

Souhrada Family Reunion - U.S.A. #37

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA – JULY 31, 2021

**THANKS TO DAVE & CHERIE SOUHRADA, JANEL STEPHENS,
AND BARB ERICKSON**

THANKS TO THE FLYNN'S FOR LAST NIGHT'S PIZZA

**AND THANKS TO GARY AND TAMMY WILLIMACK FOR
THE KOLACHES!**

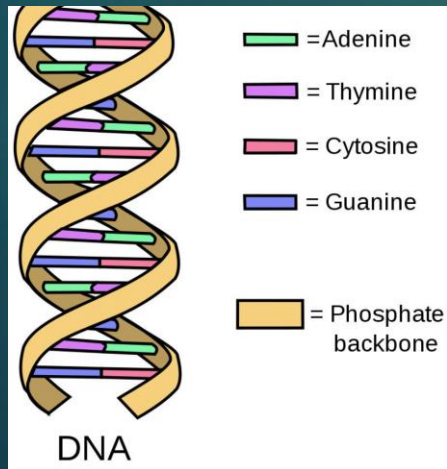
AND THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING!



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Agenda:

- Marlys & Linda Gronwoldt's photo albums
- Old family photo organizing tips
- Telling your life's story through pictures
- DNA test follow up (and a surprise!)
- Website update



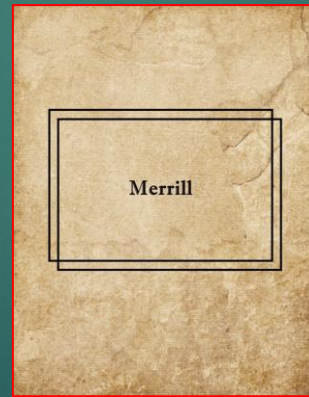
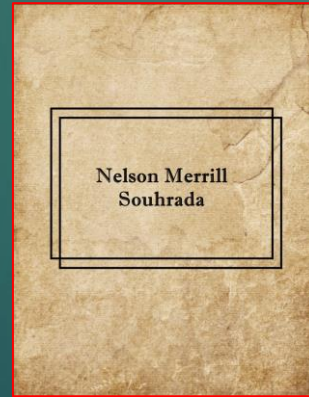
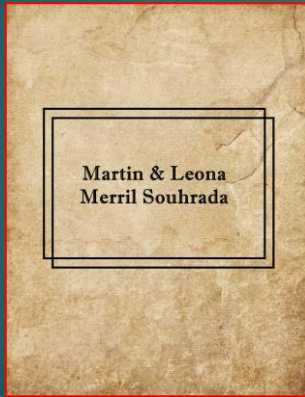
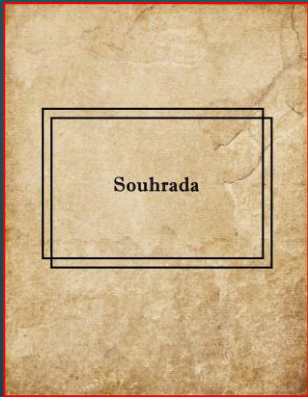
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Gronwoldt's photo albums

- Prepared by Linda Gronwoldt for her mother Marlys (Souhrada) Gronwoldt
- Scanned & Uploaded by Charlene (Gronwoldt Atkins)
- Links to albums sent to me by Bill Merrill
- Four albums submitted by Cheryl (Gronwoldt) Kunze
 - 04 Souhrada Book
 - 08 Martin & Leona Merrill Souhrada
 - 09 Nelson Merrill Souhrada
 - 10 Merrill Book



Anna Souhrada Rassman



Mrs. Dalbert Rassman & children



Betty S. Do
Mr. and M



Gronwoldt's photo albums

- How should we share within our community?



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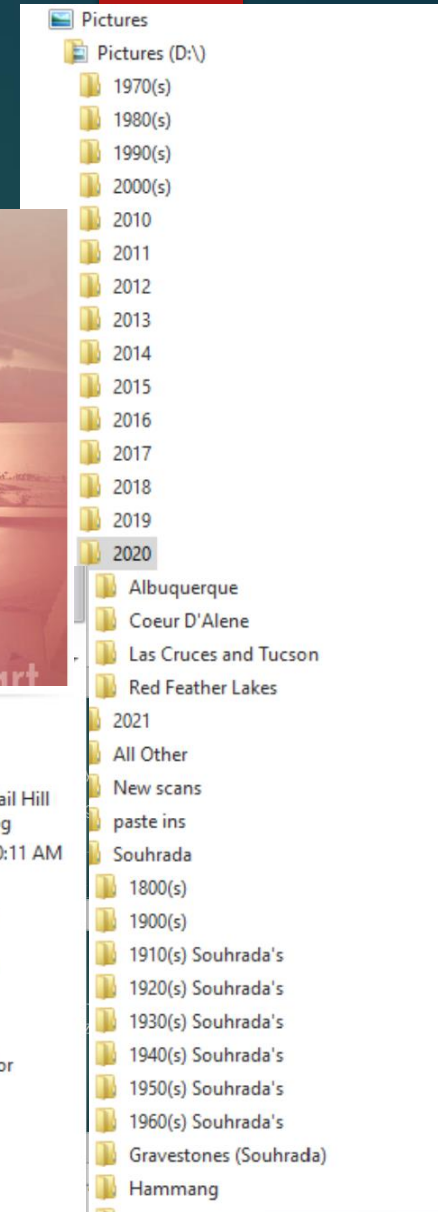
We are committed to protect our living relative's right to privacy. We will not post or share any personal details about them without their express permission, or without the express permission of a member of their immediate family. If anyone has a **concern about personal information or pictures of themselves or members of their immediate family posted on this website, it will be removed upon request.**



