

Practical Heraldry for the Self-Isolator

Week 5 - Local Government Arms 1973-1995

District Councils cont.



HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL 1063-1995 comprised the following District Councils:

Badenoch and Strathspey, Caithness, Inverness, Lochaber, Nairn, Ross and Cromarty, Skye and Lochalsh, Sutherland



BADENOCH & STRATHSPEY DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

Or, an osprey volant grasping a fish in its talons Proper, a chief wavy per pale, dexter, Azure a boar's head couped Or and sinister, Gules an antique crown also Or, a bar wavy enhanced per fess wavy Argent and Azure.

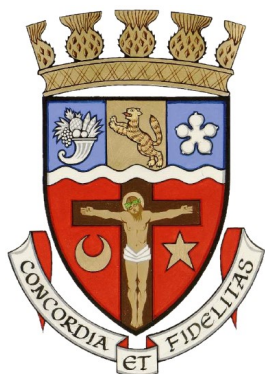
The boar's head is Gordon, the crown a Grant, the wavy line as usual is a river, the Spey, while the osprey of Loch Garten are world famous.



CAITHNESS DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

Azure, a galley Or, the sail thereof Argent, charged with a raven Sable, and in chief two crozier heads of the Second.

The galley and field come from the ancient Earldom of Caithness; the black raven belonged to the Norse Jarls. The croziers appear to refer to Sts Fergus and Peter, patrons respectively of Wick and Thurso.



INVERNESS DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

Per fess enhanced Azure and Gules, a barrulet wavy enhanced Argent; in base Our Lord upon the Cross Proper between a crescent and a mullet Or, and in chief between dexter, a cornucopia, and sinister, a fraise Argent, on a pale Or a cat saliant Proper.

The cornucopia was the crest granted to the old Royal Burgh in 1900, the cat refers to Clan Mackintosh while the fraise represents Fraser of Lovat and The Aird, to the west of Inverness. The Crucifixion has been used by Inverness for centuries, doubtless with a good reason.....The fess enhanced means that the top half of the shield is shorter than the bottom.



LOCHABER DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

Argent, two Lochaber axes, heads upwards and blades outwards, saltirewise, intertwined with a chaplet of oak; in chief an imperial crown, all Proper.

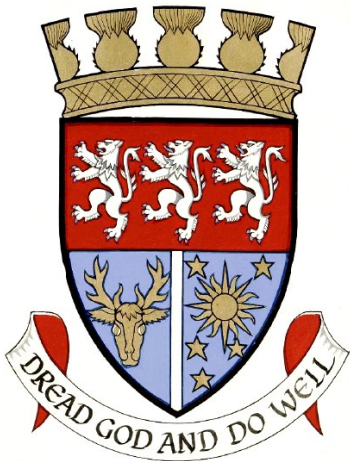
The unaltered arms of the former burgh of Fort William. The oak branches are the plant badge of Clan Cameron, the Lochaber axes are an obvious local symbol. The crown refers to William of Orange, after whom the town was named.



NAIRN DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

Azure, a figure of Saint Ninian holding in his dexter hand an open book, his crozier in his sinister hand and pendant from the wrist thereof a manacle all Proper, between dexter, a sun radiant Or and sinister, a mullet Argent; on a chief Or, two water budgets Sable.

The arms are a marriage between the old Royal Burgh of Nairn—which contributed St Ninian, whose relics had been brought there by a mediaeval abbot from Whithorn—and the old county of Nairn, whose water bougets/budgets came from the arms of Rose of Kilravock.



ROSS AND CROMARTY DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

Per fess Gules and Azure: in chief three lions rampant Argent, in base an endorse of the Last between dexter, a stag's head cabossed, and sinister, a sun in its splendour between five mullets Or.

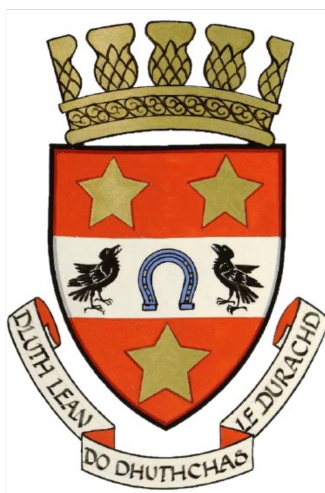
Very similar to the old County Council arms, the lions come from the ancient Earldom of Ross, the gold stag's head from Mackenzie, the sun and stars come from the old arms of Dingwall. The gold stag's head is also called a CABER FEADH.



