

JOSEF A HEDVIKA ABELESOVI A JEJICH SYNOVÉ HUGO A WALTER



Josef



Hedvika



Josef jako důstojník



Berta Kussi



Jindřich Kussi



Josef Abeles se narodil 14. 7. 1869 ve Vysoké Libyni nedaleko Podbořan Israeli Abelesovi a Franzisce Abelesové, rozené Popperové. Měl celkem osm sourozenců – sestry Eleonoru, Julii a Bertu a bratry Richarda, Adolfa, Maxe, Siegrfrieda a Ignáce. Hedvika se narodila 13. 4. 1871 v Touškově Adolfu a Julii Fingerovým. Josef a Hedvika se vzali v roce 1896 a žili ve Vysoké Libyni a později v nedalekých Žluticích. Josef získal důstojnickou hodnost a sloužil v rakousko-uherské armádě. Měli dva syny, v únoru 1898 se narodil Hugo a v únoru 1902 Walter. Hugo studoval německou právnickou fakultu a stal se úspěšným advokátem. Oženil se s Jarmilou Brillmaierovou, narodily se jim dvě děti, v roce 1929 dcerka Ruth a v roce 1932 syn Petr. Druhý syn Walter měl velkostatek ve Svinařích, oženil se se Zdenkou Standlerovou a v roce 1930 se jim narodila dcera Anita.

Hugo s rodinou se v roce 1938 vystěhoval do Kanady, v roce 1939 tam odjel i Walter s manželkou a dcerou.

Syn Hugo s rodinou nejdříve pracoval na farmě, zemřel v Kanadě v roce 1970. Jeho dcera Ruth studovala na universitě v Torontu, provdala se za Williama Leonarda Cooka, byla to prý okouzující a srdečná žena se sardonickým smyslem pro humor a vynikající kuchařka, milovnice opery, detektivek, plavání, psů a koček. Měla syna Stevena a dceru Dianu. Diana, Josefova a Hedvičina pravnučka, žije na Novém Zélandu společně s manželem Johnem Morrowem a je to významná historička.

Vnuk Peter Kurt Abeles se oženil s Patricií Bush. Měli spolu syna Franka a dceru Valerii. Valerie je svobodná, Frank žije s Kathleen Jarvis a mají spolu čtyři děti, které jsou už dospělé. Druhý syn Walter zemřel v roce 1970, rok po své manželce Zdeňce. Jeho dcera Anita se provdala se za Maxe Frielicha, žili v Jižní Karolíně a pravděpodobně měli dceru a syna, ale tato informace není ověřená. Do Kanady se podařilo uprchnout také dětem Richarda Abelese, Josefova bratra. Neteř Josefa a Hedviky Olga Abelesová, provdaná Segerová, porodila Franka a Mínu. Frank má tři děti, jedno z nich, syn Karl, dnes vede dřevařský rodinný podnik Falcon Lumber v Torontu. Leo Abeles a jeho žena Ida měli dcery Mínu a Hanu, Mína se provdala za Joe Loewitha a založili spolu úspěšný zemědělský podnik zaměřený na produkci mléčných produktů. Firma se jmenuje Joe Loewith and Sons a funguje dodnes.

Další Josefův a Hedvičin synovec Karl Abraham Abeles si vzal Olgu Ornsteinovou, byl to on, kdo rodině zařídil vystěhování do Kanady. Měli dcery Wilmu a Marienne. Obě byly vynikající akademičky, Wilma vystudovala germanistiku, stále ještě žije a je jí neskutečných 103 let. Ona i její manžel byli aktivními členy hnutí za občanská práva a také chtěli, aby se překlenula politická propast vytvořená železnou oponou. Za svůj život publikovala i několik knih, ta nejznámější se jmenuje Židé z Čech a Moravy.

Marianne Abeles se narodila v roce 1923 a zemřela v roce 2013. Byla to zapálená ekonomka a také feministka. Provedla mnoho výzkumů na téma platů žen, a dokonce na toto téma vydala dvě publikace.

