

This paper regards two mutually linked objectives. The first of them is to picture the history of the old and significant dynasty of Kinský in the eighteenth century and during the Napoleonic Wars, which is supposed to back up the second and main objective, namely to describe the lifetimes of a few ancestors of the Polish prince and army-leader Józef Poniatowski, who was in service of Napoleon's armies, and who died in 1813 at the Battle of Leipzig. These ancestors were his parents Andrzej Poniatowski and Marie Terezie Kinská, following her father Jan Leopold Kinský of the Chlumec count stem. Andrzej Poniatowski and Leopold Kinský embody a certain similarity – they both have been wrongfully effaced; while Andrzej by his son, Leopold by his more famous ancestors who notably affected the Habsburg Empire in the end of the seventeenth and in the first half of the eighteenth century. I would like to, therefore, point out the importance of these two men, too.