

Lafões

Description of Arms :



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Principal Title : Duke of Lafões.

Creation : Portugal, 1718.

Subsidiary Titles : Marquis of Arronches (1674) and of Marialva (1661), Count of Miranda of Corvo (1611) and of Cantanhede (1479).

Family Name : Bragança.

Family History : Pedro II was Regent of Portugal from 1667, until he succeeded as king in 1683. He was married to Maria-Sophia of Neuburg-Palatinate and had a son, who succeeded in his turn as King John V of Portugal. He also had a natural son, later legitimised, known to history under the name of His Highness don Miguel de Bragança.

Miguel married doña Luisa de Sousa Nassau e Ligne, who was the 6th Countess of Miranda de Corvo, 2nd Marquise de Arronches and Duchess de Lafões. By a decree, dated 1718, the transfer of these titles was authorised, in favour of their son. The succession, from there on, is of bewildering complexity but worth following, step by step.

Succession then went into the House of Cadaval and from there, by decision of the Council of Nobility, into the family of the Marquis de Valença. From there, by a decision of the same council, into the House of Sousa. In 1947, it was confirmed in the person of don Lopo de Bragança, who ranks as the 6th Duke.

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S.A. D. Miguel de Bragance
= (1718) Luisa de Sousa Nassau et Ligne, 6th Countess of Miranda of Corvo, 3rd Marquise of Arronches, Duchess of Lafões

LOPO DE BRAGANCA (1921-), 6th Duke of Lafoes, 7th Marquis of Arronches, 7th Marquis of Marialva,
11th Count of Miranda of Corvo, 9th Count of Cantahede

Duarte de Lafoes, Duke

Filipa
= (1994) Helder Neves Santos