

# Sex-change secret of a Lord's bride



Lord Colin Campbell and Lady Georgia: "Do I look like a man?" she asked.

## 'IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT'

**LORD COLIN CAMPBELL**, brother of the Duke of Argyll, disclosed today that his bride of nine months was once a man.

His wife, the former Georgia Arianna Ziadie, 25, underwent a sex change when she was 18.

Lord Colln, 28, talked about his remarkable marriage by telephone from the remote northern shores of Jamaica where he and his wife were holidaying over Christmas.

He said: "We met here on the

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Island when I was visiting earlier this year and got married three days later.

"It was a case of love at first sight.

"I'm not in the least concerned about the changes my wife has undergone.

"She's as much a woman as any I've ever known—and more than most."

Before getting married Lord Colln, lean and youthful looking, with dark straggly hair down to

his shoulder-blades, enjoyed a globe trotting life.

His travels stopped in Jamaica last March. For he was "immediately captivated," as he put it, by the charms of Miss Ziadie, daughter of a wealthy Lebanese merchant.

Lady Georgia Campbell, born George William Ziadie, now a willowy blonde, denied all suggestions of sex change when I first brought up the subject some weeks ago in New York, where we met at the couple's apartment.

But on the telephone from Jamaica today she admitted:

"My sex was officially and medi-

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 suddenly changed when I was 18.

"It was not a normal operation like the one performed in most cases of this kind. It was a very complex medical procedure.

"The change has made all the difference in the world to my life. I love my husband deeply and he loves me, too.

"In my childhood I was brought up as a boy, but it was all wrong. I always felt I was a woman.

"Now no one would ever believe I was anything but a woman, and a good looking one, too.

"What do you think?"

she asked me, "do I look like a man to you?"

As I had told her in New York, she certainly seemed all woman to me. And a most attractive one.

Lady Georgia's birth certificate was formally amended in January, 1971, after a statutory declaration was made by her parents.

## Reversed

Her sex was reversed and her first names were changed from George William to Georgia Arianna.

"No one outside my immediate family and the

Jamaican Government knows the facts about my case," she said. "It is quite unique.

"But frankly I'm not willing to disclose my medical history at the moment.

"I will tell the full story in my own words, when I am ready, and not before."

Lord Colin Campbell added: "I've talked with my brother about my marriage, but not with the idea of gaining his approval.

"When you decide to take a wife you don't go to your brother and ask him if it's all right first, do you?"

"But as it happened

there was never any question of him raising an objection."

"He thinks she's a super girl, and he's very glad I'm married to her, just like the rest of my family.

"That's the thing about being an Argyll, in times like this we stick together—we're noted for it.

"That's how we got to be the strongest and biggest clan in Scotland."

"It cannot be possible," said the Duke of Argyll when he heard last night of Lady Georgia Campbell's sex change.

## Charming

He and the Duchess, he told a Sunday People reporter over the phone from his home in Inverary Castle, Argyll, had seen Lord Colin and his wife in New York 12 days ago.

"She's a charming lady in every possible way," he said. "There's been a mix-up somewhere."

Told that the facts had been thoroughly checked, the Duke said: "My brother has never discussed this with me neither has my sister-in-law.

"This will not affect my relationship with her."

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