

Appendix 3

Heraldic form Letters

Suggested Standard Form Letters

Specific Permissions to Conflict

For Name

I, [Legal name], known in the SCA as [Society name], give [Legal name of submitter], known in the SCA as [Society name of submitter], permission for their name "[Submitted name]" to be similar to, but not identical to, my name, "[Registered name]". I understand that this permission cannot be withdrawn once [name of submitter]'s name is registered.

[Date] [Signature of [Legal name]]

For Claiming Relationship

I, [Legal name], known in the SCA as [Society name], give [Legal name of submitter], known in the SCA as [Society name of submitter], permission for my Society name to be used in part of their Society name in order to indicate a relationship. I understand that this permission cannot be withdrawn once [Legal name of submitter]'s name is registered.

[Date] [Signature of [Legal name]]

For Armory

I, [Legal name], known in the SCA as [Society name], give [Legal name of submitter], known in the SCA as [Society name of submitter], permission for their armory "[Blazon of submission]" to look similar to, but not identical to, my armory, "[Blazon of registered armory]". I understand that this permission cannot be withdrawn once [name of submitter]'s armory is registered.

[Date] [Signature of [Legal name]]

Blanket Permissions to Conflict

For Name

I, [Legal name], known in the SCA as [Society name], waive the full protection of my registered name "[Registered name]". I grant permission to any future submitter to register a name that is

SELECT ONE:

- not identical to
- at least a syllable different from

my registered name. I understand that this permission can be withdrawn by written notice to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms, but that conflicting items registered while it is in force will remain registered.

[Date] [Signature of [Legal name]]

For Claiming Relationship

I, [Legal name], known in the SCA as [Society name], waive the full protection of my registered name "[Registered name]". I grant permission for my Society name to be used in part of any future submitter's Society name in order to indicate a relationship. I understand that this permission can be withdrawn by written notice to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms, but that conflicting items registered while it is in force will remain registered.

[Date] [Signature of [Legal name]]

For Fielded Armory

I, [Legal name], known in the SCA as [Society name], waive the full protection of my registered armory "[Blazon of registered armory]". I grant permission to any future submitter to register armory that is

SELECT ONE:

- not identical to
- at least one countable step different from

my registered armory. I understand that this permission can be withdrawn by written notice to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms, but that conflicting items registered while it is in force will remain registered.

[Date] [Signature of [Legal name]]

For Fieldless Armory:

I, [Legal name], known in the SCA as [Society name], waive the full protection of my registered armory "[Blazon of registered armory]". I grant permission to any future submitter to register armory that is not identical to my registered armory. I understand that this permission can be withdrawn by written notice to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms, but that conflicting items registered while it is in force will remain registered.

[Date] [Signature of [Legal name]]

- * *Note that a blanket permission to conflict will under no circumstances allow the registration of identical names or armory.*

Heraldic Wills

There are many options for Heraldic Wills. The first two options are the simplest, while the third offers the most flexibility and requires the most customization.

1) To leave your registrations to an heir

I [Legal name of owner], known in the Society for Creative Anachronism, Incorporated (SCA) as [SCA name of owner], leave to [legal name of heraldic heir], known in the SCA as [SCA name of heraldic heir, if any] my

SELECT APPROPRIATE:

- name(s)
- armory
- name(s) and armory

registered in the SCA: [FOR EACH ITEM TO TRANSFER, LIST: [type of item] [name or blazon]].

[Date] [Signature of [Legal name]]

2) To release items after your death

I [Legal name of owner], known in the Society for Creative Anachronism, Incorporated (SCA) as [SCA name of owner] release the following names and armory registered to me in the SCA:

[FOR EACH ITEM RELEASED, LIST: [type of item] [name or blazon]]

[Date] [Signature of [Legal name]]

3) When you have different wishes for each registration

I [*Legal name of owner*], known in the Society for Creative Anachronism, Incorporated (SCA) as [*SCA name of owner*] wish to make the following determinations to my name(s) and/or armory upon my death as below:

SELECT OPTIONS as desired; items may be split amongst multiple people, released entirely, or a combination thereof. Make a separate section for each recipient.

