

The Strachan Armorial Roll

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The Lord Lyon's "Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland" originated by passage of the "*Lyon King of Arms Act 1672, cap 47*", legally required all Scottish Arms to be registered at the Court of the Lord Lyon. These Scottish Arms would have been documented by "Letters Patent" so recognised by the Sovereign of Scotland (the *Ard Righ*), the Fountain of Honour, through her Officer of Honour, the Lord Lyon King of Arms. Many of the Letters Patent have been included in this paper.

Prior to 1672, Scottish Arms were unregistered and loosely differentiated among the various cadet lines of the family. These older arms, generally shields alone, have been found on various grants and charters, mounted on stone buildings, recorded in private rolls, and can be found on other sources.

Even after 1672, it was common practice in certain parts of the commonwealth, Canada for example, to use unregistered Arms. These are also included in this paper.

Illustrated below are the Strachan armorial bearings (Coats of Arms) as recorded in the Register of all Armorial Bearings in Scotland (the Lyon Register) along with other armorial bearing listed in other sources for those whose arms are not of Scottish origin.

These arms are a perfect illustration of the way in which all new grants and matriculations of Scottish arms try to follow and reflect the "chiefly" or "stem" arms. We can see that the Scottish Strachan arms are predominately based upon a blue shield and the main achievement with a very high probability a stag. Early medieval Strachan seals also frequently incorporated foils (flowers), which seem to have been lost over time.

The armorials contained in this ledger are generally limited to the shield and achievements, and do not include crests, supporters, etc.

No. 1 STROCHOVN, Hugh of (c 1296)



Year: 1296, Ragman Roll

Blazon:

A shield cross paty cantoned between four starts

Source(s):

SAS, no. 2713; SHS, no. 623/3; and
McAndrew, no. 1208

This is recorded off the Ragman Roll, 28 August 1296. According to McAndrew, Bain indexes under Strachan. However, this is inaccurate, as Bain indexes under STRATHHATHE.

SAS and SHS both index under Hugh de Strachan.

This Hugh may be descendent from Hugh, son Waltheof, who held half of a davoch next to Scotston, in the Mearns (*St. Andrews Lib.* 285-6, 286-7; *RRS*, iv, no. 4; and *Arbroath Liber*, no. 272). People of Medieval Scotland, or PoMS, states that Hugh, son of Waltheof, is, 'Almost certainly of the family of Strachan' (*PoMS*, no. 2073, archived 8 December 2020).

Hew's arms are absent the traditional Strachan stag, and instead incorporates a cross as it's main heraldic charge. Although uncertain, some have postulated that this Hew of Strachan may have been a cleric. Clerics, according to McAndrew, would have been compelled to sign the Ragman Roll.

No. 2 STRAUCHIN, John of (1309)

Year: 1309

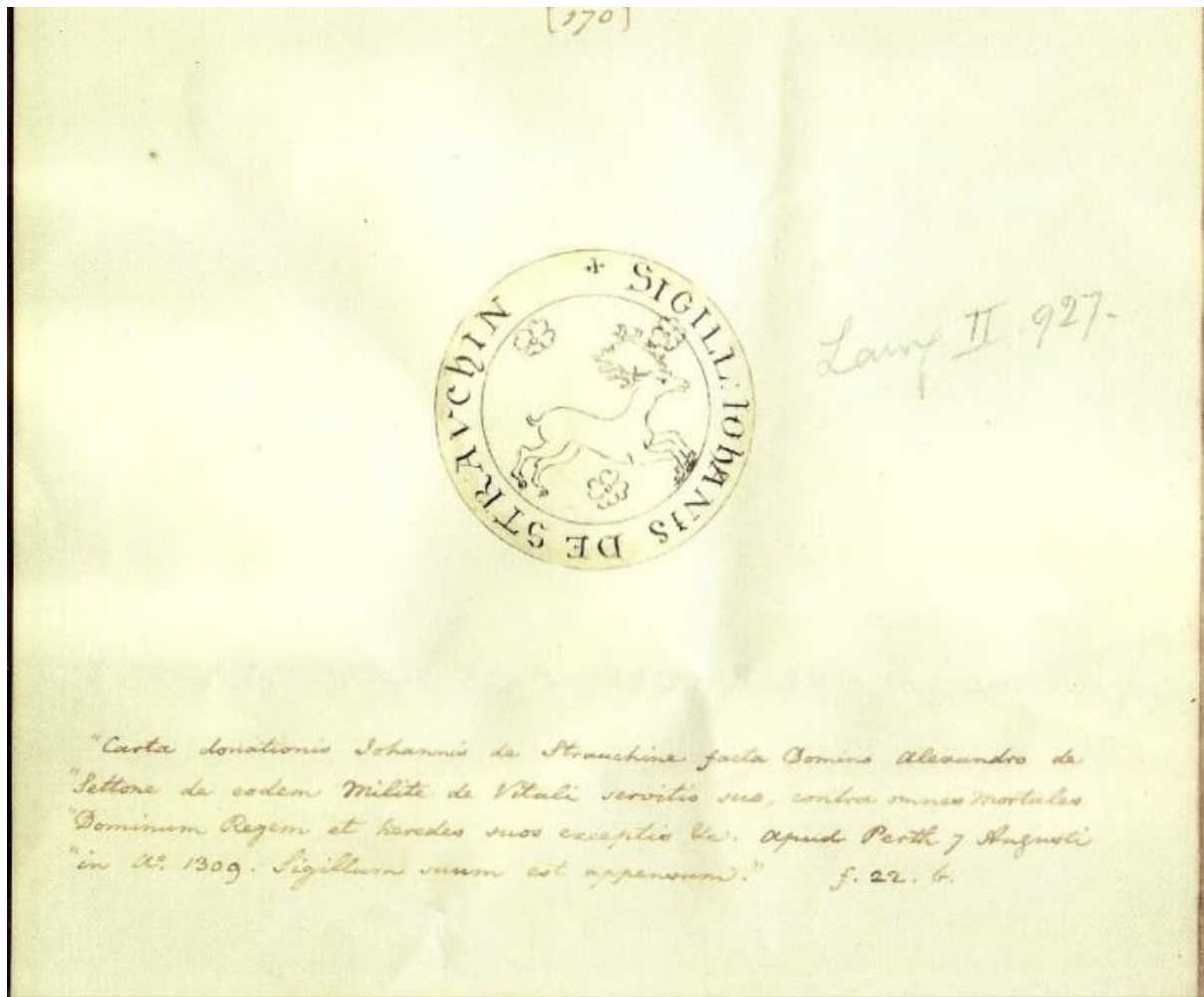
Blazon:

A stag courant to sinister between three roses (or quatrefoils, rose with four petals), not on a shield

Source(s):

SHS, no. 623/4; SAS, no. 2714; and *Seals*, ii, no. 927

Woods' *Scottish Heraldic Seals* (623/4) and *Scottish Armorial Seals* (no. 2714) inaccurately describe John's seal as three cinquefoils (a flower with five pedals).



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No. 3 STRATHEINE, John (probably before c 1350)



Year: Early 14th-century Seal Matrix

Blazon: (When embossed into wax):

A stag courant to sinister with two cinquefoils (rose with five petals) to the fore of the stag's legs, and two sexfoils (rose with six petals) below the stag's stomach.

