

Descendants of Jan Mudrak and Veronika Straznicka

Generation No. 1

1. JAN¹ MUDRAK was born in Moravia, and died Bef. 1924. He married VERONIKA STRAZNICKA. She was born in Moravia. [See Note A](#)

Children of JAN MUDRAK and VERONIKA STRAZNICKA are:

- i. ANNA² MUDRAK.
2. ii. LUDVÍK MUDRAK, b. 25 August 1874, Rokytnice, Moravia; d. February 1956.
3. iii. ANTON (ANTONÍN?) MUDRAK, b. 15 August 1884, Moravia; d. 16 March 1922, Chicago, Illinois.
4. iv. JAN (JOHN) MUDRAK, b. 20 October 1885, Rokytnice, Moravia; d. October 1974.
- v. VINCENC MUDRAK, b. Abt. 1889, Rokytnice, Moravia; d. 25 April 1917, Chicago, Illinois; m. ANNA, Bet. 1910 - 1917. [See Note B](#)

Generation No. 2

2. LUDVÍK² MUDRAK (JAN¹) was born 25 August 1874 in Rokytnice, Moravia, and died February 1956. He married FRANTIŠKA VANAK?. She was born 15 March 1877 in Pitín, Moravia, and died Bef. February 1956. [See Note C](#)

Children of LUDVÍK MUDRAK and FRANTIŠKA VANAK? are:

5. i. RUDOLF (RUDOLPH)³ MUDRAK, b. 10 August 1898, Rokytnice, Moravia; d. October 1977, Illinois.
6. ii. MARIE MUDRAK, b. 14 November 1900, Rokytnice, Moravia; d. February 1990.
- iii. BOŽENA MUDRAK, b. Bef. May 1904.
- iv. LOUIS MUDRAK, b. 04 August 1905, Illinois; d. 11 February 2001, Vero Beach, Indian River, Florida; m. LILLIAN M.; b. 01 June 1908; d. 05 February 2002, Vero Beach, Indian River, Florida.
7. v. FRANTIŠKA (FRANCES) MUDRAK, b. 02 October 1909, Rokytnice, Moravia; d. January 1985, Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois.
- vi. BOŽENA MUDRAK, b. Bef. May 1912.
- vii. ELSIE MUDRAK, b. 16 November 1915, Chicago, Illinois; d. 23 November 2002, Green Lake, Green Lake, WI; m. RAYMOND P. ROSSBERG, 10 November 1938, Cook County, Illinois; b. 31 March 1913; d. 09 April 2003, Green Lake, Green Lake, WI. [See Note D for iii, iv, vi and vii](#)

3. ANTON (ANTONÍN?)² MUDRAK (JAN¹) was born 15 August 1884 in Moravia, and died 16 March 1922 in Chicago, Illinois. He married ANNA Bet. 1910 - 1918. She was born Abt. 1895. [See Note E](#)

Child of ANTON MUDRAK and ANNA is:

- i. FRANK³ MUDRAK, b. Abt. 1918, Illinois. [See Note E](#)

4. JAN (JOHN)² MUDRAK (JAN¹) was born 20 October 1885 in Rokytnice, Moravia, and died October 1974. He married ANDELA STARY Abt. 1913. She was born Abt. 1889, and died January 1964 in North Riverside, Illinois. [See Note F](#)

Children of JAN MUDRAK and ANDELA STARY are:

- i. FRANK³ MUDRAK, b. 20 January 1914, Illinois; d. 11 July 2001, Ithaca, Tompkins, New York; m. LOUISE.
- ii. ANTON MUDRAK, b. 21 January 1916, Illinois; m. IRENE.
- iii. JOHN MUDRAK JR., b. Abt. 1921, Illinois.
8. iv. MILDRED MUDRAK, b. 05 March 1924, Illinois; d. August 1969. [See Note G for i, ii and iii](#)

Generation No. 3

5. RUDOLF (RUDOLPH)³ MUDRAK (LUDVÍK², JAN¹) was born 10 August 1898 in Rokytnice, Moravia, and died October 1977 in Illinois. He married BESSIE A. MASEK Abt. 1924. She was born Abt. 1908 in Illinois, and died 10 June 1967 in Illinois. [See Note H](#)

