

Gurka / Tomo / Tomko Research performed by IHFF, Fall 2006

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This document presents and summarizes the research performed in late 2006 on Gurka / Tomo / Tomko lines by IHFF (Institute for Historical Family Research (IHFF Genealogie Gesellschaft mbH, Vienna, Austria; www.ihff.at). The IHFF researcher, Felix Gundacker, performed this research at the Slovakian Archives at Bytca. Included herein is:

1. My original research request, dated 26 Aug. 2006.
2. IHFF's research report, received by email 24 Nov. 2006.
3. Part 1 of my summarization of the IHFF results (trying to make sense of it all).
3. Part 2, the trees, which made it clear that IHFF had done very well.

Despite the phenomenal success achieved by IHFF, I had many questions concerning their research. First: There were five links in the trees which I considered to be possibly weak, so I asked why IHFF felt certain about them. Second: As well as I was able to understand, IHFF told me that they had checked the Catholic records for Poprad at Bytca, and found no Gurkas. By this time, however, I had begun to understand that the records for Poprad were at Levoca, not Bytca. Third: IHFF felt that they had proven that Jan Tomko, husband of Zuzana Huska, was the brother of Pavel Tomko, husband of Alzbeta Tomko, and I saw no real logic in their arguments. Lacking the power to see the original records I was reduced to trusting their competency and accepting their results at face value. I asked many questions via email, and received unsatisfactory responses.

In February of 2007 I decided to have the Slovakian Archives at Levoca research the Gurka line for me. They performed the research task within a matter of weeks, and their research was meticulous. Plus, they provided xeroxes of the original records so that I could verify each link in the line. And they charged less than half of the ceiling amount which I had specified, and much much less than IHFF.

Consequently, in April of 2007 I submitted a research request to the Slovakian Archives at Bytca to: 1.) Provide xeroxes of the originals of the records found by IHFF; 2.) Check both Lutheran and Catholic records to see if they could extend the Tomko line; and 3.) See if they could determine whether or not Jan Tomko and Pavel Tomko were brothers. Bytca took a long time (over a year) to do my very complicated task; but, like Levoca, they did an exceptional job. (I've summarized these Levoca and Bytca results in other documents.)

These IHFF results should be regarded as superceded by the more primary Bytca results to a large degree. However, I did not have Bytca check those IHFF records in which the links seemed certain. And I did not have the Bytca check the Huska and Tomo siblings, and those of Jan Tomko b. 1857. So, in a number of cases, the IHFF results are all we have.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm interested in professional research on three different families in Slovakia. Two lived in Štrba and one in Poprad. I'm providing you with what we know of these families, and then telling you what we'd like to know, for now. Please let me know what I should expect to pay, and how you might like to start. Some of these questions may prove too difficult to answer, and in those cases I'd like you not to try too hard. For those that you can answer, though, I'd like complete reference information, such that it would be possible for me to have another person easily check the information (not that I actually intend to do this). I'm wondering also how our research relationship would work. Would it be formal, with questions and answers through a control agency, or would I be able to communicate directly with the person or persons doing the research, and perhaps adjust the direction of the research depending on the findings. I'm willing to accept whatever relationship you offer, though. Here's the information on the three families:

Family 1

What we know:

Father: Ján Tomko, born in Štrba on 3 Dec. 1857, died in Štrbské Pleso, we think, on 19 Apr. 1919.

Mother: Zuzana Húska, born in Štrba on 3 Oct. 1861, died in Štrbské Pleso, we think, on 26 Oct. 1903.

Children:

Zuzana Tomko, born in Štrbské Pleso on 17 June 1885 (or maybe 17 June 1886).

Maria Tomko, born in Štrbské Pleso on 15 Nov. 1889.

Anna Tomko, born in Štrbské Pleso on 6 Apr. 1892.

Zsophia Tomko, born in Štrbské Pleso on 16 Aug. 1894.

Paul Tomko, born in Štrbské Pleso on 20 May 1901, died 6 Oct. 1971, Bratislava.

The dates are from notes made by Zsophia Tomko (b. 1894) who copied them from a family Bible to which we don't currently have access. The place of birth of the children is from common knowledge within the family. The place of birth of the parents is from a Czechoslovakian birth certificate obtained for some unknown reason by Anna Tomko (b. 1892) in 1956. I don't read Slovakian so I'm not truly sure if Štrba is the place of birth or the place of residence. The certificate (RODNÝ LIST) reads:

Meno a priezvisko, deň, mesiac, rok, miesto naro-

denia, povolanie a bydlisko otca, mená a priezviská jeho rodičov: Ján Tomko, Štrba.

Meno a priezvisko, deň, mesiac, rok, miesto naro-

denia, povolanie a bydlisko matky, mená a priezviská jej rodičov: Zuzana Tomková rod. Húsková, Štrba.

I can provide a copy of the certificate to you later, if you wish.

The family was Lutheran, as far as we know, including the extended family members mentioned below.

The four daughters emigrated to America in 1907 and 1908. The daughters did not get along well with their step-mother.

We've heard a story that Zuzana Húska (b. 1861) suffered from goiter and experienced great pain, more pain than she could bear. So she threw herself down a well, and drowned.

We've also heard that Ján Tomko married again after Zuzana died. This would have been after 26 Oct. 1903 and before 1908.

And we've been told that Paul Tomko (b. 1901) married in Czechoslovakia, perhaps had some children who died young, went to Australia around 1928 without his wife, and came back around 1953 and lived with his wife (the same wife) in Bratislava until he died, on 6 Oct. 1971. We don't know that Paul married in Štrba. He may have married in Bratislava. I suspect that he lived there for a while before he left for Australia.

Zuzana Húska (b. 1861) had two sisters:

Alsbeta Húska, born in Štrba sometime between 1865 and 1870.

Zsophia Húska, born in Štrba sometime around 1874.

