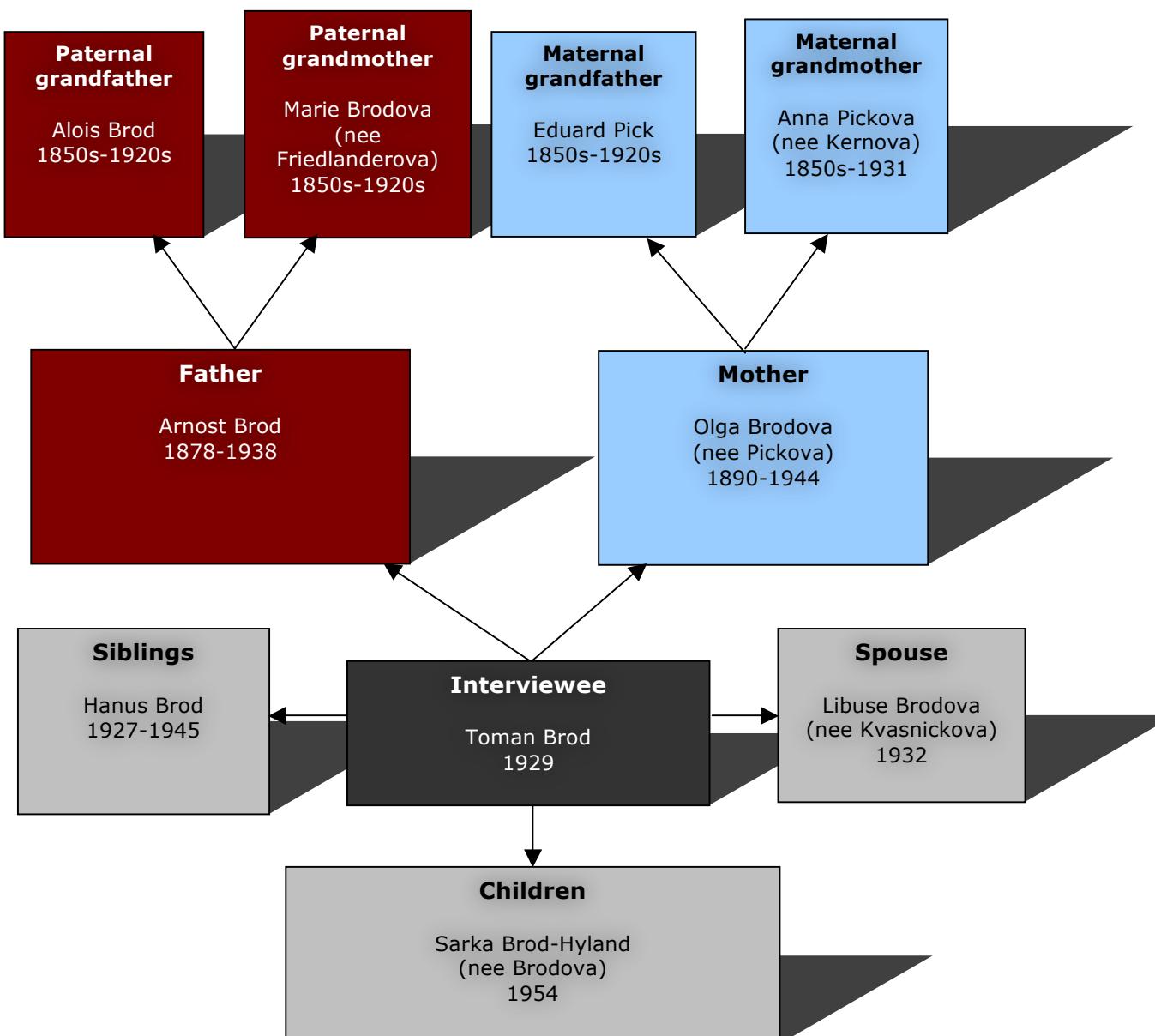


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Toman Brod

Where and when were you born?

Prague, 18th January 1929

Where else did you live?

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Your educational level?

Graduated from the Faculty of Philosophy of Charles University in Prague,
Department of History.

