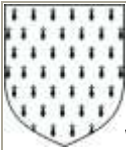
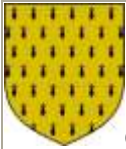












COLORS	<i>V fiv P fiv V i V P VP P P V</i> <i>P P</i>
Gold (Or)	Generosity and elevation of the mind
Silver or White (Argent)	Peace and sincerity
Red (Gules)	Warrior or martyr; Military strength and magnanimity
Blue (Azure)	Truth and loyalty
Green (Vert)	Hope, joy, and loyalty in love
Black (Sable)	Constancy or grief
Purple (Purpure)	Royal majesty, sovereignty, and justice
Orange (Tawny or Tenne)	Worthy ambition
Maroon (Sanguine or Murray)	Patient in battle, and yet victorious








[\(Popular Ways of Dividing Shields Shown Here\)](#)

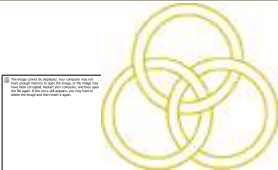



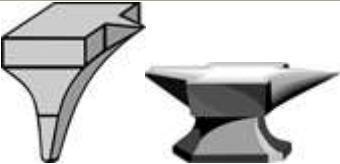


FURS	<i>fiv V V P fiv P fiv V P p p V P</i> <i>P pp fiv p P fiv VP V</i> <i>vi V V V</i>
Ermine	 <p>White with black spots.</p>
Erminois	 <p>Gold with black spots.</p>









Ermines	 Black with white spots.
Peau	 Black with gold spots.
Vair	 Blue and white bell-shaped objects.
Heraldic Lines and Ordinaries:	
Nebuly Line 	Clouds or air
Wavy Line 	Sea or water
Engrailed Line 	Earth or land
Invected Line 	Earth or land
Indented Line 	Fire
Dancette Line 	Water
Raguly Line 	Difficulties that have been encountered
Embattled Line	Walls of a fortress or town (also, fire)














The following are some of the more common heraldic symbols and their meanings as suggested by some historians:








Acacia Branch or Leaves		Eternal and affectionate remembrance
Acanthus Leaves		Admiration of the arts
Acorn		Antiquity and strength.
Agricultural Tools (See also Scythe and Sickle)		Labouring in the earth and depending upon providence
Alisaunder (Similar to Laurel)		Peace and/or triumph.
Allerion (Mythical creature, similar to an eagle, but without beak or claws)		Strength of will and authority of mind
Anchor		Hope; religious steadfastness
Angelica		Inspiration

Angels	(See <a href="#">Sample Angels</a> )	Dignity, glory, and honour; missionary; bearer of joyful news
Annulet (finger ring)		Fidelity
Ant		Great labour, wisdom, and providence in one's affairs
Antelope (Heraldic: A mythical animal with the body of a stag, the tail of a unicorn, a tusk at the tip of the nose, tufts down the back of the neck, chest, and thighs )		Harmony, political cunning, peace
Antlers		Strength and fortitude
Anvil		Honour; emblem of the smith's trade
Apple/ Apple Tree		Liberality, felicity, and peace; Perpetual concordance
Arm (or Hand) in Armour or Embowed		A person with qualities of leadership









Arm, Naked		An industrious person
Arrow or Dart		Readiness (for battle); if depicted with a cross, represents an affliction
Aspen Leaves		Determination; overcoming fears and doubts
Ass		Patience and humility
Axe (Also Halbert, Halberd, Hatchet)		Execution of military duty
Azalea		Temperance, passion
Baby's Breath		Purity of heart, innocence, breath of the Holy Spirit
Baguette (gem ring)		Fidelity










Banderole		See Banners
Banner	(See banderole)	Refer to special action in which bearer was captured, or a reward for valiant service
Bar, Barry, Barrulet		"One who sets the bar of conscience, religion, and honour against angry passions and evil temptations" acc. to Guillim
Barry Wavy		Troubles keep us in continuous exercise and reminders of providence (as waves in a storm at sea)
Bat		Awareness of the powers of darkness and chaos.
Baton		Token of authority
Battle Axe	(See Axe)	Execution of military duty
Bay Leaves		Poet or victor's laurel








Beacon (Also Lantern or Lighthouse)		One who is watchful, who gave the signal in time of danger
Bear		Strength, cunning, ferocity in the protection of one's kindred
Beaver		Industry and perseverance
Bee		Efficient industry
Beech		Tolerance, knowledge of history








Bell		Power to disperse evil spirits; a hawk's bells denotes one who was not afraid of signalling his approach in peace or war
Bell Tower (or Clock Tower)		Integrity
Bend/Bendy		Scarf or shield suspender of a knight commander; signifies defense or protection
Berries		Liberality, felicity, and peace
Bezant/Byzantine Coin (Also Besant; Gold Roundle)		Worthy of trust of treasure.
Billet/Billettee		Bricks or letters (correspondence); one who obtained credence, knowledge, and faith in his words and deeds; one who is secret in one's affairs.
Birch		New beginnings; vision quest
Bird of Paradise		Freedom
Birdbolt	(See Arrow)	Small arrow with blunt head.



