West Kingdom College of Heraldry* are available from The West Kingdom College of Heraldry, 2308 Alva Ave, El Cerrito, CA, 94530, USA for US\$15.00 per year. Make cheques out to "SCA College of Heraldry".

The *Laurel Letters of Acceptance and Return* are available from The SCA College of Arms at PO. Box 1329 Manhattan Beach, CA, 90266-8329, USA. Send a cheque for US\$25.00 made out to "SCA College of Arms." Please note that everything of relevance to Lochac is extracted from the West and Laurel letters and reproduced in the Camel.

Free Trumpet Press. Master Thorfinn is the Australian agent for Free Trumpet Press West, which produces many useful and some essential books on SCA heraldry. His up-to-date price list will appear in this issue of the Camel.

Tee Shirts Available Again From Rocket.

Heralds in Lochac will be aware that orders for the *Hell's Heraldry* tee shirts were recently being solicited in the pages of the *Camel*. The first run of these tee shirts has been printed and sold out. Lord Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw wishes to know if there is sufficient interest in Lochac for a second run to be printed. Cost of the shirts would be \$18.00 each, plus \$3.00 for postage if required. All profits are to go to the College of Heraldry. If interested, please let Lord Decion know as soon as possible. *Send no money now* - if there is insufficient demand, there will be no second print

run. If there is demand, further advertisements with full details will appear in *Camel* and *Pegasus*. For further information, contact Lord Decion c/- Bruce Probst, PO Box 182, Surrey Hills VIC 3127; telephone (03) 808 2567 (home).

Who Calls Lay On?

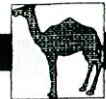
(Who cares! Ed)

There being no negative responses to Lochac Marshals proposal, (indeed, no responses at all), the Lochac College shall support Sven's proposition. For those who missed it last month, here's a reprint:-

"Marshals perform a BRIEF inspection (Showuzyourundies) of each fighter as they enter the eric, with particular attention to armour usually removed between bouts. When the marshals are satisfied, they position themselves between the fighters and signal the herald by raising their staffs and catching the heralds eye. The herald calls the litany, ending with the words "at the marshals command... Lay On!" At the word "...command" the marshals position their staffs between the fighters. At the words "Lay On" the marshals clash staffs to start the fight. If there is only one marshal he lifts the staff out of the way to start the fight. In a melee or war the marshals repeat the "Lay On" call so that all can hear it. The signal for the combat to commence is the raising of the staffs."

This proposal is in accord with the West Kingdom joint Marshallate - Heraldic Policy that the herald cries "Lay On!" I was reminded by Vesper during his visit that no exemption to this policy has been granted to Lochac. Such exemption would require the consent of the King, Vesper Herald and the West Earl Marshal. It is not within the power of any Lochac officer or of the Prince and Princess to reverse a kingdom policy on their own authority. It is within the power of the Prince and Princess to direct that the calls be made in a certain way at any event at which they are physically present.





Heretic Pursuivant! Positions Vacant

Lay on *continued*

I hope to ask the Lochac Knight Marshal to make the announcement at Coronet Quarter Court, as I regret that I will not be able to attend this event. Confirmation of this policy should be in the next Camel.

Heresy of the Month: Fossilised Pursuivants.

It has been pointed out to me that a significant number of the Pursuivants at Large on the Lochac Roster are effectively inactive heraldically. The same could probably be said of several P.E.'s at Large. These people do not appear as consulting herald on devices, and they are never mentioned in reports as having performed court or field duties. As far as I can tell they are not doing anything. The suggestion has been made that all warrants be for a period of two years. If a person has not performed in a heraldic capacity in that period they should be removed from the roster. This would require the reports of group heralds to be scrupulous in reporting who is working and who isn't, and would require the Crux office to keep track somehow of the activities of all heralds at large. The opinions of the College are requested on this matter. If enough of you think it's a good idea I'll see about implementing it. My own opinion is that people tend to treat heraldic rank as an award, when it is in fact a job description. If you're not doing the job, why should you keep the title?

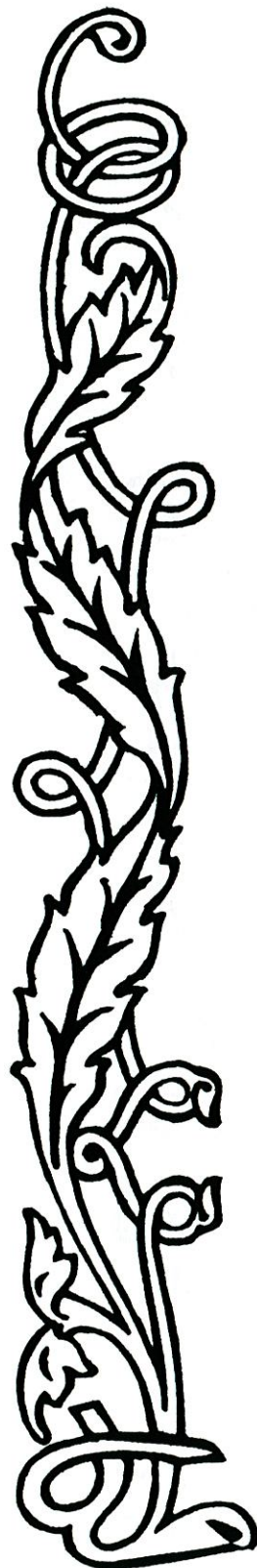
Crux Court Deputy

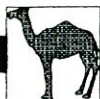
Having received only one written application for this job I announce that Tancred Enrico de Castrogiovianni (William Fergus), presently Cinquefoil Pursuivant, has taken the position. His contact details are as follows: P.O. 367 Alexandria 2105. Work phone:(02) 219 1096, Fax (02) 219 4001. He will be responsible for all Crux duties involving courts and ceremonies,

including the drafting of new ceremonies and the training of court heralds. I expect we will have an introductory article from him in the next Camel or so. Incidentally, as the first occupant of a titled pursuivants position, he gets to name the office. Suggestions should be directed to Tancred, remembering that Lochac has a tradition of the Crux deputies being named after munitions, weapons and artillery.

