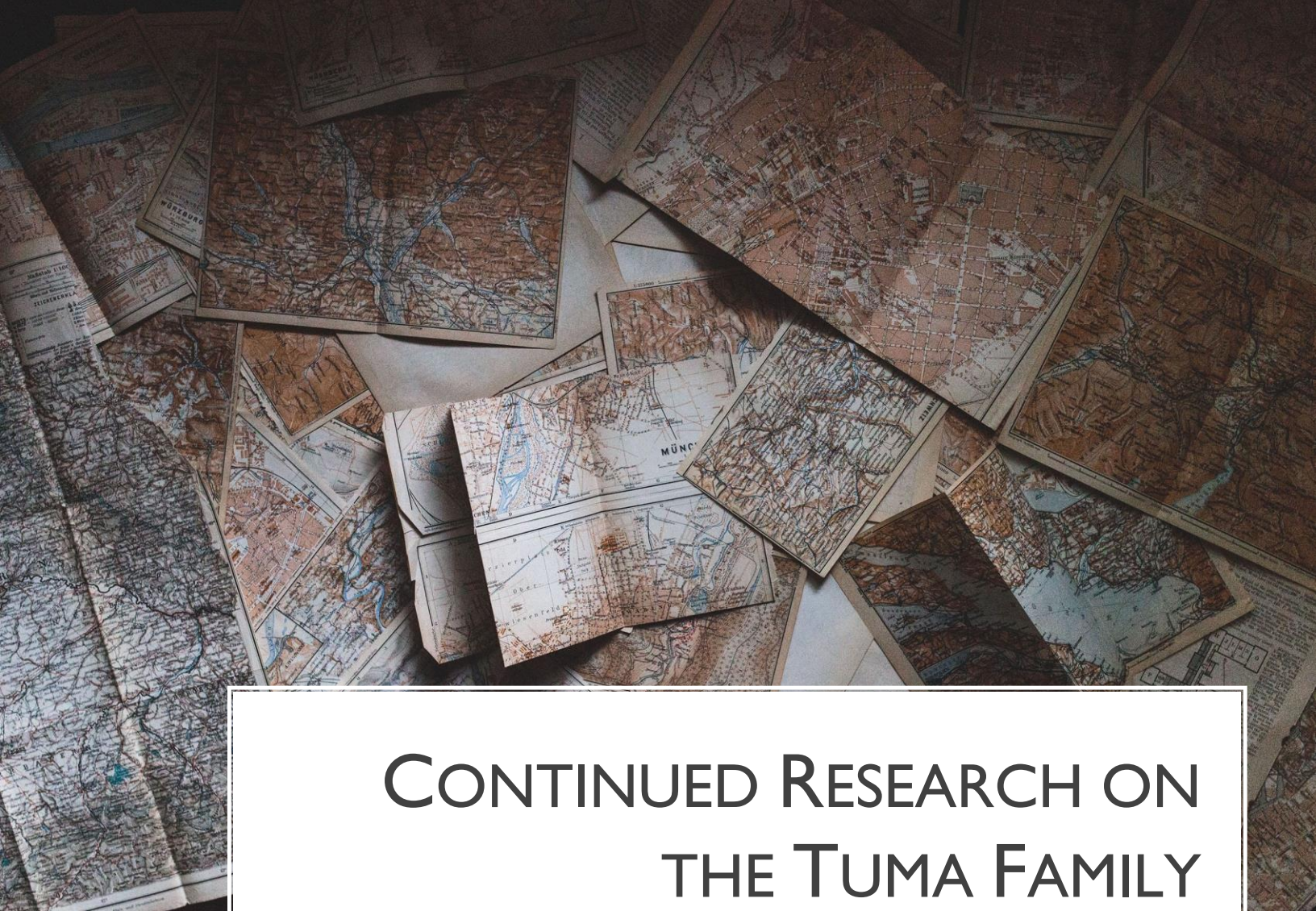




CONTINUED RESEARCH ON THE TUMA FAMILY

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Introduction

Prior research established the ancestors of “John” Wenzl Thuma/Tůma (1848-1943) back to Jan Tuma (Latin Joannes Thuma; Czech Ján Tůma; German Johannes/Johann Tuma) (1727-1781), who had a younger sister, Catharina Tuma (1739-1772). Jan Tuma’s wife was Magdalena Nowotna. Research conducted this session focused on documenting and extending this family back earlier in the Czech records, as well as learning more about the Engelmann family, especially the name of the mother of Katharina (Kateřyn) Engelmann (1773-1835), wife of Wenzl Tůma (1766-1837).

