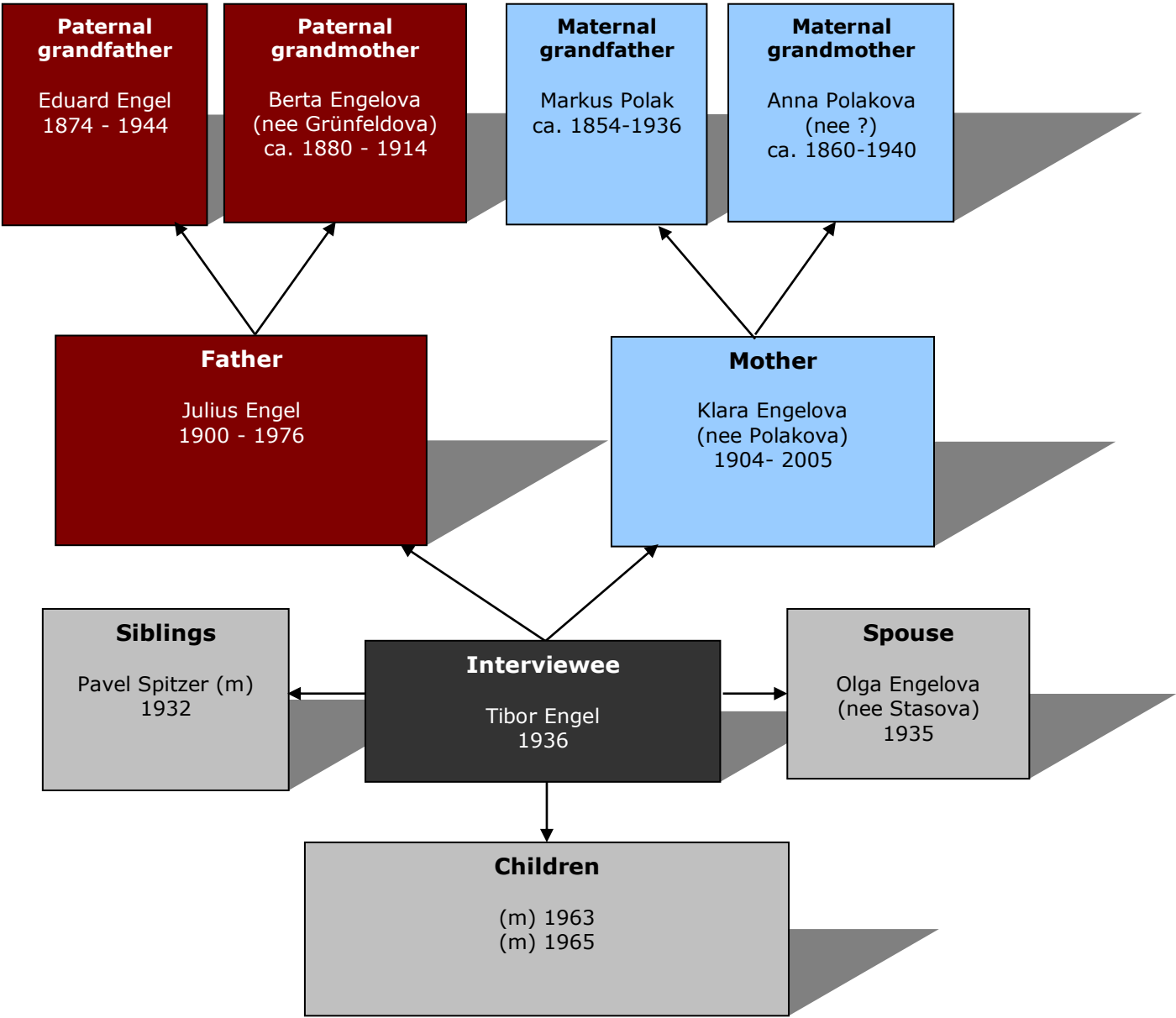


**Family Tree**



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Tibor Engel

*Where and when were you born?*

Utekac, 19<sup>th</sup> August 1936

*Where else did you live?*

Kokava nad Rimavicou

Nitra

*Your educational level?*

Finished post-graduate studies at the University of Technology in Bratislava, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, 1964 - 1972