Children of RUDOLF MUDRAK and BESSIE MASEK are:

- i. ROBERT⁴ MUDRAK, b. 18 April 1924, Illinois; d. November 1979, Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois; m. IRENE DARLINGER; b. 21 January 1928; d. 06 March 2005, Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois.
- ii. RICHARD L. MUDRAK, (information not verified). b. 16 June 1925, Illinois, d. December 1992, Morris, Grundy County, Illinois; m. MARGARET SCHOENWOLF?, 12 May 1950, Cook County, Illinois. [See Note H](#)

6. MARIE³ MUDRAK (*LUDVÍK², JAN¹*) was born 14 November 1900 in Roketnice, Moravia, and died February 1990. She married VICTOR J. HERDA Abt. 1921. He was born 11 September 1901 in Illinois, and died 29 August 1981 in Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois. [See Note I](#)

Children of MARIE MUDRAK and VICTOR HERDA are:

9. i. VIRGINIA⁴ HERDA, b. Abt. 1923.
10. ii. LORRAINE D. HERDA, b. Abt. February 1928.
11. iii. RUTH HERDA, b. Aft. April 1930. [See Note I](#)

7. FRANTIŠKA (FRANCES)³ MUDRAK (*LUDVÍK², JAN¹*) was born 02 October 1909 in Roketnice, Moravia, and died January 1985 in Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois. She married ROBERT MAYERHOFER 31 March 1931 in Cook County, Illinois. He was born 05 March 1907, and died 30 October 1982 in Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois. [See Note J](#)

Children of FRANTIŠKA MUDRAK and ROBERT MAYERHOFER are:

- i. ROBERT D.⁴ MAYERHOFER, m. BARBARA.
- ii. WAYNE R. MAYERHOFER, m. CHARLOTTE. [See Note J](#)

8. MILDRED³ MUDRAK (*JAN (JOHN)², JAN¹*) was born 05 March 1924 in Illinois, and died August 1969. She married ROBERT C. MCINTYRE. [See Note K](#)

Children of MILDRED MUDRAK and ROBERT MCINTYRE are:

- i. JANET⁴ MCINTYRE.
- ii. SCOTT MCINTYRE.
- iii. ROBERT MCINTYRE.
- iv. LAUREN MCINTYRE. [See Note K](#)

Generation No. 4 [See Note I](#)

9. VIRGINIA⁴ HERDA (*MARIE³ MUDRAK, LUDVÍK², JAN¹*) was born Abt. 1923. She married JOSEPH DEFRANCISCO.

Children of VIRGINIA HERDA and JOSEPH DEFRANCISCO are:

- i. CANDY⁵ DEFRANCISCO, m. UNKNOWN JACOBS.
- ii. PATTI DEFRANCISCO, m. UNKNOWN SHEETS.

10. LORRAINE D.⁴ HERDA (*MARIE³ MUDRAK, LUDVÍK², JAN¹*) was born Abt. February 1928. She married JOSEPH W. MERKLE 19 November 1952 in Cook County, Illinois.

Children of LORRAINE HERDA and JOSEPH MERKLE are:

- i. MARK⁵ MERKLE.
- ii. BARBARA MERKLE.

11. RUTH⁴ HERDA (*MARIE³ MUDRAK, LUDVÍK², JAN¹*) was born Aft. April 1930. She married THOMAS STEPHENS 23 November 1953 in Cook County, Illinois.

Children of RUTH HERDA and THOMAS STEPHENS are:

- i. TRACY⁵ STEPHENS.
- ii. TUCKER STEPHENS.

