Clan Logan Society International



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The Rt Hon the Lord Lyon King of Arms Dr. Joseph J. Morrow, CVO CBE KstJ KC LLD DL FRSE Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records Russell G. Hunter, Esq.

The Court of the Lord Lyon H.M. New Register House Edinburgh EH1 3YT

Re: Petition of the Logan Family for a Derbhfine and the Requested Appointment of a Commander for Clan Logan

Dear Sirs,

If it pleases you, we, the undersigned write today to petition the Court for the holding and supervision of a family convention, or derbhfine. The purpose for seeking this family convention under the supervision of the Lord Lyon is that we, as Societies representing Logans of the Scottish diaspora currently living in the UK, the USA, Canada, New Zealand and Australia, wish to have an individual named by the Lord Lyon as the Commander of Clan Logan in furtherance of our pursuit of a restoration of our Chief of Name and Arms of Logan, or Logan of that Ilk.

We have decided on this course of action, after a twenty-year search of available public records in Scotland as well as the greater United Kingdom. This search was conducted in an effort to find a living heir to the title of Logan of that Ilk. The last holder of that ancient title was Hugh Logan, also known as the "Witty Laird o'Logan," who died without legitimate heir in 1802.



Hugh Logan of that Ilk used arms which were first recorded by his grandfather, George Logan of that Ilk in 1672 (PRAABS vol. 1 p. 352) as shown in Figure 1.

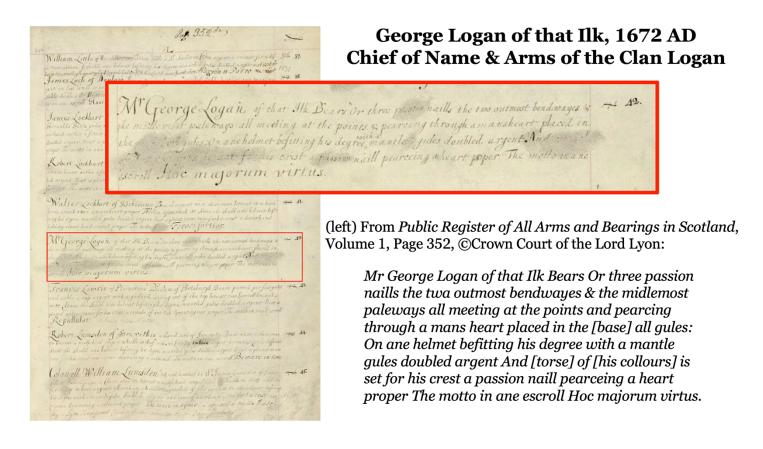


FIGURE 1. GEORGE LOGAN OF THAT ILK ENTRY IN PUBLIC REGISTER OF ALL ARMS AND BEARINGS IN SCOTLAND, VOL.1, P. 352

The arms of Logan of that Ilk are also recorded in Alexander Nisbet's *System of Heraldry* (1722), *Volume 1*, plate 11. This record is shown below, in the bottom right corner of the plate, expanded so that details may be seen:

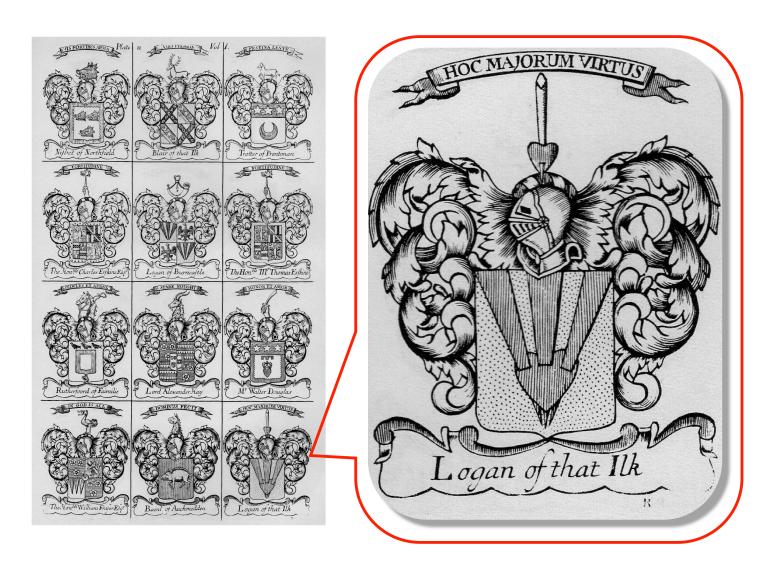


FIGURE 2. LOGAN OF THAT ILK, FROM NISBET'S SYSTEM OF HERALDRY, VOL. 1, PLATE 11

In modern times, the arms of Logan of that Ilk have been emblazoned in full color as seen below, by the artist John Hamilton Gaylor.

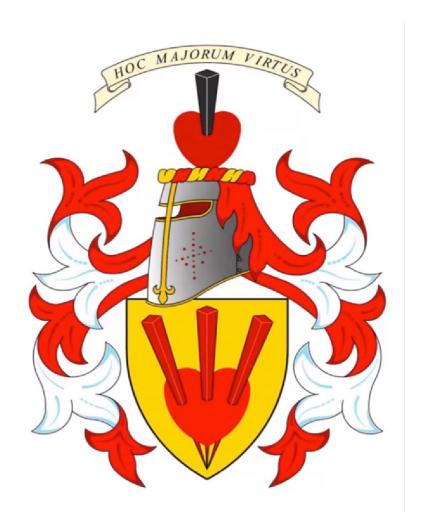


FIGURE 3. THE ARMS OF LOGAN OF THAT ILK, EMBLAZONED BY JOHN HAMILTON GAYLOR (USED COURTESY OF JOHN LOGAN MARJORIBANKS)

Our process of searching historical records has been overseen by the Heritage Officer of the Clan Logan Society International, John Logan Marjoribanks, MA (Cantab), FCCA (Retd), who is the younger brother of the Chief of Name and Arms of Marjoribanks, and whose ancestors also include the Logans of Edrom. You will find in *The Search for the Chief of Logan* (see attached) the summation of Mr. Marjoribanks' dedicated search through the public records. A *Logan of that Ilk Descent Chart* is also attached to visually illustrate the summation. Mr. Marjoribanks has been aided at times by different professionally trained and certified genealogists, including Dr. Bruce Durie, BSc (Hons) PhD OMLJ FCollT FIGRS FHEA, Consultant Genealogist and Heraldist, with whom I believe you are acquainted.

This lengthy search has led us to believe that there are no further public records available that will point us to an hereditary chief. Given this is the current situation, we have consulted with your office and have reviewed the *Guidance Note: Chiefs of Clans and Families, Succession of Chief, Family Conventions, Nomination of Heir* document which was provided (see attached, for your convenience). Beginning on page 2, with item 12, this document provides the outline for a family convention and how it may be used to find a person suited to the role of a clan commander. We wish to begin this process in our continued efforts to find the person who will eventually be recognized as chief of name and arms of Logan.

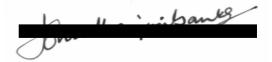
Please let us know what the first step is in the process, and how we may move forward from there. We welcome any and all questions that you may have.

With Kindest Regards,

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cc: Board of Directors, Clan Logan Society International Dr. Bruce Durie

Attachments:

The Search for the Chief of Name and Arms of Logan 2023 Logan of that Ilk Descent Chart Succession of Chiefs Guidance Note