Family photo organizing tips

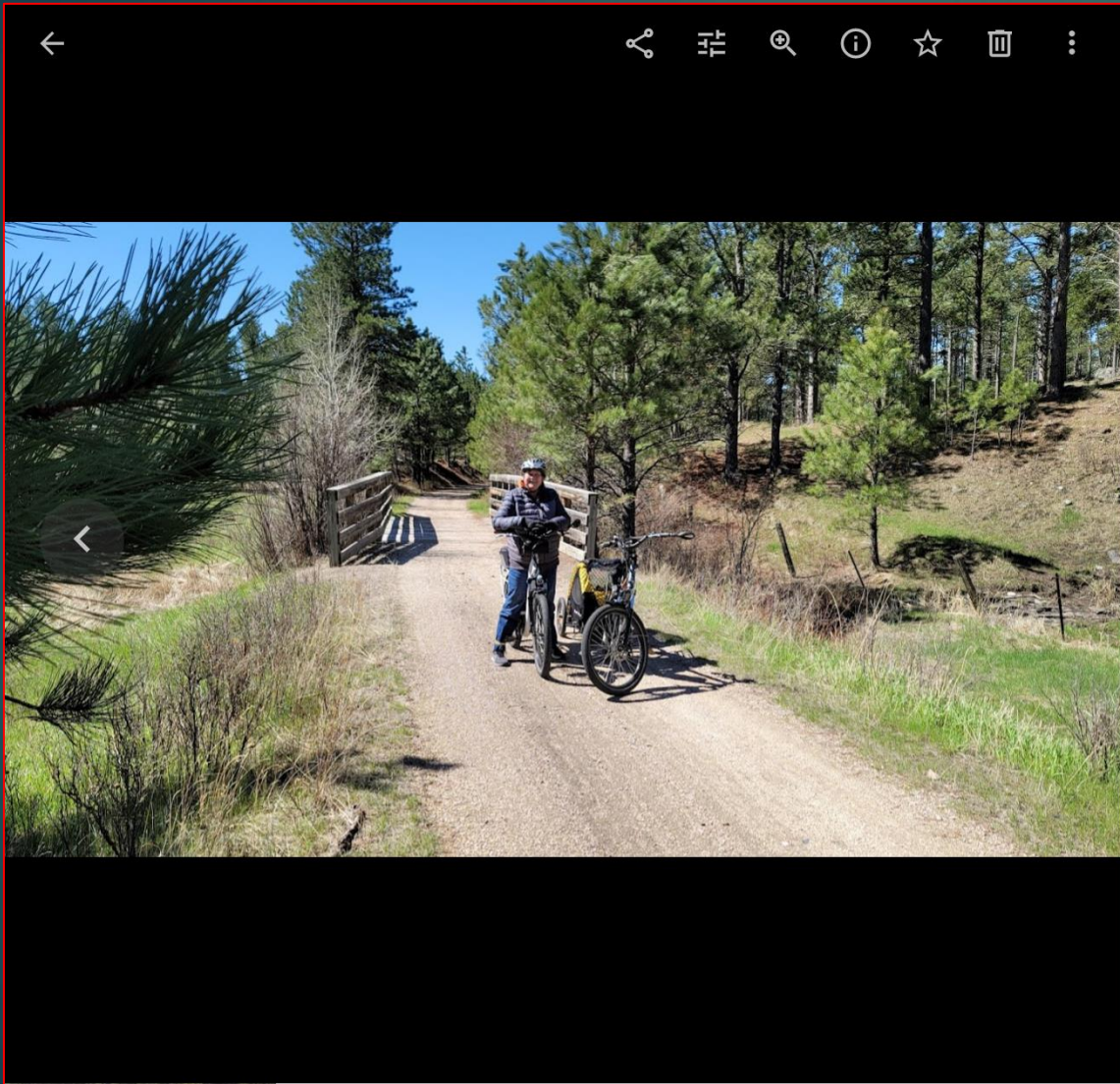
“Never underestimate the power of a photograph and the story behind it.”

- Collect all photos in one place
- Review and discard the “keeps” from the “chaff”
 - (duplicates, out of focus, scenery only, etc.)
- Digitize any photographic prints/slides
 - You can use commercial service or photo scanner
- Note date, place, and names (if known)
 - Photos taken digitally in past 20 years may have EXIF data
- Organize digital photos
 - (cloud service such as [Google photos](#) are excellent)
- And share...make a photo book for family members
- search for organizations that would value those old photos 
 - e.g. [naval weather service](#), [NavSource Online](#), Ancestry.com, Historical societies
- Other ideas?



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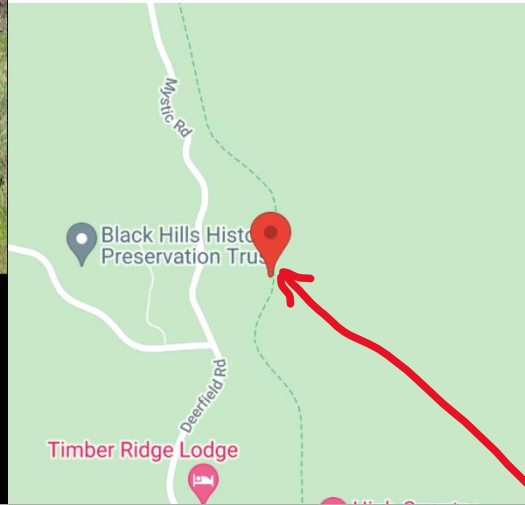
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Black Hills National Forest



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Pictures

- Pictures (D:\)
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- Albuquerque
- Coeur D'Alene
- Las Cruces and Tucson
- Red Feather Lakes
- 2021
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- 1940(s) Souhrada's
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- Gravestones (Souhrada)
- Hammang



Every Family has a History...

What's Yours?

I Remember...

