

Melikoff Melikachvili

Description of Arms :



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Principal Title : Prince Melikov.

Creation : Russia, 1816.

Subsidiary Titles : " Mélik " (= duc en arménien) de Lori et de Somkhéti, 1478.

Family Name : Melikoff, Melikachvili

Family History : This family has been considered noble as far back as anyone can remember. It sprang from the Princes of Khatchen, who were themselves issue of the Princes of Sionia. One cited was King Antiochus I, in 314.

The Prince of Khatchen was the founder of several branches. The Meliks ranked sixth in the order of precedence of the princely families of Georgia - as the name may suggest.

The title of Prince of Melikoff was recognised by the Russian Senate Committee both in 1816 and, again, in 1814. The rank of prince was reconfirmed in 1850.