

October 31, 2020

East Kingdom

Internal Letter of Decision

East ILoI dated 9/17/2020

To the most noble members of the East Kingdom College of Heraldry, greetings! You will find below the decisions rendered on the submissions for the Internal Letter of Intent issued on 9/17/2020.

The East offers heartfelt thanks to Lady Lillie Dubh inghean uí Mórdha, previously Pantheon Herald, who assumes the office of Ragged Staff Herald on the Laurel staff as of November 1, 2020. Lillie Dubh has offered many years of research, service, and insight to the East Kingdom, and we are well-pleased to see her expand her knowledge and involvement in matters of names and armory. Vivant!

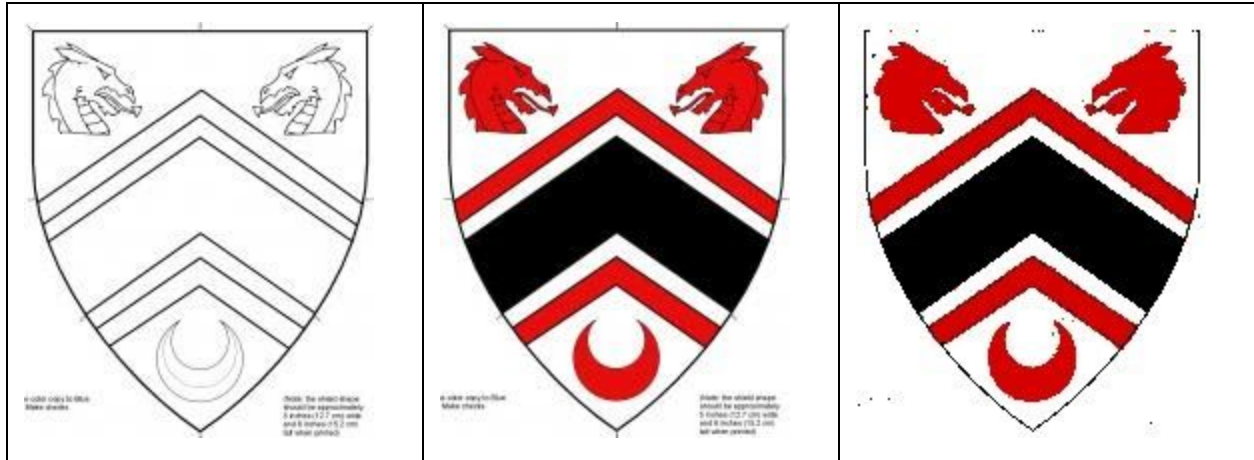
If Muirenn Blue Tyger consulted on any submissions on this letter, decisions were made by Sláine Diademe.

Many thanks to the following commenters who provided assistance this month: Alys Ogress, Anezka Golden Gryphon, Drasma Seahorse, Etienne Sea Stag, Gavine Armestrang, Gunnvor Orle, Iago Coquille, Lillie Pantheon, Maerith aff Weselax, Richard Heyworth, Ryan Skunk, Sara Torch, Shannon inghean Bhriain uí Dhuilleaín, Póry Pallet

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

1. Ástríðr Eiríksdóttir

Submission	Description	Decision
New Device	Argent, a chevron sable between two dragon heads couped respectant and a crescent gules	Forwarded



Notes:

Iago ab Adam offers the following reblazon, *Argent, a chevron sable cotised between two dragon's heads couped respectant and a crescent gules.*

2. Dragonship Haven, Barony of

Submission	Description	Decision
New Guild Name	Company of the Skald	Forwarded

Meaning (poets/storytellers/bards) most important.

Company is a standard designator for non-personal names, found in SENA NPN.1.B.3.

of the - conjunction phrase

Skald is a word from Old Norse meaning skald, poet (n). "The Vikings of Bjornstad Old Norse Dictionary" https://www.vikingsofbjornstad.com/Old_Norse_Dictionary_E2N.shtm#s

Skald is also referenced as a byname in Geir Bassi. It appears five times as a prepended byname (p. 27). Additional names using skáld- or -skáld are <jarlsskáld> 'skald of earls', <Kolbrúnarskáld> 'skald with black eyebrows', <skáldaspillir> 'skald-dispoiler, plagiarist', and <vandræðiskáld> 'difficult skald' (ibid., pp. 24, 27, and 29).

