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The Arms of the Family of Wilson

The arms as engraved upon this Victorian English Sterling Silver and Sheffield Plate Venison Dish by William Ker Reid hallmarked London 1849 are those of the family of Wilson. They may be blazoned as follows:

Arms: Sable a wolf rampant or in chief three mullets of the last

Motto: Semper vigilans [Always watchful]

These arms undoubtedly pertain to a family of the name of Wilson as other families of this surname use similar arms although the wolf is in the main is depicted as being 'salient' (leaping) and mullets in the chief are generally blazoned as 'estoiles' (stars with six wavy points). As with this example of the Wilson arms there is also a combination of wolves rampant and mullets along with the motto used here found amongst other armigerous Wilson families.