

--for to Munich. And my brother and I-- and I was going with the girl to meet him. He arrived on bicycle from his camp. And when he saw that girl, they both he went crazy.

He wanted her. She was 19, and he was already 25. And that was a big story. So my brother, he said, you go away. I am busy now with your girlfriend.

Oh!

I said, OK, you know my brother was a guy who was a darn guy who like all of the Bialkowski family. Everybody obeyed him, and do what they want to do.

[LAUGHS]

And that, they used to be like that. And this poor guy, when he was he's 44, 74 years. he passed away.

Oh, he died young.

Yeah, he has, because-- in his family was a special medication. All the people from this family, they used to die young themselves.

But you're talking about your brother.

My brother.

But he's the same family as you.

No, I'm was my father's more side.

And he's more on your mother's side.

He was my mother. My mother die. Her sister die young at 42. And this daughter of her sister, when she was 41-- 61, she died too. All of them die--

Younger.

I don't know what happened with that.

So what happened to Vera?

I know, according to my family, there is nobody else whom I know who is already dead. There was-- well, it's 11 o'clock, is it?

11:30.

Huh?

11:30.

11:30.

Yeah.

Oh, wow.

OK, let's talk a little bit more. And we're almost done. We're almost done with the--

Aren't you?

We're almost done.

Yes.

But a few more questions. So did Vera become your brother's girlfriend? That girl.

No, I brought her here. And I delivered her to him.

OK.

At that time, I don't care too much. Besides, still, see, I was at that time 19 and 21. And there was a lot of things in the meantime.

OK. So what happened with your lives in Germany from the displaced persons camp--

I went to study in Germany-- Karl Marx University in Munich. Studied dentistry.

Karl Marx University?

Yes.

In Munich?

In Munich was a-- Karl Ludwig-- how is it I forgot that.

Not Karl Marx, something else.

No, no, no. Ludwig Maximilian University.

OK. Mm-hmm.

And then 1948 or '49, everybody was start going out from Germany to where they open up American. They get 100,000 free quarters for all DPs to out from the Europe, because the Europe, they wanted people keep them. And I signed a thing for the passport. And they give me-- and they pass away.

I remember my friend next to my door, he was a very nice guy, but he was more Left. And they asked me, do you know Kubaj? And then the guy from CIA said, do you know Kubaj?

I said, I know him. Do you know he is a Left. And I said, I know, but what I am going to do with him? He lived next door from me, and that's it. And that's how I know him.

Mm-hmm. So they were testing to see who was more left, who was more communist? Is that it?

No. He never emigrated. He is still living in Munich. He married a German girl, have two boy-- two girls to that. And he--

Oh, so he stayed.

Yes, yes.

And you emigrated to the United States.

Excuse me?

You came to the United States.

Yes, I came to the United States. You see, when I passed all the information, they told me, and now you have to go on the transport to the village, to the camp, where they're collecting all the people and sending them to the United States. I went over there to that camp. I think was named Wildflecken. And I was sent over there after I was learning over there more English.

And after a month, they tell us-- put me to be transferred to Bremerhaven. It was on the German port. And then Bremerhaven, we wait a couple of days. And they put us all on that ship and shipped us to the United States.

And the 20-- that was in December 12 in '50, I arrived to Munich-- I mean, to New York. In New York, everybody going over all of those things. And I said-- somebody yelled to me, saying, Andrew, Andrew, Andrew.

I said, that was my sister-in-law. I said, she's now a big lawyer here. And just as well, she may go the collection when you [INAUDIBLE].

So your sister-in-law was your brother's wife?

Excuse me?

Was she your brother's wife?

Yeah, that was my wife But she--

No, your brother's wife. This lady that you saw when you arrived--

Yeah.

--in the United States, was she your brother's wife?

Yes.

OK, so he had married.

Yeah, they married the second week when they met second-- in two weeks that they married.

Oh.

Then they told him, you have to take church wedding because another way, your family will say, we don't recognize. Ah you know how at that time, where they're saying, OK, taken, taken, taken. And they were married. And they took his mother. And my oldest sister, Maria, was born in--

His oldest daughter.

Yeah, and my-- that's what my brother does there. Maria was the oldest. She was eight months old when they went on boat to the German-- to United States.

And they came before you?

Yeah, they are here. And I supposed to go to-- what do you call it? Chicago. But I decided-- they said, where are you going to go? Those invitation, they were arranged so just to get you here. You go with us. We're going to help you. And that's it, how did it happen.

So you stayed in New York.

I stayed in New York.

OK. And did you marry here? Did you get ma--

I married in 19-- very late, because there were so many women that I-- no, no, no.

[LAUGHS] Hard to choose.

No, no. She was a very nice woman. And she was--

You can't-- don't get up. Don't get up.

No. And I married her in 1977.

Uh-huh. OK.

36 years, 37 years. We bought that house in Lucinda.

OK.

And that was my story today.

Well, did you ever study-- did you ever practice dentistry?

No, after two years, when I get the money, I wanted to go into the NYU University for a short time. And then when I send my papers, they say you are too old to start in your age in dentistry. Wait till later on and that's it. And I said, I haven't-- I was working. My job was not bad. I was working with a long company called the Bulova Watch Company.

Uh-huh.

I was working over there 39 years.

Wow.

And I get nice few dollars. From--

From the Bulova Watch.

--medical, from things, and I can survive. And I have few dollars left for my nieces and nephew, because my brother had four kids. One was the oldest one because he was-- my brother it was-- her wife.

His wife.

She was against him. And that guy was lose.

And we're going to say this concludes the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum interview with Mr. Andrew Garczynski.

You know, I was never have a chance to go to-- first, I all the time about 40 years ago or 50 years ago, in Washington. My niece just went the last week. I said, where the heck are you going? For what? Oh, because I want to see that Ms Barbara. She stayed whole week in Boston. She said, you know, too bad didn't tell me. I wanted to go with her. Because of my wife, I can go no place. Whenever I go, four years ago, since seven years ago, was the last time in Poland. I went with my niece and her husband. We went to see my one niece in Vienna. We went to Krakow.

OK.

Thank you for--

Thank-- OK. Mm-hmm. You wanted to say something?

I wanted to say, I'm very glad that you give that. I have to fight with my family to make the room for the studio. But they said they're going to forgive me, my wife.

I'm glad. [LAUGHS] I'm glad. OK, and thank you very much for speaking with us today--

You're welcome.

On May 11, 2013.

Excuse me?

And this is May 11, 2013, and this concludes our interview.

OK.

Thank you so much.

You're welcome.

OK.

OK.

OK.