Wanted: Crux Deputy for Book

Heraldry: As I mentioned in the last Camel, I now wish to delegate the last and biggest of the independent Crux functions; that of management of Lochac's heraldic submissions. The office would be required to hold meetings at least monthly to consider name, device and badge submissions received from around Lochac; to summarise the submissions and make preliminary recommendations to the Lochac College, to provide these summaries on a monthly basis to the Crux Publications deputy for inclusion in the Camel; to receive from the Rocket Pursuivant on a monthly basis a summary of the Lochac commentary and from it to make final recommendations to the Crux Australis herald for disposition of submissions; to maintain the file history of each submission and to write letters of return and advice to submitters where necessary. The job would require approximately 20 hours a month on a normal month, much of which could be delegated within a consulting group. The job comes with three file drawers of files and approximately 3.5 shelf metres of reference books and bound reports. It would be a definite advantage if the work was done by a group of heralds experienced in book heraldry, rather than by one person, both for the spread of expertise and to spread the workload. Seeing the duties are carried out by mail, geographic isolation would not be a problem. Easy access to a computer or word processor would be essential.





Mail Bag

Book Herald *continued*

Applications should be sent to the Crux Australis Herald in the address on the letterhead. I hope to have this position functioning by May Coronet.

Correspondence Received from Nov 17th

Nov 22nd

Brianna Mervet

- New N&D submission
- Eleanor of Merioneth**
- D resub Crux

Nov 24th

Vesper

- Minutes and West LoI for Nov.
- Gwilym Llonydd**
- N resub Vesper (former name Emlyn Y Llonydd)

Nov 29th

Isabella de Bordeaux

- Waldemar of Livonia - New N&D
- Peter the Dark of Riga - New N&D
- Tullia of Tara - New N&D
- Money order for \$72.00.

Rocket

- Commentary on Oct - Nov Camel, copy of letter to Crux chronicler.

Jaques du bar sue le Loupe

- Resub B Crux

Olafr Thordarson

- Request for rostering as Arx Draconis shire herald

Latimer

- Copies of rejection letters for Lochac from Vesper November meeting.

Australia Post

- Camel for Janelle Heron returned as undeliverable - address obsolete.

Dec 1st

Vesper

- Receipt for \$300.00 for Vesper Travel Fund, Lochac accounts statement.
- Kelley of Cornwall's letter of Laurel registration of name and Vesper return of device.
- Letter of Vesper return for Cairistiona MacBeathain

- Vesper reign report.
- Minutes of Vesper senior staff meeting of Nov 7th 1993.
- New advice sheet for royalty re. their heralds

Dec 8th

Olafr Thordarson

- Request to be rostered as Arx Draconis herald.

Dec 10th

Wolfgang von Auerbach

- Renewal of Camel subscription (those on front please take note) for Andrew Brisbane and cheque for \$25.00.

Dec 13th

Goutty d'Eau

- Change of holding name submission for Jarec Blackthorne

Dec 17th

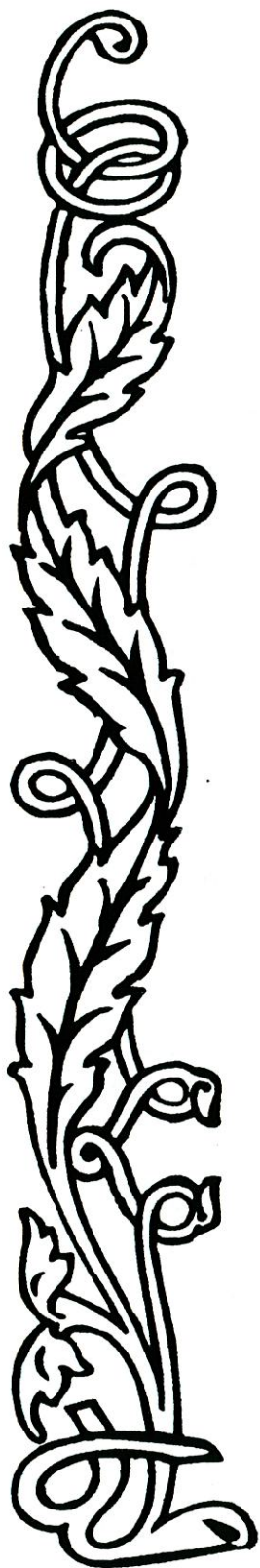
Giles Leabrook

Cheque for \$48.00 for submissions already received from

- Hugh the Little,
- Rohais Ireton of Attenborough,
- Sine the Shameless (B resub Crux),
- Jean-Claude de Rive Gauche (D resub Vesper),
- Francois Henri Guyon (N & D resub Vesper),
- Francesca Cellini (D resub Vesper),
- Oriol of the Gypsies (D resub Vesper),
- Lucia da Carpazi (N&D resub Vesper),
- Kelly of Cornwall (D resub Vesper),
- Docco for Rohais Ireton,
- Jon Dai,
- and Mathilda Adycote.

Goutty d'Eau

- Oriol de Geoffroy (New N&D, \$24.00 cheque),
- Nicolette Dufay (D resub Vesper),
- Rudolf von der Drau (D resub Vesper). [Pedair included a tail of woe and begged me to accept this submission at the \$12.00 rate. I'm a hopeless softy, so OK.]





tracts from the Minutes of the West Kingdom Herald's Meeting of Oct 25th, A.S. XXVIII (1993).

Laurel forced from Office!

