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marquis mar·quis [marquis marquises] *BrE* ['ma⊡kw□]s[®]

1. (in some European countries but not Britain) a [†]nobleman of high rank between a [†]count and a [†]duke

NAmE ['ma□rkw□]s

2. = [†]marguess

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French marchis, reinforced by Old French marquis, both from the base of march 'an area of land on the border between two countries or territories'.

noun

marquis

mar quis //ma kwəs,/ma kw \$ 'ma r/ BrE AmE noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400, Language: French; Origin: marche 'border area]

a man who, in the British system of [†]noble titles, has a rank between [†]duke and [†]earl: the Marquis of Bath

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