



Our reference: BVFOI/200/16 re Jan Szulc

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

You asked for the following information from the Government Legal Department (“the Department”):

“You have told us that the deceased had three sisters but has had no contact since 1945. I would be grateful for details of the origin of this information together with a copy of any document that provides these details.

Also, if you do have any other additional information concerning this particular estate, we would greatly appreciate if you could share it with us”.

Your request will be dealt with by the Bona Vacantia Division (“the Division”) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Division holds all the information that you have requested.

The information originated from the Home Office who had a file on the deceased under reference A66196.

I withheld certain information from the file, the letter from the Home Office, as it is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Act. The information is exempt from disclosure because it constitutes the personal data of a living individual as defined in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998 and disclosure of the information would be in breach of the data protection principles set out in Schedule 1 of that Act. In particular, disclosure of the information would contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data be processed fairly and lawfully.

I have interpreted part of your request to mean that you require any further genealogical information regarding the estate. The Division holds the following information:

The deceased's father was a farmer. The deceased was captured by the Americans and was in DP camps until 1948. The Division holds a copy of a registration certificate for the deceased Reg Cert No: 134003 – Name: Jan Szulc - Nationality: Polish - Date of birth: 19/01/1919, Wilno, Poland - Status: single - Address: Bedhampton Camp, Havant, Hants -Arrived in UK 28/02/1948 - Address of last residence outside of UK: DP Camp, Lahde, Germany - Reg Identity No: 099900 issued Lahde on 01/03/1947.

The unclaimed list has been updated with this information.