Change in Laurel Office

Due to mundane job considerations, Lord Laurel, Bruce Draconarius, must resign. His job is forcing him to work 12 hour days, and 10 hour days on the weekends: with all that, he does not feel he can do justice to the job of Laurel. The person who volunteered (he told me so himself) to fill in for the next 20 months, is Da'ud ibn Auda, who stepped down as Laurel in favour of Bruce. The West Kingdom College gives best wishes to Bruce, and hope that he is able at some point in the future to get active in the College of Arms, and both condolences and good wishes to Da'ud in his new station as Laurel King of Arms.

What is Required for Branch Submissions.

There's a submission this month being returned due to a lack of a) copies and b) proper paperwork. This is for a branch in the Far West. It is amazing how many heralds (and seneschals) do not know what is required in the way of submissions for a branch name/device.

A branch name and/or device submission *must* have the same number of copies of forms and documentation as everyone else. Even more important, however, a branch name and/or device must have a petition, signed by a significant portion of the populace of the branch. Without these, we cannot process the submission. It would be useful if a branch were to note on the name form *where* they are mundanely. This is particularly important for the Far West, when the only addresses we normally see are US Military APO/FPO addresses, which give no indication to us of physical location.

If a branch wishes to submit a badge, the petition *must* have the signatures of several officers. If the branch is a Principality, it must have the signatures of the Prince and

Princess, as well as the Seneschal of the Principality. If the branch is a Barony, the petition must have the signatures of the Baron and Baroness and the Seneschal.

There must be at least two copies of the petition (one for Laurel, and one for our files), and it is a good idea to keep a copy in the files of the branch. If for armoury (device or badge) the petition should list alternates that are agreeable to the populace, so that the signatures on the petition state that those signing agree to the alternates as well as the primary submission.

Laurel Acceptances

August LoAR – Cover Letter date: 25 September, 1993 (Western Submissions from April 1993)

Aine of the Hounds.

- Device. Per bend sinister azure and ermine, two dog's heads couped counterchanged argent and sable.

Alethea of Shresbury.

- Name.

Eleanor d'Avignon.

- Name and device. Per bend argent and vert, two dragonflies counterchanged.

Eleanor of Abergavenny.

- Name.

Emmerick von Adlerhorst.

- Name and device. Sable, an eagle displayed facing sinister Or, on a point pointed argent three crosses flory, one and two, sable.

Kelly of Cornwall.

- Name.

Mador ab Adregain.

- Name.

Morphia Gildersleeve of Saffron Walden.

- Name change (from *Frances of Aneala*).

Randal Mallard de la Guerre.

- Name.

Raymond Landais of Poltarchopolis.

- Name and device. Argent, ermined azure, a wolf's head erased and a bordure gules.





Acceptances and Precedents

Sioned Maesbreila.

- Name and device. Argent, a triskelion of three leaves and a bordure vert.

Stephen Aldred of Rockley.

- Name and device. Per chevron vert and argent, a dragon passant argent and a hunting horn reversed gules, a chief argent.

Tristram Telfer.

- Name change (from *Tristram du Bois*).

William of Riverhaven.

- Holding name and device. Argent, three leeks vert and a bordure sable bezanty. (name returned in April)

Heads – Tyger and Wolf (oh my!)

'... the question was raised on any difference between a *wolf's head* and a *tyger's head*. Rule X.4.e. specifically grants a difference between a *lion* and a [*heraldic*] *tyger*; but even assuming the same between a *wolf* and a *tyger*, that doesn't necessarily require difference between their heads. (By analogy, we grant difference between a *dragon* and an *eagle* – but none between a *dragon's foot* and an *eagle's foot*.) The heraldic tyger is described as 'having ... the maned neck of a horse, and the head of a wolf, but the upper jaw develops into a frontal horn' (Franklyn & Tanner 334); there's no way that the heads could be deemed Substantially different, but I can see granting a CD for the frontal horn and the mane.' [Page 5]

Names – Toponymic/Surnames

'The toponymic was submitted as *Landshelm*, justified in the LOI as a combination of the surnames *Land* + *Helm*. Several commenters noted the implausibility of such a construction; placenames, and indeed most bynames, were not formed from randomly conjoined surnames. (The hypothetical *Shire of Smithjones* was noted as an illustration of implausibility.) Fortunately, the name can still be justified: *helm* can refer to either the summit of a hill or a cattle shelter, and *Land-* is found in such constructions as *Landbeach*, *Landwade*, *Landford*. Such constructions, however, would omit the S between *Land-* and *-helm*; we've therefore done so as well. [Page 5]

Triquetra – Posture

'[(fieldless) A triquetra Or.] 'In the case of Seamus O'Donohue (LoAR of Dec. 89), the inversion of the triquetra was explicitly ruled to be worth a CD. This is therefore clear of the badge of Halldor Skaptason (SCA), (*fieldless*) A *triquetra inverted Or*, with a CD for fieldlessness and a CD for posture. (Posture might not be worth a CD for other knots: they might be too complex to permit inversion to be readily identified, or they might have been

Laurel Precedents

August LoAR – Cover Letter date: 25 September, 1993

From the LOAR

Dulcimers

'Some commenters raised the question of whether the hammered dulcimer is a period instrument. The exact form shown in this submission, played with hammers, is found in the Flemish painting 'Mary Queen of Heaven', c. 1485. (Mary Remnant, Musical Instruments: An Illustrated History, p. 117) In theory, the modifier *hammered* is superfluous; this was the only period form of dulcimer. In practice, enough people are acquainted only with the post-period Appalachian dulcimer that it seems safer to specify.' [Page 11]

Knots and Hanks

'[... two knots of four loops and four tassels ...] 'Possible conflict was cited against the arms of Cotton (Papworth 960): *Azure three cotton hanks Or*. After looking at examples of cotton hanks in Parker and Elvin, I've decided there is a CD between them and Rowan's *knots of four loops and four tassels*: even assuming the hanks were drawn with their loops slightly separate, Rowan's knots could be considered equivalent to 'demi-hanks'. There's thus a CD for the type of charges in chief, and a CD for the tincture of the charge in base.' [Page 4]





Postcard from Vesper (Good-day Mates!)

