

Cadore



Description of Arms :

D'azur à trois chevrons brisés, alésés et superposés d'or.

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Principal Title : Duke of Cadore.

Creation : France, 1809. The original branch died out in 1893.

Subsidiary Titles : Count of Champagne and of the Empire (1808), Baron-Peer (1820).

Family Name : de Nompère de Champagne de Cadore.

Family History : The families who supplied Crusaders seem to have lasted well; a surprising number are still with us. This is of more recent date and has fared less well. Hardly had the main line of the Dukes of Cadore got established than it failed in the male line. This happened in 1893.

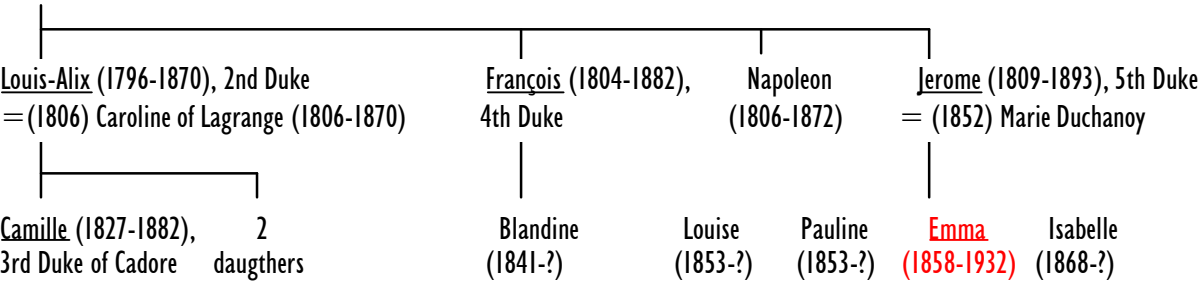
The daughter of the last duke adopted a cousin, from another branch of the same family, as heir. He thereby acquired the right to the name and style of Duke de Cadore. This is especially unusual in France, where much emphasis is placed on the Salic Law, whereby females cannot succeed. This is one explanation why so many of the numerous princely and ducal creations of recent years have not survived.

Sad to say, the same problems over succession look like repeating themselves. To date, the present holder of the title has no children.

The question of female descent is one that is likely to reoccur with regularity, in the future. There are fewer founts of honours. The Vatican has more or less abandoned the issue of such honours. The Dukes of Lorraine are no more; nor are the various German principalities. The Austrian Empire has gone. In Spain and Scotland, it is quite common for a daughter to succeed in default of a son. Are some very old and distinguished titles to disappear, just because one generation does not have a male heir ? The blood is the same, after all. Even more of a problem is that there is no one to whom one can appeal to have the situation acknowledged - as has often happened in the past. A glance at many of the families, in this register will show how often, especially in the early days, a title did pass through a woman. The purpose was to ensure its survival. May the same not be true today ?

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Jean-Baptiste Nompere de Champagny (1756-1834),
1st Duke of Cadore (1808)



adopted her nephew (1919) : Yves de Nompere de Champagny as Yves de Nompere de Champagny de Cadore (?-1969)
= Mlle des Nouhes

HENRI DE NOMPERE DE CHAMPAGNY, (1924-), Duke of Cadore
= (1949) Françoise de Pierre de Bernis (1927-)