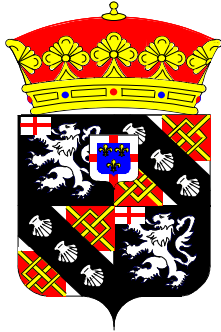


# Marlborough



## *Description of Arms :*

Quarterly : 1st & 4th, sable, a lion rampant argent ; on the canton of the second a cross gules, *Churchill* ; 2nd & 3rd, quarterly argent and gules ; on a bend sable, between two frettes or, three escallops of the first, *Spencer* ; over all, on the centre chief point, on an escutcheon argent, the cross of St George surmounted by another escutcheon azure, charged with three fleur de lys, two and one or.

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**Principal Title :** Duke of Marlborough.

**Creation :** England, 1702.

**Subsidiary Titles :** Marquis of Blandford, Earl of Sunderland, etc ... ; Prince of the Holy Roman Empire, Prince of Mindelheim.

**Family Name :** Spencer-Churchill, ( usually known as Churchill ).

**Family History :** Sir John Churchill, K.G., the distinguished general won the battles of Blenheim (1704), Ramillies (1706), Oudinard (1708) and Malplaquet (1709). He was created successively Lord Churchill ( peerage of Scotland ) 1682, Baron Churchill ( peerage of England ) 1685, Earl of Marlborough ( England ) 1689, Marquis of Blandford and Duke of Marlborough ( England ) 1702, Prince of the Holy Roman Empire ( and to all successors, male or female ) 1704 and Prince of Mindelheim ( Swabia ) 1705.

He voted in favour of the Prince and Princess of Orange to fill the vacant throne of Great Britain. However, he fell out of favour with William III and was briefly imprisoned in the Tower of London. He was restored to his position under Queen Anne and went on to become the most important military leader of his age.

A grateful nation voted him an annual pension of £5000 ( a very large sum at the time ) and erected the Palace of Blenheim for him in the county of Oxfordshire. The family still lives there.

Sir John left no immediate male heir and his titles, apart from the Lordship of Churchill, devolved onto his daughter, Henrietta, who also died without male issue. The titles then went on to the son of his second daughter, Anne.

Recent distinguished members of this family include Lord Randolph Churchill and his son, the celebrated Sir Winston Churchill, the great British war leader. His daughter-in-law subsequently married an American citizen and went on to be the U.S. Ambassador to France.

The Spencer family is closely connected with the Spencer-Churchills. It is from this, former, that Diana, Princess of Wales, comes. It can therefore be argued that she was already a princess before her marriage.

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Winston Churchill (1620-?)

= Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Drake, Knight of Ash

