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**Ealdormere  
Letter of Intent  
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Unto Laurel, Wreath, Pelican and all the members of the College of Arms and commenting heralds everywhere does Lord Percival de la Rocque, Green mantle Herald send greetings. It is hoped in light of recent weather and man made disasters of various proportions that this letter finds you all safe, dry and well. I would also like to thank those heralds I had the pleasure of meeting at Pennsic and who offered kind words, friendly greetings or just plain social discourse for the good times. It was nice to put faces to names. Finally before proceeding with the business at hand I would like to take the opportunity to inform you all that this shall be the last letter penned directly by my hand. My term in office will expire in November and as part of the change over process my replacement and current deputy Cainnear will be taking over the process beginning with our next internal letter that will become Novembers External letter. I thank you all for the information, direction and assistance over the past two years and look forward to working with most of you in a new capacity in the coming years.

Now for the business at hand Ealdormere presents the following items for registration.

\*In all cases unless indicated otherwise submitters will accept all changes and creation of holding names as required for their desired authenticity.

1. **Andrew Cameron** (New Device)

Name appears on the July 2004 External letter of Intent.

*Per pale wavy argent and azure, a bear and a dog combatant counter changed.*

Original submission of "Per pale argent and azure, a bear and a dog combatant counter changed" was returned on the June ILOI for violation of RFS XI.3 as Marshalled Arms. The change of the line of division to a complex line (wavy) clears this infraction.

**From our internal commentary it was felt the line of division waves were somewhat small but should be passable and the submitter has been informed to draw them larger should this device be registered.**



2. **Gina Dragoni** (Name and Device Resubmission) Seeks a female name and cares most about language/culture for Italian with no time period specified. **\*\*Will NOT accept major changes\*\***

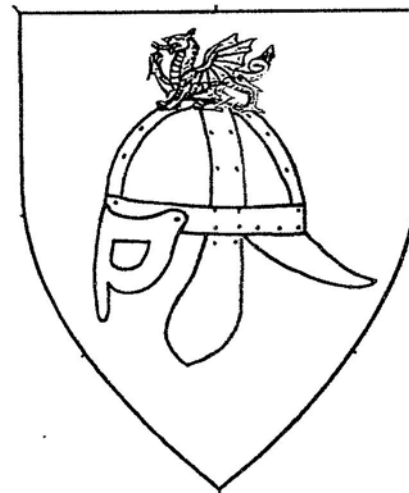
Both items in various forms have been returned previously a few times. The Most recent was the name being returned at Kingdom level in May 2004 for several problems with the period use of some of the elements. Most were found to be unsupported in period or with the documentation chosen. The device was pended at this time awaiting a name resubmission.

Gina: Submitters mundane Given Name.  
Attached copy of Birth Certificate.

Dragoni: Defelice; Dizionario dei Cognomi Italiani Pg 116. S.n. Drago (no date cited?) appendix H book no copies attached. Fucilla; Our Italian Surnames. Pg 142 animal names footnote 84 and Pg 161 occupative names footnote 21. Appendix H book no copies attached. Lastley submitter has attached a web document titled "La Storia di Palazzo Dragoni"  
<http://www.palazzondragoni.it/Inglese/indexing.htm> the gist of this print out indicates that a place called Dragoni palace was built in about the 14<sup>th</sup> century by a family called Dragoni.

*Or, atop a nordic spectacle helm a dragon passant purpure.*

Attached are several web documents detailing this type of helm.  
<http://www.soton.ac.uk/~tpg/ArtsOfWarPart4.htm> states a date of 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> century  
<http://albionarmorers.com/images/armor/viking/iph0041-b.jpg> is a photo of a helm of the type drawn with no documentation as to its authenticity.  
<http://www.angelfire.com/wy/svenskildbiter/armsandarmour/mailshrt.html> shows a description and photo of a spectacle helm from the Gjermundbu Find



3. **Greenhithe Bae The W{ae}ter, Canton of** (New Canton Name) They care only about a name with a similar meaning and have attached a poll of the canton in support of the name.

The documentation is rather sketchy being only a type written page of information from the group themselves stating that. Greenhithe is a town on the Thames river England and that this comes from the official web site of the Hamlet of Greenhithe, Kent England. And was known as Greenhuth as late as 1363. No URL or copy attached.

From the fist Hypertext Edition of the Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, E. Cobham Brewer 1894. "Hythe or hithe is a low place on a river bank for landing a boat. From Old English. Hyth , "port, harbour, haven". They also cite Queenhithe (London). The Hithe or strand for landing and unlading barges and lighters in the city.

From our internal commentary courtesy of Aryanhwy Boke Herald , Northshields we add.

