

Estate of Joseph Sample

Client their ref contact/PT DE4367 EM

Died 27 Apr 2016

Open 8 Jul 2017

Completed and Certified Indented Family Tree of 28 Jun 2022

Precise of instructions Intestacy full proofs \$900,000

Juraj Sample¹

aka Jure Sample²

born c 1862 Velika Solina Glina CROATIA

died 16 Feb 1910 Velika Solina Glina CROATIA³

married⁵

born c 1863 Mala Solina Glina CROATIA

died 2 Nov 1913 Velika Solina Glina CROATIA⁴

6 children⁶

1 Ivan Sample

born 21 Jun 1893 Velika Solina (Viduševac parish) Glina CROATIA⁷

died 14 Aug 1893 Velika Solina (Viduševac parish) Glina CROATIA⁸

END

2 Kata Sample

born 29 Aug 1894 Velika Solina (Viduševac parish) Glina CROATIA⁹

died 9 Jul 1957 Gušće CROATIA¹⁰

married 9 Oct 1921 Gušće CROATIA¹¹

Gjuro **Brkanac**¹²

aka Gjuro **Brkanec**¹³

aka Duro **Brkanac**¹⁴

1 child¹⁵

¹ According to his death certificate.

² According to birth certificates of his children Ivan, Josip, Mara, and Bara.

³ Copy of burial register obtained from Croatian researcher from Croatian State Archive in Sisak **TRANSLATED**

⁴ Copy of burial register obtained from Croatian researcher from Croatian State Archive in Sisak **TRANSLATED**.

⁵ **NOT LOCATED** According to email 20 May 2020 from Sisak Archive, they were not married in Viduševac (the parish that includes the village of Velika Solina where their known children were born). According to email 30 Nov 2021 from the Croatian researcher, there was no record of the marriage in the nearby parish of Šišinec 1878 to 1893 (which includes the village of Gušće, where some later family went to live). According to email 6 Dec 2021 from Croatian researcher, parish of Glina was also searched. Searches were also conducted on Family Search in the records of several surrounding parishes. No record of Jure and Jaga in the Status Animarum ("Book of Souls") for the village of Velika Solina, or anywhere in the parish of Viduševac for the 1860s-1890s.

⁶ According to email 30 Apr 2020 from Sisak Archive, Croatia, there were five children identified in the church records of Viduševac parish. The Croatian researcher found one more.

⁷ Certificate obtained from Croatian State Archive in Sisak.

⁸ Copy of burial register from Croatian researcher from Croatian State Archive in Sisak **TRANSLATED**.

⁹ Copy of burial register from Croatian researcher from Croatian State Archive in Sisak **TRANSLATED**

¹⁰ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher. Note that father's name is given as Stjepan, which is not correct, but her date of birth matches, and her birth certificate noted her date of death.

¹¹ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher.

¹² Spelling of name according to Kata's death certificate.

¹³ Name according to their marriage certificate.

¹⁴ According to the death certificate of his son Josip.

2.1 Josip Brkanec¹⁶
aka Josip Brkanac¹⁷
born 26 Jul 1922 Gušće CROATIA¹⁸
died 14 Apr 2017 Popovaca CROATIA¹⁹

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3 Josip Sample

born 6 Nov 1897 Velika Solina (Viduševac parish) Glina CROATIA²⁰
died 26 Oct 1973 Lekenik CROATIA²¹
married 23 Jan 1921 Peščenica CROATIA²²
Ana Dumbović

3 children²³

3.1 Franjo Sample

born 1 Aug 1927 Lekenik CROATIA²⁴
died 21 Feb 1991 Sisak CROATIA²⁵

END

3.2 Kata Sample

born 2 Jul 1932 Lekenik CROATIA²⁶
died 21 Sep 2010 Zagreb CROATIA²⁷
married 23 Nov 1951 Lekenik CROATIA²⁸
Stjepan **Pirc**

END

3.3 Ivan Sample

born 26 Sep 1936 Lekenik CROATIA²⁹
died 4 Jun 2003 Zagreb CROATIA³⁰

END

4 Mara Sample

born 30 Mar 1900 Velika Solina (Viduševac parish) Glina CROATIA³¹
died 8 Jul 1979 Zagreb CROATIA³²
married 6 Dec 1952 Zagreb CROATIA³³
Rudolf **Duiber**