NOTES

- A. Names of Jan and Veronika found on Cook County death certificates for Vincenc (25 April 1917) and Anton (16 March 1922). Jan was listed as dead on the 15 July 1924 passport application for Ludvik. Birthplaces for both were shown as Moravia in the 1920 census listing for Anton and Ludvik (with nationality being Bohemian), as Czechoslovakian in the 1930 listing for Ludvik and as Bohemia in the 1930 census listing for Jan (John). Based on this and other documents for the four sons, it appears that Jan, Veronika and their children were Bohemians living in Moravia.
- B. The relationships were established by the following:
1. Anna was mentioned as Vincenc's sister in Roketnice on the 10 February 1909 Kronprinzessin Cecilie passenger list.
 2. Vincenc and Anton show the same parents on their death certificates, corroborating they were brothers.
 3. On the 10 February 1909 Kronprinzessin Cecilie passenger manifest, Vincenc and "Lukash" were going to see their brother Anton on Loomis Street in Chicago. Although "Lukash" is not "Ludvik", his age, occupation (builder), town (Roketnice) and wife's name (Františka) all match. Also, on the 26 April 1910 George Washington passenger manifest, Ludvik notes he is going to see his brother Anton on 18th Place in Chicago, which is where Anton and Vincenc are shown as boarders in the 1910 census listing. This establishes Ludvik as a brother.
 4. On the 18 May 1904 Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse passenger manifest shows Jan (John) coming over to see his brother Ludvik on 18th place and traveling with him was Ludvik's wife Františka and children going to see her husband at the same address. Therefore, Jan is the fourth brother.
 5. Vincenc had a surviving wife, Anna, listed on his death certificate. However, she could not be located in any records after his death. It's possible that she could have married Anton, but without marriage records, it's impossible to tell.
- C. The information for Ludvik and Františka is from the following:
1. Birthdates and birthplaces are from the 15 July 1924 passport application. Ludvik's birth date also confirmed with the 18 September 1918 WWI Draft registration card.
 2. Františka's maiden name may have been Vanak. On the 13 May 1912 George Washington passenger manifest, she lists her mother as Anna Vanak in Bytin, Moravia. Bytin does not show up as any sort of village name, so it could have been "Pitín". Another link to Vanak was in the 15 February 1903 Chemnitz (Philadelphia) passenger manifest, where both Ludvik and Alois Vanak from "Pitean" (perhaps Pitín?) traveled to see a friend Franz Pavlusek in Chicago.
 3. Death dates were from the 23 February 1956 Chicago Daily Tribune Death Notices for Ludvik Mudrak—Františka was mentioned as his late wife.
- D. The information for the children of Ludvik and Františka is as follows:
1. Božena (first occurrence),
 - i. She appeared on the 18 May 1904 Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse passenger manifest with no age so it's likely she was a baby. Never showed up in any other record.
 2. Louis
 - i. Birth and death information also came from the Social Security Death Index (his SSN had been issued in Illinois). The birth year corresponded with his age of 6½ on the 13 May 1912 George Washington passenger manifest and his ages on the 1920 and 1930 census listings.
 - ii. There is a discrepancy where he was born. On the 1920 census, Illinois had been originally listed, but Moravia was written over it with a different handwriting and Louis was listed as an alien. In 1930, he was listed as born in Illinois and a citizen. On the 13 May 1912 George Washington passenger manifest, he was listed as an alien. Since Frantiska came over in May 1904, she may have stayed along enough to give birth to Louis before returning to Roketnice. I chose Illinois because on both censuses, someone thought it was correct enough to have it be the only child (other than Elsie) born in this country.
 - iii. I don't know for certain his spouse was named Lillian—however, she is the right age and is the only other Mudrak in the Social Security Death Index in Vero Beach.
 - iv. No obituary has been located, so there is no information on any children.

3. Božena (second occurrence).
 - i. She appeared on the 13 May 1912 George Washington passenger manifest with no age so it's likely she was a baby (and obviously not the same Božena as in 1904). It's possible the first Božena died in Moravia and another baby girl was named in her honor. However, there is no listing for Božena in the 1920 census so it's likely she died before then. On the Illinois Statewide Death Index, there is a "Bessie Mudrak" age 5, who died in Cook County January 6, 1916. This could be Božena.
4. Elsie
 - i. Her birthplace is from the 15 July 1924 passport application and the 26 Oct 1924 George Washington passenger manifest. My records show 3 different birth dates--I used the one from the Social Security Death Index (16 November 1915) since proof of age would have been required (her SSN had been issued in Illinois). Other birthdates are 25 November 1915 (the 15 July 1924 passport application) and 26 October 1916 (the 26 Oct 1924 George Washington passenger manifest).
 - ii. Her marriage to Raymond Rossberg on 11/10/1938 was found on the Cook County Genealogical Web Site (www.cookcountygenealogy.com).
 - iii. Their deaths (and Raymond's birth date) were found on the Social Security Death Index, and his birth and death dates were confirmed in the U.S. Veterans Gravesites database. No obituary has been located, so there is no information on any children.

