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The Crest of the Family of Adam of Blair Adam

The crest as engraved upon this Victorian English Sterling Silver Wine Ewer by the Goldsmiths & Silversmiths Company hallmarked London 1899 is that of the family of Adam. It may be blazoned as follows:

Crest: **A cross crosslet fitchy* gules surmounted of a sword in saltire proper**

Motto: **Crux mihi grata quies** [The cross is my pleasing rest]

* It appears that the engraver has omitted the point of the cross crosslet fitchy.

Upon the balance of probability and without any evidence to the contrary this crest pertains to the family of Adam, of Blair Adam in the County of Kinross-shire. Given the date of manufacture of this ewer it was in the possession of Sir Charles Elphinstone Adam of Blair Adam, the 1st and last Baronet of Blair Adam (born 7th August 1859 died 6th December 1922). Sir Charles was the eldest son of The Right Honourable William Patrick Adam of Blair Adam and Emily Wyllie, daughter of General Sir William Wyllie. Sir Charles was created a Baronet of the United Kingdom, styled of 'Blair Adam' on the 20th May 1882 at the young age of 32 in honour of his late father. Probably the intention was for his father to be created a baronet but having died prior to being created one, his son Charles was so created in his stead.

Sir Charles married Edith Dobson (died 7th August 1929), the daughter of William Dobson, of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Sadly, there were no children from their marriage, so upon the death of Sir Charles, his baronetcy fell into extinction for the want of a male heir. The estate of Blair Adam, passed to his nephew, Charles Keith Adam, thereafter styled 'of Blair Adam'.



Blair Adam House, Co. Kinross. Seat of the Adams of Blair Adam.

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