Alsbeta ("Beta") Húska (b. ~1865-1870) married a man named Tomko, who may or may not have been a brother of Ján Tomko, and they had five children who emigrated to America (as she did) between 1902 and 1910. She was a widow by 27 June 1907. We think her husband died in Slovakia, but it's possible that he died in America. Here are the five children:

John Tomko, b. 25 Dec. 1884, probably Štrba.

Paul Tomko, b. 19 May 1888, probably Štrba.

Anna Tomko, b. 20 Apr. 1891, Štrba.

Michael (Majk) Tomko, b. 10 Apr. 1893, probably Štrba.

Maria Tomko, b. ~1904/1905, Štrba.

Zsophia Húska (b. ~1874) married a Ján Daniel, probably in Štrba, around 1894. They never had any children, as far as we know. They emigrated to America too, he in 1910 and she in 1918, we believe.

So that's what we know of Family 1, and here's what we'd like to know, for now:

1. Who were the parents of Ján Tomko (b. 1857), and when and where were they born?
2. Who were the parents of Zuzana Húska (b. 1861), and when and where were they born?
3. When did Ján Tomko and Zuzana Húska marry? (It would have been in Štrba, probably, before 1885.)
4. Is there any mention in the Lutheran church death record that Zuzana Húska Tomko committed suicide?
5. Did Ján Tomko re-marry? If so, whom, when and where?
6. Whom did Paul Tomko (b. 1901) marry? And when and where?
7. Did Paul Tomko (b. 1901) and his wife have children? When were they born and when did they die?

8. When did Paul Tomko's wife die?
9. When was Alsbeta Húska born?
10. What was the name of Alsbeta Húska's husband?
11. When and where did Alsbeta Húska marry?
12. What was the date of birth for Maria Tomko (b. ~1904/1905)?
13. When and where was Zsophia Húska (b. ~1874) born?
14. When and where did Zsophia Húska (b. ~1874) marry Ján Daniel?
15. Do seignorial records exist for Štrba, and are they available? (Don't try too hard to find out.)

Questions 6, 7 and 8 may be Bratislava questions, and are of lesser importance to us right now. You're welcome to deal just with Štrba research, for now.

Family 2

What we know:

Janos Gurka was born 18 May 1870, in "Betlanovce Pool Tatranska Czechoslovakia."
 He married Zuzana Tomo (see below, in Family 3).
 He died around 1933 in Velka, Czechoslovakia.

The date of birth is from a family Bible, and the place of birth is from the birth certificate of his son, Joseph John Gurka. The approximate year of death is from the family Bible. He was living in Velka when he died. Velka was a small town near Poprad, at that time, I think. I guess it's a suburb of Poprad now. Betlanovce is about seven miles southeast of Poprad. From information passed down from generation to generation, Janos Gurka (b. 1870), known as John Gurka to us, became an orphan at an early age. I don't know if both parents died at the same time or at different times. Janos Gurka was then brought up by two spinster aunts, both schoolteachers, in Poprad. He fell in love with Zuzana Tomo, but he was Catholic and she was Lutheran, and the marriage was not allowed. When Janos then threatened to go off to America with Zuzana, and marry her there, the priest decided that he would allow the marriage on the condition that the the sons were brought up Catholic and the daughters Lutheran. This had never been done before, we've been told. They lived in Poprad until sometime between 1901 and 1908, when they moved to Velka. We have a picture of the house that they lived in.

Children of Janos Gurka (b. 1870) and Zuzana Tomo:

Zuzana Gurka, b. 1 May 1898, in Poprad, we believe. (Lutheran)

Janos Gurka, b. 21 Sept. 1901, in Poprad, we believe. (Catholic)

Paul Gurka, (we don't know when or where he was born, but he died young.

He may have been born, and died, in America) (Catholic)

Marton Gurka, b. 21 Nov. 1908, in Velka, we believe. (Catholic)

Joseph John Gurka, b. 12 May 1915 in Sharon, Pennsylvania, USA.

Ethel Gurka, b. 10 Jan. 1918 in Sharon, Pennsylvania, USA.

Janos Gurka (b. 1870) emigrated to America in January of 1909. His daughter Zuzana followed him in December of 1910, travelling with Anna Zmok, also of Velka. Janos's wife Zuzana emigrated with Janos Jr. and Marton in April of 1913. Son Janos died in America in 1920, and daughter Zuzana died in America in 1922. Around 1922, Janos (b. 1870), Zuzana (b. 1874), Joseph and Ethel went back to Velka, Czechoslovakia, because Janos's health was bad and they felt that the mountain air would do him good. Marton stayed in America with friends of the family. Zuzana in particular, and I think Janos too, had embraced the Church of God by this time, and they set up a mission in Velka. So perhaps Janos's death in 1933 will not appear in a Catholic Church record. In June of 1933 Joseph Gurka (b. 1915) went back to America. And in January of 1935 Zuzana (b. 1874) and Ethel went back, too.

So that's what we know of Family 2, and here's what we'd like to know, for now:

16. Who were the parents of Janos Gurka, born 18 May 1870 in Betlanovce? (Catholic)
17. When and where were they born? (Catholic)
18. When did they marry? (Catholic)
19. When did they die? (Catholic)
20. Who were the aunts in Poprad who raised Janos Gurka (b. 1870)? (Catholic, I suppose) (Don't try too hard to answer this question)
21. When did Janos Gurka marry Zuzana Tomo? (It would have been before 1898, in a Catholic Church.)
22. Was daughter Zuzana Gurka born 1 May 1898, in Poprad? (Lutheran)
23. Was son Janos Gurka born 21 Sept. 1901 in Poprad? (Catholic)
24. Can you find a record of the birth of son Paul Gurka? (Catholic) He may have been born after they arrived in America. We don't know yet. (Don't try too hard to answer this question.)
25. Was Marton Gurka born 21 Nov. 1908 in Velka? (Catholic)
26. Can you find a record of the death of Janos Gurka (b. 1870) in Velka, around 1933. It may have been recorded in Catholic burial records, or perhaps Church of God records (if the mission still exists).

Family 3

What we know:

Zuzana Tomo (or Toma) was born 24 April 1874 in "Strba Pool Tatranska Czechoslovakia."

