When Raget Kaufmann Abys & Co. Oberkriegskommissär Abys von Chur GR was born on March 16, 1790, in Chuy, Kyrgyzstan, his father, Abundi, was 30 and his mother, Regina, was 29. He married Regina Schmid von Grüneck in 1811. He died on September 16, 1861, in Bern, Switzerland, at the age of 71.

Birth
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16. März 1790 • Chur

Death of Father
His father Abundi passed away in 1810 at the age of 50.

1810
Marriage

Raget Kaufmann Abys & Co. Oberkriegskommissär Abys von Chur GR married Regina Schmid von Grüneck in 1811 when he was 21 years old.

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### Facts

- **Age 0 — Birth**
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  1810

- **Age 21 — Marriage**
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  **Regina Schmid von Grüneck**
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- **Age 71 — Death**
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### Family

#### Parents

- **Abundi Abys von Chur GR**
  1760–1810

- **Regina Schmid von Malans**
  1761–

#### Spouse

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### Sources
Translation:

**ABYS or ABYSS.** A Graubünden family, originally from Plurs. Hans Abis "uss dem ampt Plurss" is accepted as a citizen of the city of Chur in 1609 for 1609 on the Rhine. Guilders; he became the progenitor of a large family from which a number of important men emerged.

1. **Johannes** Dr. med., 1614-97, a great benefactor of the Canton of Graubünden. Studied medicine in Padua, then entered the service as a field doctor in Spain and earned a considerable fortune. After his return home he was a physician in Bad Pfäfers from 1646 to 1676. He had seven children. After everyone had died before him, he bequeathed significant sums to the Evangelical Synod, Pastor Chur and the Reformed churches in the paritarian parishes Almens, Stalla, Zizers, Mastrils and Untervaz. The hospital in Maienfelder had to give 60 liters of wine every year until he died. The most important of his legacies, however, was that for the establishment of a Collegium philophicum, i. H. a higher school for the youth of both denominations in Graubünden. In 1699 the school started its activities with 19 students in Chur in the east wing of the former Nikolaikloster. The students' matriculation in the federal cantonal library and the school regulations contained in the matriculation offer a good insight into the furnishings of the college. Initially, the college's visit was a pleasant one. Chur and the Engadin supplied most of the students. Soon after it was founded, however, the institution faced all sorts of difficulties. First there were disagreeable disputes with the Abys’s heirs, then with the debtors and finally with the clergy about collateral and supervisory rights. It was therefore fortunate for the college to be connected to the newly established canton school in 1803. —2. **Raget,** Colonel, 16.III. 1790 - 16 IX. 1866. Son of Abundi Abys. He first devoted himself to the commercial profession and was a Zietlang head of Abys & Comp. in Chur. As early as 1809 he was given the rank of quartermaster in the Grisons militia. In 1812 he became a captain in the federal General Staff. 1815-22 he became a captain in the federal General staff. From 1815-22 he was captain quartermaster in a royal Dutch Swiss regiment, and from 1826-1831 he was a colonel in the federal war commissioner with senior rank. As such he gained the full satisfaction of General Dufour, who made it known to him by a flattering handwritten testimony and afterwards gave him many proofs of respect and affection. As a civil servant in his home canton, he was canton notary in 1812 and city bailiff in...
Chur from 1834-39; 1846-47 he was the ambassador of the Grisons in the Diet. He died in Bern.

—[3.] ARTHUR ABYS-LOTZ, Architect and architecture tower, Dec. 15, 1861, Sep. 23, 1901, attended the technical university in Munich under Prof. Thiersch and then took up a position at Boldt and Frings in Düsseldorf, who employed him independently on various monumental buildings. In 1888 he moved there to Bern about where he was in the federal Building partner and as an architect he was employed. Busy in his leisure hours he did watercolor painting architecture and marine life. Buried in Muri near Bern, His Wife Ana died 1861 in Basel, trained in Paris to painting and painted portraits in pastels and oil.

