

# The Strachan Armorial Roll

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## The Armorial Roll of Clan Strachan

The Lord Lyon's "Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland" originated by passage of the "*Lyon King of Arms Act 1672, cap 47*", legally required all Scottish Arms to be registered at the Court of the Lord Lyon.

These Scottish Arms would have been documented by "Letters Patent" so recognised by the Sovereign of Scotland (the *Ard Righ*), the Fountain of Honour, through her Officer of Honour, the Lord Lyon King of Arms. Many of the modern Letters Patent have been included in this paper.

Prior to 1672, Scottish Arms were unregistered and loosely differentiated among the various cadet lines of the family. These older arms, generally shields alone, have been found on various grants and charters, mounted on stone buildings, recorded in private rolls, and can be found on other sources.

Even after 1672, it was common practice in certain parts of the commonwealth, Canada for example, to use unregistered Arms. These are also included in this paper.

Illustrated below are the Strachan armorial bearings (Coats of Arms) as recorded in the Register of all Armorial Bearings in Scotland (the Lyon Register) along with other armorial bearing listed in other sources for those whose arms are not of Scottish origin.

These arms are a perfect illustration of the way in which all new grants and matriculations of Scottish arms try to follow and reflect the "chiefly" or "stem" arms. We can see that the Scottish Strachan arms are predominately based upon a blue shield and the main achievement with a very high probability a stag. Early medieval Strachan seals also frequently incorporated foils (flowers), which seem to have been lost over time.

## History of Evidentiary Standards

The office of the Court of the Lord Lyon stands among the most ancient heraldic jurisdictions in Europe. Charged with the regulation of arms and the adjudication of matters of honour in Scotland, it has, from its earliest days, required those claiming arms to demonstrate a lawful right to bear them. Yet while the obligation to prove descent has remained constant, the *nature and quality* of that proof has undergone a gradual but significant transformation.

### **Early Foundations: Custom and Reputation**

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In the centuries preceding the modern era, the evidentiary practices of the Lyon Court were shaped as much by custom as by law. Following the Lyon Register Act 1672, which established the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, it became mandatory for arms to be formally recorded. This statute represented a decisive step towards regulation; however, it did not prescribe a rigid evidentiary framework in the modern sense.

During this period, proof of descent might be established through a combination of:

- family reputation and standing within a district;
- attestations by respected persons;
- earlier armorial usage; and

- such documentary material as happened to be available.

The scarcity of comprehensive civil records, coupled with the social realities of the time, meant that **tradition and recognition carried considerable weight**. The Lyon, acting as both judge and officer of state, exercised broad discretion in determining whether a petitioner's claim was sufficiently established.

### **The Nineteenth Century: The Rise of Documentary Genealogy**

The nineteenth century brought with it profound changes in historical method and record-keeping. Across Britain, genealogy began to develop as a more disciplined and evidentiary pursuit. Within this context, the Lyon Court, particularly under the tenure of figures such as Sir James Balfour Paul, increasingly turned towards **documentary verification**.

This period witnessed:

- greater reliance upon parish registers of baptism, marriage, and burial;
- the systematic use of wills, testaments, and sasine records;
- a growing scepticism towards uncorroborated pedigrees and family lore.

Whilst tradition was not wholly discarded, it was no longer sufficient on its own. Instead, it became necessary to *support* such claims with tangible records. The romantic genealogies of earlier centuries, often compiled without rigorous citation, began to lose their authority in the face of archival evidence.

### **The Twentieth Century: Standardisation and Legal Rigour**

By the early twentieth century, the evidentiary expectations of the Lyon Court had crystallised into a more recognisably modern form. The proving of descent came to resemble a legal exercise, requiring a **continuous chain of documentary evidence** linking the petitioner to a recognised armiger.

Key developments included:

- the expectation of primary documentation for each generational link;
- the relegation of secondary sources to a corroborative role;
- the increasing formalisation of petitions and supporting materials.

This shift reflected broader legal and administrative trends, in which courts demanded verifiable and reproducible evidence. Heraldry, though rooted in tradition, was no exception.

### **Contemporary Practice: Primary Sources as the Standard**

In the present day, under the authority of the Lord Lyon King of Arms, the Court applies a standard of proof that is firmly grounded in documentary evidence. Petitioners are expected to demonstrate their entitlement through **primary genealogical sources**, typically including:

- civil registrations of birth, marriage, and death;
- parish registers;
- wills and testaments;
- land and legal records.

Secondary works—such as published genealogies or entries in armorial compendia—may assist, but they are not regarded as conclusive unless supported by primary documentation. The Court's approach aligns closely with modern principles of legal proof, emphasising reliability, traceability, and evidentiary continuity.

## **Conclusion**

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The history of evidentiary standards in the Lyon Court is not marked by a single moment of reform, but by a *gradual evolution*. From an early reliance upon reputation and custom, through the documentary awakening of the nineteenth century, to the rigorous evidentiary expectations of today, the trajectory is clear.

What has changed is not the requirement to prove one's right to arms, but the *means by which that proof must be established*. In this respect, the Court of the Lord Lyon reflects a broader historical movement: the transformation of genealogy from an art informed by memory into a discipline governed by evidence.

## **On the Representation of Seals and Armorial Colour**

Seals, by their very nature, are impressions taken in wax, intended to authenticate rather than to display the full richness of armorial achievement. As such, they do not convey colour in the manner of painted arms, but instead rely upon form, line, and relief. For this reason, the seals reproduced in this work are presented in black and white, reflecting both their original medium and the limitations inherent in their preservation.

Where a formal blazon survives, and where it explicitly records the tinctures of the arms, the author has, where appropriate, incorporated those colours in accompanying illustrations. Such renderings are intended not as conjecture, but as a faithful visual interpretation of the heraldic description.

It should further be noted that the images contained herein have been generated with the assistance of artificial intelligence. While care has been taken to ensure accuracy and fidelity to the blazon, these images remain interpretative reconstructions, guided by heraldic convention rather than direct historical artefact.

No. 1: STRATHHATHE, Hugh of (c 1296)

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**Year:** 1296, Ragman Roll

**Blazon:** A shield cross paty cantoned between four starts

**Source(s):** SAS, no. 2713<sup>1</sup>; SHS, no. 623/3; and *McAndrew*, no. 1208

**STRACHAN, Hugh.** A shield of arms: A cross pattée between four stars.

*Legend:* s' EGO STROCHOVN (?). Diam. 1 in. Record Off. Homage, 28 Aug. 1296.

This is recorded off the Ragman Roll, 28 August 1296. According to *McAndrew*, Bain indexes under Strachan. However, this is inaccurate, as Bain indexes under STRATHHATHE.

SAS and SHS both index under Hugh Strachan (Sp. Strachovn).

This Hugh may be descendent from Hugh, son Waltheof, who held half of a davoch next to Scotston, in the Mearns (*St. Andrews Lib.* 285-6, 286-7; *RRS*, iv, no. 4; and *Arbroath Liber*, no. 272).

People of Medieval Scotland, or PoMS, states that Hugh son of Waltheof, is, 'Almost certainly of the family of Strachan' (*PoMS*, no. 2073, archived 8 December 2020).

Hugh's arms are absent the traditional Strachan stag. Some have suggested that since the shield incorporates a cross as it's main heraldic charge, Hugh of Strachan may have been a cleric. Clerics, according to *McAndrew*, would have been compelled to sign the Ragman Roll.

However, Hugh's arms are entirely consistent with **early personal heraldic usage**, not necessarily ecclesiastical office. The seal is more consistent with a lay armiger than a cleric.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://archive.org/details/scottisharmorial00macd/page/349/mode/1up>

No. 2: STRAUCHIN, John of (1309)

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**Year:** 1309

**Blazon:** A stag courant to sinister between three roses (or quatrefoils, rose with four petals), not on a shield

**Source(s):** *SHS*, no. 623/4; *SAS*, no. 2714<sup>2</sup>; and *Seals*, ii, no. 927

Woods' *Scottish Heraldic Seals* (623/4) and *Scottish Armorial Seals* (no. 2714) inaccurately describe John's seal as three cinquefoils (a flower with five pedals).

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<sup>2</sup> <https://archive.org/details/scottisharmorial00macd/page/349/mode/1up>

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"Carta donationis Johannis de Strachin facta Domino Alexandro de  
"Settore de eodem Milite de Vitali servitis suis, contra omnes mortales  
"Dominum Regem et heredes suos exceptis &c. Apud Perth 7 Augusti  
"in a. 1309. Sigillum suum est appensum." f. 22. b.

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Hutton's *Sigilla*, Papers of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, GD103/2/15

**No. 3: STRATHEINE, John (probably before c 1350)**

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**Year:** Early 14th-century Seal Matrix

**Blazon:** (When embossed into wax):

A stag courant to sinister with two cinquefoils (rose with five petals) to the fore of the stag's legs, and two sexfoils (rose with six petals) below the stag's stomach.

**Source(s):** Perth Museum and Art Gallery (COTT no. 08/01)

A seal matrix dateable to the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> century was discovered in 2001 by a metal detectorist, P Nunez, in Foulden, Berwickshire, in a field next to the parish church and tithe barn. Adhering to good practice, the finder declared his discovery as treasure trove and the object was forwarded to the National Museums of Scotland (herein "NMS") for processing by the Treasure Trove Panel (COTT no. 08/01).

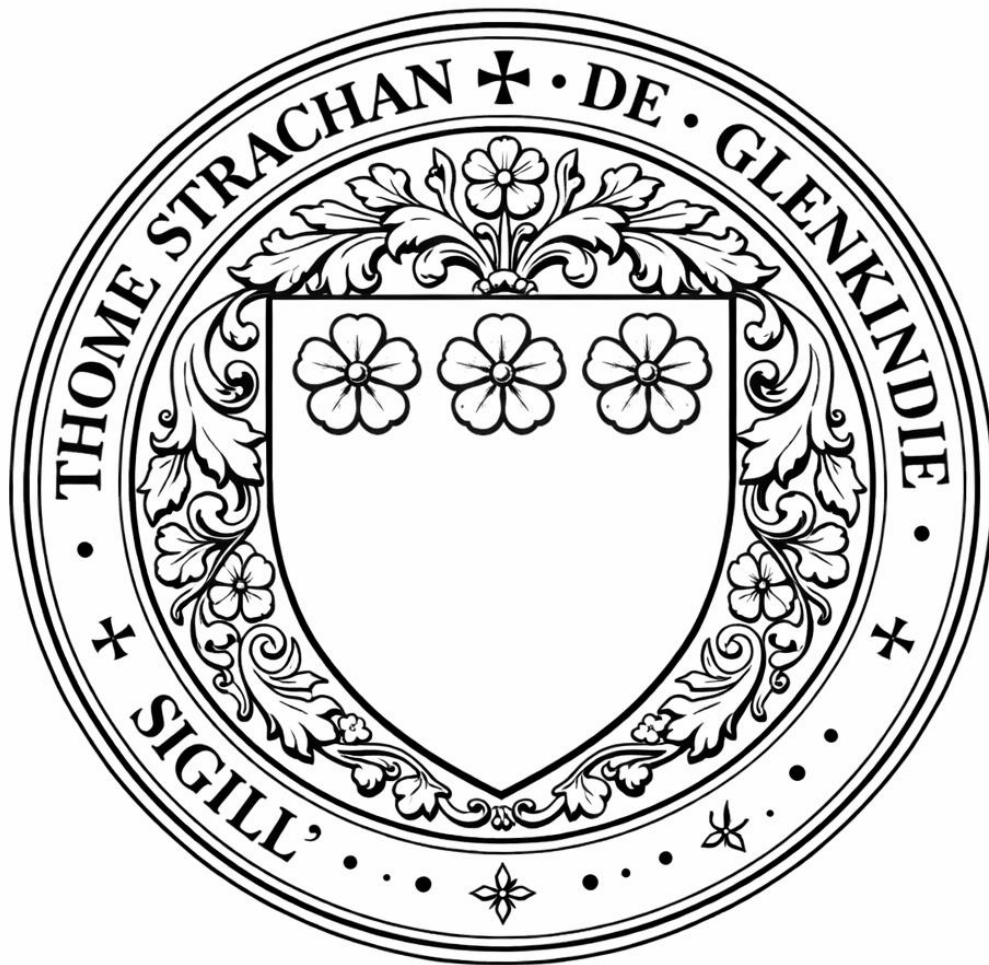
The National Museums of Scotland initially identified the seal matrix as belonging to STRATHEARN.<sup>3</sup>

A retraction was later printed identifying the seal as belonging to John Strachan.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Hall, Mark 2005. 'John of Stratherne and Alan Muschamp: Two Medieval men of Strathearn and their seal matrices.' *Tayside and Fife Archaeological Journal*, volume 11, 2005, pages 80-7.

<sup>4</sup> Strachan, J.A, Strachan, G. 'Foulden seal matrix – John de Strachan.' *Tayside and Fife Archaeological Journal*, volume 11, 2005, pages 80-7. <https://www.clanstrachan.org/history/seal-matrix/>



**Year:** 16 May 1406

**Blazon:** A shield of arms, on a chief three cinquefoils

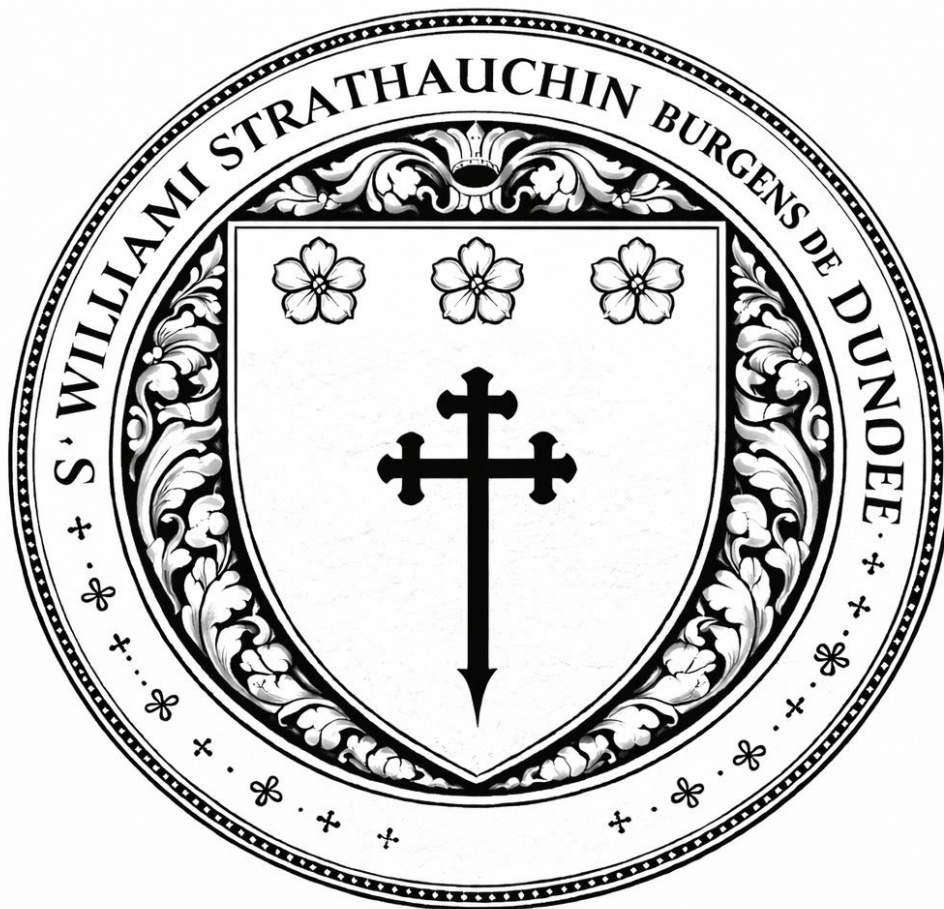
**Source(s):** SHS, no. 623/5



**Year:** c 1446

**Blazon:** A shield of arms, a stag head cabossed

**Source(s):** SHS, 623/6



**Year:** c 1455

**Blazon:** A shield of arms, a cross crosslet fitchée, on a chief three cinquefoils

**Source(s):** SHS, 623/8

No. 7: STRACHAN, Alexander of Knox (c 1459)

