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Havlik-Vavra Cemetery [2005]

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Latitude 30° 04' 13" - Longitude 96° 30' 15"

Located about 250 yards NW of the intersection of FM 332 and FM 2502 at Wesley, Texas.

Jan (John) Havelik was born December 6, 1829, in Moravia/Bohemia. It is believed that he married Anna Trampota and had at least one child while still in Moravia/Bohemia. The family immigrated to Texas between 1853 and 1857, where Jan purchased several properties in the Wesley area of Washington County. Jan and Anna had at least two more children before Anna died. On December 26, 1864, Jan married Eva Zeptack. Jan died on September 19, 1894, and is buried in this cemetery. Eva died on March 3, 1904, of tuberculosis. Her will states: "I direct my said executor of this will that he shall pay to Jno Havlik the sum of \$50 for burial lot in his private cemetery." It is assumed that she is referring to John, Jr., and that she is also buried in this cemetery.

The three known children of Jan & Anna are:

(1) Katherina, born February 27, 1853, in Moravia/Bohemia/Austria, married Jana Talase in January 1876, died April 28, 1876, in Wesley, and is buried in this cemetery;

(2) John, Jr., born September 16, 1857, in Wesley. John, Jr., married Johanna Baca. On the 1900 census, Johanna indicates that she had 8 children, and only 6 were still living. On the 1910 census, she indicates that she had 11 children and only 9 were still living. Those two children are probably buried in this cemetery. John died November 24, 1939, in Bell County, and is buried there in Hillcrest Cemetery.

(3) Anna, born January 27, 1861, in Wesley, married Thomas Hruska. The Hruskas lived in the Ellinger area of Fayette County where Anna died April 19, 1912. One of their children, Frances, married Thomas John Vavra. It is assumed that the Vavra child buried in this cemetery was the child of Frances & Thomas Vavra.

On March 27, 1899, John & Johanna Havlik deeded 4/25 acres of land to John Ustynek to be used as a cemetery. On November 10, 1910, John Havlik & wife conveyed to Joe Baca 129 ½ acres excepting two acres of land which had been established as a private family cemetery. This 2-acre plot continued to be referred to in later deeds. On May 19, 1987, heirs of John Havlik retained .23 acres in the form of a 100'x100' plot for the family burial site and vacated and abandoned the remainder of the two acres to those owning adjoining premises.

Sources: ancestry.com; Texas Death Certificates, Family Search; U. S. Census Records; Washington County Deed Records; Washington County Probate Records.

Burials (Italics indicate probable relationships.)

Havlik, Anna Johana, b. Oct 9, 1891, d. Apr 23, 1892, daughter of John, Jr., & Johanna (Baca) Havlik. Find A Grave Memorial# 48290400, photo.

Havlik, Eva (Zeptack), born circa 1827, died March 3, 1904, 2nd wife of Jan Havlik. Find A Grave Memorial# 87303289

Havlik, Frantisek (Bol), b. Feb 27, 1884, d. Nov 4, 1887, child of John, Jr., & Johanna (Baca) Havlik. Find A Grave Memorial# 48290428, photo.

Havlik, Jan, b. Dec 6, 1829, d. Sep 19, 1894, husband of 1st Anna (Trampota) Havlik, 2nd Eva (Zeptack) Havlik. Find A Grave Memorial# 48290434, photo.

Talase, Katerina (Hawlik), b. Feb 27, 1853, d. Apr 28, 1876, wife of Jana Talase, daughter of Jan & Anna (Trampota) Havlik. Find A Grave Memorial# 48290442, photo.

Vavra, Rudolf, b. Feb 25, 1907, d. Apr 18, 1909, son of Thomas John & Frances (Havlik) Vavra. Find A Grave Memorial# 48290452, photo

Other Possible Burials:

Havlik Child, b. (no dates), d. before 1900, child of John & Johanna (Baca) Havlik. Find A Grave Memorial# 87303616

Havlik Child, b. (no dates), d. before 1900, child of John & Johanna (Baca) Havlik. Find A Grave Memorial# 87303642