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HISTORY OF THE VRABEL FAMILY OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Research on the Vrabel family of southwestern Pennsylvania was done by using the following records: 1920 U.S. census; St. Cyril Methodius RC Church in Fairchance, Pa.; St. John the Evangelist RC Church in Connellsville, Pa.; Fayette County Courthouse in Uniontown, Pa.; "Pennsylvania State Division of Vital Records"; "Pennsylvania State Archives" in Harrisburg, Pa. and the "Social Security Death Benefit Records" (1937 through December 1993); and various family members. I have Americanized all names to make them consistent.

To assist in referencing a given individual, a number has been assigned to all descendants. This number reflects the parents and children of each individual. With 1 being Jan Vrabel and Anna Kozar, 1.1 being their child Martin and 1.1.1 being a child of Martin's, and so forth. The number 2 is assigned to Jan's brother Andrej, and so on.

The family name has appeared more or less consistently over the years, with the only recent change being by Steve and Paul Vrabel, who changed it to Vrobel when they were in the army during World War II. When Paul Vrabel Sr. died in 1928, most records (mine accident, tomb stone and death certificate) reflect his name as Paul Vrobel, however all other references are Paul Vrabel. Information from Slovakia indicates that the name was originally spelled as Vrabely. Interestingly, both Michael and Martin Vrabel spelled their names the same way on their marriage applications and Martin on his immigration record.

The Vrabel family originally came from the Spis region of Slovakia. Martin and Michael were born in Domanovce, Spis, Slovakia and Paul was born in Velback (new name Bystrany), Spis, Slovakia. When Paul Vrabel immigrated to the U.S., he indicated to immigrations officials that he came from Domanovce, Spis, Slovakia. John [Jan] and his wife were from Valback, Spis, Slovakia (new name Bystrany).

1 Jan Vrabel [Vrabely] was born on November 23, 1841 in Trstany, Slovakia and his wife, Ann Kozar was born on March 12, 1857 in Hinacovce, Slovakia. Anna Kozar's father was Pavel Kozar and her mother was Anna Borza. Jan and Ann were married on October 1, 1877 in Slovakia. John [Jan] immigrated to the USA in 1889 and died shortly thereafter in a coal mine accident in Tarrs, Pa.. However, Ann Kozar Vrabel never came to the U.S., and after John died, Ann Vrabel lived in a small house in Hinacovce with her father Paul Kozar. The house was described as having a dirt floor and a straw roof. The original house was destroyed in a fire in 1915. John Vrabel and his wife (Ann Kozar) had at least four sons and a daughter named: Martin, John, Michael, Paul and Anna (John and Anna died as infants). There is a church record in

Slovakia which indicates that the "widow Anna Vrabel", family name Kozar, had an illegitimate child named Stefan. This child was born on July 19, 1894 and died on March 23, 1895. After Jan Vrabel's death in 1889, Ann Kozar Vrabel remarried Matej Karabin on February 20, 1900 in Slovakia.

Jan Vrabely, the father of John Vrabel (1841-1889) was born on June 25, 1817 in Trstany, Slovakia. It is unknown when he died. Jan Vrabely married Zuzana Pavlak on November 18, 1838. Zuzana was born on January 1, 1817 in Bystrany, Slovakia. It is unknown when she died. Zuzana Pavlak's father was Michal Pavlak and her mother's name was Maria. Jan and his wife (Zuzana) had five children. The children were:

-Jan Vrabely (1), born November 23, 1841 in Trstanoch, Spis, Slovakia. Jan died in about 1889 in Pa. He married Ann Kozar on October 1, 1877 in Slovakia.

-Andrej Vrabely (2), born June 18, 1849 in Trstanoch, Slovakia. He married Sofia (Zofiou) Tomecko on January 14, 1873.

-Pavol Vrabely (3), born January 13, 1852 in Trstanoch, Slovakia and died January 28, 1854.

-Maria Magdalena Vrabely (4), born July 21, 1854 in Trstanoch, Slovakia. (nothing further is known about Maria)

-George [Juraj] Vrabely (5), born on April 25, 1856 in Trstanoch, Slovakia; he married Anna Bacsuf on February 16, 1881 in Trstanoch. George died on July 26, 1898 in Central, Pa. (near Mt. Pleasant, Pa.). He died of typhus and was survived by his wife (Anna).

