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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,800

2
00:00:05,800 --> 00:00:09,430
This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

3
00:00:09,430 --> 00:00:16,630
interview with Mrs. Helga
Schuessler on May 22,

4
00:00:16,630 --> 00:00:20,980
2019 in Oviedo, Florida.

5
00:00:20,980 --> 00:00:23,260
Did I pronounce
everything all right?

6
00:00:23,260 --> 00:00:24,220
Yes, Oviedo.

7
00:00:24,220 --> 00:00:27,130
Oviedo, Florida.

8
00:00:27,130 --> 00:00:29,110
Thank you, Mrs.
Schuessler, for agreeing

9
00:00:29,110 --> 00:00:30,500
to speak with us today.

10
00:00:30,500 --> 00:00:32,439
I think it is a pleasure
having you here.

11
00:00:32,439 --> 00:00:33,640
Thank you.

12
00:00:33,640 --> 00:00:37,150
I'm going to start our
interview at the very beginning,

13
00:00:37,150 --> 00:00:39,580
asking you as many
details as I can

14
00:00:39,580 --> 00:00:41,920
about your life before the war--

15
00:00:41,920 --> 00:00:45,500
and your family-- and we'll
take things from there.

16
00:00:45,500 --> 00:00:49,000
So my very first
questions are very basic.

17
00:00:49,000 --> 00:00:52,430
Can you tell me
your name at birth?

18
00:00:52,430 --> 00:00:56,195
Helga Helena Emma Lindenberg.

19
00:00:56,195 --> 00:00:59,270
Helga Helena Emma Lindenberg.

20
00:00:59,270 --> 00:01:01,190
For my grandmothers.

21
00:01:01,190 --> 00:01:02,390
OK.

22
00:01:02,390 --> 00:01:04,489
And what was the
date of your birth?

23
00:01:04,489 --> 00:01:09,470
November 15, 1921.

24
00:01:09,470 --> 00:01:12,710
November 15, 1921.

25
00:01:12,710 --> 00:01:14,210
And where were you born?

26
00:01:14,210 --> 00:01:15,560
In Breslau.

27
00:01:15,560 --> 00:01:17,180
That is Silesia.

28
00:01:17,180 --> 00:01:18,740
It is now Polish.

29
00:01:18,740 --> 00:01:20,975
And what is the
Polish name for it?

30
00:01:20,975 --> 00:01:21,680
Pardon me?

31
00:01:21,680 --> 00:01:24,140
What is the Polish
name for Breslau?

32
00:01:24,140 --> 00:01:24,980
Wroclaw.

33
00:01:24,980 --> 00:01:25,790
Wroclaw.

34
00:01:25,790 --> 00:01:26,570
OK.

35
00:01:26,570 --> 00:01:29,690
So it is in the eastern
part of Germany,

36
00:01:29,690 --> 00:01:31,715
or was in the eastern
part of Germany.

37
00:01:31,715 --> 00:01:32,990

Yes.

38

00:01:32,990 --> 00:01:35,150

Is it close to Danzig?

39

00:01:35,150 --> 00:01:39,750

Oh no, it is quite
further south.

40

00:01:39,750 --> 00:01:42,080

And Danzig is in the north.

41

00:01:42,080 --> 00:01:46,135

And would you say it's about 200
kilometers or 100 kilometers?

42

00:01:46,135 --> 00:01:47,270

It could be.

43

00:01:47,270 --> 00:01:48,030

200?

44

00:01:48,030 --> 00:01:50,195

I don't know if
Germany has 200--

45

00:01:50,195 --> 00:01:51,410

[LAUGHTER]

46

00:01:51,410 --> 00:01:52,250

--kilometers.

47

00:01:52,250 --> 00:01:53,690

Yeah.

48

00:01:53,690 --> 00:01:55,310

Well, that, of
course, is why there

49

00:01:55,310 --> 00:01:57,000

needed to be Lebensraum, right?

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00:01:57,000 --> 00:01:59,420

[LAUGHTER]

51

00:01:59,420 --> 00:02:00,260

52

00:02:00,260 --> 00:02:02,210

So you were born in Breslau.

53

00:02:02,210 --> 00:02:05,180

Tell me a little bit about
your mother and your father.

54

00:02:05,180 --> 00:02:08,580

Tell me about your father's
name and when he was born

55

00:02:08,580 --> 00:02:09,830

if you know the date of birth.

56

00:02:09,830 --> 00:02:13,550

My father's name is
Rudolf Lindenberg.

57

00:02:13,550 --> 00:02:16,100

He was born in L^Ä¼neburg.

58

00:02:16,100 --> 00:02:18,110

That's close to Hanover.

59

00:02:18,110 --> 00:02:24,190

November 19, 18--
oh good grief--

60

00:02:24,190 --> 00:02:25,360

81.

61

00:02:25,360 --> 00:02:28,960

1881.

62

00:02:28,960 --> 00:02:33,190

And his birthday was
then close to yours.

63
00:02:33,190 --> 00:02:34,480
Not so close.

64
00:02:34,480 --> 00:02:35,230
Yeah, well--

65
00:02:35,230 --> 00:02:36,400
November.

66
00:02:36,400 --> 00:02:38,350
Yeah, September and November.

67
00:02:38,350 --> 00:02:39,710
Oh, I thought you said November.

68
00:02:39,710 --> 00:02:40,805
No, no, September.

69
00:02:40,805 --> 00:02:41,430
Your birthday--

70
00:02:41,430 --> 00:02:43,150
The 19th of September.

71
00:02:43,150 --> 00:02:46,460
19th of September
is his birthday?

72
00:02:46,460 --> 00:02:47,270
His birthday.

73
00:02:47,270 --> 00:02:48,275
And yours is?

74
00:02:48,275 --> 00:02:51,080
Mine is the 15th of November.

75
00:02:51,080 --> 00:02:53,120

Got it.

76

00:02:53,120 --> 00:02:58,400

And did he have
brothers and sisters?

77

00:02:58,400 --> 00:03:01,520

He has-- wait a minute--

78

00:03:01,520 --> 00:03:04,670

79

00:03:04,670 --> 00:03:06,380

three brothers and one sister.

80

00:03:06,380 --> 00:03:08,170

So there were five
children in total?

81

00:03:08,170 --> 00:03:09,590

Yes.

82

00:03:09,590 --> 00:03:11,720

Did you know any of
your aunts and uncles?

83

00:03:11,720 --> 00:03:19,650

His youngest, my Aunt
Greten, his youngest sister.

84

00:03:19,650 --> 00:03:24,100

And she came to--

85

00:03:24,100 --> 00:03:26,270

from Germany, she
went to England.

86

00:03:26,270 --> 00:03:29,660

And from England,
she came to New York

87

00:03:29,660 --> 00:03:34,560

and lived in that
house we lived in.

88
00:03:34,560 --> 00:03:40,520
And you have no idea because
these houses were actually not

89
00:03:40,520 --> 00:03:45,680
allowed for humans
anymore, you can see.

90
00:03:45,680 --> 00:03:53,060
But with the influx of all
the immigrants from Europe,

91
00:03:53,060 --> 00:03:54,650
they opened it up.

92
00:03:54,650 --> 00:03:56,780
Were these condemned
houses then?

93
00:03:56,780 --> 00:03:58,490
This was a dem--

94
00:03:58,490 --> 00:04:01,460
this was a house, you
know, that [HUMS]..

95
00:04:01,460 --> 00:04:03,140
And was it in New York City?

96
00:04:03,140 --> 00:04:04,370
It was in Queens.

97
00:04:04,370 --> 00:04:05,225
It was in Queens.

98
00:04:05,225 --> 00:04:07,250
It is outside.

99
00:04:07,250 --> 00:04:08,450

OK.

100
00:04:08,450 --> 00:04:14,100
And we'll come to that,
because that's after the war.

101
00:04:14,100 --> 00:04:18,079
But did she emigrate to the
United States before the war

102
00:04:18,079 --> 00:04:19,640
or during?

103
00:04:19,640 --> 00:04:20,510
After the war.

104
00:04:20,510 --> 00:04:21,200
OK.

105
00:04:21,200 --> 00:04:25,130
So where did she spend the war?

106
00:04:25,130 --> 00:04:26,360
I spent--

107
00:04:26,360 --> 00:04:27,770
She, Aunt Greten.

108
00:04:27,770 --> 00:04:31,850
Oh, Aunt Greten,
she was in England.

109
00:04:31,850 --> 00:04:36,500
And I don't know
why she came over.

110
00:04:36,500 --> 00:04:39,890
Because my father had
family in New York.

111
00:04:39,890 --> 00:04:40,730
OK.

112
00:04:40,730 --> 00:04:45,770
But did she leave
Germany before 1933?

113
00:04:45,770 --> 00:04:49,970
She was able to
leave Germany in '38

114
00:04:49,970 --> 00:04:53,780
to go to her oldest
sister in England.

115
00:04:53,780 --> 00:04:56,330

116
00:04:56,330 --> 00:04:58,460
That means your father
had another sister?

117
00:04:58,460 --> 00:04:59,660
Yes.

118
00:04:59,660 --> 00:05:01,640
It was Alice.

119
00:05:01,640 --> 00:05:10,250
And well, I don't know when
she immigrated to England.

120
00:05:10,250 --> 00:05:13,760
Do you know the names of all
of your father's siblings?

121
00:05:13,760 --> 00:05:16,130
It was Alice.

122
00:05:16,130 --> 00:05:19,200
It was-- good grief--

123
00:05:19,200 --> 00:05:19,920
Albert.

124
00:05:19,920 --> 00:05:21,300
Albert.

125
00:05:21,300 --> 00:05:24,570
It was Hans and Gretchen.

126
00:05:24,570 --> 00:05:25,920
And then your father?

127
00:05:25,920 --> 00:05:26,850
And Rudolf, yes.

128
00:05:26,850 --> 00:05:27,420
And Rudolf.

129
00:05:27,420 --> 00:05:28,950
And Rudolf was the youngest or--

130
00:05:28,950 --> 00:05:32,020
No, Rudolf was
the second oldest.

131
00:05:32,020 --> 00:05:32,520
OK.

132
00:05:32,520 --> 00:05:34,080
Who was the oldest?

133
00:05:34,080 --> 00:05:36,210
The oldest is Alice.

134
00:05:36,210 --> 00:05:36,990
Alice.

135
00:05:36,990 --> 00:05:41,250
So Alice, Rudolf, Gretchen--

136
00:05:41,250 --> 00:05:44,310
Alice, Rudolf, Albert.

137
00:05:44,310 --> 00:05:46,390
Albert.

138
00:05:46,390 --> 00:05:47,760
Hans and Greten.

139
00:05:47,760 --> 00:05:48,990
Hans and Greten.

140
00:05:48,990 --> 00:05:52,140
And did you know your uncles?

141
00:05:52,140 --> 00:05:52,920
No.

142
00:05:52,920 --> 00:05:57,030
No, I only know Greten.

143
00:05:57,030 --> 00:05:59,070
And we called her Greten.

144
00:05:59,070 --> 00:06:00,480
[LAUGHS]

145
00:06:00,480 --> 00:06:03,960
Now, is it that you didn't
know your uncles because they

146
00:06:03,960 --> 00:06:05,040
didn't live in Germany?

147
00:06:05,040 --> 00:06:09,300
Well, because they lived
in the States already.

148
00:06:09,300 --> 00:06:12,620
OK, so they had emigrated
to the United States before.

149
00:06:12,620 --> 00:06:13,260
Before.

150
00:06:13,260 --> 00:06:16,520
I think in '38.

151
00:06:16,520 --> 00:06:21,380
So they were living
in Germany until 1938?

152
00:06:21,380 --> 00:06:22,400
Yes.

153
00:06:22,400 --> 00:06:23,510
Everybody?

154
00:06:23,510 --> 00:06:25,610
I really don't
know if that might

155
00:06:25,610 --> 00:06:29,180
have been even earlier,
because of family--

156
00:06:29,180 --> 00:06:30,975
my great uncle in Chicago.

157
00:06:30,975 --> 00:06:35,690

158
00:06:35,690 --> 00:06:45,140
He imported silk
for the parachutes

159
00:06:45,140 --> 00:06:47,300
for the First World War.

160
00:06:47,300 --> 00:06:52,160
And later on, they used--

161
00:06:52,160 --> 00:06:52,910
what is it?

162

00:06:52,910 --> 00:06:56,202

163

00:06:56,202 --> 00:06:56,910
[SPEAKING GERMAN]

164

00:06:56,910 --> 00:07:02,026
[LAUGHS] They use this as
other material where they--

165

00:07:02,026 --> 00:07:02,526
Nylon?

166

00:07:02,526 --> 00:07:05,280
Nylon?

167

00:07:05,280 --> 00:07:05,880
Was it nylon?

168

00:07:05,880 --> 00:07:08,530

169

00:07:08,530 --> 00:07:10,710
You know this is
something that--

170

00:07:10,710 --> 00:07:11,320
[LAUGHS]

171

00:07:11,320 --> 00:07:12,790
It happens to everybody.

172

00:07:12,790 --> 00:07:14,010
It happens to everybody.

173

00:07:14,010 --> 00:07:15,550
Yeah, but not at the right time.

174

00:07:15,550 --> 00:07:17,660
[LAUGHTER]

175

00:07:17,660 --> 00:07:18,220

176

00:07:18,220 --> 00:07:22,330

Because they used for
parachutes real silk,

177

00:07:22,330 --> 00:07:23,890

which is much heavier.

178

00:07:23,890 --> 00:07:29,260

And nylon, which was developed
later on, was much lighter

179

00:07:29,260 --> 00:07:35,620

and the Second World War
used the parachutes in nylon.

180

00:07:35,620 --> 00:07:36,700

Yes.

181

00:07:36,700 --> 00:07:39,910

But he made his
money already before.

182

00:07:39,910 --> 00:07:47,080

And my great aunt was a very
good friend of Helen Keller.

183

00:07:47,080 --> 00:07:48,010

No kidding.

184

00:07:48,010 --> 00:07:48,570

Yes.

185

00:07:48,570 --> 00:07:52,885

And the house in
Chicago is still--

186

00:07:52,885 --> 00:07:55,930

187

00:07:55,930 --> 00:08:03,070
it was getting over to the
blinds of Helen Keller.

188
00:08:03,070 --> 00:08:06,850
And she was very friendly.

189
00:08:06,850 --> 00:08:08,420
It was a friend of hers.

190
00:08:08,420 --> 00:08:09,070
OK.

191
00:08:09,070 --> 00:08:12,850
Do you know the name of
your great aunt and uncle?

192
00:08:12,850 --> 00:08:20,130
It was Oscar und Rey.

193
00:08:20,130 --> 00:08:21,075
Oscar und Rey.

194
00:08:21,075 --> 00:08:22,410
Rey Heinemann.

195
00:08:22,410 --> 00:08:23,160
Heinemann.

196
00:08:23,160 --> 00:08:25,920

197
00:08:25,920 --> 00:08:30,210
And so they invited your uncles
over to help with the business?

198
00:08:30,210 --> 00:08:31,860
Is this the idea?

199
00:08:31,860 --> 00:08:34,530
Nein, unfortunately,
they didn't help,

200
00:08:34,530 --> 00:08:37,049
because they thought
my father was

201
00:08:37,049 --> 00:08:41,730
married to a Christian woman
and would escape all this.

202
00:08:41,730 --> 00:08:45,310
But that was not
the right decision.

203
00:08:45,310 --> 00:08:46,380
No.

204
00:08:46,380 --> 00:08:47,700
No.

205
00:08:47,700 --> 00:08:49,860
He had certain privileges.

206
00:08:49,860 --> 00:08:54,140
He didn't need the
yellow star, because he

207
00:08:54,140 --> 00:08:56,420
had a Christian family.

208
00:08:56,420 --> 00:08:59,667
Can we cut for just a second?

209
00:08:59,667 --> 00:09:00,250
Oh, I'm sorry.

210
00:09:00,250 --> 00:09:00,795
That was me.

211
00:09:00,795 --> 00:09:02,670
I was just noticing you
sitting on the floor.

212
00:09:02,670 --> 00:09:04,670
And I thought, "Oh, she
could sit on the couch."

213
00:09:04,670 --> 00:09:05,470
Can we still cut?

214
00:09:05,470 --> 00:09:06,150
Yeah, sure.

215
00:09:06,150 --> 00:09:07,950
OK.

216
00:09:07,950 --> 00:09:12,960
So it was Uncle Oscar.

217
00:09:12,960 --> 00:09:13,710
Oscar.

218
00:09:13,710 --> 00:09:15,280
Und Rey Heinemann?

219
00:09:15,280 --> 00:09:15,780
Yes.

220
00:09:15,780 --> 00:09:17,320
And they lived in Chicago.

221
00:09:17,320 --> 00:09:20,070
And she was a friend
of Helen Keller's.

222
00:09:20,070 --> 00:09:21,660
Wait a minute.

223
00:09:21,660 --> 00:09:23,820
Oscar lived in Chicago.

224
00:09:23,820 --> 00:09:26,380
Otto and Rey lived in New York.

225

00:09:26,380 --> 00:09:32,250

And that's why we were
able to stay in New York,

226

00:09:32,250 --> 00:09:36,120

because right after the
war, these immigrants--

227

00:09:36,120 --> 00:09:40,590

and New York didn't take anybody
who didn't have family there.

228

00:09:40,590 --> 00:09:44,070

So Otto and Rey, how
were they related to you?

229

00:09:44,070 --> 00:09:48,240

That's my great aunt and uncle.

230

00:09:48,240 --> 00:09:54,980

It was my father's
sisters and brothers.

231

00:09:54,980 --> 00:09:55,528

Well, I'm--

232

00:09:55,528 --> 00:09:56,320

Now, wait a minute.

233

00:09:56,320 --> 00:09:57,320

No, no, no.

234

00:09:57,320 --> 00:10:00,230

235

00:10:00,230 --> 00:10:02,450

Your father's sisters
were Alice and Greten.

236

00:10:02,450 --> 00:10:06,230

And he had brothers
Hans and Albert.

237
00:10:06,230 --> 00:10:08,990
But Otto, was he an
uncle of your father's?

238
00:10:08,990 --> 00:10:12,370

239
00:10:12,370 --> 00:10:15,100
Yes-- [LAUGHS]

240
00:10:15,100 --> 00:10:15,880
You don't know.

241
00:10:15,880 --> 00:10:19,030
Who was Otto?

242
00:10:19,030 --> 00:10:21,610
He was a great uncle of mine.

243
00:10:21,610 --> 00:10:23,470
He must have been an
uncle of my father.

244
00:10:23,470 --> 00:10:24,225
Yes.

245
00:10:24,225 --> 00:10:24,725
OK.

246
00:10:24,725 --> 00:10:28,600

247
00:10:28,600 --> 00:10:34,390
We'll come to this time when
you're in the United States

248
00:10:34,390 --> 00:10:37,150
later on, because it
comes after the war.

249

00:10:37,150 --> 00:10:40,210

250

00:10:40,210 --> 00:10:42,130

What I'd like to
get a sense of now

251

00:10:42,130 --> 00:10:44,680

is prewar life, which
is why I ask you

252

00:10:44,680 --> 00:10:48,520

about your father
and his siblings.

253

00:10:48,520 --> 00:10:52,060

Did any of them live
together with you in Breslau?

254

00:10:52,060 --> 00:10:52,570

Nein.

255

00:10:52,570 --> 00:10:53,350

No.

256

00:10:53,350 --> 00:10:55,480

They were all in LÃ¼neburg?

257

00:10:55,480 --> 00:10:59,790

They were all spread over.

258

00:10:59,790 --> 00:11:04,470

In England, his older
sister, my aunt Alice.

259

00:11:04,470 --> 00:11:12,310

And his second brother,
Albert, in Chicago.

260

00:11:12,310 --> 00:11:15,790

And Greten lived in--

261

00:11:15,790 --> 00:11:19,870
yeah, she lived still in--

262
00:11:19,870 --> 00:11:23,275
when did she get to--

263
00:11:23,275 --> 00:11:28,270
I really don't know when she
went to England to her sister.

264
00:11:28,270 --> 00:11:28,770
OK.

265
00:11:28,770 --> 00:11:31,780

266
00:11:31,780 --> 00:11:34,930
And then that
leaves one brother.

267
00:11:34,930 --> 00:11:44,400
Hans died in the First World
War as a soldier, as an officer.

268
00:11:44,400 --> 00:11:47,670
And he couldn't get,
as being Jewish,

269
00:11:47,670 --> 00:11:52,170
not the highest rank in
the German army either.

270
00:11:52,170 --> 00:11:53,250
Oh, really?

271
00:11:53,250 --> 00:11:54,870
Even during the First World War?

272
00:11:54,870 --> 00:11:57,240
Yeah, that was already '18.

273
00:11:57,240 --> 00:11:58,675

1918.

274

00:11:58,675 --> 00:12:00,100

It goes way back.

275

00:12:00,100 --> 00:12:01,050

[CHUCKLES]

276

00:12:01,050 --> 00:12:02,860

Yeah.

277

00:12:02,860 --> 00:12:06,260

Did you know your grandparents,
on your father's side?

278

00:12:06,260 --> 00:12:10,720

I only knew my
two grandfathers--

279

00:12:10,720 --> 00:12:18,250

my father's father in L^A¼neburg
and my mother's father in--

280

00:12:18,250 --> 00:12:19,150

where did they live?

281

00:12:19,150 --> 00:12:21,060

In Breslau.

282

00:12:21,060 --> 00:12:26,980

Because my one grandmother died
half a year before I was born.

283

00:12:26,980 --> 00:12:30,830

And the other, half a
year after I was born.

284

00:12:30,830 --> 00:12:34,210

So I had only grandfathers.

285

00:12:34,210 --> 00:12:36,730

What was your grandfather

on your father's side?

286

00:12:36,730 --> 00:12:38,980

What was his name?

287

00:12:38,980 --> 00:12:40,570

Adolf Lindenberg.

288

00:12:40,570 --> 00:12:42,850

Adolf Lindenberg.

289

00:12:42,850 --> 00:12:46,180

And my mother's was--

290

00:12:46,180 --> 00:12:48,380

what was it?

291

00:12:48,380 --> 00:12:51,320

What was my grandfather?

292

00:12:51,320 --> 00:12:56,280

Do you remember mother's father?

293

00:12:56,280 --> 00:12:57,858

It can come to you later.

294

00:12:57,858 --> 00:12:58,650

[LAUGHS] It should.

295

00:12:58,650 --> 00:12:59,820

And then you'll let me know.

296

00:12:59,820 --> 00:13:00,510

It should.

297

00:13:00,510 --> 00:13:03,230

298

00:13:03,230 --> 00:13:05,840

So your father was
born in L¹/₄neburg?

299

00:13:05,840 --> 00:13:06,770

Yes.

300

00:13:06,770 --> 00:13:08,880

And that's where the
family came from?

301

00:13:08,880 --> 00:13:09,380

Yes.

302

00:13:09,380 --> 00:13:15,260

And we had two years ago in
July a very, very nice reunion.

303

00:13:15,260 --> 00:13:18,460

Unfortunately, I
couldn't attend.

304

00:13:18,460 --> 00:13:19,430

In LÃ¼neburg?

305

00:13:19,430 --> 00:13:21,500

In LÃ¼neburg, the museum.

306

00:13:21,500 --> 00:13:27,380

And LÃ¼neburg Museum now
has a Heinemann Saal.

307

00:13:27,380 --> 00:13:28,190

Oh, really?

308

00:13:28,190 --> 00:13:29,270

Yes.

309

00:13:29,270 --> 00:13:31,710

So that's from your--

310

00:13:31,710 --> 00:13:32,900

My father's family.

311

00:13:32,900 --> 00:13:34,060
From your father's family.

312
00:13:34,060 --> 00:13:36,660
So there must have been
a maternal Heinemann--

313
00:13:36,660 --> 00:13:37,160
Yeah.

314
00:13:37,160 --> 00:13:37,740
--in there.

315
00:13:37,740 --> 00:13:38,240
OK.

316
00:13:38,240 --> 00:13:40,640
And there is even a street.

317
00:13:40,640 --> 00:13:41,660
Heinemannstrase?

318
00:13:41,660 --> 00:13:43,220
Heinemannstrase.

319
00:13:43,220 --> 00:13:44,240
Interesting.

320
00:13:44,240 --> 00:13:47,330
So were they prominent
citizens of LÃ¼neburg?

321
00:13:47,330 --> 00:13:48,500
Yes.

322
00:13:48,500 --> 00:13:49,040
How?

323
00:13:49,040 --> 00:13:52,160
In what way were they were
they well known and prominent?

324

00:13:52,160 --> 00:13:54,650

They were bankers--
my grandfather,

325

00:13:54,650 --> 00:13:56,510

my great-grandfather.

326

00:13:56,510 --> 00:14:03,650

And they had a bank, that
was later on took over from

327

00:14:03,650 --> 00:14:05,930

Deutsche Bank in L^Ä¼neburg.

328

00:14:05,930 --> 00:14:07,130

I see.

329

00:14:07,130 --> 00:14:08,060

I see.

330

00:14:08,060 --> 00:14:12,230

And did all of your
father and his siblings,

331

00:14:12,230 --> 00:14:14,240

did they have higher education?

332

00:14:14,240 --> 00:14:15,910

Yes.

333

00:14:15,910 --> 00:14:17,770

They were all professionals.

334

00:14:17,770 --> 00:14:19,030

OK.

335

00:14:19,030 --> 00:14:22,300

Do you know what your father
studied at university?

336

00:14:22,300 --> 00:14:28,360

My father was an engineer
for electrical high and low

337
00:14:28,360 --> 00:14:29,140
currency.

338
00:14:29,140 --> 00:14:31,590
I don't know how you will--

339
00:14:31,590 --> 00:14:33,200
what it is in today.

340
00:14:33,200 --> 00:14:33,700
OK.

341
00:14:33,700 --> 00:14:34,780
But at that time.

342
00:14:34,780 --> 00:14:36,160
Yes, at that time.

343
00:14:36,160 --> 00:14:43,810
And he worked with
court for question

344
00:14:43,810 --> 00:14:47,560
that appeared in
court, when people

345
00:14:47,560 --> 00:14:51,550
weren't so sure how they were--

346
00:14:51,550 --> 00:14:54,160

347
00:14:54,160 --> 00:14:56,710
how do you call it?

348
00:14:56,710 --> 00:14:59,060
It sounds like maybe he
was an expert witness?

349
00:14:59,060 --> 00:14:59,560
Yes.

350
00:14:59,560 --> 00:15:01,788
About these technical things.

351
00:15:01,788 --> 00:15:02,830
Yeah, for certain things.

352
00:15:02,830 --> 00:15:03,520
Yes.

353
00:15:03,520 --> 00:15:07,540
And of course, this all
disappeared with Hitler.

354
00:15:07,540 --> 00:15:08,410
OK.

355
00:15:08,410 --> 00:15:09,123
We'll get there.

356
00:15:09,123 --> 00:15:09,790
We'll get there.

357
00:15:09,790 --> 00:15:12,020
Right now, I'm in the 1920s.

358
00:15:12,020 --> 00:15:14,992
[LAUGHTER]

359
00:15:14,992 --> 00:15:16,540

360
00:15:16,540 --> 00:15:22,150
So his family of origin was
both prominent, being bankers,

361
00:15:22,150 --> 00:15:23,950
and well-to-do.

362

00:15:23,950 --> 00:15:24,550

Yes?

363

00:15:24,550 --> 00:15:27,850

Is that what the truth was,
is that they were well-off?

364

00:15:27,850 --> 00:15:29,530

Yeah.

365

00:15:29,530 --> 00:15:33,190

Do you know how many generations
they had lived in L^Ä¼neburg?

366

00:15:33,190 --> 00:15:36,870

367

00:15:36,870 --> 00:15:39,750

Quite a few generations.

368

00:15:39,750 --> 00:15:41,850

But I couldn't tell you.

369

00:15:41,850 --> 00:15:44,990

370

00:15:44,990 --> 00:15:48,410

I really don't know,
but a long time ago.

371

00:15:48,410 --> 00:15:50,270

OK.

372

00:15:50,270 --> 00:15:55,820

And your paternal grandfather,
when you were born,

373

00:15:55,820 --> 00:15:57,790

did he still live in L^Ä¼neburg?

374

00:15:57,790 --> 00:15:58,430

Yes.

375

00:15:58,430 --> 00:15:59,460

So did you visit him?

376

00:15:59,460 --> 00:15:59,960

Yes.

377

00:15:59,960 --> 00:16:01,293

Is that how you get to know him?

378

00:16:01,293 --> 00:16:04,925

There is still a
picture where my aunt

379

00:16:04,925 --> 00:16:07,850

and the dog and
my little sister--

380

00:16:07,850 --> 00:16:09,500

I don't know if you saw it.

