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Armorial Bearings of the Surnames of Scotland

Text and illustrations by Donald Roger Barnes

'Armorial bearings', 'arms', or 'coat of arms' refers to the heraldic design on a shield. In Scotland, armorial bearings are under the control of the Lord Lyon King of Arms. Since 1672, arms (as well as crests, mottoes, supporters and badges) have been recorded in the *Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland*, known informally as 'Lyon Register'. Earlier holders of the office of Lord Lyon made their own registers of arms, some of which still exist.

Although there are some exceptions, it can generally be said that, in Scotland, all coats of arms belonging to people of the same surname have similar designs. It is, therefore, usually possible to deduce a person's surname from the design of his or her arms. However, as only one person at a time is entitled to any one particular coat of arms, other people of that same surname (including immediate family members) must, if they wish to use arms, apply to have differenced versions matriculated (registered) in their own names. Differencing might range from the simple addition of a border or a crescent, to considerably more complicated changes.

For most of those surnames where there have been coats of arms registered for people of that name, there exists an undifferenced design on which all others of that name are based. Some of these undifferenced arms may be only theoretical designs inferred from old records and differenced versions.

Only the 'chief of the arms and name' is entitled to use the undifferenced arms.

A person who can establish his or her relationship to a male-line ancestor in whose name arms have been registered, may apply for a matriculation of a differenced version, and those who cannot establish such a link may apply for a grant of a new coat of arms which, however, will be based on the design of the chief's.

Arms matriculated or granted will not necessarily include any augmentation which occurs in the chiefly arms, such as the double tressure flory counterflory in the Buchanan arms, or either of the crowns in the Ogilvy arms.

Most of the entries in this booklet are of the registered undifferenced arms of the chief of that surname, whether or not there is a currently recognised chief. For other entries, the theoretical chiefly arms have been inferred from ancient records and from differenced versions recorded for others of the surname, and there would not, in these cases, be a currently recognised chief. Where there is no current chief, the arms cannot be borne by anyone until the Lord Lyon determines who is the rightful chief; and the inferred designs (or possibly a slightly differing version) cannot be borne by anybody until the Lord Lyon determines both who is the rightful chief, and the exact design of the chiefly arms. No one can be recognised as chief of a surname unless he or she uses that surname alone without it being hyphenated with any other name.

In this booklet, the text of each entry consists of up to five items:

- 1: The surname, of which there are often several different spellings, but generally only the main one is shown. Where the surname varies only in the ending (e.g. ...es/...is, ...ie/...y, ...ton/...tone/...toun, doubling of a consonant such as Dun/Dunn), or between Mac.../Mc..., Macd.../MacD... etc, only one spelling is usually shown and the others are implied.
- 2: The blazon of the arms. (For readers unfamiliar with heraldic terminology, there is (on p.20) a brief glossary of those terms which are not obvious by comparing blazon with illustration. If the tinctures of a beast's tongue, claws, horns, beak etc are not given in the recorded blazon, I have either followed the heraldic convention as to what those tinctures should be or I have followed an old coloured painting such as *The Scots Roll*.)
- 3: The title and/or surname and designation (territorial or otherwise) of the person in whose name the arms have been recorded. If in italics, then that person is (to the best of my knowledge) the current chief of the arms.
- 4: The Lyon Register ('LR') volume, page, and year (or range of possible years where the entry is undated).
- 5: References to sources (see inside front cover). ('Inferred undifferenced' means that the arms given are inferred as mentioned on page 1.)

In 3 above, a designation 'of that ilk' means 'of the same', so that generally, for example, 'Bloggs of that ilk' means the same thing as 'Bloggs of Bloggs' — both these designations usually implying chiefship of the surname. (Sometimes the use of the former style is because the lands named 'Bloggs' are no longer held by the chief, although 'of Bloggs' does not necessarily mean that he or she still holds those lands.) The designation of some chiefs is that of the surname (e.g. MacGregor of MacGregor) rather than the chiefly lands. 'Lord' is that rank of the peerage equivalent to an English baron.

In almost all of those surnames which contain the letter *z* (such as Dalziel, Mackenzie, Menzies, Scrymgeour, and Zuill), the *z* has replaced the yogh (*ȝ*) which represented the guttural sound that is a cross between a *y* and a *g*. It should not be pronounced as a *z*. It is, however, now usually written as *z*, *y*, or *g* as in Dalziel, Dalyell, Scrymgeour, Wingate, Yuill and Zuill. (Moncreiffe, *The Highland Clans*, 1967, etc (under Mackenzie and Menzies); Black, *The Surnames of Scotland*, 1946, reprinted 1993, p. lvi; *The Scottish National Dictionary*, vol. X, 1976, pp 246 & 297.)

On page 21 is a map showing places mentioned in this volume. See, also, the notes at the foot of page 20.

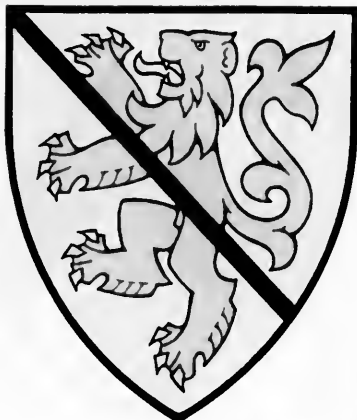
Even though much effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this booklet, it cannot be taken as authoritative or completely up to date. (The Lyon Register reference might have been superseded, but the arms shown will, to the best of my knowledge, still be correct.) An old Gaelic proverb has it that 'It is a great thing to have written a book, even a bad one'.

Abernethy

Or, a lion rampant Gules,
surmounted by a riband Sable.

Abernethy of that Ilk;
Lord Abernethy;
Lord Salto(u)n.