Notes:

There was commentary surrounding whether "skald" was too generic to be registrable. Our thanks to Alys Ogress for relevant rules and precedents.

GP2A of SENA states:

Some items are considered too generic to be registered. This means that they may be used by anyone and may not be reserved to one person or group by registration. One such category is generic identifiers such as Brewer's Guild and Queen's Guard. These names may be used by any branch to identify the owner or association of a badge, but no group may register them.

In addition, a precedent from 2017 states:

"The bar on registering generic terms originally had two purposes: (1) to prevent a single branch from monopolizing terms in general use; and (2) to prevent the additional paperwork and workload that would come from every branch seeking to register terms in general use, such as the names of branch Champions. ...

...To sum up, guild names and order names that have the appearance of professions, such as Scholar or Artificer, may add a branch name to avoid the ban on generic names. Other kinds of generic identifiers remain unregistrable." [An Tir, Kingdom of. Order name Order of Scholar of An Tir, 11/2017 LoAR, A-An Tir]
<http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2017/11/17-11lar.html#33>

Precedent also states, "Names that fall into the generic identifier category are names that would reasonably be used by more than one group for common functions of the group" [December 2002 Cover Letter].

Examples of recent generic identifiers include:

- Apothecary Guild [An Tir, Kingdom of, 5/2019 LoAR, A-An Tir]
- Baronial Guard [Loch Soilleir, Barony of, 1/2019 LoAR, A-Ansteorra]
- Ansteorran Musician's Guild [Ansteorra, Kingdom of, 7/2018 LoAR, A-Ansteorra]
- Scribal guild [Nottingham Coill, Barony of, 11/2017 LoAR, A-Atlantia]
- Æthelmearc College of Scribes [Æthelmearc, Kingdom of, 11/2005 LoAR, A-Æthelmearc]

Another precedent tells us,

"[G]uild names and order names that have the appearance of professions, such as Scholar or Artificer, may add a branch name to avoid the ban on generic names." [An Tir, Kingdom of. Order name Order of Scholar of An Tir, 11/2017 LoAR, A-An Tir]. See also "Worshipful Company of X is not generic as long as a branch name is also included and have added of Dragonship Haven in order to register this guild name." [Dragonship Haven, Barony of. Guild name Worshipful Company of Artificers of Dragonship Haven, 8/2016 LoAR, A-East] <https://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2016/08/16-08lar.html#105>

Since this name appears to be intended as a guild name in the form Company of [profession], the addition of "of Dragonship Haven" would remove any concern that this is an unregistrable generic identifier. **We would welcome the feedback of the Barony on this suggestion.**

Because it is unclear to us whether "skald" is a too generic a term to register, or if recent registrations of such things as scribal and apothecary guilds show more ability to register such terms, we have forwarded this item for Pelican's consideration.

3. Dragonship Haven, Barony of

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	Azure, a yale rampant contourny argent maintaining a lyre Or	Forwarded



4. Guðormr dengir

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Guðormr dengir	Forwarded

Submitter desires a masculine name.

No major changes.

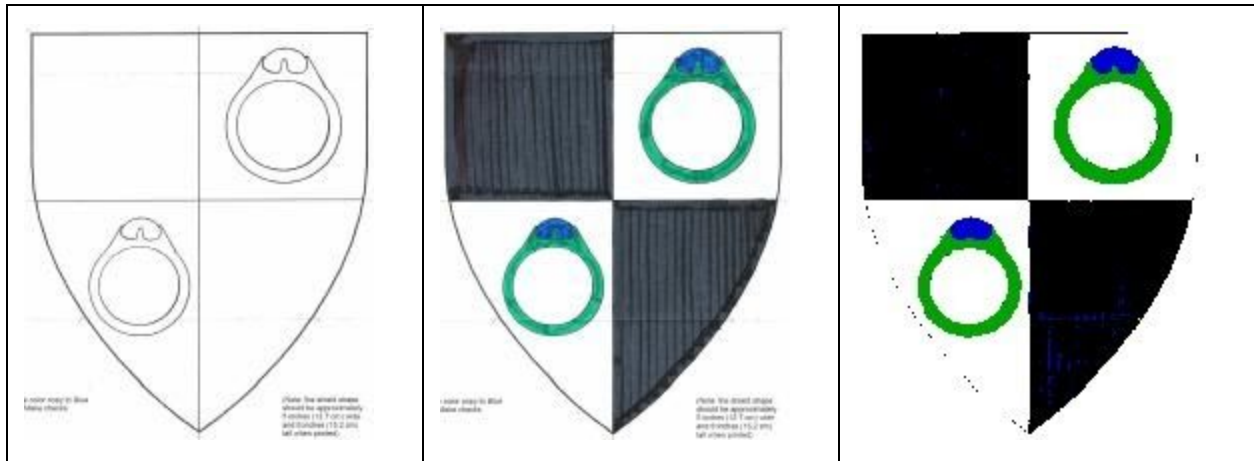
Guðormr is an Old Norse masculine given name found in Lena Peterson's Nordiskt Runnamnslexikon s.n. GórmR (p. 81)

