

## Kingdom of Atlantia Letter of Decision, June 2012

Dame Hróðný Rognavaldsdóttir, Golden Dolphin Herald of Atlantia, sends humble greetings to her fellow heralds. Please find here the items submitted to Laurel as our July 2012 letter of Intent. That document can be found at <https://oscar.sca.org/index.php?action=100&loi=1489>.

My thanks go to those who did a magnificent job of commenting on these items, namely Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane (Metron Ariston), Alys Mackyntoich (Eastern Crown), Andreas von Meißen (Nautilus), Brunissende Dragonette, Dreux d'Anjou, Etienne Le Mons (Vexillum), Fionn MacKonnell, Gawain of Miskbridge (Green Anchor), Gisela vom Kreuzbach (Triton), Gunnvor silfraharr (Orle), Isabella Delfino (Black Trident), Mari ingen Briain meic Donnchada (Aldyrne), The Middlegate Commentary Group (Ealasaid MacDonald, Murienne l'aloiere, Nuala ingen Magnusa and Reginald de Beauchamp), Murienne l'aloiere (Kraken), Niccolina the Wanderer, Odierne Lion (Red Hawk), Rhiannon Morgaine (Finsterwald), Sovany Barcsi Janos, Talorgen nepos Wrguist (Sea Dragon), Tankred Bras-de-Fer, Tanczos Istvan (Wreath Emeritus).

### ACCEPTANCES

#### Abigail Saint John - New Name

Originally submitted as "Abigail St. John", the spelling has been changed in accordance with precedence set by Shauna of Carrick Point, April 2004:

*"Submitter as College of St Basil the Great, we have changed this to College of Saint Basil the Great; by precedent we do not register scribal abbreviations. [Saint Basil the Great, College of, 04/04, A-Lochac]"* which refers to François la Flamme, June 2003:

*"St. is a scribal abbreviation for Saint. As we do not register scribal abbreviations, we have spelled it out. [Donald of Saint Ives, 06/2003 LoAR, A-Trimaris]"*

and previous precedences stretching back through time.

#### Björn Grimketil - New Name & New Device

*Vert, a sinister gauntlet aversant and on a chief embattled Or three hurts.*



Consulting Herald: Ealasaid MacDonald, Pursuivant Extraordinary

Per a phone conversation with the client, he has asked that the original form of the submitted name be considered primarily, but has authorized a change to "Bjorn Grimketilsson" if it is deemed necessary for registration.

### **Cáelfind of Shannon** - New Name

Consulting Herald: Alexandria Wright, Blue Shark Herald

Because the submitter had indicated that Language (Irish) was most important, a proposed change to the submitted name has been presented to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms as "*Cáelfind na Sionann*", at the advice of Metron Herald, who wrote:

"To use the *lingua Anglica* allowance under both the 1990+ rules and precedents and the 2012 "standards", it is necessary to demonstrate that the phrase "of Shannon" is a standard modern rendition of a period byname usage, in this case a locative usage.

The sole example of a byname derived from the name of a river in O'Brien's "Index of Names in Irish Annals" is *na Leamhna* which is an early modern Irish form dated to 1513

(<http://medievalscotland.org/kmo/AnnalsIndex/DescriptiveBynames/naLeamhna.shtml>). It is a genitive singular feminine noun with the usual definite article *na*.

One can certainly construct a locative byname in early modern Irish on the basis of this example. The *Annals of the Four Masters* compiled in the early seventeenth century from earlier materials under the year 1270 at <http://www.ucc.ie/celt/published/G100005C/index.html> has two mentions of the river Shannon in prepositional phrases (e.g., *tar Sionainn*). Using that as evidence for the usage of the term for the river in early modern Irish, one could derive a genitive singular form of the name as *na Sionann*. (In some modern Irish documents the genitive singular appears as in the name of *Dúchas na Sionna*, the Shannon Heritage Group (<http://www.duchasnasionna.eu>), but that may be a relatively modern backformation based on a putative etymology for the name of the river from an early Irish goddess supposedly named *Sionna*.)

This might be considered a step from period practice under the 1990+ rules and precedents if used with the middle Irish given name *Cáelfind*. Under the 2012 "standards" the entirely Irish form of the name would not be problematic as long as the elements were within 500 years of one another since middle Irish and early modern Irish are both in the same regional naming group.

