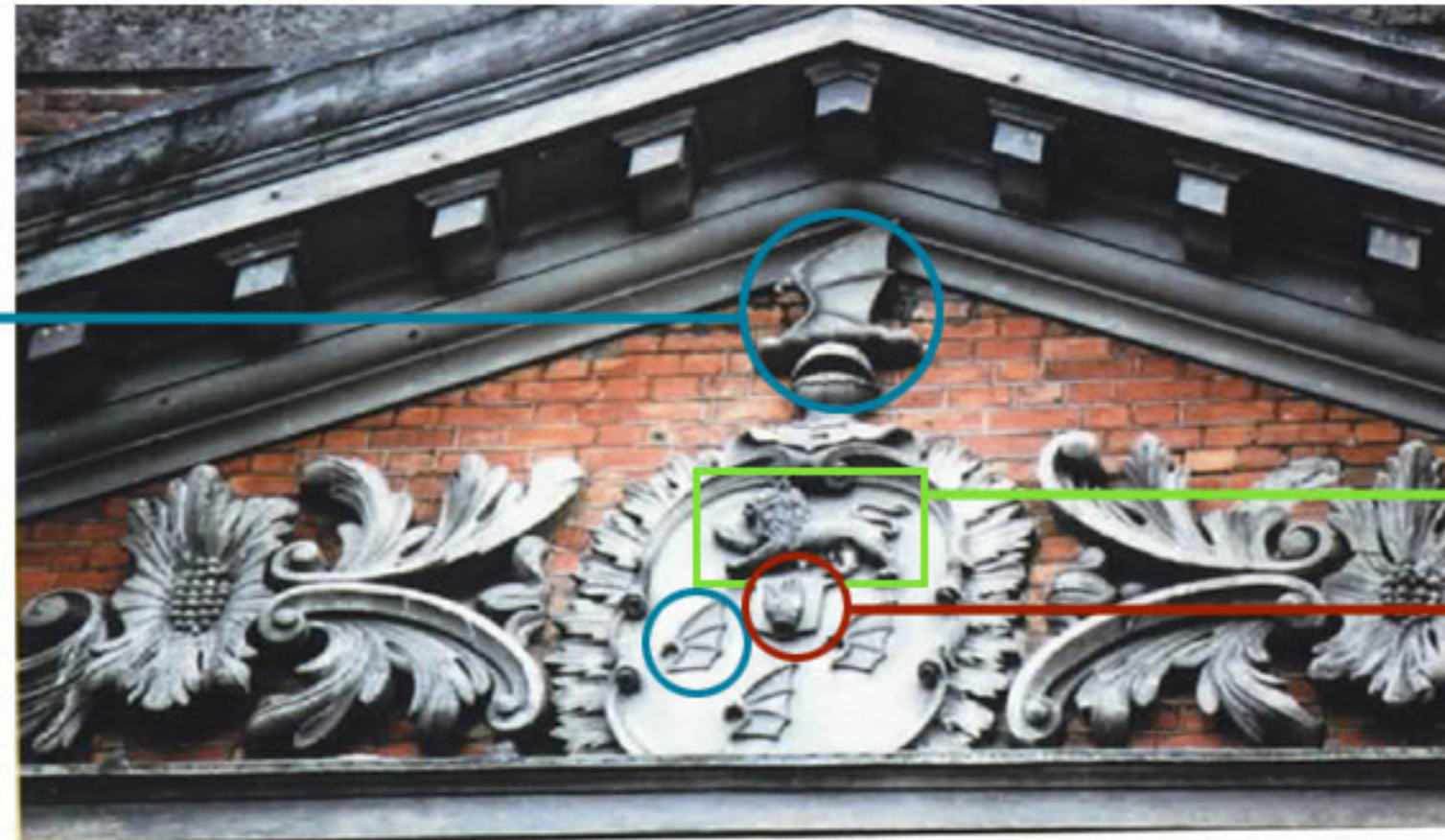


This is a picture of the Bateson family crest which was on the original house. Each part of the family crest represents something about the family. The knight's helmet was a symbol of wise defence. It may also have been used to show that the Batesons were lords.

Bats

The bats come from the family name of "Bateson" which originally meant "Son of bat". Bats also symbolised the powers of darkness and chaos. The Bateson family motto was also linked with bats - the Bateson's motto was "We fly by night".



Lion

The lion represents bravery, strength and courage

Hand

The hand is most likely the Red Hand, the ancient symbol of Ulster.



Come up with four symbols that could be part of your family crest, draw them and then write a caption of what they represent underneath.

