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**Ealdormere  
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Letter of Intent**

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Unto Lord Trillium, the Ealdormere College of Heraldry and the people of Ealdormere does Lord Percival de la Rocque, Green mantle Herald send greetings. The following are the notes from the commentary meeting held on 8 May 2004 at Lady Mary's Tournament relevant to the above-mentioned letter of intent. Comments appear at the end of the documentation and are preceded by 2 \*\*.

As always I have stripped out the graphic images to save file space here but they can be viewed on the letter of intent if needed.

- 1. Asa Gormsdottir** (New Name & Device) Seeks a Female name accurate for language and culture of Norse (Hedeby if possible) with no specified time period.

For both names she cites the Old Norse Name by Geirr Bassi Haraldsson. Asa is on page 8 as a feminine given name and Gormr is on page 10 with Gormsdottir being a Patronymic based on standard practice as contained in this book.

*Argent a viking woman statant to sinister gules.*

\*based on the figure shown this does not appear to be Sinister to me. The Blazon might better be said "Argent a viking woman statant gules".

Attached to the submission are some forms in the way of documentation for the charge item shown on the submission. One is a type written page referring to the picture as a tracing from one of four extant silver female figurines from the Viking period. Shown in "Vikings: the North Atlantic Saga, ed. Fitzhugh and Ward p.57." and a reference to it appearing at

<http://www.frojel.com/Documents/Document05.html>.

There is also a photo copy of the picture from the above mentioned book showing the original silver figurine.

The submitter also points out a potential conflict of . Hildir Ulfsdottir, badge reg. March 89 via Atenveldt. (Fieldless) a Viking woman statant to sinister argent, crined Or, shod sable, gowned gules, aproned argent and mantled purple, maintaining a drinking horn Or.

I feel the many changes of tincture should give one CD as well as the reverse of the posture from sinister to dexter as another ??

\*\*Name. Our commentary produced the opinion that as presented the name needs some accent marks to match those found in the stated name sources and a minor spelling correction as follows.

Ása Gormsdáttir. Further it was stated that both names appear in the Landnamabok but no dates or page references are given. This however indicates the name is appropriate for the time period of the settlement of Iceland.

The submitter accepts changes and we therefore request Laurel rule on the minor alterations that we have suggested for spelling and accents.

\*\*Device **RETURNED**: violates several Rules for submission as follows. RFS. VII.7.a and VII.7.b.. Unidentifiable. No arms or face to make it clear this is a human. From the blazon this picture can not

be redrawn without knowing what source this "woman" comes from.

Also precedence from 22Oct 1999 no longer allowing the non period use of jewelry, statuary or other art objects in heraldry. It is recommended a redraw be done to better represent a human woman dressed as a "NORSE" woman.

2. **Auguste of Bendunfirth** (Change of Holding Name) to **Roberto Valason**. Holding name was registered on the August 2003 LoAR. Originally submitted as Auguste Valason. Laurel letter of return follows.

Auguste Valason. Name.

The College only found one example of the name Auguste dated close to period. Aryanhwy merch Catmael's article "French Names from 1601" (<http://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/french1601.html>) lists the name August as appearing once, and the form Auguste as appearing once, in the source document. The College was unable to find any evidence that this name was used in France earlier than this time.

Therefore, this name combines a French given name dated to 1601 with an Old Norse byname. As Valason is documented from Old Norse sources that record names used before approximately 1100, this name has one weirdness for a temporal disparity of greater than 300 years.

This submission did not provide information regarding the level of contact between French speakers and Old Norse speakers. Depending upon the level of contact between speakers of these languages, combining French and Old Norse in a name is either a weirdness or not registerable. Either status, when combined with the temporal disparity, is cause for return in this name.

The new submission is using the Submitters mundane name Roberto (Birth Certificate attached) and Valason from Harladsson Pg 17 "Vali using the constructed patronimic Valason. As noted above Valason was acceptable to Laurel in the original

submission just not as part of the same combination with Auguste.

\*\* Name. First of all it was pointed out the name should appear on the LOI as it is hoped to be registered and this has been corrected on the External letter and it appears as Roberto Valason.

