Saxe-Eisenach

Duchy of Saxe-Eisenach

Herzogtum Sachsen-Eisenach

1596 – 1638
1640 – 1644
1672 – 1809

[Saxe-Eisenach, shown amongst the other 18th-century Ernestine duchies](#)

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Status	[State](#) of the [Holy Roman Empire](#) [State](#) of the [Confederation of the Rhine](#)
Capital	[Eisenach](#)
Government	Principality
Historical era	[Middle Ages](#)
• Division of Erfurt	1572
• Partitioned from [Saxe-Coburg-Eisenach](#)	1596 1596
• Partitioned into [Altenburg](#) and [Weimar](#)	1638
• Partitioned from [Weimar](#)	1640
• Partitioned into [Gotha](#) and [Weimar](#)	1644
• Partitioned from [Weimar](#)	1662
• [United](#) with [Weimar](#)	1741 1809
• Merged to form [Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach](#)	1809

Preceded by		Succeeded by	
[Saxe-Coburg-Eisenach](#)	[Saxe-Coburg-Eisenach](#)	[Saxe-Altenburg](#)	[Saxe-Altenburg](#)
[Saxe-Gotha](#)	[Saxe-Gotha](#)	[Saxe-Gotha](#)	[Saxe-Gotha](#)
[Saxe-Weimar](#)	[Saxe-Weimar](#)	[Saxe-Weimar](#)	[Saxe-Weimar](#)
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Saxe-Eisenach ([German](#): *Sachsen-Eisenach*) was the name of three different [Ernestine duchies](#) that existed at different times in [Thuringia](#). The chief town and capital of all three duchies was [Eisenach](#).

History

The first Duchy of Saxe-Eisenach was created in 1596 for Johann Ernst, younger son of Johann Frederick II of Saxe-Coburg-Eisenach.

In 1633, the Wettin line died out, and Johann Ernst inherited it, but he died heirless in 1638, and the territories of Saxe-Gotha and Saxe-Eisenach were split between Saxe-Weimar and Saxe-Altenburg.

In 1640 Saxe-Eisenach was again separated off from Saxe-Weimar for Albert, son of John II of Saxe-Weimar, but after just four years he too died without an heir, and Saxe-Eisenach was then divided between Saxe-Gotha and Saxe-Weimar, ruled by his brothers Ernst and Wilhelm.

In 1662 Wilhelm, Duke of Saxe-Weimar died, leaving four children: Johann Ernst, Adolf Wilhelm, Johann Georg and Bernhard. Adolf Wilhelm, got Eisenach, but he had to share this with his younger brother Johann Georg. Johann Georg eventually took an allowance from the duchy instead of taking part in the government, and moved to live in the small town of Marksuhl. Adolf William's first four sons died soon after birth. In 1668 he died, just before of the birth of his fifth child, Wilhelm August, who became the new Duke of Saxe-Eisenach from his birth, with Johann Georg as regent. A sickly boy, he died in 1671 at only two years old, and Johann Georg I became the duke of Saxe-Eisenach.

Saxe-Eisenach changed again in 1672. Frederick William III of Saxe-Altenburg died and his lands were split. The line of Johann Georg I ruled Saxe-Eisenach for 69 years, until Duke Wilhelm Heinrich died heirless in 1741. Ernst August I of Saxe-Weimar, Wilhelm's second cousin, inherited Saxe-Eisenach; he and his successors ruled Saxe-Weimar and Saxe-Eisenach in a personal union until 1809, when the duchies were formally merged into the Duchy of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach.

Dukes of Saxe-Eisenach

First creation

Created in 1572 as Saxe-Coburg-Eisenach
1596 divided into Saxe-Coburg and Saxe-Eisenach

- Johann Casimir (1572 – 1633, ruled Saxe-Coburg)
- Johann Ernst (1572 – 1638, retained Saxe-Eisenach)

Divided between Saxe-Altenburg and Saxe-Weimar

Second creation

- Albrecht (1640 – 44)

Divided between Saxe-Gotha and Saxe-Weimar

Third creation

- Adolf Wilhelm (1662 – 68)
- Wilhelm August (1668 – 71)
- Johann Georg I (1671 – 86)
- Johann Georg II (1686 – 98)
- Johann Wilhelm (1698 – 1729)
- Wilhelm Heinrich (1729 – 41)

Line extinct

Personal union with Saxe-Weimar

- Ernst August I (1741-1748)
- Ernst August II (1748-1758)
- Karl August (1758-1809)

Merged with Saxe Weimar into Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach

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Rank elevated by Napoleon	***Kingdoms:*** Bavaria | Saxony | Württemberg ***Grand Duchies:*** Baden | Hesse
States created	***Kingdoms:*** Westphalia ***Grand Duchies:*** Berg | Frankfurt‡ | Würzburg ***Principalities:*** Aschaffenburg† | Leyen | Regensburg†
Pre-existing states	***Duchies:*** *Anhalt:* Bernburg, Dessau, Köthen | Arenberg | *Mecklenburg:* Schwerin, Strelitz | Nassau | Oldenburg | *Saxony:* Coburg-Saalfeld, Gotha-Altenburg, Hildburghausen, Meiningen, Weimar*, Eisenach*, Weimar-Eisenach** ***Principalities:*** *Hohenzollern:* Hechingen, Sigmaringen | Isenburg-Birstein | Liechtenstein | Lippe-Detmold | *Reuß:* Ebersdorf, Greiz, Lobenstein, Schleiz | *Salm:* Kyrburg, Salm | Schaumburg-Lippe | *Schwarzburg:* Rudolstadt, Sondershausen | Waldeck

- until 1809   ** from 1809   † until 1810   ‡ from 1810