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Illustrated left is a scene from an illuminated pedigree of Christ, showing his descent from Adam, which is amongst the archives of the College of Arms.

The pedigree dates from the fourteenth century, shows the judges, kings and conquerors of Israel, and is illuminated with biblical incidents in roundels.

The scene *left* is of the nativity of Christ: Christ is shown at the top of the image in the manger, overseen by oxen. Mary and Joseph look away, seeming to regret the inferior accommodation available.

Welcome to the twenty-seventh 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. All images are the copyright of the College of Arms.

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News

It has been [announced](#) that the National Archives of Scotland, and the General Register Office for Scotland, are to merge. The merger builds upon the existing close working relationships between the two organizations, and will permit increased efficiency through the further sharing of central services. This move follows discussions in the Republic of Ireland regarding the merger of the National Archives of Ireland, the Irish Manuscripts Commission, and the National Library of Ireland.

Roll of the Peerage

On 1 June 2004 a Royal Warrant was issued which required the creation and maintenance of a Roll of the Peerage. The responsibility for this now rests with the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice. Under the terms of the Royal Warrant any person who succeeds to a Peerage must prove his or her succession and be placed on the Roll, otherwise that person may not be legally recognized as a Peer in official documents. The Roll of the Peerage is an officially compiled and maintained list, intended to contain the names of all living peers. Peers are enrolled in it in the following circumstances: Hereditary Peers who have proved succession in accordance with the terms of the 2004 Royal Warrant; Hereditary Peers who up to 1999 received a Writ of Summons; Hereditary Peers who from 1999 have proved their succession in order to be eligible either for election to a vacant seat amongst the remaining 92 hereditary peers in a House of Lords 'by-election', or to vote in such a by-election; Life Peers. The Roll comprises all those Peers who have proved succession to an English, Scottish, Irish, Great Britain or United Kingdom Peerage. Those peers who have not proved their succession are therefore not included on the Roll.

The Roll itself is maintained by the Registrar of the Peerage, an official of the Crown Office, part of the Ministry of Justice. It is now published on the [website of the College of Arms](#), together with the text of the Royal Warrant, explanatory notes, and information about proving succession. The published Roll of the Peerage will be revised every month.

Recent Grants of Arms

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

BARDSLEY, Roland, of Stanthorne, Cheshire. Arms and Crest. Garter and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 222/3/2010. College reference: Grants 175/7.

BLACK, Daniel William, of the State of Western Australia, Australia. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 16/4/2010. College reference: Grants 175/39.

BYLLAM-BARNES, Joseph Charles Felix, of Ashted, Surrey, eldest son of Cyril Charles Byllam-Barnes late of Ashted, deceased, eldest son of William Charles Byllam-Barnes late of Streatham, co. London, deceased. Arms, Crest and Badge. The limitations of the grant were extended to include the other descendants of the late William Charles Byllam-Barnes. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 20/2/2010. College reference: Grants 175/51.

FALCONER OF THOROTON, Charles Leslie (Falconer), Baron, of Thoroton, Nottinghamshire, PC. Arms, Crest and Supporters. Garter King of Arms. 6/4/2010. College reference: Grants 175/25.

FROST, Alan John, of Bournemouth, Dorset. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 6/10/2009. College reference: Grants 175/3.

HALLGARTEN, Anthony Bernard Richard, of the London Borough of Camden, QC. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 20/5/2010. College reference: Grants 175/47.

HICKINBOTTOM, Sir Gary Robert, of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Knight. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 7/4/2010. College reference: Grants 175/17.

KAILE, Gillian, of the London Borough of Bromley. Arms and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 30/3/2010. College reference: Grants 175/49.

LAWRENCE, Ronald Charles, of Colton, Staffordshire. Arms, Crest and Badge. In the same Patent, Arms for his wife Gay, daughter of Cecil Joseph Outhwaite late of Hornchurch, Essex, deceased. Garter and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 27/4/2010. College reference: Grants 175/30.

LETCWORTH GARDEN CITY TOWN COUNCIL.

Illustrated *right* are the Arms and Crest granted to this town council by Letters Patent of Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms dated 17 May 2010.

Arms: Vert on a Pall reversed between three Horseshoe Magnets the poles to the centre Argent three Roundels Vert each charged with a Rose Argent.