SKYE AND LOCHALSH DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

Per fess in chief per pale Azure and Vert and in base Azure: in chief a pale Or charged of a lymphad, sails furled and oars in action Sable, flagged Gules, all between dexter, a castle triple-towered and embattled Argent masoned Sable, windows and port Gules, and sinister, a boar's head erased holding in its mouth a shank-bone of a deer Argent, and in base a stag's head cabossed Or; overall on a fess wavy Argent a barrulet wavy Azure.

We see the stag's head again from Mackenzie, the wavy lines suggestive of the Kyle of Lochalsh and the upper half showing symbols of some of the great families of Skye—MacLeod of McLeod, Macdonald of Sleat and McKinnon.



SUTHERLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

Gules, on a fess Argent between three mullets Or, a horse-shoe Azure, having seven horse-nails of the Third, between two ravens respectant Sable.

Like the former county of Sutherland, these are the arms of the ancient Earldom of Sutherland differenced by a fess argent although in the case, the old County's—and Jarldom's - raven displayed has been replaced by two ravens and a horseshoe, from the arms of Dornoch,

Week 5 Quiz

1. What in heraldry is an **ENDORSE**?

2. What in heraldry is a **CLOSET**?

3. Draw a **water-budget**.



4. Draw *per fess enhanced*.



5. What does *fructed or* mean?

6. What is an *inescutcheon of pretence*?

7. What does *of the field* mean?

8. What is this coronet?



9. What is an **UDALLERER**?

10. What does *of the Third* mean in heraldry?

11. What does *affrontee* mean?

12. What is a *lymphad*?

13. What in heraldry is a **garb**?

14. What does *sun in its splendour* mean?

15. What does **undy** mean in heraldry?

16. What in heraldry is a **bar**?

17. What is a *spur-rowel*?

18. What is a *fillet* in heraldry?

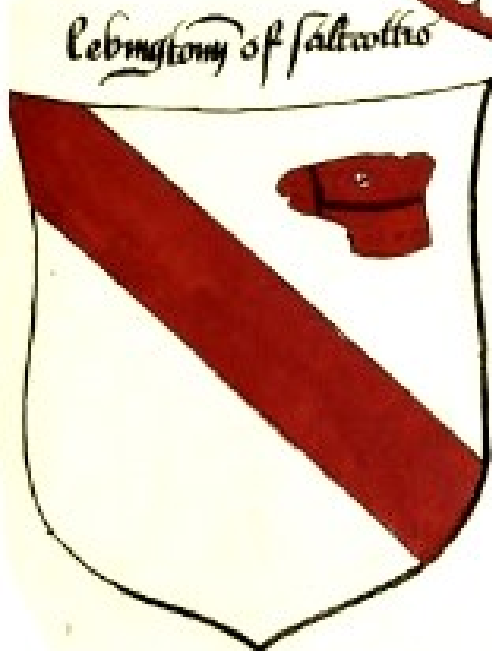
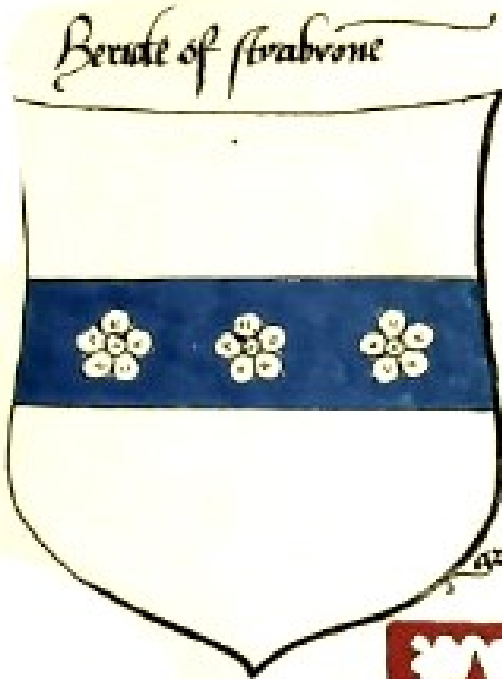
19. What does *masoned* mean in heraldry?