https://www.isof.se/download/18.6dff94c149794d926e379/1529494180581/Runnamnslexikon_T%20141106.pdf

dengir is an Old Norse byname found in Geirr Bassi, p. 20, meaning "scythe-sharpener, scythe-beater."

5. Isabel the Vulgar

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Isabel the Vulgar	Forwarded
New Device	Quarterly sable and argent, in bend sinister two rings vert gemmed azure	Forwarded



Submitter desires a feminine name.

Isabel is a feminine personal name found in Karen Larsdottir's "Feminine Given Names Found in the 1523 Subsidy Roll for York and Ainsty, England", dated to 1523.

(<http://heraldry.sca.org/names/york16/given-fem-alpha.htm>)

Vulgar is a descriptive byname found in the MED

(https://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/middle-english-dictionary/dictionary/MED51448/track?counter=1&search_id=4252862), meaning:

- a) ordinary, usual; commonly used or understood; also, widely known;
- b) characteristic of or associated with the common people, popular
- c) or used as a surname

The pattern of given+descriptive byname is attested for late period English names in SENA Appendix A, which also allows for "the" to be used as a conjunction in constructing the phrase.

Notes:

lago ab Adam offers the details of the surname cited by the MED:

(1289) *Chester R. in Chet. n. s. 84157* : [Hugh the] *Wulger*.

6. Magnus Wolfhunte

Submission	Description	Decision
New Acceptance of Household Name	House Full Circle	Forwarded

I, [redacted], known in the SCA as Magnus Wolfunte, accept the transfer from [redacted], known in the SCA as Siegfried von Halsstern, the following:

Household name - House Full Circle

I understand that this transfer cannot be withdrawn once made.

Signed and dated by the submitter

Notes:

Iago ab Adam provides the text of the relevant registration:

Full Circle, House

This household name was registered to Siegfried von Halsstern in January of 1990 (via the East).

7. Magnus Wolfhunte

Submission	Description	Decision
New Acceptance of Device	Ermine, a sword inverted sable enfiled by an annulet purpure	Forwarded

I, [redacted], known in the SCA as Magnus Wolfunte, accept the transfer from [redacted], known in the SCA as Siegfried von Halsstern, the following:

Armory - Ermine, a sword inverted sable enfiled by an annulet purpure

I understand that this transfer cannot be withdrawn once made.

Signed and dated by the submitter

Notes:

Iago ab Adam notes that this piece of armory is a badge, and not a device. He also recommends that a reblazon may be in order, as it's impossible for a sword to be enfiled by ("threaded with") an annulet. *Ermine, a sword inverted sable enfiled an annulet purpure*

8. Mór inghean Uí hEidiresceóil

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Mór inghean Uí hEidiresceóil	Forwarded
New Device	Per pale vert and azure, a sea-lion erect Or	Returned



Submitter desires a feminine name.

No major changes.

Client requests authenticity for early-modern Irish Gaelic circa 1500-1600.

Language most important.

Culture most important.

