



Clan RITCHIE

ARMS

A shield divided quarterly: 1st and 4th, silver with three silver lions' heads erased on a gold chief; 2nd and 3rd, Blue with a gold crescent between three silver crosses crosslet.

CREST

Not available

MOTTO

Virtute acquiritur honos (Honour is aquired by virtue)

RITCHIE. Formerly a common Border surname. From 'Richie,' a diminutive of Richard, with intrusive *t*. In some instances curtailed from (MAC)RRITCHIE, q.v. Michael Rechy in Inverness in the fourteenth century. Duncan Richie was a messenger in Perth, 1505, and John Riche witnessed an instrument of sasine in Brechin in the same year. Duncan Riche was the king's sheriff of Inverness in 1512, and there is mention of the lands of Robert Reche in Glasgow, 1550. The wife of David Reche in Aberdeen was fined for brewing ale, 1538. William Ritchie founded the *Scotsman* newspaper in Edinburgh in 1817, and Alexander Ritchie was an Edinburgh artist of repute in early half of last century. As forename: Ritsche Criste was 'delatit of lipyr' (leprosy) in Stirling, 1520, and Riche Hynd is recorded in Dunfermline in 1577. Rechie 1574, Rechtie 1682, Rychy 1474, Rychze (z = y) 1509, Rytchie 1609.

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