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World War I began in 1914 in Europe. We entered the war in 1917. For our country it was short but very costly in lives. 1918 was terribly hard on my parents, especially mother. It was the year she lost her oldest son, Alfred, who succumbed to the Scarlet Fever epidemic. Her next oldest son was drafted into the army, and beside that she was nursing my sister Helen, who also came down with scarlet fever. I remember that I was sent to live with my aunt Mary Cathamer, who lived a few doors away, on 18th Street, It was a horrendous year the year in which about a half-million people died of influenza and other contagious diseases. I also remember it was the year of a great blizzard.

Remember all of those pictures we just organized, scanned, and uploaded? Select those that captured a significant or interesting event and begin by writing a narrative around each.

Why write a memoir/autobiography/personal history?

- ✓ It lets you re-live significant, memorable and joyful moments in your life....
- ✓ by documenting the people and events that shaped the person you are....
- ✓ and for preserving family history for generations to come.

Events at this stage of my life (say age 4 to 12) seemed routine and normal at the time. Summers revolved around Little League schedules and our own "sand lot" baseball games, evenings chasing fireflies and playing "dodge ball" in the street. Once we owned a car, we would also make several trips to Cedar Lake Indiana to visit Grandpa Souhrada, Uncle Dan and Aunt Grace and Uncle Charlie.



The Souhrada cousins (1946) at Cedar Lake, Indiana
L-R Trudy, Suzy (Albin), Joe (Stastny) seated, Frank, Charlene, and Mike (Albin). Grandpa Souhrada is holding me.



Peter and Frank next to a Norway pine planted several years earlier - circa 1957

It was those carefree days in the pine forest country of central Wisconsin that must have instilled in both Frank and I our love of the woods and out of doors. We spent hours trimming trees, even without being asked. Later, I was enlisted by dad in a reforestation project by planting hundreds of Norway pine seedlings over a period of several years. In 1952 dad contracted with a local farmer by the name of Joe Kaminski for cutting some pulp wood. In 1958, Joe and his son Jack were later contracted to build a modest cabin on the land. Frank and dad also worked on the construction effort. Several additions later, in 1973, Joe's son-in-law Leroy Zulawski was later hired to finish the interior, add a bedroom, and make the cabin a permanent year-round dwelling. Leroy and Joe's daughter Delores later became my mom and dad's best friends. My dad died at their home on August 19, 1992.



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DNA Testing – 3 years of refinement



DNA Story for Peter Souhrada

Ethnicity Estimate Up to date

Europe East	31%
Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland & Lithuania	
Ireland/Scotland/Wales	29%
Europe West	26%
Scandinavia	7%
Low Confidence Regions	
See other regions tested	350+

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Eastern Europe & Russia	40%
Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland & Lithuania	
Scotland	25%
England & Northwestern Europe	17%
Germanic Europe	10%
Ireland	8%
See other regions tested	1,400+



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



Additional Communities

- Upper Midwest Settlers
From your regions: England & Northwestern Europe; Germanic Eur...
- Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota & Minnesota Border Settlers

See other regions tested 1,400+














DNA Matches for Pete Souhrada (2018 vs 2021)

(Updated as new samples are indexed)

1ST COUSIN		
★ 	Dan Souhrada Possible range: 1st - 2nd cousins ? Confidence: Extremely High  Last logged in last week	 No family tree View Match
2ND COUSIN		
★ 	Kelly Kassebaum Possible range: 1st - 2nd cousins ? Confidence: Extremely High  Last logged in last week	 No family tree View Match
★ 	C.S. (managed by Paige Skeels) Possible range: 2nd - 3rd cousins ? Confidence: Extremely High  Last logged in Jan 10, 2018	 No family tree View Match
★ 	Dick Douda Possible range: 2nd - 3rd cousins ? Confidence: Extremely High  Last logged in Jan 24, 2018	 No family tree View Match
★ 	Kay Waggoner Possible range: 2nd - 3rd cousins ? Confidence: Extremely High  Last logged in May 7, 2018	 159 people View Match
★ 	John Dvorak Possible range: 2nd - 3rd cousins ? Confidence: Extremely High  Last logged in Jun 6, 2018	 No family tree View Match

2018



	James Martin 1st cousin 931 cM 13% shared DNA Mother's side	 Public linked tree 4 People	View match
	Dan Souhrada 1st cousin 879 cM 13% shared DNA Father's side	 No Trees	View match
	Patti Donahue 2nd cousin 398 cM 6% shared DNA Father's side	 Unlinked Tree	View match
	Joan Dian 1st - 2nd Cousin 381 cM 5% shared DNA	 Public linked tree 33 People	Do you recognize them? <input type="button" value="Yes"/> <input type="button" value="Learn more"/>
	Kelly Kassebaum 1st cousin 1x removed 378 cM 5% shared DNA Father's side	 Public linked tree 11 People  Common ancestor	View match
	monicaberan 1st - 2nd Cousin 341 cM 5% shared DNA	 Unlinked Tree	Do you recognize them? <input type="button" value="Yes"/> <input type="button" value="Learn more"/>

2021



Peter Souhrada and Joan Dian

1st – 2nd Cousin
5% shared DNA: 381 cM across 21 segments

[Add relationship](#) [Message](#)

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Trees Ethnicity Shared Matches

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Close Family



Dan Souhrada

1st cousin
879 cM | 13% shared DNA
Father's side

 No Trees

[View match](#)



Patti Donahue

2nd cousin
398 cM | 6% shared DNA
Father's side

 Unlinked Tree

[View match](#)



