

Ferrari



Description of Arms :

D'azur à un lion d'or, couronné, lampassé et armé de même.

Principal Title : Duke of Ferrari.
Prince of Ferrari.

Creation : Duchy, Holy See, 1872.
Prince, Holy See, 1923.

Subsidiary Titles : To the dukedom, Marquis. For both these branches, the right to *don* and *donna*.

Family Name : de Ferrari.

Family History : This very old family can trace its descent back to 1097, when it was firmly implanted in Genoa. In the XI Century, it provided several consuls for its home city, when it should be remembered Genoa was a considerable maritime power.

There are now four distinct branches but, since the titles are of comparatively recent origin, we can treat this as one, united family.

In 1872, the senior line was created marquis and duke, both on the basis of male primogeniture. These were pontifical titles. The second branch was raised to the rank of marquis, not long afterwards.

Pope Pius XI (Achille Ratti) then raised the head of the third line to the rank of prince, in 1923, also on the basis of male primogeniture. There is also a fourth branch to this distinguished family, also, like the second, with the title of marquis.

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