

COUNT VICOMTE FERDINAND MARIE de LESSEPS
(Weblink De Lesseps Ferdinand before 1849 France)

Count Vicomte Ferdinand de LESSEPS

B 19 November 1805 Versailles France

D 08 December 1894 France

M 1st Unknown

M 2nd about 1865-70

Unknown 1st

B unknown

D unknown

Mdlle De Bragard 2nd

B unknown

D unknown

Children:

1. Charles de LESSEPS 1849-1923 France
2. There were more children but the names are unknown

The family history of
Count Ferdinand de LESSEPS

Ferdinand Marie de LESSEPS was born at Versailles Seine-Et-Oise France on 19th November 1805 Died 07 December 1894. His father was Mathieu de LESSEPS and mother Catherine de GREVIQNE.

(Reference source National Library of NZ FamilySearch.org UK)

Ferdinand de LESSEPS was born at Versailles Yvelines, Seine-Et-Oise France on 08 September 1804.

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Count Ferdinand de LESSEPS was the bosom friend of Napoleon III, as well as a kinsman of the Empress Eugenie, and her guide and companion at the opening of the Suez Canal and was with her at the Tulleries and aided the Empress to escape from the mob, who attacked her there.

When Count Ferdinand de LESSEPS the Engineer of the Suez, and Panama Canal was in Edinburgh, as the guest of the University, during their Tercentenary Celebrations, he stated he was proud of having Scotch blood in his veins as the founder of his family went to France from Priestleys in Fifeshire to join the Garde Ecossais, and the Count afterwards called upon John LESSELS Architect there, and claimed distant kinship, explaining that the name had been corrupted into LESSEPS in France.

Priestleys now part of the golf links in the Kirkcaldy Fife was the home of the LESSELS family for years, and also the ancestors of Count Ferdinand de LESSEPS. (Reference RAHMS Edinburgh Scotland document originally written by John LESSELS who married Margaret GILLIES)

Reported Death of Baron Lesseps

[United Press Association] London 22nd June (1888)

It is reported that M de Lesseps, who is at present supervising the construction of the Panama Canal, is dead. The report, however, lacks confirmation.

(Reference source National Library of NZ web paperspast Evening Post Volume XXXV Issue 148, 25 June 1888 page 2)

Dying Celebrities - [United Press Association] Paris, 10th October (1893)
Marshall MacMahon and Viscomte Ferdinand de Lesseps are reported to be dying
(Reference source National Library of NZ web paperspast Evening Post Volume XLVI Issue 88, 11 October 1893 page 2)

Death of M. Ferdinand de Lesseps
[Per Press Association] Paris, December 8 (1894)
Obituary-M. Ferdinand de Lesseps.
(Reference source National Library of NZ web paperspast Hawera & Normanby Star, Volume XXX, Issue 2892, 10 December 1894, Page 2)

Count Ferdinand de LESSEPS died 8th December 1894 believed to been in France.

The Ancestors of Count Ferdinand DE LESSEPS

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The Count afterwards called upon John LESSELS, Architect there, and claimed distant kinship, explaining that the name had been corrupted into LESSELS in France. He was born at Versailles 19th November 1805 and died 8th December 1894. He stated that his father, mother, grandmother and great grandfather (Martin de LESSEPS) lived to great ages.

Martin de LESSEPS was a consul of Louis XV to Russia and was acquainted with Catherine II of Russia intimately. Count Ferdinand de LESSEPS was the bosom friend of Napoleon III, as well as a kinsman of the Empress Eugenie, and her guide and companion at the opening of the Suez Canal and was with her at the Tulleries and aided the Empress to escape from the mob, who attacked her there.

(Reference Source The Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Scotland, National Monuments Records of Scotland in Edinburgh 'Architects' file for John LESSELS "A Brief Account of the Ancient Family of LESSELS in Fifeshire)

The Count de Lesseps announces a scheme for the creation of an inland sea in Africa, to be prosecuted by private enterprise.

