

Avalos



Description of Arms :

D'azur au château d'or, à la bordure componée d'argent et de gueules.

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Principal Title : Duke of Avalos.

Creation : Naples.

Subsidiary Titles : Prince of the Holy Roman Empire (1767), Marquis of Pescara and of Vasto.

Family Name : Avalos.

Family History : This knightly and feudal family goes back to time immemorial - at least to the year 838. But, it started in Spain. With the high degree of cross-pollination that went on, when the Bourbons ruled Naples and Sicily, the family found itself in Southern Italy and has stayed there ever since.

Long entitled as duke and partician of Naples, the head of the family was, in 1767, raised to the rank of Prince of the Holy Roman Empire, an honour extended to all descendants, male and female. This was reconfirmed, with the titles of Marquis of Pescara and Marquis del Vasto, in 1928. Members of the family are also entitled to be addressed as "don" and "donna".

Duke don Francesco d'Avalos is a noted composer and orchestra conductor. He lives in the palazzo del Vasto, in Naples.

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Duke don FRANCISCO of AVALOS