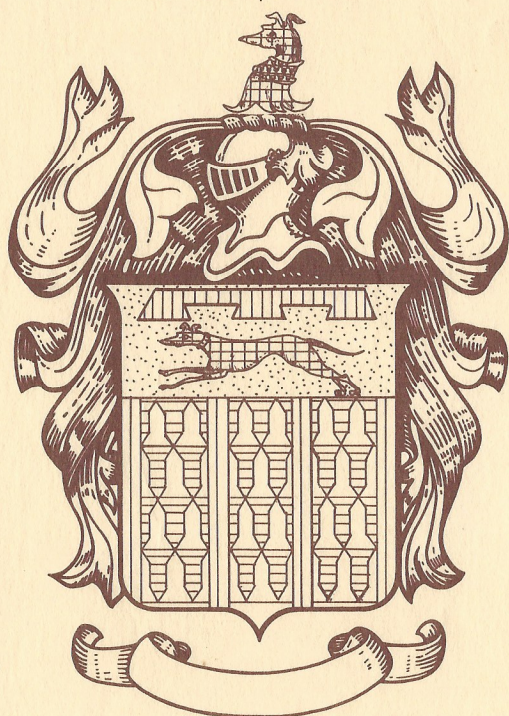


Coat of Arms



Kanis

Historiography

The Kanis Coat of Arms illustrated left was drawn by an heraldic artist from information officially recorded in ancient heraldic archives. Documentation for the Kanis Coat of Arms design can be found in Rietstap Armorial General. Heraldic artists of old developed their own unique language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. In their language, the Arms (shield) is as follows:

"De gu. a trois pals de vair; au chef d'or, ch. d'un levrier courant de sa., coll. d'or, surm. d'un lambel de gu."

When translated the Arms description is:

"Red; three vertical bands vair, a gold upper third charged with a black greyhound running, collared gold, surmounted by a red label."

Above the shield and helmet is the Crest which is described as:

"Une tete et col de levrier de sa., coll. de vair."

A translation of the Crest description is:

"A black head and neck of a greyhound collared vair."

Family mottos are believed to have originated as battle cries in medieval times. A Motto was not recorded with the Kanis Coat of Arms.

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's name and personal characteristics. The surname Kanis appears to be occupational in origin, and is believed to be associated with the Dutch, meaning, "one who was a fisherman." The supplementary sheet included with this report is designed to give you more information to further your understanding of the origin of names. Different spellings of the same original surname are a common occurrence. Dictionaries of surnames indicate probable spelling variations. The most prominent variations of Kanis are Kanes, Kaniss and Kaness.

Information available to us indicates that in 1971 there were approximately 100 heads of households in the United States with the old and distinguished Kanis name. The United States Census Bureau in 1970 estimated that there were approximately 3.1 persons per household in America which yields an approximate total of 310 people in the United States carrying the Kanis name. Although the figure seems relatively low, it does not signify the many important contributions that individuals bearing the Kanis name have made to history.

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