

Pavučina Corner – By Tony Kadlec

Směs -Miscellany

It's all Relative

The old adage, “the easiest way to get your genealogy researched for free, is to run for political office” is certainly true; another way is to become Miss North Dakota and to have your family roots located in Silver Lake, Minnesota, where it is said that “everyone is related to one another, if you look back far enough”. Admittedly, I grew up not being clear on what it meant to be someone’s 2nd cousin, once removed, etc. And so let us try to illustrate the concept with Silver Lake celeb, Ms. Beth Dennison.

The key to describing your relationship to another person is to define your most recent, shared ancestor. For example, if you share a set of grandparents with another person, then of course you are a first cousin to that person; if you share 2nd grandparents with someone then you are 2nd cousins, etc., as indicated along the diagonal of the following figure:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Common Ancestor	Son or Daughter	Grandson or Daughter	Great Grandson or Daughter	2nd Great Grandson or Daughter	3rd Great Grandson or Daughter	4th Great Grandson or Daughter	5th Great Grandson or Daughter	6th Great Grandson or Daughter	7th Great Grandson or Daughter
2	Son or Daughter	Siblings (Brother or Sister)	Nephew or Niece	Grand Nephew or Niece	Great Grand Nephew or Niece	2nd Great Grand Nephew or Niece	3rd Great Grand Nephew or Niece	4th Great Grand Nephew or Niece	5th Great Grand Nephew or Niece	6th Great Grand Nephew or Niece
3	Grandson or Daughter	Nephew or Niece	First Cousin	First Cousin Once Removed	First Cousin Twice Removed	First Cousin Three Times Removed	First Cousin Four Times Removed	First Cousin Five Times Removed	First Cousin Six Times Removed	First Cousin Seven Times Removed
4	Great Grandson or Daughter	Grand Nephew or Niece	First Cousin Once Removed	Second Cousin	Second Cousin Once Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin Three Times Removed	Second Cousin Four Times Removed	Second Cousin Five Times Removed	Second Cousin Six Times Removed
5	2nd Great Grandson or Daughter	Great Grand Nephew or Niece	First Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin Once Removed	Third Cousin	Third Cousin Once Removed	Third Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin Three Times Removed	Third Cousin Four Times Removed	Second Cousin Five Times Removed
6	3rd Great Grandson or Daughter	2nd Great Grand Nephew or Niece	First Cousin Three Times Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin Once Removed	Fourth Cousin	Fourth Cousin Once Removed	Fourth Cousin Twice Removed	Fourth Cousin Three Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Four Times Removed
7	4th Great Grandson or Daughter	3rd Great Grand Nephew or Niece	First Cousin Four Times Removed	Second Cousin Three Times Removed	Third Cousin Twice Removed	Fourth Cousin Once Removed	Fifth Cousin	Fifth Cousin Once Removed	Fifth Cousin Twice Removed	Fifth Cousin Three Times Removed
8	5th Great Grandson or Daughter	4th Great Grand Nephew or Niece	First Cousin Five Times Removed	Second Cousin Four Times Removed	Third Cousin Three Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Twice Removed	Fifth Cousin Once Removed	Sixth Cousin	Sixth Cousin Once Removed	Sixth Cousin Twice Removed
9	6th Great Grandson or Daughter	5th Great Grand Nephew or Niece	First Cousin Six Times Removed	Second Cousin Five Times Removed	Third Cousin Four Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Three Times Removed	Fifth Cousin Twice Removed	Sixth Cousin Once Removed	Seventh Cousin	Seventh Cousin Once Removed
10	7th Great Grandson or Daughter	6th Great Grand Nephew or Niece	First Cousin Seven Times Removed	Second Cousin Six Times Removed	Third Cousin Five Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Four Times Removed	Fifth Cousin Three Times Removed	Sixth Cousin Twice Removed	Seventh Cousin Once Removed	Eighth Cousin

Then, if one of your parents is a 2nd cousin to someone, then you are “2nd cousin, once removed” to that same person; your child would be “2nd cousin, twice removed” in relation to that very same person, etc. *Doufam ze rozumite.*

Case in Point: the most recent, common ancestor that I share with Beth Dennison is on her mother’s side of her family—Josef Bednář, Sr.--he is my great-great-great grandfather (i.e. 3rd great grandfather) who was born in the village of Věchnov, Austrian Empire (now Czech Republic) on 21 Jan 1829 and died 11 Nov 1899 in Rich Valley Township, McLeod County. Josef’s daughter was Anna (Bednar) Vacek who was the wife of Mathias Vacek; Mathias and Anna Vacek were the parents of James Stanley Vacek, who married Helen Elizabeth Pilarski; their daughter Jane (Vacek) Dennison is the mother of Beth Denison. In

other words, Beth's great-great-great grandparents (i.e. 3rd great grandparents) were Josef and Josephine (Cermak) Bednar too.

What all of this means, is that I am 3rd cousins with Beth Dennison—this knowledge and \$1.39 + tax will get her a cup of coffee at Molly's Café!

Makovice 2010

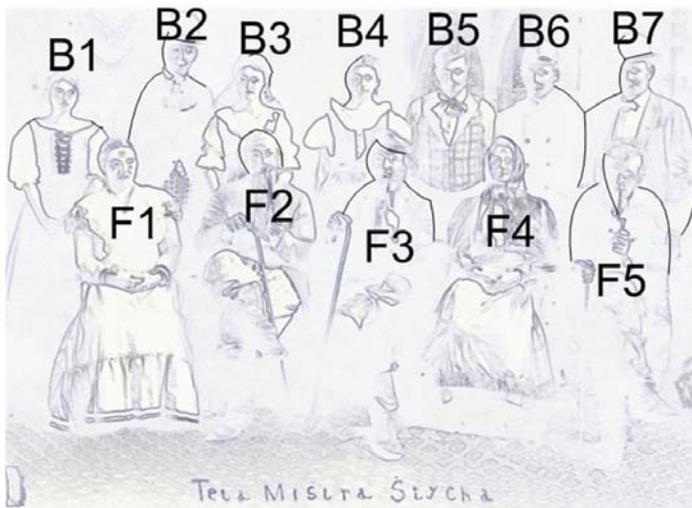
It was a bumper poppyseed harvest at the Kadlec farm this year, with seeds replanted from the Kadlec home village of Velké Tresné, Czech Republic.



Theodore Kadlec (aka Poppyseed #1) presenting his grandmother Judy's 2010 Poppyseed Harvest

Silver Lake Play Cast of Characters

The following picture was submitted by a reader with the hopes of identifying the cast of characters who performed in this play at the Silver Lake Opera House in June 1919 entitled “Teta Mistra Stycha” (The Aunt of Mr. Styck).



Note that B6=Joe Vasko and either B5 or B7 is Emil Honzalek.

Can you identify any people in this picture? If so, please send in your feedback to my attention and we'll see if we can get this photo labeled.

Mluvíte Český? Do You Speak Czech?

Směs – ('SMEHYES') - Miscellany

Doufam ze rozumíte ('DOH-fam ZEH ROH-zu-mit-teh') - I hope you understand

Makovice ('MAK-oh-vitz-seh') - poppyseed plant with the head still on it

As a rule, you should always stress the first syllable of a Czech word!

If you have any contributions or suggestions for topics for future columns, please contact me by email: tkadlec@gmail.com or call me: (651) 271-0422 or send your letters to my attention: 1408 Fairmount Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. Děkuji! Tony Kadlec