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## Kako so vurberški Stubenbergi zaznamovali svoj življenjski prostor\*

### IZVLEČEK

*Vurberška linija plemiške družine Stubenberg, ki je med letoma 1441 in 1616 posedovala grad Vurberk, je eno prezrtih poglavij zgodovine plemstva v vojvodini Štajerski in zgodovine današnjega slovenskega prostora v širšem kontekstu. Medtem ko lahko zgodovino omenjene družine (vsaj delno) rekonstruiramo s pomočjo ohranjenih pisnih virov, so razvaline njenega matičnega gradu le še blede senca svoje nekdanje razsežnosti in veličine. Kljub temu pa obstaja še vrsta drugih materialnih sledi Stubenbergov z Vurberka, ki kaže na njihovo prisotnost v širšem geografskem prostoru svojega osrednjega zemljiškega gospostva – vse do današnjih dni.*

### KLJUČNE BESEDE

*Stubenberg, Vurberk, vojvodina Štajerska, plemstvo, genealogija, (materialni) zgodovinski viri*

### ABSTRACT

#### *THE STUBENBERGS OF VURBERK (WURMBERG) AND THEIR MARK ON THEIR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT*

*The Vurberk/Wurmberg line of the noble Stubenberg family, which owned the Vurberk Castle between 1441 and 1616, is one of the overlooked chapters of the history of nobility in the Duchy of Styria, as well as the history of present-day Slovenian territory in a broader context. Whereas the history of the aforementioned family may (at least in part) be reconstructed with the use of preserved written sources, its home castle, now lying in ruins, is but a pale shadow of its former scale and grandeur. Nevertheless, there are still many other material traces of the Stubenbergs of Vurberk that attest to their presence in the wider geographical area of their central seigniory – all to the present day.*

### KEY WORDS

*Stubenberg, Vurberk/Wurmberg, Duchy of Styria, nobility, genealogy, (material) historical sources*

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**The Stubenbergs of Vurberk (Wurmberg) and their mark on their local environment**

The Vurberk/Wurmberg line of the Lords of Stubenberg represents a side branch of this Styrian noble family, which was named after its seignory and homonymous castle Vurberk in the southern part of the Duchy of Styria. The Vurberk line was established with the marriage of Leutold Stubenberg and Agnes of Ptuj/Pettau, a sister of Frederick IX of Ptuj, whose death in 1438 led to the extinction of the male line of the Lords of Ptuj. Under the partition agreement, which she concluded with her sister Ana in 1441, Agnes received, among others, Vurberk, a fief of the Salzburg Archdiocese, which remained in the possession of Agnes's and Leutold's descendants, members of the Stubenberg family from the Vurberk line, for another 175 years.

A number of written documents have been preserved from that period that now chiefly serve as sources for studies conducted by (art) historians and

researchers of other scientific disciplines, as well as some material traces, primarily interventions into the architectural landscape that took place under the supervision of the Stubenbergs from Vurberk. They are presented in the article at hand.

2016 also marks the four hundred years since the Vurberk line of the Stubenberg family sold its home and now ruined Vurberk Castle. Due to the aforementioned jubilee, as well as the fact that this family procured numerous construction works and thorough reconstructions of the Vurberk Castle, it seems only reasonable to revive the memory of their existence. It is also worth noting that the traces of the more than two hundred years long presence of the Vurberk line of the Lords of Stubenberg in the area offer a varied insight into the family's living environment in the former border area of the Holy Roman Empire. In particular, they demonstrate how tight the history of this family is inseparably connected to the history of Styria, as much to the part which now belongs to the Republic of Austria as to the part which now lies in the Republic of Slovenia. The Vurberk line of the Lords of Stubenberg should therefore be taken into account in future historical research, especially in relation to nobility, a research area that has long remained neglected within the Slovenian historical science.