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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:02,910

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00:00:02,910 --> 00:00:06,600
This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:06,600 --> 00:00:14,280
interview with Mrs. Erika
Reis on April 25, 2018

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00:00:14,280 --> 00:00:18,340
in Bergenfield, New Jersey.

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00:00:18,340 --> 00:00:21,240
Thank you very, very
much, Mrs. Reis,

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00:00:21,240 --> 00:00:23,500
for agreeing to
speak with us today.

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00:00:23,500 --> 00:00:24,810
You're very welcome.

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00:00:24,810 --> 00:00:30,870
I'd like to start our interview
with the most basic questions.

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00:00:30,870 --> 00:00:33,750
And from there,
we'll build our story

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00:00:33,750 --> 00:00:38,760
and hopefully get a picture
of what your experiences were,

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00:00:38,760 --> 00:00:41,670
what your family
experiences were,

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00:00:41,670 --> 00:00:46,710
and how the Holocaust
impacted you

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00:00:46,710 --> 00:00:49,200
and those who were close to you.

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00:00:49,200 --> 00:00:51,840
So my very first
question is can you

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00:00:51,840 --> 00:00:54,660
tell me the date of your birth?

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00:00:54,660 --> 00:00:58,280
December 2, 1929.

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00:00:58,280 --> 00:00:59,200
OK.

18
00:00:59,200 --> 00:01:01,440
And what was your name at birth?

19
00:01:01,440 --> 00:01:04,780
Erika Roslyn Lowenthal.

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00:01:04,780 --> 00:01:06,390
Lowenthal.

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00:01:06,390 --> 00:01:08,340
And where were you born?

22
00:01:08,340 --> 00:01:11,670
In Plauen, Germany.

23
00:01:11,670 --> 00:01:14,730
Can you tell me where
Plauen is in Germany?

24
00:01:14,730 --> 00:01:17,350
It's near Czechoslovakia.

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00:01:17,350 --> 00:01:17,850

OK.

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00:01:17,850 --> 00:01:21,390

Would it be, let's say, in the eastern part of Germany, what

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00:01:21,390 --> 00:01:23,100

was considered the eastern part?

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00:01:23,100 --> 00:01:23,800

Yes.

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00:01:23,800 --> 00:01:24,300

OK.

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00:01:24,300 --> 00:01:25,680

So it's not Bavaria?

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00:01:25,680 --> 00:01:26,520

No.

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00:01:26,520 --> 00:01:27,750

OK.

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00:01:27,750 --> 00:01:28,890

All right.

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00:01:28,890 --> 00:01:32,190

And did you have brothers and sisters?

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00:01:32,190 --> 00:01:33,630

I had a brother.

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00:01:33,630 --> 00:01:35,040

And what was his name?

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00:01:35,040 --> 00:01:36,720

Herbert Lowenthal.

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00:01:36,720 --> 00:01:39,060

Was he younger or
older than you?

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00:01:39,060 --> 00:01:39,960

Older.

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00:01:39,960 --> 00:01:41,310

By how much?

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00:01:41,310 --> 00:01:43,440

About four and half years.

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00:01:43,440 --> 00:01:47,820

So he would have been
born in 1925 or 1926?

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00:01:47,820 --> 00:01:49,530

'25 I think.

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00:01:49,530 --> 00:01:52,430

OK.

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00:01:52,430 --> 00:01:55,820

And what were your
parents' names?

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00:01:55,820 --> 00:01:57,070

Lotte.

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00:01:57,070 --> 00:02:00,410

And actually, her real
name was Charlotte,

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00:02:00,410 --> 00:02:02,060

but nobody called her that.

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00:02:02,060 --> 00:02:04,220

Everybody called her Lottie.

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00:02:04,220 --> 00:02:07,080

And her maiden
name was Rosenwald.

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00:02:07,080 --> 00:02:09,900

And her married
name was Lowenthal.

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00:02:09,900 --> 00:02:16,340

And my father's name was
Egon Joachim Lowenthal.

53
00:02:16,340 --> 00:02:17,900

That's a very German name.

54
00:02:17,900 --> 00:02:18,400

Yes.

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00:02:18,400 --> 00:02:19,849

[LAUGHTER]

56
00:02:19,849 --> 00:02:24,710

Yeah, all parts of it.

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00:02:24,710 --> 00:02:28,250

And can you tell me--

58
00:02:28,250 --> 00:02:31,370

let's start with your
mother's side of the family.

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00:02:31,370 --> 00:02:35,160

Was her family from Plauen or
was it from someplace else?

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00:02:35,160 --> 00:02:36,670

It was from BÃ¼nde.

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00:02:36,670 --> 00:02:37,400

BÃ¼nde?

62
00:02:37,400 --> 00:02:37,990

BÃ¼nde.

63
00:02:37,990 --> 00:02:39,440
And I'm not sure--

64
00:02:39,440 --> 00:02:41,120
Where BÃ¼nde is?

65
00:02:41,120 --> 00:02:43,190
I think that's in Westphalia.

66
00:02:43,190 --> 00:02:44,990
Oh so that's quite
a ways from Plauen.

67
00:02:44,990 --> 00:02:45,830
Yes.

68
00:02:45,830 --> 00:02:48,560
OK.

69
00:02:48,560 --> 00:02:51,560
That's on the western
part of Germany.

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00:02:51,560 --> 00:02:55,250
And your father's side of the
family, were they from Plauen?

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00:02:55,250 --> 00:02:56,420
Yes.

72
00:02:56,420 --> 00:03:00,020
And do you know about how
many generations back?

73
00:03:00,020 --> 00:03:01,640
I have no idea.

74
00:03:01,640 --> 00:03:02,600
OK.

75

00:03:02,600 --> 00:03:04,730
What about your mother's side?

76
00:03:04,730 --> 00:03:08,090
Do you know about how many
generations back they were from

77
00:03:08,090 --> 00:03:09,590
BÃ¼nde in Westphalia?

78
00:03:09,590 --> 00:03:14,120
A long-- each of them
was from a long time ago.

79
00:03:14,120 --> 00:03:16,380
But I cannot tell you.

80
00:03:16,380 --> 00:03:17,120
OK.

81
00:03:17,120 --> 00:03:19,940
One of the reasons I
ask this question is

82
00:03:19,940 --> 00:03:23,780
to establish whether
your family was really

83
00:03:23,780 --> 00:03:27,470
German Jews for many
generations or, let's say,

84
00:03:27,470 --> 00:03:32,480
recently arrived from Poland
and only one or two generations.

85
00:03:32,480 --> 00:03:34,150
It sounds to me like
it's the former.

86
00:03:34,150 --> 00:03:35,380
Oh yes.

87

00:03:35,380 --> 00:03:37,125

OK.

88

00:03:37,125 --> 00:03:39,020

I do have to blow my nose.

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00:03:39,020 --> 00:03:39,950

Oh excuse me.

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00:03:39,950 --> 00:03:42,200

Let's cut the camera.

91

00:03:42,200 --> 00:03:44,450

OK.

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00:03:44,450 --> 00:03:46,580

What language did you
all speak at home?

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00:03:46,580 --> 00:03:47,370

German.

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00:03:47,370 --> 00:03:48,620

So that's your first language.

95

00:03:48,620 --> 00:03:49,310

Yes.

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00:03:49,310 --> 00:03:51,050

Do you still remember it today?

97

00:03:51,050 --> 00:03:51,740

Yes.

98

00:03:51,740 --> 00:03:52,400

OK.

99

00:03:52,400 --> 00:03:54,830

Do you still speak with
someone in German today?

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00:03:54,830 --> 00:03:56,390

Occasionally.

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00:03:56,390 --> 00:04:01,560

But more in a jokey kind
of a way than seriously.

102

00:04:01,560 --> 00:04:02,060

OK.

103

00:04:02,060 --> 00:04:04,100

Is English now your
stronger language?

104

00:04:04,100 --> 00:04:05,300

Absolutely.

105

00:04:05,300 --> 00:04:06,620

OK.

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00:04:06,620 --> 00:04:10,740

And was your immediate family--

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00:04:10,740 --> 00:04:12,470

your mother and your father--

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00:04:12,470 --> 00:04:14,480

were they a very
religious family?

109

00:04:14,480 --> 00:04:15,690

No.

110

00:04:15,690 --> 00:04:17,810

Would you say they
were assimilated?

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00:04:17,810 --> 00:04:19,470

Yes, assimilated.

112

00:04:19,470 --> 00:04:20,600

All right.

113
00:04:20,600 --> 00:04:24,170
And were they
secular in the sense

114
00:04:24,170 --> 00:04:32,690
of not really abiding by the
old traditions of Judaism?

115
00:04:32,690 --> 00:04:35,690
Well, they were more
secular than very religious.

116
00:04:35,690 --> 00:04:39,090
But they did--

117
00:04:39,090 --> 00:04:44,360
I remember we said a prayer
every evening at dinner time.

118
00:04:44,360 --> 00:04:49,910
And they went to
temple on holidays.

119
00:04:49,910 --> 00:04:55,440
And I was sent to Sunday school.

120
00:04:55,440 --> 00:04:58,790
But that was about it.

121
00:04:58,790 --> 00:05:00,410
And did they keep kosher?

122
00:05:00,410 --> 00:05:01,010
No.

123
00:05:01,010 --> 00:05:01,510
OK.

124
00:05:01,510 --> 00:05:05,540

125
00:05:05,540 --> 00:05:10,010
Tell me a little bit
about your father's side

126
00:05:10,010 --> 00:05:13,460
of the family in Plauen.

127
00:05:13,460 --> 00:05:15,650
Did he have brothers
and sisters?

128
00:05:15,650 --> 00:05:17,330
He had a sister.

129
00:05:17,330 --> 00:05:18,480
And what was her name?

130
00:05:18,480 --> 00:05:19,400
Greta.

131
00:05:19,400 --> 00:05:20,810
Greta.

132
00:05:20,810 --> 00:05:22,620
Again a very German name.

133
00:05:22,620 --> 00:05:23,200
Right.

134
00:05:23,200 --> 00:05:26,750
Well, that's where
they came from.

135
00:05:26,750 --> 00:05:27,890
Exactly.

136
00:05:27,890 --> 00:05:34,820
And she and her husband
went to Australia,

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00:05:34,820 --> 00:05:40,730
because during World
War I, her husband was

138
00:05:40,730 --> 00:05:44,930
a prisoner in England, I think.

139
00:05:44,930 --> 00:05:52,330
And he was under the guidance of
a ward who was from Australia.

140
00:05:52,330 --> 00:05:56,270
And when Hitler
came to power, he

141
00:05:56,270 --> 00:06:00,810
offered them an affidavit
to come to Australia.

142
00:06:00,810 --> 00:06:04,850
So his former ward, where he
had been a prisoner of war--

143
00:06:04,850 --> 00:06:05,660
Right.

144
00:06:05,660 --> 00:06:06,800
What a relationship.

145
00:06:06,800 --> 00:06:08,000
Isn't that something?

146
00:06:08,000 --> 00:06:08,520
Yeah, it is.

147
00:06:08,520 --> 00:06:13,470
But they had an unusually
good relationship.

148
00:06:13,470 --> 00:06:18,830
And so they moved to Australia,
where they raised their family.

149

00:06:18,830 --> 00:06:23,150

And if you say it was when
Hitler came to power, then

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00:06:23,150 --> 00:06:25,650

it must have been
still '33 or '34?

151

00:06:25,650 --> 00:06:28,820

Well, it was probably '37, '38.

152

00:06:28,820 --> 00:06:29,690

Oh I see.

153

00:06:29,690 --> 00:06:30,230

OK.

154

00:06:30,230 --> 00:06:33,170

I think it was after
we came to America.

155

00:06:33,170 --> 00:06:35,030

OK.

156

00:06:35,030 --> 00:06:39,680

But still what a difference
that one gesture makes.

157

00:06:39,680 --> 00:06:40,520

Right.

158

00:06:40,520 --> 00:06:42,830

Right.

159

00:06:42,830 --> 00:06:46,090

What was that uncle's-- it
was Greta and her husband?

160

00:06:46,090 --> 00:06:46,670

Right.

161

00:06:46,670 --> 00:06:48,400
What was her husband's name?

162
00:06:48,400 --> 00:06:49,482
Alfred.

163
00:06:49,482 --> 00:06:50,940
And they're married--
and they're--

164
00:06:50,940 --> 00:06:51,610
Fleischer.

165
00:06:51,610 --> 00:06:52,660
Fleischer.

166
00:06:52,660 --> 00:06:54,220
OK.

167
00:06:54,220 --> 00:06:56,260
And they left Plauen then?

168
00:06:56,260 --> 00:06:57,760
Correct.

169
00:06:57,760 --> 00:06:58,690
All right.

170
00:06:58,690 --> 00:07:00,820
So that was one sister.

171
00:07:00,820 --> 00:07:01,900
Any other siblings?

172
00:07:01,900 --> 00:07:03,460
No, that was it.

173
00:07:03,460 --> 00:07:04,450
All right.

174
00:07:04,450 --> 00:07:09,220

And what about grandparents
on your father's side?

175
00:07:09,220 --> 00:07:12,140

176
00:07:12,140 --> 00:07:15,310
They lived in Plauen.

177
00:07:15,310 --> 00:07:20,990
And I'm not sure exactly
what my grandfather did.

178
00:07:20,990 --> 00:07:27,250
But my father tried very hard to
get them to come to the United

179
00:07:27,250 --> 00:07:31,450
States but was unable to do so.

180
00:07:31,450 --> 00:07:35,890
And my grandmother fortunately
died of a heart attack

181
00:07:35,890 --> 00:07:41,350
before being put into
a concentration camp.

182
00:07:41,350 --> 00:07:47,280
My grandfather unfortunately
went to a concentration camp

183
00:07:47,280 --> 00:07:49,090
at about 80.

184
00:07:49,090 --> 00:07:54,016
He was probably about 79
when he was exterminated.

185
00:07:54,016 --> 00:07:56,560
Oh dear.

186

00:07:56,560 --> 00:08:00,190
Do know which camp this was?

187
00:08:00,190 --> 00:08:02,320
I think it may have
been Bergen-Belsen.

188
00:08:02,320 --> 00:08:05,980

189
00:08:05,980 --> 00:08:09,800
And it sounds as if this kind
of information your family

190
00:08:09,800 --> 00:08:12,440
didn't know at the time.

191
00:08:12,440 --> 00:08:13,010
Right.

192
00:08:13,010 --> 00:08:16,970
When my husband and
I went to Prague,

193
00:08:16,970 --> 00:08:18,630
and we went to-- what is it?

194
00:08:18,630 --> 00:08:20,000
Theresienstadt?

195
00:08:20,000 --> 00:08:21,260
Yes, north of Prague.

196
00:08:21,260 --> 00:08:22,580
Right.

197
00:08:22,580 --> 00:08:29,660
And we went to the office
and they looked it up,

198
00:08:29,660 --> 00:08:34,640
and sure enough,

they had his name

199

00:08:34,640 --> 00:08:39,230
and told us where he had died.

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00:08:39,230 --> 00:08:44,570
Do you know what year it was
that he was in Theresienstadt

201

00:08:44,570 --> 00:08:46,670
and then sent to a camp?

202

00:08:46,670 --> 00:08:48,100
No, I do not.

203

00:08:48,100 --> 00:08:48,680
OK.

204

00:08:48,680 --> 00:08:49,860
I don't remember.

205

00:08:49,860 --> 00:08:50,360
OK.

206

00:08:50,360 --> 00:08:54,800
And what year was it that you
were there with your husband?

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00:08:54,800 --> 00:08:56,060
It must have been--

208

00:08:56,060 --> 00:08:59,250
1970s, 1980s sometime.

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00:08:59,250 --> 00:08:59,750
Maybe 1980s.