Jan Vrabely's (1817-????) father was Juraj Vrabely. Juraj's wife was named Alzbeta. It is unknown when or where they were born, married or died. In addition to Jan; Juraj and Alzbeta had three other children named:

-Maria, born June 1, 1812 in Bystranoch, Slovakia and died August 24, 1812.

-Alzbeta, born on November 25, 1813 in Bystranoch, Slovakia.

-Maria, born on October 29, 1814 in Trstanoch, Slovakia.

Jan Vrabel (the father of Paul (1885-1928)) was previously married to a Katarina Topoly on November 12, 1866 in Domanovce, Slovakia. They had a daughter named Maria who was born on September 1, 1867 in Domanovce, Slovakia and died on November 9, 1883. After Katarina died, Jan married Anna Kozar on October 1, 1877.

Matej Karabin, who Ann Kozar Vrabel married after the death of John Vrabel, had previously been married to a Maria Rigelszky who had died. Matej Karabin was born on January 20, 1861. He had a total of six children by Maria Rigelszky and one by Ann Kozar Vrabel. Matej Karabin's father was Vavrinec Karagin, born about 1815 and his mother was Katarina Baran. Maria Rigelszky's (Matej Karabin's first wife) parents were Jan Rigelszky and Anna Misskovits. The following are the names of Matej Karabin's children:

Maria Karabin -- born on April 1, 1884 and died on August 13, 1887.

Anna Karabin -- born on December 22, 1885. She was the daughter of Maria Rigelszky. She also immigrated to the USA, but nothing else is known about her.


Maria Karabin (born February 17, 1888) -- immigrated to the USA where she married Michael Vrabel, the son of John Vrabel and Ann Kozar. Maria's mother was Maria Rigelszky.

Jan Karabin -- born on April 8, 1890 and died on February 25, 1891.

Alzbeta Karabin -- was born on January 17, 1892. She stayed in Slovakia and married, and had two children named John and Alzbeta (born December 06, 1926); who married a Hrobakova (born June 17, 1927), they had two children: a son born on July 25, 1955 and a daughter born on August 24, 1965.

Stefan - was born on April 2, 1894 and died on September 19, 1897.

Veronica Karabin -- was born in about 1902 and she is the daughter of Ann Kozar.



1.1 Anna Vrabel [Vrabely]

born: November 18, 1878 in Domanovce, Slovakia

married: none spouse: none


died: November 18, 1878 in Domanovce, Slovakia.



1.2 Martin Stephan Vrabel was born on October 29, 1879 in Domanovce, Spis, Slovakia.

Martin arrived in New York, N.Y. on November 17, 1899 aboard the North German Lloyd steamship SS Saale. Martin indicated to immigration officials that he was going to Elm Grove, Pa.. Martin Vrabel married Mary [Maria] Lesnak [Lesnyak] on November 22, 1902 in St. John the Evangelist RC Church in Connellsville, Pa.. At

the time of his marriage, Martin was living in Elm Grove, Pa.. Mary was born on October 28, 1881 in Velbach, Szepes, Hungary and immigrated to the U.S. in 1901 from Slovakia. Mary's parents were Stephan Lesnak and Mary Katrinkova (St. John church records indicate her name was Macko). Martin submitted his declaration of intent to become a citizen of the USA on January 26, 1918 and was naturalized a citizen of the USA on December 26, 1924 in Uniontown, Pa.. Martin worked in the coal mines of south-western Pennsylvania until about 1920 when he moved to McKees Rocks, Allegheny County, Pa. where he then worked in the steel mills of Lockhart Iron and Steel Company for the next 40 years. Martin died on August 18, 1970 in Mc Kees Rocks, Allegheny County, Pa., He and his wife had children with the following names and birth dates: (all children were born in Pennsylvania, except for Katie)



1.2.1 Andrew Vrabel

born: about 1903

married: none spouse: none

died: at age 9 months.



1.2.2 Paul Peter Vrabel

born: January 17, 1905 in Elm Grove, Pa.

married: spouse: Mary Kauchak

died: June 01, 1988

Mary was born on July 5, 1908 and her parents were Michael and Mary Kaucak.

1.2.2.1 Joan Vrabel

born: November 14, 1942

married: spouse: John Reed Ambrose

died:

John was born on November 9, 1942.