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From our commentary this time we received one comment that the same temporal disparity occurs with Roberto. However it is our opinion this Weirdness based on the submitters Mundane Name allowance should not be a deciding factor and only the one weirdness for his Mundane name element should be taken into consideration here. We again forward this for ruling by Laurel.

3. **Auguste of Bendunfirth** (Device Resubmission ) Name Registered Aug. 2003 Via Ealdormere. Device was returned on the september 2003 LoAR see notes below.

*Argent a peacock in its pride azure collared by a baronial coronet argent within two barrulets between two pots vert.*

Letter attached to support use of Baronial Coronet.

Auguste of Ben Dunfirth. Device. Argent, a peacock in his pride azure gorged with a

coronet palisado argent between two barrulets all between two teapots spouts to sinister vert.

This submission would be the defining instance of a teapot in the SCA. Precedent is consistent in indicating that defining instances of charges need to be documented as being appropriate for SCA use: "This is being returned for lack of documentation.

The provided documentation does not clearly document the "teapot" vessel used in this submission as being appropriate for SCA heraldry:<<

The submitter is a court baron and entitled to use a coronet in his armory.

We have changed the Blazon and Emblazon from that returned above and offer as supporting documentation for the emblazoned item the following.

VonVolborth, Heraldry Customs Rules and Styles, Blandford press . Pg 137 (copies attached to submission) showing an object on a device similar to the one shown here and said to be contained in the arms of (von) Dreher, Wurttemberg, nobility of the Holy Roman Empire by letters patent 16<sup>th</sup> century. We believe this supports its use on the submission however we have no firm idea of what to call it at this point and are open to suggestions.

\*\* The only commentary was in respect to the info on documenting the coronet and what to call it. We passed this on to Laurel.

4. **Aveline Karnatz** (New name and Device) Seeking a female name cares most about the sound and has no preferences for language culture or time period. .

Aveline - Withycombe, 1947. Pg 54 (norman 12<sup>th</sup> century.

Karnatz - Bahlow, 1967 pg 273. S.N. (from Norse)

*Argent a chevron between three sea urchins purpure.*

\*\*Name. Commentary on the By Name Karnatz created some discussion and conflict over the interpretation of Bahlow.

From Aryanhwy merch Catmael we have "The header in Bahlow is Karnatz, and the entry says "(fre. in Ro.): Wendish pl.n. like <Kolbatz> and others; cf. <Karnin>, <Karnitz>." There is no entry for <Karnin>, <Karnitz>, or Kolbatz. Without evidence that <Karnatz> is the medieval name of this place, this name is not registerable."

From the submitters consulting herald Wencenedl of Rokesburg comes, " I did up the documentation for her and I'm afraid I don't read German. However, the person I had translate Bahlow (and I gave the page name where Karnatz is - it's its own header as I recall) told me it said it was "from Norse"

With no way of checking the ability or skill of the mentioned interpreter and not having access to this book nor a person fluent in medieval German we will pass this on to Laurel and ask for a ruling.

\*\*Device **RETURNED** for conflict as follows.

Rhonwen Eulchyld 01/2001 An Tir. Argent a chevron between three frogs tergiant purpure.  
Only one CD for change of tertiary charges.

5. **Brendan of Dormansford** (Device resubmission)Name registered September 2000 via Ealdormere.

*Per pale azure and argent all semy of estoiles, an eagle displayed within a bordure all counterchanged.*

\*\*Device .. At the commentary level some discussion ensued over the placement and size of the Estoile and whether this was actually semy or if "strewn of estoile" or some other description would better suit the emblazoned picture.

We have passed this to Laurel to rule upon.

6. **Caitlin inghean Tomais ui Duibhir**  
(Device Resubmission) name submitted  
on March 04 XLOI. Device submitted  
at that time withdrawn by submitter.

