

Clan BELSHES

ARMS

On a blue and gold shield displaying three spearheads on a red wavy bend

CREST

A greyhound's head couped Argent collared Azure

MOTTO

Fulget virtus intaminata (Virtue shines unstained)



The Barony of Belshes is part of the lordship of Jedburgh in the county of Roxbureghshire. Black states that the name may derive from Bellasis, near Coulommières in seine-et-Marne, France. here were lands of the same name in Northumberland. Richard de Belchis had sufficient status to own a seal, which is shown by Henry Lang in his catalog, *Ancient Scottish Seals* (published in 1850), as appended to a deed in 1296. Nisbet gives the principal family as Belches of that Ilk and shows a cadet family, Belches of Tofts. Alexander Belches of Tofts was a burges of Glasgow in 1631. The direct line of the family ended in the eighteenth century.

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