THE HATZINGER FAMILY OF BUILDERS – FROM SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR, THROUGH OSIJEK, LVIV, AND ZADAR TO VIENNA

Abstract: The article is about the work of Joseph Hatzinger, son of builder Paul (Pál) Hatzinger from Székesfehérvár (Hungary), and Joseph’s sons Heinrich and Paul. Joseph worked in Osijek and in Slavonia in the second half of the eighteenth century. In the early nineteenth century, his older son Heinrich spent almost a decade as a professor at the Genie-Akademie (Military Academy of Engineering) in Vienna and designed two important Early Neoclassical churches at Terezin and Josefov fortresses in Bohemia. His younger son Paul, after a brief period as a lecturer at the Genie-Akademie, worked as an engineer in various parts of the Habsburg Monarchy during the first half of the nineteenth century, from Galicia, across Dalmatia, to Vienna and Lower Austria in the final phase of his career. Finally, his great-great-grandson Gusztáv Kasper, the grandson of Paul Hatzinger Jr, became a Hungarian railway engineer at the turn of the twentieth century.

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INTRODUCTION

Even though Paul (Pál) Hatzinger is one of the most important Baroque builders in Hungary, it has remained completely unknown to the field of art history in Hungary, Croatia, and other Central European countries that his descendants also became important architects on the territory of the Habsburg Monarchy over a century and a half following his death. In the second half of the eighteenth century, his son Joseph worked in Osijek and in Slavonia; in the early nineteenth century, his older grandson Heinrich spent almost a decade as a professor at the Genie-Akademie (Military Academy of Engineering) in Vienna and designed two important Early Neoclassical churches at Terezin and Josefov fortresses in Bohemia; during the first half of the nineteenth century, after a brief period as a lecturer at the Genie-Akademie, his younger grandson Paul worked as an engineer in various parts of the Monarchy, from Galicia, across Dalmatia, to Vienna and Lower Austria in the final phase of his career. Finally, his great-great-grandson Gusztáv Kasper, the grandson of Paul Hatzinger Jr, became a Hungarian railway engineer at the turn of the twentieth century.

JOSEPH HATZINGER (HACZINGER) AND THE LATE BAROQUE ARCHITECTURE OF SLAVONIA

The first in the group of these architects, Joseph Hatzinger (Haczinger), was born in Székesfehérvár on 19 February 1734, the son of Anna Maria and Paul Hatzinger (Senior). His father was originally from Linz, but he worked almost exclusively in Székesfehérvár and the surrounding areas, where he affirmed himself as the most prolific builder of the mid-eighteenth century. He

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designed the then Jesuit (1741–1751) and the Franciscan church (extended in 1742), restored the parish church, which later became the cathedral church of St Stephen (1743–1744), and built a local hospital (1746–1747). While Paul Hatzinger’s work has been analysed quite thoroughly, it remained unknown that his son belonged to a group of important builders in Slavonia in the late eighteenth century.

There is no doubt as to the fact that he served his apprenticeship with his father, as a 1786 description of Osijek District clearly indicates that he mastered the builder’s craft in his hometown 28 years earlier, i.e. around 1758. It is not known whether he worked somewhere else before Osijek, nor is it known when exactly he moved to the city. However, it can be assumed with fair certainty that Joseph Hatzinger came to live in Osijek in search of work, drawn by opportunities presented by one of the most important fortresses in the southern part of the Monarchy (parts of which were still under construction).

The first mention of his stay can be found in the register of marriages, when he married Rosina Ehrmanin from Osijek in October of 1760. In this document, he is referred to as Palier, while later in parish registers he was listed as a builder, or an engineer (aedilis), i.e. a civil engineer (aedilis civis). The official records of the General Command of Slavonia (supreme headquarters of the Slavonian Military Frontier) list him as Fortifications Maurermeister in 1762, at which time he was working on the construction of military structures in Osijek’s fortress. The very next year, in 1763, the same list names him as an Entrepreneur, so it is possible that he resigned from military service in the meantime and founded some sort of a private construction company. Considering, however, that certain documents refer to him as a Fortifications Baumeister again at a later date (1770), he must have continued working on the construction of various military structures. Other than Johann Schmidt, he was the only mason (Maurermeister) in Osijek, and in 1786 he employed seven journeymen.

