

Kent



Description of Arms :

The Royal Arms, differenced by a label of five points argent, the points charged with an anchor azure and a cross gules alternately.

Principal Title : Duke of Kent.

Creation : United Kingdom, 1934.

Subsidiary Titles : Earl of St Andrews, Baron Downpatrick.

Family Name : Windsor.

Family History : As with their cousins, the Gloucesters, the Kents seem set to establish one of the first legitimate male branch lines to the Royal Family for a very long time; at least one that is likely to continue to live in the country. And is even more likely to flourish, since there are several young men in line for the succession.

Prince George was the fourth son of King George V and he was born in 1902. Unlike his brothers, he did choose a bride of princely rank - Marina of Greece and Denmark, daughter of Prince Nicholas. A fortunate choice it proved to be. Prince George was elevated to the rank of duke, at the time of his marriage, and the new duchess was always a favourite of the British people. It might be said, at this point, that when a subject of the United Kingdom is given one of the more senior titles, he is (or was) nearly always given another of lesser rank. This is so that his son can use the junior one as a courtesy title, during the lifetime of his father. The Duke of Kent's son, therefore is known as the Earl of St Andrews and his son as Lord Downpatrick. The first Duke of Kent died, in 1942, while on active service. He was only forty years old. His eldest son succeeded him and chose, as a wife, a member of an old British family. Like his father, he seems to have a very happy decision, the present Duchess is a lady universally admired and one who has carried out her duties with much dignity and devotion. There was also another son, Prince Michael. He married into an Austrian baronial family but his wife had already been married before. She was also a Catholic and, as a result, was barred from the throne. Prince Michael therefore renounced his rights. This does not preclude him from succeeding his brother though that, even, is not very likely. More curious, perhaps, is his own name. It has long been the custom for sons of the monarch to be given dukedoms, usually at the time of their marriage. More junior members of the Royal Family are generally made marquises. Michael has no title, apart from that of being a British prince. And that dies with him.

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Victoria (1819-1901), Queen of the United Kingdom (1837-1901), Empress of India

= (1840) Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha (1819-1861)

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Edward VII (1841-1910)

= (1863) Princess Alexandra of Denmark (1844-1925)

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George V (1865-1936)

= (1893) Mary (1867-1953), Duchess of Teck

Prince Nicholas of Greece and Denmark (1872-1938)

= (1902) Helen (1882-1957), daughter of Vladimir, GD. of

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Edward (1894-1972),
Duke of Windsor

George VI
(1895-1952)

Henry (1900-1974),
Duke of Gloucester

George (1902-1942), Duke of Kent (1934)
= (1934) Marina of Greece

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EDWARD (1935-), 2nd Duke of Kent
= (1961) Katherine Worsley (1933-)

Princess ALEXANDRA
(1936-)

Prince MICHAEL (1942-)
= (1978) Baroness Marie-Christine von Reibnitz

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GEORGE (1962-), Earl of St Andrews
= (1988) Sylvana Tomaselli (1957-)

Lady HELEN
(1964-)

Lord NICHOLAS
(1970-)

Lord FREDERICK
(1979-)

Lady GABRIELLA
(1981-)

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EDWARD (1988-),
Lord Downpatrick

Lady MARINA-CHARLOTTE
(1992-)

Lady AMELIA
(1995-)