The Titled Characters Guide

Example names:

John Smith, Title of Grand

Jane Smith, Title of Grand

Peers

Lord Grand: A duke, marquess, earl, viscount, or baron. Heir with a courtesy title.\*

Lady Grand: The wife of someone who holds a title or courtesy title.

Lord John: “Spare” son of a duke.

Lady Jane: Daughter of a duke.\*\*

Lord John Smith: “Spare” son of a marquess.

Lady Jane Smith: Daughter of a marquess or earl\*\*

The Honorable Mr. John Smith: “Spare” son of an earl. Son of a viscount or baron.

The Honorable Miss Jane Smith: Daughter of a viscount or baron.

\*The heir apparent (eldest living son) of a duke, marquess or earl holds a courtesy title a few ranks below the family title. Nephews and cousins are not eligible for courtesy titles, but may still inherit the actual title.

\*\* Keeps her title after marriage, unless she marries “up.”