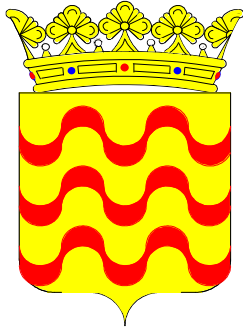


Maillé



Description of Arms :

D'or à trois fusées ondées et nebulées de gueules.

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Principal Title : Duke of Maillé.

Creation : France, 1784. Branch of Dukes of Plaisance, extinct in 1926.

Subsidiary Titles : Dukedom-Peerage was awarded in 1817 and confirmed three years later.

Family Name : de Maillé, de Maillé de La Tour Landry.

Family History : This family can be traced back to Hilduin de Maillé, around 1069. Hardouin V accompanied Saint Louis IX on a Crusade in 1248. Hardouin X married an heiress, in 1474, and added her name of la Tour Landry to his own.

Urbain, a *maréchal de France*, married the sister of the great Cardinal de Richelieu. Their son was known as Duke de Fronsac - a title passed on by brevet from the cardinal. He was an admiral but died at sea without ever having married. Various other titles came and went.

Until we reach Charles-François-Armand (1770-1837) who was made a peer in 1815 and an hereditary duke-peer some two years later. His two sons then created two distinct lines. The elder branch is still represented as the dukes of Maillé. The younger brother married, 1853, Jeanne Le Brun de Plaisance, who was the only daughter and thus heiress of the Duke de Plaisance. This title died out with François, the 6th duke, who succeeded his nephew and died in 1926. He did, however, have a daughter. She was Claire-Clémence and she married, in 1919, Count Henry de Gontaut-Biron.

The present head of the family, Stanislas, lives in a picturesque château in Central France. His mother was a Princess Radziwill. But this is far from being their only important alliance. Several other members have married advantageously. In addition to the two military leaders, mentioned above, several have played a prominent part in the affairs of their nation. Despite this, this remains perhaps the least known of all the French duchies.

The ducal line of this family is, in fact, the junior one. The senior branch is headed by the Marquis de Maillé de la Tour Landry.

Maillé

Hardouin X de Maillé (1462-1524)
= (1474) Françoise de La Tour de Landry

