

# Ealdormere Internal Letter of Intent

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Unto Lord Trillium, the Ealdormere College of Heraldry and commenting heralds everywhere does Lord Percival de la Rocque, Green mantle Herald send greetings and the hope that this new year finds you all in good spirits and well. The Following items are presented for your consideration and commentary.

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

1. **Alexander Gladstone** (New Name)  
Seeks a Male name and WILL NOT accept major or minor changes. Does not specify any preferred culture or time periods.

Gladstone: British Family Names, Henry Barker MD. Elliot Stock 62 Patternoster Row E.C. 1894. From Gladston, a locn, Rutland, DB, Gladstone see Geldstanes.

Alexander: Same book as above Dch. G. pn, From Alexandre a proper name.

2. **Bastille du Lac, (Shire of)** (New Group Name and Device.) Wish a name meaning Castle on the Lake accurate for language and culture of French with no date or time period given. WILL NOT accept major changes. \*Petition of populace in support of name and device is attached.

*Per fess, sable and azure, a compass rose within a laurel wreath and in chief a castle, Or.*

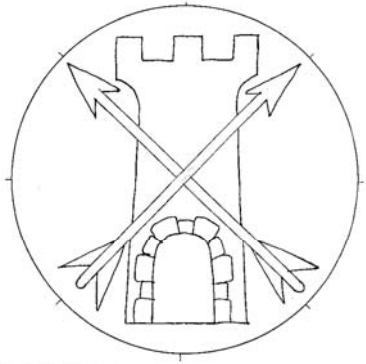
Bastille: The Medieval Fortress, Castles, Forts and Walled Cities of the Middle Ages. Kaufmann & Kaufmann 2001. Photo copies attached. "Bastilles Initially small timber forts that were garrisoned and used by a besieging army to protect their own positions. The French later used the term Bastille and chatelet to refer to masonry fortifications consisting of one or more towers used to block a passage.

Lac: Collins French English, English French Dictionary, Collins 1980. \*this citation contains no dated references to this spelling being a period form of the word.



3. **Ben Dunfirth (Barony of)** (New Badge) Name Registered Jan 1996 via the Middle.

*(Fieldless) A tower Or, overall two arrows in saltire inverted gules.*



4. **Caitlin inghean Tomais ui Duibhir** (Kingdom Resubmission of Name and Device) Seeking a female name accurate for language and culture of the Hamlet of Annacarty Co. Tipperary Ireland in 16<sup>th</sup> century. Original submission returned at Kingdom level for lack of proper documentation to period dates. The exhaustive documentation this time round seem to remedy this problem.

*Per chevron wavy Or and azure, a rose slipped and leaved proper, in chief vert, a sewing needle and cotton hank argent.*

Caitlin: "Irish Christian Names; an A-Z of first names .. Ronan Coghlan. Pg. 73 head name "Kelly" \*documents attached refer to "Middle Ages, Old French, Middle English, Ireland, Spain and Western Europe but does not specify a date.

"Feminine Given Names found in OCM's Irish Names. <http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/mari/ocm/OCM-FemGivAlpha.html> " has a notation on Caiteirina [15th C].

"the History of the O'Dwyers" Sir Michael O'Swyer, GCIF., K.C.S.I.. pg 400-401 appendix 1, Geneology of O'Dwyers of Kilnarnagh, County Tipperary of the line of Heremon. Two Instances of the name Catherine O'Dwyer stating "her father was created Baron on 6May 1580.

inghean: "Irish Simple Patronymic with Clan affiliation Bynames". <http://www.medievalscotland.org/scotnames/quickgaelicbyname/#patronymicwithclan> under a header Irish Women indicates "The standard way to form a name using combined simple patronymic and Irish clan

affiliation bynames for women is <single given name> **inghean** <fathers given name> **ui** <clan ancestors name> which means <given name> **Daughter of** <fathers given name> **of** <clan ancestor>. \*\*this document also states "this style of gaelic names and simple patronymic with clan affiliation bynames is appropriate in Ireland (but not Scotland) from the 10<sup>th</sup> C. but only becomes common from about the 11<sup>th</sup> C. this information supports not only the use of inghean meaning daughter but the entire construction of the name and patronymic elements.

Tomais: "Irish Christian Names: an A-Z of First Names, Ronan Coghlan. Pg 116 head name Theodosius. Unfortunately the attached copy of this document is cut off however the date 1118-1170 is visible and appears to refer to the apostle Thomas and St. Thomas and claims popular use in Ireland.

"Masculine Given Names found in OCM's Irish Annals: Tomas" <http://s-gabriel.org/names/mari/ocm/OCM-MasGivAlpha2.html>: Tomais. No copy or other info is given for this citation.

