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CREST

Clan LEITH

A gold shield with a black cross crosslet fitchée between three red crescents in chief and three red fusils in base. Not available ΜΟΤΤΟ Motto: Trustie to the end

LEITH. From the town or territory of Leith, Midlothian. There are three fables in circulation, says Stodart, as to the history of. the Leiths. (1) That they held the barony of Restalrig, and that that property was carried by an heiress to an ancestor of the Logans of Restalrig. (2) Restalrig gave a surname to its early owners, and it is not until the fifteenth century that Leiths are to be found holding some lands there; they were burgesses of Edinburgh and gave their name to Leith Wynd. (3) The founder of the family of Leith of Harthill in the parish of Oyne, was William de Lethe, burgess of Aberdeen, which he represented in parliament, 1367. William Leythe, burgess of Aberdeen, 1342, is mentioned again in 1363 as William de Leth. Laurence de Leth was alderman of Aberdeen, 1388. Gilbert of Leth was costumer of Edinburgh, 1327, and John de Lethe was provost of Linlithgow, 1330. Thomas of Leth appears as witness in Kirkwaw (Kirkwall), 1391. Robert de Leitht was admitted burgess of Aberdeen, 1406, and John of Lethe had safe conduct in England for one month, 1420. Leithe 1641, Leyth 1601, Levtht 1584.

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