1.2.2.1.1 Jeannie Marie Ambrose

born: January 28, 1975

married: spouse:

died:

1.2.2.1.2 Kristy Anne Ambrose

born: September 30, 1977

married: spouse:

died:

1.2.2.2 Robert Paul Vrabel


born: July 5, 1947

married:

spouse: Kathryn Shogan

died:

Kathryn was born on April 19, 1945 and her parents were Edward and Margaret Shogan.

 1.2.3 Mary Anne Vrabel

born: June 26, 1906 in Elm Grove, Pa.

married: June 4, 1923 spouse: Matthew Andrew Hunchuck

died:

Matthew Andrew Hunchuck was born on February 22, 1903 in Smizaney, Spis, Hungary. His father's name was Joseph Hunchuck and his mother's name was Mary Mikoli. Matthew Hunchuck died on June 02, 1980 in Uniontown, Pa.. They had children with the following names and associated information.

1.2.3.1 John Marlin Hunchuck

born: May 7, 1924

married:

spouse: Teresa Annette Cochick

died: November 15, 1980

Teresa was born on May 31, 1925 and died on October 24, 1993. She was the daughter of Anne Simko Cochick and Anthony Kocik.

1.2.3.1.1 John Marlin Hunchuck

born: April 18, 1952

married:

spouse: Louann Nagy

died:

Louann Nagy was born on January 5, 1955 and she is the daughter of Louis and Anne Nagy.

1.2.3.1.1.1 Marita Anne Hunchuch

born: June 1, 1982

married:

spouse

died:

1.2.3.1.1.2 Lauren Teresa Hunchuch

born: March 8, 1986

married:

spouse

died:

1.2.3.1.1.3 Michele Elanine Hunchuch

born: July 17, 1990

married:

spouse

died:

1.2.3.1.1.4 Jennifer Mary Hunchuck
born: September 8, 1993
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.3.1.2 Lawrence Anthony Hunchuck
born: May 10, 1955
married: spouse: Mary Louise Barbabella
died:
Mary Louise was born on March 28, 1953 to Edmund and Luch
Barbabella.

1.2.3.1.2.1 Aaron Mather Hunchuck
born: December 5, 1985
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.3.1.2.2 Steven Nicholas Hunchuck
born: January 3, 1988
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.3.1.2.3 Christopher Hunchuck
born: July 1, 1989
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.3.1.2.4 Heather Hunchuck
born: December 30, 1991
married: spouse:
died:

① 1.2.3.2 Joseph Raymond Hunchuck
born: July 15, 1925
married: spouse: Marie Slezak
died:
Mary (Marie) was born on April 11, 1935. Her parents were John and Anne
Krupinsky Slezak.

1.2.3.2.1 Raymond Hunchuck
born: July 5, 1955
married: spouse:
died:

- 1.2.3.2.2 David Hunchuck
born: October 29, 1956
married: spouse:
died:
- 1.2.3.2.3 Joy Lynn Hunchuck
born: August 29, 1956
married: spouse: Robert Leonelli
died:
Robert is the son of Robert and Pat Lucas Leonelli.
- 1.2.3.2.4 Cheryle Ann Hunchuck
born: March 6, 1961
married: spouse:
died:
- 1.2.3.2.5 Kimberly Hunchuck
born: January 9, 1965
married: spouse:
died:
- ① 1.2.3.3 Dorothy Ann Hunchuck
born: May 14, 1927
married: spouse: Michael James Jellick
died:
Michael was born on April 27, 1924. His partens were Matthew and Mary Sevcov Jellick.
- 1.2.3.3.1 Gerard Michael Jellick
born: September 30, 1951
married: spouse: Linda Eubank
died:
Linda was born on December 6, 1955. She was the daughter of Gertrude Viehweger and James Eubank.
- 1.2.3.3.1.1 Angela Jellick
born: May 9, 1974
married: spouse:
died:
- 1.2.3.3.1.2 Ryan Jellick
born: December 17, 1983
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.3.3.2 Robert Marion Jellick
born: February 9, 1953
married: spouse: Cheryle Potter
died:
Cheryle was born on November 3, 1958. Her parents were Wayne Potter
and Joyce Christensen Potter.

1.2.3.3.2.1 Mathew Jellick
born: October 20, 1993
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.3.3.3 Marianne Jellick
born: October 4, 1960
married: spouse: James Fisher
died:
James was born on July 17, 1960. His parents were Rose Ulrich and
James Fisher.

