

# Robinson

The surname of ROBINSON was a baptismal name 'the son of Robin' an ancient and popular font name from the 12th century and meaning 'fame-bright'. Early records of the name mention John Richard Robynson, 1324 Yorkshire. Roger Robynson was listed in the Yorkshire Poll Tax of 1379. Baptised. William Robinsonne at St. Peter, Cornhill, London in 1606. Francis McGowan married Elizabeth Robeson, St. George's, Hanover Square, London in 1801. Following the crusades in Europe in the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries, a need was felt for a family name to replace the one given at birth, or in addition to it. This was recognized by those of noble birth, and particularly by those who went on the Crusades, as it added prestige and practical advantage to their status. At first the coat of arms was a practical matter which served a function on the battlefield and in tournaments. With his helmet covering his face, and armour encasing the knight from head to foot, the only means of identification for his followers, was the insignia painted on his shield, and embroidered on his surcoat, the draped and flowing garment worn over the armour. This English surname has in comparatively recent times become very numerous in Ireland, especially in Ulster. The name was early in Scotland, and John Robynson in Irvine is mentioned in 1426, and another John Robynsone was bailie of Glasgow in 1477. Andrew Robersoun witnessed the sale of a tenement in Arbroath in 1450. The name was common in Glasgow in the sixteenth century. The fact that Robin was considered a diminutive of Robert is shown by an entry in 1483 where the same individual is referred to as Robyne of Hall and Robert of Hall. The associated arms are recorded in Sir Bernard Burkes Armory. Ulster King of Arms in 1884. It has long been a matter of doubt when the bearing of coats of arms first became hereditary and it was not until the Crusades that Heraldry came into general use. Men went into battle heavily armed and were difficult to recognise. It became the custom for them to adorn their helmets with distinctive crests, and to paint their shields with animals and the like. Coats of arms accompanied the development of surnames, becoming hereditary in the same way.

ARMS - Vert on a chevron between three bucks trippant or as many cinquefoils argent

CREST - A buck trippant or

MOTTO - FOI EST TOUT

Faith is all