



President Obama's Czech Roots

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As was reported in the press last year, in connection with the candidacy of Senator Barack Obama for US Presidency, I discovered that he also carried Czech genes in his blood. Specifically I was able to demonstrate that his English Royal ancestors could be connected with the Bohemian royalty and thus link him as far back with Duke Bořivoj I of Bohemia and St. Ludmila of Pšov. These findings were reported in a summary form without providing the details.

On the occasion of the inauguration of Barack Obama, as the new President of the United States, I have thought it appropriate to publish his ancestral family tree which links him with the Kingdom of Bohemia and its rulers. This will hopefully remove doubt among some skeptics who could not comprehend that an Afro-American could have Czech ancestry. Frankly, as I pointed out previously, to characterize Obama strictly as Afro-American is a misnomer, anyhow, considering that his mother was Caucasian. If we would apply Jewish laws to this situation, according to which the offspring of Jewish mothers are always considered Jewish, irrespective who the father was, by that standard Obama would have to be considered Jewish. Obama is, of course, not Jewish but the analogy is, nevertheless, in order.

Obama's Czech roots are obviously on his mother's side which link her with Edward I Plantagenet (1239-1307), King of England, from whom they lead through Vratislav II (1032-1092), King of Bohemia to the first historically known ruler of Bohemia, Duke Bořivoj I (842-894). This lineage is shown in the three Tables that follow. It should be pointed out that other linkages are possible but the lineage through Edward I and Vratislav II seems the most direct one. Other linkages are more complicated and may also be less reliable.

Table 1. Descent of US President Obama from King Edward I of England

Edward I Longshanks Plantagenêt, *King of England 1239-1307*

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Elizabeth Plantagenêt 1282-1316

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William de Bohun, *Earl of Northampton ca 1311-1360*

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Elisabeth de Bohun *ca 1350-1385*

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Elizabeth Fitzalan 1366-1425

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Joan Goushill

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Catherine Stanley

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Dulcia Savage

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Maud Bold

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Jennet Gerard

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William Eltonhead

|
Richard Eltonhead

|
Martha Eltonhead

|
Eltonhead Conway

|
Martha Thacker

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Edwin Hickman

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James Hickman 1723-1816

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Susannah Hickman

|
Annie Browning

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George Washington Overall 1820-1871

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Susan C Overall 1849

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Gabriella Clark 1877

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Ruth Lucille Armour 1900-1926

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Stanley Armour Dunham 1918-1992

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Ann Dunham 1942-1995

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Barack Obama 1961-

Table 2. Descent of King Edward I of England from King Vratislav II of Bohemia



Table 3. Descent of King Vratislav II of Bohemia from Duke Bořivoj I of Bohemia