381

00:16:09,500 --> 00:16:10,040

OK.

382

00:16:10,040 --> 00:16:12,720

But there's a photo of him
and your aunt and the dog?

383

00:16:12,720 --> 00:16:13,220

Yes.

384

00:16:13,220 --> 00:16:16,080

And I have the house
still from L^Ä¼neburg.

385

00:16:16,080 --> 00:16:20,450

Dieter, you know the picture
of the house in L^Ä¼neburg?

386

00:16:20,450 --> 00:16:21,200

Yeah.

387
00:16:21,200 --> 00:16:22,520
It's hanging in my--

388
00:16:22,520 --> 00:16:23,480
Yeah.

389
00:16:23,480 --> 00:16:25,400
It still exists.

390
00:16:25,400 --> 00:16:27,290
Oh, so the house he lived in?

391
00:16:27,290 --> 00:16:28,700
The house he lived in, yes.

392
00:16:28,700 --> 00:16:30,260
And when you say
you still have it,

393
00:16:30,260 --> 00:16:31,790
does that mean you
have the photo,

394
00:16:31,790 --> 00:16:33,260
or you have the actual house?

395
00:16:33,260 --> 00:16:34,940
I still have a photo
from that house.

396
00:16:34,940 --> 00:16:36,750
But you don't own the house.

397
00:16:36,750 --> 00:16:39,300
No, that was taken over--

398
00:16:39,300 --> 00:16:43,780

399
00:16:43,780 --> 00:16:47,170

I think a lot of tenants.

400
00:16:47,170 --> 00:16:49,320
But it wasn't ours anymore.

401
00:16:49,320 --> 00:16:52,270
But I remember that
house really well.

402
00:16:52,270 --> 00:16:54,670
My aunt, the youngest one--

403
00:16:54,670 --> 00:16:55,590
Greta.

404
00:16:55,590 --> 00:16:58,030
--Greten, she studied music.

405
00:16:58,030 --> 00:17:02,710
And there was a living room
and there was a formal dining

406
00:17:02,710 --> 00:17:04,599
room and another room.

407
00:17:04,599 --> 00:17:08,950
And over there was her room
and with all the doors closed.

408
00:17:08,950 --> 00:17:12,130
And we had to be quiet
when [LAUGHS] she

409
00:17:12,130 --> 00:17:14,470
practiced her music.

410
00:17:14,470 --> 00:17:18,910
So that's a vivid memory of--

411
00:17:18,910 --> 00:17:22,840
Well, was her music nice,
or was she practicing?

412
00:17:22,840 --> 00:17:27,010
Well, she taught later
on in England music too.

413
00:17:27,010 --> 00:17:28,450
Was it piano?

414
00:17:28,450 --> 00:17:30,940
Piano, yes.

415
00:17:30,940 --> 00:17:34,300
But this is something later
on, you feel good grief,

416
00:17:34,300 --> 00:17:37,030
there's all these
thoughts in between.

417
00:17:37,030 --> 00:17:39,460
And she still must
have heard us.

418
00:17:39,460 --> 00:17:42,730
And we were not
allowed to scream or--

419
00:17:42,730 --> 00:17:43,765
Or play or anything.

420
00:17:43,765 --> 00:17:45,700
[LAUGHS]

421
00:17:45,700 --> 00:17:47,170
When you would
visit him, would it

422
00:17:47,170 --> 00:17:49,975
be together with your parents,
or would it be separately?

423
00:17:49,975 --> 00:17:58,510

No, only with-- yeah,
it was with my father.

424
00:17:58,510 --> 00:18:03,400
I don't know if my mother so
often visit, because there

425
00:18:03,400 --> 00:18:05,050
was a little something.

426
00:18:05,050 --> 00:18:08,620
My grandmother, father's
mother, was quite religious

427
00:18:08,620 --> 00:18:14,620
and resented that father
married out of his faith.

428
00:18:14,620 --> 00:18:17,050
OK, so let's
establish right now.

429
00:18:17,050 --> 00:18:18,610
Your father was Jewish?

430
00:18:18,610 --> 00:18:19,900
Yes.

431
00:18:19,900 --> 00:18:20,980
And your mother?

432
00:18:20,980 --> 00:18:22,210
Was Christian.

433
00:18:22,210 --> 00:18:25,540
And what denomination?

434
00:18:25,540 --> 00:18:26,530
Lutheran.

435
00:18:26,530 --> 00:18:27,420
She was Lutheran?

436
00:18:27,420 --> 00:18:29,850
Yeah, and this is
what we are too.

437
00:18:29,850 --> 00:18:30,970
OK.

438
00:18:30,970 --> 00:18:35,030
And what did I want to ask?

439
00:18:35,030 --> 00:18:39,610
How is it that your father
ended up in Breslau?

440
00:18:39,610 --> 00:18:46,030
He worked with
telecommunication, telephone,

441
00:18:46,030 --> 00:18:48,730
and it wasn't at
this time telephone.

442
00:18:48,730 --> 00:18:53,225
And how do you call this?

443
00:18:53,225 --> 00:18:53,725
Telegraph?

444
00:18:53,725 --> 00:18:54,225
What was it?

445
00:18:54,225 --> 00:18:56,020
That Morse something.

446
00:18:56,020 --> 00:18:57,220
With telegraph?

447
00:18:57,220 --> 00:18:59,860
Telegraph, yes.

448

00:18:59,860 --> 00:19:06,730

And my mother, she worked too as
what they called a Stopselmaus.

449

00:19:06,730 --> 00:19:07,270

Stopselmaus?

450

00:19:07,270 --> 00:19:07,970

[LAUGHTER]

451

00:19:07,970 --> 00:19:08,470

Yeah.

452

00:19:08,470 --> 00:19:09,420

What's a Stopselmaus?

453

00:19:09,420 --> 00:19:13,120

Because at that time you
made connections with calls

454

00:19:13,120 --> 00:19:17,590

from a main center,
and you connected.

455

00:19:17,590 --> 00:19:19,570

So she was kind of an operator?

456

00:19:19,570 --> 00:19:23,500

An operator, yes, one of
the operators at that time

457

00:19:23,500 --> 00:19:24,520

they had.

458

00:19:24,520 --> 00:19:29,210

And they said sometimes they
made some fun, because--

459

00:19:29,210 --> 00:19:34,810

excuse me-- it's
Schmidt and Schmidt,

460

00:19:34,810 --> 00:19:37,810
but it wasn't the same Schmidt.

461
00:19:37,810 --> 00:19:38,540
Excuse me.

462
00:19:38,540 --> 00:19:39,040
It's OK.

463
00:19:39,040 --> 00:19:39,700
Take a breath.

464
00:19:39,700 --> 00:19:42,430

465
00:19:42,430 --> 00:19:46,340
Well, you could have that kind
of confusion in those days.

466
00:19:46,340 --> 00:19:48,752
And they made fun out of it too.

467
00:19:48,752 --> 00:19:51,530

468
00:19:51,530 --> 00:19:54,860
So did they work
at the same company

469
00:19:54,860 --> 00:19:56,660
or the same organization?

470
00:19:56,660 --> 00:19:59,190
No, my father had a business.

471
00:19:59,190 --> 00:20:03,757
And obviously, I don't
know how they got together.

472
00:20:03,757 --> 00:20:05,215
Well, that was one
of my questions.

473
00:20:05,215 --> 00:20:08,150
Most likely because
of my mother,

474
00:20:08,150 --> 00:20:10,120
what she was doing at the time.

475
00:20:10,120 --> 00:20:13,910

476
00:20:13,910 --> 00:20:20,570
And you know, I heard a very
nice story of a cousin of ours.

477
00:20:20,570 --> 00:20:27,500
His father was so religious
that the family resented it.

478
00:20:27,500 --> 00:20:30,065
And it might be--

479
00:20:30,065 --> 00:20:33,110
that sounds to me
kind of familiar.

480
00:20:33,110 --> 00:20:35,043
My grandmother was
very religious.

481
00:20:35,043 --> 00:20:36,710
So you're talking on
your father's side?

482
00:20:36,710 --> 00:20:36,860
Jewish, yeah.

483
00:20:36,860 --> 00:20:37,610
On the Jewish side.

484
00:20:37,610 --> 00:20:38,110
OK.

485
00:20:38,110 --> 00:20:39,260
On the Jewish side.

486
00:20:39,260 --> 00:20:42,710
And resented obviously.

487
00:20:42,710 --> 00:20:51,530
And out of rebellion maybe, my
father married out of faith.

488
00:20:51,530 --> 00:20:53,770
So in other words,
your cousin thinks

489
00:20:53,770 --> 00:20:57,520
that because it was too
much your father was

490
00:20:57,520 --> 00:20:58,900
rebellling against that?

491
00:20:58,900 --> 00:21:00,070
Yes, in a certain way.

492
00:21:00,070 --> 00:21:04,030
You know, if you are
forced to do something

493
00:21:04,030 --> 00:21:06,260
that you go the other way.

494
00:21:06,260 --> 00:21:09,040
It looks like it.

495
00:21:09,040 --> 00:21:10,250
Well, it can happen.

496
00:21:10,250 --> 00:21:11,440
It can certainly happen.

497

00:21:11,440 --> 00:21:17,620
Yeah, well, this idea came to
me with this nephew of mine

498
00:21:17,620 --> 00:21:18,820
now in Israel.

499
00:21:18,820 --> 00:21:24,100
He had more or less the same
experience with his father.

500
00:21:24,100 --> 00:21:28,850
When he start to
be too religious,

501
00:21:28,850 --> 00:21:31,150
the family wanted you know.

502
00:21:31,150 --> 00:21:33,850

503
00:21:33,850 --> 00:21:37,690
Too much of a good
thing is still too much.

504
00:21:37,690 --> 00:21:38,390
It can be.

505
00:21:38,390 --> 00:21:38,890
[LAUGHS]

506
00:21:38,890 --> 00:21:39,610
It can be.

507
00:21:39,610 --> 00:21:45,200
And it can always be in the
human who interprets religion.

508
00:21:45,200 --> 00:21:48,760
Some people are very religious
but they draw you to them

509

00:21:48,760 --> 00:21:50,260
rather than away from them.

510
00:21:50,260 --> 00:21:53,250

511
00:21:53,250 --> 00:21:57,590
So you're not sure
how your parents met?

512
00:21:57,590 --> 00:22:01,310
I think through my
father's profession

513
00:22:01,310 --> 00:22:04,940
and what my mother was
doing with telephone.

514
00:22:04,940 --> 00:22:06,080
OK, Stopselmaus.

515
00:22:06,080 --> 00:22:07,120
A Stopselmaus.

516
00:22:07,120 --> 00:22:08,390
[LAUGHTER]

517
00:22:08,390 --> 00:22:10,190
If we call it,
that means it would

518
00:22:10,190 --> 00:22:12,030
be something with a mouse.

519
00:22:12,030 --> 00:22:12,900
But Stopsel?

520
00:22:12,900 --> 00:22:14,210
How do I translate Stopsel?

521
00:22:14,210 --> 00:22:15,710
Well, to connect.

522
00:22:15,710 --> 00:22:17,810
Ah, a connecting mouse.

523
00:22:17,810 --> 00:22:19,980
And connecting.

524
00:22:19,980 --> 00:22:21,010
[LAUGHS]

525
00:22:21,010 --> 00:22:21,620
Plug.

526
00:22:21,620 --> 00:22:22,190
A plug?

527
00:22:22,190 --> 00:22:22,940
Plug mouse.

528
00:22:22,940 --> 00:22:23,720
A plug mouse.

529
00:22:23,720 --> 00:22:24,220
OK.

530
00:22:24,220 --> 00:22:27,820

531
00:22:27,820 --> 00:22:28,690
OK.

532
00:22:28,690 --> 00:22:30,190
Let's turn to your mother.

533
00:22:30,190 --> 00:22:31,720
Let's talk about
her a little bit.

534
00:22:31,720 --> 00:22:33,380
What was her name?

535

00:22:33,380 --> 00:22:36,310

My mother's name is Erna Jordan.

536

00:22:36,310 --> 00:22:37,120

Erna?

537

00:22:37,120 --> 00:22:37,990

Jordan.

538

00:22:37,990 --> 00:22:39,070

Jordan.

539

00:22:39,070 --> 00:22:42,310

So in American parlance
it would be Jordan?

540

00:22:42,310 --> 00:22:42,910

Jordan.

541

00:22:42,910 --> 00:22:43,810

OK.

542

00:22:43,810 --> 00:22:46,720

And her first name
Erna, so E-R-N-A?

543

00:22:46,720 --> 00:22:47,500

That's correct.

544

00:22:47,500 --> 00:22:49,160

And when was she born?

545

00:22:49,160 --> 00:22:53,770

She was born in March '91.

546

00:22:53,770 --> 00:22:55,510

So 1891?

547

00:22:55,510 --> 00:22:56,050

Yeah.

548

00:22:56,050 --> 00:22:58,040

So she's 10 years
younger than your father?

549

00:22:58,040 --> 00:22:58,670

Yeah.

550

00:22:58,670 --> 00:22:59,860

OK.

551

00:22:59,860 --> 00:23:03,500

And where was she born?

552

00:23:03,500 --> 00:23:06,950

She was born in Deutsch Eylau.

553

00:23:06,950 --> 00:23:07,450

Ooh.

554

00:23:07,450 --> 00:23:12,190

This is something on
the northern coast.

555

00:23:12,190 --> 00:23:15,390

I think it is now--

556

00:23:15,390 --> 00:23:17,220

is it Russian?

557

00:23:17,220 --> 00:23:18,630

Is it part of Prussia?

558

00:23:18,630 --> 00:23:20,040

Was it part of Prussia?

559

00:23:20,040 --> 00:23:20,580

Yeah.

560

00:23:20,580 --> 00:23:23,430

So she's from the old
Prussian territory

561
00:23:23,430 --> 00:23:25,493
that today would be Kaliningrad?

562
00:23:25,493 --> 00:23:26,590
Yeah.

563
00:23:26,590 --> 00:23:28,780
Near Konigsberg?

564
00:23:28,780 --> 00:23:29,970
Not that far.

565
00:23:29,970 --> 00:23:31,510
Not that far from Konigsberg?

566
00:23:31,510 --> 00:23:32,880
Yeah, exactly.

567
00:23:32,880 --> 00:23:35,115
OK, so Konigsberg is today
known as Kaliningrad.

568
00:23:35,115 --> 00:23:37,020
Yeah, she was born,
but I think she

569
00:23:37,020 --> 00:23:41,640
moved as a very, very
young child to Breslau

570
00:23:41,640 --> 00:23:44,220
with her parents.

571
00:23:44,220 --> 00:23:47,443
And do you know anything
about your grandparents

572
00:23:47,443 --> 00:23:48,360
on your mother's side?

573

00:23:48,360 --> 00:23:55,800
I think my grandfather, he
work too in telecommunication.

574
00:23:55,800 --> 00:23:59,280
That might have
been the connection

575
00:23:59,280 --> 00:24:01,100
with my father later on.

576
00:24:01,100 --> 00:24:02,460
OK.

577
00:24:02,460 --> 00:24:04,530
One question I forgot to ask--

578
00:24:04,530 --> 00:24:09,640
Was your father the only one
who married someone non-Jewish

579
00:24:09,640 --> 00:24:10,600
in his family?

580
00:24:10,600 --> 00:24:11,840
Yes, I think so.

581
00:24:11,840 --> 00:24:13,870
No, no.

582
00:24:13,870 --> 00:24:17,260
I think his oldest--

583
00:24:17,260 --> 00:24:20,080
no, he was Jewish too.

584
00:24:20,080 --> 00:24:22,536
I think he was the only one.

585
00:24:22,536 --> 00:24:25,900
But Greten never married.

586

00:24:25,900 --> 00:24:30,550

She said she doesn't want
a marriage or anything

587

00:24:30,550 --> 00:24:31,480

to do with it.

588

00:24:31,480 --> 00:24:34,420

[LAUGHS]

589

00:24:34,420 --> 00:24:35,930

Did she like your mother?

590

00:24:35,930 --> 00:24:36,430

Pardon?

591

00:24:36,430 --> 00:24:38,230

Was there anybody on
your father's side

592

00:24:38,230 --> 00:24:41,200

who liked your mother?

593

00:24:41,200 --> 00:24:44,230

I think they had very
little connection.

594

00:24:44,230 --> 00:24:46,840

OK.

595

00:24:46,840 --> 00:24:48,820

Did your mother have
brothers and sisters?

596

00:24:48,820 --> 00:24:49,460

Yes.

597

00:24:49,460 --> 00:24:50,020

Yes.

598

00:24:50,020 --> 00:24:51,400

Who were they?

599

00:24:51,400 --> 00:24:56,650

As I told you, the most
ridiculous thing, they were--

600

00:24:56,650 --> 00:25:00,040

my cousin was in the
Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler.

601

00:25:00,040 --> 00:25:02,785

Well, let's translate that so
the people could understand.

602

00:25:02,785 --> 00:25:03,400

[LAUGHS]

603

00:25:03,400 --> 00:25:07,770

Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler
means they were the bodyguards--

604

00:25:07,770 --> 00:25:08,380

That's right.

605

00:25:08,380 --> 00:25:09,410

--for Adolf Hitler.

606

00:25:09,410 --> 00:25:11,650

Because they were very tall.

607

00:25:11,650 --> 00:25:15,340

But you know, from one
side, you have that extreme

608

00:25:15,340 --> 00:25:17,550

to the other side.

609

00:25:17,550 --> 00:25:22,610

And as I told you, we
had to tell our cousins.

610

00:25:22,610 --> 00:25:26,780

He was in the Lazarett for
a time being in Breslau.

611
00:25:26,780 --> 00:25:29,270
Lazarett meaning he
was in the hospital?

612
00:25:29,270 --> 00:25:30,260
In the hospital.

613
00:25:30,260 --> 00:25:37,310
And he was injured quite
early in the Second World War.

614
00:25:37,310 --> 00:25:41,630
And coming from Breslau,
he was in the Lazarett,

615
00:25:41,630 --> 00:25:43,850
or the hospital.

616
00:25:43,850 --> 00:25:47,750
And we had to tell him,
"Please, with your uniform,

617
00:25:47,750 --> 00:25:50,630
don't come and visit us,"
because our neighbor was also

618
00:25:50,630 --> 00:25:51,800
Nazi.

619
00:25:51,800 --> 00:25:56,900
And he was the one who told us
if they ever see my father--

620
00:25:56,900 --> 00:25:59,540
they used to throw
them down the stairs,

621
00:25:59,540 --> 00:26:02,960
and my father had to live--

622

00:26:02,960 --> 00:26:03,990

We'll come to that.

623

00:26:03,990 --> 00:26:04,782

We'll come to that.

624

00:26:04,782 --> 00:26:06,740

Right now, I'm
still in the 1920s.

625

00:26:06,740 --> 00:26:09,080

I haven't even gotten to
Hitler coming to power yet.

626

00:26:09,080 --> 00:26:12,950

Oh, in the 1920s, I
had a very nice youth.

627

00:26:12,950 --> 00:26:15,440

But before I get even to that--

628

00:26:15,440 --> 00:26:16,550

I misspoke.

629

00:26:16,550 --> 00:26:19,070

I'm before the
1920s, because I'm

630

00:26:19,070 --> 00:26:21,800

asking you about your
parents' backgrounds.

631

00:26:21,800 --> 00:26:24,410

And so we were talking
about your mother.

632

00:26:24,410 --> 00:26:28,520

And you said that she
had brothers and sisters.

633

00:26:28,520 --> 00:26:30,990

So let's find out who they were.

634
00:26:30,990 --> 00:26:32,390
How many did she have?

635
00:26:32,390 --> 00:26:33,140
Were they boys?

636
00:26:33,140 --> 00:26:34,430
Were they girls?

637
00:26:34,430 --> 00:26:38,060
My mother had-- they were seven.

638
00:26:38,060 --> 00:26:39,520
And my father had five.

639
00:26:39,520 --> 00:26:40,020
Right.

640
00:26:40,020 --> 00:26:44,710
So in the seven from your
mother's side, who were they?

641
00:26:44,710 --> 00:26:45,940
I'm sorry.

642
00:26:45,940 --> 00:26:46,560
I'm sorry.

643
00:26:46,560 --> 00:26:47,060
[LAUGHTER]

644
00:26:47,060 --> 00:26:50,560
As much as you can remember.

645
00:26:50,560 --> 00:26:52,090
I wasn't prepared for that.

646
00:26:52,090 --> 00:26:52,960
I know.

647
00:26:52,960 --> 00:26:55,720
I know.

648
00:26:55,720 --> 00:26:57,670
I know quite a few.

649
00:26:57,670 --> 00:26:58,930
It was Arthur.

650
00:26:58,930 --> 00:27:03,930

651
00:27:03,930 --> 00:27:07,160
The oldest one-- you got me.

652
00:27:07,160 --> 00:27:08,050
That's OK.

653
00:27:08,050 --> 00:27:11,140
But anyway, let's go through
the ones that you remember.

654
00:27:11,140 --> 00:27:14,700

655
00:27:14,700 --> 00:27:18,450
I remember almost
each and every one.

656
00:27:18,450 --> 00:27:21,800
All right, so what
were their names?

657
00:27:21,800 --> 00:27:22,427
That's--

658
00:27:22,427 --> 00:27:23,510
--what you don't remember?

659
00:27:23,510 --> 00:27:24,310
[LAUGHTER]

660
00:27:24,310 --> 00:27:24,810
OK.

661
00:27:24,810 --> 00:27:28,130

662
00:27:28,130 --> 00:27:29,330
How many boys were there?

663
00:27:29,330 --> 00:27:31,740
How many girls?

664
00:27:31,740 --> 00:27:38,320
I think they were three
boys and two girls.

665
00:27:38,320 --> 00:27:40,810
Three boys and two
girls makes five.

666
00:27:40,810 --> 00:27:42,640
And then you said
there was seven.

667
00:27:42,640 --> 00:27:45,300

668
00:27:45,300 --> 00:27:45,980
It's OK.

669
00:27:45,980 --> 00:27:46,580
It's OK.

670
00:27:46,580 --> 00:27:50,220
[LAUGHS] It's so
far, so far away.

671
00:27:50,220 --> 00:27:51,180
OK.

672

00:27:51,180 --> 00:27:54,780

But as with your
father, I'm trying

673

00:27:54,780 --> 00:27:57,210

to get a sense of
how many of this

674

00:27:57,210 --> 00:28:00,270

larger family were
part of your life.

675

00:28:00,270 --> 00:28:02,910

So did they live in Breslau?

676

00:28:02,910 --> 00:28:05,550

No, they were quite separate.

677

00:28:05,550 --> 00:28:10,420

My father's family in
Lüneburg was quite different.

678

00:28:10,420 --> 00:28:15,570

And it was just my
grandfather and his youngest--

679

00:28:15,570 --> 00:28:16,290

Daughter?

680

00:28:16,290 --> 00:28:18,360

--sister, my Aunt Gretchen.

681

00:28:18,360 --> 00:28:19,210

Yeah.

682

00:28:19,210 --> 00:28:22,800

But on your mother's side,
did all of her siblings

683

00:28:22,800 --> 00:28:24,960

live in Breslau?

684

00:28:24,960 --> 00:28:27,330

Yes, but wait a minute.

685

00:28:27,330 --> 00:28:35,530

There was-- she lost I think
one brother in the World War II.

686

00:28:35,530 --> 00:28:36,580

Or One?

687

00:28:36,580 --> 00:28:38,650

World War I.

688

00:28:38,650 --> 00:28:49,490

And well, we came
together for birthdays.

689

00:28:49,490 --> 00:28:57,120

But other than that--
because he married beneath.

690

00:28:57,120 --> 00:28:58,445

Who married beneath whom?

691

00:28:58,445 --> 00:29:01,410

692

00:29:01,410 --> 00:29:06,330

I think my father's
[LAUGHS] idea.

693

00:29:06,330 --> 00:29:12,480

So your father felt that he
had married beneath himself?

694

00:29:12,480 --> 00:29:13,570

Or your mother felt--

695

00:29:13,570 --> 00:29:14,840

No.

696

00:29:14,840 --> 00:29:17,070

My mother's family--

697

00:29:17,070 --> 00:29:17,970

So the Lutheran side?

698

00:29:17,970 --> 00:29:22,860

In a way that not kind of
agree with my father's family.

699

00:29:22,860 --> 00:29:24,460

OK.

700

00:29:24,460 --> 00:29:29,220

Was your mother's
family also well-to-do?

701

00:29:29,220 --> 00:29:30,630

Not too well-to-do.

702

00:29:30,630 --> 00:29:32,100

Not too well-to-do.

703

00:29:32,100 --> 00:29:39,200

I think there were too
many children and not

704

00:29:39,200 --> 00:29:42,400

on the same level as
my father's family.

705

00:29:42,400 --> 00:29:43,430

OK.

706

00:29:43,430 --> 00:29:48,500

And had any of them gone
to university or to higher

707

00:29:48,500 --> 00:29:49,880

education of some kind?

708

00:29:49,880 --> 00:29:53,265

709
00:29:53,265 --> 00:29:59,795
I think one of the boys,
because he worked--

710
00:29:59,795 --> 00:30:02,490

711
00:30:02,490 --> 00:30:04,800
but I couldn't tell you really.

712
00:30:04,800 --> 00:30:06,900
OK.

713
00:30:06,900 --> 00:30:12,150
Well, now I'm turning
actually to 1920s, all right?

714
00:30:12,150 --> 00:30:15,090
And that is your birth.

715
00:30:15,090 --> 00:30:16,993
You have a sister.

716
00:30:16,993 --> 00:30:17,660
Is that correct?

717
00:30:17,660 --> 00:30:18,300
Yes.

718
00:30:18,300 --> 00:30:19,850
What is her name?

719
00:30:19,850 --> 00:30:20,760
Gertraud.

720
00:30:20,760 --> 00:30:21,270
Gertraud.

721
00:30:21,270 --> 00:30:21,770
Gertraud?

722
00:30:21,770 --> 00:30:23,100
Gertraud.

723
00:30:23,100 --> 00:30:27,150
If you say Gertrude,
she gets furious.

724
00:30:27,150 --> 00:30:28,350
[LAUGHS]

725
00:30:28,350 --> 00:30:30,510
Does she have a nickname?

726
00:30:30,510 --> 00:30:31,950
No, she doesn't.

727
00:30:31,950 --> 00:30:33,930
So she's Gertraud?

728
00:30:33,930 --> 00:30:34,630
Traute.

729
00:30:34,630 --> 00:30:35,130
Traute.

730
00:30:35,130 --> 00:30:36,550
Traute.

731
00:30:36,550 --> 00:30:38,550
Traute Marguerite Hildegard.

732
00:30:38,550 --> 00:30:43,900
She is after her godmothers.

733
00:30:43,900 --> 00:30:45,970
And I am the grandmothers.

734
00:30:45,970 --> 00:30:49,660
And she has her middle
names with godmothers.

735
00:30:49,660 --> 00:30:51,550
Would this be on
your mother's side?

736
00:30:51,550 --> 00:30:52,670
On my mother's side.

737
00:30:52,670 --> 00:30:56,200
So all of your middle names--
were you baptized, by the way?

738
00:30:56,200 --> 00:30:56,860
Yes.

739
00:30:56,860 --> 00:30:58,270
OK.

740
00:30:58,270 --> 00:30:59,470
And your sister, as well?

741
00:30:59,470 --> 00:31:01,150
Also yeah.

742
00:31:01,150 --> 00:31:07,300
As you were growing up, did
you practice a religion,

743
00:31:07,300 --> 00:31:08,850
or were your parents secular?

744
00:31:08,850 --> 00:31:11,450

745
00:31:11,450 --> 00:31:14,960
Well, I was confirmed.

746
00:31:14,960 --> 00:31:16,080
You know confirmation?

747
00:31:16,080 --> 00:31:16,580

Sure.

748
00:31:16,580 --> 00:31:20,180
Because the Lutheran,
they do it with 14 years.

749
00:31:20,180 --> 00:31:23,150
I had two years with my pastor.

750
00:31:23,150 --> 00:31:24,290
[LAUGHS]

751
00:31:24,290 --> 00:31:25,650
OK.

752
00:31:25,650 --> 00:31:27,160
So you did go to ch--

753
00:31:27,160 --> 00:31:28,010
Yes, we did.

754
00:31:28,010 --> 00:31:30,540
Not so frequently.

755
00:31:30,540 --> 00:31:38,000
But we practiced in a way
the Christian religion.

756
00:31:38,000 --> 00:31:41,930
So here's a question--

757
00:31:41,930 --> 00:31:45,800
when you were born
in 1921, your father

758
00:31:45,800 --> 00:31:47,730
was already 40 years old.

759
00:31:47,730 --> 00:31:48,230
Yes.

