

Badoglio

Description of Arms :



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Principal Title : Duke Badoglio of Addis Abeba.

Creation : Italy, 1936.

Subsidiary Titles : Marquis of Sabatino (1928).

Family Name : Badoglio.

Family History : When Mussolini came to power, in Italy, he was determined to put the country back into the rank of main players in world politics. France and England had overseas empires, even Holland had colonies, but Italy had few such outside interests. He decided to rectify this state of affairs and chose, as one of his allies, a promising soldier names Pietro Badoglio.

Born in Grazzano Monferrato, in 1871, he was already of mature years when the Duce began his crusade. First he was sent to Libya, as governor, complete with his new standing as Marquis of the Sabatino. Then his government decided on further expansion and he was sent to Ethiopia, where he was Vice-Roy. By now he was Duke of Addis Abeba, on the basis of male promogeniture but also, interestingly, a duke (*motu proprio*) with transmission to male or female descendants.

When Mussolini fell in 1943, and was lynched with his mistress, the standing of the Marshal Badoglio was sufficiently high for him to become President of the Council (Prime Minister) and it was he who signed the capitulation of his country.

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Duke PIETRO BADOGLIO DI ADDIS ABEBA,
Marquis of Sabotino