



**Committee on Heraldry**  
of the  
NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

**Report for the Calendar Year 2023**

Established on 4 February 1864 as a standing committee within the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Committee on Heraldry is the oldest organization in the United States dealing with coats of arms and their use, and the oldest non-governmental heraldic organization in the world.

One of the principal activities of the Committee is the registration and recording of coats of arms in two major series:

**1. Registration of arms in the *Roll of Arms***

Since 1915, the Committee's has registered verified historical coats of arms (predating 1900) brought to the present-day United States or its colonial territorial predecessors by the country's early colonial settlers or by subsequent immigrants. These arms, compiled as *A Roll of Arms*, have been published since 1928 in installments in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* and in separate fascicles called Parts. Parts 1–10 (containing entries 1–741) were reprinted in 2013 in a cumulative volume. In 2022, *A Roll of Arms: Eleventh Part* was published in three installments in the *Register* (entries 742–813); it is forthcoming in stand-alone book form in 2024. In 2023, *A Roll of Arms: Twelfth Part* (entries 814–885) was set up in draft and fully illustrated by our artist, Matthew Alderman; it is forthcoming in three installments in the *Register* beginning in 2024.

In 2023 the Committee registered 16 coats of arms in the *Roll of Arms*.

Registrations in 2023 [*current provisional numbering*]:

- [967] Bristow, Robert, of Ayot St. Lawrence, Hertfordshire, England; to Virginia by 1669.
- [968] Fisher, John, of Pluckley, co. Kent, England; to Virginia, Feb. 1623/4.
- [969] Kupreyanov, Capt. Ivan, of Fedosovo, Soligalich Dist., Kostroma Governorate, Russia; to Novo-Arkhangelsk (Sitka), Alaska, 1835.
- [970] Oldsworth, Arnold, of London, England; to Virginia, Sept. 1620.
- [971] Lunsford, Sir Thomas, of East Hoathley, co. Sussex, England; to Virginia, 1649.
- [972] Orsini, Virginio Filippo (1892–1972), of Rome, Italy; to New York City in 1923.

- [973] Wormeley, Christopher and Ralph, brothers, of Adwick-le-Street, Yorkshire, England; to Virginia in 1635–36.
- [974] Garesché, Jean (1740–1801), of Nieulle-sur-Seudre, Saintonge, France, and Haiti; to Wilmington, Del., 1794.
- [975] Fielder/Feilder, Ann (ca. 1662–1726), of Burrough Court, Hampshire, England, wife of Thomas Gantt (d. 1692) and John Wight (d. 1705); to Calvert County, Maryland, ca. 1685.
- [976] Eliot, John, Jacob, Philip, and Francis, brothers, and Sarah, Lydia, and Mary, their sisters, all of Nazeing, co. Essex, England; to Boston, 1631–1637.
- [977] Stoughton, Israel and Thomas, brothers, and Judith and Elizabeth, their sisters; family from Ashe, co. Kent, England; to Dorchester, Massachusetts, 1630–1637.
- [978] Clarke, Cisley (ca. 1608–ca. 1668), of London, ux. Robert Jadwin (Roll # 873); to Old Rappahannock Co., Virginia, by 1651.
- [979] Dent, Thomas (ca. 1630–1676), of Gisborough, Yorkshire, England; to St. Mary's Co., Maryland, by 1658.
- [980] Gilbert, Temperance (say 1595–1648), of Mickleover, co. Derby, England, widow of John Alsop and mother of the Alsop siblings in Roll #169; to New England by 1648.
- [981] Sheafe, Dorothy (say 1595–1669), of Windsor, Berkshire, England (family of Cranbrook, Kent), wife of Rev. Henry Whitfield (Roll #241); to Guilford, Connecticut, 1639; Dorothy's 1st cousins Jacob Sheafe, Joan (Sheafe) Chittenden, and Mary (Sheafe) Merriam variously to Guilford and to Concord, Massachusetts, 1638–1639; and Dorothy's nephew Sampson Sheafe (1646–1725), to Boston by 1671.
- [982] Skepper, Rev. William (1597–bef. 1646), of Boston, Lincolnshire, England; to Boston and Lynn, Massachusetts, 1639.

