Cwach Family Tree

1791 - 2005

Emil Cwach Family

Back Row: Frances, Florence, Lillian, Edna, Emil Jr., Leo, Helen, Doreen
Front Row: Robert, Mother Lillian, Father Emil, Mary, Lawrence

Families:

Leo James Cwach 17
Helen Jane Cwach 19
Robert Louis Cwach 23
Doreen Emily Cwach 33
Mary Josephine Cwach 39
Lillian Mae Cwach 43
Edna Alice Cwach 47
Florence Esther Cwach 51
Frances Lucille Cwach 53
Emil Ernest Cwach 57
Lawrence William Cwach 61

Special points of interest:

• First recorded birthday—Vaclav Cwach (Great, Great Grandfather) born 12 Sep 1794
• John and Mary Cwach (Great Grandparents) started for America in 1867
• Mathias Cwach (Grandfather) received citizenship in 1877
• Mathias Cwach Family Home built in 1890’s
• Emil Cwach Family Home built in 1917
Our Pioneers built these log homes when they settled in Yankton County about 1869.
Great, Great, Great, Grandparents:

Joseph Cwach & Rozina Rypacek
   Vaclav Cwach born 12 Sep 1794 in Hodetine

Francis Valanta & Frances
   Katerine Valanta born in Valanta

Thomas Pechan & Anna Kriz died in 1805
   Vaclav Pechan born May 30, 1791 in Pohori
   Married Magdalema Hluch after Anna died

Marttin Novak & Unknown
   Eloerna Novak

Key:
Father’s Ancestors
Mother’s Ancestors
Great, Great, Grandparents:

Vaclav Cwach  born 12 Sep 1794 in Hodetine  
Married 09 Nov 1813  
Rozalie Stastka  born 17 Aug 1794 in Radetice, Bohemia  
  John Cwach  born June 11, 1823 in Radetice, Bohemia  
    died October 2, 1903 in Yankton, South Dakota  
Joseph Stiglitz  born in Nachod  
Married  
Katherine Valanta  
  Marie Stiglitz  born June 7, 1819 in Bohemia, Czechoslovakia  
    died 1883 in Yankton, South Dakota  
Vaclav Pechan  born 30 May 1791 in Pohori  
Married  
Eloerna Novak  
  Joseph Pechan  born August 29, 1827 in Kunratice, Bohemia  
    died October 9, 1902  
?? Hladky  
marrried before 1840 in ? Bohemia - died apparently in Bohemia  
Theresia Hladky  born about 1823 in ?Bohemia  
  Died about 1870 in Linn County, Iowa  
Vaclav James Hladky  born April 6, 1840 in Bohemia  
  died April 16, 1916 in Utica, South Dakota
Great Grandparents:

John Cwach born June 11, 1823 in Radetice, Bohemia

died 02 Oct 1903 in Yankton, South Dakota

married 1850 in Bohemia, Czechoslovakia

Marie (Mary) Stiglitz born 07 Jun 1819 in Nachod, Bohemia

 died 1883 in Yankton, South Dakota

Mathias Cwach born 13 September 1851 in Raditice, Bohemia

 died January 20, 1925

Mathias Cwach, an only son of John and Mary Cwach, was born in Radetice, Bohemia. In 1867 they started for America, but were detained 18 months in Breman, Germany to earn more money. In 1869, the family worked in Missouri for 3 years, coming to Dakota territory in 1872. John and son Mathias acquired 160 acres of land from the Government. Applied for citizenship in 1872. April 10, 1877, received citizenship in Yankton. Farmed about 7 miles northwest of Yankton.

Joseph Pechan born 29 Aug 1827 in Kunratice, Bohemia

 married ?? In Bohemia

died 09 Oct 1902 in Konraticek, Prazhy

Ludmila “Lydia” Novak born 29 May 1826 in Czechoslovakia - probably Zovli

 died 21 Oct 1898 in Yankton, South Dakota

They had seven children, 3 sons and 4 daughters all born in Czechoslovakia

Frank Pechan 1851-1919 married Mary Kotalik

Frances Pechan 1852-1936 married Frank Lane

Vaclau Pechan 1853-1882 married Mary Nedved

Mary Pechan 1855-1933 married Joseph Kotalik

Josephine Pechan 1860-1939 married Mathias Cwach

Antonia Pechan 1867-1940 married John Kotalik

Anton Pechan 1869-1914 married Anna Blecha
Great Grandparents:

Vaclav James Hladky  born 06 April 1840 in Bohemia
Married before 1864 in ? Bohemia
died 16 April 1916 in Utica, South Dakota

Josephine Bures born 06 January, 1836 in Waldorf, Moravia
died 19 December, 1912 in Yankton, South Dakota

They had five children:

Vaclav James Hladky 1864 - 1935 married Mary Peterka
Frank L Hladky 1870-1952 married Mary Vavruska
Josie Hladky 1871-
Anna Hladky 1874-1902 married Joseph William Peterka
Joseph V Hladky 1877-1956 married Agnes Nedved