Kelly Kassebaum

1st cousin 1x removed
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 Public linked tree
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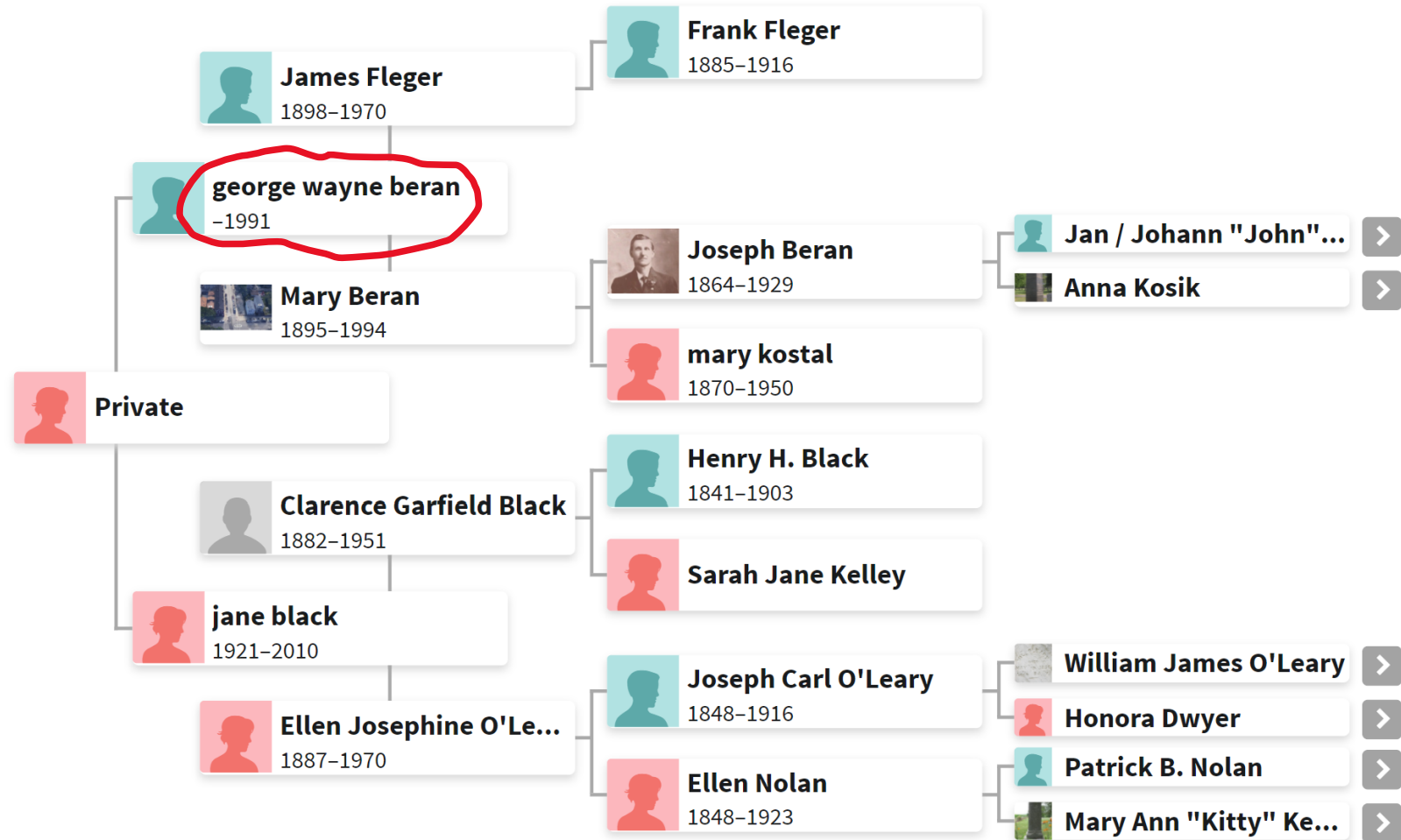
 Unlinked Tree

Do you recognize them?

[Yes](#) [Learn more](#)

Joan Dian's Linked Tree 33 People

This is a preview of the public tree linked to Joan Dian's DNA results. Surnames that appear in both Peter Souhrada's tree and Joan Dian's tree are **marked in green**.