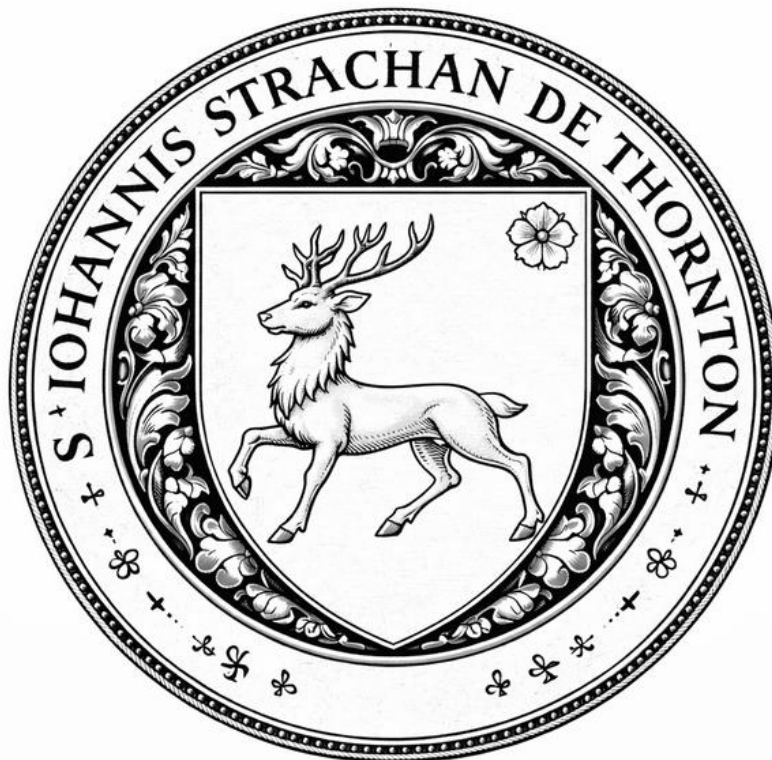
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**Year:** c 1459

**Blazon:** A shield of arms, a stag statant

**Source(s):** *SHS*, no. 623/7



**Year:** c 1470

**Blazon:** A shield of arms: A stag trippant, STRACHAN, in sinister chief a rose or cinquefoil for difference

**Source(s):** *SHS*, 623/9; *SAS*, no 2715<sup>5</sup>; and *Seals*, i, 758)

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<sup>5</sup> <https://archive.org/details/scottisharmorial00macd/page/349/mode/1up>



**Year:** c 1506

**Blazon:** A shield of Arms, a stag lodged

**Source(s):** *SHS*, no 623/10



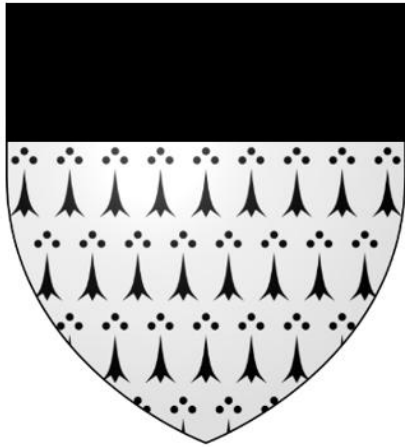
**Year:** c 1506x12

**Blazon:** A shield of arms, a stag lodged

**Source(s):** SHS, no 623/11

**No. 11: STRACHAN, Agnes (c 1530)**

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**Year:** c 1530

**Blazon:**  
Ermine, a chief(?)

**Source(s):**  
SAS, no 2716  
Appears Agnes is using her husband's seal, Menzies  
or Manners family (SAS, nos. 1958-63, from  
c1511x73)

**No. 12: STRACHAN, Master James, Parson of Fettercairn, Canon of Aberdeen (c 1541)**

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**Year:** c 1541

**Blazon:** A shield diapered with foliage bearing arms, on a chief three cinquefoils<sup>6</sup>

**Source(s):** SAS, no. 2717<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> The diapering of armorial emblazonments is a matter with which the *Science* of armory has no concern. Diaper never forms any part of the blazon, and is never officially noticed, being considered, and very properly allowed to remain, a purely artistic detail. Source: <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/41617/41617-h/41617-h.htm>

<sup>7</sup> <https://archive.org/details/scottisharmorial00macd/page/349/mode/1up>

No. 13: STRACHAN, of Thornton (1542)

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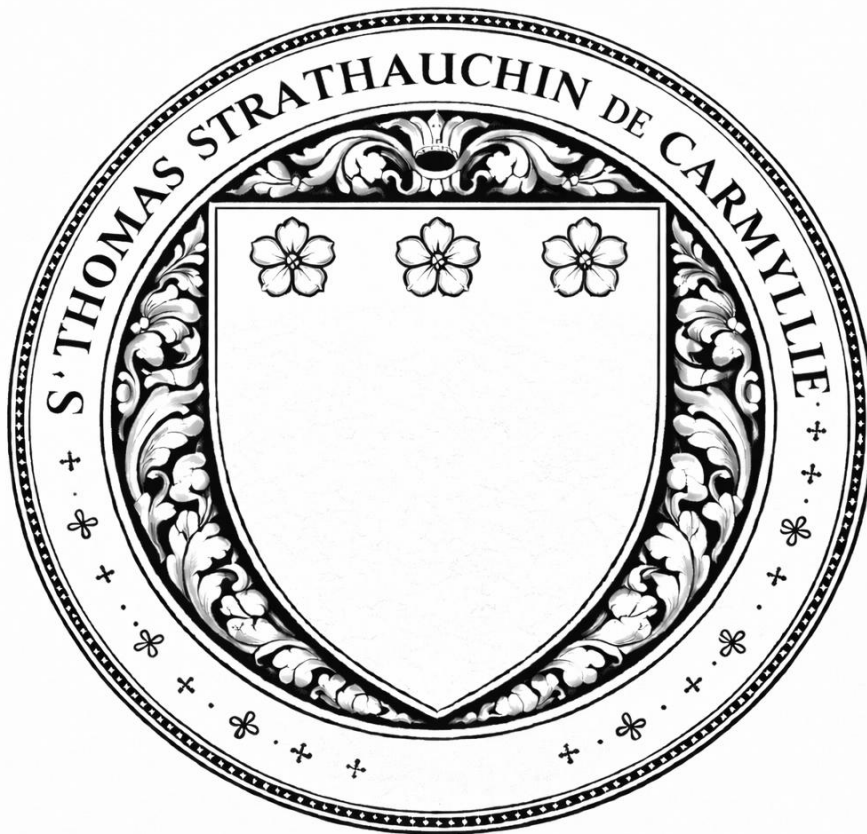
The above are the Arms of **Strachan of Thornton**, likely belonging to Sir Alexander Strachan of Thornton.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Lindsay, Sir David. *Fac simily of an Ancient Heraldic Manuscript 1542*. W. & D. Laing, Edinburgh 1822. Page 108. Online: <https://archive.org/details/facsimileofancie00lind/page/108/mode/1up?q=Strathachin>

No. 14: STRACHAN, Thomas of Carmyllie (1547)

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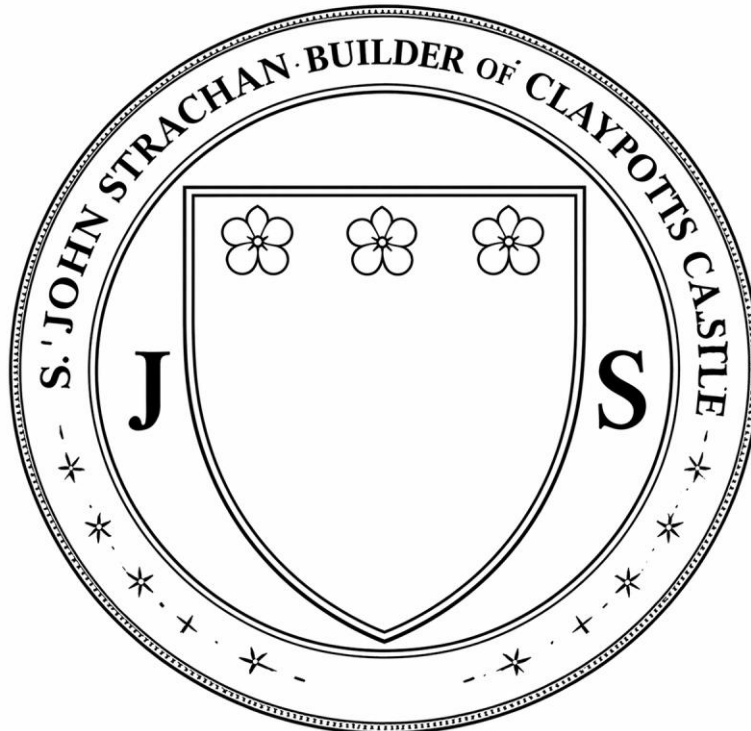
**Year:** c 1547

**Blazon:** On a chief three cinquefoils

**Source(s):** SHS, 623/12

**No. 15: STRACHAN, John, Builder of Claypotts Castle**

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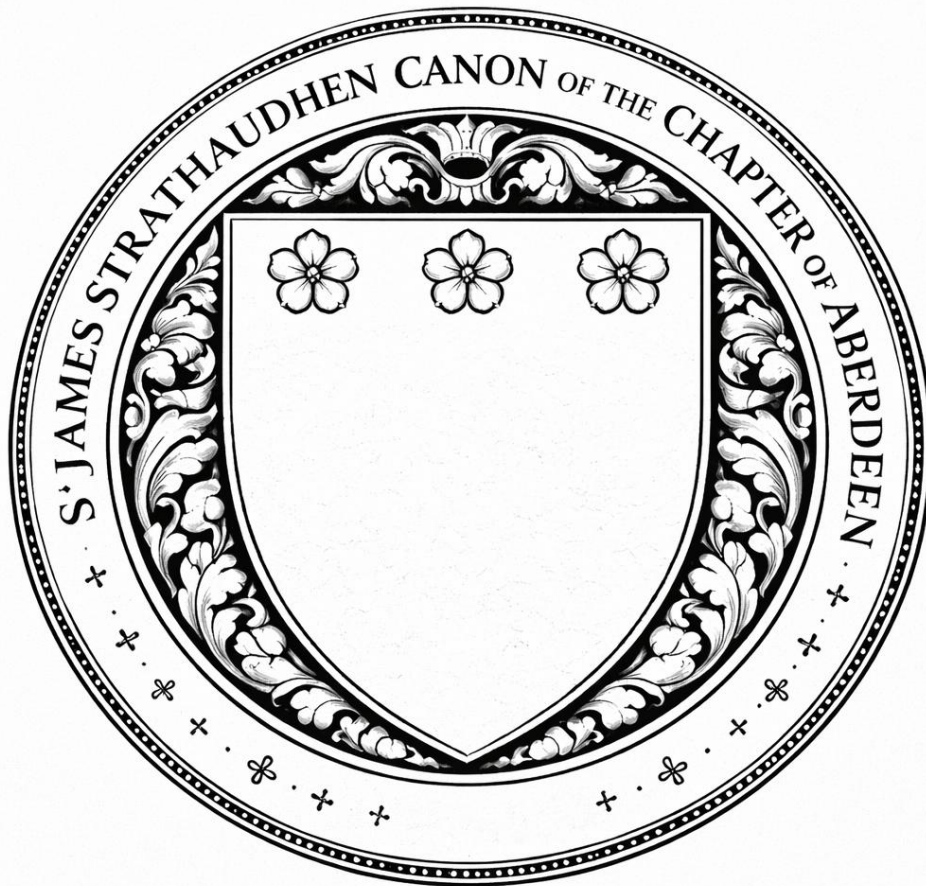
**Year:** unknown

**Blazon:** A chief bearing three cinquefoils flanked by initials J and S

**Source(s):** *Claypotts Castle*

The surviving carvings and associated representations at Claypotts Castle depict the chief charged with three cinquefoils, accompanied by the initials of John Strachan. Notably, certain illustrations include horizontal lines within the chief; however, these lines do not form part of the recorded blazon. They appear to be later artistic additions or interpretative details derived from the physical stonework, rather than elements of formal heraldic description. The following image is shown at Claypotts Castle.





**Year:** 1541x1588

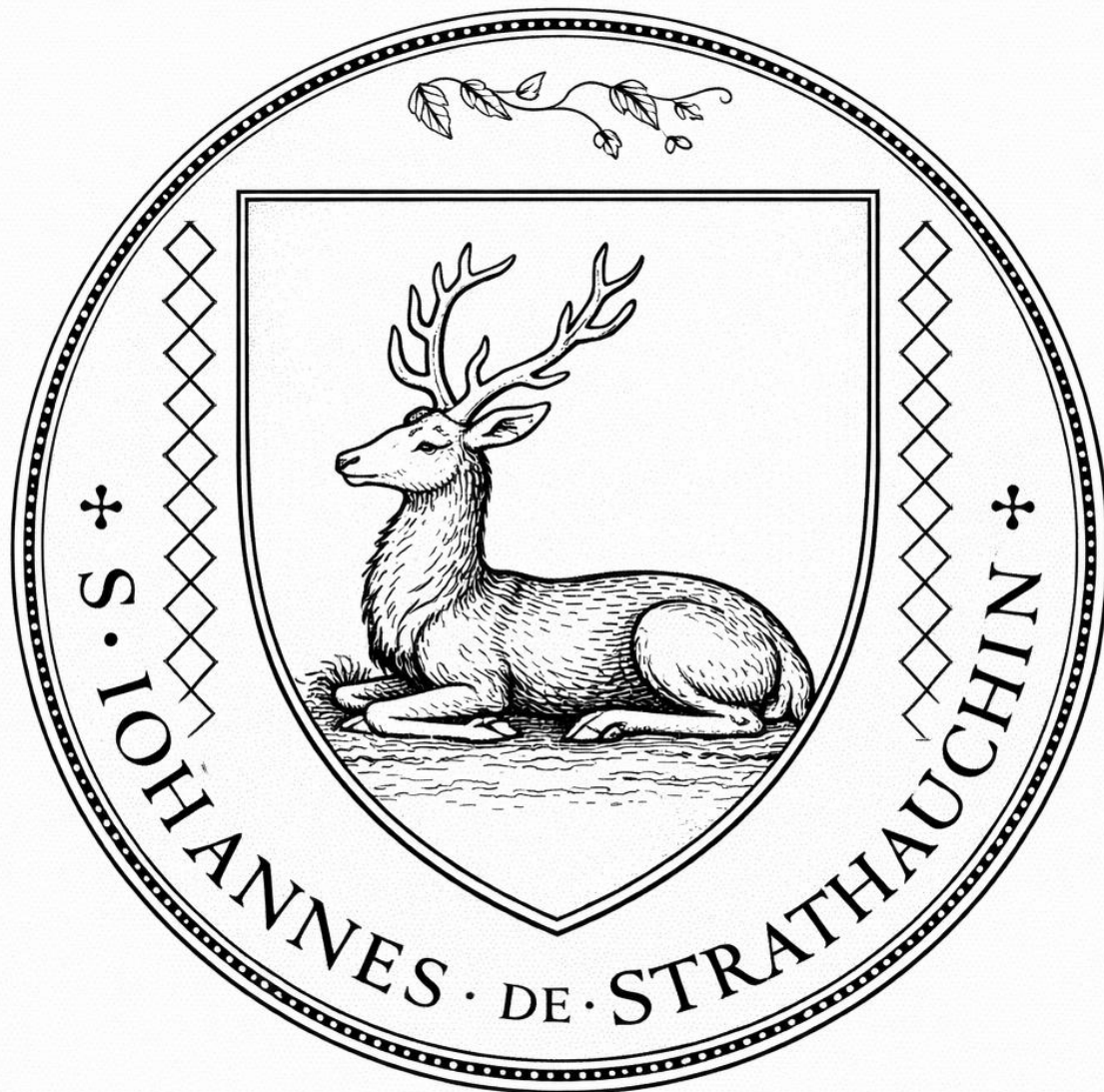
**Blazon:** A chief bearing three cinquefoils

**Source(s):** *Claypotts Castle*; *SHS*, 623/13, *SAS*, no. 2718<sup>9</sup>; *Seals*, ii, no. 926

\* Son of John Strachan, builder of Claypotts

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<sup>9</sup> <https://archive.org/details/scottisharmorial00macd/page/349/mode/1up>



**Year:** 1559

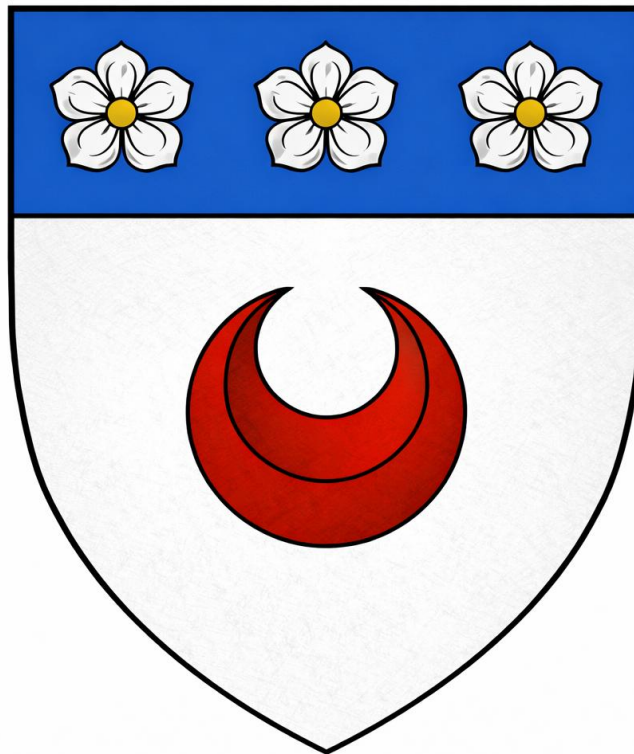
**Blazon:** A shield of arms. A stag lodged. Foliage at top and crossing diagonal lines at sides of shield.

