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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