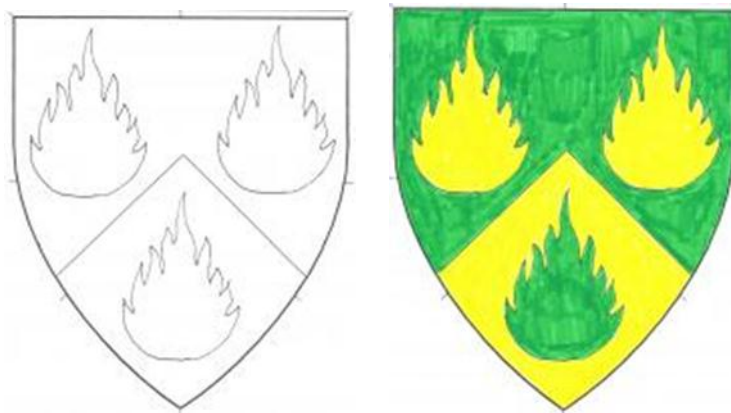
And I think this should give enough support to the plausibility of the constructed byname to justify its use in a *lingua Anglica* with either a middle Irish or early modern Irish given name.

My only question is whether the article used with the Irish form of the byname needs to be included in the English form. The town of Shannon appears to be a modern foundation so the byname must refer to the river and even in English we would be likely to use the article if referring to a river in a locative byname. So it is possible that the byname will have to be registered as "of the Shannon".

The client should be warned that it is possible that her approval of a name change may be solicited, as Laurel may decline to register it as submitted.

### **Derbhiled ni Liadhnáin** - New Device

*Per chevron vert and Or, three flames counterchanged*

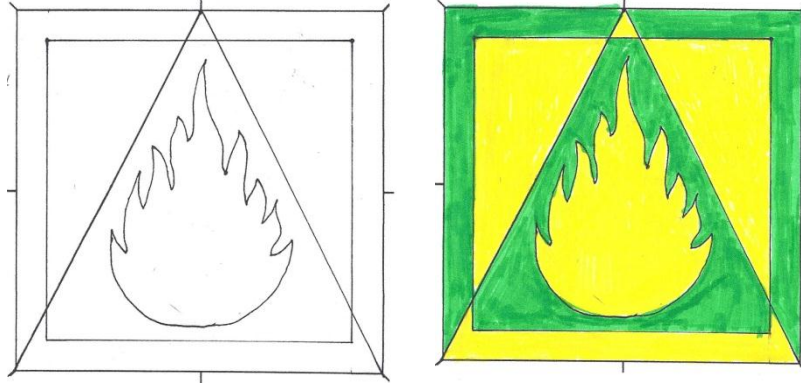


The client's current device, *Purpure, a winged hind trippant and in chief three crescents argent*, which was registered via Atlantia in May, 1990, is to be released.

Consulting Herald: Fionn MacKonnell, Pursuivant Extraordinary

**Derbhiled ni Liadhnáin** - New Badge

*Vert, chapé Or, a flame within a bordure counterchanged*

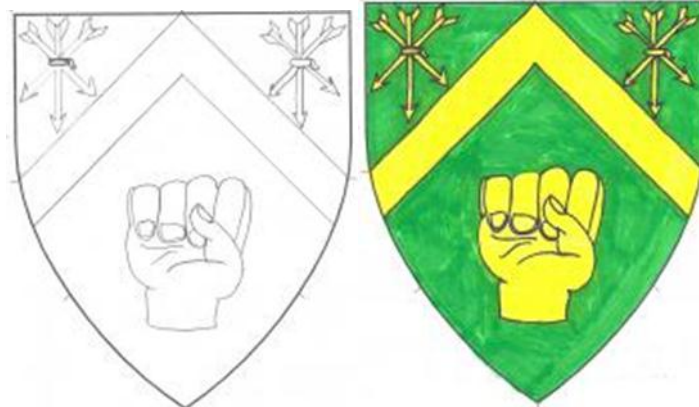


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The badge as drawn contains a step from period practise, but as per the LoAR of July 2001, pointed out by Sovany Barcsi Janos, one step from period in armory is acceptable [François la Flamme].