Precedents continued

used in either posture in period. With an explicit ruling for the triquetra, however, the above point count holds.)' [Page 5]

A Summary of Hirsch's Trip to Lochac

Very briefly, the trip was great. I highly recommend that *anyone* who can do so, visit Lochac for either Purgatorio next year, or for any other reason you can come up with. I met many heralds, and herald sympathizers, as well as non-heralds while there. The folk are kind, helpful, considerate, easy to talk to, and I had a great time.

The Heraldic Collegium wasn't highly attended, but was fun. I didn't have a spare moment, since between classes I was answering questions and talking to many folk. The revel included Prince Alfar, who seemed to enjoy himself. Dancing, bardicing. Lots o'fun.

Among other things, the Lochac College of Heraldry is now on the way to becoming a complete College of Heraldry. The structure is being setup, one office at a time, by Master Peter, with the goal being a fully functional Kingdom College (as I have stated before, the Lochac College is effectively a Kingdom College in all aspects except name, and needs the structure to work). This was my main goal while there, and I am pleased to announce that the ball has started rolling ...

Special thanks to: Decion ap Dryfrw Trefriw, Saraid na Stoirme, Pedair na Cluaine Bige, Marit the Wanderer, Marit's mother (whose SCA name I can't remember, but who put up a lot of us in her garage, and fed us and made sure we had lots of coffee and/or tea before the event!), and Peter the Uncertain, Crux Australis. These folk, among others, made this a great trip. Other thanks to those who raised money to help pay for my trip. There will be a list in both The Page and The Pegasus listing all of them with many thanks.

Current Senoir Staff, Kingdom of the West

This is for your information. Note that Email addresses are included for those who may be contacted via Compuserve or Internet. (Also note that Internet and Compuserve users can send mail between systems -- for Internet to CIS: #####.###@compuserve.com (notice that the comma in a normal Compuserve address is replaced with a period), for Compuserve to Internet: >INTERNET:internet.address).

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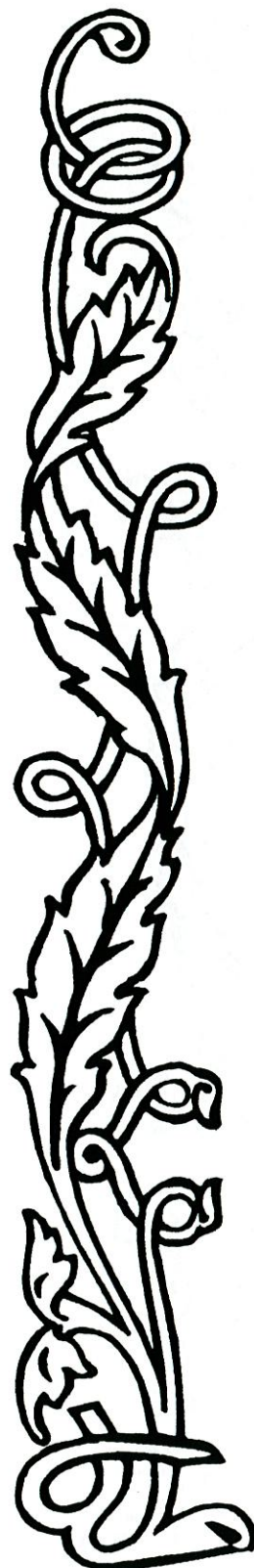
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Senior Staff List & Meeting

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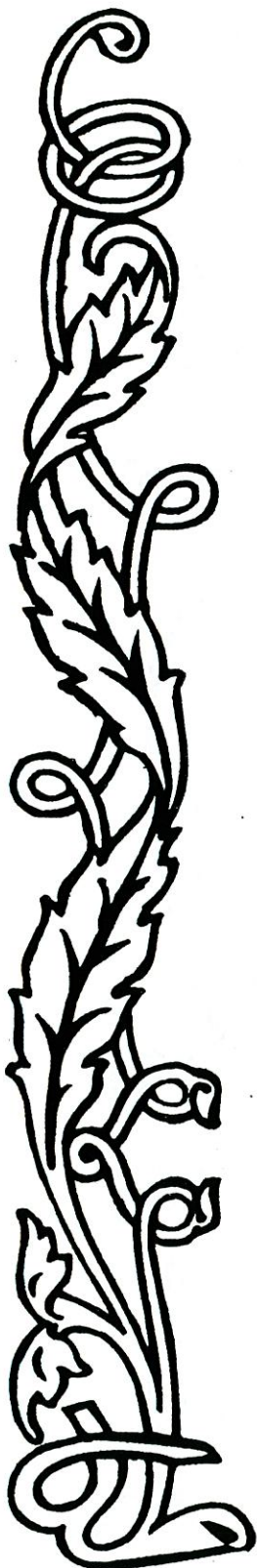
Senior Staff Meeting Summary

This was a difficult meeting in a lot of ways, as the purpose was to ferret out trouble-areas in the College, and try to find ways to fix them. As such, it was actually a very successful (albeit *long*) meeting. Rather than go into details of the meeting itself, suffice it to say we discussed many things, and have come up with many possible solutions. You will hopefully see some positive changes in the way things run during the next tournament season.

All officers on the staff have been asked to try to find deputies -- if you are interested, contact both Vesper and the person you wish to be a deputy of. The deputies of any senior staff position will be in training for that position, but being a deputy does *not* ensure that you will succeed the person holding the office, and a senior staff person may designate several deputies if they wish.