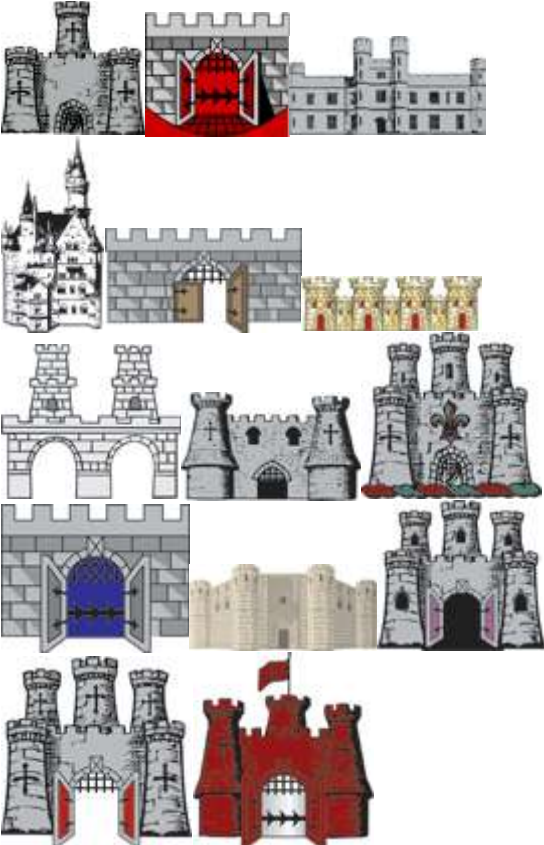











Bishop's Mitre		Authority
Black-Eyed Susan		Encouragement
Blasted		Tree without leaves, withered
Bluebonnet		Grace, forgiveness, mercy
Boar	 <div data-bbox="613 1050 717 1201" data-label="Text"> <p>The boar is a symbol of strength and courage. It is also a symbol of war and battle. The boar is a symbol of the warrior who is brave and fearless. The boar is a symbol of the warrior who is willing to fight to the death.</p> </div>	Bravery; fights to the death
Boar's Head		Hospitality
Bonacon	(See Bull)	Bull with horse's tail and short mane.
Bomb (Mortar Piece)		One who has dared the terror of such a weapon in battle
Bones (Crossed Thighbones)		Mortality
Book	(See <a href="#">Sample Books and Bibles</a> )	If open, manifestation; if closed, counsel



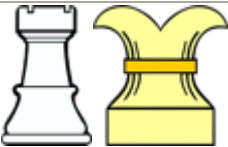





Border		Difference between relatives bearing the same arms; also an augmentation of an honour
Bourdon (See Pilgrim's Staff or Palmer's Stave)		See pilgrim's or palmer's staff -- knob at upper end, point at bottom, hook near top
Bow		Readiness (for battle)
Bow and Arrow		War, power, ability to hit a target
Braced		Interlaced
Bracket		May be single or double; right angle-shaped support, as in a shelf support
Bridge		Governor or magistrate
Broom Plant		Humility; Ardor
Buck (See Stag)		One who will not fight unless provoked; peace and harmony






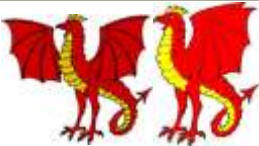


Buckle		Victorious fidelity in authority
Buglass (purple quatrefoil)		Hope and joy.
Bull/Buffalo		Valour, bravery, generosity
Bull's Head		Valour, bravery, generosity
Bull's Horns		Strength and fortitude
Butterfly		Psyche or Soul
Cactus Flower		Bravery and endurance
Cadences (Marks of Cadency)	See <a href="#">Marks of Cadency</a>	Used to differentiate the heirs in a family.
Caduceus		Homeopathic medicine; medical profession; balance and the union of opposing forces

Calla Lily		Magnificent beauty; purity and chastity
Caltrap (or Caltrop)  A weapon made up of two or more sharp nails or spines arranged in such a manner that one of them always points upward from a stable base.		Considered the landmines of antiquity, useful to slow down the advance of the enemy army and to force the enemy into certain paths and approaches, or to provide a passive defense as part of a defensive works system. They were said to be particularly effective against the soft feet of camels.
Camel		Docility, patience, and perseverance
Cannon & Cannon Balls		One who has dared the terror of such a weapon in battle
Candle/Lamp		Light, life, and spirituality
Canton		As in a flag borne at the top corner of the shield; reward from the sovereign for performance of eminent service
Cap of Maintenance		Granted to British peers and Scottish feudal barons (see "Chapeau")


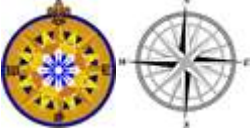





Carnation		Admiration; fascination, impulsiveness, capriciousness, joy, devotion
Carpenter's Square		Conforming one's actions to the laws of right and equity
Castle (Tower/Chateau)		Safety; protection
Cat (Also Wildcat or Lynx)		Liberty, vigilance, forecast, and courage




Cattails (Bulrushes)		Peace and prosperity
Catherine Wheel		One prepared to undergo great trials for the Christian faith
Centaur		Eminence in the field of battle
Cerberus		Guardian; Past, present, and future
Chains		Reward for acceptable and weighty service; with crowns and collars, this suggests the bearer bore the chain of obligation or obliged others because of services done
Chamomile		Energy; action
Chapeau (See also "cap of maintenance")		Granted to British peers and Scottish feudal barons
Chaplet (Floral)		Usually with green leaves and four roses: the crown of joy and admiration






Chequy		Constancy
Cherry Blossom		Wealth and prosperity; Education; Feminine principle and love; Transience of life
Cherubs & Cherubim	(See <a href="#">Sample Angels</a> )	Dignity, glory, and honour; missionary; bearer of joyful news
Chess Rook		Strategic thinking
Chevron		Protection; Builders or others who have accomplished some work of faithful service
Chief		Top one-third of the shield; signifies dominion and authority; often granted as a special reward for prudence and wisdom or successful command in war
Chimera (as described in the Iliad)		Impossible or difficult to believe
Chough (Cornish Crow)		Strategist in battle; watchful for friends
Chrysanthemum		Abundance, cheerfulness, optimism, truth, hope, rest, friendship









