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**Ealdormere**  
**Internal Letter of Intent**  
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Unto Excellent Trillium, the Ealdormere College of Heralds and commenting heralds everywhere does Lady Cainder inghean Hui Chatharnaig, Green Mantle Herald, send warm greetings and salutations. The following items are presented for your commentary and suggestions prior to our submission for registration with the esteemed College of Heralds.

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

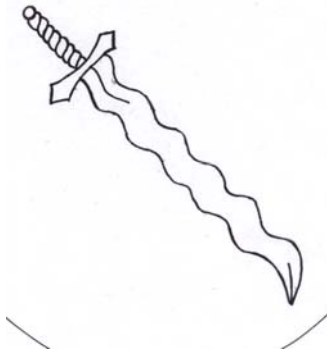
**1. Catarin of Renfrewshire – New Household Name and Device “House Blacksword”** – Name registered Feb 05 LoAR. Previously submitted at Kingdom level under the individual name “Lothar the Gregarious” which was returned in August 2004 due to lack of name documentation. The subsequent submissions (personal device, household name and device) were returned, as there was no name submission to associate them with. The new registered name association means these submissions can proceed. (*Fieldless*) *A kris, bendwise sable*. The client places no restrictions on changes and no desires regarding gender, language or culture.

-Blacksword as a constructed name:

Reany, “A Dictionary of English Surnames, Revised, 1977

“Black” p46-47: constructions include Blackstone: Blackston-1086, Wm, Blacston. 1235; Blackthorn: John de Blakethorn-1276; Blackwood: Wm de Blacwode-1307; Blackford; Roger de Blakeforde-1296

“Sword – P436-437 OE sweord – Robert Suerd-1185; Peter Sword-1297



## **2. Harrogate, Canton of –Name Resubmission & New Device. *Azure, a tower within a laurel wreath and on a chief embattled Or four mullets azure.***

Client will accept any changes and cares only for the meaning. Returned in February 2005 LoAR, the previous name submission “Offangaard, Canton of” has been completely changed negating the previous reasons for returning it. A signed petition of support has been included with the documentation.

-Oxford Dictionary of English Place Names – A.D. Mills, P160; Harwegate (1332) “Place at the road to the cairn or heap of stones”. From the old Scandinavian, horgr + gata.

-<http://www.thenortheast.fsnet.co.uk/Harrogate.htm> “name derives from Har-lo-Gata meaning Grey-Hill-Road” – shows justification for adding the W back into Harrow.

-<http://www.henuki.org.uk/big/eng/YKS/WRY/Knaresborough/HarrogateHistory.html> A Topographical Dictionary of Yorkshire for the year 1822, by Thomas Langdale:

- <http://www.henuki.org.uk/big/eng/YKS/yrksdict/west/index.html>

- <http://www.henuki.org.uk/big/eng/YKS/yrksdict/west/westh.txt> - excellent history of Harrogate

- <http://www.stagweb.co.uk/cityguide/harrogatehistory.asp> “local history is recorded as far back as 4500 BC with evidence of Pennine settlers” “More recently the Romans established the town of Isurium (Aldborough) in the mid 2<sup>nd</sup> century. A complement of farming hamlets cohabited in the local area, eventually unifying as Harrogate in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century.” “Spa waters with medicinal qualities were discovered in 1571 at the Tewit Well in High Harrogate.”

-<http://www.localhistories.org/harrogate.html> “Until the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Harrogate was just a quiet hamlet”

-<http://www.harrogate.gov.uk/immediacy-2238> “Ripley Castle, Nr. Harrogate – Home for over 600 years to the Ingilby’s” “Spofforth Castle, Nr. Harrogate – The runis date from 1067”

-<http://www.gosomewhere.co.uk/harrogate/history.html> “Harrogate derives from Har-low-gata which literally means Grey-Hill-Road.” “For hundreds of years Harrogate was just another Yorkshire town with little to distinguish it until William Slingsby discovered spring waters here. A dome marks the site of the Tewitt Well that Slingsby discovered and this can be found a the Stray.”

-HARROW:

-<http://www.stjohn-greenhill.fsnet.co.uk/history.htm> “For most of the last thousand years, the town of Harrow had it’s center at the top of the hill, where St. Mary’s Church was consecrated in 1094.”

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[http://www.harrowtimes.co.uk/leisure/walks/display.var.47329.0.a\\_hill\\_full\\_of\\_history.php](http://www.harrowtimes.co.uk/leisure/walks/display.var.47329.0.a_hill_full_of_history.php) “HARROW is first recorded in 767, when King Offa made a grant of land, its name then was Gum Eninga Hergae, but the Normans called it Harwo” also see map on this page.

