

Cadaval



Description of Arms :

D'argent à une croix en sautoir de gueules, chargée de cinq écussons de Portugal, 2 en chef, 2 en pointe et 1 en coeur.

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Principal Title : Duke of Cadaval.

Creation : Portugal, 1648.

Subsidiary Titles : Marquis of Ferreira, Count of Tentúgal.

Family Name : Pereira de Melo.

Family History : This is one of very few senior Portuguese titles and it has a royal origin. Theodosio (1568-1630) was the second Duke of Bragança. His eldest son became King John IV of Portugal ; his fourth son married doña Filipa de Melo, who was Countess de Olivença. The dukedom of Cadaval was created in favour of their son, don Nuño Alvares Pereira de Melo, who married Marguerite de Lorraine. He was also 4th Marquis de Ferreira and 5th Count de Tentúgal.

The succession is then listed as follows : Title renewed, 1684, in favour of the 2nd duke ; in 1701, for the 3rd duke ; 1749, for the 4th duke ; confirmed 1777 and 1807 ; transmission to the 9th duke authorised by King Miguel II, also Duke of Bragança, (1853-1927).

The title of Marquis of Ferreira had been awarded in 1522, the county of Tentúgal had been created in 1504, in favour of the king's nephew. So it is clear that the Cadaval family's ties with the throne have always been very close.

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Graziela Alvares Pereira de Melo of the Dukes of Cadaval
= Karl, Count von Schönborn-Wiesentheid

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Countess Maria (1958-)