

August 2024

East Kingdom

Internal Letter of Decision

East ILol dated 07/08/2024

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 7/8/2024.

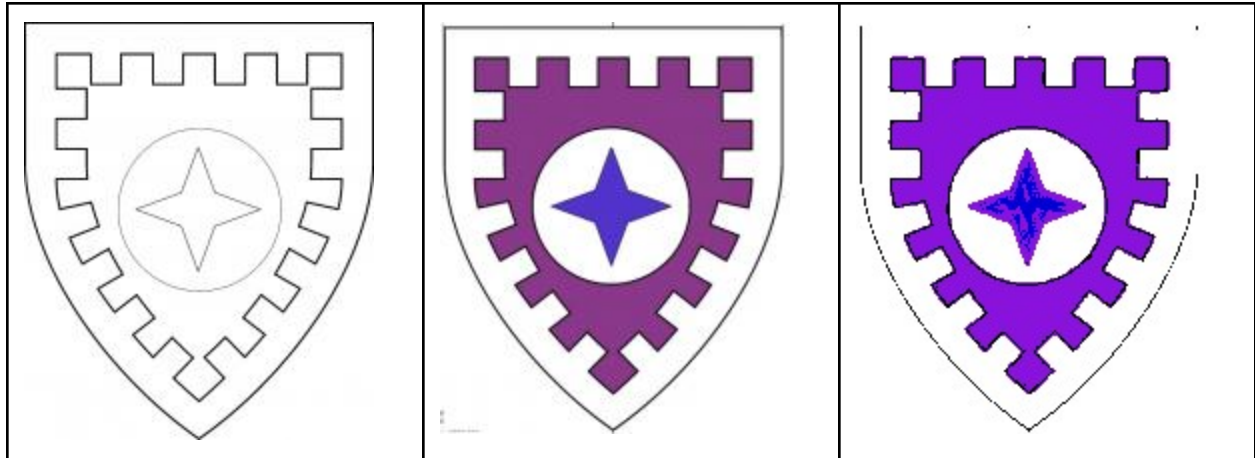
Many thanks to the following commenters who provided assistance this month:
Anéžka Pantheon, Bronwen White Antelope, Eva Mosaic, Juetta Copin, Lilie Ragged Staff, Maerith aff Weselax, Ryan Skunk, Sigbjörg Kaladóttir in fróða, and Tibor Parhelium .

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Anéžka Pantheon, Beatrice Green Staff, Brita Svendsdottir, Eva Mosaic, Fenneke Jans, Mathghamhain Seahorse, Nest Crane, Tibor Parhelium, and Ysabel Diademe.

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

1: Alana of Skye

| Action | Description | Decision |
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| New Name | Alana of Skye | Forwarded |
| New Device | Purple, on a plate a mullet of four points azure, a bordure embattled argent | Forwarded |



Submitter has no preference about the gender of the name.

The following changes are allowed: Alanna preferred but Alana is documentable

Alana is a feminine English given name found dated to 1381 in Carolyn C. Fenwick's *The Poll Taxes of 1377, 1379, and 1381: Part 1: Bedfordshire-Leicestershire*, p 112

<[https://www.google.com/books/edition/The Poll Taxes of 1377 1379 and 1381 Par/zhEn77SIKU4C](https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_Poll_Taxes_of_1377_1379_and_1381_Par/zhEn77SIKU4C)>.

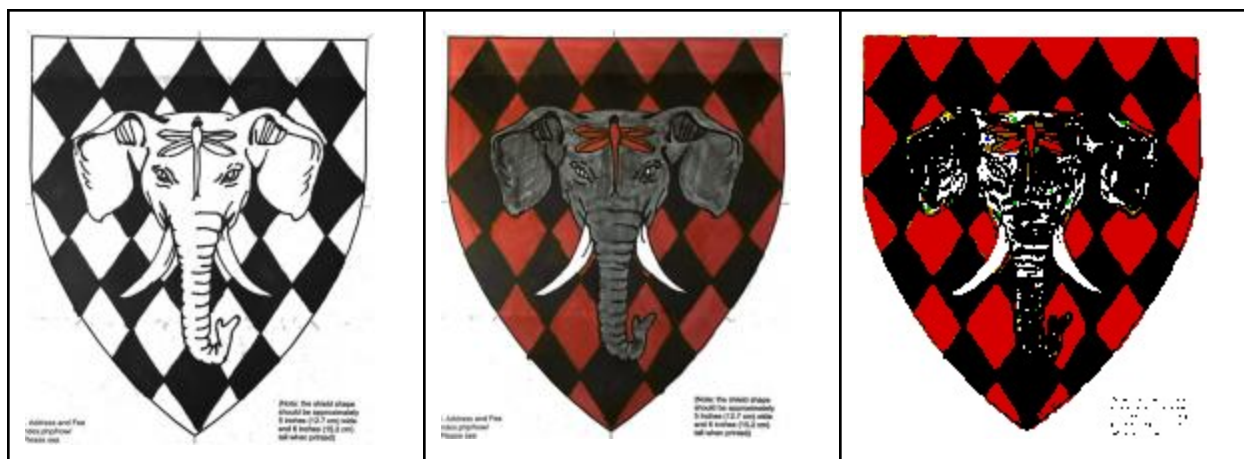
Skye is an island in Scotland, used as a locative byname per SENA Appendix A. A map entitled *Vraye & exacte description Hydrographique des costes maritimes d'Escosse & des Isles Orchades Hebrides avec partie d'Angleterre & d'Irlande*

