Davidson Arms in Holland

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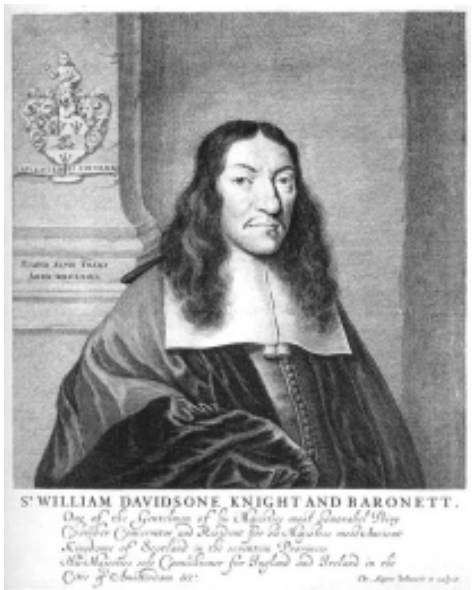
We know that Davidsons travelled to Holland for commercial and military reasons from the 16th century onwards. Some families settled there, and there are Davidsons in Holland today who are proud of their heritage.

We have included in this section details of several examples of Davidson armorial items found in Holland. It is clear far more research work needs to be done in this area.

Arms of Patricus Davidson 1644–1719, which have many similarities to the arms of Sir William Davidson of Corriehill [Curriehill]



Sir William Davidson of Corriehill [Curriehill] was Conservator of the Scottish Privileges at Veere in the 1660/1670s.

His arms include armorial family detail from the families of his three Dutch marriages.

The arms were originally on display at the Town House, Haarlem. We understand that they have been transferred to St Bavo Church, Haarlem.

St Bavo, Haarlem

We are indebted to the research work undertaken by the late Cornelius Marinus Reinder Davidson.

We also gratefully acknowledge the further research undertaken by the genealogical work group Historische Vereniging "Suyder Cogge" in Venhuizen who published their findings in 1999.

"Het Schotse geslacht Davidson Zeger Davidson en andere nakomelingen"... The Scottish Davidson Lineage; Zeger Davidson and other Descendants.

This well designed and illustrated book provides many details about the Dutch Davidsons and their use of the Davidson arms. It also examines the possible ancestral connections with Sir William Davidson.

It uses not only the findings of the late C.M.R. Davidson, but also the more recent research work completed by the Historische Vereniging "Suyder Cogge". This book includes many black & white and also colour copies of original documents.

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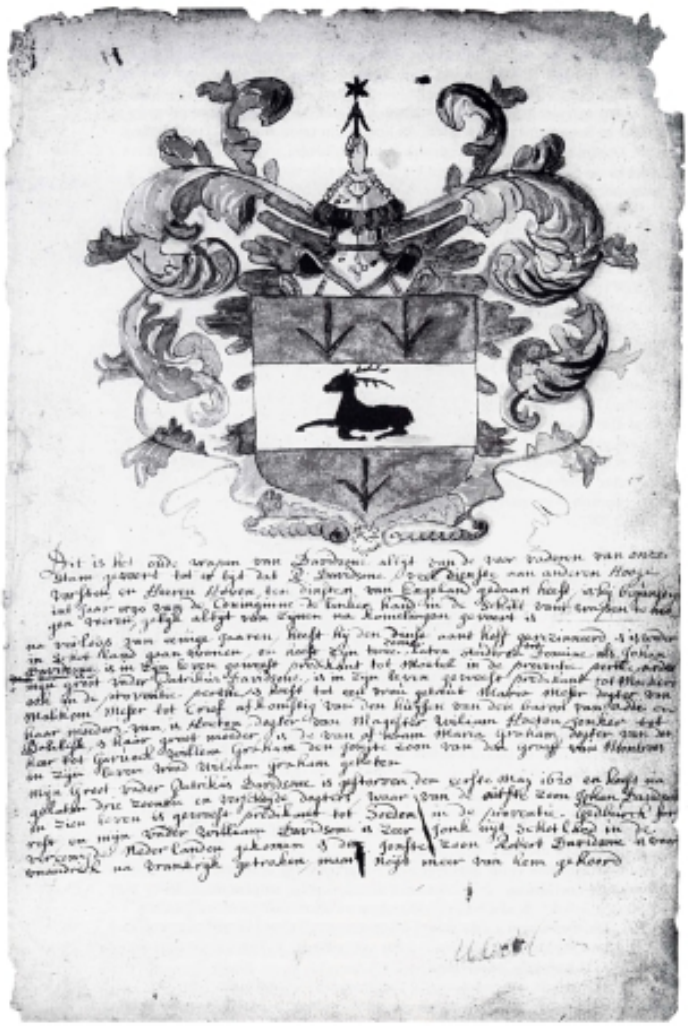

