

April 2025

East Kingdom

Internal Letter of Decision

East ILol dated 03/11/2025

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 3/11/2025. Items on which Drasma Blue Tyger consulted were decided by Anéžka Pantheon.

Many thanks to the following commenters who provided assistance this month:
Ælfra Vambrace, Alys Ogress, Gunnvor Orle, Juetta Copin, Lilie Dubh inghean ui Mordha, Rúnfríðr Rocket, and Sigbjörg Kaladóttir in fróða.

We also thank the attendees of the decision meeting:
Alys Ogress, Anéžka Pantheon, Beatrice Green Staff, Fenneke Jans, Kay Leigh Mural, and Tibor Parhelium

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

1: Ádísá Knarrarbringa

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Name	Ádísá Knarrarbringa	Forwarded

Submitter desires a feminine name.

Ádísá is a feminine Norse name found in Peterson p. 16

Knarrarbringa is a feminine Norse byname as found in Geirr Bassi p.24

The submitter's previous name, *Ntisa Knarrarbringa*, was returned on the October 2019 LoAR:

Submitted as *Ntisa Knarrarbringa*, the given name is not registerable because it is a runic form of an Old Norse name. Under SENA PN2D, only transliterated forms put into Latin script can be registered. The transliterated form of this name is Ádísá. [Ntisa Knarrarbringa, 10/2019, R-East]

The submitter has chosen to go with the transliterated form.

Notes:

2: Ádísá Knarrarbringa

Action	Description	Decision
New Device	Azure, a goat rampant contourny with a bandaged hind leg argent	Returned



Notes:

This device must be returned for conflict with:

- The badge for House of the Goats registered to Perin de la Serena: *Azure, a goat clymant contourny and a chief argent*. There is only one distinct change for the addition of the chief; clymant and rampant are the same posture.
- The device of Leif Magnússon: *Vert, a goat rampant to sinister argent*. There is only one distinct change for the tincture of the field.

In all cases, the bandage is considered an artistic detail and therefore does not count for difference.

3: Ana Ravaya de Guzmán

Action	Description	Decision
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New Alternate Name	Kikkawa Michime	Forwarded
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Submitter desires a feminine name.

The following changes are allowed: any grammar changes needed for registration
Language/Culture (Japanese) most important.

Kikkawa is a historical Japanese surname found at pp. 150, 232, 320 and 404 of NCMJ (2d Ed.)

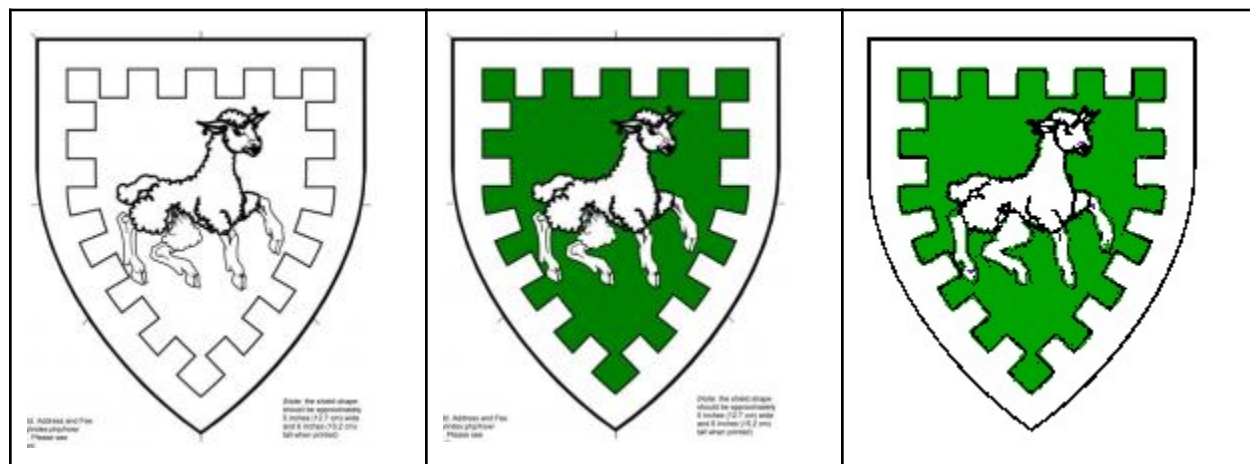
Michime is a feminine nanori found at pp. 131, 380 of NCMJ (2d Ed.)

