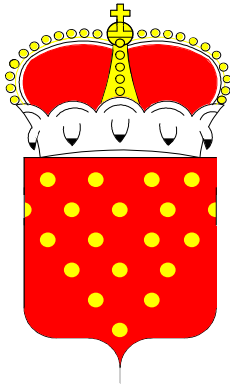


## Bentheim-Tecklenburg



### *Description of Arms :*

De gueules à 19 besants d'or, 4 , 5, 4, 3, 2,1.

**Principal Title :** H.S.H. Prince of Bentheim-Tecklenburg.

**Creation :** Prussia, 1817.

**Subsidiary Titles :** Count of Tecklenburg and Limbur, Lord of Rheda, Wevelinghoven, Hoya, Alpen and Helpenstein ; Hereditary Bailiff of Cologne.

**Family Name :** Götterswick.

**Family History :** Technically this is the senior branch of the Götterswick family, though the Bentheim und Steinfurt line became princes at the same time.

A Rhineland family, descent can be traced back to Everwinus von Götterswick, who was known to have lived around 1191. As so often has happened with the great names, the County of Bentheim was acquired through marriage. In this case one Everwin married Hedwige, daughter of John of Bentheim and heiress to her brother, who died in 1421, and who was the last of the line coming from the Counts of Holland.

The *seigneurie* of Steinfurt came through an alliance with the Ligne family. This was raised to the rank of a County, for Everwin II, in 1495. The County of Tecklenberg and of Rheda resulted from a marriage, in 1553, between Everwin III and Anne, Countess of Tecklenburg - a member of the Schwerin family. Further titles and estates came through the marriage of Arnold II to Madeline, Countess of Nueunahr, in 1573.

In 1609, again following long-established German custom, the family holdings were divided between the two sons of the same Arnold II. The County of Tecklenberg was ceded to Prussia in 1729 but the reward came nearly a century later when both branches were raised to princely rank by the King of Prussia - with the quality of Serene Highness for all descendants. By 1854 came hereditary membership of the Prussian House of Lords.

Another cousin married, at the beginning of the last century, to a mere baroness. As a result of what was then considered an "unequal" alliance, the rank of the husband was reduced to that of Count. A severe view of status taken by many German families and is one almost unknown elsewhere.

As can be seen above, one of their holdings is in Rheda, where they still live.

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Otto,  
1st Count of Bentheim

Everwyn III (1536-1562), Count of Bentheim  
= (1553) Anne (1532-1582), Countess of Tecklenburg

Arnould II (1554-1606), Count of Bentheim  
= (1573) Magdalena (1548-1626), Countess of Neuenahr

Adolf (1577-1623),  
(1580-1643),

Arnold-Jobst

Moritz Casimir (?-1768),  
1st Prince of Bentheim-Tecklenburg

Line II : Bentheim  
and Steinfurt

Moritz Casimir,

François

Adolf (1804-1874), 3rd Prince

3  
daughters

Gustav (1849-1909),  
4th Prince

Charles  
(1852-?)

Adolf (1889-1967), 5th Prince of Bentheim-Tecklenburg  
= (1922) Princess Amelie of Schonburg-Waldenburg

MORITZ-CASIMIR (1923-), 6th Prince of Bentheim-Tecklenburg  
= (1958) Huberta Dietrich-Werner von Hardenberg (1932-)

Nikolaus  
(1925-)

Gustava  
(1929-)

Heinrich  
(1940-)

CARL-GUSTAV  
(1960-)

PHILIPP  
(1964-)

CHRISTOPH  
(1964-)

MAXIMILIAN  
(1969-)