

June 2024

East Kingdom

Internal Letter of Decision

East ILoI dated 05/12/2024

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 05/12/2024.

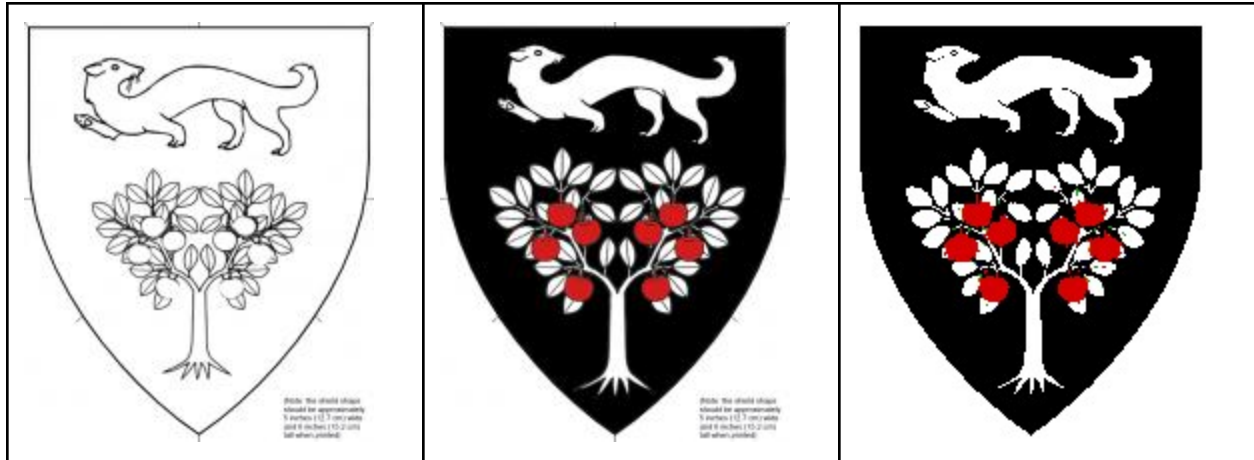
Many thanks to the following commenters who provided assistance this month:
Alys Ogress, Jeanne Marie Palimpsest, Juetta Copin, Lilie Dubh Ragged Staff, Mathghamhain Seahorse, Ryan Skunk, and Tibor Moonbeam.

We also thank the attendees of the decision meeting:
Cali Vettori, Drasma Pantheon, Eva Mosaic, Kay Leigh Mural, Malyss Lions Blood, and Mathghamhain Seahorse.

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

1: Åbele Bierznix

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Åbele Bierznix	Forwarded
New Device	Sable, in pale a stoat passant regardant argent and an apple tree eradicated argent fructed gules	Forwarded



Authenticity requested for Pre-Christian Curonian (5th-13th century).

Language/Culture (Pre-Christian Baltic (Especially Curonian)) most important.

Ābele is a Latvian surname meaning "apple tree" found dated to 1582/1583 (in the spelling *Allele*) in E. Blese's 1929 *Latviešu personu vārdu un uzvārdu studijas, I (Studies of personal names and surnames of Latvians, I)*, p. 278 (

<https://gramatas.lndb.lv/periodika2-viewer/?lang=fr#panel:pp%7Cissue:676840%7Carticle:DIVL1731%7Cpage:292%7Cquery:abele>) - see attached. Blese notes that the attested *Allele* is equivalent to the submitter's preferred *Ābele*, particularly since the Latvian names in that source were originally recorded by German-speakers and may have been mistranscribed.

Bierznix is a Latvian locative byname found dated in the masculine form *Bierznik* to 1599 in "A guide to some 15-16th century Latvian naming patterns" by ffride wilffsdotter (<https://heraldry.sca.org/names/slavic/lvpatterns.html#locative>). Per that same article, the feminine ending of locative bynames of this type is *-nix* rather than *-nik*.

While *Ābele* is recorded as a surname, ffride notes in the introduction to the above-cited article that "the earliest Latvians bore a single name. These names were taken from nature, and people could be named after animals, birds, trees, flowers, or the elements...As the Crusades continued, bringing with them not only colonisation but Christianisation, baptism into the new faith also meant that indigenous peoples were named after patron saints or guardian angels (Balodis 2008:11)." We believe this is a reasonable argument for the use of such a nature-based name as a given name, despite its 16th-century attestation as a surname.

It must be noted that the submitter has requested authenticity for pre-Christian Curonian. Given this note that early Latvian names were a single element (as was the case for much of that region of Europe at the time), and given the College's administrative requirement that all registered names include minimum two elements, we will do our best but may not be able to meet this request.

