

Reference: <http://www.surnamedb.com/Surname/Cecil#ixzz3Nv8IM3av>

Last name: Cecil

This ancient and distinguished surname, borne by the Earls of Salisbury and Exeter, the Barons Burghley, and the Viscounts Wimbledon, is of Old Welsh origin, and derives from the Old Welsh male given name "Seisyll(t)", apparently ultimately from the Latin "sextilius", a derivative of "sextus", "sixth(-born)". This name was borne by various saints and popes in the early centuries of the Christian era, and subsequently adopted in their honour.

Early bearers of the Welsh form of the name were Seisyll ap Clydog (flourished 730), first King of joint Ceredigion and Ystrad Tywi, and Seisyllt ap Clydog (flourished 925), Lord of Gwynedd. The name is well recorded in the Welsh border counties, appearing as "Saissil" and "Seisil" respectively in the Domesday Book of 1086 for Herefordshire, and the 1188 Pipe Rolls of Shropshire.

The Cecils were originally Welsh gentry, and David Cecil, grandfather of Lord Burghley, who had espoused the cause of Henry Tudor, came to court in London after the latter became king in 1485. **William Cecil, Lord Burghley (1520 - 1598), was lord high treasurer, 1572 - 1598, and chief adviser to Elizabeth 1. His eldest son, Thomas, became first Earl of Exeter, and Robert, another son, was created Earl of Salisbury in 1605.** A Coat of Arms held by the Cecil family is a shield divided per barry of ten silver and azure, over all six black escutcheons, three, two, and one, each charged with a lion rampant of the first. The first recorded spelling of the family name is shown to be that of William Seisil, which was dated 1205, in the "Pipe Rolls of Herefordshire", during the reign of King John, known as "Lackland", 1199 - 1216. Surnames became necessary when governments introduced personal taxation. In England this was known as Poll Tax. Throughout the centuries, surnames in every country have continued to "develop" often leading to astonishing variants of the original spelling.

1724 Reference:

A Display of Heraldry by John Guilim, R. & J. Bonwick

https://books.google.ca/books?id=zpZcAAAACAAJ&dq=%22Baron+of+Burleigh%22+crest&source=gbs_navlinks_s

‘ James Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, Viscount Cranborn, and Baron (Cecil) of Effingham.

Creations.

‘ Baron Cecil (of Effingham in Com’ Rutland) by Patent, 13 May, 1 Jac. I. (1603.)
‘ and confirmed, 13 Aug. 1 Jac. I. (1603.)
‘ Viscount, 21 Aug. 21 Jac. I. (1604.) And Earl, 4 May, in the Morning, 3 Jac. I. (1605.)

Arms.

‘ The same as the Earl of Exeter next following, viz. Barry of 10, Argent and Azure, over all Six Escutcheons, 3, 2, and 1, Sable; each charged with a Lion rampant of the First, with a Crescent for Difference. Crest, on a Wreath, 8 Arrows, 4 and 4 in Salire, Argent, barbed and plumed, Or, banded, Gules, † and

‘ and Ensigned with a Morion or Steel Cap of Liberty, proper. Supporters, two Lyons, Ermine; On the Shoulders of each a Crescent for Difference. Motto, *Sero fed Serio.*

‘ John Cecill, Earl of Exeter, and Baron of Burleigh.

Creations.

‘ Baron Burleigh (of Burleigh, in Com’ Northampton) by Patent 25 Feb. 13 Eliz. (1570.)
‘ And Earl, 4 May, 3 Jac. I. (1605.)

Arms.

‘ Barry of ten, Argent and Azure, over all six Escutcheons, Sable, each charged with a Lion rampant of the First. Crest, on a Wreath, a Garb, Argent, sustained by two Lions, the Dexter Azure, the Sinister Silver. Supporters, two Lions, Ermine: Motto, *Cor unum Via Una.*

1828 Reference:

Encyclopaedia Heraldica, Volume 1 by William Berry

SALISBURY, MARQUIS OF, (Cecil,) 10th August, 1789; Earl of **Salisbury**, 4th May, 1605; Viscount Cranbourn, in the county of Dorset, 20th August, 1604; and Baron **Cecil**, of Essendon, in the county of Rutland, 13th May, 1603.

Arms, barry of ten, ar. and az. over all six escocheons sa. three, two, and one, each charged with a lion, rampant, of the first a crescent for difference.

Crest, six arrows in saltier or, barbed and flighted ar. girt together with a belt gu. buckled and garnished gold, over the arrows a morion cap ppr.

Supporters, two lions erm.

Motto, *Sero sed serio*, Late but seriously.

... the Earl of Salisbury Cecil line had the motto "Sero sed serio"

EXETER, MARQUIS OF, (Cecil,) 4th February, 1801; Earl of **Exeter**, 4th May, 1605; Baron of Burleigh, 21st February, 1570; and Joint Hereditary Grand Almoner to the King.

