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Fire at the College of Arms



The fire alarm sounded at ten minutes to eleven on Thursday 5 February at a time when 'Chapter', the heralds' governing body was having its monthly meeting. The fire was already too well established to be tackled with fire-extinguishers, so the Fire Brigade were called. The evacuation plan was immediately put in action by the College's house comptroller, David White, and the officer on duty, and within minutes the building was clear. No-one was hurt, and no damage was done to the official records of the College of Arms, which date back to the fifteenth century.

Peter Gwynn-Jones, Garter King of Arms, said: "This event is a great sadness to all of us who work here. We will work hard to put the building right over the forthcoming weeks, but we will remain open for business. I am glad that our emergency plan worked well, and I am really grateful to the Fire Brigade for the exceptional care they took, knowing what national treasures we care for here."

The fire was successfully contained; the building, which had been swiftly evacuated, suffered damage to the two upper floors of its west wing only, some distance from the archive storage areas. A number of rooms there will now need to be repaired and redecorated.

Welcome to the twentieth edition of the College of Arms Newsletter, which is produced every three months and sent automatically and free to those who subscribe by entering their name and e-mail address in our [mailing list](#). Other benefits for those who submit their names in this way include advance notice of College of Arms events, relevant publications, and media appearances. If you wish to remove your name from this list, to send the newsletter on to someone else, or send a genealogical or heraldic enquiry to the College, please make use of the links listed at the top of this page.

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Recent Grants of Arms

A very small selection of those recently receiving grants or exemplifications from the English Kings of Arms:

BATY, Patrick Robert Anthony, of the London Borough of Wandsworth. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 18/6/2008. College reference: Grants 173/319.

BELOFF, Michael Jacob, formerly President of Trinity College, Oxford. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 22/10/2008. College reference: Grants 173/330.

BERRY, John Richard, of Countesthorpe, Leicestershire, OBE. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 18/8/2008. College reference: Grants 173/267.

BRADFIELD, Sir John Richard Grenfell of the City of Cambridge, Knight, CBE. Arms, Crest and Badge, Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 21/7/2008. College reference: Grants 173/239.

COGLEY, Stephen William, of the Middle Temple, City of London. Arms and Crest. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 9/9/2008. College reference: Grants 173/297.

FELLOWS, Daniel Richard, of Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, DFC. Arms and Crest; in the same Patent Arms and Crest for his grandsons Andrew Charles Victor Fellows and Benjamin Edward Robert Fellows of Bishopsbourne, Kent. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 24/7/2008. College reference: Grants 173/245.

FRANKLIN, Sir Roland Arthur Ellis, of Long Island, State of Antigua and Barbuda, KGCN. Arms and Crest. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 17/9/2008. College reference: Grants 173/305.



PENDLEBURY, John, of Todmorden, West Yorkshire. Arms and Crest (illustrated *left*). Garter and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 23/7/2008.

Arms: Quarterly Argent and Sable two Lozenges the one surmounting the other in fess throughout counterchanged each charged with two Roses in pale that in the Sable Argent that in the Argent Sable all barbed and seeded Or.

Crest: On a Helm with a Wreath Argent and Sable Statant upon a Rocky Mount proper within a Stockade of Wooden Piles Or an Elephant regardant Argent tusked Or supporting with the trunk a Flagstaff Or flying therefrom a Banner of the Arms.

College reference: Grants 173/243.

PURVIS, Robert Bruce Thomas, of Bishopstoke, Hampshire. Arms, Crest and Badge; In the same Patent Arms and two badges to Diana Mary Purvis his wife, daughter of Stanley William Hedges. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 15/9/2008. College reference: Grants 173/287.

SPENCER, Neil, of Holmer Green, Buckinghamshire, CBE. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 3/9/2008. College reference: Grants 173/273.

THE ROYAL NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND. Arms, Crest, Badge and Supporters. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 10/9/2008. College reference: Grants 173/282.

TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON. Arms and Crest. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 7/10/2008. College reference: Grants 173/309. A discussion of the Arms and their significance can be found [here](#).

WHITBY-SMITH, Roger Clifford, of Ryde, Isle of Wight. Arms and Crest. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 1/8/2008. College reference: Grants 173/258.

UNIVERSITY OF WINCHESTER. Arms, Crest and Supporters. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 29/8/2008. College reference: Grants 173/275. A press release relating to this grant may be seen [here](#).

WOZNICA VON ROKITNITZ, Eric, of the City of Plymouth, Devon. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 22/10/2008. College reference: Grants 173/325.

NATIONAL POLICING IMPROVEMENT AGENCY. Arms and Crest (illustrated *right*) were granted to this statutory body established under the provisions of the Police and Justice Act 2006, by Letters Patent of Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms dated 19 September 2008.

