



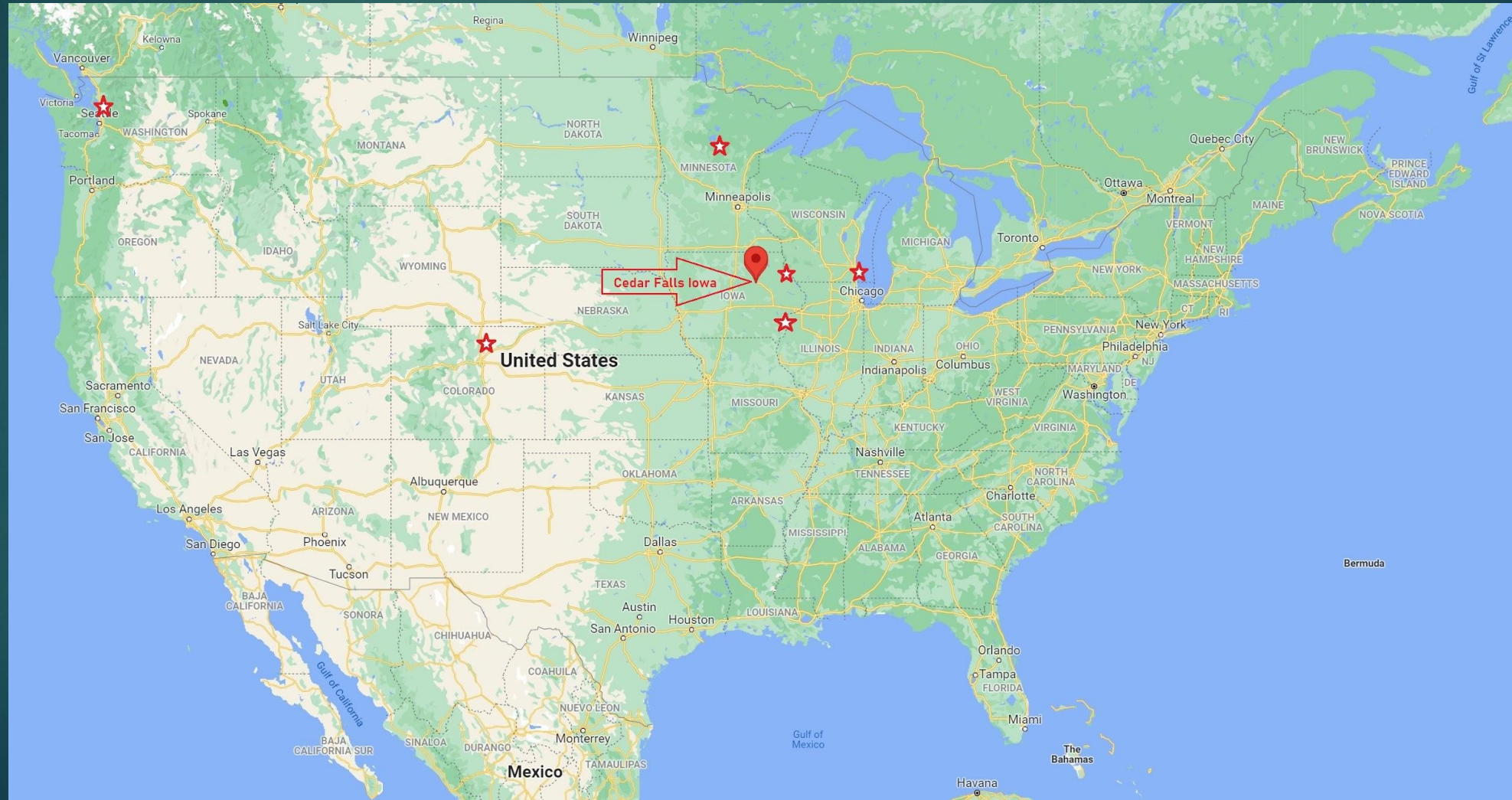
Greetings to all of our Souhrada  
cousins in the Czech Republic from  
Souhrada's in the U.S.A.