**Legend:** S. Johannes de Strathauchin

**Source(s):** *SHS*, 623/14

No. 18: STRACHAN, Gilbert, of Brigton, Scotland, 16<sup>th</sup> century (Rolls 1562, 1588)

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**Year:** 1562x88

**Blazon:** Argent a crescent gules on a chief azure three roses of the first

**Source(s):** *Slains Roll*; and *Hagues Roll*

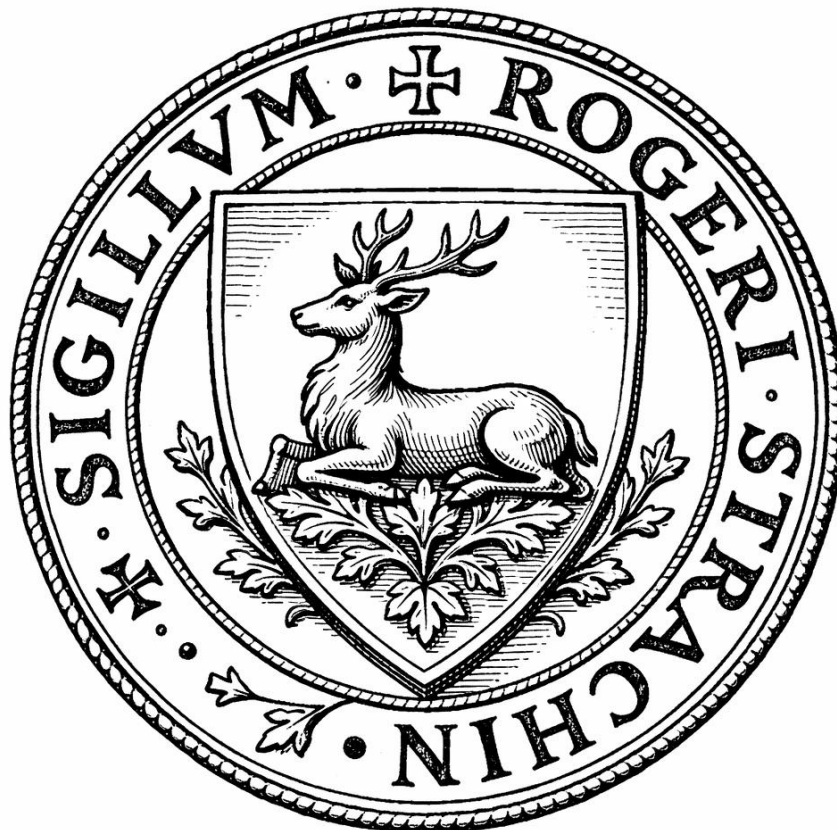
\* Likely the son of John Strachan, builder of Claypotts



Slains Roll



Hagues Roll



**Year:** 1559

**Blazon:** A shield of arms: a stag lodged, for STRACHAN on foliage

**Source(s):** Laing's MS. Catal., No 142; and SAS, no 2720

No. 20: STRATACHINE, of Thornton (1562, 1580 & 1588)

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Year: 1559

Blazon: Appears to be, Azure a stag courant Or

Source(s): Slains Roll (Exhibit 1); Hauge Roll (Exhibit 2)



Slains Roll



Hauges Roll

No. 21: STRATACHINE, of Thornton (1588)

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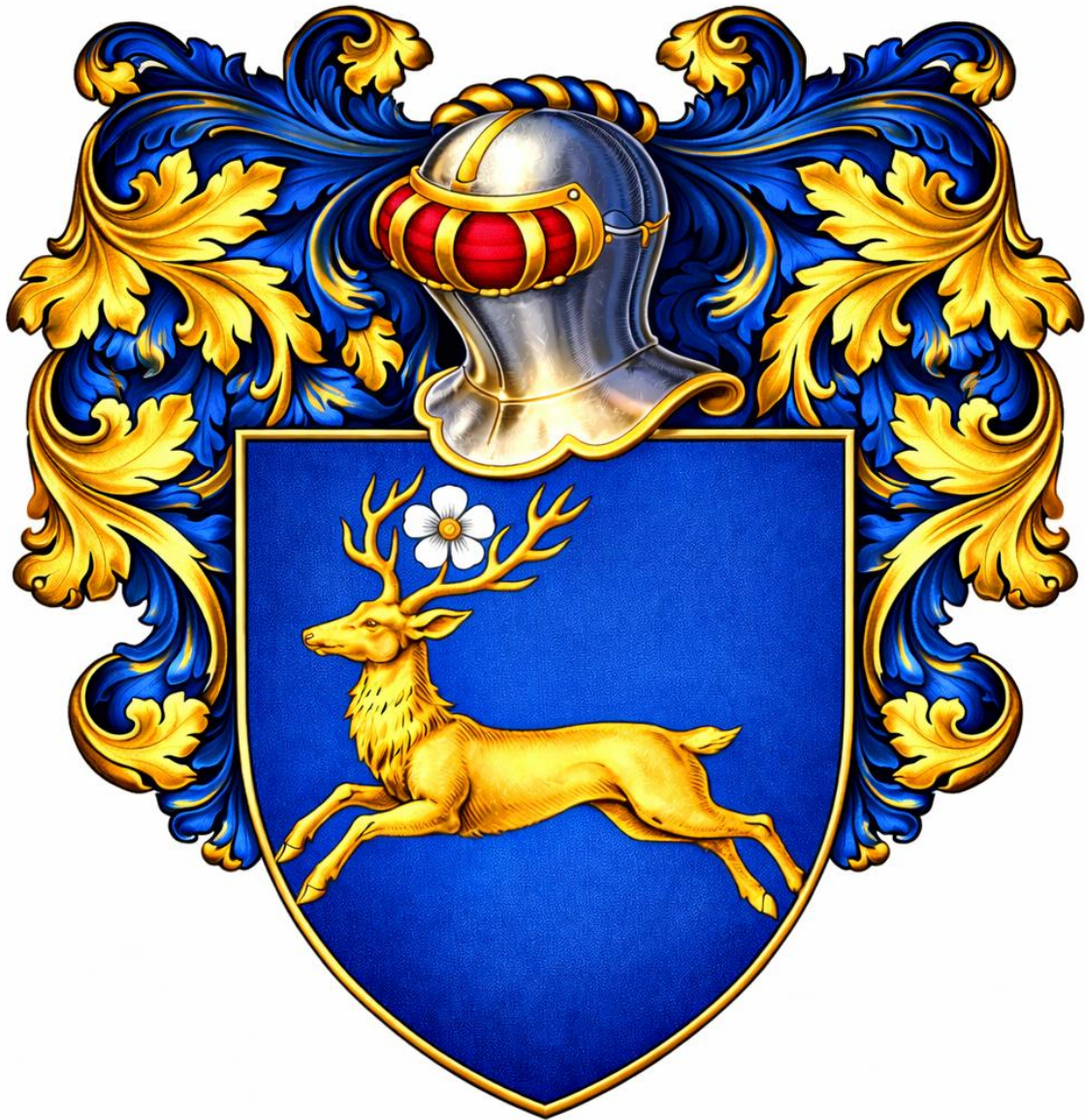
**Year:** 1559

**Blazon:** Azure a stag trippant Or

Source is Crawford Secundus (Exhibit 5)

No. 22: STRACHAN of Monboddo (1562 & 1588)

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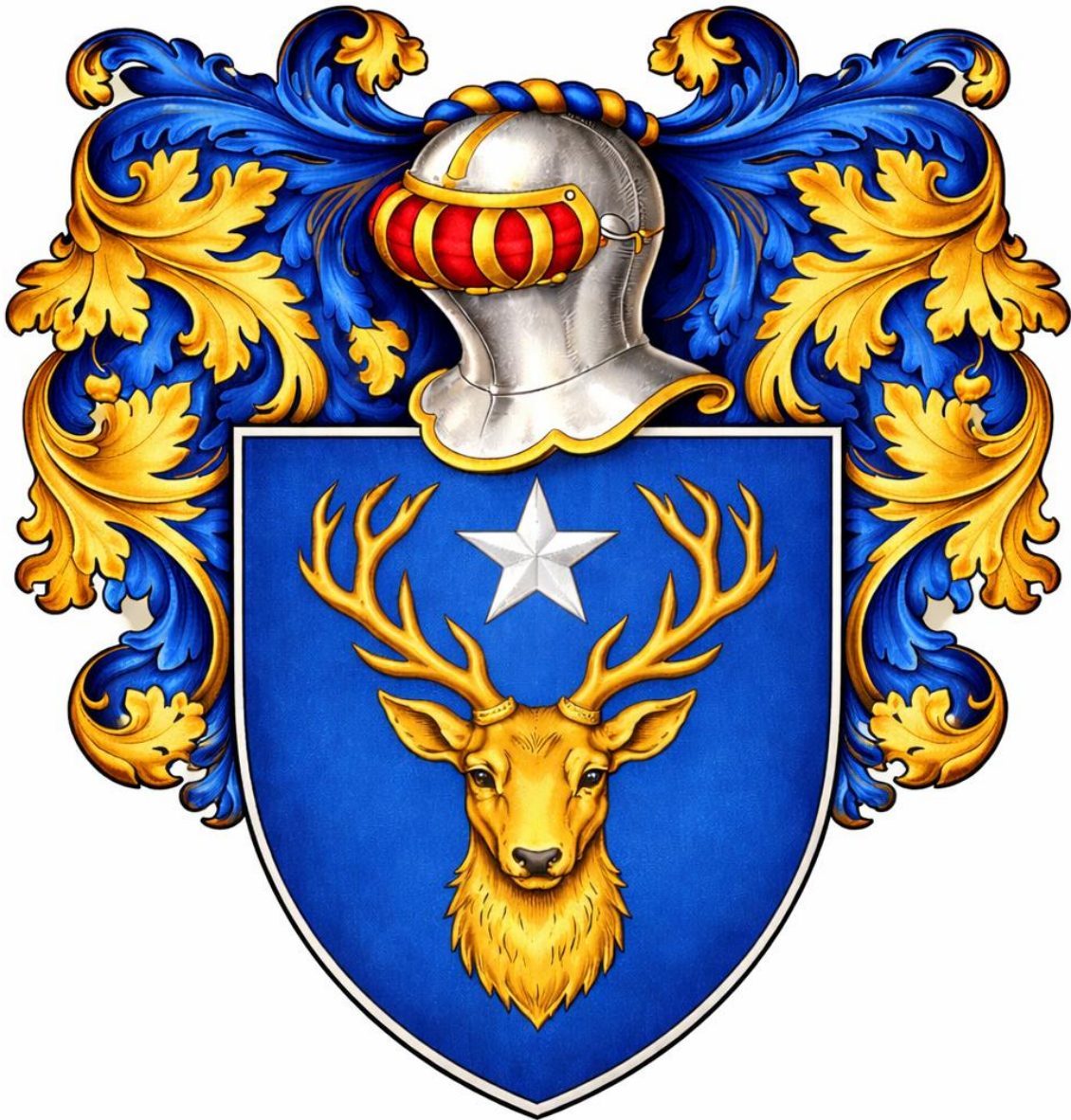
**Year:** 1559

**Blazon:** Azure, a stag courant Or, between antlers a cinquefoil Argent.

**Source(s):** Slains Roll; Hauge Roll (Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2)

No. 23: STRACHAN of Dillievard (1588)

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**Year:** 1588

**Blazon:** Azure, a stag's head erased Or, between the attires a mullet of five points Argent

**Source(s):** Hauge Roll (Exhibit 2)



**Year:** 1596

**Blazon:** A shield of arms: a stag trippant, STRACHAN. On foliage.

**Legend:** Legend (Caps.) : s' ALEXANDRIE STRAVCHOVN

**Source(s):** *Laing*, MS, no 141; and *SAS*, no. 2720



**Year:** 1604

**Blazon:** A shield of Arms: A stag trippant

**Legend:** S' Alexandrie STRAUCHOUN

**Source(s):** " a.d. 1604. — Dun Charters. *Seals*, i, no. 759; and SAS, no. 2722<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> <https://archive.org/details/scottisharmorial00macd/page/349/mode/1up>

**No. 26: STRACHAN, Sir Alexander Strachan of Thornton, Baronet of Nova Scotia (1625)**



**Year:** 1625

**Blazon:** Or, a stag at gaze azure attired sable.

**Source(s):** None. Shown on various clan maps

The arms are *presumed* for Sir Alexander Strachan of Thornton, 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet (1625), and Sir John Strachan, Esquire (1740) .

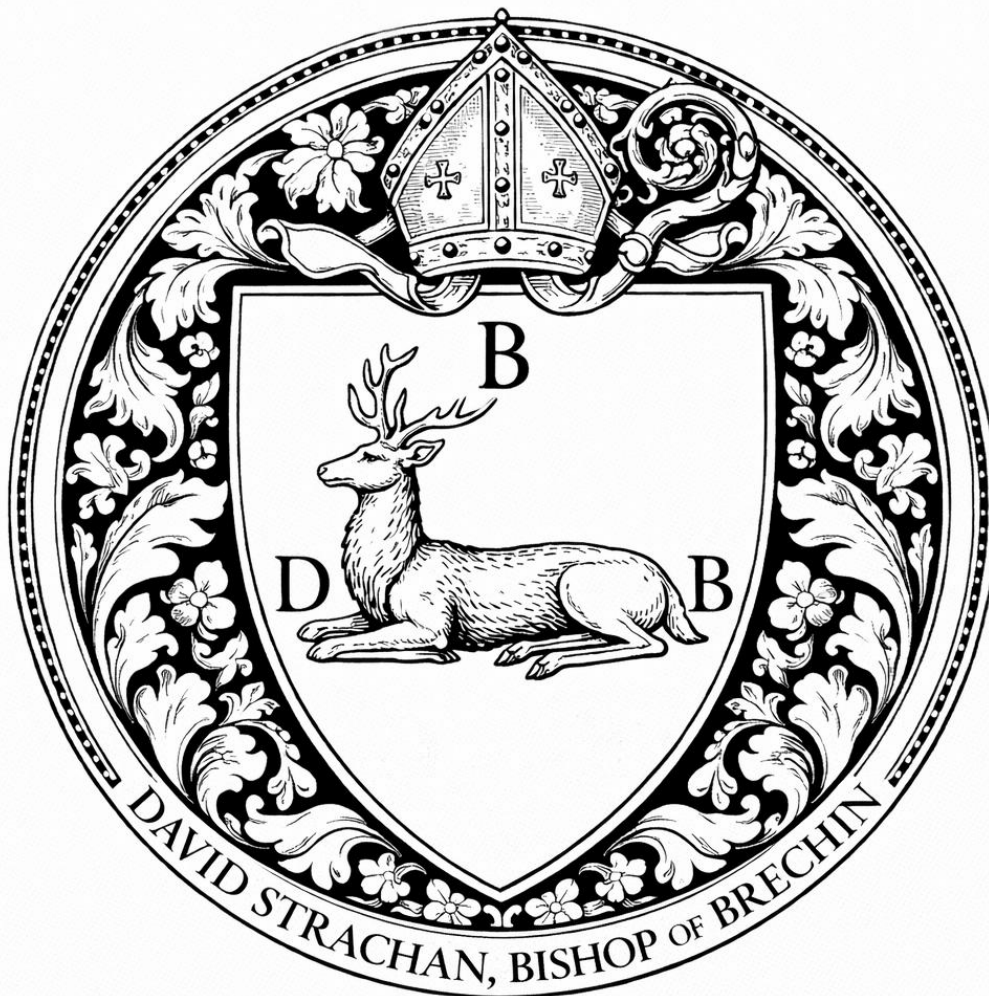
Strachan (Thornton, co. Kincardine, bart., 1625; as recorded *cir.* 1740). Or, a hart at gaze az. attired sa. Crest — A demi stag springing or, holding in his mouth a thistle ppr. Motto—Non timeo, sed caveo.

The arms depicted above are attributed to Sir Alexander based on an entry in the *General Armory* dated 1625. However, no source is cited for this attribution, and the author is unaware of any contemporary rolls, seals, or other documentary evidence confirming that Sir Alexander Strachan, first Baronet, bore these arms. Furthermore, the stag depicted on the shield here, shown standing, is inconsistent with the earlier 1604 seal (No. 25), which clearly displays a stag trippant.

As the previous Laird of Strachan, Alexander, died circa 1601, the 1604 seal of *S' Alexandrie Strauchoun* is likely a more reliable representation of the arms used by Sir Alexander Strachan of Thornton, Baronet. In addition, the Strachan of Thornton line traditionally bore a shield Azure with a stag Or. On balance, the arms described in the 1625 entry in the *General Armory* are more plausibly attributable to the Strachan of Inchtuthill line.

