

**Commentary Notes on the  
Ealdormere Internal Letter of Intent  
October 2003**

The following are the commentary notes on the following submissions as discussed on 16 November 2003 at Kingdom A&S.

\*Beginning with this letter of comment I will no longer be attaching miniature copies of the submitted device/badge artwork. These are available as attached to the Internal and External letters of intent and take up large amounts of space in these letters that I feel is a useless duplication at this stage of the process. Any comment or concerns about this are most welcome.

Percival.

*Note: Unless otherwise specified, submitters are willing to accept any changes.*

**1. Aleydis deVries** (New Name, New Device)  
*Per pale Or and argent, a phoenix displayed sable, a chiefgules.*

Aleydis – fem. Dutch name recorded in “Het Oudste Cijnregistra van de Abdeij van Berne vit 1376”. Recommended in Academy of St. Gabriel Report #1449 as an excellent name for a medieval Dutch woman.

DeVries – name dates from 1454, as cited in “Histoire de la Gilde des Archers de Saint Sebastian de la Ville de Bruges” by Henry Godas, as quoted by Academy of St. Gabriel, Report #1295. [www.s-gabriel-org](http://www.s-gabriel-org)  
Submitter desires authentic for 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> C. female, cares more about sound.

\*\*As you will note on the ELOI the discussion of this name resulted in our adding some valuable documentation we feel will assist this name in being found acceptable.

As for the device it was an almost universal opinion both of comments received via e-mail and of those in attendance at the meeting that the charge item shown on this submission was (a) not any sort of Phoenix as recognized in heraldic circles. (b) not really identifiable as any other specific sort of bird save a generic "bird" form that may appear to some to be made of flames or fire. Several rules of submission are apt to apply to this. RFS VIII.3 Armourial Identifiability. And VII.7.a "elements must be recognized solely from their appearance."

Based on the above information we have passed the name on to Laurel and will return the device to be redrawn and recommend a more easily recognized or standard form of the Phoenix be used to clear up these problems.

**2. Aurelia von Grein** (New Name, New Device)  
*Per bend purpure and vert a zephyr[?] argent and a harp or.*

Aurelia – A Biographical Dictionary of the Saints by The Rt. Rev. F. G. Howleck (B. Herder Book Co., 1924) – reference made to name existing in 383 and 1027 AD.

Grein – Austrian city since August 21, 1491 – [www.ngw.nl/int/oos/g/grein.htm](http://www.ngw.nl/int/oos/g/grein.htm)  
Desires authentic for German female.

\*\* Discussion on the name as submitted and the submitters desire for Authentic German were the main focus of concern. While we could find no problem with the name as a period name authenticity as German seems to be a problem.

The device came to us with no written Blazon and as such we created the one listed. Some comment was made as to what the charge that looks like a face blowing wind should be called and it is in fact a Zepher as blazoned.

Seeing no problems with the acceptability of either we have forwarded both the name and device to laurel for rulings.

**3.Cainnear inghean Hui Chatharnaig** (New Badge) - *Per incessant argent and sable an equatorium Or.*

\*\*Per incessant is not a heraldic field division of any sort. Discussion of possible blazon changes to correct this came up empty. Further more it was felt by many of us that identifiability of the charge item "equatorium" was at best difficult at any distance.

This badge will be returned for a redraw and we would recommend some form of recognized field division and perhaps a tincture change to help make the charge item more readily identified.

**4. Charles Cardon** (new name; previous name “Charles FitzJohn” returned March 2003; holding name “Charles of Eoforwic”)  
Charles – listed in Withycombe, ODECN, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., p. 62, dated to 1273.

Cardon- listed in Reaney and Wilson, English Surnames, p. 83, header forms "Carden, Cardon" dated to 1086 (Domesday Book).

Desires authentic for 15<sup>th</sup> C. English male of Norman ancestry; will not accept major changes.

\*\*The submitters own documentation and desire for 15<sup>th</sup> century authenticity are at cross purposes here as everything cited claims 11<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> century use. Also of note the submitter has placed an Alternate name in the submission process and we have concern over this name going forward and finding acceptance should the above name be returned by Laurel.

We will pend both this and the alternate name pending a discussion with the submitter to clarify this situation with him and ensure what he is submitting meets his wishes.

**5. Constance the Curious** (Name registered Dec. 2001, Device resubmission)  
*Per pale argent and purple, two dragons counterchanged.*

\*\*This device has been resubmitted due to a clerical error on the Green Mantles office in the past and as such is being treated as a Kingdom level return at this time. Unfortunately much discussion again came about regarding the Identity of the charge items and their posture on this device. Blazoned as dragons they do not fit into any known heraldic pattern for a dragon. (No wings) As they only have 2 legs showing a discussion also arose as to if we might call these wyverns. (once again no wings) Once again they do not fit the mold of any heraldic wyverns or similar creatures.

This device is being returned for redraw with the recommendations that a standardized form of either dragon or wyvern or some other acceptable creature be used. The posture of the creatures must also be properly blazoned as they are back to back in the picture submitted.

**6(a). Eve the Just** (New Name and Device)  
*Quartered purple and argent, two crescents argent and a serpent bendwise sinister glissant and looped vert overall.*

Eve – Hanc[Hanks?] and Hodges 1990, p. 112  
Le Guste – Reaney & Wilson 1997, p. 258  
(Anglicized to Eve the Just) Desires English female name, cares most about sound.

\*\*\*This item will be renumbered to conform to the standard formatting of Letters of Intent for Laurel.