**THE U.S.A. REUNION WAS HELD IN CEDAR FALLS, IOWA – JULY 31, 2021**

Souhrada cousins traveled from as far as Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado and Washington State to Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Our Souhrada ancestors settled and farmed in this part of Iowa since the late 1860s.

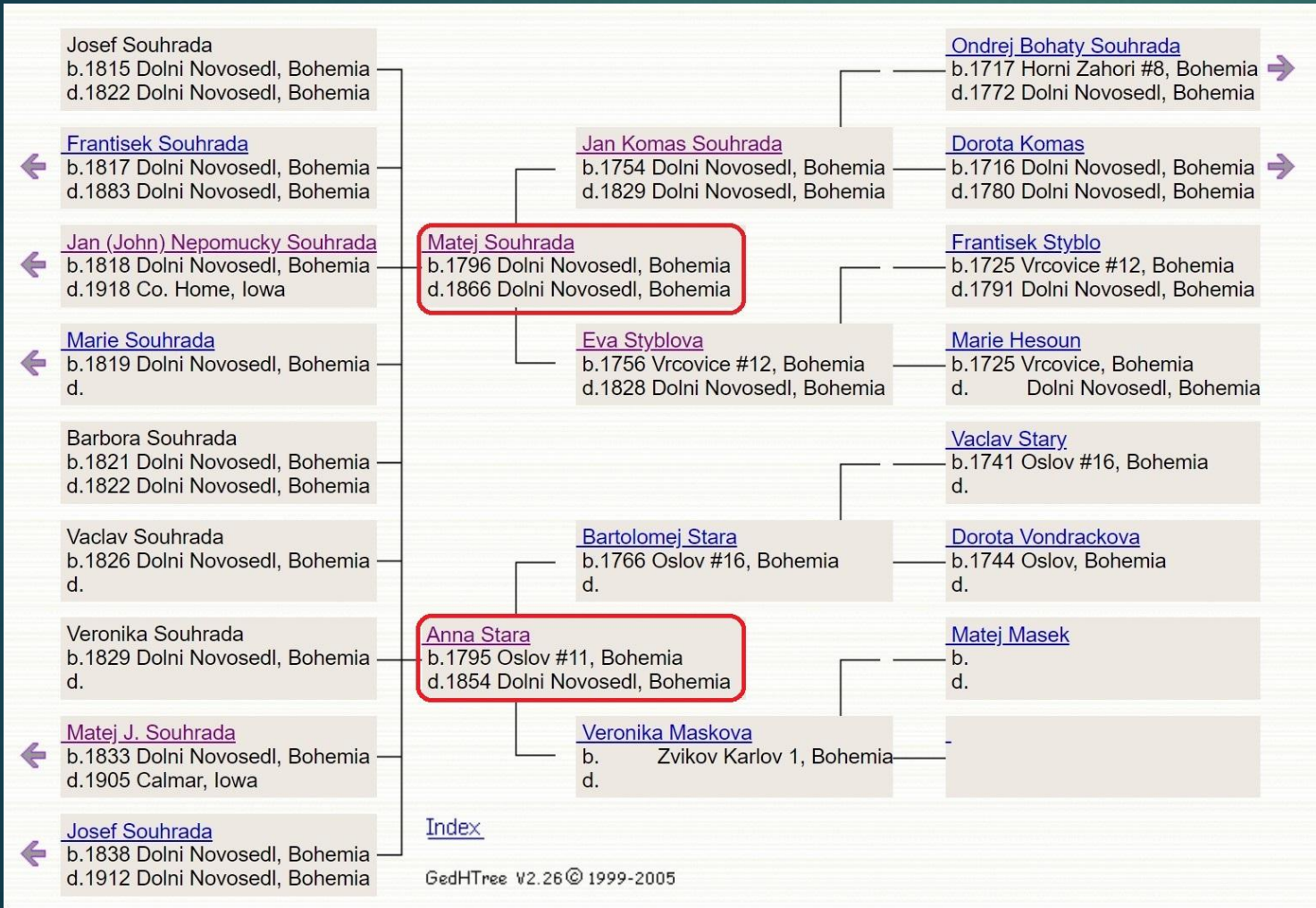


It is easy to understand why they settled in Iowa. This is where the beauty and the bounty of the new land reminded them of their homelands in Bohemia.



