

EDWARD SVIHOVEC FAMILY

Edward Svihovec, born Dec 4, 1871 in Bohemia, was one of nine brothers born to Frank Svihovec and Barbara Ocenasek. He immigrated to New York City about 1890 and from there moved on to Olivia, Minn. His son William's (Second Child) birth certificate shows him born there on Feb. 3, 1896. Where the rest of his children were born is not clear.

Whether or not he ever homesteaded in North Dakota is also not quite clear. It is believed that he did give it a try but his wife, Terezie, found life on the plains of North Dakota not to her liking so they moved back to New York City, settling, naturally, in a Bohemian neighborhood of Yorkville about 1900.

Here he evidently did rather well for himself in the marble business. Well enough that he was able to set up each of his sons in a house of their own in Queens, NY> At that time (1926) Queens was a rural suburb of New York City on Long Island, reachable only by ferry. From then until his death on October 5th, 1929 he lived in semi-retirement

Terezie Svihovec (nee Krivanec) born May 26, 1872, came to this country from Bohemia, possibly previously betrothed to Edward. In any event, they were married and she bore him six children: Frank, William, Edward, Helen and two others that died either at birth or early infancy, and are believed buried in Olivia, Minn.

While Edward and Terezie were not the pioneering type, they helped other relatives and friends from the old country who were immigrating by allowing them to use their home as a stopover point on their way to other parts of the country. She never forgot her heritage. Even after Edward's funeral, all of the guests and relatives were feted to a typical Bohemian dinner of roast loin of pork with sauerkraut and potato dumplings at the local Bohemia Hall.

After Edward's death she joined William's family until her death at 80 on Sept. 16, 1952, surviving all but her daughter.

The first of their surviving children was Frank Svihovec, born Nov. 21, 1894. He married Gladys Woods and had two children, Lillian and Dorothy. Little is remembered of him since his children were so young at his death except that he owned his own trucking company and had been a boxer. He died when he was 27 years old on July 11, 1922.

William J. Svihovec, born Feb. 3, 1896, married Anita Taylor and had three children, Anne, Helen and William, Jr. He was the only son to follow in his father's footsteps in marble work as a trade and eventually formed his own company which did very well until marble went out of vogue during the depression because of its expense. From there he ventured into the stationery and other businesses During World War II he got back into mechanical work in a defense plant and continued at carpenter maintenance work until he died of a heart attack at 55 on March 20, 1951.

Edward Svihovec, born June 7, 1898, gave boxing a try as a youth as “Kid Sheridan”, did a stint in the army during World War I and gained no appreciable notoriety in either. He then entered the construction trades as a journeyman electrician, where, though it can't be termed notoriety, some of his work is still in evidence on important landmarks such as the tops of the Empire State Building and the Triborough Bridge. He married May Novotny, but had no children. He died of a heart attack on the job at 49 on Oct. 10, 1947.

Helen Svihovec, born Dec. 3, 1903 was the only one to get a secondary education. She had a short career as a book-keeper before marrying Frank Trinko, an electrical engineer and having one child, Frank, Jr. Her marriage ended in divorce, whereupon she married Joseph Ure and relocated in Florida where she too succumbed to a heart attack at 54 on Jan. 12, 1957. As she had previously requested, her remains were transported to New York and she was buried in the family plot in St. Michael' Cemetery in Jackson, Heights with both her parents and her three brothers.

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