

Franks Forages No 25 Thomas Williamson-Ramsay



On one side of the silver centrepiece on the Dining Room table is the Coat of Arms of Thomas Williamson Ramsay (1756-1838).

The 1st and 4th quarterings depict the Ramsay arms of an eagle displayed, armed, beaked and membered.

2nd is the Williamson arms of a saltire cross, three mullets and a boar's head. Normally the boar's head is shown at the top! A unicorn is shown in the centre of the cross. The unicorn is the Ramsay crest and could represent the marriage between Thomas Williamson and

Elizabeth Ramsay. Elizabeth's brother Robert, who was in a business partnership with Thomas died without issue and Williamson assumed the name Ramsay added to his own. Thomas and Elizabeth had five daughters and three sons, the second son, also Thomas, was the recipient of the centrepiece. (See forage 10a) The 3rd quartering shows three fleurs-de-lis and a palm branch representing the arms and crest of Montgomerie, surname of the first Thomas' mother-in-law, Jean Montgomerie who married Robert Ramsay of Camno. The motto at the bottom, "PROCEDAMUS IN PACE" (Proceed in Peace) is the Montgomerie (or Montgomery) motto.

For more information on the Ramsay family see forages numbers 4 and 12.



On the right above are the arms of Cameron-Fairfax-Lucy. 1st and 4th quarterings are the Lucy arms which need no explanation. The 2nd is counterquartered; the 1st and 4th shows a rampant lion, armed and langued on three bars for Fairfax and the 2nd the Ramsay eagle. The 3rd quartering is again counterquartered; 1st and 4th the Montgomerie fleurs-de-lis and palm branch and 2nd and 3rd, three anulets, for Montgomerie of Eglinton with central crescent for difference, second son. The 3rd grand quartering shows the rather involved arms of Cameron of Fassifern. I will explain this on a future 'forage' (No. 28) on the Cameron connection to the family. In the centre is a small shield depicting the red hand of Ulster, the symbol of baronetcy that occurs on the badge a baronet is entitled to wear.