

Standing Committee on Heraldry, New England Historic Genealogical Society

Report for the Calendar Year 2021

to the Council and Stakeholders of the Society

Established in 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 arguably the oldest non-state heraldic body in the world.

The Committee met four times in 2021, all by videoconference. The year 2021 continued a trend of hard work and tangible progress on long-time committee projects. 2021 rivaled 2020 as the Committee's busiest in recent decades, both in registering and recording coats of arms and in other activities.

Roll of Arms

Since 1915, the Committee's principal activity has been the registration of verified historic coats of arms brought to the present-day United States or its colonial territorial predecessors by the country's early European settlers and subsequent immigrants. The *Roll of Arms* registered by the Committee has been published in installments in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* since 1928, reprinted in separate fascicles, and published in 2013 in a cumulative volume. In 2021, the *Roll of Arms: Eleventh Part* was prepared for publication. It is appearing in three installments in the *Register* in 2022.

In 2021 the Committee registered **fourteen** coats of arms in the *Roll of Arms* (nos. 944, Ireland, to 957, Boddie). Five of these fourteen registrations stem from applications received from outside the committee—the largest cohort and percentage, by far, in modern times. This is a testament to the increased visibility of the Committee's mission and the *Roll of Arms*.

Registrations in 2021 [as renumbered following preparation of *Eleventh Part* for publication]:

944. Ireland, John, to Maryland from Yorkshire, c. 1750.
945. van Dievoet, Jean Paul Laurent, of Antwerp, Belgium, to Detroit, Michigan, 1956.
946. Calder, Hugh, William, and Robert, brothers, of Aswanley, Aberdeenshire, to Boston 1713–1720s.
947. Denys de Bonnaventure, Pierre-Louis. From La Rochelle, France, to Louisiana via Quebec by 1720.
948. Thorpe, George, of Wanswell, Gloucs., to Berkeley Hundred, Va., 1619, killed 1622.
949. Thruston, Edward and Malachy, brothers, from Bristol to Va. by 1666.
950. Chiffelle, Rev. Henry (1704–1759), of La Neuveville in the Prince-Bishopric of Basel, to the settlement of Purysburg, South Carolina, in 1734.
951. Cooke, Elizabeth, wife of Edmund Reade and Rev. Hugh Peter, of Pebmarsh, co. Essex; to Salem, Mass., 1635, with 2nd husband.

952. Flournoy, Jacob, and his nephew Jean-Jacques, of Geneva, to Henrico Co., Virginia, in 1700 and ca. 1718.
953. Fresne, Charles-Sigismond-Albert, of Reconvilier, Prince-Bishopric of Basel, to Lancaster, Pa. in 1788 (d. 1823).
954. Poutiatine, Capt. Prince Sergei Mikhailovich (1893–1966), of St. Petersburg, Russia, to New York City, 1930.
955. Woodward, Sarah, wife of Capt. Daniel Henchman, of London, to Boston, Mass., ca. 1666.
956. Princess Ileana of Romania, to Newton, Massachusetts, in 1950.
957. Boddie, Robert, of Chelmsford, Essex, to Lower Norfolk Co., Virginia, by 1630.

The Committee also approved several emendations to existing published entries, and made ten cancellations of *Roll of Arms* entries originally registered prior to 1999 but found to be defective during the review undertaken for preparation of the *Roll of Arms: Eleventh Part*. Canceled registrations (previously published only in our online name index to the *Roll of Arms*): Margaret (Blencow) Griswold, George Darcy Boulton, Alice (Bowyer) Clayton, Antoine Laumet [styled Lamothe de Cadillac], Thomasine (Clench) Frost, William Fullwood, Meribah (Gibbs) Foster, Johann Christoph Löwe, John Nichols, and Samuel Wright.

Modern Arms

The Committee accepted for record sixteen modern modern coats of arms: three granted to U.S. citizens by foreign heraldic authorities, and thirteen coats newly assumed within the United States. The committee discussed several aspects of the work required to publish a complete cumulative list of modern arms recorded with the Committee since 1935.

Modern arms accepted for record and placed on file during 2021:

- Anzalone, Lawrence, of Tampa, Florida. Arms: *Gules a chevron silver cotised gold between in chief three roses and in base a boar passant silver, tusks and hooves gold, tongue azure*. Crest: *Out of a coronet gold a pair of scales gules*.
- Berard, Christopher, of Lincoln, Rhode Island. Arms: *Per fess silver and gules, in chief a king's head affronty coupé and with a beard and mustache in the form of an inverted fleur de lys proper crowned gold, in base a sword its tip downwards and issuant therefrom two anchor flukes gold, the blade surmounted by an anvil silver*.
- Brennan, Timothy, of Caldwell, New Jersey. Arms: *Gold a lion rampant tail forked and nowed azure langued and armed gules within a border vert*. Crest: *A white raven rising proper gorged with an ancient crown gules*.
- Crowley, Marion Lee (applicant: grandson John Gordon Crowley Jr. of Lakeland, Georgia). Arms: *Sable a lion's face and in chief three eagles gold*. Crest: *A wolf rampant sable holding in his dexter paw a pine branch proper*.
- Davis, Thomas Pinckney, of Blackwell, Texas. Certified, Vicente de Cadenas y Vicent, late Cronista de Armas of the Kingdom of Spain; matriculated, Lyon Office. Arms: *Gules a fess between two griffins passant gold*. Crest: *A griffin passant holding in the dexter claw a cross bottony fitchy gold*.