*What sort of work do/did you do?*

My first job after graduating from high school was in the former Skoda Works in Dubnice nad Vahom. It was an arms factory. I worked there until February 1957. From February 1957 to January 1958 I worked for the Vitkovice Steel Works, at first in Vitkovice, and then in a subsidiary in Bratislava, as a designer. From January 1958 to August 1959 I worked as a miner, a brigade worker in the Novaky coal mines, in the Youth Mine in Novaky. From there I then left to go study at the Faculty of Education in Nitra. In 1966 I began working at the Faculty of Education in Nitra as a teacher. That was my Alma Mater. In 1970 they threw me out of there for political reasons. In the meantime I'd begun distance studies at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering. In 1971 to August 1972 I taught at elementary school around Nitra. From August 1972, after ending at STU, I got a job at a construction company in Nitra, where I worked in various positions until 1<sup>st</sup> May 1986. In 1986 I was accepted, after winning a competition, at a branch of the Technical Standards Research Institute here in Nitra. It was the Czechoslovak Technical Standards and Quality Institute here in Nitra. The institute was named the Czechoslovak Technical Standards and Quality Institute in Bratislava, and was run directly by the Federal Technical Standards Measurement Office. The federal office was at the level of a ministry, and we were its research facility. I worked there until 1990. That year I was politically rehabilitated. I returned to the faculty and I worked there until 2003. For a certain time I was also the assistant dean of

the school. I still have certain activities, I still go teach.

*How religious was your parents' home? How were you raised?*

My parents were almost completely non-religious. We observed only some traditions. We weren't kosher. To this day I remember that one of my greatest joys at Passover was when we got matzot in coffee with milk. We also used to light a candle on the anniversary of someone's death. We observed the basic traditions, but didn't really cling to them much. I even remember, mainly from Kokava, that we used to have Christmas with all the trimmings: a tree, cabbage soup and so on. Currently my favorite holiday is Christmas, because our whole family gets together.

*What is your mother tongue?*

Slovak

*What other languages do you speak?*

German, Hungarian, Russian

*If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates*

None

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

In hiding: Rimaszombathely (in Slovak: Rimavska Sobota), 1942, 1943 - 1944

In hiding: Budapest (today Hungary), 1942 - 1943

Ghetto: Rimaszombathely (in Slovak: Rimavska Sobota), March 1944

In hiding: Muranska Lehota, 1944

In hiding: Utekac, 1944

In hiding: the mountains around Cierny Balog, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1944 - 1<sup>st</sup> February 1945

*What did you do after the Holocaust?*

Finished school and started a family

## Siblings

*Their names*

Pavel Spitzer (m) (from Mother's first marriage)

*Where and when were they born?*

In or around Banska Bystrica, 1932

*What is their mother tongue?*

Slovak

*Their educational level?*

No information

*Their occupations?*

No information

*Where do/did they live?*

No information

*Where else did they live?*

Utekac

Kokava nad Rimavicou

*Do they have children?*

No information

## **Spouse**

*Name?*

Olga Engelova (nee Stasova)

*Where and when was he/she born?*

Secovce, 20<sup>th</sup> January 1935

*Where else did he/she live?*

Bytca

Nitra

*Is he/she Jewish?*

No

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Slovak

*His/her educational level?*

Finished university

*Occupation?*

Teacher at university

*Tell me anything you know about his/her siblings (Name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, name of wife and children, whether their family is Jewish and whether it is religious).*

She has three sisters (no further information).

## Children

*Their names?*

(The interviewee has two sons. He doesn't want their names published.)

*Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews?*

No/No

*Where and when were they born?*

(m) 1: Nitra, 1963

(m) 2: Nitra, 1965

*Where else did they live?*

(m) 1: Nitra

(m) 2: Bratislava

*Their educational level?*

(m) 1: after high school he finished further economics studies

(m) 2: finished university studies

*Their occupations?*

(m) 1: economist

(m) 2: mechanical engineer

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

(m) 1: one child

(m) 2: none

## Father

*His name?*

Julius Engel

*Where and when was he born?*

Muranska Lehota, 21<sup>st</sup> November 1900

*Where else did he live?*

Utekac

Kokava nad Rimavicou

*Where and when did he die?*

Place unknown, 1976

(Buried at a crematorium in Bratislava)

*What sort of education did he have?*

Merchant by trade

*What sort of work did he do?*

Merchant

*How religious was he?*

My father wasn't from a religious family. We didn't go in for religion very much, just some of the High Holidays, symbolically. After World War II, not at all.

