

# Wright

This English surname of WRIGHT was of the occupational group of surnames 'a skilled worker' a cartwright, a maker of wheels. The name was derived from the Old English word 'wrighta' and was a very familiar entry in medieval documents. Chaucer (1340 - 1400) said of the name 'he was a good wright - a carpenter'. Early records of the name mention Roger le Write, 1273 County Cambridge. Adam Wrigtson of Yorkshire was listed in the Yorkshire Poll Tax of 1379. The name was taken early to Scotland by settlers, and Rauf le Wrichte, burgess of Stirling in 1296, appears to be the first of the name on record. Robert Wryhyt, a carpenter of Berwick, was employed on the roof of the chapel and hall of Berwick Castle in 1362, and Thomas Wryhyt of Alnewyk, another carpenter, aided him. William Wrythe, with the consent and assent of his spouse, made a grant in favour of the Abbey of Newbattle in 1462. Richard Writht, was the burgess of Aberdeen in the year 1492. 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. The associated arms are recorded in Sir Bernard Burkes General Armory. Ulster King of Arms in 1884. 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. Later instances of the name include James, son of James Wrightson who was baptised at St. George's Chapel, Mayfair, London in 1741. Alex Wright and Mary Harwood were married at St. Georges Chapel, Mayfair, London in the year 1742. Orville (1871-1948) and Wilbur (1867-1912) Wright, the brothers who built and flew in 1903, the first heavier than air motor driven flying machine.

ARMS - Azure two bars argent in chief three leopards faces or

CREST - An arm in armour embowed proper holding in the hand a broken tilting spear azure headed or

MOTTO - HONOR VIRTUTE PREMIUM  
Honour is the reward of virtue