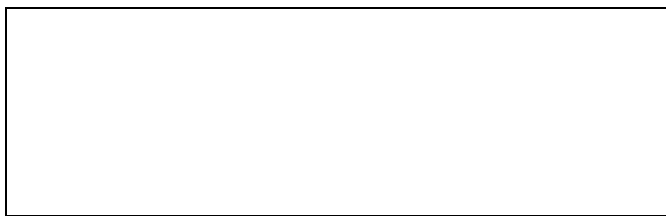


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Description of Arms :



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Principal Title : Marquis Doria, Prince of Andri.

Creation : Philip IV, 1636.

Subsidiary Titles : Duke of Eboli (1567), Count of Capaccio (1659), Prince of Centola (1666), Marquis of Pisciotta (1617), etc ...

Family Name : Doria.

Family History : This is one of the greatest Italian families and yet, strangely, only one branch has a title of the highest rank.

The Dorias are closely associated with Genoa, where they are recorded in the XI Century, when they were partisans. Until 1448, and dating from four hundred years, they were sovereigns in Sardinia. From their ranks were drawn several consuls and senators for the Genoese republic and, more importantly, six *doges*. These were in 1535, 1579, 1601, 1627, 1633 and 1793. This is a spread of two hundred and fifty years and covered the period when Genoa rivalled the power of its neighbour across Italy, Venice.

They also provided seven cardinals. But it is for their seamen that the Doria family is principally known. And the most famous of these is the legendary Andrea Doria. He lived from 1466-1560, was the first Prince of Melfi and was called, in Genoa, " the father of the country ". He also commanded the fleets of François I of France and the Emperor Charles Quint. That his name still lives on can be evinced from the fact that a large passenger liner was named after him; it sank, in tragic circumstances.

Many branches of this family exist, some now represented under different names. But the sixth line lives on. Inscribed as nobles of Genoa, they have collected a large number of distinctions. Despite all of which, they seem as proud of their name as of any title - by no means unusual in Italy.

The wife of the Pretender to the Italian throne was called Marina Doria before her marriage.

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