210

00:08:59,750 --> 00:09:01,190
Several decades later.

211

00:09:01,190 --> 00:09:02,630

Yes, right.

212
00:09:02,630 --> 00:09:04,040
OK.

213
00:09:04,040 --> 00:09:08,180
Did your father ever
know these types

214
00:09:08,180 --> 00:09:11,240
of details about his parents?

215
00:09:11,240 --> 00:09:13,080
Yes, I think so.

216
00:09:13,080 --> 00:09:15,830
OK.

217
00:09:15,830 --> 00:09:20,360
And so there were no other
siblings then in the family.

218
00:09:20,360 --> 00:09:23,150
There was just your
father, his sister Greta.

219
00:09:23,150 --> 00:09:23,840
Right.

220
00:09:23,840 --> 00:09:25,910
The grandparents.

221
00:09:25,910 --> 00:09:29,580
And do you remember their names?

222
00:09:29,580 --> 00:09:32,630
Opa Alex and Oma [? Minnie. ?]

223
00:09:32,630 --> 00:09:33,130
OK.

224

00:09:33,130 --> 00:09:35,400
Opa Alex and Oma Minnie.

225
00:09:35,400 --> 00:09:38,120
So Grandpa Alex
and Grandma Minnie.

226
00:09:38,120 --> 00:09:38,670
Right.

227
00:09:38,670 --> 00:09:39,870
All right.

228
00:09:39,870 --> 00:09:44,590
And what did your father do?

229
00:09:44,590 --> 00:09:46,740
My father was a judge.

230
00:09:46,740 --> 00:09:47,400
Was he?

231
00:09:47,400 --> 00:09:48,540
Yes.

232
00:09:48,540 --> 00:09:55,590
And when Hitler came to
power, my father lost his job.

233
00:09:55,590 --> 00:09:59,220
I guess it must have
been the end of 1935

234
00:09:59,220 --> 00:10:03,630
or the beginning of 1936
because no Jews were

235
00:10:03,630 --> 00:10:08,580
allowed to have that kind
of a position anymore.

236
00:10:08,580 --> 00:10:10,680

Well, yes, it's a
civil service position.

237
00:10:10,680 --> 00:10:11,310
Right.

238
00:10:11,310 --> 00:10:12,780
It's part of the government.

239
00:10:12,780 --> 00:10:15,240
Right.

240
00:10:15,240 --> 00:10:20,670
And nevertheless, he was
still a judge for two years

241
00:10:20,670 --> 00:10:22,720
after Hitler comes to power.

242
00:10:22,720 --> 00:10:23,220
Yeah.

243
00:10:23,220 --> 00:10:27,360
That must have been very
tense years for him.

244
00:10:27,360 --> 00:10:30,780
If they were, the children
never knew about it.

245
00:10:30,780 --> 00:10:32,910
OK.

246
00:10:32,910 --> 00:10:34,680
That's often the case.

247
00:10:34,680 --> 00:10:36,780
Right.

248
00:10:36,780 --> 00:10:39,240
But it speaks to a
few things that are

249
00:10:39,240 --> 00:10:42,990
part of what my questions are.

250
00:10:42,990 --> 00:10:46,170
Hang on a second.

251
00:10:46,170 --> 00:10:46,820
Yeah?

252
00:10:46,820 --> 00:10:48,860
OK.

253
00:10:48,860 --> 00:10:53,480
So yes, I was saying that speaks
to a couple of different areas

254
00:10:53,480 --> 00:10:55,430
I'd like to explore.

255
00:10:55,430 --> 00:11:00,230
Number one, it meant that
your father was educated.

256
00:11:00,230 --> 00:11:02,300
Oh yes.

257
00:11:02,300 --> 00:11:07,340
Do you know what his education
was, what university he

258
00:11:07,340 --> 00:11:10,730
went to, and so on?

259
00:11:10,730 --> 00:11:13,923
I think he went to
university in Leipzig.

260
00:11:13,923 --> 00:11:14,840
That would make sense.

261

00:11:14,840 --> 00:11:16,700
Yeah.

262
00:11:16,700 --> 00:11:17,930
That's not so far away.

263
00:11:17,930 --> 00:11:18,650
No.

264
00:11:18,650 --> 00:11:20,330
Yeah.

265
00:11:20,330 --> 00:11:21,792
And that's really--

266
00:11:21,792 --> 00:11:23,000
And he must have studied law.

267
00:11:23,000 --> 00:11:27,320
And he was a lawyer and
then became a judge.

268
00:11:27,320 --> 00:11:30,320
Do you ever remember seeing
him in judicial robes?

269
00:11:30,320 --> 00:11:31,510
No.

270
00:11:31,510 --> 00:11:32,450
OK.

271
00:11:32,450 --> 00:11:34,100
Any photos of him that way?

272
00:11:34,100 --> 00:11:35,270
No.

273
00:11:35,270 --> 00:11:37,190
OK.

274

00:11:37,190 --> 00:11:43,280
And too, usually a lawyer
and particularly a judge

275
00:11:43,280 --> 00:11:46,640
would be a fairly
comfortable living

276
00:11:46,640 --> 00:11:49,400
and a comfortable standard
of living for the family.

277
00:11:49,400 --> 00:11:50,037
Correct.

278
00:11:50,037 --> 00:11:51,620
Was that-- that was
the case with you?

279
00:11:51,620 --> 00:11:52,160
Yes.

280
00:11:52,160 --> 00:11:56,510
I think we had a
very nice apartment.

281
00:11:56,510 --> 00:12:03,080
And we had a live-in
maid, who was later

282
00:12:03,080 --> 00:12:07,820
unable to work for us
anymore although she

283
00:12:07,820 --> 00:12:09,560
loved us very much.

284
00:12:09,560 --> 00:12:10,650
Do you remember her name?

285
00:12:10,650 --> 00:12:11,440
Maria.

286
00:12:11,440 --> 00:12:12,320
Maria.

287
00:12:12,320 --> 00:12:13,120
OK.

288
00:12:13,120 --> 00:12:16,730
But she had to leave.

289
00:12:16,730 --> 00:12:21,080
She was heartbroken,
but she couldn't stay.

290
00:12:21,080 --> 00:12:24,870
Well, it was nice that you had
a close relationship with her.

291
00:12:24,870 --> 00:12:25,880
Right.

292
00:12:25,880 --> 00:12:31,920
Many people didn't have that
with the non-Jewish help.

293
00:12:31,920 --> 00:12:32,690
Right.

294
00:12:32,690 --> 00:12:35,200
No, we had a very good
relationship with her.

295
00:12:35,200 --> 00:12:36,650
I do remember that.

296
00:12:36,650 --> 00:12:37,970
OK.

297
00:12:37,970 --> 00:12:40,880
And can you describe
your home to me

298

00:12:40,880 --> 00:12:44,210
a little bit, what
it looked like?

299
00:12:44,210 --> 00:12:48,530
I just remember a
room with a big piano.

300
00:12:48,530 --> 00:12:50,690
We had a baby grand.

301
00:12:50,690 --> 00:12:52,910
My father loved to play piano.

302
00:12:52,910 --> 00:12:57,020
And he loved
operas, and he sang.

303
00:12:57,020 --> 00:12:57,620
Oh did he?

304
00:12:57,620 --> 00:12:58,550
Oh yeah.

305
00:12:58,550 --> 00:12:59,860
Did he have a nice voice?

306
00:12:59,860 --> 00:13:01,460
He had a very nice voice.

307
00:13:01,460 --> 00:13:02,092
Yeah.

308
00:13:02,092 --> 00:13:03,050
What about your mother?

309
00:13:03,050 --> 00:13:03,758
Did she join him?

310
00:13:03,758 --> 00:13:05,330
She had a nice voice also.

311

00:13:05,330 --> 00:13:06,920

She didn't play piano.

312

00:13:06,920 --> 00:13:11,930

But she sometimes would sing
with him, not too often.

313

00:13:11,930 --> 00:13:14,450

314

00:13:14,450 --> 00:13:18,110

Did your parents have a wide
social circle in Plauen?

315

00:13:18,110 --> 00:13:19,610

Yes.

316

00:13:19,610 --> 00:13:22,640

And do you remember
people visiting your home?

317

00:13:22,640 --> 00:13:25,930

318

00:13:25,930 --> 00:13:27,410

Not really.

319

00:13:27,410 --> 00:13:27,980

Not really.

320

00:13:27,980 --> 00:13:31,130

It's been an awfully
long time ago.

321

00:13:31,130 --> 00:13:31,790

Oh, I know.

322

00:13:31,790 --> 00:13:34,700

I'm asking the most
unreasonable questions,

323

00:13:34,700 --> 00:13:37,575
because I realize you came to
the States as a little girl

324
00:13:37,575 --> 00:13:38,075
still.

325
00:13:38,075 --> 00:13:39,340
Right.

326
00:13:39,340 --> 00:13:41,170
And I'm now 88 so--

327
00:13:41,170 --> 00:13:42,640
[LAUGHS]

328
00:13:42,640 --> 00:13:43,820
--it's been a while.

329
00:13:43,820 --> 00:13:44,750
Yeah.

330
00:13:44,750 --> 00:13:49,130
But what I'm trying to
do is paint a picture

331
00:13:49,130 --> 00:13:52,970
with your words of what
your life was like as much

332
00:13:52,970 --> 00:13:56,630
as you can remember
and as much as you

333
00:13:56,630 --> 00:13:59,110
have been told by other people.

334
00:13:59,110 --> 00:14:00,950
Right.

335
00:14:00,950 --> 00:14:04,760
And making a distinction, where

we can, what are the memories?

336
00:14:04,760 --> 00:14:06,870
And what are the stories?

337
00:14:06,870 --> 00:14:07,370
OK.

338
00:14:07,370 --> 00:14:13,490
What I can remember
are several facts.

339
00:14:13,490 --> 00:14:17,840
One is that I had diphtheria.

340
00:14:17,840 --> 00:14:25,100
And it turned into
a mastoidectomy,

341
00:14:25,100 --> 00:14:28,490
and both ears needed surgery.

342
00:14:28,490 --> 00:14:29,150
Wow.

343
00:14:29,150 --> 00:14:34,940
And our own doctor
apparently was not available.

344
00:14:34,940 --> 00:14:49,170
But a very good doctor
came wearing a swastika.

345
00:14:49,170 --> 00:14:52,560
And he said I needed surgery.

346
00:14:52,560 --> 00:14:55,890
And even though I really did
not belong in a hospital,

347
00:14:55,890 --> 00:15:01,020
because I was so contagious

with the diphtheria,

348

00:15:01,020 --> 00:15:04,770

he managed to get me in.

349

00:15:04,770 --> 00:15:08,070

And he operated on both ears.

350

00:15:08,070 --> 00:15:16,170

And unfortunately, one ear I haven't heard very much out of.

351

00:15:16,170 --> 00:15:19,600

But the other ear was fine.

352

00:15:19,600 --> 00:15:25,640

And I remember that my head was full of cotton.

353

00:15:25,640 --> 00:15:30,390

And I always wanted to remove that cotton.

354

00:15:30,390 --> 00:15:32,940

And my mother would come to visit,

355

00:15:32,940 --> 00:15:36,690

and she would bring books, and she would read to me.

356

00:15:36,690 --> 00:15:38,470

And that was wonderful.

357

00:15:38,470 --> 00:15:42,030

So I do remember that.

358

00:15:42,030 --> 00:15:44,640

And you remember seeing the armband with the swastika?

359

00:15:44,640 --> 00:15:46,320

Yeah.

360
00:15:46,320 --> 00:15:48,680
Now that's an unusual behavior.

361
00:15:48,680 --> 00:15:52,510
Yeah, it was very unusual.

362
00:15:52,510 --> 00:15:54,890
And the other thing
that I remember is--

363
00:15:54,890 --> 00:15:58,980
and I don't really
remember how old I was,

364
00:15:58,980 --> 00:16:05,580
but it must have been before
Hitler really took over.

365
00:16:05,580 --> 00:16:08,810
We went to a swimming pool.

366
00:16:08,810 --> 00:16:11,970
And my mother was busy
chatting with somebody.

367
00:16:11,970 --> 00:16:15,300
And I must have walked off,
and somebody in the pool

368
00:16:15,300 --> 00:16:16,050
waved to me.

369
00:16:16,050 --> 00:16:19,890
And the next thing you
knew, I was in the pool.

370
00:16:19,890 --> 00:16:23,790
And I didn't know how to swim.

371
00:16:23,790 --> 00:16:28,890

And a lifeguard came and
turned me upside down.

372
00:16:28,890 --> 00:16:30,240
I still remember that.

373
00:16:30,240 --> 00:16:30,750
Really?

374
00:16:30,750 --> 00:16:33,630
And then my mother came shocked.

375
00:16:33,630 --> 00:16:37,870
But OK, I survived that.

376
00:16:37,870 --> 00:16:39,570
And the other thing
that I remember

377
00:16:39,570 --> 00:16:44,290
is that my mother was
taking me someplace

378
00:16:44,290 --> 00:16:47,010
or I was going someplace.

379
00:16:47,010 --> 00:16:50,640
And we lived in a
walk-up apartment.

380
00:16:50,640 --> 00:16:55,020
And I fell down some steps.

381
00:16:55,020 --> 00:17:02,700
And on the way back up, limping,
[? Muschi ?] and [? Guschi, ?]

382
00:17:02,700 --> 00:17:08,790
sisters who lived underneath
us, heard my crying and so forth

383
00:17:08,790 --> 00:17:14,849

and came out with some
chocolate in the form of thread,

384
00:17:14,849 --> 00:17:16,020
of spool of thread.

385
00:17:16,020 --> 00:17:17,369
Oh I see.

386
00:17:17,369 --> 00:17:20,790
So it looked like
spaghetti chocolate?

387
00:17:20,790 --> 00:17:26,819
Well, it was in spools of
thread, a needle, and scissors.

388
00:17:26,819 --> 00:17:27,780
Oh chocolate?

389
00:17:27,780 --> 00:17:28,950
Chocolate, right.

390
00:17:28,950 --> 00:17:31,590
Oh so they had chocolate on
the one hand and then thread

391
00:17:31,590 --> 00:17:32,970
and needles and
scissors in the--

392
00:17:32,970 --> 00:17:33,690
No.

393
00:17:33,690 --> 00:17:39,270
The chocolate was
made to resemble--

394
00:17:39,270 --> 00:17:40,770
I've never seen
something like that.

395

00:17:40,770 --> 00:17:43,350
Well, this was in 1935 maybe.

396
00:17:43,350 --> 00:17:43,850
Yeah.

397
00:17:43,850 --> 00:17:47,666

398
00:17:47,666 --> 00:17:53,820
And I guess I had either
broken or sprained my ankle.

399
00:17:53,820 --> 00:17:59,820
And I remember before we
came to the United States,

400
00:17:59,820 --> 00:18:04,560
we stopped off in BÃ¼nde
to say goodbye to my--

401
00:18:04,560 --> 00:18:07,290
Mother's side of the family.

402
00:18:07,290 --> 00:18:12,240
--my mother's
father, my Opa Simon.

403
00:18:12,240 --> 00:18:14,700
And I remember that
they had a dining room

404
00:18:14,700 --> 00:18:17,040
table which was round.

405
00:18:17,040 --> 00:18:18,750
And that was the
first time that I

406
00:18:18,750 --> 00:18:25,230
felt comfortable
holding on and walking.

407

00:18:25,230 --> 00:18:29,520
So you had been healing but not
completely until you felt that.

408

00:18:29,520 --> 00:18:30,720
Correct.

409

00:18:30,720 --> 00:18:33,870
And Muschi and Guschi, were
they neighbors downstairs?

410

00:18:33,870 --> 00:18:34,770
Yes.

411

00:18:34,770 --> 00:18:36,080
And were they Jewish as well?

