

The Blazon

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS



We apologize for the long silence from The Blazon. 1985 was eventful enough heraldically and included, as you will read later, two well attended and interesting Chapter gatherings. However, personal events took priority, notably the birth of our daughter Catherine on September 28th and a move, within the neighbourhood, but to a new house with the related confusion of boxing and unboxing. But we are back, and in the words of marketing people, bigger and better than before. In this issue which is really three-in-one, we have made some selections in honour of Vancouver's centennial on April 6th and feature some new symbols which will add colour to several of our municipalities as they welcome visitors on their way to Expo 86. We hope your Expo summer is a pleasant one.

Arms of Vancouver, granted 1969

THE ARMS OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

At the Chapter meeting held at Shawnigan Lake School a year ago, members received a first report of Lieutenant Governor Rogers' Petition, then in process with the College of Arms in London. With His Honour's kind permission we are reproducing on the facing page the library painting of his new arms, signed by Dr. Conrad Swan, York Herald. Like the best heraldry down through the centuries, these new arms are a fresh, dramatic and dignified expression of individual achievement and family associations. As many of you know, His Honour has taken a considerable interest in heraldry since coming to office, has taken out membership in the Society and has made a number of public statements on the utility and beauty of heraldry. His own arms are a perfect representation of the best in this ancient tradition.

Members will be interested in some of the background to the Lieutenant Governor's choices for various elements in the design. The blazon (unofficially) is:

Or an eagle wings elevated and displayed azure, beaked and legged gules charged with three escutcheons or each bearing a fir tree vert .

For the crest : Above a wreath or and azure, rising out of a chaplet of trilliums proper a demi-eagle azure wings elevated beaked gules gorged with an antique crown or.

For supporters: On either side a cougar or seme de lys azure gorged with a collar of maple leaves gules.

Motto: Aquila Alte Volat (The eagle soars high)

His Honour wished the arms to utilize many important elements of his life and career. These included his birthplace, Montreal, Mrs. Rogers' birthplace, Toronto, a business career in forestry, military service in the First Hussars, a twenty-five year residence in British Columbia and vice-regal office. In the arms the themes "British Columbia" and "Lieutenant-Governorship" are broadly linked through the tinctures of blue and gold, the cougars, eagles and crown, with the eagle in the arms and crest symbolizing His Honour. The maple leaf collar is taken from an important element of the Hussars badge. The escutcheons represent His Honour's three children with the fir tree symbolizing his forest industry career. Graham Anderson provided several Latin translations of the motto from which the College of Arms developed the final version.

In closing, we express the hope that His Honour's example in symbolizing his life and career in this beautiful manner and creating a fine new tradition in his own family will prove an inspiration to his non-armigerous vice-regal colleagues. These include Lincoln Alexander, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario who would be the first black Canadian to receive arms if he petitioned for them and who was, interestingly, one of the members of Parliament who was sitting with the Joint Senate Commons Committee on the Constitution in 1971 when it heard the Heraldry Society of Canada's first public brief on the subject of a Canadian Heraldic Authority.



The Armorial Bearings
of

His Honour The Honourable Robert Gordon Rogers
K. St. J., LL.D.,
Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia
Carad Swan
York

York Herald of Arms
and
Registrar, Her Majesty's College of Arms

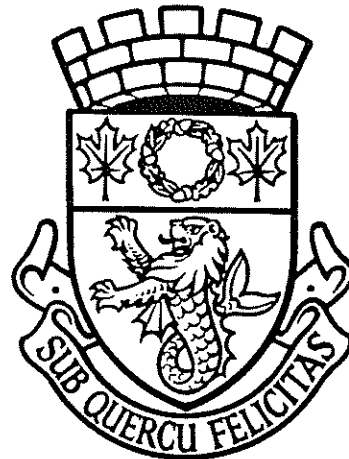
John B.E. Goult (1931-1986)