*Greenhithe Bae The W{ae}ter - Ekwall s.n. Greenhithe has the spellings <Grenethe> 1264, 1277, and <Greneheth> 1405. He glosses it as 'Green landing place.' Smith s.v. w{ae}ter says "usually denotes in p.ns. and r.ns. either 'a lake, a pool', or 'a stream, a river', both meanings being first independently*

recorded in ME...(c) As an affix, often rendered by Lat.  
<juxta aquam>, <Water> is prefixed to Eaton O,W, Fyrston YW, Fulford YE, Orton Wa, Stratford Bk; Waterstock O; Allerton Bywater YW; Bourton on the Water Gl; Thorpe by Water R; Westley Waterless C."

Back to Ekwall, Allerton Bywater is recorded in 1257 as <Allerton Bywater> s.n. Allerton, and Thorpe by Water is recorded as <Thorpythewatir> 1459 s.n. Thorpe.

So, both <Grenehithe Bywater> or <Grenehithebythewatir> (whew!) are fine English place names.

4. **Katerina of Renfrewshire** (New Name) Seeks a female name accurate for language, culture and time period of 14<sup>th</sup> century Scottish.

Katerina: Withycombe 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. Pg 1862 a 12<sup>th</sup> century English womans given name.

Renfrewshire: Blacks Pg 688. Adam de Renfru 1296, Robert Reynfru 1304 and Galfridus Renfrew 1408.

**Our internal commentary points out that no support was shown for the bi-name as submitted. Renfrew and its spelling variants are all found and documented but we do not know if the added "shire" can be supported by the documents supplied. We send this up with the suggestion that one of the documented spellings be used if the name has to be changed.**

5. **Matthew de Bradenham** (New Name) Seeking a male name accurate to language, culture and time period of 14<sup>th</sup> Century English (Essex).

Matthew: Withycombe 1947: Pg 99 12<sup>th</sup> C.

Bradenham: Mills. Pg 49 1086AD.

Further support is added from internal commentary to support the name as submitted and once again thanks to Aryanhwyr for the following.

He asked for authenticity for 14<sup>th</sup> C Essex. I don't know how near Lincolnshire is to Essex, but "An Index to the 1332 Lay Subsidy Rolls for Lincolnshire, England" by Mari neyn Brian (<http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/mari/LincLSR/>) has 14 instances of <Matthew>, and one <William de Bradenham>. Talan's "Yorkshire Given Names from 1379" (<http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/talan/yorkshire/>) has one instance of Latin <Mathe(us)>, representing vernacular <Matthew>.

6. **Nikolai Domingo de Vallejo** (new Badge ) Name registered 05/2003 via Ealdormere

(Fieldless) A wolf's head erased contourny argent.



7. **Offangaard, Canton of** (New Canton Name) Seek a name authentic for meaning of Southern Guard. Poll of the populace in support of submissions attached.

Created name constructed as follows.

Ofan: adv (1) from above, down downwards:

<http://www.northvegr.org/zoega/h318o.php>

Gardr; m (1) fence, wall (2) enclosed space, yard ....(5) stronghold, castle

<http://www.northvegr.org/zoega/h161.php>

also from

<http://www.yorku.ca/inpar/language/OldNorseFlashCards.pdf>

card #1673: ofan = southward

card #3281: gardr = enclosure.

**8. Rising Waters, Barony of:** (Award Name Appeal from Kingdom) **Fiona's Pearl.** This submission was returned at the Kingdom level in January 2004.

\*\*Our apology in advance for the length of the documentation of this appeal but the people working on this award feel every word is worth it to ensure this appeal is properly judged.

This award is intended to be named after the Late Baroness Fiona Averylle O'Connor of Maidenhead. Founding Baroness of Rising Waters, White Mantle Herald Extraordinaire and Patron of Children. It will be given to children of the Barony who display efforts in the Arts and Sciences beyond the scope of their age or experience.

\*As an appeal Kingdom can not refuse to forward this submission to Laurel for ruling.

Documentation re name elements:

Fiona: has been found to be SCA compatible in the past based on precedence originally made under Wilhelm von Schlüssel in 04/1981 and re stated several times since, the most recent being under Francois la Flamme in 11/2001.

Pearl: Oxford Concise English Dictionary 1995 edition Page 1005. N. a usually white or blueish grey hard mass formed within the shell of a pearl-oyster or other bivalve molusk. Highly prized as a gem for its luster.

The original intent of forming this name as documented used the belief that it fell under the Period construction as in "A Collection of Period Order Names" found at

<http://www.nwlink.com/~badger/sca/ordernames.html>.

copy was attached and is once again. This was returned at the Kingdom level based on Internal commentary that a Society Name (Fiona) is not the same as a Saint or other important historic persons name etc. and no support was given for this type of construction.

