Standing Committee on Heraldry, New England Historic Genealogical Society

Report for the Calendar Year 2022
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 the oldest non-governmental heraldic organization in the world.

The Committee met four times in 2022, including three meetings by videoconference and one in-person meeting, coinciding with a public talk at Society headquarters by one of our members, Peter O’Donoghue, York Herald in the College of Arms, London.

The year 2022 saw the serialized publication of A Roll of Arms Registered by the Committee on Heraldry of the New England Historic Genealogical Society: Eleventh Part, in the Register, re-establishing the Committee in the scholarly worlds of heraldry and genealogy for the twenty-first century.

Roll of Arms

Since 1915, the Committee’s principal activity has been the registration of verified historical coats of arms (predating 1900) brought to the present-day United States or its colonial territorial predecessors by the country’s early European settlers and subsequent immigrants. A Roll of Arms has been published in installments in The New England Historical and Genealogical Register since 1928, reprinted in separate fascicles, and was published in 2013 in a cumulative volume (consisting of parts 1–10). In 2022, the Roll of Arms: Eleventh Part was published in three installments in the Register; it is forthcoming in stand-alone book form in 2024.

In 2022 the Committee registered 16 coats of arms in the Roll of Arms, a modest decrease from the number registered in the previous year.

Registrations in 2022 [current provisional numbering]:

[951] Clayton, John, barrister of the Inner Temple; to Virginia, 1703.


[953] Fowke, Gerard and Thomas, brothers, of Gunston Hall, Brewood, Staffordshire; to Virginia, ca. 1652.


[955] Himely, Jean-Jacques, of La Neuveville, Prince-Bishopric of Basel [now Switzerland]; to Charleston, South Carolina, by 1786.
[956] Irion, Phillip Jacob, of Lichtenau, Margraviate of Baden-Durlach; to Culpeper County, Virginia, 1764.

[957] von Saltza, Carl Fredrik, from Sörby, Östergötland, Sweden; to St. Louis, Missouri, 1891 (father of Count Philip von Saltza, Roll #244).

[958] Samborne, John, Stephen and William, brothers, of London (family from Somerset and Wiltshire); to Hampton, New Hampshire, 1639.

[959] Stenfelt, Fridolf Vilhelm and Adolf Alfrid, brothers, of Friseryd, Kalmer County, Sweden; to Galesburg, Ill., 1863.

[960] Tyndal, Margaret, third wife of Governor John Winthrop (Roll #7), of Great Maplestead, Essex and Grotton, Suffolk; to Boston, 1631.


[962] Jemigan, Thomas (d. before 1696), of Pentlow, Essex, to St. Michael’s Hundred, Maryland, 1637.

[963] Brandt, Henry Frederick, 1810-1883, of Bordeaux, family of Eidsvoll, Norway; to Charleston, South Carolina, 1838.

[964] Brodnax, John (1608–1657), of Godmersham, Kent; to York County, Virginia, 1645.

[965] Coke, John (1704–1767), Dalbury, Derbyshire; to Williamsburg, Virginia, 1724.

[966] von Wrangel, Ferdinand, Baron (1796–1870), of Pskov, Russia; to Novo-Arkhangelsk [now Sitka], Alaska, 1830.

The Committee also approved several emendations to published entries, including 71 Thorold; 318 Zouch; 244 von Saltza; 350 Montague; 700 Chermside (canceled); 710 Browne (canceled); the Committee also canceled two registrations previously published only in our online name index to the *Roll of Arms* and therefore now unnumbered: Samuel Grant Alexander and Sir Philip Booth.

**Modern Arms**

The Committee have been recording assumed and modern coats of arms since 1935. In 2022, the Committee accepted for record 23 modern coats of arms (or arms not qualifying for the *Roll of Arms*), of which seven were granted or confirmed to U.S. citizens by foreign governmental heraldic authorities.

Modern arms accepted for record during 2022:

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Brandt, Mr. Julian Victor, III, of Charleston, South Carolina. Arms: Azure in base a ragged log fesswise issuing three flames palewise proper, in chief three fleurs-de-lis gold. Crest: From a circlet of Maltese crosses silver alternating with fleurs-de-lis gold a dexter arm embowed vested azure cuffed silver grasping a ragged fire-brand bendwise sinister silver issuing three flames palewise proper. (Arms granted by the English Kings of Arms, 2017.)