In shock and a great sense of loss we report the passing of one of the Chapter's most valued members and a Director of the Society, John Goult of Oak Bay, who died suddenly on April 2nd at his home. John was born in Vancouver but had lived in Oak Bay for many years, practising law as a partner in the firm of Goult, McElmoyle and Manning. Between 1973 and 1978 he served two terms as alderman in the District of Oak Bay and during that time he was instrumental in persuading Oak Bay to petition for arms, which were received from the Queen's Arms Office in London on 5th March 1981. His own arms were also a Lyon Court grant, dated 15th December 1979, Blazoned, Arms: Gules four windmill sails conjoined in Saltire barry Argent and Azure, cantoned between four mullets Or and ensigned at their junction with a mullet also Or. Crest: A windmill sable with four sails barry of six argent and azure and ensigned at their junction with a mullet Or. Motto: Virtus Sibi Munus. The arms of Oak Bay are blazoned Azure, an heraldic Sea-Lion Or, on a chief Argent a chaplet of oak leaves and bay leaves fructed Proper between two maple leaves Gules. Motto: Sub Quercu Felicitas.

Beyond his involvement in HSC, John was active in many military, charitable and social organizations including the Order of St. Lazarus. His funeral was held April 7th at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church in Oak Bay. Over 300 attended including John's wife, P.C., M.P., who gave the eulogy and the Honourable Grace McCarthy, Provincial Secretary. The Heraldry Society was represented, at the request of President Manuel, by I. Michael Allen.



Arms of John B.E. Goult



Arms of Oak Bay

John Goult is survived by his wife Sheila, daughter Sarah and sons David, Jeremy and Matthew, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL, VANCOUVER

Vancouver's premier independent boys' school, St. George's, is the province's newest armigerous corporation, thanks to a gift from Frank and Terry McCullough. Their three sons, Francis, Johnathan and Michael, alumni of the School, were the petitioners to the College of Arms on behalf of the Board of Directors. The Patent is particularly distinctive, with the petitioners' arms, hung within a border of dogwood on the right side.

The Patent was formally presented to the School in a special ceremony included in the annual closing exercises on June 19, 1985. His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, accompanied by Mrs. Rogers, represented the Queen. Robert Watt, Vice-President of the Heraldry Society of Canada, read the Patent which was then presented by the Lieutenant Governor to Mr. David Rolfe, Chairman of the Board of Directors. His Honour prefaced the presentation with a few remarks, as follows:

What a flag is to a country, or a trade-mark to a company, so are Armorial Bearings - Arms - to municipal or educational institutions, or individuals.

Arms developed in the 12th Century when so many basic concepts in our society also were founded - government by consent, parliamentary government, Common Law, trial by jury, are a few examples of such concepts. The art and science of heraldry developed, then, at the same time as some of the most fundamental cornerstones of our present society.

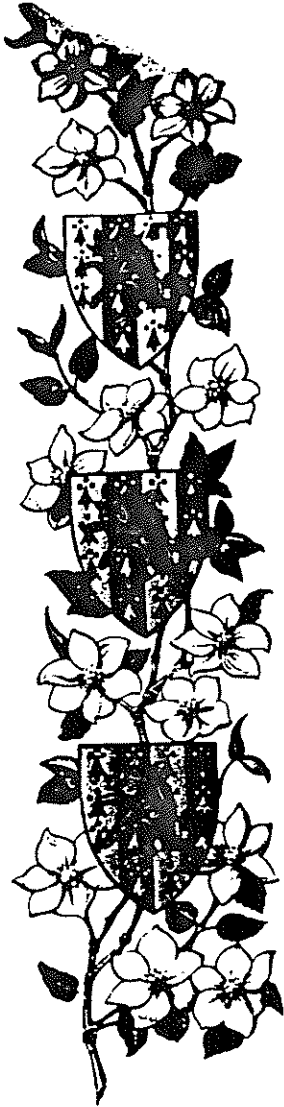
Originally used as a means of identifying friend (or foe!) in combat, they have developed as symbols of authority, heredity, loyalty and pride.

