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ARMS OF URI.



Or, a Buffalo's Head Cabossed Sable, Langued Gules, in his nostrils an annulet of the last.

The striking arms of Uri are "parlantes." They derive from Urus, the latin name for the wild ox, which in time of Julius Caesar was abundant in European forests. The ring affixed in the animals nostrils alludes

to the servility of wild nature brought by the early settlers. This method of taming wild oxen is still being used at the present day in most countries. The red tongue issuing out of the beast's mouth is an heraldic sign of strength.

Much of what later became Switzerland formed part of the Holy Roman Empire. Distracted by internal wars, the inhabitants of Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden then felt the necessity of joining together in order to defend their common interests. In 1291, the league of the Three Communities was formed.

The popular arms born by Uri are among the most characteristic known, not only are they typical of the State of Uri, but they personify the whole of primitive Switzerland.

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