

# **Explosive investigation: Prince Charles really is Dracula's descendant!**

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***When he said he was a descendant of Tepes, the British crown prince was not kidding. The Windsor family can be traced back to the dynasty of the Basarabi rulers of Muntenia. Our historiography did not pay attention to this aspect, while the Hungarian one, interested in outlining the Hungarian ancestors of the British royal house, blurred out the genealogic tree where it intersected with Romanian rulers. Using documentary sources, Formula AS magazine restored the historical truth. The British crown prince can call himself Charles of Romania and not as a joke!***

## ***Prince Charles: I have Transylvanian roots!***

My genealogy shows I hail from Vlad Tepes (the Impaler), Prince Charles recently told a British journalist who had come to Transylvania to convince himself of the British crown prince's passion for the region. "So I have some roots here," the prince added. The journalist smiled and probably thought, "Prince Charles hails from the blood-thirsty Dracula! This will sound so good in the movie, British tabloids will rage about it before the launch!"

He was not wrong. The newspapers both in Romania and in the UK raged about it. All sorts of scenarios were published, some even suggested that he could claim the Romanian throne. Most, however, took Prince Charles's words as an attempt to promote Transylvania with its most commercial "product," Dracula's myth.

## ***Leo van de Pas: Vlad Tepes is certainly a great-great uncle of Charles***

A genealogic investigation by Formula AS shows that this was not a marketing trick, but the naked truth: Prince Charles does hail from Vlad Tepes, also known as Dracula. The magazine resorted to the help of Leo van de Pas, coordinator of one of the most important genealogy databases in the world, collector of a vast library in the field and owner of the website [www.genalogics.org](http://www.genalogics.org)

The tenth generation before Queen Mary, grandmother of Queen Elizabeth II, led to the Draculesti family, to Vlad Tepes, his brother Vlad III Calugarul (the Monk), his father Vlad

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Dracul, Mircea cel Batran, going back to the 1300s, to Basarab Voievod.

"Nowaday, people use words like ancestor and descendant too easily. Genealogically speaking, the ancestor of Prince Charles is not Vlad Tepes, but his brother, Vlad the Monk. But yet, Vlad Tepes is certainly a great-great uncle of Charles," van de Pas explained.

The genealogic tree drawn by van de Pas is also confirmed by an important work published in England in 1982, shortly after the birth of Prince Charles's son William. "Royal Highness: Ancestry of the Royal Child" by reputed heraldic and genealogy specialist Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk clearly states that Prince Charles's ancestry leads all the way to Stephen the Great and his ancestors, up to Bogdan I Voievod, through Lady Chiajna, the wife of Mircea Ciobanu Basarab.

### **Ancheta EXPLOZIVA : Prințul Charles chiar este urmașul lui Dracula !**

*Cand a spus ca este urmas al lui Tepes, mostenitorul tronului britanic n-a glumit. Familia regala a Windsorilor coboara genealogic pana la dinastia voievozilor Basarabi din Muntenia. Istoriografia noastra nu a dat importanta acestui aspect, in vreme ce istoriografia maghiara, interesata sa scoata la iveala stramosii unguri ai casei regale britanice, a obturat arborele genealogic, exact acolo unde el se intersecta cu domnitorii romani. "Formula AS" a refacut, din surse documentare, adevarul istoric. Mostenitorul monarhiei britanice isi poate spune, nu doar in gluma, "Charles de Romania".*

### ***Printul Charles: Am radacini in Transilvania !***

"Genealogia mea arata ca ma trag din Vlad Tepes", i-a spus recent Printul Charles unui jurnalist

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englez, care venise pana in Transilvania, pentru a se convinge de pasiunea mostenitorului coroanei britanice pentru aceste locuri minunate. "Asa ca am ceva radacini pe aici", a adaugat printul, plimbandu-si oaspetele in decorul de vis al gradinii sale. Nonconformistul jurnalist si-a varat mainile in buzunarele blugilor si a zambit. "Printul Charles se trage din sangerosul Dracula! Ce bine va suna asta in film, ce vor mai vui tabloidele britanice inainte de lansare! Ce reclama fantastica!", si-o fi spus.

Nu s-a inselat. Ziarele au vuit, si in Romania, si in Marea Britanie. S-au tesut scenarii stiintifico-fantastice, unii de la noi l-au pus deja pe tronul Romaniei, apoi englezii l-au dat jos cat ai clipi, cu un sarcasm tipic, care nu mai mira pe nimeni. Multi au scris, putini au crezut. Majoritatea au luat vorbele Printului ca pe o gluma sau, cel mult, ca pe un gest de curtoazie la adresa Romaniei, ca pe o incercare cam stangace de promovare a Transilvaniei, prin intermediul celui mai comercial "produs" al sau, mitul lui Dracula.