Armorial bearings are granted by Royal Authority, thus representing a link with Her Majesty, The Queen of Canada, whom I have the very great honour and pleasure to represent in British Columbia. The Letters Patent, read by Mr. Watt, are the legal instrument by which these Arms are granted.

The presentation of Arms to St. George's School today is a most important recognition of its progress and maturity, and I congratulate the Headmaster, Faculty, and students on this significant occasion.

The York Herald of Arms, Dr. Conrad Swan, himself a native of British Columbia (Duncan), and abundantly qualified for the undertaking has been painstaking in his efforts to devise for the consideration of Her Majesty's Kings of Arms such Armorial Ensigns as might be appropriate for St. George's School.

These are, then, the Arms which they have seen fit to grant in these Letters Patent, which I now have the great pleasure to present to the Chairman of the Board of St. George's School, Mr. David Rolfe.



St. George's new arms are directly inspired by the cross of the School's namesake and by the assumed device used by the School for many years. They are simple, striking and destined to be proudly displayed for years to come. Very recently, the Patent was framed and hung in the School's library in the senior school at 4175 West 29th Avenue, Vancouver. The complete text of the new Patent appears on page 14 as Heraldic Record No. 4.



Arms of St. George's School,
Vancouver, 1984.

SPRING CHAPTER MEETING.
SHAWNIGAN LAKE SCHOOL, 21 April, 1985

Graham Anderson organized a fine spring meeting centred in the library of Shawnigan Lake School. Members brought a wide-ranging display of Patents, flags and books which added colour and interest. Prominently featured were the armorial flags of the School and a heraldic quilt made for Robert and Alison Watt by Arlene Birch of West Vancouver. After an excellent lunch, Mr. Anderson took members of a tour of the School's beautiful campus, which looked even more attractive in the warm spring sunshine. Those present were pleased to receive a copy of the school's new prospectus which reproduces Shawnigan's Patent in full colour on the inside front cover.

RECORD OF MEETING

Call to order at 1.43pm.

Present: R.D. Watt, Chair, Graham L. Anderson, Irene Alexander, Colonel Peter Bingham and Mrs. Bingham, Sir Robert Cave, Allan Davis, John Gault, Peter Kendal, Laurie Patten, Terry McCullough, Dr. Roland Radcliffe, Guest: Rosemary Frowd.

1. The Chairman opened with expressions of regret at absence from Lt. Governor, Dr. Robert Thompson, Murray Mitchell, Dorothy Barford, Marvin Manuel, Tony de Cosson. He then noted that Dr. Radcliffe and Col. Bingham were present at a Chapter meeting for the first time.

2. The Chairman thanked Mr. Campbell, Shawnigan Lake School Headmaster for his hospitality and Mr. Anderson for the arrangements.

3. The record of the last meeting was accepted.

4. The official branch petition forms were circulated and members were asked to sign.

5. Colonel Bingham moved and Peter Kendal seconded, that Chapter fees be set at \$5 per member per year to cover the cost of The Blazon.

6. Terry McCullough presented an update on the St. George's School arms, while the Chairman reported progress on the petitions for West Vancouver, Trinity Western University and George Brown.

7. Much of the meeting was spent reviewing progress towards a Canadian Heraldic Authority. The Chairman outlined his involvement with the Victoria meeting of the Task Force on National Symbols, the work of Mrs. Grete Hale of Ottawa with the Secretary of State, Walter McLean and the President's recent contacts with the Governor-General, whose petition is currently before the College of Arms. The Chairman expressed his view that a combination of a new government in Ottawa, the Task Force and the connections of various members with several Cabinet Ministers raised considerably the possibility of establishing the Authority. John Gault reported on his discussions with Walter McLean and John Fraser.