The date of birth is from a family Bible, and the place of birth is from the birth certificate of her son, Joseph John Gurka. This is the same Zuzana Tomo who married Janos Gurka (b. 1870).

That's all we know of the Tomo (or Toma) family. Here's what we'd like to know, for now:

27. Who were the parents of Zuzana Tomo, born 24 April 1874 in Strba? (Lutheran)

28. When and where were they born?

29. When and where did they marry?

30. Was Zuzana Tomo born 24 April 1874 in Strba?

31. Did she have any brothers and sisters? Who were they? When and where born?

I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

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The Slovakian research results of Felix Gundacker, IHFF, received 24 Nov. 2006

Notes (C. Terrill)

„evang“ = Protestant (Lutheran)

From <http://www.iarerelative.com/lutheran.htm>, 26 Nov. 2006:

The official name of the Slovak Protestant Church is Evanjelicka cirkev augsburskeho vyznania na Slovensku, the "Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia." That is why in Slovak, the words evanjelik and luteran refer to the same creed. The appropriate English translation of either of these words when discussing Slovakia is Lutheran or Protestant, but not "evangelical," which has different connotations in (American) English.

„col“ = colon, or colonus, Latin for farmer

„rust“ = rustica, Latin for farmer's daughter

„coel“ = coelebs or caelebs, Latin for unmarried, single

„testes“ = Latin for witnesses

„patrini“ = Latin for protectors (the godparents)

„nd“ = (probably numero domini, or number of the house)

I have added the numbers in red in order to study the results. These numbers serve to cross-reference my summarization of the results to these original records. The black text is exactly what came from IHFF—the original (and the only) results that they sent.

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All entries are found in the protestant parish of STRBA
 I couldnt find any record in the catholic records of Poprad and Betlanovice

- 7/* Siblings of Susanna Tomko in Strba (1)
 Sophia * 16.08.1894
 Nr. 34
 16/19 August
 * Zofia
 Parentes Jan Tomko Zuzana Huska ev.
 Strba 92
 Patrini Jan Greguska Maria Bruzik ev.
- Anna * 06.04.1892
 Maria * 15.11.1889
 Johanna * 17.12.1887 + 21.04.1890
 Susanna * 17.06.1885 Strba 93
- so the family lived in house number 93 in 1885, and later moved to house 92.*
- 13 Strba baptism -/139 (2)
 21.4.1874
 die 21 Aprilis
 die 26. baptizata
 * Susanna
 legit
 parentes Johanes Tomo Maria Michalko
 ho. 78
 Patrini Paulus Ot..as, Maria Kurek
- on April 21st born
 on April 26th baptised (*5 days later – that is much!*)
 * Susanna
 legal child
 parents: Johann Tomo and Maria nee Michalko
 house number 78
 godfather: Paul Ot..as, and Maria Kurek
- 13/* siblings of Susanna Tomo in the parish of Strba (3)
 Johann * 11.08.1866 + 1870
 Michael * 10.07.1868 + 1870
 + boy * 05.02.1871
 Maria * 05.02.1872 +
 Anna * 04.06.1876 +
 Johann * 20.02.1879 + 30.04.1897
- 14 Strba baptism -/92 (4)
 12.3.1857
 die 12 Marts
 die 16 baptizatus

* Johanes + 19.4.1919

legit

Parentes Matthias Tomko Maria Krajc Kavaljer ev col

Csxorba Nro. 92

Patrini Johanes Kucera Susanna Bruzik col.

On March 12th born

On March 16th baptised

* Johann (*died on April 19th, 1919*)

legit child

parents: Mathias Tomko and Maria Kavalier, protestant carmers

Strba house number 92

godfather: Johann Kucera and Susanna Bruzik, farmer.

I dont know what "Krajc" should mean. Maybe a special kind of the surname Maria (as we know if from Franz Sales or Franz Borromäus or Franz von Assisi). The maiden name of Maria was Kavalier or Kavaljer. There was also a nobled family with this surname in Strba.

14/*	siblings of Johann Tomko in Strba			(5)
	<i>Paul</i>	* 11.05.1853	+ 27.10.1911	
			Strba 121	
	<i>Johann</i>	* about 1856		
	<i>Marka</i>	* 26.01.1850	+ 26.12.1908	
	<i>Susanna</i>	* 02.02.1863	+ 07.01.1897	
	<i>Michael</i>	* about 1862/1863		

I couldnt find any sibilings before, and also not from the first marriage of the father. The italic children are only known from their marriages and not from their births!

14/oo	Strba	marriage	2/123	(6)
	24.10.1887			
	Die 24 Octob			
	Paulus Tomko			
	Csorba 121			
	28 Jahre, ledig			
	Elisabeth Huska			
	nd 151			
	evang			
	23 annor			
	coelebs			
	testes Johannes Greguska Michael Tomko			

This Elisabeth was a sister of Susanna. So two brother married two sisters!

On October 24th married Paul Tomko from House 121, 28years old, unmarried, with Elisabeth Huska from house 151, protestant religion, 23 years of age, unmarried.

testes have been Johann Greguska and Michael Tomko.

14/oo	Strba	marriage	2/122	(7)
	31.1.1887			
	die 31 Januar			
	Michael Tomko coel.			
	nd 121			
	evang			
	24 anno 1 mens			
	coeles			
	Maria Foltin rust			
	nd 167			
	evang			
	26 ann			

Michael should be a brother of Johann and should be born about december 1862 – this must be wrong because Susanna is born at this time. But as we know from the marriage record of Paul, these ages can be and are wrong.

On January 31st married the unmarried Michael Tomko from house 121, protestant, 24 years and 1 months, with the unmarried Maria Foltin, farmer, from house 167, protestant, 26 years of age.

14/oo	Strba	marriage	1/12B	(8)
	7.4.1885			
	Die 7 aprilis			
	Paulus Koska col.			
	Nr. 119			
	evang			
	22 ann			
	coele.			
	susanna Tomko rust			
	nd 92			
	evang			
	22 ann			
	coeles			
	testes Michael Garej Paulus Balas col.			

