

October 30, 2018

East Kingdom

Internal Letter of Decision

East ILoI dated September 19, 2018

To the most noble members of the East Kingdom College of Heraldry, greetings!

Commenters may have noticed that we've done a lot of blazon refinement in the last two letters. In keeping with the vision of the East Kingdom OSCAR garden being a place for heralds to learn as well as teach, I will not be correcting the original blazons from the forms when I post them into OSCAR, so long as they are accurate enough to convey the emblazon. I invite all commenters to turn their hand toward tightening the blazons as we enter into our Pennsic submissions next month.

Many thanks to the following commenters who provided assistance this month:

Charitye Mural, Cristina Volpina, Drasma Dragomira, Eleanor Chantrill, Eleazar ha-Levi, Etienne Sea Stag, Gunnvor Orle, Iago ab Adam, Juetta Copin, Mathghamhain Seahorse, Rosina von Schaffhausen, Ryan Skunk, Seraphina Ragged Staff, and Póry Pallet.

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

1. Alaxandair Morda mac Matha

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	(Fieldless) A rhinoceros statant sable	Forwarded



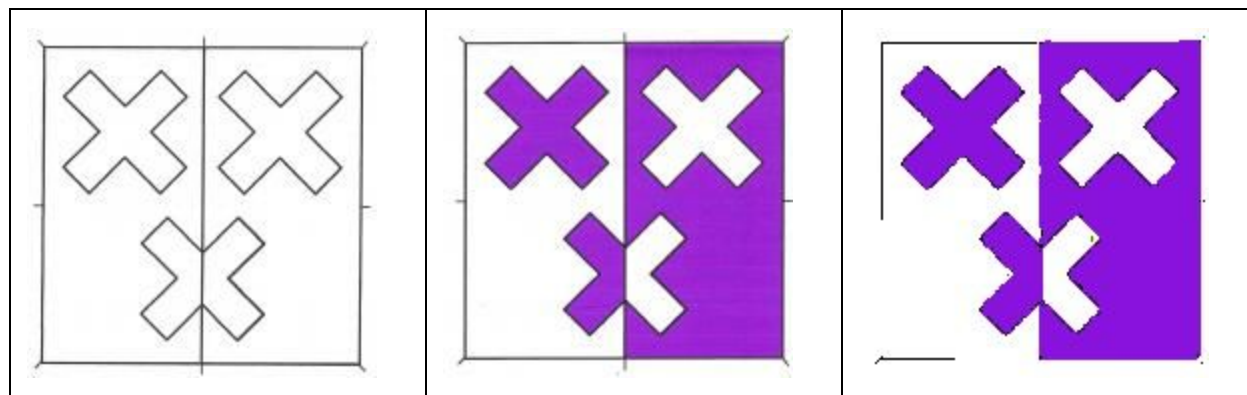
Notes:

Submitter believes that the horn, armored hide, and body profile should provide a DC, if not an SC, from the hippopotamus found in Sajah bint Habushun ibn Ishandiyar al-Hajji's registered badge, "(Fieldless) A brown hippopotamus statant guardant proper." Commenters were not convinced that there would be a DC between the two animals. Lacking precedent, we are sending this submission forward for Wreath to make a determination.

Commenters were concerned that the details on the woodcut were too complex for heraldic artwork, and new artwork has been approved by the submitter for the xLoI.