Note: Click on the above Photo to play "Iowa Gold" video

All of the Souhrada descendants at the Iowa reunion can trace their Czech roots to house #2 Dolni Novosedly, where **Matej Souhrada (1796-1866)** and **Anna Stara (1795-1894)** lived with their 9 children. 2 of their sons (Jan and Matej J.) and many grandchildren will leave for America.



# Matej Souhrada & Anna Stara's family emigration to Iowa & USA

First to leave for America was their granddaughter, (their son Jan's daughter) **Barbora**, age 21, in 1867, with husband Michael **Wosoba**. Three years later, their son **Matej J. Souhrada** age 37, and family, emigrated to America along with Jan's son, **Vaclav Souhrada**, age 17. Then in 1892, **Jan Souhrada**, at age 63, left for America. The rest of Jan's family, including daughter **Josefa (Josephine) Souhrada** arrive one year later in 1893.



Matej J. Souhrada and wife  
Veronika Luzum (ca. 1885)



Vaclav Souhrada, wife  
Kathryn Bican and family

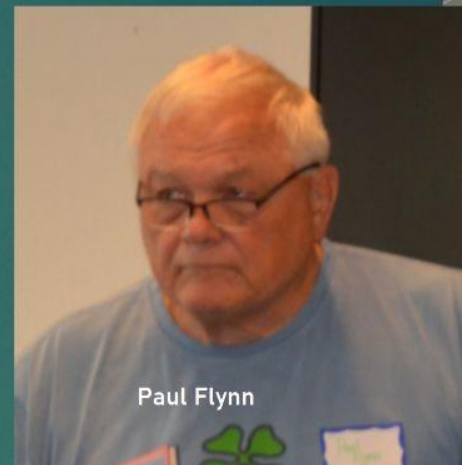


Josefa (Souhrada) Wosoba and  
family (ca. 1917)



Vaclav's Iowa Farm which is still owned and  
farmed by **Dalyn Souhrada**, Vaclav's grandson.  
(Dalyn and wife Phyllis attended the reunion in  
Cedar Falls).

The direct descendents of Josefa/Josephine Souhrada  
(born 1868-Dolni Novosedly) at Cedar Falls.



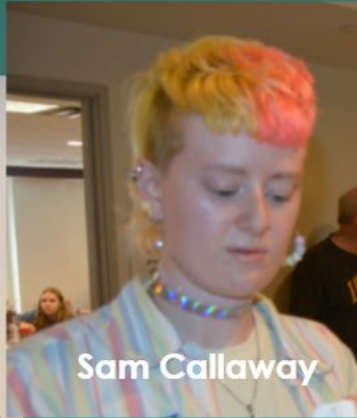
Direct descendent of Vaclav Souhrada (born 1851 - Dolni Noyosedly) at Cedar Falls.



Janel Stephens Viola Noska



Dalyn Souhrada



Sam Callaway



Bill Merrill

Direct descendent of Matej J. Souhrada (born 1833 - Dolni Novosedly) at Cedar Falls.



Dave Souhrada



Crystal Merrill



Deanna Comstock

Mary Cox

Ruth Steward



Pete Souhrada

One of the highlights at the reunion was the release of several old photo albums of Marlys (Souhrada) Gronwoldt (1928-2012), granddaughter of Vaclav Souhrada, were donated and shared by the Gronwoldt family at the Souhrada Union.