SCAFE; Nisbet; Clan Map; Lyndsay;
BGA

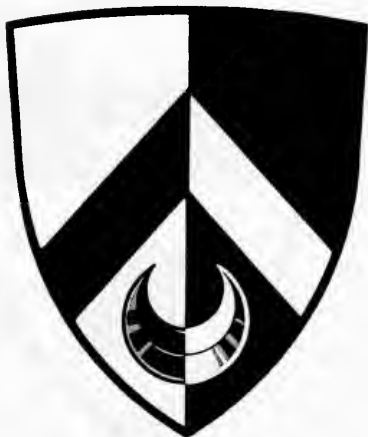


Alexander

Parted per pale Argent and Sable, a
chevron and in base a crescent, both
counterchanged.

Alexander of Menstrie, Earl of
Stirling.

Nisbet; DT 21, pp. 7 & 8;
GR (inferred undifferenced).



Baird

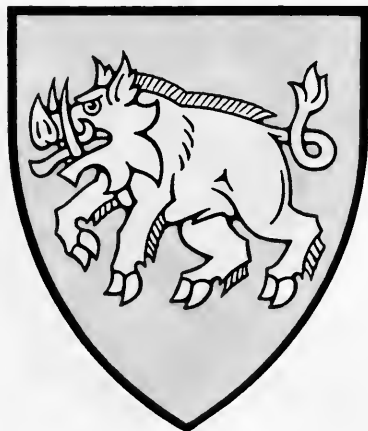
Gules, a boar passant Or.

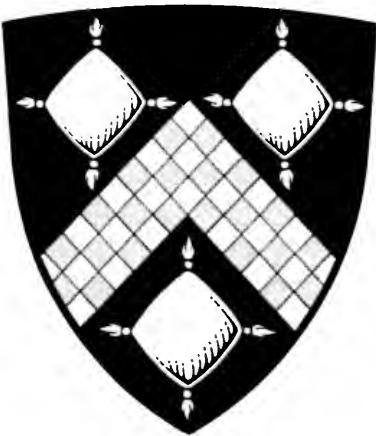
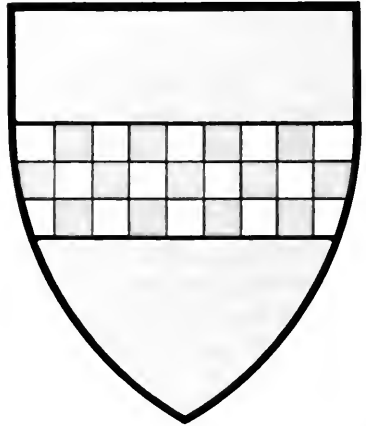
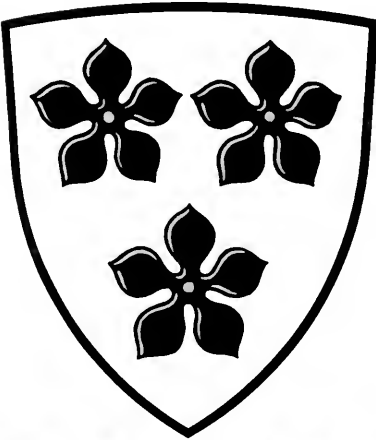
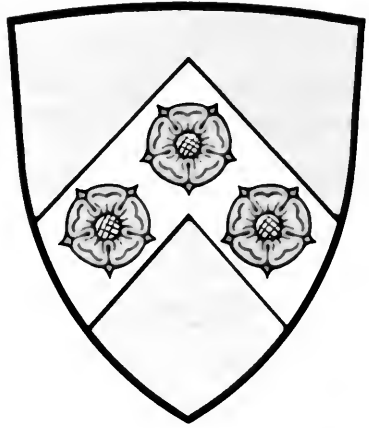
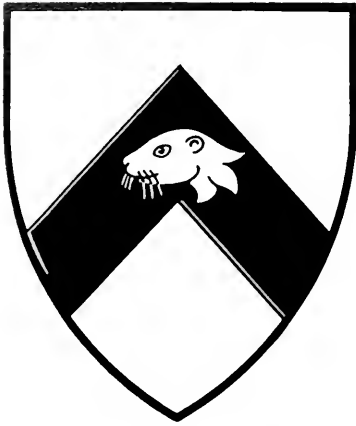
Baird of Auchmedden.

LR 1/120, 1672-92.

SCAFE; GR; Nisbet

(Scots *bair* = boar)





Balfour

Argent, on a chevron Sable, an otter's head erased of the Field.

Balfour of that Ilk.

LR 32/16, 1936.

SCAFE: O2; Nisbet

Borthwick

Argent, three cinquefoils Sable.

*Borthwick of that Ilk,
Lord Borthwick.*

LR 70/9, 1986.

SCAFE; HSS; Nisbet; BP; WA

Brisbane

Sable, a chevron checky Or and Gules between three cushions of the Second.

Brisbane of Bishopton.

LR 1/122, 1672-92.

SCAFE; Nisbet; GR

Blackadder

Azure, on a chevron Argent, three roses Gules.

Blackadder of that Ilk.

SCAFE: Nisbet; Lyndsay;
GR (quarterings in arms of Home of Blackader, and Hume of Carsrigg)

Boyd

Azure, a fess checky Argent and Gules.

Lord Kilmarnock.

LR 34/43, 1941.

SCAFE; O2; Nisbet; WA; BP

Buchanan

Or, a lion rampant Sable. armed and langued Gules, within a double tressure flory counterflory of the Second.

Buchanan of that Ilk.

LR 1/122, 1675.

SCAFE: GR; Lyndsay.
Nisbet states that an earlier version had the lion 'degutted' Or. Scots Roll shows the lion 'goutty d'Or' (strewn with golden droplets).

Cairns

Gules, three martlets Or.

Cairns of that Ilk.

SCAFE & Nisbet: (Balfour's MS):
Lyndsay

Cockburn

Argent, three cocks Gules.

Cockburn of that Ilk. and of Langton.

LR 1/129. 1673.

SCAFE; GR: Nisbet; Scots Roll.
(O2, BP & DP show Cockburn of that Ilk,
but the arms are differenced by a bordure.)

