

# Heraldry for Self-Isolators

## Week 3—Topic 4: Heraldry and Women

Most of the examples given so far have shown coats of arms based on a SHIELD, specifically a shield known as a HEATER.

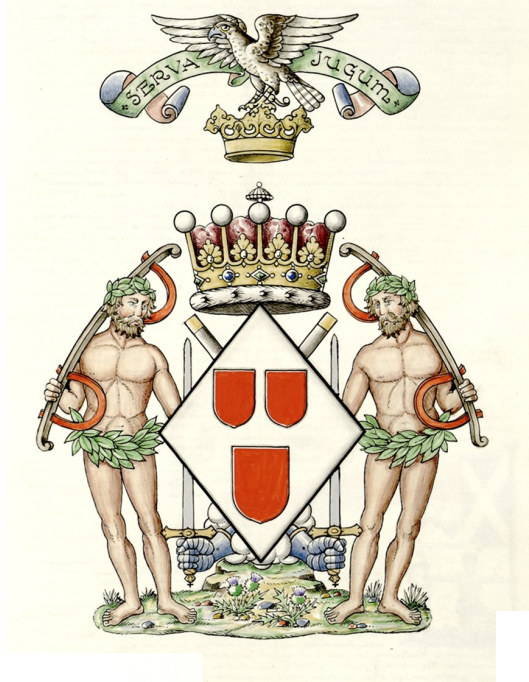
While some women have chosen to record arms in exactly the same form as men, the majority of entries in the Lyon Register recorded by women have used a LOZENGE ( diamond shape) or occasionally an oval.

Here are some of the many female entries in the Register.

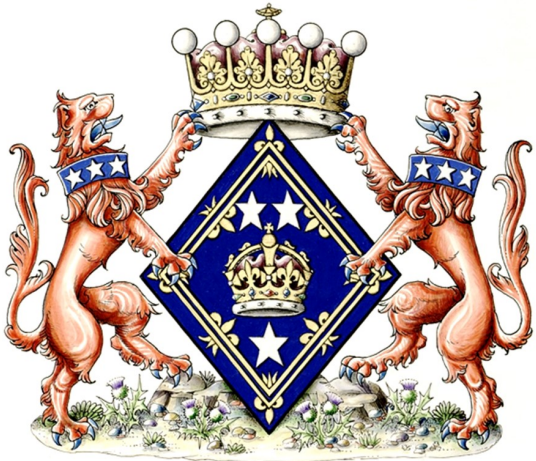
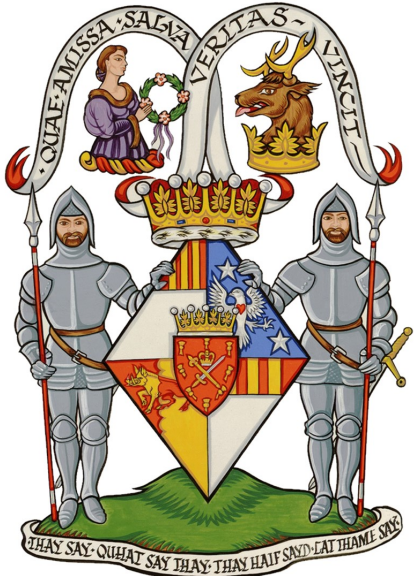
Duchess of Roxburgh



