

Clan BUTTER

ARMS

Argent, a cross Sable between four men's hearts Proper

CREST

Two hands issuing from a cloud in dexter, extended to the sinister and drawing an arrow in a bow all Proper

MOTTO

Dirget Deus (God directs)



A name of great antiquity in Perthshire, where the Butter's have held land around Faskally near Pitlochry since the twelfth century. Black suggests the name may derive from the Gaelic 'brothar', meaning 'cattle road'. In 1554 John Butter of Bornok was declared an outlaw for participating in the murder of George Drummond of Leidcreif during a feud with the Blair's of Balthayock. The Butter's bellicose tendencies continued, and on 24 November 1598 Patrick Butter was indicted for besieging the House of Ashintully and imprisoning the laird, Andrew Spalding. The family was to channel its undoubted martial prowess into service in the armed forces, and in the 1850's Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Butter of Faskally served in the Crimea and survived the Indian Mutiny. The present head of the family, Major Sir David Butter of Pitlochry MC, is HM Lord Lieutenant of Perthshire and is related by marriage to the Russian former imperial house of Romanov. HM Queen Elizabeth is godmother to his eldest daughter.

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