

Atlantian Letter of Decision, February 10, 2012

Unto the members of the Atlantian College of Heraldry and our gracious commenting benefactors from other kingdoms; greetings from Hróðný Rognvaldsdóttir, Golden Dolphin Herald. Please find here the items submitted to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms during the month of February 2012.

Acceptances

1: Bredach Fryssar - New Name

Submitter desires a feminine name.

Language (Gaelic Scot) most important.

Culture (16th century Gaelic Scot) most important.

The client wants a late medieval Scottish Gaelic name. Most importantly, she wants the forename Bredach. Bredach was documented by Sharon L. Krossa on her website, "Scottish Gaelic Given Names for Women, <http://medievalscotland.org/scotnames/gaelicgiven/women.shtml>. The name was found in the late 16th century Burgh Court Books for Inverness, recorded in 1568 as "Bredach Uykermitt". According to Krossa, the name is recorded in the Scots language, not Gaelic.

It is fortunate for the client that the name Bredach is recorded in the Scots language, as she would like a variant spelling of Fraser as her surname. In the Gabrielite report 1094,

<http://www.panix.com/~gabriel/public-bin/showfinal.cgi?1094+0>, we read

<Fraser> is a Scots family name. Scots was one of the languages spoken in Scotland in our period. It is closely related to English, and is distinct from Gaelic. Scots and Gaelic were often spoken side-by-side, and some names were adopted from one language into the other. The same person's name might be written or spoken in a Gaelic form in some circumstances and in a Scots form in others, but the two languages were never mixed together.

<Fraser> is a perfectly fine period Scots family name, but it is not Gaelic and would not have been used in a Gaelic name.

The client wants the variant spelling <Fryssar>, which was recorded in 1566, and documented by Black on p.278 under the heading FRASER.

In developing the format for the name, the consulting herald referred to Krossa's article, "Early 16th Century Scottish Lowland Names", <http://medievalscotland.org/scotnames/lowland16/>, The Fraser family home had at least two seats: Lothian, in the lowlands, and Buchan. The pattern for a lowland name is <given name><surname> and is the preferred pattern for the client. Fitting this pattern, the name is Bredach Fryssar. The client is willing to accept changes to her name, with the exception of the name "Bredach".

2: Camillo da Milano - New Name

Submitter desires a masculine name.

No major changes.

Language (Italian) most important.

Culture most important.

Camillo: Found in "Florentine Renaissance Resources: Online Tratte of Office Holders 12-82-1532", edited by David Herlihy, R. Burr Litchfield, and Anthony Molho. 13 instances of the name were found at <http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/tratte/doc/TLNAME1.html>

da: locative; the explanation for the use of the locative appears in the Gabrielite article "Names for Sixteenth Century Venice", by Juliana de Luna at

<http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/juliana/16thcvenice.html>

Milano: A northern Italian city name, located in the Lombardi region, appears in the Gabrielite article, "Mercator's Place Names of Italy in 1554" by Maridonna Benvenuti under 'Northern Italy' at

<http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/maridonna/mercator/north.html>

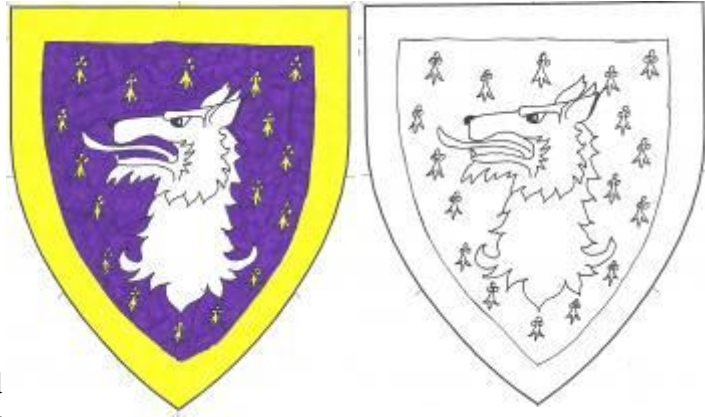
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3: Elizaveta Aleksandrovna - New Device

Name registered in March of 1995, via Atlantia

Purpure, ermined Or, a wolf's head erased argent, a bordure Or.

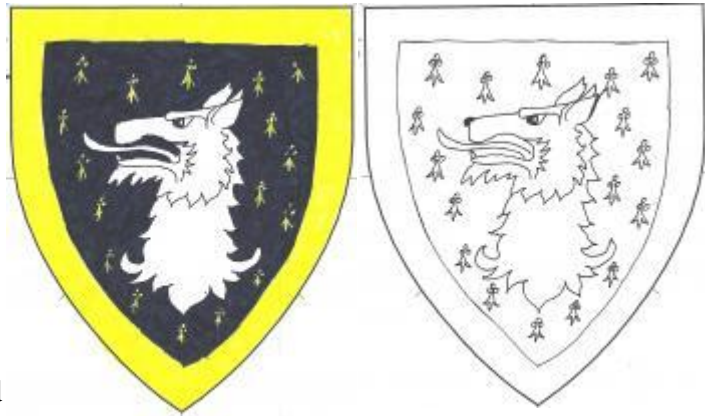


Permission to conflict has been given by Philip Aleksandrovitch (device associated with this name was registered in February of 1995 (via Atlantia): *Vert ermined Or, a wolf's head erased argent a bordure Or.*) and by Kostantin Volkovich (*Gules, ermined Or, a wolf's head erased argent, a bordure Or*, included in this letter) on a letter dated November 27, 2011.