If it is determined that *Ābele* is not acceptable as a given name, the submitter prefers the name *Valta Abele*, as a pre-Christian personal name with *Abele* as a byname. *Valta* is a Finnic given name found dated to the 15th and 16th centuries in Jaakko Raunamaa's 2021 *Finnic anthroponymy in the middle ages: Perspectives on pre-Christian and early Christian personal names*, p. 42 (<https://helda.helsinki.fi/server/api/core/bitstreams/a781a2e4-15e2-44d4-b905-5e6990f0a0d6/content>).

The submitter additionally provided lengthy documentation as a PDF (including translation of the photocopy-required sources cited for the given name), which may be found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CNpK0IijZi7ZcDfxB9lBooCpJyNevc4E/view?usp=sharing>. This link is to the Blue Tyger office's google drive and should be a stable link.

Notes:

The original device art depicts a primary tree and secondary stoat due to the tree crossing the fess line and visually taking up more space. This does not match the blazon submitted with the device, which suggests they are meant to be of equal size. Unfortunately, the device as pictured also conflicts with the device of Martin Martinson, *Sable, a tree eradicated between three martens statant argent*, with only one DC for the number of secondary charges. The submitter has clarified that they intend the two charges to be coprimary, and has provided new art that aligns with this intent, which will be forwarded:



2. Beck of Copeland

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Badge	Argent, a bar gemel and a canton azure, in the third quarter a nag's head azure, overall a bend sable	Returned



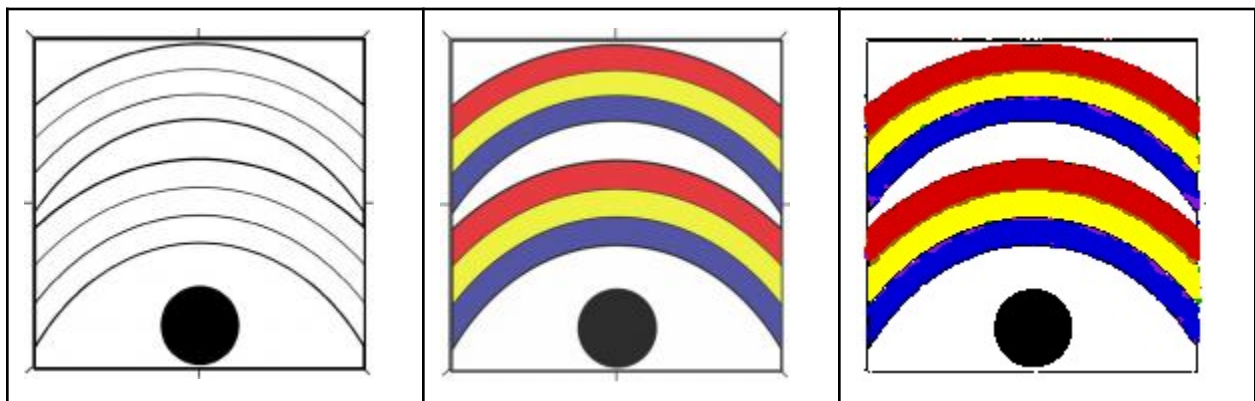
The submitter's original design, *Argent, two bars and a canton azure, overall a bend sable*, appeared on the East Kingdom's internal Letter of Intent dated 04/13/2024, but the submitter chose to withdraw it and make further changes before resubmitting.

Notes:

This badge is returned as it violates SENA Appendix I4, which states: "We do not allow overall charges to overlie peripheral ordinaries, except as an Individually Attested Pattern." As no IAP was provided, this badge is returned for having the overall bend overlie the canton, a peripheral ordinary per SENA Appendix I2a.

3. East, Kingdom of the

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge	Argent, two heraldic rainbows throughout proper, in base an ogress	Returned



This submission is to be associated with *Accessibility Porter of the East Kingdom*

Notes:

This badge is returned as it cannot be registered to the associated office. The Administrative Handbook section II.E3 states: "If the Society or the kingdom has registered a badge for a designated purpose (such as for the use of an office), a subordinate branch may not register another item for the same purpose." Per East Kingdom Law April 6, A.S. 58, Section C1g, the Accessibility Porter is classified as an lesser office under the Kingdom's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB) office. In February of 2020, the following badge was registered in association with the Society Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB) office: *Gules, a pointed arch stooped with doors open Or* [Society for Creative Anachronism, 2020-02, A-Laurel]. Therefore, the Kingdom Accessibility Porter cannot register their own badge as they are represented by the previously registered Society DEIB badge.

4. Magnus Staples

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Magnus Staples	Forwarded

Submitter desires a masculine name.
Sound (Mag-nus Stay-pulls) most important.
Spelling (as close to submitted as possible) most important.