Dalziel / Dalzell

Sable, a naked man, his arms
expanded Proper.

Dalziel of that Ilk. Earl of Carnwath.

LR 1/64, c. 1672.

SCAFE; GR: Nisbet.
Lyndsay shows, for Dawzell of that Ilk. a
wildman (i.e. covered with hair).

Campbell

Gyronny of eight Or and Sable.

Duke of Argyll.

LR 58/81. 1977.

SCAFE; HSS; Nisbet; WA; BP

Cunningham

Argent, a shake-fork Sable.

Cunningham of Kilmaurs. Earl
of Glencairn.

LR 1/53. c. 1672.

SCAFE; GR: Nisbet

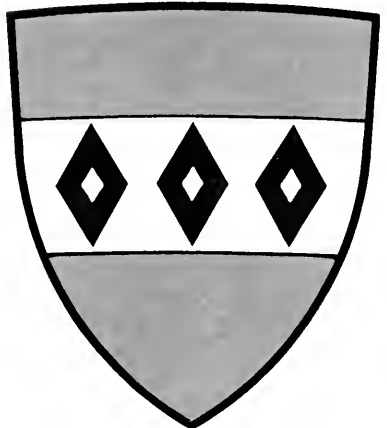
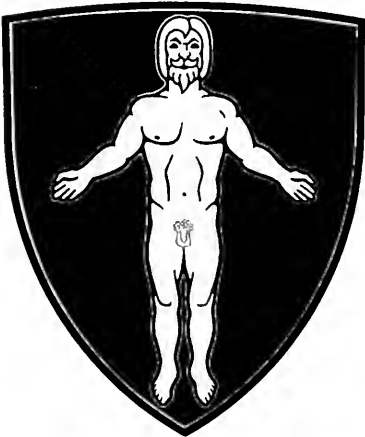
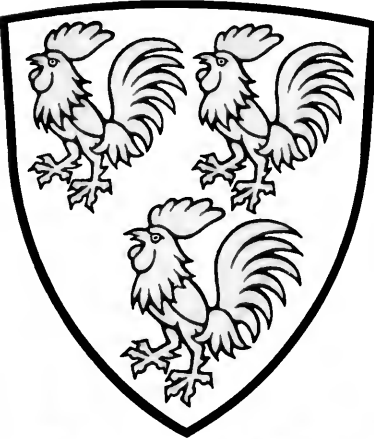
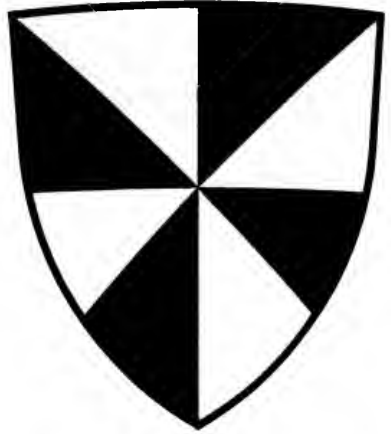
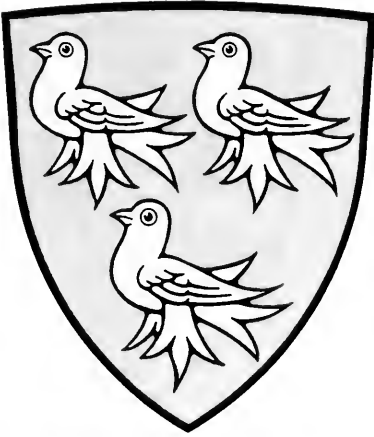
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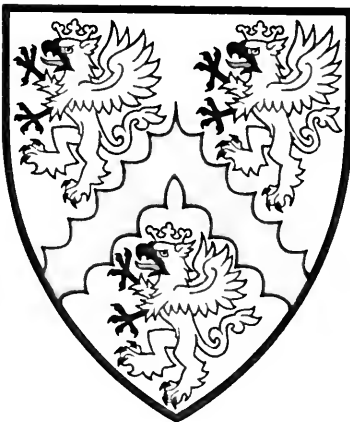
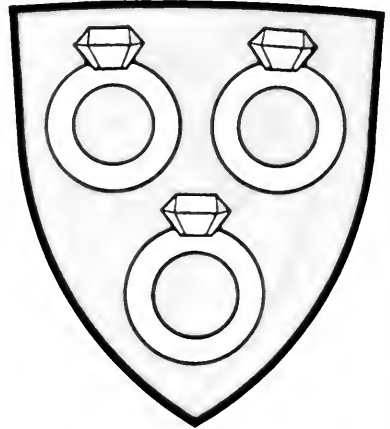
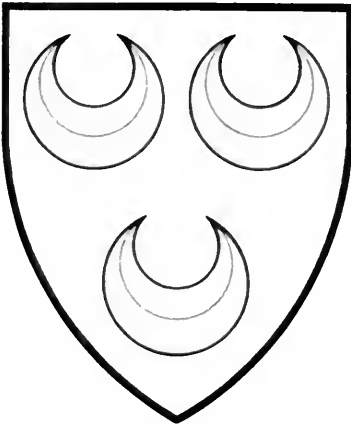
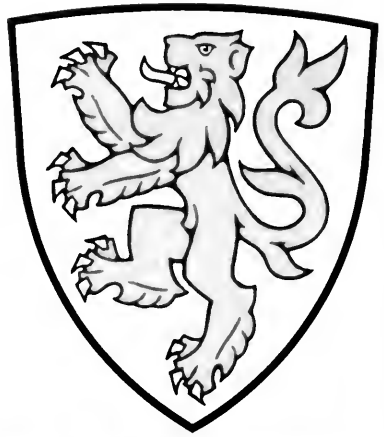
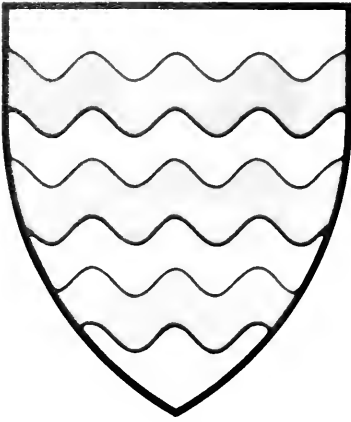
Vert. on a fess Argent. three mascles
Sable.

