

HARASZTHY COAT OF ARMS

IT is interesting to note that through many generations the Haraszthy family in Hungary, carried a coat of arms bearing the insignia of royalty. Siebmacher, an historian and writer of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, has included in his book (*Wappenbuch Band IV Abt heilung XV, Heft 8-14 Ungar Adel*) a detailed account of the Haraszthy family, identifying the branch to which Count Agostin Haraszthy belonged as the Von Mokcsa, and describing the family coat-of-arms and crest as follows:

"ARMS—On a blue background a ducal crown of gold, on a base of green. On the coronet resting on the elbow is an embowed arm clad in armor, holding in the fist (hand) a sword of gold.

"CREST—A ducal coronet upon which rests an emblazoned arm, clad in armor, holding a sword. The colors are blue, green, gold for the crown and silver for the armor and sword. This family actually resided in Hungary, in Zempliner county, and, particularly, do we find them in Mokcsa where the family was known for its wealth. This family may be a different line from the above family, Haraszthy. (NOTE: This family referred to was granted a patent, or grant of nobility by King Sigmund V, in 1405. The king, on that occasion, it is noted by Siebmacher, bestowed a decoration upon a John Haraschi, his son, Jacob, and also for Jacob's sons, Peter, John and Ladislaus, who also acquired a title). Though there had been often repeated assurance of their having had common (ancestor) the side bearing the name Mokcsa absolutely denied descendants with this last-named family, whose arms also carry the name Haraszthy. The genealogical line did not come before me in this question (Siebmacher). I think the Haraszthy No. 1 is now extinct. For the seal and family history compare also N. J. IV, pages 52 and 53. There existed (and still exists) a family bearing the name Harvath aliter Haraszthy, also a family Litt erati a; iter Haraszthy."



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Following the above account, as given by Siebmacher, he shows a picture of the coat-of-arms belonging to the family of Count Haraszthy, here reproduced.