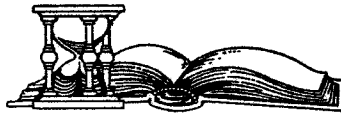


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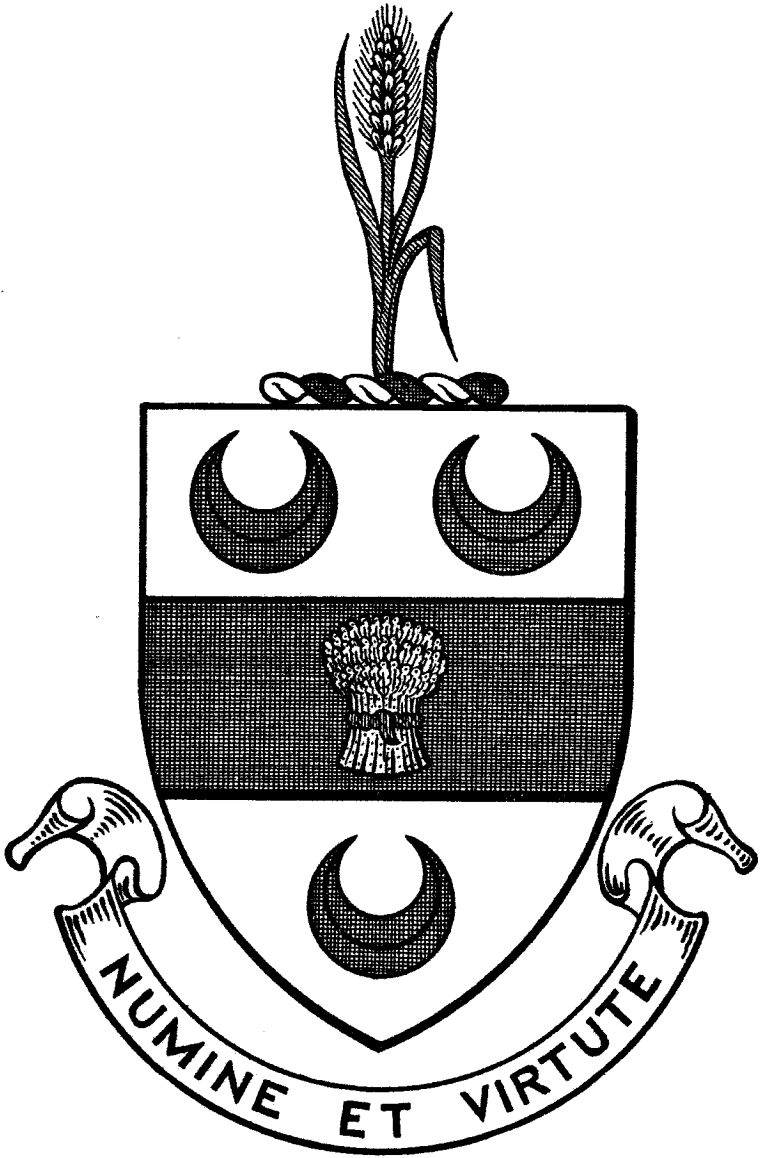
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## ARMORIAL BEARINGS

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The coat-of-arms pictured herewith is given on the tombstone of John Yuille in Bruton Parish Churchyard, Williamsburg, Virginia, immediately following this inscription:

### JOHN YUILLE

Here lies the Corps of John Yuille Merchant  
Son to Thomas Yuile of Darleith in the County of  
Dumbarton Scotland who died at Williamsburgh in Virginia  
upon the 2— day of October 1746  
In the 27th year of his Age .

*Arms*—Argent on a fesse, between three crescents sable, a garb or, banded gules.

*Crest*—An ear of wheat proper, leaved vert.

*Motto*—*Numine et virtute.* (By power and valor.)

The armorial bearings quite clearly indicate a connection between the Yule, Yuille and Youell families of England and Scotland. The ancient arms of Yule are given as:

*Arms*—Gules a garb or, between three crescents argent.\*

The Youell family of Lowestoft, of whom see further, carry a coat of arms the same as above but with the addition of a helmet (closed) in the crest, from which issues the ear of wheat, proper.

