

Mitchell

MITCHELL was a baptismal name 'the son of Michael', an old font name. Early records of the name mention Hugh filius Michael of the County of Lincolnshire in 1273. Mikael de Brackel was documented in County Kent in the same year. Johannes Michelson of Yorkshire was listed in the Yorkshire Poll Tax of 1379. John Thomas Michel was baptised at St. James's, Clerkenwell, London in 1563. William Mitchel and Elizabeth Herring were married at St. George's, Hanover Square, London in 1754. This was taken to Ireland by numerous settlers. The name is found throughout the country, although mainly found in Ulster. During the last century, the Registrar of births reported the use of Mitchell inter-changeably with Mulvihill in County Galway. Early records in Ireland mention Robert Mitchell, 1205. Mitchell M'Briar was documented in Galway in 1490. The name was also introduced early into Scotland. Robert Michael de Hytmanston was a charter witness in 1438. John Mitchell had a remission granted him in 1498 for his part in holding Dumbarton Castle against the King. John Mitsell held land in Glasgow in the year 1496. Thomas Mitchell had a charter of eight parts of the land in Muirtoun in 1611. The names introduced into Britain by the Normans during the Invasion of 1066 were of three kinds. There were names of Norse origin which their ancestors had carried into Normandy; names of Germanic origin which the Frankish conquerors had brought across the Rhine and which had ousted the old Celtic and Latin names from France, and Biblical names and names of Latin and Greek saints. These names they retained even after the customs and language of the natives of Northern France had been adopted by them. After the Norman Conquest not only Normans, but Frenchmen and Bretons from other parts of France settled in England, and quite a few found their way north into Scotland. The associated arms are recorded in Sir Bernard Burkes General Armory. Ulster King of Arms in 1884.

ARMS - Azure a chevron between three swans argent

CREST - A demi pegasus or winged azure charged on the shoulder with a demi rose gules divided fesseways rays issuing from the division pendent argent

MOTTO - - MORIENDO MONULOR - Dying I sing
Arms recorded in Truro, County Cornwall.