On April 7th married the farmer Paul Koska from house 119, protestant, 22 years old, the farmer Susanna Tomko from house 92, protestant, 22 years old, unmarried.

testes have been Michael Garej and Paul Balas, both farmer.

14/oo	Strba	marriage	1/114	(9)
	16.12.1878			
	die 16 Decemb			
	Johannes Tomko colon			
	ned 121			
	evang			
	22 annor			
	coelebs			

Maria Balas Ondrecko virgo
 Ned 141
 22 ann 8 mens
 coelebs
 testes Paulus Ocenas Paulus Ocenas (!)

On December 16th married the unmarried farmer Johann Tomko from house 121, protestant, 22 years of age, Maria Balas ONDRECKO, virgin, from house 141, 22 years and 8 months old, unmarried. the testes have been Paul Ocenas and Paul Ocenas (both the same name!).

14-15	Strba 24.1.1881 die eodem Johannes Tomko miles & colon. Nd 92 evang 23 annor 16 mens coel. Susanna Huska rust. Ned 151 Evang 20 annor coel testes Michael Danjel Paulus Tomko	marriage	2/116	(10)
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On January 24th (eodem means the same day as the marriage before) married Johann Tomko, soldier and farmer, unmarried, from house 92, protestant, 23 years 16 months (!), with Susanna Huska, farmer, from house 151, protestant, 20 years, unmarried. testes have been Michael Daniel and Paul Tomko.

15	Strba 10.3.1861 Die 10 Marti die 15 baptizata * Susanna + 26.10.1903 legit Parentes Michael Huska Maria Kubis ev col Rd 151 Patrini Johanes Greguska Elisabetha Hanzus	baptism	-/94	(11)
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*On March 10th born and 15th baptisd
 * Susanna + died October 26th, 1903
 legal child
 parents: Michael Huska and Maria nee Kubis, protestant, farmer
 house number 151
 godfather: Johann Greguska and Elisabetha Hanzus.*

15/*	siblings of Susanna Huska in the parish of Strba			(12)
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<i>Anna</i>	* 13.01.1856	+ 23.04.1904
<i>Johann</i>	* 17.05.1858	+ 1861
<i>Elisabeth</i>	* 20.01.1865	
<i>Maria</i>	* 07.03.1869	+
<i>Michael</i>	* 13.06.1871	+ 1872
<i>Sophia</i>	* 12.04.1875	
<i>Maria</i>	* 29.07.1853	+ Mill 186

*Maria was born at the mill = house number 186.
the death records are noticed at the birth records.
I couldnt find any brother Johann Daniel! Not born here!*

15/oo Strba marriage 1/113 (13)

21.1.1878
1878 die 21 Januar
Johanes Huska col et molitor
Csorba mole hd 186
22 annor 10 mens
coelebs
Maria Garaj rust
Csorba nd 130
evang
16 annor
coelebs
testes Michael Jancik Paulus Huska col.

on January 21st 1878 married the unmarried miller Johann Huska from the mill in Strba house number 186, 22 years and 10 months old, Maria Garaj, a farmers daughter from Strba house number 130, protestant, 16 years of age, unmarried
testes have been Michael Jancik and the farmer Paul Huska.

15/oo Strba marriage -/109 (14)

13.1.1875
Die eodem
Johanes Garaj col
nd 25
evang
25 annor 3 mens
coel.
Anna Huska rust.
nd 151
evang
19 annos
coel
testes Paulus Gejdos Martinus Garaj col.

On January 13th married the unmarried Johann Garaj from house 25, protestant, 25 years and 3 months old, Anna Huska, farmersdaughter, from house 151, protestant, 19 years old, unmarried.

testes Paul Gajdos and Martin Garaj, both farmer

26 Strba baptism -/23 (15)
 28.11.1840
 29 November (*baptized*)
 * Joannes + 5.12.1906
 natus 28 Nov.
 Parentes Joannes Tomo, Maria Blasko
 Patrini Joannes Otunas, Maria Duspik

On November 28th born and 29th baptised
 * Johann died on December 5th, 1906
 born on 28th November
 parents: Johann Tomo and Maria nee Blasko
 godfather: Johann Otunas and Maria Duspik

26-27 Strba marriage -/95 (16)
 30.1.1865
 die eodem
 Johannes Tomo col
 nd 74
 ev
 25 annos
 coel.
 Maria Michalko rust.
 no. 109
 ev
 27 annoru
 coel
 testes idem (*Michael Jancik, Johannes Huben*)

On January 30th married on the same day (*as the marriage before*)
 Johann Tomo, farmer from house 74, protestant, 25 years old,
 Maria Michalko, farmersdaughter from house 109, protestant, 27 years old
 unmarried
 testes as the same before (Michael Jancik and Johann Huben).

27 Strba baptism -/14 (17)
 6.12.1837
 8 Decemb (*baptizata*)
 * Maria + 4,3,1906
 Den 6 Dec. Csorba natus
 Parentes Martin Michalko Susanna Maczko
 Patrini Joannes Vetech Susanna Gallo

On December 8th was baptised Maria
 born on December 6th in Strba
 * Maria died on March 4th, 1906
 parents: Martin Michalko and Susanna Maczko
 godfather: Johann Vetech and Susanna Gallo

