

THE “FORGOTTEN” CENTURIES-OLD CONNECTIONS BETWEEN SABORSKO AND DREŽNIČKO SELIŠTE

The historical development of Drežničko Selište (Orihovo Selište) during the 18th and 19th centuries cannot be understood without its strong connection with Saborsko. The analysis of the Josephinian Cadastre from 1776 clearly confirms that the foundation of settlement was formed precisely by settlers from Saborsko, as evidenced by surnames and matching house numbers. The border position along the Korana River, between two empires, shaped demographic and security conditions and slowed more intensive settlement. Oral tradition, such as the legend of Gajo Franković, further points to deeper historical roots and the continuity of certain family lineages. The long-standing administrative and family ties between the two settlements are also visible in 19th century military records. All of this confirms that the connections between Saborsko and Drežničko Selište are centuries old, strong, and crucial for the identity of this region.

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