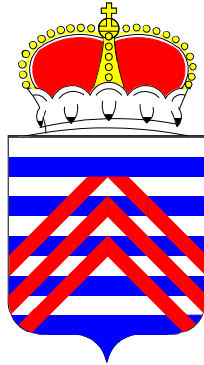


La Rochefoucauld-Montbel



Description of Arms :

Burelé d'argent et d'azur à trois chevrons de gueules, celui en chef écimé.

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Principal Title : Count de la Rochefoucauld-Montbel.

Creation : Prince in Bavaria, 1909.

Subsidiary Titles :

Family Name : La Rochefoucauld.

Family History : This started as a relatively minor branch of the great la Rochefoucauld family. Arthur (1831-1888) was the second son of the second Duke d'Estissac ; he took the courtesy title of Comte de la Rochefoucauld. He married in 1854 a certain Marie-Lucie de Montbel, the last of another distinguished family.

They had a son, Jules, who added his mother's name to his own and founded a side-branch, now known as la Rochefoucauld de Montbel or la Rochefoucauld-Montbel. In 1909, Jules was raised by King Ludwig III to the the rank of prince in Bavaria - as did the senior branch of this clan.

The titles are not recognised in France but maintain their rank in Bavaria. For this reason, the head of this branch is normally known as "count". It is a feature of the la Rochefoucauld family, in general, that the name is often considered to be at least as valuable as any of the very numerous titles that are spread within their ranks. In fact, the only other families which have been so often honoured - and are still in existence - are to be found in Italy.

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Alexandre-François (1767-1841),
received the title of Duke d'Estissac from the senior branch of the family (1839)