E. The information for Anton, Anna and their son Frank is from the following:

1. Anton
 - i. His name is possibly Antonín. Although the U.S. records have all been under Anton, Antonín should have been his Czech birth name. I was unable to find immigration records at any ports for him.
 - ii. His birthplace and birth date are from his World War I Draft Registration Card dated 12 September 1918,
 - iii. His date and place of death are from his death certificate.
2. Anna
 - i. Her name, birthplace and approximate birth date are from the 1920 census.
 - ii. Since her name was listed on the World War I Draft Registration Card cited above and Anton was shown as single on the 1910 census, the marriage must have happened between 1910 and 1918.
 - iii. Anna could not be located in any records after Anton's death.
3. Frank
 - i. His name, birthplace and approximate birth date are from the 1920 census.
 - ii. He could not be located in any records after Anton's death

F. The information for Jan (John) and Anděla is from the following:

1. There is a discrepancy with Jan's birthdates. My records show 3 different birth dates--I used the one from the Social Security Death Index (20 October 1885) since proof of age would have been required (her SSN had been issued in Illinois). Other birthdates are 22 October 1885 (World War I Draft Registration Card dated 12 September 1918) and 28 October 1885 (World War II Draft Registration Card dated 27 April 1942).
2. His birthplace is from the World War II Draft Registration Card dated 27 April 1942 and the 18 May 1904 Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse passenger manifest.
3. Anděla was shown as being Bohemian in the 1910 and 1930 censuses. Her birth date was approximated by her ages in those two censuses.
4. Anděla's maiden name and residence was shown in her 14 January 1964 Chicago Tribune death notice
5. Marriage date was calculated by age married on the 1930 census.
6. Their death dates were approximated by their respective Chicago Tribune death notices (14 January 1964 and 8 October 1974).

G. The information for the children of Jan (John) and Anděla is as follows (all were born in Illinois per 1930 census):

1. Frank
 - i. Birth date, death date and residence at time of death are from the Social Security Death Index (his SSN had been issued in Illinois). The birth year corresponded with his age of 16 on the 1930 census listings.
 - ii. Spouse's name was from the U.S. Phone and Address Directories, 1993-2002 for Ithaca, New York.
2. Anton
 - i. In the 1930 census, he was 14, indicating a birth year of 1916. In the Cook County Clerk's Genealogical web site, there is a "Tony Mudrak" born 21 January 1916. Since I have found no records for a "Tony", I believe this was Anton's birth.
 - ii. Spouse's name was from the two death notices of his parents cited in note F.
 - iii. In the University of Illinois departments of Chemistry, Chemical Engineering and Biochemistry, Anton Mudrak was shown as graduating in 1938 with a BS, 1947 with an MS and 1949 with a PhD, all in chemistry.
 - iv. Anton is listed in the Ancestry Biography and Genealogy Master Index with birth date of 1916 and no death date. He also had published papers and books on chemistry that can be found via Google.
3. John, Jr.
 - i. Birth date is from the 1930 census. No additional information has been found.