Arms, barry of ten, ar. and az. over all six escocheons, three, two, and one, sa. each charged with a lion, rampant, of the first.

Crest, on a chapeau gu. turned up erm. a garb or, supported by two lions, the dexter ar. the sinister az.

Supporters, two lions, erm.

Motto, *Cor unum, via una*, One heart, one way.

... the Earl of Exeter Cecil line had the motto "Cor unum, via una"

1868 Ref: The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales

by Bernard Burke

http://books.google.ca/books/about/The_General_Armory_of_England_Scotland_I.html?id=WmpmAAAAMAAJ&redir_esc=y

Lynch (Galway, Ireland; a family of great antiquity in Connaught, one of "The Tribes of Galway." WILLIAM LE PETIT is stated, in an old MS. in Ulster's Office, to have been the progenitor of all the LYSCUNA in Ireland). Az. a chev. betw. three trefoils slipped or. *Crest*—A lynx pass. az. collared or.

Lynch-Blossie (Castle Carra, co. Mayo, bart.; descended from NICHOLAS LYSCUN, Mayor of Galway, temp. James I., who had twelve sons. HENRY LYSCUN, the eldest, was created a bart. 1622. Sir ROBERT LYSCUN, sixth bart., assumed the additional surname of Blossie). Same *Arms*. *Crest*—A lynx pass. cowarded ar. *Motto*—Nec temere nec timide.

Lynch (Partry House, co. Mayo). Same *Arms* and *Crest*, without the mullet. *Motto*—Semper constans et fidelis.

Lynch (Clough Ballymore Castle, co. Galway). Same *Arms* and *Crest*.

Lynch (Ballinacah, co. Galway). Same *Arms* and *Crest*.

Lynch (Peterborough, Lancaster, Barna, Loberry, and Lavally, all co. Galway). Same *Arms* and *Crest*.

Lynch (Clydagh House and Duras Park; confirmed to QUONON STRACROUS LYSCUN, Esq., of Clydagh House, co. Galway, eldest son of MARK LYSCUN, Esq., of Duras Park, same co., and their descendants). Az. on a chev. betw. three trefoils slipped or, a mullet gu. *Crest*—A lynx pass. ppr. charged on the shoulder with a mullet gu. *Motto*—Semper fidelis.

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... In the book there is information on several other lines of the Lynch family but only one line has the motto "semper fidelis", i.e. the line of Clydagh (aka Claddagh) House and Duras Park, co. Galway. It is possible that this line of Lynches was descended from Germyn Lynch who, as a goldsmith and successful merchant, was appointed as the first master of the Galway mint in 1461. Recall that there was a Nolan goldsmith in Galway in 1500 made a freeman. By the early 1600s we know that the Lynches and Nolans were having business dealings with one another and it is possible that they shared the motto "semper fidelis" with other local families as a result of some sort of loose association. The basis for this association may indeed have been a declared loyalty to the Jacobite cause for in his genealogy and heraldic works Burke records that the motto "semper fidelis" was also used by the Stewart family of Ballechin in Perthshire, Scotland, supposed descendants of an illegitimate son of James II of Scotland (1430–1460).

... In the same book there is also information on the Cecil family of Wales indicating that one branch of the family indeed used the motto "Cor unum, via una" (Earls of Exeter).

Cecil (Earl and Marquess of Exeter). Barry of ten ar. and az. over all six escutcheons sa. three, two, and one, each charged with a lion ramp. of the first. *Crest*—A garb or, supported by two lions, the dexter ar. the sinister az. *Supporters*—Two lions erm. *Motto*—Cor unum, via una.

Cecil (Marquess and Earl of Salisbury). *Arms* same, with a crescent for diff. *Crest*—Six arrows in saltier or, barbed and flighted ar. girt together with a belt gu. buckled and garnished gold, over the arrows a morion cap ppr. *Supporters*—Two lions erm. *Motto*—Sero sed serio.

Ref. regarding Lynch family:

A Genealogical and Heraldic
Dictionary

of the Landed Gentry of ..., Volume 2

https://books.google.ca/books?id=Ni4BAAAAQAAJ&dq=%22mark+lynch%22+clydagh&source=gbs_navlinks_s

LYNCH OF DURAS.

LYNCH, PATRICK-MARCUS, Esq. of Duras Park, and Renmore Park, co. Galway, J.P., high sheriff 1846, b. 1785; m. 1820, Ellen, only dau. of John Wilson, Esq. of Belvoir, co. Clare, and has issue,

- i. JOHN-WILSON, J.P., capt. Galway militia, high sheriff of co. Galway 1858, b. 1831.
- ii. William-Joseph, an officer 19th regt., b. 1835.
- i. Barbara, m. 1851, to Lt.-Col. Geoghegan, H.E.I.C.S.
- ii. Ellen, m. 1855, to Edward-Thomas Stapleton, Esq.
- iii. Eliza.
- iv. Mary-Jane.
- v. Fanny.