Don of Newton, Baronet.

LR 1/136. 1672-85.

SCAFE; GR: Nisbet





Drummond

Or, three bars wavy Gules.

*Drummond of Stobhall,
Earl of Perth.*

LR 40/77, 1953.

O2; SCAFE; Nisbet; BP; WA

Edmonstone / Edmiston

Or, three crescents Gules.

Edmonstone/Edmiston of that Ilk,
and of Ednam.

LR 1/144, 1672-93.

SCAFE; O1; GR; Nisbet; Scots Roll;
Lyndsay

Forsyth

Argent, a chevron engrailed Gules
between three griffins segreant
Azure, armed and membered Sable,
crowned Or.

Forsyth of that Ilk.

LR 63/7, 1978.

SCAFE; DT4, 1982, p. 12, n.6;
DT7, 1985, p. 21-24; Nisbet; WA

Dundas

Argent, a lion rampant Gules.

Dundas of Dundas.

LR 18/56, 1905.

O2; SCAFE; Nisbet; Scots Roll;
Lyndsay; WA

Eglinton

Gules, three annulets Or, stoned
Azure.

Eglinton of that Ilk.

Nisbet

Gayre / Gair

Argent, a fleur-de-lys Sable, and in
the dexter chief point a star Vert.

Gayre of Gayre and Nigg.

LR 66/25, 1982.

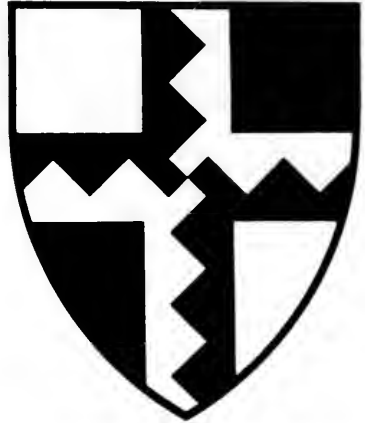
SCAFE; HSS; WA

Glendinning

Quarterly indented Argent and Sable,
a cross counterchanged.

Glendinning/Glendonwyn of that Ilk.

SCAFE & Nisbet (Mackenzie's *Science
of Heraldry*); Scots Roll; Lyndsay



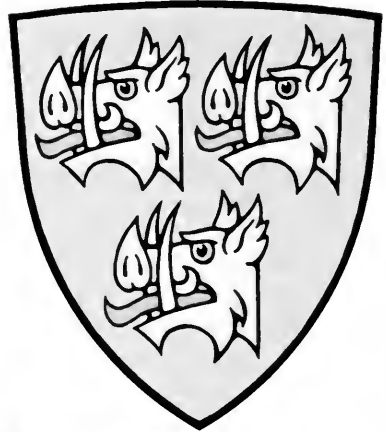
Gordon

Azure, three boars' heads couped Or,
armed Proper and langued Gules.

Marquess of Huntly.

LR 37/1. 5, 1950.

SCAFE; O2; Nisbet; WA



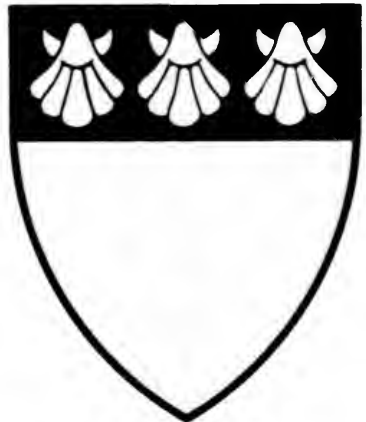
Graham

Or, on a chief Sable, three escallops
of the First.

Duke of Montrose.

LR 76/89, 1998.

SCAFE; HSS; Lyndsay; WA



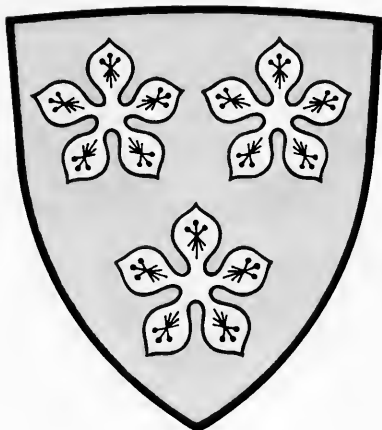
Hamilton

Gules, three cinquefoils Ermine.

Hamilton of that Ilk, Duke of
Hamilton.

Nisbet; Clan Map; SCAFE; HSS (LR 58/1,
1974).

Scots Roll & Lyndsay show the cinquefoils
pierced. The illustration in Lyndsay
suggests that the ermine spots might have
their origin in the veins of the cinquefoils.



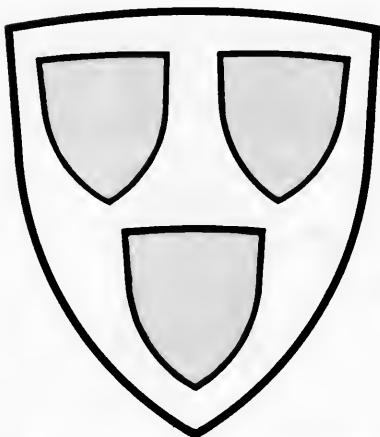
Hay

Argent, three inescutcheons Gules.

Hay of Erroll, Earl of Erroll.

LR 64/77, 1980.

Reproduction of matriculation published by
the Heraldry Society of Scotland, 1981;
Nisbet; Lyndsay; SCAFE; WA



Hepburn

Gules, on a chevron Argent, a
rose between two lions combatant
of the First.