-[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London\\_Borough\\_of\\_Harrow](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London_Borough_of_Harrow) Lots of sub-links to key “Harrow” words.

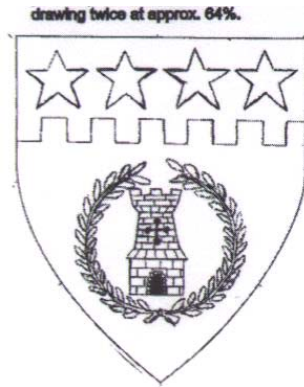
harrow:

<http://www.entymonline.com/index.php?term=harrow> - etymology of the word “harrow”

-harrow (n.) – “agricultural implement, heavy wooden rake, “ c.1300, haru, from O.E. \*hearwa, apparently related to O.N. harfr “harrow,” and perhaps connected with O.H.G. herbist “harvest” (see harvest). Also possibly from hergian (see harry).

-harrow (v.) – especially in harrowing of Hell in Christian theology, from hergian (see harry). In fig. Sense of “to wound the feelings, distress greatly” it is first attested 1602 in Shakespeare. Harrowing (adj.) “extremely distressing, painful” first recorded 1810.

[http://www.arthistoryclub.com/art\\_history/Harrowing](http://www.arthistoryclub.com/art_history/Harrowing) “In agriculture, a harrow is an implement for cultivating the surface of the soil” “In Europe, harrows were first used in the early Middle Ages.”



**3. Mairghread Eireannach – New Name and New Device.** *Per pale vert and Or, a bordure per pale Or semy of trefoils vert and vert semy of roses or, overall a shillelagh natural.* (\*Green Mantle realizes this is not coinciding with the image depicted and hopes commenters will assist with a better blazon for this device.) – Client wishes a female name but has made no other requests for authenticity, language or culture.

-attached letter from Arval Benicoeur of the Academy of Saint Gabriel documents this spelling of “Mairghread” as the Gaelic Irish spelling for the 14<sup>th</sup> –16<sup>th</sup> Centuries and in Scotland in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. He references the following for this:

-Mari Elspeth nic Bryan, “Women’s Names in the Annals of Connacht: 1224-1544” (WWW: J. Mittleman, 2000).

<http://www.panix.com/~mittle/names/mari/AnnalsConnacht/>

-Mari Elspeth nic Bryan, “Dated Names Found in O’Corrain & Maguire’s Irish Names” (WWW: J. Mittleman, 1999).

<http://www.panix.com/~mittle/names/mari/ocm/>

-Arval Benicoeur, “Some Scottish Gaelic Feminine Names” (WWW: J. Mittleman, 1998).

<http://www.panix.com/~mittle/arval/scotgaelfem/>

-O’Corrain, Donnchadh and Fidelma Maguire, “Irish Names” (Dublin: The Lilliput Press, 1990), s.nn. Mo/r, Parthala/n.

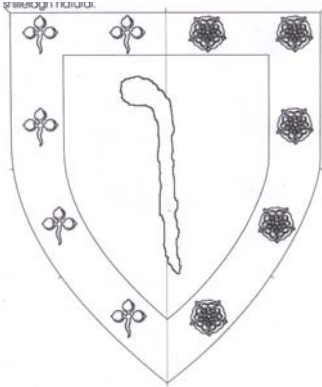
-Black, George F., “The Surnames of Scotland: Their Origin, Meaning and History” (New York The New York Public Library, 1986), s.nn. Macfarlan, Bartholomew.

-The later pronunciation is suggested by the spelling <Mairiread> and <Mairearad> that we found in Dwelly, Edward, “Faclair gaighlig: A Gaelic Dictionary” (Hearne Bay

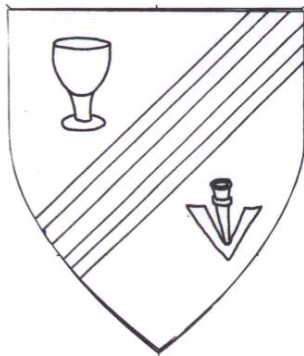
[Eng.] E. Macdonald & co., 1902-[11]) and in Morgan, Peadar, “Ainmean Chloinne: Scottish Gaelic Names for Children” (Scotland: Taigh na Teud Music Publishers, 1989. -documentation for the byname Eireannach from “The Annals of the Four Masters” as interpreted by Affrick (MKA: Sharon L. Krossa) Dating to 1570. “It does turn out that there is a late medieval Gaelic byname <{E’}ireannach>, it meant “Irish”. T.G., <Eoin{E’}ireannach> “Irish John” [Annals of the Four Masters has <d{a’}mac E{o’} in Eireannaigh> meaning “two sons of Irish John” in an entry from 1570 –text G100005E, entry M1570.6 at the CELT archives <http://www.ucc.ie/celt/published/G100005E/>].