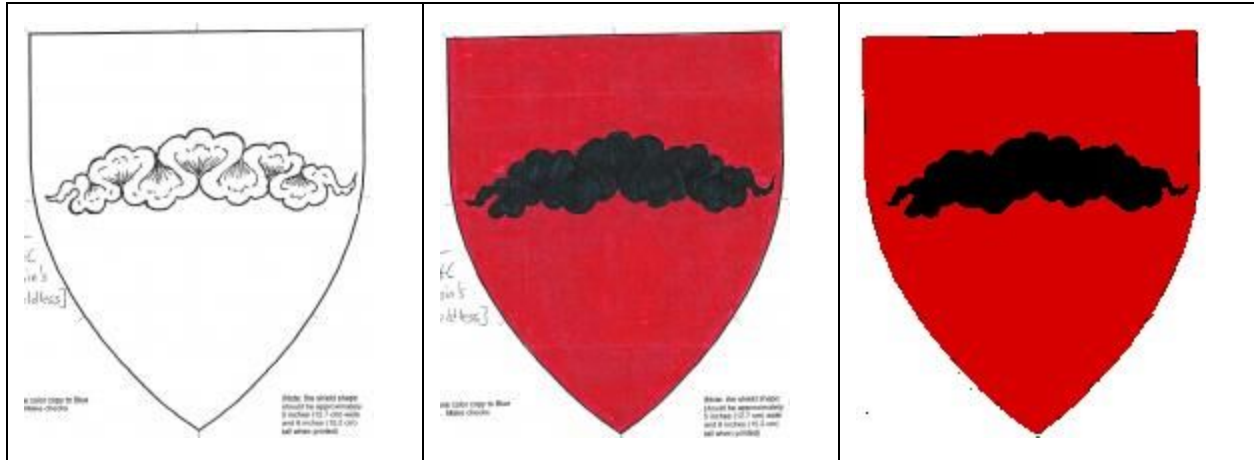
2: Alienor Salton

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	Per pale argent and purple, three saltorels counterchanged	Forwarded



3: Andreiko Efferiev

Submission	Description	Decision
Badge Resub	Gules, a cloud sable	Forwarded



Notes:

This submission was returned on the February 2017 LoAR (<http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2017/02/17-02lar.html>) for conflict with the badge of Mell MacAlpin. Permission to conflict has been received, and is attached.

The full text of the return is as follows:

This device is returned for violation of SENA A.3.B.4.a, which states "Charges must have good contrast with the background on which they are placed." The submitter attempted to document an Individually Attested Pattern for late-period English heraldry. While sable charges on gules fields were sufficiently documented, and evidence of both bordures and clouds in English heraldry were established, the pattern of a low-contrast complex primary charge and a high-contrast secondary charge was not sufficiently documented by the submitter (who provided only two examples), and subsequent examples were not found in commentary.

Removal of the bordure would bring the submission into alignment with the documented patterns, but would create a conflict with the badge of Mell MacAlpin (Fieldless) A cloud sable.. Given how recently the badge was registered, we encourage the submitter to reach out to the heralds of Calontir to seek permission to conflict from Mell MacAlpin.

The original submission offered the following IAP evidence:

This device is being submitted as an IAP for complex sable charges on a gules field surrounded by a high-contrast border in English heraldry.

Sable charges on gules are common:

<http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/dept/scwmss/wmss/medieval/mss/lat/misc/e/086.htm> - fol

38V-39R has "Sable, a cross formy gules" - probably not complex enough, but it's a start. This is a 15th Century English manuscript.

- DBA I p 132: Gules, a lion Sable, STAUNTON LQ
- DBA II p 144: Gules, a two-headed eagle Sable. SESARE, Julius RH 43; Ancestor iii 194.
- DBA II p 220: Gules, a bridge of two arches with a turret at each end Sable and in base three roundels 1 and 2 Or. FERREY, Duke of. PCL IV 115
- DBA IV, p 110: Gules, 3 garbs sable banded Or. WALDESHEFF, Sr Nichol. CKO 643.
- DBA IV p 150: Gules, three bear's heads erased sable. --- PLN 1255.
- DBA IV p 157: Gules, three bull's heads cabossed sable armed Or . KYNNYMAN, CC 224b, 83.
- DBA IV p 175: Gules, three bugle horns Sable stringed Argent --- FK II 1020. (qtd by Horne) and Gules, three bugle horns leathered Sable. HORNE of Kent, PLN 726 (sic: qtg Gu crusily fitchy a chev betw 3 garbs Arg.)
- DBA IV p 175: Gules, 3 bugle horns sable stringed and garnished Or. HUNTETWYOTE SK 951.

Clouds are found in English heraldry:

- DBA III p 77: Azure, 3 clouds Purpure radiated in base Or each surmounted with a triple crown Or caps Purpure surmounted with a roundel and cross formy Or. DRAPERS COMPANY of LONDON, 1H7 61.

During Kingdom commentary, one example of black charges on a red field with a high-contrast bordure was found: Sable, three mullets gules, a bordure engrailed Or (<http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/dept/scwmss/wmss/medieval/jpegs/lat/misc/e/1500/08601030.jpg>)

Permission to conflict text:

I, [redacted], known in the SCA as Mell MacAlpin, give [redacted], known in the SCA as Andreiko Eferiev, permission for her armory "Gules, a cloud sable" to look similar to, but not identical to, my armory "(Fieldless) A cloud sable." I understand that this permission cannot be withdrawn once Andreiko Eferiev's armory is registered.

