

Bedriska Vohryzkova With Relatives



This photograph was taken in the 1930s at the farm in Doubravice, which belonged to our relatives, my father's siblings and their families.

Standing on the far left is a husky man in a hat, Uncle Vohryzek's father. They used to call him 'Old Vohryzek.' He didn't live with the Vohryzeks on the farm, he was probably just there on a visit. He worked as a cattle merchant. Sitting to his right in the background is Aunt Marta Munkova (nee Vohryzkova), the wife of my father's brother Josef Munk, and beside him my mother, Olga Munkova (nee Nachodova). They've both got a short black pageboy haircut and a black dress with a white collar.

Standing in the background in a beige suit is my father, Adolf Munk. Standing on his right is a shorter man, which is probably the coachman, Mr. Janda. Standing to the right of the entire group with a bent leg in a hat is Uncle Vilem Vohryzek, the husband of my father's sister Bedriska, who's sitting on my mother's right (husky figure, smiling). Sitting from the left in the row of children is my brother Viktor, the Munks' son Jirka, then an unknown girl, then the Vohryzek's younger daughter Helena, and on the far right that's me.

Uncle Vohryzek lived only for his farm; he would get up at 5am and was already present at the first milking. Often it would happen that they'd come to the theater to get him, that a cow was giving birth, and he'd have to hurry home again. Because during our holidays in Doubravice the Vohryzeks would occasionally take our parents to the theater. Back then in Teplice there was, and still is, a theater with a café.

The Vohryzeks had two daughters, Hana and Helena. I hung out the most with Helena. She was two years older than I, and sometimes as a joke we'd pretend that we were sisters. They called us the Helkas.

Uncle Vilem Vohryzek, his wife Bedriska and younger daughter Helena all died in March of 1944 in Auschwitz during the liquidation of the so-called family camp, their older daughter Hana had

already died in April of 1942 in Lodz.