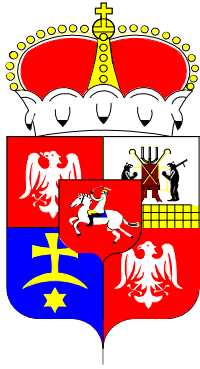


Kurakin



Description of Arms :

Quarterly: 1 and 4, gules, an eagle displayed argent, as in the coat of arms of Poland; 2, argent supported on either side by a bear stant erect, unmuzzled, sable on a grating chair or, upholstered raspberry ensigned with a candelabrum with three lighted candles and rising from the seat thereof a royal sceptre and crozier or, as in the arms of Novgorod; 3, azure, a crescent moon reversed with a croizette patty, footed plain, and in base a mullet of six points or. Surtout an escutcheon gules, on a horse in full galop argent, a knight, his dexter arm embowed holding a sword fesswise proper (Lithuania).

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Principal Title : Prince Kurakin.

Creation : By tradition.

Alternative Spelling : Kourakin, Kourakine, etc ...

Family Name : Kurakin.

Family History : This family is one of those descended from Gediman, Great Prince of Lithuania. Gediman was the ruler of Polotsk and Lithuania and was descended from St Vladimir Sviatoslovich, the Christianiser of Russia. Vladimir had a son, Yaroslav Vladimirovich, and he had a son, Iziaslav, who was set up a ruler of Polotsk. His grandson was Gediman and, from him, are descended the Princes Kurakin - and the families of Galitzine and Troubetskoy, amongst others.

As the Tsar became more powerful, it became clear that the future lay in serving the Crown and His Majesty. This the Kurakin family did, with effect. Over the years, they were granted fiefdoms and honours. Their rank of prince was confirmed by the the Senate in 1789 and on several occasions after that.

Kurakin

Saint Vladimir Sviatoslavich (c956-1015),
Great Prince and Christianiser of Russia

Yaroslav Vladimirovich (?-1054),
Grand Duke of Kiev

5 sons

Isiaslav (?-1078),
Ruler of Polotsk

Vsevolod (?-1093),
Great Prince

Sviatoslav (?-1076),
Ruler of Chernigov

?

Princes of
Smolensk

Princes of
Chernigov

Gediman (or Ediman), ruler of Polotsk and Lithuania
Great Prince of Lithuania

Princes of
Kurakin

the families of Galitzine and Troubetskoy, amongst others

Patrikii, Prince of Znenigorod,
Great Prince of Lithuania (in 1408 in Moscow)

Prince Yurii
= daugther of the Great Prince Vasilii Dmitrievich

Prince Vasilii ?

Prince Ivan,
named Bulgak

? ? P. Andreii Kuraka, ?
Boyar & Vovoide