Mór is an Irish Gaelic feminine given name dated to 1562 in the "Index of Names in the Irish Annals" by Mari Elspeth nic Bryan

(<https://medievalscotland.org/kmo/AnnalsIndex/DescriptiveBynames/Mor.shtml>). The nominative form is listed as Mór.

inghean Uí is a common Gaelic patronymic byname phrase meaning "daughter of" and indicating an ancestor or clan affiliation, per Sharon L. Krossa's "Quick and Easy Gaelic Names, 3rd Edition" (<https://medievalscotland.org/scotnames/quickgaelicbyname/>).

hEidiresceóil is a byname found in Woulfe, s.n. Ó hEidiresceóil, with dated spellings to Elizabeth I and James I, making the Gaelic header form registrable.

(<https://www.libraryireland.com/names/oh/o-heidirsceoil.php>)

Notes:

This armory is returned for conflict with the registered armory of the Shire of Adamestor, (Fieldless) A sea-lion Or maned sable, registered in July of 1999 (via Drachenwald). There is one DC for the change to the field, but the exact position of the tail of the sea-lion is not worth heraldic difference from the standard depiction of the default erect posture.

Additionally, there was some concern that the tail in the submitted depiction could not be accurately described. The submitter is advised to consider the standard heraldic depiction for the erect posture when resubmitting.

1. Adamestor, Shire of.



9. Mór inghean Uí hEidiresceóil

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	Fieldless, a sea-lion erect Or entwined with an anchor gules	Forwarded



Notes.

As drawn, we feel that the anchor is large enough to be considered co-primary. There was some concern during kingdom commentary that this posture cannot accurately be described as "erect", as that would have the anchor shaft entwined through the loop in the sea-beast's tail.

However, details of blazon are the purview of Wreath, so we have forwarded the submission as-is.

1. Adamestor, Shire of.



10. Robert Tytes

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Robert Tytes	Forwarded
New Device	Per pale wavy azure and gules, a stag rampant regardant and a bordure Or	Forwarded



Submitter desires a masculine name.

No changes.

Sound most important.

Robert is a male personal name found in Family Search records as the christening of Robert Neave, 17 Aug 1573, Ipswich, England, Batch P01296-1

(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5GW-5FT>).

Tytes is a surname found in Family Search records as the marriage of John Tytes, 27 July 1572, Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, London, England, Batch M927-H2K (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKNG-JQ2>).

The pattern given+byname is attested for late period English names in SENA Appendix A.

Notes:

There was some concern during kingdom commentary that the complex line of division was not easily identified with the large primary charge. We are hopeful that an artist's note will suffice, and have forwarded this for Wreath's consideration.

11. Rowen Cloteworthy

Submission	Description	Decision
New Household Name	Cloteworthy Manor	Forwarded

No major changes.

Consulting herald: Lilia de Vaux

Cloteworth is an English toponym dated I Edw III (1327) in Bardsley, s.n. Clatworthy.

Manor (a manorial estate) is an English designator found in the MED, s.v. Maner, with the submitted spelling dated 1401:

(1401) Inquis.Niscel.(PRO)7.81: [William Marmyon, knight, was seised in his demesne as of fee of the manor of Billingborough called] Gravenemaner.

(1411) EEWills 19/35: Y wille þat William myn son haue þe maner of Chale.

(1436) Cart.Ramsey in RS 79/3189: Electus fuit dominus Johannes Stow in abbatem..perquisitum fuit manerium vocatum le Moynes Maner.

(c1465) Cart.Tropenell in BGAS 23200: These ben..mean estates..of all inheritours, purchasours and occupiers of the manor of Estchaldefeld.

Another example, *Borowash maner*, is dated to 1464 in Mills London, s.n. Burrage Grove, Place & Road.

The pattern <placename> + manor is support by the example *Borowash maner* above.