*Per chevron wavy Or and azure, a rose  
slipped and leaved proper, on chief Or and  
azure chequy. .*

\*\*Device. At the suggestion of the  
commentary group we have reblazoned this  
as *Per chevron wavy Or and azure, a rose  
slipped and leaved proper, on a chief  
counter-compony Or and azure.*

It is believed that to be considered chequy  
there must be at least 3 rows of squares.

Passed to Laurel.

7. **Dagr Bolason** (New Device ). Name  
registered June 2001 via Ealdormere.

*Gyronni arrondi argent and vert, a  
hedgehog statant proper within a bordure  
embattled sable.*

\*\*Device. A question was raised about the  
Proper colouration for a Hedgehog.  
However none of the members of the  
commentary meeting could come up with  
any colour other than brown with a white or  
pale underbody and darker feet as shown on  
the submission forms. We will therefore  
pass this on for a ruling on this as the  
"proper" colouration.

8. **Drogo of Black Forge** (New name  
and device) Seeks a male name  
authentic for Norse and cares most  
about language and culture.

Drogo - AD 1063 Medieval Sourcebook  
Feudalism, A Military Society: "Truce of  
God" by Drogo Bishop of Terouanne and  
Count Baldwin of Hainault.  
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/t-of-god.html>  
Copy attached.

Of Black Forge - Byname constructed in  
keeping with "The Bynames of the Viking  
Age Ruinic Inscriptions- Physical

Objects.by Christer Romson

<http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/lindorm/runicbynames/objects.html>

Copy attached.

*Quarterly sable and azure a drakkar prow  
Or.*

\*\*Name. After much discussion and  
commentary on this name we offer the  
following added comments and  
documentation.

"As far as I can tell, <Drogo> is not a  
Norse name. Academy of S. Gabriel 2163  
(<http://www.s-gabriel.org/2163>)  
intimates that it is Frankish." from  
Aryanwhy and the following to counter the  
above comes from Wenceneol his consulting  
herald.

Since Bishop Drogo signed the Peace of  
God in 1063, I believe that would make it  
Norman name. 1063 is, of course, 3 years  
prior to 1066 and the year of the Conquest.  
Part of the problem for Harold Godewinson  
that year was having to fight Harald  
Hadrada in the north and then William in the  
south. Harald is very definitely a Norseman.  
If an Englishman had contact with both  
Norsemen and Normans, isn't it reasonable  
to believe that the Norse and the Normans  
had contact with each other? And this is still  
within the Viking period since it is 13 years  
later that Godred Crovan goes a-Viking and  
assumes the Kingship of the Isle of Man.  
So, having a Viking-age byname and a  
Norman (if it's not provable to indeed be  
Norse itself) should be allowable since they  
are in the same time period and had contact.

Finally it has been indicated through the  
submission herald that the submitter would  
be happy to drop the "Authentic for Norse"  
requirement if this name is found to not be  
Norse/Norman and can be made to work as  
put forth.

Some comment was also put forth that the  
by name did not fit within the "colour  
+object" construction as supported by the  
supplied documents as Black Forge creates a  
"Place" name not an object name. It is  
however our belief that a Forge is also an

object as used by smiths of all sort to heat metal and is also a noun when indicating the process of Forging metal. We feel this is an adequate example of this type of name construction.

Passed up to Laurel.

\*\*Device **RETURNED** . problems with its Identifiability as blazoned and also conflicts as follows. Sigmund the Wingfooted 04 1984 via Ansteorra (fieldless) a Drakkars figurehead couped to sinister Or, maintaining a dag ruin gules.

Only gains one CD for the field and none for the ruin maintained.

9. **Ealdormere, Kingdom of** (new Badge)  
To be used as the Kings Badge.

*Gules a triquetra inverted below a crown argent..*

\*\*Badge. No comment made and no problems with rules etc. Passed on to Laurel.

10. **Eleanor of Huntingdon** (New Device)  
Name Registered Oct 1998 via the Middle Kingdom.

*Per saltire argent and vert, two daggers sable and two books open with spines out argent.*

\*\*Device **Returned**: Violation of precedence re 3 dimensional heraldry.

Precedence of 30 July 89 "Triam (3 dimensional) aspect a truly Non Heraldic posture and aspect."

