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CORBEAU the French term for RAVEN, is the word from which the surname Corbet-Corbett is derived, and a representation of this bird is the insignia of the family coat-of-arms.

The Peerage consists of Dukes, Marquesses, Earls, Viscounts and Barons. The first Order of Nobility introduced after the Norman Conquest, was that of Baron of Tenure. The Hereditary Order of Baronets was erected by patent in England, by King James I in 1611; extended to Ireland by the same Monarch in 1619, and first conferred in Scotland, by King Charles I in 1625.

The Corbet-Corbett lineage is given at length in Burke's Peerage, which states that it is one of the few families still existing, who trace in the male line an undoubted descent from an ancient race of the Pays de Caux in Normandy, of whom was Hugh Corbet or Corbeau, living in the year 1040. The family Coat of Arms--Or, a Raven sable. Crest--An Elephant argent, armed gold, on his back a castle triple-towered of the last, trappings or and sable A squirrel sejant or, borne for a time. Motto--Deus pascit corvos; God feeds ravens.

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#### HUGH CORBET

Hugh Corbet of Normandy in 1040, had issue four sons, Hugh, Roger, Robert and Reginald. Of these, states Burke's Peerage, Hugh Corbet succeeded to the lands in Normandy and was ancestor of the Corbets of that country. Reginald Corbet accompanied Hugh, Count de St. Paul, to the Holy Land in 1096, and was ancestor of the Corbets of Artor's and of Flanders, Chatelaines de St. Paul. The two other sons, Roger Corbet and Robert Corbet, accompanied their father Hugh Corbet, into England at the Norman Invasion in 1066. Robert Corbet, the third son, received large estates in Shropshire and elsewhere, and had issue but one son, ROBERT CORBET, Lord Alcester, County Warwick who died without issue. ROBERT CORBET, son of HUGH CORBET, had two daughters: Sibil, ancestress of the Earls of Pembroke, and Alice, ancestress of the Earls of Huntington-Houses famous in the annals of the United Kingdom.

