West Kingdom College of Heralds

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MINUTES - July AS XXXIV (1999)
The July meeting was held on Sunday, July 11. The meeting started at 12:49 and ended at around 2:45 pm. In attendance at this meeting were: Frederick of Holland, Æðelfrīð se hlūda, Walraven van Niucmege, Sarra atte Elmes, Felix MacAvity, Teleri Tawel.

COLLEGE OF HERALDS MEETINGS
The upcoming meetings are: August 8, Sept. 12, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, and Jan.9. The meetings will be held at the home of Tangywystyl verch Morgant Glasvryn, Harpy Herald (Heather Rose Jones, 5838 Fremont Street, Oakland, CA 94608-2612, (510) 654-6635). Contact her if you need directions.

ANYONE WITH WALK-IN SUBMISSIONS SHOULD CONTACT MATINS IN ADVANCE. This is especially important if the submitter has previous submissions, so I can make sure to bring the file. Currently we are researching the names beforehand through an e-mail list. If you are interested in joining the list, please contact Matins for details.

Please send all correspondence (submissions, minutes subscriptions, etc.) to the address at the top of this letter! For some unknown reason, a minutes subscription check was sent to Harpy Herald’s address and very nearly got lost in the shuffle as it is not her job to deal with such things. Please do NOT send submissions or minutes requests to Vesper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
NEW SUBMISSION FORMS — The Laurel Sovereign of Arms has issued a standard set of submission forms for use by all kingdoms. Laurel has stated that these forms will be required for all submissions to the College of Arms. This requirement is scheduled to begin in February, 1999. Therefore, unless there is an unexpected change in this policy, we will be forced to return any submissions not using the new forms beginning at the February, 1999 meeting. The new forms are now available from Matins or the Kingdom consultation table.

EXPIRING MINUTES SUBSCRIPTIONS
There are no subscriptions due to expire in July.

BRACHT MEETINGS
These meetings comment on heraldic submissions from other Kingdoms. Please consider attending. They are a fast way to learn how the Rules of Submission work and how to research armory. The Bracht meetings are in Berkeley on Wednesday nights. If you are interested, contact the Bracht Herald, Frederick of Holland (Fred Hollander) at (510) 653-3652.

HERALDIC PUBLICATIONS
Subscriptions to these minutes are available for $15 for one year from the College of Heraldry at the address in the letterhead. Please remember to check your expiration date so that you don’t miss any issues. Updates to the Armorial and Ordinary are available from Free Trumpet Press West along with other useful heraldic publications. Write for a free price list. The address is Free Trumpet Press West, 1613 N. School St. Normal, IL 61761-1240.

A Pictorial Dictionary of Heraldry as Used in the Society for Creative Anachronism (by Bruce Draconarius of Mistholme and Akagawa Yoshio) is available through Green Duck Designs (the merchants with all those books at most Kingdom and Principality events in the central part of the Kingdom). It is also available in the United States by sending $15 to Bruce Miller, 1711 Tenth Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266, (310) 379-1321. Harpy Music is no longer selling the West Kingdom Herald’s Handbook and the West Kingdom Ceremony Book. Please contact Heather Rose Jones, 5838 Fremont Street, Oakland, CA 94608-2612, (510) 654-6635 for details.

 ELECTRONIC RESOURCES
Many interesting heraldic links can be found through the SCA Heraldry web page at http://www.sca.org/heraldry, including West Kingdom submission forms, the Laurel home page, on-line armorial and ordinary search. The Academy of St. Gabriel (a heraldic consultation service) has announced a temporary hiatus.
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\(\oplus\) ACCEPTANCES \(\oplus\)

1. Arabella Kathryn Matthew  
Argent a horse passant contournay sable and a base wavy purpure.

We will tell the submitter to draw the base a bit lower.
Name passed via Caed, Nov.’93

2. Catarina Salvatore Rocca  
Per chevron inverted azure and argent on a plate in chief a triangle sable.

"Catarina" is found in 14th and 15th c. Florentine records (Rhian Lyth "Italian Personal Names" in the 1989 Heraldic Symposium Proceedings) as well as in 14th century Venetian records (Talan Gwynec "Fourteenth Century Venetian Personal Names")

"Salvatore" appears in Rhian Lyth as a masculine given name, as well as in the 1427 Florentine Catasto (online version) in the spelling "Salvadore". Presumably it is being used here as a patronym.

Rocca- Emidio De Felice, pg.375

3. Erik Alder  
Or, three dragons passant guules, on a chief sable an eagle displayed argent.

The submitter appears to be about 9 years old. He cares about the meaning. He says, "Alder means Eagle in German." Therefore, we have taken the submitted spelling of <Adler> as a typo. Adler is a perfectly good German byname, but it means "elder" not "eagle" (Bahlow p. 10 under Alde). Eagle would be "Adler" (which is also a perfectly good German byname). We have used the word with the desired meaning.

The more usual German spelling of the given name appears to be <Erich>, but Brechenmacher has a surname example of this spelling in "Joh. Erik" (1456) (pg.413 under "Erich"). Brechenmacher (pg.11 under "Adler") notes the following examples: Cuourat Blez der Adeler (1290).

4. Jarvis of Hakesleah  
Purpure three hakes haurient Or.

We note that this does not seem to conflict with Deirdre of Shadowdale, Purpure two dolphins embowed in annullo tails chained together Or.

The first submission, Purpure a chevron between three hakes haurient Or, conflicts with Tancred Bras-de-Fer. Purpure a chevron ploye between two leopards'heads jess-de-lys and an acorn inverted Or.