No. 27: STRACHAN, David, Bishop of Brechin (1662-1671)

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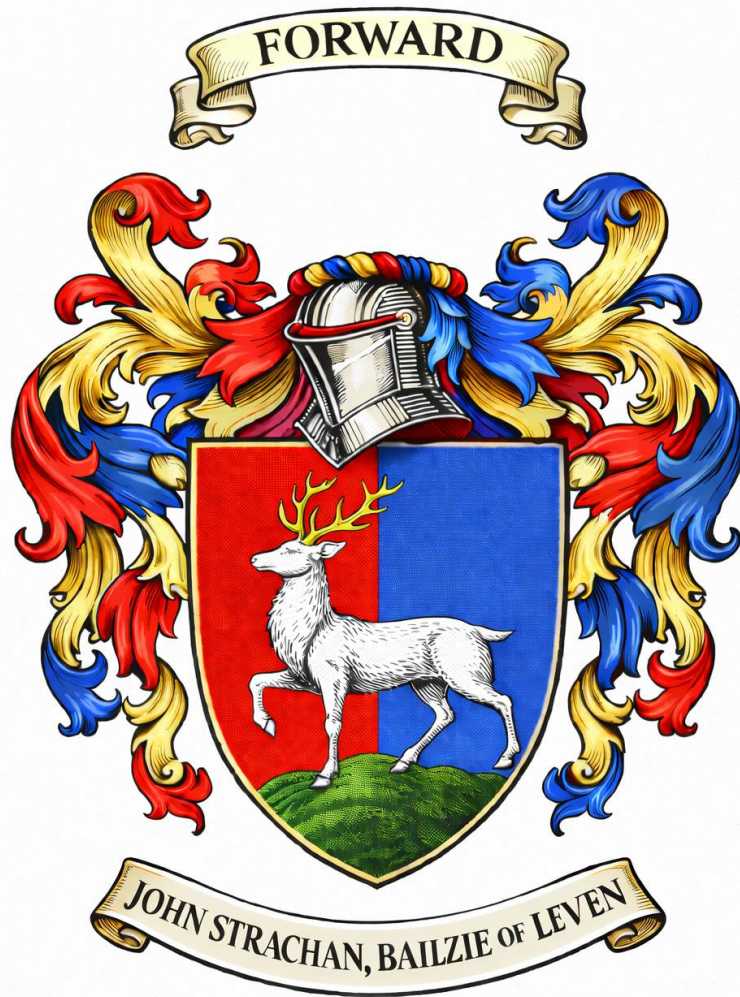
**Year:** 1662x71

**Blazon:** A shield of arms: a stag couchant; between the initials  $D^B$ , for David, Bishop of Brechin

**Source(s):** *Seals*, ii, no. 1052; and *SAS*, no. 2723<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> <https://archive.org/details/scottisharmorial00macd/page/349/mode/1up>



**Year:** 1672

**Blazon:** Parted per pales Gules and Azure, on a mount in base Vert, a stag trippant atyred Or.  
**Motto:** Forward.

**Source:** *Lyon Register*, vol. i, pg. 421 (August 1673)

STRACHAN, JOHN, *Bailzie* of Leven

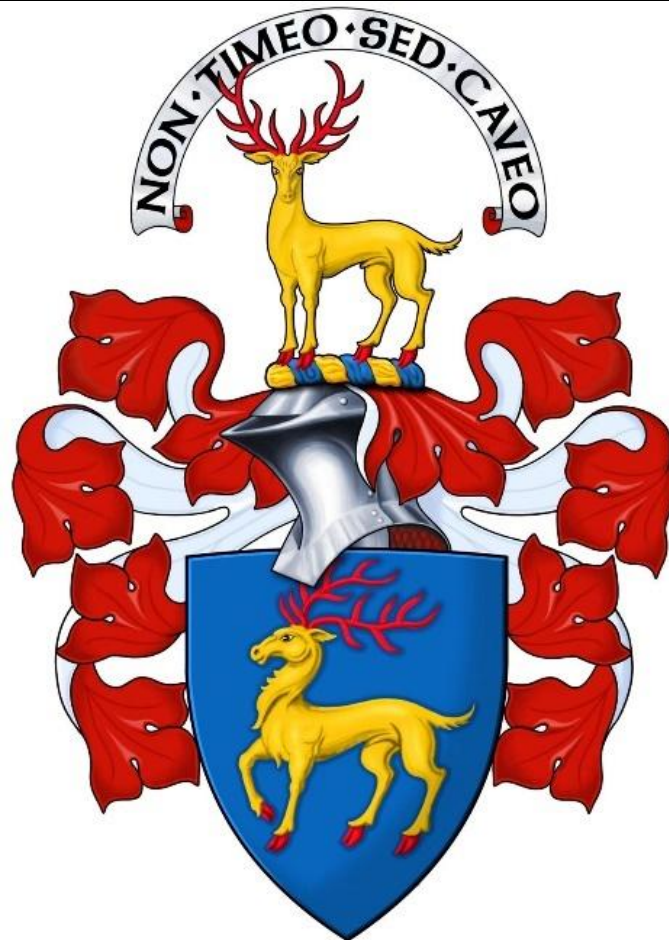
ARMS: parted per pale gules and azur on a mount in base vert,  
a hart or stag tripping argent attyred or. MOTTO: *Forward*.

Vol. I, p. 421. August 1673.

First of the Name to have registered Arms

No. 29: STRACHAN, Sir Alexander, Laird of Glenkindie (1675)

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**Year:** 1675

**Blazon:** Azure, a stag trippant Or , attired and unguled Gules. Crest a stag standing at gaze as in the arms. Motto –"Non Timeo Sed Caveo

**Source(s):** The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Vol. 3, page 978

Lyon Register:

STRACHANE OF GLENKINDIE, ALEXANDER  
ARMS: azur A Hart tripping Or attyred and unguled gules.  
CREST: a hart standing at a gaze as ye former. MOTTO: *Non Timeo Sed Caveo.*  
Vol. I, p. 213. 17.2.1675.

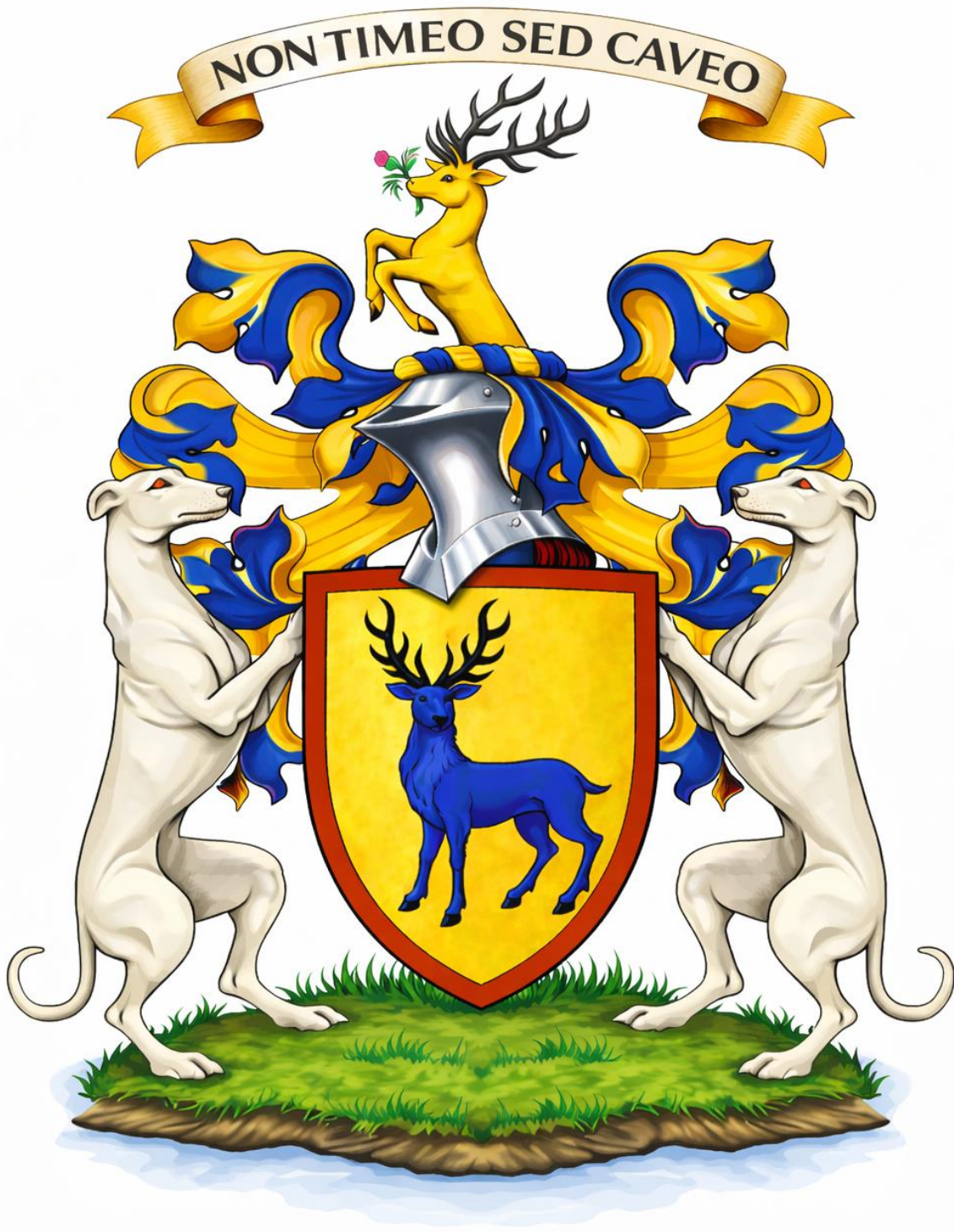


Figure 1: Arms of Sir Thomas Strachan, Bt

Year: 1685

**Blazon:** Or, a stag at gaze azure attired sable a border gules for differencing. **CREST:** A demi stag springing Or, holding a thistle in his mouth proper. **MOTTO:** Non Timeo Sed Caveo. **SUPPORTERS:** Two greyhounds.

**Source(s):** The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Vol. 3, page 978. These Arms were not registered at the College of Arms, London, nor the Court of the Lord Lyon, Edinburgh. The only appear the in General Armory

**Strachan** (Inchtuthill, Scotland, bart., 1685). Or, a hart at gaze az. attired sa. a bordure gu. *Crest*—A demi stag springing or, holding a thistle in his mouth ppr. *Supporters* (1766)—Two greyhounds ppr. *Motto*—Non timeo sed caveo.

Burke's *General Armory* does not in itself establish that arms were formally granted or matriculated by a heraldic authority. Burke's compilation, first published in the nineteenth century, drew upon a wide range of sources, including family submissions, manuscript armorials, printed genealogies, funeral certificates, and long-established usage. It was not an official register of grants, nor did it systematically verify each entry against the records of the Court of the Lord Lyon or the College of Arms. Arms might therefore be recorded in the *General Armory* on the basis of tradition, assumption, or unproven pedigree, even where no surviving patent of arms exists in Edinburgh, London, or elsewhere. In some cases, the original grant may have been lost; in others the arms may never have been formally authorised but were borne by custom and later accepted by compilers. Inclusion in Burke confirms attribution and contemporary recognition of usage, but it does not of itself constitute proof of lawful heraldic authority under either the Scottish or English systems.

A later matriculation by the Court of the Lord Lyon in 1765 states that Capt. Sir John Strachan, Baronet, was the nephew of Thomas Strachan of Inchtuthill, who was "knighted in May 1685."

No. 31: STRACHAN of Tarrie, Alexander - Merchant in Montrose, (1756)

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**Year:** 1739

**Blazon:**

Azure, on a Mount in base proper, a stag tripping Or; attired and ungulled Gules; In dexter chief a Star of Six Rays; and in sinister an Increscent Argent. CREST – A ship in full sail proper. MOTTO: Juvat Deus Impigros.

**Source(s):**

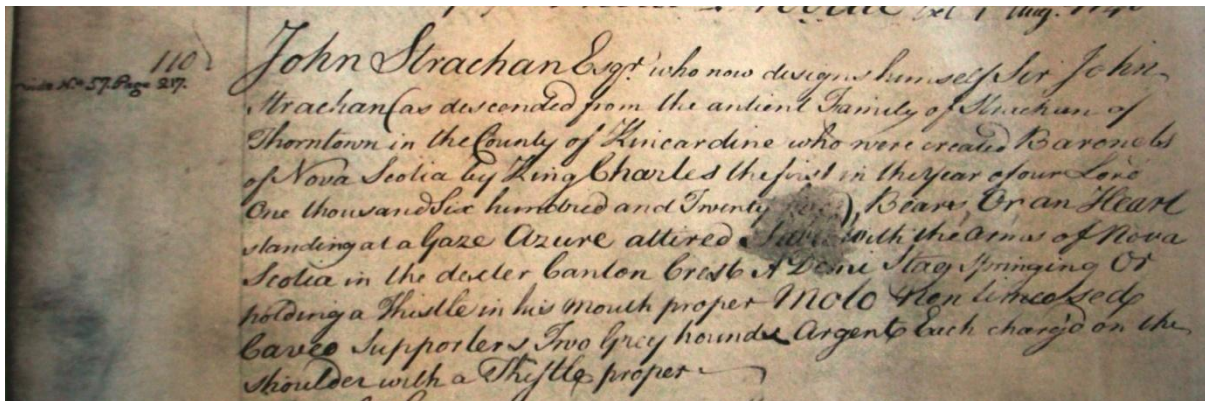
The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Vol. 3, page 978; Lyon Register, vol i, p. 215 (August 1739, recorded c. 1756)

STRACHAN OF TARRIE, ALEXANDER, *Merchant* in Montrose  
ARMS: Azure, on a Mount in base proper, a Stag tripping Or;  
attir'd and ungl'd Gules; In the dexter chief point a Star of Six  
Rays, and in the Sinister an Increscent Argent. CREST: a ship  
under sail proper. MOTTO: *Juvat Deus Impigros*.  
Vol. I, p. 215. Granted August 1739. Recorded c. 1756.

No. 32: STRACHAN, Sir John, Esquire, Baronet of Nova Scotia (1740)



Year: 1625, recorded in vol i, p. 427 (1740-1755)



Transcription from Lyon Register<sup>12</sup>

John Strachan, Esq. who now designs himself Sir John Strachan (as descended from the ancient Family of Strachan of Thornton in the County of Kincardine who were created Baronets of Nova Scotia by King Charles the first in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty five.) Bears, **Or, a hart standing at a Gaze Azure attired Sable with the Arms of Nova Scotia in the dexter Canton. Crest: A demi stag springing Or holding a thistle in his mouth proper. MOTO: Non Timeo Sed Caveo. Supporters: two grey hounds Argent each charged on the shoulder with a thistle proper.**

<sup>12</sup> Lyon Register, vol i, 427, 1740-1755

**Source(s):**

The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Vol. 3, page 978; Lyon Register, vol i, p. 427 (1740-55)

STRACHAN, JOHN, *Esquire*, who now designs himself *Sir JOHN STRACHAN* [*Baronet* of Nova Scotia]

ARMS: Or an Heart standing at a Gaze Azure attired Sable.

CREST: A Demi Stag Springing Or holding a Thistle in his Mouth proper. MOTTO: *Non Timeo Sed Caveo*. SUPPORTERS: Two Grey hounds Argent Each charg'd on the shoulder with a Thistle proper.

Vol. I, p. 427. 1740-1755.

**No. 33: STRACHAN, William Councillor-at-Law, Baronet of Nova Scotia (1756)**

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**Year:** 1756

**Blazon:** Azure, a stag trippant Or, attired and unguled Gules.

**CREST:** An arm and hand holding a scimitar bentways proper. **SUPPORTERS:** Two foresters clothed Vert, with a capes sable, a belt round their waists and staves in their hands proper. **MOTTO:** Forward

**Source(s):**

The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Vol. 3, page 978;

Lyon Register (vol. I, p. 217, 21 Feb 1756)

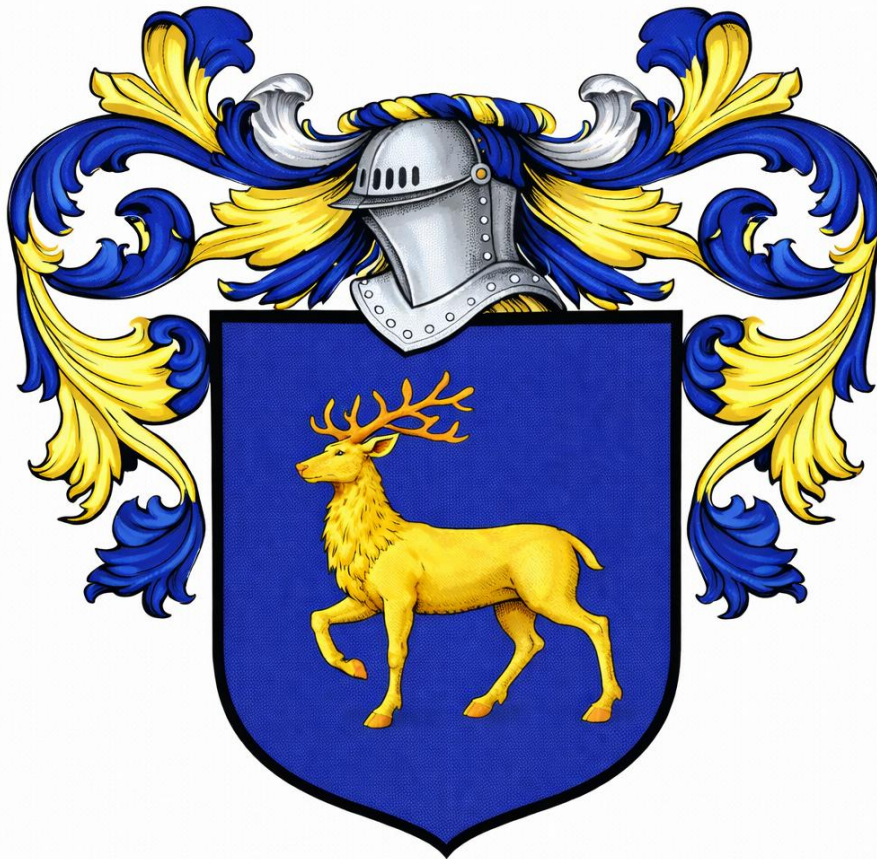
*STRACHAN, Sir WILLIAM, Councilor of Law in London [Baronet of Nova Scotia]*

**ARMS:** Azure, [a stag] tripping Or, attyred and Ungled Gules. **CREST:** A fleshy Arm and hand holding a [scim]iter brandish'd proper. **MOTTO:** above the crest, *Forward*. **SUPPORTERS:** two foresters cloth'd Vert with capes Sable and a Belt round their Wastes with staves in their hands proper.

