# British Noble Titles

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<th>Marquess/ Marquis</th>
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<td>Formal Address</td>
<td>Most Noble</td>
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<td>Baron</td>
<td>Sir</td>
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<td>Styled as</td>
<td>My Lord Duke (or Your Grace)</td>
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<td>Oldest Son*</td>
<td>Marquess/ Marquis</td>
<td>Earl</td>
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<td>Year Title Established</td>
<td>1337</td>
<td>1385</td>
<td>circa 800</td>
<td>1440</td>
<td>1066</td>
<td>1611</td>
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<td>Hereditary Rank?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Some life peers since 1965; hereditary baron positions from 1066-1964=447 baroncies</td>
<td>Yes, but lower than peerage; 1331 created since 1611</td>
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*Oldest son uses next-lower rank title until assuming title of parent, and is not eligible to the House of Lords until assuming parent’s title.
A Wider Context for Downton Abbey

Downton Abbey

- Violet born in 1840s
- 4th Earl of Grantham weds Violet, 1866
- Carson born 1856
- Isobel born 1860
- Dr. Clarkson born 1863
- Mrs. Hughes born 1867
- Robert born 1868
- John Bates, Sarah O'Brien, Alfred Moley, Richard Carlisle born 1870
- Rosamund born 1871
- Robert weds Cora 1898
- Tom Branson born 1898
- Mary Crawley born 1892
- Edith Crawley born 1894
- Lavinia Swire born 1894
- Matthew Crawley; Anna Smith born 1885
- Sybil weds Tom 1919
- Lavinia dies 1918
- Sybil weds Lord Harewood 1922
- Matthew & Lavinia engaged 1915
- Edith & Lord Harewood marry 1923
- Sybil's London Society debut, June 1914; Cora miscarries a son July 1914
- James & son Peter Crawley die on Titanic, April 1912; Matthew & Isobel 1st visit Downton Sept. 1912
- Rose marries Alastair Aldridge 1922
- Mary & Henry marry, 1925
- Anna has baby; 1925
- Mary Gold born 1922; Anna & Bates marry 1926
- Edith & Lord Harewood 1923
- Caroline Talbot born 1926
- George born & Matthew dies Sept. 1921

British & World Events

- Queen Victoria assumed throne at age 18, 1837
- QWERTY typewriter invented 1866
- Telephone invented 1876
- Internal-combustion auto in production 1885
- Incandescent lightbulb invented 1881
- Edward VII becomes king 1902
- First powered flight 1903
- Oscar Wilde imprisoned for gross indecency 1895-1897
- Parliament establishes the House of Commons over the House of Lords 1911
- 1st wireless transatlantic transmission 1909
- First World War 1914-1918
- Spanish Flu Pandemic kills 50 million 1918-1919
- U.S. Civil War 1861-1865
- Franco-Prussian War 1870-1871
- Boer War 1899-1902
- Spanish-American War 1898-1899
- WWI 1914-1918
- In Italy, Mussolini assumes dictatorial power
- Leon Trotsky fired by Stalin, under house arrest
- Adolf Hitler publishes Mein Kampf
- U.S. rises as a world power
- Growing social movements in UK
- Grand Ole Opry begins broadcasting
- 1925

Color legend for type:
- Purple type = Monarch assumes throne
- Blue type = Nobility-related
- Green type = Middle-class related
- Black type = Servant or general public-related
- Teal type = Lecial ga/Sol action
- Red type = War/plague