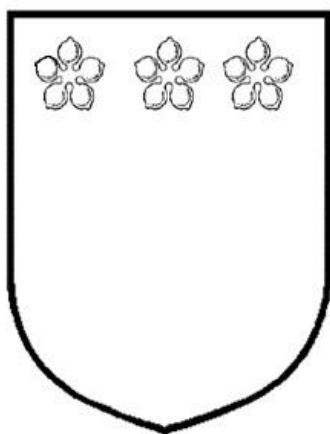
Source(s): Perth Museum and Art Gallery
(COTT no. 08/01)

A seal matrix dateable to the 13th or 14th century was discovered in 2001 by a metal detectorist, P Nunez, in Foulden, Berwickshire, in a field next to the parish church and tithe barn. Adhering to good practice, the finder declared his discovery as treasure trove and the object was forwarded to the National Museums of Scotland (herein "NMS") for processing by the Treasure Trove Panel (COTT no. 08/01).

The National Museums of Scotland initially identified the seal matrix as belonging to STRATHEARN.¹

A retraction was later printed identifying the seal as belonging to John Strachan.²

No. 4 STRACHAN, Thomas of Glenkindie (16 May 1406)



Year: 16 May 1406

Blazon:

A shield of arms, on a chief three cinquefoils

Source(s):

SHS, no. 623/5

¹ Hall, Mark 2005. 'John of Stratherne and Alan Muschamp: Two Medieval men of Strathearn and their seal matrices.' *Tayside and Fife Archaeological Journal*, volume 11, 2005, pages 80-7.

² Strachan, J.A, Strachan, G. 'Foulden seal matrix – John de Strachan.' *Tayside and Fife Archaeological Journal*, volume 11, 2005, pages 80-7. <https://www.clanstrachan.org/history/seal-matrix/>

No. 5 STRACHAN, Alexander of the Knox (c 1446)



Year: c 1446

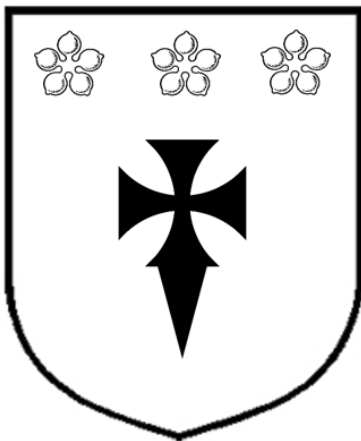
Blazon:

A shield of arms, a stag head cabossed

Source(s):

SHS, 623/6

No. 6 STRACHAN, William, Burgess of Dundee (c 1455)



Year: c 1455

Blazon:

A shield of arms, a cross crosslet fitchée, on a chief three cinquefoils

Source(s):

SHS, 623/8

No. 7 STRACHAN, Alexander of Knox (c 1459)



Year: c 1459

Blazon:

A shield of arms, a stag statant

Source(s):

SHS, no. 623/7

No. 8 STRACHAN, John of Thornton, co. Forfar (c 1470)



Year: c 1470

Blazon:

A shield of arms: A stag trippant, STRACHAN, in sinister chief a rose or cinquefoil for difference

Source(s):

SHS, 623/9; *SAS*, no 2715; and *Seals*, i, 758)

No. 9 STRACHAN, Andrew (c 1506)



Year: c 1506

Blazon:

A shield of Arms, a stag lodged

Source(s):

SHS, no 623/10

No. 10 STRACHAN, David of Thornton (c 1506x12)



Year: c 1506x12

Blazon:

A shield of arms, a stag lodged

Source(s):

SHS, no 623/11

No. 11 STRACHAN, Agnes (c 1530)

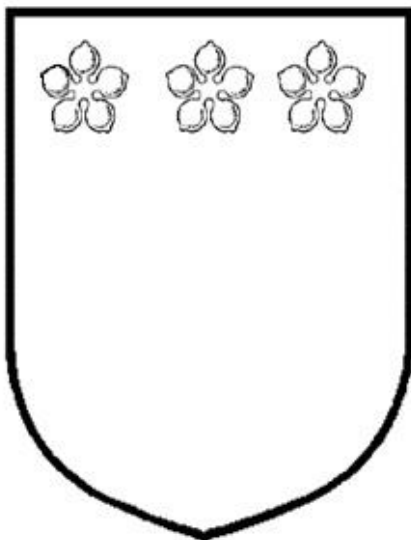


Year: c 1530

Blazon:
Ermine, a chief(?)

Source(s):
SAS, no 2716
Appears Agnes is using her husband's seal, Menzies
or Manners family (SAS, nos. 1958-63, from
c1511x73)

No. 12 STRACHAN, Master James, Parson of Fettercairn, Canon of Aberdeen (c 1541)



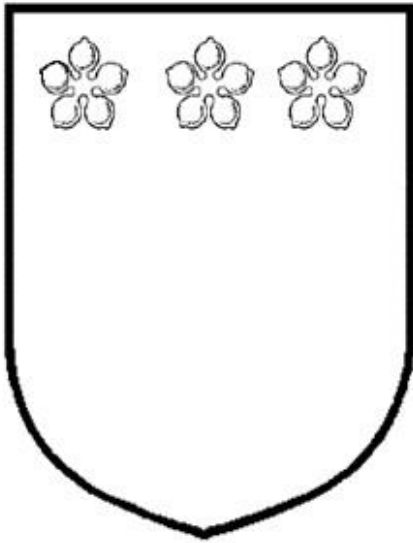
Year: c 1541

Blazon:
A shield diapered with foliage bearing arms, on a chief
three cinquefoils³

Source(s):
SAS, no. 2717

³ The diapering of armorial emblazonments is a matter with which the *Science* of armory has no concern. Diaper never forms any part of the blazon, and is never officially noticed, being considered, and very properly allowed to remain, a purely artistic detail.
Source: <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/41617/41617-h/41617-h.htm>

No. 13 STRACHAN, Thomas of Carmyllie (1547)



Year: c 1547

Blazon:
On a chief three cinquefoils

Source(s):
SHS, 623/12

No. 14 STRACHAN, John, Builder of Claypotts Castle

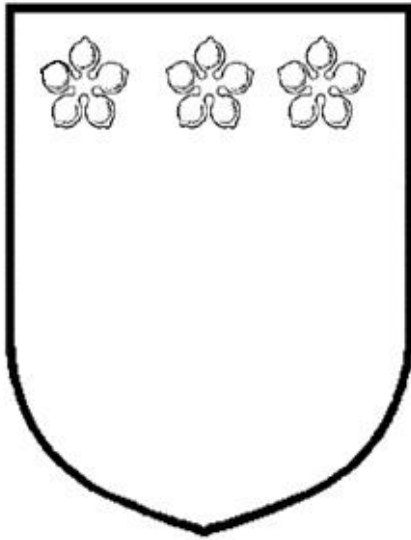
Year: unknown

Blazon:
A chief bearing three cinquefoils
flanked by initials J and S

Source(s):
Claypotts Castle



No. 15 STRATHAUCHEN, James, Canon of the Chapter of Aberdeen (1541x88)



Year: 1541x1588

Blazon:

A chief bearing three cinquefoils

Source(s):

Claypotts Castle; SHS, 623/13, SAS, no. 2781; Seals, ii, no. 926

Son of John Strachan, builder of Claypotts

No. 16 STRACHAN, Gilbert, of Brighton, Scotland, 16th century (Rolls 1562, 1588)



Year: 1562x88

Blazon:

Argent a crescent gules on a chief azure three roses of the first

Source(s):

Slains Roll; and *Hagues Roll*

Likely the son of John Strachan, builder of Claypotts



No. 17 STRACHAN, John of Monboddo (1559)



Year: 1559

Blazon:

Foliage at top and crossing diagonal lines at sides of shield

Source(s):

SHS, 623/14

No. 18 STRACHIN, Roeger, al. Strachan. (1573)



Year: 1559

Blazon:

A shield of arms: a stag lodged, for STRACHAN on foliage

Source(s):

Laing's MS. Catal., No 142; and SAS, no 2720

No. 19 STRATACHINE, of Thornton (1562, 1580 & 1588)



Year: 1559

Blazon:

Azure a stag trippant Or

Source(s):

Slains Roll; Hauge Roll, and Crawford Secundus



No. 20 STRACHAN of Monboddo (1562 & 1588)



Slains Roll circa 1562



Hague Roll circa 1588

Year: 1559

Blazon:

Azure, a stag trippant Or, between antlers a cinquefoil Argent.

