

WHERE IS THE GERMAN ROYAL FAMILY NOW?

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Because the German royals were allowed to make a peaceful exit after Wilhelm's abdication, his direct heirs are still alive today.

The current head of the family is Georg Friedrich Ferdinand, who was born in 1976 and is the great-great grandson of Wilhelm II.

On his paternal side, Georg Friedrich counts a number of European royal families among his ancestors. His great-great grandparents include several Russian Romanovs and a Duchess of Edinburgh.

The current "prince of Prussia" was educated at a Scottish boarding school before serving in the Bundeswehr and then studying business.

For years he was tied up in a lengthy legal battle with two uncles, who demanded a cut of his inheritance. But the family wealth, which is mainly in the form of valuable art, furniture and jewelry, doesn't appear to have provided him with a life of luxury.

In 2012, Bild newspaper [reported](#) that he had to sell a precious diamond to stave off financial difficulty. At the time he was living in a rental property in Berlin.

His marriage to Princess Sophie of Isenburg in 2011 in Potsdam was attended by members of many of Germany's former aristocratic elite and was considered a big enough event to receive a live television broadcast by local public broadcaster RBB.

He now lives as a private citizen in Potsdam, the city made famous by his family's splendid palaces such as *Sansouci*.

Legacy controversy

Georg Friedrich runs a brewery called the *Kgl. Preußischen Biermanufaktur* which brews its beer in Braunschweig.

He is probably best known, though, for his attempts to regain some of his family's palaces and art collections via the courts.

These attempts have been controversial [to say the least](#).

Historians and museums have said that the claims are totally inappropriate given what they say is clear proof that Georg Friedrich's great grandfather, Crown Prince Wilhelm, helped Hitler into power in the early 1930s.

Newspapers and several leading historians of the Kaiser period have accused Georg Friedrich of a campaign of intimidation, after his lawyers threatened to sue them over the publication of claims that Crown Prince Wilhelm was close to Hitler.

Among the properties that Georg Friedrich wants the right to use is Cecilienhof Palace in Potsdam, which is now part of a UNESCO world heritage site.