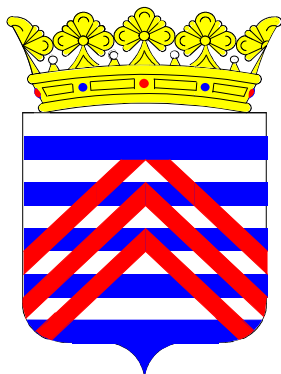


Doudeauville



Description of Arms :

Burelé d'argent et d'azur à trois chevrons de gueules, celui en chef écimé.

ou

D'azur à trois aigles éployées d'or, membrées et becquées de gueules.

Principal Title : Duke of Doudeauville.

Creation : France, 1782.

Subsidiary Titles : See text.

Family Name : La Rochefoucauld-Doudeauville.

Family History : This is another branch of the descendants of the Marquis de Montendre, who flourished in 1559, and was the younger son of François, 1st Count de la Rochefoucauld and god-father of King François I. Ambroise-Polycarpe became a Grandee of Spain, with the title of Duke de Doudeauville, in 1782. This was confirmed, in France in 1817, with the rank of hereditary duke-peer.

The 2nd duke, Louis-François-Sosthenes, married Elizabeth de Montmorency-Laval, who was heit to the Italian duchy of Bisaccia. Their second son, who became the 4th duke, used both titles.

This fourth duke, Sosthène, had three sons. The oldest, Charles, took the title of Duke d'Estrées by a transfer of the Grandeeship of Spain with which this title was associated. He died without heirs and the title has not been used since. The two younger brothers of the Duke d'Estrées became, respectively, Duke de Doudeauville and Duke de Bisaccia (q.v.). This sharing out and exchange of titles has marked several generations of the La Rochefoucauld family.

The family generally is one of the most prolific in the upper reaches of French society but this particular branch has not been blessed with male heirs.

The duchy of Doudeauville is likely to die out, at any moment - unless there is some unknown provision for the title to pass to another line. The Bisaccia dukedom is currently in abeyance, through lack of sons to inherit. However, since this style can pass through the female line, it could be re-assumed.

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François I (?-1516),
1st Count of Rochefoucauld (1515)

François II, Count
(?-1533)

Dukes of
Rochefoucauld

Louis de la Rochefoucauld (fl. 1559),
Lord of Montendre

Ambroise (1765-1841),
1st Duke of Doudeauville

Louis-François-Sosthenes (1785-1864), 2nd Duke
= (1807) **Elisabeth de Montmorency-Laval (1790-1834), Duchess of Bisaccia**

Stanislas (1822-1887),
3rd Duke

Sosthène (1825-1908),
4th Duke and Duke of Bisaccia

Charles (1863-1907),
took title of Duke d'Estrées

Armand (1870-1963),
5th Duke

Edouard (1874-1968),
10th Duke de Bisaccia

Sosthène (1897-1970),
6th Duke

ARMAND (1902-?), 7th Duke
= (1957) Esther-Millicent Clarke

Stanislas 2
(1903-1965)

Lise (1958-)
= Jean-Pierre Ribes

See Bisaccia

Eleonore
(1991-)

Stanislas
(1994-)

Sebastian
(1994-)