- 28 Strba baptism -/104 (18)
 25.2.1820
 Den 25 Febr.
 * Mateg
 Parentes Pawel Tomko Marya Kubisz
 Patrini Jan Havass, Magdalena Hurajt
- On February 25th was baptised Mathias
 parents: Paul Tomko and Maria Kubisz
 godfather: Johann Havass and Magdalena Hurait
- 28-29 Strba marriage -/70 (19)
 30.6.1845
 ultimo
 Tomko Mathyas
 Witwer
 Kavaljer v. Krajnec Maria
 Parentes: Kavaljer Mihaly Ivanides Maria
 Testes Sokol Matthyas, Muntak Pal
- on the last day (*that means the last day of month June*)
 married Mathias Tomko, a widower
 Maria Kavalier von Krajnec
 parents of her: Michael Kavalier and Maria nee Ivanides
 testes: Sokol Mathias and Muntak Paul.
- Usually, I would say, that the family of Kavalier was nobled. But I couldnt find any nobilitation act in any of my books. That must not say all, but I cannot find it. On the other side, one generation before nothing would direct us to a noble family.
 Maybe, the Hungarian State Archives in Budapest has any information on this family.*
- 28-1. Ehe Strba marriage -öä/63 (20)
 4.2.1839
 eodem
 Matthias Tomko Parentes Paulus & Maria Kubisz
 Susanna Petruska, Parentes Georgius Anna Kubisch
 testes Paulus Muntak, Paulus Kubisz
- On the same day (*as the marriage before*) married Mathias Tomko, legal son of Paul and Maria nee Kubisz, to Susanna Petruska, daughter of Georg and Anna nee Kubisch testes have been: Paul Muntak and Paul Kubisz.
- 29 *I couldnt find the birth of Maria Kavalier von Krajec or any sibling* (21)
So it is to assume, that she is born in an other parish
- 30 Strba baptism -/166 (22)
 12.10.1834
 Den 16 Oct (baptizatus)

Michael
d. eod (= 12 Oct natus)
Parentes Jan Huszka Anna Bartos
Patrini Jan Ivanides Marya Filtsiak

On October 16th was baptised
* Michael
born on October 12th
parents: Johann Huska and Anna nee Bartos
godfather: Johann Ivanides and Maria Filtsiak

30-31 Strba marriage -/79 (23)

14.6.1852
1852 die 14 Juni
Michael Huska molitoris fil.
nro. 186 evang
18 annorum
coelebs
Maria Kubis rustica, evang,
csorba 151
19 annor
coelebs
testes Jacobus Huska Matthias Macko

On June 14th 1852 married
Michael Huska, son of a miller
from house 186
protestant
18 years, unmarried
Maria Kubis, farmersdaughter, protestant
Strba house 151
19 years of age
unmarried
testes: Jakob Huska and Mathias Macko

31 Strba baptism -/156 (24)

15.8.1833 (baptizata)
* Maria + 29.10.1894
d. 14 natus
Parentes Jan Kubisz Suzanna Ballas
Patrini Jan Greguska Marya Schweda

On August 15th was baptised
* Maria died on October 29th, 1894
born on 14th
parents: Johann Kubisz and Susanna nee Ballas
godfather: Johann Greguska and Maria Schweda

52-53 Strba marriage 1/41 (25)

18.1.1826
D 18 Jan

Jan Thomo Ondreg; Zuzanna Erzjak
 Marya Blassko Ondreg; Marya Batos
 testes Jan Erzjak, Ondreg Sztantsek

On January 18th married
 Johann Thomo, legal son of Andreas and Susanna nee Erzjak
 Maria Blasko, legal daughter of Andreas and Maria Batos
 testes: Johann Erzjak and Andreas Sztantsek

54-55	Strba 21.11.1825 D 21. Nov. Martin Michalko Martin; Marya Szokol Zuzanna Maczko Ondreg; Marya Schvorcz testes Ondreg Pipiss, Jan Batsik	marriage	1/40	(26)
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On November 21st married
 Martin Michalko, legal son of Martin and Maria nee Szokol
 Susanna Maczko, legal daughter of Andreas and Maria nee Schwarz
 testes: Andreas Pipiss and Johann Batsik

58-59	Strba 12.11.1823 d eod. Michael Kavaljer Gjri; Zuzanna Mintak Marya Ivanides Pawel; Marya Stzkokan	marriage	1/38	(27)
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On November 12th married
 Michael Kavalier, legal son of Georg and Susanna nee Mintak
 Maria Ivanides, legal daughter of Paul and Maria nee Stkokan

60-61	Strba 13.3.1824 D. 13 Marty Jan Huszka Jan; Zuzanna Gajdos Anna Bartos Jan; Maria Maczko testes Ondreg Huszka, Pawel Kordovan	marriage	1/39	(28)
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On March 13th
 Johann Huska, legal son of Johann and Susanna nee Gajdos
 Anna Bartos, legal daughter of Johann and Maria Maczko
 testes: Andreas Huska and Paul Kordovan

62-63	Strba 24.11.1828 d. 24 Nov Jan Kubisz; parentes Jan; Magdal. Muntak Zuzanna Ballas, parentes: Ondreg; Katar. Kuzmik testes Pawel Kubisz, Pawel Muntak	marriage	1/33	(29)
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On November 24th married

Johann Kubisz, legal son of Johann and Magdalena nee Muntak
 Susanna Ballas, legal daughter of Andreas and Katharina nee Kuzmik
 testes: Paul Kubisz and Paul Muntak

106-107	Strba 8.8.1791 8 Aug Ondreg Blassko z Strba Maria Bartos z str testes Mateg Garay, Ewa Michalko	marriage	1/8	(30)
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On August 8th married
 Andreas Blassko from Strba, legal son of Michael and Anna nee Pelech
 Maria Bartos from Strba, legal daughter of Michael and Maria nee Kavalier
 testes: Mathias Garay and Eva Michalko

108-109	Strba 10.4.1792 dto Martin Michalko Maria Sokol testes Ondreg Kordowan, Katar. Garay	marriage	1/9	(31)
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On April 10th married
 Martin Michalko, legal son of Martin and Anna nee Sordowan
 Maria Sokol, legal daughter of Johann and Anna nee Missoucek
 testes: Andreas Kordowan and Katharina Garay

110-111	Strba 4.1.1796 4 Jan Ondreg Maczko Maria Sworc testes Ondreg Pipis, Maria Pipis	married	1/12	(32)
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On January 4th married
 Andreas Maczko, legal son of Georg and Katharina nee Stawac
 Maria Sworc, legal daughter of Georg and Sophia nee Simunik
 testes: Andreas Pipis and Maria Pipis