What sort of work do/did you do?

Clerk in a gramophone company, academic worker in the Military-Historical Institute, 1955-1963, Institute for the History of Eastern Europe CSAV, 1963-1970. Then they expelled me from the Party, because apparently I was not worthy of being a member, they threw me out of the Academy [Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences], well, so I went and pumped water. Not every company would employ people like me. There were special companies that could employ these apostates, these traitors, dissidents, for example we could clean windows, work in boiler rooms... And then there was also this company called Water Resources, whose employees drove around the Czech countryside in trailers and drilled wells, pumped water out of them and measured the flow. Then I was a private taxi driver, then I got a disability pension, after the Revolution I returned to the Institute for the History of Eastern Europe for a year and a half, but now I'm definitively retired.

How religious was your parents' home? How were you raised?

We were a secular family, I wasn't led to the Jewish faith, I grew up in a typical Czech environment, we didn't celebrate any Jewish holidays.

What is your mother tongue?

Czech

What other languages do you speak?

English, German

If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates

Didn't serve.

Where were you during the Holocaust?

At home: Prague, 1939-1942

Ghetto: Theresienstadt, 1942-1943

Concentration camp: Auschwitz (today Poland), 1943-1944

Concentration camp: Gross-Rosen (today Poland), 1944-1945

What did you do after the Holocaust?

For a long time I was ill, in 1948 I started working as a clerk in a factory that made gramophone records, I finished my high school, at first I studied at the School of Political and Economic Sciences, then at Charles University in the Department of History.

Siblings

Their names

Hanus Brod (m)

Where and when were they born?

Prague, 14th March 1927

What is their mother tongue?

Czech

Their educational level?

Incomplete high school education

Their occupations?

Didn't work.

Where do/did they live?

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Do they have children?

No

Where and when did they die?

Auschwitz (today Poland), beginning of 1945

Spouse

Name?

Libuse Brodova (nee Kvasnickova)

Where and when was he/she born?

Breclav, 5th January 1932

Where else did he/she live?

Dubnany, Hodonin, Uherske Hradiste, Hroznova Lhota, Prague

Is he/she Jewish?

No

What is his/her mother tongue?

Czech

His/her educational level?

Graduated from the Faculty of Philosophy of Charles University in Prague,
Department of History.

Occupation?

Central State Archive, Encyclopedic Institute of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences. My wife worked for fifteen years at the Academy and another fifteen years with a bucket as a cleaning woman, and that at three different places. She had problems even finding any sort of work, she was refused at about forty nine places before she even found something, thanks to some connection.

Tell me anything you know about his/her siblings (Name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, name of wife and children, whether their family is Jewish and whether it is religious).

Dana Katzerova (f): 1930, translator, husband: Dr. Jan Katzer, children:
Benjamin (m)

Vladimir Kvasnicka (m): 1939, technical engineer, wife: Margot Kvasnicka (nee Moser), children: ? (m), Alexandr (m)
Dusan Kvasnicka (m), 1942, died as a child

Children

Their names?

Sarka Brod-Hyland (nee Brodova) (f)

Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews?

Wasn't raised as a Jew, decided to convert in adulthood.

Where and when were they born?

Prague, 1954

Where else did they live?

Freiburg (today Germany), Washington (USA), Miami (USA), Philadelphia (USA)

Their educational level?

Graduated from Yale University, as a graphic designer

Their occupations?

Participates in the preparation of exhibitions, creates book jacket designs, lectures at the University of Philadelphia

How many grandchildren do you have?

Rivka (f), 1995

Father

His name?

Arnost Brod

Where and when was he born?

Vrdy-Bucice, 28th November 1878

Where else did he live?

Prague, from the middle of the 1920s until 1938

Where and when did he die?

Prague, 1938

What sort of education did he have?

Finished grammar school

What sort of work did he do?

Merchant, later grain wholesaler

How religious was he?

After moving to Prague not especially, if he would have been religiously inclined, he certainly would have led us to Judaism, that however didn't happen.

What was his mother tongue?

German

Army service: which army and what years?