Jan Tuma & Magdalena Nowotna Family Research

Research on the earlier origins of the Tuma family began by carefully checking the records of Loučim Parish from 1755-1762, looking for Jan Tuma and Magdalena Nowotna’s marriage record or the baptism records of their children. Unfortunately, nothing new was found to add to this family, and the marriage record for this couple was not located.

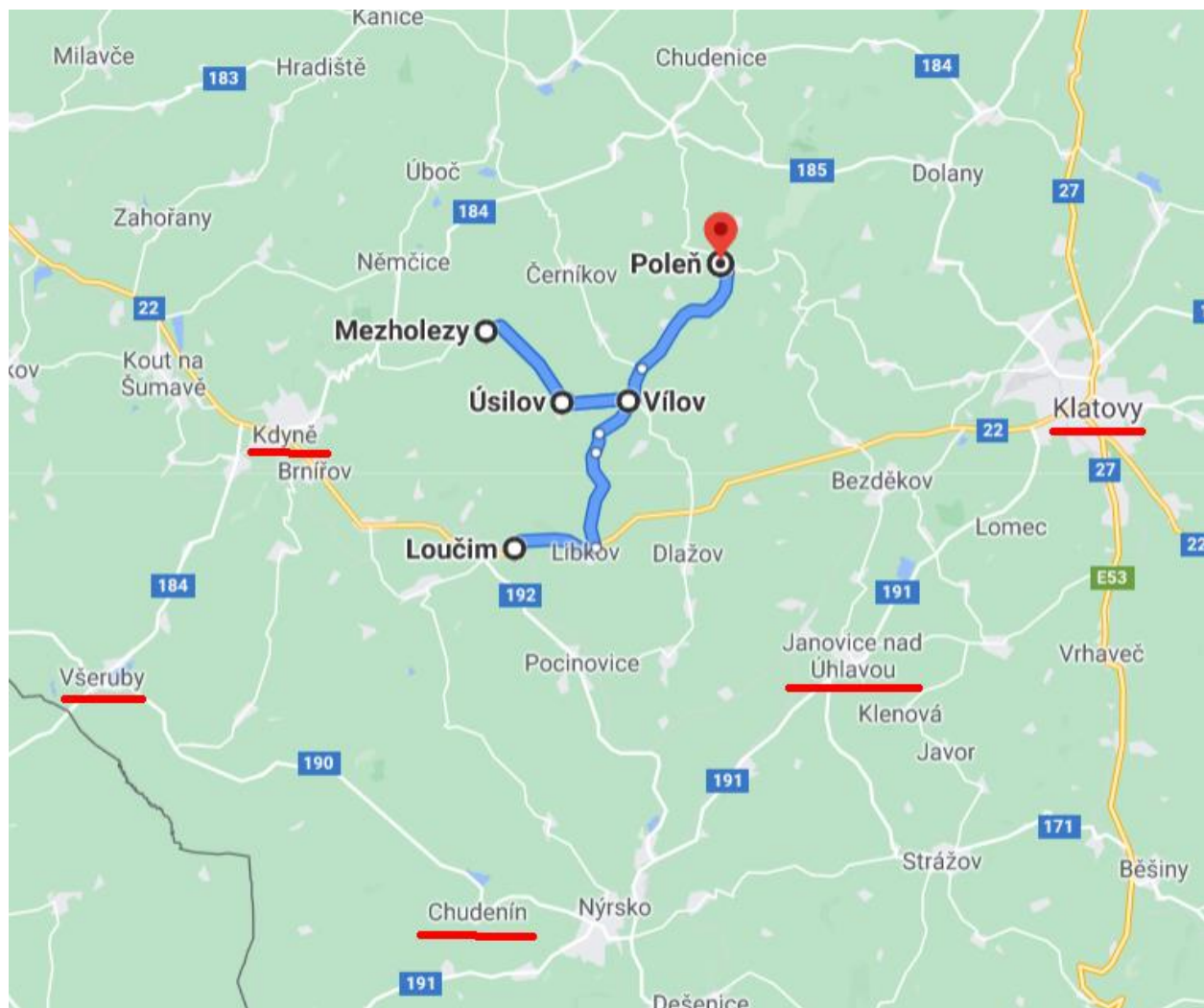
A search was then made of each of the parishes bordering Loučim Parish for earlier references to the Tuma family. Of the seven parishes searched, the name Tuma was common in only one of them—the parish of Poleň—suggesting this may be where the surname originates. The name Tůma/Tůmová was common in three towns in the parish of Poleň, with by far the most references to the surname found in the village of Vílov. The other towns in this parish where the name was found are Mezholzi and Úboč.