Crest: Upon a Helm with a Wreath Argent and Vert A Squirrel sejant erect Sable holding between the forepaws a Rose Argent and crowned with a Garland of oak leaves Vert

Badge (not illustrated): A Rose Stem Or flowered Argent leaved Vert enfiling four two-bar fences conjoined in a square Pen Or

College reference: Grants 175/41.



MORRIS, Roy Alfred, of Formby, Merseyside, CBE, DL. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 14/4/2010. College reference: Grants 175/23.

NASH, Eric Stanley, of Whitchurch, South Glamorgan, OBE. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 27/5/2010. College reference: Grants 175/45.

RAWLINGS, Keith John, of Hythe, Kent. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 21/12/2009. College reference: Grants 174/285.

REBUCK, Dame Gail Ruth, of the London Borough of Camden, DBE. Arms and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 30/3/2010. College reference: Grants 175/11.

ROE-EVANS, Joyce Alison, of the parish of Charlesworth, Derbyshire. Arms and Badge. Garter and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms. 8/4/2010. College reference: Grants 175/21.

TOOLEY, Peter John Hocart, of the Island of Guernsey. Arms, Crest and Badge. Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms. 29/3/2010. College reference: Grants 175/5. The Arms are illustrated [here](#).

Lectures, Publications and Appearances

Sir Peter Gwynn-Jones, KCVO: a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Peter Gwynn-Jones, former Garter King of Arms (died 21 August 2010), was held at St Martin-in-the-Fields church, London, on 16 November 2010. Her Majesty The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Thomas Woodcock, Garter King of Arms. The Earl and Countess of Wessex were represented by Colonel Alastair Bruce of Crionaich, Fitzalan Pursuivant Extraordinary. The Princess Royal was represented by Lady Carew Pole. The Princess Alexandra was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Birchwood. The Duke of Norfolk attended, as did the Officers of Arms, Lord Lyon King of Arms, representatives of the Order of St John, and other bodies and societies with which Sir Peter was associated, as well as many relatives, friends and colleagues. The lessons were read by Patric Dickinson, Clarenceux King of Arms, and by Alan Dickins, Arundel Herald Extraordinary; and addresses were given by David White, Somerset Herald and David Gurney.

Events in the City of London: His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh presented the **Worshipful Company of Marketors of the City of London** with a Royal Charter, in a ceremony at Guildhall in the City of London, on 19 October 2010. William Hunt, Windsor Herald, took part in the ceremony, as did the Master of the Company, Alderman and Sheriff Fiona Woolf, and others. On 7 October at Wax Chandler's Hall, the **Guild of Public Relations Practitioners** held an Installation Dinner, at which William Hunt presented the Herald's Award for Excellence in Communication to representatives of the Museum of London.

Lecture at University of Trento, Italy: Clive Cheesman, Richmond Herald, delivered a paper entitled 'History, genealogy, and historical genealogy' at the medieval history seminar there on 18 November.

Some aspects of the 'Crisis of Heraldry': An article by Clive Cheesman with this title appears in the Autumn 2010 issue of *The Coat of Arms*, journal of the Heraldry Society. The title refers to an article by Michel Pastoureau of 1982, and offers some reactions to the thesis that Western European elite society ceased in the early modern period to find heraldry a meaningful means of communicating what was essential about themselves, their social position, and their ideology.

Elsewhere in the Archives



The gates of the College of Arms: when Queen Victoria Street was constructed in the nineteenth century, the southern wings of the College building were demolished; the space was filled by a Victorian railing with two gates. These were requisitioned and removed in 1942.

The present gates were originally constructed during the nineteenth century for Goodrich Court, Herefordshire. When that house was demolished in 1949, the gates and railings were bought by the Crowthers of Syon Lodge, collectors and dealers in architectural pieces. They were given to the College of Arms through the generosity of Mr Blevins Davis, and erected in 1956, being opened by the American Ambassador, Mr Winthrop W. Aldrich.

The photograph *left* dates from the late 1950s and shows the gates very much as they are today. Of great interest is the view beyond the gates: note the large space left by buildings destroyed during the London Blitz of 1940-41, and now filled by City of London School.