Notes:

Kingdom commentary pointed out that the construction of this name is *surname + jitsumei*, not *surname + nanori*. SENA Appendix A for Japanese states: "The true name, or formal name, is referred to as *jitsumei* or *imina*. Prior to the December 2023 Cover Letter the SCA used the term *nanori* for these names." As well, it states: "Names identified in Name Construction in Medieval Japan (NCMJ) by Solveig Thronardottir as N (Masculine nanori), F (Women), and B (Infants and Children) are considered to be *<i>jitsumei</i>*." Michime is noted with an F in NCMJ. Therefore, the documentation will be updated to reflect the SENA construction pattern.

4: Cassandra of Kendal

Action	Description	Decision
New Device	Vert, a sheep passant contourny and a bordure embattled argent	Forwarded



Notes:

Commenters at Kingdom raised the question of whether this device conflicts with the device of Heiðr Olavsdottir, *Vert, a goat statant contourny and a chief urdy argent*. There is one DC for the change of type of the secondary charge group from a chief to a bordure. While the chief and the bordure have different styles of edge (urdy vs embattled), no difference can be granted between them; A5G4 explicitly states that the edge style is part of the type of the charge, and only one total DC may be granted for changes of type within a single charge group.

Precedent states that there is one DC between a goat and a ram [Tamarra of Dragon's End, 2/2013, A-Æthelmearc], but there does not appear to be a ruling on the difference between a goat and a sheep; we therefore forward this device and raise this question to Wreath's notice.

5: Douglas Douglas

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Douglas Douglas	Forwarded

Submitter desires a masculine name.

The following changes are allowed: any grammar changes needed for registration

Douglas is an English male given name found in the FamilySearch Historical Records as follows:

Douglas Wavis; Male; Christening; 25 Mar 1587; Saint Mary, Bedford, Bedford, England; Batch: P00510-1 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NPD7-JXC?lang=en>)

Douglas Tirtchitte; Male; Christening; 9 Jan 1597; Northorpe (Near Gainsborough), Lincoln, England; Batch: C03057-2

(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N6ZH-HZJ?lang=en>)

Douglas is an English surname also found in the FamilySearch Historical Records as follows:

Wylliam Douglas; Male; Burial; 13 Apr 1600; Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England; Batch: B01899-7 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N5KC-G4W?lang=en>)

Arther Douglas; Male; Christening; 16 Nov 1562; Saint John, Hackney, London, England; Batch: C04215-1 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NYRM-XQH?lang=en>)

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6: Eira i Fjalle

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Eira i Fjalle	Forwarded

Submitter desires a feminine name.

The following changes are allowed: if cannot register Eira i Fjalle, please register Eythora stjarna i Fjalli

Spelling (given name Eira) most important.

Eira is a variant spelling of the given name *Eyra*, found in the FamilySearch Historical Records as follows:

Eyra Richards; Male; Christening; 29 Aug 1623; Saint Alkmund, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England; Batch: C03722-2

(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQT3-5FZ?lang=en>)

"The interchangeability of i and y in Early Modern English is well-established." [Minke Snijder, 1/2020 LoAR, A-Atlantia]

Oluf Rygh's *Norwegian Farm Names* has the following examples of Fjall as a place name:

s.n. Fjeld nordre - c.1400 *i Fialle* (dative)

s.n. Fjeld søndre og nordre - 1364 *i Fialle* (dative)

Locative bynames in Norwegian take the dative form. Based on these examples and the many examples of i and j being used interchangeably in Scandinavian languages, we believe **i Fjalle** is the appropriate form for a Norwegian locative byname.

English and Scandinavian can be combined per Appendix C.

