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Dear Lillian -

Your letter came a few minutes ago and I've already talked to my father and got all the information that may mean anything to you and yours. It's strange how different our situations are! We were so overloaded with relatives and cousins after the war that it got out of hand. My father has 5 sisters in Czechoslovakia and they each have a list of sons and daughters. Mom had only 1 living brother but 3 dead sisters and brothers with another list of sons and daughters. There were even schoolmates that wrote and asked for things. To make a long story short, we spent a small fortune on postage, cash, kerchiefs, dolls, used clothing, bedspreads, curtains, yard goods,

wedding dress and so on and so on
Believe me - we tried to please all
requests - including the altar
covering for their church. The
post office rules have tightened
up - much to our relief and
for a couple of years we were
at peace. Just a few weeks ago
I went thru an ordeal with the
Red Cross, Bristol Laboratories and
Friends in Germany to pass on
37 worth of medication to my
cousin's 15 year old daughter. Most
recent years have been requests
from my mother's side and of
course I feel guilty for not doing
as much for the Megas. As a
matter of fact, no one has
yet written about my mom's passing.
To be truthful - I'm almost afraid
to renew correspondence. Well -
enough of my experience. I'll
mail you a part of a family
tree. My father tells me that there

are Migas even here in Syracuse
that have no connection with
his family. As a matter of fact,
my brother Mike has been con-
gratulated upon the newspaper
announcement of a new baby born
to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Migas
whereupon Mike and Jean are
passing a dachshund!

My father says that he himself
had a brother John who was
killed in World War I. His brother
Vasil (Bill) was blown to bits along
with his wife and 4 children in
front of their home during World
War II. They wrote that they
picked up the pieces and
buried them all in sheets in
a grave. Three children were
playing in the backyard and
they survived. The son Vasil
sent us a wedding announcement
of his marriage on Nov. 20th.

My father suggests that a letter to
Nicholaj Miga
Kapisova
Okres Pardubice
Czechoslovakia

would get you results. Here is
the Miga family tree that would
clear up as to what happened to
who:

1. Michael (oldest) ^{deceased} father of Michael Miga
Syracuse, N.Y.
2. Nicholas (deceased in Europe) father of
at least 3 sons.
3. John (deceased at Shenandoah Falls, N.Y.)
father of 1 child Rose Poltis (deceased)
4. Andrew - your father
5. Ilya Friga (deceased near Rochester N.Y.)
mother of Bill Friga Auburn N.Y.
6. Mrs. Kihute (you know of her)
7. Mrs Anna Suchak? (deceased in Europe)

I hope I helped you out. As a
matter of fact my dad asked me to
write you and see if you have a spare
snapshot of your father.

Fond regards - always! Mary