

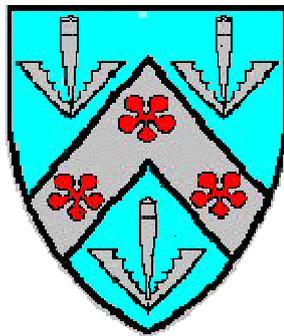
Heraldry

Only two coats of arms have been associated with the Sandham name in historical times, these being shown below. Whether this particular family, from Sussex, England, proved entitlement to these arms, or whether they were only drafted by them, has not yet been researched (due to the large fees reputed to be charged for such searches). Other coats of arms of the name have been offered for sale by commercial organisations in recent years but every case seen so far these are modern fakes based on unsupported heraldry logic.

Item 1

The following printed text & illustration is from a photocopy of page 331 of a printed list of arms assumed to be from a book entitled "Sussex Families":

"The 1662 list also includes the name of Sacheverell Sandham of Colworth in the parish of Oving. The name Sandham or Sandam appears in the parish registers of Oving between 1561 and 1600. In 1886 descendants of Thomas Sandham's family were General Sandham of Pulborough and the Rev, J M. Sandham, rector of Coldwaltham and Hardham. I am not sure where Sacheverell Sandham fitted into the family tree. His arms were blazoned: Azure, on a chevron between three pheons argent, as many cinquefoil gules."



Page 96, under the heading 'The Visitation of Sussex 1662' shows a 3 generation family tree with the note: '(No Arms in Visitation)'. It also shows Sacheverell as a grandson of Thomas.

Note that the colours shown in this blazon are only an interpretation of the above definition of the coat of arms.

It is possible that the arms were never formally accepted by the College of Arms."

Item 2

This text is handwritten, being a copy made in the nineteenth century from one of the Harleian Society's unpublished papers (now held in the British Museum and not inspected yet by me). These Harleian papers appear to be copies of notes made by the Heralds when they visited the county families in the 16th & 17th centuries. It is provisionally assumed that the greater complexity of these arms as compared to those described in Item 1 is due to them having been produced for a later descendant of Sacheverell Sandham - an illustration of these arms has not yet been seen, or prepared.

1. *Az. on a chev. between three pheons points upward arg. as many roses gu.*
2. *Arg. on and saltire az. Five water bougets or., Sacheverell*
3. *Arg. a chev. betw. three falcons rising sa.*
4. *Vaire or., and gu.*
5. *Arg. a chev betw. three birds' heads erased gu.*
6. *Arg. a fleur de lis gu.*
7. *Arg. a chev betw. three boars' heads erased sa.*
8. *as 1.*

----By Sacheverell Sandham of Colworth