4: Anne of Østgarðr

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Anne of Østgarðr	Forwarded

New Device	Per fess sable and vert, a tree and in chief a comet bendwise argent	Forwarded
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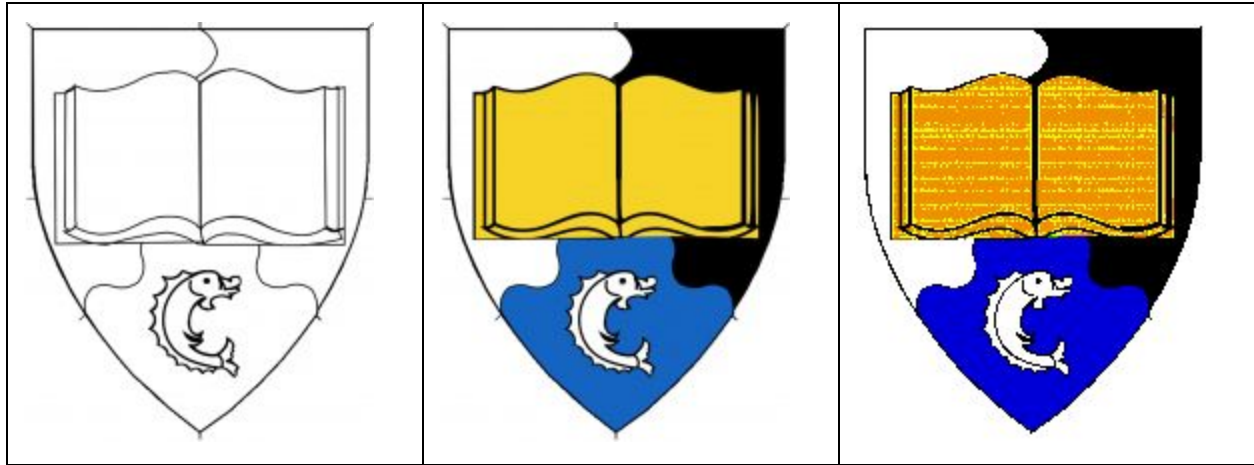


Anne is a female given name in multiple parts of medieval Europe. It is found in the Dictionary of Medieval Names from European Sources (<http://dmnes.org/name/Anne>) as attested in 1485 in Early Modern English, citing Wills and Inventories Illustrative of the History, Manners, Language, Statistics, etc. of the Northern Counties of England, from the Eleventh Century Downwards," volume I of Publications of the Surtees Society. London: J.B. Nicholas and Son, 1835.

Østgarðr is the name of the Crown Province of the East Kingdom, registered in April of 1984 (via the East). The byname "of Østgarðr" follows the Branch Name Allowance of SENA PN.1.B.2.F.

5: Asleif Gylfisdottir of Ruantallan

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Asleif Gylfisdottir of Ruantallan	Forwarded
New Device	Per pall inverted wavy argent, sable and azure, a book Or and in base a dolphin argent	Returned



Submitter desires a feminine name.
No changes.

Ásleif appears in "Viking Names found in the Landnamabok" by Aryanhwy merch Catmael at <http://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/norse/landnamabok.html> . Accents may be dropped from Viking names so long as they are consistently dropped.

Gylfisdottir is an Old Norse patronymic using <GylfiR> as found in nordiskt Runnamnslexikon, p 96. Following the pattern on p 17 of GB, <GylfiR> becomes Gylfis when -dottir is added.

Gylfi, GylfiR is also found in the Viking Answer Lady website (<http://www.vikinganswerlady.com/ONMensNames.shtml#g>)

This name is found in OW.Norse as the fictional names Gylfi or GylfiR, best-known from "Gylfaginning" (The Deluding of Gylfi), a part of Snorri Sturluson's Prose Edda. The name is derived from Germanic *gulb-, which is also found in OW.Norse gylfr, a poetical name for "stream, small river" and is derived from a root-word meaning "rippling sea which yells and roars". Fellows-Jensen thinks that the name is a short form of Gjalfvér. Occurs as a human name in the runic nominative form kiulfiR, in an inscription detailing various land and estates owned by Gylfir. Anglo-Scandinavian forms include Gilfit.

FJ pp. 120 s.n. Gylfi; NR s.n. GylfiR

of Ruantallan is allowed according to the SENA Branch Name allowance which states "Name phrases may be created from the registered forms of SCA branches. Only the exact registered form of the branch name may be used, and they are registered in the lingua Anglica form, 'of Branchname'". Ruantallan is a barony of the East Kingdom.

The addition of the name element "of Ruantallan" should bring this clear of Æsleif Gylfisdottir

Notes:

This device is returned for a redraw, for violating provisions of SENA Appendix H -

<http://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html#AppendixH>

Specifically, the primary charge (book) overlying the center of the field serves to obscure the field division enough to render it unrecognizable. In addition, SENA Appendix H states that "Some low-contrast complex line combinations which have been ruled unregistrable, even when there is no overlying charge, are: ... sable and azure."