Until 1786, the city of Osijek was divided into three autonomous parts - Gornji Grad (Upper Town), Donji Grad (Lower Town), and Tvrdá (Inner Town), the last of which was under full military control. At the time, the Roman Catholic parish was dominated by the Jesuits, who held all three parts of Osijek.

Joseph Hatzinger lived with his family in Tvrdá, and held the position of town judge (prefect/mayor) there between 1773 and 1778. Clear evidence of the high reputation he enjoyed. Thanks to this position, he played an important role in the arrival of Ivan Martin Divald, an important printer and publisher, in Osijek in 1775.

Hatzinger received a plot with a house on it in Tvrdá at number 57 as dowry (the street was later named Poštarska, and today the address is 7 Markovićeva street), and he built the new single-storey house that still stands, spending the huge amount of 3,000 forints in the process. Although the designs for this building have not survived, since it was his family house, it was almost certainly designed by Joseph Hatzinger himself. This house is one of the best examples of residential Baroque architecture in Osijek. The first floor façade is the most lavishly decorated, with cartouches and slightly awkward, rustic stucco decorations under the windows.

It is not entirely possible to determine all of which other projects in Tvrdá and in the rest of the Military Frontier Hatzinger was involved in, as very few of the documents of the Slavonian Military Headquarters have survived and Osijek’s city archives from the eighteenth century have been largely destroyed. The few surviving sources testify that he was involved in the planning and construction of the chapel in the Tvrdá cemetery by 1761, that he leased the city brickworks in 1770, and that he repaired the civil hospital a year later. Moreover, as a builder, together with the carpenter Mathias Wagner, he received an order from the Town Council of Osijek’s Upper Town municipality to build a new town hall in February 1776.

Joseph Hatzinger also participated in the construction of the parish church in Osijek’s Lower Town, but it is not possible to establish whether he designed it as well, since only very few fragmented documents of the Jesuit residence in Osijek have survived. Construction of the present church began between 1758 and 1763, when the tower was raised, followed by the nave and the chancel, which were completed in the period between 1768 and 1775. The tower of this church features a particularly interesting architectural solution - it is a
rare example of the influence of Borromini’s architectural style in Slavonia. During the placement of the cross on the top of the tower in June 1761, a document was put inside the sphere beneath the cross that provides details about its construction, with references to master builder Ivan Ehrmann from Ochsenhausen, master carpenter Joseph Märckl from Kurpfalz, and his foreman Karl Nebkel from Olomouc in Moravia. The list shows that Osijek, thanks to its role as an important military fortification, was a city that attracted builders and masons from all over Central Europe. Joseph Hatzinger’s name does not appear in this document. He was mentioned for the first time regarding the construction of this church in sources dating from 1763, when the parish began to pay him for unspecified work. Only invoices for the year 1765 clearly indicate that he was being paid “what they owed him for the tower,” which means that he took an active part in the construction of this, the oldest part of the church. Whether or not he also designed the tower is, however, impossible to say. The Jesuits could have obtained the design from one of the centres of the order, or it could have been provided by the Archbishop of Esztergom, whose archdiocese at the time also included Osijek.

Joseph Hatzinger’s name reappears in accounting records of the parish of Osijek’s Lower Town from the 1770s concerning the construction of the nave and the chancel of the church. The invoice book for the year 1771, a time when the construction of the church was at full speed, indicates that the parish owed him what was then the considerable amount of 1,000 forints. Payments to Hatzinger continued until 1781, which shows that he was in charge of the construction of the church. It is certainly possible that it was only then that he received the opportunity to work according to his own design, while he followed another builder’s design in the construction of the tower because of its ambitious architectural design, however, no surviving documents confirm this assumption.