"Index of Names in Irish Annals: Tomas" <http://s-gabriel.org/names/mari/AnnalsIndex/Masculine/Tomas.shtml> highlighted on copy is "early modern Irish Gaelic (c1200-c 1700) nominative form Tomas" and "early modern Irish Gaelic (c1200-c 1700) genitive form.

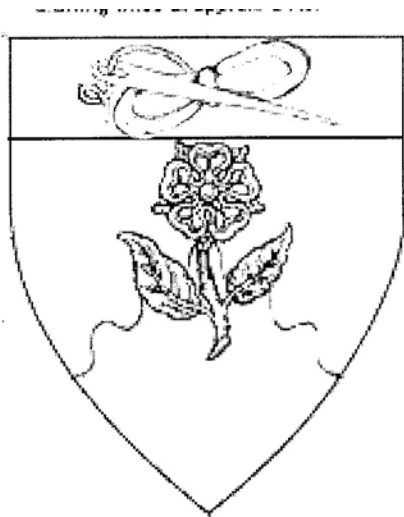
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Duibhir: "The History of the O'Dwyers" Sir Michael O'Dwyer. G.C.I.F., K.C.S.I. Pg 400-401, appendix 1. Geneology of the O'Dwyers. "Anthony O'Dwyer Baron of Kilnamanagh" indicates created Lord Baron 6 May 1580.

"Irish Families: Their Names Arms and Origins' MacLysaght, D.Little M.R.I.A. "the O'Dwyers (in Irish O Duibhir, desendant of Duibhir) though this entry states no exact dates within period it does mention connection to Medieval and early modern times. The only dates given start in 1771 for a Michael Dwyer.

\*The device appears to have 9 elements to my count (Or, azure, gules, vert and argent plus Per chevron, the rose, the chief and the needle and cotton) but as it appears very well organized and not overly crowded or confusing I have included it here for much more knowledgeable commenters opinions.



5. **Dananir bint Zang al Tabib** (New Device) name was registered July 2000 via the Middle.

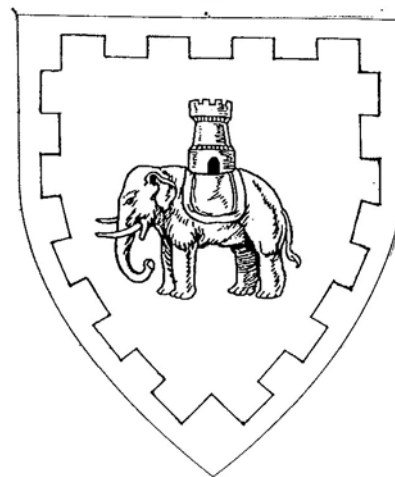
*Argent a panthers head cabossed sable, on a chief dancetty vert, a crescent Or points to chief.*



6. **Edmund Foxe** (New Name and Device) seeks a male name accurate for Language/Culture of 16<sup>th</sup> C English. WILL NOT accept minor or major changes.

*Sable, an elephant argent surmounted by a tower, within a bordure embattled Or.*

Edmund: "Introduction to Anglo-Saxon Names" Pg.96 [9<sup>th</sup> C Eng-M] Knowne World Heraldic Symposium 93E.  
Foxe: "Fitch" Testamentary Records in the Commissary Court of London, Vol. I 1374-1488. p-73 John Foxe (b. 1516 d. 1587), author of "The Book of Martyrs"



7. **Kolbjorn Skattkaupandi** (Device re submission at Kingdom Level). Name appears on the July 2003 Letter of Acceptance.

*Argent, a python erect contourney wings addorsed within a bordure purple.*

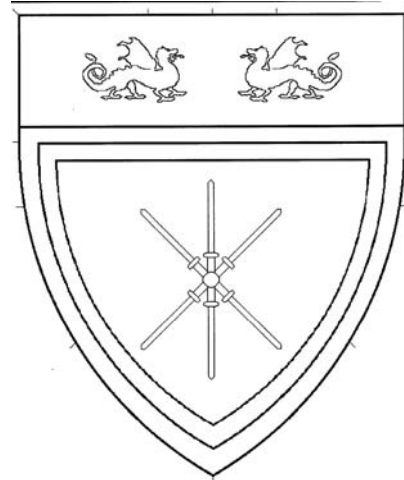
The original submission was returned for a redraw as the Bordure was far too narrow and the Python's posture was thought to be less than perfect for the blazon. This redraw has only marginally addressed the bordure but at least appears more like a bordure and less like a fimbriated field this time round. No change was made to the Python so we will field this once again in hopes that someone has a blazon that will describe this creatures pose.