412

00:18:36,080 --> 00:18:36,750
No.

413

00:18:36,750 --> 00:18:38,020
No, they were not.

414

00:18:38,020 --> 00:18:38,520
OK.

415

00:18:38,520 --> 00:18:41,520

416

00:18:41,520 --> 00:18:45,060
Can you describe the
building that the apartment

417

00:18:45,060 --> 00:18:46,830
was in for me a little bit?

418

00:18:46,830 --> 00:18:47,505
No, I cannot.

419

00:18:47,505 --> 00:18:50,880

420
00:18:50,880 --> 00:18:53,700
Yeah, I was asking about
what the building might

421
00:18:53,700 --> 00:18:54,670
have looked like.

422
00:18:54,670 --> 00:18:59,980
And was it in the center of
Plauen or in the residential?

423
00:18:59,980 --> 00:19:03,600
It was residential section.

424
00:19:03,600 --> 00:19:05,010
OK.

425
00:19:05,010 --> 00:19:08,040
Do you remember--

426
00:19:08,040 --> 00:19:10,000
I ask this question
of many people,

427
00:19:10,000 --> 00:19:12,060
and it may sound
a little strange.

428
00:19:12,060 --> 00:19:14,250
But bear with me.

429
00:19:14,250 --> 00:19:16,200
Did you have electricity?

430
00:19:16,200 --> 00:19:17,400
Oh yes.

431
00:19:17,400 --> 00:19:19,080
Did you have indoor plumbing?

432

00:19:19,080 --> 00:19:21,570

Yes.

433

00:19:21,570 --> 00:19:24,480

Do you know how the
place was heated?

434

00:19:24,480 --> 00:19:26,640

I have no idea,
but it was heated.

435

00:19:26,640 --> 00:19:28,230

OK.

436

00:19:28,230 --> 00:19:30,900

Did you have these
sort of coal ovens,

437

00:19:30,900 --> 00:19:36,510

these tiled kind of ovens in
the middle of a room or inside?

438

00:19:36,510 --> 00:19:40,110

No, but we did have an
oven in the kitchen.

439

00:19:40,110 --> 00:19:43,200

And I remember that my mother--

440

00:19:43,200 --> 00:19:45,530

I don't know whether she
was answering the doorbell

441

00:19:45,530 --> 00:19:49,860

or something-- and she
had 100 marks in her hand.

442

00:19:49,860 --> 00:19:59,330

And she-- what's the
word I'm looking for?

443

00:19:59,330 --> 00:20:05,800

Before she knew it, she had

said fed the stove or the oven

444

00:20:05,800 --> 00:20:08,150
with that 100 marks.

445

00:20:08,150 --> 00:20:12,350
And that was quite a disaster.

446

00:20:12,350 --> 00:20:13,700
I do remember that.

447

00:20:13,700 --> 00:20:15,690
Yeah, well 100
marks is 100 marks.

448

00:20:15,690 --> 00:20:16,190
Right.

449

00:20:16,190 --> 00:20:19,070

450

00:20:19,070 --> 00:20:22,780
Did you have a telephone?

451

00:20:22,780 --> 00:20:24,900
I don't think so.

452

00:20:24,900 --> 00:20:27,030
What about a radio?

453

00:20:27,030 --> 00:20:29,520
I think we had a radio.

454

00:20:29,520 --> 00:20:32,760
We may have had a telephone,
but I don't remember.

455

00:20:32,760 --> 00:20:36,810
Did your father
have an automobile?

456

00:20:36,810 --> 00:20:40,140
I think we did
have an automobile.

457
00:20:40,140 --> 00:20:44,400
I remember seeing a
picture of myself standing

458
00:20:44,400 --> 00:20:46,680
in front of an automobile.

459
00:20:46,680 --> 00:20:49,080
So I'm assuming
that that was ours,

460
00:20:49,080 --> 00:20:52,650
but I really don't remember it.

461
00:20:52,650 --> 00:20:57,240
Do you know how
your parents met?

462
00:20:57,240 --> 00:21:01,252
Somebody knew each
of them and a blind--

463
00:21:01,252 --> 00:21:02,085
He was a matchmaker?

464
00:21:02,085 --> 00:21:05,010
A matchmaker, a blind
date kind of thing.

465
00:21:05,010 --> 00:21:08,550

466
00:21:08,550 --> 00:21:11,400
Because Plauen is a long
way from Westphalia.

467
00:21:11,400 --> 00:21:12,690
Right.

468

00:21:12,690 --> 00:21:16,790
But they met some place, and--

469

00:21:16,790 --> 00:21:17,343
Got married.

470

00:21:17,343 --> 00:21:18,135
--they got married.

471

00:21:18,135 --> 00:21:20,620
[LAUGHS]

472

00:21:20,620 --> 00:21:21,120

473

00:21:21,120 --> 00:21:23,280
Now, when you were
living in Plauen

474

00:21:23,280 --> 00:21:26,700
and before you leave
for the United States,

475

00:21:26,700 --> 00:21:29,130
did you know any
relatives on your mother's

476

00:21:29,130 --> 00:21:31,950
side of the family?

477

00:21:31,950 --> 00:21:36,540
I knew her brothers.

478

00:21:36,540 --> 00:21:37,860
She had two brothers--

479

00:21:37,860 --> 00:21:40,140
Ernst and Otto.

480

00:21:40,140 --> 00:21:41,548
Ernst and Otto.

481
00:21:41,548 --> 00:21:42,840
And her maiden name again was--

482
00:21:42,840 --> 00:21:43,740
Rosenwald.

483
00:21:43,740 --> 00:21:44,490
Rosenwald.

484
00:21:44,490 --> 00:21:46,410
Of course.

485
00:21:46,410 --> 00:21:47,850
Ernst and Otto Rosenwald.

486
00:21:47,850 --> 00:21:51,510
And had they come to visit
in Plauen, or had you--

487
00:21:51,510 --> 00:21:54,330
Maybe we visited them in BÃ¼nde.

488
00:21:54,330 --> 00:21:57,100

489
00:21:57,100 --> 00:22:03,000
And Otto was
married to Elfriede.

490
00:22:03,000 --> 00:22:07,470
And they had a little
girl whose name was Helen.

491
00:22:07,470 --> 00:22:10,980
So she is my first cousin.

492
00:22:10,980 --> 00:22:12,980
And we were very close.

493
00:22:12,980 --> 00:22:16,200

We were like sisters.

494
00:22:16,200 --> 00:22:17,760
Even then when you
were that little?

495
00:22:17,760 --> 00:22:21,720
Even then but even more when
we came to the United States.

496
00:22:21,720 --> 00:22:23,140
OK.

497
00:22:23,140 --> 00:22:26,500
And Ernst, did he
have any children?

498
00:22:26,500 --> 00:22:27,840
Yes, he had a daughter.

499
00:22:27,840 --> 00:22:32,400
But he married later.

500
00:22:32,400 --> 00:22:34,680
I don't think I met
his wife until they

501
00:22:34,680 --> 00:22:37,350
came to the United States.

502
00:22:37,350 --> 00:22:40,440
Oh yeah-- and their
daughter Margaret

503
00:22:40,440 --> 00:22:43,050
was one year old
when they arrived.

504
00:22:43,050 --> 00:22:44,170
So she was a baby.

505
00:22:44,170 --> 00:22:47,820

She was a baby, yeah.

506
00:22:47,820 --> 00:22:53,910
And did you know your
grandfather Simon, Simon,

507
00:22:53,910 --> 00:22:55,470
before leaving Germany?

508
00:22:55,470 --> 00:22:56,640
Oh yes.

509
00:22:56,640 --> 00:22:57,510
Oh yeah?

510
00:22:57,510 --> 00:23:02,560
Well, I told you that I walked
around the table in his house.

511
00:23:02,560 --> 00:23:04,735
They had a very
lovely, big house.

512
00:23:04,735 --> 00:23:06,360
But was that the
first time you had met

513
00:23:06,360 --> 00:23:07,610
him or you had met him before?

514
00:23:07,610 --> 00:23:08,890
Oh no, I had met him before.

515
00:23:08,890 --> 00:23:09,390
Yeah.

516
00:23:09,390 --> 00:23:12,360
And your grandmother on your
mother's side, was she alive?

517
00:23:12,360 --> 00:23:13,200
No.

518
00:23:13,200 --> 00:23:15,570
She died a long time ago.

519
00:23:15,570 --> 00:23:19,620
My mother was 12 years
old when her mother died.

520
00:23:19,620 --> 00:23:22,110
Oh that's very tough--

521
00:23:22,110 --> 00:23:22,800
Yeah.

522
00:23:22,800 --> 00:23:26,550
--for a child and particularly
a young girl who just

523
00:23:26,550 --> 00:23:28,120
is going to start adolescence.

524
00:23:28,120 --> 00:23:28,620
Right.

525
00:23:28,620 --> 00:23:31,590
And she had the
two older brothers.

526
00:23:31,590 --> 00:23:34,950
And my grandfather
never remarried

527
00:23:34,950 --> 00:23:37,860
or nobody ever
mentioned that there

528
00:23:37,860 --> 00:23:41,850
was another woman in his life.

529
00:23:41,850 --> 00:23:45,540
Tell me a little bit about
your parents' personalities.

530
00:23:45,540 --> 00:23:46,800
What do you remember.

531
00:23:46,800 --> 00:23:51,780
Again, this is with the
emphasis still in Germany.

532
00:23:51,780 --> 00:23:54,600
What do you remember
of your father?

533
00:23:54,600 --> 00:23:55,950
Was he a quiet man?

534
00:23:55,950 --> 00:23:58,140
Was he an extrovert?

535
00:23:58,140 --> 00:24:01,200
Was he somebody that you
were a little frightened of?

536
00:24:01,200 --> 00:24:03,630
Was he somebody that was gentle?

537
00:24:03,630 --> 00:24:04,530
Anything.

538
00:24:04,530 --> 00:24:06,450
What was he like?

539
00:24:06,450 --> 00:24:09,450
He was a very loving father.

540
00:24:09,450 --> 00:24:13,260

541
00:24:13,260 --> 00:24:16,300
He was very outgoing.

542
00:24:16,300 --> 00:24:17,535

He loved his music.

543

00:24:17,535 --> 00:24:20,595

544

00:24:20,595 --> 00:24:22,635

He enjoyed his friends.

545

00:24:22,635 --> 00:24:26,710

546

00:24:26,710 --> 00:24:32,820

I don't-- He was a good guy.

547

00:24:32,820 --> 00:24:33,670

OK.

548

00:24:33,670 --> 00:24:37,840

And an outgoing-- yeah, so
he was more of an extrovert?

549

00:24:37,840 --> 00:24:39,850

I would say so, yeah.

550

00:24:39,850 --> 00:24:42,070

Now, when he lost
his job, of course,

551

00:24:42,070 --> 00:24:44,410

you were a very young child.

552

00:24:44,410 --> 00:24:45,220

Right.

553

00:24:45,220 --> 00:24:48,610

And if I were that
age, I would not

554

00:24:48,610 --> 00:24:51,323

have known the difference
if papa has a job

555

00:24:51,323 --> 00:24:52,240
or doesn't have a job.

556

00:24:52,240 --> 00:24:54,550
Right, I didn't either.

557

00:24:54,550 --> 00:24:57,620
And they didn't make
a big fuss about it.

558

00:24:57,620 --> 00:24:59,650
Did he ever tell
you, though, later

559

00:24:59,650 --> 00:25:04,340
on in your life what that was
like, what the details were?

560

00:25:04,340 --> 00:25:05,930
No.

561

00:25:05,930 --> 00:25:07,060
No.

562

00:25:07,060 --> 00:25:12,100
In fact, my brother Herbert
and I discussed that.

563

00:25:12,100 --> 00:25:15,700
My parents never
complained about what

564

00:25:15,700 --> 00:25:21,130
had happened to them or
their arrival in America.

565

00:25:21,130 --> 00:25:29,150
Nobody ever said, "Oh my
god, you know, how terrible."

566

00:25:29,150 --> 00:25:36,740
So they were very stoic

about their lot in life.

567
00:25:36,740 --> 00:25:40,450
And so you would not have
known any of the details

568
00:25:40,450 --> 00:25:41,460
even later on.

569
00:25:41,460 --> 00:25:44,140
Right, exactly.

570
00:25:44,140 --> 00:25:48,850
What I do remember,
however, is that in 1936, I

571
00:25:48,850 --> 00:25:53,860
guess in the spring, the
Olympics took place in Germany.

572
00:25:53,860 --> 00:25:55,000
That's right.

573
00:25:55,000 --> 00:26:01,690
And my father was able to go,
and he enjoyed that very much.

574
00:26:01,690 --> 00:26:03,380
Well, that's interesting.

575
00:26:03,380 --> 00:26:10,000
Yeah, that may have-- well, that
was in May I think or whatever.

576
00:26:10,000 --> 00:26:12,010
I don't remember the
month of the Olympics,

577
00:26:12,010 --> 00:26:13,160
but they were famous ones.

578
00:26:13,160 --> 00:26:13,660

Yeah.

579

00:26:13,660 --> 00:26:16,230

580

00:26:16,230 --> 00:26:19,765

And in November,
we left Germany.

581

00:26:19,765 --> 00:26:24,400

582

00:26:24,400 --> 00:26:28,720

But you see-- everybody
who was Jewish

583

00:26:28,720 --> 00:26:32,080

was affected first
in Germany and then

584

00:26:32,080 --> 00:26:37,390

on any territories that
were occupied or annexed.

585

00:26:37,390 --> 00:26:41,740

But not everybody would
have had as high a position

586

00:26:41,740 --> 00:26:47,000

within German society as your
father did being a judge.

587

00:26:47,000 --> 00:26:47,500

Yeah.

588

00:26:47,500 --> 00:26:52,870

But for example, one of my
mother's brothers was a lawyer.

589

00:26:52,870 --> 00:26:59,100

590

00:26:59,100 --> 00:27:01,290
And then a friend of
theirs was a dentist.

591
00:27:01,290 --> 00:27:05,830
So they traveled in
a pretty upscale--

592
00:27:05,830 --> 00:27:08,920

593
00:27:08,920 --> 00:27:09,610
Circles.

594
00:27:09,610 --> 00:27:10,270
--circles.

595
00:27:10,270 --> 00:27:11,560
Right.

596
00:27:11,560 --> 00:27:15,250
What I'm thinking, though,
is that as a judge he still,

597
00:27:15,250 --> 00:27:19,450
even if he had
lost his position,

598
00:27:19,450 --> 00:27:23,140
he might have still had
some prominence that allowed

599
00:27:23,140 --> 00:27:25,900
him to go to the Olympics.

600
00:27:25,900 --> 00:27:27,790
Not everybody would have been--

601
00:27:27,790 --> 00:27:29,860
I have no recollection.

602
00:27:29,860 --> 00:27:33,790

I just remember that he went.

603

00:27:33,790 --> 00:27:36,430

That's really what I remember.

604

00:27:36,430 --> 00:27:37,690

What about your mother?

605

00:27:37,690 --> 00:27:40,300

What kind of a
personality did she have?

606

00:27:40,300 --> 00:27:44,050

She was also very wonderful.

607

00:27:44,050 --> 00:27:46,510

She was a wonderful woman.

608

00:27:46,510 --> 00:27:52,060

And everybody who knew
her just adored her.

609

00:27:52,060 --> 00:27:58,190

And she made life very pleasant.

610

00:27:58,190 --> 00:28:05,110

And when they came to America,
well, we lived in a hotel

611

00:28:05,110 --> 00:28:09,460

on 72nd Street and Broadway.

612

00:28:09,460 --> 00:28:13,840

And I remember Helen
and I were surprised

613

00:28:13,840 --> 00:28:18,760

because we saw the first Black
person who ran the elevator.

614

00:28:18,760 --> 00:28:20,580

And we really liked him.

