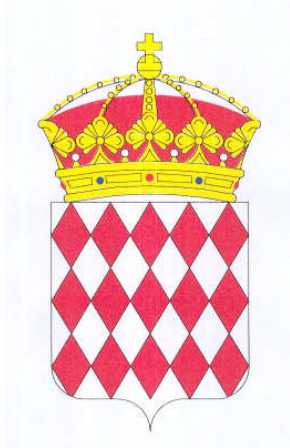


## Monaco



### *Description of Arms :*

Fusilly argent and gules.

**Principal Title :** Prince of Monaco.

**Creation :** X Century, but not recognised by France as Sovereign Prince, until 1512.

**Subsidiary Titles :** Duke of Valentinois, Marquis des Baux, Baron de Massy.

**Family Name :** Grimaldi.

**Family History :** Monaco, although less than 200 hectares, has been a separate entity for a very long time. It probably first came under the control of the Genoese family, Grimaldi, in 968 AD. But it has always been so small that it needed the protection of a larger neighbour. Until 1524, that was France. The Grimaldis then transferred their allegiance to Charles V but, by 1641, they reverted to their old patron. As a reward, the title of Duke of Valentinois was conferred by the French king - but they lost their Austrian holdings.

The succession, recently, has been somewhat hazardous. Albert I had his first marriage to the Duke of Hamilton's sister annulled. She could not stand the place, nor her husband, though she did bear him a son. This child did not marry at all, until he was seventy-six and he had no legitimate children. He did, however, have a daughter, Charlotte. She was legitimised and given the title of Duchess of Valentinois. Mary Douglas-Hamilton went on to marry the future Prince Festetics (q.v.)

She renounced her rights in favour of the present ruling prince, her son Rainier III. He, in turn, married the celebrated actress, Grace Kelly. This gave rise to a famous newspaper headline, "Racing driver marries Olympic oarsman's daughter". Rainier had once been very keen on fast cars and Mr Kelly had, indeed, skulled in the Olympic Games. Their son and heir, Albert, shows little sign of getting married; the two daughters have led rather chaotic matrimonial existences.

This sort of conduct, which would not last five minutes in Germany, is looked on by *Monégasques* with equanimity, mixed with some anxiety - and for a very good reason. Since 1865, there has been a treaty with France whereby, if the Grimaldis were to die out ( and theoretically in the male line ), Monaco would revert to France and all those valuable tax advantages would be lost. Loyalty to the ruling family, therefore, is extremely strong.

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Honorius II (?-1662),

Shown on coins as Duke of Valentinois and Peer of France

Louis I (1642-1701), Prince of Monaco (1662), Duke of Valentinois

= (1660) Charlotte Catherine (1639-1678), daughter of Anthony, Duke of Gramont

3  
sisters

Anthony I (1661-1731), Last of the original male line

= (1688) Mary de Lorraine (1674-1724), daughter of Louis, count of Harcourt-Armagnac

Honoré IV (1778-1841), Prince of Monaco (1814)

1st = (1771) Louise (1759-1826), daughter of Louis Marie, Duke of Aumont and of Mazarin

Honoré V (1778-1841),

Ruling Prince

Florestan I (1778-1841), Prince of Monaco (1841)

= (1816) Caroline (1793-1879), daughter of Charles Thomas Gibert de Lametz

Florestine  
(1833-1897)

Charles III (1818-1889), Ruling Prince

= (1846) Antoinette (1828-1864), daughter of count of Merode-Westerloo

Albert I (1850-1922)

1st = (1869-1880) Lady Mary Douglas-Hamilton (1850-1922) and 2nd = (1889) Mary Alice Heine (1858-

Louis II (1870-1949),

= (1946) Ghislaine Dommanguet (1900-) and liaison with Juliette Louvet (1867-1930)

**Charlotte (1898-1977), Hereditary Princess and Duchess of Valentinois**

= (1920-1933) Count Pierre de Polignac (1895-1964), Prince Pierre de Monaco

Princess ANTOINETTE (1920- ),  
Baronne de Massy

Rainier III (1923- 2005), 30th Prince of Monaco

= (1956) Grace Kelly (1929-1982)

Princess CAROLINE (1957- )

ALBERT (1958- ),  
31st Prince, Marquis des Baux

Princess STEPHANIE (1965- )

Andrea

Charlotte

son

daughter

Louis

Pauline

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