

“Armorial Bearings became hereditary in families at the close of the 12th century. They were employed by the Crusaders in 1100. The lines to denote colours in arms, by the direction & intersection, were invented by Columbiere in 1639.” (from Hayden's Dictionary of Dates. by B. Vincent).

The Parish Registers of Deddington date from 1631, and the year ends at the 25th March ^{down to} 1752. The year 1753 & following beginning on 1st January.