Source(s):

Slains Roll; Hauge Roll

No. 21 STRACHAN of Dillievard (1588)



Hague Roll circa 1588

Year: 1588

Blazon:

Azure, a stag head Or; centred between his antlers a Star of Five points

Source(s):

Hauge Roll

No. 22 STRAUCHOUN, Alexander (1604)



Year: 1604

Blazon:

A shield of Arms: A stag trippant

Source(s):

S' Alexandrie STRAUCHOUN." a.d. 1604. — Dun Charters.

Seals, i, no. 759; and SAS, no. 2722

No. 23 STRACHAN, David, Bishop of Brechin (1662-1671)



Year: 1662x71

Blazon:

A shield of arms: a stag couchant; between the initials D^BB, for David, Bishop of Brechin

Source(s):

Seals, ii, no. 1052; SAS, no. 2723

No. 24 STRACHAN, Alexander, of Thornton, 1st Baronet of Nova Scotia (1596)



Year: 1596

Blazon:

A shield of arms: a stag trippant, STRACHAN. On foliage.

Source(s):

Laing, MS, no 141; and SAS, no. 2720

No. 25 STRACHAN, John, Bailie of Leven. County Fife (1672)



Year: 1672

Blazon:

parted per pales gules and azure on a mount in base vert, a stag tripping argent atyred Or.

Motto: Forward

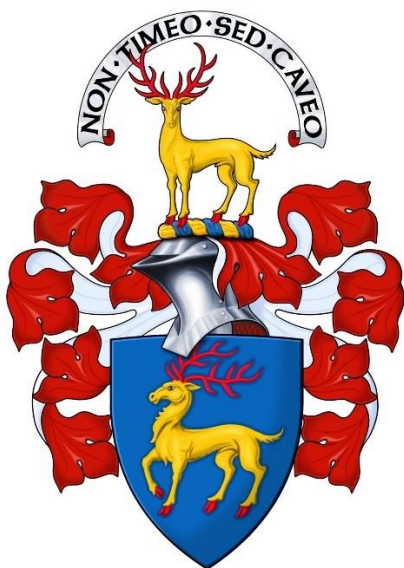
Source(s):

Lyon Register, vol. i, pg. 421 (August 1673)

First of the Name to have registered Arms.

Also [click here](#) (Note: account from Lyon Register has Atyred Or, where the General Armory makes no mention of this.)

No. 26 STRACHAN, Sir Alexander, Knight, Laird of Glenkindie (1675)



Year: 1675

Blazon:

Azure, a stag trippant Or , attired and ungulled Gules. Crest a stag standing at gaze as in the arms. Motto –“ Non Timeo Sed Caveo

Source(s):

The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Vol. 3, page 978

No. 27 STRACHAN, Sir James of Inchtuthill and Thornton, Baronet of Nova Scotia



Year: Unknown

Blazon:

Or, a stag at gaze azure attired sable.

Source(s):

None. Shown on various clan maps

The arms are *presumed* for Sir James Strachan of Thornton, Bart.

Also [click here](#)

No. 28 STRACHAN, Sir John, Inchtuthill, Baronet of Nova Scotia (1685)



Year: 1685

Blazon:

Or, a stag at gaze azure attired sable a border gules for differencing.

CREST: A demi stag springing Or, holding a thistle in his mouth proper.

MOTTO: Non Timeo Sed Caveo.

SUPPORTERS: Two greyhounds.

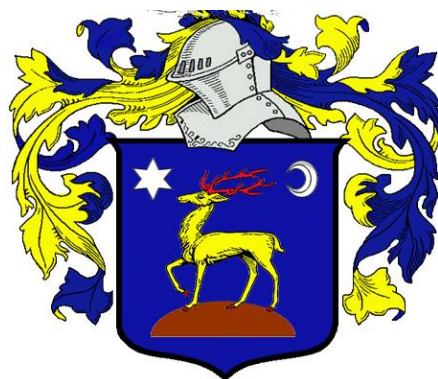
Source(s):

The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Vol. 3, page 978. Appear Arms registered in England, as it is not registered in Scotland.

Also [click here](#)

Supporters not shown here

No. 29 STRACHAN of Tarrie, Alexander - Merchant in Montrose, (1739)



Year: 1739

Blazon:

Azure, on a Mount in base proper, a stag tripping Or; attired and unguled Gules; In dexter chief a Star of Six Rays; and in sinister an Increscent Argent.

CREST – A ship in full sail proper. MOTTO: Juvat Deus Impigros.

Source(s):

The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Vol. 3, page 978; Lyon Register, vol i, p. 215 (August 1739, recorded c. 1756)

Also [click here](#)

No. 30 STRACHAN, Sir John, Baronet of Nova Scotia (1740)



Year: 1625, and recorded 1740

Blazon:

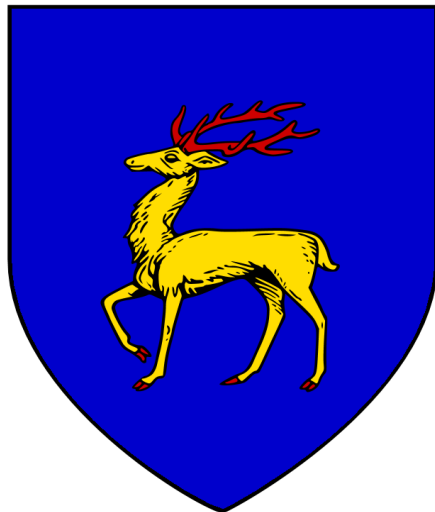
Or, a stag standing at gaze Azure attired Sable. CREST: A demi stag springing Or, holding in his mouth a thistle proper. MOTTO: Non Timeo Sed Caveo

Source(s):

The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Vol. 3, page 978; Lyon Register, vol i, p. 427 (1740-55)

Also [click here](#)

No. 31 STRACHAN, William Councillor-at-Law, Baronet of Nova Scotia (1756)



Year: 1756

Blazon:

Azure, a stag trippant Or, attired and unguled Gules. CREST: An arm and hand holding a scimitar bentways proper. SUPPORTERS: Two foresters clothed Vert, with a capes sable, a belt round their waists and staves in their hands proper. MOTTO: Forward

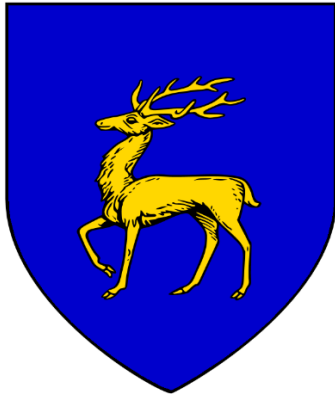
Source(s):

The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Vol. 3, page 978; Lyon Register (vol. I, p. 217, 21 Feb 1756)

STRACHAN (William Strachan, Counsellor-at-law, London, said to be representative of Thornton, 1756).