John Peterka born 1845 in Austria, Hungary
died 1926 in Yankton, South Dakota

Married

Josephine Koutnik born 1853 in Czechoslovakia
died 1936

They had seven children

Mary Peterka 1875-1953 married Vaclav James Hladky
John Peterka 1877-1946 married Sophia Pesicka
Joseph Peterka 1881-1914
Anna Peterka 1882-1972 married Adolph Peterka
James Peterka 1884-1962 married Anna Balacek
Anton Peterka 1890-1970 married Elizabeth Paulson
Rose Varva Peterka 1892-1959 married Anton J. Vavra
Emil, Frank, Victor, John, Joseph
Emily Hacecky, Helen Hacecky
Mary Ripple, Mathias, Georgia Klimich, Josephine, Lydia Peterka
Family picture taken about 1907

Josephine (Pechan) Cwach
In front of her home

Mathias Cwach home
built in the 1890’s
Grandparents:

Mathias Cwach born 13 Sep 1851 in Raditice, Bohemia
died 20 Jan 1925 in Yankton, So. Dakota
Married 26 Feb 1878

Josephine Pechan born 29 Feb 1860 in Konraticek, Prazhy
died 21 Feb 1939 in Yankton, So. Dakota
They had six sons and six daughters
John Cwach 1878-1929 married Bozena “Bessie” Misak
Mary Cwach 1880-1980 married James J. Ripple
Frank Cwach 1882-1966 married Rosie Mudloff
Lydia Cwach 1884-1974 married John Joseph Peterka
Victor Cwach 1886-1969 married Katherine L. Hacecky
Joseph Cwach 1889-1969 married Katherine Block
Emmanuel Cwach 1891-1893 wagon accident

Emil Cwach 1893-1973 married Lillian Hladky
Emily Cwach died at 6 weeks old of convulsions
Emily Cwach 1896-1934 married Frank B. Hacecky
Helen Cwach 1899-1985 married Edward Hacecky
Georgia Mary Cwach 1902-1995 married William J. Klimisch

John, Mary, Frank, Lydia, Victor, Joseph, Emmanuel, and Emil were born in the two room log house. Emily, Emily, Helen, and Georgia were born in the house built in the 1890’s.
**Grandparents:**

**Vaclav James Hladky** born 04 July 1864 in Hlinsko, Czechoslovakia  
Died 22 October 1935 in Utica, South Dakota  
Married 31 October 1896 in Utica, South Dakota  

**Mary Peterka** born 17 November 1875 in Czechoslovakia  
Died 10 September 1953 in Utica, South Dakota  

**Lillian Hladky** 1897-1972 married **Emil Cwach**  
Robert Hladky 1898-1975 married Lillian (Letitia) Smrt  
Otilia Hladky 1901-1991 married John Scherschligt  
William Hladky 1905-1978 married Alice Schoenfelder  
Rose Agnes Hladky 1910-1981 married Raymond Nolasco Hasker  
James Hladky 1914-1991 married Eleanor Machacek
Emil Cwach Family Home as it was being built.

Finished home all the Emil Cwach Children were born in.

Arial view of the Emil Cwach farm with Leo Cwach’s home across the road.

Emil & Lillian Cwach’s 50th Wedding Anniversary

Lillian Hladky Cwach taken in her home.
Parents:

Emil Cwach born 18 Sep 1893

died 12 Mar 1973 in Yankton, So. Dakota

Married 27 Nov 1917

Lillian Hladky born 13 Sep 1897

died 15 Jan 1972 in Yankton, So. Dakota

Leo James Cwach 1920-1994 married Wilma Williams

Helen Jane Cwach 1921-1993 married Alfred Nedved

Robert Louis Cwach 1924-1995 married Marcella R. Sedlacek

Doreen Emily Cwach 1925- married Arthur Paul Giggee

Mary Josephine Cwach 1926-199? married Herman Schwarz

Lillian Mae Cwach 1927- married Laddie L. Merkwan

Edna Alice Cwach 1928- married Edward Juran

Florence Esther Cwach 1930- married Norman Meehl

Frances Lucille Cwach 1931- married Marvin Meier

Emil Ernest Cwach 1937- married Eunice Marlin Day

Lawrence William Cwach 1940- married Janice Sachse

Back row: Mary, Robert, Lillian, Lawrence, Emil Ernest, Edna, Doreen,

Front row: Florence, Helen, Mother Lillian, Father Emil, Leo, and Frances
This Family Tree has been a cooperative effort by starting with the Joseph Pechan book Helen Nedved did and information being added by Harlyn Hasker (son of Rose Hladky—sister of Lillian Hladky Cwach) and Marvin (Frances Cwach) Meier. My goal is to have as many pictures as possible and I am looking for a baby picture, graduation picture, wedding picture and current picture of everyone included in this book. If you have pictures to add, new information or corrections, or want a copy for yourself, please contact me by E-mail, phone, or mail. I hope you enjoy this work of love for the Cwach family.

Love and God bless you, Sandy

It has been very interesting in putting this together. In my searching I have found that the Pechan name in this family tree will become extinct. Frank Pechan had one son, Joseph had 5 sons. The 5 sons had 16 daughters and no sons. Vaclau Pechan had 3 daughters, no sons. Anton Pechan had one son James, and James had one daughter and no sons. There probably are mistakes and some dates missing, but you should get a good idea of the family tree.