### ***Leo van de Pas : Vlad Tepes e in mod cert un unchi stravechi al lui Charles***

O anchetă genealogică realizată de Formula AS arată însă că n-a fost vorba de un truc de marketing de promovare a Transilvaniei sau o afirmație hazardată, ci purul adevăr: printul Charles al Marii Britanii se trage din Vlad Țepeș, supranumit Dracula. Jurnaliștii revistei autohtone au apelat la ajutorul lui Leo van de Pas, coordonatorul uneia dintre cele mai importante baze de date de genealogie din lume, colecționar al unei vaste biblioteci de profil și proprietar al site-ului de internet [www.genealogics.org](http://www.genealogics.org).

Intr-un arbore genealogic atat de stufoș precum cel al familiei regale britanice, a zecea generație de dinaintea Reginei Mary, bunica Reginei Elisabeta a II-a, e neverosimil de scurta, doar o "crenguta". O bizarerie trecuta cu vederea. Caci nici unul dintre istoriografi maghiari care incercau sa demonstreze originea ardeleana a mostenitorilor coroanei britanice nu avea interesul sa arate ca acea "crenguta" ducea, intregita, tocmai la familia munteana a Draculestilor, la Vlad Tepes, la fratele sau Vlad al III-lea Calugarul, la tatal sau, Vlad Dracul, la Mircea cel Batran, pana hat, departe, pe la 1300, la Basarab Voievod! Printul Charles nu glumise. Chiar se trage din familia lui Vlad Tepes! Documentele o confirmă!

"In ziua de azi, lumea foloseste cu prea multă lejeritate termeni ca "stramos" și "urmas". In sens strict genealogic, stramosul Printului Charles nu e Vlad Tepes, ci fratele sau, Vlad Calugarul. Insa, da, Vlad Tepes e in mod cert un unchi stravechi al lui Charles", a explicat Leo van de Pas.

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Acesta a trimis si genealogia clara, cu descendenta Reginei Elisabeta a II-a si a Printului Charles din Vlad Dracul, prin fiul sau, Vlad al III-lea Calugarul, fratele vitreg, de tata, al lui Vlad Tepes. De la mijlocul secolului al XV-lea si pana la inceputul secolului al XVII-lea, vreme de cinci generatii, stramosii contesei Claudine Rhedey din Transilvania si, deci, si ai Printului Charles, au fost nobili munteni, voievozi si inalti dregatori din neamul Basarabilor.

## **□ Descendenta Printului Charles duce direct si spre Stefan cel Mare**

Arborele genealogic oferit de Leo van de Pas e confirmat si de o importanta lucrare aparuta in Anglia in 1982, la scurt timp dupa nasterea Printului William, fiul lui Charles si al Dianei, urmatorul la coroana britanica pe linie succesorala, dupa Printul de Wales. "Alteta Sa: stramosii tanarului print" ("Royal Highness: Ancestry of the Royal Child", in original), se cheama cartea semnata de Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, un nume de referinta in domeniile genealogiei si heraldicii. Sir Iain a scris, practic, o carte-cadou la nasterea Printului William. ..Paginile 100-102 din cartea sa stau marturie. Ba mai mult: prin intermediul doamnei Chajna, sotia lui Mircea Ciobanu Basarab, descendenta Printului Charles duce direct si spre Stefan cel Mare si inaintasii sai, pana la Bogdan I Voievod.

Istoricul clujean Tudor Salagean, specialist in istoria medievala a Transilvaniei si autor al unor lucrari referitoare la radacinile ardelene ale familiei regale britanice, sustine si el genealogia lui Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, despre care vorbeste Leo van de Pas. "Intr-adevar, personajele care fac legatura dintre Basarabi si nobilimea ardeleana apar la sfarsit de secol XVI, in jurul anului 1600. Este vorba, in special, de logofatul Ivan Noroceala si de fiica sa Zamfira, cea care va deveni, mai tarziu, sotia lui Peter Racz de Galgo. Mama Zamfirei era nimeni alta decat Stanca Basarab, fiica domnitorului muntean Mircea Ciobanu si a cunoscutei doamne Chajna" ... prin casatoria Zamfirei cu marele ambasador al Transilvaniei la Inalta Poarta, Peter Racz de Galgo, Zamfira este cea care duce sangele Basarabilor munteni in spectaculoasa increngatura de relatii la capatul careia se gaseste azi Printul Charles.

Nici un strain nu a vorbit vreodata atat de mult si de bine despre Romania si nici o mare personalitate contemporana nu a dovedit atata tenacitate in sustinerea unor valori romanesti. Desi a vizitat prima oara tara noastra abia in 1997, devenind un obisnuit al evadarilor in Transilvania dupa 2004, Printul Charles, mostenitorul tronului Marii Britanii, este ambasadorul cel mai fervent, nu doar al frumusetilor Ardealului, de care este absolut fascinat, ci si al traditiilor, al patrimoniului si al comorilor naturale ale tarii noastre.

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