Peter Kendal asked what had been done towards establishing a system of Canadian heraldry after the Authority has been set up. Some brief discussion followed. Members also wished to know the status of the Guide for Municipalities. The Chairman indicated he was raising the matter at the May meeting of the Directors and asking it be made a national project.



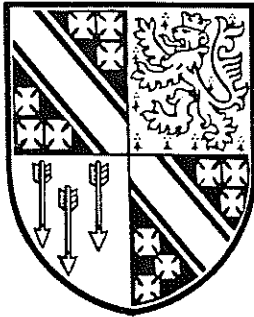
8. Other Business

8.1 Moved by Terry McCullough and seconded by Col. Bingham that vote of thanks be sent to Robb and Alison Watt for production of The Blazon. Carried unanimously.

8.2 Request from Irene Alexander that members be encouraged to send in their book lists.

8.3 John Goult moved adjournment at 2.24 pm.

COLONEL PETER RICHARD BINGHAM, D.S.O., C.D.



Arms of Col. Peter R. Bingham

Indifferent health prevented Colonel Bingham from participating more actively in person at Chapter meetings but he was a keen correspondent. Fortunately, however, he was able to join us for the Shawnigan Lake School meeting at it was a great pleasure to welcome him and his wife Margaret. It was doubly sad to learn of his death at his home, Melcombe Cottage, Ganges, on August 1st 1985. He served with the Royal Canadian Regiment and was respected by those in his regiment and many others. We will miss him.

FALL CHAPTER MEETING: H.M.C.S. DISCOVERY: DEADMAN'S ISLAND, VANCOUVER November 24, 1985

Thanks to excellent organizing work undertaken by Murray Mitchell, the Fall Chapter meeting was held in the historic main mess of Vancouver's naval reserve station, H.M.C.S. Discovery on Deadman's Island off Stanley Park. Despite the fact that the Chairman had managed to pick Grey Cup Sunday for the second time, there was a very good turnout. Stalwart Chapter supporter Dorothy Barford was able to join us for the first time, as was Stuart McDonald. Irene Alexander brought a friend, Mr. Rex Davidson of Maple Ridge. Continuing the tradition of our meetings, members created a fine ad-hoc display of heraldic items. Notable newcomers to the collection were some family pedigree books from Bob Cave's library which were created by the heralds at the College of Arms in the early 19th century, a superb copy of Guillim originally acquired in the 17th century by one of Allan Davis' ancestors, several blazons by Dorothy Barford and a library painting of Frank and Terry McCullough's arms by Gordon MacPherson of Burlington, Ontario.

RECORD OF MEETING

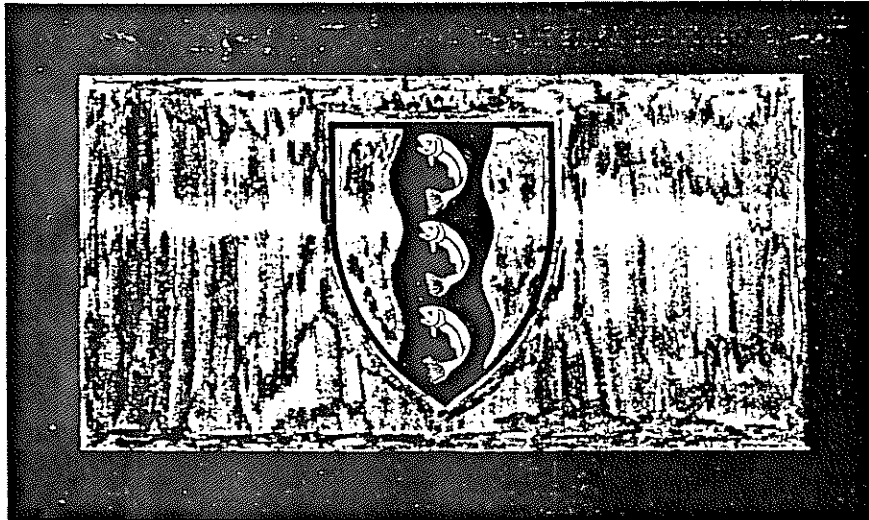
Present: R.D. Watt, Chair, Irene Alexander, Michael W.E. Allen, Bill Amos, Dorothy Barford, Bob Cave, Tony de Cosson, Dick Danby, Rex Davidson, Allan Davis, Stuart McDonald, Marvin Manuel, Murray and Betty Mitchell, Dr. and Mrs. R.N. Thompson, Frank Weiler, Consul General Fritz Ziegler.