760

00:31:48,230 --> 00:31:51,425
That's kind of old in those
times to start having a family.

761
00:31:51,425 --> 00:31:53,330
It was, yes.

762
00:31:53,330 --> 00:31:57,010
How does one explain that?

763
00:31:57,010 --> 00:31:59,060
Was he a bachelor
for a long time?

764
00:31:59,060 --> 00:32:01,660
Yes, obviously.

765
00:32:01,660 --> 00:32:05,440
And I don't know what
made him then marry.

766
00:32:05,440 --> 00:32:07,470
I really couldn't tell.

767
00:32:07,470 --> 00:32:10,640
All right, what kind of
personality did he have?

768
00:32:10,640 --> 00:32:11,140
Pardon me?

769
00:32:11,140 --> 00:32:13,210
What kind of personality
did your father have?

770
00:32:13,210 --> 00:32:16,570
He was a very,
very calm and nice.

771
00:32:16,570 --> 00:32:19,270
And he never complained.

772

00:32:19,270 --> 00:32:22,040

773

00:32:22,040 --> 00:32:24,570

Was he an outgoing person?

774

00:32:24,570 --> 00:32:25,070

No.

775

00:32:25,070 --> 00:32:25,570

Or reserved?

776

00:32:25,570 --> 00:32:31,940

I would say he could sit in his corner reading and the world

777

00:32:31,940 --> 00:32:34,140

around him forgotten.

778

00:32:34,140 --> 00:32:36,690

It was a good thing in a certain way.

779

00:32:36,690 --> 00:32:37,700

Yeah.

780

00:32:37,700 --> 00:32:40,490

And your mother, what kind of a personality did she have?

781

00:32:40,490 --> 00:32:41,840

Oh, she had friends.

782

00:32:41,840 --> 00:32:48,710

And she had a ein Kraenzchen with girls.

783

00:32:48,710 --> 00:32:49,730

What's a Kraenzchen?

784

00:32:49,730 --> 00:32:50,813

I don't know what that is.

785
00:32:50,813 --> 00:32:54,980
That is when some
of her friends,

786
00:32:54,980 --> 00:32:58,250
girlfriends-- they were
all married already,

787
00:32:58,250 --> 00:32:59,840
but they always came together.

788
00:32:59,840 --> 00:33:04,340
And they called this Kraenzchen.

789
00:33:04,340 --> 00:33:07,910
And they had coffee in
one house of one girl

790
00:33:07,910 --> 00:33:10,760
or coffee in the other one.

791
00:33:10,760 --> 00:33:12,380
So it was a circle of friends--

792
00:33:12,380 --> 00:33:12,920
Yes.

793
00:33:12,920 --> 00:33:13,670
--who would meet.

794
00:33:13,670 --> 00:33:16,170
[LAUGHS]

795
00:33:16,170 --> 00:33:16,670

796
00:33:16,670 --> 00:33:19,970
Describe for me the house
that you grew up in.

797

00:33:19,970 --> 00:33:22,400
Was it an apartment or a house?

798
00:33:22,400 --> 00:33:24,050
That was an apartment.

799
00:33:24,050 --> 00:33:29,270
In the city, in big cities,
you didn't have private houses.

800
00:33:29,270 --> 00:33:34,820
But we had big apartments
before Hitler with eight rooms.

801
00:33:34,820 --> 00:33:35,510
Oh, wow.

802
00:33:35,510 --> 00:33:36,530
[LAUGHS]

803
00:33:36,530 --> 00:33:39,110
All right, so we're in
the 1920s, before Hitler.

804
00:33:39,110 --> 00:33:40,770
Tell me what it was like?

805
00:33:40,770 --> 00:33:43,387
Tell me what the
house looked like.

806
00:33:43,387 --> 00:33:44,470
The apartment looked like?

807
00:33:44,470 --> 00:33:44,970
The house.

808
00:33:44,970 --> 00:33:46,280
Yeah, the apartment.

809
00:33:46,280 --> 00:33:48,230
We had our play rooms.

810
00:33:48,230 --> 00:33:55,100
We had for the maid an extra
entrance with her own room

811
00:33:55,100 --> 00:33:57,500
and her own linen--

812
00:33:57,500 --> 00:33:58,020
Wow.

813
00:33:58,020 --> 00:33:58,790
--bed linen.

814
00:33:58,790 --> 00:34:04,130
[LAUGHS] And my
father had his room--

815
00:34:04,130 --> 00:34:06,200
a Herrenzimmer.

816
00:34:06,200 --> 00:34:07,970
So like a study?

817
00:34:07,970 --> 00:34:10,550
No, where he had--

818
00:34:10,550 --> 00:34:17,840
when he met his friends or
his people who he worked with,

819
00:34:17,840 --> 00:34:20,489
he had his own room.

820
00:34:20,489 --> 00:34:22,850
So your mother had one room
to entertain her friends,

821
00:34:22,850 --> 00:34:23,855
and your father had another?

822

00:34:23,855 --> 00:34:25,313

Yes, and my father
had another one.

823

00:34:25,313 --> 00:34:26,780

Ooh.

824

00:34:26,780 --> 00:34:28,969

And we had a formal dining room.

825

00:34:28,969 --> 00:34:31,909

And we had a dining
room for every day.

826

00:34:31,909 --> 00:34:33,380

Oh jeez, that's a lot.

827

00:34:33,380 --> 00:34:34,520

[LAUGHS] Yes.

828

00:34:34,520 --> 00:34:35,360

That's an awful lot.

829

00:34:35,360 --> 00:34:38,330

And my mother had a sewing room.

830

00:34:38,330 --> 00:34:40,969

You could get lost
in that place.

831

00:34:40,969 --> 00:34:46,190

One of these apartments
had a 20-meter corridor,

832

00:34:46,190 --> 00:34:47,969

from one side to the other.

833

00:34:47,969 --> 00:34:52,250

And I remember we had
some tricycles and that--

834

00:34:52,250 --> 00:34:53,739

You were driving up and down.

835
00:34:53,739 --> 00:34:54,239
Yeah.

836
00:34:54,239 --> 00:34:56,360
[LAUGHS]

837
00:34:56,360 --> 00:34:59,990
Was the apartment in
the center of town?

838
00:34:59,990 --> 00:35:00,680
Yes.

839
00:35:00,680 --> 00:35:02,390
Do you remember the address?

840
00:35:02,390 --> 00:35:04,760
One was Hohenzollernplatz.

841
00:35:04,760 --> 00:35:06,170
Hohenzollernplatz.

842
00:35:06,170 --> 00:35:06,670
OK.

843
00:35:06,670 --> 00:35:09,530
And the other one
Kaiser-Wilhelm-Strasse.

844
00:35:09,530 --> 00:35:10,100
OK.

845
00:35:10,100 --> 00:35:12,410
Well, they certainly
speak to German history.

846
00:35:12,410 --> 00:35:13,700
[LAUGHTER]

847

00:35:13,700 --> 00:35:15,770
Both of those names.

848
00:35:15,770 --> 00:35:17,510
Do you remember the
addresses by numbers?

849
00:35:17,510 --> 00:35:20,160

850
00:35:20,160 --> 00:35:22,170
This I would have to look up.

851
00:35:22,170 --> 00:35:22,860
That's OK.

852
00:35:22,860 --> 00:35:24,195
That's OK.

853
00:35:24,195 --> 00:35:26,100
I don't remember anymore.

854
00:35:26,100 --> 00:35:27,300
That's OK.

855
00:35:27,300 --> 00:35:29,960
Did you have telephones?

856
00:35:29,960 --> 00:35:35,300
Yes, we do because my
father worked in a company.

857
00:35:35,300 --> 00:35:37,150
It was AEG.

858
00:35:37,150 --> 00:35:38,100
AEG.

859
00:35:38,100 --> 00:35:38,600
OK.

860

00:35:38,600 --> 00:35:40,100
That's still quite
a big company.

861
00:35:40,100 --> 00:35:40,880
Yes.

862
00:35:40,880 --> 00:35:41,760
AEG.

863
00:35:41,760 --> 00:35:43,700
Yeah.

864
00:35:43,700 --> 00:35:46,780
We did have very
early a telephone.

865
00:35:46,780 --> 00:35:51,080
And later on, you
had a combination

866
00:35:51,080 --> 00:35:53,430
when everything went down.

867
00:35:53,430 --> 00:35:56,890
You split the line
with somebody else.

868
00:35:56,890 --> 00:35:57,580
Oh, I see.

869
00:35:57,580 --> 00:35:59,860
So it could be two
apartments sharing a phone?

870
00:35:59,860 --> 00:36:03,325
Yes, you shared a telephone.

871
00:36:03,325 --> 00:36:03,825
OK.

872
00:36:03,825 --> 00:36:06,760

873
00:36:06,760 --> 00:36:08,150
You shared a line.

874
00:36:08,150 --> 00:36:08,960
A line, yes.

875
00:36:08,960 --> 00:36:11,510
Because each person could
have their own phone, yes?

876
00:36:11,510 --> 00:36:12,010
Yes.

877
00:36:12,010 --> 00:36:13,780
Yes, but you shared a line.

878
00:36:13,780 --> 00:36:18,670
And sometimes when it rung--

879
00:36:18,670 --> 00:36:19,570
excuse me.

880
00:36:19,570 --> 00:36:22,090
That's what I remember.

881
00:36:22,090 --> 00:36:26,010
When it rung, it was
not necessarily for us.

882
00:36:26,010 --> 00:36:27,360
But this was later on.

883
00:36:27,360 --> 00:36:28,230
This is later on.

884
00:36:28,230 --> 00:36:32,550
In the very beginning, in the
'20s, beginning of '20s, before

885

00:36:32,550 --> 00:36:33,210
Hitler--

886
00:36:33,210 --> 00:36:33,890
Before Hitler.

887
00:36:33,890 --> 00:36:35,890
--we had our own telephones.

888
00:36:35,890 --> 00:36:37,380
OK.

889
00:36:37,380 --> 00:36:39,300
How was your apartment heated?

890
00:36:39,300 --> 00:36:42,180
Or it sounds like you lived
in several apartments,

891
00:36:42,180 --> 00:36:44,550
but I'm talking the big one.

892
00:36:44,550 --> 00:36:45,542
Was it coal ovens?

893
00:36:45,542 --> 00:36:46,500
Was it some other kind?

894
00:36:46,500 --> 00:36:51,660
They had central-- you know,
what they called central that

895
00:36:51,660 --> 00:36:59,100
was from the basement with hot
steam up under the windows,

896
00:36:59,100 --> 00:36:59,940
these--

897
00:36:59,940 --> 00:37:01,560
Radiators.

898
00:37:01,560 --> 00:37:02,870
Radiators.

899
00:37:02,870 --> 00:37:04,740
OK.

900
00:37:04,740 --> 00:37:06,540
I mean, I ask these questions--

901
00:37:06,540 --> 00:37:10,290
And some of these
apartments, I think,

902
00:37:10,290 --> 00:37:16,530
had these big nice stoves,
where you could sit

903
00:37:16,530 --> 00:37:21,360
and that had a little
hole where you could do--

904
00:37:21,360 --> 00:37:24,000

905
00:37:24,000 --> 00:37:27,000
You put in coal or you
put in wood to burn.

906
00:37:27,000 --> 00:37:30,570
That was coal or briquettes.

907
00:37:30,570 --> 00:37:33,130
I think in German it's called
Kachelofen or something

908
00:37:33,130 --> 00:37:33,630
like that.

909
00:37:33,630 --> 00:37:34,980
Yes.

910

00:37:34,980 --> 00:37:38,500
Our kitchen had a [GERMAN].

911
00:37:38,500 --> 00:37:39,330
What's that?

912
00:37:39,330 --> 00:37:45,870
That was a very
monstrous something big.

913
00:37:45,870 --> 00:37:48,420
I think it was by gas.

914
00:37:48,420 --> 00:37:59,220
And you had one of these
rings but the oven too.

915
00:37:59,220 --> 00:38:04,250
And bake, bakery, or something.

916
00:38:04,250 --> 00:38:10,010
And I remember I had shoes
with these crepe soles.

917
00:38:10,010 --> 00:38:13,090
I don't know if you ever--
this is some kind of a rubber

918
00:38:13,090 --> 00:38:14,020
something.

919
00:38:14,020 --> 00:38:22,420
And the maid we had, to dry
it up, put this in that stove

920
00:38:22,420 --> 00:38:26,252
till we all of a sudden
had a very funny smell.

921
00:38:26,252 --> 00:38:32,200
[LAUGHS] And the soles,
they stuck to the--

922

00:38:32,200 --> 00:38:33,500

What they were sitting on.

923

00:38:33,500 --> 00:38:34,000

Yeah.

924

00:38:34,000 --> 00:38:35,830

[LAUGHS]

925

00:38:35,830 --> 00:38:38,485

Well, that was a maid who didn't know how to dry out shoes.

926

00:38:38,485 --> 00:38:40,380

[LAUGHTER]

927

00:38:40,380 --> 00:38:40,900

928

00:38:40,900 --> 00:38:44,860

Did you have other servants?

929

00:38:44,860 --> 00:38:47,710

Did you have a cook?

930

00:38:47,710 --> 00:38:49,267

We had maids, yes.

931

00:38:49,267 --> 00:38:49,850

You had maids.

932

00:38:49,850 --> 00:38:52,940

A cook, I think my mother liked to cook.

933

00:38:52,940 --> 00:38:55,080

But a maid we had, yes.

934

00:38:55,080 --> 00:38:55,580

OK.

935
00:38:55,580 --> 00:38:57,290
One or more?

936
00:38:57,290 --> 00:38:59,070
It was, as a rule, one.

937
00:38:59,070 --> 00:38:59,720
OK.

938
00:38:59,720 --> 00:39:01,860
Did you have a nanny?

939
00:39:01,860 --> 00:39:02,520
No.

940
00:39:02,520 --> 00:39:03,180
No nanny.

941
00:39:03,180 --> 00:39:03,680
OK.

942
00:39:03,680 --> 00:39:04,410
No nanny.

943
00:39:04,410 --> 00:39:06,285
So it was your
mother who watched--

944
00:39:06,285 --> 00:39:07,950
My mother, yeah.

945
00:39:07,950 --> 00:39:11,630
After she got married, was
she still a Stopselmaus?

946
00:39:11,630 --> 00:39:12,340
No.

947
00:39:12,340 --> 00:39:12,840
OK.

948

00:39:12,840 --> 00:39:15,300

[LAUGHTER]

949

00:39:15,300 --> 00:39:16,740

950

00:39:16,740 --> 00:39:23,230

And were your parents social?

951

00:39:23,230 --> 00:39:25,660

In the sense that you say
your mother would have friends

952

00:39:25,660 --> 00:39:27,280

and they'd have
coffee here, there.

953

00:39:27,280 --> 00:39:28,020

Yes.

954

00:39:28,020 --> 00:39:28,810

Yes.

955

00:39:28,810 --> 00:39:33,430

And it was more that my
mother had social connections.

956

00:39:33,430 --> 00:39:38,740

My father-- because he
wasn't from Breslau.

957

00:39:38,740 --> 00:39:43,570

And if he met people
from his profession,

958

00:39:43,570 --> 00:39:46,960

that was obviously business.

959

00:39:46,960 --> 00:39:48,970

Because he had his own room.

960

00:39:48,970 --> 00:39:53,740
And I remember the corner
had some kind of where

961
00:39:53,740 --> 00:40:00,910
the wine bottles were stored
and the glasses were hung up.

962
00:40:00,910 --> 00:40:02,170
And so that's where he would--

963
00:40:02,170 --> 00:40:06,070
And his desk had a
safe on one side.

964
00:40:06,070 --> 00:40:11,770
And I remember whenever
we moved they lifted this,

965
00:40:11,770 --> 00:40:13,960
and one side was
always so heavy.

966
00:40:13,960 --> 00:40:16,260
And they didn't know
what's the matter.

967
00:40:16,260 --> 00:40:20,440
What do you have on this
one side of the desk?

968
00:40:20,440 --> 00:40:22,030
So it was a hidden safe?

969
00:40:22,030 --> 00:40:24,400
It was a built-in safe.

970
00:40:24,400 --> 00:40:27,310
OK.

971
00:40:27,310 --> 00:40:28,670
Did you move a lot?

972

00:40:28,670 --> 00:40:34,330

Yes because later on
when my father didn't

973

00:40:34,330 --> 00:40:35,890

have his business--

974

00:40:35,890 --> 00:40:37,720

OK, that's after '33.

975

00:40:37,720 --> 00:40:40,150

I'm talking before 1933.

976

00:40:40,150 --> 00:40:42,500

Did you live in one place,
or did you live in several?

977

00:40:42,500 --> 00:40:43,600

No.

978

00:40:43,600 --> 00:40:45,285

I think we moved twice.

979

00:40:45,285 --> 00:40:48,700

I don't know why we moved
from Hohenzollernstrasse

980

00:40:48,700 --> 00:40:50,350

to Kaiser-Wilhelm-Strasse.

981

00:40:50,350 --> 00:40:51,510

This I couldn't tell you.

982

00:40:51,510 --> 00:40:52,010

OK.

983

00:40:52,010 --> 00:40:55,870

984

00:40:55,870 --> 00:40:58,690

And you were born in

Hohenzollernstrasse?

985
00:40:58,690 --> 00:41:02,460
Was that the one that
was your first home?

986
00:41:02,460 --> 00:41:04,090
That's what I remember.

987
00:41:04,090 --> 00:41:06,880
And I remember
something very nice

988
00:41:06,880 --> 00:41:11,680
on this Hohenzollernstrasse,
that had a gate.

989
00:41:11,680 --> 00:41:13,780
At the entrance door had a gate.

990
00:41:13,780 --> 00:41:18,580
When you closed it, that
was from inside the gate,

991
00:41:18,580 --> 00:41:19,600
that nobody--

992
00:41:19,600 --> 00:41:22,630
it was a burglarproof,
you can say.

993
00:41:22,630 --> 00:41:28,060
And it must have been that
my mother lost the key

994
00:41:28,060 --> 00:41:30,640
or forgot the key
or I don't know.

995
00:41:30,640 --> 00:41:33,220
We had to call the
fire department

996

00:41:33,220 --> 00:41:37,000

to come and break in
the second floor--

997

00:41:37,000 --> 00:41:38,860

it was the first floor--

998

00:41:38,860 --> 00:41:42,950

because she couldn't
get the entrance.

999

00:41:42,950 --> 00:41:49,870

And they had to break in and
open this gate from the inside.

1000

00:41:49,870 --> 00:41:55,480

So describe for me what the
apartment building looked like.

1001

00:41:55,480 --> 00:41:57,130

First of all, how
many floors was it?

1002

00:41:57,130 --> 00:41:59,140

How many stories?

1003

00:41:59,140 --> 00:42:01,750

These were big houses.

1004

00:42:01,750 --> 00:42:05,650

And we lived on the second.

1005

00:42:05,650 --> 00:42:08,410

Here you would call
it the second floor.

1006

00:42:08,410 --> 00:42:11,410

But it was actually
the first floor,

1007

00:42:11,410 --> 00:42:13,210

because down there didn't count.

1008
00:42:13,210 --> 00:42:13,720
Exactly.

1009
00:42:13,720 --> 00:42:17,470
So in the European, or
at least in Germany,

1010
00:42:17,470 --> 00:42:18,970
the first floor is
the ground floor.

1011
00:42:18,970 --> 00:42:19,470
Yeah.

1012
00:42:19,470 --> 00:42:23,620
And then the first above
it is the first floor.

1013
00:42:23,620 --> 00:42:25,450
But for us in the
United States, we'd

1014
00:42:25,450 --> 00:42:27,400
call that the second floor.

1015
00:42:27,400 --> 00:42:28,840
Correct, yes.

1016
00:42:28,840 --> 00:42:31,360
Was there an elevator
in that building?

1017
00:42:31,360 --> 00:42:35,260

1018
00:42:35,260 --> 00:42:36,410
I don't think so.

1019
00:42:36,410 --> 00:42:36,910
OK.

1020
00:42:36,910 --> 00:42:38,470
So you had a staircase?

1021
00:42:38,470 --> 00:42:39,730
We had a staircase.

1022
00:42:39,730 --> 00:42:45,370
And we had a staircase, as I
told you, for the maid too.

1023
00:42:45,370 --> 00:42:46,600
So a separate one.

1024
00:42:46,600 --> 00:42:48,790
A separate one from--

1025
00:42:48,790 --> 00:42:49,880
The other side.

1026
00:42:49,880 --> 00:42:50,500
From behind.

1027
00:42:50,500 --> 00:42:51,230
From the side.

1028
00:42:51,230 --> 00:42:52,450
OK.

1029
00:42:52,450 --> 00:42:55,060
And did you have a
balcony in that apartment?

1030
00:42:55,060 --> 00:42:57,845
Yes.

1031
00:42:57,845 --> 00:43:01,920
We always had a
balcony with geraniums.

1032
00:43:01,920 --> 00:43:03,370
[LAUGHS]

1033
00:43:03,370 --> 00:43:04,840
And what did it look out on?

1034
00:43:04,840 --> 00:43:08,520

1035
00:43:08,520 --> 00:43:09,360
Was it a park?

1036
00:43:09,360 --> 00:43:11,190
Was it a street?

1037
00:43:11,190 --> 00:43:13,470
This was a big street.

1038
00:43:13,470 --> 00:43:15,660
And the middle of the street--

1039
00:43:15,660 --> 00:43:19,680
it was on both sides
you had riding passes,

1040
00:43:19,680 --> 00:43:24,000
because at that time, people who
had the means had their horses

1041
00:43:24,000 --> 00:43:25,170
and rode.

1042
00:43:25,170 --> 00:43:31,440
And it was the middle
where you could walk.

1043
00:43:31,440 --> 00:43:34,380
And on both sides
there were riding

1044
00:43:34,380 --> 00:43:39,760
passes, where you had your
horses and for the cars

1045
00:43:39,760 --> 00:43:41,010
on both sides.

1046
00:43:41,010 --> 00:43:43,930
It was one way one
and one way the other.

1047
00:43:43,930 --> 00:43:46,770
So if I understand
this properly,

1048
00:43:46,770 --> 00:43:49,230
the cars would go
on the outside.

1049
00:43:49,230 --> 00:43:50,550
On the outside.

1050
00:43:50,550 --> 00:43:54,030
And one from this side,
and one from this side.

1051
00:43:54,030 --> 00:44:01,410
And the middle was big,
big where we walked.

1052
00:44:01,410 --> 00:44:05,070
You had your baby
carriage or whatever.

1053
00:44:05,070 --> 00:44:11,040
And on both sides still,
they had riding passes.

1054
00:44:11,040 --> 00:44:14,550
So riding passes means the
places where horses could go.

1055
00:44:14,550 --> 00:44:18,000
Because people who had
the means and lived

1056

00:44:18,000 --> 00:44:21,390
a little outside
had their horses.

1057
00:44:21,390 --> 00:44:23,220
And when you say
passes, they didn't

1058
00:44:23,220 --> 00:44:26,040
have to get a pass to be
able to ride there, did they?

1059
00:44:26,040 --> 00:44:26,540
No.

1060
00:44:26,540 --> 00:44:27,040
No.

1061
00:44:27,040 --> 00:44:28,540
It just meant that
this was the way.

1062
00:44:28,540 --> 00:44:29,457
That was the way, yes.

1063
00:44:29,457 --> 00:44:30,960
This is the way
that they could go.

1064
00:44:30,960 --> 00:44:35,250
And was that close to
the pedestrian area where

1065
00:44:35,250 --> 00:44:35,750
the people--

1066
00:44:35,750 --> 00:44:37,580
No, that was the middle.

1067
00:44:37,580 --> 00:44:40,900
The pedestrian was
where the cars went.

1068

00:44:40,900 --> 00:44:41,400

No, no, no.

1069

00:44:41,400 --> 00:44:43,290

Pedestrian is where
the people walk.

1070

00:44:43,290 --> 00:44:43,790

Yeah.

1071

00:44:43,790 --> 00:44:44,290

OK.

1072

00:44:44,290 --> 00:44:49,890

And then so the horses would be
near where the people walked?

1073

00:44:49,890 --> 00:44:50,970

Is that so?

1074

00:44:50,970 --> 00:44:52,070

No.

1075

00:44:52,070 --> 00:44:54,780

There was a road for
the cars in between.

1076

00:44:54,780 --> 00:44:58,950

That was here you
had the sidewalk.

1077

00:44:58,950 --> 00:45:01,100

Then you had where
the cars went.

1078

00:45:01,100 --> 00:45:04,980

And then you came where
is the riding passes.

1079

00:45:04,980 --> 00:45:07,610

In the middle, where
you still can walk.

1080
00:45:07,610 --> 00:45:09,360
And then the same thing
on the other side?

1081
00:45:09,360 --> 00:45:10,240
On the other side.

1082
00:45:10,240 --> 00:45:11,160
OK.

1083
00:45:11,160 --> 00:45:11,860
How interesting.

1084
00:45:11,860 --> 00:45:13,590
It must have been wide streets.

1085
00:45:13,590 --> 00:45:16,930
These were-- not all
of them were that way.

1086
00:45:16,930 --> 00:45:19,590
But these two--

1087
00:45:19,590 --> 00:45:23,080
Kaiser-Wilhelm-Strasse
und Hohenzollernstrasse--

1088
00:45:23,080 --> 00:45:29,530
were these wide, where
you had of these better

1089
00:45:29,530 --> 00:45:32,530
apartments or big apartments.

1090
00:45:32,530 --> 00:45:37,840
And were there a lot
of cars in Breslau?

1091
00:45:37,840 --> 00:45:38,980
I think so.

1092
00:45:38,980 --> 00:45:39,790
OK.

1093
00:45:39,790 --> 00:45:44,020
So were there more
cars than horses?

1094
00:45:44,020 --> 00:45:44,640
Yes.

1095
00:45:44,640 --> 00:45:46,530
Yes.

1096
00:45:46,530 --> 00:45:49,590
We had an old Mercedes.

1097
00:45:49,590 --> 00:45:51,160
You owned a car?

1098
00:45:51,160 --> 00:45:51,660
Yes.

1099
00:45:51,660 --> 00:45:53,730
And my father didn't
drive, funny enough.

1100
00:45:53,730 --> 00:45:55,380
We had a chauffeur.

1101
00:45:55,380 --> 00:45:56,610
Oh my goodness.

1102
00:45:56,610 --> 00:45:58,820
I don't know why
he didn't drive.

1103
00:45:58,820 --> 00:46:00,630
[LAUGHS]

1104
00:46:00,630 --> 00:46:04,432
And did you take

vacations with this car?

1105
00:46:04,432 --> 00:46:05,890
Did you have outings
with this car?

1106
00:46:05,890 --> 00:46:09,120
Yes, we went to the seashore.

1107
00:46:09,120 --> 00:46:11,190
And we went to the mountains.

1108
00:46:11,190 --> 00:46:14,360
And later on, our chauffeur
was better off [LAUGHS]

1109
00:46:14,360 --> 00:46:15,900
than we were.

1110
00:46:15,900 --> 00:46:17,430
Oh my goodness.

1111
00:46:17,430 --> 00:46:21,900
Because when this all
fell down, my father

1112
00:46:21,900 --> 00:46:28,500
saw to it that he got a good
job in Berlin with Siemens.

1113
00:46:28,500 --> 00:46:29,430
Oh, wow.

1114
00:46:29,430 --> 00:46:32,965
Another very strong company--

1115
00:46:32,965 --> 00:46:33,465
Siemens.

1116
00:46:33,465 --> 00:46:36,180

1117
00:46:36,180 --> 00:46:39,250
I remember Klini--

1118
00:46:39,250 --> 00:46:40,420
Klinisch.

1119
00:46:40,420 --> 00:46:41,350
Klinisch?

1120
00:46:41,350 --> 00:46:42,250
Klinisch.

1121
00:46:42,250 --> 00:46:44,560
I think it was his last name.

1122
00:46:44,560 --> 00:46:46,810
But this is all I remember.

1123
00:46:46,810 --> 00:46:49,510
Klinisch, he drove us there.

1124
00:46:49,510 --> 00:46:53,360
And I remember he picked
me up from school.

1125
00:46:53,360 --> 00:46:58,720
And one day he had a flat
or something and was late.

1126
00:46:58,720 --> 00:47:04,110
And I had frostbitten two toes.

1127
00:47:04,110 --> 00:47:05,500
He was really late.

1128
00:47:05,500 --> 00:47:06,420
Yeah, he was.

1129
00:47:06,420 --> 00:47:06,920
He was.

1130
00:47:06,920 --> 00:47:08,580
He was really late.

1131
00:47:08,580 --> 00:47:10,500
So he had a flat tire?

1132
00:47:10,500 --> 00:47:12,360
I don't know what.

