

IAS 4601 0800 Harness Pendant, E. Martin April 1989

Bronze harness pendant, enamelled.

Arms are: Gules, a fess between 3 saltires (or saltorellas, = little saltires).

These arms were borne by the BOYVILL family in the Leicestershire area (no obvious connection with Suffolk); however SEWALL de BOVILL, Archbishop of York 1256-8 is said to have borne – Argent, a fess gules between 3 saltires or. This is obviously a version of the Boyvill arms.

Did he really use the same arms as the rest of the family? This pendant is not shield shaped, which would be in keeping with an ecclesiastic. It is quatrefoil in form.

(sketch on original).