

# Joinville

## *Description of Arms :*

D'azur à trois broies d'or, liées d'argent, mal ordonnées or D'azur à trois broies d'or ; au chef d'argent chargé d'un lion naissant de gueules.
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**Principal Title :** Prince of Joinville.

**Family History :** This title has had an adventurous career but does illustrate that descent can be far from straightforward, where prestige is involved. Originally one of the estates that Claude de Guise ( the first duke ) inherited was that as Sieur de Joinville. The name had long since been well-known because of the great romancer of the same name. Claude made the town his home and Joinville became the cradle of the family. It was later raised to the rank of principality and, by tradition, the eldest sons of the Dukes of Guise carried the style during the lifetime of their fathers.

When the seventh, and last, Duke of Guise died in 1675, all his titles passed to a great-aunt, Marie, known to history as Mademoiselle de Guise. On her death the succession went to a remote cousin, a descendent of the first prince, François de Guise, through his son, Charles de Mayenne. She had married Henri-Jules, Prince de Condé, and was recognised as the rightful heir, with her husband, and with descent to their children, male or female. This situation continued for four generations, until Louis-Henri-Joseph de Condé who married, in 1770, Louise d'Orléans, aunt of the future King of the French, Louis-Philippe.

The title then passed to his nephew, known as the Duke of Aumale who, in turn, vested it in one of his sons. This son, and his two brothers, all died without issue. It must be said that the Aumale descent is equally tortuous. The daughter of the second duke ( a Guise ) inherited the dukedom of Aumale on her father's death in 1631. She married Henry of Savoy, Duke of Nemours. They had a son, who became both Duke of Aumale and of Nemours. They were succeeded by a daughter, Marie-Jeanne, who sold her titles to Louis XIV; this king, in turn invested the duchy of Aumale in his legitimated son, the Duke du Maine - and from there it passed into the Orléans-Bourbon family. A great deal is said about the Salic Law and the impossibility of women inheriting titles ; these two prove that it is often not quite as simple as it might seem.

The principality of Joinville has recently been awarded to the second wife of Henri, Count de Clermont, who is the eldest son of the late Count of Paris and Orléanist pretender to the French throne. Should this lady have any children, it would be interesting to know whether they would inherit or whether, on her death, it would return to the general fund of titles possessed by the Orléans-Bourbon family.

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Claude (1496-1550),  
Duke of Guise

François (1519-1563),  
Duke of Guise, Prince of Joinville

Claude (1526-1573),  
Duke of Aumale

Henri (1550-1588),  
3rd Duke, 2nd Prince

Charles (1554-1611),  
1st Duke of Mayenne

Charles (1573-1631),  
2nd Duke

Charles (1571-1640),  
4th Duke, 3rd Prince

Henri (1578-1621),  
2nd Duke = Catherine (1585-1618)  
= Ch. de Gonzaga, Prince of Mantua

Anne (1600-1638), Duchess  
= Henry of Savoy, Duke of Nemours

François (1612-1639),  
(1625-1659),

Henri (1614-1664),

Louis

Marie

Anne

Charles (1624-1652), Henry

Louis-Joseph (1650-1671),  
6th Duke, 6th Prince

Anne-Henriette (1648-1723)  
= Henri de Condé

Marie-Jeanne (1644-1724)  
= Emmanuel of Savoy

François-Joseph (1670-1675),  
7th Duke, 7th Prince

Louis III (1668-1710),  
Prince de Condé and heir to Guise titles

Dukedom of Aumale  
sold to Louis XIV

Louis-Henri  
(1692-1740)

Louis-Henri-Joseph (1756-1830)  
= Louise d'Orléans

Louis (1772-1804),  
Duke of Enghien

Titles passed to godson and great-nephew,  
Henri Eugène