Some traces of Joseph Hatzinger’s building activities can be found in the area of what were then Virovitica and Syrmia Counties, and the Slavonian Military Frontier. Surviving Virovitica County documents, within whose borders Osijek lay at the time, reveal that he restored the Orthodox church in Čepin. This church was, however, destroyed during World War II, and very little information survives regarding its appearance. He also designed the old Virovitica County Hall building in Osijek’s Upper Town in 1776, but this building was also demolished. After this, he served as master builder for the finishing works on the parish church in Vinkovci from
Finally, he participated in the construction of one of the largest eighteenth century Habsburg Monarchy fortifications in Arad (today in Romania), however, no precise information exists as to his share in these works.26

The Syrmia County Hall in Vukovar is among Joseph Hatzinger’s most significant documented works.27 He signed the contract for its construction on 26 March 1770. The county hall was built between 1770 and 1773 as a three-winged, U-shaped building. The surviving 1773 design for the palace was signed by Johann Michael Weichmann.28 (Fig. 3) However, this design was made when the construction of the building had already been completed, and it shows the actual finished work, which may explain the lack of Hatzinger’s signature. As Hatzinger was the only signatory of the construction contract, he almost certainly designed the palace as well. The articulation of the main façade, especially its central part, was quite lavish. Stucco decorations covered the gables of the windows, and to some extent the pillars and the space between the windows as well, which links this building to Hatzinger’s family house in Osijek’s Tvrdá, on the façades of which stucco also plays a crucial role in articulation (though in a somewhat different form).

The architectural language of the buildings Hatzinger built and possibly designed in the 1760s and 1770s was still based entirely upon conservative Baroque templates, which is understandable considering his education. It remains unknown whether or not he subsequently turned to Neoclassicism, since, after resigning as town judge in 1778, he rarely appeared in archive documents. Generally speaking, the main problem with researching Joseph Hatzinger’s work is the small number of surviving documents, especially architectural designs, which makes it almost impossible to determine with certainty which buildings he authored, and which he worked on only as a contractor. However, the frequent appearance of his name in surviving documents clearly testifies to the fact that he was an extremely active and highly appreciated builder, the scope of whose work will surely be increased by future research.

Fig. 3. Johann Michael Weichmann: Syrmia County Hall in 1773; Hrvatski državni arhiv (Croatian State Archives), Zagreb, HR-HDA-12, Hrvatsko kraljevsko vijeće, box CLVI, document 123D ex 1774
HEINRICH HATZINGER, ARCHITECT AND PROFESSOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING AT VIENNA’S GENIE-AKADEMIE

While research on Joseph Hatzinger’s architectural work is possible only in fragments, the registers of the parish of Tvrdy in Osijek give a quite detailed insight into the basic history of his family. After the death of his first wife in 1768, he married Anna Maria, but no record of this wedding was kept. The married couple had nine children – six sons and three daughters: Joannes Nepomuce (6 May 1771 – ?), Henricus Otto (15 July 1772 – 1809), Josephus Antonius (11 March 1774 – ? July 1775), Elisabetha Marianna (25 March 1775 – 17 September 1775), Franciscus Xaverius Antonius (17 September 1776 – 3 October 1776), Ignatius Bartholom (20 December 1777 – ?), Josepha Maria Elisabetha (28 April 1781 – 5 August 1782), Paulus (21 January 1783 – Vienna, around 1860?) and Joanna Josepha (15 March 1784 – ?). The fate of all Joseph Hatzinger’s children is not known, except for two of his sons, Heinrich and Paul, who decided to follow in their father’s footsteps.

It is not clear whether Joseph Hatzinger remained in Osijek until his death. Even though older literature shows that he died in the city, his name cannot be found in the death register. As he sold the family house in Tvrdy in 1786 and his name and surname began appearing among the citizens of Vienna’s Vorstadt Alsergrund in the mid-1790s, one can assume that he did move to the Habsburg capital, probably because of his sons’ education. This assumption is confirmed by the fact that Joseph Hatzinger’s name appears at the same house numbers in Alsergrund (no. 83 and 84) until 1800, as do those of his sons Heinrich and Paul after that.

Both of Joseph Hatzinger’s sons studied at the military Ingenieur- (Genie-) Akademie in Vienna, which was one of the best engineering schools in Europe at the time. The choice of an institution of higher education was not only influenced by their father’s profession, but also by their childhood in a military fortress, their friendships with commanding officers, and doubtlessly also by the Habsburg Monarchy’s involvement in wars against revolutionary France in the late eighteenth century.

As the documents of the Genie-Akademie were partially destroyed in a 1927 fire at the Vienna’s Justizpalast, information concerning the education and work of Heinrich and Paul Hatzinger can be found foremost in Friedrich Gatti’s voluminous monograph about the history of the institution, as well as from surviving student rolls.