Vol. I, p. 217. 21.2.1756.

No. 34: STRAHAN (date unknown)

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**Year:** Unknown (Likely Irish Arms), or unregistered

**Blazon:** Azure a buck passant Or

**Source(s):** The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland & Wales describes the following undated entry (vol. iii, pp. 979):

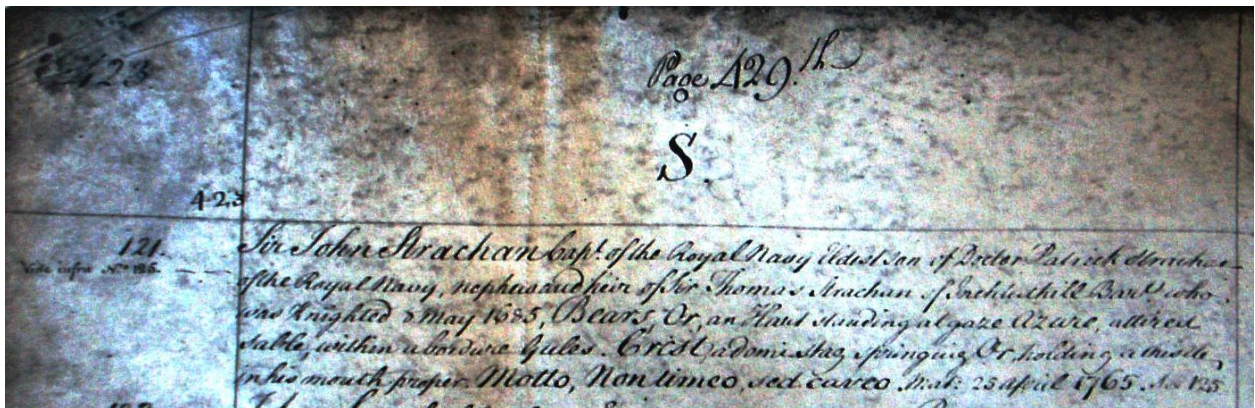


**Year:** 1765 & 1766 (in 1766, recognised as Baronet)

**Blazon:** Or, a hart (stag) standing at gaze, Azure, attired sable, within a bordure Gules. CREST: A demi stag springing Or, holding a thistle in his mouth proper. MOTTO: Non Timeo Sed Caveo. 1766 SUPPORTERS: two greyhounds.

[same arms as No. 30 for Thomas Strachan of Inchtuthill]

Source(s): Lyon Register, vol i, pg. 429 (25 April 1765)



STRACHAN, Sir JOHN, *Captain* of the Royal Navy

ARMS: Or, an Hart standing at gaze Azure, attired sable, within a bordure Gules. CREST: a demi-stag springing Or, holding a thistle in his mouth proper. MOTTO: *Non Timeo Sed Caveo.*

Vol. I, p. 429. 25.4.1765.

STRACHAN, Sir JOHN, *Baronet, Captain* of the Royal Navy

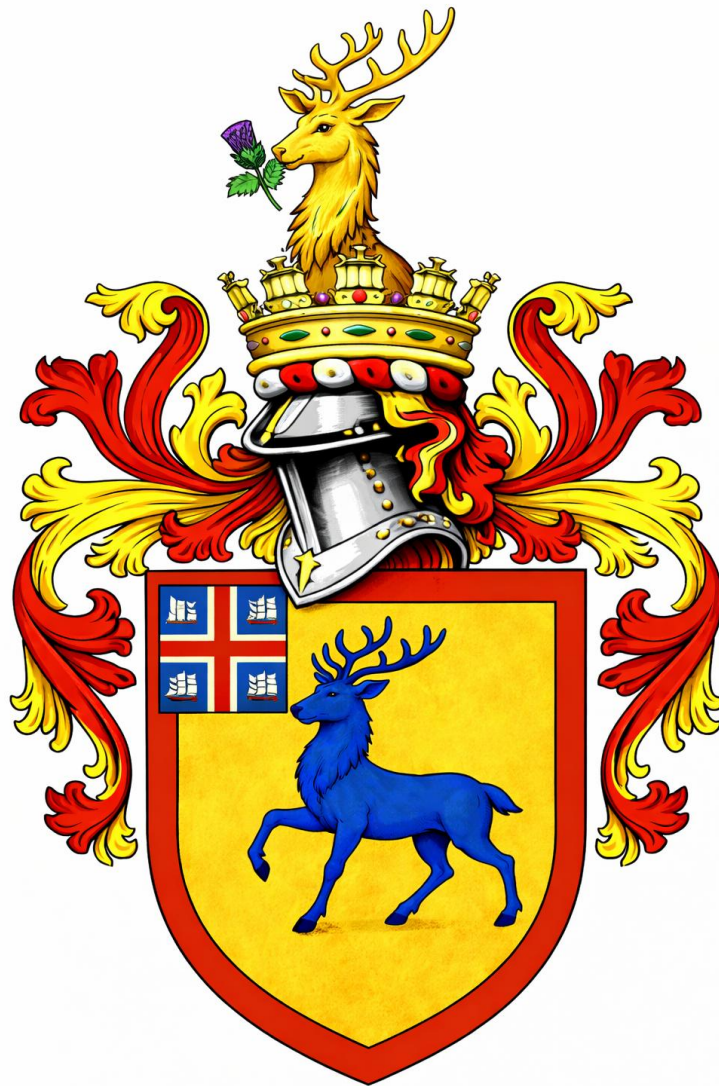
ARMS: Or, an Hart standing at gaze Azure, attired sable, within a bordure Gules. CREST: a demi-Stag springing Or, holding a thistle in his mouth proper. MOTTO: *Non Timeo Sed Caveo.*

SUPPORTERS: two grey Hounds proper.

Vol. I, p. 429. 24.4.1766.

#### Transcription of the Lyon Register (1765)

Sir John Strachan Capt. of the Royal Navy eldest son of **Doctor Patrick Strachan** of the Royal Navy, nephew and heir of **Thomas Strachan of Inchtuthill, Bart.** Who was knighted on May 1685. Bears Or, a hart standing at gaze Azure, attired sable, within a bordure Gules: Crest: A demi-stag springing Or, holding a thistle in its mouth, proper. Motto: Non Timeo Sed Caveo. Made 25 April 1765. No 125.



The author, in correspondence with the College of Arms in London, received confirmation from **Phillip Bone, Rouge Dragon Pursuivant**, in an email dated 9 February 2026 that no grant dated **1685** exists in the College records to any Strachan, Baronet, (Thomas) or otherwise. However, the same communication confirmed that the College of Arms had a record for **Sir Richard-John Strachan, Baronet, Rear Admiral of the Blue, who was granted augmentations to his arms and crest in 1810, recorded in College of Arms Grants 25/359.**

'In that instrument the unaugmented arms are first described as *Or, a stag trippant Azure attired Sable within a bordure Gules*, to which was added a canton Azure charged with a cross Gules fimbriated Argent between four ships under sail proper. The crest, originally *a demi stag Or holding in its mouth a thistle proper*, was augmented to issue from a naval crown Or. The description supplied by the Rouge Dragon Pursuivant refers simply to a demi stag Or holding in its mouth a thistle proper.'

Of relevance here, Sir Richard's stag is a *trippant*, while his uncle, Captain Sir John Strachan's stag is *standing at gaze*.

The Rouge Dragon Pursuivant further observed:

'The fact that the blazons of the unaugmented Arms and Crest are given in the text suggests that it is likely that the heralds of the early nineteenth century also found no grant to an ancestor of Sir Richard John Strachan, and thus took the opportunity of the grant of augmentations to confirm the basic design retroactively. The caveat is that 1685 is just around the date at which grant records at the College become significantly more thorough. I cannot absolutely rule out that Sir Richard John Strachan was in fact able to show the heralds of his day a now lost patent granting the unaugmented Arms to his ancestor.'

It is noteworthy that certain features of the unaugmented arms of Sir Richard appear to bear comparison with those granted in 1765 by the Court of the Lord Lyon to his uncle, Sir John Strachan. Captain Strachan's crest was blazoned as *a demi stag springing Or, holding in its mouth a thistle proper*. The inclusion of the term 'springing' in the Lyon grant, in contrast to its absence in the College description, may be of interpretative significance in the heraldic representation of the crest.

The author sent a second email to the College of Arms, London, seeking confirmation of the difference in the crest, and as of the publication date has not received a response.

The arms as shown below, in Rogers, *Memorials of the Scottish Families of Strachan and Wise* (1873), include four features not specified in the 1810 College grant.<sup>13</sup>

Among these are the **greyhound supporters bearing circular badges** suspended from their collars. On close examination, these roundels appear consistent with the design of the Naval Gold Medal awarded during the Napoleonic Wars. Sir Richard (and his captains) received the Naval Gold Medal for his action against the French squadron off Cape Ortegal on 4 November 1805.<sup>14</sup> While campaign medals were not formally incorporated into grants of arms, nineteenth-century heraldic engravings sometimes depicted personal honours as part of a commemorative achievement. The badges, therefore, appear to represent his naval distinction.

**The upper scroll bearing the motto, "Non Timeo Sed Caveo,"** is not mentioned in the College of Arms.

**The lower scroll bears the phrase "Veni, Vide, Vinci"**, evidently intended as a variant of the classical "Veni, Vidi, Vici", traditionally attributed to Julius Caesar after the Battle of Zela in 47 BC, meaning "I came, I saw, I conquered." Whether the altered form reflects an engraving error or deliberate variation remains uncertain.

The **red garter**, or circlet surrounding the shield and inscribed *Tria juncta in uno* represents the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. This motto, meaning "Three joined in one", refers to the union of England, Scotland and Ireland under a single Crown and became the fixed motto of the Order when it was reconstituted in 1725. The presence of the circlet signifies that Sir Richard Strachan was a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, a distinction reflecting his recognised service and standing within the British honours system.

Whether Sir Richard habitually used the arms as depicted in Rogers, with their commemorative additions, or confined himself to the form recorded in the College of Arms grant of 1810 cannot now be determined with certainty. The engraved achievement may represent a memorial or celebratory rendering rather than a strictly regulated heraldic display. The divergence between

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<sup>13</sup> <https://archive.org/details/memorialsfscott02roge/page/n5/mode/1up>

<sup>14</sup> *Cust. Annals of the wars of the nineteenth century*. p. 265.

the College record and the later engraving illustrates the distinction between formally granted arms and their subsequent artistic or commemorative interpretation.



Charles Rogers - Arms of Sir RJ Strachan, Memorials of Strachan and Wise (1873)

**No. 37: STRACHAN, Bishop John of Toronto (April 12, 1778 – November 1, 1867)**

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**Year:** 1778x1867

**Blazon:** Azure, a stag trippant, attired Sable

**Source(s):**

According to David Butler, author of *Bishop John Strachan and Heraldry in the University of Trinity College, Toronto*, "He [Bishop Strachan] assumed Arms as first Anglican Bishop of Toronto, and were properly impaled with those of the Diocese of Toronto all within a bordure Or. Here the bordure is used as a charge not as a mark of cadence as in Scottish heraldry".

Bishop Strachan's Arms were not registered nor were those of the second (Bethune), third (Sweatman) and fourth (Sweeny) successive Anglican Bishops of Toronto during the period between 1839- 1940.

Dr. Butler states that *the use of unregistered Arms was a common practice in early Canada*. A Canadian Heraldic Authority was not established until 1988.



**Year:** 1964

**Blazon:** Partia per pale Or and Azure, a stag trippant conterchanged, attired Gules, in dexter chief a pheon Vert; within a boracite indentes of the Third. Above the shield is placed a helm befitting his degree, with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a demi-stag per pale Azure and Or, attired Gules, holding in its fore-feet a pheon Vert, and in an Escrol over the same this Motto RESPICE FINEM.

**Source(s):** Letters Patent





**Year:** 2009

**Blazon:** Azure, a hart trippant Or attired and unguled Gules, on a chief Or a Waratah Proper. Above the shield is placed on Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is for a Crest a ship under sail proper and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "NON TIMEO SED CAVEO".

**Source(s):** Letters Patent

Died 2014-2022 with no heir



TO ALL AND SUNDRY WHOM THESE PRESENTS DO OR MAY CONCERN



WE, William David Hamilton Sellar, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting. Whereas considering that under the Provisions of the Lyon King of Arms Act 1672, and others in that behalf made, We are empowered by virtue of Our Office of Lord Lyon King of Arms to visit the whole Arms borne and used within this Realm of Scotland and to distinguish them with congruent Differences and matriculate them in Our Books and Registers and to give Arms to virtuous and well deserving Persons under Our Hand and Seal of Office; and Whereas

WILLIAM STANLEY STRACHAN

Lieutenant Commander Naval Reserve Cadets, sometime Petty Officer, Royal Australian Navy, Justice of the Peace, residing at 14 Drummoyle Gardens, 64-66 Lyons Road, Drummoyle, New South Wales, Australia, having by Petition unto Us of date 25 May 2007 Showed THAT he, the Petitioner, born Palmerston North, New Zealand 10 July 1940 (who married Drummoyle 26 October 1985 Robin Frances, daughter of Kenneth Eric McKenzie) is the only son of James Alfred Strachan and his wife (unmarried Tallage, New Zealand 2 October 1939) Kathleen Beatrice McCluskey; THAT the Petitioner's said father (born Sydney, New South Wales 21 April 1915 was the second son of James Strachan and his wife (married Sydney aforesaid 3 June 1908) Ethel May, daughter of Rowland Townsend; THAT the Petitioner's said grandfather (born Goorba, Queensland 25 August 1885) was the third son of Francis Strachan and his wife (married Gowrock in the County of Renfrew 15 July 1880) Annie, daughter of James Harvey; AND the Petitioner having prayed that there might be granted unto him such Ensigns Armorial as might be found suitable and according to the Laws of Arms KNOW YE THEREFORE that We have Devised, and Do by These Presents Assign, Ratify and Confirm unto the Petitioner and his descendants with such due and congruent differences as may hereafter be severally matriculated for them the following Ensigns Armorial, as depicted upon the margin hereof, and matriculated of even date with These Presents upon the 27th page of the 89th Volume of Our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, VIZ: Azure, a hart trippant Or attitud and winged Gules, on a chief Or a wreath Proper. Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Livery is set for Crest a ship under sail Proper and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "NON TIMEO SED CAVEO";

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh this 21st day of April in the 58th Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God and of Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and

the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and nine.



David Sellar  
Lyon



**Grantee:** John Strachan, Greenock, Co. Renfrew (d. 1996)

**Heirs:** John James Rorke Strachan (d. 2018), John Robert Strachan

**Year:** 2009

**Blazon:** Azure, a hart trippant in chief two cogwheels Or in base two barrulets wavy Argent. Above the shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree within a Mantling Azure doubled Or.

**Source(s):** Letters Patent

The original Grantee was John Strachan (b. 1900 in Greenock), whose Arms are shown here on the right, died 1996. The arms were inherited by John James Rorke Strachan, who died December 2018, and are current held by John Robert Strachan.



