

Rodriguez

This Portugese and Spanish surname of RODRIGUEZ was originally derived from the Germanic personal name HRODRIC, which was composed of the elements 'hrod' (renown) and 'ric' (power). The name also meant 'Famous'. The name was in England in the Middle Ages, where it is in the form of Roderick. In the 8th century, Spain fell under the control of the Moors, and this influence, which lasted into the 12th century, has also left its mark on Hispanic surnames. A few names are based directly on Arabic personal names. The majority of Spanish occupational and nickname surnames, however, are based on ordinary Spanish occupational and nickname surnames. At first the coat of arms was a practical matter which served a function on the battlefield and in tournaments. With his helmet covering his face, and armour encasing the knight from head to foot, the only means of identification for his followers, was the insignia painted on his shield, and embroidered on his surcoat, the draped and flowing garment worn over the armour. The associated coat of arms is recorded in Rietstaps Armorial General. Registered in Spain. This surname originates from the Basque country and is now found throughout the whole of Spain and also in the American continent. There are numerous instances of notable bearers of this surname to be found in the records of the Military Orders of Spain. One of the earliest of these is Don Gonzala RODRIGUEZ de Monroy, born in Bagota, Columbia in 1606. He went to Spain around 1638 and was made a knight of the Order of Alcantara in 1644. His father, also Don Gonzalo RODRIGUEZ de Monray was born in Salamanca, and had been the Governor of Popayan (in western Colombia). Other instances include Don Isidro RODRIGUES de Madrid, born in Mexico in 1713. His family had originated from the town of Casares de Arbas, in the province of Leon. Ventura RODRIGUEZ (1717-85) was the Spanish architect who designed cathedrals, colleges and churches throughout Spain. A more recent noteworthy person is Juan Francisco RODRIGUEZ (born 1897), Religious Minister and author of many works.

ARMS - Gules a demi knight affrontee proper above the head a tower tau argent

CREST - A demi knight as in the arms

ORIGIN - SPAIN