Also [click here](#)

No. 32 STRAHAN (date unknown)



Year: Unknown (Likely Irish Arms)

Blazon:

Azure a buck passant Or

Source(s):

The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland & Wales describes the following undated entry (vol. iii, pp. 979):

No. 33 STRACHAN, Sir John, Baronet, Captain of the Royal Navy (1765)



Year: 1765

Blazon:

Or, a hart (stag) standing at gaze, Azure, attired sable, within a bordure Gules. CREST: A demi stag springing Or, holding a thistle in his mouth proper. MOTTO: Non Timeo Sed Caveo

Source(s):

Lyon Register, vol i, pg. 429 (25 April 1765)

No. 34 STRACHAN, Admiral Sir Richard John, Baronet of Nova Scotia



Year: NONE

Blazon:
False Account

Source(s):
Provided in *Memorials of Scottish Families of Strachan and Wise* (1873). Indeed, Arms were never granted and there's no record of Sir Dicky ever using these Arms. Second edition of this publication also omits this picture.

No. 35 STRACHAN, Bishop John of Toronto (April 12, 1778 – November 1, 1867)



Year: 1778x1867

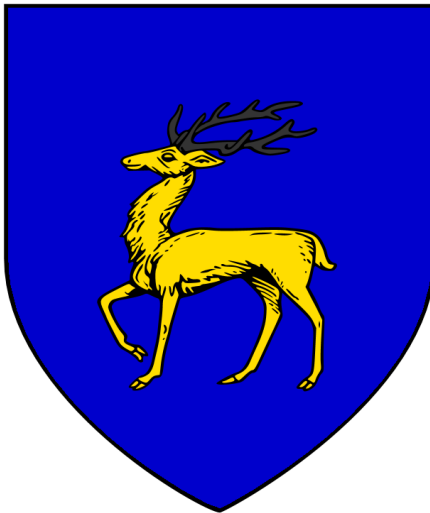
Blazon: Azure, a stag trippant, attired Sable

Source(s):

According to David Butler, author of *Bishop John Strachan and Heraldry in the University of Trinity College, Toronto*, "He assumed Arms as first Anglican Bishop of Toronto, and were properly impaled with those of the Diocese of Toronto all within a bordure Or. Here the bordure is used as a charge not as a mark of cadence as in Scottish heraldry".

Bishop Strachan's Arms were not registered nor were those of the second (Bethune), third (Sweatman) and fourth (Sweeny) successive Anglican Bishops of Toronto during the period between 1839- 1940.

Dr. Butler states that the use of unregistered Arms was a common practice in early Canada. A Canadian Heraldic Authority was not established until 1988.



No. 36 STRACHAN, Michael Francis, CBE, FRSE (1964)



Year: 1964

Blazon:

Partia per pale Or and Azure, a stag trippant conterchanged, attired Gules, in dexter chief a pheon Vert; within a boracite indented of the Third. Above the shield is placed a helm befitting his degree, with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a demi-stag per pale Azure and Or, attired Gules, holding in its fore-feet a pheon Vert, and in an Escrol over the save this Motto RESPICE FINEM.

Source(s):

Letters Patent

Michael Francis Strachan CBE, FRSE filed a petition and was awarded a new Grant of Arms in 1964. Upon his death, his eldest son, Professor Sir Hew Francis Anthony Strachan inherited his father's Arms.



No. 37 STRACHAN, LCDR William Stanley, RAN-Ret. (2009)



Year: 2009

Blazon:

Azure, a hart trippant Or attired and unguled Gules, on a chief Or a Waratah Proper. Above the shield is placed on Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is for a Crest a ship under sail proper and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "NON TIMEO SED CAVEO".

Source(s):

Letters Patent

Died 2014-22 with no heir



TO ALL AND SUNDRY WHOM THESE PRESENTS DO OR MAY CONCERN



WE, William David Hamilton Sellar, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting; Whereas considering that under the Provisions of the Lyon King of Arms Act 1672, and others in that behalf made, We are empowered by virtue of Our Office of Lord Lyon King of Arms to visit the whole Arms borne and used within this Realm of Scotland and to distinguish them with congruent Differences and matriculate them in Our Books and Registers and to give Arms to virtuous and well deserving Persons under Our Hand and Seal of Office; and Whereas

WILLIAM STANLEY STRACHAN

Lieutenant Commander Naval Reserve Cadets, sometime Petty Officer, Royal Australian Navy, Justice of the Peace, residing at 14 Drummoyne Gardens, 64-66 Lyons Road, Drummoyne, New South Wales, Australia, having by Petition unto Us of date 23 May 2007 shown THAT he, the Petitioner, born Palmerston North, New Zealand 10 July 1940 (who married Drummoyne 20 October 1985 Robyn Frances, daughter of Kenneth Eric McKenzie) is the only son of James Alfred Strachan and his wife (unmarried Tully, New Zealand 2 October 1939) Kathleen Beatrice McCluskey; THAT the Petitioner's said father (born Sydney, New South Wales 21 April 1913 was the second son of James Strachan and his wife (unmarried Sydney offoresaid 3 June 1908) Ethel May, daughter of Rowland Townsend; THAT the Petitioner's said grandfather (born Gooburra, Queensland 23 August 1885) was the third son of Francis Strachan, and his wife (unmarried Gooburra in the County of Radfrew 15 July 1880) Annie, daughter of James Harvey; AND the Petitioner having prayed that there might be granted unto him such Esigis Armorial as might be found suitable and according to the Laws of Arms; KNOW YE THEREFORE that We have Devised and Do by These Presents Assign, Ratify and Confirm unto the Petitioner and his descendants with such due and congruent differences as may hereafter be severally matriculated for them the following Esigis Armorial, as depicted upon the margin herof, and matriculated of even date with These Presents upon the 27th page of the 89th Volume of Our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, VIDELICET: Azure, a heart to issuant Or attired and unguled Gules, on a chief Or a wavy wavy; Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a ship under sail, Proper and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "NON TIMEO SED CAVEO";

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh this 25th day of April in the 58th Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of

the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and nine—



David Sellar
Lyon

No. 38 STRACHAN, John, Greenock, Co. Renfrew (2009)



Year: 2009

Blazon:

Azure, a hart trippant in chief two cogwheels Or in base two barrulets wavy Argent. Above the shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree within a Mantling Azure doubled Or.

Source(s):

Letters Patent

The original Grantee was John Strachan (b. 1900 in Greenock), whose Arms are shown here on the right, died 1996. The arms were inherited by John James Rorke Strachan, who died 2018, and are current held by John Robert Strachan.



