

The Australian Women's Register

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Zaknich, Marija Kolinac

(1924 - 2009)

Born 23 August, 1924, Blato Croatia

Died 30 March, 2009

Summary

Marija migrated to Broken Hill, New South Wales, from Croatia in 1961.

Details

Marija Zaknich was the daughter of Franko Kolinac and Kata Tabajin, and sister to Petar and Jakica. Marija's father left Blato in 1928 to find work in Western Australia, and to send money home. For twenty years he worked at Brunswick Junction living in a tent before returning to Croatia in 1948. His son Petar was killed during World War Two.

On 22 May 1961, Marija bid farewell to her parents and sailed for Australia on the *Orsova* with her two daughters, Katica (Katie) and Merica (Maria). Marija would be reunited with her husband, Tony Zaknich, after six years apart. The family settled in Broken Hill, New South Wales, where Tony was working and living with his parents. Within two years, Marija had given birth to twin boys, Anthony and Frankie.

Published resources

Book

Sharing the Lode: The Broken Hill Migrant Story, Adams, Christine, 2004

Site Exhibition

Unbroken Spirit: Women in Broken Hill, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2009,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/bh/bh-home.html>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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