

Rice

The surname of PRICE was derived from the Old Welsh Ap-Ryce - the son of Rice. A Welsh baptismal name in the 12th Century, although now forgotten as a font name. Early records of the name mention Jorweth Ap. Reys, of London and Wales in 1393. 'Item given to Harry ap-Rice, 5 shillings' - Privy purse expenses, Princess Mary, 1544. Lewis Ap-Rhys, was the prebendary of St. Davids in the year of 1502. Arnold Aprrice and Elizabeth Andrews were married at St. James's, Clerkenwell, London in 1563. Thomas Apres and Margaret Barker were married at St. George's, Hanover Square, London in the year 1579. 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. The bulk of European surnames in countries such as England and France were formed in the 13th and 14th centuries. The process started earlier and continued in some places into the 19th century, but the norm is that in the 11th century people did not have surnames, whereas by the 15th century they did. A notable member of the name was Richard Price (1723-1791) the Welsh moral philosopher and unitarian minister, born in Tynton, Glamorgan. He attended a Dissenting Academy in London, and became a preacher at Newington Green and Hackney. His interests were quite diverse; he was admitted to the Royal Society in 1765, and he wrote 'Observations on Reversionary Payments' in 1771, and helped to establish a scientific system for life-insurance and pensions. He also wrote books on the American Revolution, which brought him into political prominence. The associated arms are recorded in Sir Bernard Burkes General Armory. Ulster King of Arms in 1884. The lion depicted in the arms is the noblest of all wild beasts, and is made to be the emblem of strength and valour, and on this account, the most frequently borne in Coat Armour.

ARMS - Gules a lion rampant argent armed and langued azure

CREST - A lion as in the arms holding in the paws a rose slipped proper

MOTTO - - AUXILIUM MEUM A DOMINO
My help is from the Lord