John Strachan



John James Strachan



John Robert Strachan

TO ALL AND SUNDRY WHOM THESE PRESENTS DO OR MAY CONCERN

WE, William David Hamilton, Seller, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting: Whereas considering that under the Provisions of the Lyon King of Arms Act 1672, and others in that behalf made: We are empowered by virtue of Our Office of Lord Lyon King of Arms to visit the whole Arms borne and used within the Realm of Scotland and to distinguish them with congruous Differences and matriculate them in Our Books and Registers not to give Arms to virtuous and well-deserving Persons under Our Hand and Seal of Office, and Wheras

JAMES ANDREW STRACHAN

Holder of the Degrees of Master of Business Administration of the University of Redlands and Bachelor of Arts of California State University, Founder and Emeritus Director Clax Strachan Scottish Heritage Society, Inc., residing at Temecula, California, United States of America, having by Petition unto Us of date 13 April 2007 for and in memory of his grandfather

JOHN STRACHAN



and on his own behalf Sheweth: **THAT** he, the Petitioner, born San Diego, California 24 Jolla, California 3 June 1989, Margaret Mary daughter of David Strachan, and has issue by her an eldest daughter: Alesandra Louise Strachan (born Anaheim, California 15 March 1990), a second daughter: Lindsay Elizabeth Strachan (born San Diego 30 June 1992), and a third daughter: Ashley Tere Strachan (born Escondido, California 30 May 1998) is the second son of John James Rorke Strachan, holder of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts of San Diego State University, and his wife (married San Diego 3 February 1962) Geraldine, daughter of John Shaden: **THAT** the Petitioner's said father (born Buffalo New York 4 April 1928) is the only son of John Strachan, Engineer, and his wife (married Buffalo 27 August 1921) Alice, daughter of Matthew Rorke: **THAT** the Petitioner's said grandfather (born Greenock in the County of Renfrew 10 July 1900) was the son of Joseph Strachan and his wife (married West Greenock 1 December 1896) Sarah Dobbin: **AND** the Petitioner having perceived (Prima) that there might be granted for and in memory of his said grandfather John Strachan such Ensigns Armorial as might be granted suitable and according to the Laws of Arms and (Secunda) that the said Ensigns Armorial might be matriculated for him in his own name with a suitable difference: **KNOW YE**: **THEREFORE** that We have Devised, and Do by These Presents (Prima) Assign, Ready and Confirm unto the Petitioner's said grandfather John Strachan and his descendants with such due and congruous differences as may hereafter be severally matriculated for them the following Ensigns Armorial, as depicted upon the left margin hereof, and matriculated of even date with These Presents upon the 39th page of the 89th Volume of Our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland: **VIDELICET**: Azure, a stag tripartite on chief two cognets Or in base two barrulets wavy Argent. Above the Shield is



placed on Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or and for ther (Secunda) We do hereby Grant Warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in Our said Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in name of the Petitioner the following Ensigns Armorial as also depicted upon the right margin hereof: **VIDELICET**: Azure, a stag tripartite on chief two cognets Or in base two barrulets wavy Argent, a bordure of the second. Above the Shield is placed on Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Livery is set for Crest a stag tripartite Or charged on its flank with a bolt of lightning Gules, and in an Escrol over the same this Motto: "NON TIME SED CAVE". **IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** We have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh this 24th day of July in the 58th Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and nine.



David Beller
Lyon

No. 39 STRACHAN, James Andrew, MBA, FSA Scot: TEMECULA California (2009)



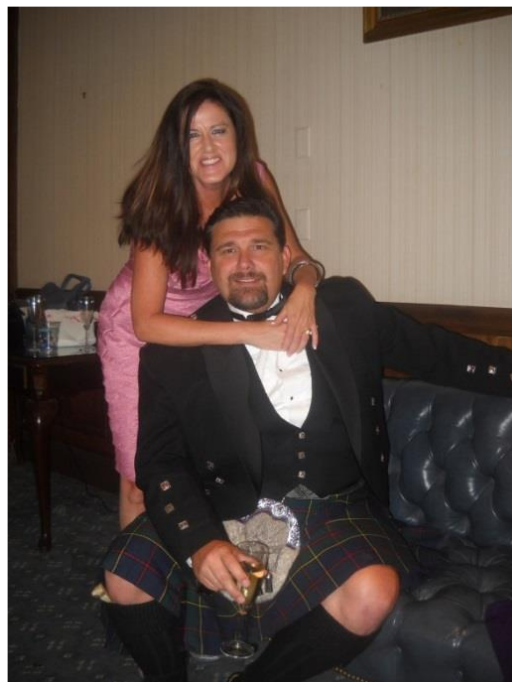
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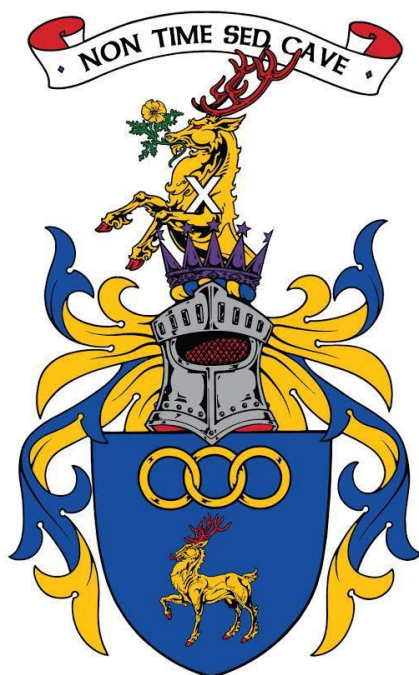
Blazon:

Azure, a hart trippant in chief two cogwheels Or in base two barrulets wavy Argent, a border of the second. Above the shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree within a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and a wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a stag trippant Or charged on its flank with a bolt of lightening Gules, and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "Non Time Sed Cave".

Source(s):

Matriculation of Arms. Ref. Letters Patent, No. 38





Year: 2012

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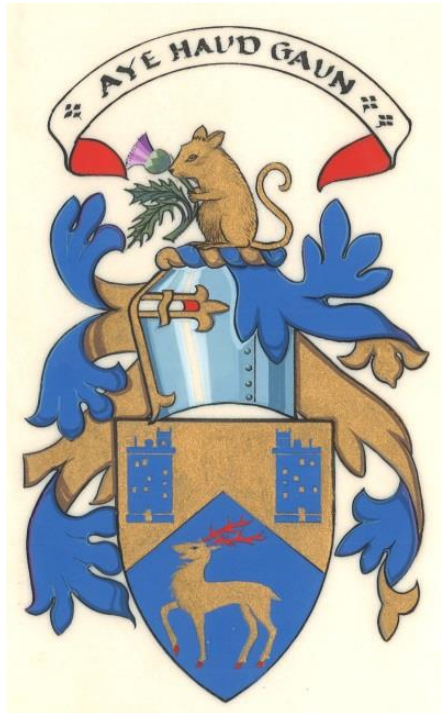
Azure, a hart trippant Or attired and unguled Gules in chief three annulets conjoined in fess Or. Crest issuant from a celestial crown Purpure a demi-hart rampant Or attired and unguled Gules charged with a saltire Argent and in its mouth a California Poppy Proper.

Source(s):

Letters Patent



No. 41 STRACHAN, The Much Honoured Roderick, Baron of Benholm (2013)



Year: 2013

Blazon:

Per cheveron Or and Azure, in chief two towers Azure port and windows Or and in base a stag trippant Or attired and unguled Gules. Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting the holder of the dignity of baron aforesaid with Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a mouse sejant Or holding in its mouth a thistle Proper and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "AYE HAUD GAUN"

Source(s):

Letters Patent



TO ALL AND SUNDRY WHOM THESE PRESENTS DO OR MAY CONCERN



same this Motto "AYE HAUD GAUN"
These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed
in the 62nd Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign
the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern
Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the
Faith, and in the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand and Thirteen