H. The information for Rudolph (Rudolf), Bessie and their children is from the following:

1. Rudolph (Rudolf)
 - i. Although the U.S. records have all been under Rudolph, Rudolf should have been his Czech birth name. He was shown as Rudolf on the 18 May 1904 Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse and the 13 May 1912 George Washington passenger manifests.
 - ii. His birthplace was from the 13 May 1912 George Washington passenger manifest.
 - iii. His birth date was from the 12 September 1918 World War I Draft Registration Card and confirmed with the Social Security Death Index.
 - iv. The marriage date was estimated from the 1930 census.
 - v. His date and place of death are from the Social Security Death Index and confirmed with his 8 October 1977 death notice in the Chicago Tribune.
2. Bessie
 - i. Her maiden name was from her 11 June 1967 Chicago Tribune death notice.
 - ii. Her approximate birth date and birth place was from the 1930 census
 - iii. Her date and place of death were from her death notice cited above.
3. Children
 - i. General
 1. The two sons were listed in the 1930 census as born in Illinois.
 2. Both sons were found in the Social Security Death Index with Illinois SSNs and the proper ages. However, this would mean that their birth dates would only be ten months apart.
 3. Also noted in the death notices were 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren but no details were given.
 - ii. Robert
 1. The name of his spouse was from the parents' two death notices cited above. Her maiden name was found in the 8 April 1972 Chicago Tribune death notice for her sister, Eleanor Piznarski.
 2. His exact birth date, date of death and place of death were found in the Social Security Death Index
 3. Irene's exact birth date, date of death and place of death were found in the Social Security Death Index
 4. No obituaries of them have been located, so there is no information on any children.

- iii. Richard
 - 1. No spouse name was given for Richard in either death notice; however, on the Cook County Genealogical Web Site, there was a marriage between Richard L. Mudrak and Margaret Schoenwolf on 12 May 1950.
 - 2. In the Chicago tribune obituary index, there is a listing for Richard L. Mudrak on 2 January 1993 (which would correspond to the Dec 1992 death date in the Social Security Death Index. However, this obituary does not show up in the ProQuest Archives to purchase so no confirmation is possible at this time.
 - 3. It's possible that the Richard L. in the Social Security Death Index and the Cook County Genealogical Web Site is not the son of Rudolph and Bessie.

I. The information for Marie, Victor and their children and grandchildren is from the following:

- 1. Marie
 - i. Her birth place was from the 13 May 1912 George Washington passenger manifest.
 - ii. Her birth date and date of death are from the Social Security Death Index.
 - iii. Her spouse's name was found in the 23 February 1956 Chicago Daily Tribune Death Notices for Ludvik Mudrak.
 - iv. Her marriage date was estimated from the 1930 census listing.
- 2. Victor
 - i. His birth date, date and place of death are from the Social Security Death Index.
 - ii. His birth place was from the 1930 census listing.
- 3. Children and grandchildren
 - i. General
 - 1. The daughters' estimated birth dates & birth place were from the 1930 census listing.
 - 2. Their married names (and spouses) were from the 31 August 1981 Chicago Tribune death notice for Victor J. Herda.
 - 3. Their children's (and any spouses') names were also found in Victor's death notice cited above.
 - 4. No further information on the children or grandchildren could be found
 - ii. Lorraine and Ruth
 - 1. Their marriage dates were from the Cook County Genealogical Web Site.
 - iii. Ruth
 - 1. Since she was not in the 1930 census, her birth date would have been after April 1930.

J. The information for Františka (Frances), Robert and their children is from the following:

- 1. Františka (Frances)
 - i. Her birthplace is from the 13 May 1912 George Washington passenger manifest (where she is shown as Františka).
 - ii. Her birth date, death date and place of death are from the Social Security Death Index. The birth date agreed to her ages in the 13 May 1912 George Washington passenger manifest (2½) and the 1920 and 1930 censuses.
 - iii. Spouse's name was from the 23 February 1956 Chicago Tribune death notice for her father..
 - iv. Marriage date was from the Cook County Genealogical Web Site.
- 2. Robert
 - i. His birth date, death date and place of death are from the Social Security Death Index.
- 3. Children
 - i. Names and spouses are from the 31 January 1985 Chicago Tribune death notice for Frances Mayerhofer. Also noted were 7 grandchildren, but no details were given.

K. The information for Mildred and her family is from the following:

- 1. Her birth date and death date are from the Social Security Death Index.
- 2. Her birthplace is from the 1930 census
- 3. Her husband's name was from the two death notices of her parents cited in note F.
- 4. Her children's' names are from her 16 August 1969 Chicago Tribune death notice.
- 5. No further information on the family could be found.