**Domnall Ó Glacáin** - New Name & New Device

*Vert, a chevron throughout between two sheaves of arrows and a fist Or*

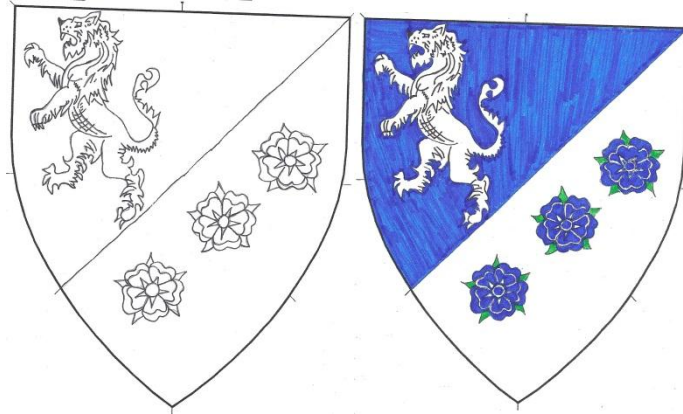


Consulting Herald: although not the original consulting herald, Mistress Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Metron Ariston Herald Extraordinaire, was a wonder and a dear for stepping in and creating documentation to support this name. Otherwise, it would have had to have been returned for lack of proper documentation.

Consulting Herald (device): Morderyn Tremayne, Pursuivant

**Edan Lowery** - New Name & New Device

*Per bend sinister azure and argent, a lion rampant argent and three roses azure*



Consulting herald (name): again, Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Metron Ariston Herald Extraordinaire, stepped in at my request and did a bang-up job of finding supporting documentation for this submission, which otherwise would have had to be returned for lack of cites.

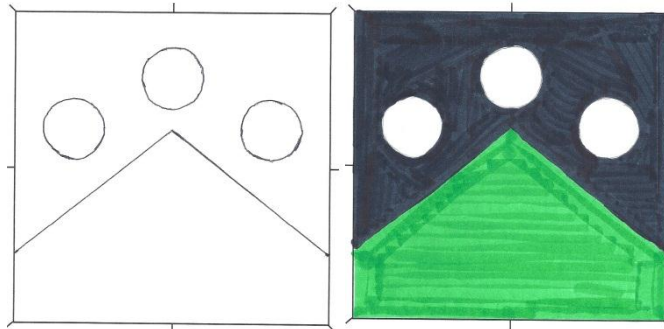
Consulting Herald (device): Rosine of Rowanwald

**Fáelán mac Rónáin** - New Name (see RETURNS for device)

Consulting Herald: Maaline Renard, Undine Pursuivant

**Frances Bean** - New Badge

*Per chevron sable and vert, in chief three plates one and two*



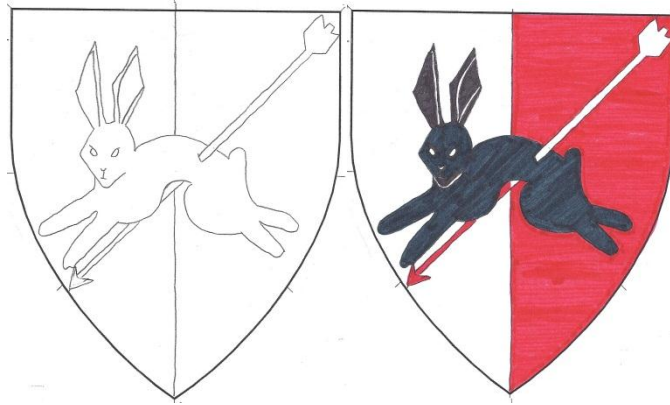
Consulting Herald: Averey Cockes, Pursuivant Extraordinary

**Frances Bean:** Blanket Permission to Conflict

Text reads in part, "I, [modern name], known in the SCA as Francis Bean, waive the full protection of my registered armory as follows: For "Per chevron sable and vert, three plates one and two and a bear statant argent", I grant permission to any future submitter to register armory that is not identical to it."

**Jana de Foresta** - New Device

*Per pale argent and gules, a coney courant guardant sable, transfixd by an arrow bendwise sinister counterchanged*



This is a resubmission following being pended for redrawing (the arrow was deemed too thin) in the Atlantian Letter of Decision, December 2011.