8. **Lachlan Maclean** (Device re submission at Laurel Level). Name appears on the August 2003 Letter of Acceptance.

*Azure, six daggers conjoined at the pommels points outwards proper, within an orle Or, on a chief Or, two dragons passant respectant azure.*

Original returned for conflict. The addition of the chief and dragons should clear this.



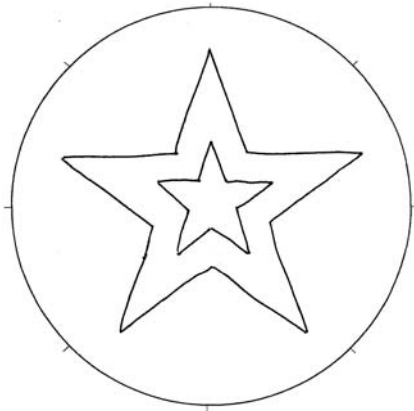
9. **Nicolaa de Bracton of Leicester** (new Badge) Name registered 1994 via the Middle.

*(Fieldless) On a mullet gules another Or.*

While this is being treated as a new submission at this time it should be noted that a letter attached to the submission explains the following. "submission was originally submitted in the Middle in late 2002 and was returned for conflict in 2003. The submitter has not lived in the Middle for over a year now and wishes to abandon the submission there and pursue it as a new submission in Ealdormere. The conflict in question is as follows "Astra Christian Benedict (tincturless) on a mullet a cross crosslet. Reg . 6/86) stating one CD for fieldless/tinctureless but none for change in type of tertiary. The letter then goes on to state that according to RFS X.4.j.ii "in simple cases substantially changing the type of all of a group of identical charges placed entirely on other charges is one clear difference. Only the new submission is required to be a simple case in order to benefit from the following clauses. "Suitable charges include ones "Simple enough in outline to be voided" and ones "correctly drawn with an interior substantial enough to display easily recognizable charges". " Mullets are simple enough to be voided and

goes on to ask if the mullet has sufficient interior space to display a second charge and have it be easily recognizable. To paraphrase the remainder of a somewhat long document it is the submitters belief this is the case and the second mullet fits well and is recognizable as well.. To summarize it is believed these two points clear the submission of conflict and explain the rules governing the second charge on top of the first.

As previously mentioned this will be treated from this point as a new submission as it was never processed beyond the Middle Kingdom.



10. **Rachel Gray** (New Name) Seeks a Female name accurate for the time period of 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> century.

Rachel is found on pg. 79 1994 Known World Heraldic Symposium proceedings article titled "16<sup>th</sup> Century Norman Names".

Gray is cited on Pg. 144 in a Dictionary of British Surnames" P.H. Reaney, Rutledge and Keagan edition. -a simple last name eg. Baldwin Grai to 1173, William Grei to 1198, Henry Gray to 1196.

None of these examples date to the period requested by the submitter so we seek some added documentation for the name.

11. **Samuel Tosh McTier** (New Name and Device) Seeking a Male name with no time period, language or culture stated

and cares most about the sound. Will NOT accept major changes

*Per bend sinister gules and sable, two swords bendwise contourney within a bordure Or.*

Samuel is found on pg 282 Dictionary of British Surnames, R.H. Reaney, Routledge and Keagan circa 1198.

Tosh is being documented via attached photo copies from The Surnames of Scotland, George Black. Unfortunately the page numbers are cut off in the copies but using my own copy I have located them as follows.

"Macintosh" Pg 519. With an exhaustive citation with dated examples of various spellings from 1468, through 1652 in period and others outside our period of interest.

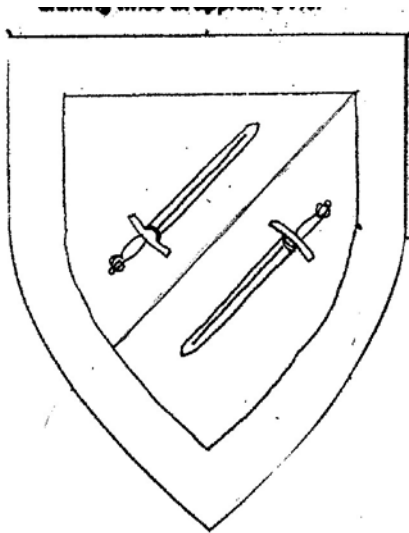
"Tosh" Pg 776, "A shortened form of (Macin)tosh. Q.v. Alexander Tosche admitted burgess of Aberdeen in 1606.