The Committee approved certain emendations to entries, including #169 Alsop and others not yet published, and also canceled three registrations not yet published, previously published only in the online name index to the *Roll of Arms* (and therefore now unnumbered): David Ochterlony, Fiona Graham, William Stewart. Emendations made in 2023 will be published with the *Roll of Arms: Twelfth Part*.

## 2. Recording Modern Arms

The Committee has been recording assumed and modern coats of arms since 1935. In 2023, the Committee accepted for record 28 modern coats of arms, of which six were

granted or confirmed to U.S. citizens by foreign governmental heraldic authorities. One recorded coat was devised for a corporate entity; the others are personal arms.

Modern arms accepted for record in 2023:

Alessi-Higgins, Mr. Geoffroy, of Dallas, Texas. Arms: Azure a cross silver between two open books proper bound gules in first and fourth and as many cups gold in second and third. Crest: A paschal lamb proper nimbed gold carrying a banner azure, the staff tenné.

Alexander, Mr. Samuel Grant, of Asheville, North Carolina. Arms: Parted per pale silver and sable, a chevron between two molets in chief and in base a cushion, all counterchanged. Crest: Issuing from an antique crown gold an eagle rising sable beaked gold. Grant and matriculation by the Lyon King of Arms, 19 Dec. 1913.

Barger, Mr. Joshua, of San Francisco, California. Emendation to arms and crest recorded 22 April 2020). Arms: Silver a chevron azure in base a slip of oak paleways with three acorns and two leaves and on a chief gules a cross bottony between two escallops silver. Crest: A demi-wolf azure collared and chained and holding a torch gold enflamed proper. Certified by the Chief Herald of Malta, 21 Sept. 2022.

Behling, V. Rev. Fr. Patrick J., of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin. Arms: Gold three chevrons and on a chief gules three molets of six points gold.

Brandow, Mr. Adam, of Millbrook, New York. Arms: Sable a birch firebrand palewise silver with four lopped limbs enflamed proper the upper three issuing sparks gold. Crest: A dexter cubit arm upright proper grasping a birch firebrand as in the arms bendwise sinister.

Carter, Mr. Peyton Franklin, III, of Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Arms: Per chevron gold and gules three cartwheels counterchanged. Crest: A winged lion sejant guardant gold supporting with the dexter forepaw a cartwheel gules. Granted by the Chief Herald of Ireland, 31 July 2003.

Carter, Mr. Peyton Franklin, III, of Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Arms: Per saltire gules and gold four cartwheels in cross and a border counterchanged. Crest: Between two branches of sweet chestnut fructed proper a winged lion passant gold supporting with the dexter forepaw a cartwheel gules. Granted by the English Kings of Arms, 16 June 2023.

Giuliano, Mr. Brian, of Sarasota, Florida. Arms: Tierced in pale: 1: Gold three cherry blossoms in pale sanguine. 2: Silver an orle sanguine within a border per fess azure and vert. 3: Gold three maple leaves in pale sanguine. Crest: A demi-bald eagle wings expanded proper charged on the breast with a fleur-de-lis gold.

Griffin, Mr. Nicholas William, of Jamesville, New York. Arms: Silver an orange tree in fruit eradicated proper between two flanches azure charged with as many griffins gold. Crest: An Eastern bluebird proper supporting with the dexter foot a ship's lamp and about its neck a naval coronet attached to a chain reflexed over the back gold.

Hibbert, Mr. Obadiah Nathaniel, and Mrs. Hannah (Edwards) Hibbert, of Dallas Castle, Saint Andrew, Jamaica, by granddaughter Carol Hriczov of Suwanee, Georgia. Arms: Azure an escutcheon sable fimbriated silver, over all standing upon the turrets of a castle triple-towered a lion silver, its mane gold, all in a border gold. Crest: A bald eagle wings expanded and elevated gold, head looking downward to sinister silver.

