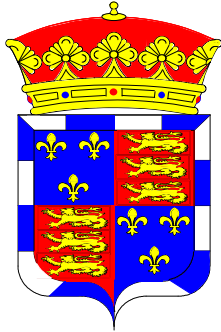


Beaufort



Description of Arms :

Quarterly: 1 & 4, azure, three fleau de lys or. 2 & 3, gules, three lions passant guardant in pale or. All within a bordure campony argent and aare.

Principal Title : Duke of Beaufort.

Creation : England, 1682.

Subsidiary Titles : Baron Herbert of Raglan (1509), Earl of Worcester (1513/1514), Marquis of Worcester (1642/1643), etc.

Family Name : Somerset.

Family History : Henry Beaufort, 3rd Duke of Somerset, was third in line from John of Gaunt. He had a natural son, known as Charles Somerset, later a Knight of the Garter. Sir Charles was summoned to Parliament, in the right of his wife, as Lord Herbert. This was in the middle of the XV Century and was, at the time, the normal manner in which a peerage was acknowledged. He was created Baron Herbert of Raglan, in his own right, in 1506 and then Earl of Worcester in 1513. From there he was appointed Lord Chamberlain for life - that is until his death in 1526.

Henry, the 5th Earl, was a devoted royalist and he held Raglan Castle - at his own expense - for four years against the Roundheads. For this, he was rewarded with the title of Marquis of Worcester in 1642.

For some time, the family was deeply immersed in the complicated politics of the time. The 3rd Marquis retired from public life, on the accession of William and Mary, preferring not to take the oath of allegiance. But, by then, he had been Lord President of Wales and had been raised to the rank of duke (Beaufort) in 1682.

From then on, the dukes were prominent in politics and the army. They also began a special devotion for horses which persisted at least until the 10th Duke. Besides being Master of the Horse, he was uniformly called "Master". This reflected his appointment as Master of Fox Hounds, a much-cherished honour in the earlier part of the XX Century, to the extent that master of the various packs of fox-hounds had MFH put after their names, when being addressed on envelopes. He left no children and was succeeded by a descendant of the 8th Duke, who had made his name with Christies, the art auctioneers.

The 11th Duke's son, known by the courtesy title of Marquis of Worcester is best known for his love of music (jazz).

A quick glance at the coat of arms above, shows the distinguished origins of this family.

Beaufort

Henry (1629-1699)

3rd Marquis of Worcester, 1st Duke of Beaufort (1682)

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Henry (1684-1714),

2d Duke of Beaufort (1699)

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Henry (?-1746),
3rd Duke of Beaufort

Charles-Noel (?-1756), 4th Duke of Beaufort
= Elisabeth Botetourt

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Henry (1744-1803),
5th Duke of Beaufort

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Henry Charles (?-1835),
6th Duke of Beaufort

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Henry (1792-1853), 7th Duke of Beaufort

1st = (1814) Georgina FitzRoy (?-1821) and 2nd = (1822) Emily Frances Smith

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Henry Charles FitzRoy (1824-1899), 8th Duke of Beaufort
= (1845) Georgiana Charlotte Curzon (?-1906)

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Henri Adelbert (1847-1924), 9th Duke of Beaufort
= (1895) Louise Emily Harford (?-1945)

Richard (1849-1932)
1st = (1872) Isabelle Caroline Somers (1877-1958)

Henry (1851-?)

Edward
(1853-?)

Blanche
(1856-?)

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Henry Hugh Arthur (1900-19??), 10th Duke of Beaufort
= (1923) Victoria Cambridge (1897-?), P. of Teck

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Henry Charles (1874-1945)
1st = Katherine Beauclerk

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Henry Robert (1899-1965)
= (1922) Bettine Violet Malcom

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DAVID ROBERT (1928-), 11th Duke of Beaufort
= (1950) Caroline Jane Thynne (1928-)

ne (1929-)
= (1953) David

HENRY JOHN
(1952-)

Anne Mary
(1955-)

EDAWRD ALEXANDER
(1958-)

JON ROBERT
(1964-)