

GENEALOGY OF FAMILY ŽARKOVIĆ

Žarko Mrkšić, from which the whole clan was named, is a son of Mrkša Mrkšić.

Mrkša Mrkšić was a nobleman and rector at the time of Emperor Dušan, as the legend says, in the area which today covers city Kosjerić with its surroundings. Except Žarko, he also had a son Petar, but we do not have precise information about his family tree.

Žarko, son of Mrkša Mrkšić, was married to Teodora Dejanović, niece of Emperor Dušan. He was the guardian of the Zeta and the guardian of the imperial seal of the Emperor Dušan, and later of emperor Uroš. They had a son and they gave him a name Mrkša. Žarko was killed when Nedeljko Altomanović attempted to assassinate princ Lazar. Princ Lazar was wounded, but God providence saved him from death, while his faithful followers and Žarko were killed.

Left his son Mrkša Žarković, which had only ten. He was growing up in a house of Dejanović's, his uncle's house. It should be noted that he grew up with his sister, her name was Jelena, daughter of Konstantin Dejanović. Jelena later becomes Byzantine Empress. She suffered the most dramatic days of the Byzantine Empire. She ended her life as a nun, under the monastery name Ipomonija. She has been included in saints, her holy relics, can be found in the Saint Patapija monastery over the ancient Greek city Korint.

Mrkša as a Serbian nobleman ruled parts of the former Serbian Empire, cities Valona, Berat, Kanina and Pirc, to the south of present Albania until his death in 1414. He was married to Ruđina (1391), daughter of Balša II. Empress Jelena, wife of Emperor Dušan Nemanjić, was to Ruđina born aunt, and Bulgarian Emperor Asen, was a born uncle to her. Mrkša and Ruđina had eight male children. Their youngest son was named Žarko.

Žarko came to Pivska area (Nedajno). Žarković's remain here to this day, resisting all temptations, keeping alive all traditions and memories and material evidence about their family. Also was saved a lot of documents, books, and even mace and sword which were belonged to Žarko I., a general of Emperor Dušan till the 1942. when occupying army revenging for patriotic feelings and actions of capable members of family, and partly because of historical value, took away or destroyed a good part of this treasure. We hope that it will again be found and that will adorn refurbished and new endowment of this Christian, aristocratic family with its priceless and beauty.

FAMILY FOUNDATION

We can certainly say that this family on their historical journey from ancient times until now ,left behind significant seals which are of great importance for the spiritual and the cultural life.

Monastery Mrkša's Church is dedicated to the Lord's Ascension. It was built by Mrkša Mrkšić . Construction of the monastery began in 1335. and was consecrated in 1342. At the monastery was founded in printing, where were four Gospels printed in 1562. It is preserved and located in the Imperial Museum in Petrograd , in which is also a Flower Triod (1566) kept , and some other books printed in this printer. Initiative for the restoration of this church started in 2005. Competent Bishop Žički, G. Hrizostom had made a decision in 2009: **'Monastery Vaznesenja Gospodnjeg- Mrkša's Church in Kosjerić will be renew'** .

Church St. Jovan Krstitelj in Nedajno , is today in use.

Church dedicated to birth of St. Jovan in Hrasno, Hercegovina.

Church St. Nikolaj in Srđevići, Gacko.

Church in Dubovo, Kopaonik.

FRATERNITY ACTIVITIES

Fraternity Žarković was founded by Board , made the statute in 2004. in gathering of fraternity in Trebinje and is registered as a legal body. For the first president of the fraternity was elected Dragutin Žarković . Also is registered seal, emblem , flag and anthem of Brotherhood. Councils are held each year and each one at the other place, which is important in life of Žarković family. On gathering they discuss issues of importance to the family and its progress , as well as community , and for each individual member.

PERSONALITIES (THE RESPECTABLE)

As in the glorious past, we have also today distinguished and God blessed, talented brothers, daughters, and sons from great-great father Žarko. Here are some of them. We consider them as much important as those who are not mentioned , they were probably for their services , more present in public life and possibly personally known to those who will read these lines with love and interest.

from church office:

MOJSIJE- archimandrite, a longtime abbot of the imperial Nemanjica laura, sacred monasteries Hilandar. +2010

TEOFAN- monk at the monastery Ostrog.

MIROPIJA- nuns in the monastery Grnčarica.

in secular life:

MILUTIN- prince in Gacko, 18. century.

MITAR- prince in Gacko, 18. century.

PERO- from Hrasna, participated in the battle of Nevesinje and Vučji Dol, carried the banner of King Nikola, and at the end of the battle personally handed him over to the king.

MARKO- was the protector of the king Nikola Petrović. After that he moved to America where he became a senior police officer, then became an officer of the USA army and was rewarded with several high honors, even with the Order of Queen Elizabeth and Order of the Legion of Honor. Spoke eight languages.

VLADO- he was building a road from Kosovska Mitrovica over Mateševo, Lijeva Reka, Podgorica, Cetinje, to Budva. Along the way he dug a tunnel, which is considered a masterpiece for that time (30. XX century).

LAZAR- first, after Belgrade introduced the electrification of the city. Set up power plant on Ibar, which started to work seven days after Belgrade power plant.

BOŽO- Admiral of the Navy, NOR memorials holder.

PERO- revolutionary, pilot , ambassador, officer, has two children, an medical doctors, named Milos and Jasmina. and a world renowned medical expert.

VIDOJE- soldier, memorials holder, diplomat and President of SFRJ Presidency . Has two children.

MILORAD- studied gymnasium. NOR participant. Elected the first President of the National Youth.

BOŽO- soldier, Aviation General, has three children.

GOJKO- soldier, diplomat , has two children.

MIROSLAV- soldier, officer and politically active as an advisor to senior state officials.

DRAGOJE-become Ph.D. in Economics in the 25. of his life. Received recognition from the world's scientists in the field of economics for the dissertation. Has two children. His daughter Mira become PhD in medical science in record time. Taught in Japan at Tokyo Medical University, a world recognized expert in cancer disease.

MIHAILO- Admiral, has two children.

LJUBO- NOR participant, Master of Law, publicist, actively participate in scientific conferences on history, on which outputs and very valuable work. Has three highly educated children.

MILENKO- academician, one highly educated child.

STEVAN- soldier, officer, NOR memorials holder. Has three highly educated children.

JOVAN- soldier, NOR memorials holder, retired Colonel. Has two highly educated children.

DANILO- lawyer, has two highly educated children.

DRAGUTIN- graduated from university, written charter of fraternity and first president of brotherhood Parliament.

MILAN- lives in Zemun, Ph.D. Has three highly educated children.

BORO- Ph.D. in Medical science. Professor at the medical university in France. One child.

LAZAR- architect, has two highly educated children, was director of Belgrade construction.

RADOMAN- doctor, Ph.D. in Medical science, has two children.

VASILIJE- Ph.D. in Economics. One highly educated child.

BLAGOTA- Director of the Patent Office.

NOVICA- Director of Naftagas.

and many Žarkovi descendants, who was, and still oblige our family and our people with their exemplary work and life, whose good works shall see god and bless them and us and all the people of God, forever and ever. Amen.