20. What is a **caltrap**?

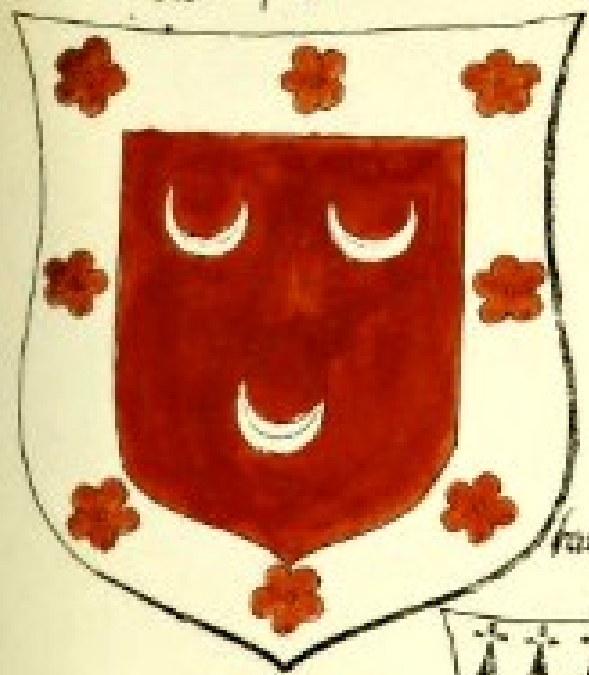
Week 5 Blasoning Bonanza

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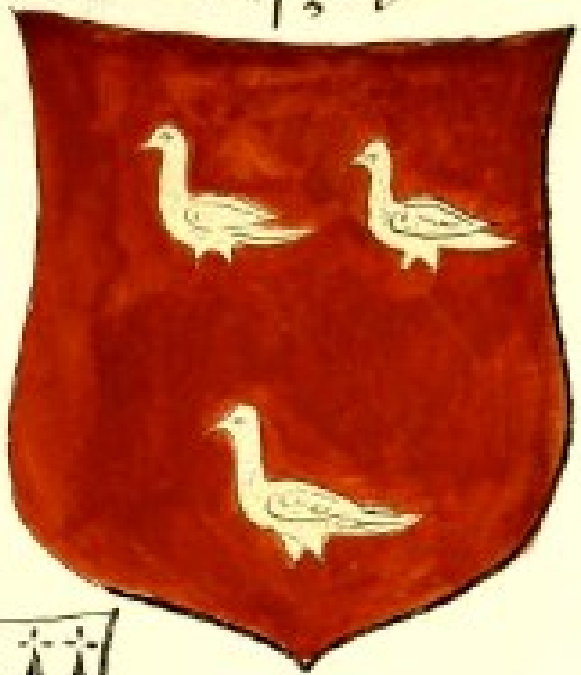
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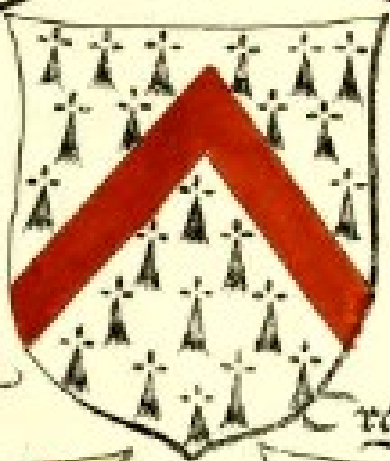
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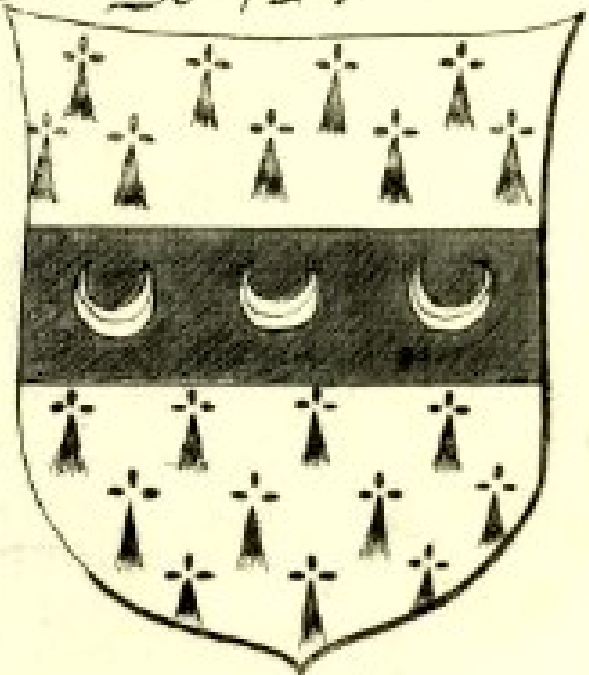
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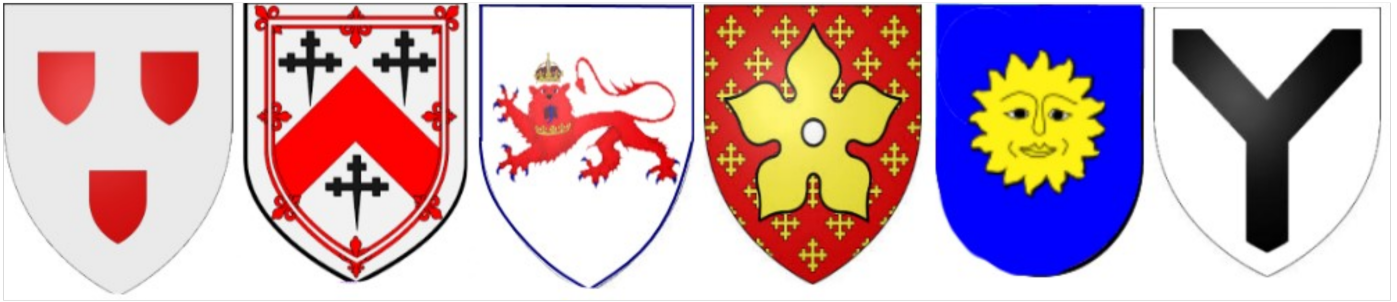