1133
00:47:12,360 --> 00:47:16,100
Something with the car
that he didn't pick me up.

1134
00:47:16,100 --> 00:47:19,010
And at that time, you know, you
didn't have your telephones.

1135
00:47:19,010 --> 00:47:22,180

1136
00:47:22,180 --> 00:47:28,420
And in the 1920s, that's when
you started going to school?

1137
00:47:28,420 --> 00:47:28,950
Yeah.

1138
00:47:28,950 --> 00:47:30,890
How old were you?

1139
00:47:30,890 --> 00:47:33,060
That was a very,
very nice school.

1140
00:47:33,060 --> 00:47:36,870
It was Ilming Lyceum.

1141
00:47:36,870 --> 00:47:39,360
Ilming mit Lyceum?

1142
00:47:39,360 --> 00:47:42,300

Ilming Lyceum.

1143
00:47:42,300 --> 00:47:43,570
Ilmen Lyceum?

1144
00:47:43,570 --> 00:47:44,070
Yeah.

1145
00:47:44,070 --> 00:47:45,070
OK.

1146
00:47:45,070 --> 00:47:46,530
And was this a private school?

1147
00:47:46,530 --> 00:47:47,910
Yes.

1148
00:47:47,910 --> 00:47:49,380
Tell me about it.

1149
00:47:49,380 --> 00:47:50,250
What was it like?

1150
00:47:50,250 --> 00:47:51,340
What did you study?

1151
00:47:51,340 --> 00:47:52,650
What did you learn?

1152
00:47:52,650 --> 00:47:55,650
I just know that our
school was always better.

1153
00:47:55,650 --> 00:47:57,990
[LAUGHS]

1154
00:47:57,990 --> 00:48:00,590
Did you have to wear uniforms?

1155
00:48:00,590 --> 00:48:01,140
No.

1156
00:48:01,140 --> 00:48:01,640
No.

1157
00:48:01,640 --> 00:48:04,550

1158
00:48:04,550 --> 00:48:09,750
And I was just in a girls'
school, because at that time,

1159
00:48:09,750 --> 00:48:12,350
it was still not--

1160
00:48:12,350 --> 00:48:14,315
It was separate?

1161
00:48:14,315 --> 00:48:19,210
I really don't know that
they have mixed schools.

1162
00:48:19,210 --> 00:48:19,710
OK.

1163
00:48:19,710 --> 00:48:21,170
Boys and girls together?

1164
00:48:21,170 --> 00:48:24,710
It might have been
because my poor sister.

1165
00:48:24,710 --> 00:48:28,910
Because of these
economic downfalls,

1166
00:48:28,910 --> 00:48:31,480
she couldn't attend a
private school anymore

1167
00:48:31,480 --> 00:48:34,070
and went to a public school.

1168
00:48:34,070 --> 00:48:35,300
But I really don't know.

1169
00:48:35,300 --> 00:48:39,180
I never went, because
when all this happened,

1170
00:48:39,180 --> 00:48:41,030
I was already 15.

1171
00:48:41,030 --> 00:48:45,050
And that was the end
of public school.

1172
00:48:45,050 --> 00:48:48,290
They only went to the age of 14.

1173
00:48:48,290 --> 00:48:48,950
OK.

1174
00:48:48,950 --> 00:48:52,160
So when you were 15,
that's already 1936.

1175
00:48:52,160 --> 00:48:53,420
Yeah.

1176
00:48:53,420 --> 00:48:56,670
Let's talk still before 1933.

1177
00:48:56,670 --> 00:49:02,030
So up until the time
you are 12 years old,

1178
00:49:02,030 --> 00:49:04,910
you have a life
that is worry free.

1179
00:49:04,910 --> 00:49:05,960
Is that correct?

1180

00:49:05,960 --> 00:49:06,480

Yes.

1181

00:49:06,480 --> 00:49:07,100

All right.

1182

00:49:07,100 --> 00:49:09,560

And you go to this Lyzeum.

1183

00:49:09,560 --> 00:49:14,370

And how old were you
when you started school?

1184

00:49:14,370 --> 00:49:18,680

I think we start with six years.

1185

00:49:18,680 --> 00:49:22,640

I don't remember that we had
kindergarten as they have it

1186

00:49:22,640 --> 00:49:24,560

here.

1187

00:49:24,560 --> 00:49:28,640

Maybe, at that time, it wasn't,
in Europe, not customary.

1188

00:49:28,640 --> 00:49:30,410

OK.

1189

00:49:30,410 --> 00:49:34,070

When you went to
school as a child,

1190

00:49:34,070 --> 00:49:36,950

do you have memories of
either walking there,

1191

00:49:36,950 --> 00:49:40,290

or were you always
driven by the chauffeur?

1192

00:49:40,290 --> 00:49:45,020
Well, my first few years,
we had a chauffeur, [LAUGHS]

1193
00:49:45,020 --> 00:49:48,320
who brought me to school.

1194
00:49:48,320 --> 00:49:52,730
And later on, we
walked to school.

1195
00:49:52,730 --> 00:49:55,510
Was it far from your home?

1196
00:49:55,510 --> 00:49:58,630
Obviously not so far,
that you could walk.

1197
00:49:58,630 --> 00:50:02,860
Do you remember the building,
what it looked like?

1198
00:50:02,860 --> 00:50:05,260
Wait a minute.

1199
00:50:05,260 --> 00:50:08,320
What was the school?

1200
00:50:08,320 --> 00:50:09,870
I'll get to it.

1201
00:50:09,870 --> 00:50:12,040
OK.

1202
00:50:12,040 --> 00:50:16,030
That school had a high
school on a higher level

1203
00:50:16,030 --> 00:50:19,600
and under middle level.

1204
00:50:19,600 --> 00:50:20,200

OK.

1205

00:50:20,200 --> 00:50:21,117

So it had a Gymnasium?

1206

00:50:21,117 --> 00:50:24,670

It was still better than
public schools, but not as much

1207

00:50:24,670 --> 00:50:29,620

as high schools,
because they charged.

1208

00:50:29,620 --> 00:50:37,230

And money was not easily
available anymore.

1209

00:50:37,230 --> 00:50:38,790

Yeah, after '33?

1210

00:50:38,790 --> 00:50:40,500

Yes.

1211

00:50:40,500 --> 00:50:45,160

But also, for many people in the
1920s, it was a very hard time.

1212

00:50:45,160 --> 00:50:49,020

And yet your family, you told
me, was well-to-do-- not only

1213

00:50:49,020 --> 00:50:50,715

your grandfathers
but your father.

1214

00:50:50,715 --> 00:50:55,620

1215

00:50:55,620 --> 00:51:00,370

He had his business for
telephone and telecommunication

1216

00:51:00,370 --> 00:51:03,570
and worked together with--

1217
00:51:03,570 --> 00:51:06,870
at first, it was Mix
and Genest, where they

1218
00:51:06,870 --> 00:51:09,633
said "Mist" und "Geht Nicht".

1219
00:51:09,633 --> 00:51:14,020
[LAUGHS] And later
on, with Siemens.

1220
00:51:14,020 --> 00:51:15,090
OK.

1221
00:51:15,090 --> 00:51:17,920
So he had his own company.

1222
00:51:17,920 --> 00:51:18,420
Yes.

1223
00:51:18,420 --> 00:51:21,340
But was he the only
person in that company?

1224
00:51:21,340 --> 00:51:23,250
He was the owner of it.

1225
00:51:23,250 --> 00:51:23,790
OK.

1226
00:51:23,790 --> 00:51:26,070
Did he have anybody
who worked for him?

1227
00:51:26,070 --> 00:51:27,990
I guess so.

1228
00:51:27,990 --> 00:51:29,480
Did he have an office?

1229
00:51:29,480 --> 00:51:30,300
Yes.

1230
00:51:30,300 --> 00:51:32,310
Outside of the apartment?

1231
00:51:32,310 --> 00:51:33,210
Yes.

1232
00:51:33,210 --> 00:51:39,720
And I remember that was
'23, when my mother said

1233
00:51:39,720 --> 00:51:42,870
he sent baskets of money.

1234
00:51:42,870 --> 00:51:46,110
Buy something because
a few hours later you

1235
00:51:46,110 --> 00:51:50,430
couldn't get a matchbox for it.

1236
00:51:50,430 --> 00:51:52,750
So it was during
that huge inflation?

1237
00:51:52,750 --> 00:51:53,520
Yes.

1238
00:51:53,520 --> 00:51:55,770
So he would send money
home to your mother

1239
00:51:55,770 --> 00:51:57,660
and tell her buy something.

1240
00:51:57,660 --> 00:52:05,420
Buy whatever you can still
for that basket of money.

1241
00:52:05,420 --> 00:52:10,380
Did your father belong to a
Jewish community in Breslau?

1242
00:52:10,380 --> 00:52:10,885
No.

1243
00:52:10,885 --> 00:52:11,385
OK.

1244
00:52:11,385 --> 00:52:14,670

1245
00:52:14,670 --> 00:52:19,170
Did they have common friends,
your mother and your father?

1246
00:52:19,170 --> 00:52:21,600
More my mother's friends.

1247
00:52:21,600 --> 00:52:24,690
So they became his friends?

1248
00:52:24,690 --> 00:52:30,030
I don't think so, because
with this woman [GERMAN]..

1249
00:52:30,030 --> 00:52:31,740
So he would have
nothing to do with that?

1250
00:52:31,740 --> 00:52:32,070
[LAUGHS] No.

1251
00:52:32,070 --> 00:52:33,090
He would nothing
to do with that.

1252
00:52:33,090 --> 00:52:33,750
OK.

1253

00:52:33,750 --> 00:52:37,500
So it wasn't like they
had a joint social life?

1254
00:52:37,500 --> 00:52:39,300
No, not in this way.

1255
00:52:39,300 --> 00:52:40,470
OK.

1256
00:52:40,470 --> 00:52:41,920
Did they get along?

1257
00:52:41,920 --> 00:52:42,420
Pardon me?

1258
00:52:42,420 --> 00:52:44,000
Did they get along,
your parents?

1259
00:52:44,000 --> 00:52:46,660
Yes, I think so.

1260
00:52:46,660 --> 00:52:52,600
My father, he didn't like
any complaints or any--

1261
00:52:52,600 --> 00:52:55,770
he wanted his peace.

1262
00:52:55,770 --> 00:52:56,910
OK.

1263
00:52:56,910 --> 00:53:01,360
And was your mother
somebody who would complain?

1264
00:53:01,360 --> 00:53:03,520
Well, I wouldn't know.

1265
00:53:03,520 --> 00:53:08,170
This was a time

when children were--

1266

00:53:08,170 --> 00:53:12,370

No, I'm not asking about details
of something that was private.

1267

00:53:12,370 --> 00:53:15,610

But in a home, you get a sense
whether it's a happy home

1268

00:53:15,610 --> 00:53:18,550

or whether it's a
closed and sad home.

1269

00:53:18,550 --> 00:53:22,780

No, we had a very open--

1270

00:53:22,780 --> 00:53:24,280

And so they were happy together?

1271

00:53:24,280 --> 00:53:27,010

Yeah, well, my father
had other interests.

1272

00:53:27,010 --> 00:53:32,800

So that was natural, that
my mother had her friends.

1273

00:53:32,800 --> 00:53:33,760

And he had his.

1274

00:53:33,760 --> 00:53:36,940

And he had his.

1275

00:53:36,940 --> 00:53:39,310

Well, one of the
reasons I ask about this

1276

00:53:39,310 --> 00:53:41,290

is because you showed
me a photo which

1277

00:53:41,290 --> 00:53:45,490
we will film later of them
in their engagement party.

1278
00:53:45,490 --> 00:53:48,010
And that is such a
happy photograph.

1279
00:53:48,010 --> 00:53:49,460
That's my mother's family.

1280
00:53:49,460 --> 00:53:52,300

1281
00:53:52,300 --> 00:53:54,250
They were happy-go-lucky.

1282
00:53:54,250 --> 00:53:57,310
First of all, they
were a lot of people.

1283
00:53:57,310 --> 00:54:04,330
And I think they were different
from my father's family.

1284
00:54:04,330 --> 00:54:05,240
OK.

1285
00:54:05,240 --> 00:54:08,790
Were they more accepting of him?

1286
00:54:08,790 --> 00:54:09,700
I guess so.

1287
00:54:09,700 --> 00:54:11,290
OK.

1288
00:54:11,290 --> 00:54:12,040
You didn't know?

1289
00:54:12,040 --> 00:54:13,120
You didn't know.

1290
00:54:13,120 --> 00:54:13,620
OK.

1291
00:54:13,620 --> 00:54:18,570

1292
00:54:18,570 --> 00:54:21,210
Did you ever identify
yourself as Jewish

1293
00:54:21,210 --> 00:54:23,140
when you were growing up?

1294
00:54:23,140 --> 00:54:26,250
We never were because
we were baptized,

1295
00:54:26,250 --> 00:54:29,340
and we were Christian.

1296
00:54:29,340 --> 00:54:32,940
And my father had the idea
that since the mother brings up

1297
00:54:32,940 --> 00:54:37,830
the children, it is
better with her religion.

1298
00:54:37,830 --> 00:54:43,220
Then obviously, he wasn't
the religious type, which

1299
00:54:43,220 --> 00:54:45,740
didn't go well with his mother.

1300
00:54:45,740 --> 00:54:47,270
Yeah.

1301
00:54:47,270 --> 00:54:50,580
With his very religious mother.

1302
00:54:50,580 --> 00:54:53,480
I never knew her,
because as I said,

1303
00:54:53,480 --> 00:54:56,210
she died half a year
before I was born.

1304
00:54:56,210 --> 00:54:58,070
Yeah.

1305
00:54:58,070 --> 00:54:59,785
But she had an influence?

1306
00:54:59,785 --> 00:55:00,660
She had an influence.

1307
00:55:00,660 --> 00:55:03,620
Obviously, she would
have liked her son

1308
00:55:03,620 --> 00:55:05,730
to marry a good Jewish girl.

1309
00:55:05,730 --> 00:55:06,230
Yeah.

1310
00:55:06,230 --> 00:55:11,990

1311
00:55:11,990 --> 00:55:16,280
By the time 1930 rolls
around, you're nine years old.

1312
00:55:16,280 --> 00:55:20,900
1931, you're 10
years old, and so on.

1313
00:55:20,900 --> 00:55:25,280
Do you hear anything of what's
going on in the streets,

1314
00:55:25,280 --> 00:55:27,080
in the society?

1315
00:55:27,080 --> 00:55:29,690
Do you listen to the
radio or anything?

1316
00:55:29,690 --> 00:55:31,340
Actually, no.

1317
00:55:31,340 --> 00:55:37,460
Where I was hit first,
I was in a sport club.

1318
00:55:37,460 --> 00:55:41,540
And I liked sports from school.

1319
00:55:41,540 --> 00:55:45,440
And we had extra sports clubs.

1320
00:55:45,440 --> 00:55:53,000
And when I couldn't attend it
anymore, I said, "Why not?"

1321
00:55:53,000 --> 00:55:59,600
Because I was
Mischling, half Jewish.

1322
00:55:59,600 --> 00:56:05,450
Even so, we never practiced
any Jewish religion at home.

1323
00:56:05,450 --> 00:56:10,520
So that was kind
where I remember

1324
00:56:10,520 --> 00:56:14,040
I wasn't quite sure what
they are talking about.

1325
00:56:14,040 --> 00:56:14,540
Yeah.

1326
00:56:14,540 --> 00:56:16,415
How could you even know
what to make of this?

1327
00:56:16,415 --> 00:56:18,710
So this is the first
time you're exposed.

1328
00:56:18,710 --> 00:56:21,110
Yeah, well, at the
first time, I really

1329
00:56:21,110 --> 00:56:24,260
knew when they threw me
out of the sport club.

1330
00:56:24,260 --> 00:56:26,450
How old were you?

1331
00:56:26,450 --> 00:56:27,350
Because--

1332
00:56:27,350 --> 00:56:28,450
How old were you?

1333
00:56:28,450 --> 00:56:32,370
Oh, I must have been 11
years or something like this.

1334
00:56:32,370 --> 00:56:35,640
So this is even before
Hitler comes to power?

1335
00:56:35,640 --> 00:56:36,380
Wait a minute.

1336
00:56:36,380 --> 00:56:39,890

1337
00:56:39,890 --> 00:56:42,410
No, that was after Hitler.

1338
00:56:42,410 --> 00:56:46,190
Because he comes
to power in 1933.

1339
00:56:46,190 --> 00:56:47,990
And you were then--

1340
00:56:47,990 --> 00:56:48,782
well, you could be.

1341
00:56:48,782 --> 00:56:49,282
12.

1342
00:56:49,282 --> 00:56:50,236
You were, yeah, 12--

1343
00:56:50,236 --> 00:56:52,040
11, 12, right on the cusp.

1344
00:56:52,040 --> 00:56:53,830
Yeah.

1345
00:56:53,830 --> 00:56:57,920
And that must have been the
time when they threw me out.

1346
00:56:57,920 --> 00:56:59,150
Yeah.

1347
00:56:59,150 --> 00:57:01,430
And age wise it matter--

1348
00:57:01,430 --> 00:57:03,980
because he comes to power,
I believe, in the beginning

1349
00:57:03,980 --> 00:57:05,540
of the year in 1933.

1350
00:57:05,540 --> 00:57:07,140

Yeah, in January '33.

1351
00:57:07,140 --> 00:57:07,640
Yeah.

1352
00:57:07,640 --> 00:57:10,710
And you have your
birthday in November.

1353
00:57:10,710 --> 00:57:15,500
So between January and
November that's pretty quick,

1354
00:57:15,500 --> 00:57:16,850
when you're thrown out.

1355
00:57:16,850 --> 00:57:18,960
And you're still 11 years old.

1356
00:57:18,960 --> 00:57:21,680
Yeah.

1357
00:57:21,680 --> 00:57:25,340
How did things change at home?

1358
00:57:25,340 --> 00:57:29,360
It changed it at home because
of my father lost the business.

1359
00:57:29,360 --> 00:57:34,890
And we moved to a smaller and
smaller and smaller apartments.

1360
00:57:34,890 --> 00:57:35,390
Excuse me.

1361
00:57:35,390 --> 00:57:46,490

1362
00:57:46,490 --> 00:57:48,410
Let me step back a bit.

1363

00:57:48,410 --> 00:57:52,220

In the '20s and early
'30s, before Hitler,

1364

00:57:52,220 --> 00:57:54,180

and when you live
on Hohenzollern

1365

00:57:54,180 --> 00:57:58,820

and Kaiser-Wilhelm-Strasse,
did you

1366

00:57:58,820 --> 00:58:03,560

know your neighbors in the
building that you lived in?

1367

00:58:03,560 --> 00:58:05,840

I don't think so.

1368

00:58:05,840 --> 00:58:07,550

I don't think so.

1369

00:58:07,550 --> 00:58:10,460

But we had friends,
my mother's friends.

1370

00:58:10,460 --> 00:58:16,460

And one, we even
called her Tante.

1371

00:58:16,460 --> 00:58:19,940

And she had two children--

1372

00:58:19,940 --> 00:58:21,320

she had three.

1373

00:58:21,320 --> 00:58:26,450

And one of the girls,
she wasn't quite right.

1374

00:58:26,450 --> 00:58:35,460

And obviously, as they told me,

I taught this Sylchen to speak.

1375
00:58:35,460 --> 00:58:36,990
Wow.

1376
00:58:36,990 --> 00:58:39,482
Because I felt sorry for her.

1377
00:58:39,482 --> 00:58:40,940
So she has some
sort of disability?

1378
00:58:40,940 --> 00:58:45,210
As a child, maybe if
you see somebody who

1379
00:58:45,210 --> 00:58:46,920
you feel sorry for her.

1380
00:58:46,920 --> 00:58:48,330
So she had a disability?

1381
00:58:48,330 --> 00:58:48,870
Yes.

1382
00:58:48,870 --> 00:58:49,410
Yes.

1383
00:58:49,410 --> 00:58:50,560
OK.

1384
00:58:50,560 --> 00:58:53,520
And well, that's quite a thing.

1385
00:58:53,520 --> 00:58:57,780
The oldest, she
married Rodenstock.

1386
00:58:57,780 --> 00:58:59,670
Are you familiar with the--

1387

00:58:59,670 --> 00:59:03,400

1388

00:59:03,400 --> 00:59:05,240

lens.

1389

00:59:05,240 --> 00:59:08,270

The Rodenstock is a very
big company in Germany.

1390

00:59:08,270 --> 00:59:11,990

No, this company
I don't know of.

1391

00:59:11,990 --> 00:59:15,830

But is this the family
that this girl came from?

1392

00:59:15,830 --> 00:59:22,670

No, she married-- the daughter
of that good friend of ours,

1393

00:59:22,670 --> 00:59:26,840

of my mother, Lotte,
she married Rodenstock.

1394

00:59:26,840 --> 00:59:28,070

I see.

1395

00:59:28,070 --> 00:59:33,170

And Rodenstock is
very famous for lens--

1396

00:59:33,170 --> 00:59:35,480

lens and lens.

1397

00:59:35,480 --> 00:59:36,560

Oh, for lenses--

1398

00:59:36,560 --> 00:59:37,130

Yeah, lenses.

1399

00:59:37,130 --> 00:59:40,550
--whether eyeglass or
camera or something.

1400
00:59:40,550 --> 00:59:41,780
OK.

1401
00:59:41,780 --> 00:59:43,760
No, I wasn't familiar with that.

1402
00:59:43,760 --> 00:59:46,100
No, Rodenstock is still a name.

1403
00:59:46,100 --> 00:59:49,080

1404
00:59:49,080 --> 00:59:49,685
She died.

1405
00:59:49,685 --> 00:59:54,830

1406
00:59:54,830 --> 00:59:55,490
I don't know.

1407
00:59:55,490 --> 00:59:58,560
I think she drank.

1408
00:59:58,560 --> 01:00:01,350
Were any of your
mother's friends Jewish?

1409
01:00:01,350 --> 01:00:01,950
No.

1410
01:00:01,950 --> 01:00:04,290
My mother's friends, no.

1411
01:00:04,290 --> 01:00:06,240
The whole family, no.

1412

01:00:06,240 --> 01:00:08,270
And you know, that wasn't even--

1413
01:00:08,270 --> 01:00:11,250

1414
01:00:11,250 --> 01:00:12,680
No one would make a distinction?

1415
01:00:12,680 --> 01:00:15,270
No.

1416
01:00:15,270 --> 01:00:22,860
Because only one of my aunts
from my mother's brother's

1417
01:00:22,860 --> 01:00:28,620
wife, she was the one whose
son was in Leibstandarte Adolf

1418
01:00:28,620 --> 01:00:34,710
Hitler, who resented my father.

1419
01:00:34,710 --> 01:00:37,050
But the others, they--

1420
01:00:37,050 --> 01:00:40,260
So was it only her son was
Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler?

1421
01:00:40,260 --> 01:00:40,970
Yeah.

1422
01:00:40,970 --> 01:00:43,560
OK.

1423
01:00:43,560 --> 01:00:45,570
There weren't anymore?

1424
01:00:45,570 --> 01:00:47,700
He had a brother.

1425
01:00:47,700 --> 01:00:53,103
But Wolfgang died in the very
beginning of the World War II.

1426
01:00:53,103 --> 01:00:53,770
Do you know how?

1427
01:00:53,770 --> 01:00:54,490
He was a--

1428
01:00:54,490 --> 01:00:57,070

1429
01:00:57,070 --> 01:00:57,852
Panzer.

1430
01:00:57,852 --> 01:00:58,810
How do you call Panzer?

1431
01:00:58,810 --> 01:00:59,620
He was on a tank.

1432
01:00:59,620 --> 01:01:01,990
Yeah, with tanks.

1433
01:01:01,990 --> 01:01:05,290
And he died with 19
years was killed.

1434
01:01:05,290 --> 01:01:09,160
Oh, he was a young kid actually.

1435
01:01:09,160 --> 01:01:13,070
Did your parents ever
discuss politics at home?

1436
01:01:13,070 --> 01:01:16,500
No, I don't remember.

1437
01:01:16,500 --> 01:01:18,330
When things started,

do you remember

1438

01:01:18,330 --> 01:01:20,500
the day Hitler came to power?

1439

01:01:20,500 --> 01:01:23,220
Oh, yes.

1440

01:01:23,220 --> 01:01:25,440
But we never discussed this.

1441

01:01:25,440 --> 01:01:31,020
Actually, with my father,
he went with us to museums,

1442

01:01:31,020 --> 01:01:36,360
to churches, to
something that we

1443

01:01:36,360 --> 01:01:43,690
learned or had to learn
about the good thing of life.

1444

01:01:43,690 --> 01:01:45,850
And my mother was
an excellent cook.

1445

01:01:45,850 --> 01:01:50,410
And [LAUGHS] so both had their--

1446

01:01:50,410 --> 01:01:52,090
Their areas where--

1447

01:01:52,090 --> 01:01:53,340
Yeah, their areas.

1448

01:01:53,340 --> 01:01:53,840
OK.

1449

01:01:53,840 --> 01:01:56,480

1450

01:01:56,480 --> 01:02:02,140

So do you remember radio
broadcasts about Hitler?

1451

01:02:02,140 --> 01:02:05,080

Yeah, I think so.

1452

01:02:05,080 --> 01:02:12,370

I really don't know if we
watched it, because we were hit

1453

01:02:12,370 --> 01:02:15,460

and that was enough.

1454

01:02:15,460 --> 01:02:17,200

Here's a question--
The first time

1455

01:02:17,200 --> 01:02:19,090

that you feel the
effects is when you're

1456

01:02:19,090 --> 01:02:22,300

thrown out of the sports club.

1457

01:02:22,300 --> 01:02:27,250

But after Hitler comes to
power in 1933 in January,

1458

01:02:27,250 --> 01:02:33,130

how did public life outside
change before you are affected?

1459

01:02:33,130 --> 01:02:34,530

Did things look different?

1460

01:02:34,530 --> 01:02:37,450

1461

01:02:37,450 --> 01:02:39,760

For us, only were
different that we

1462
01:02:39,760 --> 01:02:43,780
couldn't go to the private
school anymore, because--

1463
01:02:43,780 --> 01:02:47,170
No, I'm asking not how
it affected your family.

1464
01:02:47,170 --> 01:02:49,150
But did the streets change?

1465
01:02:49,150 --> 01:02:53,500
Did people's behavior change?

1466
01:02:53,500 --> 01:02:58,240
Frankly, maybe we
didn't notice that

1467
01:02:58,240 --> 01:03:00,800
or we didn't take notice of it.

1468
01:03:00,800 --> 01:03:03,100
OK.

1469
01:03:03,100 --> 01:03:07,090
So when was the
first time, aside

1470
01:03:07,090 --> 01:03:09,790
from you being thrown
out of the sports club,

1471
01:03:09,790 --> 01:03:16,970
that your family as a whole
is affected by what happened?

1472
01:03:16,970 --> 01:03:20,120
Well, with moving to smaller
and smaller apartments.

1473
01:03:20,120 --> 01:03:23,435

How soon after Hitler came to power did you have to move?

1474
01:03:23,435 --> 01:03:26,070

1475
01:03:26,070 --> 01:03:30,990
I really don't remember when we moved the first time.

1476
01:03:30,990 --> 01:03:33,540
Was it already a year after he came to power?

1477
01:03:33,540 --> 01:03:34,740
Two years?

1478
01:03:34,740 --> 01:03:35,625
Three?

1479
01:03:35,625 --> 01:03:39,330
It must have been quite early, because the minute my father

1480
01:03:39,330 --> 01:03:43,410
lost his business, we must have lived

1481
01:03:43,410 --> 01:03:46,600
from money that was there.

1482
01:03:46,600 --> 01:03:49,170
But I couldn't tell you, because parents

1483
01:03:49,170 --> 01:03:52,170
didn't discuss these things with their children.

1484
01:03:52,170 --> 01:03:53,310
OK.

1485

01:03:53,310 --> 01:03:55,710

Do you remember what
the new apartment

1486

01:03:55,710 --> 01:03:57,450

looked like-- the
one that was smaller?

1487

01:03:57,450 --> 01:04:02,240

1488

01:04:02,240 --> 01:04:07,730

Yeah-- I remember that we
didn't have a playroom anymore.

1489

01:04:07,730 --> 01:04:12,920

And my sister and I
slept in the same room.

1490

01:04:12,920 --> 01:04:14,270

And you hadn't before?

1491

01:04:14,270 --> 01:04:18,170

We didn't before, because
each one had its own room.

1492

01:04:18,170 --> 01:04:18,670

OK.

1493

01:04:18,670 --> 01:04:21,290

1494

01:04:21,290 --> 01:04:25,070

And do you remember
the name of the street

1495

01:04:25,070 --> 01:04:27,240

that this one was on?

