

THE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY HORTENSIA COSMA-GOGA DURING HER TIME AS AN IMMIGRANT IN ITALY (1917 - 1919) FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF GREATER ROMANIA

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Abstract. *In January 1917, Maria and Partenie Cosma emigrated to Italy accompanied by their daughters, Lucia and Hortensia, in the context of the latest developments in the Romanian war front. From there, Hortensia Cosma-Goga, would inform her husband - who was a part of the Romanian political elite preparing Romania's participation in the Peace Conference - of the pro-Romanian, pro-Hungarian, and pro-Serbian political views concerning the future of Greater Romania's western border.*

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Hortensia was Partenie and Maria Cosma's third child.¹ Born in Sibiu, in 1880, she would also pass away in the town on the Cibin River, in 1965. The same as her elder sisters, she was educated to become a member of the then-current Romanian elite. More so given that her father was the executive director of *Albina* Bank in Sibiu, the first and most important Romanian-owned bank in Transylvania during the Austrian-Hungarian era,² while her mother was the niece of Miron Romanul, the Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church in Transylvania (1874 - 1898).³

Hortensia Cosma-Goga was educated by a governess (private tutor). Before starting primary school, she already had private tutors to study piano and to learn foreign languages (Hungarian, German, English) and the ballroom dances of the

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¹ The other children were: Lucia, born in 1875, in Beiuș (d. 1972, in Sibiu), Minerva (b. 1878, in Sibiu - d. 1957, in Sibiu), and the twins Romulus (b. 1888, in Sibiu - d. 1891, in Sibiu) and Remus (b. 1888, in Sibiu - d. 1958, in Sibiu).

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³ Ion Itu, *Lucia Cosma – destinul unei artiste*, Ed. Muzicală, Bucharest, 1976, pp. 13-16.