

# Arboreal Identity of the German Nobility: Family Tree of Philipp von Kerssenbrock and Catharina von Adelebsen (c. 1625)

## Abstract

This family tree presents the joining of two German noble families in the mid-seventeenth century. Each ancestor is depicted by his or her heraldic shield, which shows the weight given to the nobility of the lineages in the construction of the family identity. "Germanness" appears insofar as these lines come from German territories. Such ancestral depictions were important means by which the German nobility shaped itself as a group.

## Source



Source: Family tree of Philipp von Kerssenbrock († 1668) and Catharina von Adelebsen († 1653), c. 1625.

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