(Reference Hawke's Bay Herald 6 Feb 1883 p3 column 1)

Particulars concerning the state of De Lessep's enterprise on the Isthmus of Panama, received from Aspinwall on December 3rd, are published in the New York World. It is now stated that the parties who accepted the contract of excavating 7,000,000 cubic metres on the Panama side of the canal in the Rio Grande section, have abandoned the work. A leading canal engineer loudly condemns the unloading of a vast quantity of ancient and wholly useless machinery on the canal. There are thousands and thousands of canal plant there now, old Suez Canal stock, the greater part of which is not worth the amount for transportation paid on it. Captain Phillips, of the Nicaragua Canal Company, passed through Aspinwall recently. He speaks with the utmost confidence of the future of that project. It was stated in New York on the 28th of December that the DeLesseps Company is negotiating with a constructor there for the building of the Panama Canal.

(Reference Hawke's Bay Herald 6 Feb 1883 p3 column 3)

Our Letters – Our London Letter – London, May 2,
“My family,” said M. de lesseps, “is of Scottish origin, and I stand alone in France bearing the name of Lesseps.” He went on: “The Lasseps, Lessels, and Lascelles are Scottish names.

One of my ancestors was in the regiment of the Scottish Guards in France, and he steeled in Baycone [sic]. His name was Bertrand de Lesseps, captain of gendarmerie, and he was entrusted with the duty of arresting Henry IV., but instead of arresting him, he disobeyed the orders of Henry III., and let Henry IV escape. It was since then that the family remained in the services of the Kings of France. When James II died at St Germain, a Lesseps had been attached to the person of the King by Louis XIV, of France. The works of my ancestors have been very useful to me for the cutting of the Sues Canal.” – (Applause).

(Reference source National Library of NZ web paperspast Otago Witness Issue 1703, 12 July 1884, Page 1)

Multum in Parvo - M. de Lesseps boasts that his family is Scotch; that in Scotland there are Lesseps and Lessels, but in France now of his own name besides himself and his numerous family; and that the Cathedral of Edinburgh was constructed by an architect named Lesseps, who was one of his ancestors.

(Reference source National Library of NZ paperspast Otago Witness, Issue 1685 08 March 1884, page 6)

M. de Lesseps is rather proud of a strain of British blood in his veins. When he was in Edinburgh a few years ago, as the guest of the university during the tercentenary celebration, M de Lesseps explained that the founder of his house was a Scotsman who went to France as a soldier of fortune, joining the famous Scots Guard, which figures so largely in “Quentin Durward.” In Scotland there are still living representatives of the same stock, with this different, that the name is Lessels, the French version having been corrupted in the course of the centuries.

(Reference source National Library of NZ web paperspast Otago Witness, Issue 2032, 2 February 1893, Page 38)

Passing Notes - M. de LESSEPS told the Scottish people when he was over in Great Britain lately on his canal business that he was half a Scotchman himself. His great-grandfather, or some remote ancestor, he said, was a true Caledonian, and his own name, Lesseps, a Frenchified form of that distant progenitor’s cognomen. This must have been highly flattering to the North Britons, as it must have confirmed their belief, if indeed it required any confirmation that most eminent foreigners are of Scotch extraction.

(Reference source National Library of NZ paperspast Otago Witness Volume 26, Issue 1705 26 July 1884, page 17)

1- **Count Ferdinand de LESSEPS** Born 19 November 1805 Versailles France Died 08 December 1894 France married details unknown

1-1- Father de LESSEPS and mother lived to a great age

1-1-1- Grandfather de LESSEPS married and also lived to a great age

1-1-1-1- Great Grandfather **Martin de LESSEPS** lived to a great age. He was the consul of Louis XV to Russia and was acquainted with Catherine II of Russia intimately.

Louis XV ruled 1715-1774 in France and Catherine II ruled 1762-1796 in Russia

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1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1- perhaps belong in this period of descent **Bertram de LESSEPS** born Scotland died France was a Scottish Guard who’s duty or given orders by Henry III of France was to arrest Henry IV. Henry III ruled in France 1574-1589 and Henry IV ruled 1589-1610.

