

# May 2022

## East Kingdom

### Internal Letter of Decision

#### East ILol dated 4/3/2022

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 4/3/2022.

Many thanks to the following commenters who provided assistance this month: Aletheia Isidora of Philae, Beatrice Green Staff, Groza Novgorodskaia, Gunnvor Orle, Herveus Morsulus, Iago Boar, Istvan Non Scripta, Jeanne Marie Palimpsest, Lilie Ragged Staff, Nest Crane, Sebastien Daundelin, and Sláine Diademe.

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

#### 1: **Beatris Brasa**

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Beatris Brasa	Forwarded

Submitter desires a feminine name.  
Meaning (none given) most important.

**Beatris** is a female given name found in "Spanish Names from the Late 15th Century" by Juliana de Luna (<http://heraldry.sca.org/names/isabella/WomensGivenAlpha.html>).

**Brasa** is an 'Other' surname found in "Spanish Names from the Late 15th Century" by Juliana de Luna (<http://heraldry.sca.org/names/isabella/surnames-other.html>). In modern Spanish *brasa* means "hot coal" or "ember." It's not clear if the word had the same meaning in the 15th century.

#### Notes:

The article provided as documentation for the byname gives the same meaning as is found in modern Spanish.

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## 2: Ezra di Bazzi

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Ezra di Bazzi	Forwarded

Sound (Ehz-ra dee Bah-zee) most important.

**Ezra** is a masculine name found in Italy, per "Names of Jews in Rome In the 1550's, Table of Names" compiled by Yehoshua ben Haim haYerushalmi

([https://www.s-gabriel.org/names/yehoshua/rome\\_names.html](https://www.s-gabriel.org/names/yehoshua/rome_names.html)), where it appears mainly in patronymic bynames.

**Bazzi** appears to be a place name. **I'Abbatia di Bazzi** = "the abbot of Bazzi" is referenced at p. 65 of *Libro primo delle lettere dell'Antonio de Guevara* (

<https://books.google.com/books?id=qrXEKCh7MCcC>) published in 1575. Per Appendix A *di + place name* is a valid formation for a locative byname in southern Italy.

Notes:

Commenters questioned whether "appears mainly in patronymic bynames" was sufficient documentation for the given name, but as the documentation provided indicates that "the most common form of a name in these documents was a given name with a patronymic joined by a 'di'", we feel that this documentation is perfectly adequate.

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## 3: Fernando de Rivera

Submission	Description	Decision
New Device	Sable, a simurgh rising wings displayed and a point pointed Or	Forwarded



**Notes:**

The most recent ruling on the simurgh was that it carries a step from core practice (Rayyan al-Rashid, March 2019 via Atenveldt, <http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2019/03/19-03lar.html#21>).

However, as per the February 2021 Cover Letter

(<http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2021/02/21-02cl.html#2>), "The use of attested depictions of fantastical plants and animals from outside of Europe will no longer be considered a step from core practice."

Commenters questioned whether this depiction of the simurgh with the tails crossing beneath it was sufficiently identifiable, referencing its similarity to the device of Periklēs ho Spartiatēs. However, given that Periklēs's device was registered in March 2008 via Trimaris with merely an artist's note "that the octopus's legs should not cross beneath each other," we believe that this is insufficiently egregious to return at Kingdom, and are therefore forwarding it for further consideration at Society level.

**4: Finnólfr Hrafnson**

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Finnólfr Hrafnson	Forwarded
New Device	Or, a raven rising wings displayed regardant sable within a bordure parted bordurewise wavy sable and Or.	Forwarded



Submitter desires a masculine name.  
 Sound (unspecified) most important.  
 Language (unspecified) most important.  
 Culture (unspecified) most important.

**Finnólfr** is an Old West Norse masculine name found in Peterson, Nordiskt runnamnslexikon, s.n. Finnulfr, Finn-, -ulfr.

**Hrafn** is an Old Norse masculine name found in "Viking Names found in Landnámabók" by Aryanhwy merch Catmael (<https://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/norse/landnamabok.html>).

Per "A Simple Guide to Creating Old Norse Names" by Aryanhwy merch Catmael (<https://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/norse/sg-viking.html>), the correct Old Norse patronymic form is **Hrafnsson**, rather than the spelling submitted. Fortunately, the submitter allows all changes.

Notes:

As the submitter allows all changes, the byname will appear on the external letter with the spelling corrected to *Hrafnsson*.

## 5: Gilbert le Merchand

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Gilbert le Merchand	Forwarded
New Device	Per bend sinister sable and argent, a chalice counterchanged	Forwarded



Submitter desires a masculine name.  
 Spelling (as submitted) most important.

**Gilbert** is a male given name found in the Middle English Dictionary s.v. catalogue dated to 1451 and s.v. heir dated to 1451

**Merchand** is a Middle English spelling of the term "merchant" found in the Middle English Dictionary s.v. water dated circa 1450, and s.v. thankfulli dated to circa 1450.

**le** is a Middle English article, often used interchangeably with "the," used in occupational bynames. For example, from the Middle English Dictionary-

s.v. marchaunt - joh. le Marchant (1332)

s.v. tavern(e) - Roger le Taverner, Hugh le Taverner, and Walter le Taverner (all dated to 1456)

s.v. pardoner - Walter le Pardoner (1332)

Notes:

**6: Lilie Dubh inghean Uí Mórdha**

Submission	Description	Decision
New Alternate Name	Land ingean Becáin	Forwarded

Submitter desires a feminine name.  
 No major changes.  
 Client requests authenticity for Irish Gaelic circa 800s-900s CE.

Language (Irish Gaelic circa 800s-900s CE) most important.  
Culture (Irish Gaelic circa 800s-900s CE) most important.