1496

01:04:27,240 --> 01:04:32,070

Yeah, well, it's either
Hohenzollernstrasse

1497

01:04:32,070 --> 01:04:33,767
or the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Strasse.

1498

01:04:33,767 --> 01:04:34,850
No, that's before the war.

1499

01:04:34,850 --> 01:04:36,165
And then we moved--

1500

01:04:36,165 --> 01:04:39,260

1501

01:04:39,260 --> 01:04:43,580
I think that the last
one was Paradiesstrasse.

1502

01:04:43,580 --> 01:04:45,230
Oh, what an irony.

1503

01:04:45,230 --> 01:04:48,470
Well, that was everything
but a Paradies.

1504

01:04:48,470 --> 01:04:53,840
But I really don't know if
there was something in between.

1505

01:04:53,840 --> 01:04:54,710
OK.

1506

01:04:54,710 --> 01:04:57,440
So the last place that you
live that you remember,

1507

01:04:57,440 --> 01:04:58,940
what did that place look like?

1508

01:04:58,940 --> 01:05:00,260
That was Paradiesstrasse.

1509

01:05:00,260 --> 01:05:01,820

That was Paradiesstrasse.

1510
01:05:01,820 --> 01:05:04,520
Was it still in the center
of town, in Breslau?

1511
01:05:04,520 --> 01:05:06,890
That was still-- yes.

1512
01:05:06,890 --> 01:05:10,940
It was in different parts.

1513
01:05:10,940 --> 01:05:14,570
And was it a residential
neighborhood?

1514
01:05:14,570 --> 01:05:17,660
It was one of the--

1515
01:05:17,660 --> 01:05:21,330
you had these streets where
one house next to them.

1516
01:05:21,330 --> 01:05:24,980
And each house
had, I don't know,

1517
01:05:24,980 --> 01:05:27,680
according to the
height of the house.

1518
01:05:27,680 --> 01:05:32,750
And every floor maybe
one or two people--

1519
01:05:32,750 --> 01:05:33,410
Apartments.

1520
01:05:33,410 --> 01:05:36,080
The have two apartments.

1521
01:05:36,080 --> 01:05:43,580

And you mentioned
earlier somebody

1522
01:05:43,580 --> 01:05:49,010
who lived who was a neighbor
who was quite an ardent Nazi.

1523
01:05:49,010 --> 01:05:51,050
Well, that was our
last apartment.

1524
01:05:51,050 --> 01:05:53,130
And that was in Paradiesstrasse?

1525
01:05:53,130 --> 01:05:55,210
Yes.

1526
01:05:55,210 --> 01:06:00,570
And that's where my father
had to take a rented room,

1527
01:06:00,570 --> 01:06:02,840
because he couldn't--

1528
01:06:02,840 --> 01:06:05,270
How old were you when you
moved to Paradiesstrasse?

1529
01:06:05,270 --> 01:06:07,860
Do you remember?

1530
01:06:07,860 --> 01:06:09,990
Were you 15 already?

1531
01:06:09,990 --> 01:06:12,410
I think so.

1532
01:06:12,410 --> 01:06:13,500
I think maybe.

1533
01:06:13,500 --> 01:06:16,260

1534
01:06:16,260 --> 01:06:18,430
Do you get me.

1535
01:06:18,430 --> 01:06:20,340
Had you finished Lyzeum?

1536
01:06:20,340 --> 01:06:23,940
Yeah, well, I couldn't
finish school.

1537
01:06:23,940 --> 01:06:29,832
I left in the middle,
because I was--

1538
01:06:29,832 --> 01:06:34,230
with 15, I was too--

1539
01:06:34,230 --> 01:06:35,280
wait a minute.

1540
01:06:35,280 --> 01:06:38,190
I was 15 and a 1/2.

1541
01:06:38,190 --> 01:06:44,410
I think something when I left
that school, which I couldn't

1542
01:06:44,410 --> 01:06:47,240
go further on because of money.

1543
01:06:47,240 --> 01:06:52,600
But for the regular--

1544
01:06:52,600 --> 01:06:53,530
Public school.

1545
01:06:53,530 --> 01:06:56,560
--public school, I was too old.

1546
01:06:56,560 --> 01:06:58,820

Because the regular
public school,

1547
01:06:58,820 --> 01:07:01,930
my sister went because
she is two years younger.

1548
01:07:01,930 --> 01:07:07,090
And she had her last year
or two in a public school.

1549
01:07:07,090 --> 01:07:14,080
But for me, I was past 14 years,
the age of a public school.

1550
01:07:14,080 --> 01:07:16,280
So I was left.

1551
01:07:16,280 --> 01:07:17,740
And so what did
you do after that?

1552
01:07:17,740 --> 01:07:19,120
Stay at home?

1553
01:07:19,120 --> 01:07:23,260
No, I could get
an apprenticeship,

1554
01:07:23,260 --> 01:07:25,510
because I couldn't
study either, because I

1555
01:07:25,510 --> 01:07:28,410
didn't have the schooling.

1556
01:07:28,410 --> 01:07:31,100
I wanted to study pharmacy.

1557
01:07:31,100 --> 01:07:35,170
But I couldn't,
because for studying,

1558

01:07:35,170 --> 01:07:38,350

you needed your
high school finish.

1559

01:07:38,350 --> 01:07:39,220

Oh, I see.

1560

01:07:39,220 --> 01:07:41,440

So you weren't even
able to start Gymnasium?

1561

01:07:41,440 --> 01:07:42,460

I couldn't.

1562

01:07:42,460 --> 01:07:44,230

I couldn't.

1563

01:07:44,230 --> 01:07:46,010

And why couldn't you?

1564

01:07:46,010 --> 01:07:50,140

Through my father's
friend, I could

1565

01:07:50,140 --> 01:07:54,400

work in a darkroom
as photofinishing.

1566

01:07:54,400 --> 01:07:59,410

At that time, you had films,
you had to develop them,

1567

01:07:59,410 --> 01:08:03,490

and you made the
photos out of it.

1568

01:08:03,490 --> 01:08:07,690

It's not something like
you do [LAUGHS] right now.

1569

01:08:07,690 --> 01:08:08,990

Of course.

1570
01:08:08,990 --> 01:08:14,590
So let me establish that you
finished your primary school

1571
01:08:14,590 --> 01:08:18,790
education and what we would
call middle school education.

1572
01:08:18,790 --> 01:08:24,490
Well, I don't even have
a middle school diploma.

1573
01:08:24,490 --> 01:08:25,060
OK.

1574
01:08:25,060 --> 01:08:27,880
So it would only be,
let's say, the first--

1575
01:08:27,880 --> 01:08:29,720
but it finishes at age 14.

1576
01:08:29,720 --> 01:08:31,029
Yes.

1577
01:08:31,029 --> 01:08:35,170
And from there, normally,
you would go to Gymnasium.

1578
01:08:35,170 --> 01:08:36,210
Is that correct?

1579
01:08:36,210 --> 01:08:36,819
Yeah.

1580
01:08:36,819 --> 01:08:40,850
And why is it that you
did not go to Gymnasium?

1581
01:08:40,850 --> 01:08:41,779
You say you couldn't.

1582
01:08:41,779 --> 01:08:42,800
But why couldn't you?

1583
01:08:42,800 --> 01:08:47,740
Yeah, Gymnasium at that time
was private and you had to pay.

1584
01:08:47,740 --> 01:08:48,250
I see.

1585
01:08:48,250 --> 01:08:49,240
And there was no money?

1586
01:08:49,240 --> 01:08:51,399
No, there was no money.

1587
01:08:51,399 --> 01:08:54,460
And there was no
public Gymnasium?

1588
01:08:54,460 --> 01:08:55,390
No.

1589
01:08:55,390 --> 01:08:56,590
No public high school?

1590
01:08:56,590 --> 01:08:58,240
No public schools.

1591
01:08:58,240 --> 01:08:58,765
They stop--

1592
01:08:58,765 --> 01:08:59,880
They stopped at 14.

1593
01:08:59,880 --> 01:09:01,180
--with 14 years.

1594
01:09:01,180 --> 01:09:01,779
OK.

1595

01:09:01,779 --> 01:09:04,779

Now it's clearer to me.

1596

01:09:04,779 --> 01:09:06,760

It's different from here.

1597

01:09:06,760 --> 01:09:08,470

It's different from
the United States,

1598

01:09:08,470 --> 01:09:11,320

where high school is still part
of the public school system.

1599

01:09:11,320 --> 01:09:12,112

Yeah, that's right.

1600

01:09:12,112 --> 01:09:12,729

That's right.

1601

01:09:12,729 --> 01:09:15,609

Because I have my
granddaughter here.

1602

01:09:15,609 --> 01:09:18,490

She goes to school.

1603

01:09:18,490 --> 01:09:22,120

1604

01:09:22,120 --> 01:09:22,689

All right.

1605

01:09:22,689 --> 01:09:28,120

So you were able
to go and finish

1606

01:09:28,120 --> 01:09:31,240

your schooling even
though Hitler had

1607

01:09:31,240 --> 01:09:34,479
come to power, up until age 15.

1608

01:09:34,479 --> 01:09:35,290
Is that correct?

1609

01:09:35,290 --> 01:09:35,790
Yeah.

1610

01:09:35,790 --> 01:09:37,870
So for three years you
still went to school.

1611

01:09:37,870 --> 01:09:38,470
Yes.

1612

01:09:38,470 --> 01:09:41,694
Do you remember what
the atmosphere was like?

1613

01:09:41,694 --> 01:09:44,540

1614

01:09:44,540 --> 01:09:47,779
Frankly, I don't know if we--

1615

01:09:47,779 --> 01:09:51,209

1616

01:09:51,209 --> 01:09:55,050
I have no memory of that.

1617

01:09:55,050 --> 01:10:01,820
The only thing I know that
at home it wasn't as it

1618

01:10:01,820 --> 01:10:02,820
was before.

1619

01:10:02,820 --> 01:10:04,640
Let's put it that way.

1620
01:10:04,640 --> 01:10:09,660
In your Lyzeum, where
there Jewish children?

1621
01:10:09,660 --> 01:10:16,080
If they were-- yes, I guess so
because we had Saturday still

1622
01:10:16,080 --> 01:10:17,400
school.

1623
01:10:17,400 --> 01:10:21,930
And there must have
been Jewish because they

1624
01:10:21,930 --> 01:10:23,260
were on Saturday in school.

1625
01:10:23,260 --> 01:10:25,840

1626
01:10:25,840 --> 01:10:31,080
But other than that, that
wasn't important to us.

1627
01:10:31,080 --> 01:10:33,370
OK.

1628
01:10:33,370 --> 01:10:40,800
And after 1933, were there any
Jewish children in the school,

1629
01:10:40,800 --> 01:10:42,360
that you know of?

1630
01:10:42,360 --> 01:10:43,720
You don't know.

1631
01:10:43,720 --> 01:10:45,070
You don't know.

1632

01:10:45,070 --> 01:10:50,850

You know, this was something
you didn't pay attention to--

1633

01:10:50,850 --> 01:10:56,790

That one maybe went to one
religious service and the other

1634

01:10:56,790 --> 01:11:00,356

to another-- because
we had religious--

1635

01:11:00,356 --> 01:11:05,440

at ours, I think, once
a week, something.

1636

01:11:05,440 --> 01:11:09,570

And if they weren't
there, well, so what?

1637

01:11:09,570 --> 01:11:12,840

Well, of course,
in normal life, you

1638

01:11:12,840 --> 01:11:14,740

don't make such a distinction.

1639

01:11:14,740 --> 01:11:15,630

No.

1640

01:11:15,630 --> 01:11:20,190

But because part of
Nazi ideology was to--

1641

01:11:20,190 --> 01:11:21,480

That's what he made, yes.

1642

01:11:21,480 --> 01:11:22,020

Yeah.

1643

01:11:22,020 --> 01:11:28,710

Because that kind of imposed

this kind of distinction

1644
01:11:28,710 --> 01:11:30,540
on society.

1645
01:11:30,540 --> 01:11:35,790
Then I assume people started to
respond to that-- either follow

1646
01:11:35,790 --> 01:11:38,070
it or reject it.

1647
01:11:38,070 --> 01:11:40,500
In part obliged.

1648
01:11:40,500 --> 01:11:41,670
Obliged.

1649
01:11:41,670 --> 01:11:42,450
Obliged.

1650
01:11:42,450 --> 01:11:42,950
Yeah.

1651
01:11:42,950 --> 01:11:44,700
OK.

1652
01:11:44,700 --> 01:11:49,890
Do you remember anything
about such things happening

1653
01:11:49,890 --> 01:11:57,600
where you see somebody, either
a teacher saying something

1654
01:11:57,600 --> 01:12:00,600
that you know they don't believe
but because they have to.

1655
01:12:00,600 --> 01:12:03,670

1656

01:12:03,670 --> 01:12:05,080

Didn't come across.

1657

01:12:05,080 --> 01:12:07,180

That wasn't--

1658

01:12:07,180 --> 01:12:09,385

Frankly, we didn't pay--

1659

01:12:09,385 --> 01:12:12,700

I know we had one good teacher.

1660

01:12:12,700 --> 01:12:17,470

And I remember they had to
go Heil Hitler when we came.

1661

01:12:17,470 --> 01:12:20,260

And we called her "the boettel".

1662

01:12:20,260 --> 01:12:22,438

She was Doctor Boettcher.

1663

01:12:22,438 --> 01:12:23,230

But we called her--

1664

01:12:23,230 --> 01:12:23,938

Doctor Boettcher?

1665

01:12:23,938 --> 01:12:25,390

Doctor Boettcher.

1666

01:12:25,390 --> 01:12:30,410

She was our class teacher.

1667

01:12:30,410 --> 01:12:33,460

And I remember she
always had the keys

1668

01:12:33,460 --> 01:12:36,520

in her hand and Heil Hitler.

1669

01:12:36,520 --> 01:12:38,280

And always with the
keys in her hand.

1670

01:12:38,280 --> 01:12:40,840

[LAUGHS]

1671

01:12:40,840 --> 01:12:44,080

Was there any kind of
ideological instruction

1672

01:12:44,080 --> 01:12:44,710

in school?

1673

01:12:44,710 --> 01:12:48,108

1674

01:12:48,108 --> 01:12:50,190

Might be.

1675

01:12:50,190 --> 01:12:51,518

Frankly--

1676

01:12:51,518 --> 01:12:52,310

You don't remember.

1677

01:12:52,310 --> 01:12:53,510

I don't remember.

1678

01:12:53,510 --> 01:12:56,320

1679

01:12:56,320 --> 01:13:00,520

It was a shock when you were
thrown out of the sports club

1680

01:13:00,520 --> 01:13:01,690

because you're Mischling.

1681

01:13:01,690 --> 01:13:02,890

Yeah.

1682
01:13:02,890 --> 01:13:06,220
Did that happen again
in other circumstances?

1683
01:13:06,220 --> 01:13:11,080

1684
01:13:11,080 --> 01:13:13,060
Were there any other
kinds of classes

1685
01:13:13,060 --> 01:13:14,920
where there was a
distinction made

1686
01:13:14,920 --> 01:13:16,950
between you and the others?

1687
01:13:16,950 --> 01:13:20,860
Yeah, well, it was enough
that I couldn't study,

1688
01:13:20,860 --> 01:13:26,950
that I couldn't go and further
what I actually wanted to do.

1689
01:13:26,950 --> 01:13:29,750
But I thought that
was because of money.

1690
01:13:29,750 --> 01:13:34,465
Yeah, well, not only
because of money.

1691
01:13:34,465 --> 01:13:40,860

1692
01:13:40,860 --> 01:13:44,680
Yeah, not only because of money.

1693
01:13:44,680 --> 01:13:47,460

1694

01:13:47,460 --> 01:13:57,280
Because you had to study when
you finished a certain grade

1695

01:13:57,280 --> 01:13:59,330
in school.

1696

01:13:59,330 --> 01:14:02,230
And that was my limit.

1697

01:14:02,230 --> 01:14:05,800
I couldn't study, because
I couldn't get further on.

1698

01:14:05,800 --> 01:14:12,660
This public school didn't
allow to go to study.

1699

01:14:12,660 --> 01:14:15,250
You know that it's a
different-- was a very--

1700

01:14:15,250 --> 01:14:18,880
I don't know if
it is still today.

1701

01:14:18,880 --> 01:14:26,890
But in my time, when you
didn't get to that level

1702

01:14:26,890 --> 01:14:32,150
where you could go in to study,
if you couldn't go there,

1703

01:14:32,150 --> 01:14:35,030
you couldn't jump this.

1704

01:14:35,030 --> 01:14:41,930
You left in a degree where
later on you could get any

1705

01:14:41,930 --> 01:14:45,530

professional with a
three-years apprentice--

1706

01:14:45,530 --> 01:14:49,370

that you started
three years and you

1707

01:14:49,370 --> 01:14:54,570

could have a profession at
that, which you don't have here.

1708

01:14:54,570 --> 01:14:55,520

No, you don't.

1709

01:14:55,520 --> 01:14:56,600

There isn't such a thing.

1710

01:14:56,600 --> 01:15:01,670

Because you could be a
plumber, you could be a mason,

1711

01:15:01,670 --> 01:15:03,550

you could be--

1712

01:15:03,550 --> 01:15:05,030

An electrician.

1713

01:15:05,030 --> 01:15:06,680

--electrician, anything.

1714

01:15:06,680 --> 01:15:09,560

And we always feel
people who feel

1715

01:15:09,560 --> 01:15:12,890

they have to study here, if they
would have a profession here,

1716

01:15:12,890 --> 01:15:15,075

they could make more money--

1717
01:15:15,075 --> 01:15:15,950
Of course they could.

1718
01:15:15,950 --> 01:15:18,890
Of course they could.

1719
01:15:18,890 --> 01:15:21,290
Than somebody who
goes to university.

1720
01:15:21,290 --> 01:15:24,890

1721
01:15:24,890 --> 01:15:30,830
But it sounds to me like it
was a mix, but also confusing,

1722
01:15:30,830 --> 01:15:37,060
that once you finish
Lyzeum at age 15,

1723
01:15:37,060 --> 01:15:41,110
there is no Gymnasium that
you can go to in order

1724
01:15:41,110 --> 01:15:45,640
to be able to go from there
into university to study

1725
01:15:45,640 --> 01:15:47,050
pharmacology.

1726
01:15:47,050 --> 01:15:48,130
Is that correct?

1727
01:15:48,130 --> 01:15:48,640
Yeah.

1728
01:15:48,640 --> 01:15:52,960
And I couldn't, because I
didn't finish that level.

1729

01:15:52,960 --> 01:15:59,920
You could only study if you went
to the high school, finished

1730

01:15:59,920 --> 01:16:00,830
high school.

1731

01:16:00,830 --> 01:16:03,970
So in other words, was there
something called the Abitur?

1732

01:16:03,970 --> 01:16:05,170
Yeah.

1733

01:16:05,170 --> 01:16:06,170
You needed the Abitur.

1734

01:16:06,170 --> 01:16:06,795
That's correct.

1735

01:16:06,795 --> 01:16:08,080
You needed the Abitur.

1736

01:16:08,080 --> 01:16:09,980
And you could not go
further to get the--

1737

01:16:09,980 --> 01:16:15,010
No, I couldn't, because
I had to leave earlier,

1738

01:16:15,010 --> 01:16:18,960
because that was private
school and there wasn't money--

1739

01:16:18,960 --> 01:16:20,950
the money involved.

1740

01:16:20,950 --> 01:16:23,200
Here you don't need the money.

1741

01:16:23,200 --> 01:16:24,425
It is--

1742
01:16:24,425 --> 01:16:24,925
OK.

1743
01:16:24,925 --> 01:16:28,270

1744
01:16:28,270 --> 01:16:32,860
But it also sounds that
if there had been money,

1745
01:16:32,860 --> 01:16:36,400
would you have been
able to go further?

1746
01:16:36,400 --> 01:16:38,110
Most likely.

1747
01:16:38,110 --> 01:16:43,340
If my father wouldn't
have lost it, most likely.

1748
01:16:43,340 --> 01:16:45,500
OK.

1749
01:16:45,500 --> 01:16:50,260
Did his demeanor
change as time went on?

1750
01:16:50,260 --> 01:16:52,690
No.

1751
01:16:52,690 --> 01:16:54,460
He was even quieter.

1752
01:16:54,460 --> 01:17:01,620
And I don't remember
him complaining ever.

1753
01:17:01,620 --> 01:17:02,580

Ever.

1754

01:17:02,580 --> 01:17:04,200

Do you think he was lonely?

1755

01:17:04,200 --> 01:17:04,920

Pardon me?

1756

01:17:04,920 --> 01:17:08,330

Do you think he was lonely?

1757

01:17:08,330 --> 01:17:09,010

Maybe.

1758

01:17:09,010 --> 01:17:10,900

And I don't think so.

1759

01:17:10,900 --> 01:17:11,460

He read.

1760

01:17:11,460 --> 01:17:14,700

1761

01:17:14,700 --> 01:17:19,890

He could forget his
world in a book.

1762

01:17:19,890 --> 01:17:22,085

And maybe it was his defense.

1763

01:17:22,085 --> 01:17:26,650

1764

01:17:26,650 --> 01:17:31,090

So if he suffered
any more hardships,

1765

01:17:31,090 --> 01:17:33,971

did he keep those to himself?

1766

01:17:33,971 --> 01:17:34,471

Yes.

1767

01:17:34,471 --> 01:17:38,210

1768

01:17:38,210 --> 01:17:44,450

And I still remember when he
had to leave our apartment

1769

01:17:44,450 --> 01:17:49,910

because of that lousy neighbor,
there were Jewish families who

1770

01:17:49,910 --> 01:17:51,920

had big apartments.

1771

01:17:51,920 --> 01:17:57,280

And they were obliged to
rent this to people who--

1772

01:17:57,280 --> 01:18:01,330

my father had one
of these rooms,

1773

01:18:01,330 --> 01:18:07,030

which were very inferior.

1774

01:18:07,030 --> 01:18:12,610

But I remember I
brought him the food.

1775

01:18:12,610 --> 01:18:14,710

Was it far from
your own apartment?

1776

01:18:14,710 --> 01:18:15,790

Not too far.

1777

01:18:15,790 --> 01:18:17,530

I had a bicycle.

1778

01:18:17,530 --> 01:18:20,530

And I drove.

1779

01:18:20,530 --> 01:18:23,770

And I brought him his food.

1780

01:18:23,770 --> 01:18:28,420

And this was in Paradiesstrasse
that you were living.

1781

01:18:28,420 --> 01:18:33,730

But he-- the street,
that was another street.

1782

01:18:33,730 --> 01:18:34,900

I don't remember.

1783

01:18:34,900 --> 01:18:39,130

I only remember
that one day I came

1784

01:18:39,130 --> 01:18:41,380

and this apartment was empty.

1785

01:18:41,380 --> 01:18:43,300

And they said they
took them all.

1786

01:18:43,300 --> 01:18:45,830

1787

01:18:45,830 --> 01:18:46,640

OK.

1788

01:18:46,640 --> 01:18:48,050

We'll come to that later.

1789

01:18:48,050 --> 01:18:49,670

We'll come to that
in a little bit.

1790

01:18:49,670 --> 01:18:50,780

Can we cut for a second?

1791
01:18:50,780 --> 01:18:51,980
Of course.

1792
01:18:51,980 --> 01:18:53,900
All right, camera's speeding.

1793
01:18:53,900 --> 01:18:55,040
OK.

1794
01:18:55,040 --> 01:19:00,551
So we stopped at a
very poignant moment.

1795
01:19:00,551 --> 01:19:03,530
I want to step
back a little bit.

1796
01:19:03,530 --> 01:19:14,180
And that is-- you mentioned
this neighbor in your apartment

1797
01:19:14,180 --> 01:19:17,090
house who threatened
your father.

1798
01:19:17,090 --> 01:19:18,950
Yeah.

1799
01:19:18,950 --> 01:19:21,680
Did you come in contact
with other people

1800
01:19:21,680 --> 01:19:26,990
who were ardent Nazis
in addition to him?

1801
01:19:26,990 --> 01:19:33,350
Well, you can see with my family
because one of my uncles--

1802
01:19:33,350 --> 01:19:36,920

it was not the uncle.

1803
01:19:36,920 --> 01:19:38,510
The picture you saw--

1804
01:19:38,510 --> 01:19:44,120
it was his wife who
told her-- my cousin's--

1805
01:19:44,120 --> 01:19:48,800
her two sons-- the
one who died in the--

1806
01:19:48,800 --> 01:19:50,920
Wolfgang at age 19.

1807
01:19:50,920 --> 01:19:51,420
Yeah.

1808
01:19:51,420 --> 01:19:54,200

1809
01:19:54,200 --> 01:19:55,415
But this was the only--

1810
01:19:55,415 --> 01:20:00,290

1811
01:20:00,290 --> 01:20:05,360
maybe we were isolated then.

1812
01:20:05,360 --> 01:20:08,210
Did your mother's
demeanor change as the--

1813
01:20:08,210 --> 01:20:09,110
No.

1814
01:20:09,110 --> 01:20:11,780
She was always still
friendly, still outgoing?

1815
01:20:11,780 --> 01:20:12,825
Yeah.

1816
01:20:12,825 --> 01:20:13,325
OK.

1817
01:20:13,325 --> 01:20:17,440

1818
01:20:17,440 --> 01:20:19,510
And the photograph
that you showed me,

1819
01:20:19,510 --> 01:20:24,700
which we'll film later, is of
a man in a Wehrmacht uniform.

1820
01:20:24,700 --> 01:20:26,030
That was my uncle.

1821
01:20:26,030 --> 01:20:26,530
OK.

1822
01:20:26,530 --> 01:20:27,760
What was his first name?

1823
01:20:27,760 --> 01:20:30,340

1824
01:20:30,340 --> 01:20:31,060
Albert.

1825
01:20:31,060 --> 01:20:32,240
Albert Jordan?

1826
01:20:32,240 --> 01:20:32,740
Yeah.

1827
01:20:32,740 --> 01:20:33,790
Albert Jordan.

1828

01:20:33,790 --> 01:20:34,780

OK.

1829

01:20:34,780 --> 01:20:36,290

And it was his children?

1830

01:20:36,290 --> 01:20:40,420

It was his son who was in the
Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler,

1831

01:20:40,420 --> 01:20:45,130

because they were at
that time very tall.

1832

01:20:45,130 --> 01:20:46,340

He was very tall.

1833

01:20:46,340 --> 01:20:47,870

He was very tall.

1834

01:20:47,870 --> 01:20:56,700

But at that time, then 60 years,
that long ago, it was tall.

1835

01:20:56,700 --> 01:21:00,310

Today's generations,
I think [LAUGHS] they

1836

01:21:00,310 --> 01:21:02,050

are taller to begin with.

1837

01:21:02,050 --> 01:21:03,610

OK.

1838

01:21:03,610 --> 01:21:05,920

So was he like six-foot
tall or something like that?

1839

01:21:05,920 --> 01:21:07,240

Yeah, well, he was six foot.

1840

01:21:07,240 --> 01:21:09,520
And I remember his bed.

1841
01:21:09,520 --> 01:21:12,430
They had these metal
beds, German beds.

1842
01:21:12,430 --> 01:21:16,000
He had-- both of them--
he and his brother too.

1843
01:21:16,000 --> 01:21:17,690
He wasn't quite as tall.

1844
01:21:17,690 --> 01:21:19,540
But these beds were too short.

1845
01:21:19,540 --> 01:21:23,110
And he had some kind
of extension something.

1846
01:21:23,110 --> 01:21:24,040
For his feet.

1847
01:21:24,040 --> 01:21:26,200
[LAUGHTER]

1848
01:21:26,200 --> 01:21:29,250
My, that must have looked funny.

1849
01:21:29,250 --> 01:21:32,500
Well, we didn't
think of anything.

1850
01:21:32,500 --> 01:21:33,580
They were just tall.

1851
01:21:33,580 --> 01:21:37,480
And they were for their
generation extremely tall.

1852
01:21:37,480 --> 01:21:41,740

That's why he wound up with
Hitler's Leibstandarte Adolf

1853
01:21:41,740 --> 01:21:42,610
Hitler.

1854
01:21:42,610 --> 01:21:45,320
Well, that certainly sounds
like one of the reasons.

1855
01:21:45,320 --> 01:21:48,505
But did any of them
join the Nazi party?

1856
01:21:48,505 --> 01:21:51,320

1857
01:21:51,320 --> 01:21:55,280
My uncle worked
for the government.

1858
01:21:55,280 --> 01:21:56,800
And they were obliged.

1859
01:21:56,800 --> 01:22:03,970
They had to-- both of them,
the youngest brother my mother

1860
01:22:03,970 --> 01:22:06,950
and this one in uniform.