Arms: Quarterly Argent and Sable four Portcullises in saltire points inwards the chains linked by four Annulets in cross all in the Argent Sable and all in the Sable Or a Bordure quarterly Sable and Argent.

Crest: Upon a Helm with a Wreath Argent and Sable A Meerkat sejant erect Sable gorged with a Collar attached thereto a Chain reflexed over the back Or.

College reference: Grants 173/293. A Crown Badge has also been established for this body (see below).



Events, Appearances and Publications

Who Do You Think You Are? Live: The College of Arms was one of the exhibitors at this [genealogical and historical show](#) at Olympia, London, between 27 February and 1 March 2009. A large number of visitors to the show took the opportunity to meet Officers and artists, to learn something of the College's functions, and to address their specific queries to those on the stand.

Lectures by Rouge Dragon: Clive Cheesman, Rouge Dragon Pursuivant, delivered a lecture on heraldry on Wednesday 11 March to students of the London College of Communication; he also on 14 March addressed a joint meeting in Amersham of the [Chiltern Heraldry Group](#) and [Middlesex Heraldry Society](#), on the subject 'Heraldry now'.

Henry VIII: 22 April will mark the 500th anniversary of the accession to the throne of Henry VIII, and several bodies are marking this date with exhibitions and other events. Three such will feature manuscripts from the archives of the College of Arms. "[Henry VIII: Dressed to Kill](#)" at the Royal Armouries in the Tower of London, 3 April 2009 – 17 January 2010, will include a score cheque for the tournament held at Greenwich in 1516. "[Young Henry VIII](#)" at Hampton Court Palace, 9 April - 3 August 2009, will show College of Arms Ms M6 (opened to show a pen and ink drawing of the baptism of the future Edward VI). "[Henry VIII: Man and Monarch](#)" (guest curator: David Starkey) at The British Library, 23 April - 6 September 2009, will include a score cheque for the famous tournament held at Westminster in 1511, to celebrate the birth of a son to Henry by Catherine of Aragon.

“Heraldry” entry in encyclopaedia: the entry on heraldry in *The International Encyclopedia of Communication*, general editor Wolfgang Donsbach (Oxford and Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2008), vol. 5, pp. 2109-11, was written by Clive Cheesman. The entry may be consulted online [here](#) through subscribing institutions.

Recently Recorded Pedigrees

CHAMBERLAYNE: a four-generation pedigree showing a descent from William Chamberlayne of Nottinghamshire, via his two sons James Chamberlayne of the parish of St Dunstan in the West, City of London (died 1760), and Thomas Chamberlayne of the parish of Charlton, Kent (died 1781). College reference: Norfolk 51/139.

CLAYTON: a pedigree of nine generations is headed by Nathaniel Clayton of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland. He married in 1786 to Dorothy daughter of George Atkinson. Cross-referenced to an earlier entry with the reference Norfolk 4/120. College reference: Norfolk 51/132.

COOKE: a six-generation pedigree is headed by Bryan George Davies Cooke of the parish of Llanferres, Denbighshire (born 1835). Connected to the families of HEATON, SHARPE and HIGGINS. Cross-referenced to Norfolk 21/67 and Surrey 5/295. College reference: Norfolk 51/131.

CRAIG-COOPER: a descent of five generations from Frederick Albert Cooper of Durban in the Province of Natal, Union of South Africa (born 1875).

GILL: a pedigree of five generations headed by Charles Gill of Christchurch, co. Southampton (died 1901), and descending to the present day. Cross-referenced to Surrey 10/323. College reference: Surrey 31/335.

JAMES: a pedigree shows the children and grandchildren of Keith William James of Kingston, Ontario, Canada (born 1936). Connected to the family of REYNOLDS. College reference: Surrey 31/324.

PAYNE: a pedigree of seven generations headed by René Payne of the parish of St Margaret Lothbury in the City of London, and of Sulby in the parish of Welford, Northamptonshire (baptized 1734). The entry descends to the present day via George Seymour Payne of Debenham, Suffolk. Connected with the families of WICKS, KNOWLAND, MCPHERSON and BARNHAM. Cross-referenced to Norfolk 13/40, Norfolk 37/129 and *Baronets' Pedigrees* 5/5. College reference: Norfolk 51/141.

SMART: a pedigree records the descent to the present day from John Smart of Whickham, co. Durham, keelman, who married in 1794 to Hannah daughter of William Robson. College reference: Norfolk 51/133.

WYNNIATT-HUSEY: a pedigree records the descendants of two brothers, Reginald James and Ralph Ernest Wynniatt-Husey, born 1938 and 1940 respectively. Cross-referenced to Surrey 23/84. College reference: Surrey 31/331.

Elsewhere in the Records



Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to approve the badge illustrated *left*, for the National Policing Improvement Agency. The badge includes a meerkat (*Suricata suricatta*), which was granted to that body by the Kings of Arms as their Crest (see above). College reference: Standards 5/117.