



SHROPSHIRE, UNITED KINGDOM

Proclamation

*Recognizing the Spreull/Sproul/Sprowl Family (in all of its various spellings) as a
Sept of Clan Lennox*

Clan Lennox

From the Twelfth through the Sixteenth Centuries, history records that the Earls of Lennox governed a large area of western Scotland extending from the reaches of Loch Lomond across the River Clyde into Renfrewshire. These Lennox Earls were prominent supporters of the Scottish crown, and the Stuart monarchs of Britain themselves descended directly from a Lennox Earl. Success in governance during Medieval times depended on the support of prominent families. In the Lennox Earldom, one of those families was that of Walter Spreull who served as Seneschal to Malcom V, Earl of Lennox, in the Fourteenth Century. For his service, Walter Spreull was granted vast estates in Dunbartonshire and Renfrewshire which remained in his family until the Seventeenth Century. Perhaps the support and goodwill between the Seneschal and his Liege are recognized on the Spreull Coat of Arms where the Lennox rose is prominently displayed.

The Spreull family has endured over the centuries and with the Diaspora of the Scots and other British peoples away from their ancestral homelands this great family now has members scattered to the far corners of the world. Though the members may be separated by great distances, they remain as a unified family in kinship and heritage and carry forth the spirit of Walter Spreull and other members of his family who were prominent in Scottish history.

My ancestors were recognized by the Lord Lyon King of Arms as entitled to bear the arms of the ancient Earls of Lennox and have done so in humble reflection and tribute to those men, and their families, who helped shape Scottish, British, and indeed world history. As my father's heir, I now bear, hold, and protect the Lennox Arms and many of the symbols and traditions associated with the ancient Earls of Lennox. I have also appointed an international council, designated the *Council of Commissioners of Clan Lennox*, to serve as a collective for the perpetuation of the

heritage of, and goodwill between, those persons around the world with Lennox blood and with other family groups with historical connections to the Lennox Earldom.

The worldwide Spreull family, assembled and represented at Castlederg, Northern Ireland, on 19 October 2019 did resolve, for good, noble and sufficient reasons, to petition me to recognize this Honourable Family as a Sept of Clan Lennox. My *Council of Commissioners of Clan Lennox* has strongly endorsed the petition. Having considered the petition, the recommendation of my council, and having satisfied myself that this Honourable Family has strong historical connections to the ancient Earls of Lennox and therefore meets the requirements for alliance with my Clan, it gives me great pleasure to issue this Proclamation.

I HEREBY PROCLAIM that the Family of persons around the world with the surname of, or kinship to, *Spreull, Sproul, Sprowl*, and all the diverse spellings thereof, is a Sept of Clan Lennox for all purposes such designation entails and I encourage this Honourable Family to participate in the heritage, traditions and activities of the Lennox Clan spreading friendship, goodwill and knowledge while doing so. I encourage the members of the Lennox family, and other septs, to extend the hand of friendship and welcome to this new allied Family.

Given under my hand and Arms the 1st day of November, 2019.



Edward James Howell Lennox
Chief of the Name and Arms Lennox
Baron of Antermony