1861
01:22:06,950 --> 01:22:07,960
They had to.

1862
01:22:07,960 --> 01:22:09,280
OK.

1863
01:22:09,280 --> 01:22:14,470
And their children, the ones
who were part of the bodyguards,

1864
01:22:14,470 --> 01:22:19,580

were they also
members of the party?

1865
01:22:19,580 --> 01:22:21,320
The ones who were
the Leibstandarte.

1866
01:22:21,320 --> 01:22:23,320
Yeah, well, the
Leibstandarte was enough.

1867
01:22:23,320 --> 01:22:25,640
[LAUGHS] Enough party.

1868
01:22:25,640 --> 01:22:27,890
Yeah.

1869
01:22:27,890 --> 01:22:29,675
That was the highest
you could reach.

1870
01:22:29,675 --> 01:22:32,510

1871
01:22:32,510 --> 01:22:36,165
Did you have contact much
with this side of the family?

1872
01:22:36,165 --> 01:22:37,040
Did they talk to you?

1873
01:22:37,040 --> 01:22:37,540
Yes.

1874
01:22:37,540 --> 01:22:39,050
But the only thing,
as I told you,

1875
01:22:39,050 --> 01:22:40,940
we had to tell
Wolfgang, "Please,

1876

01:22:40,940 --> 01:22:44,360
don't come and visit
us in your uniform,"

1877
01:22:44,360 --> 01:22:47,180
because of our neighbor.

1878
01:22:47,180 --> 01:22:49,790
But wouldn't have the
neighbor thought well

1879
01:22:49,790 --> 01:22:54,000
that here's this young man in
a uniform coming to visit them?

1880
01:22:54,000 --> 01:22:56,930
I don't know what
he would have done.

1881
01:22:56,930 --> 01:22:59,690
We didn't want Wolfgang.

1882
01:22:59,690 --> 01:23:05,955
And he was in the
hospital at that time.

1883
01:23:05,955 --> 01:23:07,330
That's right, you
mentioned that.

1884
01:23:07,330 --> 01:23:12,760
Yeah, because that was
the reason he was not in--

1885
01:23:12,760 --> 01:23:14,770
because it was war still.

1886
01:23:14,770 --> 01:23:19,000
Do you remember when
the war started?

1887
01:23:19,000 --> 01:23:22,310
Do you remember where you were?

1888
01:23:22,310 --> 01:23:23,600
When did the--

1889
01:23:23,600 --> 01:23:27,170
The war started
September 1, 1939.

1890
01:23:27,170 --> 01:23:28,220
Yeah.

1891
01:23:28,220 --> 01:23:32,720
And you live in Breslau, which
is close to the Polish border.

1892
01:23:32,720 --> 01:23:34,610
Yeah, not that close.

1893
01:23:34,610 --> 01:23:35,580
Not that close?

1894
01:23:35,580 --> 01:23:36,080
No?

1895
01:23:36,080 --> 01:23:38,150
No.

1896
01:23:38,150 --> 01:23:40,850
Were there Poles that
lived in Breslau?

1897
01:23:40,850 --> 01:23:41,390
No.

1898
01:23:41,390 --> 01:23:41,890
No.

1899
01:23:41,890 --> 01:23:42,710
No.

1900
01:23:42,710 --> 01:23:43,210

OK.

1901
01:23:43,210 --> 01:23:45,710
That was only
after the war then,

1902
01:23:45,710 --> 01:23:49,520
because the Russian
pulled over to the Polish.

1903
01:23:49,520 --> 01:23:53,215
And the Polish went to Silesia.

1904
01:23:53,215 --> 01:23:59,060

1905
01:23:59,060 --> 01:24:03,590
So do you remember, as I
said, the war starting?

1906
01:24:03,590 --> 01:24:07,425

1907
01:24:07,425 --> 01:24:07,925
Might.

1908
01:24:07,925 --> 01:24:10,730

1909
01:24:10,730 --> 01:24:19,190
This is so far away, that maybe
you intentionally cut it out

1910
01:24:19,190 --> 01:24:20,690
of your memory.

1911
01:24:20,690 --> 01:24:21,770
Might be.

1912
01:24:21,770 --> 01:24:22,820
Might be.

1913

01:24:22,820 --> 01:24:25,790

Do you remember
soldiers in the streets?

1914

01:24:25,790 --> 01:24:27,500

More soldiers?

1915

01:24:27,500 --> 01:24:29,080

There should have been, but--

1916

01:24:29,080 --> 01:24:31,880

1917

01:24:31,880 --> 01:24:35,480

But soldiers, you didn't
see on the street.

1918

01:24:35,480 --> 01:24:37,112

They were-- [LAUGHS]

1919

01:24:37,112 --> 01:24:38,580

They were fighting.

1920

01:24:38,580 --> 01:24:39,853

They were fighting.

1921

01:24:39,853 --> 01:24:40,895

Did you go to the cinema?

1922

01:24:40,895 --> 01:24:43,770

1923

01:24:43,770 --> 01:24:44,475

Oh, we did.

1924

01:24:44,475 --> 01:24:47,990

1925

01:24:47,990 --> 01:24:51,674

Yes, I think we
liked American films.

1926
01:24:51,674 --> 01:24:53,020
[LAUGHS]

1927
01:24:53,020 --> 01:24:55,660
Do you remember
any that you saw?

1928
01:24:55,660 --> 01:24:58,920
Oh god, what was it?

1929
01:24:58,920 --> 01:25:01,350
It was with Fred Astaire.

1930
01:25:01,350 --> 01:25:05,250
And I remember, I
think, you could sit--

1931
01:25:05,250 --> 01:25:06,540
you didn't have to go out.

1932
01:25:06,540 --> 01:25:07,890
They didn't throw you out.

1933
01:25:07,890 --> 01:25:09,170
You could sit twice.

1934
01:25:09,170 --> 01:25:11,580
[LAUGHS]

1935
01:25:11,580 --> 01:25:16,050
So you could see two
showings, two different films.

1936
01:25:16,050 --> 01:25:20,640
But I remember, not often, but--

1937
01:25:20,640 --> 01:25:22,635
we always read a lot too.

1938
01:25:22,635 --> 01:25:25,410

1939

01:25:25,410 --> 01:25:26,730

My father said [GERMAN].

1940

01:25:26,730 --> 01:25:30,150

1941

01:25:30,150 --> 01:25:32,170

An intelligent person
does not get bored.

1942

01:25:32,170 --> 01:25:32,670

Yeah.

1943

01:25:32,670 --> 01:25:33,450

[LAUGHS]

1944

01:25:33,450 --> 01:25:34,570

Yeah, it's true.

1945

01:25:34,570 --> 01:25:36,550

You find something
to be of interest.

1946

01:25:36,550 --> 01:25:37,650

Yeah.

1947

01:25:37,650 --> 01:25:42,900

That's why, I have people here,
when they see our books there,

1948

01:25:42,900 --> 01:25:45,635

they say, "Was your
husband a lawyer?"

1949

01:25:45,635 --> 01:25:48,545

[LAUGHTER]

1950

01:25:48,545 --> 01:25:50,690

1951

01:25:50,690 --> 01:25:54,430
According to the books we have,
must have been a funny lawyer.

1952

01:25:54,430 --> 01:25:55,643
A funny lawyer, yeah.

1953

01:25:55,643 --> 01:26:00,790

1954

01:26:00,790 --> 01:26:04,390
Did you see newsreels
in the cinema?

1955

01:26:04,390 --> 01:26:07,100
Do you remember any newsreels?

1956

01:26:07,100 --> 01:26:11,180
We might have, but I
don't remember that we

1957

01:26:11,180 --> 01:26:14,570
went so often to the movies.

1958

01:26:14,570 --> 01:26:16,940
That was all money involved.

1959

01:26:16,940 --> 01:26:18,140
OK.

1960

01:26:18,140 --> 01:26:20,540
Did you ever go hungry
after your father?

1961

01:26:20,540 --> 01:26:21,470
No.

1962

01:26:21,470 --> 01:26:23,840
I don't remember,
because my mother

1963

01:26:23,840 --> 01:26:26,360
she did the darnedest thing.

1964
01:26:26,360 --> 01:26:29,660
Don't ask me from what,
but there was always

1965
01:26:29,660 --> 01:26:31,520
something on the plate.

1966
01:26:31,520 --> 01:26:35,480
And did she go back to work
when your father no longer was

1967
01:26:35,480 --> 01:26:40,430
able to support the family
because he lost his business?

1968
01:26:40,430 --> 01:26:43,970
My mother, she was contracted.

1969
01:26:43,970 --> 01:26:45,500
She had to work.

1970
01:26:45,500 --> 01:26:50,000
While we were in camp,
they took her in a company.

1971
01:26:50,000 --> 01:26:54,260
They made some kind
of pills or something.

1972
01:26:54,260 --> 01:26:57,860
You're talking about
during the war,

1973
01:26:57,860 --> 01:26:59,930
after your father is taken.

1974
01:26:59,930 --> 01:27:04,400
I'm still talking in the 1930s
after Hitler comes to power,

1975

01:27:04,400 --> 01:27:08,000

and your father
loses his business.

1976

01:27:08,000 --> 01:27:09,170

Did she go to work?

1977

01:27:09,170 --> 01:27:10,300

No, no.

1978

01:27:10,300 --> 01:27:11,540

OK.

1979

01:27:11,540 --> 01:27:13,970

So you were living
mostly on whatever

1980

01:27:13,970 --> 01:27:15,650

your father's savings had been?

1981

01:27:15,650 --> 01:27:17,270

That's right.

1982

01:27:17,270 --> 01:27:20,390

And that's why the apartments
got smaller and smaller.

1983

01:27:20,390 --> 01:27:21,830

OK.

1984

01:27:21,830 --> 01:27:25,910

Did you have still a
radio and a telephone?

1985

01:27:25,910 --> 01:27:28,640

We had a radio,
yes, because it was

1986

01:27:28,640 --> 01:27:31,175

kind of my father's profession.

1987

01:27:31,175 --> 01:27:33,340
We did have.

1988
01:27:33,340 --> 01:27:37,820
And telephone, I remember
we had telephone too.

1989
01:27:37,820 --> 01:27:42,470
I don't know to
whom we talked to.

1990
01:27:42,470 --> 01:27:44,120
And what about the Mercedes?

1991
01:27:44,120 --> 01:27:46,040
What happened with the Mercedes?

1992
01:27:46,040 --> 01:27:47,280
Did you still have the car?

1993
01:27:47,280 --> 01:27:48,440
Oh, the Mercedes?

1994
01:27:48,440 --> 01:27:50,690
I don't know.

1995
01:27:50,690 --> 01:27:54,860
I really don't know what
happened to the Mercedes.

1996
01:27:54,860 --> 01:27:58,760
That wasn't our-- you
know these old ones.

1997
01:27:58,760 --> 01:28:02,380
And I remember it
had a stationary--

1998
01:28:02,380 --> 01:28:07,040

1999
01:28:07,040 --> 01:28:09,440

you could put the
whole thing up,

2000

01:28:09,440 --> 01:28:13,130
and then you had a convertible.

2001

01:28:13,130 --> 01:28:16,070
But we used it very, very
seldom because my father

2002

01:28:16,070 --> 01:28:18,810
felt it's too drafty for us.

2003

01:28:18,810 --> 01:28:26,900
Or we had some fur
bags in the car

2004

01:28:26,900 --> 01:28:31,820
in wintertime, because
obviously they hadn't heat.

2005

01:28:31,820 --> 01:28:32,870
That's right.

2006

01:28:32,870 --> 01:28:35,200
So you would have fur
to put on your knees?

2007

01:28:35,200 --> 01:28:36,200
Yeah.

2008

01:28:36,200 --> 01:28:42,930
With the little sacks, where
you put your whole feet in.

2009

01:28:42,930 --> 01:28:43,980
OK.

2010

01:28:43,980 --> 01:28:45,450
And did it do the trick?

2011

01:28:45,450 --> 01:28:46,870

Yeah, sure.

2012

01:28:46,870 --> 01:28:49,050

OK.

2013

01:28:49,050 --> 01:28:51,855

But at any rate, did
the Mercedes disappear?

2014

01:28:51,855 --> 01:28:55,560

I really don't know where
the Mercedes went up.

2015

01:28:55,560 --> 01:29:01,530

It might have been with
the chauffeur to Berlin.

2016

01:29:01,530 --> 01:29:02,610

I don't know.

2017

01:29:02,610 --> 01:29:06,930

And as I said, my
father didn't drive.

2018

01:29:06,930 --> 01:29:08,250

My mother didn't drive.

2019

01:29:08,250 --> 01:29:09,240

We were too young.

2020

01:29:09,240 --> 01:29:12,180

[LAUGHS]

2021

01:29:12,180 --> 01:29:15,000

When you move to
Paradiesstrasse,

2022

01:29:15,000 --> 01:29:16,040

how old were you?

2023

01:29:16,040 --> 01:29:19,080

2024

01:29:19,080 --> 01:29:20,330

How old was I?

2025

01:29:20,330 --> 01:29:24,360

2026

01:29:24,360 --> 01:29:30,310

Must have been 16, 18, 18
years or something like this.

2027

01:29:30,310 --> 01:29:37,280

18 years means 1939.

2028

01:29:37,280 --> 01:29:37,820

OK.

2029

01:29:37,820 --> 01:29:39,110

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2030

01:29:39,110 --> 01:29:40,020

It's OK.

2031

01:29:40,020 --> 01:29:40,790

Don't worry.

2032

01:29:40,790 --> 01:29:41,780

It's OK.

2033

01:29:41,780 --> 01:29:44,930

The questions that
I ask, the ones that

2034

01:29:44,930 --> 01:29:49,160

are the most difficult to answer
all have to do with chronology,

2035

01:29:49,160 --> 01:29:51,860

all have to do with
times and dates.

2036

01:29:51,860 --> 01:29:54,320
And that's the hardest
thing to remember.

2037
01:29:54,320 --> 01:29:57,170
So forgive me for doing this.

2038
01:29:57,170 --> 01:29:59,090
No, that's OK.

2039
01:29:59,090 --> 01:29:59,978
Forgive me--

2040
01:29:59,978 --> 01:30:00,520
No, come now.

2041
01:30:00,520 --> 01:30:02,720
--that I don't can answer.

2042
01:30:02,720 --> 01:30:06,740
The reason why I do it is
because in trying to understand

2043
01:30:06,740 --> 01:30:09,740
what happened to you,
I try to anchor it

2044
01:30:09,740 --> 01:30:13,100
in certain times
and certain years,

2045
01:30:13,100 --> 01:30:16,670
because when someone will
look at your interview,

2046
01:30:16,670 --> 01:30:21,290
they will know if you're talking
in the late 1930s this and that

2047
01:30:21,290 --> 01:30:23,060
was going on at the time.

2048

01:30:23,060 --> 01:30:27,300
If we're talking 1940, this and
that was going on at the time.

2049
01:30:27,300 --> 01:30:31,130
And that helps to orient them.

2050
01:30:31,130 --> 01:30:34,580
For example, do you
remember Kristallnacht?

2051
01:30:34,580 --> 01:30:44,540
Oh, I was working in a store, in
a pharmacy where they broke in.

2052
01:30:44,540 --> 01:30:46,190
So it was owned
by someone Jewish?

2053
01:30:46,190 --> 01:30:46,770
I was there.

2054
01:30:46,770 --> 01:30:47,300
Yeah?

2055
01:30:47,300 --> 01:30:47,990
I was there.

2056
01:30:47,990 --> 01:30:54,470
I cleaned the glass
still from the street.

2057
01:30:54,470 --> 01:30:57,620
So you were there while they
were breaking the glass?

2058
01:30:57,620 --> 01:30:59,300
No, they broke it at night.

2059
01:30:59,300 --> 01:31:04,910
And when I came there in
the morning or my boss,

2060

01:31:04,910 --> 01:31:06,860
we saw what they did.

2061

01:31:06,860 --> 01:31:13,290
And I remember the store had
some kind of indirect lighting

2062

01:31:13,290 --> 01:31:14,990
around.

2063

01:31:14,990 --> 01:31:16,790
We found cameras.

2064

01:31:16,790 --> 01:31:19,440
They threw, instead
of taking them.

2065

01:31:19,440 --> 01:31:21,200
They didn't know.

2066

01:31:21,200 --> 01:31:27,260
We found them up there
underneath the roof.

2067

01:31:27,260 --> 01:31:29,550
So there were
cameras in the store?

2068

01:31:29,550 --> 01:31:35,420
Yeah, well, pharmacies,
drugstores in Germany

2069

01:31:35,420 --> 01:31:38,060
is something different.

2070

01:31:38,060 --> 01:31:48,000
You don't have medication,
but you have whatever--

2071

01:31:48,000 --> 01:31:58,070
powder, personal--
what shall I say?

2072
01:31:58,070 --> 01:32:02,405
What do you say a
pharmacy in Germany?

2073
01:32:02,405 --> 01:32:04,910

2074
01:32:04,910 --> 01:32:06,656
It is a Drogerie.

2075
01:32:06,656 --> 01:32:09,470
There you have beauty--

2076
01:32:09,470 --> 01:32:12,206
Products.

2077
01:32:12,206 --> 01:32:15,890
Yeah, it's like a Walgreens.

2078
01:32:15,890 --> 01:32:16,970
Similar.

2079
01:32:16,970 --> 01:32:25,550
And we had photograph where
people brought their--

2080
01:32:25,550 --> 01:32:30,710
I worked in the
photofinishing in the store.

2081
01:32:30,710 --> 01:32:31,460
OK.

2082
01:32:31,460 --> 01:32:35,000
So it was not an Apotheke.

2083
01:32:35,000 --> 01:32:36,200
No, it is not.

2084
01:32:36,200 --> 01:32:39,110

An Apotheke, which is where
you go to get medicine.

2085
01:32:39,110 --> 01:32:39,860
No.

2086
01:32:39,860 --> 01:32:43,100
It was a Drogerie, where
you don't get medicine,

2087
01:32:43,100 --> 01:32:44,790
but you get--

2088
01:32:44,790 --> 01:32:48,750
You could get cough drops
and things like this.

2089
01:32:48,750 --> 01:32:50,125
Things that are
over the counter?

2090
01:32:50,125 --> 01:32:53,390
And bandages and all kind of--

2091
01:32:53,390 --> 01:32:56,750
but no prescription medication.

2092
01:32:56,750 --> 01:32:59,330
But I was there.

2093
01:32:59,330 --> 01:33:01,857
And you worked in
the developing,

2094
01:33:01,857 --> 01:33:02,690
the photofinishing--

2095
01:33:02,690 --> 01:33:02,990
Yes.

2096
01:33:02,990 --> 01:33:03,890
--developing lab?

2097
01:33:03,890 --> 01:33:07,370
We had the store
on street level.

2098
01:33:07,370 --> 01:33:10,380
And I was in the middle.

2099
01:33:10,380 --> 01:33:13,040
And we had the other darkroom.

2100
01:33:13,040 --> 01:33:14,000
OK.

2101
01:33:14,000 --> 01:33:15,830
And what was the
name of the pharmacy?

2102
01:33:15,830 --> 01:33:17,700
Do you remember?

2103
01:33:17,700 --> 01:33:20,210
Drogerie am Sonnenplatz.

2104
01:33:20,210 --> 01:33:22,730
Drogerie am Sonnenplatz.

2105
01:33:22,730 --> 01:33:23,870
And who owned it?

2106
01:33:23,870 --> 01:33:27,320

2107
01:33:27,320 --> 01:33:29,190
What was his name?

2108
01:33:29,190 --> 01:33:29,990
Ah, god.

2109
01:33:29,990 --> 01:33:33,050

2110
01:33:33,050 --> 01:33:38,040
He went after this to
Berlin and disappeared.

2111
01:33:38,040 --> 01:33:40,830

2112
01:33:40,830 --> 01:33:43,180
What was his name?

2113
01:33:43,180 --> 01:33:46,540
And his father-in-law took over.

2114
01:33:46,540 --> 01:33:51,070
He was a Christian and
could take the Drogerie.

2115
01:33:51,070 --> 01:33:54,790

2116
01:33:54,790 --> 01:33:58,800
The father-in-law,
Pavel was his.

2117
01:33:58,800 --> 01:34:05,160
And he was-- gosh,
it will come to me.

2118
01:34:05,160 --> 01:34:09,600
But it's the owner
went, and they always

2119
01:34:09,600 --> 01:34:14,880
said don't look for them,
because they want to disappear.

2120
01:34:14,880 --> 01:34:17,982
I don't know what
happened to them.

2121
01:34:17,982 --> 01:34:18,690

I'm confused now.

2122
01:34:18,690 --> 01:34:19,410
Bruno.

2123
01:34:19,410 --> 01:34:22,280
I'm confused now.

2124
01:34:22,280 --> 01:34:27,990
After Kristallnacht,
what did the owner do?

2125
01:34:27,990 --> 01:34:30,460
What did he do?

2126
01:34:30,460 --> 01:34:32,640
You said he went to Berlin?

2127
01:34:32,640 --> 01:34:39,910
He disappeared because
they damaged his store.

2128
01:34:39,910 --> 01:34:43,440
And he had a Christian wife too.

2129
01:34:43,440 --> 01:34:47,490
And they disappeared to France.

2130
01:34:47,490 --> 01:34:53,670
And we were always told-- it was
understood that you don't trace

2131
01:34:53,670 --> 01:34:55,350
them, because that's the way.

2132
01:34:55,350 --> 01:34:57,180
They don't want to be traced.

2133
01:34:57,180 --> 01:34:57,760
OK.

2134

01:34:57,760 --> 01:34:59,460

Because the way I
understood it is

2135

01:34:59,460 --> 01:35:01,810

that he went to Berlin to
complain that someone closes--

2136

01:35:01,810 --> 01:35:02,310

No.

2137

01:35:02,310 --> 01:35:03,330

--his store.

2138

01:35:03,330 --> 01:35:06,480

And then he disappears
because he's arrested.

2139

01:35:06,480 --> 01:35:07,530

OK.

2140

01:35:07,530 --> 01:35:15,150

We never knew if he had contact
with his brother and with his--

2141

01:35:15,150 --> 01:35:16,560

what was it?

2142

01:35:16,560 --> 01:35:18,630

Brother-in-law.

2143

01:35:18,630 --> 01:35:22,950

Because he took care
of the Drogerie it was.

2144

01:35:22,950 --> 01:35:23,820

OK.

2145

01:35:23,820 --> 01:35:25,270

Drogerie am Sonnenplatz?

2146

01:35:25,270 --> 01:35:27,330

Drogerie am Sonnenplatz.

2147

01:35:27,330 --> 01:35:30,090

And so did it change its name?

2148

01:35:30,090 --> 01:35:31,170

I don't--

2149

01:35:31,170 --> 01:35:31,830

No, after.

2150

01:35:31,830 --> 01:35:33,120

OK, fine.

2151

01:35:33,120 --> 01:35:35,350

No, it stayed that name.

2152

01:35:35,350 --> 01:35:35,850

OK.

2153

01:35:35,850 --> 01:35:36,900

It stayed that name.

2154

01:35:36,900 --> 01:35:40,710

So what happens is the
owner senses the danger.

2155

01:35:40,710 --> 01:35:43,920

And does he leave with his
wife, or does he leave alone?

2156

01:35:43,920 --> 01:35:46,260

No, they didn't have children.

2157

01:35:46,260 --> 01:35:51,390

He left with his Christian
wife to Berlin, they said.

2158

01:35:51,390 --> 01:35:57,090

And we never knew what
happened, when he died, or what.

2159

01:35:57,090 --> 01:35:59,430

Or if he survived.

2160

01:35:59,430 --> 01:36:01,590

He survived, yeah.

2161

01:36:01,590 --> 01:36:03,100

We never knew.

2162

01:36:03,100 --> 01:36:04,050

We never knew.

2163

01:36:04,050 --> 01:36:08,740

And I worked with
his brother-in-law.

2164

01:36:08,740 --> 01:36:09,240

OK.

2165

01:36:09,240 --> 01:36:10,990

Do you remember the
brother-in-law's name?

2166

01:36:10,990 --> 01:36:13,440

Because he took
over the Drogerie.

2167

01:36:13,440 --> 01:36:16,410

Do you remember the
brother-in-law's name?

2168

01:36:16,410 --> 01:36:18,090

Waldemar Pavel.

2169

01:36:18,090 --> 01:36:20,610

Waldemar Pavel.

2170

01:36:20,610 --> 01:36:24,750

Because his wife's name
was Pavel, and this

2171

01:36:24,750 --> 01:36:26,520
was his brother-in-law.

2172
01:36:26,520 --> 01:36:29,250
OK.

2173
01:36:29,250 --> 01:36:33,200
And how long had you been
working at this Drogerie,

2174
01:36:33,200 --> 01:36:35,790
at this sort of like
Walgreens or CVS?

2175
01:36:35,790 --> 01:36:43,230
Well, I worked till they
took us for the camp.

2176
01:36:43,230 --> 01:36:46,080
When did you start
working there?

2177
01:36:46,080 --> 01:36:47,550
I must have started--

2178
01:36:47,550 --> 01:36:54,120

2179
01:36:54,120 --> 01:36:55,710
'38 maybe.

2180
01:36:55,710 --> 01:36:56,880
OK.

2181
01:36:56,880 --> 01:36:59,370
Was this your first job
after finishing Lyzeum?

2182
01:36:59,370 --> 01:37:00,850
Yeah, the only job.

2183
01:37:00,850 --> 01:37:02,430

The only job.

2184

01:37:02,430 --> 01:37:07,137

And about how many people
were employed at the Drogerie

2185

01:37:07,137 --> 01:37:07,845

when you started?

2186

01:37:07,845 --> 01:37:10,420

2187

01:37:10,420 --> 01:37:22,680

We had another boy who did
whatever was to be dispatched.

2188

01:37:22,680 --> 01:37:26,160

And he cleaned.

2189

01:37:26,160 --> 01:37:29,160

So was it a small place?

2190

01:37:29,160 --> 01:37:31,040

Not a big place, no.

2191

01:37:31,040 --> 01:37:32,220

OK.

2192

01:37:32,220 --> 01:37:36,030

And do you remember anything
about his personality

2193

01:37:36,030 --> 01:37:38,940

as a boss, as an owner?

2194

01:37:38,940 --> 01:37:43,330

Oh, he-- well,
obviously a nice guy.

2195

01:37:43,330 --> 01:37:48,960

He must have known my father,
because through my father

2196

01:37:48,960 --> 01:37:54,880

I got there because I needed
a job to earn some money.

2197

01:37:54,880 --> 01:37:59,280

And since I couldn't
study and couldn't do--

2198

01:37:59,280 --> 01:38:00,750

that was a good--

2199

01:38:00,750 --> 01:38:02,940

it was an apprenticeship.

2200

01:38:02,940 --> 01:38:10,830

And I think the first year
there were not too much money.

2201

01:38:10,830 --> 01:38:14,380

And this was at every year
you got a little more.

2202

01:38:14,380 --> 01:38:16,150

But it was better than nothing.

2203

01:38:16,150 --> 01:38:16,650

Yeah.

2204

01:38:16,650 --> 01:38:20,130

2205

01:38:20,130 --> 01:38:23,850

And it sounds like his
situation had a similarity

2206

01:38:23,850 --> 01:38:24,765

to your own parents.

2207

01:38:24,765 --> 01:38:29,820

Yes, and I learned
photofinishing.

2208
01:38:29,820 --> 01:38:32,700
Because at that time,
you took a picture,

2209
01:38:32,700 --> 01:38:34,710
and you brought it to--

2210
01:38:34,710 --> 01:38:36,540
your film had to be developed.

2211
01:38:36,540 --> 01:38:40,990
And the pictures had to be made.

2212
01:38:40,990 --> 01:38:42,300
So you could do that.

2213
01:38:42,300 --> 01:38:43,050
You could do that.

2214
01:38:43,050 --> 01:38:46,240
Yes, I still have an enlarged--

2215
01:38:46,240 --> 01:38:51,274
it's not in working
condition-- for 35 millimeter.

2216
01:38:51,274 --> 01:38:56,600

2217
01:38:56,600 --> 01:39:00,410
And do you remember how old
you were when your father had

2218
01:39:00,410 --> 01:39:02,525
to move out of Paradiesstrasse?

2219
01:39:02,525 --> 01:39:06,120

2220
01:39:06,120 --> 01:39:09,640

I must have been 18,
19, something this.

2221
01:39:09,640 --> 01:39:15,470
So 18 or 19 means
either 1939 or 1940.

2222
01:39:15,470 --> 01:39:16,910
Yeah.

2223
01:39:16,910 --> 01:39:18,610
'39.

2224
01:39:18,610 --> 01:39:23,860
The war starts
September 1, 1939.

