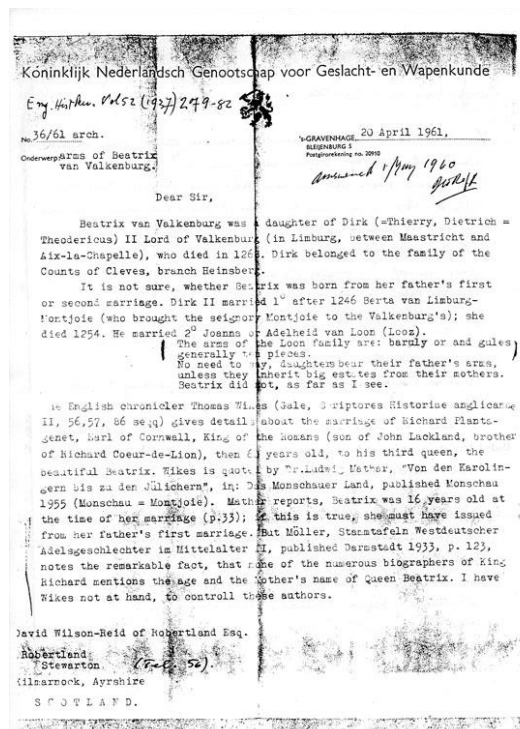


The Arms of Beatrix van Valkenburg 20 April 1961



Letter contents:

Beatrix van Valkenburg was a daughter of Dirk (=Thierry, Dietrich = Theodericus) II Lord of Valkenburg (in Limburg, between Maastricht and Aix-la-Chapelle), who died in 1268. Dirk belonged to the family of the Counts of Cleves, branch Heinsberg.

It is not sure, whether Beatrix was born from her father's first or second marriage. Dirk II married 1° after 1246 Berta van Limburg-Fontjoie (who brought the seignory Montjoie to the Valkenburg's); she died 1254. He married 2° Joanna or Adelheid van Loon (Leez).

The arms of the Loon family are: baruly or and gules generally ten pieces.

No need to say, daughters bear their father's arms, unless they inherit big estates from their mothers. Beatrix did not, as far as I see.

The English chronicler Thomas Wikes (Gale, 3 riptores Historiae anglicane 11, 56, 57, 86 seqq) gives details about the marriage of Richard Plantagenet, Earl of Cornwall, King of the Romans (son of John Lackland, brother of Richard Coeur-de-Lion), then 61 years old, to his third queen, the beautiful Beatrix. Wikes is quoted by Dr. Ludwig Mathar, "Von den Karoligern bis zu den Julichern", in: Das Monschauer Land, published Monschau 1955 (Monschau = Montjoie). Mather reports, Beatrix was 16 years old at the time of her marriage (p.33); if this is true, she must have issued from her father's first marriage. But Muller, Starntafeln Westdeutscher Adelsgeschlechter im Hittelalter GI, published Darmstadt 1933, p.123, notes the remarkable fact, that none of the numerous biographers of King Richard mentions the age and the Mother's name of Queen Beatrix. I have Wikes not at hand, to controll these authots.

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