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From Crescent: Not present

From Dolphin:

From the [February 2024 LoAR](#):

From Laurel: Free Changes for Offensive Names and Devices, Revisited

The April 2020 Cover Letter instituted a policy to 'allow submitters to request name and armory changes to address offensiveness concerns free of charge (including both Laurel and kingdom charges)'. This has proved useful, and we have no intention to change the practice. However, a recent case shows that some clarification is needed. Note that this only applies to waiving the fees: changes that do not fulfill these criteria are welcome and will be treated as regular change submissions.

The goal of this allowance is to encourage people to consider whether their names or armory may cause offence, and to enable them to correct such problems. Because of this, two conditions have to be met. First, the change has to address the potential offensiveness: for instance, in Martin von Dachau the main offensiveness comes from the byname, so while a change to Kaspar von Dachau would remove the reference to the last commandant of the camp, the main source of offensiveness, the camp name itself, would not be addressed. Second, the old potentially offensive item has to be released. Retaining the old name as an alternate or the old armory as a badge does not address the offensiveness concerns at all as the entire point of having an alternate name or badge is to be able to use it at will.

* From Wreath: Clarification of SENA Appendix I2b - Semy

When discussing secondary charges SENA Appendix I2b refers to strewn charges around a primary ordinary; however, the same paragraph notes "with or without a central ordinary". We are clarifying that this section applies regardless of the type of primary charge. As the existing examples make clear, this does not change the interpretation of I2b.

b. Semy: This type of secondary charge group consists of charges strewn over all or over one part of a field. Charges semy are almost always in a separate charge group from all other charges. However, when a divided field (with or without a central ordinary) has a semy of charges (or charges semy) on one half of the field and another charge or group of charges on the other, the charges form a single secondary charge group around the primary ordinarycharge(s).

We wish to thank Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin for bringing this issue to our attention.

* From Wreath: On Irradiation

Two submissions this month led us to consider our rules in irradiation. In the January 2016 return of the badge of Cuthbert Longschankes, (Fieldless) A Celtic cross Or irradiated azure we wrote: "Blazoned as a Celtic cross irradiated, irradiation would surround the entire charge and would leave no gaps between the azure extensions." In the May 2017 return of the badge of Alexandru Morarul, (Fieldless) A rat rampant Or irradiated sable, we wrote: "A proper depiction of irradiated has alternating points and rays issuant perpendicular from the edge of a charge."

However, a review of period armory that includes irradiation shows that neither of the requirements from precedent align with period practice. The armes of all the cheife corporatons of England shows the crest of the Worshipful Company of Merchant Taylors, a sheep argent irradiated Or, with gaps between the rays around some of the sheep's extremities. Arms, part II, English and Scottish nobility, p. 90, shows the crest of Lord Grey, a unicorn ermine irradiated Or, with gaps between the rays around some of the unicorn's extremities. Insignia Anglica, f. 4r, shows the same crest of Lord Grey, (as the Duke of Suffolk) with all straight rays, and gaps between the rays. Based on this evidence, we overturn the two precedents noted above, and will allow irradiation with all straight rays, and irradiation with some gaps between rays. The irradiation must still surround the entire charge.

We also considered the question of whether tertiary charges could be irradiated. The majority of examples of irradiated charges in period armory are either badges or crests; very few are found in the arms themselves. A search through the Dictionary of British Arms for irradiated tertiaries shows a single example of a rose irradiated on a chief, in the arms of Edmund Bonner, Bishop of Hereford and of London. As the practice is incredibly uncommon, and as irradiation will shrink an already small tertiary charge to the point where recognizability is impaired, we will no longer register irradiated tertiary charges as of the August 2024 Wreath meeting.