John Strachan



John James Strachan



John Robert Strachan

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*WE, William David Hamilton, Seller, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting: Whereas considering that under the Provisions of the Lyon King of Arms Act 1672, and others in that behalf made: We are empowered by virtue of Our Office of Lord Lyon King of Arms to visit the whole Arms borne and used within this Realm of Scotland and to distinguish them with congruous Differences and matriculate them in Our Books and Registers and to give Arms to virtuous and well-deserving Persons under Our Hand and Seal of Office, and Whereas*

**JAMES ANDREW STRACHAN**

*Holder of the Degrees of Master of Business Administration of the University of Redlands and Bachelor of Arts of California State University, Founder and Emeritus Director Glen Strachan, Scottish Heritage Society, Inc., residing at  
Temeucula, California, United States of America, having by Petition unto Us of date 13 April 2007 for and in memory of his grandfather*

**JOHN STRACHAN**

and on his own behalf *Sheweth* THAT he, the Petitioner, born San Diego, California (who married... 24 June 1989 Margaret Mary daughter of David Syrovil, and has issue by her an eldest daughter Alesia Louise Strachan (born Anaheim, California 15 March 1990), a second daughter Lindsay Elizabeth Strachan (born San Diego 20 June 1992), and a third daughter Ainsley Terese Strachan (born Escondido, California 30 May 1998) is the second son of John James Rorke Strachan, Holder of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts of San Diego State University, and his wife (married San Diego 23 February 1962) Geraldine, daughter of John Stander; THAT the Petitioner's said father (born Buffalo New York 9 April 1928) is the only son of John Strachan, Engineer, and his wife (married Buffalo 27 August 1927) Alice, daughter of Matthew Rorke; THAT his wife (married West Greenock 1 December 1898) Sarah Dobson; AND the Petitioner having prayed (Prays) that there might be granted for and in memory of his said grandfather John Strachan such Ensigns-Armorial as might be found suitable and according to the Laws of Arms and (Secondly) that the said grandfather John Strachan might be matriculated of us in his own name with a suitable Affiance; KNOW YE; THEREFORE that We have Devised, and Do by These Presents (Primo) Assign, Ratify and Confirm unto the Petitioner's said grandfather John Strachan such Ensigns-Armorial as are depicted upon the left margin hereof, and matriculated of even date with These Presents upon the 39th page of the 87th Volume of Our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland; VIDE LICET: Azure, a stag trippant in chief two cognets Or in base two barrulets wavy Argent. Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or and for ther (Secundo) We do hereby Grant Warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in Our said Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in name of the Petitioner the following Ensigns-Armorial as also depicted upon the right margin hereof: VIDE LICET: Azure, a stag trippant in chief two cognets Or in base two barrulets wavy Argent, a torture of the second. Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a stag trippant Or charged on its flank with a bolt of lightning Gules, and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "NON TIME SED CAVE" IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh this 24th day of July in the 58th Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and nine.

*David Beller  
Lyon*

**No. 41: STRACHAN, Keith Michael**

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Heraldic heir of John Robert Strachan. (no. 40)





**Year:** 2009

**Blazon:** Azure, a hart trippant in chief two cogwheels Or in base two barrulets wavy Argent, a border of the second. Above the shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree within a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and a wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a stag trippant Or charged on its flank with a bolt of lightening Gules, and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "Non Time Sed Cave"

**Source(s):** Matriculation of Arms. Ref. Letters Patent, No. 40



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WE, William David Hamilton Seller, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting: Whereas considering that under the Provisions of the Lyon King of Arms Act 1672, and others in that behalf made: We are empowered by virtue of Our Office of Lord Lyon King of Arms to visit the whole Arms borne and used within this Realm of Scotland and to distinguish them with congruent Differences and matriculate them in Our Books and Registers and to give Arms to virtuous and well-deserving Persons under Our Hand and Seal of Office, and Whereas

**JAMES ANDREW STRACHAN**

Holder of the Degrees of Master of Business Administration of the University of Redlands and Bachelor of Arts of California State University, Founder and Emeritus Director Casa Strachan, Scottish Heritage Society, Inc., residing at  
Tombaca, California, United States of America, having by Petition unto Us of date 13 April 2007 for and in memory of his grandfather

**JOHN STRACHAN**

and on his own behalf Shows THAT he, the Petitioner born San Diego, California (who married: ♡ ♡ La Jolla, California 3 June 1989 Margaret Mary daughter of David Sproul and his issue by her an eldest daughter Alesia Louise Strachan (born Anaheim, California 15 March 1990), a second daughter Louise Elizabeth Strachan (born San Diego 30 June 1992), and a third daughter Ainsley Terese Strachan (born Escondido, California 30 May 1998) is the second son of John James Rorke Strachan, holder of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts of San Diego State University and his wife (married San Diego 1962) Geraldine, daughter of John Shauder: THAT the Petitioner's said father (born Buffalo New York 9 April 1928) is the only son of John Strachan, Esquire, and his wife (married Buffalo 1951) 27 August 1927) Alice, daughter of Matthew Rorke: THAT the Petitioner's said grandfather (born Greenock in the County of Renfrew 10 July 1900) was the son of Joseph Strachan and his wife (married West Greenock 1 December 1896) Sarah Dobson; AND the Petitioner having prayed (Prayed) that there might be granted for and in memory of his said grandfather John Strachan such Ensigns Armorial as might be found suitable and according to the Laws of Arms and (Secundo) that the aforesaid Ensigns Armorial might be matriculated of new in his own name with a suitable difference: KNOW YE: THEREFORE that We have Devised and Do by These Presents (Primo) Assign, Ratify and Confirm unto the Petitioner's said grandfather John Strachan and his descendants with such due and congruent differences as may hereafter be severally matriculated for them the following Ensigns Armorial, as depicted upon the left margin hereof, and matriculated of even date with These Presents upon the 39th page of the 89th Volume of Our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland: VIDE LICE: Azure, a stag trijessant in chief two cognwheels Or in base two barrilets wavy Argent. Above the Shield is

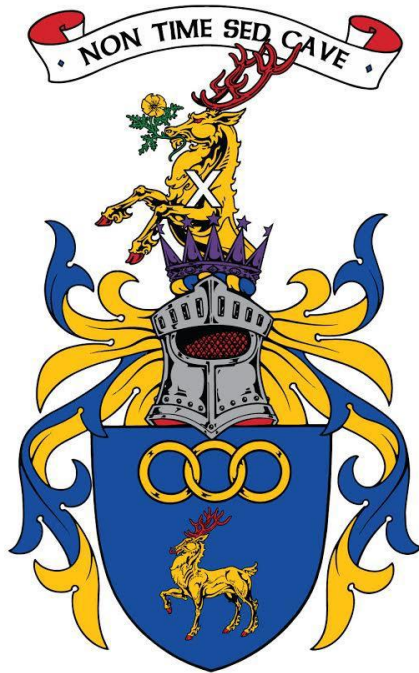


placed on the left befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and for the (Secundo) We do hereby Grant Warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in Our said Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in name of the Petitioner the following Ensigns Armorial as also depicted upon the right margin hereof: VIDE LICE: Azure, a stag trijessant in chief two cognwheels Or in base two barrilets wavy Argent, a bordure of the second. Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Livers is set for Crest a stag trijessant Or charged on its flank with a bolt of lightning Gules, and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "NON TIME SED CAVE". IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh this 24th day of July in the 56th Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and nine.



David Seller  
Lyon

**No. 43: CLAN STRACHAN SCOTTISH HERITAGE SOCIETY (2012)**



**Year:** 2012

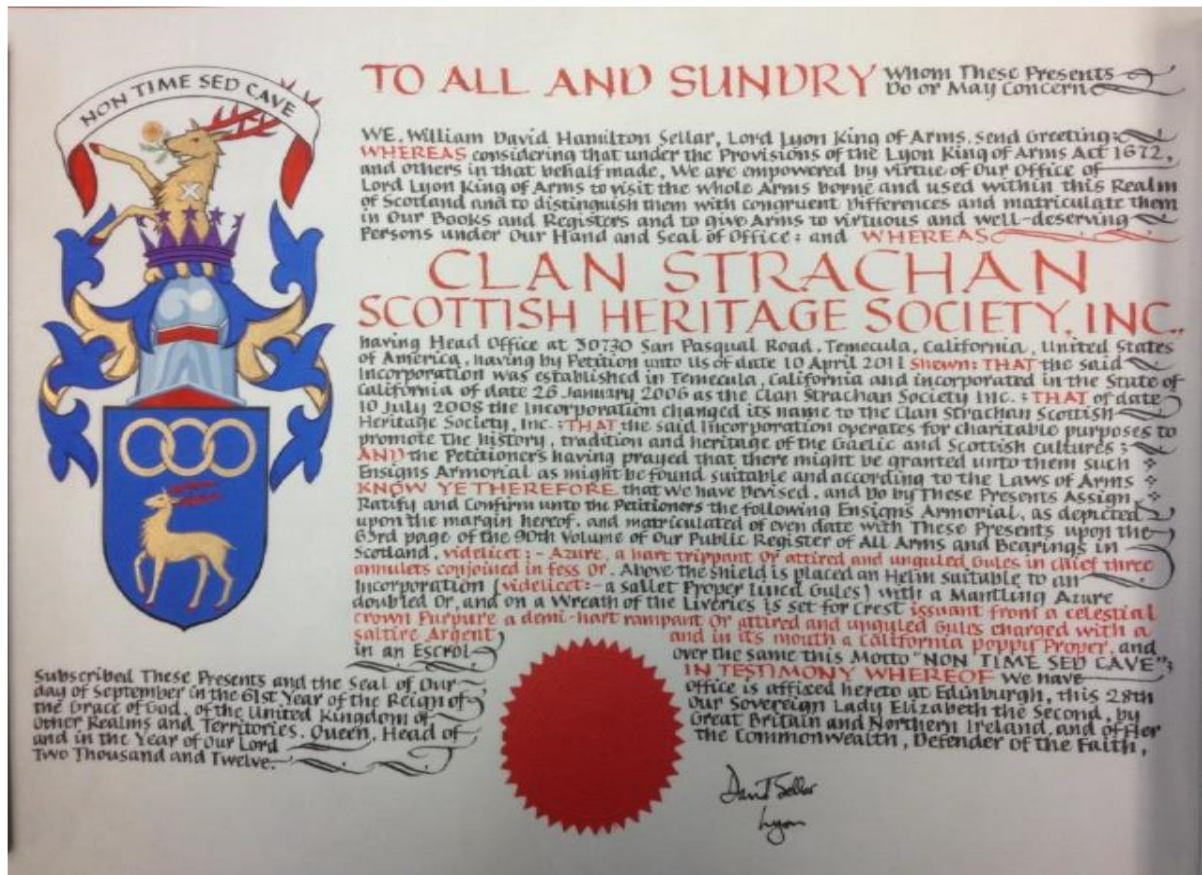
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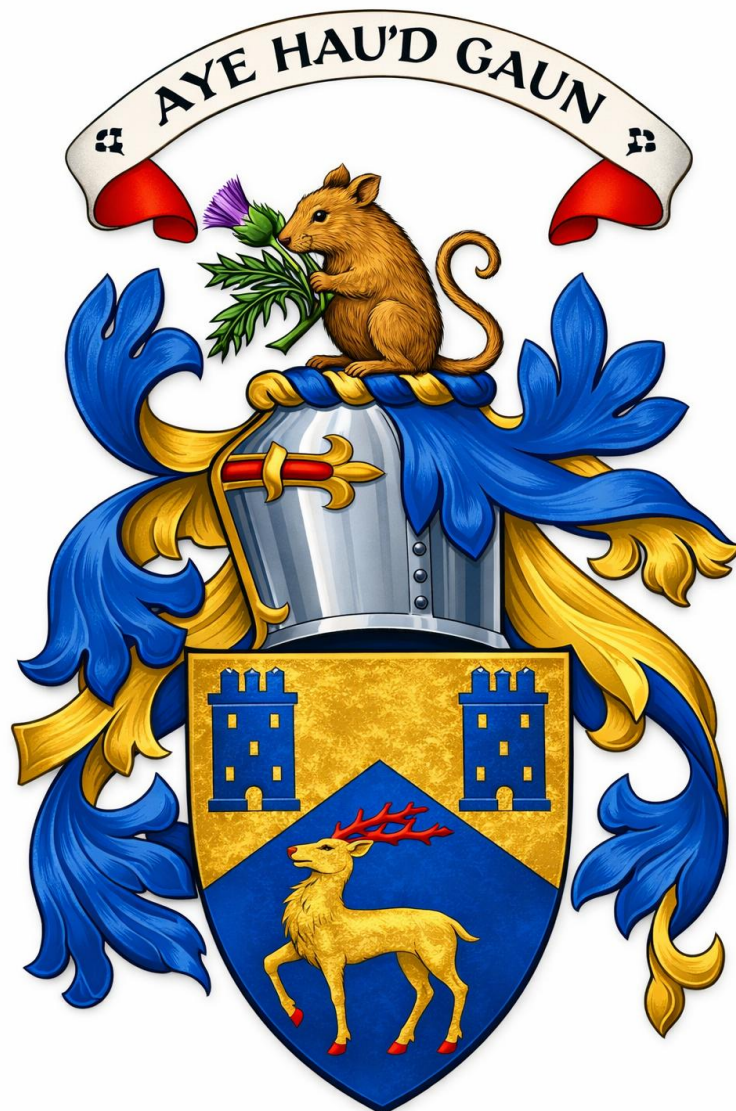
Azure, a hart trippant Or attired and unguled Gules in chief three annulets conjoined in fess Or. Crest issuant from a celestial crown Purpure a demi-hart rampant Or attired and unguled Gules charged with a saltire Argent and in its mouth a California Poppy Proper.

**Source(s):**

Letters Patent

Founders of the Society: Dennis Strawhun and Jim Strachan (No 42)





**Year:** 2013

**Blazon:** Per cheveron Or and Azure, in chief two towers Azure port and windows Or and in base a stag trippant Or attired and unguled Gules. Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting the holder of the dignity of baron aforesaid with Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a mouse sejant Or holding in its mouth a thistle Proper and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "AYE HAUD GAUN"

**Source(s):** Letters Patent



**TO ALL AND SUNDRY WHOM THESE PRESENTS DO OR MAY CONCERN**



same this Motto "AYE HAUD GAUN" These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed in the 82nd Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen

**WE** William David Hamilton Sellar, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting: **WHEREAS** considering that under the Provisions of the Lyon King of Arms Act 1672, and others in that behalf made, we are empowered by virtue of our Office of Lord Lyon King of Arms to visit the whole Arms borne and used within this Realm of Scotland and to distinguish them with congruent Differences and matriculate them in our Books and Registers and to give Arms to virtuous and well-deserving Persons under our Hand and Seal of Office: and **WHEREAS**, **RODERICK GEORGE STRACHAN**, baron of Benholm, sometime Telecommunications Manager, residing at Benholm Castle, Benholm in the County of Kincardine, having by Petition unto us of date 9 March 2012, **Shewn**: **THAT** he, the Petitioner, born Aberdeen 8 May 1949 (who married Aberdeen 1 April 1978 Fiona Mary, daughter of Hector Robertson Gauld, Insurance Official, and has issue by her an eldest daughter Rona Mary Strachan, born Aberdeen 27 September 1981; a second daughter Iona Jane Strachan, born Aberdeen 26 April 1985, and a youngest daughter Castriona Frances Strachan born Aberdeen 7 February 1987) is the only son of the late George Stephen Strachan, Teacher, and his wife (married Aberdeen 2 July 1938) Jane Dinnis, daughter of Andrew Walker; **THAT** the Petitioner's said father (born Newcastle upon Tyne 31 August 1906) was the second son of John Taylor Strachan Journeyman Joiner, and his wife (married Aberdeen 27 December 1899) Mary, daughter of John Stephen, Line Fisherman; **AND** the Petitioner having prayed (**Primo**) that he might be recognised in the name Roderick George Strachan, baron of Benholm, and (**Secundo**) that there might be granted unto him such Ensigns Armorial as might be found suitable and according to the Laws of Arms **KNOW YE THEREFORE** that (**Primo**) we have Recognised, as we do by These Presents Recognise, the Petitioner in the name Roderick George Strachan, baron of Benholm, and (**Secundo**) devised, and do by These Presents Assign, Ratify and Confirm unto the Petitioner and his descendants with such due and congruent Differences as may hereafter be severally matriculated for them the following Ensigns Armorial, as depicted upon the margin hereof, and matriculated of even date with These Presents upon the 63rd page of the 89th Volume of our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, **videlicet**: Per chevron Or and Azure, in chief two towers Azure port and windows Or and in base a stag trippant Or attired and unguiled Gules. Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting the holder of the aforesaid with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Livery is set for Crest a field mouse sejant Or in mouth a Thistle Proper, and in an Escrol over the **IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** we have Subscribed hereat at Edinburgh, this 10th day of December, Lady Elizabeth the Second, by the Office of God, of Ireland, and of Her other Realms and Territories,



David Sellar  
Lyon



**Year:** 2013

**Blazon:** Azure, a stag trippant Or attired Argent, in sinister chief the constellation of the Southern Cross Argent. Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a stag's head erased Or, and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "NON TIMEO SED CAVEO".

