

Family Name Origin

RENUART

The surname of RENUART was of Norse and German origin, and was a baptismal name denoting 'the son of Reyner'. The name meant 'mighty army, or God-like' and dates in England to Regenhere, AD 617, son of King Raedwald, in East Anglia. The name was listed in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Rainerus (without surname) a tenant in County Norfolk. Reyner le Blake, was documented in the County of Norfolk in the year 1273. Edward Rayner of Yorkshire, was listed in the Yorkshire Poll Tax of 1379. Since the dawn of civilisation, the need to communicate has been a prime drive of all higher mankind. The more organised the social structure became, the more urgent the need to name places, objects and situations essential to the survival and existence of the social unit. From this common stem arose the requirements to identify families, tribes and individual members evolving into a pattern in evidence today. In the formation of this history, common usage of customs, trades, locations, patronymic and generic terms were often adopted as surnames. The demands of bureaucracy formally introduced by feudal lords in the 11th century, to define the boundaries and families within their fiefdoms, crystallized the need for personal identification and accountability, and surnames became in general use from this time onwards. Later instances of the name mention Edward Rainer of County Yorkshire who registered at Oxford University in the year 1601. John Rayner married Priscilla Elliot at St. James's, Clerkenwell, London in 1740. 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 flowing and draped garment worn over the armour. In many parts of central and western Europe, hereditary surnames began to become fixed at around the 12th century, and have developed and changed slowly over the years. As society became more complex, and such matters as the management of tenure, and in particular the collection of taxes were delegated to special functionaries, it became imperative to distinguish a more complex system of nomenclature to differentiate one individual from another. The associated arms are recorded in Sir Bernard Burkes Armory, Ulster King of Arms in 1884.

ARMS - Ermine on a chief indented azure two estoiles Or

CREST - A dexter hand holding three arrows point downwards proper

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