

LARI MANOJLOVICH

Born 1925, Lari Senonona Kartova in Harkov, Russia (possibly Kharkov, Ukraine). Parents Yona and Simone (Simon). Two sisters, Zenaida and Olga, brother Nikolai. Germans took over Harkov 1941. Parents and left Harkov. She says she saw Jewish men “slaughtered” and hung all over Harkov. Family hid a Jewish man briefly but sent him away for fear of retribution from Germans. After parents left, Lari and sister hid a Jewish girl briefly but sent her away for the same reason as before. She was sent to Germany by Germans, but not sister who was pregnant. Shipped in a boxcar for 10days and then on a regular train to Schoin, Germany to work in a Munitions factory cleaning tank shells. Most workers Russian but future husband also there as a Yugoslav POW. German soldiers hit her when late for work. Worked in factory until war’s end. Then went to a DP camp in Delmenhorst with husband. They did not want to return to Russia. She says they were visited at some point by former King Peter of Yugoslavia to urge them to go to Yugoslavia but they refused because the country was communist. Came to Chicago and then to Warren, OH in 1955 (?). Helped by JW’s and she began bible study and was baptized in 1955. Sisters and brother still in Russia (1993).