

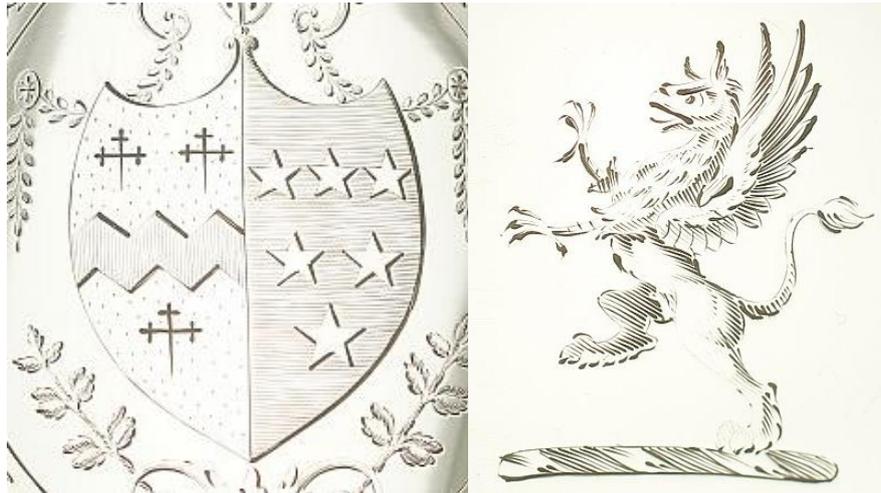


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The Marital Arms of Sandys and Praed

The arms as engraved upon this George III English Sterling Silver Samovar by Thomas Hatton hallmarked London 1786 are those of the family of Sandys impaling Praed. These armorial bearings denote the marshalling of a marital coat showing on the dexter (the heraldic right on the left as you view the piece) the arms of the husband and on the sinister (the heraldic left on the right as you view it) the arms of the wife. These armorial bearings may be blazoned as follows:

Arms:

(on the dexter) **Or a fess dancetty between three cross crosslets fitchy gules**
(for Sandys)

(on the sinister) **Azure six mullets three two and one argent** (for Praed)

Crest: **A griffin segreant per fess or and gules** (for Sandys)

These armorial bearings undoubtedly commemorate the marriage of The Reverend William Sandys (born after 1732 died 1816) and Maria Mackworth Praed (born 1749 died 4th April 1809). William and Maria were married on the 22nd February 1788 at the Parish Church of St Swithin, Walcot, Bath in the County of Somerset. William was son of Richard Sandys, of St Minver, Helston in the County of Cornwall and Anne Lukey, whilst Maria was the second daughter of Humphry Mackworth Praed, of Trevethoe in the County of Cornwall and Mary Forester, widow. of Sir Brian

Broughton Delves, 4th Baronet of Broughton in the County of Staffordshire. Although, the Praed family was a Cornish family they also owned property and lived at Walcot as mentioned above for when Maria died in 1809 she was interred in the family vault of St Swithin's Church alongside her father and other members of her family, although she is named as Mary rather than Maria upon the mural monument in the church close to the Praed family vault.

Owing to the fact the William and Maria's marriage produced no issue, William left his estates to his nephew, James Warren, the son of his eldest sister, Blanch. In 1817, James Warren obtained a Royal Licence to take the name and arms of Sandys in consequence of which the Kings of Arms at The College of Arms in the City of London granted him the following arms and crest which slightly differed from the original Sandys armorial bearings to show that James was not of the direct male line.



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