***Colors and Metals***



**Yellow or gold** - Generosity.

**Argent, white or silver** - Peace and sincerity.

**Sable or black** - Constancy, sometimes grief.

**Azure or blue** - Loyalty and truth.

**Gules or red** - Military fortitude and magnanimity.

**Vert or green** - Hope, joy and sometimes loyalty in love.

**Purpure, purple** - Royal majesty, sovereignty and justice.



 Nebulee

***Heraldic Lines***



 Dancette

**Nebulee or Nebuly** - The sea or water.

**Engrailed and Invected** - Earth or land.

**Indented** - Fire.

**Dancette** - Water.

**Ragulee or Raguly** - Difficulties which have been encountered.

**Embattled** - Fire or the walls of a fortress or town.

***Ordinaries***

**Chief** - Dominion and authority.

**Cross** - Chevron - Protection.



 Fess

**Fess** - Military belt or girdle of honor.

**Bar** - For "one who sets the bar of conscience, religion and honor against angry passions.

**Pale** - Military strength and fortitude.



 Voiders

**Canton** - Bearing of honor. When borne charged, it often contains some special symbols
granted by the sovereign in reward for the performance of eminent service.

**Quarter** - Bearing of honor. Similar to the Canton.

**Bend** - Defense or protection.



 Gyron

**Battune Sinister** - Marks a royal descent that is barred by illegitimacy from succession to
the throne.

**Orle or Tressure** - Preservation or protection.

**Flasques** - Given by a king for virtue and learning, and especially for service in embassage.

**Voiders** - Given to gentlewomen who have deserved highly.

**Bordure or Border** - Frequently adopted as a "difference" between relatives bearing the
same arms.

**Gyron** - Unity.

***Common Charges***

**Lion** - Deathless courage.

**Tiger** - Great fierceness and valor when enraged to combat; one whose resentment will be
dangerous.

**Bear** - Ferocity in the protection of kindred.



**Wolf** - Denotes valiant captains that do in the end gain their attempts after long sieges and
hard enterprises. One whom it is dangerous to assail or thwart.

**Rhinoceros** - Great ferocity.

**Elephant** - Courage and strength.

**Leopard** - Valiant and hardy warrior.

**Panther** - As a lion may be said to signify a brave man, so may a panther a beautiful
woman, which, though fierce, is very tender and loving to her young, and will defend it
with the hazard of her life.



**Horse** - Readiness for all employments for king and country.

**Bull or Ox** - Valor and magnanimity.

**Goat** - Emblem of that martial man who wins a victory by the employment rather of policy
than valor.

**Lamb** - Gentleness and patience under suffering.

**Ram** - Authority.

**Hares and Rabbits** - One who enjoys a peaceable and retired life.

**Squirrel** - Sylvan retirement being the delight of its bearer.

**Hedgehog** - Provident provider.

**Beaver** - Industry and perseverance.

**Fox** - One who will use all that he may posses of sagacity, wit or wisdom in his own
defense.



**Cat or Cat-A-Mountain** - Liberty, vigilance, forecast and courage.

**Camel** - Docility, patience and indefatigable perseverance.

**Bee** - Well-governed industry.

**Ant** - Symbolizes a man of great labor, wisdom and providence.

**Spider** - Wisdom, labor and providence in all affairs.

**Grasshopper** - Wisdom and nobility.

**Snail** - Deliberation and perseverance.

**Double Eagle and Eagle** - Signifies a man of action, ever more occupied in high and
weighty affairs, and one of lofty spirit, ingenious, speedy in apprehension and judicious in
matters of ambiguity.

**Wings** - Celebrity, sometimes protection or coverture.

**Feathers** (usually ostrich) - Willing obedience and serenity.

**Falcon or Hawk** - One eager or hot in the pursuit of an object much desired.



**Hawks or Falcons Bells** - One who feared not to signal his approach in either peace or
war.

**Owl** - One who is vigilant and of acute wit.

**Peacock** - Beauty and pride of carriage.

**Pelican** - Devoted and self-sacrificing charity.

**Stork** - Filial duty, emblem of a grateful man.

**Swan** - A lover of poetry and harmony.

**Goose and Duck** - A man of many resources.

**Dove** - Loving constancy and peace.

**Raven** - One who, having derived little from his ancestors, has through Providence
become the architect of his own fortunes or one of an enduring constancy of nature.

**Crow** - Signifies a settled habitation and a quiet life.

**Dolphin** - Charity and a kind affection towards children.

**Tortoise** - Invulnerability to attack.

**Unicorn** - Extreme courage.

**Dragon** - A most valiant defender of treasure.

**Mermaid** - Eloquence.

**Stag, Hart, Buck and Deer** - Policy, Peace and Harmony.

**Horns and Antlers** - Strength and Fortitude.

**Escallop Shell** - One who has made long journeys or voyages to far countries, who had
borne considerable naval command or who had gained great victories.

**Other Shells** - Protection of Providence.

**Heart** - Charity, sincerity.

**Hand** - Faith, sincerity and justice.

**Red Hand** - Usual mark for a baronet if borne on a small escutcheon.

**Arm** - A laborious and industrious person.



**Leg** - Strength, stability and expedition.

**Shoe** - Same as Leg.

**Foot** - Same as leg.

**Crossed Thigh-bones** - Mortality.

**Eye** - Providence in Government.

**Crown** - Royal or seigniorial authority.

**Harp** - Contemplation.

**Anchor** - Succor in extremity and the Christian symbol of hope.

**Ship, Lumphiad or Galley** - All such symbols would point to some notable expedition by
sea, by which, perhaps, the first bearers had become famous.

**Cubes, squares or dice** - Constancy, wisdom, verity probity, and equity.

**Axe** -- Execution of military duty.

**Purse** - A frank and liberal steward of the blessings that God has bestowed .

**Tower or Castle** - Grandeur and solidity. Sometimes granted to one who has held one for
his king, or who has captured one by force or stratagem.

**Bridge** - Signifies a governor or magistrate.



**Pillar or Column** - Fortitude and constancy.

**Snake** - Wisdom.

**Scaling Ladder** - One who was fearless in attacking.

**Crosses** - Symbolic of some Christian experience or sentiment.

**Trestles and stools** - Hospitality.

**Gold Spur** - Dignity of knighthood.

**Silver Spur** - An esquire.

**Sun** - Glory and splendor.

**Crescent** - Signifies one who has been enlightened and honored by the gracious aspect of
his sovereign.

**Moon** - Serene power over mundane actions.

**Fire** - Zeal.

**Lightning** - The effecting of some weighty business with great clarity and force.

**Rocks** - Safety, refuge and protection.

**Trumpet** - Ready for the fray.

**Cannon, Mortars, Cannon Balls and Grenades** - Well bestowed on those who have dared
their terrors in sieges and battles.

**Sword** - Indicates the bearer to a just and generous pursuit of honor and virtue in warlike
deeds.

**Arrows and Arrowheads** - Martial readiness.

**Spear or Lance** - Knightly service and devotion to honor.

**Shield** - A defender.

**Saddles, Stirrups and Spurs** - Preparedness for active service.

**Horse Shoe** - Good luck.

**Trunk of a Tree** - An object of veneration.



**Buckles** - Victorious fidelity in authority.

**Beacons or Cressets** - One who is watchful for the commonwealth or who gave the signal
in time of danger.

**Chains** - A reward for acceptable or weighty service.

**Fusil of Yarn** - Negotiation.

**Wheel** - Fortune.

**Chaplets and Wreaths** - Granted for special service