
The role of Nobility in America



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In order for Scholars to better assess the Nobility's great role in in today's America we will have to briefly mention the Nobility of Colonial America. The Spanish Crown has bestowed Titles on and confirmed Arms for its subjects for what is America, from the middle of the 16th Century until the beginning of the 19th Century or about 1819, it did so directly from the Crown in Spain or through Viceroys and Governors of the Colonies.

Since the Revolution of 1776 America had not Kings or Queens, but has an old European Nobility which the great majority emigrated after the First World War onward, becoming stable and prosperous. Their children would be US citizens without any interference or threat from the Government in Washington. For instance there are several US born citizens with inherited European or British Titles such as: the 5th Earl of Wharcliffe and Sir Michael Dunbar, Bt, a Colonel in the US Airforce to name just a few.²

¹ Coat of Arms of the Noble House de Cousances

² Earl: British title equivalent to the continental title of Count. Bt (Baronet): British hereditary Knighthood.

Many other Nobles have inherited their Titles after becoming US citizens and as of now there is no law that would have the Government base any action against the said Nobles, if one was even taken.

Article I Section 9 Clause 8 of the Constitution clearly forbids the Granting or use of Titles in the USA but does not state a way to enforce the above law, quoted below:

No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.

Jerome Bonaparte, Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte's brother, married an American citizen in 1810, in England, they had a son named Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte who was an American citizen by birth right of his Mother, and a French Noble by birth right of his Father. A few years later some States took issue with their Nobility and had the so called Forgotten 13th Amendment drafted and passed by both Houses of Congress, but it fizzled out in the end, with many States not ratifying it and others not even willing to vote on it. However there is a 13th Amendment to Article I of the Constitution that outlaws Slavery and Involuntary Servitude.

Today, many European Nobles are dispersed throughout the American community, and have important careers, incorporating their rich culture into their American everyday lives. Every Noble is a volunteer that must enlarge, expand, promote, and improve, by its commanding presence the high value goals and missions to make a real difference in their newly adopted Country with special and unique worthwhile professions: professors, market analysts, mayors, auctioneers, mortgage brokers, bankers, military, actors and artists, charity volunteers and many other vital professions.

There are not enough Nobles left to disperse to the American community the old, refined and wonderful European culture that was once very prevalent, throughout

North America, until the nineties. The great American culture has slowly declined over the years, to a great extent due, perhaps to a diminished influence of the European Nobility or emigration since the fall of Communism and the revival of Royalty and Nobility, at home, on the European Continent.

Due to the perseverance of Scholars the genealogy and especially the heraldry has seen a fantastic revival in the last ten or so years, that and with the small but omnipresent culture of the European Nobility it has maintained its elegance and generosity, vigorously forging ahead into the modern ways of the future with renewed vitality and energy, for the many generations to come.

The study of the Nobility in America could not be completed without the acknowledgement of the Scholars and the Nobility who have contributed so much to the culture of Grand and Beautiful America.