

ARMS FOR WODEN:
A LATE SIXTEENTH-CENTURY MANUSCRIPT FOLIO IN THE
COLLEGE OF ARMS — AN ERRATUM AND AN ADDENDUM.

Steven Ashley writes:

Contrary to the assertion in my note in the *Coat of Arms* (4th ser. 6 (2023), no. 240 pp. 180–188, at 180-81, footnote 7) that no arms are listed for Woden in the *DBA*, a shield bearing *Azure three crowns, 2 & 1 Or* appears on p. 243 under: [BRITAIN], K Woden. KB (p. 40) 137. These attributed arms are recorded in the Kings of Britain Roll [lost Roll] temp. Hen VI [copy Coll. Arm. MS Vincent 170, ff 29–57], and are part of the group of crown-based arms derived from those first given to Edmund king and martyr, the earliest record for which appears in the Herald's Roll, dating to c. 1270-80 (P. Fox, *Great Cloister: A Lost Canterbury Tale* (Oxford, 2020), pp. 85-6, 588). As arms attributed to Woden, they are at variance with the arms discussed in the original note, which display *A cross patonce*, a charge derived from the attributed shield of Edward the Confessor, carved in in c. 1260-3 in the choir of Westminster Abbey (R. Turner, *Medieval Arms of Westminster Abbey* (NP, 2018), pp. 13, 15).

H. Woden.

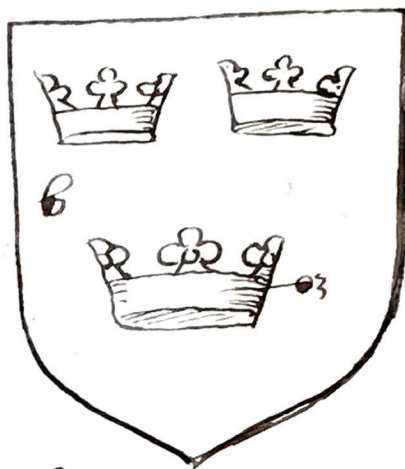


Figure 1: Arms of Woden as shown in College of Arms MS Vincent 170, ff 29–57 (Kings of Britain Roll). Reproduced by permission of the Kings, Herald's and Pursuivants of Arms.