

Precedence by Rank

Archbishops

Dukes

Duchesses

Marquesses

Marchionesses

Dukes' eldest sons [rank as marquesses]

Dukes' daughters who are sole heirs [rank as marchionesses]

Dukes' eldest sons' wives [rank as marchionesses]

Dukes' daughters* [rank as marchionesses]

Earls

Countesses

Marquesses' eldest sons [rank as earls]

Marquesses' daughters who are sole heirs [rank as countesses]

Marquesses' eldest sons' wives [rank as countesses]

Marquesses' daughters* [rank as countesses]

Dukes' younger sons [rank as earls]

Dukes' younger sons's wives [rank as countesses]

Viscounts

Viscountesses

Earls' eldest sons [rank as viscounts]

Earls' daughters who are sole heirs [rank as viscountesses]

Earls' eldest sons' wives [rank as viscountesses]

Earls' daughters* [rank as viscountesses]

Marquesses' younger sons [rank as viscounts]

Marquesses' younger sons's wives [rank as viscountesses]

Bishops

Barons

Baronesses

Viscounts' eldest sons [rank as barons]

Viscounts' daughters who are sole heirs [rank as baronesses]

Viscounts' eldest sons' wives [rank as baronesses]

Viscounts' daughters* [rank as baronesses]

Earls' younger sons [rank as barons]

Earls' younger sons's wives [rank as baronesses]

Barons' eldest sons [rank above knights banneret]

Barons' daughters who are sole heirs

Barons' eldest sons' wives

Baron's daughters* **

Knights of the Garter who do not fall into above categories

(Sir Henry Sidney '64, Sir Christopher Hatton '88, Sir Francis Knollys '93)

Knights of the Bath who do not fall into above categories

(Sir Anthony Cooke '47, Sir Nicholas Poyntz '59, Sir George Speke '59, Sir Edward Unton '59,
Sir Henry Weston '59, Sir John Zouche '59)

Knights Banneret (Sir Ralph Sadler)

Maids of Honor who do not fall into above categories

Knights of the Garter's wives who do not fall into above categories

Knights of the Bath's wives who do not fall into above categories

Knights Bannerets' wives

Viscounts' younger sons [rank as knights bannerets]

Viscounts' younger sons' wives [rank as knights bannerets' wives]

Barons' younger sons [rank as knights bannerets]

Barons' younger sons' wives [rank as knights bannerets' wives]

Knights Bachelor
Knights Bachelors' wives
Knights Bannerets' sons
Knights Bachelors' sons
Knights Bannerets' daughters
Knights Bachelors' daughters
Armigerous Gentlemen (Esquires)
Armigerous Gentlemen's wives
Doctors of Divinity, Law, & Physic

*If married to a baron or above, go by husband's rank; if married to a knight or below,
go by birth rank.

**If married to a man below the degree of a knight, follow the knights' wives.

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