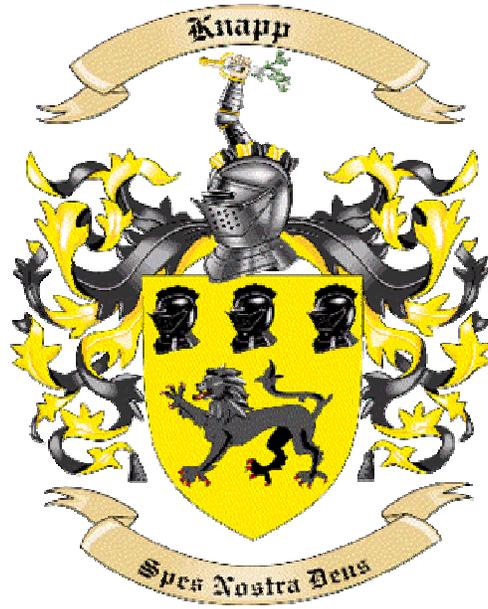




**Knapp**





**English Version  
KNAPP COAT OF ARMS**

**DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION ON THE  
ENGLISH VERSION OF THE  
KNAPP CREST & COAT OF ARMS**

**Tuddenham, County Norfolk; Needham and Washbroke, County Suffolk:**

**Arms:** Or, in chief three close helmets sable, in base a lion passant of the last.

**Crest:** An arm embowed in armour proper, garnished or, the hand also proper grasping by the blade a broken sword argent, hilt and pommel gold, with a branch of laurel vert.

**Motto:** "Spes Nostra Deus" - "God Is Our Hope".

**Little Linford Hall and Shenley, County Bucks:**

**Arms:** Same as above.

**Hambly-Knapp:**

**Arms:** Or, a lion passant in base and in chief three esquires' helmets sable, quartering gu a lion rampant ar crowned or for Hambly.

**Crest:** An arm embowed in armour proper, garnished or, the hand also proper grasping by the blade a broken sword argent, hilt and pommel gold, with a branch of laurel vert. (same as Tuddenham).

Misc: Ar. A cross gu. Between four roses proper.

**Source:** Burke, Sir Bernard, General Armory of England, Scotland. Ireland and Wales.

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**Knapp of Needham and Washbroke, Suff., and Tuddenham, Norf.,**

**Crest:** An arm in armour embowed ppr., garnished or, the hand of the first grasping by the blade a broken sword arg., hilt and pommel of the second, with a branch of laurel vert.

**Knapp, John Matthew, Esquire, of Linford Hall, Wolverton, Bucks,**

**Crest:** Upon a laurel-branch vert, an arm embowed in armour

ppr., garnished or, grasping a broken sword in bend sinister, blade downwards ppr., pommel and hilt gold, and charged with two frets, one above and below the elbow sa.

**Motto:** In bello aut in pace. (I believe this translates " In war and in peace".)

**Knapp, Robert Bruce, Esquire, of Mount Lebanon. Natal, South Africa,** same crest and motto.

Knapp, a demi-lion rampant sa., holding between his paws an esquire's helmet. arg.

**Motto:** En Dieu est ma confiance (In God is my trust)

**Source:** "Fairbairn's Book of Crests"

### **THE KNAPP KNIGHT**

Many stories are found in print today that claim "Roger de Knapp" was Knighted in 1530, by King Henry VIII, at a Tournament held in Co Suffolk, England. This story in it's many forms has been proven false and that the story was the product of some fanciful mind. It has not the least foundation in fact, not withstanding the number of times it is found in print. A search of the records and correspondence with the College of Heraldry officials in London, England, do not agree with any of these writings. The search proved that there was never a Roger de Knapp, Knighted by King Henry VII, nor was there any Tournament held in Suffolk in 1530. In fact, they could find no record of a Knapp by the name of Roger living in Suffolk nor in Essex at any time. It is believed that the story first appeared in America and that a high probability exists that it was developed and the invention of some unscrupulous English genealogist, in an attempt to satisfy the ambitions of an American client!

### **KNAPP COAT OF ARMS**

Some 6-8 Coats of Arms have been granted in England to persons bearing the name of Knapp, and are found recorded there. The Suffolk Coat of Arms was first granted to Henry Knapp, of Hintelsham, England and later to George Knapp of Tuddenham, and then to Robert Knapp of Needham, probably both descendants of the first mentioned Henry Knapp. Needless to say, we of today still find those who emphatically lay claim to the 'KNAPP KNIGHT' as a true accounting, yet the College of Heraldry cannot document the claim. A copy of the Crest or Coat of Arms appears in this writing and bears the information about the Coat of Arms. This Crest was prepared for the Knapp Family Association of America in 1940, by Winfield Scott Downs, the former managing Editor of the American Historical Company of New York. For more information about the Knapp Coat of Arms, consult BURKES "General Armory-Visitation of Suffolk, 1577".

## ORIGIN OF THE SURNAME: KNAPP

**English:** derived from the Old English word "cnoepp" meaning hilltop; an English place name - the man who lived on top of the hill.

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## DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION ON THE GERMAN VERSION OF THE KNAPP CREST & COAT OF ARMS

**Shield:** upper left & lower right a boy with a crown holding a scroll on a white background

upper right & lower left a gold crown on a blue background.

**Crest:** boy with a crown & scroll.

The boy in all three depiction's faces to the left.