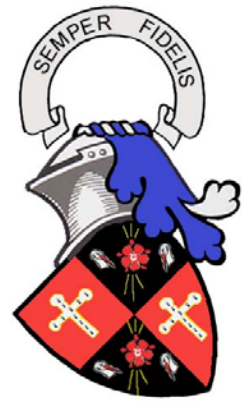


Clan BONNER

ARMS	A shield divided quarterly red and black, with a cross pattée ermine and gold; on a gold chief, a red rose streaming rays, between two red pelicans vulning
CREST	Not available
MOTTO	Semper fidelis (Always faithful)



BONAR, Bonnar, Bonner: Usually described as a descriptive name, ‘the gentle, courteous,’ from Old French *Bonair*. The name may have reflected the character of the first bearer or bearers but not that of Walter Bonar of 1527. Thomas Boner, charter witness in Aberdeen, 1281, William boner, constable of Kinghorn, 1328, Roger Bonere, burgess of Aberdeen, 1342. The ship of John Bonere, a Scotsman, was wrecked at Holkham, 1388. William Bonare, citizen of St. Andrews, who had a charter of a third part of the lands of Balwely, 1451, may be William Bonae (Bonere, or Bonour) who had safe conducts to travel in England, 1452-53. Ninian Bonnar of Kelty became man to William, earl of Montrose by a band of manrent, 1507, and Walter Bonar of Kelty had remission for forethought felony and oppression, 1527. Bonar was the name of a Flemish gunner afterwards tenant of a royal farm in Fife. Charles and Thomas Banner or Bammer were herders in Buchtrig, 1684. In Burke’s account of the family of Bonar it is stated that the surname was at one period so numerous in Scotland that no less than thirty-seven different lines of Bonars are to be found upon record, each styled by their territorial designation. Bonnarr, 1456.

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