11. **Gina da Castello del Drago** (Name and Device resubmission's at Kingdom level) \*these items have been to Laurel once and returned March of 03 then resubmitted at Kingdom and returned in October of 03. Seeking a Female name for Italian language/culture with no specified time period.  
Will NOT accept major changes.

Gina - Feminine of Gino - De Felicia, Emidio - Dizionario dei Nomi Italiani Pg 189

No copies attached.

"As the submitter requested authenticity for Italian, she may wish to know that the college was unable to find evidence that the name Gina was used in Italian in Period. Gino is documented as a masculine given name in David Herlihy, R. Burr Litchfield, Anthony Molho, and Roberto Barducci, ed., FLORENTINE RENAISSANCE RESOURCES: Online Tratte of Office Holders 1282-1532" (<http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/tratte/>) this information along with the patterns of feminizing masculine names in Italian in Period, is enough to give the name Gina benefit of the doubt and make it Registerable. However Giana was the closest feminine Italian name to Gina that the college was able to document to period. ([www.s-gabriel.org/names/arval/preugia/perugiaFemAlpha.html](http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/arval/preugia/perugiaFemAlpha.html)) shows Giana.

Da Castello del Drago - submitter gives us "Dragon" Reaney and Wilson, Dict. Of English Surnames 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Pg 107. As well as mentioning the previous documents as contained in the Oct 2003 IloI. But has not supplied any of this documentation at this time. Digging this record out I found a web document ([wysiwyg://mainFrame.35/http://utenti.lycos.it/mister2/4.htm](http://wysiwyg://mainFrame.35/http://utenti.lycos.it/mister2/4.htm)) this is a document in what appears to be Italian Titled "C'era una volta un Castello" and the entry page indicates a title of "Il Castello del Drago". An english translation attached indicates there was a castle of this name and some of the dates referenced in relation to it are 1157, 1227 and 1459.

*Or on a nordic spectacle helm a dragon passant purple.*

\*\*Name **RETURNED**: Commentary on this name was far too extensive to go into in detail here. Many problems exist with all elements of the name and their period use or existence. Pages and pages of conversation electronically and in person were exchanged and the submitter has been in the loop through most of this and is aware this item has been returned and will be resubmitted via Caitlin very soon.

\*\*Device **Pended**: As no name has been forwarded the device can not be put forward. However it was noted the device has cleared up the problems that caused its return in the past and should be fine to forward once the name is reworked and submitted.

12. **Hugh Rose of Kilvarok** (New Name and Device) Requests a Male name authentic to 14<sup>th</sup> century Scottish and cares most about Language/Culture. above.

Hugh - Whithycombe (1947) pg 74

Rose - Blacks Pg 699 AD 1360

Kilvarok - Blacks Pg 699 AD. 1360

*Vert a stags head erased argent a chief vair of sable and argent.*

\*\*Name. Some discussion ensued over the combination of Scots and English as presented so we offer the following from Aryanhwyy.

"There is one weirdness for combining Scots and English in the same name, per the 09/2001 LoAR. Since he wants an authentic name, let's see what we can do about getting him one. "13th & 14th Century Scottish Names" (<http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/symonFreser/scottish14/>) has <Hew> once, and "Early 16th Century Scottish Lowland Names" (<http://www.medievalscotland.org/scotnames/lowland16/>) has <Hew>once as well, in 1502. Therefore, to comply with his request for authenticity, I recommend changing the given name to <Hew>."

Our commentary meeting could produce no better recommendation and as any changes are acceptable to the submitter we forward this item supporting the change to Hew.

\*\*Device: No conflict or artistic problems were noted other than the fact we were glad it wasn't us that had to hand embroider it onto anything with the vairy chief. Passed to Laurel

13. **Johan de Foderingeye** (Device resubmission from Laurel level) Name registered June 2002 via Ealdormere.

*Argent issuant from a base wavy azure and argent a hand grasping a thistle azure. .*

\*\*Device: Previous device submission "Argent, an oak tree couped proper and a chief vair" was returned by Laurel June 2002 for conflict with "O'Connor, Don important Non SCA armory Argent, a tree eradicated vert." New submission is a total rework and thus clears the mentioned conflict.

