

In Memoriam

JOHN FRANCIS MONTGOMERY II

God has you in His keeping
We have you in our hearts.

John Francis Montgomery II of Los Angeles, California, born April 23, 1915, passed away on July 16, 1981. He will be sorely missed for his heraldic knowledge, his historical knowledge, and for just being himself, dedicated to getting Clan Montgomery off the ground. We could go on and on about all the good things John had done and planned to do for us, but we really feel the best tribute we can pay to him now is to print the poem that he composed just for us.

THE MYSTERY O' MONTGOMERY

By John Francis Montgomery

This badge, this banner
This seal from pagan times;
This shield, this blason,
This ancient coat of lillies
Conceived when Rome's echos
Still were heard,
Mystery lillies o' Montgomery --
Gardez Bien!
Take Care!
Gardez Bien!

This badge, this crest,
This quartered field,
This helmet, this mantle,
This motto from Gaelic times,
Granted from Scotland's own Lord Lyon,
Mystery lillies o' Montgomery --
Honneur sans repos!
Honor without ceasing!
Honneur Sans Repos!

This badge, this tartan,
This kilt o' "Montgomerie's
Highlanders",
These pipers, these drummers
Wi' marches echoing through
the heather,
Played for Scotland's clashing claymores
Mystery lillies o' Montgomery
Gardez Bien!
Ne'er, ne'er wilt awa!
Gardez Bien!

This badge, this Hotspur legend
And even verse by Bobby Burns!
This battlefield, this quarterdeck,
This ancient code of noble's work
Carried from knight to dubbed knight,
Mystery lillies o' Montgomery
Honneur Sans Repos!
Noblesse Oblige!
Honneur Sans Repos!

This thistle, this heather,
This Lyon with St. Andrew's cross,
Embrace Nova Scotia, New Zealand's
Highlands,
All the States and Dominions --
Your Clan Montgomery's pipes are
skirling for
the lillies o' Montgomery to
Gardez Bien!
Space Age Guardians!
Gardez Bien!

OUR ORIGIN

(Continuing our quotation from William Montgomery Clemens in his *Montgomery Family Magazine* of October, 1916.)

"Where many ages they did live,
By king and country loved
As men of valor and renown
Who were with honor moved
To shun no hazard when they could
To either service do.
Thus did they live, thus did they spend
Their blood and money too."

Now this Earl Roger came into England with William the Conqueror, and Philip was born in 1101. (Earl Roger's grandson)

Although the family was not known in Normandy before the conquest of the province by Rollo of Hrolf, the Granger, it may have come there in some previous invasion from the North, a supposition rendered highly probable by the readiness, even the delight with which the Montgomerys evidently welcomed the coming of Hrolf. The facts, too, of the Montgomerys having retained their landed possessions undisturbed by the northern conquerors, and of their soon having formed marriage alliances with the family of Hrolf, lead to the same conclusion.

"Yves de Bellesme, Count of Alencon in Normandy, who died in 944, is the first person of whom there is historical trace who bore the name of Montgomery.

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