Church	(See <a href="#">Sample Churches</a> )	Religion; faith; community
Cinquefoils		Hope and joy
Civic Wreath (of oak leaves and acorns)		One who saved a fellow citizen's life or shown patriotism in defense of one's native land
Clarion		Ready for war
Claw of a Bird		Note the preyer that has been preyed upon
Clock Tower	(See Bell Tower)	Integrity
Clouds		Mystery, obscured truth
Cock (male bird)		Courage and perseverance; hero; able man in politics
Cockatrice (small serpent)		Terror to all beholders
Column		Fortitude and constancy; with serpent coiled around it, wisdom with fortitude
Comet		Unknown











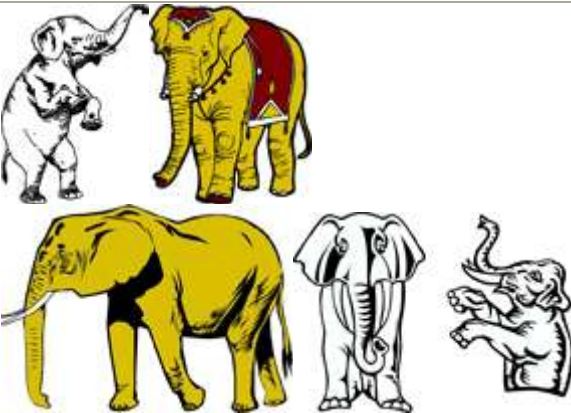
Community		Friendship, cooperation, community
Compass		Direction
Compony or Gobony		Constancy
Cornish Chough (crow, raven; See "chough")		Strategist in battle; watchful for friends; divine providence
Cornucopia (horn of plenty)		The bounty of nature's gifts
Cottice/Cotice (bendlet)		Scarf or shield suspender of a knight commander; signifies defense or protection
Coupeaux		(Hills - usually three) Unknown; may be purely an artistic device
Crane (Stork)		Close parental bond; Vigilance if holding a rock









Cramp		
Crescent		One who has been honored by the sovereign; hope of greater glory (horns to the chief)
Cresset (See "Beacon")		One who is watchful, who gave the signal in time of danger
Crosier/shepherd's crook		The shepherd's watchfulness; Christian faith; pastoral authority; also Episcopal jurisdiction and authority
Cross	(See <a href="#">Examples of Crosses</a> )	Faith; Christianity; Service in the Crusades
<i>Cross (Celtic)</i>		Unity of heaven and earth
<i>Cross (Constantine's; Labarum)</i>		Good omen; Christ; Christianity
<i>Cross Crosslet</i>		Signifies the fourfold mystery of the cross
<i>Cross Crosslet Fitch</i>		A combination of cross and sword; unshakeable faith
<i>Cross Flory (Patonce)</i>		(cross flowered at each end) One who has conquered
<i>Cross Formee (Pattee)</i>		Military honour
<i>Cross (Maltese)</i>		Blessings; badge of Knights Hospitalier
<i>Cross Moline</i>		The mutual converse of human society (said to represent a millstone)
<i>Cross Raguly</i>		Difficulties encountered
<i>Cross Rousy</i>		Faith








Crossed thighbones (See Bones)		Mortality
Crow (See also "Chough")		Strategist in battle; watchful for friends; divine providence
Crown or Coronet	(See <a href="#">Examples of Crowns</a> )	Royal or seigniorial authority; prestige
Crown (Mural)	(See <a href="#">Examples of Crowns</a> )	Defender of a fortress, token of civic honour; one who first mounted the breach in the walls of a fortress
Crown (Naval)	(See <a href="#">Examples of Crowns</a> )	One who first boarded an enemy's ship; distinguished naval commander
Crown of thorns	(See <a href="#">Examples of Crowns</a> )	Adversity
Cup (often covered)		Office of the king's butler
Cushions		Authority
Cygnets (young swan)		Where gorged with a crown around its neck, signifies dignity
Cypress		Death and eternal life thereafter
Daffodil		Regard; Chivalry, sunshine, respect

Dagger or dart		Justice and military honour
Dahlia		Dignity, elegance, togetherness forever
Daisy		Gentleness and innocence
Dawle (black quatrefoil)	See "Quatrefoil"	Hope and joy
Decrescent		One who has been honored by the sovereign; hope of greater glory (crescent with horns to the sinister)
Deer (See also Stag/Hart/Buck)		One who will not fight unless provoked; peace and harmony
Dihe		Constancy
Dill		Irresistible
Dog (See also Talbot)		Courage, vigilance, and loyalty

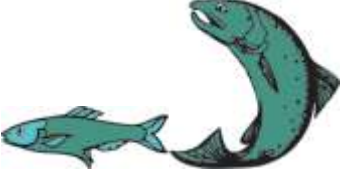


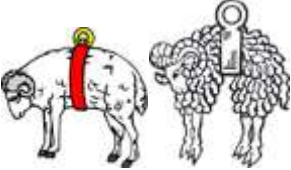


		
Dogwood		Love and adversity
Dolphin		Swiftness, diligence, salvation, charity, and love
Dove		Loving constancy and peace; the Holy Spirit; with an olive branch in its bill, it signifies a harbinger of good tidings
Dragon	(See <a href="#">Examples of Dragons</a> )	Valiant defender of treasure; valour and protection
Drops (Guttees)		<p>One who has endured torrents of liquids, as in battle, depending upon the color of the liquid.</p> <p>Yellow: gold</p> <p>Blue: tears</p> <p>Green: oil</p>


