



CLAN DALZELL

ARMS Sable, a naked man his arms expanded Proper
CREST A dagger paleways Azure, hilted and pommelled Or
MOTTO I dare
SUPPORTERS Two armed men with targets in their hands

Since 1259 over two hundred different forms of this name have been recorded, from Dalzeel to Diyell and including the abbreviation 'DL', which approximates its proper pronunciation. The name is of territorial origin from the old barony of Dalziel in Lanarkshire. The name itself derives from the Gaelic 'dal-gheail', meaning 'white meadow', so named because of the color of the local clay soil. There are also some from Shetland who bear the name; there, it derives from the island of Yell. The hanged man on the family's coat of arms is said to have come from the time of Kenneth II, when a member of his court retrieved the body of the king's friend from a gibbet in enemy held territory with the words, 'I Dare', which is now the family motto. Thomas de Dalziel is mentioned as a baron of Scotland in the Ragman Roll of 1296. Swearing fealty to Edward I of England. He became one of the patriots who joined Robert the Bruce in the struggle for Scottish independence. Sir William de Dalziel, 'a brave and humorous Knight', who had lost an eye at the Battle of Otterburn in 1388, accompanied Sir David Lindsey of Glenesk to the famous London Bridge Tournament in 1390, in which Lindsey was victor. He is said to have suggested that by the laws of the tourney all should be equal and therefore have had one eye put out! Sir Robert Dalzell was created Earl of Carnwath in 1639. His son, Robert, the second Earl, was an active supporter of the Marquess of Montrose, commander of the forces of Charles I in the civil war in Scotland. Lord Clarendon attributed the royalist feat at Naseby to the Earl of Carnwath's stopping the king's horse and redirecting the charge. The fifth Earl, Sir Robert, fought with the Old Pretender in the Jacobite rising of 1715, which resulted in the forfeiture of his title and estates, Sir Thomas Dalzell of The Binns in West Lothian was from one of the oldest cadets of the name. He was an eminent cavalier officer who fought bravely for the king during the civil war. After the execution of Charles I he vowed never again to shave, a vow that he kept. In contemporary descriptions his white and bushy beard 'reached almost to his girdle'. He fought with the royalist forces at the Battle of Worcester in 1651, where he was captured and committed to the Tower of London. He escaped and went to the Continent, where he entered the service of the Tsar of Russia, who made him general of cavalry. He served with the Tsar's feared Cossacks, and later opponents were to refer to him as 'the muscoby beast who had roasted men'. There is, however, no evidence that Tam Dalzell engaged in any more atrocious behavior than was normal for the standards of the time. In 1666, after Dalzell's return, Charles II appointed him commander-in-chief of the forces in Scotland. In 1681 he raised a regiment, which has since seen much distinguished service, under the popular name, The Scots Grays. His fierce reputation was put to good use when he was charged with the suppression of the Covenanters, and his dragoons destroyed effective Covenanter resistance in the Battle of Rullion Green near Edinburgh. The House of the Binns was built by general's father in 1623 and thereafter altered at various times. Its present form dates from around 1820, and is still the home of the Dalzells, the present baronet being Tam Dalzell, the prominent Labor Member of Parliament.

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BRICK	DALYELL	DALZELL	DE ZELL
BURAND	DAULZELL	DALZIEL(L)	DEAL

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