[Sources summarized here:]


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The 16th d. As already known, M. has snatched an official from the federal administration who, although not as high as the Curulian honorary degree, has developed an important practical effect from his busy bureau. This latter, quite apart from the man's turbulent and individually manifold interesting life, justifies a somewhat lengthy look back at the career of the former federal. Obcrst War Commissioner. Colonel Raget Abys was born in Chur on March 16, 1790. According to family tradition, he is said to have been the descendant of a Venetian noble family a liiss who emigrated to Graubünden in the Middle Ages. For us, this genealogical conjecture has, all the more so, since almost every Graubündner has his / her line of some sort derived from a medieval robbery castle, far less worth than the certainty established by the birth tables that Abys was an eighth child from Chur, and the further fact that, with all the virtues and flaws of such a man, he has become a complete Manu. Furthermore, it cannot be our intention to provide a comprehensive picture of the deceased's life and a complete register of his life's fates in the small space of a daily sheet of paper. We will therefore limit ourselves to looking at the entire effectiveness of this and to
describe it in a few essential aspects. This effectiveness can be divided fairly clearly into a cantonal and a federal one, on the latter, however, a nine-year service in the Swiss government v. Spokesman in the Netherlands may have had a decisive influence. In his cantonal Wirkung Skreisewar Abys Businessman and statesman. As a businessman, he was the head of the Abys u. Comp [Abys & Company], trading company in Chur. It seems that his business knowledge and hard work in this field was greater than his luck. For while, on the one hand, capable men who have developed under him still gratefully appreciate the formative influence of the AbyS school

Realize, on the other hand, he did not get dry enough from trading that he later preferred the limited but sure receipt of an admittedly honorable federal government over the fluctuating opportunities of trading and in the end actually died without leaving any fortune. He did better with his public career. It would lead too far to enumerate all the offices entrusted to him by his hometown, which appeared to the respectable guild aristocrats from the time of the "wise gentlemen" in supernatural splendor, while the secular modern age sees in them instead of Roman magistrates only inconspicuous parish councils. He closed his municipal official carrivre as - • we almost said consul - as mayor (1843 - 1847). And he could boast, Abys become part. Even now the ruins left over from that great time do not tire, with significant things

Nodding in devout reverence to witness how Abys knew how to direct the citizens' assemblies in front of everyone, as he never commanded them other than at penance, and how, as soon as all the obedient shepherds were together in the hall, all doors open to his ruler's word slept, so that no one could go there, thus taming the centrifugal force of the Malixerschoppcn through the centrifugal force of the Abys shy command. The Chur Gcmüthlichkit and the town council room should Abys, o faithful memory he has kept for them until they are full of life, do not rattle off. Relationships and inclinations drove him to another field. As mayor of Ehur he was elected several times in the Buudncrischen Great Council. This choice was decisive for his later position in life, because it helped him first of all to a federal political significance and subsequently became the bridge to the federal government through his appointment as a member of the Bundestag parliamentary statute (1847). Oberskrigstömmissariat. Some may see the
Obstkrigskommiffariat as the highest level of success of our Abys and in some respects, especially when it comes to positive professional performance, with Stecht. As a character and a person in general, however, his political effectiveness reached the zenith of his life. It was the stormy and pressing years of the Freischaaren- and SonderbundSzcit that drove him to the political arena, and he grasped the current of the times with all his peculiar energy. His position as a member of the Grand Council, for a Grand Council at that time was not yet a mere administrative authority, gave him reason to prove himself to be one of those specific liberals of the regeneration period who are now becoming increasingly rare. Abys was what can only be said, a quaint liberal. He did not shy away from taking the lead, where, at him, outstanding, like-minded people with eight covenant prudence and caution were only active with good spirits, but otherwise remained carefully in the background. So it happened that Abys soon received a recognized political party name and, when the Great Council raised it to the high mission of an official representative of the canton in the struggles of principles of the 1840s with 31 to 30 votes against the conservative candidate after a hot election, it easily asserted it. As a member of the day, he was as little afraid of representing Graubünden in a radical sense as he was as a Grand Councilor, and in doing so he probably contributed a great deal to that Graubünden joined the liberal estates. This is his greatest service in principle to the Hcimat canton, as well as to the rest of the fatherland, the Confederation. (The end follows.)
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