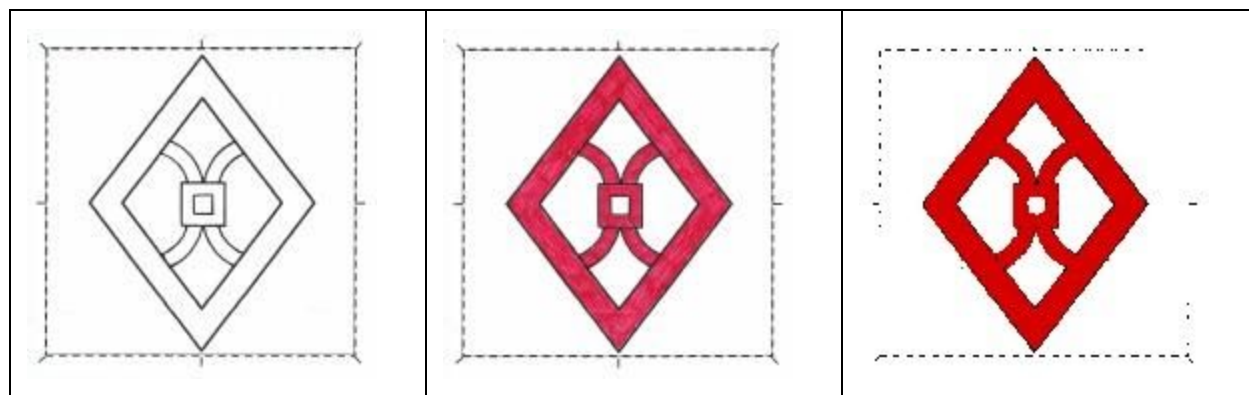
Notes:

Gunnvor Orle provided additional documentation for Cloteworthy as a place name. Reaney &

Wilson as Clotworthy: John Clotworthy 1327 SRSo. From Clatworthy in South Molton (D). Both citations appear to refer to the same individual, location, and year.

12. Rowen Clotworthy

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	Fieldless) A millrind within and conjoined to a mascle gules	Returned



Notes:

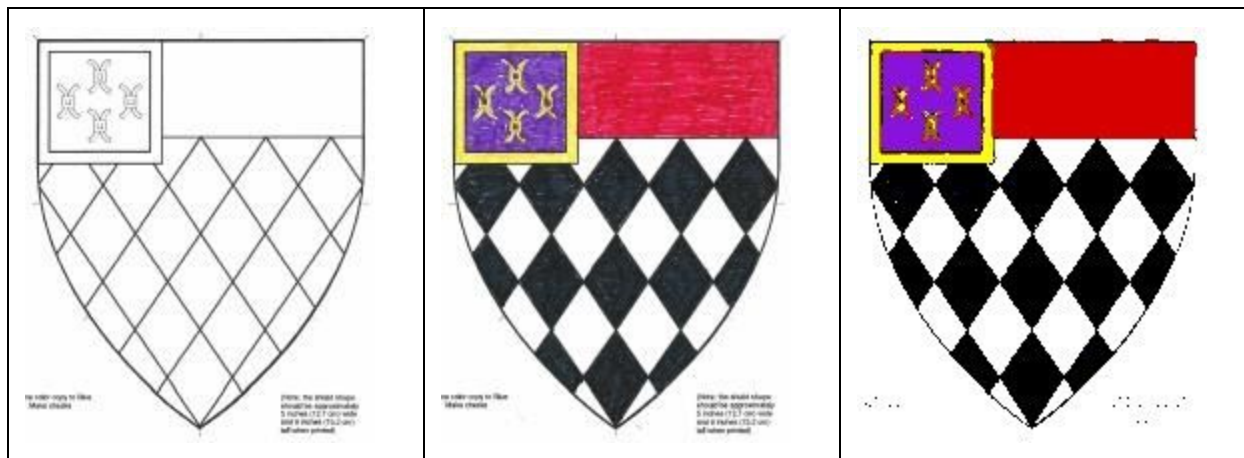
This badge is returned for presumption upon the protected symbol of the Red Crystal, used by the Red Cross. The addition of a charge inside the mascle does not prevent presumption, as found in this precedent:

"[Considering (Fieldless) A domestic cat sejant affronty sinister paw raised argent within and conjoined to a mascle gules.] This badge is returned for presumption upon the protected symbol of the Red Crystal, a symbol protected by treaty for the use of the International Committee of the Red Cross: A gules mascle on any argent background or in any way that could be displayed on an argent background. The presence of the cat in the middle of the muscle does not prevent the presumption as, by international treaty, for indicative use on foreign territory, a national society which does not use one of the recognized symbols as its emblem has to incorporate its unique symbol into the Red Crystal." [Mineko of Twin Moons. May 2015 via Atenveldt]
<https://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2015/05/15-05lar.html#70>

13. Rowen Clotworthy

Submission	Description	Decision
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Resub Augmentation of Arms	Lozengy argent and sable, a chief gules and for an augmentation a canton purple charged with four millrinds in cross within a bordure Or	Forwarded
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An augmentation was bestowed on January 5, 2013 at East Kingdom 12th Night by Edward II and Thyra.