1.2.3.3.3.1 Michael J. Fisher
born: January 23, 1986
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.3.3.3.2 Kristen Fisher
born: May 3, 1988
married: spouse:
died:

① 1.2.3.4 Elsie Marie Hunchuck
born: February 19, 1930
married: spouse: Nicholas Stepanovich
died:
Nicholas was born on April 30, 1928. His parents were Dako and Mara Relic
Stepanovich.

1.2.3.4.1 Mark Stepanovich
born: January 7, 1955
married: spouse: Tina Lisby
died:
Tina was born on August 13, 1958.

- 1.2.3.4.1.1 Nikola Stepanovich
born: November 28, 1979
married: spouse:
died:
- 1.2.3.4.1.2 Alexander Stepanovich
born: September 25, 1981
married: spouse:
died:
- 1.2.3.4.1.3 Melanie Stepanovich
born: October 9, 1984
married: spouse:
died:
- 1.2.3.4.2 Nenad Stepanovich
born: August 23, 1956
married: spouse: Carol Waldron
died:
Carol was born on August 31, 1962.
- 1.2.3.4.2.1 Jacob (Jake) Stepanovich
born: June 9, 1988
married: spouse:
died:
- 1.2.3.4.2.2 Slobodan (Boban) Stepanovich
born: August 16, 1994
married: spouse:
died:
- 1.2.3.5 Elizabeth Louise Hunchuck
born: January 3, 1932
married: spouse: John Metros
died: December 19, 1983
John was born on March 28, 1924. His parents were James and Mary Hudock Metros.
- 1.2.3.5.1 Michael Matthew Metros
born: July 24, 1953
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.3.5.2 Ronald John Metros
born: June 25, 1956
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.3.6 Donald Matthew Hunchuck
born: July 20, 1934
married: spouse: Loretta Kremposky
died:

Loretta was born on March 30, 1937. Her parents were Michael and Mary Rodesky Kremposky.

1.2.3.6.1 Dawn Francine Hunchuck
born: December 3, 1966
married: spouse: Anthony Picclomini
died:

Anthony was born on March 11, 1954. His parents were Louis and Sarah Matthey Piccolomini.

1.2.3.6.2 Dana Lynn Hunchuck
born: October 6, 1969
married: spouse: James Griffith
died:

James was born on September 21, 1963

1.2.3.7 Elaine Helen Hunchuck
born: April 19, 1936
married: spouse: Albert Charles DeFrank
died:

Albert was born on October 24, 1930. His parents were Domenic and Maria Concetta Orsini DeFrank.

Elaine and Albert had four children. The following are their names.

1.2.3.7.1 Jerome Michael DeFrank
born: April 30, 1958
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.3.7.2 Daniel Charles DeFrank
born: November 2, 1959
married: spouse: Rhonda Joanne Beccue
died:

1.2.3.7.2.1 Daniel Matthew
born: September 14, 1991
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.3.7.3 Carla Anne DeFrank
born: July 19, 1967
married: spouse
died:

1.2.3.7.4 Lisa Marielena DeFrank
born: February 2, 1970
married: spouse: John Joseph Cole
died:
John was born on December 17, 1972 and his parents were Burhl
and Billie Shuman Cole.

1.2.3.8 Thomas Lawrence Hunchuck
born: July 10, 1938
married: spouse: Maryann Teresa Wardzella
died: September 19, 1994
Maryann was born on August 23, 1941. Her parents were John and Anne
Hudock Wardzella.

1.2.3.9 Matthew Andrew Hunchuck
born: January 12, 1942
married: spouse: Norma Karas
died: May 6, 1982
Norma was born on February 24, 1942. Her parents were Michael and
Lauretta DeLuca Karas.

1.2.3.9.1 Gregory Antony Hunchuck
born: November 28, 1964
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.3.9.2 Matthew Antony Hunchuck
born: September 4, 1970
married: spouse:
died:



1.2.4 John Vrabel
 born: about 1907
 married: none spouse: none
 died: (stillborn)



1.2.5 Katherine (Katie) Helen Vrabel
 born: November 1, 1909 in Slovakia
 married: spouse: Michael Kaminski
 died: July 16, 1959
 Michael was the son of Albert and Michelena Kaminski.

1.2.5.1 Michael Martin Kaminski
 born: April 27, 1930
 married: spouse: Florence Senk
 died:
 Florence was born on July 22, 1933. Her parents were Fred and Stella Goscinski Senk.

