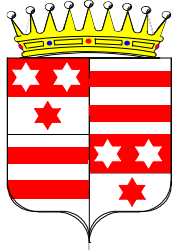
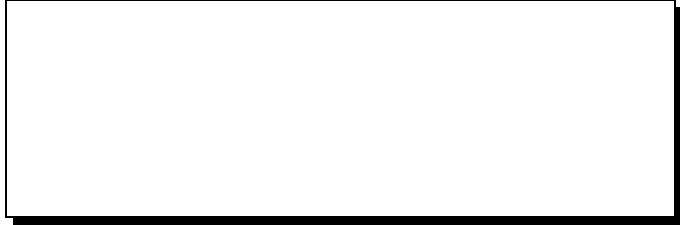


Erbach-Erbach



Description of Arms :



Principal Title : H.Ill.H. Count (Graf) zu Erbach-Erbach.

Creation : Holy Roman Empire, 1755.

Subsidiary Titles : Princely Count, Count von Wartenberg-Roth (1806), Lord (Herr) zu Breuberg, Wildenstein, Steinbach, Curl and Ostermannshofen.

Family Name : Erbach.

Family History : This is a good example of a family of considerable importance, even if two of the branches 'only' reached the rank of Count. In the middle ages, some counts - Champagne and Toulouse for example - ruled over large territories and, during the Crusades, ranked almost as kings. Furthermore, the Head of the French Royal Family is the Count of Paris and the father of King Juan Carlos used the title of Count of Barcelona.

The origins of the family go back to Eberhard of Erbach, living in 1148. By 1755, Erbach was raised to a county, within the Holy Roman Empire. They thus ruled with sovereign powers, until 1806, when they were mediatised.

This particular branch traces its origins to Georg-Wilhelm, 1686-1757, and ranks as the second line.

They became Hereditary Members of the first Chamber of the Grand Duchy of Hesse, in 1829, Hereditary members of the Reichsrat of Bavaria a few years later.

Members of the family are Counts or Countesses zu Erbach-Erbach, with the qualification of Illustrious Highness.

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Georg Albrecht II (?-1717),
Count of Erbach-Fürstenau

