

"COAT OF ARMS"

Out of the Middle Ages and down through the centuries to the world of today, has come the proud custom, and the romantic tradition of the American Ancestral Coat of Arms, a custom imported from England by the Colonists. Devised in remote days of Chivalry, and borne by armed knights in tournaments and on ancient battlefields, cherished by illustrious forbears of ages past, and handed down from generation to generation as a sacred emblem of family honor, the "Coat of Arms" is an object of pride and distinction for its of today, and heirloom which generations of his descendants will treasure.

With the growing consciousness of Pedigrees and the increasing interest in Genealogy among cultured Americans and kindred subjects of Heraldry, the "Coat of Arms" is now experiencing a notable revival of general attention. Arms were in common use during the Revolutionary period. Genealogy and Heraldry are now ignored only by those who have no ancestors of whom they can be proud. The thoughtful American of today takes a sincere pride in his long line of distinguished decent and in Heraldic emblems which testify to the bravery, achievements and honor of his forbears.

"WALLINGFORD "COAT OF ARMS"

The Meaning of the Wallingford "Coat of Arms"

The Symbols were worn on a surcoat of a warrior above the armour ~~armor~~ and so became the "Coat of Arms".

The fesse or band across the silver shield of a Wallingford, came from a girdle which held the shield in place. On this bright red (gules) band meaning martial fortitude and magnimity, is the lion, denoting bravery and power, one of the best known animals of heraldry, while the argent or silver shield denotes peace and sincerity.

We do not know why a Wallingford family. *used this shield*

No surnames as we know them in modern times, existed in England until the 15 and 16th century, so possibly this "Coat of Arms" was used by Royalty for a period of 200 years or more.

In the Great Seal of Richard the Lion Hearted, of the third Crusade in 1189, showed the shield charged with the lion rampant, but we are not able in any way to connect "The Wallingford Coat of Arms" with this.



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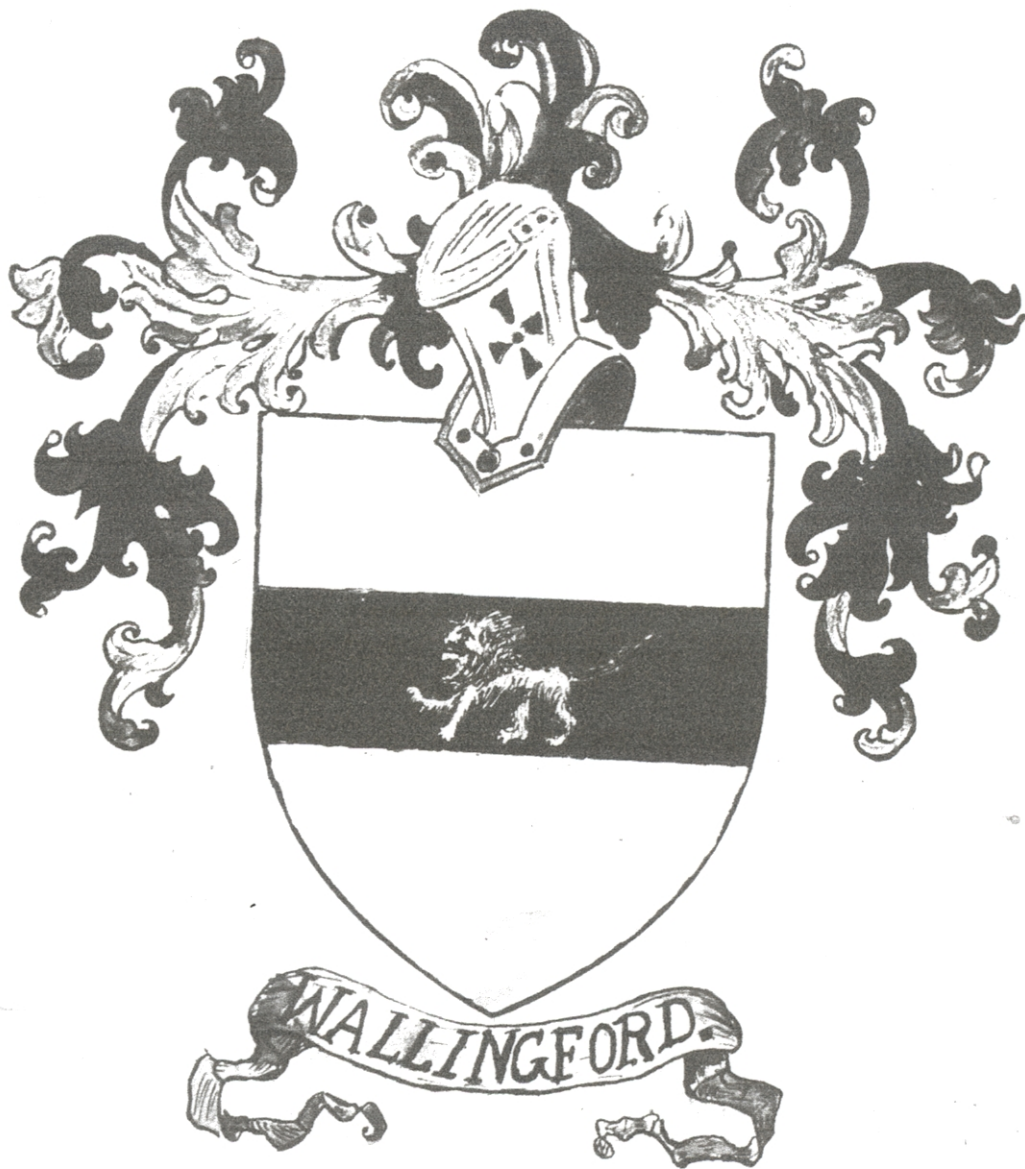
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