We hope to make this kind of 'Review' meeting an annual event. However, we will also be holding a meeting at the Heraldic Collegium that will have a different focus -- to discuss the goals of both the College, and members of the College, to which all members are invited.

[No Lochac devices were considered at this meeting because Lochac has started internal commentary prior to forwarding devices to Vesper. This has imposed approximately a three month delay. The next Lochac devices to be received by Vesper will be those received by Crux in October, which will be posted in January for either the January or February Meeting, depending on the speed of the mail. - Crux]





hope and heartbreak

Lochac Submissions From the December Crux Australis Meeting

The following submissions are presented for the commentary of the College of Heraldry in Lochac. Please send your letters of comment to the Rocket Pursuivant, c/- Bruce Probst, PO Box 182, Surrey Hills VIC 3127; telephone (03) 808 2567 (home). Please have them IN HIS HANDS by February 1st.

SCA name : Brianna Mervert
 Mundane name : Sharon Baker
 Group : Anaela ? (group not identified on submission forms)
 This submission : new name, new device
 Money received : \$15.00 for name, \$15.00 for device
 Blazon : Purpure crucilly fitchy on a pile wavy argent a dolphin vert

Permitted name changes : Minor changes to grammar and spelling acceptable;
 Important element is meaning; Language of name is not given.

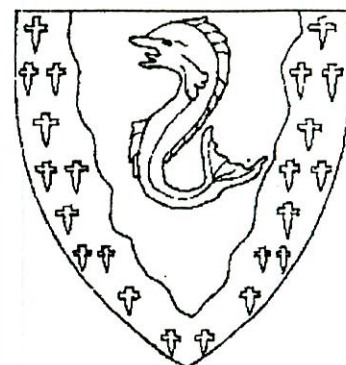
Permitted device changes : Important element/s of the design is / are
 charges, NO DEVICE CHANGES AT ALL WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION

Citations and Documentation: No references given, no photocopies provided.
 Brianna is given as "(fem) of Brian" and Mervert as "French 'Green Sea' (of)."

Crux Commentary: neither of the name elements given can be documented from
 any of the books in the Crux library. The device appears free of conflict but cannot
 be forwarded without a valid name.

Recommendation - return name for documentation, hold device pending valid
 name resubmission.

Consulting Herald: none listed



Brianna Mervert

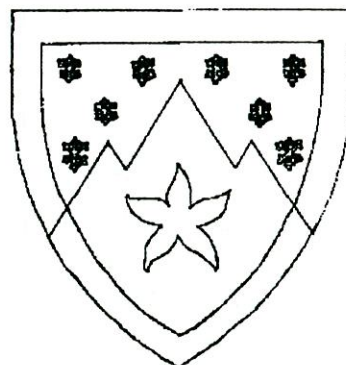
SCA name : Eleanor of Merioneth
 Mundane name : Stephanie Croxford
 Group : Anaela
 This submission : device resub to Crux , name on Crux hold pending device.
 {Lost in the files, actually.}
 Money received : not required for a resubmission.
 Blazon : Azure seme of snowflakes a mountain argent charged with a
 borage flower azure within a bordure parted per chevron argent and azure

Permitted name changes : Acceptable alternates - Alienor of Merioneth, Elen of
 Merioneth. Minor changes to grammar and spelling acceptable. Important
 element is sound. Language of name is given as English.

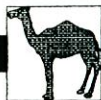
Permitted device changes : Notes to scribe: "please draw mountain as
 shown."

NO DEVICE CHANGES AT ALL WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION

Crux Apologies: This name was passed at the February Crux meeting when the
 device was returned. Unfortunately it was not forwarded to Vesper as it should
 have been but got lost in the files. My deepest apologies to Eleanor for my error
 which has caused a massive delay in her name submission. However, as the name
 is still here it is raised for commentary.



Eleanor of Merioneth



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History of submission: This device was returned by Crux at the February meeting for problems with the blazon and emblazon. The original submission had snowflakes with a great resemblance to mullets and a borage flower with a great resemblance to an estoile. These, combined with the submitters direction that no changes be made to the device, caused Crux to return it for clarification and reemblazoning. The impression was gained that the submitter would object strongly to her borage flower being blazoned as an estoile, or her snowflakes as mullets, although it is within the heralds power to change a blazon regardless of the Make No Changes directive, which only applies to the emblazon.

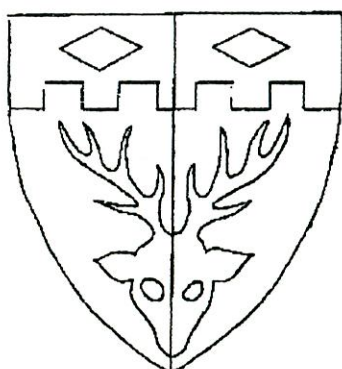
Citations / Documentation: the submitter has provided colour photocopies from a medieval illuminated manuscript (The Grimani Breviary) showing a flower similar to the one in her resubmission. Documentation of similar nature is also provided from a Herbal Index showing an illustration of a Borage plant and it's flower. The Index notes the use of borage as a blue dye and as a subject for embroidery in medieval times. A photocopy from "The Illuminated Books of the Middle Ages" by Humphries (1989) shows borage flowers as a subject of illumination in the manuscript "The Hours of Henry VII." The flower in the resubmission is recognisably similar to those in the documentation.

No documentation is provided for the name Eleanor. Merioneth is documented as one of the three shires of Wales created by the Statute of Wales in 1284. ("The Middle Ages - A Concise Encyclopaedia." 1989 Thames and Hudson, Ltd, London. Editor H.R. Loyn.) Photocopies of the docco are provided.

