

The Cohill Coat Of Arms

And Its History

Coats of Arms were developed in the Middle Ages as a means of identifying warriors in battle and tournaments. The present function of the Coat of Arms (although still one of identity) serves more to preserve the traditions that arose from its earlier use.

Heraldic artists of old developed their own unique language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. The Coat of Arms illustrated herein was drawn by an heraldic artist from information recorded in ancient heraldic archives. Our research indicates that there are often times a number of different Coats of Arms recorded for a specific surname. When possible we select and translate the Coat of Arms most representative of your surname or its variant for illustration.



THE COHILL COAT OF ARMS HEREBY ILLUSTRATED IS OFFICIALLY DOCUMENTED IN BURKE'S GENERAL ARMOIRY. THE ORIGINAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ARMS (SHIELD) IS AS FOLLOWS:

"QUARTERLY, 1ST AND 4TH, ERM. A CHEV. BETW. THREE COCKS GU.; 2ND AND 3RD, GU. ON A CHEV. AR. THREE PELLETS, A CHIEF INDENTED OF THE SECOND."

WHEN TRANSLATED THE BLAZON ALSO DESCRIBES THE ORIGINAL COLORS OF THE COHILL ARMS AS:

"QUARTERED: 1 AND 4) ERMINE, A RED CHEVRON, BETWEEN THREE RED ROOSTERS; 2 AND 3) RED, ON A SILVER CHEVRON, THREE BLACK CIRCLES; A SILVER INDENTED UPPER THIRD."

ABOVE THE SHIELD AND HELMET IS THE CREST WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS:

"ON A GREEN MOUND, A RED ROOSTER CHARGED WITH A GOLD COIN."