Burgado y Pantoja, Mr. Gavino, of Ponce, Puerto Rico, by grandson Mr. Angel Luis Burgado Jr. of Manchester, New Hampshire. Arms: Silver a lion contourny per bend sable and gules, on a diminished chief gules the Taino petroglyphs coqui (frog), sun, and snail silver and on a diminished base azure three molets silver. Crest: A Taino trigonolito (three cornered stone) gold.

Dennis, Mr. Philip Wayne, II, of Santiago, Dominican Republic. Arms: Per saltire, the chief and base azure, flanks barry gules and silver, on a saltire over all silver two keys crossed in saltire gold. Crest: Upon a closed book gules charged with a Latin cross a cock holding in its beak an oak branch with three acorns all gold.

Gaboriault, Mr. John N., of Claremont, New Hampshire, by son Mr. Paul H. S. Gaboriault, of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Arms: Silver a lynx rampant azure brindled, cheek ruffs streaked, and ears and tail tufted gold, holding in the dexter forepaw a palm vert and charged on the shoulder with an escutcheon silver thereon a mason’s hammer palewise chisel-blade to dexter sable, the haft gold. Crest: Out of a coronet set with four fleurs-de-lis (three visible) a lynx as in the arms issuant between two wings silver, holding in his dexter forepaw a palm vert. (Emended record. Arms confirmed by Chief Herald of Malta.)

Harner, Mr. Harrison, of Danbury, Connecticut. Arms: Party, dexter lozengy silver and vert, sinister azure. Crest: Between two buffalo horns, dexter lozengy silver and vert, sinister azure, an oak tree proper.

Leader, Ms. Elizabeth Clare, of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Arms: Erminois three piles silver each charged with three pellets (2 and 1), all within a border sable charged with escallops silver.

Linker, Mr. Curt N., of Holly Hills, Florida. Arms: Azure a fess or between in chief a key palewise ward to dexter gold, a falcon diving gold holding in the talons an anchor palewise proper, and a pair of keys in saltire silver, and in base a sprig of holly palewise
proper, the fess charged with a martlet volant azure. Crest: A lamb passant maintaining with the dexter forefoot a banner of the arms proper.

Linker, Mr. Todd, of Mountain Home, Arkansas. Arms: Gules a fess gold between in chief an anchor surmounting two sabers crossed in saltire points downward proper and in base an escallop gold; on the fess, in dexter an open book lettered proper leathered and with a marker ribbon azure; in fess point a terrestrial globe silver showing the continents of Africa and Eurasia vert the whole encircled by an annulet azure charged with six molets gold; and in sinister a sprig of beech palewise proper. Crest: A lamb passant maintaining a banner of the arms proper.

Lugatiman, Mr. Chris, of Vallejo, California. Arms: Silver a stone bridge proper over a pond azure, the arch of the bridge closed by a pair of gates sable and gules, and surmounting the parapet a long cross bottony azure. Crest: A lion’s head issuant crowned gold.

Martin, Dr. Russell Edward, of Hermitage, Pennsylvania. Arms: Per chevron ployé azure crusily and silver, over all a sword palewise counterchanged. Crest: A stork standing on one leg proper.

McNeill, Mr. Robert James, of Webster, New York. Arms: Quarterly, 1st, vert a lion gold; 2nd, silver issuing from a sea in base a castle triple-towered proper; 3rd, gold a lymphad sail furled oars in action sable flagged gules; 4th, gold a dexter hand couped within an orle of nine fetterlocks gules; overall on a fess silver the head of a silver fox [proper] between two crosslets fitchy gules; all within a border gold. Crest: A jay holding in its beak a sprig of heather. (Arms granted by the Lord Lyon King of Arms, 2021.)

Miller, Mr. Clayton Abraham, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, by grandson Leroy R. Miller Jr. of Hellertown, Penn. Arms: Per chevron reversed gules and sable, in chief a wheel issuing from the partition line and in base three molets silver. Crest: A dog’s head silver collared of a thorn wreath sable.