6: Catelin Straquhin

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Catelin Straquhin	Forwarded
New Device	Azure, a stag courant to dexter base between two roses argent	Forwarded



Catelin is an English female name found in a FamilySearch record for Catelin Maurenus, marriage date 4 Jan. 1637. Batch number M05426-1

<https://familysearch.org/ark:61903/1:1:NKGT-JV9>

Catelin also dates to 1198 in Talan Gwynek's "Feminine Given Names in A Dictionary of English Surnames." <https://www.s-gabriel.org/names/talan/reaney/reaney.cgi?Katharine>

Straquhin is a Scottish surname found in a FamilySearch record for Christan Straquhin, marriage date 19 Feb 1609. Batch number M11310-2

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XTVB-PZ4>

Straquhin also dates to 1533 and 1549 in Sharon L. Krossa's "Early 16th Century Scottish Lowland Names." <http://medievalscotland.org/sctosnames/lowland16/surnamesinstances.shtml>

SENA Appendix C indicates that after 1100, English and Scottish name elements may be combined.

While "courant to dexter base" is an unusual arrangement, it has been registered twice, most recently in January 2016.

Notes:

Iago ab Adam offers this reblazon, "Azure, a stag courant to dexter base between in bend two roses argent."

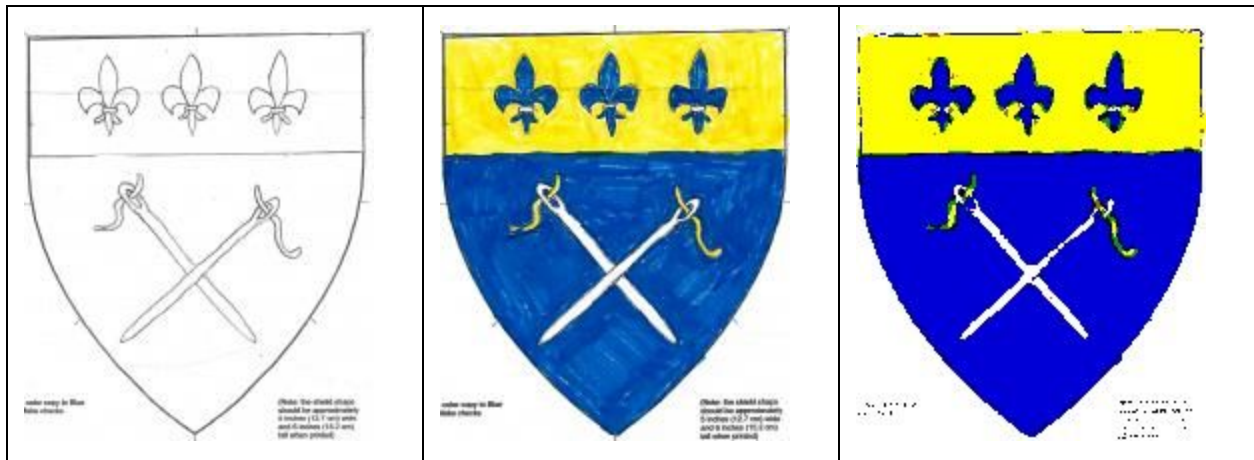
7: Caterina Lombardi

Submission	Description	Decision
New Device	Per chevron azure and vert, two lilies and an owl argent	Forwarded



8: Dara Bailey

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Dara Bailey	Forwarded
New Device	Azure, two needles in saltire points to base argent threaded Or, and on a chief Or three fleur-de-lys azure	Forwarded



Submitter desires a feminine name.

Dara is a feminine given name found in a FamilySearch record for Dara Carrier, christening date 26 April 1635. Batch P00837-1 <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NP5W-M56>

Bailey is a surname found in "Names in the 1319 Subsidy Roll of London" by Sara L. Uckleman, known in the SCA as Aryanhwy merch Catmael

<http://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/english/surlondon1319.html>

This name is constructed according to the rules for English names as found in SENA Appendix C.

Note:

Iago ab Adam offers the following reblazon, "Azure, two needles in saltire argent threaded and on a chief Or three fleurs-de-lys azure."

9: Dorio of the Oaks

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	(Fieldless) A pelican in its piety argent irradiated azure	Forwarded



The submitter was elevated to the Order of the Pelican by Darius and Roxanne III, and has arms registered as "Azure, a chevron ployé cotised and in base a pelican in its piety argent."