116-117	Strba 25.11.1799 25 Nov. Gjri Kavalier Zuzanna Muntak	marriage	1/15	(33)
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On November 25th married
 Georg Kavalier, legal daughter of Georg and Maria nee Mindiassowsky
 Susanna Muntak, legal daughter of Martin and Maria nee Malenky

118-119	Strba	marriage	1/20	(34)
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12.11.1804

12 Nov

Pawel Ivanides Maria Szkokan

parentes Jan; Zofia Cavalier//Martin; Maria Mindor

testes Mateg Chladon, Katarina Kawalier

On November 12th married

Paul Ivanides, legal son of Johann and Sophia nee Cavalier

Maria Szkokan, legal daughter of Martin and Maria nee Mindor

testes Mathias Chladon and Katharina nee Cavalier

120-121 Strba marriage 1/12 (35)

7.11.1796

dto

Jan Huska Ondreg; Anna Gyrbus

Zuzanna Gajdos Jan; Zuzanna Grexa

testes Pawel Lewoisky, Zuzanna Skokan

On November 7th married

Johann Huska, legal son of Andreas and Anna nee Gyrbus

Susanna Gajdos, legal daughter of Johann and Susanna nee Grexa

testes Paul Lewoisky and Susanna nee Skokan

122-123 Strba marriage 1/12 (36)

10.1.1796

dto

Jan Bartos Michal; Mar. Cavalier

Maria Maczko Jakob; Anna Ivanides

testes Adam Kunda, Ewa Michalko

On January 10th married

Johann Bartos, legal son of Michael and Maria nee Cavalier

Maria Maczko, legal daughter of Jakob and Anna nee Ivanides

testes: Adam Kunda and Eva Michalko

124-125 Strba marriage 1/20 (37)

19.11.1804

dto

Jan Kubis Martin/Maria Kordowan

Magdalena Muntak Martin; Maria Sewcik

testes Stepan Pazar, Zofia Jonas

On November 19th married

Johann Kubis, legal son of Martin and Maria nee Kordowan

Magdalena Muntak, legal daughter of Martin and Maria nee Sewcik

testes: Stephan Pazar and Sophia Jonas

126-127 Strba marriage 1/19 (38)

21.11.1803

dto

Ondreg Ballas

Michael; Alzbeta Garay

Katarina Kuzmik Martin; Zofia Moraucik
testes Michal Blassko, Dorotea Shrebala

On November 21st married
Andreas Ballas, legal son of Michael and Elisabeth nee Garay
Katharina Kuzmik, legal daughter of Martin and Sophia nee Moravcik
testes: Michael Blasko and Dorothea Schrebala

Summarization of the IHFF records, C. Terrill, 25 Nov. 2006

To begin to make some sense of the IHFF (Felix Gundacker's) research results I decided to first cast them into simplified form. The numbers in red on the right match the numbers I gave the individual records in the results as received from IHFF, and so serve as a method of referring to those results. Additional comments based on IHFF-provided information are also in red.

In this summarization I'm ignoring "Štrba" (all the records are from the parish and town of Štrba, I believe), "Protestant (they're all Protestant), "legimate" (they're all legitimate), godparents, witnesses, and any other excess information. The house numbers are all Štrba house numbers. I've used the names (sometimes Latinized) as given in the parish records, except when I had to use IHFF's versions of the names.

IHFF had no luck in tracing the Gurka line because that family's records did not appear to be in the Catholic parish records for Poprad and Betlanovce, so Felix Gundacker wrote. Actually, IHFF could not have searched the Poprad/Betlanovce parish records at Štátny archív v Bytči (the Slovakia Archives at Bytča) since these records can only be found at Štátny archív v Levoči (the Slovakia Archives at Levoča). Štrba and Poprad are in different Slovakia Archives regions.

Protestant records in Slovakia usually begin in the late 1700's. Catholic records may begin from the early-mid-1700's. Around 1895 the Hungarian government took over the record-keeping, so the Protestant and Catholic parish records tend to stop at around this time, and you must apply to General Registry offices for records after this time

(Beginning of summarized IHFF records)

- Siblings of Susanna Tomko (1)
Susanna, b. 17 June 1885 (house 93)
Johanna, b. 17 Dec. 1887, d. 21 Apr. 1890
Maria, b. 15 Nov. 1889
Anna, b. 6 Apr. 1892
Sophia, b. 16 Aug. 1894 (house 92)
(so the Tomkos moved from house 93 in 1885 to house 92 by 1894)
- Susanna Tomo, b. 21 Apr. 1874 (2)
daughter of Johanes Tomo and Maria Michalko, house 78
- Siblings of Susanna Tomo (3)
Johann, b. 11 Aug. 1866, d. 1870
Michael, b. 10 July 1868, d. 1870
(boy), b. 5 Feb. 1871
Maria, b. 5 Feb. 1872
Anna, b. 4 Jun. 1876
Johann, b. 20 Feb. 1879, d. 30 Apr. 1897
- Johanes Tomko, b. 12 Mar. 1857, d. 19 Apr. 1919 (4)
son of Matthias Tomko and Maria Krajc Kavaljer (farmers, house 92)
- Siblings of Johann Tomko (5)
Paul, b. 11 May 1853, d. 27 Oct. 1911 (house 121)
Johann, b. ~1856
Marka, b. 26 Jan. 1850, d. 26 Dec. 1908
Susanna, b. 2 Feb. 1863, d. 7 Jan. 1897
Michael, b. ~1862/1863
- Paulus Tomko (6)
from house 121, age 28 years, single
m. Elisabeth Huska, 24 Oct. 1887
from house 151, age 23 years, unmarried
- Michael Tomko (7)
from house 121, age 24 years 1 month, unmarried
m. Maria Foltin, 31 Jan. 1887
farmer's daughter from house 167, age 26 years, unmarried
- Paulus Koska (8)
farmer from house 119, age 22 years
m. Susanna Tomko, 7 Apr. 1885
farmer's daughter from house 92, age 22 years, unmarried