Frances M. Smith, in the "Cincinnati Enquirer" of January 14, 1912, says: "The Yuille family of Bedford Square, London, and the branch of the family at Darleith (Scotland) bore a coat-of-arms which is pictured and seems to be same as above. A crescent is sometimes used for the second son."

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\*Henry Whittmore: "Heraldry."

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Burke lists the arms of Yule of Leyhouses, Scotland, as :

*Arms*—Argent on a fesse sable between two crescents in chief and a saltire coupé in base gules a garb or.

*Motto*—*Numine et virtute.*

Arms of Colonel Udny Yule, C. B., (1821) :

*Arms*—Argent on a fesse sable, between two crescents in chief and a saltire coupé in base gules a garb enclosed by two water bougets or.

*Motto*—*Per vim et virtutem.*

Of interest in connection with the armorial bearings is the following, taken from Henry Whittimore's "Heraldry" :

The first of the family of Whiteford was Walter de Whiteford who, for his good services at the battle of Largs, in the reign of King Alexander III, under the command of Alexander, seneschal, high steward of Scotland, got the lands of Whiteford near Paisley, in the shire of Renfrew. There is a tradition that one of the heads of the family who stood firm for his country in the time of King Robert Bruce against the English, surprised a party of English who were long encamped on the opposite side of the River Dart, by a stratagem of putting large quantities of sheaves of wheat into the water. To perpetuate this signal overthrow of them, they carried in their arms the wheat sheaves.

The ancient and honorable family of Seaton may be said to have assumed crescents for animal figures for the reason that their ancient territories and lands in East Lothian are formed by the river of Forth into three great bays like three half moons, from which land they have the surname of Seaton, among the most ancient of surnames. They had other lands in England; a Seaton in Northumberland now called Seaton Delaval, since it was possessed by the honorable family of the name of Deland, and Seaton Whitbystrand in Yorkshire, early of Christopher Seaton who married the sister of Robert the Bruce, king of Scotland. In England, Lee, Earl of Litchfield, had for his paternal coat : Argent a fesse between three crescents sable.



## THE YULE FAMILY IN SCOTLAND

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Whether or not the Scottish Yules and Yuilles are descended from the Yorkshire Yules is entirely a matter of conjecture. A number of traditions are found which indicate varied origins. In "A Memoir of Colonel Henry Yule," written by his daughter, Amy Frances Yule, for the third edition of Colonel Yule's "Marco Polo," which work gained for him the founder's medal of the Royal Geological Society, we find the following:

There is a vague tradition that these Yules descend from the same stock as the Scandinavian family of the same name, which gave Denmark several men of note, including the great naval hero Niels Juel. The portraits of these old Danes offer a certain resemblance of type to those of their Scots namesakes, and Henry Yule liked to play with the idea much in the same way that he took humorous pleasure in his reputed descent from Michael Scott, the Wizard. . . . Be their origin what it may, Yule's forefathers had been already settled on the border hills for many generations, when in the time of James IV they migrated to the lower lands of East Lothian where in the following reign they held the old fortalice of Fentoun Tower of Nisbet of Dirlinton. When Charles II empowered his Lord Lyon to issue certificates of arms (in place of the Lyon records removed and lost at sea by the Cromwellian Government) these Yules were among those who took out confirmation of arms. . . . (Henry Yule, 1820-1889, was the youngest son of Major William Yule, 1764-1839, an officer of the Bengal Army and brother of Colonel Udney Yule.)

Further concerning the Yules of Scotland, Lieut-Col. E. H. Yule, U. S. A., Retired, has the following to say:

Personally, I adhere to the theory that the name Yule is of Continental origin, coming from some part of Northern Europe. The Yules of Scotland perhaps came from the Continent of Europe in one of the numerous invasions of the Norsemen along the English and Scotch coasts in ancient times. Perhaps before the Angles and Saxons invaded England. Whether they succeeded in remaining freemen or were enslaved I have been unable to determine.