**Land** is a Irish Gaelic feminine name in "Index of Names in the Irish Annals" by Mari ingen Briain meic Donnchada s.n. Lann (<https://medievalscotland.org/kmo/AnnalsIndex/Feminine/Lann.shtml>). The spelling *Land* is dated to 854, 858, 866 and 1047 C.E.

**ingean Becáin** is a Irish Gaelic patronymic byname. Although *ingen* is the standard pre-1200 patronymic marker for women, the variant spelling *ingean* appears in the Annals data for Lann, with the name *Land ingean Dunlaing* dated circa 858 C.E. (<https://medievalscotland.org/kmo/AnnalsIndex/Feminine/Lann.shtml>).

**Becáin** is a genitive version of the masculine name *Becán*, found in this spelling in "Index of Names in Irish Annals" s.n. Beccán (<https://medievalscotland.org/kmo/AnnalsIndex/Masculine/Beccan.shtml>), with the single c spelling dated in both nominative and genitive forms to 777, 876, 884 and 930 CE. The genitive form also appears in the Annals of the Four Masters, entry 950.4 in the name *Flann ua Becain*. (<https://celt.ucc.ie/published/G100005B/>).

The submitter will allow the byname to be changed to *ingean Beccáin* if necessary for registration.

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## 7: Mat Wyck

Submission	Description	Decision
New Device Change	Argent, a dog courant contourny sable collared between two bars azure	Forwarded



Old Item: *Sable, in fess two candles argent enflamed Or*, to be released.

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**8: Meadhbh inghean Eoin**

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Meadhbh inghean Eoin	Forwarded
New Device	Sable, two wolves sejant addorsed and in base a crescent pendant argent	Forwarded



Submitter desires a feminine name.  
 Sound (unspecified) most important.  
 Language (unspecified) most important.

Culture (unspecified) most important.

**Meadhbh** is an Irish Gaelic female name found in "Index of Names in Irish Annals" by Mari ingen Briain meic Donnchada (<https://medievalscotland.org/kmo/AnnalsIndex/Feminine/Meadhbh.shtml>) with Annals dates of 1444, 1502, 1555, 1577, 1582.

**inghean** is the post-1200 Gaelic patronymic marker for women. Per "Quick and Easy Gaelic Names," by Sharon Krossa (<http://medievalscotland.org/scotnames/quickgaelicbyname/#simplepatronymicbyname>), a simple patronymic byname in post-1200 Gaelic is formed as *inghean* + genitive form of the father's name.

**Eoin** is an Irish Gaelic masculine name found in Mari's "Index" (<http://medievalscotland.org/kmo/AnnalsIndex/Masculine/Eoin.shtml>) with relevant Annals dates of 1440, 1444, 1446, 1461, 1464, 1465, 1468, 1470, 1473, 1490, 1492, 1494, 1497, 1498, 1499, 1500, 1501, 1502, 1508, 1524, 1528, 1529, 1532, 1534, 1539, 1543, 1544, 1545, 1550, 1555, 1559, 1564, 1567, 1570, 1573, 1576, 1577, 1579, 1581, 1582, and later. *Eoin* is both the nominative and the genitive form of the name.

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### 9: Morgan Pen

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Morgan Pen	Forwarded
New Device	Vert, a plow Or and on a chief argent two pomegranates gules	Forwarded





Submitter desires a masculine name.  
 No changes.

**Morgan** is a Welsh male given name found in "Welsh Names from the Proceedings of the Court at Castle Leon," 1497 by Aryanhwy merch Catmael  
<https://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/welsh/1497castleleon.html>

**Pen** is a Welsh descriptive byname meaning "head, chief" found in "A Simple Guide to Constructing 13th Century Welsh Names" by Tangwystyl verch Morgant Glasvryn  
<http://heraldry.sca.org/names/welsh13.html>.

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**10: Unna Rose**

Submission	Description	Decision
New Device	Vert chaussé, a tree eradicated Or transfixd by an arrow fesswise argent	Forwarded



Notes:

While this device was submitted with a blazon of *Or, on a pile reversed throughout vert a tree eradicated Or pierced by an arrow fesswise argent*, we have corrected the blazon to reflect the fact that as depicted, this is not a *pile*; it is instead the field division *chaussé*. *Piles* do not issue from the corners of the field. It is lucky for the submitter that this is, in fact, *chaussé* rather than a *pile*. If it were a *pile*, then the tree and arrow would have constituted two separate tertiary charge groups on a single charge group, which is disallowed by SENA Appendix I.C. As it is, the tree is primary and the arrow is secondary, which is a perfectly reasonable arrangement under Appendix J.

Additionally, commenters noted that the line weight is inconsistent across the elements of this design, and raised the question of whether this falls afoul of the January 2021 Cover Letter item “On Line Weight” (<https://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2021/01/21-01cl.html#2>). Our reading of this CL item is that as long as the line art is clearly “coloring book” art with outlines and no grey fill inside the charges, it’s permissible. However, there appears to be sufficient disagreement on this point that we prefer to forward this item and seek clarity from Wreath.

**11: Vigthorn Rose**

Submission	Description	Decision
New Device	Vert, a tree blasted and eradicated argent and on a mount Or a dragon passant sable	Forwarded



Notes:

Commenters noted that the line weight is inconsistent across the elements of this design, and raised the question of whether this falls afoul of the January 2021 Cover Letter item “On Line Weight” (<https://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2021/01/21-01cl.html#2>). Our reading of this CL item is that as long as the line art is clearly “coloring book” art with outlines and (optionally) regions of solid black fill, with no grey fill inside the charges, it’s permissible. However, there appears to be sufficient disagreement on this point that we prefer to forward this item and seek clarity from Wreath.

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This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

Yours in Service,  
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Blue Tyger Herald