Passed on to Laurel.

14. **John Lindsay** (New Name and Device) seeks a male name accurate for 15<sup>th</sup> century celtic. Will NOT accept any changes.

John - Submitters given name (drivers license copy attached)

Lindsay - Blacks Pg 430

Also an attached copy of a web document called Clan Lindsay (<http://electricscotland.com/webclans/htol/lindsay2.html>)

*Per bend sinister argent and azure a winged cat salient and a crescent moon counter changed.*

\* The Picture shows a Per Bend line not to sinister as blazoned by submitter.

\*\*Name. Some discussion was made regarding acceptance of a drivers license as documentation under mundane name allowances. However we would like to add for John the following documents to help it stand alone and eliminate the need for this allowance.

Withycombe Pg. 178 header John "common 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> C.

With this added documentation we passed the name on.

\*\*Device **RETURNED..** for redraw based on the positioning of the decrescent. The

following paraphrased from Daud, The angle of the moon places it someplace halfway in between being straight up and down in Pale and running on an angle Bendwise. Laurel has returned this sort of halway in between stuff in the past most recent precedence being in Jan. 1994. We can see that the artist was attempting to make the design fit into the space allowed on that side of the bend line of the shield but alas we feel Laurel will not consider this to be a reason for the odd angle and either the item needs to be redrawn or a blazoning term found that suits a position part way between palewise and bendwise. No conflicts were found so a simple redraw is all that should be needed here.

- 15. Liadan Chu** (device Resubmission) name registered Nov 03 via Ealdormere. Device returned for redraw at this time. Flaunches were not drawn in period style coming out of the chief of the shield and extending well down onto the curved lines of the shield. Redraw appears to address the problem.

*Argent, three teasels slipped and leaved vert, between two flaunches purpure each charged with a triquetra fesswise one point outward Or.*

**\*\*Device..** One commentator raised the question about the aspect of the triquetra never having been registered before but the majority of our commentary either made no mention of this or believed that the posture/aspect had no relative concerns as blazoned/emblazoned. We will pass this on to Laurel for a ruling.

- 16. Ludwig von Tschelln** (New Name and Device) Wishes a male name with no indication of language/culture or time period. Will NOT accept major changes.

Ludwig - "New Century Cyclopedia of Names, Barnhart C.L. Volume 2 Appleton-Century-Crofts Inc. Pg 2536 & 2520 (copies attached.) are lists of names of people all with the given name Ludwig. Unfortunately as nothing was highlighted I had to search through these pages and the only listing with a period date

appears to be under a name heading Louis II stating this person became Ludwig of Germany born C. 804.

Tschelln - "The origins of Modern Germany by G. Barraclough. 1979. Oxford. (copies attached of the contents and page 39) the reference indicates the map shows Germany in the years 919-1024 and shows on the map on page 39 a Town called Tschelln.

*Azure three sea horses argent and on a chief argent three crosses flury azure.*  
**\*no blazon given by submitter.** \*Submitter has already been advised of need to draw seahorses much larger.

**\*\*Name..** Commentary produced the following item to assist in documentation for the given name. St. Gabriel Report #1982, February 23, 2000 which dates Ludwig to 1280 and 1407? The reference given is to: Talan Gwynek, "German Given Names 1200-1250" www: J. Mittleman, 1997

<http://www.panix.com/~mittle/names/talan/germ13/>

The report itself is at:

<http://www.panix.com/~gabriel/public-bin/showfinal.cgi?1982+0>

Name will be passed on to Laurel.

**\*\*Device..** As already mentioned commentary that the Seahorses as drawn are far to small was a major point of discussion. We were split about 50/50 as to returning for a redraw and letting Laurel make a ruling on if a simple instruction to redraw would be sufficient in this case. We have decided as no conflict was found to send this up and let Laurel make the call.

- 17. May de la Wold** (New Name and Device) Wishes for a female name accurate for 14<sup>th</sup> c. English in time and language/culture.

