

MY ANCESTORS

by James H. Halamka, 1952

This is the information that I received from my Aunt Mary on my father's side of the family.

My Grandfather Frantisek Halamka was born October 31, 1877 in the town of Kladno in the district of Hlinsko. His Uncle George Halamka a shoemaker taught my Grandfather the trade. Frantisek Halamka married Frantiska Sinkorova on February 25, 1900. My Grandfather Halamka came over to America in 1908 from Krouna Czechoslovakia. He landed at New York. He went to Racine, Wisconsin where he worked for a shoe factory. After he worked in the shoe factory for awhile he quit and got a job in a shoe store. He repaired shoes for the people of the neighborhood at home. In 1920 he bought a shoe store and repair shop. He discontinued the shoe store but continued his repair shop until he died October 17, 1942.

My Grandmother, Frantiska Halamka was born April 9, 1878. She came over to America with three children in 1909. The children were my Uncle Frank, Aunt Mary and Henry, my father.

My Great Grandfather was George Halamka. He was a farmer. He married my Great Grandmother Frantiska Skalova. They had four children, George Jr., Frank, Francea, and Anna.

Great Uncle George Halamka was a shoemaker. He married Katherine Sucha. They had three children, Frank who was a quarry worker, Joseph who was a carpet weaver and Marie who married James Vacek. He worked in a paper mill. Marie worked in a candle factory. She did hand painting on candles until she became ill a few years ago. They had two children George and Maruska.

Great Grandfather George's daughter Frances married John Pavlis, a mason by trade. Daughter Anna married Frank Havelka, a tailor. This Frank Havelka was an uncle of Mrs. Vincent Pnyk who also came to Racine from Bohemia.

My Grandmother Halamka gave me some information about her family through Aunt Mary. My Great, Great Grandmother was Anna Cerny. She married John Novak, who was a wood

by trade. They had three children, one boy, John Jr. who died during the 1st World War and two girls Katherine and Anna, who is my Great Grandmother.

Anna Novak married Vaclav (James) Sinkora a wood worker. They had seven daughters. Twins Thereska and Kacenska, and daughter Emilie died in infancy. The oldest daughter Anna married shoemaker, James Dolesal. They had no children. Josefka did not marry. She was crippled but she did beautiful fancy work at home. Marie married James Vtipil, a blacksmith. They had six children, James who died when he was four; Frank and Joseph who were tailors. They were killed in World War I: Marie who married Jerry Stefl who was a roadway maintenance man and Henry a factory worker. The Bohemian name for Jerry is Jaroslav and for Henry it is Yndrich. James Sinkora had a sister also named Anna, who married John Svoboda who also was a wood carver. The youngest daughter of James and Anna Sinkora was Frances Sinkorova who married Frank Halamka February 25, 1900. They had eight children.

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The children of Frank and Frances Halamka my Grandparents were: Frank, Mary, Henry, George, Charles, Joseph, Emily and Rose. Henry is my father.

Frank born July 23, 1901 was a tool and die maker married Margaret Endres June 18, 1930. Margaret was born in Germany on September 21, 1908. They had two children: Evelyn M. born November 3rd, 1931 and Ronald Frank Born June 25, 1934.

Evelyn, a teacher, married Ralph Pingel, a teacher born April 10, 1920. They adopted two girls, Ruth and Carol. Ralph Pingel died June 8, 1979.

Ronald, a minister, married Claire Mueller a teacher, born July 20, 1934. They married July 15, 1963. They adopted two children, Katheryn Clair born August 16, 1965, and David Mark, born July 29, 1969.

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Richard was born _____ and he died _____. They had three children.

Lois Marian, born June 17, 1928. She became a secretary and married Charles Ray Miner an Insurance Adjuster on June 26, 1948 and they have three children.

Dan Charles, born January 11, 1949. Dan is in Quality Central Management.

He married Loretta Sue Selkurt on August 5, 1972.

Sandra Rae born August 18, 1953. Sandra became a secretary and she married Frank Peter De Cesaro a Lab. Technichian on May 22, 1976.

Jeffrey Steven born April 21, 1955. Jeffrey is a superintendent. He married

Cherie Lee Davis on August 21, 1976. They have one child Jennifer Lee

born March 2, 1979.

Richard Milton Hegge, the second child of Mary and Richard, was born

September 28, 1930. He is a furniture finisher and superintendant. On

April 23, 1960 he married Dolores Mulcahy a press operator. They have one

son, Richard Michael, born January 26, 1961. Richard Michael (Rick) is a cook.

They also had a baby girl born April 6, 1965. Mary Ann died April 7, 1965.