SCAFE (*The Scots Peerage*); Nisbet;
O1 & O2 (inferred undifferenced)



Herries

Argent, three urchins (or herissons)
Sable.

Herries of Terreagles, Lord Herries.

Nisbet; Scots Roll; BGA; Lyndsay;
O2 (LR 18/10, 1904)

Lidderdale

Azure, a chevron Ermine.

Lidderdale of St Mary's Isle.

LR 1/350, 1672-80.

Nisbet; GR

McCorquodale

Argent, a stag Gules, attired Or,
issuing from a fess wreathed of
the Second and Third.

McCorquodale of that Ilk and
Phantilands.

LR 1/359, 1672-92.

SCAFE, GR, Clan Map

Hunter

Or, three hunting horns Vert,
garnished and stringed Gules.

Hunter of Hunterston.

LR 76/50, 1995.

SCAFE: HSS; Tak Tent 13; BGA; WA

Lockhart

Argent, a man's heart Gules within a
fetterlock Sable; on a chief Azure,
three boars' heads erased of the First.

Lockhart of the Lee.

LR 42/40, 1957.

SCAFE: O2; WA

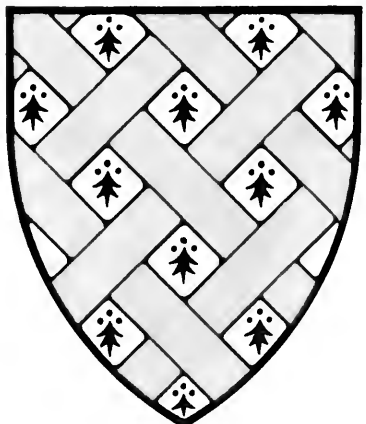
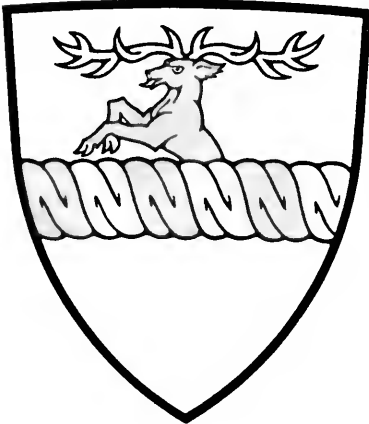
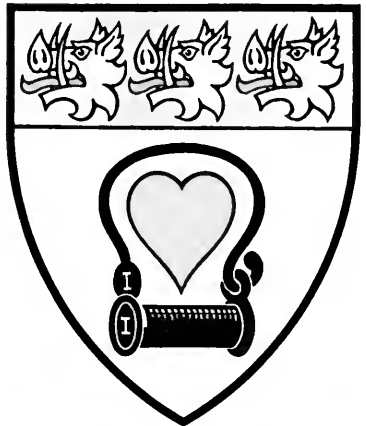
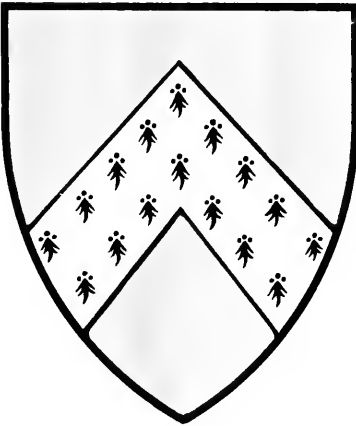
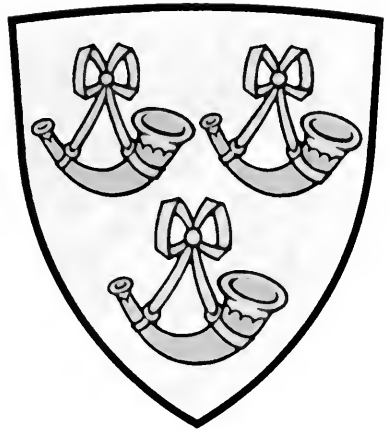
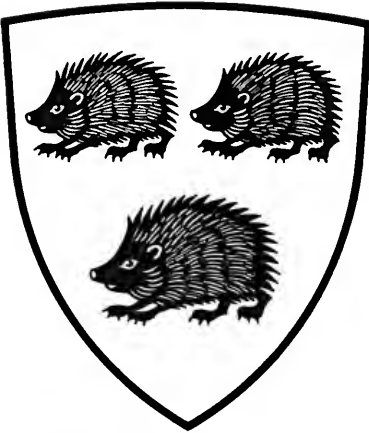
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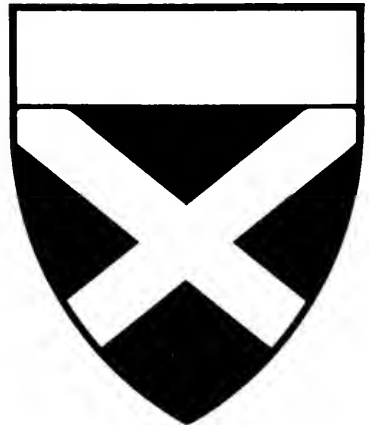
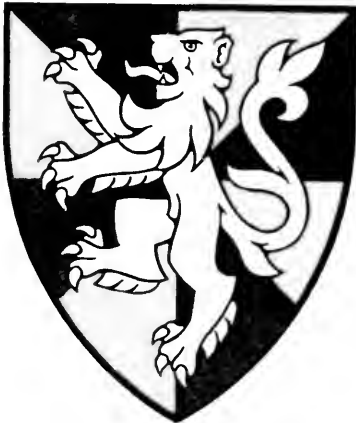
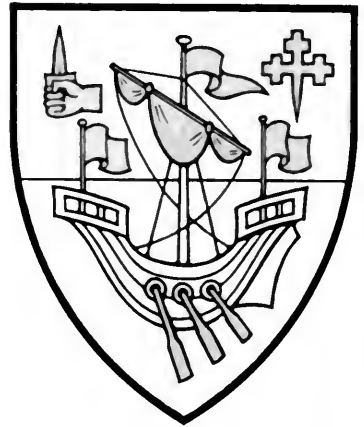
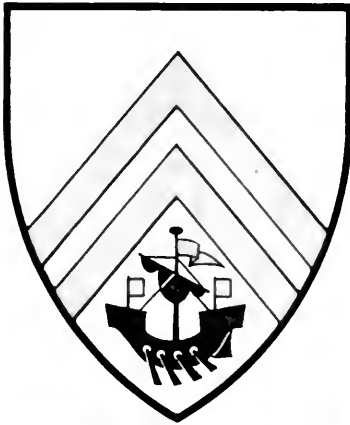
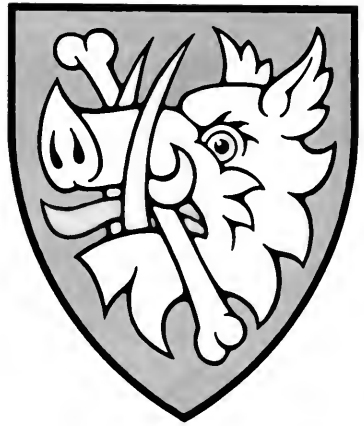
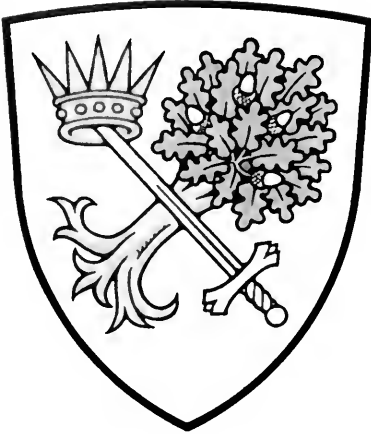
Ermine, fretty Gules.

