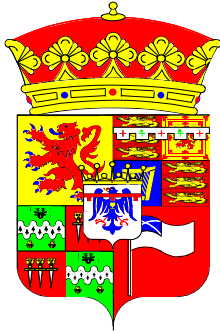


## Fife

### *Description of Arms :*



Quarterly, 1st grand quarter, or, a lion rampant gules, armed and langued azure, Dukedom of Fife; 2nd grand quarter, the Royal Arms of the United Kingdom differenced by a label of five points argent, the points charged with two thistles between three crosses of St George, Princess Royal; 3rd grand quarter, counter-quartered, 1st and 4th vert, a fess dancettée ermine between a hart's head cabossed in chief and two escallops in base, or, Duff of Braco; 2nd and 3rd gules, three skenes paleways argent, hafted and pommelled or, surmounted of as many wolves' heads coupé of the third, Skene of that Ilk; 4th grand quarter, gules, a banner displayed argent with cross of St Andrew in canton; over all an escutcheon ensigned of an earl's coronet, argent, an eagle displayed, azure, armed and beaked gules, on its breast an antique cup or, differenced by a label of three points gules.

**Principal Title :** Duke of Fife

**Creation :** United Kingdom, 1900.

**Subsidiary Titles :** Earl of Macduff (1899).

**Family Name :** Carnegie.

**Family History :** Two great Scottish families have joined to create this one. The Fife branch goes back to William Duff, Member of Parliament, who became Earl Fife (peerage of Ireland) in 1759. He was succeeded, in turn, by two of his sons, the latter of whom was a General in the Peninsular War. His descendant, the 6th Earl, married into the British Royal Family. He was raised to the rank of duke, in the peerage of the United Kingdom. Failing any male heirs, the succession was arranged, by Special Remainder, to devolve onto his daughters, in order of seniority.

The other branch, Southesk, goes back to Sir David Carnegie, who became Earl of Southesk in 1633. His descendants played a prominent role in political and legal affairs, until we reach the 4th Earl, who retired when James II fled the kingdom. The 5th Earl of Southesk fought in the 1715 uprising and was rewarded by having his honours attained and his estates forfeited. Several generations later, his descendant had the attainder reversed and was recognised as the 9th Earl. His son, Charles, married the daughter of the Princess Royal and the 1st Duke of Fife. His wife succeeded to the dukedom on the death of her father and their son is the present and third Duke of Fife. He is also heir to his father's Earldom of Southesk.

The succession should now follow a more routine pattern, in the person of his son, David, known by the courtesy title of Earl of Macduff - a name full of historical significance.

Fife once ranked as a separate kingdom.

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William Duff (1697-1763), Baron Braco of Kilbryde (1735), Viscount Macduff (1759),  
1st Earl of Fife (1759)

