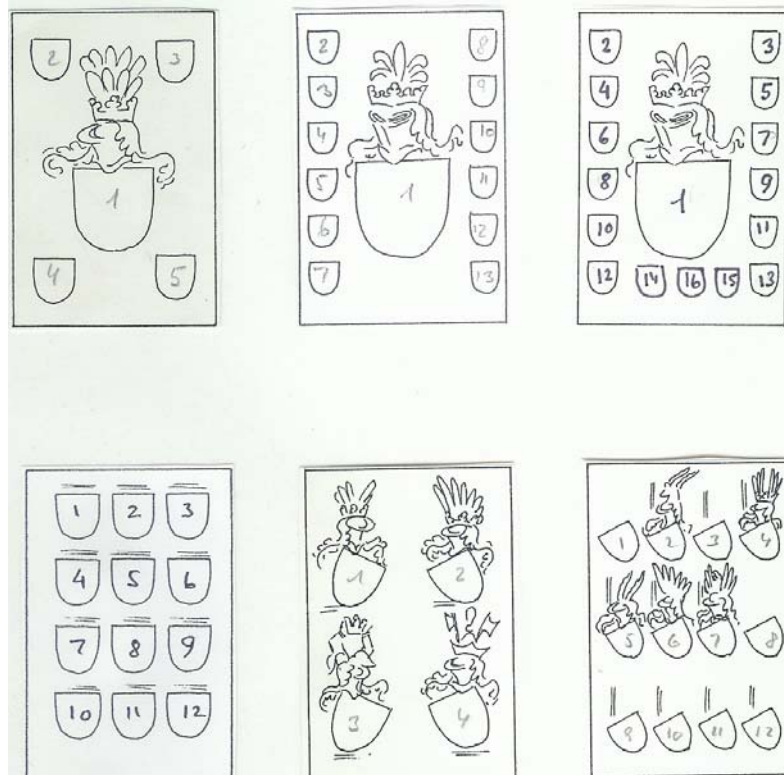


Numbering of items on a manuscript page



Items on a manuscript page are numbered as they occur in a row (figures 3-6), except in the rare circumstances where the layout is clearly a presentation of ancestors (fig. 1) or constituent territories grouped around the primary coat of arms of the sovereign (fig. 2-3). In most cases the first arms on a page is noted.

In cases of ancestral arms it is rare to see more than 4 ancestors: 1) proband, 2) father, 3) mother, 4) father's mother, and 5) mother's mother.

Fig.2 is mainly used in the *Toison d'or* (ETO) for the 'Douze pairs de France' with ecclesiastical pairs on one side and lay pairs on the other side.

Fig. 3 is mainly used in *Jörg Rugenn* (RUG) for territories, and the numeration follows this author's interpretation of their ranking.

In very few cases the armorial or parts of it are clearly meant to be read by columns, and this is noted in the notes on the armorial. The fact that many armorials were designed or copied by long lines (i.e. across double pages) is irrelevant to the presentation in this ordinary.