615
00:28:20,580 --> 00:28:23,020
It was very sweet.

616
00:28:23,020 --> 00:28:28,980
And then when we
moved both families--

617
00:28:28,980 --> 00:28:34,240
Otto and Elfriede and Helen and
my parents and brother and I--

618
00:28:34,240 --> 00:28:36,940
moved to Washington Heights.

619
00:28:36,940 --> 00:28:42,490
And we had two apartments
right next-door to each other.

620
00:28:42,490 --> 00:28:48,460
And my mother and
Elfriede were very close.

621
00:28:48,460 --> 00:28:54,100
And Helen and I went
to the same school.

622
00:28:54,100 --> 00:29:00,880
And as I said, our relationship
was always very close.

623
00:29:00,880 --> 00:29:04,450
In Germany, did your mother--

624
00:29:04,450 --> 00:29:09,130
was her main focus bringing
you and your brother up?

625
00:29:09,130 --> 00:29:12,670
Did she have any other
kinds of hobbies?

626

00:29:12,670 --> 00:29:15,780
Did she help your
father in any way?

627
00:29:15,780 --> 00:29:16,280
No.

628
00:29:16,280 --> 00:29:17,620
No.

629
00:29:17,620 --> 00:29:19,210
OK.

630
00:29:19,210 --> 00:29:21,430
Their social circle--

631
00:29:21,430 --> 00:29:22,210
I'm sorry?

632
00:29:22,210 --> 00:29:25,610
Their social circle,
still in Germany,

633
00:29:25,610 --> 00:29:29,060
do you know whether it was
almost exclusively Jewish?

634
00:29:29,060 --> 00:29:30,670
I'm sure it was.

635
00:29:30,670 --> 00:29:31,970
OK.

636
00:29:31,970 --> 00:29:32,870
I'm sure it was.

637
00:29:32,870 --> 00:29:35,950
So there wouldn't
have been any non-Jews

638
00:29:35,950 --> 00:29:38,600
they would be friends with?

639
00:29:38,600 --> 00:29:41,540
Not that I'm aware of--

640
00:29:41,540 --> 00:29:43,555
which doesn't mean
that it wasn't so.

641
00:29:43,555 --> 00:29:44,055
Yeah.

642
00:29:44,055 --> 00:29:48,170

643
00:29:48,170 --> 00:29:56,780
And do you have any memories
of when you would visit

644
00:29:56,780 --> 00:30:00,540
your mother's family
in BÃ¼nde in Westphalia,

645
00:30:00,540 --> 00:30:02,870
what their places looked like?

646
00:30:02,870 --> 00:30:06,980
You remember the round table in
your grandfather's apartment.

647
00:30:06,980 --> 00:30:10,100
What about where Helen
lived or your other--

648
00:30:10,100 --> 00:30:13,100
Helen lived with my grandfather.

649
00:30:13,100 --> 00:30:15,280
Her family lived with them.

650
00:30:15,280 --> 00:30:16,230
I see.

651
00:30:16,230 --> 00:30:16,730
Yes.

652
00:30:16,730 --> 00:30:18,620
And that's Ernst?

653
00:30:18,620 --> 00:30:19,970
No, that's Otto.

654
00:30:19,970 --> 00:30:20,900
That's Otto.

655
00:30:20,900 --> 00:30:23,280
Otto and Elfriede and Helen.

656
00:30:23,280 --> 00:30:26,030
And Ernst, did he live close by?

657
00:30:26,030 --> 00:30:27,800
That I don't remember.

658
00:30:27,800 --> 00:30:28,300
OK.

659
00:30:28,300 --> 00:30:30,830
That I don't remember.

660
00:30:30,830 --> 00:30:36,260
Do you remember conversations
in your own home in Plauen

661
00:30:36,260 --> 00:30:41,540
about leaving Plauen, about
traveling somewhere else,

662
00:30:41,540 --> 00:30:44,480
about going away?

663
00:30:44,480 --> 00:30:50,630
Honestly, I have no
recollection of that at all.

664
00:30:50,630 --> 00:30:52,700
I have no recollection.

665
00:30:52,700 --> 00:30:57,200
But you do have a recollection
of your nanny, your maid

666
00:30:57,200 --> 00:30:58,620
Maria leaving you.

667
00:30:58,620 --> 00:30:59,120
Yes.

668
00:30:59,120 --> 00:31:01,730

669
00:31:01,730 --> 00:31:06,220
And I remember
going on the ship.

670
00:31:06,220 --> 00:31:15,710
And actually my mother
told us that we had to--

671
00:31:15,710 --> 00:31:18,950
the ship was leaving
from Hamburg I think.

672
00:31:18,950 --> 00:31:24,140
And it was delayed by a
few days because there was,

673
00:31:24,140 --> 00:31:27,860
as she put it, a nut missing.

674
00:31:27,860 --> 00:31:30,210
So they put us up in a hotel.

675
00:31:30,210 --> 00:31:35,990
And she said we had a
wonderful time until we left.

676
00:31:35,990 --> 00:31:38,190
And the trip was very pleasant.

677
00:31:38,190 --> 00:31:42,410
But it was kind of wintry.

678
00:31:42,410 --> 00:31:47,120
Except for my mother, everybody
else was kind of vomiting.

679
00:31:47,120 --> 00:31:49,720
[LAUGHS]

680
00:31:49,720 --> 00:31:51,370
They didn't get their sea legs.

681
00:31:51,370 --> 00:31:51,870
Right.

682
00:31:51,870 --> 00:31:57,980
But my mother enjoyed every
meal and didn't feel anything.

683
00:31:57,980 --> 00:32:01,880
Do you remember leaving Plauen?

684
00:32:01,880 --> 00:32:03,110
I don't.

685
00:32:03,110 --> 00:32:06,860
Do you remember taking
anything with you?

686
00:32:06,860 --> 00:32:09,740
My Kathe Kruse doll.

687
00:32:09,740 --> 00:32:11,120
You had a Kathe Kruse doll.

688
00:32:11,120 --> 00:32:12,470

I still have one.

689
00:32:12,470 --> 00:32:13,310
Oh wow.

690
00:32:13,310 --> 00:32:13,970
Yeah.

691
00:32:13,970 --> 00:32:15,560
Oh wow.

692
00:32:15,560 --> 00:32:16,970
The same one?

693
00:32:16,970 --> 00:32:17,690
No.

694
00:32:17,690 --> 00:32:20,990
Somebody brought me back
one from Berlin once.

695
00:32:20,990 --> 00:32:23,990

696
00:32:23,990 --> 00:32:26,960
And were your parents able
to take anything with them

697
00:32:26,960 --> 00:32:29,130
from Germany?

698
00:32:29,130 --> 00:32:29,810
Yes.

699
00:32:29,810 --> 00:32:32,090
What did they take?

700
00:32:32,090 --> 00:32:39,860
Well, it's my feeling that
they took the baby grand piano.

701

00:32:39,860 --> 00:32:40,970
That's substantial.

702
00:32:40,970 --> 00:32:42,650
Yeah.

703
00:32:42,650 --> 00:32:48,590
Or else I don't how we got
it to the United States.

704
00:32:48,590 --> 00:32:51,440
Although, my mother said that--

705
00:32:51,440 --> 00:32:54,925

706
00:32:54,925 --> 00:33:00,410
I've forgotten what she said--
that maybe the bedroom was

707
00:33:00,410 --> 00:33:03,260
shipped over by somebody else.

708
00:33:03,260 --> 00:33:05,240
I don't really remember.

709
00:33:05,240 --> 00:33:10,670
But I do remember that my
father bought an accordion which

710
00:33:10,670 --> 00:33:14,030
he took because not
that he played it

711
00:33:14,030 --> 00:33:18,710
but he thought it would be
something he could sell.

712
00:33:18,710 --> 00:33:23,970
So they brought some
things that were allowed.

713

00:33:23,970 --> 00:33:26,720

But because they
couldn't bring money,

714

00:33:26,720 --> 00:33:30,680

they brought silverware,
I guess, and some jewelry.

715

00:33:30,680 --> 00:33:33,270

716

00:33:33,270 --> 00:33:33,770

OK.

717

00:33:33,770 --> 00:33:36,890

So they were able to take
some household things

718

00:33:36,890 --> 00:33:38,240

and some personal things.

719

00:33:38,240 --> 00:33:40,100

Right.

720

00:33:40,100 --> 00:33:45,410

But did these like
furniture and the piano,

721

00:33:45,410 --> 00:33:47,750

did that accompany
you on the ship?

722

00:33:47,750 --> 00:33:51,890

I don't think so, because
when I think about it,

723

00:33:51,890 --> 00:33:56,900

we had no room for
it in the hotel.

724

00:33:56,900 --> 00:34:02,180

And I don't think we had room
for it in the first apartment.

725
00:34:02,180 --> 00:34:05,390
But when we moved to
our second apartment,

726
00:34:05,390 --> 00:34:07,130
I remember the piano.

727
00:34:07,130 --> 00:34:10,280
Maybe I just don't remember
it in the first apartment.

728
00:34:10,280 --> 00:34:12,530
Oh, the one that you're
talking about, the second one,

729
00:34:12,530 --> 00:34:14,179
is the one in
Washington Heights?

730
00:34:14,179 --> 00:34:16,090
Well, they were both
in Washington Heights.

731
00:34:16,090 --> 00:34:16,590
OK.

732
00:34:16,590 --> 00:34:19,820

733
00:34:19,820 --> 00:34:23,600
And you do remember then going
to BÃ¼nde before your trip

734
00:34:23,600 --> 00:34:25,250
to the United States?

735
00:34:25,250 --> 00:34:26,090
Right.

736
00:34:26,090 --> 00:34:28,610
And BÃ¼nde would be on

the way to Hamburg.

737
00:34:28,610 --> 00:34:29,630
Right.

738
00:34:29,630 --> 00:34:35,030
Now did Helen and her
family come with you?

739
00:34:35,030 --> 00:34:36,590
Yes.

740
00:34:36,590 --> 00:34:39,320
Ernst and his family?

741
00:34:39,320 --> 00:34:41,190
No.

742
00:34:41,190 --> 00:34:44,689
And neither did my grandfather.

743
00:34:44,689 --> 00:34:50,000
He had a cigar
business with a brother

744
00:34:50,000 --> 00:34:53,840
of his, Julius Rosenwald.

745
00:34:53,840 --> 00:34:59,810
And they didn't want to
give up their business.

746
00:34:59,810 --> 00:35:09,970
But in 1939, Opa Simon came
with Uncle Ernst and Tante Trude

747
00:35:09,970 --> 00:35:12,060
and their daughter Marge.

748
00:35:12,060 --> 00:35:13,220
OK.

749

00:35:13,220 --> 00:35:14,800
And when she was a baby then--

750

00:35:14,800 --> 00:35:16,610
the daughter when
she's just a baby.

751

00:35:16,610 --> 00:35:17,450
Baby, right.

752

00:35:17,450 --> 00:35:20,720
And so what happens to Julius?

753

00:35:20,720 --> 00:35:22,760
He and his wife also came.

754

00:35:22,760 --> 00:35:27,950
But I don't remember
whether he came with us.

755

00:35:27,950 --> 00:35:33,150
But their son
Bernd came with us.

756

00:35:33,150 --> 00:35:36,290
And I think they
were about a dozen

757

00:35:36,290 --> 00:35:39,870
of us who came at that time.

758

00:35:39,870 --> 00:35:45,110
And was it so that your
mother's side of the family

759

00:35:45,110 --> 00:35:47,400
was all able to leave?

760

00:35:47,400 --> 00:35:50,150
Or was there somebody
who wasn't able to leave?

761

00:35:50,150 --> 00:35:55,670

No, everybody was able to
leave but didn't want to leave.

762

00:35:55,670 --> 00:35:58,160

My grandfather
didn't want to leave.

763

00:35:58,160 --> 00:36:01,920

And Uncle Ernst I think was
even in a concentration camp

764

00:36:01,920 --> 00:36:03,890

for a while.

765

00:36:03,890 --> 00:36:05,420

Oh, he was?

766

00:36:05,420 --> 00:36:08,040

Until they let him go.

767

00:36:08,040 --> 00:36:12,710

And he had to walk for
days to get back home.

768

00:36:12,710 --> 00:36:15,890

And then I guess they
decided that they

769

00:36:15,890 --> 00:36:18,710

were ready to come
to the United States.

770

00:36:18,710 --> 00:36:20,450

OK.

771

00:36:20,450 --> 00:36:24,380

But was anybody
remaining in the family

772

00:36:24,380 --> 00:36:27,410

through the duration of the

war on your mother's side?

773

00:36:27,410 --> 00:36:30,970

774

00:36:30,970 --> 00:36:32,600

I don't think so.

775

00:36:32,600 --> 00:36:34,330

OK.

776

00:36:34,330 --> 00:36:38,050

Which then leaves
then the one relative

777

00:36:38,050 --> 00:36:41,333

that you knew that perished
was your grandfather

778

00:36:41,333 --> 00:36:42,250

on your father's side.

779

00:36:42,250 --> 00:36:43,530

Correct.

780

00:36:43,530 --> 00:36:44,430

Correct.

781

00:36:44,430 --> 00:36:47,050

OK.

782

00:36:47,050 --> 00:36:51,340

Now let's come to
the huge question

783

00:36:51,340 --> 00:36:54,370

is how were you able to
come to the United States

784

00:36:54,370 --> 00:36:59,200

to begin with, because many
people had such problems

785
00:36:59,200 --> 00:37:01,180
and weren't allowed in?

786
00:37:01,180 --> 00:37:05,090
Well, because
William Rosenwald--

787
00:37:05,090 --> 00:37:06,200
Who's he?

788
00:37:06,200 --> 00:37:09,590
He's the son of
Julius Rosenwald, who

789
00:37:09,590 --> 00:37:13,660
was the owner of Sears Roebuck.

790
00:37:13,660 --> 00:37:14,490
I see.

791
00:37:14,490 --> 00:37:15,460
You didn't know that?

792
00:37:15,460 --> 00:37:16,610
No.

793
00:37:16,610 --> 00:37:18,580
Oh OK.

794
00:37:18,580 --> 00:37:20,830
I didn't know that Julius--

795
00:37:20,830 --> 00:37:21,340
who was it?

796
00:37:21,340 --> 00:37:22,760
William Rosenwald was the--

797
00:37:22,760 --> 00:37:23,260
Son.

798
00:37:23,260 --> 00:37:25,480
--son of Julius, who
owned Sears Roebuck.

799
00:37:25,480 --> 00:37:25,980
Right.

800
00:37:25,980 --> 00:37:27,730
I didn't the ownership that way.

801
00:37:27,730 --> 00:37:29,440
Oh OK.

802
00:37:29,440 --> 00:37:33,850
And he set up a social worker.

803
00:37:33,850 --> 00:37:38,110
And I don't know what else.

804
00:37:38,110 --> 00:37:45,550
But he saw to it that about
125 relatives could come.

805
00:37:45,550 --> 00:37:47,770
So did Julius found--

806
00:37:47,770 --> 00:37:52,660
Julius was already dead by the
time Hitler got into power.

807
00:37:52,660 --> 00:37:56,020
But was he a founder
of Sears Roebuck?

808
00:37:56,020 --> 00:38:00,500
No, he had bought Sears
Roebuck from either Sears

809
00:38:00,500 --> 00:38:02,800
or from Roebuck.

810

00:38:02,800 --> 00:38:08,470

And he just made it
into what it became.

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00:38:08,470 --> 00:38:12,460

And he became a
tremendous philanthropist.

812

00:38:12,460 --> 00:38:21,580

And for example, he felt a
need to educate Black people.

