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The Marital Arms of Wyndham and Penruddocke

The arms as engraved upon this William III English Britannia Standard Silver Flat Topped Quart Tankard by John Smith I hallmarked London 1707 are those of the family of Wyndham impaling Penruddocke. 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) **Azure a chevron between lion's heads erased or** (for Wyndham)

(on the sinister) **Gules a bend raguly argent** (for Penruddocke)

These armorial bearings undoubtedly commemorate the marriage of Henry Wyndham (born 20th August 1709 died 5th October 1788) and Arundel Ashe Penruddocke (born 1714 died 3rd September 1780). Henry and Arundell were married on the 11th September 1735 at the Parish Church of St Michael, Compton Chamberlayne in the County of Wiltshire. Henry was the son of Wadham Wyndham, of St Edmund's College, Salisbury in the County of Wiltshire and Sarah Hearst, whilst Arundel was

the daughter of Henry Penruddocke, of Compton House at Compton Chamberlayne and Lætitia Ashe.

Given the date of the manufacture of this tankard it may be presumed that it was in the possession of either the Wyndhams or the Penruddockes at the time of the marriage of Henry and Arundel and given, perhaps, to the couple as part of the marriage settlement along with other chattels and goods to allow them to set up their own household. Alternatively, it could have acquired by the couple shortly after their marriage. In either case, once in possession of the tankard they commissioned an engraver to engrave their marital arms on same.



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