- Johannes Tomko (9)
farmer from house 121, age 22 years, unmarried
m. Maria Balas Ondrecko, 16 Dec. 1878
virgin from house 141, age 22 years 8 months, unmarried
- Johannes Tomko (10)
soldier and farmer from house 92, age 23 years 16 months!, unmarried
m. Susanna Huska, 24 Jan. 1881
farmer's daughter from house 151, age 20 years, unmarried
- Susanna Huska, b. 10 Mar. 1861, d. 26 Oct. 1903 (11)
daughter of Michael Huska and Maria Kubis (farmers, house 151)
- Siblings of Susanna Huska (12)
Maria, b. 29 July 1853 (at the mill, house 186)
Anna, b. 13 Jan. 1856, d. 23 Apr. 1904
Johann, b. 17 May 1858, d. 1861
Elizabeth, b. 20 Jan. 1865
Maria, b. 7 Mar. 1869
Michael, b. 13 June 1871, d. 1872
Sophia, b. 12 Apr. 1875
- Johanes Huska (13)
farmer and miller from the mill in Strba, house 186, age 22 years, 10 months, unmarried
m. Maria Garaj, 21 Jan. 1878
farmer's daughter from house 130, age 16 years, unmarried
- Johanes Garaj (14)
farmer from house 25, age 25 years 3 months, unmarried
m. Anna Huska, 13 Jan. 1875
farmer's daughter from house 151, 19 years old, unmarried
- Joannes Tomo, b. 28 Nov. 1840, d. 5 Dec. 1906 (15)
son of Joannes Tomo and Maria Blasko
- Johannes Tomo (16)
farmer from house 74, age 25 years, unmarried
m. Maria Michalko, 30 Jan. 1865
farmer's daughter from house 109, age 27 years, unmarried
- Maria Michalko, b. 6 Dec. 1837, d. 4 Mar. 1906 (17)
daughter of Martin Michalko and Suzanna Macsko
- Mateg (= Mathias) Tomko, bapt. 25 Feb. 1820 (18)
son of Pawel Tomko and Marya Kubisz

- Mathyas Tomko, widower (19)
m. Maria Kavaljer v. Krajnec, 30 Jun. 1845
daughter of Mihaly Kavaljer and Maria Ivanides
- Matthias Tomko (20)
son of Paulus Tomko and Maria Kubisz
m. Susanna Petruska, 4 Feb. 1839
daughter of Georgius Petruska and Anna Kubisch
- Maria Kavalier von Krajnec, b. (some other parish) (21)
(couldn't find her birth record, or that of any sibling,
so we should assume she was born in another parish)
- Michael Huszka, b. 12 Oct. 1834 (22)
son of Jan Huszka and Anna Bartos
- Michael Huska (23)
18 years old, son of miller at house 186, age 18 years, unmarried
m. Maria Kubis, 14 June 1852
farmer's daughter from house 151, age 19 years, unmarried
- Maria Kubisz, b. 14 Aug. 1833, d. 29 Oct. 1894 (24)
daughter of Jan Kubisz and Suzanna Ballas
- Jan Thomo (25)
son of Ondreg Thomo and Zuzanna Erzjak
m. Marya Blassko, 18 Jan. 1826
daughter of Ondreg Blassko and Marya Batos
- Martin Michalko (26)
son of Martin Michalko and Marya Szokol
m. Zuzanna Maczko, 21 Nov. 1825
daughter of Ondreg Maczko and Marya Schvorcz
- Michael Kavaljer (27)
son of Gjri Kavaljer and Zuzanna Mintak
m. Marya Ivanides, 12 Nov. 1823
daughter of Pawel Ivanides and Marya Stzkokan
- Jan Huszka (28)
son of Jan Huszka and Zuzanna Gajdos
m. Anna Bartos, 13 Mar. 1824
daughter of Jan Bartos and Maria Maczko
- Jan Kubisz (29)
son of Jan Kubisz and Magdal. Muntak
m. Zuzanna Ballas, 24 Nov. 1828
daughter of Ondreg Ballas and Katar. Kuzmik

- Ondreg Blassko (30)
son of Michal Blassko and Anna Pelech
m. Maria Bartos, 8 Aug. 1791
daughter of Michal Bartos and Maria Kawalier
- Martin Michalko (31)
son of Martin Michalko and Anna Sordowan
m. Maria Sokol, 10 Apr. 1792
daughter of Jan Sokol and Anna Missoucek
- Ondreg Maczko (32)
son of Gjrj Maczko and Katar. Stawac
m. Maria Sworc, 4 Jan. 1796
daughter of Gjrj Sworc and Zofia Simunik
- Gjri Kawalier (Gjri = George) (33)
son of Gjri Kawalier and Maria Mindiassowsky
m. Zuzanna Muntak, 25 Nov. 1799
daughter of Martin Muntak and Maria Malenky
- Pawel Ivanides (34)
son of Jan Ivanides and Zofia Cavalier
m. Maria Szkokan, 12 Nov. 1804
daughter of Martin Szkokan and Maria Mindor
- Jan Huska (35)
son of Ondreg Huska and Anna Gyrbus
m. Zuzanna Gajdos, 7 Nov. 1796
daughter of Jan Gajdos and Zuzanna Grexa
- Jan Bartos (36)
son of Michal Bartos and Mar. Kavalier
m. Maria Maczko, 10 Jan. 1796
daughter of Jakob Maczko and Anna Ivanides
- Jan Kubis (37)
son of Martin Kubis and Maria Kordowan
m. Magdalena Muntak, 19 Nov. 1804
daughter of Martin Muntak and Maria Sewcik
- Ondreg Ballas (38)
son of Michael Ballas and Alzbeta Garay
m. Katarina Kuzmik, 21 Nov. 1803
daughter of Martin Kuzmik and Zofia Moraucik

(End of summarized IHFF records)