WE William David Hamilton Sellar, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting:
WHEREAS, considering that under the Provisions of the Lyon King of Arms Act 1672, and others in that behalf made, we are empowered by virtue of our Office of Lord Lyon King of Arms to visit the whole Arms borne and used within this Realm of Scotland and to distinguish them with congruent Differences and matriculate them in our Books and Registers and to give Arms to virtuous and well-deserving Persons under our Hand and Seal of Office: and WHEREAS, **RODERICK GEORGE STRACHAN**, baron of Benholm, sometime Telecommunications Manager, residing at Benholm Castle, Benholm in the County of Kincardine, having by Petition unto us of date 9 March 2012, shewn: **THAT** he, the Petitioner, born Aberdeen 8 May 1949 (who married Aberdeen 1 April 1978 Fiona Mary, daughter of Hector Robertson Gauld, Insurance Official, and has issue by her an eldest daughter Rona Mary Strachan, born Aberdeen 27 September 1981; a second daughter Iona Jane Strachan, born Aberdeen 26 April 1983, and a youngest daughter Catriona Frances Strachan born Aberdeen 7 February 1987) is the only son of the late George Stephen Strachan, Teacher, and his wife (married Aberdeen 2 July 1938) Jane Winnie, daughter of Andrew Walker: **THAT** the Petitioner's said father (born Newcastle upon Tyne 31 August 1906) was the second son of John Taylor Strachan Journeyman Joiner, and his wife (married Aberdeen 27 December 1899) Mary, daughter of John Stephen, Line Fisherman: **AND** the Petitioner having prayed (**Primo**) that he might be recognised in the name Roderick George Strachan, baron of Benholm, and (**Secundo**) that there might be granted unto him such Ensigns Armorial as might be found suitable and according to the Laws of Arms **KNOW YE THEREFORE** that (**Primo**) we have Recognised, as we do by These Presents Recognise, the Petitioner in the name Roderick George Strachan, baron of Benholm, and (**Secundo**) devised, and do by These Presents Assign, Ratify and Confirm unto the Petitioner and his descendants with such due and congruent Differences as may hereafter be severally matriculated for them the following Ensigns Armorial, as depicted upon the margin hereof, and matriculated the even date with These Presents upon the 63rd page of the 89th Volume of our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, **videlicet: Per chevron Or and Azure, in chief two towers Azure port and windows Or and in base a stag trippant Or attired and unguled Gules.** Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting the holder of the aforesaid with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Liveries is set for Crest a field mouse sejant Or with a Mistle Proper, and in an Escrol over the

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have Subscribed
hered at Edinburgh, this 10th day of December
Lady Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of
Ireland, and of Her other Realms and Territories,

David Sellar
Lyon

Year: 2013



Blazon:

Azure, a stag trippant Or attired Argent, in sinister chief the constellation of the Southern Cross Argent. Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a stag's head erased Or, and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "NON TIMEO SED CAVEO".

Source(s):

Letters Patent



TO ALL AND SUNDRY WHOM THESE PRESENTS DO OR MAY CONCERN, WE,



Ensigns—Armorial as might be found suitable and according to the Laws of Arms know ~~ye therefore~~ that we have Devised, and do by These Presents Assign, Ratify and Confirm unto the Petitioner and his descendants with such due and congruent differences as may hereafter be severally matriculated for them the following Ensigns Armorial, as depicted upon the margin hereof, and matriculated of ever date with These Presents upon the 86th page of the 89th Volume of Our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, *videlicet*:—
the constellation of the Southern Cross Argent. Above a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the in an Escrol over the same this Motto “NON TIMEO SED CAVEO”; In Testimony Whereof we have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of the 12th day of December in the 62nd Year of the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Queen, and of Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen, Faith, and in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand

William David Hamilton Sellar, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting: *Whereas* considering that under the Provisions of the Lyon King of Arms Act 1672, and others in that behalf made, We are empowered by virtue of Our Office of Lords Lyon King of Arms to visit the whole Arms borne and used within this Realm of Scotland and to distinguish them with congruent Differences and matriculate them in Our Books and Registers and to give Arms to virtuous and well deserving Persons under Our Hand and Seal of Office; and *Whereas*—

THOMAS MARTIN STRAHAN,

Holder of the Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Doctor of Public Health, Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Fellow of the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine, Fellow of the American College of Preventative Medicine, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Consultant Physician and Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Queensland, residing at Strathayon, Bundaberg, Queensland, Australia, having by Petition untols of date 12 December 2011 **Shewn, THAT** he, the Petitioner, born 22 December 1977 Jeanne Eloise, daughter of Roland Martin Booth, and has issue by her an eldest son and heir apparent (born Brisbane, Queensland 19 April 1979) Luke Thomas Strahan and twin sons (born Brisbane aforesaid 28 May 1980) Stephen Roland Strahan and Andrew John Strahan is the eldest son of Edward Thomas Strahan, Teacher, and his wife (married Warburton, Victoria, Australia 13 January 1954) Barbara Jean, daughter of Frank Herbert Slight; **THAT** the Petitioner's said father was the son of Harold Strahan, Farmer, and his wife Alice Raper; **AND** the Petitioner having prayed that there might be granted unto him such

Azure, a stag trippant Or attired Argent in sinister chief the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with Liveries is set for Crest **a stag's head erased Or**, and **TIMEO SED CAVEO**; In Testimony Whereof we Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh this Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the and Thirteen.

David Sellar
Lyon



Year: 2013

Blazon:

Azure, a hart trippant Or on as chief Argent a cannon between two hand grenades enflamed Proper. Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest, Saint Giles habited in his robes Azure and mitred holding in his dexter hand a pastoral staff Or, and in his sinister hand atop the head of a baby deer Or. In an Escrol over the same this Motto " SIC ITUR AD ASTRA ".

Source(s):

Letters Patent



TO ALL AND SUNDRY WHOM THESE PRESENTS DO OR MAY CONCERN



WE, William David Hamilton Sellar, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting : **WHEREAS**, considering that under the Provisions of the Lord Lyon King of Arms Act 1672, and others in that behalf made, We are empowered by virtue of our office of Lord Lyon King of Arms to visit the whole Arms borne and used within this Realm of Scotland and to distinguish them with congruent Differences and matriculate them in our Books and Registers and to give Arms to virtuous and well-deserving Persons under Our Hand and Seal of Office; and **Whereas**,

JAMES ANDREW STRACHAN

sometime Warrant Officer, Royal Artillery, residing at 13 Marleau Place, Elgin in the County of Moray, having by Petition unto Us of date 7 December 2012 **Shewn** : **THAT** he, the Petitioner, born Forres in the County of Moray 23 April 1945 (who married secondly Aldershot in the County of Hampshire 16 September 1988) Pamela Doreen, daughter of Albert Arthur Pique (is the second son of James Archibald Strachan, Butcher, and his wife (married Aberdeen 12 October 1921) Margaret Helen, daughter of Thomas Edward Dean, Company Sergeant Major, Seaforth Highlanders ; **AND** the Petitioner having prayed that there might be granted unto him such Ensigns Armorial as might be found suitable and according to the Laws of Arms **KNOW YE THEREFORE** that We have Devised, and do by These Presents Assign, Ratify and Confirm unto the Petitioner and his descendants with such due and congruent differences as may hereafter be severally matriculated for them the following Ensigns Armorial, as depicted upon the margin hereof, and matriculated of even date with These Presents upon the 105th page of the 89th Volume of our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland **videlicet**:- Azure, a hart trippant Or on a chief Or a cannon between two hand grenades enflamed Proper.

Liveries is set for Crest the figure of St. Giles C staff and under his sinister hand a hind Proper, **AD ASTRA** : **IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** We office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh, this 20th our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second, by the Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen.



Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a wreath of the habited Azure holding in his dexter hand a pastoral and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "SIC ITUR AD ASTRA" have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our day of December in the 62nd Year of the Reign of Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great

David Sellar
Lyon

No. 44 STRACHAN, Charles Robert Lund, COMMANDER (2014/15)

PETITION LODGED

Year: 2014

Blazon:
TBD

Source(s):
TBD

Rob has had a petition for Arms pending at the Court of the Lord Lyon since March 2014.