At the age of 14, in 1790, Heinrich Hatzinger enrolled in the Ingenieur-Akademie, then located at the Theresianum, where he studied until 1793. Not long after graduating (in 1797 at the latest), he was employed by the Generaldirektorium des Ingenieurskorps und Fortifikationswesens and worked in the department responsible for Vienna’s fortifications. Then, between 1801 and 1809, he held a very important office as a lecturer of Bürgerliche Baukunst at the Genie-Akademie, which he took over from engineer...
Josef von Casarotti, whose lectures on the same subject he himself had attended as a student.38

Although the academy was created primarily to increase the quality of education of military engineers, and hence also the quality of the fortifications and military buildings they built, it simultaneously taught civil engineering as well. It was part of the programme in semesters 7 and 8, together with the art and tactics of building fortifications, and the construction of waterways, roads, and fortresses. Four basic features of construction were taught: durability (use of materials), comfort, aesthetics, and building economy, as well as the purely technical procedures of design making (which scale to use for designs, how to create budgets, etc.). Special attention was paid to the design of buildings built by the Ingenieurs-Corps (for the deployment of troops and the storage of ammunition and food).39

In addition to teaching at the Academy, Heinrich Hatzinger continued to work for military administrative bodies, which had decided to execute an entire string of full-scale construction repairs and additions to the existing fortifications due to military events in Europe. Constant insecurity across the Habsburg Monarchy’s borders
induced Vienna to build two new fortress towns, similar to Hatzinger’s home town of Osijek, in Bohemia: Terezin (Teresienstadt), today better known as a notorious Nazi concentration camp, and Josefov (Josefstadt). They were built in the 1780s during the reign of Joseph II, but the slow process of constructing the buildings within the fortresses continued for several more decades. Heinrich Hatzinger, in cooperation with engineers Julius D’Andreis and Franz Joseph Fohmann, designed the central Catholic parish (garrison) churches in both towns using nearly identical architectural designs.40

The churches in Josefov (1805–1810),41 and Terezin (1806–1810)42 belong to a group of important Early Neoclassical buildings built on the territory of the Habsburg Monarchy. (Figs. 4–6) As the only buildings known with certainty to have been built by Heinrich Hatzinger, they clearly show both his stylistic approach and the dominant aesthetics in the military architecture of the period – their stylistic design is an example of the rationalistic Neoclassicism in the construction of religious and public buildings promoted by the Habsburg rulers starting with Joseph II and lasting until the mid-nineteenth century. Architects were required to design buildings characterised by practicality, durability, and noble simplicity.43 Aestheticism was largely pushed aside, so only a few architects succeeded in expressing their originality within this rigid framework. Typified, so-called Normal plans were frequent, and they were used in several places. Therefore, it is no surprise that these two garrison towns feature almost identical churches.

Both churches are single-naved, single-towered buildings with a deep semi-circular apse and a bell tower in the rear of the building. Their front façades are articulated with pairs of Ionic pilasters and crowned with monumental triangular gables, while the side façades are very simply articulated with pilaster strips and oval window openings only. Above the exceptionally high main portal, there are simple inscriptions
of the year construction began, whereas those in Josefov also contain the ruler’s initials (Emperor Francis II). The walls of the nave in the interior are simply articulated with pairs of lesenes, while massive Ionic columns were placed in the chancel. It is not possible to determine how much of this church was designed by Hatzinger and how much by the other two architects.

In addition to the fortresses in Bohemia, Heinrich Hatzinger worked on repairs to various military buildings and the Viennese walls, which were being fortified at the time due to increasing danger from Napoleonic France. However, all his surviving designs are primarily linked to engineering projects.44

The Habsburg wars against Napoleon, which aided Heinrich Hatzinger’s career at first, finally cost him his life. As an engineer, he was actively involved in the attempts to defend Vienna from the French in 1809. He worked on fortifying the city to withstand the siege of 5 May 1809, together with all the technical officers present, the senior students of the engineering academy, and Wilhelm Teschenberg, who was also a professor at Genie-Akademie.45 Subsequently, as of 8 May, he was involved in securing the passage across the Danube and in digging trenches in the area of Prater.46 All attempts at resistance turned out to be futile in the end. Between 10 and 13 May, the French managed to conquer the entire city. Heinrich Hatzinger and Wilhelm Teschenberg were imprisoned during this period – it is not clear whether this occurred because they had worked on the city’s defence or because of their technical skills – and taken to Strasbourg, where Heinrich caught typhus and died soon after.47

