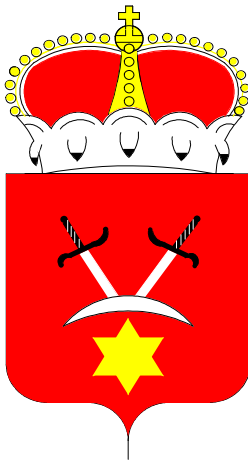


Czetwertynski



Description of Arms :

Gules in centre an inverted crescent argent, rising from which two swords argent with handles sable; in point, a six-pointed star or.

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Principal Title : Prince Czetwertynski.

Creation : By tradition but recognised in Poland (1824), and in Russia at various times thereafter.

Subsidiary Titles :

Family Name of Coat of Arms : Czetwertynski-(Swiatopolk).

Family History : This family is unusual amongst those of mainly Polish origin, in that it not only has two possible coats of arms but the arms bear the family name. We illustrate one here; the other is a naked rider, on a white horse, stabbing his "target" in the mouth. This latter is some sort of mythical dragon. The device is sometimes described as Pogon Russka.

The Czetwertynskis trace their descent back to none other than St Vladimir, the Christianiser of Russia, and is one of a dozen such branches, according to the Ogóńskich genealogy. The rest are associated with Russia. It seems that this source produced two princely houses, Mirskich and Czetwertynskich. By 1569, they had settled in Poland.

The full name of the family is Czetwertynski-Swiatopolk, the latter being the son of Jaroslav and grand-son of St Vladimir. They later moved to the territory of Czetwertnia, in Poland, and that explains the rest of their name. However, at the fall of Poland, they applied for and were accepted, by the Heraldic Chamber in Saint Petersburg, as princes of Russia.

Like many of their kind, the family has split into three different branches.

Czetwertynski

Saint Vladimir Sviatoslavich (c956-1015),
Great Prince and Christianiser of Russia