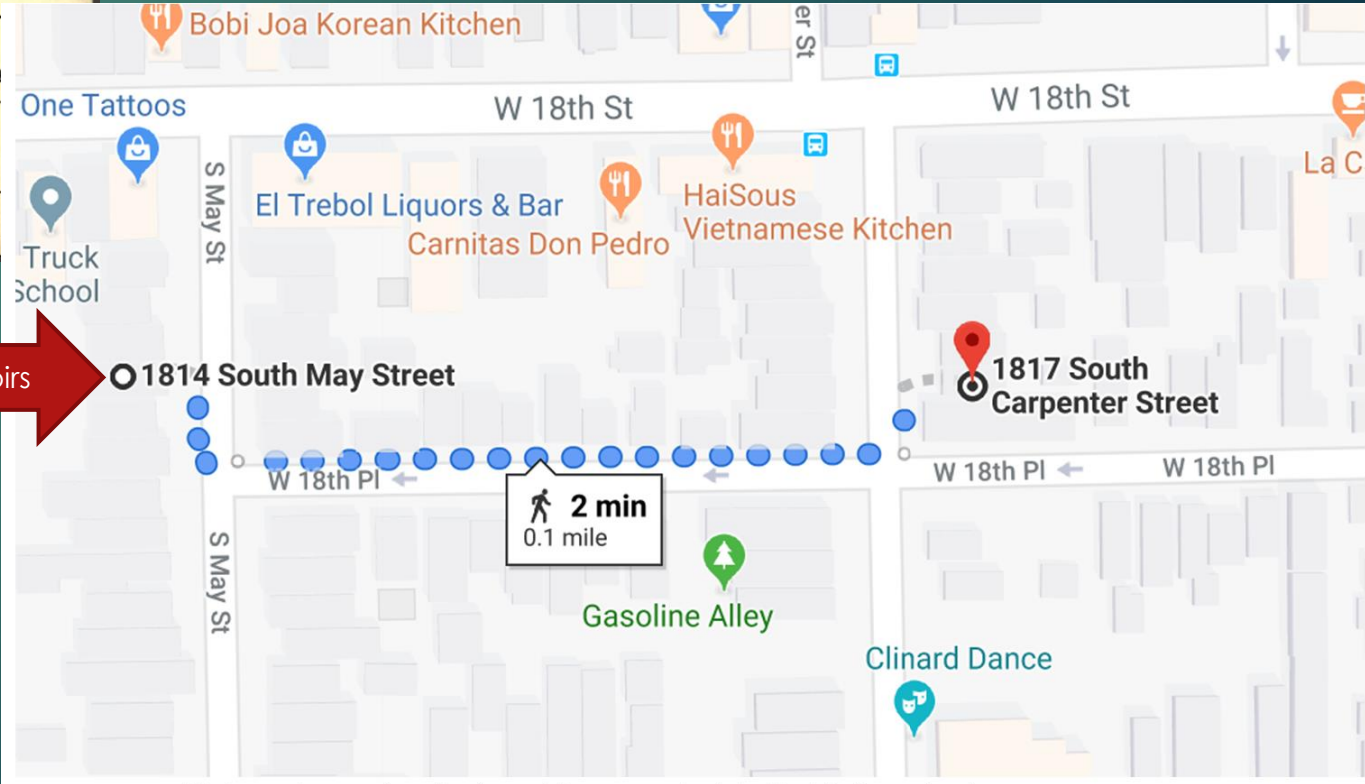


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7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Mary Fieger (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)		8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Mother	
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10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Mort Cooper Inc			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 161 N. State St. Chicago Cook Illinois (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			

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George Beran
(Registrant's signature)