Consulting Herald: Rosine of Rowanwald

**Mary Poschet** - New Name

Consulting Herald: Isolda de Crosthwaite, Pursuivant Extraordinary

**Nikulás Akraspillir** - New Name (See RETURNS for device)

Consulting Herald: Talorgen nepos Wrguist, Sea Dragon

**Paul Lorenson** - New Name

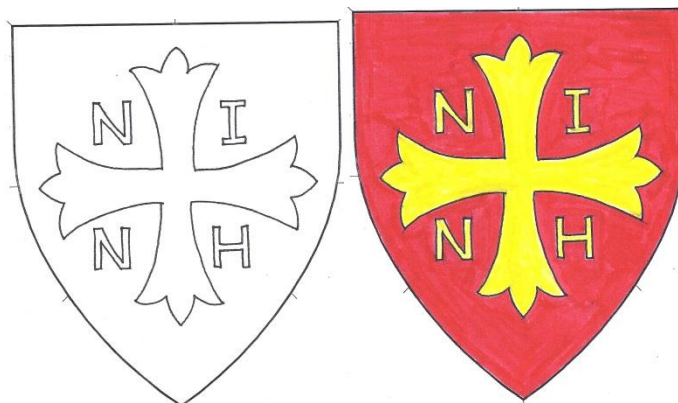
Consulting Herald: Tankred Bras-de\_Fer, then Tanczos Istvan, then Triton

**Richard Poschet** – New Name

Consulting Herald: Isolda de Crosthwaite, Pursuivant Extraordinary

**Rohesia Anven of Thessaloniki** - Resub Device

*Gules, a cross patonce between the letters N-I-N-H Or.*



Consulting Herald: Sovany Barsci Janos

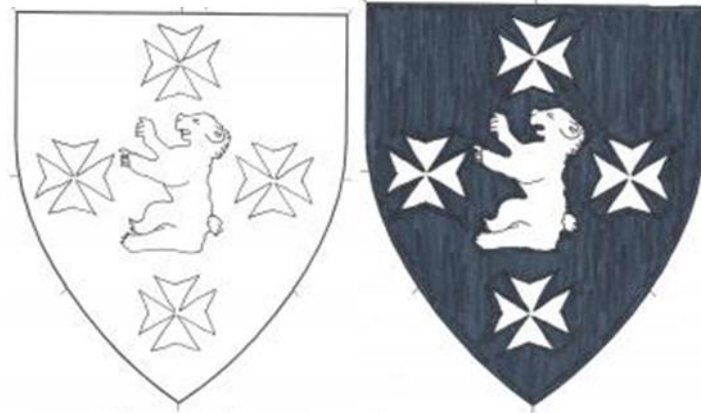
**Sinn Larensdottir** - New Name

This is a resubmission of an Atlantian return (October 2010) for "Synnöve Katarzyna Larsdottir."

Consulting Herald: Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Metron Ariston Herald Extraordinaire

**Þorbjörn Þóðvarsson** - New Device

*Sable, a bear segant erect between in cross four maltese crosses argent.*

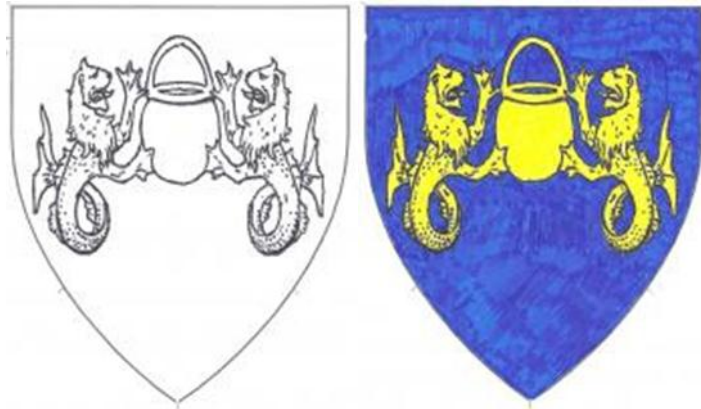


This is a resubmission of a Kingdom return (June 2012), redrawn so as to make the bear and crosses larger.

Consulting Herald: Rosine of Rowanwald

**William Barfoot** - New Device

*Azure, in fess a cauldron sustained by two sea-lions respectant Or.*



Consulting Herald: Ragnar Leifsson, Cornet

**Willow Faye Dunne** - New Name Change

Old Item: Willa Faye Dunne, registered in in May of 2000, via Atlantia, to be released.