McCulloch of Myrtoune.

LR 1/185, 1672-74.

SCAFE, GR; O1; Clan Map





MacGregor

Argent, a sword in bend Azure, and an oak tree eradicated in bend sinister Proper, the former supporting on its point in dexter chief an antique crown Gules.

MacGregor of MacGregor, Baronet.

LR 64/31. 1979.

SCAFE: HSS; BP; WA

MacLaren / MacLaurin*

Or, two chevronels Gules accompanied by a lymphad, sails furled and oars in action Sable in base.

MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine.

LR 42/119, 1958.

SCAFE: O2; WA.

* Although most MacLaurin matriculations are based on the arms shown here, MacLaurin of Dregghorn has: Argent, a shepherd's crook Sable (LR 1/529 & 530. 1781). O1; GR

Matheson

Gyronny of eight Sable and Gules, a lion rampant Or, armed and langued Azure.

Matheson of Matheson, Baronet.

LR 76/39, 1994.

SCAFE: HSS, WA, DP

Mackinnon

Vert. a boar's head erased Argent, holding in its mouth the shank bone of a deer Proper.

Mackinnon of Mackinnon.

LR 36/153, 1948.

SCAFE: O2; WA

Macpherson

Parted per fess Or and Azure, a lymphad of the First, sail furled, oars in action and tackling all Proper, flags and pennon flying Gules; in the dexter canton, a dexter hand fessways coupé and holding a dagger erect, and in the sinister canton, a cross crosslet fitchy all Gules.

Macpherson of Cluny.

LR 49/79, 1966.

SCAFE: O2; WA

Moffat

Sable. a saltire and a chief Argent.

Moffat of that Ilk.

LR 65/60, 1983.

SCAFE: HSS; Heraldry Society of Scotland Newsletter No. 9; Nisbet; Lyndsay; WA

Monypenny

Gules. three crosses crosslet fitchy issuing out of as many crescents Argent.

Monypenny of Pitmilley.

LR 70/36. 1987.

SCAFE. HSS: Lyndsay

Ogilvy / Ogilvie

Argent. a lion passant guardant Gules, armed and langued Azure. crowned with an Imperial Crown and gorged with an open crown both Proper.

Earl of Airlie.

LR 1/63. 1785.

SCAFE: GR: Nisbet; WA

Pollock

Vert. a saltire Or between three bugles. two in fess and one in base Argent. garnished Gules.

Pollock of Overpollock or of that ilk.

LR 1/395. 1672-1698.

SCAFE: GR

Munro / Monro

Or. an eagle's head erased Gules.

Munro of Foulis.

LR 39/1. 1952.

SCAFE: O2: Nisbet; WA

Pitblado

Vert. a boar's head erased Argent.

Pitblado / Pitbladdowe of that ilk.

