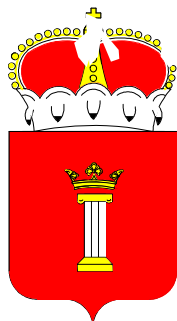


Colonna



Description of Arms :

De gueules à la colonne d'argent, la base et le chapiteau d'or, surmontée d'une couronne ducale du même.

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Principal Title : Prince Colonna.

Creation : See text.

Subsidiary Titles : See text.

Family Name : Colonna.

Family History : This extremely old and distinguished family recalls a toast made in Harvard, at the beginning of this century. " So this is good old Boston, the home of the bean and the cod, where the Lowells talk to the Cabots and the Cabots talk only to God ".

This, roughly is the position occupied by the Colonna family, though they might intercede through the Holy Father. It goes back, at least to the X Century, and has long been associated with Rome. Its origins were with the Counts of Tusculum and the first prominent member was Pope Martin V (1417-1431).

In the Middle Ages, Italy was divided into two camps. The Guelfs, who backed the claims of the Papacy, and the Ghibellines, who were on the side of the Hohenstaufen Frederick II and the emperors who succeeded him. The Colonnas were leaders of the Ghibellines and this cost them dearly in early years. However, with the election of Martin V, they started to accumulate honours. Some of these died out, others were confiscated by Pope Paul IV, a Carafa.

However, with the election of Pius V, they reacquired the duchy of Paliano, around 1566. He also created the title of Prince of Paliano (1569) followed by that of Prince di Sonnino (Innocent IX, 1591), Duke di Marino (Paul V, 1606) and others. Marcantonio Colonna, 4th Prince of Paliano, married Isabella Gioeni and he thus became Prince di Castiglione. However, some of these titles, following Sicilian practice, then passed into the Rospigliosi family. Not that this matters ; amongst other of their titles are Prince di Avella, Duke di Tursi, etc.

Some Italian families are usually listed by their name rather than by any title. This is because they have produced several people of note. This is one such family but readers can refer also to the entries under Paliano, Summonte and Stigliano.

Colonna

Giovanni Colonna,
Senator of Rome (1278)

1st Line : Agapito (1250-1300),
(?-1334),

Founder of
Princes of Paliano

Marcantonio (?-1659), 4th Prince of Paliano
Palestrina

1st Branch : Lorenzo Antonio,
(1702-1787),

Prince

Aspreno COLONNA-DORIA (1787-1847)
10th P. of Paliano, P. of Avella and D. of Tursini (1832)

1st Sub-branch : Gian-Andrea (1820-1894)
11th Prince of Paliano

see Princes
of Paliano

[PRINCE don ASPRENO COLONNA](#)

2nd branch : Giuliano,

COLONNA-STIGLIANO

see Princes
of Stigliano

1st Branch : Urbano (1733-1796),

COLONNA
DI SCIARRA

see Princes
of Carbognano

2nd sub-branch : Eduardo,
Prince of Summonte

see Princes
of Summonte

2nd Line : Stefano

Founder of
Princes of Palestrina

Francesco (?-1636), 2nd P. of

Giulo-Cesare

2nd branch : Carlo,

BARBERINI-COLONNA

see Princes
of Palestrina

3rd Line :
COLONNA-ROMANO

see Dukes
of Cesaro