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Ealdormere Letter Of Intent 16 November 2003

Unto Trillium Herald, The Ealdormere College of Heraldry and commenting heralds everywhere does Percival de la Rocque, Green Mantle Herald send greetings. The following items are presented for your consideration and commentary.

In all cases unless indicated otherwise submitters will accept minor or major changes as required.

1. Aleydis De Vries (New Name)

Seeks a female name Authentic to 12th to 15th Century with no culture or language stated and cares more about the sound.

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

We felt the submitted documentation to be lacking in depth and have added comments from Aryanwhy Merch Catmael "She has indeed picked a lovely name. <Aleydis> is a latin form of the given name, suitable for written documentes (sic) only. In speech, I would expect a form like <Aleid> or <Aliet> found in my "Dutch Names 1393-1396" (<http://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/dutch14.html>) <deVries> shouldn't be spelled as one word: it should be <de Vries>. It means the Frisian.

2. Aurelia von Grein (New Name, New Device) *Per bend purple and vert a zephyr argent and a harp Or.*

Desires authentic for German Female with no time period stated.

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. "nothing is known about her descent etc. she came to Strasbourg in 383 and died there after a short sickness.
Grein – Austrian city since August 21, 1491
www.ngw.nl/int/oos/g/grien.htm

At the local level the name was questioned as to being authentic for German. While the name itself appears acceptable the submitters desire for authentic German may be questioned. We will pass this on in hopes some support of this claim can be found.



3. Eve the Just (New Name and Badge) *(Fieldless) a serpent nowed reversed vert.*

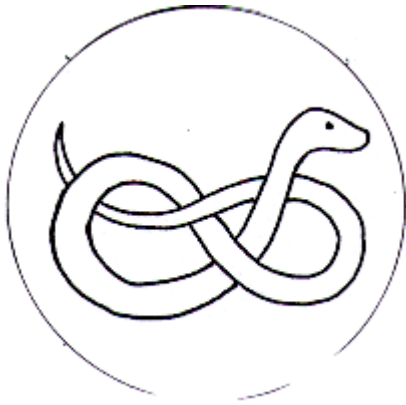
Desires English Female name and cares most about the sound.

Eve – Hanic[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.

As the documented Hanks and Hodges falls in the less than desirable ranks we have added the following support at the local level.

From Aryanwhy "<Eve> is found in Withycombe under the header Eva, and is dated to 1284 and 1486.

Also for "the Just" Reaney and Wilson s.n. Just say "The only evidence noted for the meaning "The Just" is <Thomnas le Guste> 1327". Since this is already English it seems strange to call <the Just> an Anglicisation. Once again Aryanwhy says "it would be much better to send this forward as <le Guste> and let Laurel rule on the modern form of the name.



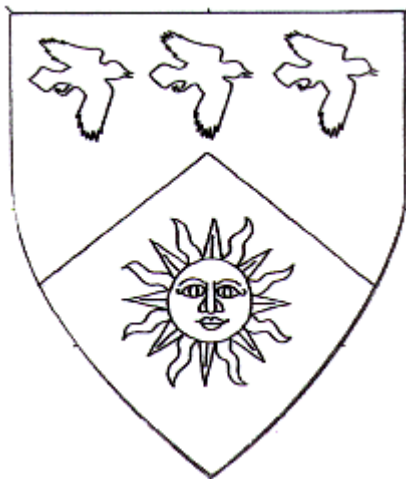
4. Gwerydd verch Rhys. (New Name and Device) *Per chevron argent and sable, three ravens volant contourney and a sun counterchanged.*

Requests a female 9th century Welsh name and cares most about the time period language and culture.

A Simple Guide To Constructing 13th C. Welsh Names by Heather Rose Jones, 1996; www.s-gabriel.org/names/tangwystl/welsh13.html . Copies attached.

Internal comment on the name documentary states as per Aryanhwy "if you go to the article, you'll see that <Rhys> isn't even documented at all. <Rhys> is listed as the standard modern form, and modern forms are not tout court registerable. The documented medieval spellings are <Reys>, <Reis> and <Res>. The spelling <Gwerydd> is also not found: the documented spelling is <Gwerith>. This should be changed to <Gwerith verch Reys> according to the submitted documents. We will forward it with these recommendations ..

As for the device we had much comment on the posture of the Ravens and after considerable discussion we have decided to change the blazon from that submitted "three ravens volant" to one suggested by Da'ud ibn Auda of "Volant contourney" and this is reflected above and on the forms.



5. Jason Archer (New Name)

Requests a male name with the only consideration being a meaning that indicates a person named Jason who is an archer.

Jason – as per birth certificate; Archer – Brass inscription found in Kent, dated 1514:
www.sca.org/heraldry/laurel/names/brasses/lastnameAB.html

The only comments on this was that it was a fine name as submitted. Copies of Birth Certificate attached to forms.

