

THE BRISKI FAMILY

John Briski and Rose Zagar were both born and married in Lokve, Austria. They had children. This is what is known of five, there could be more:

KARL BRISKI - was literate in seven languages. He came to the United States and worked for Emigration at Ellis Island in New York. He married an American, Martha, in New York, but he returned to Lokve to care for his parents, who were ill, and to help with the business. Martha stayed in the United States, spending six months with her husband Karl in Lokve and six months in the United States. They had three children, two daughters and one son, all born in the United States. They had a business until World War I. Karl died in Lokve.

Martha lived in New York until she went to California to be with her two daughters who live there. She died in California, well into her 90's. Their son Edward lived in Lokve, married and had several children. He left his wife and children to return to the United States. Edward was ill and died shortly after.

GEORGE BRISKI - came to the United States and worked in the coal mines. He married and had two daughters. His wife left him and moved with their daughters to Austria. George drank himself to death, (this is what I understand).

ROSE BRISKI - came to the United States, married and had several children. Her married name was Gregorich and they lived in Michigan.

(UNKNOWN) BRISKI - her married name was Cencich. She had two sons, Matt and Rudy. She died at an early age, possibly in the United States.

JOHN BRISKI - was the youngest. He was illiterate, a pest in school and wouldn't learn. His father owned a combination grocery store, Post Office, and taxi service (horse and buggy) as well as the hall above the store. He was a handsome man and liked to dance and entertain the young people every weekend at the Briski hall. He learned to butcher, smoke meat and make saurkraut and wine to sell at the store.

He came to the United States, married Julia Plese and worked in the coal mines in Michigan and Minnesola. They moved to Washington state some time in 1904. They settled in Roslyn, then moved to Ronald, Washington. They had twelve children before he became ill at the age of 48 and couldn't work. He was a weekend drinker and abusive. He had several surgeries for stomach cancer and died November 15, 1928. (see separate sheet for children).

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