SCAFE (Pont's MS);
Nisbet (Workman's MS);
DT 10, p.26 (Hague Roll);
Lyndsay

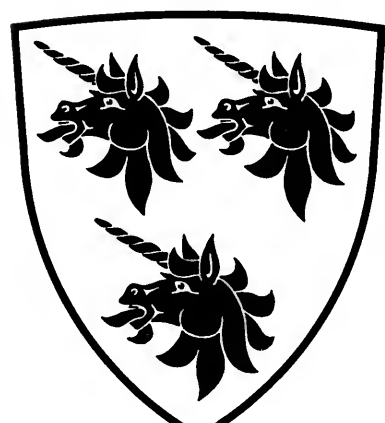
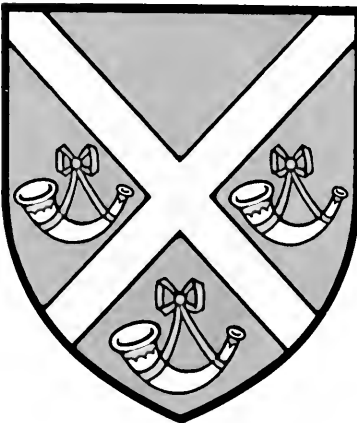
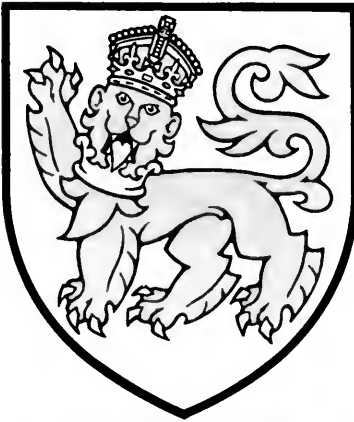
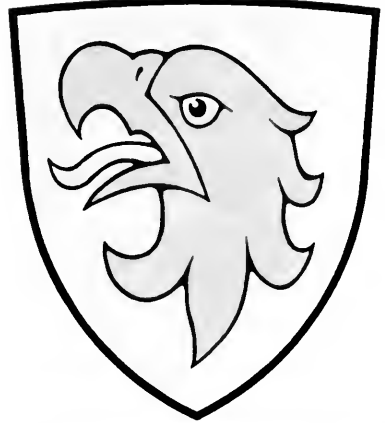
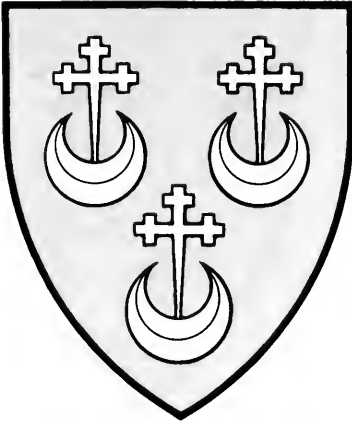
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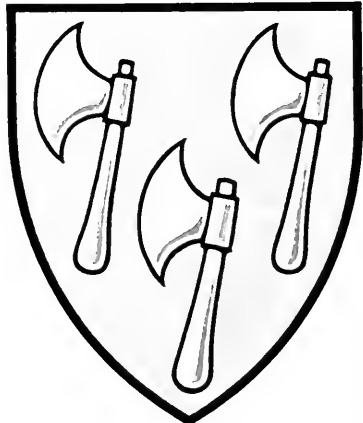
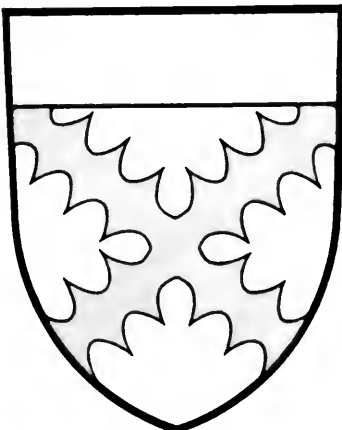
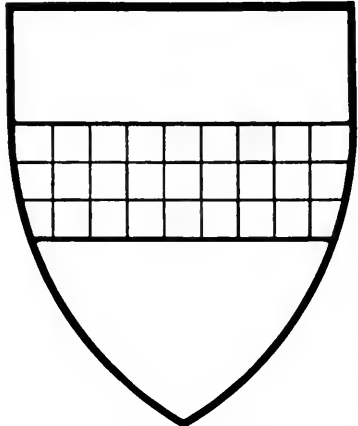
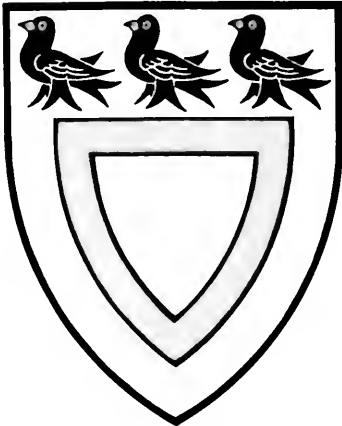
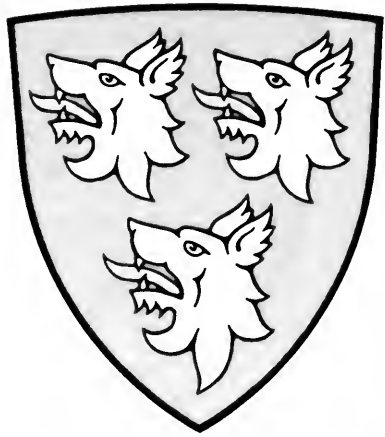
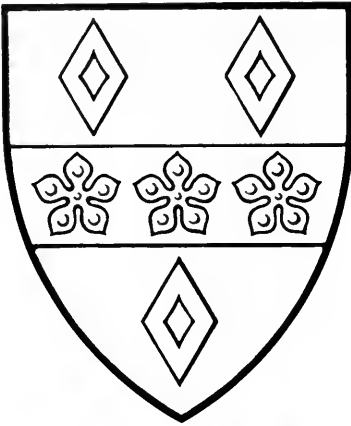
Argent. three unicorns' heads erased Sable.

Preston of that ilk.

LR 1/202. 1673.

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Purves / Purvis

Azure. on a fess between three mascles Argent. as many cinquefoils of the Field.

Purves of Purves. Baronet.

LR 1/204. 1772.

SCAFE: GR: Nisbet

Rutherford

Argent, an orle Gules; in chief three martlets Sable, beaked of the Second.

Rutherford of that Ilk;
and of Edgerston.

LR 1/207, c. 1672.

GR: SCAFE: Nisbet; Lyndsay p. 99.

(The orle should probably be correctly described as a voided escutcheon: see Lyndsay p. 84.)

Tweedie

Argent, a saltire engrailed Gules and a chief Azure.

Tweedie of Drumelzier.

SCAFE: Nisbet (Pont's MS); Clan Map; Lyndsay

Robertson / MacRobert(s) / Robbie

Gules. three wolves' heads erased Argent, armed and langued Azure.

Robertson of Struan.

LR 40/14. 1954.

SCAFE; O2: Nisbet: WA

Stewart / Stuart

Or, a fess checky Azure and Argent.

Nisbet vol. 1, p. 43

Wright

Azure. three carpenter's axes Argent.

Nisbet (Mackenzie's Heraldry).

(Most later matriculations for this surname have 'battle axes'.)

