

# Forgotten mathematician Henry Lowig (1904–1995)

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Historical timeline

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<b>Historical events</b>	<b>Henry Lowig's chronology</b>
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Bohemia and Moravia under Austro-Hungarian Empire	1904 – Parents marry Henry born as Heinrich Franz Josef Löwi
	1905 – Name change to Löwig
	1906 – Anna Löwig born
	1907 – Move to Liberec [Reichenberg]
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1914–1918 First World War	1910–1923 – Schooling in Liberec
1918 – Austro-Hungarian Empire ends – Czechoslovakia proclaimed – Masaryk becomes President	
	1920 – Move to Pardubice
1921 – Hitler becomes leader of NSDAP in Germany	1923–1928 – Student at Ger- man University in Prague
1925 – Hitler's book <i>Mein Kampf</i> defines Nazi ideology	1928 – Teacher qualification – Awarded Doctor of Natural Sciences
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1929–1933 – Great Depression	1928–1930 – Undertakes com- pulsory Czech army service
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1932 – NSDAP the strongest party in Germany	1930 – Assistant Teacher in Prague
1933 – NSDAP the only German party – Hitler appointed Chancellor – Nuremberg Laws legalise discrimination against Jews – Concentration camps established in Germany	1931 – Assistant Teacher in Liberec 1931–1934 – Graduate Assis- tant at German Univer- sity in Prague
1934 – Hitler declares self Führer after the death of von Hinden- burg, merging functions of Chancellor and President	1934–1935 – Interim Teacher in Litoměřice [Leitmeritz]
	1935–1937 – Interim Teacher in Liberec – Privatdozent at Ger- man University in Prague
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1937 – Jews banned from professional occupations in Germany – Holocaust begins	1937 – Interim Teacher in Ústí nad Labem – Interim Teacher in Frývaldov] [Freiwaldau] (now Jeseník)
1938 – Nazis seize Austria in Anschluss	1938 – Sister Anna and family flee to England
1938 – Munich Pact gives Hitler right to invade and claim Czechoslovakia's border areas	1938 – Appointed Teacher in Nový Jičín – Serves in Czech army during mobilisation
1938 – Kristallnacht – first organised pogrom against Jews in Germany	1938 – Parents forced by Nazis to leave Liberec – Henry banned from teaching at Nový Jičín – Move to Prague – Banned from teaching at German University in Prague
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1939 – Nazi occupation of Bohemia and Moravia – Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia proclaimed – Slovak State proclaimed – Anti Jewish laws in Bohemia and Moravia	
1939 – World War II begins	1939–1940 – Employment suspended and put on “waiting list”
	1940–1943 Unemployed Focuses on mathematics
1941 – Theresienstadt Ghetto established – Extermination camps set up in former Polish territory	
1942 – The “Final Solution” adopted to eradicate Jews	
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1943 – German defeated in Stalingrad, a turning point in the war	1943–1944 – Forced employment as factory labourer
1944 – Allied landings in Normandy open western front	1944 – Father arrested and dies at Theresienstadt prison – Henry transported to labour camps in Poland
1945 – World War II ends – Germany defeated – Border regions revert to Czechoslovakia	1945 – Freed from labour camp – Mother imprisoned as a German by Czechs
1945 – USA atom bomb at Hiroshima and Nagasaki	1945–1947 – Henry considered German and not employed
1945–1946 – Removal of Germans and Hungarian from Czechoslovakia – Nuremberg trials of Nazi criminals	
1945–1947 – 1947 Cold War begins	1947 – Declines appointment at the University of Greifswald in Soviet-occupied zone in Germany
1948 – Communist takeover in Czechoslovakia – Marshall Plan – European Recovery Program	1948 – Accepts position at University of Tasmania – Mother moves to London to live with daughter Anna
1949 – Federal Republic of Germany and German Democratic Republic formed – Council for Mutual Economic Assistance established – NATO established	1949 – Henry marries Libuše Ottová in Hobart

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1949–1952 Political Trials in Czechoslovakia	1951 – Doctor of Science, University of Tasmania, Australia
1950–1954 McCarthy era in USA	1952 – Daughter Ingrid born  1953 – Becomes Australian citizen  1954 – Name change to Henry Francis Joseph Lowig
1954 – USA racial segregation abolished in public schools	1954 – Son Evan born
1955 – Warsaw Pact	
1957 – ECC established – integra- tion of Europe begins	1957 – Accepts position at Uni- versity, of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada – Family moves to Canada  1958 – Henry and family visit his sister and mother in London
1963 – Kennedy assassinated	1962 – Mother dies in London  1964 – Becomes Canadian citizen  1965 – Loses Czechoslovak citi- zenship  1966–1967 – Visiting Research Fellow, Australian Natio- nal University, Canberra  1967 – Appointed Full Professor, University of Alberta
1968 – Prague Spring – Warsaw Pact countries invade Czechoslovakia	

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 1969–1989 Period of “Normalisa-  
 tion” in Czechoslovakia

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 1970 – Appointed Professor  
 Emeritus, University  
 of Alberta

1975 – Helsinki – Conference  
 on Security and Coope-  
 ration in Europe

1971–1972 – Continues  
 lecturing

1987 – Sister dies in London

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 1989 – Berlin Wall falls  
 – Velvet Revolution in Prague  
 – Fall of the Communist Block

1991 – USSR ends

1993 – Czech Republic formed

1995 – Henry dies in Edmonton

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