Although only a very small number of his designs have survived, the churches in Terezin and Josefov are indicative of his great potential, the full realisation of which was obstructed by war and by his premature death. His death, however, opened the door to promotion for his brother Paul.
PAUL HATZINGER, FROM GENIE-AKADEMIE, THROUGH GALICIA AND DALMATIA, TO VIENNA

The Vienna Engineering Academy, despite being a military institution, continued its work during the siege and afterward, during the French occupation of the city in 1809. However, there was a lack of personnel due to Hatzinger’s and Taschenberg’s capture, and this problem was partially solved by the appointment of Paul Hatzinger, Heinrich’s brother, as the civic architecture professor.48 (Fig. 7)

Paul, like his brother, enrolled in the Engineering Academy when he was 14 in 1797, but he remained there for only a year.49 He may have continued his schooling elsewhere, but this cannot be confirmed. His employment booklet has survived, however – it is held at the Lower Austria Archive in St. Pölten and shows that his later working life was quite active. When he was 19, he was hired by the Genie-Directorium in Vienna on 1 December 1802 as a master builder of fortifications. He had become a Sappeur by 20 March 1803, and he began working as an Ingenieur Korpskadet at the same institution on 29 March 1805. He was promoted again soon thereafter, on 1 September 1807, to the position of an Oberlieutenant.50 This was the position he held in 1809 after his brother died and the French retreated from Vienna, when he was granted the post of professor at the Genie-Akademie, where he began teaching the same course as Heinrich Hatzinger: Bürgerliche Baukunst. He remained at the Academy for a relatively short time, until 1813, when Johann von Kudriačsky was appointed as the new professor for this course.51 Sources are unclear as to his reason for leaving, but it is possible that Paul Hatzinger decided to transfer to the civil service. Of course, the possibility cannot be excluded that, unlike his brother, he did not fulfill the quality conditions set forth by the military.

Throughout the next ten years, Paul Hatzinger worked at various public engineering posts...
in what were the most undeveloped and most distant provinces (from Vienna) in the Habsburg Monarchy at the time. Beginning on 4 January 1813, he was employed by the East Galicia Governorship in Lviv as a *Strassenbau-Adjunkt*. After five years, he was transferred to the town of Sambor in Galicia on 9 January 1818. His earliest surviving design is from that time – for a military barrack in the centre of this town. Only the floor plan has survived, so it is not known what the final design of this building looked like, i.e., what the stylistic characteristics of his works were during this period.

In September of the same year, he moved to the opposite end of the Habsburg Monarchy, to its southernmost province of Dalmatia, where on 22 September 1818 he received the prestigious position of *Baudirector* of the Dalmatian Government. He began his service on 4 January 1819 and remained there until 5 March 1823. Habsburg rule in Dalmatia, which Napoleon transferred from the hands of the Venetian Republic into Austrian control for the first time between 1797 and 1806, a fact which was later reconfirmed at the Vienna Congress in 1815, was still taking shape at the time. The Engineering Directorate (*Direzione del Genio/Baudirektion*), with Paul Hatzinger at the helm, was one of a number of new institutions formed as part of the Governorship of Dalmatia, which was headquartered in Zadar. He was the only Directorate employee in the beginning, however, 10 experts were employed there by 1822.