May - Reaney and Wilson under header name May - May de Hindley dated to 1379. (page number not indicated)

Scott ? cites May as feminine given name from Yorkshire (attached web document at <http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/talan/yorkshire>)

De la Wold - Reaney and Wilson (sn. Wald) cites Richard of ye Wolde and John atte Wolde dated to 1327  
-Bardsley (sn. Wold) John atte Wold dated to Edward III era.

Submitter also attached copies of other webbed documentation but based on sources already cited we have opted to withhold these for the time being.

*Per pale vert and azure a cross couped argent*

\*\*Name.. It was the majority opinion of our commentary that "de la" was French/Norman and as the submitter wishes and English name we recommend to Laurel that this "de la" be changed to "of" or "of the", "May of the Wold" being the nicest sounding of the two when spoken. We will pass this up to Laurel for ruling.

\*\*Device **RETURNED**: for multiple conflicts as follows.

Switzerland (important protected non SCA heraldry). Gules a cross couped argent. Only one CD for the change to field.

Greece (important protected non SCA heraldry). Azure, a cross couped argent. Only one CD for the change to field.

**18. Medb ingen Dungaile** (new Device)  
Name registered in March 2003 via Ealdormere.

*Azure fretty argent a slaie Or.*

\*\*Device **RETURNED**. Much discussion was held on what the charge item slaie was and if they had been registered before. As it was determined to be a variant spelling of a weavers slay it was found to be previously documented and thus acceptable. However the device over all was found to be in conflict as follows.

"Annora Margery FitzJames 09/1989 via the Middle. Azure fretty argent, a weavers shuttle palewise Or threaded vert." Having only one CD for the type of charge item.

**19. Norman Hauberger** (Device Resubmission Laurel) Name registered November 2003 via Ealdormere. Device was returned at this time for use of Mailed field treatment in violation of precedence banning same. New submission remedies this.

*Sable, an argent bend sinister thrice three annulets gules interlaced.*

\*the blazon is an awkward rendition of the emblazoned picture and needs some reworking.

\*\*Device **RETURNED**. For conflicts as follows.

"Kevin Peregrynne 01/1973 Sable on a bend sinister argent a peregrine falcon descending talons extended wings adorsed sable."

"Elaina de Sinistre 07/1983 Sable on a bend sinister argent an apple gules slipped and leaved proper."

Both items only show one CD for the changes to the tertiary charges upon the bends. No cd is granted for numbers of items etc. It was however also our opinion that the above 2 mentioned items conflict with each other and should have been caught when the 2<sup>nd</sup> one was submitted. We can only assume this means they either slipped past commentary or the rules have changed since 1983 when the 2<sup>nd</sup> one was accepted. We however can not see ourselves clear to pass this one on in hopes of the same chance it will miss being caught again at Laurel level.

**20. Wencenedl inigena Jagomus of Rokesburg** (New Name and Device)  
Seeks a female name authentic to 12<sup>th</sup> C. Borders area (no idea what border ??) and cares more about language/culture.

Wencenedl - "Cornish (and other) Personal Names from the 10<sup>th</sup> Century Bodmin Manumissions' found at (<http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/tangwystyl/bodmin/celtic.htm>) copies attached.

Jagomus - St.Gabriel report #1582 and 1611 latin form of James. Copies attached.

Rokesburg - "Roxburgh as Place Name and Family name over the Centuries" by Prof. Donald C MacGregor (<http://www.rosecom.ca/~dbmacg/roseburgh/origins.htm>) appendix II copies attached.

*Azure a hart regardant argent, on a chief embattled argent three dragonflies azure.*

\*\*Name. Much was said of this submission in commentary and many incidents of the name elements not coming from similar language/nationality groups. However the submitter herself presses a rather compelling argument and I offer it here for considerations.

