

Biron von Courland



Description of Arms :

Ecartelé: au 1 et 3, de gueules à un aigle déployé, couronné et talonné d'or: au 2 et 4 le chevalier de Lettonie à un ecu d'azur chargé d'une croix de Lorraine d'or

Principal Title : Prince Biron von Courland.

Creation : Reigning Dukes of Courland from 1737.

Subsidiary Titles : Count of the Holy Roman Empire (1730), Prince of Russia.

Family Name : Bürhen

Family History : First mention of this family was for Matthias von Bürhen (c.1600), who came from Mecklenburg. He was the shield-bearer of the then Duke of Courland - a relatively lowly occupation. By 1638, they were recognised as “noble” and in 1730, they were enrolled as Knights of this Baltic state - for the head of the family and all descendants. At about the same time they became Counts of the H.R.E., with an augmentation of their arms.

This was for Ernst-Johann, who became firstly Count von Biron and then Reigning Duke of Courland. He was also accorded the style of *Durchlaucht*, Serene Highness. His son, Peter, was deposed in 1795 and Courland reverted to the Russian Empire.

On the strength of this brief reign , they were inscribed in the House of Lords of Prussia and were again, in 1859, recognised as Serene Highnesses.

Members of this family still carry the title of Prince with the same style.

Contrary to a wide-spread belief that this family no longer exists, it is in fact still quite vigorous and seems likely to continue to be so.

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Carl von Bühren
(cité entre 1573 et 1608)

Mathias von Bühren
(noblesse en 1638)

Ernst Johann Biron, Count (1730),
Duke of Courland (1737)

Line of
Biron-Wartenberg

Peter (?-1800), Duke of Courland, of Segallen and of Sagan
but deposed in 1795

Dorothee (1793-1862), Duchess of Sagan
= Edmond (1787-1872), Duke of Talleyrand

Line of Sagan ;
see Dukes of Dino

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Charles (1811-1848), Prince Biron von Courland
Courland

Fanny

Calixte (1817-1882), Prince Biron von

Gustav (1859-1941),
Prince Biron von Courland

Courland

Charles (1907-1982), Prince Biron von

Benigna (1939-), = (1968) Baron
Johann-Christoph von Twickel (1940-)

ERNST-JOHANN (1940-), Prince
= (1967) C. Elisabeth von Ysenb.-Philippseih (1941-)

MICHEL (1944-), Prince
= (1969) Kristin von Oertzen (1944-)

Veronika

ALEXANDRE

Stéphanie