

Croÿ-Dülmen



Description of Arms :

D'argent à trois fasce de gueules.
ou
fascé d'argent et de gueules de huit pièces.

Principal Title : Duke (Herzog) von Croÿ.

Creation : France, 1598.

Subsidiary Titles : Duke d'Havré (1627), Prince de Solre (1677), Count de Chimay, de Solre. Grandee of Spain.

Family Name : von, de Croy or Croÿ, de Croÿ-Dülmen.

Family History : This distinguished and ancient family has split into several branches, but they all stem from the same source. They claim descent in the male line - and no-one disputes the claim - from Béla III, apostolic King of Hungary. Allusion can be seen by the similarity of the coats-of-arms. A son of this monarch, set up house in France and produced a son, known as Marc de Croÿ, sire de Crouy-sur-Somme; he was also had alliance with Catherine, dame de Croÿ and Airaine.

They became Counts of Chimay, 1470, and of Solre, 1590. In 1598, Henri IV of France raised the Seigneurie de Croÿ to the rank of duchy - with the head of the family carrying the title of Duke of Croÿ.

In 1803, they acquired the land of Dülmen and became hereditary Members of than House of Lords in 1854, along with many other families of the same rank. The style of *Durchlaucht* meanwhile having been accorded. At first this was on the basis of primogeniture but was later extended to all members of the family.

They have also provided two cardinals, six knights of the Order of the Saint-Esprit and no fewer than twenty-nine knights of the Golden Fleece, which is arguably the most prestigious of them all.

The sons of August, 1765-1822, then split into three main branches. This line still lives in Dülmen and is thus sometimes referred to as the Westphalian branch.

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Philippe de Croÿ,
Count of Chimay

3rd son : Antoine (?-1546), Lord of Sempy
= Louise de Luxembourg

Jacques
= (1560) Yolande de Samoy, heiress of Solre

Auguste (1765-1822), 9th Duke von Croÿ, buy Dulmen (1803), founder of the WESTPHALIAN Branch
1st = (1789) Anne-Victurnienne de Rochechouart of the Dukes of Mortemart (1773-1806)

Alfred (1789-1861), 10th Duke
Stephanie

Ferdinand (1791-1865),

Philipp (1801-1871),

Rodolphe(1823-?), 11th Duke
= (1853) D. Natalie of Ligne (1835-1863)

Alexis (1825-1898),
founder of the BOHEMIAN Branch

Georges (1828-1879),
founder of the FRENCH Branch

5 daughters

Karl-Alfred (1859-1906), 12th Duke
= Marie-Ludmilla (1870-1953), P. & D. of Arenberg

4 daughters

Karl-Rodolphe (1889-1974), 13th Duke
1st = (1913-1922) Nancy Leishman (1894-1983), 3rd = (1933) Marie-Louise Wiesner (1904-1945)

Anton
(1893-1973)

KARL (1914-), 14th Duke von Croÿ
= (1953) P. Gabriele of Bavaria (1927-)

Antoinette
(1915-)

Maria-Luise
(1919-)

Clemens (1934-)
= (1962) C. Madeleine Kottulinsky (1941)

Maria Teresa
(1954-) = (1987) Alexandra Miloradovic (1960-)

RUDOLF (1955-)

STEFAN (1959-),
= (1990) C. Beatrice du Chastel de la Howarderie (1964-)

PHILIPP
(1989-)

Xenia
(1990-)

MARC
(1992-)

HEINRICH
(1993-)

ALEXANDER
(1995-)

Anastasia
(1998-)

Charlotte
(1992-)

LIONEL
(1996-)

Camille
(1998-)