If the documentation for *Eira* is not sufficient and it cannot be otherwise documented, the submitter requests the name be registered as **Eythora stjarna í Fjalli** in Old Norse based on the following documentation:

Eythora is a constructed Old Norse given name based on attested dithemic elements. The following are all from "Viking Names found in Landnámabók" by Aryanhwy merch Catmael (<https://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/norse/landnamabok.html>)

Ey- as in Eyvindr (m), Eydís (f), Eyia (f), and Eyiólfr (m)
 -thora as a simplified form of -þóra - as in Hafþóra (f), Bergþóra (f), Þóra (f)

stjarna is a descriptive byname meaning "star" found in "Viking Bynames found in the Landnámabók, by Aryanhwy merch Catmael

(<https://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/norse/vikbynames.html>)

"Place-Names in Landnámabók" by Talan Gwynek

(https://web.archive.org/web/20090131115452/http://my.stratos.net/~bmsscott/Landnamabok_Place-Names.html) shows **Fjall** as a place name. Locative bynames in Old Norse take the dative form. Per the same article, the most common preposition for Old Norse locative bynames is *í* making the byname **í Fjalli**.

Notes:

The name submitted, *Eira í Fjalle*, was documented as a masculine name, however the submitter noted on the form that they wished the desired gender of the name to be feminine. Kingdom was unable to meet this request. Upon discussion, the submitter has clarified that they wish to keep the name submitted no matter what gender it is documented as and has agreed to let Kingdom remove the desired gender note to meet this request.

7: Eira í Fjalle

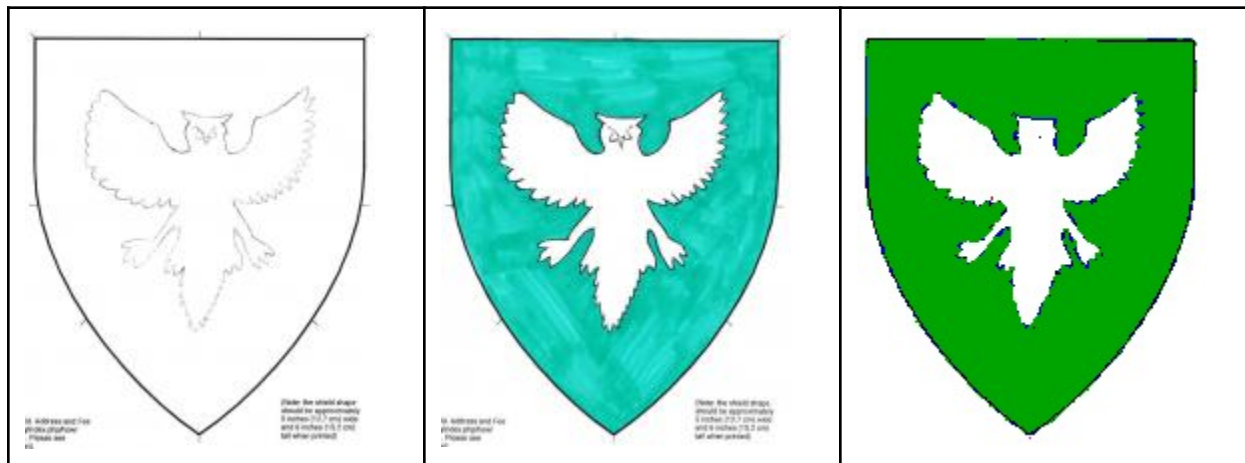
Action	Description	Decision
New Device	Per saltire sable and vert, in pale a mullet of eight points and a sheaf of three sprigs of lavender argent	Forwarded



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8: Francisco de Monte Cristo

Action	Description	Decision
New Device	Vert, an owl displayed argent	Returned



Submitter also supplied a Permission to Conflict with Ginevra Fiammetta di Silvestri's device: *Per pale azure and vert, an owl displayed argent*. As these two devices should have an SC for the field per SENA A5F1a, this should not be needed and has not been added to this letter.

Notes:

This device must be returned for conflict or presumption with:

- The arms of Este, House of: *Azure, an eagle displayed argent crowned Or*. There is only one distinct change for the field tincture. Per precedent, "Crowns and the number of heads on a whole bird also don't count for difference" [Linnet atte Falcons Nest, R-Lochac, Sep 2018 LoAR]. Per SENA Appendix M1d, "Birds displayed which are in the same category will conflict with each other."
- The arms of Nemanjici, kings of Serbia: *Gules, a double-headed eagle crowned argent*. Again, there is only one change for the field tincture and the same precedent and rules above applies.
- The arms of Poland: *Gules, an eagle displayed argent crowned Or*. This is presumptuous for the same reason as the first arms.
- The device of John of Ean Airgead, called the Mad Celt: *Vert, a chimney swift migrant palewise argent*. There is no difference between the two devices; both chimney swifts and owls are considered regular shaped birds per SENA Appendix M1d. Migrant palewise gets no difference from displayed, so it falls under SENA Appendix M1d as noted previously.

