

The origin of the Coat of Arms of the Osang family.

(A liberal interpretation of the legends, to the exclusion of historical reality.)

It was in misty, prehistoric times. A small group of gatherers, hunters and smallholders lived in a clearing in the beech and oak woods, which in those days covered all of central Germany. At that time, they all lived peacefully and modestly together.

All the women and girls were virtuous and good, and lived as the good Lord intended. They looked after their houses, were always at home for their children, were kind to their husbands, and enjoyed tending to their gardens. They particularly enjoyed brewing mead in their kitchens, which was the favourite drink of their husbands. Meanwhile, the men worked in the fields or went hunting, and enjoyed pastimes such as playing dice.

One day, as the men sat playing dice and drinking mead after a successful hunting trip, an agent of the local Lord came up and demanded that new taxes had to be paid.

When the men and women heard this, they grumbled loudly. A large man suddenly jumped up, shaking his red hair vigorously, and shouted with a thunderous voice:

"HohohoooOO, only 'scorches' will you get, you will get no money or gold from us"

As he did so, he called on his fellow villagers to resist the agent's demands with hayforks, flails and any other weapons.

The men and women who were present were enthusiastic about such boldness, wisdom and bravery. They called out loudly:

"You must be our leader ", and then they called out: "Ooooo singes shall lead the fight".

And so the Osang ancestor took the name "O singes" in memory of that glorious deed. And in course of time the name changed to 'Osange' and then finally to 'Osang'.

And boldness, wisdom and bravery remains unchanged for all Osang's to this day.

And as a leader needed an external sign of his dignity, he did what all leaders do and devised a flag with a new Coat of Arms

The Osang Coat of Arms consists of a black shield, which signifies a strong defence. A silver crossbeam crosses the shield with three red balls, on the left below to the right above. The red balls indicate continuing happiness. A crowned helmet is seen with a white and a red eagle wing inside the crown. The crowned helmet indicates polite, aristocratic society. The colours red and silver signify boldness. The colour combination of black and silver guarantees a good name.

A banner under the Coat of Arms contains the words "Sapienter at Audacter" which translates from the Latin as "Wise and Bold" as a motto. It could also mean: "Be Clever and Bold"

Note: The word 'Scorches' was in those days used to denote thrashing, blows or hits.