Lineage.—**MARK LYNCH**, Esq. of Renmore Lodge, co. Galway, b. in 1684; m. Jane, only dau. of Nicholas Biggs, Esq. of Jamaica, and had two sons, PATRICK, his heir; and Nicholas, who d. s. p. The elder and heir,

PATRICK LYNCH, Esq. of Renmore Lodge, b. in 1714; m. in 1747, Anne, sister of Sir Charles French, Bart. of Castle French, and aunt of Thomas, 1st Baron French, and by her had, with two daus., who both d. s. p., two sons, MARK, of whom presently; and Martin, barrister-at-law. The elder son,

MARK LYNCH, Esq. of Duras Park, co. Galway, b. in 1755; m. 1st, in 1785, Barbara, only child of Stephen Burke, Esq. of Ower, co. Galway, and by her had one son, the present PATRICK-MARCUS LYNCH, Esq. of Duras Park. He m. 2ndly, in 1792, Victoire, dau. of Richard-Wolsley Cormick, Esq. of Wolsley Park, in the Island of Grenada, by Lucy-Barbara his wife, sister of Sir George-Leonard Staunton, Bart., and by her had issue, at his death in 1812,

- i. GEORGE-STAUNTON, now of **Clydagh House**, co. Galway, (refer to LYNCH-STAUNTON).
- ii. HENRY-CORMICK, capt. H.E.I.C.S. Madras, b. 1801; m. 1838, Charlotte, dau. of J.-Brock Wood, Esq. of Huntingdon Hall, co. Chester, and had a son George-Staunton, b. 1839, lieut. Hants artillery militia. Capt. Lynch, s. to the estate of Leigh Park, near Havant, Hants, in 1859, on the death s. p. of his cousin Sir G.-F. Staunton, Bart. (see STAUNTON), and d. in the same year, having assumed the additional name and arms of STAUNTON.
- iii. Richard-M. of Glenarde, co. Galway, J.P., m. Georgiana, dau. of the Rev. G. Varenne, D.D., rector of Staplehurst, in Kent, and has a dau. Anna-Varenne.
- iv. Charles-French.
- i. Lucy, m. to Richard Martyn, Esq. of Galway, deceased.
- ii. Jeannette Victoire, m. to Abraham-F. Royce, Esq. (2nd son of the late Thomas Royce, Esq. of Nantemant House, co. Limerick), deceased.
- iii. Margaret, d. unm.

Arms.—Az., a chev., between three trefolls, slipped, or.

Crest.—A lynx, courant, ppr.

Motto.—Semper fidelis.

Seat.—Duras Park, near Kinvaza, co. Galway.

LYNCH OF CLYDAGH.

See LYNCH-STAUNTON.

1910 Reference - H.C.M. Nolan Manuscripts

1590-1600: The motto used by Thomas Nolan (1) of Ballinrobe

“Cor unum via una” is the Cecil motto. It is probable that Thomas changed the old O’Nolan motto “Semper Fidelis” given to them for their known fidelity to the Kings of Leicester for the Cecil motto. If Thomas (1) was by any chance a Carlow Nolan the fact of his taking office with Elizabeth would make him anxious to forget his old connection for many reasons and to cement his friendship with his new allies. Thomas Nolan (1) was in direct communication with the Cecil’s through Sir Richard Bingham and perhaps in more direct correspondence. Sir Thomas Cecil (**second Lord Burleigh**) visited Connaught and was a great friend of the Bingham with whom Thomas Nolan was much allied. A kinsman of Cecil, Barnaby Goore held an office in Connaught either with Thomas Nolan or only a few months before Thomas Nolan was appointed Clerk of the County of Mayo. (H.C.M. Nolan manuscripts)

2013 Reference - NZSG Irish Interest Group Newsletter Sept./Oct. 2013

NOLAN’s of Connaught Galway, Mayo, Sligo & Roscommon

During his recent trip to the U.K. and Ireland Wayne Nolan obtained some manuscripts about the descendants of Thomas Nolan who was Sub-Sheriff of Co. Mayo 1583, and Wayne’s 10 x Great Grandfather. These manuscripts were written in 1910 by Henry Cecil M. Nolan, Registrar of the Probate Court in Hereford, who obviously used his position to read Wills, Deeds and Land Titles to prepare his scripts. The original documents were destroyed in the 1922 Dublin Four Courts fire so the importance of these manuscripts is priceless.

Thomas Nolan’s eldest three sons formed the three best known family lines of the Nolan’s in Connaught; son and heir Gregory formed the Ballybanagher Nolan’s, son John the Ballinderry Nolan’s and son Thomas the Logboy Nolan’s.

If you are researching any of these NOLAN families, please contact Wayne Nolan at waynenolan.nz@gmail.com who will try and assist you with your enquiry.