<{E’}ireannach> is in fact the normal late medieval Gaelic word for “Irish”.

- So, <M{a’}irghr{e’}ad {E’}ireannach>, meaning “Irish Margaret”, would be a reasonably plausible and registerable late medieval Gaelic name for an Irishwoman (though probably more likely to be used when in Gaelic speaking areas outside of Ireland than inside Ireland).



**4. Mathild de Valonge – Device Resubmission.** *Per bend azure and sable, a bend sinister argent with two bendlets sinister azure, a cup and a broad arrow Or.* Name registered June 2005. Client’s previous submission, *Per bend sinister azure and sable, on a bend sinister enhanced sable fimbriated argent, a chalice and a broad arrow palewise Or.* Was returned June 2005 LoAR for using unallowable fimbriation as per RfS VIII.3. Client has redrawn without fimbriation. New style appears to clear previous objections.



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**5. Séamus mac Dubhgaill ó Ólchobhair – Name Resubmission & New Device – *Per saltire argent and Or, on a goutte de sang a goblet argent within a bordure bendy gules and Or.*** Client's previous name submission was returned October 2004 for lack of documentation. Client has added some additional. Commentary has added some additional documentation as well. Client wishes a Male name, authentic to Irish language and/or culture.\*Will require dates for each item to go on to Laurel.

-All items listed in "Irish Names", Donnchedh O Corrain & Fidelma Maguire

Seamus – P 163.

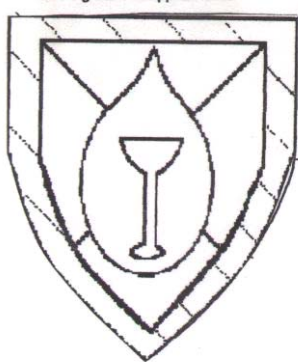
mac – "son of"

Dubhgaill – P 79

O Olchobhair – P 149

Construction techniques from:

<http://www.medievalscotland.org/scotnames/quickgaelicbyname/#complexbyname> - by Sharon L. Krossa



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**6. Thomas Drake D'Abernon – New Name & New Device – *Sable, a dragon sergeant and in chief three wolf heads erased argent.*** Client will NOT accept major changes, wishes a male name and cares most about the language/culture. He does not specify a request for authenticity and will allow a holding name if required.

Name construction: Naming Practices in 16th Century Gloucestershire <http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/mari/GlocNamePractices/> access date: 01/03/06

Forename "Thomas": Names of Soldiers from Kent, 1595 "Thomas"

<http://my.stratos.net/~bmscott/kempe1595.html> access date 01/03/06

Surname "Drake": London Subsidy Roll 1582 Raw Index "Drake, Richard"

<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~ahnelson/SUBSIDY/1582r.html> access date: 01/03/06

"Sir Francis Drake's Famous Voyage Round The World, 1580"

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1580Pretty-drake.html> access date 01/03/06

Drake, Robert (fl. 1550). Actor. Biographical Index of English Drama Before 1660

<http://www.shakespeareauthorship.com/bd/bio-d.htm> access date: 01/03/06

Locative "D'Abernon": "STOKE d'ABERNON"

[http://www.southernlife.org.uk/Surrey/stoke\\_dabernon.htm](http://www.southernlife.org.uk/Surrey/stoke_dabernon.htm) access date 01/05/06

"1(1) d'Abernon - 1345 sy"

<http://www.sca.org/heraldry/laurel/names/brasses/lastnameAH.html#D> access date: 01/03/06

Baronetcies in the Baronetage of England, 1611 “Vincent of Stoke d'Abernon 1620”

<http://encyclopedia.thefreedictionary.com/List%20of%20Baronetcies> access date

01/03/06

Vincent of Stoke D'Abernon “Sir Thomas Vincent of Bernack and Stoke D'Abernon (d 14.12.1613)” <http://www.stirnet.com/HTML/genie/british/uv/vincent1.htm> access date:

01/03/06



Here ends the December 2005 Internal Letter of Intent. Contained herein are: 2 new name submissions, 2 name resubmissions, 4 new device submissions, 1 device resubmission, 1 household name (resubmission?) and 1 household device (resubmission?) for a total of 11 submission items. Due to circumstances beyond my control we are going to have to try for a very quick internal commentary on these items.

We will be unable to have an open commentary meeting on these items so I will welcome as much commentary via email as we can get in this time to base decisions on. Please help out and send your thoughts and opinions on these submissions to me ASAP.

As always, suggestions for improvements are gratefully appreciated.

I remain in service to the crown, the staff and the Dream,

Lady Cainer ingen hui Chatharnaig  
Green Mantle Herald, Kingdom of Ealdormere