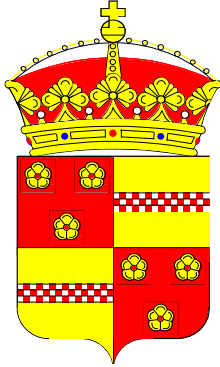


Arenberg (France)



Description of Arms :

Ecartelé: 1 & 4: de gueules à trois roses d'or;
2 & 4: d'or à la fasce d'argent et de gueules en
trois lignes.

Principal Title : Duke of Arenberg.

Creation : Charles X, 1827.

Subsidiary Titles : Prince of the Holy Roman Empire (1576), Count of the Holy Empire (1808), Duke-Peer (1827).

Family Name : d'Arenberg.

Family History : This family is, without question, one of the greatest in Europe. It is connected to the Ligne, Croy and other equally distinguished lines.

However, it does raise an interesting question. In November 1827, King Charles X of France, issued Letters-Patent creating the Duchy-Peerage of Arenberg in France. This was done on the condition that a *majorat* be created by the following year. These majorats were a hangover from the feudal times when all titles were seated on some land. The idea was to ensure that the newly-raised holder of a title could demonstrate that he had an adequate income to support his new situation.

In this case the necessary land holding was never established and so the title is listed as *inachevé*.

In other words there is a question mark as to whether this title really exists. In any case, it is universally accepted and the members of the family are known as both princes and dukes. They are also accorded the style of Serene Highness, since they form part of the main House of Arenberg, one of the mediatised states, and from their earlier history.

Arenberg (France)

Hartrmann d'Arenberg (?-1099),
Burgrave of Cologne (1st House Arenberg)

Mechtilde, daughter of Jean, Last Burgrave of Cologne
= (1298) Engelbert II, Count of Marck (2nd House Arenberg)

Jean de Ligne
(?-1442)

Robert III, Last Count of Arenberg
of the House of Marck

Marguerite (1527-1596), = (1547) Jean de Ligne-Barbaçon
Countess of Arenberg (1547) (1523-1568)

Charles (1550-1616), Prince of Arenberg (3rd House Arenberg)
= (1587) Anne de Croÿ-Chimay, Princess of Croÿ

Louis-Engelbert (1750-1820), 6th Duke of Arenberg
= (1773) Louise-Pauline de Brancas (1755-1812)

others
children

Ist Line : Prosper-Louis (1785-1861), 7th Duke
= (1819) P. Ludmilla of Lobkowitz (1798-1868)

2nd Line : Pierre (1790-1877),
Duke-Peer of France (1828)

Ist Branch : Engelbert-Auguste (1824-1875),
8th Duke (1861)

2nd Branch :
P. & D. Antoine (1826-1910)

Auguste (1837-1924), 2nd Duke
= (1868) Jeanne (1850-1891), Countess of

see Dukes
of Arenberg

Pierre (1871-1919), 3rd Duke
= (1904) Emma Louise (1883-1958), Countess of

Charles-Auguste (1905-1967), 4th Duke
= (1960) Margaret Bedford (1932-1977)

P. & D. Armand-Louis (1906-1985)
= (1941) Gabrielle (1920-), Marchioness of

PIERRE (1961-), 5th Duke
= (1997) M. Silvia de Castellane (1963-)

Marie-Virtude
(1947-)

CHARLES (1949-)
= (1975-1986) Philomene Toulouse

Lydia
(1998-)

Marie
(1977-)