



Kingdom of Avacal College of Heraldry
Kingdom Submissions Letter of Decisions
October 18 2015



Greetings to the Avacal College of Heraldry from HL Rowyn Arden the Bard, Kingdom of Avacal Submissions Herald.

The following submissions were forwarded to Laurel on the Avacal external letter dated 2015-10-31 and are taken from the Avacal KLoI of 2015-09-22:

1. **Amy Eliot - New Name & New Device**
Per fess Or and plummety purpure and Or, a fess sable and a violet purpure.
2. **Anara Urrie - Resub Device**
Vert on a pale argent, in pale an owl displayed and a tankard purpure.
3. **Maryan Hoskyns - New Name & New Device**
Azure, in pale two maunches argent.

The following submissions were Returned for further work:

1. **Maryan Hoskyns - New Badge**
(Fieldless) A spruce tree eradicated sable.
 - This badge needs to be redrawn with the tree in a standard conical shape.
2. **Oenghus of Bally Mullaney - New Name & New Device**
 - <Ballymullany> looks to be a modern place in County Sligo. So he could use the Lingua Anglica <of Ballymullany> however we are unsure if this meets his spelling request.
 - It is further noted that according to Sharon L. Krossa, "Quick and Easy Gaelic Names" locative names were not common. "There are few [if any] examples of Gaels being identified as "of <name of someplace>" or "at <description of someplace>" or the like in their Gaelic names. Of the known examples, most occur in the names of unusual individuals such as the Lord of the Isles, and so are not necessarily representative of standard Gaelic naming." So, Oenghus Ó Maoileanaigh would be more appropriate for that time period, however the client is using his modern last name, so Oenghus Ó Mullaney.
 - Since the client is requesting authenticity for Irish, approximately 1150 - 1250 AD the name as presented doesn't appear, from my research, to fit Irish Gaelic naming practices. We see the use of locatives later than the time period requested. Constructing the name <given name> Ó <clan ancestor's name> would give the client not only a more appropriate name for the time period he is looking for, it would also show he is from that clan.



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Device: Argent, two bull's heads cabossed fesswise reversed and fesswise gules between six triskellion arrondi in annulo vert.

As the name was pended, the device cannot progress without a name; however, the following comments were noted:

- Bullheads do not look like Bulls heads but more like lobsters. The device should be recognizable from a distance.
- Unity of Posture SENA A.3.D.2.c. the college can find no animal heads that are fesswise cabossed in general, let alone two that are mirrors of each other.
- Standing precedent also doesn't allow an inverted animate charge, so a head and a head inverted isn't likely to be a period arrangement.
- Triskelions must be larger as they are difficult to recognize.

3. Sigfúss Einholtson - New Name & New Device

Geirr Bassi has "Sigfúss" on p.14 as a masculine given name. However, "Einholtson" has problems:

- The submitter has not shown a pattern of names beginning with Ein- and ending in -holti. Note the attested personal name is Holti (Geirr Bassi p. 11) and in the genitive case it becomes Holta, hence Holtason.
- The college can't follow the justification for "Einholt(i?)" as a constructed given name. Is it supposed be derived from "one forest"?

Device: Argent, two ravens sable addorsed. Party per chevron gules, argent Chi Rho.

- Is this a chevron or a base? It needs to be drawn appropriately.
- Birds need to be drawn in a more medieval style . SENA A.2.C.1 states, in part, "Elements must be drawn in their period forms and in a period armorial style." These birds look pretty cool, but they're not drawn in a period armorial style. See the PicDic for examples:
<http://misholme.com/dictionary/crow/>
- Unclear what is issuant from base, feet/tail/wings.

The following submissions were Pended from Kingdom of Avacal:

1. Hroderic von Eschelbach - Resub Name & Resub Device



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The submitted name does not match the documentation given with it. The documentation supports something like "Hrodric von Eschenbach", but don't see any justification for removing the second "r" from "Hrodric", or for changing the "n" to an "l" in "Eschenbach".

Device: Per chevron gules and sable, a rooster Or striking. Bordure per chevron sable and gules (counterchanged).

As the name was pended, the device cannot progress without a name; however, the College of Heraldry have noted there is a lack of documentation to prove IAP in this pattern.