

# Proofreading Exercise



I had heard stories about these Chieftains, or Princes, since I had been a teenager. While I had long wanted to write about the 7 chieftains, something always stopped me.

For many summers, when I went to Hungary with my family, we would go to the Hoshok (Heroes) square in the centre of Budapest. In Heroes Square, there are huge, life-sized statues of the seven horsemen.

It is a major tourist attraction that has statues of all our Hungarian Kings, dating from 1000 ad, in a Roman style arcade. Standing in the middle of the square, in a separate grouping, are the seven princes. They are the central focus of the square. Each statue was made of bronze, now aged to a soft green colour.

Each prince has on full chain mail armor over leather tunics. The headgear is unusual, a combination of jeweled warrior's helmet and aboriginal-style feathers. I am sure these statues must have inspired Tolkien for some of The Lord of the Rings, because they look like the rulers of Middle Earth.

I was told that under communism it was illegal to have a name linked to nobility. My great grandfather changed the spelling of our surname, but I later learned that our name is a derivative of that of an ancient Magyar Prince's name, one of the seven founders of Hungary in 896AD.