4: Elizaveta Aleksandrovna - New Badge

Name registered in March of 1995, via Atlantia

Sable, ermined Or, a wolf's head erased Argent, a bordure Or.

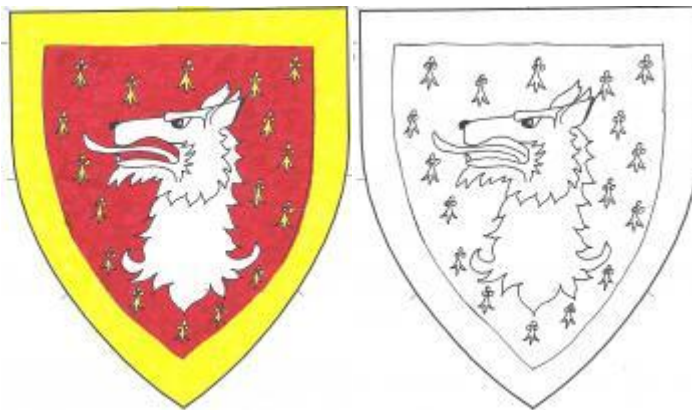


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5: Kostantin Volkovich - New Device

Name registered in December of 1994,
via Atlantia

*Gules, ermined Or, a wolf's head erased
argent, a bordure Or.*



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6: Mikjáll Bogsveigr - New Name

Submitter desires a masculine name.

No changes.

Mikjáll: The Old Norse Name, Geirr Bassi Harladsson, p.13 "Mikjáll."

Bogsveigr: "The Old Norse Name", Geirr Bassi Haraldsson,
p.20 "bloðruskali, blonduhorn, bogsveigr, blostong, botn"

for spelling: Names and Name-Giving in the Viking Age", Gunnvör silfrahárr: "...skáld (Poet, skald), ábóti (abbot), bogsveigr ("bow-swayer, archer")..."

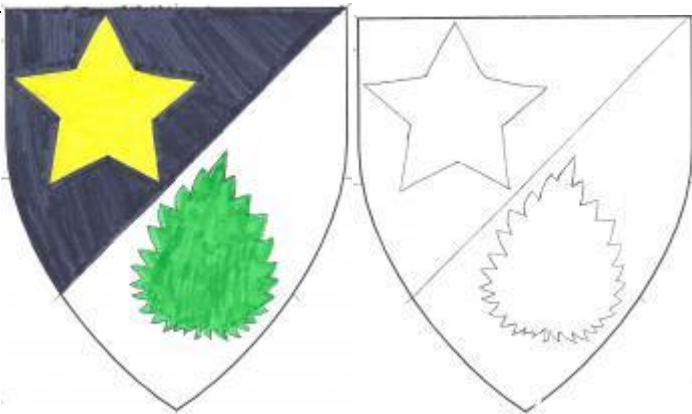
http://www.vikinganswerlady.com/ONNamesClass_files/frame.htm#slide0066.htm

Cleasby Vigfusson's Icelandic-English Dictionary (available online at http://www.ling.upenn.edu/~kurisuto/germanic/oi_cleasbyvigfusson_about.html) shows the same spelling as Geirr Bassi (bogsveigr) as does Zoega's Concise Dictionary of Old Icelandic (available online at <http://norse.ulver.com/dct/zoega/b.html>). Current precedent requires that such bynames in Old Norse *NOT* be capitalized, but in view of the submitter's specific disallowance of change and the College's discussion vis-a-vis capitalization of Old Norse bynames, this is being submitted for ruling. At the same time, the submitter has been contacted for permission to change the capitalization of the byname if needed.

7: Stella da Lodi - New Device

Name on the Atlantia LoI of July 31,
2011.

*Per bend sinister Sable and Argent, a
mullet Or and a nettle vert*



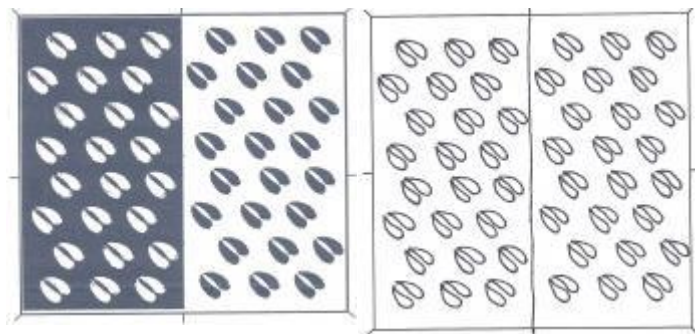
A comment on the Letter of Proposal averred that this may be in conflict with Albrecht Joseph von Halstern (January of 1985 via the East): *Per bend sinister sable and argent, a mullet of four points argent and a peregrine falcon volant, wings elevated and addorsed, proper.* or with Uriangqadai Cinoajin (April of 2001 via Ansteorra): *Per bend sinister sable and argent, two mullets counterchanged argent and azure.*

However, the tincture of all of the charges have been changed; that's one CD. The type of half of the charge group has been changed from to a nettle; making two, thus there are no conflicts.

8: Vladimir of Eztergom - New Badge

Name registered in March of 2002, via Atlantia

Per pale sable and argent, all semy of deer's hoof prints bendwise counterchanged.



In service,
Hrothny
Golden Dolphin Herald