The original submission (Lozengy argent and sable, a chief gules and for an augmentation a canton purple charged with four millrinds in cross Or) was returned on the March 2016 LoAR for contrast issues. (<https://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2016/03/16-03lar.html#168>)

We feel this redesign addresses that issue.

14. Siegfried von Halsstern

Submission	Description	Decision
New Transfer of Household Name	House Full Circle	Forwarded

I, [redacted], known in the SCA as Siegfried von Halsstern, do transfer to [redacted], known in the SCA as Magnus Wolfhunte, the following:

Household name - House Full Circle

I understand that this transfer cannot be withdrawn once made.

Signed and dated by the submitter

15. Siegfried von Halsstern

Submission	Description	Decision
New Transfer of Device	Ermine, a sword inverted sable enfiled by an annulet purpure	Forwarded

I, [redacted], known in the SCA as Siegfried von Halsstern, do transfer to [redacted], known in the SCA as Magnus Wolfhunte, the following:

Armory - Ermine, a sword inverted sable enfiled by an annulet purpure

I understand that this transfer cannot be withdrawn once made.

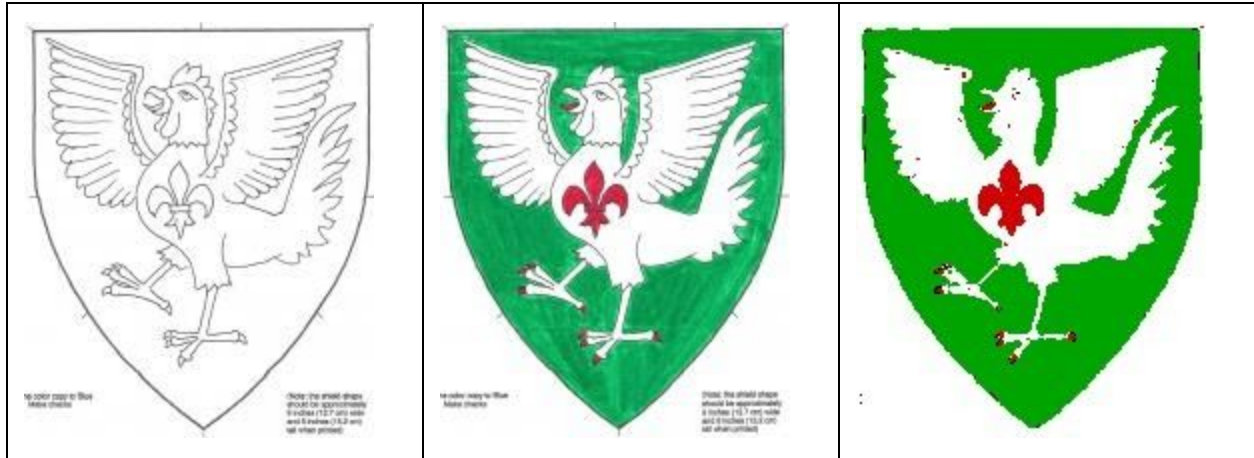
Signed and dated by the submitter

Notes:

Iago ab Adam notes that this piece of armory is a badge, and not a device. He also recommends that a reblazon may be in order, as it's impossible for a sword to be enfiled by ("threaded with") an annulet. *Ermine, a sword inverted sable enfiled by an annulet purpure*

16. Tessa Martini d'Agostino

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Tessa Martini d'Agostino	Forwarded
New Device	Vert, a rooster wings elevated argent charged with a fleur-de-lys gules	Forwarded



Submitter desires a feminine name.
 No major changes.

Tessa is a feminine given name found in "Feminine Given Names from the Online Catasto of Florence of 1427" by Arval Benicoeur (<https://s-gabriel.org/names/arval/catasto/>).