1.2.5.1.1 Michael Martin Kaminski
 born: August 30, 1961
 married: spouse:
 died:

1.2.5.1.2 Mark William Kaminski
 born: January 30, 1966
 married: spouse:
 died:

1.2.5.1.3 Karl David Kaminski
 born: June 21, 1967
 married: spouse:
 died:



1.2.6 Elizabeth (Lizzie) Marie Vrabel
 born: August 24, 1911 in Shoaf, Pa.
 married: spouse: John James Kocak
 died: February 25, 1995
 John died on April 16, 1968.



1.2.7 Stephen Vrabel
 born: 1913
 married: none spouses: none
 died: at age 6 months.

D 1.2.8 Anne Therese Vrabel
born: October 14, 1919 in Shoaf, Pa.
married: spouse: Louis William Rusiski
died:
Louis was born on February 15, 1920. His parents were Louis and Mary Rusiski.

1.2.8.1 Louis William Rusiski III
born: February 17, 1945
married: spouse: Judy R. McHenry
died:
Judy was born on February 15, 1945.

1.2.8.1.1 Mark William Rusiski
born: May 26, 1976
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.8.1.2 Patrick Reilly Rusiski
born: March 17, 1979
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.8.2 Catherine (Carrie) Anne Rusiski
born: February 20, 1948
married: spouse: Thomas O'Neill
died:
Thomas was born on April 18, 1949.

1.2.8.2.1 Alison Marie O'Neill
born: March 21, 1972
married: spouse: Christopher Hess
died:

1.2.8.2.2 Christine Anne O'Neill
born: April 11, 1975
married: spouse:
died:

1.2.8.2.3 Amy Michele O'Neill
born: January 24, 1977
married: spouse:
died:



1.3 John [Jan] Vrabel
born: on August 27, 1881 in Domanovce, Slovakia
married: none spouse: none
died: on September 19, 1881 in Domanovce, Slovakia



1.4 Michael Andrew Vrabel was born on September 5, 1882 in Domanovce, Spis, Slovakia and died on December 26, 1962 in Pennsylvania. Michael arrived in New York, N.Y. on December 23, 1899 aboard the North German Lloyd steamship SS Rhein, which had departed from Bremen, Germany. Mike Vrabel married Mary Karabin on February 25, 1906. Mary was born on February 17, 1888 in Domanovce, Spis, Slovakia to Martin and Mary Karabin and she died on August 16, 1952. Mary arrived in the USA on February 16, 1906. Mary's father had by this time married the widow Anna (Kozar) Vrabel and the marriage of Mary to Michael was probably pre-arranged. At the time of Michael's marriage to Mary Karabin, both were living in Edenborn, Pa.. Mike submitted his declaration of intent to become a citizen of the USA on December 1, 1915 and was naturalized on May 6, 1941. From 1923 until his death in 1962, Mike lived in Martin, Pa. and worked as a coal miner in south-western Pennsylvania. Mike and his wife Mary had at least eight children, their names and birth dates and location are:



1.4.1 Valentine (Bill) Vrabel
born: January 7, 1909 in Shoaf, Pa.
married: spouse: Mary Vojticki
died: April 3, 1986
Mary Vojticki was born in 1913 and died in 1980. Valentine and Mary had three children named:

1.4.1.1 Richard Vrabel
born: 1938
married: spouse:
died: June 1, 1958

1.4.1.2 Tony Vrabel
born: 1944
married: spouse:
died:

1.4.1.3 Bertha Vrabel
born: 1948
married: spouse:
died:

1.4.2 Veronica (Verna) Kathryn Vrabel
born: March 15, 1910 in Shoaf, Pa.
married: spouse: Andrew Pshock
died: Oct 26, 1987
Andrew Pshock was born in 1910 and died in 1989.

1.4.2.1 Rose Marie Pshock
born: October 30, 1931
married: spouse
died:

1.4.2.2 Richard George Pshock
born: August 18, 1933
married: spouse
died:

1.4.2.3 Patricia Louise Pshock
born: July 21, 1940
married: spouse
died:

1.4.2.4 Joyce Pshock
born: 1947
married: spouse
died:

1.4.3 Stephen (Steve) Andrew Vrabel
born: August 6, 1911 in Shoaf, Pa.
married: September 21, 1936 spouse: Julia Dorothy Hunchuck
died: August 2, 1973 in Los Angeles, Ca.