Gene Elaine the third child of Mary and Richard Hegge was born June 3, 1933.

She married David A. Standiford April 18, 1953. She is a home maker.

They had five children.

Geri Ree Standiford was born April 6, 1957. She is a secretary. On April 6,

June 9, 1979 she married Michael Thomas Mainland a NC Programer for Computers.

Gandius Lynn Standiford was born July 20, 1958. She is a sales person.

Connie Ann Standiford was born July 29, 1960. She is a bookkeeper.

David Michael Standiford was born August 14, 1962. He is a student.

Michael Alan Standiford was born February 20, 1965. He is a student.

Henry Joseph Halamka, the third child of Frank and Frances Halamka was born July 13, 1907. He was a golf professional until 1937 when he became a salesman. He married Colett J. Lochowitz on August 22, 1932. She was born on January 31, 1910 and became a secretary. They had two sons.

James Henry was born March 24, 1936. He is a biologist and teaches Micro biology at the St. Clare County Community College. He married Judith June Krouse December 26, 1961. Judith was born June 28, 1937 and also is a biologist and teacher. They have three boys.

Steven James, born August 23, 1963. He is a student at the Jr. colleg.

Michael Jon, born April 27, 1966. He is a student in high school.

Eric Edwin born April 20, 1971. He is a student.

John Edward Halamka, the second son of Henry and Colett was born December 17, 1942. He is a systems Engineer and a Patent Attorney. He married Dagmar Vanags on March 3, 1962. Dagmar Marie was born July 15, 1942. She is an Attorney and also teaches Law at U.S.C. They have one son John David, born May 23, 1962. John David is a student at Stanford University with majors in Political Science and Pre Med.

George Louis Halamka is the fourth child of Frank and Frances. He was born September 11, 1911. He is an Electrical Engineer. A graduate of the Wisconsin University. He was an officer in the American Army in Europe during World War II. He married Emma Olsen a nurse, June 27, 1948. Emma was born February 13, 1911.

Charles Joseph Halamka is the fifth child of Frank and Frances. He was born December 6, 1913. He was a chemical Engineer. He was a graduate of the Wisconsin University and also had his PHD. He married Mary and they had one son, Frank Halamka who was born August 17, 1941. Mary and Charles divorced and Charles married ^{Cecelia} Simone Goursau on August 16, 1946. They had one girl, Christine Marie, who was born November 23, 1963. She married Charles Kudija on April 26, 1980. Charles Joseph Halamka died August 3, 1975.

Emily Ann Halamka is the sixth child of Frank and Frances Halamka. She was born October 11, 1916. She learned to sew furs for a place that made fur coats. She married Wallace M. Chrisensen an Automation Engineer. He was born April 29, 1915. They had two boys and 1 girl.

Clayton George, was born June 17, 1939. He is a (Chemical Engineer) CEC-Senior Consultant, Product-Planning. He married Marilyn Jean Lucas May 4, 1963. They have two boys and one girl.

Eric Bradford, born May 27, 1964. He is a student.

Andrew Scott born August 6, 1965. He is a student.

Bethany Anne born December 24, 1968. She is a student.

Edward Allen Christensen, the second child of Wallace and Emily was born July 20, 1940. He is an Optical Dispenser. He married Wanda (born March 11, 1940) on October 14, 1961. They have one girl Sloane Ardin born May 24, 1969. Edward and Wanda were divorced. He married Charlene (born November 25, 1948) on July 7, 1973. She has one boy Thomas by a previous marriage. Edward and Charlene have one boy Alex born July 6, 1978.

Jo Ann Elaine Christensen, the third child of Wallace and Emily was born January 27, 1946. She is still going to the University of Minnesota taking studies to be a teacher in Special Education. Before going back to school she married Gerald Cucci (born August 30, 1943) April 12, 1969. They have one son, Aaron Louis, born June 28, 1971. He is a student. They also have an adopted daughter Shawn, born August 20, 1973. She is a student.

Joseph Antony Halamka is the seventh child of Frank and Frances. He was born December 12, 1921. In about 1940 Joseph was in an automobile accident and lost his left arm. He now lives in California and sells magazines

Rose Adel Halamka the eighth child of Frank and Frances was born September 22, 1923. She died on July 16, 1926.

James Henry Halamka asked his Aunt Mary Hegge for most of the early information and wrote it up as an assignment for school. This was in 1952. In 1981 I asked Mary Hegge for more information and brought it up to date to the best of my ability. If there are any mistakes or anything left out please correct and let me know also. Colett J. Halamka