The name documentation was found in question. Hanks & Hodges is a very suspect source book for our needs. Much of its information has been proven inaccurate at best. However in commentary the added documentation from Withycombe and Reaney and Wilson has some information we can use. However it also shows us that the name elements "the Just" as documented are better considered as Le Guste as a more period accurate form. For this reason we have passed the name up with the added comments and documentation and the suggestion this name variation is probably better.

As for the device unfortunately while a very striking device we can find no support for the snake in the posture used on the submission. No period blazon term can be found to support the submission and so we shall return the device for a redraw into an acceptable Heraldic Posture for snakes.

**6(b). Eve the Just** (New Badge) *Fieldless, a serpent nowed reversed vert.*

\*\*\* To be renumbered as above. This badge is a very nice period looking submission and the snake unlike the device above is in a recognized period posture and can be blazoned and supported as such. Passed up to Laurel.

**7. Gina of Dragon Castle** (Name resubmission; previous name "Gina il Castello del Drago" returned July 2003)

Gina – fem. Variation of Gino; deFelice, Emidio: Dizionario dei nomi Italiani, p. 189  
"of Dragon Castle" – from husband's name already in submission (Richard of Dragon Castle) – "My persona is Italian. Having married an English merchant, this variant is what I would be called."

Submitter will not accept minor changes.

\*\*\*There is no documentation for the submitters by name elements save mention of "her Husbands name already in process" this is not sufficient and all elements of each submission must be documented on their own merit. For this reason we must return this name for further documentation research. (suggest adding documents as used for husbands name and resubmitting).

**8. Gwerydd verch Rhys** (New Name & Device)

*Per chevron argent and sable, three ravens volant and a sun counterchanged.*

A Simple Guide To Constructing 13<sup>th</sup> C. Welsh Names by Heather Rose Jones, 1996; [www.s-gabriel.org/names/tangwystl/welsh13.html](http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/tangwystl/welsh13.html)

\*\*Name documentation of this name was also somewhat lacking in its summarization.. Simply attaching a web URL is not good enough as all commentors may not have access to the web. A summarization of the web page will be added. However it is also found that the documents support the name in a different form than submitted. As per the documentation we will forward this name with the recommended spellings of Gwerith verch Reys.

Also the blazon of the device as submitted was cleaned up some to better represent the posture of some charges and was forwarded to Laurel .

**9. Jason Archer** (New Name & Device)

*Argent, a lizard tergiant vert on a chief per chevron gules, two elf-bolt arrow heads inverted argent.*

Jason – as per birth certificate; Archer – Brass inscription found in Kent, dated 1514: [www.sca.org/heraldry/laurel/names/brasses/lastnameAB.html](http://www.sca.org/heraldry/laurel/names/brasses/lastnameAB.html) Cares most about meaning of name: “Jason, who is always shooting arrows.”

\*\*\* no fault could be found with the name or its documentation at the commentary level and as such it will be passed on to Laurel.

The device has several problems we have encountered. The blazoned "chief per chevron" is improper. A "chief per chevron" would appear as a full proper flat bottomed chief divided into a 2 parts per chevron. As emblazoned this unfortunately is not blazonable in any standard period heraldic terminology. The best guess we could make would be "per chevron enhanced" and this is not a period blazon or emblazoned design. We must return this device for redraw to a better more period style.

**10. Matilda la Zouche** (new name & device)

*Quarterly gules and vert, in saltire a blind quatrefoil argent.*

Matilda – Withycombe: Oxford Dictionary of Christian Names; la Zouche – Reaney & Wilson: A Dictionary of English Surnames.

Wishes female name authentic for 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> C.; will not accept major changes.

\*\*\*The name documentation was found to be less than desirable and fails to summarize the source so we added some of the information found in the source documents and will pass this up to Laurel.

The device was reblazoned to clear up some of the wording to better suit the picture presented and will be forwarded to Laurel.

**11. Robert the Blue** (New name & device)

*Argent, a bend gules between four roundels sable.*

Robert – submitter’s given name; Reaney documents “Robert Bluet” to 1196; Palsson’s translation of Icelandic Book of Settlements (13<sup>th</sup> C. Iceland) shows bynames “the Black”, “the Grey”, “the Greyish”, “the Red” and “the White”, lending credence to anglicized byname “the Blue”.

\*\*\*We found the submitters documentation covered the name Bluet very well but for the name Blue the assumption someone would be called Blue unfounded in Historic context. We have added some documentation and forwarded the name with a suggestion that Robert Bluet is a better spelling and is period for the submitters desire.

The device was found to be both very period and very striking heraldry. It appears clear of any conflict and is being sent up to laurel.

**12. Sadhbh inghean an tSagairt** (New name & device)

*Per pale wavy argent and sable a crescent moon argent.*

<http://groups.google.com/groups?hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&threadm=0cetgus7fjm5acp85olan6mj5lls8ji85e%404ax.com&rnum=1&prev=/groups%3Fq%3DSadhbh%2Bgroup:alt.heraldry.sca%26hl%3Den%26lr%3D%26ie%3DUTF-8%selm%3D0cetgus7fjm5acp85olan6mj5lls8ji85e%25404ax.com%26rnum%3D1>

\*\*\*The name documents were poorly summarized (none) so we added some documentation and a summary of submitters URL and will forward this to Laurel.

The device Blazon was very inaccurate for the picture supplied. We have cleared this up based on the picture and send this on to Laurel as well.

This ends the commentary on the November External letter of intent.

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