Consulting Herald: Karin Taylor de Cameron, Cornet

## RETURNS

**Eoin Mac Eideard** - New Name

Consulting Herald: Lachlann McQuhollastar, known as Subetai of Tir-Y-Don

The client requested authenticity for 14th century Gaelic (Gallowegian/Western Scotland) while also specifying no major changes. We are unable to reconcile his needs with each other. *Scottish*

*Gaelic Given Names*, Sharon Krossa (last updated 29 June 2007)

(<http://medievalscotland.org/scotnames/gaelicgiven/>) contains evidence for <Eoin> in Scots Gaelic dated to 1408:

"The Islay Charter, a Scottish charter from the Lord of the Isles written in Gaelic and dated 6 May 1408 is witnessed by EOIN X MacDomhnaill chomhartha (<http://medievalscotland.org/scotnames/gaelicgiven/men/eoin.shtml>) So <Eoin> is authentic for Scottish Gaelic but there is no evidence of its use prior to 1408 – although it is assumed that any male old enough to be a witness in 1408 would have been born in the 1300s so an argument could be made for using this cite. There is evidence of the use of <Eoin> in Ireland in the 14th century in Mari ingen Briain's *Index of Names in Irish Annals* (<http://medievalscotland.org/kmo/AnnalsIndex/Masculine/Eoin.shtml>), so it's possible that the name was also used by Gaelic speakers in Scotland at the same time, but we don't know for sure.

Black has a hypothetical Gaelic M'Eideard, but Black's hypothetical Gaelic roots of Scots names are not always reliable. In Irish, there is the similar byname <Mac Éadbháird> found as a header in Woulfe at p. 357. Woulfe does have the italicized Anglicized Irish form M'Edward under that heading, which indicates that M'Edward was in use in the late 16th/early 17th century.

Since we cannot create a period form of the name within the parameters set by the client, we suggest that he asked to consider <Eoin mac Éadbháird> as a registerable alternative. However, he should be advised that the pronunciation of that form may not be what he thinks as the "bh" produces a sound closer to 'w' than anything else. Given that, he might prefer a byname from the name of John Red McEdwart attested from Strathdee in 1527 according to the cited article from Black. Expanding that to remove the scribal abbreviation would give him the name Eoin MacEdwart which is at least entirely from Scotland.

### **Fáelán mac Rónáin** – Device

*Gules, on a fess argent and between two deer heads azure, cabossed and fimbriated Or, and a castle argent, semy of thistle, proper*

Consulting Herald: Maaline Renard, Undine Pursuivant

The head of the deer are too complex to fimbriate and are not in the center of the design which creates a SENA (A.3.C.) violation; "*Voiding and fimbriation may only be used with ordinaries or simple geometric charges when they are part of a primary charge group. Peripheral ordinaries may not be voided or fimbriated, nor may other secondary, tertiary, or overall charges.*" In addition, the device as drawn has a complexity count of ten: six colors (gules, argent, azure, Or, purpure and vert) and four types of charge: fess, head, castle and thistle.

I would also suggest that, since the submitter needs to redraw and resubmit in any case, that he address the issues with the thistles on the fess. They might or might not trigger a return at Laurel but surely would raise issues of identifiability. Making them fewer in number (and without the row that is only stems and leaves!) and drawing the leaves as thistle leaves rather than tulip leaves would help. The submitter (or his herald) did remember that the "bulb" of the thistle is green like the leaves, but the difference at that size is not really enough at the size in the mini-emblazons to make the flowers clearly thistloid rather than tulipoid. Drawing them slightly larger should help with their identification as thistles.

### **Niccolo Giovanni** - New Device

*Per bend sinister Or and azure, a lion rampant sable and a fleur-de-lys argent*

Consulting Herald: Fionn MacKonnell, Pursuivant Extraordinary

This is being returned for redrawing. It is highly suggested that internal detailing be added to the silhouette of the lion to increase identifiability.

**Nikulás Akraspillir** – Device

*Sable, an Ibex head countourney Or*

This is being returned for redrawing. The consulting herald is already in the process of doing so.  
(Good for Talorgen!)

**Seamus an Tuilí** - New Name & New Device

*no blazon available*

Both name and device are being returned for reworking. Please see the lengthy discussion posted in Atlantia's Kingdom Letter of Proposal in OSCAR, at <https://oscar.sca.org/index.php?action=100&loi=1421> .