Julia Dorothy Hunchuck was born on February 01, 1915 in Oliphant, Pa. and died on March 09, 1988. Her father's name was Joseph Hunchuck and her mother's was Mary Mikoli. Both parents were born in Hungary.

1.4.3.1 Eugene Michael Vrabel
born: July 15, 1937
married: spouse
died:

1.4.3.2 Stephen Paul Vrabel
born: February 5, 1940
married: spouse
died:

1.4.3.3 Bernard Vrabel
born: 1945
married: spouse
died:

1.4.3.4 Regis Vrabel
born: 1952
married: spouse
died:

1.4.4 Mary Ann Vrabel
born: January 15, 1914 in Martin, Pa.
married: October 15, 1931 spouse: Mike Latsnic
remarried: spouse: Philip Christoff
died:

Mike Latsnic was born in 1911 in Mt. Sterling, Pa. and worked as a trackman. His father's name was Mike Latsnic and his mother's name was Sofia Rokos, both were born in Hungary. In 1938 and 1941, Mary's residence was given as being in New York, N.Y.. Mary and Mike Latsnic had two children. Mary subsequently married Philip Christoff and they had two children.

1.4.4.1 Dorothy Latsnic
born: 1932
married: spouse
died:

1.4.4.2 Charles Latsnic
born: 1933
married: spouse
died:

1.4.4.3 Elaine Christoff
born: 1947
married: spouse
died:

1.4.4.4 Timothy Christoff

born: 1954

married:

spouse:

died:

1.4.5 Elizabeth Marie Vrabel

born: October 2, 1915 in Martin, Pa.

married:

spouse: Joseph Yukish

died: July 18, 1981

Joseph was born in 1917 and died in 1969.

1.4.5.1 Joseph Francis Yukish

born: September 13, 1944

married:

spouse:

died:

1.4.5.2 Elizabeth Yukish

born: 1948

married:

spouse:

died:

1.4.6 Catherine (Kathryn) Dolores Vrabel

born: September 15, 1917 in Martin, Pa.

married:

spouse: Gustave Arndt

died:

Gustave Arndt was born in 1912 and died in 1967.

1.4.6.1 Mildred Arndt

born: July 26, 1939

married:

spouse:

died:

1.4.6.2 Donald Arndt

born: December 13, 1941

married:

spouse:

died:

1.4.6.3 Thomas Arndt

born: July 18, 1944

married:

spouse:

died:

1.4.6.4 Michael Arndt
born: 1949
married: spouse:
died:

1.4.6.5 Gustave Arndt
born: 1950
married: spouse:
died:

1.4.7 Anna Maria Vrabel
born: September 16, 1919 in Shoaf, Pa.
married: September 30, 1938 spouse: James Edward Matthews
died: December 1992 in Garrett County, Md.

James Edward Matthews was born on July 21, 1915 in Maryland and died on October 04, 1990 in Garrett County, Md.. His father's name was Joseph Matthews and he was born in Preston County, W.V.. His mother's name was Susie Sines and she was born in Garrett County, Md..

1.4.7.1 Joseph Michael Matthews
born: January 3, 1943
married: spouse:
died:

1.4.7.2 Shirley Matthews
born: 1945
married: spouse:
died:

1.4.7.3 James Matthews
born: 1953
married: spouse:
died:

1.4.8 Michael Andrew Vrabel
born: February 25, 1921 in Shoaf, Pa.
married: spouse: Sophia Hunchuck
died: 1993
Sophia was born in 1920.

- 1.4.8.1 Bernadette Marie Vrabel
 born: October 19, 1943
 married: spouse:
 died:
- 1.4.8.2 Judith Vrabel
 born: 1945
 married: spouse:
 died:
- 1.4.8.3 Marlene Vrabel
 born: 1950
 married: spouse:
 died:
- 1.4.8.4 Cynthia Vrabel
 born: 1954
 married: spouse:
 died:
- 1.4.9 Sophia Louise Vrabel
 born: February 19, 1923 in Martin, Pa.
 married: February 15, 1947 spouse: John Zimbor
 died:
 John Zimbor was born in 1912 and died in 1988.
- 1.4.9.1 John Zimbor
 born: 1947
 married: spouse:
 died:
- 1.4.9.2 Janet Zimbor
 born: 1950
 married: spouse:
 died:
- 1.4.9.3 Robert Zimbor
 born: 1955
 married: spouse:
 died:


1.4.9.4 Richard Zimbora
born: 1961
married: spouse:
died:

1.4.10 John Stephen Vrabel
born: August 22, 1927 in Martin, Pa.
married: spouse: Virginia Woods
remarried: September 05, 1967 spouse: Judy A. Traynor
died: October 14, 1991

Judy A. Traynor was born on October 8, 1939 in Uniontown, Pa. Her father's name was Thomas Traynor and he was born in Buffington, Pa.. Her mother's name was Audrey Irene Colbert and she was born in Continental, Pa.. Prior to his marriage to Judy, John Vrabel had been married to a Leona Virginia Wood. Who he had married on June 24, 1950 and had subsequently divorced. John and Judy had two boys.

1.4.10.1 John Vrabel
born: 1968
married: spouse:
died:

1.4.10.2 James Vrabel
born: 1972
married: spouse:
died:

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- 1.5 Paul Vrabel was born on June 28, 1885 in Velback (new name Bystrany) Spis, Slovakia. When Paul departed Slovakia for the U.S. he came from Domanovce, Spis, Slovakia. He departed Bremen, Germany on January 24, 1903 aboard the SS Zieten of the Northern German Lloyd shipping company and arrived on February 9, 1903 in New York. He indicated to immigration officials that he was going to Elm Grove, Pa. to join his brother Michael Vrabel. In 1907 Paul met his future wife (Anna Rerko) at a wedding. Anna Rerko was born on December 10, 1885 in Morewood, Westmoreland County, Pa.. Anna Rerko's parents were Andrew Rerko and Anna Krivjansky. She apparently returned to Slovakia as a young child and lived in Odorin, Spis, Slovakia until 1906 when she re-immigrated to the U.S.. She departed Bremen, Germany on August 23, 1906 aboard the SS Fried der Grosse of the North German Lloyd shipping company, and arrived in New York on September 5, 1906. Upon arriving in the USA, Anna Rerko stayed with her cousin Andrea Baluch at P.O. Box 82, in Tarrs, Pa.. After her marriage to Paul on September 07, 1907 they lived in Elm

Grove, Pa and in 1910 moved to Wynn, Pa. where they lived until about 1920 when they moved to Mather Coal Patch near Waynesburg, Greene County, Pa.. Paul died in a coal mine accident in Mather Coal mine #1, near Waynesburg, Pa. The accident occurred at 4:07 P.M. on Saturday May 19, 1928 in the "Mather Collier of Pickands, Mather and Company". The accident was a mine explosion of gas and coal dust, which resulted in the death of 195 men. After Paul's death, Anna moved into a small house in Uniontown, Pa. which she bought in 1928. Anna died on July 10, 1939 of cancer in Uniontown, Pa. Paul and Anna Vrabel had five children which survived and three which died at early ages, with the following names and birth dates:

1.5.1 Anne Elizabeth Vrabel

born: February 22, 1911 in Wynn, Pa.

married: October 22, 1935 spouse: Andrew F. Hovanec

died: July 18, 1970 in Uniontown, Pa.

Andrew F. Hovanec was born on January 15, 1913 in Adelaide, Pa.

His fathers name was Andrew Hovanec and his mothers was Maria Vrabel. See write-up on Hovanec for more information.

Anne and Andrew had three children with the following details.

1.5.1.1 Richard Hovanec

born: July 10, 1936 in Uniontown, Pa.

married: none spouse: none

died: July 14, 1936 in Uniontown, Pa.

1.5.1.2 Evelyn Anne Hovanec

born: December 23, 1937 in Uniontown, Pa.

married: none spouse: none

died:

1.5.1.3 Andrew George Hovanec

born: December 13, 1945 in Uniontown, Pa.

married: February 27, 1971 spouse: Linda Suzanne Burkholder

died:

Andrew and Linda had three children of the following names.

