

# Family Name Origin

## BREAKER

The surname of BREAKER was derived from the Old English word 'braecere', the dweller by the copse or thicket. Local names, usually denoted where a man held his land, and indicated where he actually lived. Early records of the name mention BRAEC (without surname) who was documented in the year 1185 in County Norfolk, and Edward de Brake appears there in the same year Alan de la Brakere was documented in 1176 in London and David de Brakere, was recorded in the year 1275 in County Nottingham. Edward Brake was recorded during the reign of Edward III (1327-1377). Habitation names are derived from names denoting towns, villages, farmsteads or other named places, which include rivers, houses with signs on them, regions, or whole counties. The original bearer of the name who stayed in his area might be known by the name of his farm, or the locality in the parish; someone who moved to another town might be known by the name of his village; while someone who moved to another county could acquire the name of that county or the region from which he originated. The names introduced into Britain, by the Normans, during the Invasion of 1066, were of three kinds:- There were names of Norse origin which their ancestors had carried into Normandy; names of Germanic origin which the Frankish conquerors had brought across the Rhine and which had ousted the old Celtic and Latin names from France, and Biblical names and names of Latin and Greek saints. These names they retained even after the customs and language of the natives of Northern France had been adopted by them. After the Norman Conquest, not only Normans, but Frenchmen and Bretons from other parts of France settled in England, and quite a few found their way north into Scotland.

**ARMS** - Gules a fess compony argent and azure between three lozenges or on each a martlet sable

**CREST**- A whale's head erect argent charged with a bend between two bendlets azure thereon three lozenges or all between two cinquefoils of the last stalked and leaved vert

**MOTTO** - No motto recorded

**ORIGIN** - ENGLAND

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