

Where was the priest Marko Mesić buried?

Abstract

The priest Marko Mesić died on February 2nd, 1713 in Karlobag, but the question about the place of his grave is not completed until today. In his will, year and a half before he died, he wrote that his desire was to be buried in Mušaluk, where he built the church in honor of his guardian St. Marcus. But all of that supports the opinion that he was buried in Karlobag, the place where he died. There is no evidence for some beliefs that he was buried in the St. Joseph Capuchins Church in Karlobag. The most credible opinion, but not completely certain, that priest Marko was buried in the old St. Carl Borromeo Church. When this church was demolished and the new one was built, the one which exists today, the body of the priest Marko was embalmed and transferred to the new church. In the shrine of this church, on the main crypt, there is an inscription (1771) which signifies when that transfer was.

Since this church was partially demolished in 1957, the remains of the priest Marko were transferred to a crypt at the old cemetery, next to the church and beside the Capuchin crypt. This means that the liberator's bones were not thrown into the sea or built in the concrete shore after partially demolishing St. Carl Church in Karlobag because of moderating the curve on the Adriatic road which was built then.

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