1. The Chairman noted regrets for absence had been received from Lt. Governor Rogers, Graham Anderson, Peter Kendal and John Goult.
2. He reported the death of Colonel Peter Bingham in August.
3. A particular welcome was extended to Dorothy Barford, Stuart McDonald and Rex Davidson.
4. Congratulations to:
 - Irene Alexander: awarded a Fellowship in the HSC at the October meeting;
 - Graham Anderson: the first HSC member to pass to 2nd level heraldry examination;
 - Terry McCullough: elected a Director of HSC for a three year term;
 - Major Terry Manuel: succeeded Jim Cook of Peterborough as President.
5. The Chairman reported on the actions taken by the Board and the AGM regarding a Canadian heraldic authority and circulated copies of the draft working paper approved by the AGM. He made particular reference to the letter campaign, urging those who had not already written to get their letters in.
6. Irene Alexander and Terry McCullough then gave their impressions of the annual meeting in Ottawa.
7. The meeting returned to the matter of a Canadian Authority. In the ensuing discussion it was agreed that:
 - 7.1 Terry McCullough would contact John Turner;
 - 7.2 Irene Alexander would contact Mary Collins;
 - 7.3 Allan Davis would seek support from the B.C. Genealogical Society;
 - 7.4 Bill Amos would contact Bruce Beatty;
 - 7.5 Bob Thompson would try to reactivate interest in the Senate via Ray Perrault;
 - 7.6 Murray Mitchell would speak with Admiral Yano;
 - 7.7 Dick Danby would contact Davie Fulton;
 - 7.8 Michael Allen could contact John Turner, Chancellor of the Order of St. John and the Priory Secretary and liaise with John Goult re contacts with Victoria area municipal councils, especially Esquimalt.

MUNICIPAL FLAGS

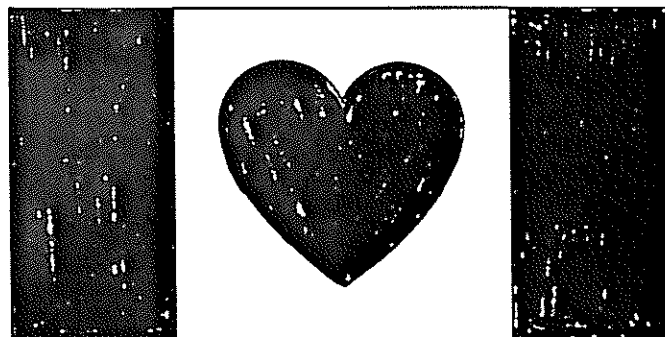
The joint Chapter/Flag Shop civic flag design service, announced in the last issue is having some impact. The Chairman has been advising committees of the Councils of Richmond and Chilliwack which have formally adopted new municipal flags. The consultative process is proving much lengthier and more complex than anticipated with the need for a published package on good municipal heraldry becoming ever more apparent.

RICHMOND. Of the two this was the more straightforward as there was a desire on the part of the majority of Council to make the existing arms (Or on a Pale Wavy Azure three leaping Salmon Proper; College of Arms grant, 1979) the central element in the design. In the final version, adopted by Council on 13 January, 1986, the arms are placed on a gold field which is contained by a wide blue bordure. The flag was publicly inaugurated on April 12, 1986 at a ceremony for opening a new Community Centre.