- transfer to [*legal name of heraldic heir*], known in the SCA as [*SCA name of heraldic heir, if any*] the following

SELECT APPROPRIATE:

- name
- armory
- name(s) and armory

registered to me in the SCA: [FOR EACH ITEM TO TRANSFER TO THIS RECIPIENT, LIST: [*type of item*] [*name or blazon*]]

- release the following

SELECT APPROPRIATE:

- name
- armory
- name(s) and armory

registered to me in the SCA: [FOR EACH ITEM RELEASED, LIST: [*type of item*] [*name or blazon*]]

[*Date*] [*Signature of [Legal name]*]

Petition for Registration of Group Name and Device

We the undersigned members and officers of [*Society branch name*] affirm that we approve of the submission of the branch name [*Society branch name submitted*] and device, [*blazon*], pictured below.

[*Date*] [*Signatures of Crowned Head, if applicable*]

[*Date*] [*Signatures of Officers and/or Populace*]

Letters of Transfer

A transfer of a name or item of armory requires both a letter of transfer from the owner and a letter of acceptance of transfer from the recipient.

Letter of Transfer (Name)

I, [*Legal name*], known in the SCA as [*Society name*], do transfer to [*Legal name of submitter*], known in the SCA as [*Society name of submitter*], the following

SELECT ONE:

- household name
- personal name
- heraldic title

"[*Registered name*]". I understand that this transfer cannot be withdrawn once made
[*Date*] [*Signature of [Legal name]*]

Letter of Acceptance of Transfer (Name)

A transfer of a name or item of armory requires both a letter of transfer from the owner and a letter of acceptance of transfer from the recipient.

I, [*Legal name*], known in the SCA as [*Society name*] do accept the transfer from [*Legal name of submitter*], known in the SCA as [*Society name of submitter*] the following

SELECT ONE:

- personal name
- household name
- heraldic title

"[*Registered name*]" to be registered to me as my

SELECT ONE:

- primary name
- alternate name
- household name
- heraldic title.

[If this will result in a change of primary name: I wish to

SELECT ONE:

- retain
- release

my current name: "[*Current registered name*]".] I understand that this transfer cannot be withdrawn once made.

[*Date*] [*Signature of [Legal name]*]

Letter of Transfer (Armory)

A transfer of a name or item of armory requires both a letter of transfer from the owner and a letter of acceptance of transfer from the recipient.

I, [Legal name], known in the SCA as [Society name], do transfer to [Legal name of submitter], known in the SCA as [Society name of submitter], the following

SELECT ONE

- device
- badge

"[Blazon of registered armory]". I understand that this transfer cannot be withdrawn once made.
[Date] [Signature of [Legal name]]

Letter of Acceptance of Transfer (Armory)

A transfer of a name or item of armory requires both a letter of transfer from the owner and a letter of acceptance of transfer from the recipient.

I, [Legal name], known in the SCA as [Society name], do accept the transfer from [Legal name of submitter], known in the SCA as [Society name of submitter], the following

SELECT ONE:

- device
- badge

"[Blazon of registered armory]" to be registered as my

SELECT ONE

- device
- badge.

[If this will result in a change of primary device: I wish to

SELECT ONE:

- retain
- release

my current device: "[Blazon of registered armory]".] I understand that this transfer cannot be withdrawn once made.

[Date] [Signature of [Legal name]]

Letter Documenting Legal Relationship for the Existing Registration Allowance

I, [Legal name], known in the SCA as [Society name], do attest that [Legal name of submitter], known in the SCA as [Society name of submitter], is my legal

SELECT ONE:

- parent
- spouse
- child
- sibling

I understand that this letter cannot be withdrawn once [Legal name of submitter]'s name or armory is registered.