The "inigena Jagomus" is a remnant of my earlier flirtation with a Manx person (which were known occasionally to mix Oghamic with Latin), but I'm not so terribly attached to it that I can't live without it. So why don't we just pass it on up to Laurel as Wencenedl of Rokesburg. As for Wencenedl - in the cited article, Tangwystle notes that: "During this period, it is difficult to distinguish between names in the various Brythonic languages on purely linguistic grounds." and "Therefore, all Brythonic names are simply included with the Cornish. There are, however, several names that appear to be of Goedelic rather than Brythonic origin." Then, in the list, "Guencen" is the 41st name down. Under that heading the variant "Wuencen" is also noted. The 42nd name down is "Guencenedl" and the variant "Wencene[thorne]el is also noted. Since the the W- variant is given, that is what I have used. I know that the W-variant contains a thorne, but in the interest of being able to type it, I have consciously chosen the rest of the "Guencenedl" spelling. I believe this is a reasonable assumption to make. Rokesburg - Appendix II of Prof. MacGregor's article is entitled "ROKESBURG AND ITS VARIANTS, A.D. 1120-1153" There are no less than 12 spellings cited. "Rokesburg" is dated to 1139. "Rokesburge" is the way it is spelled in David's Charter granting the Church of

Clackkanan to the Abbey of Stirling (that document is Appendix III of the article). Earlier, MacGregor notes that the earliest is known spelling is "Caer Rywc" from the Book of Taliesen (paragraph 4, main article). He also notes "Rokesburg is for this reason mentioned at least fifty-one times in the documents in Sir Archibald Lawrie's collection of Early Scottish Charters prior to A.D. 1153." I chose Rokesburg because that is the spelling that most appealed to me from the myriad choices. As for the combination, I've checked the Linguistic Weirdness rulings and there is nothing against Cornish and Scots. Since Scots & Gaelic, Scots & Welsh, and Gaelic & Old English are all registerable, I believe this one should be, too. Although, again, Tangwystl is not certain all the names on her list are actually Cornish. Some could be Welsh. And if that is the case with Wencenedl (and I believe there is room for doubt) then the name Wencenedl of Rokesburg definitely falls within the established limits of registerability.

We pass this on and hope Laurel can make a ruling to find this argument acceptable.

\*\*Device **RETURNED**. For conflict as follows.

"Brian Angus McDonald 01.1991 via Ansteora Azure a stag passant maintaining a gonfannon and on a chief embattled argent three roses azure. There is no CD for the head position or passant vs. statant. Also none for maintaining the gonfannon and this leaves but one CD for the change of type for the tertiaries.

**21. Westbelleford, Canton of** (Badge resubmission Laurel level) Name registered December 2002 via Ealdormere original submission returned March 2003 for conflict. Signed document supporting submission from Canton Members attached.

*Conflict with Hugo Maundivelle, the Improvident, Quarterly Or and sable, in the first quarter a Boar's head couped sable, tusked and langued proper. There is one CD*

*for changing the field. There is no additional difference for the location of the boar's head on the field, as the boar's head in Hugo's arms is forced to lie on one of the Or quarters, and may not lie in the center of the field as in this badge. The change in location on the field is thus "caused by other changes to the design" and is not worth difference by RfS X.4.g.*

*Quartered argent and Or, a boars head couped sable within a bordure embattled gules.*

\*the addition of the Bordure adds a second CD and clears the conflict mentioned above.

\*\*Badge. As mentioned the changes cleared up the conflict and this should be acceptable. The one note of any consequence is that the embattlements should be larger and fewer on the bordure but this is a minor discrepancy and we pass this on to Laurel to rule upon.

This then ends this commentary. We encourage anyone with questions, commentary or opinions on these rulings to contact us or any member of the college of heralds with their views. We also invite commentary from one and all and particularly seek new Internal commentary from anyone interested. This does not mean you must be particularly knowledgeable on any area of heraldry as practiced within the SCA. A simple interest and a personal opinion can sometimes be as valuable as the most educated opinion on a certain submission. Take this opportunity to learn by doing and seeing what other commentary says and how it agrees or conflicts with your own.

Please let me know if you wish to comment on any future Letters of Intent and I will be glad to explain the process and what is expected of commentary of any kind.

Percival Green Mantle.