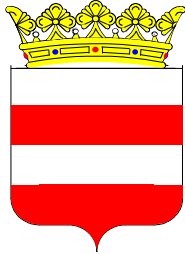


Hohenberg



Description of Arms :

Barry of four, argent and gules.

Principal Title : Duke and Prince von Hohenberg.

Creation : Austria, 1900.

Subsidiary Titles : Prince of Austria.

Family Name : Habsburg-Lorraine.

Family History : Most people know that the event that finally triggered the Great War was the assassination, at Sarajevo in June 1914, of the Archduke Franz-Ferdinand. He was the heir to the Dual Monarchy of Austria and Hungary. What is less well-known is that his wife died at his side and that he left three children. They were little mentioned because they were not heirs, themselves, to the thrones.

Franz-Ferdinand had fallen deeply in love with a certain Countess Sophie Chotek and her rank was not considered to be sufficiently elevated to be a future empress. So an arrangement was made that, while he could succeed, the succession was barred to his descendants. At the same time his wife was created Duchess of Hohenberg, a title which could be passed on, and his children accorded the style of prince or princess, but neither royal nor imperial. A comparison can be made with the Battenberg family - though they were also styled Serene Highnesses.

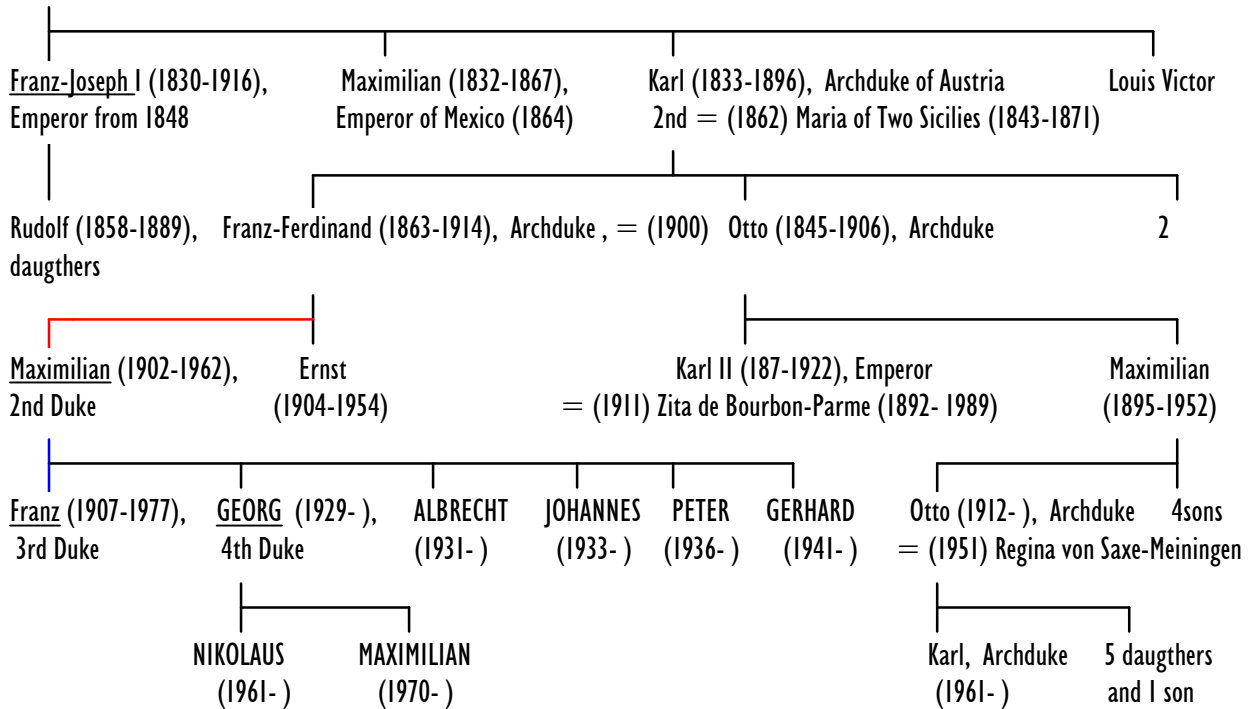
So this, then, is properly the "senior" branch of the Habsburg family. It is not one immediately familiar, since they have never tried to rewrite history nor to obtrude on the prominence of their cousin, the Archduke Otto ; indeed they stress their great respect for this illustrious gentleman. The family has also suffered, as have so many others, during the upheavals in central Europe. Maximilian, the father of the present duke, was arrested and sent to Dachau. Faithful to the Austrian Republic, which they have served in various ways, they have equally been prominent in monarchist causes.

The derivation of the Hohenberg coat-of-arms, from that of Austria and the Habsburgs, is a good example of heraldic "differencing".

Hohenberg

Franz-Karl (1802-1878)

= (1824) Sophia of Bavaria (1805-1872)



Prince Maximilian von Hohenberg (1902-1962), 2nd Duke von Hohenberg

= Countess Marie Elisabeth Bonne de Waldbourg de Wolfegg et Waldsee

Prince Franz von Hohenberg (1907-1977), 3rd Duke von Hohenberg (1962)

= (1956) Princess Elisabeth of Luxembourg and Nassau (1922-)