After moving to Zadar, Hatzinger was one of the few engineers in Dalmatia with more or less of an education, so he had the opportunity to work even despite the fact that a very small number of civil construction enterprises were undertaken due to the poverty of the province. Even the city of Zadar itself was a very small settlement at the
time, with around 5,000 citizens, so although it bore the title of capital of Dalmatia, not much construction work was being undertaken there.\(^{56}\)

Right after moving to Zadar, Hatzinger asked for a special room where he could design his works.\(^{57}\) The designs he made during this period prove him to be an extremely versatile and even quite talented architect who designed buildings, roads, channels, and water supply systems, and who drafted master plans and detailed maps of various parts of Dalmatia. While many documents regarding his work in Dalmatia have survived, most of his designs have been lost. The one that stands out among the rare surviving designs is that for the reconstruction of St Thomas’/Holy Cross Church in Zadar, which was transformed into an elementary school (1820). (Fig. 8) He tried to preserve this desacralized building as much as possible and to merely adapt it for educational purposes.\(^{58}\) It is not possible to determine whether he consciously cared for the monument or he simply limited construction works in order to save as much money as possible.

His next important surviving design, for which only the ground plan survives, was for a pre-trial detention facility in Zadar (1822), however, it was never built.\(^{59}\) The same is the case with his design for a new city water supply system.\(^{60}\)

The financial situation in the city also resulted in his extravagant design for an addition to the Archbishop’s Palace in Zadar being discarded. Located in the centre of the city, near the Romanesque cathedral and the Pre-Romanesque church of St Donat, this building was supposed to be rebuilt as a two-storey building with a protruding central avant-corps articulated with Ionic columns.\(^{61}\) (Fig. 9) The monumental Neoclassical articulation of the main façade was too costly for impoverished Dalmatia, so in the end a much simpler one storey building was constructed in the late 1820s. Though it never came to fruition, this design shows both Hatzinger’s talent and his adoption of the architectural language of Neoclassicism.

In addition to Zadar, Hatzinger also designed buildings in other Dalmatian towns. He worked on the Orthodox Seminary in Šibenik, however, his designs have not survived. Furthermore, he actively participated in solving a problem concerning the fate of the Duke’s Palace and Communal Palace in Split. It was his evaluation from January 1820 that resulted in the demolition of the majority of the complex of these Gothic palaces due to their extremely poor condition. He pointed out that the demolition of the buildings constituted an excellent opportunity for a larger-scale urban development, so he designed a spacious rectangular city square that was to represent a novelty in Split at the time. (Fig. 10) His designs have also survived for the addition of a loggia to the Armamenta building, which would have faced this square with wide, modest Neoclassical arches.\(^{62}\) (Fig. 11) Due to a lack of funds, these projects never came to fruition either.

Hatzinger left his deepest mark on Dalmatia in the area of pure engineering projects, mostly road construction. He worked on the designs for the road from Zadar through Obrovac and on towards Mali Alan and continental Croatia, one of the key transport projects of the Austrian government, which connected Dalmatia with the rest of the Habsburg Monarchy over the Velebit mountain range. The construction of this road began in 1819, and did not end until 1832. Hatzinger worked with Josip Kajetan Knežić,\(^{63}\) one of the most important bridge and road builders.
in Croatia and the Habsburg Monarchy. Hatzinger also worked on the construction of roads towards Kistanje and in Krivošije, as well as on the regulation of the courses of the Čikola and Krka rivers, also designing a watermill on the Krka river. Furthermore, he created a series of maps for the Neretva (1820) and Zadar (1821) areas, as well as a map of all Dalmatia by the order of Franz Josef Saurau, Austrian Minister of the Interior, in 1819.

Following a Royal decree issued on 5 March 1823, and after having spent four years in Dalmatia and accruing 20 years of working experience, he was appointed as Baudirector of Lower Austria. This was one of the most prestigious positions in the public civil engineering service in the Austrian Empire at the time. Vienna was the centre of Lower Austria, and the engineers from its Directorate for Civil Construction partially controlled public civil construction investments in Vienna itself, mostly in the suburbs (Vorstädte) and in the remainder of this spacious and one of the richest Austrian provinces. In the light of his new position, Paul Hatzinger also received a larger salary – 2,000 forints per year. But unlike Zadar, there was much stronger architectural competition in Lower Austria. He was no longer a member of a group of scarcely educated builders. At the time, the Viennese architectural scene was dominated by Pietro Nobile, Joseph Kornhäusel, and later by Paul Sprenger, so Hatzinger...
had only rare opportunities to express himself as an author.\textsuperscript{70}

His position required him to sign off on most designs, however, it is often impossible to determine how much he contributed to them even when they bear his signature.