813

00:38:21,580 --> 00:38:24,970

And he arranged--

814

00:38:24,970 --> 00:38:29,110

I think somebody
said or it was a fact

815

00:38:29,110 --> 00:38:34,450

that he arranged for
5,000 schools in the South

816

00:38:34,450 --> 00:38:37,390

for Black people.

817

00:38:37,390 --> 00:38:42,820

And they all had to make
some kind of a contribution,

818

00:38:42,820 --> 00:38:46,960

either working for or supplies.

819

00:38:46,960 --> 00:38:50,380

But he did the main--

820

00:38:50,380 --> 00:38:53,470

So he was offering
educational opportunities.

821

00:38:53,470 --> 00:38:54,460

Right.

822
00:38:54,460 --> 00:38:57,190
He also opened up the first--

823
00:38:57,190 --> 00:38:59,770
he lived in Chicago.

824
00:38:59,770 --> 00:39:04,600
And he also opened up the
first Y for Black people.

825
00:39:04,600 --> 00:39:05,200
Wow.

826
00:39:05,200 --> 00:39:05,840
Yeah.

827
00:39:05,840 --> 00:39:10,420
He was a very unusual man.

828
00:39:10,420 --> 00:39:15,760
He was friends with Theodore
Roosevelt and with--

829
00:39:15,760 --> 00:39:23,470
I can't think of the very,
very well-known Black educator.

830
00:39:23,470 --> 00:39:24,220
What is his name?

831
00:39:24,220 --> 00:39:24,820
Oh, yeah.

832
00:39:24,820 --> 00:39:29,020
I know who you're meaning, but
his name escapes me as well.

833
00:39:29,020 --> 00:39:31,600
We'll probably remember it
later when we're off camera.

834
00:39:31,600 --> 00:39:32,100
Right.

835
00:39:32,100 --> 00:39:34,810
[LAUGHS]

836
00:39:34,810 --> 00:39:40,270
So do you know how Julius
Rosenwald was related

837
00:39:40,270 --> 00:39:43,420
to your mother and her father?

838
00:39:43,420 --> 00:39:44,680
What was their relation?

839
00:39:44,680 --> 00:39:48,440
Her father and Julius
were first cousins.

840
00:39:48,440 --> 00:39:51,160

841
00:39:51,160 --> 00:39:58,000
And he would come to BÃ¼nde
every once in a while and visit

842
00:39:58,000 --> 00:40:02,690
and maybe even left a
stock or two in Sears.

843
00:40:02,690 --> 00:40:03,700
OK.

844
00:40:03,700 --> 00:40:08,050
Well, so he had obviously
come to the United States

845
00:40:08,050 --> 00:40:08,890
much earlier.

846

00:40:08,890 --> 00:40:11,060
Oh, yes.

847
00:40:11,060 --> 00:40:13,960
He was born in the
United States I think.

848
00:40:13,960 --> 00:40:17,050

849
00:40:17,050 --> 00:40:23,980
And he was married and had five
children, including William.

850
00:40:23,980 --> 00:40:28,390
And he's well-known
in the Chicago area

851
00:40:28,390 --> 00:40:36,070
because he helped to found the
Museum of Science and Industry.

852
00:40:36,070 --> 00:40:46,360
And one of his daughters
married a man who I think

853
00:40:46,360 --> 00:40:49,120
had something to do
with the planetarium.

854
00:40:49,120 --> 00:40:52,900
And very well-endowed.

855
00:40:52,900 --> 00:40:55,800

856
00:40:55,800 --> 00:40:59,860
Well, a well-to-do person,
a prominent person.

857
00:40:59,860 --> 00:41:02,170
And certainly, if you
own Sears Roebuck,

858
00:41:02,170 --> 00:41:05,890
you own one of the major
stores at the time--

859
00:41:05,890 --> 00:41:06,460
Absolutely.

860
00:41:06,460 --> 00:41:07,420
--with the catalog.

861
00:41:07,420 --> 00:41:10,000
So you're also well-to-do.

862
00:41:10,000 --> 00:41:11,050
Absolutely.

863
00:41:11,050 --> 00:41:18,460
And I remember we had a reunion
about 10 years ago in Chicago

864
00:41:18,460 --> 00:41:26,290
of all the people who were
still alive to commemorate

865
00:41:26,290 --> 00:41:32,560
the book that was written
by one of his grandchildren.

866
00:41:32,560 --> 00:41:37,870
And that was held at the
museum, which he had founded.

867
00:41:37,870 --> 00:41:39,190
What museum was this now?

868
00:41:39,190 --> 00:41:43,060

869
00:41:43,060 --> 00:41:45,400
What did I say?

870
00:41:45,400 --> 00:41:46,970
Well, you did mention
a planetarium.

871
00:41:46,970 --> 00:41:49,340
No, but before that.

872
00:41:49,340 --> 00:41:53,100
Arts and Science?

873
00:41:53,100 --> 00:41:54,370
It escapes me again.

874
00:41:54,370 --> 00:41:55,120
I'm sorry.

875
00:41:55,120 --> 00:41:55,690
That's OK.

876
00:41:55,690 --> 00:41:59,590

877
00:41:59,590 --> 00:42:02,320
And they took us to see--

878
00:42:02,320 --> 00:42:04,930

879
00:42:04,930 --> 00:42:07,420
before this big
dinner, they took

880
00:42:07,420 --> 00:42:12,580
us sightseeing where
Sears started out.

881
00:42:12,580 --> 00:42:17,560
And he started it across
the street from a park.

882
00:42:17,560 --> 00:42:22,120

So during their lunch
hour, the employees

883
00:42:22,120 --> 00:42:25,510
could enjoy the fresh air.

884
00:42:25,510 --> 00:42:30,910
And he started a
pension program.

885
00:42:30,910 --> 00:42:35,690
And they took us to
this Y for black people.

886
00:42:35,690 --> 00:42:39,520
And they also showed us his
house, which was very nice.

887
00:42:39,520 --> 00:42:42,910
But it was nothing--

888
00:42:42,910 --> 00:42:51,580
no mansion or anything on
a huge piece of property.

889
00:42:51,580 --> 00:42:54,070
It was lovely, but
it was not what

890
00:42:54,070 --> 00:42:57,090
you would think of
a multi-billionaire,

891
00:42:57,090 --> 00:43:00,811
millionaire would live in.

892
00:43:00,811 --> 00:43:07,540
Did your grandfather Simon
have any memories of him

893
00:43:07,540 --> 00:43:08,980
that he would share with you?

894
00:43:08,980 --> 00:43:10,570
Not that I recall.

895
00:43:10,570 --> 00:43:12,790
OK.

896
00:43:12,790 --> 00:43:15,430
And what was the book
that the grandchild wrote?

897
00:43:15,430 --> 00:43:18,370
Do you remember the title of it?

898
00:43:18,370 --> 00:43:20,740
I have it here someplace.

899
00:43:20,740 --> 00:43:24,340
OK, we'll look for it
later then and see maybe

900
00:43:24,340 --> 00:43:26,800
whether we could at
least film the cover.

901
00:43:26,800 --> 00:43:30,370
And you say the
book was about this.

902
00:43:30,370 --> 00:43:32,540
About Julius.

903
00:43:32,540 --> 00:43:34,280
About his grandfather.

904
00:43:34,280 --> 00:43:34,780
OK.

905
00:43:34,780 --> 00:43:38,780
So it was not just specifically
about the relatives coming out

906

00:43:38,780 --> 00:43:39,880
of Europe?

907
00:43:39,880 --> 00:43:41,980
It was a biography
of his grandfather.

908
00:43:41,980 --> 00:43:43,660
Right.

909
00:43:43,660 --> 00:43:45,010
OK.

910
00:43:45,010 --> 00:43:53,770
And so he had a personal tie,
and he visited BÅ¼nde and so met

911
00:43:53,770 --> 00:43:56,140
with various family members.

912
00:43:56,140 --> 00:43:58,450
They weren't strange to him.

913
00:43:58,450 --> 00:44:01,600
They weren't just names.

914
00:44:01,600 --> 00:44:02,290
Right.

915
00:44:02,290 --> 00:44:03,430
All right.

916
00:44:03,430 --> 00:44:08,710
And by the time that there
was this need in Germany,

917
00:44:08,710 --> 00:44:10,270
he no longer is alive.

918
00:44:10,270 --> 00:44:11,600
Correct.

919

00:44:11,600 --> 00:44:14,560

What about his children,
the five children?

920

00:44:14,560 --> 00:44:18,220

Did they have as familiar a
tie with all the relatives

921

00:44:18,220 --> 00:44:20,410

as he did?

922

00:44:20,410 --> 00:44:22,030

As Julius had?

923

00:44:22,030 --> 00:44:23,775

No, I don't think so.

924

00:44:23,775 --> 00:44:25,210

I don't think so.

925

00:44:25,210 --> 00:44:27,880

All right.

926

00:44:27,880 --> 00:44:31,510

But William was the
one who saw to it

927

00:44:31,510 --> 00:44:37,900

that everybody who wanted to
come out came out of Germany.

928

00:44:37,900 --> 00:44:38,950

That's huge.

929

00:44:38,950 --> 00:44:39,710

Yes.

930

00:44:39,710 --> 00:44:40,210

Yes.

931

00:44:40,210 --> 00:44:40,900

That's huge.

932
00:44:40,900 --> 00:44:44,980
And not only that, but
when we first came here,

933
00:44:44,980 --> 00:44:48,790
he supported everybody
until they found jobs

934
00:44:48,790 --> 00:44:52,660
and until they were
able to find housing.

935
00:44:52,660 --> 00:44:57,610

936
00:44:57,610 --> 00:45:09,760
Somebody told us recently that
he allowed \$0.25 every Friday

937
00:45:09,760 --> 00:45:12,010
for women to go to
the beauty parlor.

938
00:45:12,010 --> 00:45:13,570
Oh.

939
00:45:13,570 --> 00:45:14,700
Yeah.

940
00:45:14,700 --> 00:45:17,020
And that's-- I mean
that's something.

941
00:45:17,020 --> 00:45:17,762
Yeah, right.

942
00:45:17,762 --> 00:45:18,470
That's something.

943
00:45:18,470 --> 00:45:19,510

Right.

944

00:45:19,510 --> 00:45:27,130
And then ultimately, everybody
found jobs and went to work.

945

00:45:27,130 --> 00:45:30,050
So about how many
people does this mean?

946

00:45:30,050 --> 00:45:33,640
How many relatives did
they get out from Germany?

947

00:45:33,640 --> 00:45:36,280
Somebody told me 125.

948

00:45:36,280 --> 00:45:38,230
Somebody else said 160.

949

00:45:38,230 --> 00:45:39,340
So I'm not sure.

950

00:45:39,340 --> 00:45:41,890

951

00:45:41,890 --> 00:45:45,700
They're all
different Rosenwalds.

952

00:45:45,700 --> 00:45:48,450

953

00:45:48,450 --> 00:45:54,040
They're not only from my
family, but other Rosenwalds

954

00:45:54,040 --> 00:45:55,000
on the other side.

955

00:45:55,000 --> 00:45:57,670

956
00:45:57,670 --> 00:45:59,980
I can't tell you exactly who.

957
00:45:59,980 --> 00:46:02,710
You'd have to ask
David Sperling.

958
00:46:02,710 --> 00:46:03,480
Have you--

959
00:46:03,480 --> 00:46:05,140
I've heard-- the
name is familiar.

960
00:46:05,140 --> 00:46:06,700
Yeah, well, interview him.

961
00:46:06,700 --> 00:46:09,550
He knows every family member.

962
00:46:09,550 --> 00:46:11,960
Is he also part of the family?

963
00:46:11,960 --> 00:46:13,900
He's part of the family.

964
00:46:13,900 --> 00:46:18,520
And we only met him
maybe 10 or 12 years ago.

965
00:46:18,520 --> 00:46:20,360
He's a young man.

966
00:46:20,360 --> 00:46:24,130
And he's very much
into the whole family.

967
00:46:24,130 --> 00:46:27,880
And he can tell you anything
and everything you need to know.

968

00:46:27,880 --> 00:46:31,870

969

00:46:31,870 --> 00:46:33,250

I mean, it's fascinating.

970

00:46:33,250 --> 00:46:37,030

It's truly fascinating
that there is--

971

00:46:37,030 --> 00:46:41,370

first of all, there is
this large extended family,

972

00:46:41,370 --> 00:46:45,990

and that there is the means, the
financial means to bring them

973

00:46:45,990 --> 00:46:50,500

over, and the will to do so.

974

00:46:50,500 --> 00:46:53,110

Although, the will is
more because the money

975

00:46:53,110 --> 00:46:55,020

was really no problem.

976

00:46:55,020 --> 00:46:59,730

But the will to do so was--

977

00:46:59,730 --> 00:47:03,750

somebody in the family had
come to the United States

978

00:47:03,750 --> 00:47:10,140

maybe in 1935 and expressed
perhaps to William,

979

00:47:10,140 --> 00:47:14,500

I'm not sure, what was
going on in Germany.

980
00:47:14,500 --> 00:47:18,100
And he said he would
go back to Germany

981
00:47:18,100 --> 00:47:22,170
and get everybody
psyched up to come.

982
00:47:22,170 --> 00:47:24,690

983
00:47:24,690 --> 00:47:26,340
Well, that was very prescient.

984
00:47:26,340 --> 00:47:27,050
Yeah.

985
00:47:27,050 --> 00:47:29,430
Yeah.

986
00:47:29,430 --> 00:47:38,270
So did you ever meet William?

987
00:47:38,270 --> 00:47:41,300
William used to come
I think once a year.

988
00:47:41,300 --> 00:47:45,470
He visited every family member.

989
00:47:45,470 --> 00:47:51,020
And I remember my mother used to
be a nervous wreck, because we

990
00:47:51,020 --> 00:47:53,570
never knew what
time he was coming.

991
00:47:53,570 --> 00:47:56,510
And we lived in Washington
Heights, which was not

992
00:47:56,510 --> 00:47:58,910
particularly a wealthy area.

993
00:47:58,910 --> 00:48:04,130
And he would come in his
chauffeur driven whatever.

994
00:48:04,130 --> 00:48:04,780
Limousine?

995
00:48:04,780 --> 00:48:05,600
Limousine.

996
00:48:05,600 --> 00:48:10,490
[LAUGHS] And he would stay for
a while and ask how we were

997
00:48:10,490 --> 00:48:12,860
and so forth until--

998
00:48:12,860 --> 00:48:14,720
Well, what kind of
impression did he leave?

999
00:48:14,720 --> 00:48:15,740
You were a little kid.

1000
00:48:15,740 --> 00:48:17,810
I have no recollection.

1001
00:48:17,810 --> 00:48:18,310
No?

1002
00:48:18,310 --> 00:48:19,620
No recollection.

1003
00:48:19,620 --> 00:48:20,360
No.

1004
00:48:20,360 --> 00:48:23,330

But I do remember that when
we were getting married,

1005
00:48:23,330 --> 00:48:28,580
we sent him not an invitation
but an announcement.

1006
00:48:28,580 --> 00:48:33,080
And he sent back a letter
of congratulations.

1007
00:48:33,080 --> 00:48:34,970
But we always said
the check fell out--

1008
00:48:34,970 --> 00:48:37,100
[LAUGHTER]

1009
00:48:37,100 --> 00:48:38,015
--before it came.

1010
00:48:38,015 --> 00:48:41,180

1011
00:48:41,180 --> 00:48:43,985
Did you ever meet any of
the other five siblings?

1012
00:48:43,985 --> 00:48:48,410

1013
00:48:48,410 --> 00:48:49,280
I don't recall.

1014
00:48:49,280 --> 00:48:53,330

1015
00:48:53,330 --> 00:48:57,217
At this reunion, we met
some of the children--

1016
00:48:57,217 --> 00:48:58,175

Of those five siblings.

1017
00:48:58,175 --> 00:49:00,170
--of those five siblings.