Hugovi a Walterovi se tedy podařilo vyvázat, jejich rodiče však štěstí neměli. Josef a Hedvika se v roce 1935 přestěhovali z Karlovarska do Plzně a koupili velký činžovní dům v Majerově ulici 4. Byli majetní a bez problémů jim byl na začátku března 1939 vydán vystěhovalecký pas do Kanady, chtěli utéct před nacisty a žít se svými syny a vnoučaty. Vycestovat se jim už ale nepovedlo. Ze svého domu byli v roce 1940 vystěhováni do Koperníkovy ulice a 18. ledna 1942 byli zařazeni do transportu R do terezínského ghetta. Možná se tam potkali s Josefovou sestrou Bertou a jejím mužem Jindřichem Kussim, s nimiž sdíleli stejný osud. Abelesovi byli 15. 10. a Kussiovi 19. 10. deportováni do Treblinky a tam zavražděni.

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Josef Abeles was born on July 14, 1869, in Vysoká Libyně, near Podbořany, to Israeli Abeles and Franziska Abeles (née Popper). He had eight siblings – sisters Eleonora, Julia, and Berta, and brothers Richard, Adolf, Max, Siegfried, and Ignaz. Hedvika was born on April 13, 1871, in Touškov to Adolf and Julia Finger. Josef and Hedvika married in 1896 and lived in Vysoká Libyně and later in the nearby town of Žlutice. Josef earned the rank of officer and served in the Austro-Hungarian army. They had two sons: Hugo, born in February 1898, and Walter, born in February 1902. Hugo studied at the German Law Faculty and became a successful lawyer. He married Jarmila Brillmaierová, and they had two children, Ruth, born in 1929, and Peter, born in 1932. The second son, Walter, owned an estate in Svinaře, married Zdenka Standlerová, and in 1930, they had a daughter, Anita.

In 1938, Hugo and his family emigrated to Canada, and in 1939, Walter, along with his wife and daughter, followed. Hugo and his family initially worked on a farm in Canada. He passed away there in 1970. His daughter, Ruth, studied at the University of Toronto. She married William Leonard Cook and was said to be a charming and warm-hearted woman with a sardonic sense of humor, an excellent cook, and a lover of opera, detective novels, swimming, dogs, and cats. She had a son, Steven, and a daughter, Diana. Diana, Josef and Hedvika's great-granddaughter, now lives in New Zealand with her husband, John Morrow, and is a distinguished historian.

Their grandson, Peter Kurt Abeles, married Patricia Bush. They had a son, Frank, and a daughter, Valerie. Valerie is unmarried, while Frank lives with Kathleen Jarvis, and they have four adult children.

Walter's second son, Walter, died in 1970, a year after his wife Zdenka. His daughter, Anita, married Max Frielich, and they lived in South Carolina. They probably had a daughter and a son, though this information has not been confirmed.

The children of Richard Abeles, Josef's brother, also managed to escape to Canada. Josef and Hedvika's niece, Olga Abelesová, who married Segerová, gave birth to Frank and Mína. Frank has three children, one of whom, his son Karl, now leads the family lumber business, Falcon Lumber, in Toronto. Leo Abeles and his wife Ida had daughters Mína and Hana. Mína married Joe Loewith, and together they established a successful agricultural business focused on dairy products. The company, Joe Loewith and Sons, is still operating today.

Another of Josef's and Hedvika's nephews, Karl Abraham Abeles, married Olga Ornsteinová. It was he who arranged the family's emigration to Canada. They had daughters Wilma and Marianne. Both were outstanding academics. Wilma studied Germanistics and is still alive at an incredible age of 103. She and her husband were active members of the civil rights movement and worked to bridge the political divide created by the Iron Curtain. Throughout her life, she published several books, the most well-known being *Jews from Bohemia and Moravia*.

Marianne Abeles was born in 1923 and passed away in 2013. She was a passionate economist and feminist. She conducted much research on women's wages and even published two books on the subject.

Thus, Hugo and Walter managed to escape, but their parents were not as fortunate. In 1935, Josef and Hedvika moved from the Karlovy Vary region to Plzeň and bought a large apartment building at Majerova 4. They were well-off, and in early March 1939, they were granted emigration passports to Canada, intending to escape the Nazis and live with their sons and grandchildren. However, they were unable to leave. In 1940, they were evicted from their house and moved to Koperníkova Street, and on January 18, 1942, they were included in transport R to the Terezín ghetto. Perhaps they met there with Josef's sister Berta and her husband Jindřich Kussi, with whom they shared the same fate. The Abeles family was deported to Treblinka on October 15, and the Kussi family on October 19, where they were murdered.