**Source(s):** Letters Patent



**TO ALL AND SUNDRY WHOM THESE PRESENTS DO OR MAY CONCERN, WE,**



William David Hamilton Sellar, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting: *Whereas* considering that under the Provisions of the Lyon King of Arms Act 1672, and others in that behalf made, We are empowered by virtue of Our Office of Lord Lyon King of Arms to visit the whole Arms borne and used within this Realm of Scotland and to distinguish them with congruent Differences and matriculate them in Our Books and Registers and to give Arms to virtuous and well deserving Persons under Our Hand and Seal of Office; and *Whereas*;

**THOMAS MARTIN STRAHAN,**

holder of the Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Doctor of Public Health, Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Fellow of the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine, Fellow of the American College of Preventative Medicine, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Consultant Physician and Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Queensland, residing at Strathayon, Bundaberg, Queensland, Australia, having by Petition unto Us of date 12 December 2011 *Shewn*, THAT he, the Petitioner, born 22 December 1977, Jeane Eloise, daughter of Roland Martin Booth, and has issue by her an eldest son and heir apparent (born Brisbane, Queensland 19 April 1979) Luke Thomas Strahan and twin sons (born Brisbane aforesaid 28 May 1980) Stephen Roland Strahan and Andrew John Strahan is the eldest son of Edward Thomas Strahan, Teacher, and his wife (married Warburton, Victoria, Australia 13 January 1964) Barbara Jean, daughter of Frank Herbert Sleight; THAT the Petitioner's said father was the son of Harold Strahan, Farmer, and his wife Alice Raper; AND the Petitioner having prayed that there might be granted unto him such

Ensigns - Armorial as might be found suitable and according to the Laws of Arms know *Ye therefore* that We have Devised, and do by These Presents Assign, Ratify and Confirm unto the Petitioner and his descendants with such due and congruent differences as may hereafter be severally matriculated for them the following Ensigns Armorial, as depicted upon the margin hereof, and matriculated of even date with These Presents upon the 86th page of the 89th Volume of Our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, *via* *Ucet*:-

**the constellation of the Southern Cross Argent.** Above a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the in an Escrol over the same this Motto "NON TIMEO SED CAVEO"; In Testimony Whereof We Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh this 12th day of December in the 62nd Year of the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen, Faith, and in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand

**Azure, a stag trippant Or attired Argent in sinister chief** the Shield is placed an helm befitting his degree with Liveries is set for Crest **a stag's head erased Or**, and TIMEO SED CAVEO"; In Testimony Whereof We Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh this 12th day of December in the 62nd Year of the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen, Faith, and in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand



*David Sellar*  
Lyon

No. 46: STRAHAN, ????

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Heraldic heir of Dr. Martin Strahan, Australia





**Year:** 2013

**Blazon:**

Azure, a hart trippant Or on a chief Argent a cannon between two hand grenades enflamed Proper. Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest, Saint Giles habited in his robes Azure and mitred holding in his dexter hand a pastoral staff Or, and in his sinister hand atop the head of a baby deer Or. In an Escrol over the same this Motto "SIC ITUR AD ASTRA ".

**Source(s):** Letters Patent



TO ALL AND SUNDRY WHOM THESE PRESENTS DO OR MAY CONCERN,



WE, William David Hamilton Sellar, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting : **WHEREAS**, considering that under the Provisions of the Lord Lyon King of Arms Act 1672, and others in that behalf made, We are empowered by virtue of our office of Lord Lyon King of Arms to visit the whole Arms borne and used within this Realm of Scotland and to distinguish them with congruent Differences and matriculate them in our Books and Registers and to give Arms to virtuous and well-deserving Persons under our Hand and Seal of Office; and **whereas**,

## JAMES ANDREW STRACHAN

sometime Warrant Officer, Royal Artillery, residing at 13 Marleon Place, Elgin in the County of Moray, having by Petition unto Us of date 7 December 2012 **Shewn** : **THAT** he, the Petitioner, born Forres in the County of Moray 23 April 1945 (who married secondly Aldershot in the County of Hampshire 16 September 1988, Pamela Doreen, daughter of Albert Arthur Pique) is the second son of James Archibald Strachan, Butcher, and his wife (married Aberdeen 12 October 1921) Margaret Helen, daughter of Thomas Edward Dean, company Sergeant Major, Seaforth Highlanders; **AND** the Petitioner having prayed that there might be granted unto him such Ensigns Armorial as might be found suitable and according to the Laws of Arms **KNOW YE THEREFORE** that we have Devised, and do by These Presents Assign, Ratify and Confirm unto the Petitioner and his descendants with such due and congruent differences as may hereafter be severally matriculated for them the following Ensigns Armorial, as depicted upon the margin hereof, and matriculated of even date with These Presents upon the 105th page of the 89th Volume of our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland **videlicet**:- Azure, a hart trippant Or on a chief Or a cannon between two hand grenades enflamed Proper.

Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the habited Azure holding in his dexter hand a pastoral and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "SIC ITUR AD ASTRA"; **IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** We have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of our day of December in the 62nd Year of the Reign of Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great

Liveries is set for Crest the figure of St. Giles staff and under his sinister hand a hound Proper. **AD ASTRA**"; **IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** We office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh, this 20th Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second, by the Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen.



David Sellar  
Lyon

**No. 48: STRACHAN of STRACHAN, Charles Robert Lund (Rob), Chief of the Name and Arms (2026)**

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**Year:** Warrant sent to the Heraldic Artist on 27 October 2025 (warrant issued).

**Blazon: Shield:** Or, a hart statant guardant Azure, attired Sable. **Mantling:** Azure doubled Or **Helm:** A steel helm affronté with five gold bars, appropriate to a Chief of the Name and Arms.. **Torse:** Azure and Or. **Crest:** A demi-stag springing Or holding a thistle in his mouth Proper. **Motto:** "NON TIMEO SED CAVEO" located above the crest. **Supporters:** Two ottars proper

The Court of the Lord Lyon recognised Rob as Strachan of Strachan, and as Chief of the Name of Arms of the honourable Clan Strachan.

In April 2014, Rob, with the unanimous support of the Family Convention Attendees, was appointed Commander, of the Honourable Clan Strachan. Five years later, 2019, another warrant was issued re-affirming Rob as Commander.





Mill of Strachan, Strachan, Aberdeenshire

COMMISSION by the Lord Lyon King of Arms in favour of  
**CHARLES ROBERT LUND STRACHAN**  
 as Commander of the Clan Strachan.

UNTO ALL AND SUNDRY whom These Presents Do or May Concern, WE, Joseph John Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms send Greeting: WHEREAS it has been represented to Us that the Hereditary Chiefship of the honourable Clan Strachan is dormant; THAT the dormancy of the Chiefship of the said Clan has created difficulties in maintaining the well-being of the said Clan and of its Branches and Houses at home and overseas; THAT in order to preserve the spirit of clanship and kinship and the traditions of the said Clan, a Commander ad interim should be recognised to rally the members of the said Clan, to convene meetings thereof and to preside thereat during the dormancy of the Chiefship; THAT the Principal Men and Women that now are of the Clan Strachan have, after due consideration by way of Clan or Family Conclave, otherwise known as derbhfine selection, selected and recommended to Us Charles Robert Lund Strachan, residing at Mill of Strachan, Strachan, in the County of Aberdeen, as a fit and proper person to be recognised as Commander ad interim of the said Clan; NOW Therefore We, after due consideration and investigation, being well satisfied as to the good qualities, abilities and loyalty of Charles Robert Lund Strachan, and of his fitness for the said Office, do by These Presents Recognise and Confirm the said Charles Robert Lund Strachan as Commander ad interim for a period of five years from the date hereof of the Clan with power and commission to him to do and perform all acts and functions proper to the Commander of the said Clan in the personal absence of the Hereditary Chief thereof, in the same manner and to the same effect as if he had been specially appointed and instructed by such Hereditary Chief; AND We direct These Presents to be recorded in the Books of the Lyon Court (Probative Writs Section); IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh this Fifth day of August in the Year of Our Lord Two thousand and fourteen before this witness Elizabeth Ann Bruce or Roads, Snawdown Herald of Arms.

Elizabeth Roads  
 Snawdown  
 (Witness)



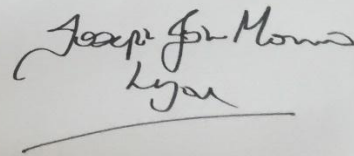
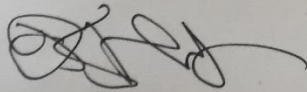
Joseph John Morrow  
 Lyon

2014 Commander Warrant

# CHARLES ROBERT LUND STRACHAN

as Commander of the Clan Strachan

UNTO ALL AND SUNDRY whom These Presents Do or May Concern, WE, Joseph John Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms send Greeting : WHEREAS it has been represented to us that the Hereditary Chiefship of the honourable Clan Strachan is dormant; THAT the dormancy of the Chiefship of the said Clan has created difficulties in maintaining the well being of the said Clan and of its Branches and Houses at home and overseas; THAT in order to preserve the spirit of clanship and kinship and the traditions of the said Clan, a Commander ad interim should be recognised to rally the members of the said Clan, to Convene meetings thereof and to preside thereat during the dormancy of the Chiefship; THAT the Principal Men and Women that now are of the Clan Strachan have, after due-consideration by way of Clan or Family Conclave, otherwise known as derbhfine selection, selected and recommended to us Charles Robert Lund Strachan, residing at Mill of Strachan, Strachan, in the County of Aberdeen, the warrant of 23 April 2014, the commission of 5 August 2014 and the recommendation of Jim Strachan of 24 June 2019 as a fit and proper person to be recognised as Commander ad interim of the said Clan; NOW Therefore We, after due consideration and investigation, being well satisfied as to the good qualities, abilities and loyalty of Charles Robert Lund Strachan, and of his fitness for the said Office, do by These Presents Recognise and Confirm the said Charles Robert Lund Strachan as Commander ad interim for a further period of five years from 5 August 2019 of the Clan with power and commission to him to do and perform all acts and functions proper to the Commander of the said Clan in the personal absence of the Hereditary Chief thereof, in the same manner and to the same effect as if he had been specially appointed and instructed by such Hereditary; Chief; AND We direct These Presents to be recorded in the Books of the Lyon Court (Probative Writs Section) ; IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh this 19 July in the year of Our Lord Two thousand and Nineteen before this witness  
Russell Gilchrist Hunter, Lyon Clerk.



2019 Commander Warrant

**No. 49: STRACHAN, Luke (Tanist)**

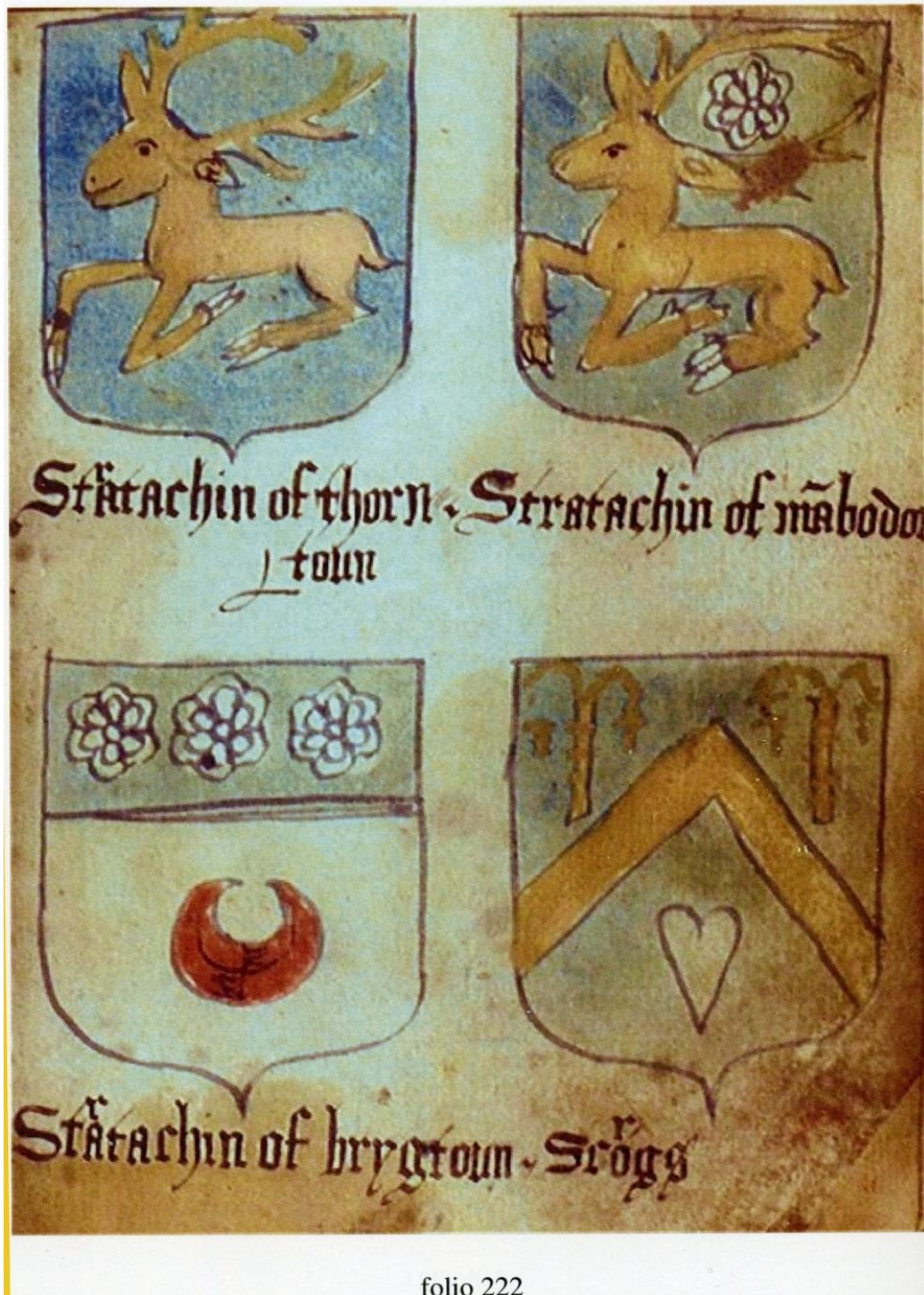
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Heraldic heir to the Chief of the Name and Arms



## Exhibit 1: Slains Roll 1562

Prior to 1672, there was no Court of the Lord Lyon, and no government control over heraldry. Prior to this time, heralds themselves would take a roll of various Armigers. This is one of those Rolls.



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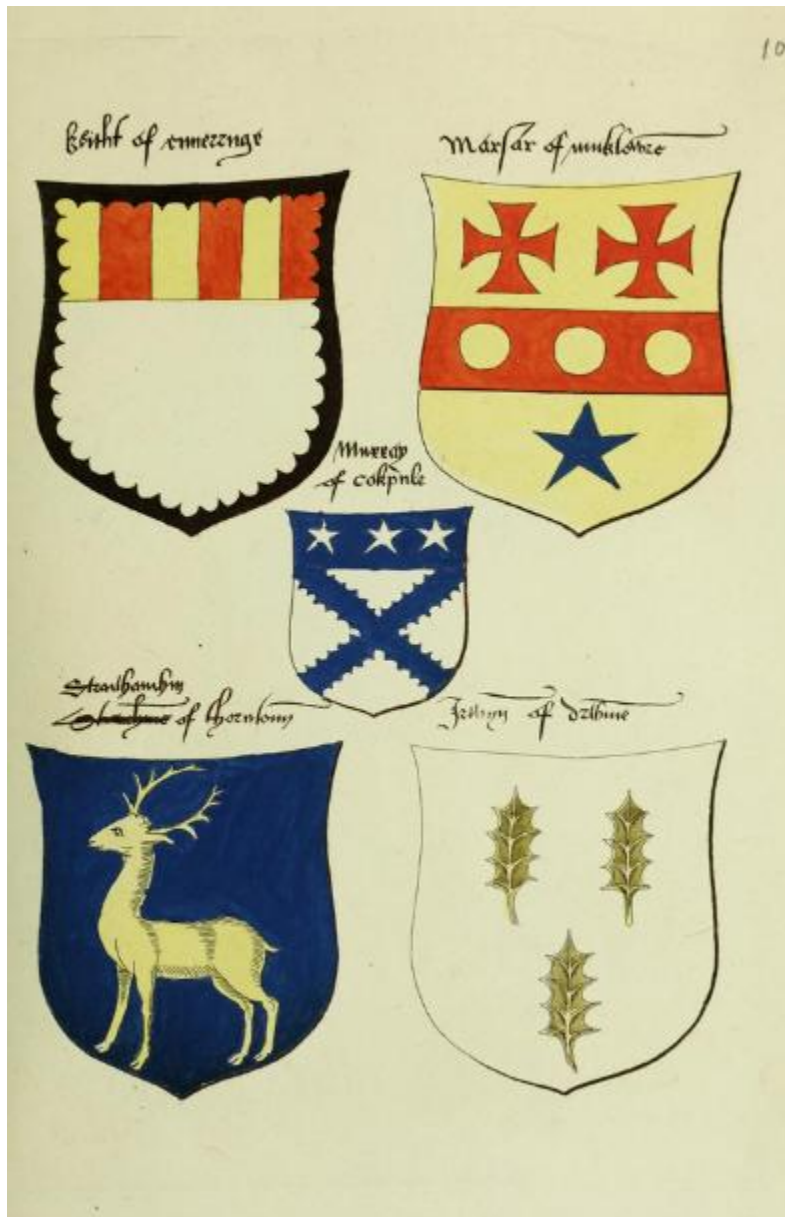
## Exhibit 2: Hagues Roll 1588

Prior to 1672, there was no Court of the Lord Lyon, and no government control over heraldry. Prior to this time, heralds themselves would take a roll of various Armigers. This is one of those Rolls.



