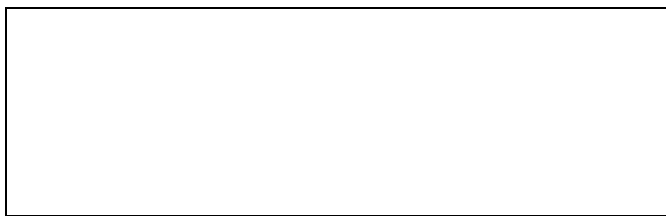


Amilakvari

Description of Arms :



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Principal Title : Prince Amilakvari.

Creation : By tradition. Recognised by the Senate of Russia in 1825.

Subsidiary Titles :

Family Name : Originally Zedguinidze, now known as Amilakvari.

Family History : This family is one of those to have come from Georgia, a small country but a fertile source of great names.

First formal mention is the name of Taqua, who was the son of Yotham Zedguinidze, back in the XIV Century. Yotham sacrificed his life to preserve that of his sovereign and Taqua was awarded, in recompense and in honour, the style of "amilokhori" - which roughly translates as the Great Shield-Bearer. Over the years since, the name has gradually been corrupted to its present form.

This was reckoned to have happened in 1335. Honours and position followed this and slowly the family was accorded the style of "Prince". This was recognised in 1825, by the Russian authority, charged with establishing a formal list of those with titles.

The family is now primarily established in France, where one member is remembered with special pride and affection ; the tradition of military glory and sacrifice still apparently remaining in the blood. Dimitri Amilakvari was a graduate of the famous military academy of St Cyr. In 1940, at the age of thirty-four, he joined the Free French forces. He fought in North Africa and distinguished himself in Erytrea, where he captured, in a surprise attack at Massaouah, several Italian destroyers. The French badly needed a victory, at this time, which made the event the more welcome. Prince Dimitri died, soon afterwards, at the Battle of El-Alamein.

Other members of the family serve France in other capacities.

Amilakvari

Prince Ivan Amilakvari

= Drapina D. Tzeretelli

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Prince Vladimir Ivanovitch (1846-1902)

= Marie Alexandrovna Prévost de Sansac de Traversay

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Prince Alexandre Wladimirovitch (1880-1968)

= Baroness Régina Carlovna de Grotthu

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Princess Roussoudana Alexandrovna, widoner of

= Henry Maas-Geesteranus (?-?)

Dimitri, Prince Amilakvari

(1906-1942)

|
Prince Georges
(1928-1929)

|
Prince OTHAR (1931-)
= Marguerite Jeanne Sintès

|
Princess Thamar (1935-)
= Count Radslav Kinsky von Wichinitz und