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CHILLIWACK The District of Chilliwack is not armigerous although Council adopted a heraldic device on November 30, 1982 which appears below. This was designed by local residents E.W. Fehr and M. Halsall and was first used to form a medallion on a mayoral chain of office presented by the Rotary Club in February 1984. Besides presenting blazoning problems, the device is clearly not suitable for producing a distinctive, dramatic flag. R.D Watt worked with a Council Committee from July to October 1985 and presented



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Flag of the District of Chilliwack

a number of designs, all incorporating the principal colours of the District's heraldic symbol, blue, white and green. He used the "crossroads" theme as an important element in the designs and highlighted a green heart which has been used as a promotional logo for several years - "Chilliwack - Green Heart of British Columbia". These designs were not chosen but early this spring the Committee's Chairman, Alderman Sherry Baker, advised that a fresh idea had been presented to the Committee by former District Alderman Pat O'Brien. This was the design ultimately approved by District Council on March 3rd. It is, of course, patterned directly on the national flag, replacing the maple leaf with the green heart.

It is sound heraldically and could be blazoned, "Vert on a Canadian pale argent a heart of the first". There are plans to continue reviewing the District's official symbols and it may be that its heraldic house will ultimately be put in order.



HERALDIC NEWS FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE



Assumed arms of Merritt, B.C. 1984
Vert a sun in glory or painted by Karen Bailey

1. **Merritt.** The Heraldic Committee of Merritt, headed by Mr. Pat Lean, has been busy! They are producing, for sale, an extensive range of products featuring Merritt's new assumed arms including pins, mugs, spoons, and shot glasses. Members will be particularly intersted in a soft cover book, Merritt: Her History and Symbols of Identity containing full colour renderings, by Karen Bailey, of the arms, the civic flag and civic banner. Also available is a coloured blazon printed on a single sheet together with a poem honouring the new symbol, composed by elementary school student Sherri North. The price of the book is \$5.30. It and other items can be ordered from The Heraldic Committee of Merritt, Attn. P. Lean, Box 339, Merritt, B.C., VOK 2B0.

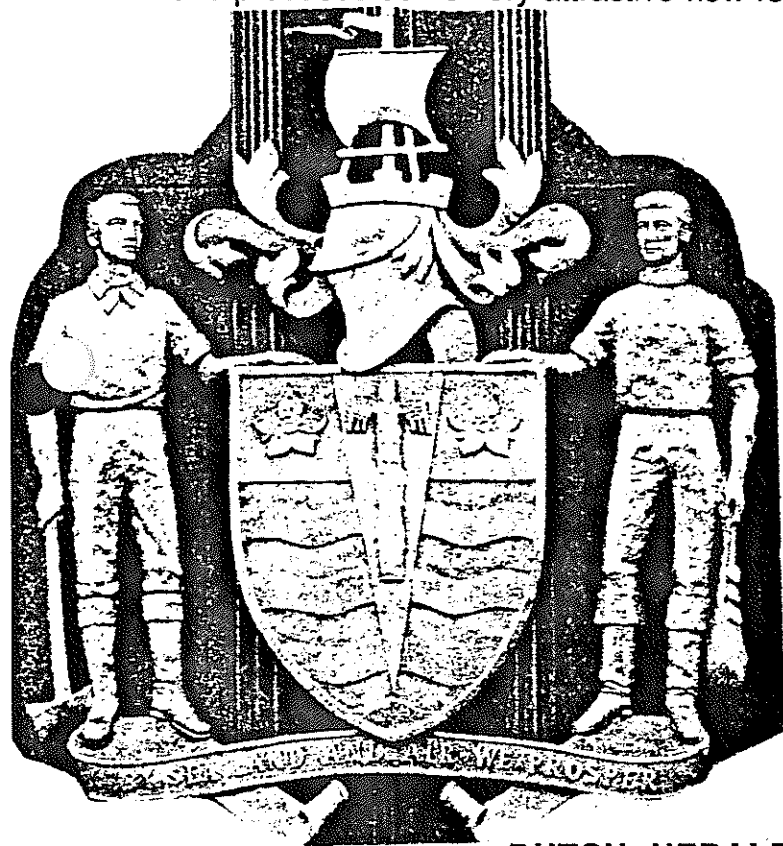
2. Anderson Speaks in Armstrong On December 28th, 1985, Chapter member Graham Anderson presented an illustrated lecture on heraldry to the Armstrong City Council. Mr. Anderson's invitation to speak was arranged by Mrs. Carmen Kirkand of the local museum society in the north Okanagan community. The address was very well received and Graham believes Armstrong may become the third Okanagan community to petition for lawful arms after Kelowna (1954) and Summerland (1967).