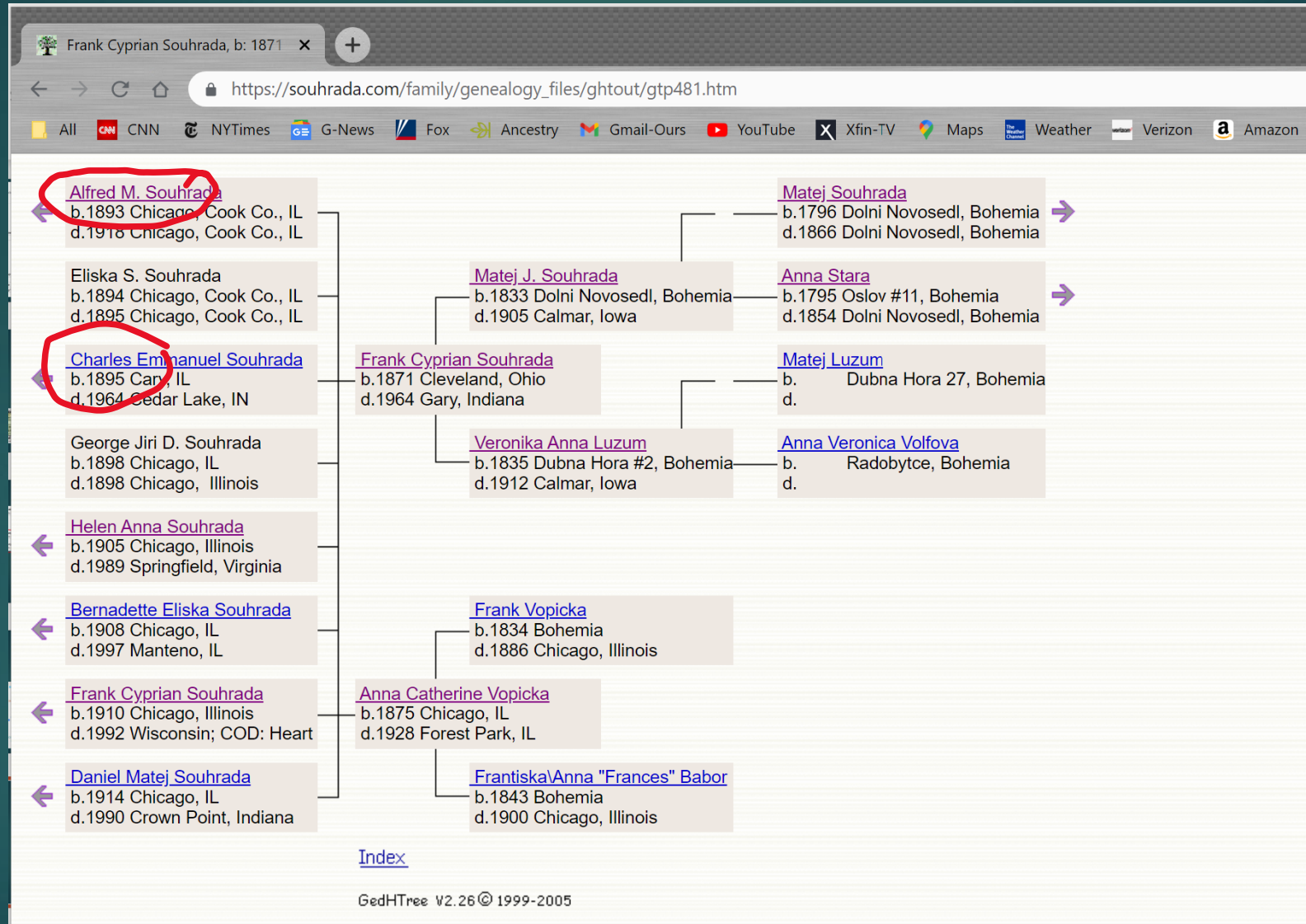


From my dad's memoirs

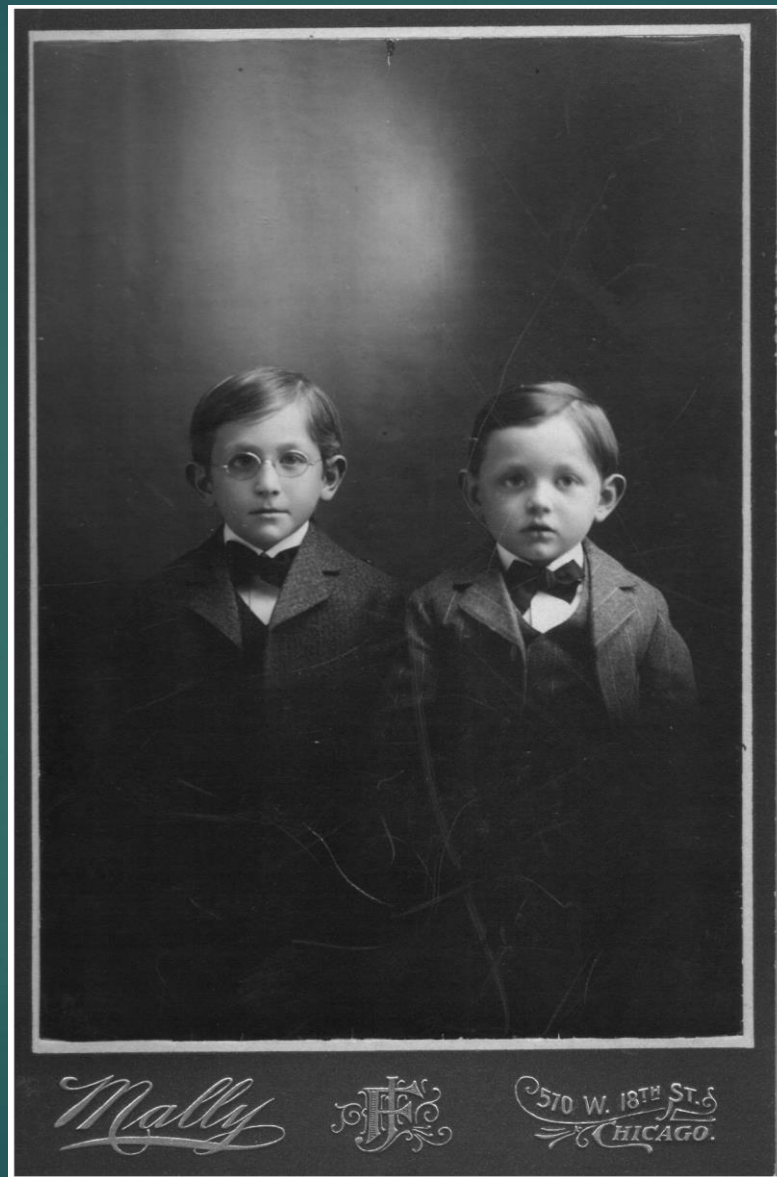
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Possible "suspects" of George Beran's Father (1915)



Two of the likely “suspects” of George’s father



Alfred and Charles Souhrada – circa 1897



18 Year Old George Beran
(H.S. Yearbook Photo)



Uncle Charlie (age ~ 16)



18 Year Old George Beran
(H.S. Yearbook Photo)



Uncle Charlie (age 27)



Jane Black & George Beran



Frank Souhrada Jr.



ART1. AVIATION RADIO TECHNICIAN PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS.