According to his age at his time of death (54 years old), Jan Tuma should have been born in about 1727. The following baptism records were found for the time around when he was born, who could have been Jan’s possible siblings or cousins:

Children of Wogtiecha Tuma [Tumma, Tůma] and his wife, Lydmill of Gílov [Jílov]:

- Dorothea Tuma, baptized 27 January 1718 in Jílov (Document 1).
- Kateřina Tuma, baptized 17 October 1719 in Jílov (Document 2).
- Marie Tuma, baptized 15 August 1722 in Jílov (Document 3).
- Jakub Tuma, baptized 15 January 1726 in Jílov (Document 4).
- Jan Karel Tuma, baptized 15 August 1728 in Jílov (Document 5).

A baptismal index shows Václav Tůma and Marta had children born in 1701 (Šimon), 1702 (Tomáš), and 1707 (Jakub). It is interesting that the index, which was written later, spells the surname Tůma, even though the original records for this time generally just show the name as Tuma. Below is a map of this area, showing the locations mentioned above.



Our previous search of death records uncovered a sister of Jan Tuma named Catharina, who was born in about 1738 and died in 1772. We searched the Poleň baptismal records for her and found only one possible match: a Kateřyna [Kateřina] Tuma who was baptized on 18 January 1739 in Vílov (Document 6). Her father's given name is not recorded, but her mother is listed as Maryana. The records before and after this show that her parents were the farmer Šimon Tuma and his wife, Maryana, of Vílov. The following additional children were found born to Simon and Kateřina:

- Václav (Waczlav) Tuma, baptized 9 January 1737 in Vílov (Document 7).
- Barbora Tuma, baptized 11 May 1741 in Vílov (Document 8).
- Ondřej Tuma, baptized 24 November 1744 in Vílov (Document 9).

Based on this information, it seems likely that Jan Tuma was the son of this Šimon Tuma and Maryana of Vílov. However, the marriage index indicates they wed in 1736, almost a decade after Jan Tuma was born. The death index shows Šimon Tuma dying in 1747 at age 45. He was an adult

when Jan was born, so there is a good chance that Jan Tuma was a son of Šimon Tuma. It may be that this Šimon was married previously, had his first son born in another town, and then moved to Vílov. More research time will be needed to continue to work out the earlier generations and relationships in this family. Unfortunatley, progress is often slower with earlier records.

Šebastian Engelmann

We identified the baptismal record of Catharina Engelman, showing she was born on 16 August 1773 in Lautschim house number 15 to Sebastian Engelmann and his wife Anna, (Document 10). Unfortunately, this record does not give the mother's maiden name. We located baptismal records for nine other children of Sebastian and Anna, born between 1771 and 1786, but in each case the mother is just listed as Anna. This family lived at house number 15 in Laučim in 1780, which matches the residence of Šebastian Engelmann from later records.

Šebastian Engelmann and the widowed Anna Hubiczek married on 18 June 1770 in Loučim Parish, suggesting this was the surname of her deceased husband (Document 11). A search was made to see if there were any children born to Anna Hubiczek prior to 1770, as well for a death record of any Hubiczek who might have been her husband, but nothing was found. The only possible record identified was the marriage of a George Hubiczek to Anna, daughter of Caspar Smrštik of Lípkau, which took place on 6 November 1764 in Loučim Parish (Document 12). Nothing more has been found about this George Hubiczka, but it seems likely this Anna was the wife of Šebastian Engelmann and the mother of Kateřyna. However no further documentation has yet been found to confirm this.

Conclusion

Progress was made on both goals set out for this research session. Unfortunately, there were not as many results, and research was more difficult than in the previous session. This is typical of earlier records, which generally provide less information and can be more difficult to search. There remain more leads to pursue on the earlier Tuma family of Poleň, and it is possible that good progress might be made there, although there may need to be more time allotted than previously to make the same amount of progress researching these earlier records.

If the ancestry of Kate Swoboda, “John” Wenzl Thuma's (1848-1943) wife, has not been researched, that might be a good option to consider for continuing research, as well.

Your Research Package

Our research for this session comprises several elements, each of which is critical to the results of our efforts on your behalf. This report must be seen in conjunction with these other parts as the full scope of the research you requested.

Research Report. This document walks you through our research, highlights the important information we uncovered, and discusses the challenges we faced.

Research Journal. The accompanying Research Journal is the list of our searches, both successful and not successful. The Research Journal documents the true scope of the research performed during this session. It is an essential tool for future research because it also details sources that did not provide new information.

Document Images. These copies of the documents we uncovered during our research contain the key information we found about your family, along with full citations for those records.

Private Family Tree. We created a private family tree at *Ancestry* for the family lines we researched. This tree not only reflects the documented information you provided, but it also presents the information we discovered. The link to your tree was already provided by your Client Relationship Manager.



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