3. New heraldry on the Hotel Vancouver. The alterations to the main entrance on the south side have resulted in a new canopy over the Hornby Street entrance. In the centre parapet, the architect has placed a fine example of the arms of British Columbia, sculpted in high relief. They are a good echo of the late '30s heraldic decoration on the main building but also clearly contemporary in style.

4. Vancouver City Hall gets more heraldry. Vancouver's centennial celebrations have produced some very attractive new renderings of the civic arms.

Most appropriately, at the symbolic heart of the City, the Women's Canadian Club of Vancouver commissioned a bronze sculpture of the civic arms by Elek Imredy, sculptor of "The Girl in the Wetsuit" and "Matthew Baillie Begbie", and other works. A perfect match for the Art Deco style of the Council Chamber, Imredy's bronze relief has been mounted on the east wall above the mayor's chair.

The full achievement of these arms also now appears, etched in glass, on the main entrance doors north and south and in gold metal in a roundel on a new directional sign set at an angle on the City Hall lawn at the corner of 12th Avenue and Cambie Street. This sign is the Centennial gift of the City Hall employees to the City.



DUTCH HERALDRY IN VANCOUVER

The Dutch project, Castle Vancouver, has brought several interesting examples of Dutch heraldry into view in downtown Vancouver. The arms of the town of Coevorden, Drenthe Province and the Van Coevorden family are all featured on signs and several souvenir items. The illustrations show designs appearing on 5" x 5" ceramic tiles produced by the famous Dutch tile makers, Tichelaar of Makkum, Friesland. They are available from Castle Vancouver at Howe and Georgia for \$65.00.



Coevorden

Arms of the town of Coevorden



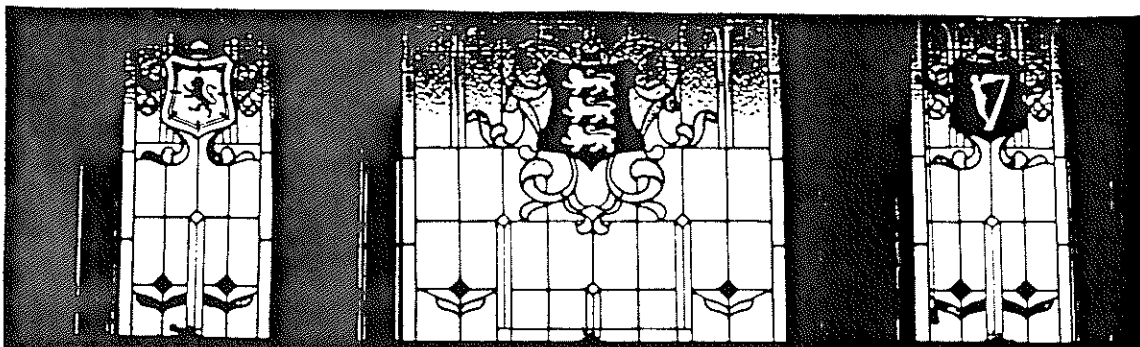
Van Coeverden

Arms of Van Coevorden, ancestors of Captain George Vancouver (Or three eagles wings elevated and displayed gules)