1018
00:49:00,170 --> 00:49:06,620
And one of them lived
near New Orleans.

1019
00:49:06,620 --> 00:49:11,600
And in fact, one
of them lives in--

1020
00:49:11,600 --> 00:49:16,780
what's the famous--
starts with an L--

1021
00:49:16,780 --> 00:49:18,215
in New Orleans?

1022
00:49:18,215 --> 00:49:21,076

1023
00:49:21,076 --> 00:49:23,150
I can't remember the name of it.

1024
00:49:23,150 --> 00:49:24,380
I'm sorry.

1025
00:49:24,380 --> 00:49:26,290
Is it a neighborhood or a house?

1026
00:49:26,290 --> 00:49:27,440
No, it's a house.

1027
00:49:27,440 --> 00:49:29,690
It's a home with--

1028
00:49:29,690 --> 00:49:30,605
beautiful home.

1029

00:49:30,605 --> 00:49:34,460

1030

00:49:34,460 --> 00:49:38,020

If you look in the
AAA guide, it'll--

1031

00:49:38,020 --> 00:49:39,960

It'll have it there.

1032

00:49:39,960 --> 00:49:40,460

Right.

1033

00:49:40,460 --> 00:49:43,010

1034

00:49:43,010 --> 00:49:45,110

One of the things I
remember in the kitchen

1035

00:49:45,110 --> 00:49:47,510

there were a couple of sinks.

1036

00:49:47,510 --> 00:49:51,830

And one of them was for flowers.

1037

00:49:51,830 --> 00:50:01,010

So anyway, one of the relatives
who lived across the street--

1038

00:50:01,010 --> 00:50:03,080

if you want to
call it a street--

1039

00:50:03,080 --> 00:50:06,710

from them told us that when--

1040

00:50:06,710 --> 00:50:08,210

was it Katrina, the big--

1041

00:50:08,210 --> 00:50:08,720

Yes

1042
00:50:08,720 --> 00:50:10,670
--hurricane?

1043
00:50:10,670 --> 00:50:15,740
They had to leave their home.

1044
00:50:15,740 --> 00:50:18,890
And they had their dog,
and they were walking

1045
00:50:18,890 --> 00:50:22,370
and somebody gave them
a lift to the airport.

1046
00:50:22,370 --> 00:50:30,570
So they got on their plane to go
wherever their other house was.

1047
00:50:30,570 --> 00:50:32,300
That sort of stuff
that you share--

1048
00:50:32,300 --> 00:50:33,800
[LAUGHS]

1049
00:50:33,800 --> 00:50:36,380
So the reunion,
was this a reunion

1050
00:50:36,380 --> 00:50:38,660
of all Rosenwald family?

1051
00:50:38,660 --> 00:50:39,350
Right.

1052
00:50:39,350 --> 00:50:43,130
But it was not a reunion of just
the relatives who had come over

1053
00:50:43,130 --> 00:50:45,270
from Germany, or was it?

1054
00:50:45,270 --> 00:50:45,770
No.

1055
00:50:45,770 --> 00:50:46,400
No.

1056
00:50:46,400 --> 00:50:50,480
So the event was
a family reunion

1057
00:50:50,480 --> 00:50:55,580
not a focus on the German side
that had come in the '30s.

1058
00:50:55,580 --> 00:50:57,160
Right.

1059
00:50:57,160 --> 00:50:57,790
OK.

1060
00:50:57,790 --> 00:50:58,540
Where was it held?

1061
00:50:58,540 --> 00:50:59,248
Chicago you said?

1062
00:50:59,248 --> 00:51:01,060
Chicago.

1063
00:51:01,060 --> 00:51:04,016
And about how many people came?

1064
00:51:04,016 --> 00:51:06,380
Do you know?

1065
00:51:06,380 --> 00:51:08,480
Over 100 I think.

1066
00:51:08,480 --> 00:51:10,670
All right.

1067
00:51:10,670 --> 00:51:13,400
And had there ever been a
reunion like that before?

1068
00:51:13,400 --> 00:51:16,340
No, and I didn't
know anybody outside

1069
00:51:16,340 --> 00:51:19,760
of our own immediate
people either.

1070
00:51:19,760 --> 00:51:22,580
OK.

1071
00:51:22,580 --> 00:51:26,240
So you never really
got to know--

1072
00:51:26,240 --> 00:51:32,600
aside from William's visits,
there wasn't any direct contact

1073
00:51:32,600 --> 00:51:34,610
with his brothers and sisters?

1074
00:51:34,610 --> 00:51:45,680
No, except that our family every
year had a gathering in a hotel

1075
00:51:45,680 --> 00:51:47,480
or in a restaurant.

1076
00:51:47,480 --> 00:51:52,040
And one year his
brother Lessing came.

1077
00:51:52,040 --> 00:52:00,020
And Lessing was known for
being very anti-Israel.

1078

00:52:00,020 --> 00:52:00,520
Really?

1079
00:52:00,520 --> 00:52:01,670
Yeah.

1080
00:52:01,670 --> 00:52:03,840
And that's all I remember.

1081
00:52:03,840 --> 00:52:05,050
OK.

1082
00:52:05,050 --> 00:52:11,120
And I guess the others
were maybe three sisters.

1083
00:52:11,120 --> 00:52:14,240
And I don't remember
meeting them.

1084
00:52:14,240 --> 00:52:15,210
Maybe we did.

1085
00:52:15,210 --> 00:52:17,366
I'm not sure.

1086
00:52:17,366 --> 00:52:21,980
When we were in
Chicago, we did get

1087
00:52:21,980 --> 00:52:24,680
into the home of
one of them, which

1088
00:52:24,680 --> 00:52:30,603
is no longer belongs to
the children or whatever.

1089
00:52:30,603 --> 00:52:34,310
Did Sears Roebuck continue
to stay within the family?

1090

00:52:34,310 --> 00:52:39,390

1091

00:52:39,390 --> 00:52:43,430

I don't know at what
point did they gave it up,

1092

00:52:43,430 --> 00:52:45,380

because they haven't been--

1093

00:52:45,380 --> 00:52:46,390

Associated recently.

1094

00:52:46,390 --> 00:52:46,890

No.

1095

00:52:46,890 --> 00:52:49,190

OK.

1096

00:52:49,190 --> 00:52:51,290

He probably would not
be happy to see what

1097

00:52:51,290 --> 00:52:53,720

state Sears Roebuck is today.

1098

00:52:53,720 --> 00:52:54,930

Julius.

1099

00:52:54,930 --> 00:52:55,720

No.

1100

00:52:55,720 --> 00:52:56,250

No.

1101

00:52:56,250 --> 00:52:56,750

Yeah.

1102

00:52:56,750 --> 00:52:59,180

1103

00:52:59,180 --> 00:53:05,330
So when you come over on
this boat, the ship, where

1104
00:53:05,330 --> 00:53:07,460
everyone's seasick
except your mother, who's

1105
00:53:07,460 --> 00:53:13,610
having a whale of a time, and
was it ever that somebody--

1106
00:53:13,610 --> 00:53:17,150
when did you learn
of how it is that you

1107
00:53:17,150 --> 00:53:18,710
got to the United States?

1108
00:53:18,710 --> 00:53:20,960
Because as a child,
I would assume

1109
00:53:20,960 --> 00:53:23,710
you wouldn't have any
questions how did we get here.

1110
00:53:23,710 --> 00:53:25,020
No, I didn't.

1111
00:53:25,020 --> 00:53:25,620
I was just--

1112
00:53:25,620 --> 00:53:29,690
So when did you learn that it
was because of this relative,

1113
00:53:29,690 --> 00:53:33,800
because of William Rosenwald?

1114
00:53:33,800 --> 00:53:36,530
Maybe we knew about
it to begin with.

1115
00:53:36,530 --> 00:53:39,290

1116
00:53:39,290 --> 00:53:41,890
My mother reminded me that--

1117
00:53:41,890 --> 00:53:45,030
we came at the end of November.

1118
00:53:45,030 --> 00:53:46,880
And it was around Thanksgiving.

1119
00:53:46,880 --> 00:53:51,260
And the first day that we
were here was Thanksgiving.

1120
00:53:51,260 --> 00:53:54,470
And they had a big dinner
to which those of us who

1121
00:53:54,470 --> 00:53:58,100
were on the ship were invited.

1122
00:53:58,100 --> 00:54:01,183
And that's all I
remember about that.

1123
00:54:01,183 --> 00:54:02,600
You remember her
telling you this?

1124
00:54:02,600 --> 00:54:03,892
I remember her telling me this.

1125
00:54:03,892 --> 00:54:05,558
But you don't remember
the Thanksgiving?

1126
00:54:05,558 --> 00:54:06,280
No.

1127
00:54:06,280 --> 00:54:08,510
Yeah.

1128
00:54:08,510 --> 00:54:12,890
What you mentioned earlier
about giving women the \$0.25

1129
00:54:12,890 --> 00:54:15,920
every Friday to go
to the hairdresser,

1130
00:54:15,920 --> 00:54:18,190
it's a very thoughtful gesture--

1131
00:54:18,190 --> 00:54:19,040
It was.

1132
00:54:19,040 --> 00:54:29,120
--because people who have lost
everything don't want to feel

1133
00:54:29,120 --> 00:54:30,140
like second class--

1134
00:54:30,140 --> 00:54:30,950
Right.

1135
00:54:30,950 --> 00:54:34,100
--and don't want
to feel like they

1136
00:54:34,100 --> 00:54:38,030
can't enjoy something that
makes them feel beautiful again.

1137
00:54:38,030 --> 00:54:40,140
Yes, right.

1138
00:54:40,140 --> 00:54:40,640
Yeah.

1139

00:54:40,640 --> 00:54:43,891

1140
00:54:43,891 --> 00:54:48,320
And then after we lived in
Washington Heights next-door

1141
00:54:48,320 --> 00:54:52,930
to Helen and her family,
they moved to Brooklyn,

1142
00:54:52,930 --> 00:54:57,590
and we moved further up
in Washington Heights.

1143
00:54:57,590 --> 00:55:04,670
And my mother met the people
who lived underneath us.

1144
00:55:04,670 --> 00:55:08,270
And he was also a
lawyer in Germany

1145
00:55:08,270 --> 00:55:14,870
who started a small factory
making eyeglass cases.

1146
00:55:14,870 --> 00:55:17,690
And they trained my mother.

1147
00:55:17,690 --> 00:55:23,510
And my mother started
making eyeglass cases.

1148
00:55:23,510 --> 00:55:26,090
And it was very
convenient because it

1149
00:55:26,090 --> 00:55:28,340
was right underneath.

1150
00:55:28,340 --> 00:55:31,910
And then they moved a few times.

1151
00:55:31,910 --> 00:55:35,180
And my mother had
tremendous energy

1152
00:55:35,180 --> 00:55:38,660
to walk to where they moved.

1153
00:55:38,660 --> 00:55:40,190
--were now moved to.

1154
00:55:40,190 --> 00:55:44,000
And then ultimately they
moved to Fort Lee, New Jersey.

1155
00:55:44,000 --> 00:55:46,380
So she had to go to
the bus terminal--

1156
00:55:46,380 --> 00:55:46,880
Oh, wow.

1157
00:55:46,880 --> 00:55:49,100
--and take a bus.

1158
00:55:49,100 --> 00:55:51,380
And she never complained.

1159
00:55:51,380 --> 00:55:54,780
She always-- wind
and rain, snow,

1160
00:55:54,780 --> 00:56:00,080
whatever-- she was really
a very remarkable woman.

1161
00:56:00,080 --> 00:56:03,080
Well, it does speak to
that, because if somebody

1162
00:56:03,080 --> 00:56:06,710
was brought up to be

the lady of the house

1163

00:56:06,710 --> 00:56:10,640
and had never assumed that they
would have to go and earn money

1164

00:56:10,640 --> 00:56:14,210
to support the
family, there would

1165

00:56:14,210 --> 00:56:17,750
be a lot of ladies
who would be not happy

1166

00:56:17,750 --> 00:56:19,520
and let everybody know
they're not happy.

1167

00:56:19,520 --> 00:56:20,870
Right.

1168

00:56:20,870 --> 00:56:23,035
So it speaks to a
strength of character.

1169

00:56:23,035 --> 00:56:28,400
Yeah, she worked
till she was 67.

1170

00:56:28,400 --> 00:56:30,285
Wow.

1171

00:56:30,285 --> 00:56:33,140
And then the reason she
stopped working basically

1172

00:56:33,140 --> 00:56:36,470
was because he gave
up the business.

1173

00:56:36,470 --> 00:56:39,270
And by 67 she had--

1174
00:56:39,270 --> 00:56:40,900
It was enough.

1175
00:56:40,900 --> 00:56:42,140
It was enough already.

1176
00:56:42,140 --> 00:56:43,670
[LAUGHTER]

1177
00:56:43,670 --> 00:56:45,410
Now what about your father?

1178
00:56:45,410 --> 00:56:46,625
How did things go with him?

1179
00:56:46,625 --> 00:56:51,680
Well, obviously he
had no opportunity

1180
00:56:51,680 --> 00:56:55,970
to go to law school
or practice law.

1181
00:56:55,970 --> 00:57:05,420
And I think for a while he
worked at the local Y talking

1182
00:57:05,420 --> 00:57:08,480
to people who would
just come over

1183
00:57:08,480 --> 00:57:12,390
and calming them
and helping them.

1184
00:57:12,390 --> 00:57:15,050
And then ultimately,
he went to work

1185
00:57:15,050 --> 00:57:19,610
in some kind of a
factory for the war.

1186
00:57:19,610 --> 00:57:21,890
And I think that
that ate out some

1187
00:57:21,890 --> 00:57:27,780
of his nostrils or something,
so he had to stop doing that.

1188
00:57:27,780 --> 00:57:31,370
And then he worked for
Ira [? Hauptan ?] Company,

1189
00:57:31,370 --> 00:57:35,210
which was a big stock
broker in those days.

1190
00:57:35,210 --> 00:57:39,560
And when the war
came to an end, he

1191
00:57:39,560 --> 00:57:45,200
lost his job because they
took back the veterans.

1192
00:57:45,200 --> 00:57:49,550
And he decided to go
to business on his own.

1193
00:57:49,550 --> 00:57:53,270
And he sold plastic
signs to stores.

1194
00:57:53,270 --> 00:57:56,780

1195
00:57:56,780 --> 00:57:57,750
He had a tough time.

1196
00:57:57,750 --> 00:57:59,060
He had a tough time.

1197

00:57:59,060 --> 00:58:02,520
And he died at age 63.

1198
00:58:02,520 --> 00:58:03,020
Oh dear.

1199
00:58:03,020 --> 00:58:06,710

1200
00:58:06,710 --> 00:58:12,120
They were going on
vacation to Massachusetts.

1201
00:58:12,120 --> 00:58:20,440
And Herb and his
wife and Frank and I,

1202
00:58:20,440 --> 00:58:24,350
we were expecting
our first child.

1203
00:58:24,350 --> 00:58:27,640
And we had a [INAUDIBLE]
boat that we'd

1204
00:58:27,640 --> 00:58:32,060
like to take to Candlewood
Lake in Connecticut.

1205
00:58:32,060 --> 00:58:34,820
And my father knew that
we were going to be there

1206
00:58:34,820 --> 00:58:37,250
over the Fourth of July.

1207
00:58:37,250 --> 00:58:42,650
And sure enough,
they found us and we

1208
00:58:42,650 --> 00:58:44,810
spent some time together.

1209
00:58:44,810 --> 00:58:48,230
And by July 6, he had gone.

1210
00:58:48,230 --> 00:58:51,450
They were in Massachusetts.

1211
00:58:51,450 --> 00:58:57,020
And he got up at 7:30
to go into the water.

1212
00:58:57,020 --> 00:58:58,910
And my mother said,
"Where are you going?"

