



# Clan VIPONT

**ARMS**  
**CREST**  
**MOTTO**

Red with six bezants representing jousting targets.

Not available

None

**V**IPONT, VIPOND. There are several places in Normandy called Vieupont or Vieuxpont, and the great Anglo-Norman family so designated came from Vipont near Lisieux. The name is Latinized *de Veteri Ponte* = "of the old bridge." The Scottish Viponts are descended from William de Ueupont or Veteri Ponte who gave the church of Horueresdene to the Abbey of Kelso, c. 1165, and also witnessed a charter by William the Lion, c. 1165-77. About 1160 as William de Vyerpunt he granted the "eschalingas in Lambremore" to the church of S. Marie of Kelso, a gift witnessed by Fulcone de Vyerpiit. The Veteri Pontes also held the lands of Carriden for some generations, and about the year 1200 W. de Veteri Ponte, first born of the three sons of W. de Veteri Ponte and Emma de Sancto Hylario, as he describes himself in the charter, granted to the Abbey of Holyrood a tithe of his coal of Kareddin (Carriden) and a tithe of the profits of all ships and boats loading or unloading in his land of Blackenis (Blackness). Ivo de Veteri Ponte, probably one of the sons mentioned above, gifted the church of S. Foylan "de majore Sowrby" (Sorbie in Wigtownshire) to the Abbey of Dryburgh, c. 1200. Between 1238 and 1270 Nicholas de Veteri Ponte and his spouse Anabella made a gift of Swaynyston (Swanston) to the Hospital of Soltre which was witnessed by 'William de Veteri Ponte, dominus de Boulton. Dominus Henricus de Veteri Ponte witnessed a charter by Malcolm, 4th earl of Levenax, c. 1285, and in 1292 Robert de Veteri Ponte renounced the homage which he had done to Alexander III for the lands of Aldeneston. Nicol de Veupont of Tyndale. Aline de Veepowlt and Robert de Weepunt, both of Edinburghshire, rendered homage in 1296. PeroneI de Veupont of Berwickshire also rendered homage. His seal bears two lozenges in pale, S' *Petronille de Veteriponte*. William de Veteri-ponte witnessed grant of the office of sheriff of Clackmannan to Malcolm, earl of Levenax, in 1309. Barbour describes Sir William de Vepont, the sixth baron, as one of the "two worthy knights" slain on the Scottish side at Bannockburn. On his death the estates passed into the family of Cockburn by the marriage of his only child Mariota to Sir Alexander de Cockburn. Willelmus Wypponde was Baillie in Buchan, c. 1364. The Viponts were among the earliest known landowners in Fife. The refrain of an old song sung by fishermen there runs:

"The leal guidman of Aberdour

Sits in Sir Alan Vipont's chair."

The surname is now almost extinct in Scotland, but it is interesting to note that so late as 1904 the Rev. David Avenel Vipont was selected as successor to Rev. Jacob Primmer in Townhill Established Church, Dunfermline. Vvpunt 1296, Wypownt and Wippunde (in Wyntooun). Alan de Vypont held the castle of Lochleven in 1333.

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