

Hall

The surname of HALL was a locational name 'the dweller at the hall' from residence at a large estate or manor house. Early records of the name mention Roger de la HALLE who was recorded in the year 1273 in County Cambridge. William atte HALLE was documented in County Somerset, during the reign of Edward III (1327-1377). Willelmus atte HALLE of Yorkshire, was listed in the Yorkshire Poll Tax of 1379. Thomas del HALL was recorded in County Cumberland in the year 1400. John de HALL was a witness in Glasgow in 1454. Allane of HALL was burgess of Prestwick in 1470. This English surname, which ranks among the twenty commonest in England, is found predominantly in Ulster, but also in considerable numbers in Leinster and Munster, although rare in Connacht. It was brought to Munster by settlers as early as the 14th century, but came to Ulster with the 17th century planters. Ireland was one of the earliest countries to evolve a system of hereditary surnames: they came into being fairly generally in the 11th century, and indeed a few were formed before the year 1000. The bulk of European surnames in countries such as England and France were formed in the 13th and 14th centuries. The process started earlier and continued in some places into the 19th century, but the norm is that in the 11th century people did not have surnames, whereas by the 15th century they did. In many parts of central and western Europe, hereditary surnames began to become fixed at around the 12th century, and have developed and changed slowly over the years. As society became more complex, and such matters as the management of tenure, and in particular the collection of taxes were delegated to special functionaries, it became imperative to distinguish a more complex system of nomenclature to differentiate one individual from another. A notable member of the name was David HALL (1714-1772) born in Edinburgh who became partner with Benjamin Franklyn in the printing business. The associated arms are recorded in Burkes General Armory. Ulster King of Arms in 1884. Registered at High Meadow, County Gloucestershire.

ARMS - Argent a chevron between three
talbots heads erased sable

CREST - On a mount a stork argent holding
in the dexter claw a pellet

MOTTO - CURA QUIETEM - See to due response