* From Pelican: The Old Norse Given Name Bjarki

This month we considered the name Holta-Bjarki. The given name Bjarki was documented from Geirr Bassi, The Old Norse Name. Commentary on this item revealed that there was a single character in the Icelandic sagas that bears this name, and he is a werebear/shapeshifter in most of the places he is discussed. As a reminder, we will only register names from sagas that are borne by ordinary humans, as they otherwise constitute an impermissible claim to powers per SENA PN4C. As the character Bjarki is not an ordinary human, we will no longer register this given name in an Old Norse context as of the May 2024 LoAR. The name element bjarki, which means 'bear cub', does appear in the sagas as a descriptive byname borne by ordinary humans. Therefore, we will continue to register it as an Old Norse byname since it does not constitute a claim of powers as defined by our rules when used this way. Palimpsest is directed to update the "Standard Source Errata" article as appropriate.

The name element Bjarki does appear as a given name in 15th century Denmark borne by normal humans (Birky/By{æ}rke/Bi{æ}rke), and continues to be registerable in this context compatible with late period Scandinavian names.

*** From Pelican: Survey of English Place-Names**

The Survey of English Place-Names is a database found at <https://epns.nottingham.ac.uk/>. As noted on the website, "Since the 1920s, English Place-Name Society scholars have been working on a county-by-county survey of England's place-names, collecting the early forms of names from classical, medieval, and later documents and offering interpretations of their linguistic origins." For our purposes, forms dated directly or indirectly (e.g., OE or Old English) to 1650 or earlier are acceptable. Header forms with at least one period spelling are acceptable as lingua Societatis forms and, as with any lingua Societatis spelling, are considered to have the same date as the underlying form. Palimpsest is directed to add this resource to the Administrative Handbook Appendix H with the short citation [EPNS].

*** From Pelican: Combining Turkish and Armenian**

This month we considered the name Demhayr bin Johar. The patronymic marker bin is Turkish, while the given name Johar is Armenian. Normally, combining two languages in the same name phrase is not permitted per SENA PN1B1. However, during the commentary period Lillia Crampette provided ample evidence of this lingual mix actually appearing in names during our period. Therefore, relationship-style bynames combining a Turkish marker and an Armenian given name are permitted as of publication of this letter. Palimpsest is directed to add a note to SENA Appendix A under the Turkish header regarding this type of relationship-style byname construction.

SUBMISSIONS

1: Astrid Atladottir - New Name & New Device

Argent, on a pale between in chief two dragonflies vert a dragonfly argent

NAME & DEVICE APPROVED AND FORWARDED

2: Azar Parsa - Resub Device

Per fess enarched azure and vert, three suns and a griffin rampant Or

DEVICE APPROVED AND FORWARDED

3. Dun Or, Barony of – Resub Badge

BADGE – RETURNED FOR CONFLICT

4: Iseabail inghean Bhaltair - New Name Change

NAME – APPROVED AND FORWARDED

5: Joaquin el zorro rojo - New Name

NAME – APPROVED AND FORWARDED

6: Megaris Flora - New Name Change

NAME – APPROVED AND FORWARDED

7: Notus Atticus - New Name & New Device

Sable, a hanging balance Or and a bordure embattled argent

NAME & DEVICE – APPROVED AND FORWARDED

8: Ren Shu - New Name & New Device

Sable, two serpents entwined and on a chief Or, three spiders sable

NAME & DEVICE – APPROVED AND FORWARDED

9: Tyne MacPhersone - New Alternate Name

Ixtukur

NAME – RETURNED FOR ADDITIONAL NAME ELEMENT

10: Tyne MacPhersone - New Badge

(Fieldless) A rose purpure barbed and seeded proper within and conjoined to a serpent in annulo vorant of its own tail argent

BADGE– APPROVED AND FORWARDED

11: Veronika Riapolovskaia - New Name & New Device

Per chevron embattled argent and sable, an open book argent, and in chief a decrescent and increscent azure.

NAME & DEVICE – APPROVED AND FORWARDED

12: Zaynab bint al-Qutiya al-Ishbiliya - New Name & New Device

Per pale argent and gules, three butterflies counterchanged

NAME & DEVICE – APPROVED AND FORWARDED