

## Chapter 7: Arrington Family Coat of Arms

The Arrington Coat of Arms displayed on our web site is NOT registered with the Crown of England that can be readily found (2). It was designed a few years back for one of our family members by Halbert's of Bath, Ohio, to represent our Arrington family (9).

The currently used Arrington Coat of Arms was designed using the blazons shown below by Scott Garriott of Norway, who brought to our attention the incorrect depiction of the "colors" of our previous graphics, according to the blazon (15).

An original coat of arms can only be passed down through a direct line of descendancy (to the first male son to his first male son, and sometimes famous daughters), and only then if the son were to follow in his father's footsteps with similar experiences or social standing. The symbols (charges) found on the shield (field) reflect the nature, experiences or philosophy of an individual. The family supported the head of household in his actions, therefore, the coat of arms represented the immediate family as a whole.

The background decoration (mantling), often thought to be vegetation, actually represents the tattered cape of a soldier after spending sometimes years away from home at battle. The cape was usually one of the colors called out in the blazon. It isn't necessary, but adds background contrast to the arms colors.

Brothers of the same family would have similar, but not the same, coat of arms, as each would have different personality, experiences, occupation, philosophies, etc., to be reflected for his coat of arms. For an example, the Royal Family had Prince William's coat of arms specially designed for his 18th birthday to reflect the heritage from both his father Prince Charles AND mother Princess Diana (6).

### Arrington Blazon of Arms

Shield description: *Ar. Two bars, in chief three escallops az.*

**Silver** ('ar.' represents ardent, or silver metal or white color): Peace and sincerity.

**Bars** (two horizontal bands): "one who sets the bar of conscience, religion and honor against angry passions".

**Chief** (upper portion of shield): Dominion and authority.

**Escallops** (shells): "One who has made long journeys or voyages to far countries, who had borne considerable naval command, or who had gained great victories".

**Blue** ('az.' means azure, or blue): Loyalty and truth.

### Arrington Blazon of the Crest

Description of symbol atop shield: *A cock gu. combed and wattted sa.*

**Red** ('gu.' means gules, or red): Military fortitude and magnanimity.

**Cock, combed and wattted**: "Courage, always ready for battle, ready to fight to the death."

**Black** ('sa.' represents sable, or black): Constancy, sometimes grief.

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