

# Broglie



## Description of Arms :

D'or, à la croix ancrée en sautoir d'azur.

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**Principal Title :** Duke of Broglie.

**Creation :** France, 1742.

**Subsidiary Titles :** Prince of the Holy Roman Empire (1759), Marquis of Senonches and of Brézolles, Count of Revel (1634).

**Family Name :** Broglie ( pronounced Broy ).

**Family History :** As early as 950 AD a family from the Piedmont, named Gribaldi, was known to have flourished. Two centuries later, it split into several branches, one being known henceforth as Broglia. By the XIV Century the pattern of being soldiers and administrators seems to have been set, for a Cecole Broglia was found in the service of the Visconti Duke of Milan. By 1654 and now elevated to the rank of count, François-Marie de Broglia became a Frenchman. The family has stayed in France ever since. His grandson, of the same name, distinguished himself as a general and was marked for promotion by Cardinal Mazarin. He ended a series of military exploits as a duke and *maréchal de France*.

His son, Victor-François, was arguably even more successful. Also a *maréchal*, largely as a result of his successes in the Seven Years War, he was further honoured with the dignity of Prince of the Holy Roman Empire, with transmission to all male descendants. For this reason, all junior members of the Broglie family (provided they descend from Victor-François) are addressed as prince.

His grandson, Léon-Victor, was chief minister under Louis-Philippe. Meanwhile other branches - and this has always been a family that bred prolifically - were also distinguishing themselves.

Often, with families of the rank, there comes a time when a period of calm, managing estates and accumulated wealth, beckons. This is hardly true of the Broglies. The sixth and seventh dukes, brothers, were both scientists of world renown, the latter winning the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1929.

The present duke had the misfortune of having his father, Jean, also a minister assassinated at the age of fifty-five in 1976. There are at least a dozen other Broglie princes living.

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François-Marie (1671-1745),  
1st Duke of Broglie (1742)

Victor-François (1718-1804),  
2nd Duke

Louis-Victor  
(1756-1794)

Auguste  
(1762-1795)



Younger Line

Léon-Victor (1785-1870),  
3rd Duke

Albert (1821-1901), 4th Duke  
= (1845) Pauline of Galard-of-Bearn (?-1860)

Paul  
(1834-?)

Victor (1846-1906), 5th Duke  
Emmanuel

Amedee (1849-1917)

François

Albertine  
(1872-?)

Maurice (1875-1960),  
6th Duke

Philippe  
(1881-?)

Louis (1892-1987),  
7th Duke

Albert  
(1876-?)

Jacques  
(1878-?)

Robert  
(1880-?)

Marguerite  
(1883-?)

Amadee  
(1891-1957)

Eric  
(1904-1956)

Jean (1921-1976)  
= Micheline Segard

Guy  
(1924-)

VICTOR-FRANCOIS (1949-),  
ARNAUD

PHILIPPE-MAURICE

LOUIS-ALBERT

ANTOINE

EDOUARD

LOUIS  
(1981-)

ARTHUR  
(1998-)