1.5.1.3.1 Rebecca Ann Hovanec

born: November 8, 1978 in Baltimore, Md.

married: spouse:

died:

1.5.1.3.2 Brenda Michale Hovanec

born: October 29, 1980 in Baltimore, Md.

married: spouse:

died:

1.5.1.3.3 Andrew David Hovanec
born: March 11, 1986 in Baltimore, Md.
married: spouse:
died:

1.5.2 Mary Vrabel
born: about June 1912 in Wynn, Pa.
married: none spouse: none
died: January 15, 1915 in Wynn, Pa.

1.5.3 Paul Peter Vrobel
born: October 19, 1913 in Wynn, Pa.
married: August 26, 1945 spouse: Ann Plevich
died: March 08, 1989 in Morgantown, W. V.
Paul and Ann had one daughter.

1.5.3.1 Tony Vrobel
born: abt 1947
married: spouse: William C. Gainer
died:

1.5.4 Margaret Louis Vrabel
born: May 22, 1915 in Wynn, Pa.
married: June 26, 1954 spouse: Joseph Hower
died:
Joseph Leroy Hower was born on August 23, 1927 in Greensboro, Pa. His fathers name was John Hower and his mothers name was Emma Raubaugh. John Hower was born in Warren, Ohio and worked as a miner in the Masontown, Pa. area. Emma was born in Brier Hill, Pa. According to Joseph Hower, the family name was changed from "Auer" to "Hower" sometime in the late 1800's or early 1900's. Joseph and Margaret had two children named:

1.5.4.1 Joseph Hower
born: April 4, 1955
married: September 24, 1988 spouse: Sharren Lee Lasek
died:

1.5.4.2 Marlene Hower
born: May 20, 1957
married: spouse:
died:

1.5.5 Joseph Vrabel

born: April 7, 1917 in Wynn, Pa.

married: none spouse: none

died: July 3, 1918 in Wynn, Pa.

1.5.6 Helen Agatha Vrabel

born: May 23, 1919 in Wynn, Pa.

married: March 24, 1946 spouse: John D. Helt

died: May 02, 1986 in Cleveland, Ohio

John D. Helt was born in about 1918 in Amend, Pa. and died in May 1997 in Cleveland, Ohio. His fathers name was John D. Helt St. and his mothers maiden name was Susan Janos. His father was born in Austria and worked as a blacksmith. His mother was born in Mt. Pleasant, Pa.. Helen and John had four children.

1.5.6.1 Gloria Helt

born: 1947

married: May 7, 1966 spouse: William Kostelnick

died:

Gloria and Bill had three children.

1.5.6.1.1 William Kostelnick

born:

married: spouse:

died:

1.5.6.1.2 Chris Kostelnick

born:

married:

died:

1.5.6.1.3 Ann Maria Kostelnick

born:

married: spouse:

died:

1.5.6.2 Janet Helt

born: abt 1948

married: abt 1977 spouse: John Penczak

died:

- 1.5.6.2.1 Laura Pensock
 born:
 married: spouse:
 died:
- 1.5.6.2.2 Joseph Pensock
 born:
 married: spouse:
 died:
- 1.5.6.3 Helene Helt
 born: abt 1953
 married: abt 1975 spouse: Richard Nemchik
 died:
- 1.5.6.4 John Helt
 born: abt 1955
 married: abt 1989 spouse: Carol ?
 died:
- 1.5.7 John Vrabel
 born: January 21, 1921 in Mather, Pa.
 married: none spouse: none
 died: February 5, 1922 in Mather, Pa.
- 1.5.8 Steve Vrabel
 born: about 1923 in Marianna, Pa.
 married: spouse: Eleanor
 died:
 Steve changed the spelling of his last name to Vrobel when he went into the service during WW II. Steve and Eleanor had two girls named.
- 1.5.8.1 Carol Vrobel
 born:
 married: spouse:
 died:
- 1.5.8.2 Kathy Vrobel
 born:
 married: spouse:
 died:

- 2 Andrej Vrabely, born June 18, 1849 in Trstanoch, Slovakia. He married Sofia (Zofiou) Tomecko on January 14, 1873.
- 3 Pavol Vrabely, born January 13, 1852 in Trstanoch, Slovakia and died January 28, 1854.
- 4 Maria Magdalena Vrabely, born July 21, 1854 in Trstanoch, Slovakia. (nothing further is known about Maria)
- 5 George [Juraj] Vrabely, born on April 25, 1856 in Trstanoch, Slovakia; he married Anna Bacsuf on February 16, 1881 in Trstanoch. George died on July 26, 1898 in Central, Pa. (near Mt. Pleasant, Pa.). He died of typhus and was survived by his wife (Anna).