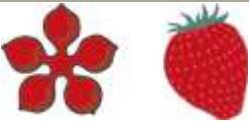







		White: water Black: pitch or tar Red: blood
Drum		Ready for war
Duck (Also Teal)		Person of many resources
Eagle	(See <a href="#">Examples of Eagles</a> )	Person of noble nature, strength, bravery, and alertness; or one who is high-spirited, ingenious, quick-witted, and judicious; "True magnanimity and strength of mind" acc. to Guillim. If wings "displayed," it signifies protection
Eagle with two heads	(See <a href="#">Examples of Eagles</a> )	Conjoining of two forces
Edelweiss		Daring and noble courage; purity, immortality
Elephant		Great strength, wit, longevity, happiness, royalty, good luck, and ambition









Elm		Dignity
Enfield		Mythical beast said to have protected fallen chieftains' bodies for proper burial
Ermine Spot		Mark of dignity
Escallop (scallop shell)		Traveller to far places or victorious naval commander
Escarbuncle		Supremacy; brilliant gem
Escutcheon or small shield, alone, with no charges		Defense
Escutcheon of Pretence (Small shield in center of primary shield, as shown above.)		Claim of a prince to sovereignty; or marriage to an heiress of the family
Estoile (star with six wavy points)		Celestial goodness; noble person
Eye		Providence in government







Falcon (Hawk)	(See <a href="#">Examples of Falcons</a> )	One who does not rest until objective achieved
Fasces		A bundle or rods tied together around an axe, with the blade projecting out; Symbol of a magistrate's authority and the judiciary. (It appears on the reverse side of the U.S. Liberty-head dime.)
Feathers		(usually ostrich feathers) Sign of obedience and serenity
Fer de moline (See millrind)		Center of the millstone, by which it is turned
Fern		Magic, fascination, confidence, shelter
Fess/Fesse		Military belt or girdle of honour; represents readiness to serve the public
Fetterlock		Victory; one who has taken prisoners or rescued prisoners of war
Fife		Ready for war
Fig leaf		Peace and plenty














Finger, pointing		Direction; correct route
Fire/Fire-fighting	(See also sample <a href="#">Firefighting Symbols</a> )	Zealousness
Fish		A true, generous mind; virtuous for himself, not because of his heritage; also unity with Christ, spiritual nourishment
Flag or Pennant		Refers to special action in which bearer was captured, or a reward for valiant service
Flanchi/flasque/flanches (Also flaunches)		Given by a king for virtue and learning
Fleece (lamb's)		Ancient honour from the knightly order of the Fleece of Gold
Fleur-de-lis	(See <a href="#">Examples of Fleurs-de-lis</a> )	Purity; light; floral badge of France; represents sixth son as mark of difference
Flint stone		Readiness for zealous service
Flowers ( <i>See specific flowers</i> )		Hope and joy
Fountain		Usually a roundle, crossed with wavy bars of blue and white; represents water, a spring








Fox		One who will use all that he/she may possess of wisdom and wit in his/her own defense
Fraises		Strawberries; usually refers to the cinquefoil
Fret (saltire through a mascle)		(Also, fretty or latticework) Persuasion
Fruit		Felicity and peace
Fusil (narrow lozenge)		Travel and labour
Fusil of Yarn (yarn with the spindle)		Negotiation
Galley		See Ship
Gannet (duck without beak or legs)		One who has to subsist by virtue and merit
Garb (wheatsheaf)		The harvest of one's hopes has been secured








Garlic		Protection, strength and courage
Gauntlet		Armed for the performance of martial enterprise
Gavel		Justice; legal authority
Gem or Jewel		Supremacy
Geranium		True friendship
Gillyflower (tawney quatrefoil)		Hope and joy
Ginseng		Passion, prosperity, permanence, health
Globe		Worldliness; world travel

		
Goat		One who wins through politics rather than war
Gobony or Gobbony (See Compony)		Constancy
Goose		Resourcefulness
Gorged (around neck)		High dignity
Grape leaves		Plenty, freedom, rebirth
Grapes		Liberality, felicity, and peace; also, association with wine-making and abundance
Grasshopper		Noble and home-bred









Grenade		One who has dared the terror of such a weapon in battle
Greyhound		Courage, vigilance, and loyalty
Griffin	See <a href="#">Examples of Griffins</a>	(Head, wings, and talons of an eagle with the body of a lion); Valour and death-defying bravery; vigilance; Guardian of treasure
Gyronny		Unity (six- or eight-part division of the shield)
Hammer		Honour; emblem of the smith's trade
Hand		Pledge of faith, sincerity, and justice; two right hands conjoined represent union and alliance








Hand, red		Mark of a baronet
Hare (see Rabbit)		One who enjoys a peaceable and retired life
Harp		Well-composed person of tempered judgment; contemplation; mystical bridge between heaven and earth
Harpy (virgin's face, neck and breast with the body of a lion)		Ferocity under provocation
Hart (male deer) - See Stag/Buck		Peace and harmony
Hawk (Falcon)	(See <a href="#">Examples of Falcons/Hawks</a> )	One who does not rest until objective achieved
Hawks' lures:		One who is fond of the highest pursuits, such as hunting and falconry
Hazel branch or leaves		Hope and joy; Communication, reconciliation and peace
Head (Human)		Honour; if the head of a "blackamoor" or Moor, refers to deeds of prowess in the Crusades