Note:

This submission was received and processed before the death of the submitter, and thus continues through the submission process.

Commenters offered the following reblazon, specifying the color of the nest, "(Fieldless) A pelican in its piety argent in a wooden nest proper irradiated azure."

10: Gaeira Aggadottir

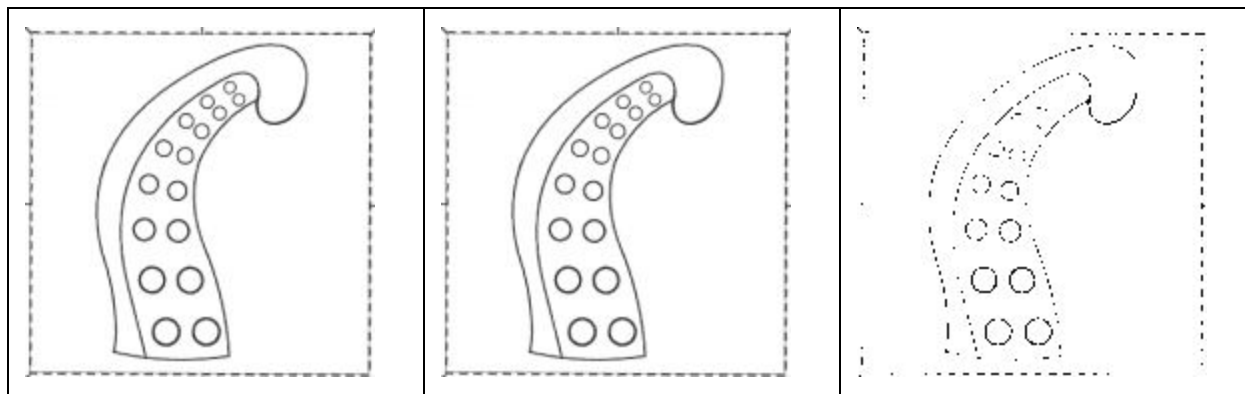
Submission	Description	Decision
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New Badge	(Fieldless) In pale a tentacle embowed issuant from a whelk argent.	Forwarded
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11: Gaeira Aggadottir

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	(Fieldless) Palewise, a tentacle couped and embowed argent.	Forwarded



12: Gísl strákr

Submission	Description	Decision
Resub name change	Gísl strákr	Forwarded

Old Item: Cosmo Solario, to be retained as an alternate name.
 Submitter desires a masculine name.
 No major changes.

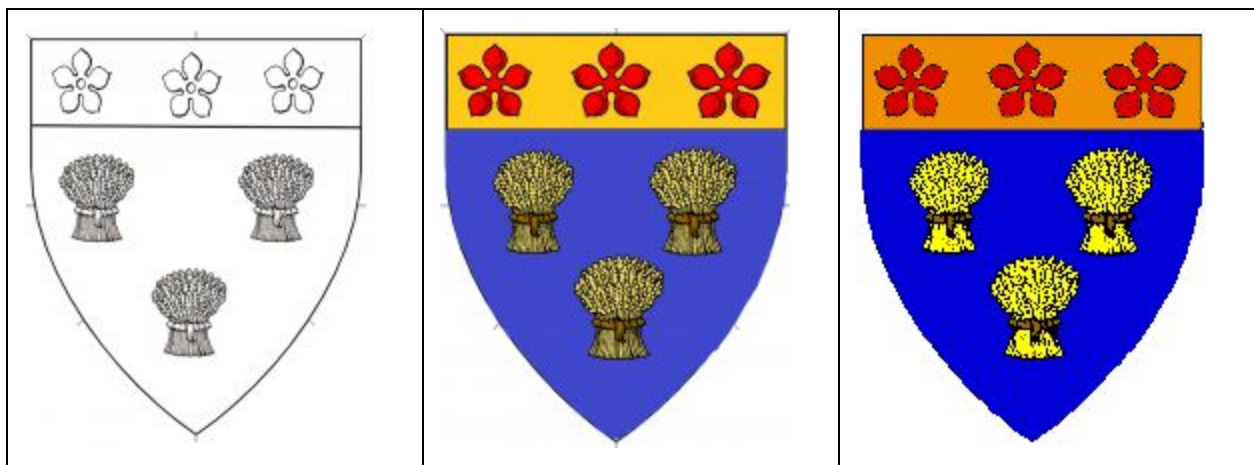
Gísl is a masculine Norse given name found in GB, p 10 and is from the Landnamabok.

strákr is a masculine Norse given name found in GB, p 10 and is from the Landnamabok.

