



Clan CLELLAND

ARMS

Azure, a hare salient Argent with a hunting horn about his neck
Vert garnished Gules

CREST

A falcon upon a glove sinister Proper

MOTTO

For sport

The name is said to derive from the lands of Kneland or Cleland in the parish of Dalziel in Lanarkshire. The Clellands of that Ilk were hereditary foresters to the Earls of Douglas, which may account for the device on their coat of arms of a hare with a hunting horn about its neck. Black lists Alexander Kneland of that Ilk as the husband of Margaret, sister of the patriot and independent leader William Wallace Kneland fought in the War of Independence against the English and is believed to have fought at Bannockburn in 1314, and for his services received extensive lands, including some within the barony of Calder in West Lothian. Alexander Cleland of that Ilk and his cousin William were both killed at Flodden in 1513. Alexander Cleland of that Ilk who was related to the Earl of Bothwell, third husband of Mary, Queen of Scots, was implicated in the murder of Lord Darnley, the queen's second husband, along with other members of his family. His grandson, Alexander, married the sister of Lord Bargeny, and their son, on inheriting Hamilton land from his mother, sold the lands of Cleland to a cousin.

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