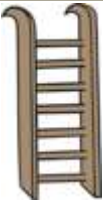
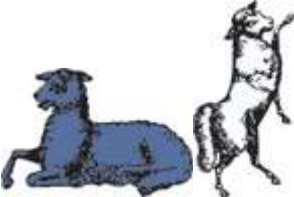





Heart, Flaming		Intense, burning affection
Heart, Human		Charity and sincerity
Hedgehog		"Provident provider" acc. to Sloane Evans
Heliotrope		Pleasure; Eternal love & devotion
Helmet	(See <a href="#">Examples of Helmets</a> )	When depicted on the shield, denotes wisdom and security in defense; strength, protection, invulnerability
Hibiscus		Delicate beauty
Hind (female deer)		Peace and harmony
Holly		Truth; Foresight and defense
Horns		Strength and fortitude









Horse ( <i>See also Seahorse</i> )	<a href="#">See Sample Horses</a>	Readiness for all employments for king and country
Horseshoe		Good luck and safeguard against evil spirits
Hourglass		Flight of time; mortality
Housemark	 (example)	Presumably adopted by the bearers as forms of unique identification of European homes
Huitfoil (double quatrefoil)		Mark of cadency for the ninth son
Human Head		Honour (if the head of a Blackamoor, it refers to deeds of prowess in the Crusades)
Humettee		Describes an element that does not touch the sides of the shield
Hunting Horn		One who is fond of the chase, of high pursuits

















Hyacinth		Games, Sports, Playfulness
Hydra (dragon with seven heads)		Conquest of a very powerful enemy
Ichthus (Greek for "Fish")		Belief in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior
Increscent/Increment		One who has been honored by the sovereign; hope of greater glory (crescent with horns to the dexter)
Inescutcheon (See "Escutcheon of Pretence")		
Infinity Symbol		Infinity
Insignia - Marine Corps		
Insignia - Naval Academy		
Ivy Leaves		Strong and lasting friendship









Inkhorn or Inkwell		Art of writing and educated employment
Iris		Faith, wisdom, friendship, hope, valour
Jasmine		Attachment
Jessamine (white quatrefoil)	See "Quatrefoil"	Hope and joy
Jessant de lis		With a fleur-de-lis shooting out, i.e., from the mouth of a leopard or lion; Represents dominion over France.
Keys		Guardianship and dominion
Knight (especially on horseback)		The soul guiding the body; man's journey through life
Labarum (Constantine's Cross)		Good omen; Christianity




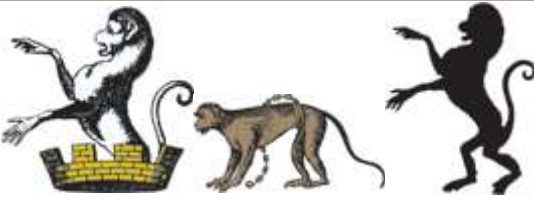
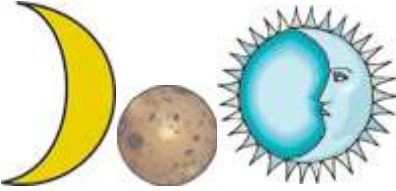


Label		Indicates first-born. See <a href="#">Marks of Cadency</a>
Ladder (Scaling Ladder)		One who was fearless in attacking; if against a tower, be on guard against spiritual and corporeal enemies
Lamb or Ewe		Gentleness and patience under suffering
Lamb carrying staff or banner with a cross (paschal lamb)		Faith; innocence, bravery, gentleness, purity, resolute spirit
Lamp/Lantern (See also "Candle")		Light, life, and spirituality
Lance or Javelin		The perfection of martial affairs; emblem of knightly service; devotion to honour
Laurel Leaves		Peace and/or triumph; success, renown, glory and victory
Lavender		Constancy and loyalty

Leg		Strength, stability, and expedition
Lemur		
Leopard or Ounce		Valiant and hardy warrior who enterprises hazardous things by force and courage
Leopard's head swallowing a fleur-de-lis (jessant)		Represents the lion of England swallowing the lily of France
Letter (i.e., A, B, C)		May represent great battles or tournaments beginning with that letter
Level		Equity and upright action; virtuous person
Lightning Bolt		Swiftness and power
Lilac		Beauty, pride, youth, innocence









Lily		Purity; see "Fleur-de-lis"
Linden branch or leaves		Life, vitality, energy, resurrection
Lion	(See <a href="#">Sample Lions</a> )	Dauntless courage
Lion, heraldic	 (See <a href="#">Sample Lions</a> )	Bravery, strength, ferocity, and valour
Lotus		Mystery and truth; perfection, purity
Lozenge or Lozengy		Honesty & Constancy
Lunel (Four crescent moons facing each other)		One who has been honored by the sovereign; hope of greater glory
Lupine		Imagination








Lure (hawk's)		One who is fond of the highest pursuits, such as hunting and falconry
Lymphad (See also Ship)		See Ship
Lyre		Contemplation; tempered judgment
Man		Various meanings
Magnolia		Nobility, perseverance, love of nature
Maple leaf		Gift-giving; bestowing honor
Marigold		Devotion and piety; Splendid beauty and sweetness
Martlet (footless swallow)		Symbol of the fourth son (mark of difference); may signify one who has to subsist by virtue and merit, not inheritance








