

It is stated, with some authority, that a younger son of the well-known Scotch family of BOYLE, having emigrated to Germany in the XIV century, was entrusted with special powers by the then reigning Emperor of Germany, and sent to rule a far-off portion of his vast domains, with the title of "VACARIUS." then often used by provincial governors throughout the so-called HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE. His posterity having returned to Scotland, adopted as its distinctive appellation the name of Mac-VICKAR (son of the Vicar), under which the descendants of the original BOYLE, IMPERIAL "VICARIUS," are known in the present days.

Later at the time of the great Scotch emigration to Northern Ireland, the family of McVICKAR took root in Belfast, whence came over in 1780, the colonist, John McVICKAR, one of the leading and wealthiest merchants of New York during the Revolutionary period and at the time of the war of 1812. His name is found associated with the principal commercial and philanthropic enterprises of the time. He brought over and used the arms we give, which are those of the BOYLES of Shewalton, Co. Ayr. The BOYLES are represented in the Scottish Peerage by the Earls of Glasgow, the Earls of Cork and Orrery, and the Earls of Shannon.

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 (Eagle) Crest: An eagle displayed, with two heads, per pale,
 (with) embattled, argent and gules
 (two heads)
 () Motto: Dominus providebit (The Lord will provide.)

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Arms:

Quartered-1st and 4th: Or, an eagle, displayed, with two heads,
 (see page 130, Plate XVI) gu. 2nd and 3rd: Per bend, embattled,
 arg. and gu.; over all, an escutcheon, or,
 charged with three stags' horns, erect, gu.,
 two and one.

SAME ARMS as the BOYLES, EARLS OF GLASOW, etc.

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