Hock, Mr. Harlan P., Jr., of Slidell, Louisiana. Arms: Gules between a pair of wings displayed silver three annulets interlaced in base gold. Crest: Between a pair of wings silver a demi-lion gules holding in both forepaws a lightning bolt gold.

Hudson, Mr. Chance, of Scottsboro, Alabama. Arms: Silver on a cross engrailed gules four molets silver, in dexter chief a sword proper and a quill sable in saltire, the quill surmounting the sword. Crest: A crow proper.

'Imaikalani-Navarro, Ms. Frances Kapulani, of Wai'anae, Hawai'i, by granddaughter Cherie Leilani Porter. Arms: Arms: Silver two spears in saltire sable the heads proper between two mahiole (feather helmets) in fess respectant proper, on a chief gules two 'iwa (great frigatebirds) addorsed rising to dexter and sinister proper, all within a border gold.

Linker, Mr. Joel, of Bloomington, Minnesota. Arms: Tierced per fess gules gold and azure, in chief a triquetra gules and gold filled azure charged with a crown, a cross, and a dove; in fess an open book leathered and with a marker ribbon azure between two Hebrew shofars counter bendwise proper; and in base a scroll proper lettered azure with the words "the Lord is God." Crest: A lamb passant maintaining with the dexter forefoot a banner of the arms proper.

Linker, Mr. Louis, of Las Vegas, Nevada. Arms: Quarterly gules a heart silver and azure an ermine spot silver, overall on a fess silver three crescents gules. Crest: A lamb couchant proper maintaining a banner of the arms.

Linker, Mr. Mark, of Huntington, Indiana. Arms: Gules on a fess gold between in chief an anchor surmounting two artillery guns crossed in saltire proper and in base two stallions combatant gold a chevron gules charged with a lozenge between three roundels in dexter and four molets in sinister gold, below the chevron a label gules. Crest: A lamb passant maintaining a banner of the arms proper.

Millan, Mr. Scott Alexander, of Santa Monica, California, by son Brandon Alexander Millan. Arms: Gold a lion sable, on a chief azure three molets

silver, all within a border chequy gold and gules. Crest: An American elm proper. Grant and matriculation by Lyon King of Arms, 30 January 2013.

Nom de Guerre Capital LLC, a Wyoming entity. Arms: Gules on a bend silver between two harpies close each grasping in the dexter claw a fleur-de-lis gold five fleurs-de-lis azure. Crest: A leopard's face jessant-de-lis surmounting a sword and a key, ward to base, in saltire gold.

Peacock, Mr. Henry Marvin, Jr., of Avon, Connecticut. Arms: Azure on a chevron gules fimbriated silver between in chief two peacock's heads razed with crowns about their necks and in base a peacock close with a crown about its neck and its dexter claw extended all gold three roses silver. Crest: A sphinx sejant wings endorsed holding in the dexter forepaw a key the wards downward gold.

Perry, Mr. Jefferson Dudley, III, of Scarborough, Maine. Arms: Per fess sable and silver, in chief an Yggdrasil silver and a sun gold and in base a wolf rampant sable. Crest: A raven wings endorsed proper.

Savage, Mr. Raheem, of Middletown, Delaware. Arms: Sable a phoenix rising gold.

Simmons, Mr. Kenneth, of Canton, Texas. Silver a chevron azure between three arrows fesswise, those in chief pointing outward, sable flighted azure.

Simon, Ms. Beth, of Webster, Minnesota. Arms: Per fess, silver a chevron coupé above a crosslet sable, and azure two doves volant respectant silver the dexter ensigned with a heart and the sinister with a label of three points gold, in base a heart gules fimbriated silver, and overall a bar vert charged with a barrulet silver. Crest: A pheasant close contourny proper.

Steenrod, Mr. Christopher, of Norfolk, Virginia. Arms: Per pale azure and silver a harpy displayed holding a battle axe blade inward in the dexter claw and an anchor reversed in the sinister all counterchanged. Crest: A hare sejant erect silver.