Didn't serve

Tell me about his brothers and sisters

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Jindrich Brod (m)	Vrdy-Bucice, ? - 1940s, Auschwitz (today Poland)	Owner of fountain pen factory in Pardubice	Berta, Jewish origin, died in Auschwitz	Adoptive daughter Vera died of leukemia after the war.	Weren't very strongly oriented towards Judaism
Alfred Brod (m)	Bohnice (today Czech Republic)	None	None	None	(Was mentally handicapped)
Hermina Ohrstein-Brodova (f)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Alois Brod

Where and when was he born?

Vrdy-Bucice, 1850s

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did he die?

Vrdy-Bucice, 1920s

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Owner of mixed-goods store

How religious was he?

Was probably one of the last members of our family who preserved Jewish traditions and customs, he however didn't eat kosher, apparently he had people bring him ham to the bathroom, so they made fun of him.

What was his mother tongue?

German

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Josef Brod (m)	Lukavec, 1857-1921, Prague	No information	No information	Leo Brod (m) 1905-1988, Karel Brod (m) 1892-1944, Irma Buchtova (f) 1903-1986, Fritta Burschell (f) 1896-1988, Anna Demetz-Mandlova (f) 1894-1942-5, Viktor Brod (m) 1902-?	No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Marie Brodova (nee Friedlanderova)

Where and when was she born?

Probably Vrdy-Bucice, probably 1850s

Where else did she live?

Vrdy-Bucice

Where and when did she die?

Vrdy-Bucice, 1920s

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife, helped out in the store

How religious was she?

Kept Jewish customs, attended synagogue, cooked kosher

What was her mother tongue?

German

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information

Mother

Her name?

Olga Brodova (nee Pickova)

Where and when was she born?

Ledec nad Sazavou, 29th January 1890

Where else did she live?

Vrdy-Bucice, 1912-1920s

Prague, 1920s-1942

Where and when did she die?

Auschwitz (today Poland), 10th (or 11th) July 1944

What sort of education did she have?

Some school for girls

What sort of work did she do?

Occasionally helped out in the store in Vrdy-Bucice, but was never employed, housewife

How religious was she?

Wasn't religious

What was her mother tongue?

German, Czech

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Karel Petrovsky (rod. Pick) (m)	Ledec nad Sazavou, ?-?, Brazil	Co-owner of sawmill	Christian	Jiri Petrovsky (m) Lubor Petrovsky (m)	They weren't religious, changed their name
Jirí Petrovsky (rod. Pick) (m)	Ledec nad Sazavou, 1897-1940s, Holocaust	Co-owner of sawmill	1st wife was Italian 2nd wife of Jewish origin Anna, born 1907	With 1st wife: Vera (f), died after the war of leukemia With 2nd wife: Ivo (m), ?, 1935/1940s, Lodz (today Poland)	They weren't religious, changed their name
Jindrich (rod. Pick) (m)	Ledec nad Sazavou, 1891-28 th March 1945, Holocaust	Co-owner of sawmill	Ruzena (nee ?)	Eva Zitkova (nee Petrovska) (f), Prague, 1923-1991, Prague	They weren't religious, changed their name
Anna Ungerova (nee Pick) (f)	Ledec nad Sazavou, ?-1920s, Vienna (today Austria)	No information	? Unger	Mario Petrovsky (m), Prague, 1932	No information
Stefa Pickova (f)	Ledec nad Sazavou, 1886, Riga (today Latvia), 1944	No information	No information	No information	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

At home: Prague, 1939-1942

Ghetto: Terezin, 1942-1943

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Eduard Pick

Where and when was he born?

Place unknown, 1850s

Where else did he live?

Ledec nad Sazavou

Where and when did he die?

Ledec nad Sazavou, 1920s

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Owner of a sawmill

How religious was he?

No information

What was his mother tongue?

German

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Anna Pickova (nee Kernova)

Where and when was she born?

Place unknown, 1850s

Where else did she live?

Ledec nad Sazavou

Where and when did she die?

Place unknown, 1931

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

No information

What was her mother tongue?

German

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information