- The device of Ingvar Hallbjornsson: *Vert, a raven displayed and in base two axes in saltire argent*. There is one distinct change for the addition of the axes and no others.
- The device of Adlersruhe, Shire of: *Vert, an eagle displayed, wings inverted, and a base argent*. There is one distinct change for the addition of the base and no others.
- The device of Groza Novgorodskaja: *Vert, an owl displayed argent and in chief three bezants*. There is one distinct change for the addition of the bezants but no others.

9: Gwyn De Vere

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Gwyn De Vere	Forwarded

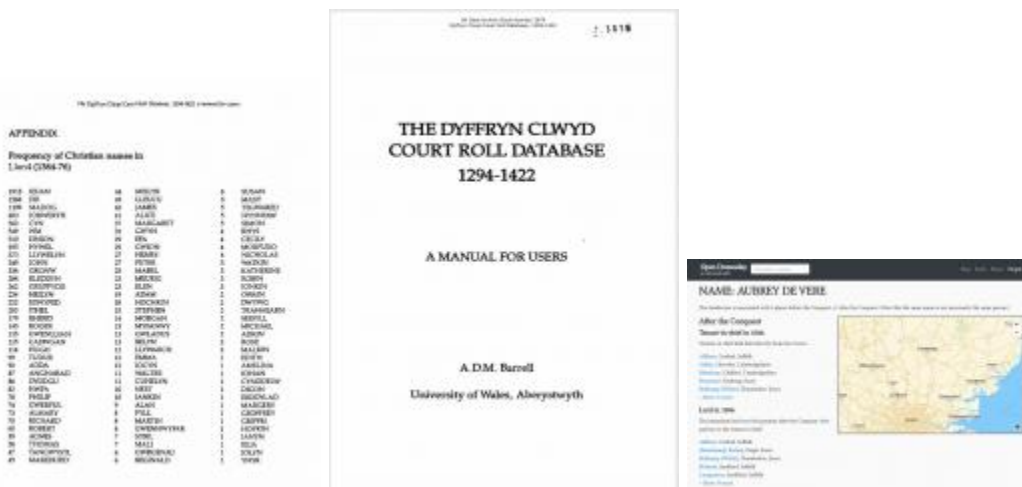
Submitter desires a gender-neutral name.

No changes.

Gwyn is a Welsh given name dated to 1364-1376 as found in the Dyffryn Clwyd Court Roll Database 1294-1422 by A.D.M. Barrell p.142

<<https://sp.ukdataservice.ac.uk/doc/3679/mrdoc/pdf/3679userguide.pdf>>, also attached

De Vere is a English byname dated to 1086 as found in The Domesday Book listed in the name Aubrey De Vere <<https://opendomesday.org/name/aubrey-de-vere/>>



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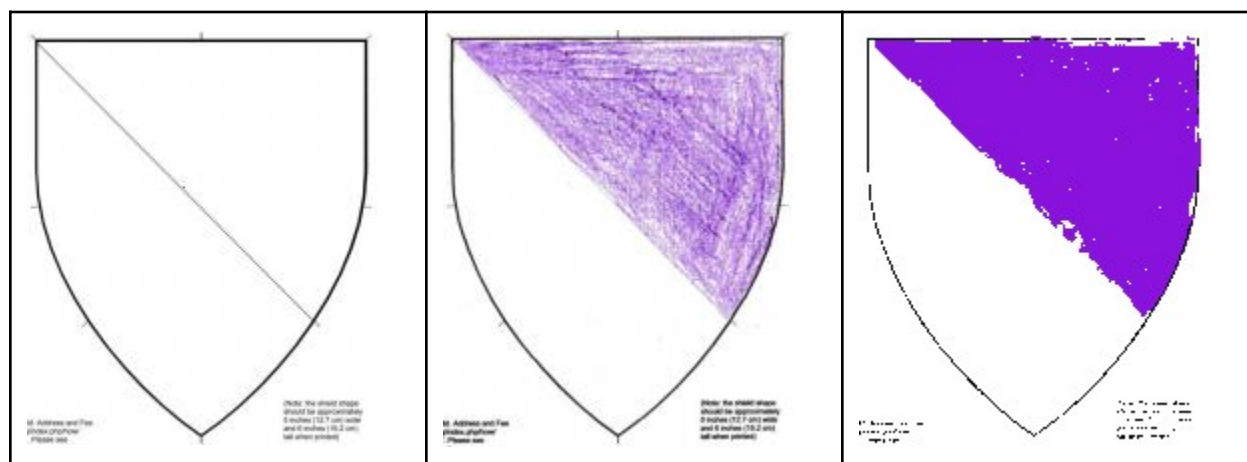
Kingdom commentary was able to source the name *Gwyn* in the form submitted to both the masculine and feminine genders at least once. It can also be sourced as masculine in 1456 and 1457 from the Dictionary of Medieval Names from European Sources

