

it will be agreeable to me to contribute as much as I can to reach both the aim in which you take so much personal interest and the good result of the researches themselves. As a proof of this wish I have forwarded to you this week a work edited by Conrad Rittershausen.

Heinrich Rittershausen, a native of Minden, was the father of Balthaser Rittershausen.

Balthaser was the father of Conrad Rittershausen, which name was then written Rittershusius.

Conrad Rittershausen was the father of George and Nicolaus Rittershausen.

George had one son, named Adam Friederich, but the latter died single when still young.

\* Nicolaus will be, as I suppose, the person of whom you speak; I think his son fought against the Turks and was Nobilitated.

Afterwards, in 1662, the Emperor Ferdinand III, confirmed the nobilitation to George Rittershausen and all his male and female descendants; the arms were then ameliorated and improved.

I thank you very much for your explanation of the arms and the Chinese name.

I likewise hit upon a portrait of Johan Sebastian Rittershausen without knowing who is the bearer of this name.

Kindly remaining myself for your further information, I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours truly.

M. L. RITTERSHAUSEN.

The original insignia or patent of the coat of arms has, as far as known, been granted to Matthias, who fought against the Turks in 1591.

Said coat of arms afterwards came in possession of Georgius Rittershausen, son of Conradi. It appears that George must have been related to Matthias, because Matthias's coat of arms became the property of George, presumably a brother to Conradi, the father of George. We also find that the coat of arms were granted to George and to his descend-

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\* Matthias fought against the Turks in 1591 and was nobilitated.<sup>13</sup> It is believed he was a brother to Conradi, and uncle to George, and his coat of arms came in possession of George in later years and was renewed by Ferdinand the III, Emperor of Austria, in 1662, and was granted to George and his descendants, both male and female.