IHFF records in tree form, C. Terrill, 25 Nov. 2006

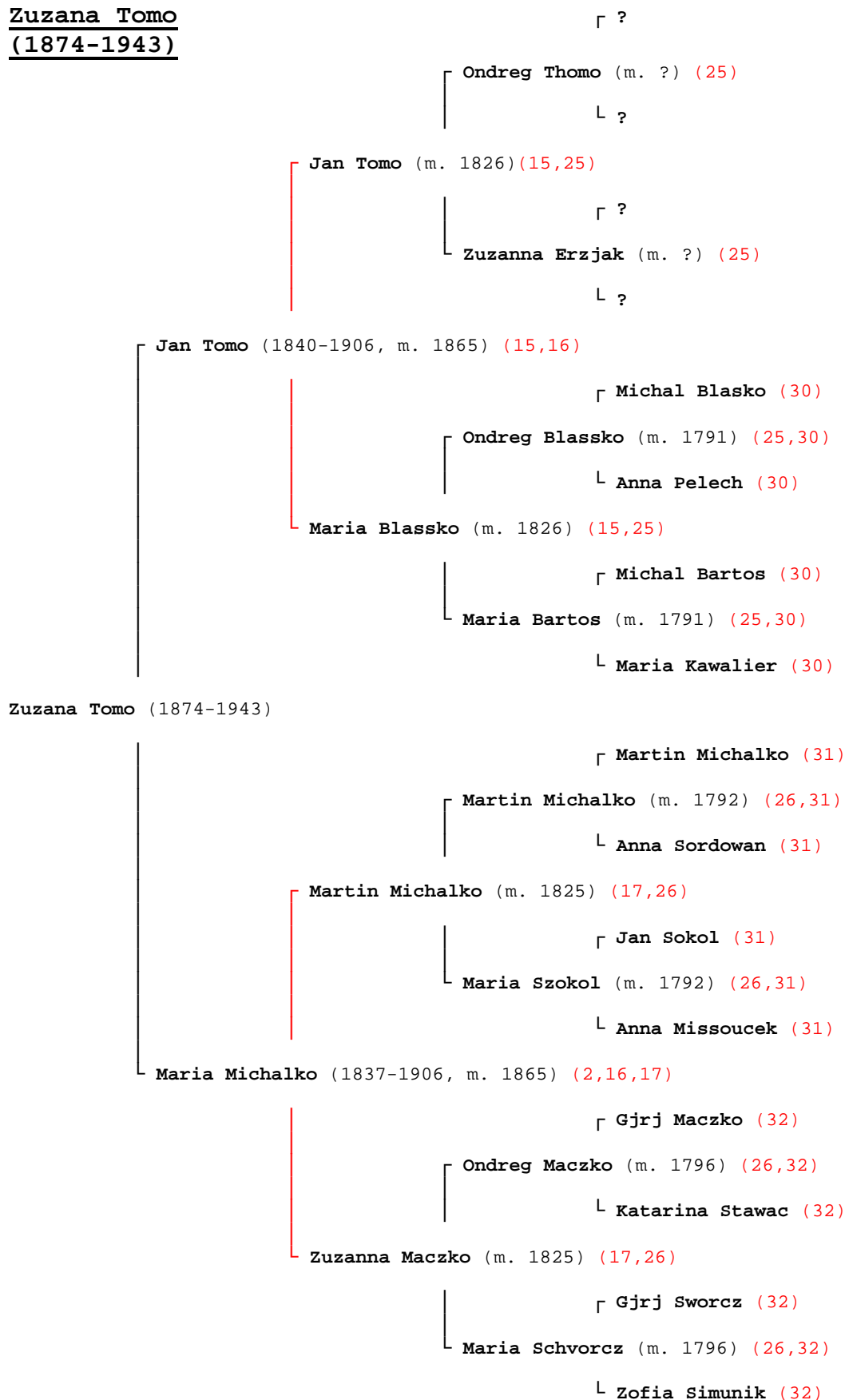
My second step in making sense of the IHFF research results was to put them in tree form. In this form it's clear that the results are amazing! We've been provided almost six complete generations in Zuzanna Tomko's tree, and almost five in Zuzanna Tomo's tree. I'm still studying the results, so don't consider this document finished yet. What I want to do next is to examine the sturdiness of each link in the tree. I'll change the color of the link lines, or something, to mark those I consider weak. (There won't be much, I think. And there may not be any! Much of it looks rock solid, at present.)

The red numbers in parentheses match the numbers I gave IHFF's records in the results as I received them, and in my summarization of these results. I've added these so you have a way of knowing where each link came from. I've taken a little leeway in choosing a form for the names, many of which were never spelled the same way twice. The parish priests who originally wrote all of these records generally had a tendency to Latinize given names, so we're not seeing the actual Slovakian given names. The surnames were not Latinized, though.

The reason why we were so lucky in tracing the two Strba lines back is that Slovaks did not (or could not) move around very much in those times. So families stayed put, for the most part. When they did move, there was probably a good reason for it. Perhaps one landlord needed a miller, for instance, and he traded serfs with another landlord to get a miller's son (or a miller's apprentice). Or it may be (and I think I've read this) that a person who learned a trade became a freeman, free to move. He gave up something in the process---the patronization of a benevolent landlord. Or it may be that a family decided to change from Catholicism to Protestantism. I don't know if IHFF searched Catholic records in Strba. What they did provide us is pretty impressive. They provided us with Zuzanna Tomko's Tomko great-grandparents, and her Huska, Kavalier and Kubisz great-great-great-grandparents.

Zuzanna Tomko's ancestors married more quickly than Zuzanna Tomo's in the period 1790 to 1895, and so we got an extra generation for her tree. For both of them we got all of their great-grandparents. Zuzanna Tomko and Zuzanna Tomo were related, but distantly. (Just about everyone in Strba was related to everyone else there in some way, I imagine.) Zuzanna Tomko's great-great-grandfather Jan Bartos was the brother of Zuzanna Tomo's great-grandmother Maria Bartos. These ancestors were both children of Michal and Maria (Kavalier) Bartos.

Zuzana Tomo
(1874-1943)



Zuzanna Tomko
(1885-1974)

