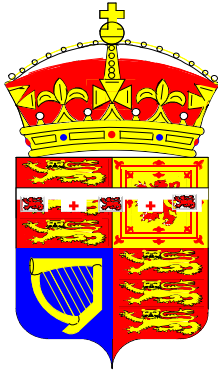


Gloucester



Description of Arms :

The Royal Arms of Great Britain differenced by a label of five points argent, the centre and the two outer charged with a lion passant guardant, and the two inner with a cross gules.

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Principal Title : Duke of Gloucester.

Creation : United Kingdom, 1928.

Subsidiary Titles : Prince of the United Kingdom, Earl of Ulster, Baron Culloden.

Family Name : Windsor.

Family History : The human race expands inexorably, medicine improves and it is usually assumed that the sons of the more fortunate in society have a better chance of survival than others. And yet, there is not a single male branch of any of the various royal houses of England alive today - and living in the country. It is true that there are the Dukes of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and the House of Hannover and the Prince of Hannover successfully petitioned to be recognised as a Prince of the United Kingdom. There are, also, branch lines of the Stuarts ; but they all live abroad. After one thousand years of history, there is no legitimate cadet branch in Great Britain.

The dukedoms of Clarence, Connaught, Albany, Cambridge, etc ... all failed to survive.

Until, that is, the XX Century. George V, King and Emperor had five sons. The two elder ones reigned as Edward VIII and George VI. The youngest died early. But the other two flourished and, following custom, were given dukedoms. Prince Henry was created Duke of Gloucester in 1928, some time before his marriage. He also became a Field Marshal and was Governor of Australia from 1944 to 1947. During his youth, he was close to his eldest brother and spent time in Kenya and in Café Society.

Of his two sons, the first died tragically in an air crash in 1972. The younger, Richard, was beginning to establish himself in architectural affairs and is an artistic and gifted photographer. For a time, he used the pseudonym of PROG (Prince Richard of Gloucester). On succeeding to the title, he has concerned himself more with normal royal duties.

He is addressed as Royal Highness but this style dies after the second generation. His son, therefore, will be addressed as Your Grace and will no longer use the prefix H.R.H. The Duke is married to a Danish lady and has followed his father's example of not choosing a princess as a wife. The first duke married Lady Alice Montagu-Douglas-Scott, daughter of the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry.

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Victoria(1819-1901), Queen (1837-1901), Empress of India
= (1840) Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha (1819-1861)

