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Hazrat Abul Fārūq Sulaymān Hilmi Tunahan Quddisah Sirruhu (May Allah sanctify his soul) Silistrawī was born in 1888 (1305 AH) in the village of Ferhatlar, from the town of Hazargrad (today called Razgrad) in the province of Silistra, which today lies within the borders of Bulgaria. His father, Hocasāde (Khawaja zādah)** Osman Fevzi (Fawzi) Efendi (1845-1928) was a well-known Dars Al- Ām*** of the time who completed his studies in Istanbul. He taught, for many years at Satirli and Hacı Ahmed Pasa (Hacı Ahmed Pasha) Madāris. His mother was Hatice (Khadijah) Hanim****. His grandfather Mahmūd Efendi passed away near the age of 110. He was known as Kaymak Hafiz.

*Silsilah Sādāt literally means the chain of the masters. It is a term used to describe the mashāyikh in the Naqshibandī order.

** Hocasāde (as in its Turkish spelling) is a Persian compound which literally means son of a scholar.

*** A term used for scholars during the reign of Ottomans who specialize in most branches of Islamic sciences.

**** A word used to address ladies, in Turkish.