

It's not Slovenia or Slovonia but rather the eastern half of the old Czechoslovakia.

After the fall of the Soviet Union, the "Velvet Divorce" (Jan 1, 1993) split the Czech Republic from the Slovak Republic, all very amicably. This was a very different result than occurred in the old Yugoslavia which experienced much violence and bloodshed as new countries were formed.

Bratislava is the capital of Slovakia and we only had enough time here for a tour of the old town, lunch and for me to buy this hat.



The country is important to me for another reason. My grandparents immigrated to the USA from Slovak villages in 1900 and 1907. At that time all of this area was part of the Austria-Hungarian Empire and ruled by Vienna and Budapest.

I've been to Bratislava before. It was here that in 2008 I met my Slovak cousins after no contact between the families in over 70 years.

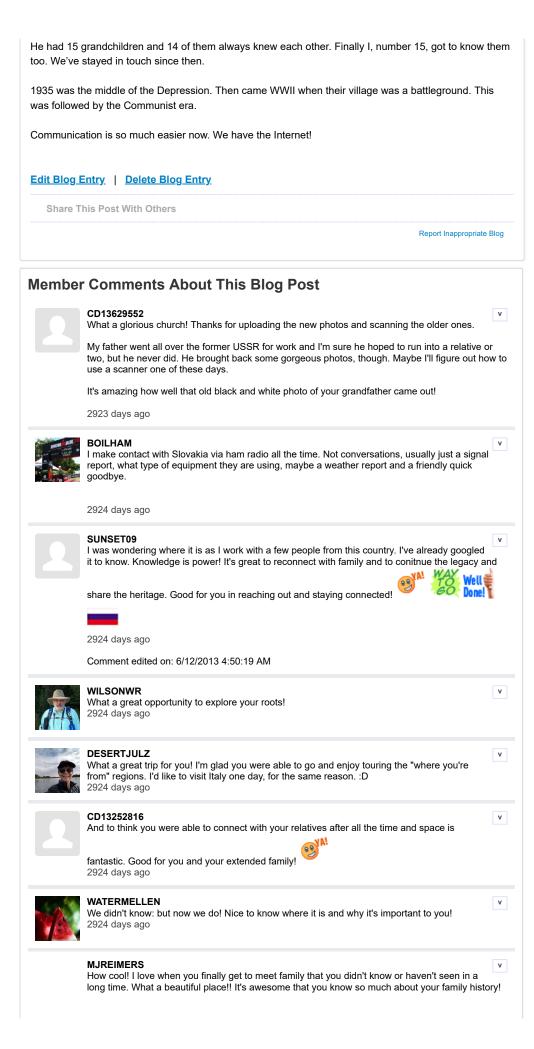


The 2 older women in this photo are my first cousins. We share a common grandfather. He immigrated to the USA after the death of his wife. His 2 sons were grown when he married my grandmother, a widow with 4 children. My mother was their only child.

After much research I found my relatives and they showed me a picture of my grandfather who died in Slovakia in 1935 on a visit to his first family

This was the first time I ever saw a picture of him.





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<u>An</u>	COCK-ROBIN Interesting! 2924 days ago	v
	SARAWALKS How marvelous that you found them! History becomes so interesting when you imagine an ancestor living iteven more so when they are alive to tell about their experiences!	V
	MJZHERE My husbands grandparents came from Slovakia and mine from Hungary. Glad you are home safe and sound. 2924 days ago	v
	RUBYREDIVY1 Wow, how interesting! Thank you for sharing this with us! 2924 days ago	v
	BELLAMEMAW Very cool! Thanks for sharing, Pat 2924 days ago	v
	JAHINTZY awesome! our family has a similar story with cousins in (former) East Germany - some of my Great Grandmother's older sisters stayed behind when the family moved to Philadelphia. We'v been back in touch with our long lost cousins and some of us have gone to Germany to visit th and some have come here to the states for visits. My dad found a cousin working for Deutsche Bank in the early/mid 90s and emailed him through the bank - the wonders of the internet :) 2924 days ago	nem
	BOOKAPHILE History lives when it becomes personal! I enjoyed your history here. 2925 days ago	v
	CELIAMINER Great pictures and fantastic story! Glad you were able to visit your roots! 2925 days ago	v
6	MYSTERYROSE74 Awesome family history. It's amazing how much communication has changed in so little amount of time. 2925 days ago	v
	SUZYMOBILE Amazing! 2925 days ago	v
	SLIMMERJESSE What lovely photos! Thanks for sharing them. 2925 days ago	v
	DR1939 What a lovely experience. The political changes in Eastern Europe have reunited many experiences. 2925 days ago	v
	CHERALA Hurray for filling in the missing pieces that make us who we are! 2925 days ago	v
	NANNABLACK It is good to know your family stories. You are so lucky to be able to have that communication	v