<<http://maps.nls.uk/coasts/view-chart/?id=169>> dated to 1583 supports this spelling of the name (image attached).

Notes:

2: Caitriona Sullivan

| Action | Description | Decision |
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| New Name | Caitriona Sullivan | Forwarded |
| New Device | Lozengy gules and sable, on an elephant's head cabossed proper a dragonfly gules | Withdrawn |



Submitter desires a feminine name.
 The following changes are allowed: O'Sullivan
 Sound (Cait/Caitie sounding (Kate)) most important.

Caitríona is an Early Modern Irish feminine given name dated from 1360 to 1654 found in *Names in Irish Annals: Caitríona* by Mari Elspeth nic Bryan
<http://medievalscotland.org/kmo/AnnalsIndex/Feminine/Caiterina.shtml>.

Sullivan is an English surname found in the FamilySearch records dated to 1594:

| John Sullivan, bur. 1594, Wiltshire (B15282-1)
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8TQ-B4P>

Per the May 2021 Cover Letter, "where *grey proper* against a light or dark background is concerned (as here), it is to be interpreted as either *sable* or *argent* based not on the specific shade seen in the emblazon (the existing, subjective estimate), but however is most favorable to registration. That is, however it best avoids both contrast issues and conflict."
<https://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2021/05/21-05cl.html>

As elephants proper are *grey* per the Glossary of Terms, and this field is a dark background, this elephant would be interpreted as *argent*; there are therefore no contrast issues in this design.

Notes:

The submitter has withdrawn this item. Had it not been withdrawn, the device would have been returned for violation of SENA A3B3d: "Elements not already mentioned must have good contrast between their parts. These include fields or charges evenly divided into four parts other than quarterly or per saltire, fields or charges evenly divided into more than four parts of two different tinctures, and fields or charges unevenly divided into multiple parts of two different tinctures; all of these must have good contrast between adjacent parts of the field".

As this field is divided into more than four parts, two tinctures with good contrast must be used. Gules and sable do not have good contrast.

3: Davit Jamburiani

| Action | Description | Decision |
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| New Name | Davit Jamburiani | Forwarded |

Submitter desires a masculine name.

The following changes are allowed: grammatical corrections as needed

Authenticity requested for 12th century.

Language/Culture (Svaneti name from the kingdom of Georgia, early to mid-12th century) most important.

Davit is a masculine given name (Biblical name, a variant of *David*) used in the 12th-13th century by the Svaneti (in Georgia). It is found in Roland Topchishvili, *Svaneti and Its Inhabitants (Family Names and Ethno-historical Studies)*, pp 238-9: [https://www.academia.edu/40450394/Svaneti and Its Inhabitants Family Names and Ethno-historical Studies](https://www.academia.edu/40450394/Svaneti_and_Its_Inhabitants_Family_Names_and_Ethno-historical_Studies). (English translation begins on p 183.) It is the name of an Orthodox saint who was also king of Georgia in the late 11th-early 12th century (romanized as David IV the Builder/Restorer), <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_IV_of_Georgia>, and is found in an Old Georgian 9th-10th C colophon in Josh Gippert, *The Secondary Life of Old Georgian Manuscripts* <<https://www.csmc.uni-hamburg.de/publications/mc/files/articles/mc08-gippert.pdf>>.

Jamburiani is a 13th century Svaneti family name found in Topchishvili (op. cit), p 202.