Crux commentary: Snowflakes are legal charges in SCA heraldry. These on the resubmission are recognisably snowflakes, and not mullets, although I doubt if there is any heraldic difference between a mullet and a snowflake. The flower is now much less like an estoile. I confess to being nervous about the mountain. It resembles to my eye some sort of bizarre chevron variant, particularly in the way it extends across the bordure to act as a line of division. Could commenters please suggest alternate blazons for the mountain? Please consider also if this is in sufficiently non period style to justify a second return. The name appears to be acceptable and free of conflict.

Recommendation: forward name ASAP, [tentatively] forward device.

Consulting Herald: Kane Greymane



Gwilym Llonydd

SCA name :Gwilym Llonydd

Mundane name :James Robinson

Group :Parvus Portus

This submission :name resub to Vesper, device resub to Crux.

Money received :not required for a resubmission.

Blazon :Per pale vert and argent a stags head cabossed and on a chief embattled two lozenges, all counterchanged.

Permitted name changes : , Minor changes to grammar and spelling acceptable, Important element/s is / are meaning; language. Language of name is given as Welsh. NOTE: "English translation : Gwilym (William) the Quiet"

Permitted device changes :Acceptable alternates - 1/ "Remove lozenges from chief; 2/ "Vert, two stags heads cabossed in pale argent"; 3/ "Per pale vert and argent two stags heads cabossed in pale counterchanged."

History of submission: This gentles previously submitted name, Emlyn y Llonydd, was returned in June 1992 by Vesper because Emlyn is apparently not a period Welsh given name. The device was returned by Crux in October 1992



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because (A) it was not accompanied by a valid name resubmission and (B) only four copies of the device were provided where five were required.

Citations / Documentation: Gwilym is cited from "Welsh Genealogies AD 1400 - 1500" Vol. XIV: Index of persons (c): Gwynedd Uwch Conway. The National Library of Wales. 1983. ISBN 0 907158 08 0. Pages 27 - 28. Llonydd is cited from "The Collins - Spurrell Welsh Dictionary", William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1960. (Latest reprint 1990). ISBN 0 00 433402 7. Page 114. No photocopies from either of these sources are provided.

Crux commentary: The name Gwilym is documented in Compleat Anachronist #66 "A Welsh Miscellany" by Heather Rose Jones, p.31. None of the references in the Crux library can document Llonydd. It appears from the history of the submission that Llonydd raised no eyebrows at the Vesper level previously, as the recorded reason for return was the incompatibility of "Emlyn."

Consider the arms of Bjorn Jarnsberg (SCA Jan 1990) "Per pale vert and argent a stags head cabossed counterchanged." There is one CVD for the addition of the chief. Adding the lozenges to the chief seems to grant a extra CVD under rule X.4.i. - "Adding or removing any group of charges placed entirely on other charges is one clear difference." Thus there are two CVD's. I raise this because the devices still seem to me to be very similar. Could we have some comments from the rules lawyers among us, please?

Recommendation: pass name and device on to Vesper.

Consulting Herald: Kaspar von Tyrol and the submitter.

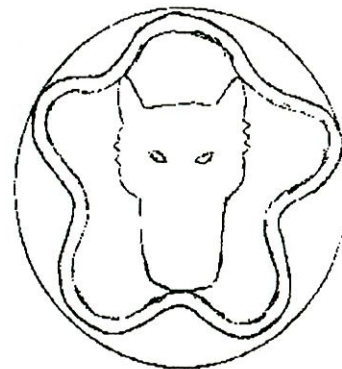
SCA name :Jaques du Bar sur le Loupe
 Mundane name :Rob Lietzow
 Group :Parvus Portus
 This submission :resub of badge to Crux.
 Money received :not required for a resubmission.
 Blazon :Fieldless, within an annulet wavy a wolf's head cabossed argent

History of submission: Jaques previous badge submission, "Azure a wolfs head cabossed argent" was returned by Crux in April 1992 for conflict with the following devices :- Azure a wolf's head erased argent (Hugh Lupus, Riddell of Rednamurchan), Sable a fox mask argent (Fandral Silverfox, SCA Sept 1973) and Azure a wolf's head cabossed within an orle of lozenges argent (Antoinette St. Clair, SCA July 1991). Crux at the time recommended the change to a fieldless design and / or the addition of a bordure, pointing out that a fieldless badge would require the head and bordure to be conjoined.

Crux commentary: As far as we can see this design is in good style and free from conflict.

Recommendation: pass to Vesper.

Consulting Herald: none mentioned



Jaques du Bar sur le loupe



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Peter the Dark of Riga

SCA name :Peter the Dark of Riga
Mundane name :Adam Rutler
Group :Drachenschloss
This submission :new name, new device
Money received : \$15.00 for name, \$15.00 for device
Blazon :Sable a gargoyle argent atop a mountain or holding aloft in it's sinister hand a garden rose or slipped and leaved vert.

Permitted name changes : Acceptable alternates - Petrus de Braun von Riga, Minor changes to grammar and spelling acceptable, Important element is meaning, Language of name is given as Livonian (Latvian), Correct name structure to be in order for this language.

Permitted device changes :Acceptable alternates - 1/ Sable a gargoyle atop a mountain argent holding aloft in it's sinister hand a garden rose rules slipped and leaved vert; 2/ Sable a gargoyle argent.
Important element of the design is charges.

Citations / Documentation: None

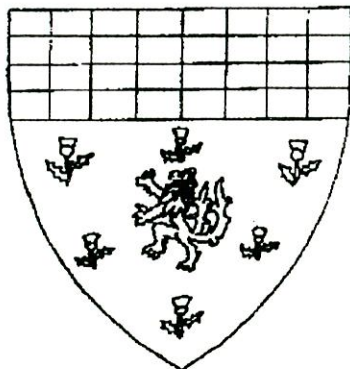
Crux Commentary: Peter is a well enough known name that docco isn't really necessary. The byname "the Dark" could be TSCA or it could describe a person of naturally dark colouring. Given the device, I'd put my money on the former. Riga is a city on the Gulf of Riga in the Baltic Sea which was in existence in the 14th century. (Muir's Atlas of Ancient, Medieval and Modern History.) We find no conflict with either the name or device. We have no knowledge of the Latvian language or of Latvian naming practices. However, the name appears to be acceptable as is.