END

no children³⁴

¹⁵ According to email 3 Nov 2021 from Croatian researcher, they searched the Croatian Registry Office database and found only one child to Kata Sample.
¹⁶ According to his birth certificate.
¹⁷ According to his death certificate.
¹⁸ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher.
¹⁹ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher.
²⁰ Certificate obtained from Croatian State Archive in Sisak.
²¹ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher **TRANSLATED**
²² Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher **TRANSLATED**
²³ According to email 3 Nov 2021 from Croatian researcher, they searched the Croatian Registry Office database and found 3 children.
²⁴ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher.
²⁵ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher.
²⁶ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher.
²⁷ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher.
²⁸ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher.
²⁹ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher.
³⁰ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher.
³¹ Certificate obtained from Croatian State Archive in Sisak **TRANSLATED**
³² Scan of certificate obtained from Croatian researcher.
³³ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher **TRANSLATED**

5 Bara Sample³⁵

aka Barica Sample³⁶

born 30 Jan 1903 Velika Solina (Viduševac parish) Glina CROATIA³⁷

died 26 May 1986 Zagreb CROATIA³⁸

partnered **a**

Unknown

partnered **b**

Unknown

2 children³⁹

5.1a Viktorija Sample

END

born 5 Feb 1929 Zagreb CROATIA⁴⁰

died 23 Jun 2015 Gornja Pusca CROATIA⁴¹

not married⁴²

5.2b Josip Sample⁴³

aka Joseph Sample⁴⁴

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born 20 Mar 1934 Zagreb CROATIA⁴⁵

died 27 Apr 2016 WA⁴⁶

married **a** 20 Mar 1960 TAS⁴⁷

divorced 8 May 1970 TAS⁴⁸

Elyse Pearson

partnered **b**

Kerrie Smith

1 child⁴⁹

5.2b.1b Robin James Smith

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born 15 Jun 1970 TAS⁵⁰

Andrew Jones

adopted out 29 Apr 1971 TAS⁵¹

³⁴ According to email 25 Oct 2021 from Croatian researcher, Ljubica Sample (the widow of 2.3) said that Mara had a son called Ivan Duimber. The researcher has not been able to verify this with the Croatian Registry Office, or the graveyards where Mara is buried (records of maintenance of the grave would indicate next of kin), and there is no probate file for Mara. Note that Mara was 52 years old when she married and unlikely to have had a child.

³⁵ According to her birth and death certificates.

³⁶ According to deceased's birth certificate

³⁷ Certificate obtained from Croatian State Archive in Sisak.

³⁸ Certificate obtained from Zagreb registry **TRANSLATED**

³⁹ According to Croatian researcher FB.

⁴⁰ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher. **FATHER NOT NAMED**

⁴¹ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher.

⁴² Her death certificate is registered under her birth name and there are no details of a spouse. According to report 9 Feb 2022 from Croatian researcher TR, the Zagreb Graveyard Company confirmed that the upkeep fee for her gravesite is paid by Social Services, which indicates no close family is around to pay the fee.

⁴³ According to his birth and marriage certificates.

⁴⁴ According to his death certificate.

⁴⁵ Certificate obtained from Croatian researcher. **FATHER NOT NAMED**

⁴⁶ Certificate obtained from client.

⁴⁷ Certificate obtained from TAS BDMS.

⁴⁸ Certificate (decree nisi dated 7 Feb 1970) obtained from TAS Supreme Court

⁴⁹ No issue QLD BDMS letter of 11 Jul 2017. No child born in NSW - email from BDMS on 12 Jul 2016. No children given on the death certificate of the deceased. No children of the marriage to Elyse Pearson - letter from the Supreme Court of Tasmania dated 26 Jun 2017. No children of the marriage according to the decree nisi dated 7 Feb 1968. One son according to Lynne Brown, friend, in a telephone conversation with Liz Matthews of Macbeths on 12 Jul 2016 - possibly also a daughter but Lynne was not so certain about this. Two other children according to Andrew Jones in his telephone conversation with Sue McBeth on 18 May 2017, although when pushed, he was not certain.

⁵⁰ According to the copy adoption papers provided by Andrew Jones.

⁵¹ According to the copy adoption papers provided by Andrew Jones.

