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ARMIGER, **Esquire. A title of dignity belonging to such gentlemen as bear arms**; and these are either by curtesy, as **sons of noble—men,** eldest sons of knights, &c. **Or by creation, such as the king's servants,** &c. **The word armiger has been also applied to the higher servants in convents.** Paroch. Antiq. 576. See tit. Esquire, and Spelman in v.

The Encyclopedia Law Dictionary by James C. Cahill 2nd Edition 1922. —Page 68
ARMIGER (Lat.) **An armor bearer; an esquire; a title of dignity belonging to gentlemen authorized to bear arms**. Kennett, Par. Ant.; Cowell. its earlier meaning, a servant who carried the arms of a knight. Spelman. **A tenant by scutage; a servant or valet; applied, also, to the higher servants in convents**. Spelman; Whishaw.

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Strout—The Judicial Dictionary Words And Phrases Judicially Interpreted 1903 Vol 2. Page 640
ESQUIRE. - .. Esquire, **Armiger**, in French Escuier, i.e. Scutiger, **was originally such a one as, attending a Knight in time of War, did carry his shield; but this addition hath not of long time had any relation to that office, but signifieth with us a Gentleman, or one that beareth Arms as a testimony of his nobility or gentry, and is a meer Title of Dignity next to and below a Knight**" (**Cowel, Esquire**). Vf, **Jacob**: 1 BJ. Com. 406: 5
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esquire(n.)
late 14c., from Old French *escuier* "**shield-bearer (attendant young man in training to be a knight), groom**" (Modern French *écuyer*), from Medieval Latin *scutarius* "shield-bearer, guardsman" (in classical Latin, "shield-maker"), from *scutum* "shield" (see **escutcheon**). For initial *e-*, see **e-**. Compare **squire** (n.). Originally the feudal rank below knight, sense broadened 16c. **to a general title of courtesy or respect for the educated and professional class, especially, later, in U.S., regarded as belonging especially to lawyers**.

In our own dear title-bearing, democratic land, the title of *esquire*, officially and by courtesy, has come to include pretty much everybody. Of course everybody in office is an *esquire*, and all who

have been in office enjoy and glory in the title. And what with a standing army of legislators, an elective and ever-changing magistracy, and almost a whole population of militia officers, **present and past, all named as esquires in their commissions, the title is nearly universal**. [N.Y. Commercial Advertiser newspaper, quoted in Bartlett, 1859]

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https://www.etymonline.com/search?q=**Nom de Guerre**
French for **"name"** (9c.), from Latin *nomen* (see **nominal**). It is used in various phrases in English, such as ***nom de guerre*** (1670s) "fictitious name used by a person engaged in some action," literally "war name" and formerly in France a name taken by a soldier on entering the service, and ***nom de théâtre*** "stage name" (1874). ***Nom de plume*** (1823) "pseudonym used by a writer," literally "pen name," is a phrase invented in English in imitation of *nom de guerre*. Fowler suggests it is "ridiculous for English writers to use a French phrase that does not come from France."

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