Mascle (hollowed out lozenge)		Persuasiveness
Masonic Square		
Mastiff		Courage, vigilance, and loyalty
Matches		(Usually in a roll and fired) Possible reference to one who has dared the terror of such a weapon in battle
Maunch (lady's sleeve)		"For my lady's sake"
Mermaid		Eloquence
Millpick		Miller's tool
Millrind (or millstone)		The mutual converse of human society; miller's tool









Mint		Virtue; Warm feelings
Mitre (See Bishop's Mitre for more images)		Authority
Mole		Unknown
Monkey		Unknown
Moon		Serene power over mundane actions
Moor/Saracen/Turk		Dates back to the Middle Ages when it was considered an honor to take a Moor's head
Moor fowl or Moor-cock		Association with the law or the legal profession
Mortar Piece		One who has dared the terror of such a weapon in battle














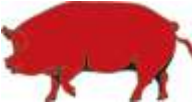



Morning Glory		Affection
Mount/Mound (See "Coupeaux")		(Rounded terrace at base of the shield) Unknown; may be purely an artistic device
Mulberries		Liberality, felicity, and peace
Mule		Often borne by abbots and abbesses who have pastoral jurisdiction, but not real jurisdiction
Mullet (Star)		Divine quality from above; mark of third son
Musical Pipes		Festivity and rejoicing
Myrtle		Love, mirth and joy
Nettle Leaf		"Sting of death" to all foes; pride, vanity







Oak Garb or Sheaf		The harvest of one's hopes has been secured
Oak Tree, Leaves, Bush		Great age and strength; Heroism and victory
Oak Tree/Bush with Acorns		Continuous growth and fertility
Olive Branch or Leaves		Peace and concordance; reconciliation
Orange Blossom		Marriage and fecundity; Virginity and innocence
Orchid		Magnificence
Orle	 (example with roses)	Circle of something; Preservation or protection








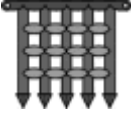
Ostrich/Ostrich plumes		Willing obedience and serenity
Otter		One who lives life to the fullest
Owl	(See <a href="#">Examples of Owls</a> )	One who is vigilant and of acute wit
Ox		Valour and generosity
Pale/Palet/Pallet/Paly		Military strength
Palm Branch		Victory, justice, and royal honour; conquest, success and peace
Palm Tree		Righteousness and resurrection; victory; creative power and peace
Pansy		Thoughtful recollection

Panther		Fierce, but tender and loving to children and will defend her children with her life
Papal Headdress		Pope's Headdress
Parchment/Scroll/Diploma		Possible reference to academic or scholarly achievement
Parrot		Unknown
Paschal Lamb		Faith, innocence, bravery, gentleness, purity, resolute spirit
Passion Nails		Token of poignant suffering undergone by the bearer
Pavilion		Readiness for battle
Peacock		Beauty, power, and knowledge





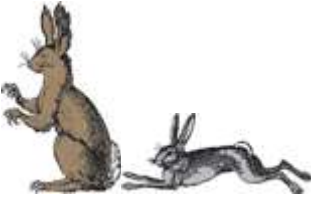


Peacock Feather		Beauty, power, and knowledge
Pear		Felicity and peace
Pegasus		Poetic genius and inspiration; messenger of God
Pelican		Self-sacrifice and charitable nature; When feeding her young ("in her piety"), symbolizes the duties of a parent or parental love
Pen		Art of writing and educated employment
Pennon or Flag		Refers to some special action in which it was captured or as a reward for gallant service
Peony		Healing
Periwinkle (blue quatrefoil)	See "Quatrefoil"	Hope and joy









Petunia		Soothing presence
Pheasant		Person of many resources
Pheon (Spear-head)		Dexterity and nimble wit; readiness for battle
Phoenix		Symbol of resurrection
Pig		Fertility
Pike (Fish) (See also Spear)		A true, generous mind; virtuous for himself, not because of his heritage; also unity with Christ, spiritual nourishment.
Pile		Represents large pieces of wood used in building bridges; engineering skills, builder; May represent a pennon or flag
Pilgrim's Stave/Staff Palmer's Stave/Staff		The shepherd's watchfulness; Christian faith; pastoral authority; also may refer to early pilgrimages to Jerusalem







Pillar (See Column)		Fortitude and constancy; with serpent coiled around it, wisdom with fortitude
Pincers		Honour; emblem of the smith's trade
Pine		Death and eternal life thereafter
Pine Cone		Life
Pineapple		
Pipes (See Musical Pipes)		Festivity and rejoicing
Pitcher		Office of service
Plant		Hope and joy









Plow or Ploughshare		Labouring in the earth and depending upon providence
Plume of feathers		Sign of willing obedience and serenity of mind
Plummet		Equity and upright action; virtuous person
Poinsettia		Purity; Christmas
Pomegranate Fruit		Fertility and abundance; prosperity
Poplar leaf		Hope and joy
Poppy (sanguine quatrefoil)		Hope and joy; Imagination and dreaminess
Portcullis (Castle Gate)		Protection in an emergency