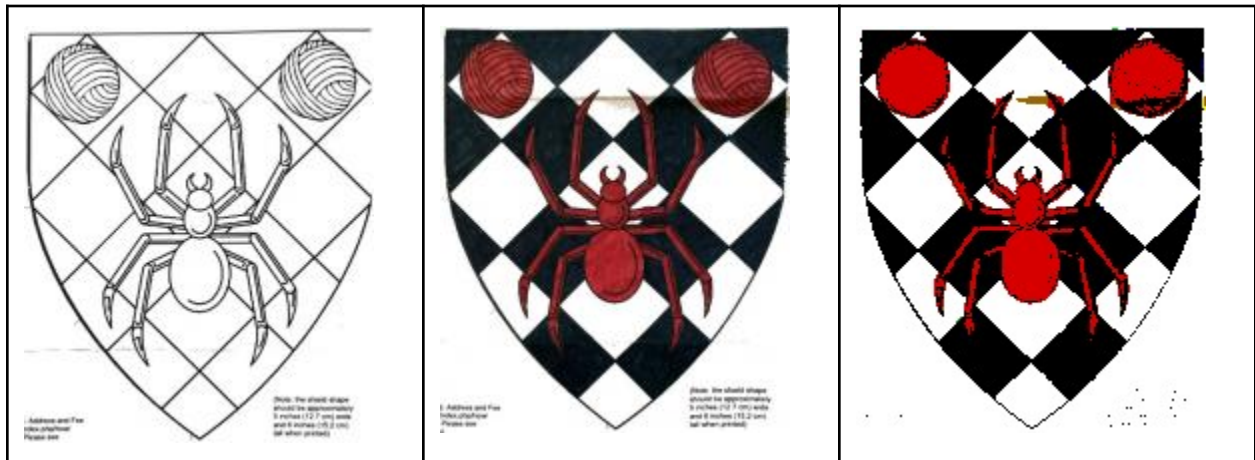
The name pattern of <given + family name> is found on p 206, and the comparison of masculine and feminine forms of family names is found on p 237 (ibid.). See attached screenshots and supplementary information.

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4: Diamond Stone

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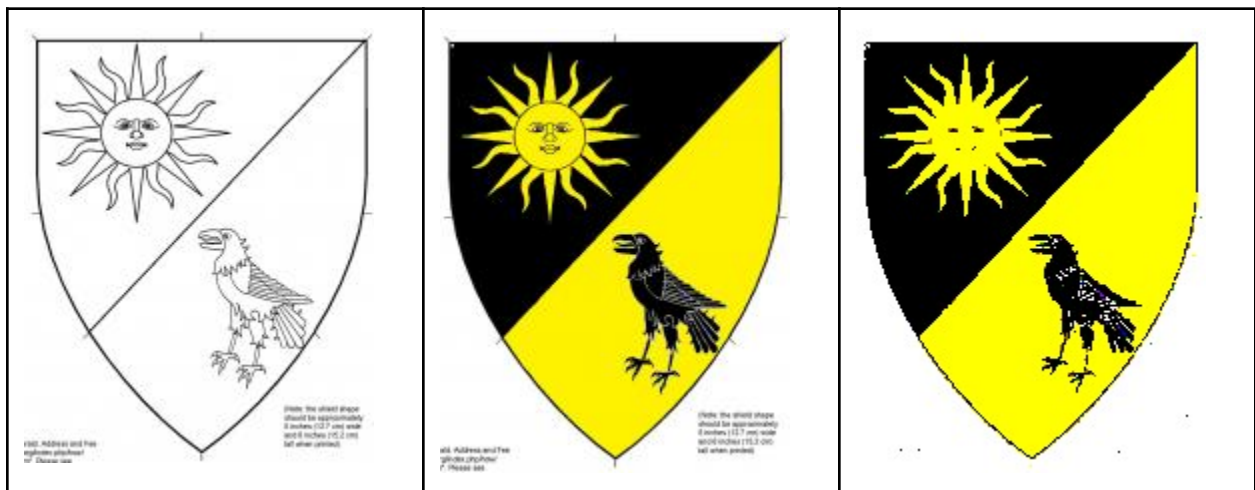
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| New Device | Lozengy sable and argent, a spider and in chief two balls of yarn gules | Forwarded |
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5: Éile Hrafnadóttir

| Action | Description | Decision |
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| New Device | Per bend sinister sable and Or, a sun in splendor and a raven counterchanged | Forwarded |



Notes:

Commentary in Kingdom noted the device of Ricardo Esteban de Salamanca: *Per bend sinister sable and Or, a mullet of six points and a raven rising counterchanged* that, nevertheless not in conflict with this submission (with a DC for the mullet vs the sun and a DC for the posture of the raven), has enough visual similarity to be a point of note (see image below). The submitter was notified of the existence of this device with the image and wishes to proceed.



6: Percival Michaelson

| Action | Description | Decision |
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| New Name | Percival Michaelson | Forwarded |
| New Device | Gules, a phoenix Or, on a chief sable two mullets of eight points Or | Returned |



Submitter desires a masculine name.

