



Clan RANKEN

ARMS	Red with three silver boars heads, and in base a crossed lance and axe.
CREST	Not available
MOTTO	Fortiter et recte (Boldly and rightly)

RRANKEN, RANKIN, RANKINE. A pet form of some name like Randolph with diminutive *-kin* added. The Irish have it as *Raincin*. The early home of the Rankins was in Ayrshire, where persons of the name were small proprietors before the end of the sixteenth century. John Rankyne, burgess of Glasgow, 1456, may be John Rankin or Rankyn whose land is mentioned in 1468. Peter Rankyne of the Scheild appears in 1496, and was witness in Kilmarnock, 1504. William Rankin is mentioned in connection with Innerkethin, 1500. Dominus Johannes Rankyn, chaplain, witness in Glasgow, 1503, may be Schir John Rankin, vicar of Girwane, 1504. John Rankyn was rector of Hutoune, 1507; another John Rankin was tenant under the bishop of Aberdeen, 1511; a third John Rankyn had a house in Irvine, 1533; and still another John Rankin, a follower of the earl of Cassilis, was respited for murder, 1526. Elspet Rankeyne is recorded in Aberdeen, 1570, John Rinking appears as witness in Glasgow, 1587, and William Rankine was a notary in Ayr, 1590. As a forename we have it as early as 1429, when Rankin de Fowlartoun is in record in Ayr, Rankin de Craufurd and Rankin Small in Prestwick, 1446, Rankine de Symontone in Irvine, 1477, Rankinus Salmone in Glasgow, 1504, and Rankyne Davidsoun, reader at Gawstoun (Galston), 1574. In the records of the Scots Guards in France we have Ranequin Kennedy. Rankein 1678, Rankeine 1638, Rankene 1599, Rankinge 1555; Ranking, Rankini, Renkyn.

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