Magnus is a late 16th century English given name found in the FamilySearch Historical Records as follows:

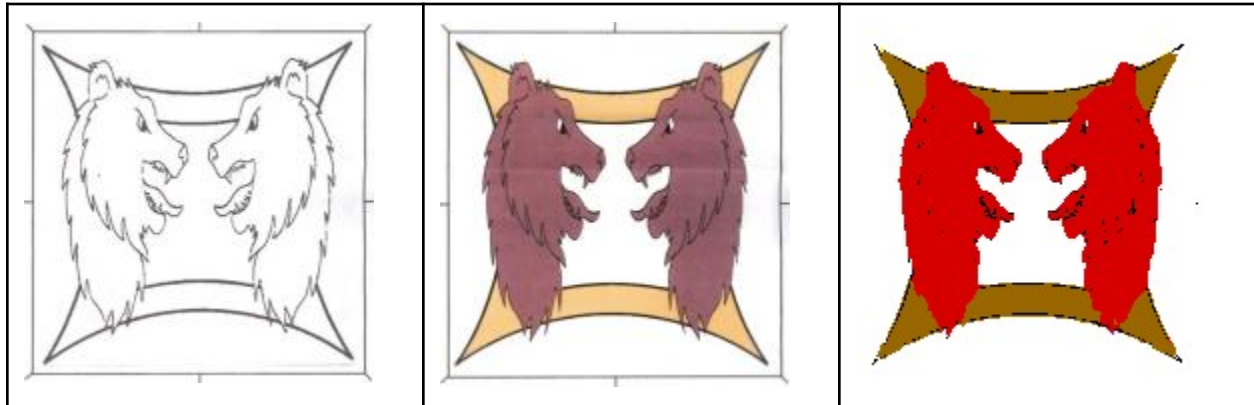
Magnus Lyncklatt; Male; Marriage; 7 Jun 1578; Yarmouth, Norfolk, England; Batch: M15305-1 <<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NXBB-MZW>>
Magnus Skellingthorpe; Male; Christening; 8 Sep 1593; Dunston, Lincolnshire, England; Batch: C02797-2 <<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NG76-MBN>>
Magnus Soles; Christening; 1 Oct 1578; Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, England; Batch: C07217-2 <<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKW3-W4H>>

Staples is an English surname found in "Index of Names in the 1582 Subsidy Roll of London," by Aryanhw y merch Catmael <<https://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/english/engsurlondon1582n-z.html>>.

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5. Maol Mhuire inghean Ghiolla Chríost Uí hAirt

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge	(Fieldless) A mascle ployé delfwise Or, overall two bear's heads erased respectant purple	Forwarded



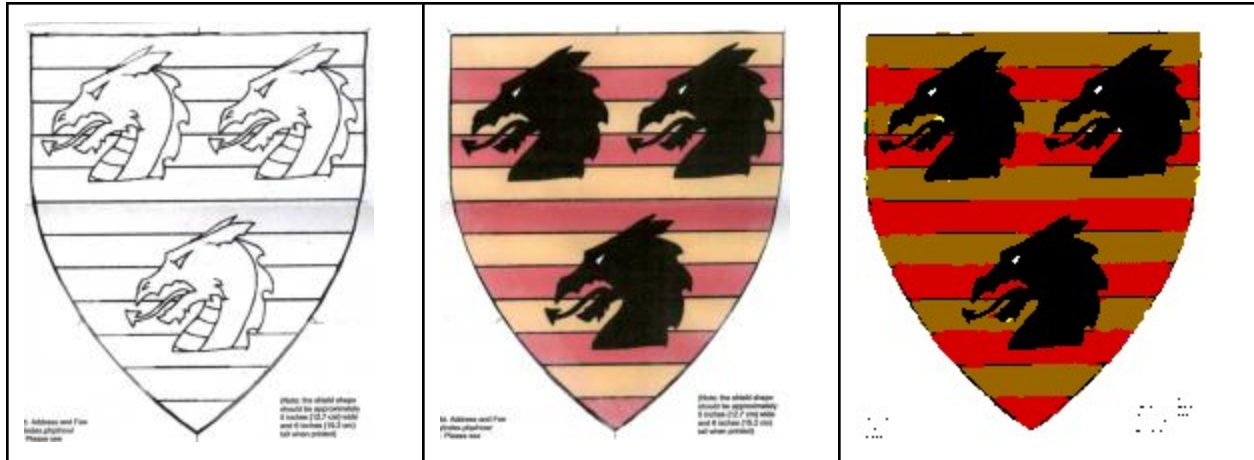
Notes:

The identification of the primary charge in the blazon was changed to a mascle ployé delfwise to align with SENA A3C <<https://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html#A3C>>, which states: "...Charges which are voided as part of their type, such as mascles..., are not affected by these restrictions. They may even be...used in fieldless designs." The blazon was further adjusted to reflect that the bear's heads are an overall charge group, not a tertiary charge group.