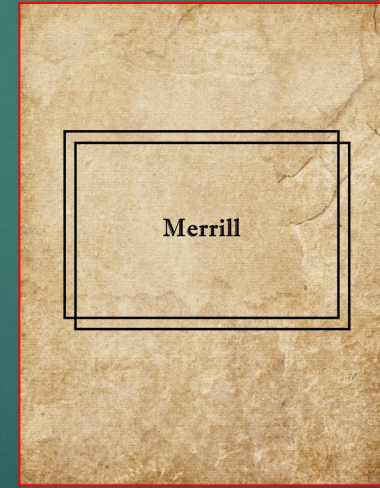
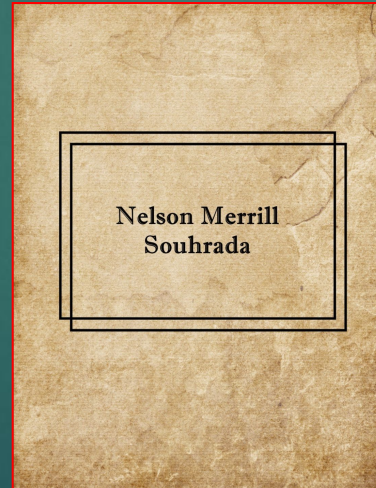
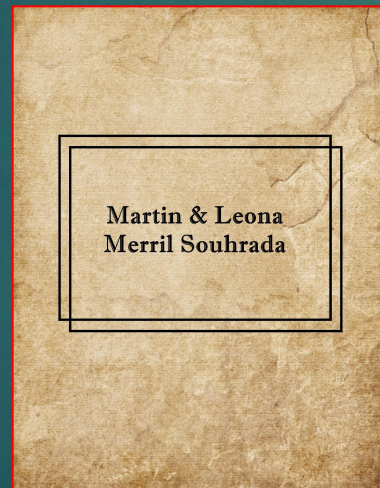
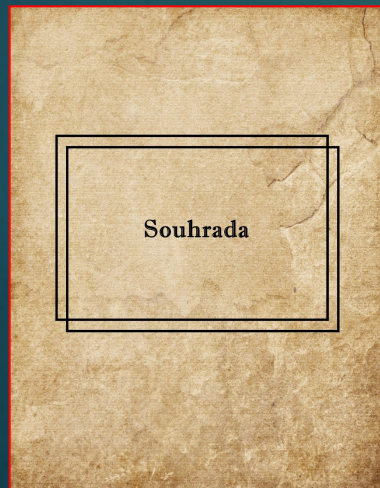
- Prepared by Linda Gronwoldt for her mother Marlys (Souhrada) Gronwoldt

- Four albums submitted by Cheryl (Gronwoldt) Kunze

- Souhrada Book
- Martin & Leona Merrill Souhrada
- Nelson Merrill Souhrada
- Merrill Book



The Gronwoldt family at the 1982 Souhrada Reunion



Note: Click on the above album covers to open the album in Google photos



The old articles and photos from these albums gives us some insight into the tragedies, hardships, and joys of building a new life in a new land.



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First Howard County fatality of 1971 . . .

## Darrell Souhrada killed while working on stalled truck

Howard County recorded its first traffic death of 1971 on Saturday evening, February 20 at approximately 7:45 p.m. when Darrell D. Souhrada, 38 of Lime Springs was killed in a smash-up involving two cars and a pickup. The accident occurred on a county road 1½ miles east and about ¼ mile north of Saratoga.

One car, a 1967 Chevrolet sedan, was owned and driven by Roger Zeimetz of Marion, Iowa, while the other two vehicles, a 1967 Ford sedan and a 1962 Ford pickup, was owned by Souhrada.

The death and circumstances involved in the case, investigation,

Dr. Klinge was of the opinion that Souhrada was killed instantly. Roger Zeimetz, his wife and 3 year old daughter, Sheila, received cuts and bruises and were taken to St. Josephs Mercy Hospital at Cresco for treatment and observation. Martin, 16, and Darrell, Jr., 3 sons of Darrell were with their father when the accident occurred and each received arm and leg injuries.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 24 at the Saratoga Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the Saratoga Cemetery with the Conway Funeral Home of Elma in charge.

**To:** All of our relatives, families and friends in the Czech Republic,  
**From:** All of your cousins and our families in the U.S.A.

We send greetings of peace, love, and good health during these troubled times. We take great comfort in the love of family and the warmth of our Souhrada community. We treasure our shared Czech heritage and respect the sacrifices of our brave ancestors that allowed us to enjoy the life we all live today.