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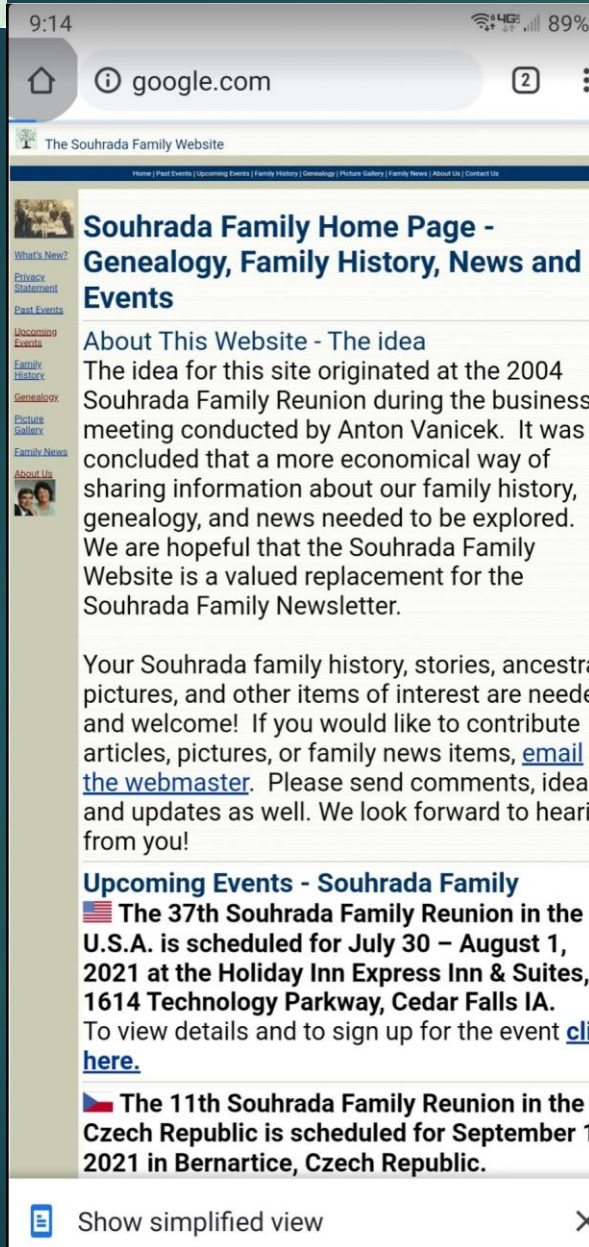
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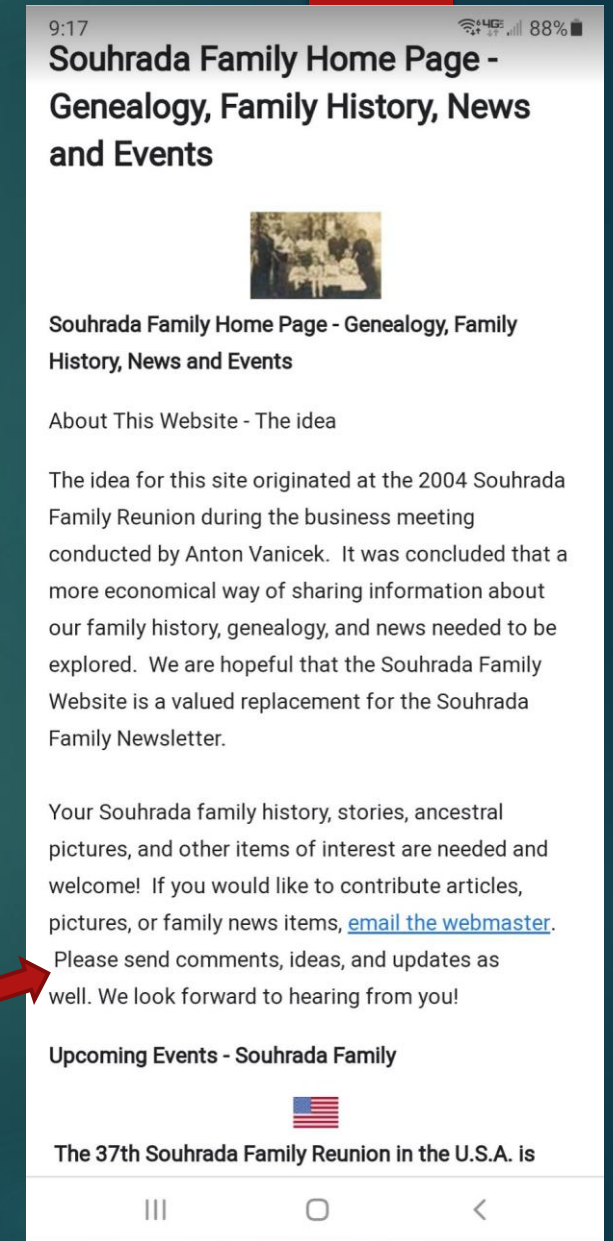
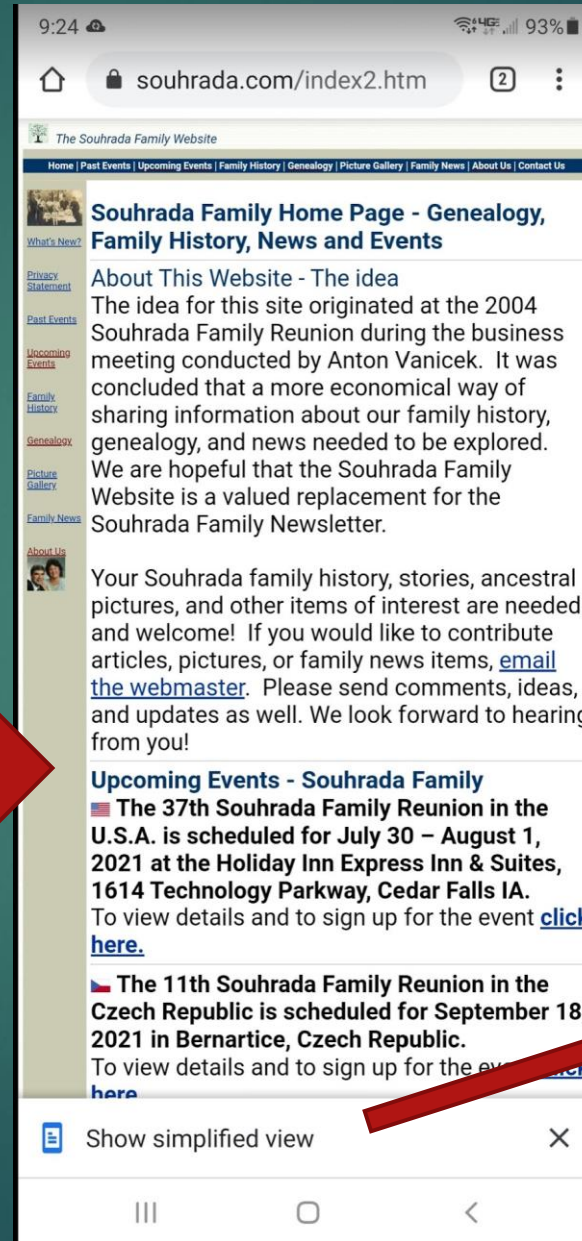