(<https://dmnes.org/name/Gwyn>) as well as from FamilySearch as a gray period feminine name (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NYB2-WXZ?lang=en>). As well, we can alternately date the byname to 1598, making it compatible with all the above given names. Therefore, Kingdom will provide this as additional evidence that the name can be considered gender neutral, as per the submitter's request.

Kingdom thanks Alys Ogress and Rúnfríðr Rocket for providing the additional documentation.

10: Gwyn De Vere

Action	Description	Decision
New Device	Per bend purple and argent	Returned



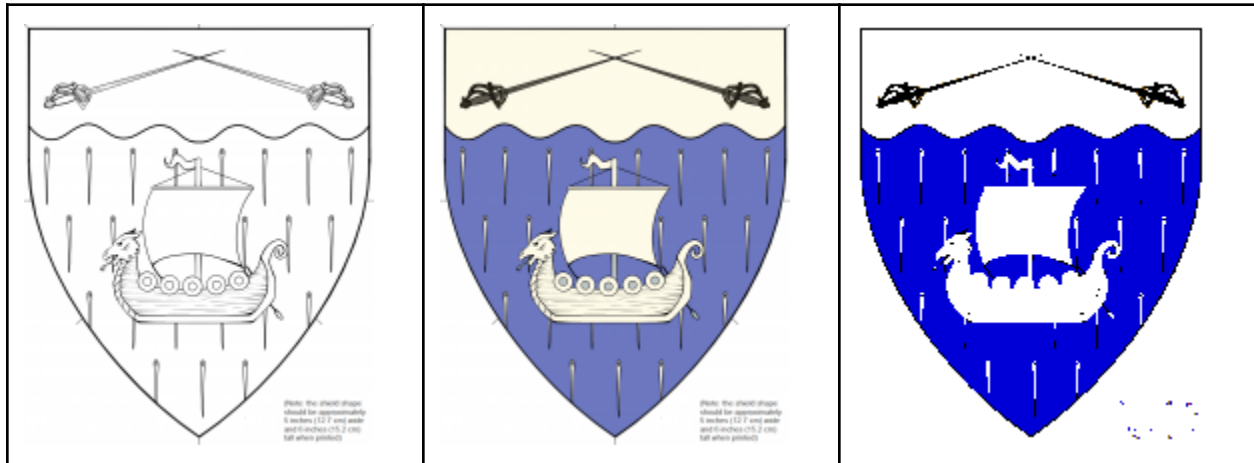
Notes:

This device must be returned for conflict with:

- The device of Idonea Lazenby: *Per bend engrailed purple and argent*. One distinct change is granted for the complex line vs the plain per SENA A5G1c but that is the only one.
- The device of Agnes Ville: *Per bend purple and checky argent and purple*. There is one distinct change for the change of the argent section to checky argent and purple per SENA A5G1a, but as these devices share a tincture on the other half of the field, there is no significant change per SENA A5F2 and no other distinct change is present.
- The badge of Cormac Mór: *Per bend Or and argent*. As with the previous, there is only one distinct change for half the tincture of the field and no other.
- The badge of Giovanna Luigia di Milano: *Per bend purple and gules*. As with the previous, there is only one distinct change for half the tincture of the field and no other.

11: Mage Cunningghame, alias Blue

Action	Description	Decision
New Device	Azure seme of needles, a drakkar and on a chief wavy argent two rapiers in chevron points crossed sable	Forwarded



Art by Osgyth Pallet

Notes:

This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

In service to College and Kingdom,
Drasma Dragomira
Blue Tyger Herald