The original submission was returned on the August 30 East Kingdom Letter of Decision due to issues brought up during commentary about the gender and meaning of the name elements, which led the submitter to change their mind about the submitted name. This resubmission addresses those concerns.

13: Katherine Murray

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Katherine Murray	Forwarded
New Device	Azure, three garbs and on a chief Or, three cinquefoils gules.	Forwarded



Submitter desires a feminine name.
 No major changes.

Katherine is a post 1400 feminine personal name in "A List of Feminine Personal Names Found in Scottish Records" by Talan Gwynek
<http://heraldry.sca.org/names/scottishfem.html#scottishfemlate>

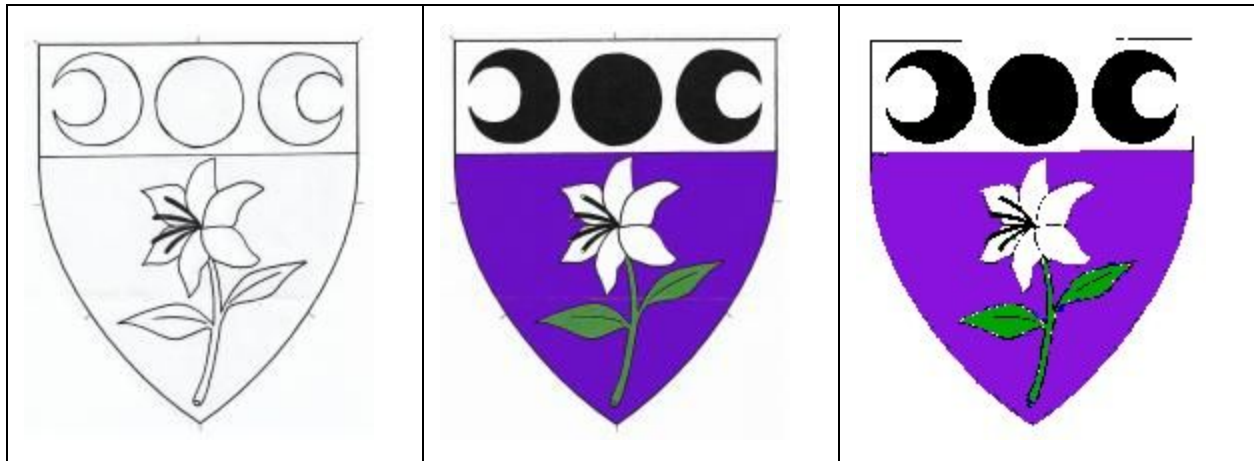
Katherine: 1512 [THOWLESS, 770]; 1542 [MACAUSLAN]; 1564 [YESTER, 827]

Murray is listed as a surname in "Index of Scots names found in Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue" by Sara L. Uckelman <http://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/scots/dost/>

Murray: 1479 (cast); 1496 (analy); 1501 (anherdance); 1501-2 (casualite); 1502 (coffer); 1506 (currou); 1522 (cotar); 1529 (barbour); 1530 (ale-); 1531 (contract, court buke); 1535 (clenging); 1538 (ale-); 1539 (begary); 1540 (ale-; archidenry); 1569 (comptes); 1582 (copper); 1583 (contractar); 1586 (biggar); 1588 (chalmer); 1591 (deame); 1596 (cordinar); 1630 (chamberlane, complene, coup-bearer)

14: Lily Anlaith Faa

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Lily Anlaith Faa	Withdrawn
New Device	Purpure, a lily argent slipped and leaved proper, and on a chief argent a roundel between an increscent and a decresant sable	Withdrawn



Submitter desires a feminine name.
Sound (Lily) most important.

Lily is a byname that appears in R&W, sn Liley Hugh Lily 1275. Per LoAR Sept 2012, bynames can appear as given names in English.

