Clan STEPHEN

ARMS   A shield divided per chevron blue and silver with two gold falcons rising.

CREST   Not available

MOTTO   None

This name was introduced into Britain by the Normans, with whom it was a favorite. Although found occasionally in England before 1066, its use then was due really to Christian tradition, Stephen *(Stephanos)* having been the first Christian martyr after Christ. Stephen Diaconus, witnessed a charter by bishop Edward, c. 1150-71. James Stephen, provost and merchant in Elgin, 1780. Thomas Stephen published his *History of the Church of Scotland* in 4 v. (1843-45). In Scotland the name exists in the more common form Steven, q.v.

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