

Clan BURREL

ARMS

Gold with a red cross between four leaves and a blue chief on which there is a lion's head between two battleaxes.

CREST

Not available

MOTTO

Abbaereo – I am holding a Burdock (an edible and nutritious food)



Burrel, Burrell, Burrall, Burrill. Probably local from burrill in North Riding of Yorkshire (in 1282 Burel, Burrell 1568). This name is early found upon the border, particularly in the East Marches. Henry Burel witnessed charter of the church of Pencathlan to the Abbey of Kelso c. 1180. William Burel attested a document concerning the land of Cnoc in Renfrew, 1234. William Burel witnessed gift of land in Ayton to William Scot of Coldingham, 1250, Alan Burell witnessed a charter by Malcolm, fourth earl of Lennox, 1285. John Burelle was one of an inquest at Roxburgh, 1257. The lands of Swynset and Raynaldstone in the sheriffdom of Roxburgh, belonging to Robert Burelle were forfeited by him and in 1391 were confirmed to William of Laundelis and Jonet his spouse. Henry Burell was witness in Glasgow, 1477, Andrew Burell, chaplain there, 1504, and George Burell Bailie there, 1536. John Borelle *alias* Steward (born in the vill of Morthyngton) had letters of denization in England, 1482. John Burell, witness in Fife, 1542. Thomas Burrall, Baxter in Aberdeen, 1544. Alexander Burrell, an owner of a salt pan in Kirkcaldy, 1573. John Burel or Burell, a poet, wrote a description of Anne of Denmark's entry into Edinburgh, 1590, preserved in Watson's Collection. The name is common in sixteenth century Glasgow protocols. Brelle (of Tevydale) 1391, Burl 1488, Burrell 1505.

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