6 Ana Sample

END

born 21 Oct 1906 Velika Solina (Viduševac parish) Glina CROATIA⁵²

died 26 Sep 1907 Velika Solina (Viduševac parish) Glina CROATIA⁵³

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Mrs Ljubica Sample

Widow of cousin Ivan Sample (3.3)

Mrs Sample provided information to the Croatian researcher regarding the rest of the family.
address

CROATIA

Family form

END OF TREE

⁵² Certificate obtained from Croatian State Archive in Sisak.

⁵³ Record obtained from Croatian researcher from Croatian State Archive in Sisak **TRANSLATED**

APPENDIX

The Deceased's mother came from the village of Velika Solina. The village is tiny, and is now part of the municipality of Glina, in Sisak-Moslavina county, Croatia.

During the 1800s in Croatia, birth, death and marriage records were maintained by the church. The Sample family were Roman Catholic. The village of Velika Solina did not have its own Roman Catholic church, but was part of the parish of **Viduševac** aka **Gornij Viduševac**.

The older (pre-1900) birth, death and marriage records are now held at archives. The births of 6 children to the grandparents, Jure Sample and Jaga Gloc were found in the church records of Viduševac. The marriage of Jure Sample and Jaga Gloc was not found in Viduševac parish. Their death records did not state when or where they married, but did indicate that both were born within the parish of Viduševac (Jure in Velika Solina, Jaga in Mala Solina). None of the children's birth records mentioned where their parents married. Generally speaking, in Catholic records for the time in Croatia, if the parents were not married, this would have been noted on the children's baptisms, in that they would be stated to be "illegitimate." As there were no notations on their baptisms to this effect, we can be fairly certain the parents were married.

Sometimes birth/baptismal records have a notation about the person's marriage date and place. A Croatian researcher searched for the grandparents' births in the Viduševac birth registers, but found no record of them there.

The available parish registers for some neighbouring villages/parishes have also been searched for the grandparents' marriage, without success. Searches were done from 1879 to 1893 (from age about 15 or 16 to the year of birth of their first known child).

Parishes/towns searches:

- Šišinec
- Gornja Bucica
- Velika Golina
- Peščenica
- Kravarsko
- Pokupsko
- Gora
- Petrinja
- Topusko
- Komarevo Gornje
- Mala Solina
- Glina

The records for some of the neighbouring parishes do not appear to be held by the central archives of Croatia, the state archive in Sisak, or online genealogy databases. It is possible that some records no longer exist.

Another source of information about families is the Status Animarum ("Book of Souls"). This is a type of census maintained by the parish priest, which names all residents of the parish, including details such as dates and places of their births, deaths, marriages, and children, and sometimes moves to other parishes/locations. For the parish of Viduševac, there appear to be two sets of books of relevance for this case, one for 1863 onwards, one for 1894 onwards. The Sample family were not mentioned in these records for the village of Velika Solina, nor for any of the other settlements in the Vidusevac parish. Nor were Jure Sample or Jaga Gloc mentioned as part of their families of origin.

None of Joseph Sample's cousins have survived, so family cannot be asked about the details. However, information about the Sample family was provided by Mrs Ljubica Sample, who was married to Ivan Sample, a cousin of Joseph Sample. There was no indication from the information she provided that there were any earlier children born before 1893. She was not willing to complete a Next of Kin form or some other written declaration. However, the Croatian researcher has signed a statement relating to the information about the family that he obtained from her in several telephone conversations he had with her.

END OF Appendix
END OF TREE AND REPORT

NOTES

Above is a sample report. It would normally consist of documentary evidence of every event. I have not done so in this sample as the events are fictitious.

Instructions from the client is as simple as “find the statutory next-of-kin” with the inclusion of the death certificate of the deceased, their authority to act in the estate and any addition information they might have. Often our starting point is a death certificate.

The onus on the probate genealogist is to know the relevant legislations to be able to do so in Aus and NZ jurisdictions.

The **final report** includes all evidence (certificates) obtained about the family and numbered to reflect the footnote of the event they support. Depending on the research there may be appendices with additional supporting information.

Most clients require a **distribution schedule**. This is merely a list of beneficiaries with the fraction of their entitlement.

I do **certify** our work which I do not wish to share. The certification discusses methodology, issues during the research and legal matters. This document alerts the client to issues in the research which I disclose to cover our research. It also allows the client to assess the risk.