The blazon could be shortened significantly. The details of which hand is holding the rose and in what position, as well as the slipping and leaving thereof could be left to artistic license as they generate no difference.

One of the meeting expressed concern that such an obvious demonic figure should be allowed on armoury. Considering that the College of Arms has just ruled pentacles unacceptable in SCA armoury because of their association in the public mind with witchcraft and Satan worship, the point is a valid one. If pentacles disturb the public, demons on shields should leave them foaming at the mouth. In passing we note our suspicion that the byname "the Dark" is intended to compliment this theme. However, the 2nd Edition of the PicDic gives gargoyles as a legal charge in SCA armoury. Commentary on this issue is requested.

Recommendation: pass name, pass device.

Consulting Herald: Isabella de Bordeaux



Suhannah of Locksley

SCA name :Suhannah of Locksley
Mundane name :Susan Bellinger
Group :Agaricus
This submission :name resub to Crux, device resub to Crux
Money received :not required for a resubmission.
Blazon :Argent between six thistles proper 3,2, and 1 a lion rampant double queued vert and a chief chequy gules and argent.

Permitted name changes : Acceptable alternates - Susannah of Locksley, Susan of Locksley, Minor changes to grammar and spelling acceptable.



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Permitted device changes :Acceptable alternates - Reduce number of thistles to three.

History of Submission: The name was returned by Crux in June 1992. It was then submitted as "Suhannah." No documentation was provided for the spelling variation and Crux was unable to come up with a justification for it. No alternates were permitted. The device was returned as it could not be submitted without a valid name.

Citations / Documentation: "Previously submitted but rejected for the lack of a second 'S' in first name. Second 'S' now added as per instructions. Two further alternates provided. (All sent by previous herald but presumed lost.) Combination of Susuan and Hannah as per naming practices where a combined name is given to honour both grandmothers." No documentation is provided.

Crux comments: Sushannah cannot be found in this spelling in any of the books in the Crux library. The closest documentable spelling is Susannah, which is a permitted alternate. I am unaware of the cited naming practices where names are combined to honour both grandmothers. Locksley is famous as the origin place of Robin Hood, and appears in Ekwall on page 306 as Loxley with variant spellings. The device appears to be free of conflict. The chequy on the chief is drawn oddly. Cheques are square and these are rectangular.

Recommendation: pass name as Susannah, pass device.

Consulting Herald: David of Lockerbie

SCA name :Tullia of Tara

Mundane name :Danielle Brandon

Group :Drachenschloss

This submission :new name, new device

Money received : \$15.00 for name, \$15.00 for device

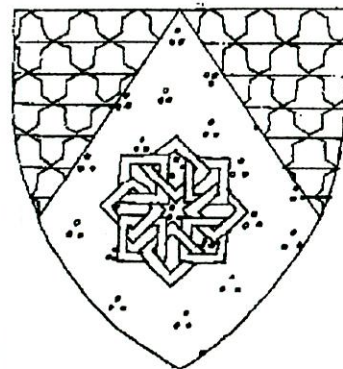
Blazon :Sable seme of sparks argent, chape vair, a mullet of eight interlocking mascles argent.

Permitted name changes : Minor changes to grammar and spelling acceptable, Important element is language. Language of name is given as Celtic - Irish. Correct name grammar and spelling to proper form for this language.

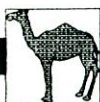
Permitted device changes :Acceptable alternates - 1/ Sable chape argent a mullet of eight interlocking mascles or; 2/ Argent chape and mullet of eight interlocking mascles gules; 3/ Sable three mullets of eight interlocking mascles argent, Important element of the design is charges.

Documentation / Citations: "Tullia - peaceful quiet one. Tara - 'rocky pinnacle or crag', also the ancient capital of the Irish kings. Source: "4004 Baby Names" - Royce Publishing Co." No photocopies provided.

Crux commentary: The use of the phrase "of Tara" was ruled inadmissible as part of a name by Laurel in his meeting of June 19th XIX (1984) in the submission of Reynardine of Tara. Tara being the seat of the old kings of Ireland, it was felt that claiming to be of Tara was claiming either royalty or royal kinship, and thereby presumptuous. As far as I am aware this decision has never been reversed, so the name will have to be returned. (By this precedent it would also be illegal to be of Edinburgh, seat of the Scottish kings, of London, seat of the English kings or of Paris, seat of the French kings; yet I'm sure I've seen such names used. In addition, I believe the normal use name for period royalty was (Name) of



Tullia of Tara

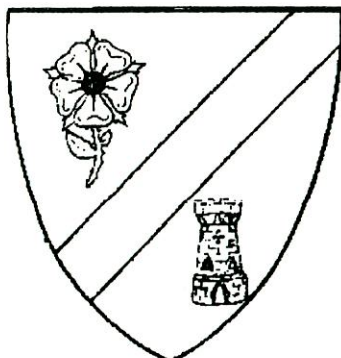


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(Nation), not (Name) of (Capital), e.g. Henry of England, not Henry of London or Alexander of Scotland, not Alexander of Edinburgh. Can I have your comments and opinions on this please? If I'm right, this name might pass on appeal.) The device appears to be free of conflict to a preliminary cursory check, but cannot be considered without a valid name.

Recommendation: return name, hold device pending valid name.