Anlaith is a feminine given name that appears in Index of Names in Irish Annals: Anlaith, by

Mari Elspeth nic Bryan, in the year 933

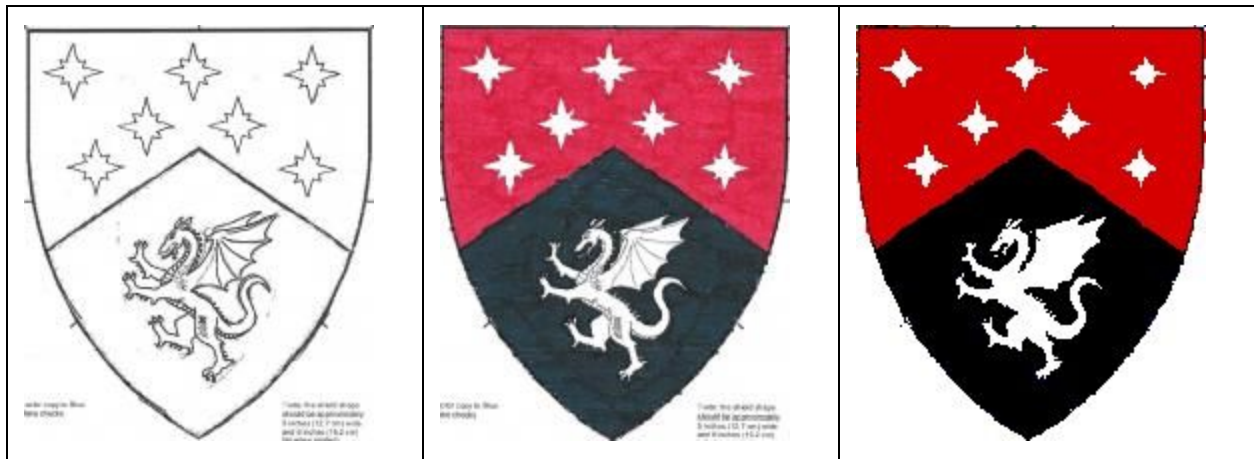
<https://medievalscotland.org/kmo/AnnalsIndex/Feminine/Anlaith.shtml>

Faa is found in Romany (Gypsy) Names, by Arval Benicoeur under the Academy of St Gabriel's lists of Romany names and seems to be an ethnic byname used by the Roma in England and Scotland. <https://www.s-gabriel.org/names/arval/romany/>

Notes: The submitter has withdrawn the name and device for further consideration.

15: Margaret Sevensterre

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Margaret Sevensterre	Forwarded
New Device	Per chevron gules semy of compass stars argent and sable, in base a dragon argent	Forwarded



Margaret is a feminine English given name found from 1185 through 1588 in Talan Gwynek's "Feminine Given Names in A Dictionary of English Surnames - Part Three: The Names H-Z".

<http://heraldry.sca.org/names/reaneyHZ.html>

Sevensterre is an English byname found in 1355 in "A Brief Introduction to Medieval Bynames" by Talan Gwynek (Brian M. Scott) and Arval Benicoeur (Joshua Mittleman)

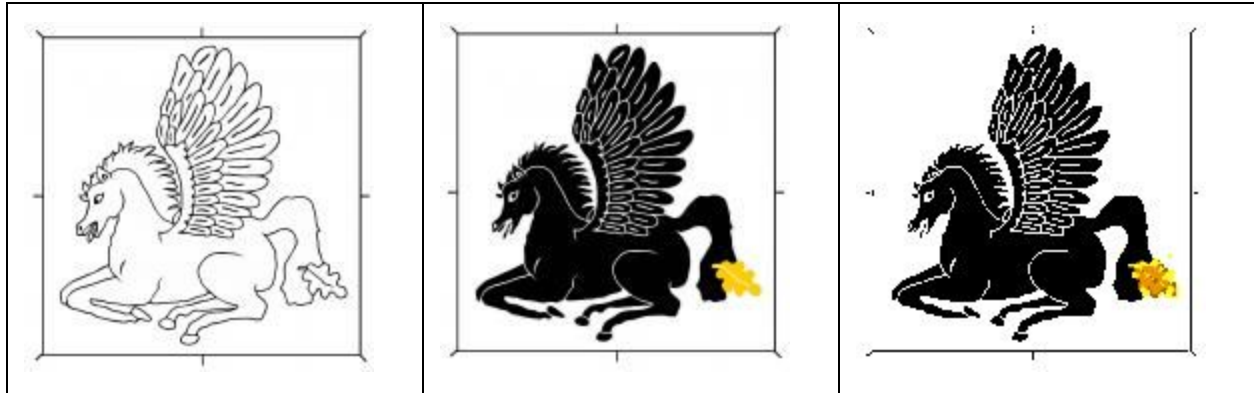
<https://www.s-gabriel.org/names/arval/bynames/scabynames.html#scabynames>

This name is constructed according to the rules for English names as found in SENA Appendix C.

Note: There is an SFPP for the use of compass stars.

16: Maria Erika von Ossenheim

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	(Fieldless) A winged mare couchant sable maintaining in her tail an oak leaf Or	Forwarded



This submission is to be associated with Maria Erika von Ossenheim.