As far as we know, the first building he worked on upon his return to Vienna was the Veterinary Institute (\textit{Thierheilinstitut}), a project on which he cooperated with engineer Johann Fischer.\textsuperscript{71} (\textit{Fig. 13}) This project is usually attributed to architect Johann Amann,\textsuperscript{72} however, as the designs for the building have not survived, it is impossible to firmly determine who their author was. The central building of this wide complex is a typical example of Neoclassical public architecture in the Habsburg Monarchy, with simply articulated lateral wings and with decoration concentrated in the central avant-corps, reduced only to simple grooves cut into the façade surface on the ground floor, and with shallow Tuscan pilasters on the second and third floor.

He also worked on designs for the building of the Institute for the Blind (\textit{Blindeninstitut}) in District 5 of the city of Vienna (Neubau) in 1829. (\textit{Fig. 14}) He signed this design together with engineer Joseph Rodlberger,\textsuperscript{73} so we can presume he had some influence over the design process. Even more than the Veterinary Institute, this building was an example of not only utilitarian understanding of architecture, but also of the aesthetics of austerity that had been deeply rooted in the architecture of the Monarchy since the state bankruptcy in 1811, which left an especially deep impact in the design of medical and military buildings.

A far more interesting stylistic design is that of the Court and prison building (modern \textit{Landesgerichtsgebäude}), which was designed in 1829 and built from 1831 to 1839, located alongside Vienna’s glacis in District 8 (Josefstadt), a structure representing one of the most monumental examples of pre-1850s public architecture in the city. (\textit{Fig. 15–17}) Its stylistic design and massive rustication make it an example of the Neoclassical interpretation of \textit{architecture parlante}, a type of architecture that speaks to its purpose through the use of architectural forms,
as promoted by Claude-Nicolas Ledoux. As with the other mentioned buildings, the issue exists as to whether Hatzinger played any part in its design or if Adjunkt Johann Fischer, to whom authorship is attributed and whose signature stands alongside Hatzinger’s on the surviving designs, was the sole author.

A similar problem with establishing authorship is found in church designs signed by Hatzinger, since other engineers’ or architects’ signatures also regularly appear on these designs. It was thus that Hatzinger signed a design (1830) in cooperation with Carl Pranter for the expansion of a parish church in Erdberg/Vienna from a single-nave to a triple-nave building. He also signed a design (1841) for a parish church in Obritz together with engineer Joseph Baumgartner, who was employed as architect in Baudirektion of Lower Austria at the time. The subject was again the expansion of an existing church and the construction of a new tower. The new main façade and the spire were very simple, following the aforementioned aesthetics of austerity and the Biedermeier type of Neoclassicism.

Although his design was not implemented, Hatzinger played an important part in the execution of the church of St John of Nepomuk in Leopoldstadt in Vienna (1841-1846), a key example of early Romanticism in the architecture of the Habsburg Monarchy. Many different designs were made as part of the preparations for the construction of this church, which lasted for years. These designs show what a turning point this was in the history of Viennese architecture – when Neoclassicism, after seven decades of dominance, began to retreat and gave way to the Romantic Rundbogenstil, and even to Gothic Revival.

The Albertina in Vienna holds a very large sheet of paper with designs dating from 1838 showing six different variants for the construction of this church, made by six separate architects: Carl Pranter, Paul Hatzinger, Johann Fischer, Carl Rösner, Alois Pichl, and Paul Sprenger. Due to the nature of the plot where the church was built, it is understandable that there are many similarities between these designs, but there are also differences. Pranter, Rösner, Pichl,
Fig. 16. Johann Fischer and possibly Paul Hatzinger: Court and prison building (Landesgerichtsgebäude), Vienna, Design for the main façade, 1829; Österreichisches Staatsarchiv, AT-OeStA/AVA PKF PS I 330

Fig. 17. Johann Fischer and possibly Paul Hatzinger: Court and prison building (Landesgerichtsgebäude), Vienna, Plan of the first floor, 1829; Österreichisches Staatsarchiv, AT-OeStA/AVA PKF PS I 330
and Sprenger designed triple-nave churches, while Fischer and Hatzinger designed single-nave ones. Furthermore, four of the architects, Pranter, Hatzinger, Fischer, and Pichl, planned on constructing a two-tower building, while Rösner and Sprenger foresaw a single-tower one.