McTier is also documented by attached documents. A web URL of <http://www.ncf.ca/~cd200/mac31.html> Titled "Mhac an t'Saoir Country. A lengthy document with no highlighting to draw attention to the submitters intended sections but containing the following that we could pick out. It appears the article is about a family called McAteer and claims "Our name has a literally prehistoric root, in the old Gaelic title "Mhac an t'Saoir", which means "the Son of a Carpenter" and further explains that the Gaelic "saoir" was used to refer to carpenters masons and other skilled workers. One dated example says a Saint Ciaran Mhac an t'Saoir was born in 512 AD. Somewere in the northern province of Ulster.

Further on the article explains names that are "known to be, or thought to be derived from Mhac an t'Saoir" and included in this list are several variations including McAtear, McTear, Mcteer, McTeer, McTier and McIntyre. The article continues and explains the writers beliefs on how the name Mhac ab t'Saoir evolved into the many variations including that of MacTier and McTier as submitted here.

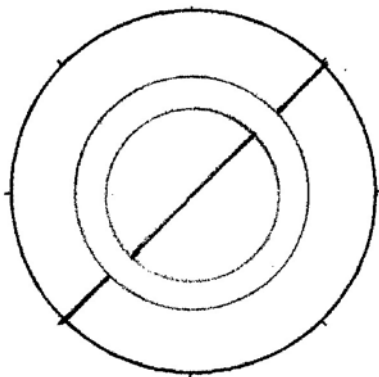
Although very exhaustive I do not know if this documentation sufficiently covers the

name as used in period and so we seek any help with some better dated documentation that anyone might be able to provide.



12. **Samuel Tosh McTier** (New Badge)  
Name is submitted as #10 above.

*Per bend gules and sable, an anulet Or.*



13. **Yoshikuri Nagayori** (New Name and Device) Requests a Male name accurate for 16<sup>th</sup> century Japan in both time and language/culture. Will NOT accept any changes minor or major.

*Argent, three maple leaves in pall, points to center within a bordure sable.*

The only documentation for both names is an untitled attachment that appears from the signature to be a S-Gabriel report signed by Talen Gwynek. No URL or other reference to this document is included or indicated on the submission form. However as the author of this article appears to me at least to hold some degree of high standing in terms of the society and matters related to names and as the article appears to cover the 2 name elements I have put it forward for commentary. I hope to be able to obtain information from the submitter on the origin of this article and as well I include the references listed in the article in hope that a commentor may have access to them and can add the information in commentary process.

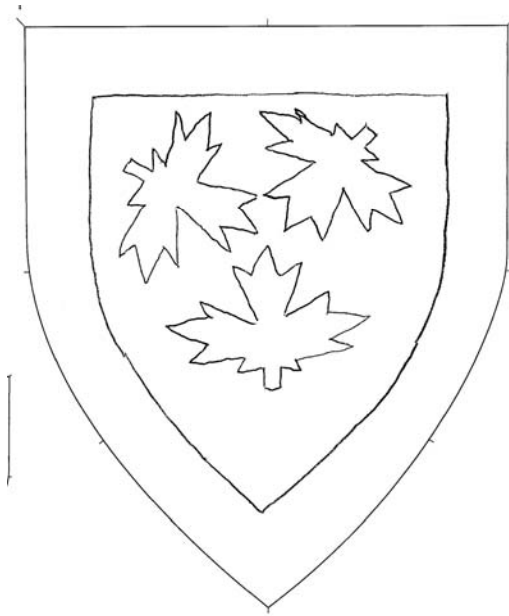
[1] Shibatani, Masayoshi. 'Japanese,' in Bernard Comre, ed., *The Worlds Major Languages-* New York Oxford university Press 1990).

[2] Solveig Thronardottir. *Name Construction in Mediaeval Japan.* Carlsbad N.Mex: The Outlaw Press 1994) pp. 151, 159, 346.

Yoshikuri from the article appears to mean Lucky or Fortunate and comes from a section of the article dealing with family names in the 1183 era.

Nagayori appears in a list of names all containing the element of "Naga" and is shown with a date of 1332.

Nothing in the documents appear to tie the two elements together or cover the expanse of nearly 150 years between the first and second elements. Nor does it explain if this sort of time period would normally see any change of the name or not. Based on other cultures and the time periods names appear to have been spread over I feel this is not too much of a stretch and if we can find back ups to this documentation it should stand up.



This then ends this letter. Contained are 13 entries including 6 Personal Names , 7 Personal Devices, 1 New Group Name, 1 New Group Device, 2 Personal Badges and 1 Group Badge.

We 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.

Commentary is due back to Myself and Trillium Herald no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2004. In keeping with my attempt to hold Commentary Meetings at events and in as many different locations as possible it is my intent to hold the meeting on these submissions On Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March at Winter War.

Respectfully Submitted by  
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