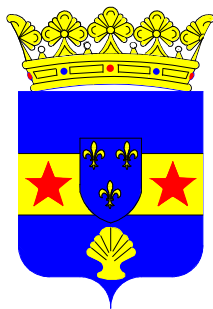


Avaray



Description of Arms :

D'azur à une fasce d'or chargée de deux étoiles de gueules et accompagnée en pointe d'une coquille d'or, à l'écusson de France brochant sur la fasce.

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Principal Title : Duke of Avaray

Creation : France, 1799 and 1814.

Subsidiary Titles : Duke-Peer (1817).

Family Name : de Besiade d'Avaray.

Family History : The Besiade family followed the pattern of provincial nobility, having been discharged from the *franc fief* in 1666. They were received at Court several times in the late XVIII century.

In 1799, the County of l'Isle Jourdain was raised to a duchy, with the name of Avaray. Though Letters-Patent to this effect were issued at the time, they were not registered - an event not infrequent in France. They were, however, renewed in 1814 and an Ordonnance to this effect was issued in 1815.

The reason for the duchy was that Antoine-François-Louis Besiade had been Master of the Robes to the future Louis XVIII. The family kept in with the Bourbons, because its status was raised to that of Duke-Peer in 1817.

The title died out, in 1943, with the death of Bernard-Marie.

Avaray

Antoine-Louis-François (1759-1811),
1st Duke of Avaray

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Edouard (1802-?), 3rd Duke
= (1825) Mathilde (1802-?), daughter of Marquis of Mortemart

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Camille (1826-?), 4th Duke
= (1855) Armande, Baroness of Seguiet

|
Antonie
(1825-?)

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Hubert (1856-1930), 4th Duke
= (1883) Rose de Mercy-Argenteau

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Count Elie d'Avaray (1858-1917)
= Melanie d'Hinnisdal (1861-1911)

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Bernard-Marie (1884-1943),
5th and last Duke of Avaray