Waggoner, Mr. Leslie Robert, III, of Salina, Kansas. Arms: Per fess azure and vert, issuing from a sun in dexter chief gold a phoenix descending in an arc toward the sinister gules enflamed gold, and issuant from an oak tree uprooted in sinister base a dragon ascending in an arc toward the dexter gold, the heads respectant in fess point. Crest: A phoenix gold and a dragon silver wings endorsed respectant and rising from flames proper.

Whitehouse, Rev. Heather L., of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada (a dual U.S. citizen). Arms: Per chevron azure and vert a chevron ensigned by a cross between in chief two lamb's heads erased nimbed silver and in base a trillium proper. Crest: A unicorn rampant silver gorged with a collar azure charged with three molets silver. Granted by the Canadian Heraldic Authority, 15 Feb. 2016.

Williams, Mr. Tony T., of Tacoma, Washington. Arms: Vert three chevronels between in chief two crosses paty gold and in base an open book proper. Crest: A demi-Moor crowned and robed proper holding in his dexter hand a sword and in his sinister a closed book vert.

Zwicker, Mr. Paul Alfred, of Detroit, Michigan, by granddaughter Emily Zwicker. Arms: Vert an apple blossom between seven nails in annulet, heads to clockwise, all within an orle silver. Crest: A hummingbird rising proper over a police shield vert charged with a cross silver.

Recording of arms is made final only on receipt of a fee, payable once the arms have been approved at a meeting. In 2023, no coats of arms were approved for which the fee was not paid.

Since 2020, all modern arms recorded in a calendar year have been made public in the Committee's annual reports. Arms recorded from 1935 through 2019 have never been so published. From time to time, the Committee issues letters of record for those who previously recorded arms here and who seek attestation thereof in the current style. Since the Society headquarters closed for significant construction in mid-2023, paper records necessary to consult for such confirmations have been unavailable. The committee expects to prepare for publication a retrospective list of *all* modern arms recorded by the Committee since 1935; it is projected that this list will begin preparation in 2025.

### **Activities and Publications**

Members spoke on heraldry-related topics in various venues during the year. In March, member Taylor made a presentation to the Essex [Co., Massachusetts,] Society of Genealogists, titled "Re-Introducing Heraldry for Genealogists." In April, member Shannon spoke before the Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry at its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. In August, member McMillan presented "Heraldic Episodes in American Legal History: Stray Voltage or Saving Remnant?" at the International Academy of Heraldry Colloquium at Lund, Sweden. In September, member Taylor gave a webinar through the Society, "Introduction to Heraldry for Genealogists," followed by another in November focused on the Committee on Heraldry itself, "An Introduction to the Committee on Heraldry at American Ancestors." In October, member McMillan addressed the St. Simon's Island (Georgia) Chapter of the Colonial Dames XVII Century. A series of heraldry webinar offerings at American Ancestors is expected to continue in 2024.

In July, in response to a query from the auction house Bonham's, Committee members identified the arms and likely owner or patron of a piece of early New York silver, probably made for May Bickley, attorney-general of the province .

In preparation for the 36th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences, to be held in Boston in September 2024, with the Society as principal host institution, Chair Woods and members Taylor and McMillan participated in regular

planning sessions with other members of the Scientific Committee, Society executives, and sponsors.

Significant conservation work has begun on the “Promptuarium Armorum” manuscript of William Smith, Rouge Dragon, ca. 1602–1616. Artist to the Committee Matthew Alderman completed black-and-white illustrations of all arms for the *Roll of Arms: Twelfth Part*, to be published serially in the *Register* beginning in 2024. Editing progressed on *A Roll of Arms: Twelfth Part*, now complete in draft; and on *The Gore Roll*, facsimile edition with reprint of Harold Bowditch’s previously published textual commentary, the Isaac Child manuscript facsimile, and other apparatus, also forthcoming in 2024, as is *A Roll of Arms: Eleventh Part*, already published serially in the *Register* in 2022.

Finally, the committee made progress in the design process for letter-press and hand-painted certificates of registered or recorded arms, with the expectation that these will be available to commission beginning some time in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



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