1213
00:58:58,910 --> 00:59:04,220
And he said, "I'd like to swim
before the crowds get there."

1214
00:59:04,220 --> 00:59:08,660
So he never came back.

1215
00:59:08,660 --> 00:59:12,200
He had a heart attack
apparently in the water.

1216
00:59:12,200 --> 00:59:14,094
And they found his--

1217
00:59:14,094 --> 00:59:14,594
Oh.

1218
00:59:14,594 --> 00:59:15,950
Yeah.

1219
00:59:15,950 --> 00:59:17,990
So that was a terrible time.

1220
00:59:17,990 --> 00:59:20,780
And that was what year?

1221
00:59:20,780 --> 00:59:23,490

1955.

1222

00:59:23,490 --> 00:59:25,040

Oh, I see.

1223

00:59:25,040 --> 00:59:29,490

So he had been in the
States for 19 years?

1224

00:59:29,490 --> 00:59:30,860

Something like that.

1225

00:59:30,860 --> 00:59:32,120

Yeah.

1226

00:59:32,120 --> 00:59:36,050

And had gone through all of
those different transitions

1227

00:59:36,050 --> 00:59:38,850

and attempts and
things like that.

1228

00:59:38,850 --> 00:59:39,740

Right.

1229

00:59:39,740 --> 00:59:42,230

Did his personality
change in that time?

1230

00:59:42,230 --> 00:59:45,430

1231

00:59:45,430 --> 00:59:48,750

I don't recall that it did.

1232

00:59:48,750 --> 00:59:51,540

I'm sure that he complained
everyone once in a while

1233

00:59:51,540 --> 00:59:55,560

about not being happy.

1234
00:59:55,560 --> 00:59:56,450
Yeah.

1235
00:59:56,450 --> 00:59:59,370
And it sounds like he never
was able to find his feet here.

1236
00:59:59,370 --> 01:00:00,450
Exactly.

1237
01:00:00,450 --> 01:00:02,120
He really wasn't.

1238
01:00:02,120 --> 01:00:04,770
Yeah.

1239
01:00:04,770 --> 01:00:07,740
And so your mother,
would it be fair to say

1240
01:00:07,740 --> 01:00:09,870
that she was the one who
held things together?

1241
01:00:09,870 --> 01:00:13,250

1242
01:00:13,250 --> 01:00:14,930
I think they both did.

1243
01:00:14,930 --> 01:00:15,710
Both did.

1244
01:00:15,710 --> 01:00:18,260

1245
01:00:18,260 --> 01:00:21,365
Well, when you mentioned
earlier that as a couple,

1246

01:00:21,365 --> 01:00:25,640
as your parents, that they
never complained, it's huge.

1247
01:00:25,640 --> 01:00:31,430
Particularly, when he had been
somebody who was accomplished

1248
01:00:31,430 --> 01:00:34,970
and not only
prominent-- it's not

1249
01:00:34,970 --> 01:00:37,160
the prominence--
but being the judge

1250
01:00:37,160 --> 01:00:38,850
is a very responsible position.

1251
01:00:38,850 --> 01:00:40,220
Right, exactly.

1252
01:00:40,220 --> 01:00:41,520
Exactly.

1253
01:00:41,520 --> 01:00:44,600
And it takes a lot of different
elements of a person's

1254
01:00:44,600 --> 01:00:46,700
character to be a good judge.

1255
01:00:46,700 --> 01:00:47,420
Right.

1256
01:00:47,420 --> 01:00:49,220
Right.

1257
01:00:49,220 --> 01:00:52,610
And to not have
something that calls

1258

01:00:52,610 --> 01:00:54,185
upon those parts of oneself.

1259
01:00:54,185 --> 01:00:57,290

1260
01:00:57,290 --> 01:00:59,810
He was a remarkable man.

1261
01:00:59,810 --> 01:01:01,640
My mother was a
remarkable woman.

1262
01:01:01,640 --> 01:01:06,710
I was very fortunate to
have such great parents.

1263
01:01:06,710 --> 01:01:11,780
Tell me a little bit more if
we can in detail about when

1264
01:01:11,780 --> 01:01:13,610
you got to the United States.

1265
01:01:13,610 --> 01:01:15,890
And this could be things
that you were told

1266
01:01:15,890 --> 01:01:19,400
rather than have
direct memories of.

1267
01:01:19,400 --> 01:01:24,770
How the Rosenwalds helped
out in various ways.

1268
01:01:24,770 --> 01:01:26,720
You mentioned that
it wasn't just

1269
01:01:26,720 --> 01:01:29,060
that they got people
out of Germany

1270
01:01:29,060 --> 01:01:32,660
and provided them affidavits.

1271
01:01:32,660 --> 01:01:35,640
You said you were in
a hotel for a while?

1272
01:01:35,640 --> 01:01:38,945
Yes, for a short period of
time when we first arrived.

1273
01:01:38,945 --> 01:01:42,020

1274
01:01:42,020 --> 01:01:44,310
Were your parents
given some cash?

1275
01:01:44,310 --> 01:01:46,030
They must have
been, because they--

1276
01:01:46,030 --> 01:01:48,860

1277
01:01:48,860 --> 01:01:50,280
and that's why they--

1278
01:01:50,280 --> 01:01:54,400
and in addition,
they got the \$0.25.

1279
01:01:54,400 --> 01:01:55,030
For the hair?

1280
01:01:55,030 --> 01:01:56,430
For the hair.

1281
01:01:56,430 --> 01:01:57,050
Yeah.

1282

01:01:57,050 --> 01:01:58,500

Did your mom use it?

1283

01:01:58,500 --> 01:02:01,760

I imagine so.

1284

01:02:01,760 --> 01:02:06,140

I don't really remember.

1285

01:02:06,140 --> 01:02:09,380

And you said there had
been a social worker.

1286

01:02:09,380 --> 01:02:14,010

Yes, to help everybody get jobs.

1287

01:02:14,010 --> 01:02:16,385

Do you remember this name,
the name of the person?

1288

01:02:16,385 --> 01:02:18,720

No.

1289

01:02:18,720 --> 01:02:23,000

Pearl, I think was his last
name, but I could be wrong.

1290

01:02:23,000 --> 01:02:26,525

And did you remember
meeting him?

1291

01:02:26,525 --> 01:02:29,380

I may have, but
I don't remember.

1292

01:02:29,380 --> 01:02:29,880

OK.

1293

01:02:29,880 --> 01:02:32,690

1294

01:02:32,690 --> 01:02:39,110
And aside from yourself
and your mother's side--

1295
01:02:39,110 --> 01:02:42,590
your mother's immediate
family, that is she's

1296
01:02:42,590 --> 01:02:46,790
the connection to Julius
Rosenwald and William

1297
01:02:46,790 --> 01:02:47,990
Rosenwald--

1298
01:02:47,990 --> 01:02:51,230
and it is your uncle
Otto, your uncle Ernst,

1299
01:02:51,230 --> 01:02:53,930
your grandfather Simon.

1300
01:02:53,930 --> 01:02:56,210
All of them come over.

1301
01:02:56,210 --> 01:02:59,480
Did you know other
people in New York City

1302
01:02:59,480 --> 01:03:06,770
who were part of this
Rosenwald exodus?

1303
01:03:06,770 --> 01:03:13,790
Well, my Tante Greta Friedheim
and her husband and daughter.

1304
01:03:13,790 --> 01:03:15,710
I'm not sure if
they came with them.

1305
01:03:15,710 --> 01:03:18,320
They may have been

on the ship with us.

1306

01:03:18,320 --> 01:03:20,180

Is that your father's sister?

1307

01:03:20,180 --> 01:03:21,590

No, no, no.

1308

01:03:21,590 --> 01:03:23,450

This is a different Greta.

1309

01:03:23,450 --> 01:03:25,730

This is a cousin of my mother's.

1310

01:03:25,730 --> 01:03:26,610

OK.

1311

01:03:26,610 --> 01:03:29,250

Yeah.

1312

01:03:29,250 --> 01:03:32,240

She's the sister
of Bernd Rosenwald,

1313

01:03:32,240 --> 01:03:36,050

who also came with us, who
was single at the time.

1314

01:03:36,050 --> 01:03:37,550

He was still young.

1315

01:03:37,550 --> 01:03:41,225

And how was he related
to your family?

1316

01:03:41,225 --> 01:03:42,215

[SIGHS]

1317

01:03:42,215 --> 01:03:45,500

[LAUGHS] Do you know?

1318

01:03:45,500 --> 01:03:48,550
He and my mother I think
were first cousins.

1319
01:03:48,550 --> 01:03:49,050
OK.

1320
01:03:49,050 --> 01:03:51,740

1321
01:03:51,740 --> 01:03:55,440
When one gets into family
trees, I know, one can get lost.

1322
01:03:55,440 --> 01:03:57,230
Right.

1323
01:03:57,230 --> 01:04:00,560
But over time, were
there other people

1324
01:04:00,560 --> 01:04:05,540
that would come by
that were extended

1325
01:04:05,540 --> 01:04:08,780
and yet they were connected?

1326
01:04:08,780 --> 01:04:15,470
Well, except for David
Sperling and David's mother,

1327
01:04:15,470 --> 01:04:20,150
whose name is I think Marge.

1328
01:04:20,150 --> 01:04:22,430
But if he tells you
it was something else,

1329
01:04:22,430 --> 01:04:24,080
don't tell him that
I made a mistake.

1330
01:04:24,080 --> 01:04:27,810

1331
01:04:27,810 --> 01:04:30,725
And his grandmother Bertha.

1332
01:04:30,725 --> 01:04:33,950

1333
01:04:33,950 --> 01:04:40,680
There were some other relatives
from other Rosenwalds,

1334
01:04:40,680 --> 01:04:45,260
not from Julius.

1335
01:04:45,260 --> 01:04:48,020
But Julius had brothers
and sisters also.

1336
01:04:48,020 --> 01:04:51,530
So they came from other sources.

1337
01:04:51,530 --> 01:04:57,560
But was there any contact
with these more distant--

1338
01:04:57,560 --> 01:05:02,600
Well, I know Bertha
and there were

1339
01:05:02,600 --> 01:05:08,180
some other women with whom
my mother corresponded

1340
01:05:08,180 --> 01:05:11,050
a little bit, but nothing--

1341
01:05:11,050 --> 01:05:12,170
she didn't have time.

1342

01:05:12,170 --> 01:05:14,600
She worked all the time.

1343
01:05:14,600 --> 01:05:17,360
Yeah.

1344
01:05:17,360 --> 01:05:21,620
About when-- did she start going
to work almost immediately?

1345
01:05:21,620 --> 01:05:27,260
As soon as we moved
up to Wadsworth

1346
01:05:27,260 --> 01:05:31,520
Terrace was the name of the
street on which we lived.

1347
01:05:31,520 --> 01:05:35,430
Shortly after that,
she met Leopold.

1348
01:05:35,430 --> 01:05:37,630
OK.

1349
01:05:37,630 --> 01:05:39,560
And they're the
people downstairs?

1350
01:05:39,560 --> 01:05:40,790
Correct.

1351
01:05:40,790 --> 01:05:42,710
And what was his last name?

1352
01:05:42,710 --> 01:05:43,610
Leopold.

1353
01:05:43,610 --> 01:05:45,100
Oh his name was Leopold.

1354
01:05:45,100 --> 01:05:46,430

Eric Leopold was his name.

1355
01:05:46,430 --> 01:05:49,160
Eric Leopold.

1356
01:05:49,160 --> 01:05:52,610
And what year did you move
to that Wadsworth Terrace?

1357
01:05:52,610 --> 01:05:54,046
Do you know?

1358
01:05:54,046 --> 01:05:57,290
I'll say '38, '39 maybe.

1359
01:05:57,290 --> 01:05:58,830
Still before the war?

1360
01:05:58,830 --> 01:05:59,680
Right.

1361
01:05:59,680 --> 01:06:02,210
All right, and she
starts working then

1362
01:06:02,210 --> 01:06:04,780
and continues until she is 67.

1363
01:06:04,780 --> 01:06:05,570
Right.

1364
01:06:05,570 --> 01:06:11,930
Do you remember the years
your parents were born?

1365
01:06:11,930 --> 01:06:15,570
My mother was born in 1903.

1366
01:06:15,570 --> 01:06:21,620
And my father was born in 1893.

1367

01:06:21,620 --> 01:06:23,670
They were 10 years apart.

1368
01:06:23,670 --> 01:06:24,920
OK.

1369
01:06:24,920 --> 01:06:30,170
So that means that yes,
he's 62 when he passes away

1370
01:06:30,170 --> 01:06:31,410
from the heart attack.

1371
01:06:31,410 --> 01:06:33,280
And she works until 1970.

1372
01:06:33,280 --> 01:06:34,220
Right.

1373
01:06:34,220 --> 01:06:37,610
That's quite a while.

1374
01:06:37,610 --> 01:06:39,470
He died at age 63.

1375
01:06:39,470 --> 01:06:40,220
At 63.

1376
01:06:40,220 --> 01:06:40,720
Sorry.

1377
01:06:40,720 --> 01:06:41,180
[LAUGHS]

1378
01:06:41,180 --> 01:06:41,680
OK.

1379
01:06:41,680 --> 01:06:43,430
It's OK.

1380
01:06:43,430 --> 01:06:45,120

My math is never
my strong point.

1381
01:06:45,120 --> 01:06:45,620
It's OK.

1382
01:06:45,620 --> 01:06:46,600
Mine isn't either.

1383
01:06:46,600 --> 01:06:50,453

1384
01:06:50,453 --> 01:06:50,995
Let me think.

1385
01:06:50,995 --> 01:06:54,150

1386
01:06:54,150 --> 01:06:57,060
So they both start working.

1387
01:06:57,060 --> 01:07:01,050
You go to school.

1388
01:07:01,050 --> 01:07:03,900
And do you have any
memory-- you probably

1389
01:07:03,900 --> 01:07:05,850
didn't start school in Germany.

1390
01:07:05,850 --> 01:07:07,050
Was that the case?

1391
01:07:07,050 --> 01:07:10,245
I think I may have
just barely started--

1392
01:07:10,245 --> 01:07:13,590

1393

01:07:13,590 --> 01:07:20,190
because I seem to recall a
picture of myself with I think

1394
01:07:20,190 --> 01:07:22,360
they call it a Zuckert¹/₄te--

1395
01:07:22,360 --> 01:07:23,520
A Zuckert¹/₄te.

1396
01:07:23,520 --> 01:07:30,566
--which was a big cone
filled with sweets.

1397
01:07:30,566 --> 01:07:31,620
Yeah.

1398
01:07:31,620 --> 01:07:33,900
I think that's used on
the first day of school.

1399
01:07:33,900 --> 01:07:34,618
Right, exactly.

1400
01:07:34,618 --> 01:07:35,660
A tradition for children.

1401
01:07:35,660 --> 01:07:36,830
Exactly.

1402
01:07:36,830 --> 01:07:38,580
OK.

1403
01:07:38,580 --> 01:07:40,740
Do you have any
memories of that?

1404
01:07:40,740 --> 01:07:42,210
None whatsoever.

1405
01:07:42,210 --> 01:07:43,730
Just the photograph to tell you.

1406
01:07:43,730 --> 01:07:44,830
Just the photograph.

1407
01:07:44,830 --> 01:07:45,960
All right.

1408
01:07:45,960 --> 01:07:50,100
Do you have memories of starting
school in New York City?

1409
01:07:50,100 --> 01:07:55,110

1410
01:07:55,110 --> 01:07:58,470
I don't remember the
very first school

1411
01:07:58,470 --> 01:08:00,690
when we lived in the hotel.

1412
01:08:00,690 --> 01:08:01,950
I don't know.

1413
01:08:01,950 --> 01:08:07,260
We must have gone to a school
for a short period of time.