In appeal of this decision we have attached A document asking for a precedence being set by Laurel for the following reasons. (excerpts and paraphrased as follows)

First it is our belief that the use of physical objects in order and award names is covered by precedence as set by Jaelle of Armida 09/1997 and Elsbeth Anne Roth 02/2000.

As submitted this award name follows a pattern of (society name + Object) that is one step away from the registerable practice of (Holy name + Object). It is our contention that this period practice using Saints names was based on the highly religious structure of the period and peoples belief that these "Saints" were "People" who's lives were worthy both of honour and emulation. These Saints were for the most part people who had lived lives of deep pious devotion, service to a cause or belief and most often involved some degree of self sacrifice. In terms of the society of the time these Saints were the model others strive to be like and sought out for guidance and help of a personal or spiritual nature.

We therefore feel in our anachronistic SCA society with accelerated histories, new Kings every 6 months, a verbal sung and spoken history and legend that goes back a mere 39 years yet speaks of an ancient and mythical past and the people who lived it. We sing of our Mighty Kings, Noble Knights and warriors and do battle to inspire tales and legends that rival those of Arthurian legend and fable. Why should we not be able to honour our own people as those in the past were honoured.

Naming our orders and awards after actual historic figures while makes them perfectly registerable in the SCA. However we ask that Laurel consider how similar to historic practice this type of naming practice would

be within our society and its limited history, lack of overt religious display and accelerated gaining of fame and renown within the SCA.

Within the SCA as a whole, the Kingdoms of the Middle and Ealdormere and specifically the Barony of Rising Waters we feel that if anyone deserved the honour of being so noted it is the Late Baroness Fiona. Her awards within the society include no less than 8 awards granting some level of Precedence. The most important of these are, Court Baronetcy 11/1987, Landed Baroness as Founding Baroness of Rising Waters in 1988 and Pelican in 10/1990. Fiona also served as Dragon Principle Herald of the Midrealm among many other heraldic positions from Local to Kingdom level. She held several awards granting no precedence including no less than two augmentations of her arms and many Kingdom, Principality and Baronial awards. Her input and guidance was instrumental in founding the Barony of Rising Waters and later her good council was of great assistance to our fledgling kingdom as we stepped out of the shadow of our Midrealm parent.

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We attach a petition in support of this appeal signed by the Baron and Baroness Tancred and Rosalinda of Rising Waters, The entire Baronial populace as well as several gentles of Ducal, County and Viscounty rank, several Peers of the Realm, Landed Barons and Baroness's of Ealdormere and many other citizens of the Kingdom of Ealdormere. A total of 77 names limited only by the fact we did not have time to reach more of the populace of the Kingdom.

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**10. Torquil McGloid of Harris** (New Name) Seeks a male name authentic to language or culture of the Hebrides.

Torquil: Black, George, Surnames of Scotland. Pg. 775

McGloid: Black, George, Surnames of Scotland. Pg #538 header Macleod.

Harris: Mackay, George Scottish Place Names. No page number or other info provided.

We also have added the following from our commentary meetings

Torquil is a header in Black, but the only dated ofrm he gives is <Tairqueill> 1600. S.n. MacLeod there is one <Torquil M'Leoid de

Leohus> from 1338, so we're fine. Also under this header is one <Gilbert> or <Gilbreid McGloid> 1541.

Black gives no indication that <Harris> is a place name; he only has it as 'son of Harry - a surname more English than Scottish'.

Johnston's *Place-Names of Scotland* (first time I get to use my new 3rd ed.! yay!) s.n. Harris dates it as <Heradh> c.1500, <Harrige> 1542, <the Harry> 1549, <Harreis> 1588, <Herres> 1585.

I don't have access to Mackay's book (my library doesn't have it- which I find astonishing, because it has everything), so I can't tell whether he dates <Harris> to period. Since it appears that no-photocopies were provided, and Mackay is not on the no-photocopy list, we couldn't use it as documentation anyway. Unless someone can find evidence that this place was called <Harris>, I recommend changing it to one of the documented forms. <Harreis> is closest.

<Torquil McGloid of Harreis> is a fine Scots name, and is clear of conflict with Torquil McLeod (reg. 09/1991 via the East), because of RfS V.2.b.ii, which says "A personal name containing at most two name phrases does not conflict with any personal name containing a different number name phrases."

**11. Wencenedl inigena Jagomus of Rokesburg** (New Device ) Name was on the May 2004 XLOI.

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



This then ends this letter. Contained are 3 New Names, 2 New Devices, 1 New Badges, 2 New Canton Names, 1 Name Resubmission 1 Device Resubmission's, and 2 Appeals of Kingdom returns. for a total of 12 items.

We hope all is found to be in order and look forward to a ruling on these items.

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