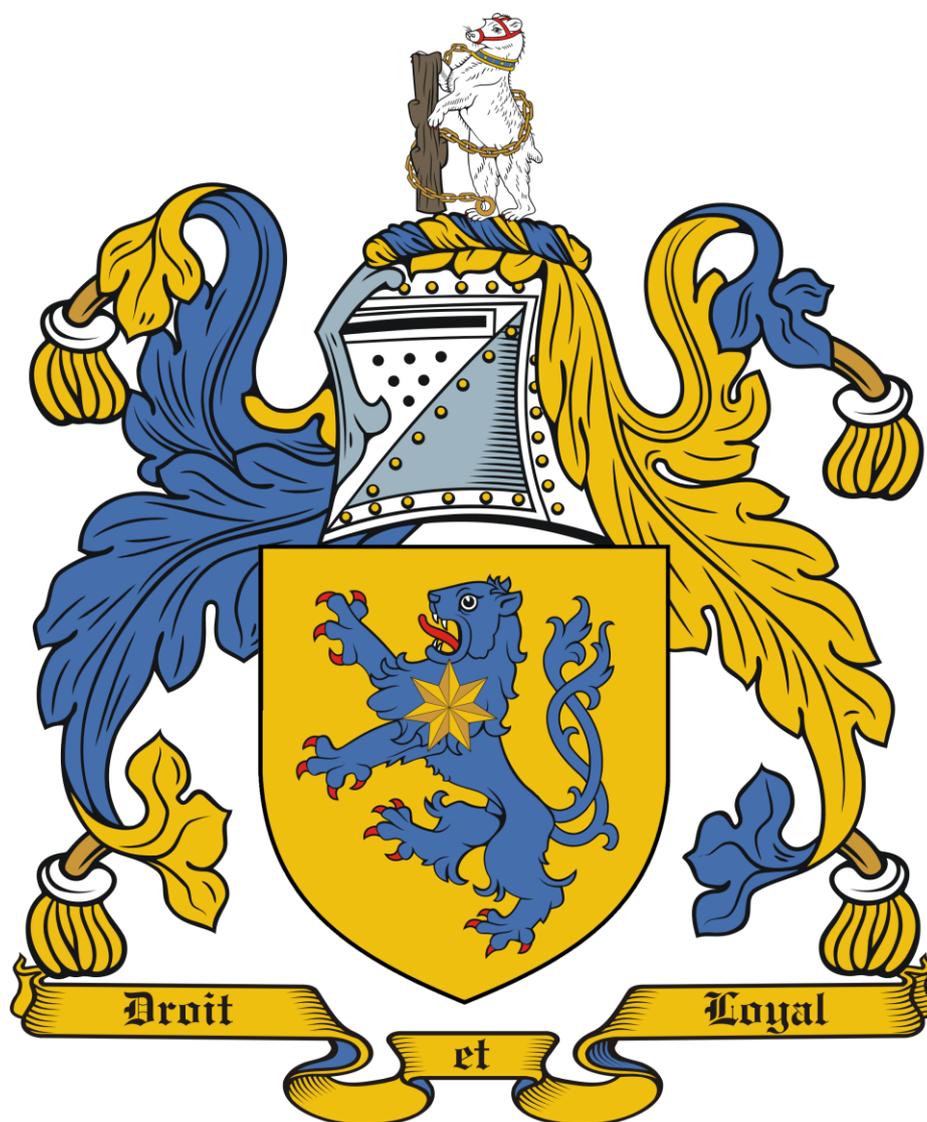


The ARMS of
Steven Ronald Dudley
and the House of Dudley - AUSTRALIA



Blazon:

On a shield or, a lion rampant double queued asure charged with a mullet of seven points or, a closed helm argent and for the crest, on a wreath or and azure a bear argent, muzzled gules, collared azure, studded and garnished or chained of the last, supporting a rugged staff proper.

Blazon in English:

On a gold shield, a blue double tailed lion in a rampant or attack pose, with a gold seven-pointed star placed over the lion for, a closed silver helmet, and for the crest, on a gold and blue wreath, a silver or white bear, with a red muzzle and a blue collar with gold studs and edge. The bear is chained with a gold chain and is supporting a rugged staff of natural colours.

Explanation:

The blue lion rampant with a double tail is for the de Sutton (Dudley's) who came from the English Midlands town of Dudley. Dudley castle, in the old city centre, was once a principle family seat of power and was held for the family from circa 1420 until 1643 by the 1st through 5th Baron of Dudley. The lion signifies strength and the double tail is for confidence.

To this is added a seven-pointed gold commonwealth star for Australia to make it different to the Dudley family line in the UK.

The helmet is closed, facing to the left as this is the helmet used for gentlemen knights, or warriors thus the military significance.

On the crest is a wreath of blue and gold, taken from the Australian coat of arms and is again for Australia. On the wreath stands a muzzled bear which is the symbol of the city of Warwick, where the Dudley's, through Lord Ambrose Dudley 3rd Earl of Warwick and Lord Robert Dudley, 1st Earl of Leicester, held a second family seat. The bear is prominent on the tombs of Lord Robert and his wife Lady Lettice and also on the tomb of Lord Ambrose in the Beauchamp Chapel of St Mary's Church in Warwick.



**Tomb of Lord Robert and
Lady Lettice Dudley**



Tomb of Lord Ambrose Dudley

The bear and the lion also appear on the caving by John Dudley, the 1st son of John Dudley Duke of Northumberland, in the Beauchamp Tower of the Tower of London when he, his brothers and father were imprisoned after the fall of Lady Jane Grey, wife of John's brother, Guildford. The carving features the bear and ragged staff (the badge of the Earls of Warwick), the double-tailed lion rampant (badge of the Dudley

family) and a floral border with oak leaves and acorns for Robert Dudley (*Quercus robur* is the Latin for English oak), roses for Ambrose Dudley, honeysuckle for Henry Dudley (*Lonicera henryi*) and Gilly Flower for Guildford Dudley.