Rob presently resides at the Mill of Strachan, Strachan in Aberdeenshire. The property is currently owned by he and his siblings.

Rob is a member of the Clan Strachan Society, a Trustee of the Clan Strachan Charitable Trust. In April 2014, Rob, with the unanimous support of the Family Convention Attendees, was appointed Commander, of the Honourable Clan Strachan. Five years later, another warrant was issued re-affirming Rob as Commander.



Mill of Strachan, Strachan, Aberdeenshire

COMMISSION by the Lord Lyon King of Arms in favour of
CHARLES ROBERT LUND STRACHAN
 as Commander of the Clan Strachan.

UNTO ALL AND SUNDRY whom These Presents Do or May Concern, **WE**, Joseph John Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms send Greeting: **WHEREAS** it has been represented to Us that the Hereditary Chiefship of the honourable Clan Strachan is dormant; **THAT** the dormancy of the Chiefship of the said Clan has created difficulties in maintaining the well-being of the said Clan and of its Branches and Houses at home and overseas; **THAT** in order to preserve the spirit of clanship and kinship and the traditions of the said Clan, a Commander ad interim should be recognised to rally the members of the said Clan, to convene meetings thereof and to preside thereat during the dormancy of the Chiefship; **THAT** the Principal Men and Women that now are of the Clan Strachan have, after due consideration by way of Clan or Family Conclave, otherwise known as derbhfine selection, selected and recommended to Us Charles Robert Lund Strachan, residing at Mill of Strachan, Strachan, in the County of Aberdeen, as a fit and proper person to be recognised as Commander ad interim of the said Clan; **NOW** Therefore We, after due consideration and investigation, being well satisfied as to the good qualities, abilities and loyalty of Charles Robert Lund Strachan, and of his fitness for the said Office, do by These Presents Recognise and Confirm the said Charles Robert Lund Strachan as Commander ad interim for a period of five years from the date hereof of the Clan with power and commission to him to do and perform all acts and functions proper to the Commander of the said Clan in the personal absence of the Hereditary Chief thereof, in the same manner and to the same effect as if he had been specially appointed and instructed by such Hereditary Chief; **AND** We direct These Presents to be recorded in the Books of the Lyon Court (Probative Writs Section); **IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** We have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh this Fifth day of August in the Year of Our Lord Two thousand and fourteen before this witness Elizabeth Ann Bruce or Roads, Snawdoun Herald of Arms.

Elizabeth Ann
 Snawdoun
 (Witness)

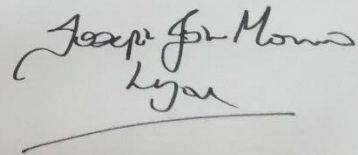
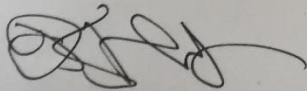


Joseph John Morrow
 Lyon

CHARLES ROBERT LUND STRACHAN

as Commander of the Clan Strachan

UNTO ALL AND SUNDRY whom These Presents Do or May Concern, WE, Joseph John Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms send Greeting : WHEREAS it has been represented to us that the Hereditary Chiefship of the honourable Clan Strachan is dormant; THAT the dormancy of the Chiefship of the said Clan has created difficulties in maintaining the well being of the said Clan and of its Branches and Houses at home and overseas; THAT in order to preserve the spirit of clanship and kinship and the traditions of the said Clan, a Commander ad interim should be recognised to rally the members of the said Clan, to Convene meetings thereof and to preside thereat during the dormancy of the Chiefship; THAT the Principal Men and Women that now are of the Clan Strachan have, after due-consideration by way of Clan or Family Conclave, otherwise known as derbhfine selection, selected and recommended to us Charles Robert Lund Strachan, residing at Mill of Strachan, Strachan, in the County of Aberdeen, the warrant of 23 April 2014, the commission of 5 August 2014 and the recommendation of Jim Strachan of 24 June 2019 as a fit and proper person to be recognised as Commander ad interim of the said Clan; NOW Therefore we, after due consideration and investigation, being well satisfied as to the good qualities, abilities and loyalty of Charles Robert Lund Strachan, and of his fitness for the said Office, do by These Presents Recognise and Confirm the said Charles Robert Lund Strachan as Commander ad interim for a further period of five years from 5 August 2019 of the Clan with power and commission to him to do and perform all acts and functions proper to the Commander of the said Clan in the personal absence of the Hereditary Chief thereof, in the same manner and to the same effect as if he had been specially appointed and instructed by such Hereditary Chief; AND We direct These Presents to be recorded in the Books of the Lyon Court (Probative Writs Section) ; IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh this 19 July in the year of Our Lord Two thousand and Nineteen before this witness
Russell Gilchrist Hunter, Lyon Clerk.



2019 Commander Warrant

No. 45 STRAWHUN, Michael Ray, OJAI, California, USA (2023)

PETITION LODGED

Year: 2023

Blazon:
TBD

Source(s):
TBD

Mike attended Allen Hancock College, and is a graduate from Humboldt State University, California.

Served in the United States Air Force, Civilian Hotshot and Firefighter (3 years); and the United States Forest Service, Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, and currently Battalion Chief (33 years).

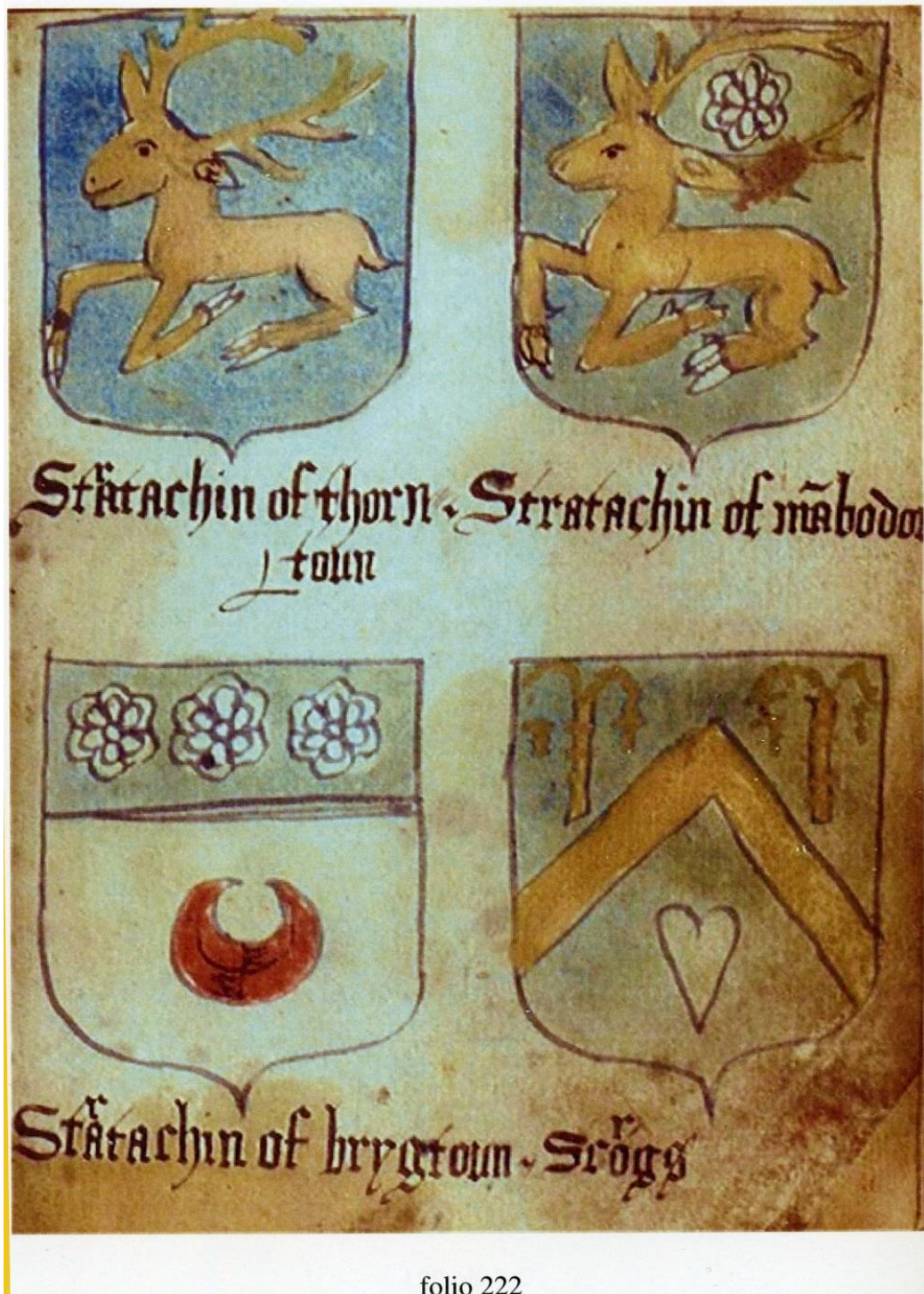
Mike is a Regional Commissioner of the Clan Strachan Society.

