

## **Blazon or brand?**

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### **Elizabeth Roads**



Elizabeth Roads, educated at the Study Centre for Fine Art in London, and Edinburgh Napier University (LLB with distinction), joined the staff of the Court of the Lord Lyon in 1975 and was appointed Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records in 1986, retiring in 2018. In this position she maintained among other things, the Public Register of all Arms and Bearings in Scotland. She was appointed Linlithgow Pursuivant Extraordinary in 1987, becoming the first female officer of arms, and then appointed Carrick Pursuivant in 1992 and promoted to Snowdoun Herald in 2010.

She was appointed Secretary of the Order of the Thistle in 2014.

Elizabeth was a founder member of the Heraldry Society of Scotland in 1977. She was Chairman of that Society in the late 1990s and is now a Fellow of the Heraldry Society of Scotland, the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada, the Heraldry Society of New Zealand and the Heraldry Society. She is an Academician of the Academie Internationale d'Heraldique and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and of the Society of Antiquaries.

She has published many articles and lectures regularly on heraldic and genealogical subjects.

#### **Honours and appointments**

- 1986: Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records
- 1986: Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
- 1987: Linlithgow Pursuivant of Arms Extraordinary
- 1992: Carrick Pursuivant of Arms
- 1996: Fellow of the Heraldry Society of Scotland (Founding Member 1977, Chairman 1997-2000, Chairman of Heraldic Exhibition "Lions and Thistles" 1995, Vice President 2017)
- 1998-2011: Hon. Treasurer, Scottish Record Society
- 2003: Associate Member, Lâ Academie Internationale d'Heraldique
- 2004: Honorary Fellow of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada
- 2007: Council Member, Scottish Records Association (Chairman 2010-2016)
- 2008: Assistant Secretary, Order of the Thistle
- 2008: Academician, L'Academie Internationale d'Heraldique
- 2010: Snowdoun Herald of Arms
- 2013: Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries
- 2013-2016: President, Old Edinburgh Club
- 2014: Secretary of the Order of the Thistle
- 2015: Trustee and Vice Chair, Scottish Council on Archives
- 2015: Guild Brother and members of Dean's Council, Guildry of Stirling
- 2017: President, Bureau Permanent des Congres internationaux des sciences genealogique et heraldique
- 2017: Fellow of the Heraldry Society of New Zealand
- 2018: Fellow of The Heraldry Society
- 2019: Trustee, Black Watch Museum

#### **Orders and decorations**

Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO) 2012

Member of the Royal Victorian Order (MVO) 1990

Officer of the Order of St. John 1999

Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilee medals