

**NAME:**RUPERT, Prince

**PARISH:**

**ENTERED SERVICE:**1646

**DATES:**b. 1619 d. 1682

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Appointments & Service

Outfit Year\*:

Position:

Post:

District:

HBCA Reference:

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*\*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May*

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Prince Rupert, First Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Prince Rupert, Count Palatine of the Rhine and Duke of Bavaria (1619-1682), third son of the elector palatine of Bohemia, Frederick V., and of Elizabeth daughter of James 1 of England, was born at Prague on 17 December 1619. He spent his boyhood in France and in 1636 paid his first visit to England. He played a dominant part in the Civil War from 1642 to 1646. From 1654 to 1660o he lived in Germany. At the Restoration he settled in England and received from his cousins, King Charles 11, and annuity. He was Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company from 1670 until his death at Westminster on 29 November 1682.

Prince Rupert was interested in art and was an early mezzotinter. He was unmarried but left two children; the daughter married General Emmanuel Scrope Howe. The son was killed in 1686 at the siege of Buda.

(Sources: The Encyclopaedia Britannica, Volume 19, 14<sup>th</sup> edition, London, 1929)



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