Without these changes to the blazon, this badge would have been returned for violation of SENA A3C, which disallows voided charges (such as a delf voided) from use in fieldless badges. We note, however, that the final blazon is Wreath's prerogative, and does not change the fact that we register the image, not the words.

6. Rink Mikkelsen

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Rink Mikkelsen	Forwarded
New Device	Barry of twelve Or and gules, three dragon's heads coupé sable	Forwarded



Submitter desires a masculine name.

The following changes are allowed: to make the name period correct Danish for Rink Mikkelsen
Authenticity requested for period Danish.

Language/Culture (Danish) most important.

Rink is an Old Norse masculine given name found in the Viking Answer Lady's website [sn RinkR <https://vikinganswerlady.com/ONMensNames.shtml>](https://vikinganswerlady.com/ONMensNames.shtml), noted as being found in this spelling in Old Danish.

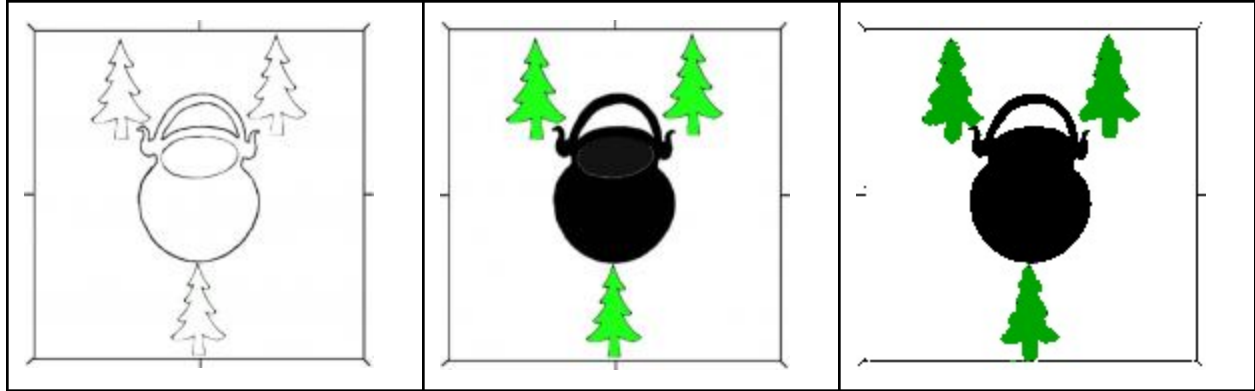
Mikkelsen is a patronymic byname formed from the name *Mikkel*, indicated on the Nordic Names wiki [<https://www.nordicnames.de/wiki/Mikke>](https://www.nordicnames.de/wiki/Mikke) as being found in Old Danish. This spelling of the patronymic is found on that same site, marked as being appropriate for Danish and Norwegian.

We note that the submitter has requested authenticity for "period Danish," and seek assistance in meeting that request.

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7. Signý Kráka

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Badge	Argent, a cauldron sable between three pine trees two and one vert	Forwarded



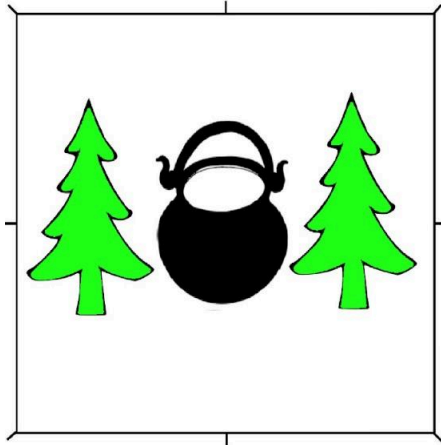
The submitter's previous design, *Argent, in fess a cauldron sable between two pine trees vert*, was returned on the December 2023 LoAR:

This badge is returned for conflict with the badge of Fionna Ramsay of Bronwyn Vale, *Argent, in fess a patriarchal cross gules distilling a goutte de poix between two pine trees proper* and with the device of Styrbjorn Hrolfsson, *Argent, three pine trees couped proper, in chief a battle-axe fesswise reversed, edge in chief, gules*. In both cases there is a DC for removing the secondary charge, but no difference for changing the type or tincture of less than half the primary charge group.

We believe this addresses the reason for return.

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Original submission:



This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

In service to College and Kingdom, I remain,
Anéžka Liška z Kolína
Blue Tyger Herald