

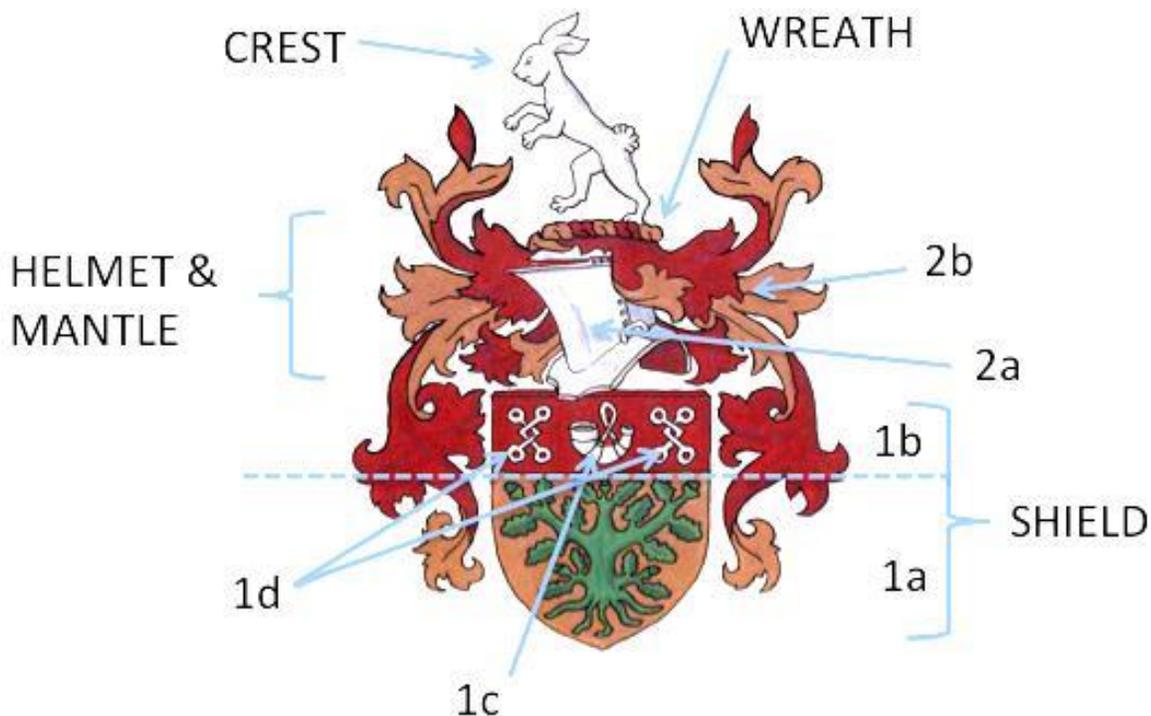
**ARMORIAL BEARINGS (COAT OF ARMS)  
OF THE CONEJO VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

The CVGS Coat of Arms was approved and registered with the American College of Heraldry in 1983.

*Be it by these Presents known that a Petition hath been submitted unto Representatives of the College requesting that the Armorial Bearings appertaining unto the aforementioned Armiger be Recognized and Registered. The President acting, under the authority of the Board of Governors duly surveyed the Petition and the Armorial Bearings presented, and deemed all things to be in order and accurately represented.*

*It is, therefore with pleasure that We Recognize the Arms being rightfully borne and displayed by the Armiger, and do enter them in Our Archives and Records under Registration Number 218, said Arms being Styled and Blazoned to Wit:*

*Or, an oak tree eradicated and fructed Vert; on a chief Gules a bugle-horn, stringed, between two pairs of angles enterlaced fesswise, at each end an annulet Argent. Above the Shield is placed a Helmet with a Mantling Vert doubled Or, and on a Wreath Or and Vert is set for Crest, a rabbit rampant Argent.*



Heraldry has a language of its own and a short dictionary of the “blazon” is included at the end of the description of the Armorial Bearings, which is divided into four parts:

1. The **Shield**

- a. The lower 2/3 shows a background color of gold (Or) with Oak tree uprooted (eradicated) and showing fruit (acorns) and colored green (Vert).
- b. Chief is the upper part of the shield, containing 1/3 of the field and colored red (Guile).
- c. On the Chief is a bugle-horn hanging by a string and between

- d. Two pairs of angles intertwined, with a line horizontally (Fess-wise) below it, with a ring (Annulet) at each end of the angle and colored silver/white (Argent).
2. The **Helmet and Mantle**
    - a. The helmet is placed on top of the shield
    - b. The mantle is around the helmet. The mantle is doubled, meaning the lining is one color (in this case gold (Or), the other side is green (Vert). In actuality, the colors are gold (Or) and red (Guile).
  3. The **Wreath** sits on top of the helmet and supports the Crest. It is supposed to represent a twist of two silken cords. One tintured like the principle metal (in this case gold), the other like the principle color in the arms which is red (Guile). The description given states it is gold (Or) and green (Vert).
  4. The **Crest** sits upon the wreath, a rabbit with forepaws in the air, on hind legs (Rampant) facing its right and tintured silver/white (Argent).

### Armorial Definitions

Armorial – of coat of arms, heraldic

Armiger – a person entitled to display armorial bearings

Angled - applied to any bearing the outline of which is turned from its straight and natural course at one or more points

Argent – tincture silver generally represented in a painting by white

Blazon – to describe a coat of arms; to give an accurate description

Chief – the head or upper part of the shield, containing a third of the field, and divided by one line.

Crest – originally the ornament of the helmet, or headpiece. In early days it was confined to persons of rank, but in later times it has been included in every grant of arms

Eradicated – a tree which has been torn up by the roots

Fess-wise – a strip or band placed horizontally across the shield, occupying one-third of the field

Fruited – bearing fruit

Guiles – heraldic name of the tincture red

Helmet – the helmets borne above the shield and beneath the crest

Heraldry – Is the profession, study, or art of creating, granting, and blazoning arms and ruling on questions of rank or protocol, as exercised by an officer of arms.

Mantle – the cloak or robe behind the shield

Or – the chief of the tinctures gold

Rampant – of an animal, usually standing on hind legs

Tincture – the name given to the colors, metals and furs used in heraldry

Vert – heraldic name of the tincture green

Wreath – the roll or chaplet above the shield, supporting the crest.

For more information go to the website <http://www.americancollegeofheraldry.org/>



The American College of Heraldry  
A Registration of the Armorial Bearings  
of  
The Conejo Valley Genealogical Society  
of  
Ventura County California

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To provide testimony of these proceedings, this Document hath been executed and the President and members of the Board of Governors have hereunto set their hands and affixed the seal of the College this day before Almighty God and this society of Armigers.

*W. David Johnson*

2 March 1983

For the Board of Governors



*Edw. Thomas L. Cockran, U.S.M., Ret.*

2 March 1983

President and Date