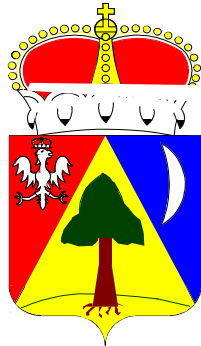


## **Dietrichstein zu Nikolsburg**



### *Description of Arms :*

Tranché d'argent et de gueules, a deux serpettes de vigneron de couleur de fer, commanchées d'or, adossées et mises en pal.

**Principal Title :** Prince von Dietrichstein zu Nikolsburg.

**Creation :** Imperial Diploma, 1869.

**Subsidiary Titles :** Count of Mensdorff-Pouilly (1818).

**Family Name :** Mensdorff-Pouilly.

**Family History :** This is a family of French origin, from the North-East of the country, and goes back as far 1007. It was one of the "Petits Chevaux de Lorraine". The junior branch left for Austrai and was awarded the County, mentioned above, and became a member of the Austrian House of Lords in 1909.

Having been of noble status since time immemorial, they were known as Counts Pouilly de Roissy by the year 1760. During the French Revolution, they added the name of a small village in Lorraine - Mensdorff - and left the country. By 1818, they were Counts Mendsorff-Pouilly, in Austria ; then owners of a seignurie in Bohemia (1839). In further recognition of their new standing, their arms were "rectified" by the Austiran authorities in Vienna, a few years later.

Then came a marriage between Count Alexander von Mensdorff-Pouilly and Alexandrine von Dietrichstein zu Nikolsburg, Proskau und Leslie. She was the last of the princely house of this name, which had also born the title of Count of the Holy Roman Empire, since 1621.

In 1868, the head of the joint family was raised to the rank of Austrian prince, by primogeniture, with the added dignity of being addressed as Serene Highness. Junior members of the family are known as counts and countesses von Mensdorff-Pouilly.

The elder branch is the one with which we are concerned. It became allied to the House of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and, through them, with most of the royal families of Europe. In consequence, they succeeded as Princes of Dietrichstein zu Nikolsburg, confirmed by Imperial Decree in 1869.

# Dietrichstein zu Nikolsburg

Ferdinand Joseph  
(1655-1698)



Karl-Ludwig  
(1698-1732)



Baron Emmanuel of Pouilly,  
1st Count von Mensdorff-Pouilly (1818)



Count Alexander von Mensdorff-Pouilly (?-1871), 1st Prince von Dietrichstein zu Nikolsburg (1868)  
= (1857) Countess Alexandrine von Dietrichstein-Proskau und Leslie