Percival is an English masculine given name found dated in this spelling to 1589 in the DMNES <<https://dmnes.org/cite/Percival/1589/DEmar-vol2>>.

Michaelson is a patronymic byname formed from the English masculine given name Michael, found dated to 1589 in the DMNES <<https://dmnes.org/cite/Michael/1589/DEmar-vol2>>. Patronymics in English may be formed with the suffix -son per SENA Appendix A.

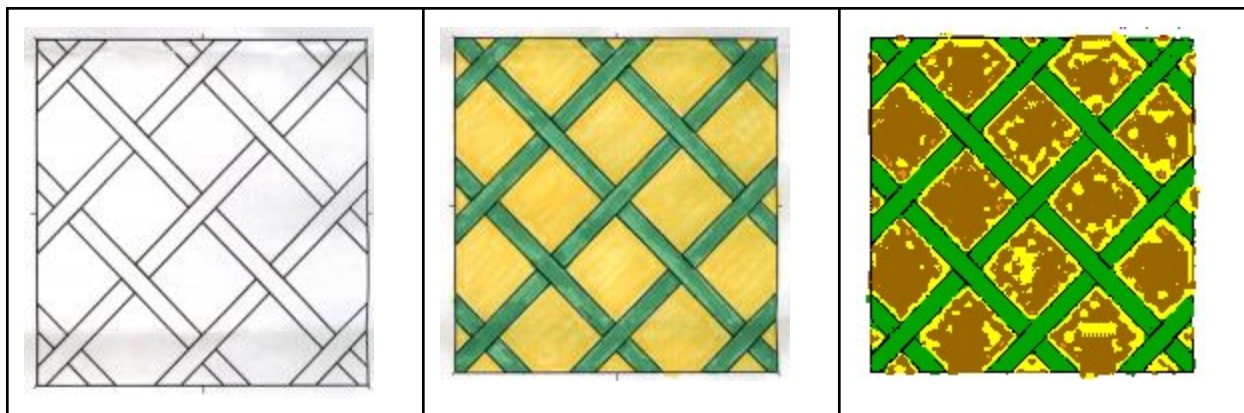
Notes:

This device must be returned for the low contrast chief. SENA A3B4a states: "Charges must have good contrast with the background on which they are placed." As sable and gules are both colors per SENA A3B1, the black chief has low contrast with the red field on which it sits.

The Kingdom thanks Anežka Pantheon for supplying the above documentation for the name.

7: Sorcha Dhocair inghean Uí Ruairc

| Action | Description | Decision |
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| New Badge | Or fretty vert | Returned |



Notes:

This device is returned for conflict with the badge of Friðrekr Elfski Jonasson: *Or, a fret surmounted by an orle vert*. Per long-standing precedent, recently upheld on the August 2023 LoAR, fretty is an artistic variant of a fret and therefore no difference is granted between them: “This device is returned for conflict with the device of Amis Mwyn, *Or, a fret azure its mascle gules, a bordure sable*. As fretty is considered an artistic variant of a fret, the only DC here is for changing the tincture of the primary charge.” [Giovanna de Sollario, 8/2023, R-An Tir]. Therefore, there is only one DC for the removal of the secondary charge.

This device is also returned for conflict with the device of Corwyn ap Gruffith Cynnill: *Or, a fret couped vert within a bordure sable*. Per precedent stated on the February 2010 LoAR, fretty also receives no difference from a fret coupé due to the same precedent as above: “This device, therefore, conflicts with...the device of Anézka z Rozmitála, *Gules, in dexter chief a fret coupé argent*, with the badge of Anézka z Rozmitála, (*Fieldless*) *A fret coupé argent*, ...In each case, there is a single CD for the field. The position of Grainne's fret is forced and we do not grant difference between a fret and fretty, based on the period practice that they are interchangeable.” [Grainne Dhonn, 2/2010, R-Artemisia]. Therefore, there is only one DC for the removal of the secondary charge.

8: Sorcha Dhocair inghean Uí Ruairc

| Action | Description | Decision |
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| New Badge | Vert, on a heart Or a fret vert | Forwarded |



Notes:

Commentary in Kingdom raised the question if the use of a heart with a tertiary constituted a form of heraldic display and must be conflict checked as a separate piece of armory. If so, this badge would have multiple conflicts. However, per SENA A6C, lozenges are allowed to display a non-ordinary charge without being considered a heraldic display, and the use of a heart as a heraldic display is even less common. As well, there was a question if a fret was considered a non-ordinary charge in this usage, given its throughout nature and formation as a saltire interlaced with a masle. We raise these questions to Weath's notice.

This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

In service to College and Kingdom,
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Blue Tyger Herald (interim)