*What was his mother tongue?*

Slovak

*Army service: which army and what years?*

No information

*Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)*

Name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Jozef Engel (m)	Muranska Lehota, 1902 - Givatayim (today Israel), 1983	Salesman	Hermina Engelova (nee Lengyelova) Bratislava, 1908 - Givatayim, 1992	Pavel Engel (m) Bratislava, 1934, lives in Israel Ondrej Engel (m) Bratislava, 1931, lives in Israel	No information
Vojtech Engel (m)	Muranska Lehota, 1904 - perished in the Holocaust, probably in Sobibor (today Poland)	Merchant	Ilona Engel (nee ?) died after WWII in Israel	None	No information
Rozalia Glückova (nee Engelova) (f)	Muranska Lehota, 1906 - Revuca, 1956	Housewife	Mikulás Glück died in 1975 in Revuca, buried in Kosice	Robert Glück (m) Muranska Dlha Luka, 1936 - Kosice, 2006	No information
Mikuláš Engel (m)	Muranska Lehota, January 1914 - perished in the Holocaust	Civil servant	None	None	No information
Elena ? (nee Engelova)(f) (from Grandfather's 2 <sup>nd</sup> marriage)	Muranska Lehota, 1915 - 1986 or 1988, Place unknown	No information	No information	A son and a daughter	No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

In hiding: in the mountains around Cierny Balog, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1944 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 1945



*If he survived, what did he do after?*

Worked as a merchant

## Paternal grandfather

*Your paternal grandfather's name?*

Eduard Engel

*Where and when was he born?*

Zavadka nad Hronom, 1874

*Where else did he live?*

Muranska Lehota

*Where and when did he die?*

Muranska Lehota, 1944

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Merchant

*How religious was he?*

If we were to judge my grandparents according to the times they lived in, you could classify them as Neolog Jews. Basically, they were raised in an on the whole liberal fashion, no Orthodoxy. That carried over to my parents as well, and for all practical purposes to us, too.

*What was his mother tongue?*

No information

*Army service: which army and what years?*

No information

*Tell me about his brothers and sisters.*

A brother named Jozef Engel, who lived in Muranska Lehota and had three children

A sister (no further information)

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

In hiding: around Muranska Lehota, died there in 1944

## Paternal grandmother

*Your paternal grandmother's name?*

Berta Engelova (nee Grünfeldová)

*Where and when was she born?*

Place unknown, around 1880

*Where else did she live?*

Muranska Lehota

*Where and when did she die?*

around Muranska Lehota, 1914

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Probably a housewife

*How religious was she?*

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*What was her mother tongue?*

No information

*Tell me about her brothers and sisters.*

No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Mother

*Her name?*

Klara Engelova (nee Polakova)

*Where and when was she born?*

Kokava nad Rimavicou, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1904

*Where else did she live?*

Banska Bystrica

Utekac

*Where and when did she die?*

Kokava nad Rimavicou, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2005

*What sort of education did she have?*

Finished elementary school

*What sort of work did she do?*

Helped her husband in the store

*How religious was she?*

Wasn't religious

*What was her mother tongue?*

Hungarian

*Tell me about her brothers and sisters.*

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were

Eugen Polak (m)	Kokava nad Rimavicou, 1894 - Kokava nad Rimavicou, 1922	Writer	None	None	No information
Melania (?) (nee Polakova) (f)	Kokava nad Rimavicou, 1896 - Auschwitz (today Poland), 1944	No information	No information	No information	No information
Ernest Polak (m)	Kokava nad Rimavicou, 1902 - perished in the Holocaust, 1944	Pharmacist	No information	No information	No information
Pavel Polak (m)	Kokava nad Rimavicou, 1906 - Kokava nad Rimavicou, 1935	Merchant	No information	No information	No information
Edita (?) (nee Polakova) (f)	Kokava nad Rimavicou, 1910 - perished in the Holocaust, 1944	No information	No information	No information	No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

In hiding: Banska Bystrica

In hiding: in the mountains around Cierny Balog, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1944 – 1<sup>st</sup>

February 1945

*If she survived, what did she do after?*

Lived with her husband, housewife

## Maternal grandfather

*Your maternal grandfather's name?*

Markus Polak

*Where and when was he born?*

Balassagyarmat (today Hungary), ca. 1854

*Where else did he live?*

Kokava nad Rimavicou

*Where and when did he die?*

Kokava nad Rimavicou, 1936

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Merchant

*How religious was he?*

Wasn't very religious. For the High Holidays he'd go to synagogue. At home he observed them only in a half-hearted fashion.

*What was his mother tongue?*

Hungarian

*Army service: which army and what years?*

No information



*Tell me about his brothers and sisters.*

I heard only about his brother, who worked as a civil servant for the Hungarian railways and lived in Budapest (no further information).

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Maternal grandmother

*Your maternal grandmother's name?*

Anna Polakova (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

Namestovo, ca. 1860

*Where else did she live?*

Kokava nad Rimavicou

*Where and when did she die?*

Kokava nad Rimavicou, 1940

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Probably a housewife

*How religious was she?*

Wasn't very religious. Didn't keep a kosher household.

*What was her mother tongue?*

Slovak

*Tell me about her brothers and sisters.*

No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before the deportations in 1940