Withycombe (under "Gervaise") dates the spelling "Jarvis" to 1604. Reaney & Wilson (p.252 under "Jarvis") has "Jerfeys" and "Jerveys" as surnames in the 14th century. We note that the locative format is clearly significantly earlier than the 16th century.

The composition of the place-name looks sound -- Smith (English Place-Name Elements, vol.II p.22 under "leah") notes the common use of personal names in modifying this topographic element, and "Hake" is of sufficient antiquity to have been so used.
5. Nell of Ambrewood

<Nell(y)> - Witycombe, pg. 226
<Ambre> - Ambresham, 1166, Ekwall under “Ambersham”, meaning “Embres’s Ham”.
<Ambre> British river, Ekwall under “Ambre”
<Wood> Elizabeth Sherwood, 1539, Reany&Wilson, under “Sherwood”, meaning “dweller by the bright wood.”
<Bradewude>, 1179-80, J.B. Johnston, Place-Names of Scotland, under “Braidwood”, meaning gully + wood, implies the requested construction of <Ambre>++<Wood>.

6. Rebecca Rose

Request for Change of Blazon.

The submitter’s device was passed by Laurel as Quarterly azure and argent, four dog’s pawprints counterchanged argent and sable. Although this college did submit the device as Quarterly azure and argent, four pawprints counterchanged argent and sable, it respectfully notes that the submitter did, indeed, draw the pawprints without the claws normally associated with canine pawprints and fervently desires that the pawprints be specified as cat’s pawprints which is allowed. Please correct the blazon to be Quarterly azure and argent, four cat’s pawprints counterchanged argent and sable.

7. Rebecca Silver

Chevronelly azure and argent.

Submitter requests that when this is registered, her current device be released: Argent, a sexfoil and on a chief azure a greyhound courant argent.

8. Roelandt Storme van Raedt

New Name and Device.

Per chevron Or and azure, an eagle displayed counterchanged, on a chief gules three crosses formy swallowtailed argent.

Documentation: Academy of St. Gabriel website. All elements of the name are from “Flemish Names from Bruges (Census of 1514)”. URL is http://www.id.umich.edu/~xmenez/s.gabriel/docs/bruges/

There is a spelling inconsistency in the name. He has a final "-d" in the given name, but "-dt" in the locative. Either both should have a "-d" or a "-dt". I’d recommend changing the given name to "-dt", since "Roelandt" also appears in the Bruges data. As the submitter has asked for an authentic name, we have added the “t” to the given name.

9. Roland Campion

New Device

Azure an increscent argent and a ford proper.

Name was passed on to Laurel after the West Kingdom College of Herald’s March 1999 meeting.

10. Rowen of Hakeselah

New Name and Device

Gules an orle of escallops Or.

<Rowan> - Owen, Crane, and Macguire, “Ruadan/Ruadhán” anglicized to Rowan.

The composition of the place-name looks sound -- Smith (English Place-Name Elements, vol.II p.22 under "leah") notes the common use of personal names in modifying this topographic element, and "Hake" is of sufficient antiquity to have been so used.

<Hake> from Reany, Dictionary of British Surnames. p. 212. The surname is derived from a Scandinavian nickname.
<Leah> from Ekwall, pg. 292 under “leah”. The combination <owner’s name>+<leah, meaning wood> seems reasonable.

11. Sarra atte Elmes

Name Change

<Sara> - Withycombe, pg.264, heading “Sara”, date to 12th c.
<atte Elmes> - Reaney and Wilson, pg.154, “John atte Elmes, 1322.

12. Solange de la Forteress

New Name and Device
Sable, in pale a sun in splendor and a lion dormant all within a bordure wavy Or.

Documentation given with the help of Academy of St.Gabriel. "<Solange> or <Solonge> as either a French given name or surname before 1600.
The feminine name <Solange>, also spelled <Soulange>, derives from the name <Solemnia>, which was the name of a 9th century French martyr. [Dauzat]
The name was recorded as <Solemia> and <Sollimia> in the early 9th century. [Morlet] It probably evolved into the form <Solange> by the 12th or 13th century. {We don't have examples of the given name in the 12th or 13th century, but we did find some place names derived from the masculine form of the rootname, <Solemnius>. The modern place <Soulanges> is <Solengia> in 1043, <Soulanges, Soulanges> 1232, <Solangiac> 1233, <Solanges> 1234, <Soulenge> c.1252. Since this name was taken directly from the forename used adjectively, it should show a development pretty close to that of the forename.)"

Middle English <forteress>, from Old French, from Medieval Latin <fortalitiae>, from Latin <fortis>, strong. [Am. Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Third Ed., (c)1996 by Houghton Mifflin Co.]

Since forteresse is a generic term, rather than a proper name, we'd expect a definite article (de la Forteress). In the absence of evidence for the submitted construction, it seems more reasonable to follow standard grammar. We can't find any evidence for either the French or English term in personal names, but it is solidly dated to period.

As we consider the article to be a minor change, we have taken the liberty of adding it to the name.

‡ RETURNS ‡

5. Nell of Ambrewood

New Device
<Per chevron vert and argent, two harps addorsed in chevron and a fir tree counterchanged, a bordure sable.>

Chevron is too high and the bordure is colour on colour. Recommend that the line of division and bordure be dropped and the upper section become three harps on a chief.

12. Solange de la Forteress

New Device
Sable, in pale a sun in splendor and a lion dormant all within a bordure wavy Or.

Returning the device so that the wavy bordure can be properly drawn.