

## Andronikof Andronikachvili



### *Description of Arms :*

Per fesse: 1. Or a tower with three turrets sable, masoned argent 2. Or, a double headed eagle displayed, sable; 3. Sable, a barquette with three sails, argent.

**Principal Title :** Prince Andronikof.

**Creation :** By tradition but confirmed in 1654.

**Subsidiary Titles :**

**Family Name :** Andronikof.

**Family History :** In September 1183, Andronicus Comnenus was called to the Byzantine throne. Already in his sixties, he had passed an adventurous life, much of it in conflict with his cousin, Emperor Manuel. His intentions were good but his methods proved to be too harsh for his subjects. Two years and several revolts later, he was killed by the mob. At a time when deaths could be most unpleasant, his was one of the most painful ever recorded. However, he seems to have borne the ordeal with equanimity.

The Comnenus family, always close to power, next turned up as emperors of Thessalonica and then of the romantic empire of Trebizond. Chased from there by the Seljuk Turks, the Andronicus branch found refuge in Georgia, across the Black Sea. There, they were known as Andronikachvili. In 1801, Georgia, in turn became part of the Russian Empire. Now known as princes Andronikof, one member commanded the imperial army against a Turko-Iranian coalition. Another was on the Tsar's staff.

After the October revolution, the then head of the family, Constantin, fled in his mother's arms. His father, Yassé, was several times arrested by the Soviets held in Russian prisons. It is now known that he was executed in 1937, after many years in the Goulag - a fate shared by others of his rank.

Prince Constantin, was active in Russian affairs in Paris, and illustrated the amazing staying power of many of these old families. Frequently forced to flee, they quickly re-establish themselves in their new countries.

Prince Constantin worked for the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was Dean of the Institut Saint-Serge, which instructs students in the Orthodox faith and was honoured by the French Government.

He had two sons to carry on this illustrious name.

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Alexis Ier (1048-1118), neveu de l'empereur d'Orient

Isaac Ier Commène

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child

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Andronicus I Comnenus (?-1185), emp. d'Orient (1110-1185)

2nd = (1170)Théodora Commène, veuve du roi Baudouin III de Jérusalem (1130-1162)

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Alexis (vers 1170-1199), auteur des Commènes Andronicides  
(reconnue princière en Géorgie et régente de 1230 et 1348 en Alastani )

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Alexis (6e génération depuis Alexis ) prend le titre de  
" Prince Alastaneli-Andronikachvili "

Membres de la famille illustres : Zaal Andronikachvili (-1803)  
Ivan Andronikachvili (1796-1868)

Prince Ivan Zakharevitch (1862-1947)

= Lydia Plestcheev-Mouratov

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Prince Yassé (1894-1937) Executed by Stalin

= Helene Wachter

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Prince CONSTANTIN (1916-1997)

= (1946) Nathalie de Couriss (1924-1983)