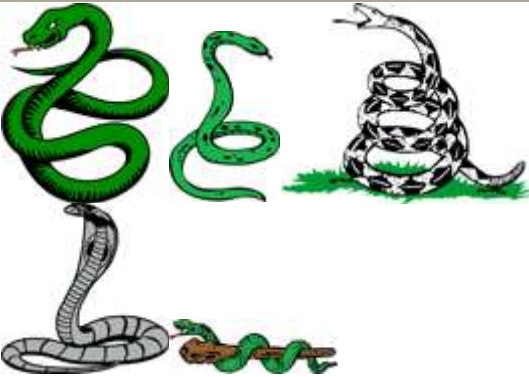









Primrose (Cowslip)		Innocence and youth; young love
Proboscides		Elephant trunks; usually represented in pairs; the elephant symbolizes longevity, strength, royalty, dignity, patience, wisdom, happiness, and good luck
Pussy Willow		Motherhood
Quatrefoil (Primrose)		Brings good tidings
Rabbit (Conie)		One who enjoys a peaceable and retired life
Rainbow		Good times after bad
Ram		Authority




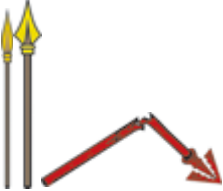



Raspberries		
Rat		Unknown
Ratch-hound (small hound)		Loyalty, courage, and vigilance
Raven		Divine providence
Ray or Rayonnee		Glory and splendour; fountain of life; intelligence and enlightenment
Rhinoceros		Ferocious when aroused
Rhododendron		Caution and wariness
Rock		Safety and protection; refuge









Rose		Mark of the seventh son; Hope and joy; see also meanings for specific colors of roses
Rose, Red		Grace and beauty; Love and desire
Rose, White		Love and faith; Charm and innocence
Rose, Yellow		Infidelity and jealousy
Rosemary		Enduring love and remembrance; constancy, fidelity and loyalty
Roundles		<p>Gold or yellow: bezants or byzantine coins (worthy of trust or treasure)</p> <p>White: plate (generosity)</p> <p>Green: pomme (apple)</p> <p>Purple: golpe (wounded)</p> <p>Blue: hurt or wortleberry</p> <p>Black: pellet, ogress, or gunstone (cannon ball)</p> <p>Red: torteau (communion wafer or manchet cake)</p>

		Tawney: orange (tennis ball)
Rye		
Sabre (See Sword)		Justice and/or military honour
Saddle		Preparedness for active service
Sage		Wisdom, long life, esteem
Salamander		Protection
Salmon (See Fish)		
Saltire		(St. Andrew's Cross) Resolution
Savage/Saracen		Believed to be related to service in the Crusades
Scales		Justice
Scallop Shell (See Escallop)		See "Escallop"


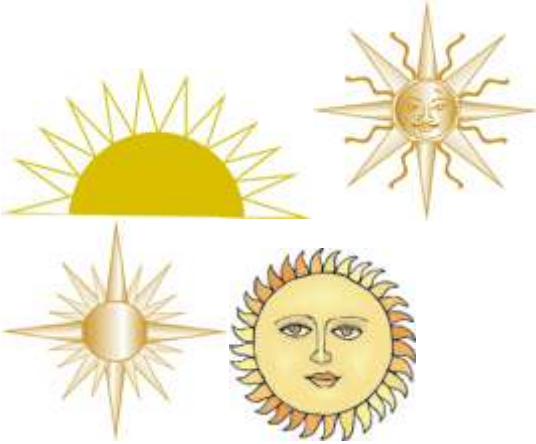



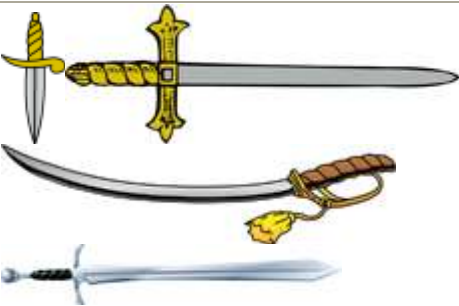
Sceptre		The emblem of justice
Scythe or Sickle		The hope of a fruitful harvest
Sea Horse/ Sea Dragon		Power of the water
Seal/Sea lion		Dauntless courage at sea
Seaweed		Purity and leadership
Seraphim		(Angel with three pairs of wings) Dignity, glory, and honour; missionary; bearer of joyful news
Serpent/Snake/Lizard		Wisdom

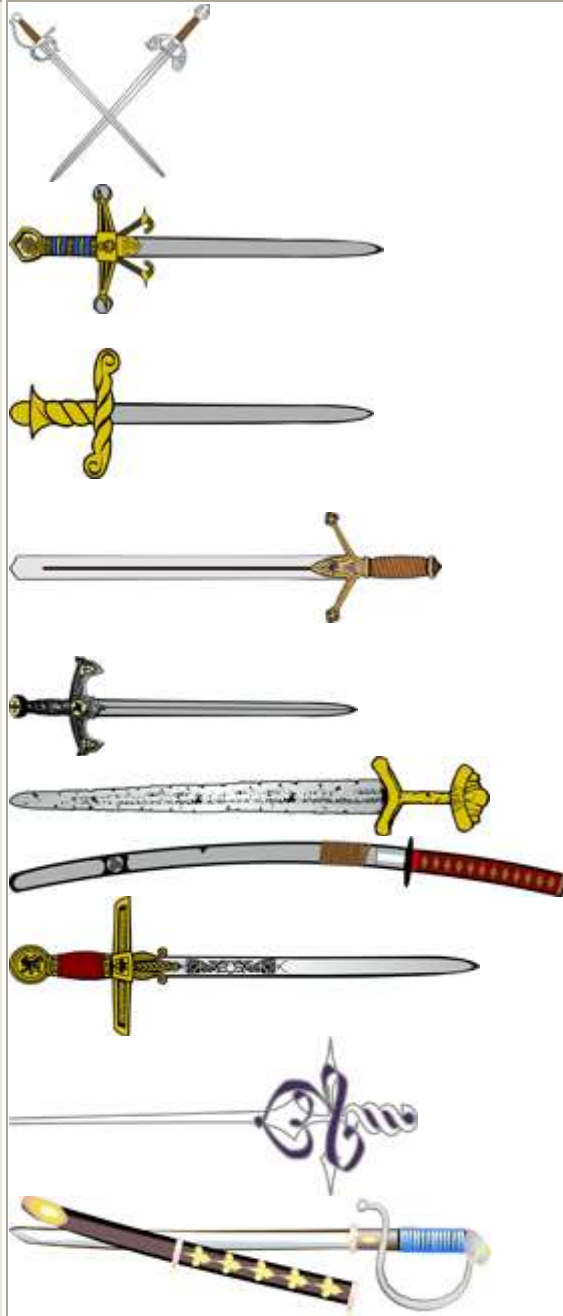
Shacklebolt		Victory; one who has taken prisoners or rescued prisoners of war
Shamrock		Perpetuity; floral device of Ireland; also see Trefoil.
Shield		When borne on the arms, represents the defender
Ship		Ancient sea voyages
Ship, Dismasted		Disaster at sea
Shofar		Reminds us of the admonitions of the prophets and their calls to repentance
Shuttle (Weaver's Shuttle)		Reference to the bearer's profession; i.e., textiles

