

The Duch Casu was a Czech language newspaper, published by August Geringer, and edited by Frantisek Zdrubek. (Both also buried in Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago.)

The September 27, 1908 edition published an article on John Kristufek, an early Czech settler in Chicago. (Page 19)

Below is a Google translation of that article. (Not the best, but one can get a decent summary of the article.)

One of the first Czech settlers in Chicago (Mr. Jan Křišťufek) lived to be 84 years old and still lives with his son Jan, the only Czech innkeeper on Canal Street, where only Czech life flourished years ago, while in the present century there you will not find any Czech, except for Mr. Křišťufek and then pi. Bedlan on the corner of Taylor and Canal streets. The old and still fresh Mr. Křišťufek, except for a bit of "hearing", was born in 1824 and when he grew up to be a stout man, he married Anna Jelínková and arranged a cozy household. He decided to go to America with his family, arrived in New York after a long voyage across the ocean and in early June, then went straight to Chicago, settled in a small shack on Dearborn and Schiller streets, from where he had to go in a thrift. move with the other compatriots living there and drag his wooden 'palace', in which there were no floors to the nearest empty lots, where he adjusted his booth as best he could, in which his faithful wife diligently helped him. he offered his services to the owners of uncut wood and that he would cut their cards for a small fee. on Menomonie Street, to which he moved from the former Dearborn hut. He now became the landlord, which made the whole family very happy. When, after years, the first Czech church of St. Wenceslas, Křišťufek built a nice "frame house" next to it in 1865, and rented the hall to the current banker, Mr. V. Kašpar, who sold coffee, sugar, flour, potatoes and everything that belonged to the grocery shop to his customers. When, after a few years, the named grocerist of the shop gave up, Křišťufek began to salon, in which shop he wished good luck and had enough guests every day. I also came to him often, not only to the will of the drink, but also to listen to the performances of a pretty pianist and home daughter sl. Kejdynky, who always gave us something nice on the piano for fun. Until 1877, Křišťufek ran an inn on DeKoven next to the church, before buying a property on Canal Street, consisting of an inn and a dance room in the back, from a long-time settler on Canal Street Svobody, in whose "hall" merry "shingles" took place. Mr. Křišťufek will soon be appointed and ascend between Bunker and 12th Street. Mr. Jan Křišťufek now owns an inn there, with whom the old father lives quietly in old age. Křišťufek had 6 children, the eldest of whom is Jan, then pi. Marie Krchová, Mrs. Anna Donátová, wife of the famous soda V. Donát, further Mrs. K. Grossová, the appointed pianist, now a very wealthy compatriot in Omaha, as well as Toni Davisová and the youngest son Josef Křišťufek, who also owns an inn on Throop and 50th Street in T. of L. in Chicago.