

Family Names and Household Nicknames in Žejân/Žejane

The village of Žejân/Žejane has 111 street numbers. It is divided into five areas (*rajonele*), which, with the exception of the Kranjčići section, originate in the last names prevailing among families in a given village area: Sânkovci, Stambulići, Marmilići and Turčići. The sense of belonging to a particular village area was more pronounced in the past than it is today, but their names are still commonly used in everyday interaction.

Our list of names and nicknames is based on the memory of older villagers; it reflects the situation from the early 1950s onward, and includes the names of the people who moved out of the village after World War II. According to a recent count, in the fall of 2009, 134 people lived in Žejân/Žejane and 53 were fluent, active speakers of the Žejanski language.

All families have last names and household nicknames. Household nicknames are very important in everyday conversation. They serve to distinguish among families which often carry the same last names. Locals use them, in combination with first names, to refer to their neighbors. The existence and frequent use of household nicknames is also common in the surrounding villages and other areas of Istria, as well as outside of it, in other regions of Croatia.

To inquire about the last name in Žejanski, one says **Kum te kljemi?/Kum te prezivujš?** (What's your name?/What's your last name?). To inquire about a household nickname, one says **A kuj âš?** (What family are you from?, lit., Whose are you?).

In some cases, the name of the family that later moved into a house and/or is currently living in it is different from the one that lived there in the 1950s. In other cases, the name of the family living in a house in the 1950s was different from the last name of the original family. We indicated this information when it was provided to us, without specifying which families are traditionally Žejanan and/or Žejanski-speaking or not.

The spelling of the last names in this list is phonetic (see the Writing section of the website for more information on the spelling). It reflects the common pronunciation of the names in Žejanski and also corresponds to their Croatian spelling.

We are aware that alternate spellings of the last names might exist, especially among the families who now live outside of Croatia. In a couple of cases, when the alternate spelling of the name was known to us, we indicated it. We'd like to update the information in this list, including the spelling variations of the names, so feel free to contact us (info@vlaski-zejanski.com) to let us know about them.

Last name	Family nickname
Božić (earlier, Sanković)	Lu Blažica/Krpičini
Doričić	Lu Bagarin/Bagarinovi
Doričić (later, Šneler)	Lu Balje/Baljetovi
Doričić	Lu Briško/Briškotovi
Doričić	Lu Drdica/Slavićevi
Doričić	Lu Grgotina/Smatetovi
Doričić	Lu Janko/Jankotovi
Doričić	Lu Jerko/Baramatetovi
Doričić	Lu Jurenda
Doričić	Lu Kljone/Štrbčevi
Doričić	Lu Mate/Matetovi
Doričić	Lu Martinina/Martininovi
Doričić (later, Manfreda)	Lu Martinina/Martininovi

Doričić (later, Primc)	Lu Mihlje/Piceparetovi
Doričić	Lu Mišić/Mišićevi
Doričić (Doricich)	Lu Ovčarić/Doričićevi
Doričić	Lu Panjok/Štrbčevi
Doričić (later, Turković)	Lu Páne/Panetovi
Doričić (later, Strčić)	Lu Pepo
Doričić	Lu Ruško/Ruškotovi
Doričić (later, Kuharić)	Lu Špavica/Maćulin
Doričić	Lu Toško/Toškotovi
Doričić	Lu Veli/Smatetovi
Marmilić	Le Johane
Marmilić	Lu Bartol/Švikovi
Marmilić (later, Sanković)	Lu Bažeja/Bažejini
Marmilić	Lu Ciganu/Ciganovi
Marmilić	Lu Fijip/Ciganovi
Marmilić	Lu Jivan/Madrica
Marmilić (earlier, Rogutić)	Lu Magâta/Magatini
Marmilić	Lu Migonj/Migonjini
Marmilić (later, Sanković)	Lu Mikin/Mikinovi
Marmilić (later, Sanković)	Lu Mučniku/Mučnikarovi
Marmilić	Lu Pavina
Marmilić (later, Sanković)	Lu Pikeš/Pikešovi
Marmilić	Lu Šepalo/Šepalo
Marmilić (later, Sanković)	Lu Valâk/Mučnikarovi
Marmilić	Lu Valinina/Kovačevi
Peloza	Lu Bariško/Bariškotovi
Peloza	Lu Jandrica
Peloza	Lu Lovrica/Lovričevi
Rogutić	Lu Juki/Jukotovi
Rogutić	Lu Ruško/Ruškotovi
Rogutić (later, Doričić)	Le Urse
Sanković	Le Božičke/Zvaninovi
Sanković	Lu Bagarin/Bagarinovi
Sanković	Lu Balje/Baljetovi
Sanković	Lu Bilin/Bilinovi
Sanković	Lu Blažento/Šporarovi
Sanković	Lu Bljažiću/Bondičevi
Sanković	Lu Čone/Čonetovi
Sanković (later, Vidović)	Lu Ćuk/Ćukovi
Sanković	Le Gržinke/Gržinkini

Sanković (later, Stambulić)	Lu Jandrina/Jandrinovi
Sanković	Lu Jelić/Jeličićini
Sanković	Lu Jozo/Kuzmićevi
Sanković	Lu Judle/Fradelovi
Sanković (later, Kosanović)	Lu Jurić/Drežnjalovi
Sanković (later, Modrić)	Lu Jurina/Jurinovi
Sanković	Le Johane
Sanković	Lu Kljomina/Ciganovi
Sanković	Lu Koren/Korenovi
Sanković	Lu Limez/Limezovi
Sanković	Lu Maticu/Bondićevi
Sanković	Lu Pavka Dolinji//Pavkini Dolinji
Sanković (later, Šutalo)	Lu Pepo lu Pavka
Sanković	Lu Planina
Sanković (later, Perak)	Lu Rejci/Mičalovi
Sanković	Lu Sandro/Zvaninovi
Sanković	Lu Štipe/Jakovičićini
Sanković	Lu Tonica/Zvaninovi
Sanković (later, Peloza)	Lu Tonica/Zvaninovi
Sanković	Lu Tonić/Tonićevi
Sanković	Lu Tonu/Pažarovi
Sanković	Lu Tuhtan/Tuhtanovi
Stambulić	Lu Didić Gorinji/Didićevi Gornji
Stambulić	Lu Didić Dolinji/Didićevi Dolinji
Stambulić	Le Grzele/Grzelini
Stambulić	Lu Ivić lu Didiću
Stambulić (later, Mejak)	Lu Jurâk/Jurakovi
Stambulić (later, Legac)	Lu Matijo/Šćurinovi
Stambulić	Lu Matina le Grzele
Stambulić (earlier, Sanković)	Lu Mârcu/Jeličićini
Stambulić	Lu Pavka Gorinji/Pavkini Gornji
Stambulić	Lu Popović/Popovićevi
Stambulić (later, Grgurić)	Lu Popović/Popovićevi
Stambulić (earlier, Doričić)	Lu Toncula /Mičalovi
Stambulić	Lu Tominka/Golubinovi
Stambulić	Lu Valinina
Turković	Le Reje/Kovačićini
Turković	Lu Mate/Matetovi
Turković	Lu Mihâlj/Brgujkini
Turković	Lu Mikin/Mikinovi

Turković	Lu Mikula
Turković	Lu Råde/Radetovi
Turković (later, Fabijančić)	Lu Råde/Radetovi
Turković (later, Manola-Čoholić)	Lu Toško/Toškotovi
Šneler	Lu Balje/Baljetovi
Uković	Le Lenke/Lenkini

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