

# James

The surname of JAMES was a baptismal name 'the son of Jacobus' a strong West County surname, although it travelled early to Wales and Scotland by settlers. The earliest of the name on record was JACOBUS (without surname) documented in 1160 in London. It was the name of two Stuart kings of England and Scotland, James I. of England and VI of Scotland (1566-1625), son of Lord Darnley and Mary Queen of Scots. James II of England and VII. of Scotland (1633-1701), son of Charles I. and grandson of James I. Early records mention James or Jacobus Audithleg, 1273 County Somerset. William James was documented in County Wiltshire in the year 1300. Jacobus Jameson of Yorkshire was listed in the Yorkshire Poll Tax of 1379. Married. William Jamison and Mary Smith, St. George's Hanover Square, London in 1769. Thomas Jameson of Alnwick and Ann Wilson were married at the same church in the year 1800. An eminent member of the name was William James (1842-1910) was the American philosopher and psychologist, and the elder brother of Henry James, the formulator of the theory of Pragmatism. This English name is borne by a few comparatively recent immigrants to Ireland, and is found mainly in north-east Ulster. It is also an abbreviation of McJames and Fitzjames, the names of some of the members of larger septs. The name is now fairly numerous in Counties Carlow and Wicklow. Ireland was one of the earliest countries to evolve a system of hereditary surnames. They came into being fairly generally in the 11th century, and indeed a few were found before the year 1000. The associated arms are recorded in Sir Bernard Burkes General Armory. Ulster King of Arms in 1884. The name became popular largely due to Authorized Version of the Bible in 1611, the form James is used as the name of two of Christ's apostles (James the brother of John) and James the brother of Andrew). The lion depicted in the arms is the noblest of all wild beasts which is made to be the emblem of strength and valour, and is on that account the most frequently borne in Coat-Armour.

ARMS - Azure on a chevron between three lions passant  
reguard or as many escallops sable

CREST - Out of a mural coronet azure a demi lion reguard or  
collared azure holding between the paws an escallop sable

MOTTO - DEO SEMPER CONFIDE  
In God I trust.