### Exhibit 3: Fac simile of an Ancient Heraldic Manuscript

Fac simile of an ancient heraldic manuscript By Sir David Lindsay, and W.H. Lizars<sup>15</sup>



<sup>15</sup> <https://archive.org/details/facsimileofancie00lind/page/108/mode/1up?q=Strathachin>

## Exhibit 4: Lyon Register

STRACHAN, JOHN, *Bailzie* of Leven

ARMS: parted per pale gules and azur on a mount in base vert, a hart or stag tripping argent attyred or. MOTTO: *Forward*.

Vol. I, p. 421. August 1673.

STRACHAN, JOHN, *Esquire*, who now designs himself *Sir JOHN STRACHAN* [*Baronet* of Nova Scotia]

ARMS: Or an Heart standing at a Gaze Azure attired Sable.

CREST: A Demi Stag Springing Or holding a Thistle in his

Mouth proper. MOTTO: *Non Timeo Sed Caveo*. SUPPORTERS:

Two Grey hounds Argent Each charg'd on the shoulder with a

Thistle proper. Vol. I, p. 427. 1740-1755.

STRACHAN, *Sir JOHN*, *Captain* of the Royal Navy

ARMS: Or, an Hart standing at gaze Azure, attired sable, within

a bordure Gules. CREST: a demi-stag springing Or, holding a

thistle in his mouth proper. MOTTO: *Non Timeo Sed Caveo*.

Vol. I, p. 429. 25.4.1765.

STRACHAN, *Sir JOHN*, *Baronet*, *Captain* of the Royal Navy

ARMS: Or, an Hart standing at gaze Azure, attired sable, within

a bordure Gules. CREST: a demi-Stag springing Or, holding a

thistle in his mouth proper. MOTTO: *Non Timeo Sed Caveo*.

SUPPORTERS: two grey Hounds proper.

Vol. I, p. 429. 24.4.1766.

STRACHAN OF TARRIE, ALEXANDER, *Merchant* in Montrose

ARMS: Azure, on a Mount in base proper, a Stag tripping Or;

attir'd and ungl'd Gules; In the dexter chief point a Star of Six

Rays, and in the Sinister an Increscent Argent. CREST: a ship

under sail proper. MOTTO: *Juvat Deus Impigros*.

Vol. I, p. 215. Granted August 1739. Recorded c. 1756.

STRACHAN, *Sir WILLIAM*, *Councilor of Law* in London [*Baronet* of Nova Scotia]

ARMS: Azure, [a stag] tripping Or, attyred and Ungled Gules.

CREST: A fleshy Arm and hand holding a [scim]iter brandish'd

proper. MOTTO: above the crest, *Forward*. SUPPORTERS: two

fforesters cloth'd Vert with capes Sable and a Belt round

their Wastes with staves in their hands proper.

Vol. I, p. 217. 21.2.1756.

STRACHANE OF GLENKINDIE, ALEXANDER

ARMS: azur A Hart tripping Or attyred and unguled gules.

CREST: a hart standing at a gaze as ye former. MOTTO: *Non*

*Timeo Sed Caveo*.

Vol. I, p. 213. 17.2.1675.

**Exhibit 5: Crawford Secundus Image Abt. 1580**



## Exhibit 6: Text from the Crawford Roll

### **Alexander Strachan of Thornton    Aberdeen**

Folio 99 LCA64

Alexander Strachan or Strathauchin, to give the full spelling, of Thornton was born about 1545, the son of John by his wife (conjoint charter 31 March 1543) Margaret daughter of Alexander Livingstone of Dunipace. He seems to have acquired more lands, from the church, and also held of the Earl of Huntly. He married Isobel daughter of William Keith, 4th Earl Marischal (Test 2 Aug 1597). His son Robert predeceased him, having had by his wife (MC 4&5 April 1586) Sara daughter of William Douglas of Glenbervie, later Earl of Angus, two sons Alexander and Thomas. Robert had at least two brothers, John of Phasdo who was tutor to his nephew Alexander, and George, presumably the George Strachan who was Tapisier to the King 1582–1603, also one sister Margaret, who married (conjoint grant 19 March 1594) William Turing of Foveran. Robert's son Alexander was served heir to his grandfather 30 September 1606. Alexander was married twice, firstly (MC 19 January 1605) to Margaret daughter of John Lindsay Lord Menmuir, 2nd son of David 9th Earl of Crawford (qv sub Lindsay of Edzell) and secondly before 20 January 1624 to Margaret widow of George Keith, 5th Earl Marischal and daughter of James 5th Lord Ogilvie of Airlie. He was knighted between 1616 and 1618. In 1625 he was created a Baronet of Nova Scotia, with precedence of all baronets save Sir Robert Gordon of Gordonston. He was a member of the Board of the Exchequer of Scotland and was appointed to the first of a number of Royal Commissions in 1626. He had a remission with other family members for removing to the house of James Keith of Benholme, his stepson, eldest son by the second marriage of George 4th Earl Marischal, "cistas, scripta, gemmas, aurum, argentums et alia" (chests, charters, jewels, gold, silver and other things) which belonged to the Earl Marischal. The remission is to all involved in the fracas, irrespective of which part they took. He fell foul of the Commonwealth administration and was alive still in 1657, when Thomas Allardice seems to have acquired the bulk of, if not all, his lands. His testament was proved 24 January 1662 (Edin); there is also a testament proved 14 October 1656 (St Andrews) for Euphame Straquhan, Lady Thornton, probably a third wife. He had, necessarily by Margaret Lindsay, a single son Alexander, who married (conjoint confirmation of grant from Sir Alexander 1 August 1635) Elizabeth Douglas. On the expiry of this line the baronetcy was adopted by a fairly distant cousin, who is called Sir James Strachan of Thornton in 1663.

Sources: RMS ii–xi, comp to Scots Peerage sub Balcarres, Marischal & Airlie, Tests & Retours

## Exhibit 7: Scottish Heraldic Seals

- SCOTTISH HERALDIC SEALS PERSONAL SEALS 623
0000. STODART, John, minister of God's Word at the Kirk of Campsie. A shield of arms: A saltire and in chief a star. Foliage at top and sides of shield. *Legend* (caps.): S IOHANIS STODHIRD. Diam.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. Duntreath Ch., 12 Aug. 1601—Cast.
0000. STORY, John, of Westertown of Fordel, burges of Inverkeithing. A shield of arms: A merchant's mark. *Legend* (l.c.): A IONANAN STOR. Diam.  $1\frac{1}{8}$  in. Fordel Ch., 8 Apr. 1500 (1)—Cast.
0000. STRACHAN, Hugh. A shield of arms: A cross pattée between four stars. *Legend*: S' EGO STROCHOVN (?). Diam. in. Record Off. Homage, 28 Aug. 1296.
0000. STRACHAN, John. A stag courant to sinister between three cinquefoils. The inner circle of the seal forms the shield. *Legend* (caps.): SIGILL · IOHANIS DE STRAUCHIN. Diam. [ $1\frac{3}{4}$  in.]. Laing, ii. 927. Hutton's *Sigilla*, 170. Ch. 7 Aug. 1309, description from an unreliable sketch by Sir James Balfour.
0000. STRACHAN, Thomas, of Glenkindy. A shield of arms: On a chief three cinquefoils. *Legend* (caps.): S THOME DE S (sinister side of seal broken). Diam.  $\frac{5}{8}$  in. Kinfauns Ch., 16 May 1406 (1)—Cast.
0000. STRACHAN, Alexander, of the Knox. A shield of arms: A stag head cabossed. *Legend* (l.c.): S. ALEXAND . . . . HEN. Diam.  $1\frac{1}{8}$  in. Buchan Ch., 10 Oct. 1446—Cast.
0000. STRACHAN, Alexander, of Knox. A shield of arms: A stag statant. *Legend* (l.c.): S . . . . Diam. 1 in. Marischal Coll., 12. 7. Ch., 6 Dec. 1459—Cast.
0000. STRACHAN, William, burges of Dundee. A shield of arms: A cross crosslet fitchée, on a chief three cinquefoils. *Legend* (l.c.): S WILHELMII DE STRACHAUCHIN. Diam.  $1\frac{1}{8}$  in. Dundee Ch., 31 Oct. 1455 (1)—Cast.
0000. STRACHAN, John, of Thornton. A shield of arms: A stag trippant, with a cinquefoil in sinister chief. *Legend* (l.c.): S' · IHOÑS · STRADACHYN · DE · THORNTON. Diam 1 in. Laing, i. 758. Glamis Ch., 2 Nov. 1470. B.M. 16910 [A.D. 1470], indistinct.
0000. STRACHAN, Andrew. A shield of arms: A stag lodged. *Legend* (l.c.): S ANDRE STRATHAATHIN. Diam.  $1\frac{1}{8}$  in. Erroll Ch., 13 Aug. 1506—Cast.
0000. STRACHAN, David, of Thornton. A shield of arms: A stag lodged. *Legend* (l.c.): S · DAVID (DE ?) STRACHAQUHIN. Diam.  $1\frac{1}{8}$  in. Erroll Ch., 13 Aug. 1506 (2)—Cast.
0000. Second seal. A shield of arms: A stag lodged. *Legend* (l.c.): S DAVID STRACHAGAHYN. Diam.  $1\frac{1}{8}$  in. Erroll Ch., 16 Sept. 1512—Cast.
0000. STRACHAN, Thomas, of Carmylie. A shield of arms: On a chief three cinquefoils. *Legend* (l.c.): S THOME STRAUCHIN. Diam.  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. Kinfauns Ch., 15 May 1547, a (12)—Cast; b (12), now detached—Cast.
0000. STRACHAN, Master James, Parson of Fettercairn, Canon of Aberdeen. A shield diapered with foliage bearing arms: On a chief three cinquefoils. Ornament of foliage at top and sides of shield. *Legend* (l.c.): S · M · IACOBI STRATHAUCHIN CANONI ABERDONEN. Diam.  $1\frac{3}{4}$  in. Reg. Ho. Ch., No. 1270, 19 June 1541—Cast. Reg. Ho. Douglas Ch., iv. No. 12, 24 May 1543.
0000. Second seal. An ornamental shield, with foliage at top and sides, bearing arms: On a chief three cinquefoils. *Legend* (l.c.): S · M · IACOBI · STRATHAUCHEN. Diam.  $1\frac{3}{8}$  in. Laing, ii. 926. Crawford and Balcarres Ch., A.D. 1566. B.M. 15000 [A.D. 1566], good.
0000. STRACHAN, John (of Monboddo, or of Muchalls). A shield of arms: A stag lodged. Foliage at top and crossing diagonal lines at sides of shield. *Legend* (l.c.): S IOHANNES STRACHAUCHIN (?) Diam.  $1\frac{3}{8}$  in. Reg. Ho. Ch., No. 1797 (3), 2 Oct. 1559—Cast.

0000. STRACHAN, John, in Muchalls (or of Monboddo). A shield of arms: A stag lodged. Ornament at top and sides of shield. *Legend* (l.c.): s. IOHANNES STRATHAUCHIN. Diam.  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. (?) Reg. Ho. D.S., probably attached to Ch. No. 1797, 2 Oct. 1559—Cast.

0000. STRACHAN, Roger. A shield of arms: A stag lodged. Foliage at top and sides of shield. *Legend* (caps.): s. ROEGERI · STRACHIN. Diam.  $1\frac{3}{8}$  in. B.M. 16909 [A.D. 1573], fair. Laing MS. 142; Reversion, A.D. 1573, Lord Lindsay.

0000. STRACHAN, Alexander, of Thornton. A shield of arms: A stag trippant. Foliage at top and sides of shield. *Legend* (caps.): s' ALEXANDRI · STRAVCHAN. Diam.  $1\frac{3}{8}$  in. B.M. 16921 [A.D. 1596], fair. Laing MS. 141, A.D. 1596, Lord Lindsay.

0000. STRACHAN, Alexander. A shield of arms: A stag trippant. Foliage at top and sides of shield. *Legend* (caps.): s' ALEXANDRIE · STRAVCHOVN. Diam.  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. Laing, i. 759. Dun Ch., A.D. 1604. B.M. 16922 [A.D. 1604], indistinct.

0000. STRACHAN, Mr. James, of Fettercairn. A shield of arms: A stag couchant to dexter. Above the shield the letters  $I^M S$ . Oval signet, c.  $\frac{9}{16} \times \frac{1}{2}$  in. Letter, Edin. Misc. Papers, Suppl. I. No. 17, 11 Apr. 1633.

0000. STRACHAN, David, Bishop of Brechin, appointed 1662, died 1671. A shield, with initials  $D^B$  at top and sides, bearing arms: A stag couchant. *Legend* (caps.): SIGIL · DAVIDIS · EPISCOPI · BRECHINENSIS. (See BRECHIN, BISHOPS OF.)

0000. STRADE, William, burgess of Aberdeen. A shield, ensigned with a cross and with three leaves at each side, bearing arms: A star, a saltire coupé, and a crescent—a merchant's mark (?). *Legend* (caps.): s WILELMI DE STRADE. Diam.  $\frac{7}{8}$  in. B.M. 16911 [A.D. 1404], fair. Laing MS. 136. Marischal Coll., Aberdeen, Ch., 28 June 1404, by Wm. Strade to Adam, son of Walter, of some lands in Aberdeenshire.

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2713. **STRACHAN, Hugh.** A cross pattée between four stars. *Legend*: s' EGO STROCHOVN? Diam. in. Record Off. Homage, 28 Aug. 1296.
2714. — **John.** A stag courant to sinister between three cinquefoils. The inner circle of the seal forms the shield. *Legend* (Goth. Caps.): SIGILL · IOHANIS DE STRAVCHIN. Diam. [ $1\frac{1}{2}$  in.]. Laing, ii. 927, Hutton's *Sigilla*, 170, Ch. 7 Aug. 1309, from an unreliable sketch.
2715. — **John, of Thornton.** A stag trippant, with a cinquefoil in sinister chief. *Legend* (Goth. l.c.): S' · ihoñis · stradachyn · de · thornton. Diam. 1 in. Glamis Ch. 2 Nov. 1470, Laing, i. 758, B.M. 16910.
2716. — **Agnes.** Ermine, a chief? *Legend* (Goth. l.c.): S · ag . . . . . Diam. in. Reg. Ho. Ch. c. A.D. 1530.
2717. — **Master James, Parson of Fettercairn, Canon of Aberdeen.** A shield diapered with foliage bearing arms:—On a chief three cinquefoils. *Legend* (Goth. l.c.): S · m · iacobi strathauchin canoni aberdonen. Diam. in. Reg. Ho. Ch. 19 June 1541.
2718. — **Master James, Canon of Aberdeen.** A shield bearing arms:—On a chief three cinquefoils. Foliage at top and sides of shield. *Legend* (Goth. l.c.): S · m · iacobi · strathauchen. Diam.  $1\frac{3}{8}$  in. Crawford and Balcarres Ch. A.D. 1566, Laing, ii. 926, B.M. 15000.
2719. — **John.** A stag lodged. *Legend* (Goth. l.c.): . . iohannes strachauchin. Diam. in. Reg. Ho. Ch. 2 Oct. 1559.
2720. — **Roger.** A stag lodged. *Legend* (Caps.): s · ROGERI · STRACHIN. Diam.  $1\frac{3}{8}$  in. A.D. 1573, Laing ms. 142, B.M. 16909.
2721. — **Alexander, of Thornton.** A stag trippant. *Legend* (Caps.): s' ALEXANDRI · STRAVCHAN. Diam.  $1\frac{3}{8}$  in. A.D. 1596, Laing ms. 141, B.M. 16921.
2722. — **Alexander.** A stag trippant. *Legend* (Caps.): s' ALEXANDRIE · STRAVCHOVN. Diam.  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. Dun Ch. A.D. 1604, Laing, i. 759, B.M. 16922.
2723. — **David, Bishop of Brechin, appointed 1662, died 1671.** A bishop seated with uplifted hands. Beneath a shield, with initials  $D^B$  at top and sides, bearing arms:—A stag couchant. *Legend* (Caps.): SIGIL · DAVIDIS · EPISCOPI · BRECHINENSIS. Oval,  $1\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{9}{16}$  in. Laing Ch. 30 Oct. 1677. Brass matrix in Mus. Soc. Antiq. Scot., Laing, ii. 1052, B.M. 15013.

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