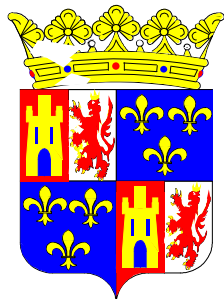


Medinaceli



Description of Arms :

Ecartelé: aux 1 et 4 parti de Castille et de Léon; aux 2 et 3 de France.

Cuartelado. Primero y cuarto. Partido a su vez : 1º, en campo de gules, un castillo, de oro, y 2º, en campo y tercero, en campo de azur, tres lises, de oro, puestas dos y una.

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Principal Title : Duchess of Medinaceli.

Creation : Spain, 1479.

Subsidiary Titles : Numerous, see text.

Family Name : Fernández de Córdoba y Fernández de Henestrosa.

Family History : This, with the duchies of Alba and Medina-Sidonia, is one of the great three of Spain - all of which were born by women in the latter part of the XX Century.

The title was originally created in favour of don Luis de la Cerda y de la Vega, Count de Medinaceli etc. This was in 1479, the the title of count goes back to 1369. The la Cerda family was the issue of King Alfonso X of Castile, who lived from 1220-1284. He was King of Castile from 1252 and Roman King from 1257. His son was known as Ferdinand de la Cerda and he married Blanche, the daughter of Louis IX of France. It was his younger brother, however, who became King Sancho IV of Castile. When Charles Quint made up his list for the first twenty-five Grantees of Spain, in 1520, the Duke fo Medinaceli was amongst their number.

Since then the family has acquired the following titles : Duke of Camiña (1619), of Ciudad Real (1613), de Denia (1886), de Tarifa (1886) and de Alcalà de los Gazules (1588) ; Marquis de Alcalà de la Alameda (1574), de Aytona (1581), de Priego (1501), de la Torrecilla (1688), de Camarasa (1543) and a large number of more junior honours. The current holder of the main dukedom is ten times a Grandee of Spain.

The then duke was called to Rome, after the War, when the Knights of Malta found themselves in trouble. He was one of the two Spanish delegate knights. It is said that when his passport was examined, no official could be found who believed it was a genuine document, so many were the titles listed.

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Alphonse X (1220-1284), King of Castile (1252-1284)
= (1246) Yolante of Aragon (?-1300)

Ferdinand de la Cerda (1256-1275)
= (1269) Blanche (1253-1300), daughter of Louis IX, King of France

Kings of
Castile

House de la Cerda
Dukes of Medinaceli

infant Luis
de la Cerda

Gaston III (1331-1391),
Count of Foix

Isabel = Bernardo de Foix, "Bâtard de Béarn"
1st Count of Medinaceli (1368)

Luis de la Cerda (?-1501), 5th Count of Medinaceli,
1st Duke of Medinaceli (1479)

Juan Francisco Fernandez de Cordoba, 8th Duke of Medinaceli
= Catalina, 8th Duchess del Infantado, 6th Duchess of Lerma and Osuna

Luis de la Cerda (?-1711),
9th Duke of Medinaceli

daughter

Nicolas Maria de Cordoba-Figueroa, 9th Marquis of Priego and 9th Duke of

Feria,

VICTORIA EUGENIA FERNANDEZ DE CORDOBA Y FERNANDEZ DE HENESTROSA, Duchess of Medinaceli (1959),

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LUIS, D. of Santisteban del Puerto,
of

RAFAEL, Duke of Feria,

IGNACIO, Duke of Segorbe,

Ana Luisa, M.

VICTORIA
(1986-)

CASILDA
(1989-)

RAFAEL
(1978-)

LUIS
(1980-)