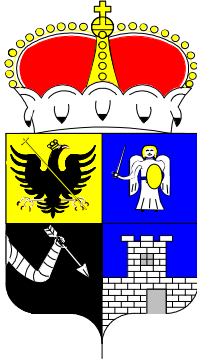


# Dolgorouky



## *Description of Arms :*

Quarterly : 1, or an eagle displayed with its head tourne sable, its legs armed argent, ensigned with a ducal coronet and holding in bend in its sinister claw a crozier or ; 2, azure the Archaangel Michael, vested argent, his dexter arm counter-embowed holding in bend a sword of the last and on his sinister arm a shield or ; 3, sable, issuant from the dexter chief point a sinister arm, counter-embowed, vambraced, inveloped and holding in bend an arrow proper ; 4, azure, on the lower edge a castle single towered argent, masoned sable.

**Principal Title :** Prince Dolgorouky.

**Creation :** By tradition.

**Subsidiary Titles :**

**Alternative Spelling :** Dolgoroukoff, Dolgourokov, Dolgoruky, Dolguruki, etc ...

**Family History :** The history of the oldest and grandest of the Russian families is very much bound up with semi-legendary recitals of their descent, which in most cases stems from St Vladimir Sviatoslovich. The Dolgorouky family is no exception. It is recorded that Vladimir had a son, the Great Prince Yaroslav Vladimirovich, who promoted his son, who had a son called Vladimir Monomakh. And he had a son, as is shown in Russian history, the Great Prince Yurii Vladimirovich, called Dolgourouky - which means "of the long hand". This was at the time of his passage from Kiev to Vladimir ( a place as well as a name ), when he was the first to effect the renovation of Moscow. Moscow, it must be said, had fallen into neglect since the time of its founding by the Great Prince Oleg.

In any even, from this branch of the great family, one member went on to rule Chernigov and it is from that line that descends the Dolgourouky family. Others that come down from the same source are the Obolenskoy, Volkonsky, Gorchakov and other well-known names. St Michael and/or the black eagle on their coat of arms are the unifying factor.

Tsar Alexander II of all the Russias had two wives. The first was the daughter of the Grand Duke of Hesse and she died in 1880. The second Tsarina was Catherine, daughter of Prince Michael Dolgourouky and she died as recently as 1922.

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Saint Vladimir Sviatoslavich (c956-1015),  
Great Prince and Christianiser of Russia