1414
01:08:07,260 --> 01:08:14,310
But then when we moved to 176th
Street, we went to PS 173.

1415
01:08:14,310 --> 01:08:18,779
And we were put into the
first grade or something.

1416
01:08:18,779 --> 01:08:23,850
But they realized
that we were older.

1417
01:08:23,850 --> 01:08:28,710
And they moved us

into the second grade.

1418
01:08:28,710 --> 01:08:34,191
And I think we learned to
speak English rather quickly.

1419
01:08:34,191 --> 01:08:35,649
Well, that was one
of my questions.

1420
01:08:35,649 --> 01:08:36,149
Yeah.

1421
01:08:36,149 --> 01:08:38,965

1422
01:08:38,965 --> 01:08:45,960
And I do remember going shopping
with my mother on Broadway.

1423
01:08:45,960 --> 01:08:48,990
And she would speak
to me in German.

1424
01:08:48,990 --> 01:08:51,840
And I would answer either
yes or no in English

1425
01:08:51,840 --> 01:08:54,600
because I didn't
want anybody to know

1426
01:08:54,600 --> 01:08:56,700
that I was not an American.

1427
01:08:56,700 --> 01:08:57,370
Oh.

1428
01:08:57,370 --> 01:08:57,870
Yeah.

1429
01:08:57,870 --> 01:09:00,180

1430
01:09:00,180 --> 01:09:02,930
That's such a typical
kind of reaction

1431
01:09:02,930 --> 01:09:07,380
for the younger generation
with the older generation.

1432
01:09:07,380 --> 01:09:08,790
Right, exactly.

1433
01:09:08,790 --> 01:09:11,189
Did your parents
continue speaking German

1434
01:09:11,189 --> 01:09:12,220
with one another?

1435
01:09:12,220 --> 01:09:13,470
Yes.

1436
01:09:13,470 --> 01:09:15,870
And with us as well.

1437
01:09:15,870 --> 01:09:20,515
But they also went to school
at night to learn English.

1438
01:09:20,515 --> 01:09:21,015
OK.

1439
01:09:21,015 --> 01:09:25,810

1440
01:09:25,810 --> 01:09:30,899
You say that your uncle Ernst
was taken to a concentration

1441
01:09:30,899 --> 01:09:33,930
camp in Germany.

1442
01:09:33,930 --> 01:09:35,729
Do you know which one it was?

1443
01:09:35,729 --> 01:09:36,740
I have no idea.

1444
01:09:36,740 --> 01:09:40,859

1445
01:09:40,859 --> 01:09:45,060
He was in some kind
of a jail or camp.

1446
01:09:45,060 --> 01:09:46,470
I'm not sure.

1447
01:09:46,470 --> 01:09:52,620
I just remember hearing that
he was let go and he had to--

1448
01:09:52,620 --> 01:09:57,750
I don't know how many days
it took him to walk home.

1449
01:09:57,750 --> 01:10:01,860
Do you remember when
he and your grandfather

1450
01:10:01,860 --> 01:10:03,960
arrive in the United States?

1451
01:10:03,960 --> 01:10:05,070
Did you meet them there?

1452
01:10:05,070 --> 01:10:07,900
We met them at the ship.

1453
01:10:07,900 --> 01:10:08,820
Yeah.

1454

01:10:08,820 --> 01:10:12,140
And I don't even know
if I should say this.

1455
01:10:12,140 --> 01:10:18,050
But they came with so much
clothing especially for Marge

1456
01:10:18,050 --> 01:10:21,140
their daughter,
who was a year old,

1457
01:10:21,140 --> 01:10:25,620
they must have had enough till
she was five or six years old.

1458
01:10:25,620 --> 01:10:27,780
And we felt so sorry
for her because she

1459
01:10:27,780 --> 01:10:30,165
was going to be wearing
all this German stuff.

1460
01:10:30,165 --> 01:10:32,765
[LAUGHS]

1461
01:10:32,765 --> 01:10:33,640

1462
01:10:33,640 --> 01:10:34,190
Yeah.

1463
01:10:34,190 --> 01:10:38,070
But it could be that that's
where they could spend

1464
01:10:38,070 --> 01:10:40,046
the money if they had any left.

1465
01:10:40,046 --> 01:10:40,546
I guess.

1466

01:10:40,546 --> 01:10:43,800

Whatever, but Helen and I
didn't think about that.

1467

01:10:43,800 --> 01:10:46,562

We just, "Oh my
god, the poor kid."

1468

01:10:46,562 --> 01:10:49,538

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1469

01:10:49,538 --> 01:10:51,030

1470

01:10:51,030 --> 01:10:52,680

And was there talk--

1471

01:10:52,680 --> 01:10:58,060

now, you were born in 1929.

1472

01:10:58,060 --> 01:11:01,800

The war starts in 1939.

1473

01:11:01,800 --> 01:11:07,210

And so you have your adolescence
during the war years.

1474

01:11:07,210 --> 01:11:10,350

Was there much talk in
your family about what

1475

01:11:10,350 --> 01:11:11,640

was going on in Europe?

1476

01:11:11,640 --> 01:11:16,390

1477

01:11:16,390 --> 01:11:22,520

I really don't remember
except that my brother

1478

01:11:22,520 --> 01:11:26,130
went into the Seabees,
which was part of the navy.

1479
01:11:26,130 --> 01:11:28,370
Was he drafted or did he--

1480
01:11:28,370 --> 01:11:29,940
I think he was drafted.

1481
01:11:29,940 --> 01:11:30,590
OK.

1482
01:11:30,590 --> 01:11:34,430
He would have been the age
if he was born in the '25,

1483
01:11:34,430 --> 01:11:36,610
he would have been
the age of that.

1484
01:11:36,610 --> 01:11:38,120
Right.

1485
01:11:38,120 --> 01:11:41,720
And so that was a
terrible worry always.

1486
01:11:41,720 --> 01:11:45,650
He ultimately went to
Okinawa, but the war

1487
01:11:45,650 --> 01:11:50,540
was pretty much
over by that time.

1488
01:11:50,540 --> 01:11:57,020
But they were very
concerned about him.

1489
01:11:57,020 --> 01:11:59,810
Do you remember
where you were when

1490
01:11:59,810 --> 01:12:01,340
you learned about Pearl Harbor?

1491
01:12:01,340 --> 01:12:07,000

1492
01:12:07,000 --> 01:12:11,830
I think I remember something,
because we had friends,

1493
01:12:11,830 --> 01:12:17,300
my parents had friends who
lived in the next building.

1494
01:12:17,300 --> 01:12:21,340
And our back windows
faced each other.

1495
01:12:21,340 --> 01:12:25,630
And they had some
kind of a conversation

1496
01:12:25,630 --> 01:12:29,540
about, "Oh my god,
this is what happened."

1497
01:12:29,540 --> 01:12:33,830
And I didn't take
it that seriously.

1498
01:12:33,830 --> 01:12:34,750
You're 12 years old.

1499
01:12:34,750 --> 01:12:36,500
I was 12 years old.

1500
01:12:36,500 --> 01:12:38,200
Yeah.

1501
01:12:38,200 --> 01:12:40,780
But you do know of

your brother going.

1502
01:12:40,780 --> 01:12:42,490
That's a lot more
closer to home.

1503
01:12:42,490 --> 01:12:43,240
Oh, yeah.

1504
01:12:43,240 --> 01:12:43,840
Oh, yes.

1505
01:12:43,840 --> 01:12:48,440
So I was worried about him also.

1506
01:12:48,440 --> 01:12:50,000
But he's in the Pacific theater.

1507
01:12:50,000 --> 01:12:52,660

1508
01:12:52,660 --> 01:12:57,820
And I think I read someplace
that he became a citizen

1509
01:12:57,820 --> 01:12:59,230
while he was in the Seabees.

1510
01:12:59,230 --> 01:13:01,580
Right, that's very true.

1511
01:13:01,580 --> 01:13:02,980
What about the rest of you?

1512
01:13:02,980 --> 01:13:04,615
When did you become US citizens?

1513
01:13:04,615 --> 01:13:07,190

1514
01:13:07,190 --> 01:13:13,600

I think in 1945, '46.

1515
01:13:13,600 --> 01:13:15,790
I don't remember.

1516
01:13:15,790 --> 01:13:20,030
And again, I go back
to how much discussion

1517
01:13:20,030 --> 01:13:24,010
do you remember at home
about the war in Germany?

1518
01:13:24,010 --> 01:13:26,530
How much knowledge
was there about what

1519
01:13:26,530 --> 01:13:30,602
was happening to
Jews everywhere,

1520
01:13:30,602 --> 01:13:32,560
not just in Germany, but
everywhere where there

1521
01:13:32,560 --> 01:13:35,800
was the Nazi occupation?

1522
01:13:35,800 --> 01:13:38,200
I don't know whether
I've just blocked it out

1523
01:13:38,200 --> 01:13:42,520
or I truly don't remember.

1524
01:13:42,520 --> 01:13:45,250
Did your parents
read any newspapers

1525
01:13:45,250 --> 01:13:46,885
when they were in
Washington Heights?

1526

01:13:46,885 --> 01:13:50,060

1527

01:13:50,060 --> 01:13:52,010

If they did, it was
the New York Times.

1528

01:13:52,010 --> 01:13:55,240

But I truly don't
remember that either.

1529

01:13:55,240 --> 01:14:00,290

They probably didn't
do it every day.

1530

01:14:00,290 --> 01:14:03,140

We had a radio.

1531

01:14:03,140 --> 01:14:08,450

And do you remember
particular attention

1532

01:14:08,450 --> 01:14:14,990

to the news broadcasts or was
it more for entertainment?

1533

01:14:14,990 --> 01:14:16,730

I truly don't remember.

1534

01:14:16,730 --> 01:14:17,720

That's OK.

1535

01:14:17,720 --> 01:14:18,920

That's OK.

1536

01:14:18,920 --> 01:14:23,120

As I say, I know that I'm
asking unreasonable questions

1537

01:14:23,120 --> 01:14:23,660

such as--

1538

01:14:23,660 --> 01:14:27,920

Where were you on September
3, 1943 at 5:00 PM?

1539

01:14:27,920 --> 01:14:28,850

[LAUGHTER]

1540

01:14:28,850 --> 01:14:29,750

I realize that.

1541

01:14:29,750 --> 01:14:33,860

1542

01:14:33,860 --> 01:14:36,110

Did you ever go back to Germany?

1543

01:14:36,110 --> 01:14:39,290

No, and I never wanted to.

1544

01:14:39,290 --> 01:14:42,020

And neither did-- well,
Herbie, my brother,

1545

01:14:42,020 --> 01:14:46,280

didn't want to either until
one year they succumbed,

1546

01:14:46,280 --> 01:14:47,510

and they did go.

1547

01:14:47,510 --> 01:14:49,270

Where did they go?

1548

01:14:49,270 --> 01:14:49,880

Berlin.

1549

01:14:49,880 --> 01:14:51,710

They went to Berlin.

1550

01:14:51,710 --> 01:14:52,970

Your brother and his wife?

1551
01:14:52,970 --> 01:14:54,630
Mm-hmm.

1552
01:14:54,630 --> 01:15:02,420
And what kind of reaction did he have to what he saw there?

1553
01:15:02,420 --> 01:15:05,420
I think they were very impressed.

1554
01:15:05,420 --> 01:15:11,000
And as a matter of fact, he met with a man

1555
01:15:11,000 --> 01:15:13,950
with whom he had gone to school in Germany.

1556
01:15:13,950 --> 01:15:16,780
Oh wow.

1557
01:15:16,780 --> 01:15:19,160
Well, he was already a teenager and--

1558
01:15:19,160 --> 01:15:20,660
no, no, he was still a boy.

1559
01:15:20,660 --> 01:15:21,330
He was a kid.

1560
01:15:21,330 --> 01:15:24,560
Yeah, he was--

1561
01:15:24,560 --> 01:15:27,480
I was 7 and he was 11 and 1/2.

1562
01:15:27,480 --> 01:15:27,980
Yeah.

1563

01:15:27,980 --> 01:15:31,360

1564

01:15:31,360 --> 01:15:34,070

He was still a kid
having come over.

1565

01:15:34,070 --> 01:15:34,640

Right.

1566

01:15:34,640 --> 01:15:36,740

But he didn't go back to Plauen?

1567

01:15:36,740 --> 01:15:38,570

No.

1568

01:15:38,570 --> 01:15:41,300

Do you remember what
year he went to Germany?

1569

01:15:41,300 --> 01:15:42,410

I do not.

1570

01:15:42,410 --> 01:15:45,980

Would it have been before 1990?

1571

01:15:45,980 --> 01:15:47,610

I don't think so.

1572

01:15:47,610 --> 01:15:48,110

OK.

1573

01:15:48,110 --> 01:15:55,100

So after 1990, there would be no
obstacles to go back to Plauen.

1574

01:15:55,100 --> 01:15:55,760

Correct.

1575

01:15:55,760 --> 01:15:57,550

Before there would

have been a few--

1576
01:15:57,550 --> 01:15:58,563
Right.

1577
01:15:58,563 --> 01:16:00,230
--because of the East
German government.

1578
01:16:00,230 --> 01:16:00,730
Right.

1579
01:16:00,730 --> 01:16:03,280

1580
01:16:03,280 --> 01:16:05,570
And did he go to BÃ¼nde?

1581
01:16:05,570 --> 01:16:06,960
No, he did not.

1582
01:16:06,960 --> 01:16:08,210
OK.

1583
01:16:08,210 --> 01:16:10,190
So when he comes
back, and he says

1584
01:16:10,190 --> 01:16:11,750
he's impressed by what he sees.

1585
01:16:11,750 --> 01:16:14,100
Did that influence you
to change your mind?

1586
01:16:14,100 --> 01:16:15,420
No.

1587
01:16:15,420 --> 01:16:16,710
Not at all.

1588

01:16:16,710 --> 01:16:20,000
And my husband was
also born in Germany.

1589
01:16:20,000 --> 01:16:23,540
And neither one of
us wanted to go back.

1590
01:16:23,540 --> 01:16:26,840

1591
01:16:26,840 --> 01:16:31,340
I think I've come close to
the end of our interview.

1592
01:16:31,340 --> 01:16:31,840
OK.

1593
01:16:31,840 --> 01:16:35,330
But are there any things
that I have not asked you

1594
01:16:35,330 --> 01:16:37,490
that you think are important--

1595
01:16:37,490 --> 01:16:39,710
either about your
story and how you

1596
01:16:39,710 --> 01:16:43,550
get to the United States,
or about the Rosenwalds,

1597
01:16:43,550 --> 01:16:45,230
the foundation--

1598
01:16:45,230 --> 01:16:47,150
that you would want
people to know about?

1599
01:16:47,150 --> 01:16:52,750

1600

01:16:52,750 --> 01:16:55,240

All I can say is

I thank them very

1601

01:16:55,240 --> 01:16:57,760

much for giving us our lives.

1602

01:16:57,760 --> 01:17:02,890

1603

01:17:02,890 --> 01:17:05,510

That is probably the

most important thing.

1604

01:17:05,510 --> 01:17:08,330

Right.

1605

01:17:08,330 --> 01:17:09,930

Yes, because without that.

1606

01:17:09,930 --> 01:17:10,430

Right.

1607

01:17:10,430 --> 01:17:13,370

1608

01:17:13,370 --> 01:17:14,960

OK.

1609

01:17:14,960 --> 01:17:20,360

Then I will say that with

that this concludes the United

1610

01:17:20,360 --> 01:17:25,550

States Holocaust Memorial

Museum interview with Mrs. Erika

1611

01:17:25,550 --> 01:17:31,190

Reis on April 25, 2018.

1612

01:17:31,190 --> 01:17:31,880

Thank you.

1613

01:17:31,880 --> 01:17:33,760

Thank you.