

Levočská biela pani

Something from her life:

Her name was Juliana Korponaiová Géciová . She was a Hungarian noblewoman. She was born in 1680 and died in 1714. She get married to Jan Komponai and had had son Gabriel. She lived in Banska Bystrica. She wa lover of Štefan Andráših. She was arrested and charged with espionage and treason, and imprisoned at Červený Kameň Castle. She was executed at the market in Rab on September 25, 1714.

Legend (transversely and also a bit from a historical point of view):

At that time, Levoča was besieged by the Austrian Imperial Army. The Kurucs, who were mercenaries in the troops of the insurgent anti-Habsburg nobility, fought against it. They fought on the side of Juraj Rákoczi, Imrich Thököly, or Francis II. Rákoczi. The main heroine of the story is Juliana Korponayova. She came from Oždiane, but spent her girls' years in the village of Hronsek, where her family owned a manor house. She was the daughter of Zsigmond Ghéczy - an enthusiastic revolutionary and colonel of the bodyguard, Count Imrich Tököly. Juliana follows her husband János Korponaya, also a kuruca, to Levoča. She comes here not only as the wife of one of the Kuruk commanders, but also as a spy of the enemy imperial army. She betrays her husband and the city intends for her son. For him, he asks the emperor for a noble title and property. In order to have the right information, she seems to be the mistress of the highest Kuruk commander, István Andrassy, to whom he later steals the keys to the door of the underground corridor leading from the city behind the walls. They live in the neighborhood and meet secretly, through the internal entrances that connected the houses. She is assisted in the betrayal by the mayor's daughter Kristína. Together they let the imperial army into the city through a secret underground entrance, located in the castle house. Betrayal is revealed. Juliana's husband leaves her, disgraced by her embezzlement. At that time, the emperor died, promising Juliana a reward for betraying Levoča. The beautiful Juliana arrives at his death bed late. Her merits are forgotten. Instead of a reward, she is prosecuted when she goes to her father in disappointment and joins the Kurucs. She is accused of treason, imprisoned on the Red Stone and finally executed by beheading in Győr.

Copies of documents relating to Juliana Korponay have been preserved in the Hungarian State Archives - a transcript of the interrogation, her will and letters written in prison, and an excerpt from the book of the dead, with the date and place of her execution and burial. Juliana Korponay's grave has not been preserved.

My view:

No one knows exactly what happened but one thing is for sure that Juliana Korponaiová Géciová really lived. Some peple are saing that the ghost of Jusiana is somewhere in Banske Bystrici. They said that they saw her ghost, but I dont believe

in ghosts. There are some pictures on the internet that they caught her on camera, but today isn't very hard to take a photo of a woman in old white clothes and Photoshop it so it looks like it was real. However, if it's real, then it's really creepy.

