

Descendants of William Simpson might be interested to know some of the personal property of their ancestor has survived and is in the possession of the following people: 1. Large China Vase, Mrs. Helen Maben Bond of Waynesville, North Carolina; 2. The Silver Watch listed in inventory of Personal Estate, (Compiler) Dennis William Simpson of Panorama City, California; 3. The Simpson Family Crest, with the John Russel Simpson family.

The Arms as shown on the frontispiece were bore by Dr. William Simpson. Lord Lyon was responsible for the recordings of all Arms and Bearings in Scotland, these same arms were first used by Robert Simpson of Thourntoun, Scotland, 1680 and it would appear that Simpson of Thornton is descended from Simpson of Udoch since his Arms contain a cadency difference in the form of a chief indented which indicates descent from a younger son.

The meaning of the Arms-Argent on a chief indented vert three Crescents of the first.

CREST: A Crescent or

MOTTO: Tandem Implebitur - At length he shall be filled.⁶

ARMORIAL BEARINGS

Armorial bearings, being for distinguishing persons of, and within, a family, cannot descend to, or be used by, persons who are not members of the family. The surname indicates the family to which a person belongs. A person named Jones cannot bear a Brown coat of arms, or any part of it.

Armorial bearings, of which the Crest is a subsidiary part, are a form of individual heritable property, devolving upon one person at a time by succession from the grantee or confirmee, and thus descend like a Peerage. They indicate the Chief of the Family or Clan, or the Head of each subsidiary line or household descending from members who have themselves established in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland a right to a subsidiary version of the arms and crest, containing a mark of difference indicating their position in the Family or Clan. This is not a "new" coat of arms; it is the ancient ancestral arms with a mark of cadency, usefully showing the cadet's place within the family.

It is not only illegal, but a social crime and error of the most grave character, to assume and purport to use your Chief's arms without a due and congruent difference. Anyone who does so merely publishes their own ignorance, and lapse into bad manners, and use of such on seal or notepaper will close the doors of all the best families against the presumptuous upstart.

Those who wish to use arms in any personal sense must petition for a Grant of Arms or - if they can trace their ancestry back to a direct or, in some cases collateral, ancestor - a "cadet