Consulting herald: Isabella de Bordeaux



Ulric le Alefondere

SCA name :Ulric le Alefondere

Mundane name :Wayne Johannesen

Group :Stormhold

This submission :new name, new device

Money received :\$15.00 for name, \$15.00 for device

Blazon :Or a bend sinister between a rose gules slipped and leaved vert seeded or and a tower gules.

Permitted name changes : Minor changes to grammar and spelling acceptable, Important element/s is / are meaning; language; sound, Language of name is given as Norman -French. Correct name grammar and spelling to this language.

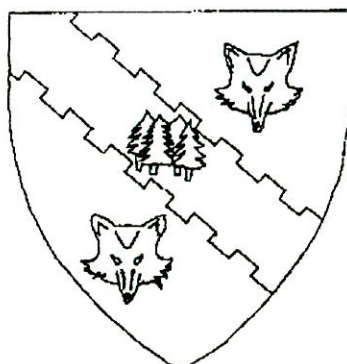
Permitted device changes :Acceptable alternates - 1/ "Change bend sinister to vert";2/ "Change bend sinister to azure." Important element/s of the design is / are charges, colours.

Citations / Documentation: Ulric - (Wulfric) from Wulf {wolf} and Ric {ruler}. Withycombe's "Oxford Dictionary of English Christian Names." Alefondere - (Ale inspector) from Reaney's "Dictionary of British Surnames", (under Alefounder.) No photocopies are provided.

Crux commentary: Withycombe dates Ulric to 1086 from the Domesday Book. Alefondere is dated in Reaney to 1275. Both name and device are in good order and are apparently clear of conflict.

Recommendation: pass name and device.

Consulting herald: Hrolfr Hreggvidarson



Waldemar of Livonia

SCA name :Waldemar of Livonia

Mundane name :Kerry Hutton

Group :Drachenschloss

This submission :new name, new device

Money received :\$15.00 for name, \$15.00 for device

Blazon :Gules on a bend embattled counterembattled between two foxes masks argent a hurst of fir trees proper.

Permitted name changes :Language of name is given as Livonian (Latvian), please correct grammar and spelling to this language.

Permitted device changes :Acceptable alternates - "Gules a chevron embattled between two fox's masks argent and a hurst of fir trees proper", Important element/s of the design is / are: colours.

Citations / Documentation: "Waldemar (pronounced Valtemar) is a Latvian name. Also found in baby name books as Teutonic, meaning "Mighty Warrior" or "Famous Ruler." Waldemar the Great - 12th Century Danish king. Valdemar is



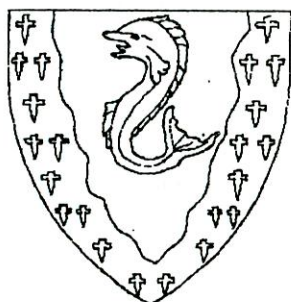
Scandinavian variation. Source: 4004 Baby Names - Royce Publishing Co." No photocopies provided.

Crux Commentary: Somewhat to my surprise the Crux library cannot document Waldemar, or any of it's spelling variations. Perhaps some of the Lochac commenting meetings can do so, otherwise I feel this name should be returned for lack of documentation. Livonnia was the old name for Lithuania or Estonia from the 14th to 16th century. (Muir's Atlas of Ancient, Medieval and Modern History). The device appears to be free of conflict. Recommendation: Pass name if docco can be found, and pass device; otherwise return name and hold device. Consulting herald: Isabella de Bordeaux.

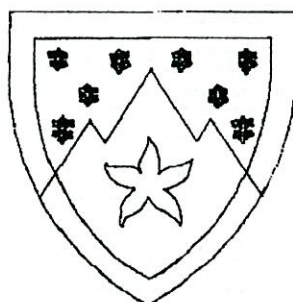
Chroniclers Crag.

Um, yeah - sorry about the no address feature of the last *Camel*. My thanks to those who were able to find my address for their kind words and suggestions on layout. I hope this issue addresses the needs of those running commentry meetings. I have had some good suggestions for the title of this position but I will wait till next *Camel* before letting you know. Till next issue - Bye!

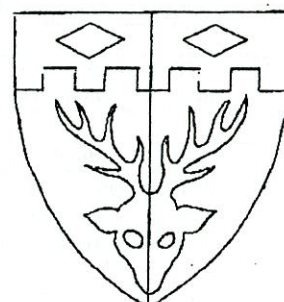
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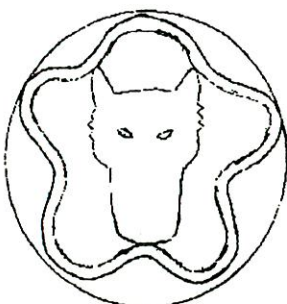
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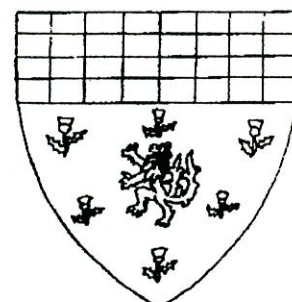
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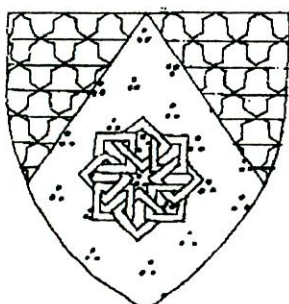
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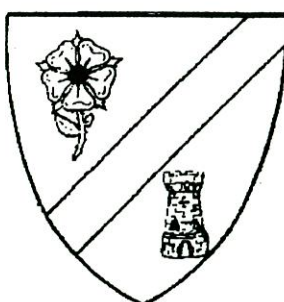
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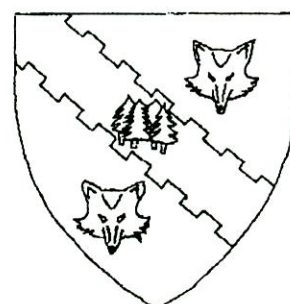
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