2225
01:39:23,860 --> 01:39:25,120
Did your father have to move--

2226
01:39:25,120 --> 01:39:27,910
You know, actually, that
my father had to move out

2227
01:39:27,910 --> 01:39:29,500
had nothing to do with the war.

2228
01:39:29,500 --> 01:39:30,310
Of course.

2229
01:39:30,310 --> 01:39:33,130
What I'm trying to
establish is when did that

2230
01:39:33,130 --> 01:39:37,540
happen-- before it starts
or after it starts.

2231
01:39:37,540 --> 01:39:43,690
Was he moving and living
somewhere else for two years,

2232

01:39:43,690 --> 01:39:46,630
for one year, for five months?

2233
01:39:46,630 --> 01:39:49,450
Do you have any
idea how long it was

2234
01:39:49,450 --> 01:39:53,230
that he lived apart from you?

2235
01:39:53,230 --> 01:39:54,190
That he did what?

2236
01:39:54,190 --> 01:39:57,560
No, that your father
lived apart from you.

2237
01:39:57,560 --> 01:40:02,810
Oh, that must've
been maybe a year.

2238
01:40:02,810 --> 01:40:04,300
About a year.

2239
01:40:04,300 --> 01:40:05,710
Could be.

2240
01:40:05,710 --> 01:40:07,346
I think we need to stop.

2241
01:40:07,346 --> 01:40:08,715
It sounds like the pizza's here.

2242
01:40:08,715 --> 01:40:11,150
But yeah, she leans up,
I can't see her anymore.

2243
01:40:11,150 --> 01:40:12,170
All right.

2244
01:40:12,170 --> 01:40:13,550
Somebody was at the door, no?

2245
01:40:13,550 --> 01:40:16,460
That's OK.

2246
01:40:16,460 --> 01:40:18,020
We're going to
break in a minute.

2247
01:40:18,020 --> 01:40:21,170
But you're saying your
father lived apart

2248
01:40:21,170 --> 01:40:22,740
from you in this rented room--

2249
01:40:22,740 --> 01:40:23,240
Yes.

2250
01:40:23,240 --> 01:40:25,610
--for about a year.

2251
01:40:25,610 --> 01:40:26,540
About a year.

2252
01:40:26,540 --> 01:40:27,200
Yeah, could be.

2253
01:40:27,200 --> 01:40:27,860
Could be.

2254
01:40:27,860 --> 01:40:32,840
And you and your mother and your
sister were in Paradiesstrasse.

2255
01:40:32,840 --> 01:40:35,060
Next to that Nazi.

2256
01:40:35,060 --> 01:40:36,210
Next to that Nazi.

2257
01:40:36,210 --> 01:40:39,080

Do you remember his name?

2258

01:40:39,080 --> 01:40:40,940

That's the trouble.

2259

01:40:40,940 --> 01:40:47,820

His last name was Rudolf, while
my father's name was Rudolf.

2260

01:40:47,820 --> 01:40:48,320

First name.

2261

01:40:48,320 --> 01:40:51,290

And at that time, we
still got correspondence

2262

01:40:51,290 --> 01:40:55,640

from my family in
the States here.

2263

01:40:55,640 --> 01:40:58,910

And this funny--
it's not funny--

2264

01:40:58,910 --> 01:41:04,250

that our mail from the States
always got first to Rudolf--

2265

01:41:04,250 --> 01:41:05,810

Herr Rudolf, Mr. Rudolf.

2266

01:41:05,810 --> 01:41:10,790

--because his last name
was Rudolf, while my--

2267

01:41:10,790 --> 01:41:12,770

it was Rudolf Lindenberg.

2268

01:41:12,770 --> 01:41:16,730

But he arranged
it and he looked.

2269

01:41:16,730 --> 01:41:22,040
And I'm pretty sure what he
saw because it was English.

2270
01:41:22,040 --> 01:41:30,260
But he got the first sniff
of our mail from the States.

2271
01:41:30,260 --> 01:41:31,290
Oh, how awful.

2272
01:41:31,290 --> 01:41:34,850

2273
01:41:34,850 --> 01:41:38,540
What a nasty kind of
situation to be in.

2274
01:41:38,540 --> 01:41:39,350
Yeah.

2275
01:41:39,350 --> 01:41:43,580
They wanted to nail
us down to something.

2276
01:41:43,580 --> 01:41:47,710

2277
01:41:47,710 --> 01:41:49,270
Let's take a break now.

2278
01:41:49,270 --> 01:41:50,900
And we'll continue
this after lunch.

2279
01:41:50,900 --> 01:41:51,400
[LAUGHS]

2280
01:41:51,400 --> 01:41:53,990
Thank you.

2281
01:41:53,990 --> 01:41:54,530

OK.

2282

01:41:54,530 --> 01:41:55,700

Camera speeding.

2283

01:41:55,700 --> 01:41:57,470

OK.

2284

01:41:57,470 --> 01:41:59,840

So before lunch
break, we were talking

2285

01:41:59,840 --> 01:42:06,800

about those final months when
you were in Paradiesstrasse,

2286

01:42:06,800 --> 01:42:10,040

and your father lived
separately from you.

2287

01:42:10,040 --> 01:42:12,270

And you said it was
for about a year.

2288

01:42:12,270 --> 01:42:14,660

Yeah.

2289

01:42:14,660 --> 01:42:21,960

And did you ever know of
anybody being deported before?

2290

01:42:21,960 --> 01:42:22,460

No.

2291

01:42:22,460 --> 01:42:25,010

2292

01:42:25,010 --> 01:42:29,870

No, actually no,
because it was we

2293

01:42:29,870 --> 01:42:33,330

had such a tight-knit family.

2294

01:42:33,330 --> 01:42:36,560

And the problems in
our family were enough.

2295

01:42:36,560 --> 01:42:40,910

We didn't want some
outsider on top of it.

2296

01:42:40,910 --> 01:42:47,390

And my mother's friends, they
didn't have this problem.

2297

01:42:47,390 --> 01:42:49,100

OK.

2298

01:42:49,100 --> 01:42:52,875

They weren't political
people, in other words.

2299

01:42:52,875 --> 01:42:53,375

OK.

2300

01:42:53,375 --> 01:42:58,020

2301

01:42:58,020 --> 01:43:01,080

So tell me, walk
me through that day

2302

01:43:01,080 --> 01:43:04,350

when you were bringing
your father food.

2303

01:43:04,350 --> 01:43:05,310

Was it in the morning?

2304

01:43:05,310 --> 01:43:06,480

Was it in the afternoon?

2305

01:43:06,480 --> 01:43:07,210

Do you remember?

2306

01:43:07,210 --> 01:43:14,520

Well, I used to bring him his
food to his rented home there.

2307

01:43:14,520 --> 01:43:17,100

And when I went
there, that must have

2308

01:43:17,100 --> 01:43:21,210

been in the middle of the day.

2309

01:43:21,210 --> 01:43:23,130

The apartment was empty.

2310

01:43:23,130 --> 01:43:27,930

And when I knocked at the doors
at the neighbors, they said,

2311

01:43:27,930 --> 01:43:30,460

"They were taken away."

2312

01:43:30,460 --> 01:43:36,660

But I had no idea where
and where I could find out

2313

01:43:36,660 --> 01:43:39,420

where they had brought them.

2314

01:43:39,420 --> 01:43:40,900

And I don't know how--

2315

01:43:40,900 --> 01:43:45,160

2316

01:43:45,160 --> 01:43:48,670

no, I couldn't see him anymore.

2317

01:43:48,670 --> 01:43:51,100

Because when I went
to the place where

2318
01:43:51,100 --> 01:43:56,590
they said they were brought
to, they were already gone.

2319
01:43:56,590 --> 01:44:06,160
And as I said, the father
from a school friend of mine,

2320
01:44:06,160 --> 01:44:09,940
he was a police.

2321
01:44:09,940 --> 01:44:13,150
He was in the
transport of my father.

2322
01:44:13,150 --> 01:44:17,230
And obviously, they
had a list of names.

2323
01:44:17,230 --> 01:44:21,250
And the name Lindenberg
that she said, "Oh,

2324
01:44:21,250 --> 01:44:27,160
this is most likely the father
of my daughter's friend."

2325
01:44:27,160 --> 01:44:32,380
And from there, from them,
and through this girlfriend

2326
01:44:32,380 --> 01:44:39,790
or this school friend, I know
that my father died on the way

2327
01:44:39,790 --> 01:44:41,780
to wherever they
want to bring him.

2328
01:44:41,780 --> 01:44:43,300
It might have been Auschwitz.

2329

01:44:43,300 --> 01:44:44,990

I really don't know.

2330

01:44:44,990 --> 01:44:50,960

And that they were transported
in these cattle wagons.

2331

01:44:50,960 --> 01:44:54,430

They have in the middle,
a compartment they

2332

01:44:54,430 --> 01:44:57,070

lift if one of the cattle dies.

2333

01:44:57,070 --> 01:45:03,100

They have certain places on the
rails where they opened this up

2334

01:45:03,100 --> 01:45:06,610

and they fall and goes.

2335

01:45:06,610 --> 01:45:10,510

And that's what they
do if human beings--

2336

01:45:10,510 --> 01:45:13,000

and this is what they told me.

2337

01:45:13,000 --> 01:45:16,210

Most likely that's where
my father wound up.

2338

01:45:16,210 --> 01:45:18,920

So he dies on the train.

2339

01:45:18,920 --> 01:45:23,350

He must have died
on the way to--

2340

01:45:23,350 --> 01:45:26,540

he had already problems
with his stomach.

2341
01:45:26,540 --> 01:45:30,490
Most likely the
aggravation or not--

2342
01:45:30,490 --> 01:45:31,480
I don't know.

2343
01:45:31,480 --> 01:45:33,320
Did he have an
ulcer or something?

2344
01:45:33,320 --> 01:45:33,820
Pardon me?

2345
01:45:33,820 --> 01:45:36,900
Did he have an ulcer
in his stomach?

2346
01:45:36,900 --> 01:45:39,220
I don't know.

2347
01:45:39,220 --> 01:45:41,480
He didn't discuss any--

2348
01:45:41,480 --> 01:45:44,200
the only thing-- excuse me--

2349
01:45:44,200 --> 01:45:48,370
he said certain food doesn't
agree with him so well.

2350
01:45:48,370 --> 01:45:50,800
And that must have
been something.

2351
01:45:50,800 --> 01:45:56,830
It might have been
the whole situation.

2352
01:45:56,830 --> 01:45:58,180
Excuse me.

2353
01:45:58,180 --> 01:46:07,960
And I was thinking that this
would have been in 1940 or 1941

2354
01:46:07,960 --> 01:46:09,235
when your father was taken.

2355
01:46:09,235 --> 01:46:09,870
Yeah.

2356
01:46:09,870 --> 01:46:10,165
Yes?

2357
01:46:10,165 --> 01:46:10,665
Yeah.

2358
01:46:10,665 --> 01:46:11,840
Something like that?

2359
01:46:11,840 --> 01:46:14,470
'41, '42.

2360
01:46:14,470 --> 01:46:18,220
So that means he's a
60-year-old man then.

2361
01:46:18,220 --> 01:46:20,350
Yeah.

2362
01:46:20,350 --> 01:46:23,140
He's not old, but he's
not young anymore.

2363
01:46:23,140 --> 01:46:23,740
Yeah.

2364
01:46:23,740 --> 01:46:27,400
And do you think maybe he
had a heart attack when he

2365

01:46:27,400 --> 01:46:30,590
would have been on the train?

2366
01:46:30,590 --> 01:46:35,890
At this paper, it said-- it
is his death certificate--

2367
01:46:35,890 --> 01:46:39,750
that people his
age, and they where

2368
01:46:39,750 --> 01:46:42,580
they felt they are
useless for any kind

2369
01:46:42,580 --> 01:46:47,710
of work that they've
disposed of them.

2370
01:46:47,710 --> 01:46:50,380
We will look at that
death certificate later.

2371
01:46:50,380 --> 01:46:52,270
You showed me before.

2372
01:46:52,270 --> 01:46:54,700
And we'll film that.

2373
01:46:54,700 --> 01:46:59,660
It's interesting that the
date on it is 1954, which is--

2374
01:46:59,660 --> 01:47:00,160
No.

2375
01:47:00,160 --> 01:47:01,960
Oh, it's earlier?

2376
01:47:01,960 --> 01:47:04,090
No, I think it's '43.

2377

01:47:04,090 --> 01:47:04,730
Is it?

2378
01:47:04,730 --> 01:47:05,230
OK.

2379
01:47:05,230 --> 01:47:07,240
Then I was wrong.

2380
01:47:07,240 --> 01:47:11,500
But then we'll have to
take a closer look at that.

2381
01:47:11,500 --> 01:47:14,350
I thought it was
after the war already.

2382
01:47:14,350 --> 01:47:15,940
OK.

2383
01:47:15,940 --> 01:47:16,465
My mistake.

2384
01:47:16,465 --> 01:47:20,794

2385
01:47:20,794 --> 01:47:25,780
Once you find that the place is
empty and that he's been taken

2386
01:47:25,780 --> 01:47:26,680
and then you go--

2387
01:47:26,680 --> 01:47:30,040
The whole family with
whom he was living there.

2388
01:47:30,040 --> 01:47:31,390
Was taken?

2389
01:47:31,390 --> 01:47:33,010
Yeah.

2390

01:47:33,010 --> 01:47:35,380

Was this then the
first time you even

2391

01:47:35,380 --> 01:47:38,060

experienced that
someone's been deported,

2392

01:47:38,060 --> 01:47:39,240

someone's been taken away?

2393

01:47:39,240 --> 01:47:42,760

No, we heard already
that people disappeared.

2394

01:47:42,760 --> 01:47:46,420

As they say, "they disappeared."

2395

01:47:46,420 --> 01:47:51,940

But to where and to
where they brought them.

2396

01:47:51,940 --> 01:47:53,500

Did you have the
sense that they--

2397

01:47:53,500 --> 01:47:56,920

did you know of places
like Dachau or Buchenwald?

2398

01:47:56,920 --> 01:47:58,990

Well, we heard about it, yes.

2399

01:47:58,990 --> 01:48:00,770

You had heard about
it at that time?

2400

01:48:00,770 --> 01:48:01,270

Yeah.

2401

01:48:01,270 --> 01:48:02,500

OK.

2402

01:48:02,500 --> 01:48:07,690

Because political prisoners
were taken sometimes to those

2403

01:48:07,690 --> 01:48:08,490

places.

2404

01:48:08,490 --> 01:48:12,520

You know, even Catholic priests.

2405

01:48:12,520 --> 01:48:19,170

They had sometimes-- they
went the same way as Jews.

2406

01:48:19,170 --> 01:48:20,580

Did you know any?

2407

01:48:20,580 --> 01:48:21,385

No.

2408

01:48:21,385 --> 01:48:21,885

OK.

2409

01:48:21,885 --> 01:48:24,750

2410

01:48:24,750 --> 01:48:28,210

So those names were
not unfamiliar to you?

2411

01:48:28,210 --> 01:48:30,600

No.

2412

01:48:30,600 --> 01:48:32,220

Well, we heard.

2413

01:48:32,220 --> 01:48:35,880

And of course, they were--

2414

01:48:35,880 --> 01:48:39,240
I don't how we heard about it.

2415
01:48:39,240 --> 01:48:41,910
But you knew that they existed.

2416
01:48:41,910 --> 01:48:44,970
Bergen-Belsen, Auschwitz.

2417
01:48:44,970 --> 01:48:46,650
OK.

2418
01:48:46,650 --> 01:48:51,054
So do you remember when
you got home that day--

2419
01:48:51,054 --> 01:48:53,130
what you told your
mother, how she reacted?

2420
01:48:53,130 --> 01:49:00,480
Well, I told my mother the whole
family is gone and father too.

2421
01:49:00,480 --> 01:49:02,670
And what did she do?

2422
01:49:02,670 --> 01:49:06,390
We couldn't do-- you
couldn't do anything,

2423
01:49:06,390 --> 01:49:08,370
because where would you go?

2424
01:49:08,370 --> 01:49:11,340

2425
01:49:11,340 --> 01:49:13,980
I don't know how I--

2426
01:49:13,980 --> 01:49:17,190
I tried to find out where.

2427
01:49:17,190 --> 01:49:18,690
And I went to a place.

2428
01:49:18,690 --> 01:49:21,030
They told me they
might be there.

2429
01:49:21,030 --> 01:49:25,350
But when I went there,
they weren't there anymore.

2430
01:49:25,350 --> 01:49:29,190
And was this place
like a jail or was it

2431
01:49:29,190 --> 01:49:32,470
a kind of railway st-- do
you know what kind of place

2432
01:49:32,470 --> 01:49:33,990
it was that you were?

2433
01:49:33,990 --> 01:49:34,680
No?

2434
01:49:34,680 --> 01:49:36,150
No idea.

2435
01:49:36,150 --> 01:49:40,080
They had some kind of
a collecting places.

2436
01:49:40,080 --> 01:49:40,980
Point.

2437
01:49:40,980 --> 01:49:44,290
And then they dispose--

2438
01:49:44,290 --> 01:49:44,790
Yeah.

2439

01:49:44,790 --> 01:49:47,790

2440

01:49:47,790 --> 01:49:50,430

Well, then how did
life go on for you?

2441

01:49:50,430 --> 01:49:53,490

How did life go on for you and
your mother and your sister?

2442

01:49:53,490 --> 01:49:56,710

2443

01:49:56,710 --> 01:49:59,110

We had to go on.

2444

01:49:59,110 --> 01:50:00,370

How?

2445

01:50:00,370 --> 01:50:02,030

What did you do?

2446

01:50:02,030 --> 01:50:03,370

I had a little--

2447

01:50:03,370 --> 01:50:09,340

I had this apprenticeship
where I had earned something.

2448

01:50:09,340 --> 01:50:11,440

And my sister too.

2449

01:50:11,440 --> 01:50:12,500

What was she doing?

2450

01:50:12,500 --> 01:50:20,860

She worked as a secretary
because she learned shorthand.

2451

01:50:20,860 --> 01:50:23,720

2452
01:50:23,720 --> 01:50:25,780
A secretary.

2453
01:50:25,780 --> 01:50:31,750
And had a job that were
acquaintances from my father

2454
01:50:31,750 --> 01:50:32,960
too.

2455
01:50:32,960 --> 01:50:35,080
And I don't know.

2456
01:50:35,080 --> 01:50:37,606
It was Lobocz.

2457
01:50:37,606 --> 01:50:38,106
Lobocz?

2458
01:50:38,106 --> 01:50:39,850
[LAUGHS] Lobocz.

2459
01:50:39,850 --> 01:50:41,890
I don't know the name.

2460
01:50:41,890 --> 01:50:43,570
It's not a German name.

2461
01:50:43,570 --> 01:50:47,260
But this company she
worked for was Lobocz.

2462
01:50:47,260 --> 01:50:48,250
OK.

2463
01:50:48,250 --> 01:50:51,110
Do you know what their business
was, what kind of business

2464

01:50:51,110 --> 01:50:51,610
it was?

2465
01:50:51,610 --> 01:50:55,780
I think they had a real estate--

2466
01:50:55,780 --> 01:50:56,740
not real estate.

2467
01:50:56,740 --> 01:50:59,900

2468
01:50:59,900 --> 01:51:02,840
How do you call it?

2469
01:51:02,840 --> 01:51:05,390
Excuse me, can we
cut for a second?

2470
01:51:05,390 --> 01:51:07,540
Ready.

2471
01:51:07,540 --> 01:51:08,720
OK.

2472
01:51:08,720 --> 01:51:10,920
So you were working.

2473
01:51:10,920 --> 01:51:12,980
Your sister was working.

2474
01:51:12,980 --> 01:51:17,050
Were you expecting to get
news from your father?

2475
01:51:17,050 --> 01:51:18,020
No.

2476
01:51:18,020 --> 01:51:25,130
We knew that there were never
news from these transports.

2477

01:51:25,130 --> 01:51:26,240

OK.

2478

01:51:26,240 --> 01:51:31,670

So that policeman that
guarded that transport,

2479

01:51:31,670 --> 01:51:34,310

when did he come
to tell you of what

2480

01:51:34,310 --> 01:51:36,200

had happened, what he had seen?

2481

01:51:36,200 --> 01:51:38,960

He was the father of a school--

2482

01:51:38,960 --> 01:51:39,800

Friend, yes.

2483

01:51:39,800 --> 01:51:40,430

--friend.

2484

01:51:40,430 --> 01:51:46,790

And she told me, "I think
my father today had"--

2485

01:51:46,790 --> 01:51:49,370

well, I don't know
if it was today day.

2486

01:51:49,370 --> 01:51:56,600

But he knew that my father was
on a transport and he died.

2487

01:51:56,600 --> 01:52:00,290

So you found out fairly soon
that your father had died?

2488

01:52:00,290 --> 01:52:01,520

Yes.

2489

01:52:01,520 --> 01:52:02,510

Oh, I see.

2490

01:52:02,510 --> 01:52:06,470

So you didn't even
expect to hear anything.

2491

01:52:06,470 --> 01:52:09,125

No, because you
never heard anything.

2492

01:52:09,125 --> 01:52:09,625

OK.

2493

01:52:09,625 --> 01:52:12,440

2494

01:52:12,440 --> 01:52:16,700

And did you keep in
touch with his relatives,

2495

01:52:16,700 --> 01:52:21,800

your father's relatives
in L¹/₄neburg and abroad?

2496

01:52:21,800 --> 01:52:27,050

Had you had contact with them
as things started going bad?

2497

01:52:27,050 --> 01:52:28,850

Frankly, later.

2498

01:52:28,850 --> 01:52:33,170

And there wasn't any of
his family living anymore,

2499

01:52:33,170 --> 01:52:38,825

because that was quite, quite
later that we visited L¹/₄neburg.

2500

01:52:38,825 --> 01:52:41,330

2501
01:52:41,330 --> 01:52:44,630
And interesting now, as
I said, two years ago,

2502
01:52:44,630 --> 01:52:52,100
that museum picked
up my grandfather's

2503
01:52:52,100 --> 01:52:54,320
family and his history.

2504
01:52:54,320 --> 01:52:56,270
I see.

2505
01:52:56,270 --> 01:52:58,190
But at that time,
your grandfather

2506
01:52:58,190 --> 01:53:01,070
had he passed away by 1941?

2507
01:53:01,070 --> 01:53:02,130
Yes.

2508
01:53:02,130 --> 01:53:03,710
He didn't live anymore.

2509
01:53:03,710 --> 01:53:04,340
OK.

2510
01:53:04,340 --> 01:53:05,570
And Greten?

2511
01:53:05,570 --> 01:53:07,900
She was in England?

2512
01:53:07,900 --> 01:53:13,610
Greten, she lived
with us for a while

2513

01:53:13,610 --> 01:53:18,140
when she came to the
States and later was

2514
01:53:18,140 --> 01:53:21,620
companion to Mrs. Bulova.

2515
01:53:21,620 --> 01:53:23,270
Of the Bulova watch people?

2516
01:53:23,270 --> 01:53:23,930
Yes.

2517
01:53:23,930 --> 01:53:24,810
No kidding?

2518
01:53:24,810 --> 01:53:25,310
Yeah.

2519
01:53:25,310 --> 01:53:26,602
OK, but this is in the United--

2520
01:53:26,602 --> 01:53:30,440
And you know it turned out what
Mr. Bulova claimed his wife.

2521
01:53:30,440 --> 01:53:32,070
She wasn't his wife.

2522
01:53:32,070 --> 01:53:33,580
She was his companion.

2523
01:53:33,580 --> 01:53:40,040
And my aunt was her companion.

2524
01:53:40,040 --> 01:53:41,250
Isn't that interesting.

2525
01:53:41,250 --> 01:53:42,110
Yeah.

2526

01:53:42,110 --> 01:53:45,110
But that's after the
war and in the States.

2527
01:53:45,110 --> 01:53:48,230
Yes, that was after the war.

2528
01:53:48,230 --> 01:53:55,200
We came here in '43, '44.

2529
01:53:55,200 --> 01:53:57,030
OK.

2530
01:53:57,030 --> 01:53:58,080
We'll come to that.

2531
01:53:58,080 --> 01:53:59,474
Right now, I'm still--

2532
01:53:59,474 --> 01:54:01,120
In the '20s.

2533
01:54:01,120 --> 01:54:01,620
Well, no.

2534
01:54:01,620 --> 01:54:02,740
I've passed to the 1940s.

2535
01:54:02,740 --> 01:54:03,240
[LAUGHS]

2536
01:54:03,240 --> 01:54:05,640
I'm into the 1940s.

2537
01:54:05,640 --> 01:54:07,530
So we're 1941.

2538
01:54:07,530 --> 01:54:11,010
Your father is taken.

2539
01:54:11,010 --> 01:54:14,160

Your school friend's
father is a guard,

2540
01:54:14,160 --> 01:54:17,880
or a policeman, that is
guarding this transport,

2541
01:54:17,880 --> 01:54:20,730
finds out your father
has died on the way,

2542
01:54:20,730 --> 01:54:21,990
lets his daughter know.

2543
01:54:21,990 --> 01:54:25,950
His daughter tells
you fairly quickly.

2544
01:54:25,950 --> 01:54:29,280
And it's at this
point that I'm asking,

2545
01:54:29,280 --> 01:54:33,180
were there any Jewish relatives
of yours living in Germany

2546
01:54:33,180 --> 01:54:36,040
from your father's
side at the time?

2547
01:54:36,040 --> 01:54:39,360
There might be in his
hometown L¹/₄neburg.

2548
01:54:39,360 --> 01:54:45,570
But L¹/₄neburg and Breslau is
such a difference that we had

2549
01:54:45,570 --> 01:54:51,540
at that time no connection with
L¹/₄neburg and not [GERMAN]----

2550
01:54:51,540 --> 01:54:54,870

2551
01:54:54,870 --> 01:54:56,790
close relatives.

2552
01:54:56,790 --> 01:54:57,540
OK.

2553
01:54:57,540 --> 01:54:58,380
I've got it.

2554
01:54:58,380 --> 01:55:02,190
But Greten, you had mentioned,
had gone with her older sister

2555
01:55:02,190 --> 01:55:05,340
to England in 1938.

2556
01:55:05,340 --> 01:55:06,050
Is that correct?

2557
01:55:06,050 --> 01:55:06,550
Yeah.

2558
01:55:06,550 --> 01:55:07,200
Yes, OK.

2559
01:55:07,200 --> 01:55:09,390
So she's out of the picture.

2560
01:55:09,390 --> 01:55:12,420
She's not in Germany
during the war.

2561
01:55:12,420 --> 01:55:13,980
No, she was not.

2562
01:55:13,980 --> 01:55:17,370
But how she came,
I don't know how.

2563

01:55:17,370 --> 01:55:21,240
Because when she came
to the States here,

2564
01:55:21,240 --> 01:55:23,580
she didn't have
any place to live.

2565
01:55:23,580 --> 01:55:29,790
And the way we lived were
these old railroad apartments.

2566
01:55:29,790 --> 01:55:30,810
I don't know if you--

2567
01:55:30,810 --> 01:55:32,040
I've been in them, yes.

2568
01:55:32,040 --> 01:55:35,658
Railroad apartment is one
room into the next room

2569
01:55:35,658 --> 01:55:36,450
into the next room.

2570
01:55:36,450 --> 01:55:38,010
The light just goes right here.

2571
01:55:38,010 --> 01:55:41,040
And when we got to this--

2572
01:55:41,040 --> 01:55:43,350
in Long Island--
to this house that

2573
01:55:43,350 --> 01:55:45,990
was actually
condemned because they

2574
01:55:45,990 --> 01:55:49,560
weren't allowed that one
bathroom is for two people.

2575

01:55:49,560 --> 01:55:53,970

It was just the toilet,
not the shower or anything.

2576

01:55:53,970 --> 01:55:58,650

We had in the kitchen
one of these big tubs

2577

01:55:58,650 --> 01:56:01,890

or whatever you want
to call it, where we

2578

01:56:01,890 --> 01:56:04,620

took our showers or our bath.

2579

01:56:04,620 --> 01:56:07,170

Well, the old-fashioned
apartments in New York

2580

01:56:07,170 --> 01:56:07,870

were like that.

2581

01:56:07,870 --> 01:56:08,930

Yeah, I know.

2582

01:56:08,930 --> 01:56:09,720

Many of them.

2583

01:56:09,720 --> 01:56:10,680

Yeah.

2584

01:56:10,680 --> 01:56:12,180

But this is after the war.

2585

01:56:12,180 --> 01:56:13,720

I'm still in the war--

2586

01:56:13,720 --> 01:56:14,220

In the war.

2587

01:56:14,220 --> 01:56:17,190

--and the beginning of the war
at the time of your father's

2588
01:56:17,190 --> 01:56:17,700
death.