[Date] [Signature of [Legal name]]

Letters of Release

For Name

I, [*Legal name*], known in the SCA as [*Society name*] hereby release my registered name "[*registered name*]" . I understand that release of registration is permanent.
[*Date*] [*Signature of [Legal name]*]

For Armory

I, [*Legal name*], known in the SCA as [*Society name*] hereby release my registered armory "[*Blazon of registered armory*]" . I understand that release of registration is permanent.
[*Date*] [*Signature of [Legal name]*]

Exchanges

Exchange device for badge

I, [*Legal name*] known in the SCA as [*SCA name*], wish to make my badge "[*Blazon of Badge*]" my device and retain my current device "[*Blazon of Device*]" as a badge.
[*Date*] [*Signature of [Legal name]*]

Exchange alternate name for primary name

I, [*Legal name*] known in the SCA as [*SCA name*], wish to make the following alternate name "[*Alternate SCA name*]" my primary name and retain my current primary name "[*Current Primary name*]" as an alternate name.
[*Date*] [*Signature of [Legal name]*]

Legal Modern Name Changes

If you have changed your legal name for any reason, and wish your registrations to be connected to your current legal name, please reach out to your Submissions Herald or the Laurel Sovereign at Arms directly and they will handle that request privately and discretely.

What is a Conflict?

Your name and armory are very personal things! It's a personal name or picture that represents you, your possessions, or your household.

When you register your name or armory, whether it is your household name, device, or a badge, it's yours, and no one can use it, or anything that's too close to it, without being presumptuous.

What happens to my armory when I pass away?

Your name and armory, once registered, stays registered with the SCA College of Heraldry forever unless a provision for it is filed while you are still alive. No one can register anything that, in the language of heraldry, claims to be your sibling or child, even after you are gone. They cannot register any name that is too close in sound or spelling to your registered names.

Establishing an Heraldic Heir

The SCA considers your armory as if it were legal property, but your modern family may not understand or care about the details of your hobby. This allows someone IN the SCA to manage your name and armory after you cannot anymore.

Does it cost anything?

No, these are all administrative actions and do not cost anything to submit.

To file an administrative action, you must submit a signed letter to your Submissions Herald, and they will publish it on their letter to the Laurel Sovereign.

Example texts and more situations can be found in the Administrative Handbook in Appx. D.



All filings should include these items:

- Legal Name
- Society Name
- Registration you are referencing
- Date
- Signature

Blanket Permissions

Blanket permissions should also include:

“I grant permission to allow future registrations that are...” and then list what you are allowing.

“I understand that this permission can be withdrawn by written notice to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms, but that conflicting items registered while it is in force will remain registered.”

Names

- not identical to; OR
- at least a syllable different from

Fielded Armory

- not identical to; OR
- at least one countable step different from

Heraldic Wills

“... wish to make the following determinations to my name(s) and/or armory upon my death.” List each item explicitly by name or blazon and the legal name and society name of the recipient.

You can:

- transfer the item to someone
- release it

Acceptance of Transfer

The person you are transferring your item(s) to must accept them officially, so they will have to file a letter as well. It should explicitly state that they “do accept” the items, and list the type they wish it to be registered as (name, alternate name, household name, device, badge) and the name/blazon. If they are accepting it as their primary name or device, they should note what they want done with their existing primary name or device.

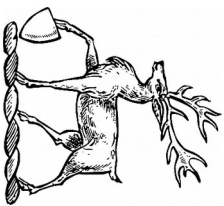
Letter of Release

“...hereby release my registered [name/armory] “[registered name/blazon]”. I understand that release of registration is permanent.”



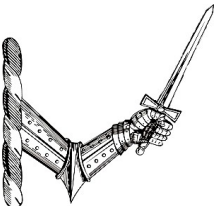
Heraldic Will

Document that allows for actions to be taken regarding your armory after you pass away. You can release your armory, or transfer it to an Heraldic Heir.



Permission to Conflict

Document filed to allow for people to conflict with your armory. You can decide to file one for a specific armorial registration, or file a blanket permission that will allow registrations that are more similar than are normally allowed to be registered.



Letter of Release

Document to release your armory from registration upon acceptance of the letter. Another gentle could then register armory exactly like the one that you had formerly retained for yourself.

Useful Links



College of Herald's
heraldry.sca.org

Administrative Handbook
heraldry.sca.org/admin.html

Regarding Heraldic Wills
heraldry.sca.org/admin.html#IV.G

Appendix D – Form Letters
heraldry.sca.org/admin.html#APPENDIXD

Ordinary and Armorial
oanda.sca.org/

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