



Clan CLEPHANE

ARMS	Argent, a lion rampant Gules in the dexter chief point an esquire's helmet Proper (quartered with Douglas of Kirkness)
CREST	A hand holding a helmet Proper
MOTTO	Ut sim parator (That I may be the more ready)
SUPPORTERS	Two unicorns Argent, horned, hooped and maned Sable

The Chephanes are said by Black to be an offshoot of an ancient family in England deriving their name from Clapham in Sussex, where they are believed to have settled shortly after the Norman Conquest. The progenitor of the Scottish family is believed to have been Aluns de Clephane, who settled in Lauderdale I the reign of William the Lion. He witnessed a charter around 1200. In a donation to the Monastery of Kelso he is designed 'Alans de Celphane, Vicecom de Lawder'. The family acquired the lands of Carslogie in Fife, which was to become their principal seat. According to Anderson, Alan Celphane of Carslogie fought with Robert the Bruce in 1314 at the Battle of Bannockburn, where he is said to have lost his right hand; he subsequently had one made in steel to replace it, fitted with springs to enable him to wield his sword. Much of the family holdings in Lauderdale appear to have been lost by the early seventeenth century. Major General William Celphane sold the remainder of the barony lands of the Clephanes of carslogie, married the Marquis of Northampton, and the famous steel hand was reputed to be in the possession of that family.

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