A page of the "Old Book" of Patricus Davidson 1634–1719

A copy of another original document

Copy of a document from the 1930s

Inscription on a building showing the Davidson & Vleming arms

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Photo portrait of the late C.M.R. Davidson and an engraving of his Arms

Wood carving of the Davidson Arms displayed with pride by Jan Davidzon

At **Veere**, in south-west Holland, the Scots established a formal trading port with their own community. The local heritage society today is very proud of their Scots historical connections. The Schotse Huizen Museum which is located in two adjoining old Scottish Merchants' houses displays many interesting artifacts including details of Sir William Davidson who was appointed the Conservator of the Scottish Privileges by Charles II in the 1660s.

Schotse Huizen Museum, Veere

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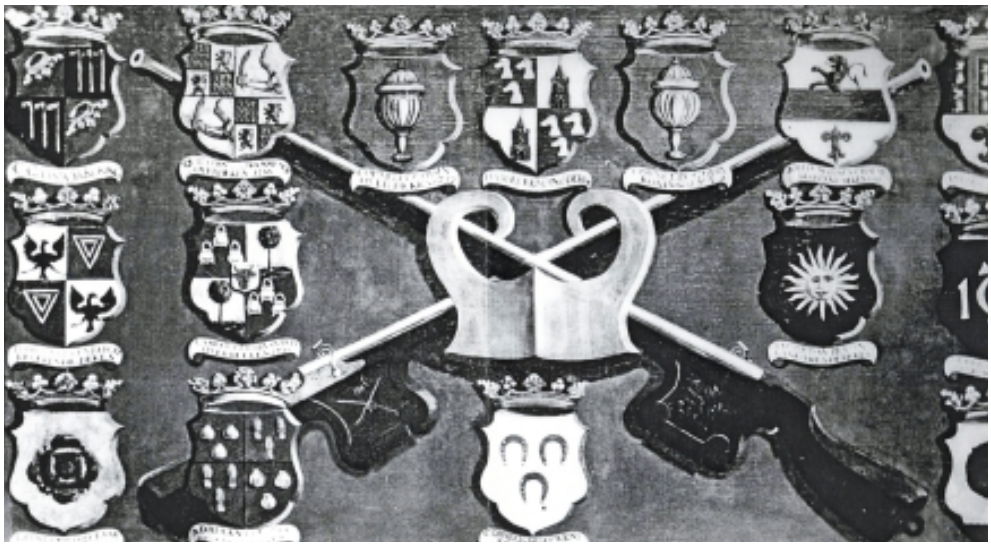
The Town House, Veere

In the Town House at Veere, there is a group display of the individual arms of the members of the Guild of Harquebusiers and Musketeers. One of the members was a Jacob Davidson whose arms are quite different from what we normally associate with the name Davidson. Unfortunately this array of arms is undated.

Arms of Jacob Davidson undated



Armorial Display of the Guild of Harquebusiers and Musketeers in the Town House, Veere

Brielle

We understand there are Davidson arms at Brielle, north of Veere.

Catharina Barbara Davidson from The Hague married in 1757 Jan Arnoud Jansz Gallas, the Mayor of Brielle.

The arms are the same as those of Curriehill but with the crest of a warrior holding a box with a heart.