Skull		Mortality
Snail		Deliberation and perseverance
Snake (See Serpent)		Wisdom (see also Serpent)
Snapdragon		Graciousness and strength
Spear/Pike		Honourable warrior; valiant knight
Spear-head (See Pheon)		Dexterity and nimble wit; readiness for battle
Sphere		Geographical or scientific reference
Sphinx		Omniscience and secrecy
Spider		Wisdom, labour, and prudence

Spur or Spur Rowel		Preparedness for active service; pressing onward
Square Symbols		Constancy
Squirrel		Lover of the woods
Stag (Also Reindeer)		One who will not fight unless provoked; peace and harmony
Stag's Antlers		Strength and fortitude
Star (estoile or mullet)		Celestial goodness; noble person; Excellence
Steel		Readiness for zealous service
Stirrup		Preparedness for active service
Stool		Hospitality










Stork		Filial duty; close parental bond; If holding a rock, symbolizes vigilance
Sun		Glory and splendour; fountain of life
Sunflower		Homage and devotion
Swallow		One who is prompt and ready in doing business; also bringer of good news
Swan		Poetic harmony and learning, or lover thereof; light, love, grace, sincerity, perfection
Sword/Dagger/Dart Sabre/Cutlass/Scimitar		Justice and military honour





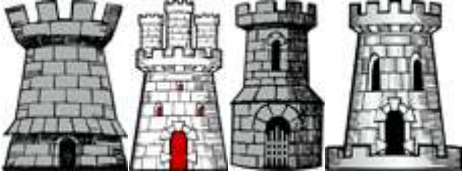







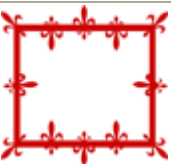




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Hospitality

Tabor (snare drum)		Festivity and rejoicing; dangerous if aroused
Talbot (hunting dog) (See also Dog)		Courage, vigilance, and loyalty
Tent		Readiness for battle
Terrace		Unknown; May be purely an artistic device
Thistle		Defiance and surliness
Thorn Leaf		Irritation; nuisance
Thyme		Bravery, courage and strength
Tiger		Fierceness and valour; resentment; dangerous if aroused

		
Tiger Lily		Wealth and pride
Torch		Life; zealousness; engaging in signal service; truth and intelligence
Tortoise		Invulnerability to attack
Tower		Safety and grandeur
Tree Trunk/Stump/Branch		New life sprouting from the old
Tree		Life and the mystical connection of the earth with heaven and the underworld



		
Tree of Life (Knowledge)		
Trefoil or Shamrock (three-leaved grass)		Perpetuity
Tressure		Preservation or protection (prominent in the arms of Scotland)
Tressure Flory Counterflory		Signifies the close and longterm alliance between France and Scotland
Trestle		Hospitality
Trident		Maritime dominion
Trumpet		Ready for war

Tulip		Imagination and dreaminess; Fame and perfect love
Unicorn	<a href="#">See Sample Unicorns</a>	Extreme courage; virtue and strength
Vine		Strong and lasting friendship; Peace and plenty; luck and strength
Violet		Modesty, virtue, affection, faithfulness, love
Vol (Set of Wings)		Swiftness and protection
Vulture		Purification and maternity; also, virginity (in Christianity)
Walnut Leaves		Hope and joy

Water Lily		Eloquence and persuasion
Water Bouget		One who carried water to an army or a besieged place
Wheat-Ear		Faithful
Wheat Garb or Sheaf		The harvest of one's hopes has been secured
Wheel		Fortune; cycle of life
Willow (Weeping)		Pliancy; Serenity & Friendship; Patience & Perseverance
Wings (See also "Vol")		Swiftness and protection
Wisteria		Welcome; playful spontaneity

Wolf		Reward from perseverance in long sieges and/or hard industry
Woodbine Leaves		Love that does not injure that which it clings to
Woman		Various meanings
Wreath of laurel leaves (and berries)		Triumph
Wren		Freedom



Yew		Death and eternal life thereafter; Faith & resurrection
Zinnia		Lasting affection, constancy, goodness, remembrance

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