Romero, Mr. Reynaldo, of Downey, California. Arms: Azure two arrows in saltire between in chief a crescent gold and in base an open book proper bound and clasped gold inscribed “Domus virtus felicitas.” Crest: A bald eagle wings elevated and addorsed proper.

Rusch, Mr. Nathan, of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Arms: Tenné on a cross nowy silver a pruning hook fesswise blade to dexter, above the blade a goutte, all encircled by a bulrush in annulet tenné. Crest: A lamb passant guardant holding in the dexter forefoot a scimitar silver hilted and pommelled gold.

Scott, Mr. Heath Alan, of Alvarado, Texas. Arms: Party gules and silver a griffin counterchanged holding in its dexter claw a sword silver the hilt and pommeled gold, in its sinister an open book silver the bookmark gules, and on a chief azure three molets silver. Crest: An American bald eagle close proper with a sprig of Texas bluebonnet pendant from its beak. (Arms confirmed by Chief Herald of Malta, 2022.)
Severson, Ms. Kimberly Louise, of Batavia, Illinois. Arms: GyrATORY of eight azure and silver on a hurt overall a triquetra silver all within a bordure sable. Crest: A mountain bluebird volant affronty proper.

Shannon, Mr. John McConville, of Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina. Arms: Silver two pallets and two barrulets fretted gules between four purses stringed azure. Crest: Issuing from a circlet of open books gold and Maltese crosses silver a windmill gules. (Arms granted by the English Kings of Arms, 1999.)

Sherman, Mr. Levi Walter, of Florence, Kentucky. Arms: Vert a dagger and a pair of tailor’s shears blades downward in saltire silver hilt and handles gold between three molets gold. Crest: Out of a Saxon crown gold a dove’s head looking forward and a viper’s head looking backward both proper.

Wheat, Mr. John Marc, of Arlington, Virginia. Arms: Azure on a pale gold between two bells silver each in front of and enfiled through the ring by the stem of an ear of wheat slipped gold a bell in front of and enfiled through the ring by the stem of an ear of wheat slipped azure. Crest: A demi-tyger holding in the dexter paw a pentagon azure fimbriated and charged with a horseshoe gold. (Arms granted by the English Kings of Arms, 2018.)

Windsor, Mr. Robert, of West Newton, Massachusetts. Arms: Gules a saltire between twelve Maltese crosses silver. Crest: Out of a circlet of Maltese crosses silver a stag’s head affronty gules attired gold. (Arms granted by the English Kings of Arms, 2020.)

Wright, Mr. John, of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. Arms: Gold a fess gyronny of eight silver and sable between in chief a Maltese cross gules and in base a lymphad sails furled sable pennoned gules. Crest: A hand in armor fesswise silver grasping a dirk point upward proper.

Recording arms by application from outside the Committee is only made final on receipt of a fee, levied once the arms have been approved for record at a meeting. In 2022, one coat of arms (not listed here) was approved for which the fee was not paid.

Activities

In August, Chairman Woods, Society CEO Simons, and members McMillan, O’Donoghue, and Taylor attended the 35th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences in Cambridge, United Kingdom (Taylor and McMillan gave presentations). Chairman Woods presented plans for the 36th Congress to be held in Boston in September 2024.

In October, Committee member Peter O’Donoghue, York Herald, gave a well-received and well-attended talk at the Society, “Heraldry and the Heralds,” coinciding with our only in-person meeting of the year, at which we inspected many treasures of the Society’s heraldry collections.

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, 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 individuals.

Artwork and Publications

The Committee published Roll of Arms: Eleventh Part serially in the Register in the Winter, Spring and Summer 2022 issues. Work progressed on Roll of Arms: Twelfth Part.

Planning was undertaken for the forthcoming facsimile 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 Boston Congress in September 2024.

Artist to the Committee Matthew Alderman completed illustration of the Roll of Arms: Eleventh Part, published serially in 2022. The committee began the design process for certificates of registered or recorded arms.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Heraldry

By Nathaniel Lane Taylor
Registrar

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