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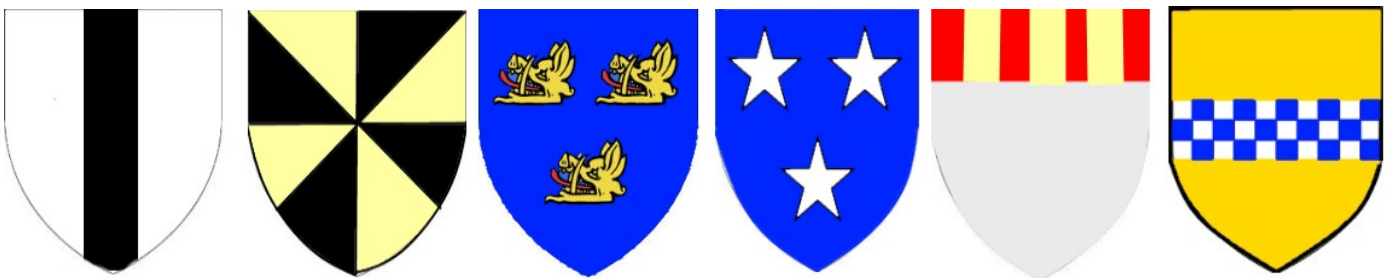
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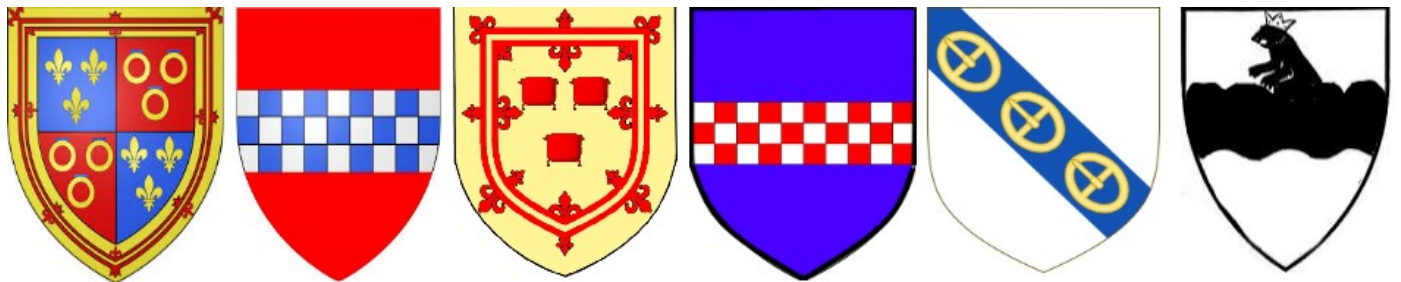
Bigwigs Revision—Answers



A...HAY..... B...KENNEDY... C OGILVIE... D Umfraville... E...KERR... F CUNNINGHAME



G ERSKINE..... H CAMPBELL I..... J MURRAY K KEITH (EARL MARISCHAL) L STEWART



M MONTGOMERY N LYNSAY O RANDOLPH P BOYD Q LESLIE R MELDRUM