

# CHEST AND ITS OWNERS

## SUMMARY

Chests have been used for centuries to transport part of the dowry, as it was common at the time for the bride to bring almost all the household equipment to the marriage.

On November 21, 2018, the author of this article donated a chest that is exactly one hundred years old to the Museum of Slavonia in Osijek. The article describes the path of the chest and its owner, Franciska Fertner from Apatin, who came to Osijek in 1918 after she married Franjo Folk. The article summarizes the life and sufferings of one of Osijek's most significant pre-war families of German origin. It was

written based on family knowledge and family archives. With the emigration of Franciska Folk to Germany in 1967, the chest came to Munich and after her death in 1978 it became the property of her daughter Edita and later grandson Erwin, who donated it to the Museum of Slavonia in 2018 after being family owned for a hundred years. Consequently, the chest returned to Osijek after 50 years.

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