HERALDIC SITES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

No. 15 Robert Forbes Stillman house, Vancouver (2145 West 45th Avenue)

Prior to 1930 in British Columbia, groupings of "national" and "provincial" arms were frequently used for various types of architectural embellishments, including stained glass. There are several such series in Vancouver, all in commercial or educational structures, with this exception. Designed by architect J.H. Keast for Methodist minister R.F. Stillman, it was completed in 1912. Each of the two main rooms at the front of the house has a triple light window with the transoms carrying three coats of arms in stained glass. The groups are Ireland, England and Scotland and Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta. Readers are reminded that this is still a private residence and there is no access except by permission of the owner.



BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON HERALDIC RECORDSNo. 4. St. George's School, Vancouver, Letters Patent, 1984

TO ALL AND SINGULAR to whom these Presents shall come, Sir Alexander Colin Cole, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration, Garter Principal King of Arms, Sir Anthony Richard Wagner, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Clarenceux King of Arms, and John Philip Brooke Brooke-Little, Esquire, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Norroy and Ulster King of Arms Send Greeting! **WHEREAS Francis Brendan McCullough, Jonathan Wendell Joseph McCullough and Michael Henry James McCullough** of Maplehurst Farm in the Corporation of the District of Surrey in the Province of British Columbia in Canada, Gentlemen, each of whom received his education at **St. George's School** in the City of Vancouver in the said Province of British Columbia have represented unto the Most Noble Miles Francis Stapleton, Duke of Norfolk, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, upon whom has been conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross, Earl Marshal, that **St. George's School** was opened on the Fourth day of January 1931 in the Point Grey District of the said City of Vancouver and subsequently and is now situate on Twenty-ninth Avenue in the said City of Vancouver and that on the Twenty-seventh day of August 1948 **St. George's School** was incorporated by that name as a charitable society pursuant to the Societies Act of the Revised Statutes of the Province of British Columbia, 1948, c. 311 with the management of the affairs of the said corporation established in a Board of Directors and **WHEREAS** they have further represented unto His Grace that they are advised that pursuant to the Income Tax Act of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, c. 148 as amended, **St. George's School** is a Registered Charity and have been informed by Us as Her Majesty's Kings of Arms that We deem the said Corporation to qualify as a charitable body in respect of its eligibility to receive Letters Patent of Armorial Ensigns and **WHEREAS** the said Board of Directors of **St. George's School** is now desirous of having Armorial Bearings established under lawful authority and recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms to be used and borne by **St. George's School** on its Common Seal or otherwise according to the Laws of Arms and did on the Nineteenth day of May 1983 unanimously resolve for certain good and sufficient reasons that the Memorialists aforementioned should for and on behalf of the Board of Directors of **St. George's School** request the favour of His Grace's Warrant for Our granting and assigning such Arms and Crest as We deem suitable to be borne and used by **St. George's School** on its Seal or otherwise all according to the Laws of Arms **AND FORASMUCH** as the said Earl Marshal did by Warrant under his hand and Seal bearing date the fourth day of May 1984 authorize and direct Us to grant and assign such Arms and Crest accordingly **KNOW YE THEREFORE** that We the said Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster in pursuance of His Grace's Warrant and by virtue of the Letters Patent of Our several Offices granted by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty to each of Us respectively do by these Presents grant and assign unto the said **St. George's School, Vancouver** the Arms following that is to say **Argent a Cross and a Bordure Gules in the Canton a Maple Leaf in bend Vert** And for the Crest upon a Helm with a Wreath **Argent and Gules a grassy Hillock proper thereon mounted on a rearing Horse a Knight armed cap a pie proper habited in a tabard of the Arms about the Crown of his Helm a wreath also Argent and**