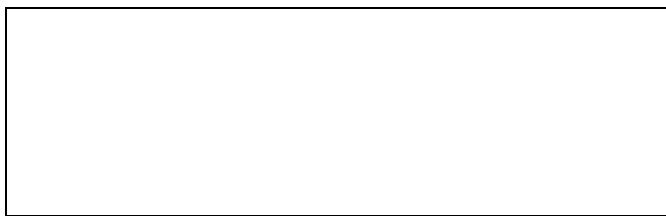


# Alburquerque

*Description of Arms :*



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**Principal Title :** Duke of Alburquerque.

**Creation :** Spain, 1464.

**Subsidiary Titles :** Duke of Algete (1734), Twice Grandee of Spain, Marquis of Alcanices (1533), of Cadreita (1617), of Cuellar (1562), of Cullera (1708), of Montaos (1626), Count of Ledesma (1462), of Huelma (1575), of Fuensaldana (1584), of Grajal (1599) and of Villanueva de Canedo (1615).

**Family Name :** Osorio y Bertran de Lis.

**Family History :** This race traces its origins to Molina, in navarre. In 1373, a member of the La Cueva family was raised to the rank of count ; a dukedom followed in 1464. The La Cueva dukedom of Albuquerque was one of the original twenty-five Grantees. The Osorio family was represented in the presence of the Marquis of Astorga.

As with so many Spanish families, the line has followed a tortuous path. Because women can inherit titles, there are many of great antiquity - but the names of the families do tend to change, from time to time. In this case, the title passed into the hands of the Roa family, Counts de Siruela, in 1756 and then into those of the Osorio family, in 1831.

Technically, all the titles fell in abeyance, on the recent death of don Beltan Osorio who, in his day, was noted amateur jockey.

The order of succession, in Spain, is that for primogeniture - unless the original title deeds specify otherwise. A son will therefore normally succeed his father, in order of seniority. If there are no sons, the eldest daughters succeeds. In default of any children, the next oldest brother of the late holder of the title is next in line, followed by any children he may have ; and do on.

Titles have to be re-registered with the Ministry of Justice, in Madrid, before they are considered to be in force.

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Beltran de la Cueva (?-1492), 1st Count of Ledesma and of Huelma,  
1st Duke of Albuquerque (1464)

Francisco Fernandez de la Cueva (1619-1676),  
Duke of Albuquerque and Viceroy de Mexico (1653-1660)

Branch of Lords de Roa :  
Counts de Siruela (1756)

House of Osorio of  
Marquis of Alcanices (1831)

Beltran Alfonso Osorio y Diez de Rivera (1918-1994), 18th Duke of Albuquerque (1954), ... 1st = (1952) Teresa Bertan  
de Lis y Pidal (1923-1969) and 2nd = (1974) Maria Cristina Malcampo y San Miguel (1935-), Duchess of San Lorenzo de Valhermoso,

JUAN MIGUEL (1958-), 19th Duke  
= (1984) Beatriz Letelier y Bomchil (1960-)

Teresa

Maria

Maria Cristina  
(1975-)

Maria Rosa  
(1977-)