

Description

Prince Christophorus Corvinus was the grandson of King Matthias Corvinus and the last male descendant of the Hunyadi dynasty. He was born in the final years of the 15th century into a family already in the grip of a succession crisis. His grandfather, Matthias — the "Raven King" — had transformed Hungary into a Renaissance superpower but failed to produce a legitimate heir. His father, Prince Johannes Corvinus, had been barred from the throne by the circumstances of his birth. Everything rested on Christophorus, but he died in childhood.

The Hunyadi family had risen to extraordinary heights across two generations. Christophorus's great-grandfather, Janos Hunyadi, defeated the Ottoman Empire and became one of the most celebrated military figures in European history. His great-uncle, King Matthias, built the first major professional standing army in medieval Europe, patronized Renaissance art and scholarship, and assembled the largest library in Europe outside the Vatican. The family's name carried immense political weight across the continent.

The death of Christophorus Corvinus as a child permanently extinguished the direct male line of the Hunyadi dynasty. There were no more heirs. A dynasty that had defeated invading empires, shaped the Renaissance in Central Europe, and held one of the continent's great powers for two generations ended — not in battle, not by political defeat, but through the death of a child. His brief life marks one of history's most complete dynastic closures: a lineage that had risen from military genius to royal power, terminated in a single generation by the absence of a surviving heir.

Modern population	Distance
Italian (Liguria)	2.629
Italian (Friuli-Venezia Giulia)	2.682
Italian (Veneto)	2.696
Italian (Trentino-Alto Adige)	2.703
Italian (Lombardy)	2.719
Italian (Emilia-Romagna)	2.809
Italian (Piedmont)	2.815

Modern population	Distance
French (Provence)	2.898
Spanish (Balearic Islands)	2.937
Spanish (Murcia)	3.183

Source

Date: 1743–1793 CE

Y-DNA: E-COR1

mtDNA: T2c1+146

Location: Croatia

Research: The genetic legacy of the Hunyadi descendants

Sample(s): CKM