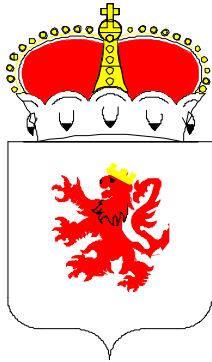


Auersperg



Description of Arms :

D'argent au lion de gueules, couronné d'or

Principal Title : H.S.H Prince von Auersperg.

Creation : Holy Roman Empire, 1653.

Subsidiary Titles : Duke of Gottschee (1791), Princely Count of Wels.

Family Name : von Auersperg.

Family History : This name first came to notice in Carniola in the XIII Century. In 1630, the cousins Dietrich and Hans Andreas von Auersperg were accorded the rank of Counts of the Holy Roman Empire. In 1653, Count Johann was raised to the level of prince, in a personal capacity, and the honour was extended to all descendants in 1791. This two-stage promotion was not especially unusual and was considered a means by which the emperor could reserve further honours to those who served him well.

Along with many of their confrères, in the period from 1801 to 1806, the Auersperg estates were mediatised and lost their sovereign status. In 1869, the address of Serene Highness was extended to all members of the family

One member of the family to gain international fame was Anton von Auersperg, better known under the name of Anastasius Grün. He lived from 1806-1876 and was a well-known poet and politician in Austria.

More recently, members of the family came to peripheral attention, following the trials of Claus von Bülow, accused of trying to administer insulin to his wife. She had previously been married to a Prince von Auersperg and her two children bear this distinguished name. The husband was finally acquitted of the crime but the wife still lies, in an irreversible coma, in hospital.

One of the husbands of the actress Zsa Zsa Gabor has laid claim to be addressed as Prince von Auersperg, on the grounds that he has been adopted by an established member of the family. While this is not entirely out of the question, in principle, little credence is given to this particular pretension.

Another branch took, in 1963, the additional name of Trautson; and this is now considered to be a separate family.

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Wilhem (1749-1822), 6th Prince of Auersperg,
fouder of two lines :

