

## Czech Texans: Selected Annotated Czech Bibliography

These texts present an array of background material, some of it difficult for student use. Those most beneficial to intermediate grade students are so identified.

Czech Heritage Society of Texas, The, *Texas Veterans of Czech Ancestry*, Eakin Press, 1999. Compiled by volunteers from family records, this volume contains the biographies of over 2,500 Czech Texans who served in the United States Army. Entries are arranged in alphabetical order.

Davis, John L., *Texans One and All*, University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio, 1998. In 67 pages, this text offers 2- to 4-page histories, including photographs of each of the groups represented on the Institute's Exhibit Floor, such as the Czech Texans. **Suitable for intermediate students.**

Gallup, Sean, *Journeys into Czech-Moravian Texas*, Texas A&M Press, 1998. Detailed captions and photos illustrate the traditional connections and variety of contemporary Texas-Czech life. **Suitable for intermediate students.**

Hewett, W. Phil, *The Czech Texans*, University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1983. This brief history of the Czechs in Texas is extensive in scope but highly readable. **Suitable for intermediate students.**

Hewitt, William Phillip, *The Czechs in Texas: A Study of the Immigration and the Development of Czech Ethnicity, 1850-1920*, dissertation, University of Texas at Austin, 1978. This well-researched source book on the Czechs in Texas tells their story from the beginning of their immigration until the end of World War I.

Machann, Clinton, and James W. Mendel Jr., trans. and eds., *Czech Voices: Stories from Texas in the Amerikán Národní Kalendár*, trans. and ed. by Texas A&M Press, 1991. These nine autobiographies of prominent Czech Texans were originally published in the Czech language periodical *Amerikán Národní Kalendár*. Included is a useful biographical sketch of Josef Lešikar.

Maresh, Henry R., and Estelle Hudson, *The Czech Pioneers of the Southwest*, Copyright 1932 and 1962; reprinted 1996, Western Lithograph. This extensive history of Czech settlement in Texas includes cultural topics and important individuals and families.

Machann, Clinton, and James W. Mendel, *Krásná Amerika: A Study of the Texas Czechs, 1851-1939*, Eakin Press, 1983. Well-documented source book on the Czechs in Texas.

Národní Svaz Českých Katolíků v Texas, *Naše Dejiny*, Granger, 1939. History of Texas Czech communities written in the Czech language.

Pazdral, Olga, *Czech Folklore in Texas*, thesis, University of Texas at Austin, 1942. This master's thesis is a delightful collection of proverbs, songs, and folktales and their transition from the old country to Texas. **Suitable for intermediate students.**

Skrabanek, Robert L., *We're Czechs*, Texas A&M Press, 1988. Memoir of growing up in the Texas Czech community of Snook in the 1920s and 1930s. **Suitable for intermediate students.**

Wright, Jody Feldman, *Czechs in Grey and Blue, Too*, San Antonio, 1988. This volume includes biographies of many Texas Czechs who served in either the Union or the Confederate Armies in the Civil War.

*For a quick "Cliff Notes" background look at Czech culture, history, and geography, in Europe, take a look at the background section of a travel guide such as Eyewitness, Fodors, Frommers, or Lonely Planet.*