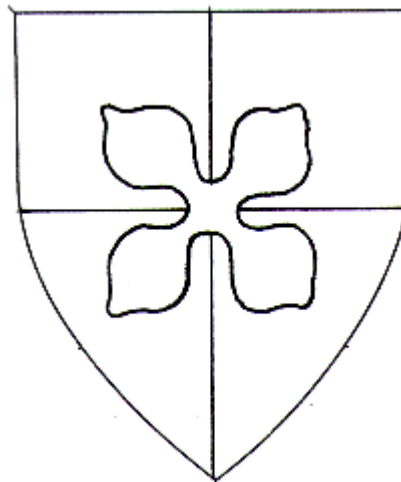
6. Matilda la Zouche (New Name and Device) *Quarterly gules and vert a quatrefoil saltirewise argent.*

Seeking a female name for the 14th-15th century cares more about the sound. Will not accept major changes.

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

The submitters documentation fails to summarize the sources quoted and we have added the following. <Matilda> is dated 1189-1215 in Withycombe s.n. Matilda. <laZouche> is under the header Zouche <William la Zouche> 1316 and also as <William de la Zouche>.

We also had several comments on the blazon as submitted and have changed it from the submitted "in saltire a "blind" quatrefoil argent. To that listed above.



7. Rober the Blue (New Name and Device) *Argent, a bend gules between four roundels sable.*

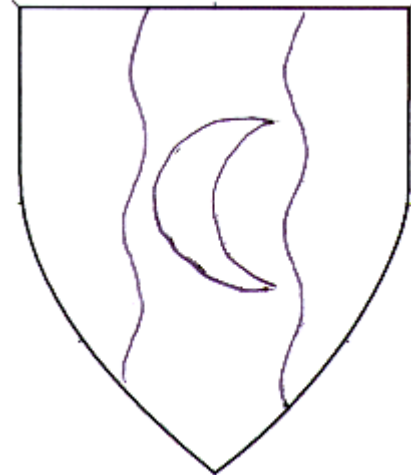
Wishes for a male name with no other considerations indicated.

Robert – submitter's given name; Reaney documents "Robert Bluet" to 1196; Palsson's translation of Icelandic Book of Settlements (13th C. Iceland) shows bynames "the Black", "the

Grey”, “the Greyish”, “the Red” and “the White”, lending credence to anglicized byname “the Blue”.

In our comment process we felt this documentation would support the name Robert Bluet as stated as it derives from the word for Blueish. This would fulfill the submitters desire for a male name and is of similar meaning to the attempted documentation.

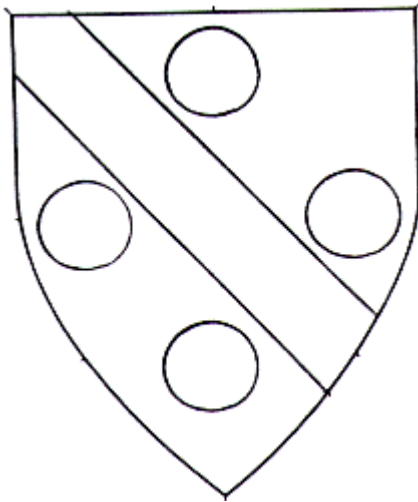
The device was found to have no problems we could detect.



This letter contain 8 entries containing 8 personal names, 5 devices and 1 badge for a total of 14 items.

This ends the letter for this month

Percival de la Rocque
Green Mantle Herald.



8. Sadhbh inghean an tSagairt (New Name and Device) *Argent upon a pale wavy sable a crescent argent.*

Requests a 14th century Irish female name accurate for language culture and meaning.

<http://groups.google.com/groups?hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&threadm=0cctgus7fjm5acp85olan6mj5lls8ji85e%404ax.com&num=1&prev=/groups%3Fq%3Dsadbh%2Bgroup:alt.heraldry.sca%26hl%3Den%26lr%3D%26ie%3DUTF-8%selm%3D0cctgus7fjm5acp85olan6mj5lls8ji85e%25404ax.com%26num%3D1>

The only documentation provided was the above URL and the attachment of several pages of correspondence from the alt.heraldry.sca newsgroup. To this we have added at the commentary level the following, from Aryanhw
"Sadhdh is a fine name. It is found 24 times between 1048 and 1548 according to Maris index of names in the Irish annals (<http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/mari/AnnalsIndex/feminine/>). Also for the byname Aryanhw gives us "Blacks s.n. Magtaggart has <mac an t-sagairt> son of the priest. The corresponding female form being <inghean an t-sagairt>.

As for the device the supplied Blazon was inaccurate for the design submitted and we have corrected it to the above.