

Abstract: The Wölfling case. A study on a legal issue in the House of Habsburg-Lorraine
The study discusses the events associated with the dissociation of Archduke Leopold Ferdinand of Tuscany (1868–1935), the eldest son of Ferdinand IV. of Tuscany, from the House of Habsburg-Lorraine. The study deals with the Imperial Austrian Family Statute as well as other individual cases of resignation from the rank of Archduke (Heinrich Waidek, Johann Orth, Ferdinand Burg). The focus is on events surrounding the escape of Archduke Leopold Ferdinand from the court and his subsequent renouncing of the rank of Archduke. Attention is paid to the roots of this, as well as the dramatic negotiations surrounding his final resignation from the imperial court and family. The article also deals with the career of the former Archduke (known from 1903 on as Leopold Wölfling) in the position of an ordinary citizen.

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