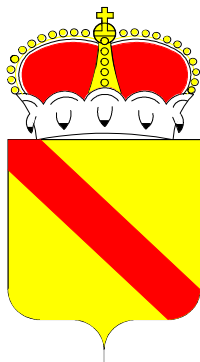


Ligne



Description of Arms :

D'azur à une plante de lin fleurie de trois pièces d'or; à la bordure cannelée du même chargée de sept fleurs de lin d'azur bouronnées d'or.
OR: D'or à la bande de gueules.

Principal Title : Prince de Ligne.

Creation : See text.

Subsidiary Titles : See text.

Family Name : de Ligne.

Family History : This family is closely associated, today, with Belgium. But, as that country is of such recent origin, it is evident that their history covers much of Western Europe. In the XII Century, they were already known as knights.

By 1503, they had become Counts of Fauquemburghe. Then, in 1513, they were raised to being Princes of Mortagne ; this honour being received from Henri VIII, sovereign of Tournaisis. By 1544, the title and estates of Counts of Ligne followed and, the next year, they were accepted as Counts of the Holy Roman Empire, together with all descendants. This was not the end of the upward climb however. At the end of the XVI Century, they inherited the titles of Prince d'Epinoy, Sovereign of Fagnolles, Marquis de Roubaix and Baron d'Antoing. Then came the titles of Prince of the Holy Roman Empire (1601), Prince de Ligne (1602), Prince d'Amblise (1608), Grandee of Spain, 1st Class, in 1643.

Already, therefore, a very grand family, more honours were to follow. In 1780, they were recognised as princes in Poland and, in 1788, were included into the Circle of Westphalia of sovereign counts. In 1803, they were recognised as Prince-Counts of Edelstetten. Finally, by 1816, following the general reorganisation of Europe following Napoleon's fall, the title of prince was ordered for all descendants, with the prefix of Highness, and the styles of Prince d'Amblise and Prince d'Epinoy were confirmed on the basis of male primogeniture.

So distinguished are members of this family, however, that the name of Ligne is quite sufficient to command respect. We have listed most - but not all - of their other titles, since they well illustrate the history of a great clan and traces its path to its present eminence.

Ligne

Antoine, Baron of Ligne,
1st Prince of Mortagne (1513)

Charles Joseph (1735-1814),
Prince of Ligne

Ernest (1857-?)

see
Ligne de la Tremoille

Eugene (1804-1880),
9th Prince of Ligne

Henri (1824-1871),
= (1851) C. Marguerite of Talleyrand-Perigord (1832-?)

Louis (1854-?),
10th Prince of Ligne

Marie
(1855-?)

Ernest (1857-1937), 11th Prince of Ligne,
Prince of Amblise and Epinoy

Eugene (1893-1960), 12th Prince ...
= (1917) Philippine de Noailles (1898-)

BAUDOUIN (1918-), 13th Prince
= (1946-1954) Countess Monique de Bousies (1922-)

P. Isabelle
(1921-)

P. Yolande
(1923-)

Prince ANTOINE (1925-)
= (1950) P. Alix de Luxembourg (1929-)

MICHEL
(1951-)

WAUTHIER (1952-)
= (1976) C. Regine de Renesse (1955-)

Anne
(1954-)

Christine
(1955-)

Sophie
(1957-)

ANTOINE
(1959-)

YOLANDE
(1964-)

PHILIPPE
(1977-)

Melanie
(1979-)