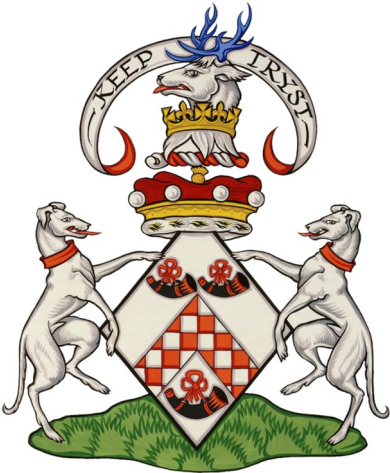
Countess of Errol



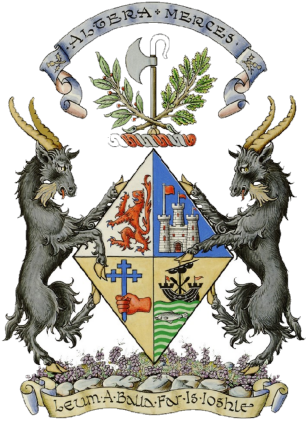
Countess of Kintore



Left:  
Countess of Dysart  
Right:  
Baroness Semphill



Maclean of Ardgor

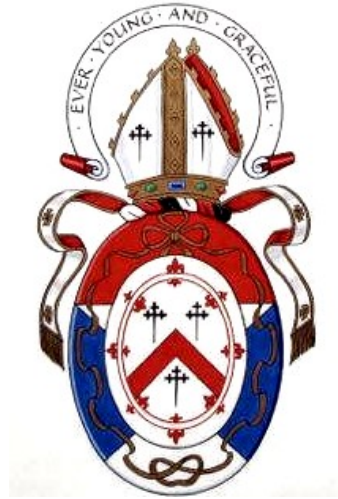


Lady Margaret of Mar  
Mistress of Mar





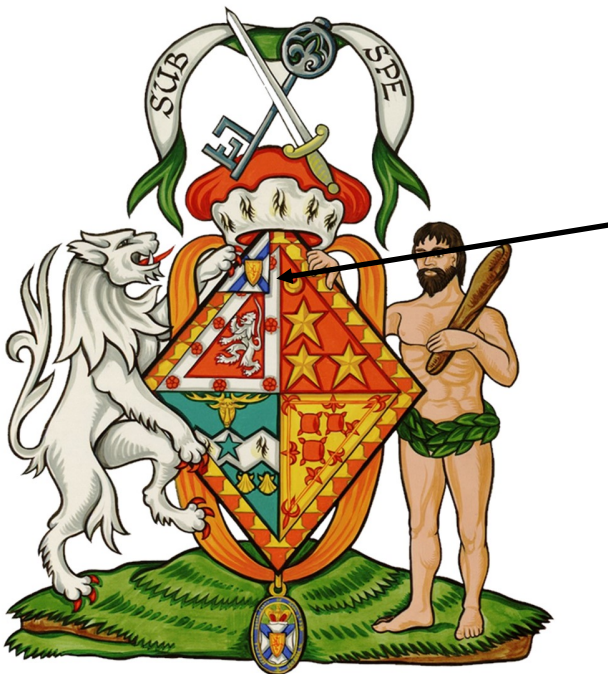
The principle of LOZENGE or OVAL shields is also extended to corporate bodies which wish to emphasise the female character of the institution or perhaps a female patron or founder:



Queen Margaret Union, Glasgow University

Kate Kennedy Society, St Andrews University

Craigholme School

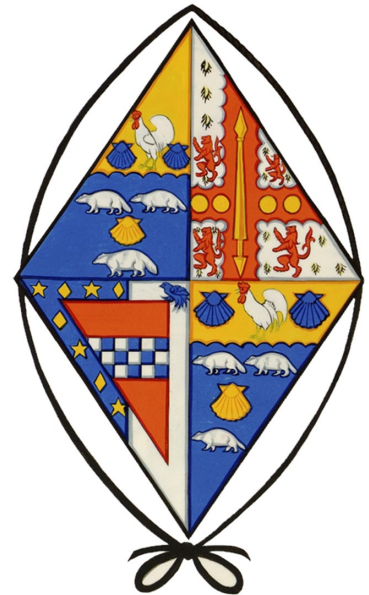


Here are the arms of an unusual title, that of a Baroness in her own right, Lady Dunbar of Hempriggs.

In the top left you will see the badge of a baronet of Nova Scotia, exactly as it would be shown on a heater shield..

This begins to illustrate one of the problems with the lozenge-shaped shield—that it can be difficult to organize the elements and charges on a shield which tapers at the top.

Charges in chief begin to get bit crushed: the 1st and 4th quarters are for Brocklebank and show three “brocks” or badgers but the cockerel in chief is fighting the escallops for space.



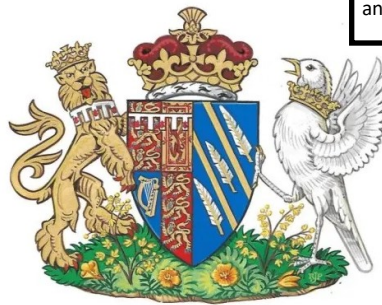


### IMPALEMENT

Here is a picture from the Formal Armorial of the marriage of Robert III to Anabella ("Agnes") Drummond. It could be described as an *heraldic marriage* as both of them were *armigerous*—or bearers of coats of arms. It is the practice where both parties have arms for them (the arms that is!) to be **IMPALED**—which means that **HIS** arms go on the **DEXTER** of the shield and **HERS** on the **SINISTER**.



Here are the impaled arms, granted by the College of Arms to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.



Mr Barr

Marries Miss Cross



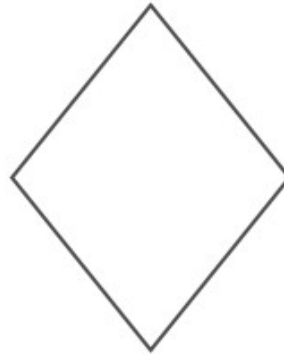
The impaled arms of the Cross-Barrs



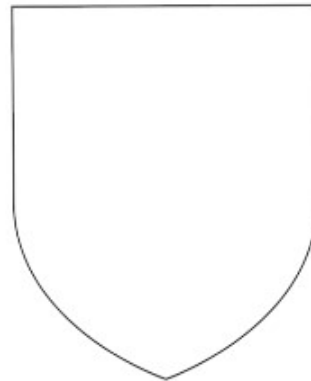
If Mrs C-B has no brother, their son, Master C-B, might petition to quarter his parents' arms.



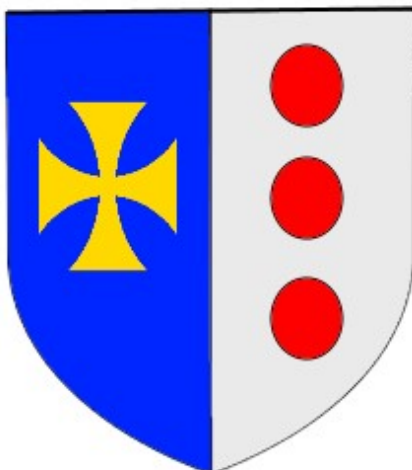
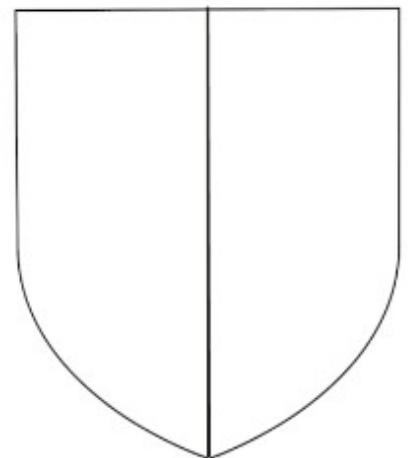
Now have a go first of all at redrawing some arms from a heater and placing them in a lozenge:



And now try the other way round  
(the erased head is an otter!):



Draw the impaled arms of this couple:



Now draw the quartered arms of the son of the couple on the left if the wife has no brothers.