Dennis, Shawn Allen (applicant: son Maximilian Dennis of Crowley, Texas). Arms: *Vert a double fleur-de-lis within a border silver charged with eight hearts vert*. Crest: *A monkey's head couped at the neck proper wearing a mitre silver charged with a cross of St. Anthony vert*.

Gesker, Dennis, of Three Forks, Montana. Arms: *Silver a flame within an orle azure*.

Johnson, Joseph, of Greenwood, South Carolina. Arms: *Gold a galley oars in action sable, sail furled silver, between three dexter hands gules, on a border sable eight buckles silver*. Crest: *A dexter hand proper surmounted by a Celtic cross silver*.

Leihgeber, Cody, of Washington, District of Columbia. Arms: *Gules on a bend between two oak branches leaved and fructed gold three stag's attires sable*. Crest: *A stag's head gules attired with three estoiles gold pendant from the attires by ribbons sable*.

Louras, Nicholas John, of Croton Falls, New York. Arms: *Sable on a chevron silver two holly branches fructed proper*. Crest: *On a holly branch fesswise fructed proper an ancient lamp gold flammant*.

Loy, Gary Edwin, of Kernersville, North Carolina. Arms: *Gules on a cross ermine a sun in splendor gold*. Crest: *An open book with three seals on either side inscribed "In aeternum, Domine, verbum tuum permanet in caelo" all proper, the book ensigned with a scholar's tam sable*.

MacDonald, Gary Bruce, of Charlotte, North Carolina. Granted, Lyon Office. Arms: *Quarterly, first silver a lion gules; second gold a dexter arm vambraced and gauntleted fessways proper holding a cross crosslet fitchy gules; third gold a lymphad sails furled oars in action sable flagged gules; fourth azure a plumbline between two garbs gold; all within a border sable charged with three molets gold*. Crest: *A double bitted axe proper embedded bendways in an oak stump eradicated with a sprout fructed proper*.

Maillard, Jean, of Redwood City, California. Arms: *Azure semy of molets, perched upon a mount an ibex looking backward with an elephant's tail silver, horned, hooved, bearded, and tufted gold*. Crest: *A mallard rising proper holding in its feet a mallet sable inflamed gold*.

McComas, Glenn Earl (applicant: grandson Jason McComas-Roe, of Fairbanks, Alaska). Arms: *Silver a ship tenné sails proper and pennants gules within a border azure*. Crest: *A quatrefoil knot silver*.

Roe, Harry James (applicant: son Jason McComas-Roe, of Fairbanks, Alaska). Arms: *Per bend gold and gules a bend between a horse's head sable and a quatrefoil gold*. Crest: *An oak leaf gules*.

Whitehouse, Heather Love, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada. Granted, Canadian Heraldic Authority. Arms: *Per chevron azure and vert a chevron ensigned by a Latin cross between in chief two lamb's heads erased nimbed silver and in base a trillium proper*. Crest: *A unicorn rampant silver wearing a collar azure charged with three mullets silver*.

Additional Activities

Educational and scholarly events:

In July, an invited talk by one of the English heralds, Peter O'Donoghue, York Herald, "The College of Arms in the Eighteenth Century," was held as a webinar, with opening remarks by Chairman Ryan J. Woods and Registrar Nathaniel Lane Taylor. This had been carried forward from Spring 2020 (an in-person event postponed for the pandemic).

In October, members Taylor and McMillan attended the 34th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences in Madrid (Taylor presented a paper). McMillan and Taylor also presented to the Permanent Committee of the Congress the proposal that the 36th Congress be held in Boston in September 2024. The proposal was accepted.

In November, members Taylor and McMillan co-taught a three-part mini-course (webinar, three sessions of 90 minutes each): "Introduction to Heraldry for Genealogists." Response was positive but coupled with a recognition that more short and focused introductory offerings may be of use given a general sense among beginning to expert genealogists that heraldry remains an unfamiliar realm and its value for genealogical research is not well understood.

Future event planning:

In preparation for the 36th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences, to be held in Boston in September 2024, with the Society and Committee as principal host, committee chair Woods and members Taylor and McMillan have begun regular planning sessions with Ginevra Morse, Society Vice President for Education and Programming, and other key staff and affiliates.

Committee records:

In July, several linear feet of files of the Committee on Heraldry were returned to the custody of the Committee after decades in the hands of individual committee officers. These include, notably, a substantial quantity of paper files relating to the registrations for the *Roll of Arms*, which facilitated the completion of preparation of the *Roll of Arms: Eleventh Part* in 2021 (published in 2022).

Artwork:

Artist to the Committee Matthew Alderman generated the majority of black-and-white illustrations for the *Roll of Arms: Eleventh Part*. The remainder are expected timely for publication of the *Eleventh Part* in 2022. The committee reviewed and discussed general design principles for offering certificates of arms registered or recorded. Committee voted to offer individual emblazonments of either historic arms from the *Roll* or modern arms accepted for record, to be developed in conjunction with Mr. Alderman.

Publications:

The Committee completed *Roll of Arms: Eleventh Part* and sent to the editor of the *Register* in November. Work has begun on *Roll of Arms: Twelfth Part*.

Planning was undertaken for the forthcoming fascimile of Gore Roll with reprint of Bowditch's text, as was the concomitant conservation work on Gore Roll and the Promptuarium Armorum undertaken by NEDCC. The Gore Roll volume is expected to be completed and published before the 2024 Congress (September 2024).

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel Lane Taylor, Registrar
for the Committee

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