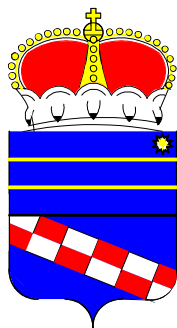


Montegavo



Description of Arms :

Troncato : al 1°, d'azzurro, alla gemella d'oro accompagnata nel punto sinistro del capo da una stella dieci raggi d'argento ; nel 2°, d'azzurro, alla banda scaccata di due fila d'argento e di rosso.

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Principal Title : Prince of Montegavo.

Creation : Renewed, Italy, 1893.

Subsidiary Titles : Duke of San Michele.

Family Name : Gravina.

Family History : This is the other main branch of the old and distinguished Sicilian family, the other being that of the Princes of Comitini (q.v.).

The Gravinass first came to prominence in 1407/8, when the King of Naples granted them the fief of Belmonte and Palagonia - in exchange for an annual tribute of a pair of gloves.

The branch which originally bore the title of Montegavo died out in the XIX Century. The honour was then renewed, in favour of another line, in 1893. This was followed, ten years later, with the re-grant of the title of Duke of San Michele together with other, more minor, titles which had been in the family for a considerable time.

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