The Kings that ruled in France during the lifetime of Bertrand de LESSEPS, Martin de LESSEPS and Ferdinand de LESSEPS were.

1574-1589 Henry III [brother of Charles IX] = **Bertram de LESSEPS**

1589-1610 Henry IV [duke of Bourbon-Vendome; tenth in descent from Louis IX]

1610-1643 Louis XIII [son of above]

1643-1715 Louis XIV [son of above]

1715-1774 Louis XV [great-grandson of above] = **Martin de LESSEPS**
1774-1792 Louis XVI (grandson, deposed, died 1793)
1793-1795 Louis XVII (son, never reigned)
1792-1795 National Convention
1795-1799 Directory
1799-1804 Consulate: Napoleon Bonaparte, First Consul (consul for life 1802)
1804-1814 Napoleon I (king of Italy 1805; deposed; restored; deposed, died 1821)
1815-1815 Napoleon (son; deposed, died 1832)
1814-1824 Louis XVIII (brother of Louis XVI)
1824-1830 Charles X (brother; deposed, died 1836)
1830-1848 Louis Philippe I (duke of Orleans; sixth in descent from Louis XIII, deposed, died 1850)
1848-1852 Louis Napoleon Bonaparte, President (nephew of Napoleon I)
1852-1870 Napoleon III (deposed, died 1873; proclamation of the Third Republic)
(The Wordsworth Handbook of Kings & Queens a chronological guide to the great dynasties of the world by John E Morby)

During Bertrand de LESSEPS life time ruling king and queen were, England 1558-1603 Elizabeth I, England 1603-1625 James I formerly James VI who ruled 1567-1625 Scotland.
(Reference The Wordsworth Handbook of Kings & Queens by John E Morby)

Miscellaneous de LESSEPS information

1- Captain Bertrand de LESSEPS born about 1647 married Louise Fillon de VEILLET
1-1- Captain Jean de LESSEPS born about 1682 married Gracy de LABADIE
1-1-1- Captain Bertrand Leon de LESSEPS born about 1725 married Catherine HIRIGOYEN
1-2- Pierre de LESSEPS Born about 1690 Died about 1759
1-2-1- Dominique de LESSEPS
(Reference source National Library of NZ FamilySearch.org UK)

1-1 Ferdinande de LESSEPS born about 1873 died 1939 married Ferdinand Marie Philippe de GONTAUTBIRON born 1868 died 1898
(Reference source National Library of NZ FamilySearch.org UK)

1- Alexander Barthemy de LESSEPS born 26 November 1796 France Died 03 November 1867 New Orleans Louisiana USA married 11 November 1801 New Orleans Louisiana USA Mannette or Ann TREME born 11 November 1801 New Orleans Louisiana USA
1-1- Pierre Auguste de LESSEPS Born 03 February 1822 Chateau Des Fluers Saint Bernard Louisiana USA
1-2- Marie Emma de LESSEPS born 14 February 1827 Chateau Des Fluers Saint Bernard Louisiana USA
1-3- Marie Amelia de LESSEPS born 08 August 1832 Chateau Des Fluers Saint Bernard Louisiana USA
1-4- Marie Odile de LESSEPS born about 1834 New Orleans Orleans Louisiana USA
1-5- Olympe Marie de LESSEPS born about 1844 died 13 September 1878 New Orleans Orleans Louisiana USA
(Reference source National Library of NZ FamilySearch.org UK)

1- Mateo/Mathieu de LESSEPS born 08 May 1774 Hamburg Germany Died 28 December 1832 Tunisia Tunisia married about 1799 France Catalina de GREVIQUE or Catherine de GREVIGNE
1-1 Fernando Lesseps GREVIGNE born about 1800 Paris France
1-1 Ferdinand de LESSEPS born about 1805 Versailles died 1894

1-1 Adela Maria de LESSEPS GREVIQNE born about 1802 Paris France married 1821 Paris
France Eduardo Julio Adolfe Tallien CABARRUS born died 19 May 1870 (no issue)
(Reference source National Library of NZ FamilySearch.org UK)