The majority of the designs still relied stylistically in great part on the Neoclassical architectural tradition, except for Rösner’s and Sprenger’s, which clearly show the inroads being made by Rundbogenstil motifs.\(^8^0\)

Paul Hatzinger’s design relies on Neoclassical stylistic vocabulary. Although his was not one of the best designs for the church in Leopoldstadt, the originality of some of the solutions he applied cannot be denied. This mostly refers to the unusual form of the spires, which look like obelisks.

Hatzinger’s designs accommodated the church’s position to the plot, and the front façade to the street line. A slightly prominent portico articulated with four Egyptian columns and crowned with a triangular gable dominates the main façade. A large semi-circular window stands above the main portal, undoubtedly to provide for better illumination in the interior, as the church was built inside a row of buildings. The Barrel vaulted nave has walls articulated with pairs of full columns, while the apse is shallow and semi-circular.

The church in Leopoldstadt was finally built according to Carl Rösner’s design, and it marked a turning point in this architect’s career, who was to become one of the most important architects of sacral buildings in the Monarchy during the 1840s and 1850s.\(^3^1\)

Although Paul Hatzinger did not get the opportunity to express himself as the architect of this important building, several years later, the opportunity appeared for his appointment as Oberbaudirektor for Lower Austria after the death of Anton Robansch. The Vienna Court Chamber (Hofkanzlei) was opposed to this appointment, as it was of the opinion that Hatzinger was too old and too sick for such an important position. Furthermore, they thought he lacked both the energy and the character to head such an important body. A very unflattering review of his work at the time partially explains the small number of his preserved designs. It was highlighted that he was neither punctual nor neat, which had resulted in his removal from a commission for state building inspection in Vienna in 1832.\(^8^2\)

Although the proposal to appoint him as a provisional Hofbaurat instead of Oberbaudirektor was also rejected,\(^3^3\) due to savings and the fact that this position lacked engineers, he was still awarded this title for a short time in 1846 according to Austria’s Schematismus. This was, at the time, the most prestigious title in the Monarchy, then held by the aforementioned eminent architects of the first half of the nineteenth century, Peter Nobile and Paul Sprenger, and by less-known engineers Georg v. Frast and Ferdinand Ritter v. Mütis.\(^3^4\) After 1847, just one year later, he is no longer mentioned as a Hofbaurat, and is only mentioned as being taken into its service (Dienstleistung).\(^8^5\)

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he died, and information about his family is very scarce. The record of the deceased at the parish of St Anastasia in Zadar only reveals that his wife’s name was Anna née Ferro from Bonn, Germany. Their daughter Anna died in Zadar, but according to the aforementioned 1825 employment booklet, two living children remained. Data exists on only one child, his daughter Franziska Hatzinger (Vienna (?), 1814–?). She married Adolf Kasper (1809–1869), and their son Gusztaťáv Kasper (Vienna, 1843 – Budapest, 1915) continued the family tradition and became a builder. After studying at the Imperial and Royal Polytechnic Institute in Vienna, he took part in the war as an Austrian naval officer in Schleswig-Holstein in 1864, and in the war against Prussia. Then, in 1866, he worked on the construction of the Marseille waterfront, and after 1870 he lived in Budapest and worked for the Royal Railways.

**CONCLUSION**

The activity of the members of the Hatzinger family is an indicator of the extraordinary mobility of engineers in the Habsburg Monarchy in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, which led to a transfer of architectural language and form, creating a very similar type of stylistic expression in public architecture in all parts of the Monarchy usually referred to as Biedermaier Neoclassicism.
Like their contemporaries, they had to adapt to the economic potential of the space in which they worked and to the parameters set by contractors, which were mostly various state bodies. As they worked for public institutions and various civil engineering directorates, a large part of their work included administrative or pure engineering work, which resulted in the small number of their designs. However, due to the large number of places where the Hatzinger family members worked, the list of their projects certainly will not end with this text.

Finally, although they were not excellent builders for the most part, they represent an interesting indicator of the maintenance of the tradition of education in civil engineering within one family for a period spanning from the mid-eighteenth century to the late nineteenth century.89

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allhier in Wien, samt der über den Hauptfestungsgraben lei-
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