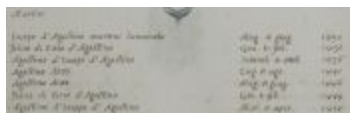
Martini and **Agostino** are surnames found in "Surnames from a 16th-Century Italian Armorial" by Coblaithe Muimnech, under the listings for Florence and Siena (<http://www.coblaithe.net/Names/ItSur/default.html>).

SENA Appendix A allows for double patronymic bynames in Italian, sometimes preceded by de or d'.

Notes:

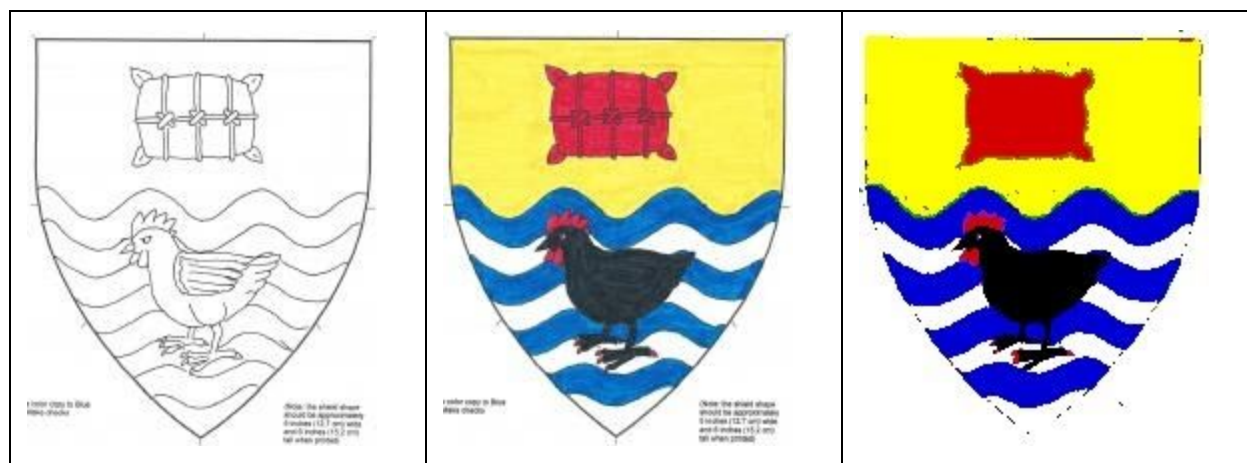
The term "rooster" is not generally used for blazoning this bird, so the blazon has been changed accordingly.

The documents as submitted did not entirely support the submitter's desired spelling. However, Iago Coquille offered new documentation from Priorista, ou catal. des prieurs de Florence, par famille, avec les armoiries, c 1535 Italian (Auxerre, Bibliothèque municipale, 103), f. 183v, <http://medium-avance.irht.cnrs.fr/Manuscrits/Voir?idFicheManuscrit=1128>; which also nicely documents this name as entirely Florentine.



17. Umm Ishaq Sara bint Abu-Zakariya

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name Change	Umm Ishaq Sara bint Abu-Zakariya	Forwarded
New Device	Per fess wavy Or and barry azure and argent, in pale a bag of madder gules and a hen sable crested, wattled, and armed gules	Forwarded



Old Item: *Tereza Quinones de Toledo*, to be retained as an alternate name.

Submitter desires a feminine name.

Meaning (Sara, daughter of the father of Zachary) most important.

Umm Ishaq is a kunya meaning "Mother of Ishaq." Ishaq, or Isaac, is found in the Qu'ran.

Sara is a feminine ism found in the Bible and the Qu'ran, referenced as the mother of the biblical Isaac.

bint Abu-Zakariya is a nasab meaning "daughter of the father of Zachariah."

All elements and naming patterns are found in "Period Arabic Names and Naming Practices" by Da'ud ibn Auda (<https://heraldry.sca.org/names/arabic-naming2.htm>).

Notes:

To adhere to the rules outlined in Da'ud's article for Arabic naming, the nasab has been adjusted to "bint Abi Zakariya."

Iago ab Adam offers the following reblazon, "Per fess wavy Or and barry wavy azure and argent, a bag of madder gules and a hen sable crested and jelliped gules."

This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

Yours in Service,
Muirenn ingen Dundaig
Blue Tyger Herald