17: Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	Per bend sinister argent and gules, issuant from the line of division a bear's head inverted contourny and a bear's head counterchanged	Forwarded

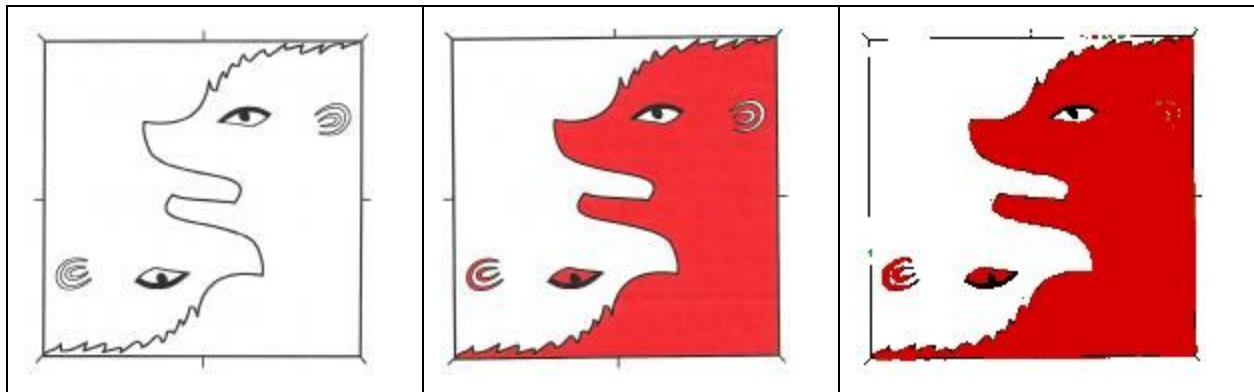


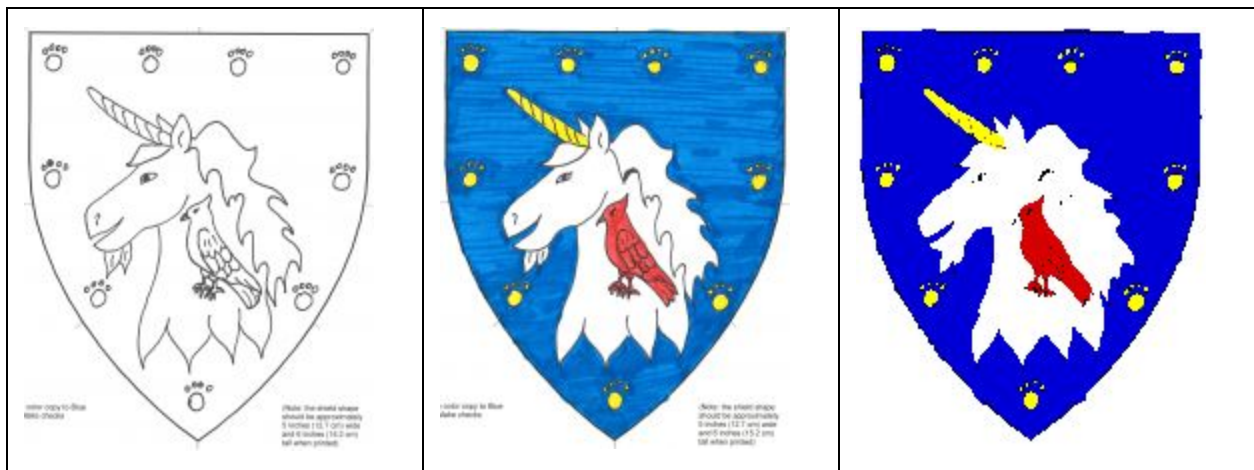
Illustration adapted from a woodcut by Hans Burgkmair the Elder of his arms, 1516.

In German armorials this is blazoned "Barenschnitt", which we might translate as "bear-cut."

For further discussion of this type of design see the commentary on Sigrothr Melrakki's device registered on the March 2018 LoAR, "Per fess sable and argent, issuant from the line of division a wolf's head inverted contourny and a wolf's head counterchanged."

18: Tyffayne de Trumpington

Submission	Description	Decision
New Device	Azure, on a unicorn head erased argent armed Or within an orle of paw prints Or a dove gules.	Forwarded



There is an SFPP for the use of pawprints.

Notes:

Commenters were concerned that the pawprints are not recognizable at the size and in the style they are drawn. We are forwarding this to Wreath for consideration.

This concludes the letter of decisions.

Yours in Service,
Muirenn ingen Dundaig
Blue Tyger Herald