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### **The Crest of the Family of Keith (-Falconer), Earls of Kintore**

The crest as engraved upon this Pair of George IV English Sterling Silver Chambersticks by Robert Garrard II hallmarked London 1824 is that of the family of Keith (-Falconer), Earls of Kintore. It may be blazoned as follows:

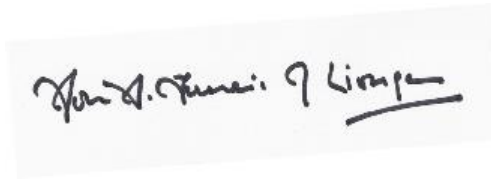
Crest: **A demi-woman richly attired holding in the dexter hand a garland of laurel proper (for Keith)**

The crest is ensigned with an Earl's coronet.

Given the date of the hallmarking of this pair of chambersticks they were undoubtedly in the ownership of Anthony Adrian Keith-Falconer (born 20th April 1794 died 11th July 1844), the 7th Earl of Kintore. He was the eldest son of William Keith-Falconer, 6th Earl of Kintore and Maria Bannerman, the only daughter of Sir Alexander Bannerman of Elsick, the 6th Baronet and Mary Gordon. Lord Kintore married Juliet Renny (died 9th July 1819), the daughter of Robert Renny, on the 14th June 1817. Some two years after Juliet's death, he married for a second time to Louisa Hawkins (died 1st November 1841), the daughter of Francis Hawkins and Helen Dempster Burrington, on the 27th August 1821. Although, there was no issue from his marriage to Juliet Renny, he had four children from his marriage to Louisa Hawkins and one illegitimate son, Anthony Adrian Keith (born 9th April 1835) by a lady named Isabella Smith during his marriage to Louisa. He succeeded to the family peerages upon the death of his father, the 6th Earl on the 6th October 1812. On that date, he became the 7th Earl of Kintore and the 7th Lord Keith, of Inverurie and Keith Hall both within the Peerage of Scotland. He was later created Baron Kintore, of Kintore

in the County of Aberdeen with the Peerage of the United Kingdom on the 5th July 1838.

The crest in my opinion is certainly contemporaneous with these chambersticks.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored rectangular background. The signature reads "John A. Macneil, Q.C." with a horizontal line underlining the "Q.C." portion.

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