GLOSSARY

- Argent: silver, usually shown as white.
armed: with claws, talons, horns, tusks, beak (of bird of prey), teeth (but not usually other than tusks); in armour.
Azure: blue.
bend sinister: a diagonal stripe from sinister chief to dexter base.
bordure: border.
chief: the upper part of a shield; a horizontal stripe at the top of a shield.
counterchanged: where the shield is divided into two tinctures, and the charges (or parts thereof) laid on it have the same tinctures but transposed.
couped: cut off (e.g. hand; at the neck; at the ends of a saltire).
dexter: right (hand, paw, side, etc.); right-hand side of a shield from the point of view of a person behind the shield.
eradicated: up-rooted.
erased: torn off, leaving a ragged edge.
Ermine: a fur consisting of black, highly stylised ermine tails on white.
escutcheon: shield.
expanded: out-spread.
Field, of the: of the same tincture as the surface of the shield.
First, of the: of the same tincture as the first tincture mentioned.
garnished: decorated (e.g. hunting horn or bugle, including the strings if not otherwise tintured).
guardant: full-faced.
Gules: red.
herisson: hedgehog.
inescutcheon: shield.
langued: tongued.
Last, of the: of the same tincture as the last of the previously mentioned tinctures.
membered: of the legs of a bird and the fore-legs of a griffin.
Or: gold, often shown as yellow.
passant: walking, with the dexter (fore-)leg raised.
Proper: in natural or usual tinctures, but stylised, e.g. 'a heart Proper' is red.
Purpure: purple.
Sable: black.
Second, of the: of the same tincture as the second tincture mentioned.
segreant: (of a griffin) the same position as a lion rampant, and with wings back-to-back.
sinister: left (hand, paw, side, etc); the opposite of dexter.
star: the five-pointed charge known as a 'mullet' in English heraldry.
Third, of the: of the same tincture as the third tincture mentioned.
tincture: any of the colours (Azure, Gules, Purpure, Sable, Vert), metals (Argent, Or) and furs (Ermine, Vair, etc.).
urchin: hedgehog.
Vert: green.

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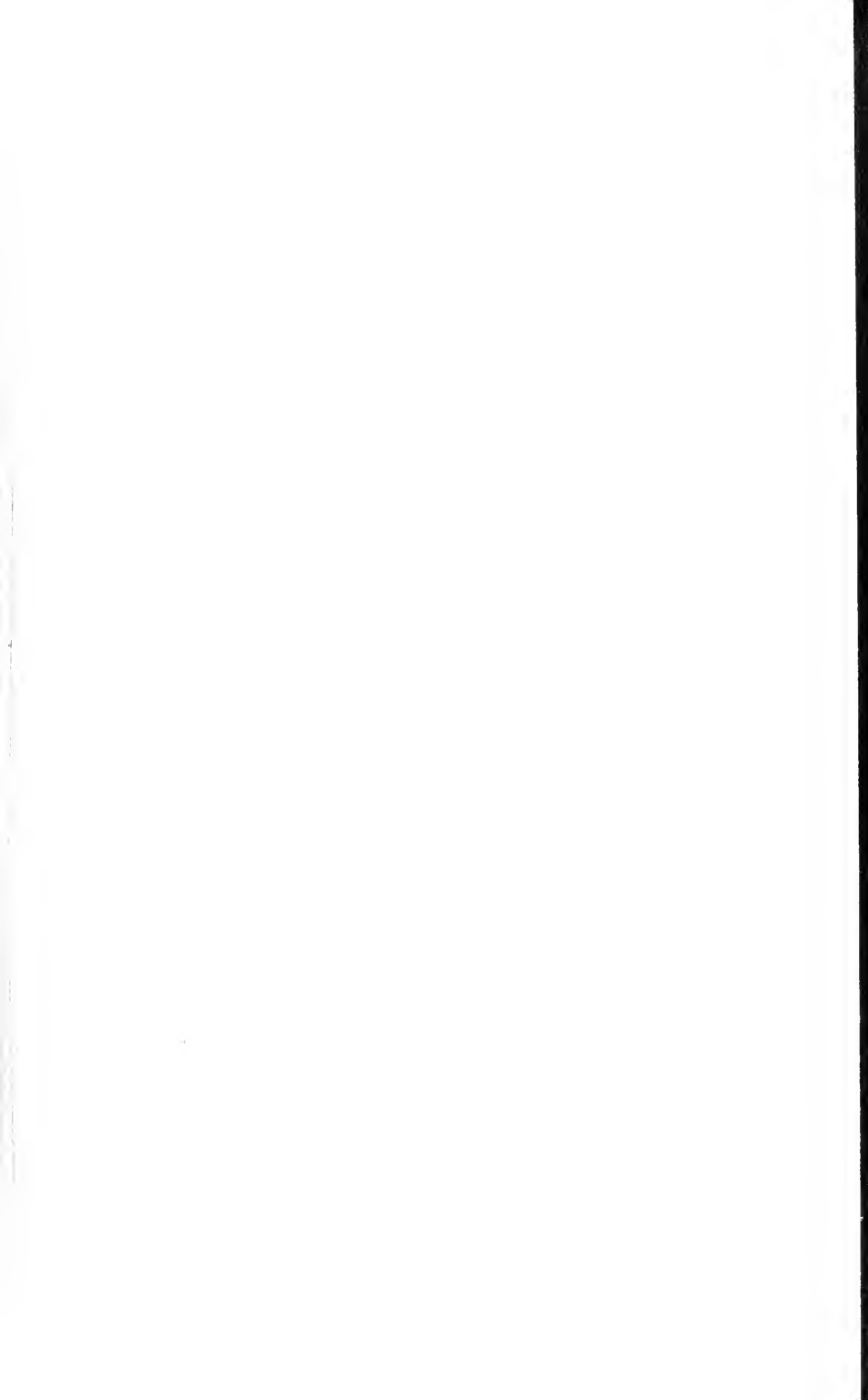
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