

## Thoughts from authors and editors;

### Prefaces

**When** we turn the pages of various genealogical works, we come across information about our family in many places. Some even have a related descent. However, these notices are short and incomplete, because their authors did not aim to write the history of a family.

My goal was to collect these scattered data and supplement them as completely as possible when I decided to write the history of the Hertelendy family and compile its lineage. Because there can hardly be anyone more qualified to undertake such work than a member of the family to be introduced, who should be most interested in the things worn by his ancestors.

However, anyone who has ever dealt with something like this knows very well that it is not one of the easiest tasks. There are few lucky families that were able to preserve their writings, letters, and former records even in the midst of the storms of the war centuries. The memory of the ancients is left to us only in the registers of the parishes, in the dusty files of authentic places - public and private archives.

Unfortunately, in our family there are no worthwhile writings left from the old ones, not even in the ancient house in Vindornyalak. It seems that none of them kept notes related to family history, or if there were such notes, they were lost. Not even weapons, pictures or other such memorabilia remained except for one or two pieces.

However, there is more data. The National Archives, the National Museum, the archives of Zala, Vas, Veszprém, Sopron, Pest, Nyitra counties and other regions. These are, so to speak, inexhaustible, and so many names are mentioned that it is very difficult to navigate among them, not to mention the derivation of kinship relationships with each other. Unfortunately, there have also been cases where I was unable to purchase materials from several archives. They were prevented from doing so by the

troubled times after the war, the high costs they would have incurred. Private archives are not accessible. A part of the Zalaegerszeg archive is still unorganized today, nobody knows what is hidden there.

So my work is far from complete. Not the less so, because at the end I myself present a series of persons who cannot be placed on the family tree. But even this list is not complete. Our family - in the past as well as in the present - has branched out so much that even those living today are not included in the list in full, but the reason for this is our own indifference.

The incredibly high printing costs made it impossible to publish at least the material collected so far in print, and therefore I could only make my work - in two copies - somewhat accessible on a typewriter. I was also pleased with the fact that "Turul" (newspaper c.) was willing to publish a very short extract of this, which was published on page 62 of its 1932 issue and in a separate edition, for which the editors of "Turul" in this way, and afterwards I express my grateful thanks!

So I started my work following an unbroken path, and I think I achieved some results, because the family's lineage was unknown in such a large scale. It will now be easier to continue on the path you have started, and a luckier successor will be able to fill in the individual gaps.

(Zoltán Daróczy provides an extensive genealogy of our family in volumes VII-XII of 1934 in his "Noble Yearbook". I must note that my thesis was ready in my desk drawer years before Daróczy's announcement was published. He asked me to supplement his data, so some of them (it comes from me. I also sent the data published on page I. 69 of the same yearbook to the editors.)

László Hertelendy, H – Csákány, April 1936

**twenty** -three years, it became necessary to update this manuscript, that is, to continue writing it. This task was undertaken by György Hertelendy, who lives in Switzerland, and András Hertelendy, who lives in Germany, and his brother, György Hertelendy, who lives in Vienna.

Historical events led to the fact that some of the descendants ended up in German-speaking areas, in Switzerland, Germany and Austria, and now live there. Therefore, we decided to translate the manuscript into German for these family members, so that it can be read in both Hungarian and German. Our plan was very warmly supported by György Hertelendy, who kept the manuscript made in 1936 and supplemented it with additional data. He also confirmed our decision here. Therefore, he made the manuscript of the 1936 study available to me, as well as the data he had researched, and helped our work by proofreading the finished translation. For that, we owe him a debt of gratitude, and we express our thanks to him!

Since the extensive family ties lead us all the way to the New World, I hope that one day someone will translate our family's history into English for the benefit of future generations!

György András Hertelendy, D – Alsbach, 1999.

**Do** I have any doubts that this family history can ever be finished?! I hope not. I believe that my late predecessor - László Hertelendy - wrote it in the 1930s; "the family is so extensive and diverse" - and as many people as many lives, and as many lives as many novels - that this family history can be written for a very long time.

For me, the parts of the manuscript where, in addition to archival data, anecdotes and descriptions made the notes more enjoyable were the most enjoyable. In this way, family members from the past became alive beyond mere data. We can gain insight into every detail of their everyday life.

Therefore, I see my task in four things.

1. that, in addition to further supplementing and clarifying the previously invented data, I will try to further increase the history of the Hertelendy family by searching for and writing down such stories.
2. Furthermore, I will transcribe the previous material on the computer so that it can be easily supplemented and edited later.
3. In addition, I try to find as many Hertelendys in the world as possible and contact them. I also use the world wide web for this.
4. Furthermore, in a separate chapter, I write down the data and stories of my own narrower family.

Although I did not find a direct blood relation between my own family and the main branch of Vindornyalak, according to the tradition handed down from generation to generation in our family, we are also a side branch of the great Hertelendy family. I don't know if this is true or not, only a genetic test would provide convincing evidence - or refutation - on this issue. In any case, I have had the desire to learn about my family's history since my early childhood, and that's why I took every opportunity to increase my knowledge in this direction. Now it's my turn! Now I have to record the next chapter of the collective family memory.

I sincerely hope that there will be Hertelendys for a long time to come who

will be interested in the history of our family and will take the trouble to continue writing stories, to enrich the seven hundred year old written history of the Hertelendy family - as we know it - with the events of their own lives!

László Hertelendy, Hungary, Kecskemét, June 2003

*By clicking on the addresses below, HERTELENDY LÁSZLÓ opens. The first volume of his family history written by Kamarás in 1936 and his notes, which were expanded and translated into German by György András Hertelendy. (The digitized version can only be read in Hungarian)*

*Later, with new data found in the meantime, we further expanded the family history of the time, so now you can browse the expanded version here. Despite our best efforts, however, we did not manage to include all the data in this version either, and we have indicated this in some places. Once we were forced to set a date, after which we could no longer update the stock, because we wanted to finally publish it. Even so, he has ten years of work in digitization.*

*I wish everyone a lot of patience, endurance and pleasant adventures!*

*(We apologize for typos and typos!)*

*László Hertelendy*