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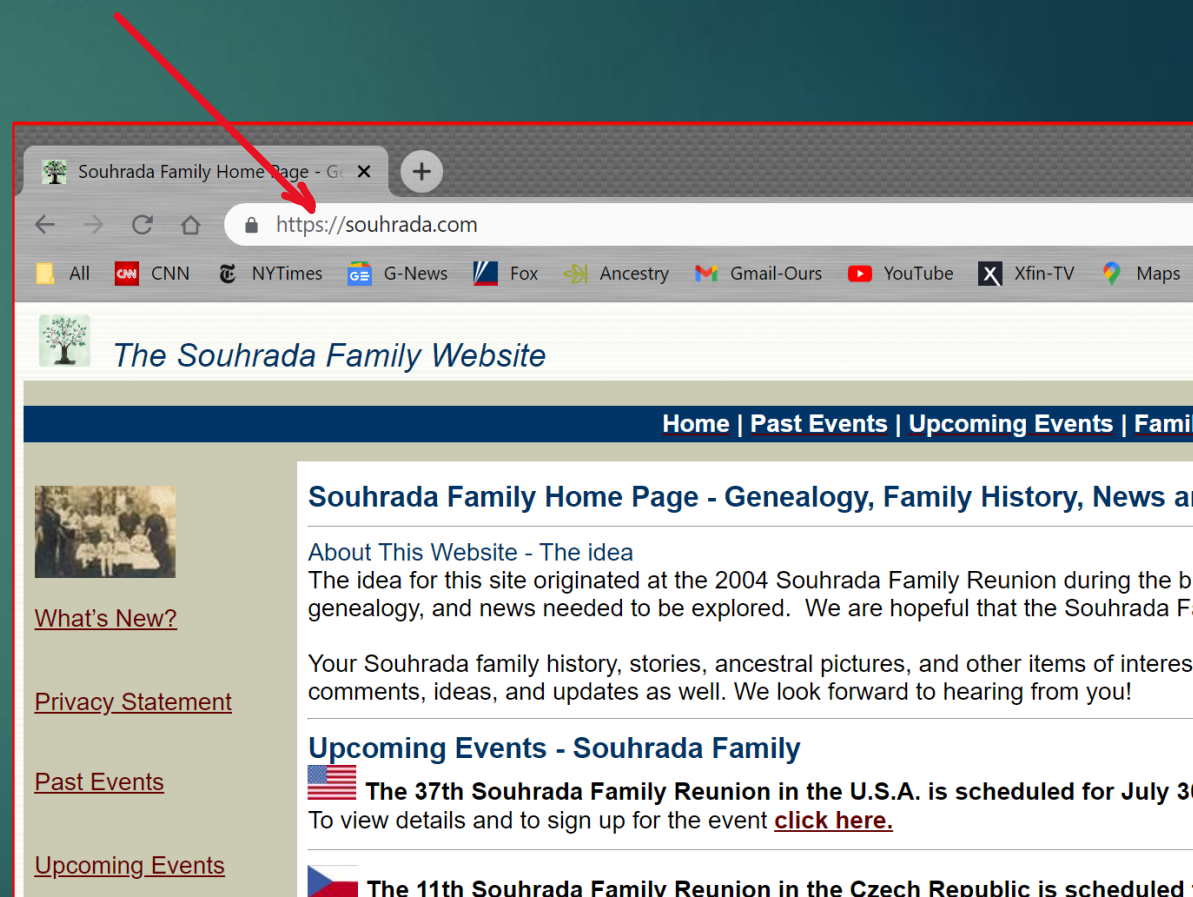
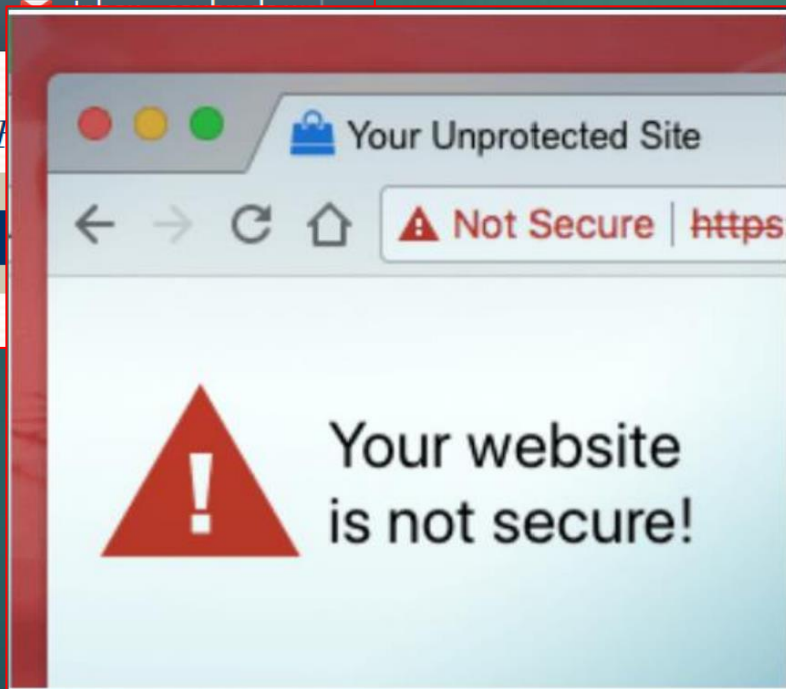
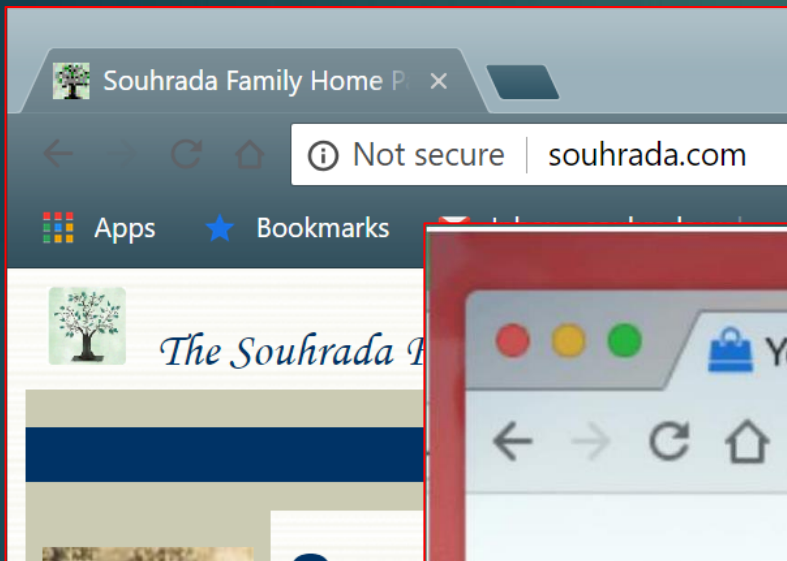


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HTTPS certification easily enabled by web hosting company!

The 11th Souhrada Reunion in CZ

Saturday, September 18, 2021
in the village Bernartice (near Pisek)

- Hosted by **Jiri and Vera Souhrada** of Pisek, CZ
- They will arrange for airport pickup in Prague and for local accommodations.
- Authentic Czech food, music, culture, and family exhibits