The motto **Droit et Loyal**, is French for Just and Loyal and has been the Dudley motto used by the family for many years and was used by Lord Robert, 1st Earl of Leicester.

Symbols and Colours:

The shield is gold and signifies wisdom, generosity, glory, constancy and faith.

The lion symbolises Courage, valour and strength whilst it is shown rampant as this is the normal attack position of a beast in heraldry. It has a double tail to show confidence. The colour blue represents Loyalty, truth, strength and faith. It has red tongue and claws, which is normal and thus not described in the blazon. Red signifies Military strength and the Warrior.

The seven-pointed star or mullet as it is called in heraldry, is for Australia and is referred to as the commonwealth or federation star. It is used to differentiate these arms from the arms of the Dudley family line in the UK.

The helmet is closed and is used by knights, esquires and gentlemen. It is silver which signifies truth and sincerity.

The bear signifies strength, cunning and ferocity in the protection of one's kindred. It is collared and chained which signifies a reward for acceptable and weighty service, it suggests the bearer bore the chain of obligation or obliged others because of services done. This signifies the military service of the Dudley family and that of Steven's wife's maternal and paternal families now and in the past. The bear is also the symbol

of the city of Warwick in Warwickshire, England. Once an important family seat, second only in significance to the primary family seat in the city of Dudley, in the West Midlands of the United Kingdom.

The colours used for the mantling and wreath of the crest are Blue and Gold, again to signify Australia. These colours have heraldic significance as the colours used for the wreath in the Australian coat of arms which was granted by royal warrant in 1912. Blue and Gold are also the colours of the ribbon of the Order of Australia and are used on the ribbon of the long service medal of the Australian Defence Force.

The motto **Droit et Loyal**, is French for Just and Loyal and has long been associated with the Dudley family. It appears to have been first adopted by John Dudley (1504-1553), 1st Duke of Northumberland, 1st Earl of Warwick, 1st Viscount of Lisle KG, in the early 16th century. It was also the motto used by Lord Robert Dudley (1532-1588), 1st Earl of Leicester KG, the younger son of John Dudley.

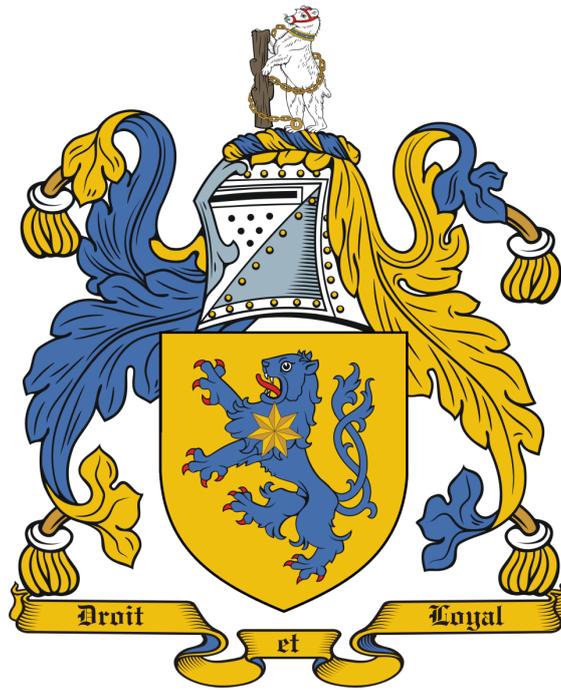
Difference or Cadency:

In heraldry, cadency is any systematic way of distinguishing otherwise identical coats of arms belonging to members of the same family. These differences are formed by adding to the arms small and inconspicuous marks called brisures, similar to charges but smaller.

In the Arms for Jason Dudley and Nicholas Dudley, the standard cadency of a Label and a Crescent are used to difference the first and second born sons, the marks are in green for Jason and Red for Nicholas to signify Military strength and a Warrior as he is a soldier.

For the arms of Rebecca and Lauren, they are depicted on a lozenge as is customary for arms of ladies. Lauren's has a blue ribbon tied in a bow to signify that she is unmarried. In English heraldry there are no cadency normally used for ladies so I have adopted a form of mark taken from other countries to enable a difference in these arms.

A green Heart is used for Rebecca Reed nee Dudley, to signify the first-born daughter and for Lauren Dudley a green Ermine Spot is used to signify the second born daughter.



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**Arms of
Rebecca Ann Marilyn Dudley**

On a lozenge or garnished sable then or, a lion rampant double queued asure charged with a mullet of seven points or, and in the middle chief a heart vert for difference.



**Arms of
Jason Ronald Dudley**

On a shield or, a lion rampant double queued asure charged with a mullet of seven points or, a closed helm argent and for the crest, on a wreath or and azure a bear argent, muzzled gules, collared azure, studded and garnished or chained of the last, supporting a rugged staff proper and the whole differenced by a label of three points vert.



**Arms of
Nicholas William Dudley**

On a shield or, a lion rampant double queued asure charged with a mullet of seven points or, a closed helm argent and for the crest, on a wreath or and azure a bear argent, muzzled gules, collared azure, studded and garnished or chained of the last, supporting a rugged staff proper and in the dexter base a crescent gules for difference.



**Arms of
Lauren Doreen Jane Dudley**

On a lozenge or garnished sable then or, a lion rampant double queued asure charged with a mullet of seven points or, the whole ensigned with ribbon tied in a bow asure and in the middle chief a ermine spot vert for difference.

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