Member of the Wildland Firefighter Foundation. In the US Federal Wildland Fire Incident Command System (ICS) Mike was an Incident Commander and an Operations Section Chief and has led over a thousand firefighters in battling wildland fires in the United States. These positions are responsible for the overall management of wildland fire suppression on Federal land and the safety of the operational personnel.



Appendix A - Slains Roll 1562

Prior to 1672, there was no Court of the Lord Lyon, and no government control over heraldry. Prior to this time, heralds themselves would take a roll of various Armigers. This is one of those Rolls.



Appendix B -Hagues Roll 1588

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Appendix C – Lyon Register

STRACHAN, JOHN, *Bailzie* of Leven

ARMS: parted per pale gules and azur on a mount in base vert, a hart or stag tripping argent attyred or. MOTTO: *Forward*.
Vol. I, p. 421. August 1673.

STRACHAN, JOHN, *Esquire*, who now designs himself *Sir JOHN*
STRACHAN [*Baronet* of Nova Scotia]

ARMS: Or an Heart standing at a Gaze Azure attired Sable.
CREST: A Demi Stag Springing Or holding a Thistle in his
Mouth proper. MOTTO: *Non Timeo Sed Caveo*. SUPPORTERS:
Two Grey hounds Argent Each charg'd on the shoulder with a
Thistle proper. Vol. I, p. 427. 1740-1755.

STRACHAN, *Sir JOHN*, *Captain* of the Royal Navy

ARMS: Or, an Hart standing at gaze Azure, attired sable, within
a bordure Gules. CREST: a demi-stag springing Or, holding a
thistle in his mouth proper. MOTTO: *Non Timeo Sed Caveo*.
Vol. I, p. 429. 25.4.1765.

STRACHAN, *Sir JOHN*, *Baronet*, *Captain* of the Royal Navy

ARMS: Or, an Hart standing at gaze Azure, attired sable, within
a bordure Gules. CREST: a demi-Stag springing Or, holding a
thistle in his mouth proper. MOTTO: *Non Timeo Sed Caveo*.
SUPPORTERS: two grey Hounds proper. Vol. I, p. 429. 24.4.1766.

STRACHAN OF TARRIE, ALEXANDER, *Merchant* in Montrose

ARMS: Azure, on a Mount in base proper, a Stag tripping Or;
attir'd and ungl'd Gules; In the dexter chief point a Star of Six
Rays, and in the Sinister an Increscent Argent. CREST: a ship
under sail proper. MOTTO: *Juvat Deus Impigros*.
Vol. I, p. 215. Granted August 1739. Recorded c. 1756.

STRACHAN, *Sir WILLIAM*, *Councilor of Law* in London [*Baronet*
of Nova Scotia]

ARMS: Azure, [a stag] tripping Or, attyred and Ungled Gules.
CREST: A fleshy Arm and hand holding a [scim]iter brandish'd
proper. MOTTO: above the crest, *Forward*. SUPPORTERS: two
fforesters cloth'd Vert with capes Sable and a Belt round
their Wastes with staves in their hands proper. Vol. I, p. 217. 21.2.1756.

STRACHANE OF GLENKINDIE, ALEXANDER

ARMS: azur A Hart tripping Or attyred and unguled gules.
CREST: a hart standing at a gaze as ye former. MOTTO: *Non*
Timeo Sed Caveo. Vol. I, p. 213. 17.2.1675.

Appendix D - Crawford Secundus Image Abt. 1580



Appendix E - Text from the Crawford Roll

Alexander Strachan of Thornton Aberdeen

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Alexander Strachan or Strathauchin, to give the full spelling, of Thornton was born about 1545, the son of John by his wife (conjoint charter 31 March 1543) Margaret daughter of Alexander Livingstone of Dunipace. He seems to have acquired more lands, from the church, and also held of the Earl of Huntly. He married Isobel daughter of William Keith, 4th Earl Marischal (Test 2 Aug 1597). His son Robert predeceased him, having had by his wife (MC 4&5 April 1586) Sara daughter of William Douglas of Glenbervie, later Earl of Angus, two sons Alexander and Thomas. Robert had at least two brothers, John of Phasdo who was tutor to his nephew Alexander, and George, presumably the George Strachan who was Tapisier to the King 1582–1603, also one sister Margaret, who married (conjoint grant 19 March 1594) William Turing of Foveran. Robert's son Alexander was served heir to his grandfather 30 September 1606. Alexander was married twice, firstly (MC 19 January 1605) to Margaret daughter of John Lindsay Lord Menmuir, 2nd son of David 9th Earl of Crawford (qv sub Lindsay of Edzell) and secondly before 20 January 1624 to Margaret widow of George Keith, 5th Earl Marischal and daughter of James 5th Lord Ogilvie of Airlie. He was knighted between 1616 and 1618. In 1625 he was created a Baronet of Nova Scotia, with precedence of all baronets save Sir Robert Gordon of Gordonston. He was a member of the Board of the Exchequer of Scotland and was appointed to the first of a number of Royal Commissions in 1626. He had a remission with other family members for removing to the house of James Keith of Benholme, his stepson, eldest son by the second marriage of George 4th Earl Marischal, "cistas, scripta, gemmas, aurum, argentums et alia" (chests, charters, jewels, gold, silver and other things) which belonged to the Earl Marischal. The remission is to all involved in the fracas, irrespective of which part they took. He fell foul of the Commonwealth administration and was alive still in 1657, when Thomas Allardice seems to have acquired the bulk of, if not all, his lands. His testament was proved 24 January 1662 (Edin); there is also a testament proved 14 October 1656 (St Andrews) for Euphame Straquhan, Lady Thornton, probably a third wife. He had, necessarily by Margaret Lindsay, a single son Alexander, who married (conjoint confirmation of grant from Sir Alexander 1 August 1635) Elizabeth Douglas. On the expiry of this line the baronetcy was adopted by a fairly distant cousin, who is called Sir James Strachan of Thornton in 1663.

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