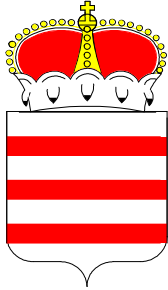


Croy : French Branch



Description of Arms :

D'argent à trois fasce de gueules.
ou
fascé d'argent et de gueules de huit pièces.

Principal Title : Prince of Croy.

Creation : Various, see text.

Subsidiary Titles : As above.

Family Name : de Croy or Croÿ.

Family History : France is, in fact, the cradle of this extensive family. However, having spent so much time in the Germanic sphere of influence, the Croys are usually taken as being of that origin.

It is often said that, under the *Ancien Régime*, the title of Prince was only awarded to members of the Royal Family. There were, despite this, some 64 principalities listed at the time of the French Revolution. Most of these date back to the Middle Ages, when France was little more than a collection of independent or semi-independent states. In addition, the Duke of Lorraine created several more.

It should be said, on the other hand, that France has extended recognition to several foreign holders of this style.

In 1862, Prince George of Croy married one Marie de Durfort-Civrac (from the illustrious family of the Duke de Lorge). Since then they have become known as being the French branch.

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Auguste (1765-1822), 9th Duke von Croy, buy Dulmen (1803), founder of the WESTPHALIAN Branch
 Ist = (1789) Anne-Victurnienne de Rochechouart of the Dukes of Mortemart (1773-1806)

