

# Luxembourg



## *Description of Arms :*

Quartely : 1st and 4th, azure, semée of billetes or, a lion rampant and crowned or, armed and langued gules ( Nassau ) ; 2nd and 3rd, barry of ten argent and azure, a lion queue fourchée gules, armed, langued and crowned or ( Luxembourg).

**Principal Title :** H.R.H. Grand Duke of Luxembourg.

**Creation :** 1815.

**Subsidiary Titles :** Duke of Nassau (1816), Prince of Bourbon-Parme, Count Palatine of the Rhine, Count of Sayn, Königstein, Katzenelnbogen and Dietz (1816), Burggrave of Hammerstein, Lord of Mahlberg, Wiesbaden, Idstein, Merenberg, Limburg and Eppstein.

**Family Name :** Nassau.

**Family History :** Luxemburg owes its start to the dismantlement of Lotharingia (Lorraine) in the X century. But its foundation is usually credited to Rutbert, Count of Zutphen in 1059. In the XIII century, it split into two distinct branches - those of Walram, Count of Nassau, and Otto. From the latter comes William of Orange, who still reign over Holland.

Walram was King of the Romans 1292-1298. His descendants became Princely Counts of Nassau in 1366. Some four centuries later they became Princes of the Holy Roman Empire, later on with the style of Durchlauchtist Hochboren. During the upheavals, culminating in the first French Empire, the state was annexed and became a mere department of France. But, on the collapse of Napoleon and the Treaty of Vienna, it was restored to a Grand Duchy - albeit with the loss of some of its territory. After the death of William III, who ruled over both Holland and Luxemburg, a family pact was concluded and Aldolphus became Grand Duke of Luxemburg in 1890.

The next crisis arrived when his son, William produced only daughters and the constitution was altered to allow the succession of, first, Adelaide and then her sister Charlotte. This latter married to a Prince of Bourbon-Parma, ruled from 1919 to 1964. Since many of their earlier distinctions were awarded on the basis of male primogeniture, it can be argued that, at this point, they lost many of these.

No matter, they have ruled over this territory ever since. Until 1986, members of the family were known as Prince or Princess of Luxemburg, Bourbon-Parma and Nassau, with the qualification of Royal Highness. From then on, they were styled "Nassau", Prince or Princess of Luxemburg but still with the rank of Royal Highness. As with the house of Lorraine, their territorial pretensions presented little threat to the great kingdoms and the daughters were much sought after for marriage.

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Rubert, Count of Zutphen (1059)

= Ermentrud of Hammerstein, daughter of Conradin (?-1036), Count Otto of Hammerstein

Count Heinrich  
(?-1254)

Walram (?-1289),

Count of Nassau, Idstein, Wiesbaden and Weilburg

Otto (?-1290),

Count of Nassau-Siegen, Dillenburg and Beilstein

Charles Christian (1735-1788)  
P. of Nassau-Weilburg (1753)

= (1760)

Caroline  
(1743-1787)

William V (1748-1806), Prince of Orange,  
Stadholder (1751-95)

Frederic-William (1768-1816), Prince

= (1788) Louise, d. of Bgv. of Kirchberg (1772-1827)

4  
daughters

see  
Netherlands

William (1792-1839), Duke of Nassau (1816)

Henriette (1797-1829)

Frederick (1799-1845)

1st = (1813) D. Louise of Saxe-Hildburghausen (1794-1825) and 2nd = (1829) P. Pauline of Württemberg (1810-1856)

Adolphus (1817-1905), D. of Nassau (1839-1866), GD. (1890)  
2nd = (1851) P. Adelaïde of Anhalt-Dessau (1833-1916)

Maurice  
(1820-1850)

2  
daughters

Nicolas  
(1832-1905)

2  
daughters

William (1852-1912), Grand Duke (1905)

= (1893) P. Mary Anne of Portugal (1861-1942)

Francis  
(1859-1875)

Hilda (1864-1952)

= (1885) Frederick II (1857-1928), GD. of Baden

Adelaïde (1894-1924),  
Grand Duchess (1905-1919)

Charlotte (1896-1985), Grand Duchess (1919-1964)  
= (1919) Prince Felix Bourbon-Parma (1893-1970)

4  
daughters

JEAN (1921-), Grand Duke (1964)  
= (1953) P. Josephine-Charlotte (1927-), daughter of Leopold III, King of the Belgians

Elisabeth (1922-)

Marie Adelaïde (1924-)

Marie Gabrielle  
(1925-)

Charles

Marie Astrid  
(1954-)

HENRI (1955-), Grand Duke (2001)  
= (1981) Maria Teresa Mestre y Alvarez-Tabio (1956-)

JEAN  
(1957-)

Marguerite  
(1957-)

GUILLAUME  
(1963-)

GUILLAUME  
Paul-Louis

FELIX

LOUIS

Alexandra

SEBASTIEN

Marie-Gabrielle

Constantin

Wenceslas