2589
01:56:17,700 --> 01:56:21,570
And I want to get a sense of
where was his family whatever

2590
01:56:21,570 --> 01:56:23,920
was left of it at that time.

2591
01:56:23,920 --> 01:56:25,500
We had no connections.

2592
01:56:25,500 --> 01:56:26,500
You didn't know.

2593
01:56:26,500 --> 01:56:28,200
We had no connections.

2594
01:56:28,200 --> 01:56:35,040
And strange enough, from
my great aunt in Chicago,

2595
01:56:35,040 --> 01:56:37,860
who was friends with--

2596
01:56:37,860 --> 01:56:38,550
Helen Keller.

2597
01:56:38,550 --> 01:56:43,200
--Helen Keller, she
through the Red Cross

2598
01:56:43,200 --> 01:56:47,525
found out where my mother was.

2599
01:56:47,525 --> 01:56:51,410
The Red Cross was something
that was so remarkable,

2600
01:56:51,410 --> 01:56:53,090
you have no idea.

2601
01:56:53,090 --> 01:56:58,340
And she found out that
it was Vilsbiburg.

2602
01:56:58,340 --> 01:57:02,300
Vilsbiburg is a little
town close to Munich.

2603
01:57:02,300 --> 01:57:05,210
But since she spelled
it so differently,

2604
01:57:05,210 --> 01:57:09,920
we thought that isn't a German
town and looked for in Holland

2605
01:57:09,920 --> 01:57:13,400
till we said, "No, wait a
minute, there is a Vilsbiburg."

2606
01:57:13,400 --> 01:57:16,070
And there we found my mother.

2607
01:57:16,070 --> 01:57:17,390
This is after the war.

2608
01:57:17,390 --> 01:57:19,460
Or this further on.

2609
01:57:19,460 --> 01:57:23,060
That is in the war still
while we were in the camp.

2610
01:57:23,060 --> 01:57:24,890
But we haven't gotten
to the camp yet.

2611
01:57:24,890 --> 01:57:25,740

Oh.

2612
01:57:25,740 --> 01:57:27,230
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2613
01:57:27,230 --> 01:57:32,450
What I'm interested in
is that in 1941 or '42,

2614
01:57:32,450 --> 01:57:37,250
when you lose your father, what
other connections there were,

2615
01:57:37,250 --> 01:57:41,085
what other news you
had of other relatives.

2616
01:57:41,085 --> 01:57:43,210
And what you're saying is
that you didn't have any.

2617
01:57:43,210 --> 01:57:43,710
No.

2618
01:57:43,710 --> 01:57:44,900
You didn't have any.

2619
01:57:44,900 --> 01:57:49,160
So at this point, things go on.

2620
01:57:49,160 --> 01:57:52,460
And you are working
as an apprentice.

2621
01:57:52,460 --> 01:57:56,240
Your sister is working
as a secretary.

2622
01:57:56,240 --> 01:58:00,020
And your mother is still
at home in Paradiesstrasse.

2623

01:58:00,020 --> 01:58:03,770

Yeah, she had to work someplace.

2624

01:58:03,770 --> 01:58:05,600

That was something.

2625

01:58:05,600 --> 01:58:07,590

They told her she
had to do something.

2626

01:58:07,590 --> 01:58:08,540

OK.

2627

01:58:08,540 --> 01:58:12,740

So do you remember what this
Paradiesstrasse apartment

2628

01:58:12,740 --> 01:58:13,340

looked like?

2629

01:58:13,340 --> 01:58:16,160

2630

01:58:16,160 --> 01:58:17,570

Yes.

2631

01:58:17,570 --> 01:58:19,475

It was something--

2632

01:58:19,475 --> 01:58:22,250

2633

01:58:22,250 --> 01:58:27,010

I think still in
New York exists.

2634

01:58:27,010 --> 01:58:28,280

Paradiesstrasse?

2635

01:58:28,280 --> 01:58:29,540

Paradiesstrasse, yeah.

2636

01:58:29,540 --> 01:58:30,540

Yeah, that apartment.

2637

01:58:30,540 --> 01:58:31,040

Yeah.

2638

01:58:31,040 --> 01:58:31,550

OK.

2639

01:58:31,550 --> 01:58:33,758

Because you were talking
about New York for a minute.

2640

01:58:33,758 --> 01:58:38,540

When you came from the
street, you opened your door,

2641

01:58:38,540 --> 01:58:41,420

and you came to the kitchen.

2642

01:58:41,420 --> 01:58:43,990

That had no--

2643

01:58:43,990 --> 01:58:44,740

No entrance.

2644

01:58:44,740 --> 01:58:46,490

No entrance or something.

2645

01:58:46,490 --> 01:58:48,400

You came to the kitchen.

2646

01:58:48,400 --> 01:58:53,920

And then to the right
was the living room.

2647

01:58:53,920 --> 01:58:57,490

And on the back there
was a little Kabinett,

2648

01:58:57,490 --> 01:59:00,495

as we called this,
where you had storage.

2649
01:59:00,495 --> 01:59:05,680

2650
01:59:05,680 --> 01:59:06,280
Closet?

2651
01:59:06,280 --> 01:59:07,510
Closets.

2652
01:59:07,510 --> 01:59:08,530
They weren't closets.

2653
01:59:08,530 --> 01:59:14,020
They were Schranker.

2654
01:59:14,020 --> 01:59:15,760
Oh, they were--

2655
01:59:15,760 --> 01:59:16,600
Wardrobes.

2656
01:59:16,600 --> 01:59:17,410
Wardrobes, yeah.

2657
01:59:17,410 --> 01:59:18,640
Wardrobes.

2658
01:59:18,640 --> 01:59:24,520
And from then, there was
a little room, I slept.

2659
01:59:24,520 --> 01:59:31,690
And my sister slept in the other
main bedroom with my mother.

2660
01:59:31,690 --> 01:59:33,630
And that was what
Paradiesstrasse looked like?

2661
01:59:33,630 --> 01:59:35,710
That's what Paradiesstrasse.

2662
01:59:35,710 --> 01:59:39,166
We always said this is
our idea of a paradise.

2663
01:59:39,166 --> 01:59:41,110
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2664
01:59:41,110 --> 01:59:43,690
It was quite a step down from--

2665
01:59:43,690 --> 01:59:45,170
Many steps down.

2666
01:59:45,170 --> 01:59:46,540
Yeah.

2667
01:59:46,540 --> 01:59:48,260
And it had the nasty neighbor.

2668
01:59:48,260 --> 01:59:48,760
Yeah.

2669
01:59:48,760 --> 01:59:50,710
And this has the nasty neighbor.

2670
01:59:50,710 --> 01:59:58,150
And at that time still, my
father collected glass--

2671
01:59:58,150 --> 02:00:00,940
they were famous.

2672
02:00:00,940 --> 02:00:10,485
And some of them went
to the Paris expo.

2673
02:00:10,485 --> 02:00:13,270

2674
02:00:13,270 --> 02:00:19,870
They were from Professor
Benner in Czechoslovakia.

2675
02:00:19,870 --> 02:00:21,670
They were famous
for their glasses.

2676
02:00:21,670 --> 02:00:22,990
So was it a kind of crystal?

2677
02:00:22,990 --> 02:00:25,180
Crystal glasses, yes.

2678
02:00:25,180 --> 02:00:32,400
And I remember at that time in
Germany you had these kind of--

2679
02:00:32,400 --> 02:00:37,070
you traveled with these,
what you have there.

2680
02:00:37,070 --> 02:00:38,180
What do you call this?

2681
02:00:38,180 --> 02:00:41,100

2682
02:00:41,100 --> 02:00:42,230
Excuse me?

2683
02:00:42,230 --> 02:00:44,700
A big case?

2684
02:00:44,700 --> 02:00:46,430
What do you call them?

2685
02:00:46,430 --> 02:00:47,460
A suitcase?

2686

02:00:47,460 --> 02:00:48,840
A briefcase?

2687
02:00:48,840 --> 02:00:51,872
Suitcases or-- no.

2688
02:00:51,872 --> 02:00:52,830
Suitcases or something.

2689
02:00:52,830 --> 02:00:53,310
OK.

2690
02:00:53,310 --> 02:00:53,810
A suitcase.

2691
02:00:53,810 --> 02:00:55,980
But ours was a little bigger.

2692
02:00:55,980 --> 02:01:00,840
And we had these
glasses in our bed--

2693
02:01:00,840 --> 02:01:02,290
they were Plumeaus.

2694
02:01:02,290 --> 02:01:04,350
I don't know if
you know a Plumeau

2695
02:01:04,350 --> 02:01:11,610
That was a special cushion
for wintertime on your feet.

2696
02:01:11,610 --> 02:01:15,810
And that was that's
where we had our--

2697
02:01:15,810 --> 02:01:22,950
these glasses, down in [GERMAN].

2698
02:01:22,950 --> 02:01:24,060
In the basement.

2699
02:01:24,060 --> 02:01:25,750
In the basement.

2700
02:01:25,750 --> 02:01:30,630
But the bomb fell
off and that's where

2701
02:01:30,630 --> 02:01:34,840
all the house and all this--

2702
02:01:34,840 --> 02:01:36,680
So the Paradiesstrasse
apartment.

2703
02:01:36,680 --> 02:01:39,190
In the Paradiesstrasse
didn't exist anymore.

2704
02:01:39,190 --> 02:01:41,770
So when did the bomb fall on it?

2705
02:01:41,770 --> 02:01:45,450
Well, that must
have been '41, '42--

2706
02:01:45,450 --> 02:01:50,070

2707
02:01:50,070 --> 02:01:50,910
in the war.

2708
02:01:50,910 --> 02:01:53,640
All right, when that
happened, were you still

2709
02:01:53,640 --> 02:01:55,380
living in the apartment?

2710
02:01:55,380 --> 02:01:57,150
No, we were in camp.

2711
02:01:57,150 --> 02:01:58,500
So tell me about that.

2712
02:01:58,500 --> 02:02:01,080
What happened between the
time your father leaves,

2713
02:02:01,080 --> 02:02:04,020
your father is deported,
and you end up in the camp?

2714
02:02:04,020 --> 02:02:05,490
What happened?

2715
02:02:05,490 --> 02:02:10,210
Well, there was still a time
where we lived with my mother.

2716
02:02:10,210 --> 02:02:16,470
And I think these people say
when we came to the camp--

2717
02:02:16,470 --> 02:02:21,010
in December to January.

2718
02:02:21,010 --> 02:02:24,970
Yeah, but this is
a little later.

2719
02:02:24,970 --> 02:02:28,120
But we were taken.

2720
02:02:28,120 --> 02:02:31,160
Why and how, frankly,
I don't know.

2721
02:02:31,160 --> 02:02:35,050
The only thing I know, my
poor mother was all by herself

2722
02:02:35,050 --> 02:02:36,430
all of a sudden.

2723
02:02:36,430 --> 02:02:41,440
And her brother lived
close to Munich.

2724
02:02:41,440 --> 02:02:46,360
And he obviously said
come and live with us.

2725
02:02:46,360 --> 02:02:50,920
So were you at home when you
were taken with your sister?

2726
02:02:50,920 --> 02:02:53,440
Were you at your apartment
in Paradiesstrasse

2727
02:02:53,440 --> 02:02:54,700
when you had to leave?

2728
02:02:54,700 --> 02:02:56,860
Yeah.

2729
02:02:56,860 --> 02:02:58,960
Tell me how it happened.

2730
02:02:58,960 --> 02:03:01,510
They told you, you
have to be there

2731
02:03:01,510 --> 02:03:06,310
at an X time in the
morning or afternoon.

2732
02:03:06,310 --> 02:03:08,020
I don't remember any more.

2733
02:03:08,020 --> 02:03:12,970
And you better be there
because if you didn't, they

2734
02:03:12,970 --> 02:03:13,930

looked for you.

2735

02:03:13,930 --> 02:03:20,770

And we were told if you don't,
you go to the KZ right away.

2736

02:03:20,770 --> 02:03:21,270

OK.

2737

02:03:21,270 --> 02:03:23,410

KZ means concentration camp.

2738

02:03:23,410 --> 02:03:25,580

Concentration camp, yes.

2739

02:03:25,580 --> 02:03:27,970

So you get a notice
through the mail.

2740

02:03:27,970 --> 02:03:32,830

No, there was somebody who came
and said we have to be there.

2741

02:03:32,830 --> 02:03:35,200

OK, but they didn't
take you at that moment?

2742

02:03:35,200 --> 02:03:36,460

No.

2743

02:03:36,460 --> 02:03:38,350

We have to go there.

2744

02:03:38,350 --> 02:03:41,800

I don't remember
how we got there--

2745

02:03:41,800 --> 02:03:44,230

either with a tram--

2746

02:03:44,230 --> 02:03:49,160

because it was a little

further on the outskirts.

2747

02:03:49,160 --> 02:03:49,660

OK.

2748

02:03:49,660 --> 02:03:51,355

But it was you and
your sister together?

2749

02:03:51,355 --> 02:03:52,540

Yeah.

2750

02:03:52,540 --> 02:03:58,120

And did you both realize that
this is something ominous?

2751

02:03:58,120 --> 02:04:02,290

Yeah, we realized that was
something not too kosher.

2752

02:04:02,290 --> 02:04:04,750

OK.

2753

02:04:04,750 --> 02:04:06,910

And your mother, was she there?

2754

02:04:06,910 --> 02:04:09,880

And my mother was all by
herself all of a sudden.

2755

02:04:09,880 --> 02:04:12,380

But she was there when the
person came to give the notice?

2756

02:04:12,380 --> 02:04:13,750

Yes.

2757

02:04:13,750 --> 02:04:16,540

Did she see you off,
or did you just--

2758

02:04:16,540 --> 02:04:17,080

No.

2759

02:04:17,080 --> 02:04:17,830

No.

2760

02:04:17,830 --> 02:04:21,970

I think the only
thing, as I said,

2761

02:04:21,970 --> 02:04:26,770

she went with her brother,
because her brother said come.

2762

02:04:26,770 --> 02:04:28,750

She was all by herself
all of a sudden.

2763

02:04:28,750 --> 02:04:30,565

How did you know this?

2764

02:04:30,565 --> 02:04:32,080

This we learned later.

2765

02:04:32,080 --> 02:04:33,340

OK.

2766

02:04:33,340 --> 02:04:34,880

So at the time--

2767

02:04:34,880 --> 02:04:37,750

We didn't know what's the
matter with my mother.

2768

02:04:37,750 --> 02:04:38,530

OK.

2769

02:04:38,530 --> 02:04:43,120

So you and your sister
go to a certain place.

2770

02:04:43,120 --> 02:04:44,780

What is this place

that you go to?

2771

02:04:44,780 --> 02:04:50,890

That was working camp.

2772

02:04:50,890 --> 02:04:52,510

We got some wooden shoes.

2773

02:04:52,510 --> 02:04:54,100

A labor camp?

2774

02:04:54,100 --> 02:04:56,020

Kind of a labor camp, yes.

2775

02:04:56,020 --> 02:04:58,810

The only thing not so drastic--

2776

02:04:58,810 --> 02:05:02,620

even so, it didn't

have-- it has a latrine.

2777

02:05:02,620 --> 02:05:04,000

You know what a latrine is?

2778

02:05:04,000 --> 02:05:06,190

Tell us.

2779

02:05:06,190 --> 02:05:13,000

And we slept on the floor on
straw, some kind of straw mats.

2780

02:05:13,000 --> 02:05:16,990

So were you in barracks?

2781

02:05:16,990 --> 02:05:20,140

They took restaurants there.

2782

02:05:20,140 --> 02:05:25,180

And where we-- the females
lived in one restaurant.

2783

02:05:25,180 --> 02:05:29,380
And I think I have it in this--

2784
02:05:29,380 --> 02:05:32,640
In restaurants?

2785
02:05:32,640 --> 02:05:34,210
In restaurants.

2786
02:05:34,210 --> 02:05:35,450
Ich weiss nicht was dass ist.

2787
02:05:35,450 --> 02:05:38,420

2788
02:05:38,420 --> 02:05:41,770
Restaurants, they were--

2789
02:05:41,770 --> 02:05:43,900
What do they do there at the--

2790
02:05:43,900 --> 02:05:45,940
Well, they had to take us.

2791
02:05:45,940 --> 02:05:49,060
And females, we
are in that place.

2792
02:05:49,060 --> 02:05:51,310
We were in one restaurant.

2793
02:05:51,310 --> 02:05:56,350
And we slept on the dance
floor, on the floor.

2794
02:05:56,350 --> 02:06:00,730
And the males slept
on another one.

2795
02:06:00,730 --> 02:06:06,790
So all right-- what kind of--

2796

02:06:06,790 --> 02:06:09,430

this wasn't a restaurant
where you go to eat?

2797

02:06:09,430 --> 02:06:14,230

[LAUGHS] That was once a
restaurant where you eat.

2798

02:06:14,230 --> 02:06:23,700

But they were obliged to take
these people to accommodate

2799

02:06:23,700 --> 02:06:24,300

them.

2800

02:06:24,300 --> 02:06:25,980

And we went.

2801

02:06:25,980 --> 02:06:29,120

That was some kind of a labor--

2802

02:06:29,120 --> 02:06:32,370

yeah, you can say
labor camp, because we

2803

02:06:32,370 --> 02:06:37,740

had to go out and cut
little trees and limbs

2804

02:06:37,740 --> 02:06:41,310

and make some kind of what
they called Faschinen.

2805

02:06:41,310 --> 02:06:45,960

That was something where the--

2806

02:06:45,960 --> 02:06:48,360

how do you call this?

2807

02:06:48,360 --> 02:06:50,280

Argh.

2808

02:06:50,280 --> 02:06:57,120

They're made during the
war that these big trucks--

2809

02:06:57,120 --> 02:06:59,670

no, they are not trucks.

2810

02:06:59,670 --> 02:07:01,170

Tanks?

2811

02:07:01,170 --> 02:07:02,790

Tanks.

2812

02:07:02,790 --> 02:07:06,180

They couldn't go
through these big--

2813

02:07:06,180 --> 02:07:06,930

Ditches?

2814

02:07:06,930 --> 02:07:08,400

--ditches.

2815

02:07:08,400 --> 02:07:13,320

And we made these
kind of Faschinen

2816

02:07:13,320 --> 02:07:18,810

as they called it, with
little tree trims and limbs

2817

02:07:18,810 --> 02:07:21,240

and with other.

2818

02:07:21,240 --> 02:07:25,320

We had to-- you
know, to line these--

2819

02:07:25,320 --> 02:07:31,890

that the tanks could
go through this.

2820

02:07:31,890 --> 02:07:33,210

A ditch.

2821

02:07:33,210 --> 02:07:34,140

Through this ditch.

2822

02:07:34,140 --> 02:07:38,010

That was more wishful
thinking than we never

2823

02:07:38,010 --> 02:07:42,710

saw and felt that ever--

2824

02:07:42,710 --> 02:07:47,130

we never saw a tank going
through these ditches.

2825

02:07:47,130 --> 02:07:49,480

They were quite big.

2826

02:07:49,480 --> 02:07:51,240

So what you're
saying is that you

2827

02:07:51,240 --> 02:07:55,620

were creating these sorts of
plank type of things that would

2828

02:07:55,620 --> 02:07:58,740

be laid in front of tanks.

2829

02:07:58,740 --> 02:08:04,350

They looked like
kind of these walls,

2830

02:08:04,350 --> 02:08:08,340

like something, which
was supposed to line

2831

02:08:08,340 --> 02:08:11,910

these ditches that the trunks--

2832
02:08:11,910 --> 02:08:12,690
The tanks.

2833
02:08:12,690 --> 02:08:16,440
--the tanks could go over.

2834
02:08:16,440 --> 02:08:17,130
I don't know.

2835
02:08:17,130 --> 02:08:17,910
I never saw.

2836
02:08:17,910 --> 02:08:19,440
We never saw any.

2837
02:08:19,440 --> 02:08:24,330
And we were just busy
doing something like this.

2838
02:08:24,330 --> 02:08:29,570
Did anybody tell you why you
were taken to this labor camp?

2839
02:08:29,570 --> 02:08:30,530
No.

2840
02:08:30,530 --> 02:08:32,540
Do you know why you were taken?

2841
02:08:32,540 --> 02:08:39,500
Well, we went there because we
were not friends of the Nazis.

2842
02:08:39,500 --> 02:08:42,920
And how was it that you're
not friends of the Nazis?

2843
02:08:42,920 --> 02:08:44,990
Because of my Jewish father.

2844
02:08:44,990 --> 02:08:46,410

OK.

2845

02:08:46,410 --> 02:08:48,620

So it was because
you were half Jewish?

2846

02:08:48,620 --> 02:08:49,730

Yeah.

2847

02:08:49,730 --> 02:08:52,940

You were Mischling first grade.

2848

02:08:52,940 --> 02:08:54,900

Were there different
classes of Mischling?

2849

02:08:54,900 --> 02:08:55,670

Definitely.

2850

02:08:55,670 --> 02:08:58,310

2851

02:08:58,310 --> 02:09:00,840

If it is both, you were Jewish.

2852

02:09:00,840 --> 02:09:04,760

If it was just one
part, you were first.

2853

02:09:04,760 --> 02:09:08,900

If it was just one part of your
grandparents, you were second.

2854

02:09:08,900 --> 02:09:10,670

And this goes on.

2855

02:09:10,670 --> 02:09:12,680

That was the classification.

2856

02:09:12,680 --> 02:09:16,766

And we were, as we said, of
course we are first class.

2857
02:09:16,766 --> 02:09:18,080
[LAUGHS]

2858
02:09:18,080 --> 02:09:19,790
OK.

2859
02:09:19,790 --> 02:09:22,910
So nobody tells you
why you are taken.

2860
02:09:22,910 --> 02:09:24,270
It is clear to you.

2861
02:09:24,270 --> 02:09:29,060
That was absolutely understood
why they were taking us.

2862
02:09:29,060 --> 02:09:29,810
OK.

2863
02:09:29,810 --> 02:09:33,110
Did you meet other
people too when

2864
02:09:33,110 --> 02:09:34,970
you were gathered together?

2865
02:09:34,970 --> 02:09:37,370
Well, we had a whole group.

2866
02:09:37,370 --> 02:09:41,810
And you know my sister
and her later husband--

2867
02:09:41,810 --> 02:09:43,040
they married.

2868
02:09:43,040 --> 02:09:45,630
And I married.

2869

02:09:45,630 --> 02:09:47,480
That wasn't a good marriage.

2870
02:09:47,480 --> 02:09:53,030
And my first marriage was
divorced, because these were--

2871
02:09:53,030 --> 02:09:58,350

2872
02:09:58,350 --> 02:09:59,530
what shall I say?

2873
02:09:59,530 --> 02:10:04,640
You got somebody in
normal life, then

2874
02:10:04,640 --> 02:10:10,900
you felt that isn't the
right match anymore.

2875
02:10:10,900 --> 02:10:13,560
So if you had been in
your normal situation--

2876
02:10:13,560 --> 02:10:14,260
You wouldn't.

2877
02:10:14,260 --> 02:10:14,918
You wouldn't.

2878
02:10:14,918 --> 02:10:15,460
You wouldn't.

2879
02:10:15,460 --> 02:10:16,110
OK.

2880
02:10:16,110 --> 02:10:19,380
So was your husband and
your sister's husband also

2881
02:10:19,380 --> 02:10:20,070

Mischlinge?

2882

02:10:20,070 --> 02:10:21,270

Yes.

2883

02:10:21,270 --> 02:10:22,890

The same.

2884

02:10:22,890 --> 02:10:26,160

And you met them there
in these labor camps?

2885

02:10:26,160 --> 02:10:34,080

Funny enough, Hans Pils,
my sister's later husband,

2886

02:10:34,080 --> 02:10:37,980

he was a very good friend
of my first husband

2887

02:10:37,980 --> 02:10:41,064

from the tennis club in Breslau.

2888

02:10:41,064 --> 02:10:43,750

[LAUGHS]

2889

02:10:43,750 --> 02:10:46,360

And your first
husband's name was what?

2890

02:10:46,360 --> 02:10:47,650

Frank Weber.

2891

02:10:47,650 --> 02:10:50,440

Frank Weber.

2892

02:10:50,440 --> 02:10:55,270

And he had a Jewish father
and a Christian mother.

2893

02:10:55,270 --> 02:10:59,890

And there is a long story

about my sister-in-law that

2894

02:10:59,890 --> 02:11:01,420
doesn't belong to my--

2895

02:11:01,420 --> 02:11:05,710
[CHUCKLES] But it is now.

2896

02:11:05,710 --> 02:11:12,520
When the Russians came,
the Russians took her.

2897

02:11:12,520 --> 02:11:15,430
And she had a little
boy, which she later--

2898

02:11:15,430 --> 02:11:21,760
which she, as a baby, left
because the mother said

2899

02:11:21,760 --> 02:11:22,630
leave him.

2900

02:11:22,630 --> 02:11:25,330
And this baby now--

2901

02:11:25,330 --> 02:11:28,750
I am very, very
familiar now, and we

2902

02:11:28,750 --> 02:11:35,320
are in close contact with
this Moishe in Israel.

2903

02:11:35,320 --> 02:11:37,060
His name is Moishe?

2904

02:11:37,060 --> 02:11:39,670
His name was Mikhail.

2905

02:11:39,670 --> 02:11:45,400
But his father, he

was Jewish Russian--

2906
02:11:45,400 --> 02:11:47,200
Soldier?

2907
02:11:47,200 --> 02:11:48,160
--officer.

2908
02:11:48,160 --> 02:11:49,465
He called him Moishe.

2909
02:11:49,465 --> 02:11:51,970

2910
02:11:51,970 --> 02:11:55,330
And when I looked
for this Moishe,

2911
02:11:55,330 --> 02:11:57,310
I looked at the wrong
name, because he

2912
02:11:57,310 --> 02:11:59,540
wasn't Grieback anymore.

2913
02:11:59,540 --> 02:12:02,020
He is now De Baruch.

2914
02:12:02,020 --> 02:12:03,280
What was his first name?

2915
02:12:03,280 --> 02:12:04,510
Grieback?

2916
02:12:04,510 --> 02:12:05,230
Ryback.

2917
02:12:05,230 --> 02:12:06,760
Ryback.

2918
02:12:06,760 --> 02:12:11,080

And Ryback obviously is a very common name in Russia.

2919
02:12:11,080 --> 02:12:11,740
OK.

2920
02:12:11,740 --> 02:12:13,960
And what is his name now?

2921
02:12:13,960 --> 02:12:17,710
Now his name is
Moishe de Baruch.

2922
02:12:17,710 --> 02:12:18,640
Debau?

2923
02:12:18,640 --> 02:12:19,630
De Baruch.

2924
02:12:19,630 --> 02:12:20,560
De Baruch.

2925
02:12:20,560 --> 02:12:21,280
OK.

2926
02:12:21,280 --> 02:12:26,440
And he has a travel
agency [LAUGHS] in Israel.

2927
02:12:26,440 --> 02:12:32,830
But he was your first
husband's sister's child?

2928
02:12:32,830 --> 02:12:38,020
Yes, which she left because
the mother said, "Come,

2929
02:12:38,020 --> 02:12:39,850
we leave him."

2930
02:12:39,850 --> 02:12:41,260
Leave him with whom?

2931
02:12:41,260 --> 02:12:43,590
With the father.

2932
02:12:43,590 --> 02:12:46,080
With the Russian father.

2933
02:12:46,080 --> 02:12:54,210
And the Russian father took
him via Switzerland to Israel.

2934
02:12:54,210 --> 02:12:59,670
And now, about a little
more maybe than a year,

2935
02:12:59,670 --> 02:13:04,700
I got in touch with
him through internet.

2936
02:13:04,700 --> 02:13:05,420
OK.

2937
02:13:05,420 --> 02:13:08,268
So this Russian father
who was the officer--

2938
02:13:08,268 --> 02:13:08,768
Yeah.

2939
02:13:08,768 --> 02:13:14,120

2940
02:13:14,120 --> 02:13:17,370
When your husband's sister--

2941
02:13:17,370 --> 02:13:19,010
Yeah, my sister-in-law.

2942
02:13:19,010 --> 02:13:23,480
--your sister-in-law
left the child,

2943

02:13:23,480 --> 02:13:26,850

was this right at the end of
the war that she left the child?

2944

02:13:26,850 --> 02:13:28,340

Yeah, that was after the war.

2945

02:13:28,340 --> 02:13:29,177

Right after the war.

2946

02:13:29,177 --> 02:13:30,260

Yeah, right after the war.

2947

02:13:30,260 --> 02:13:34,370

And then this Russian
officer goes to Switzerland

2948

02:13:34,370 --> 02:13:35,150

at that time?

2949

02:13:35,150 --> 02:13:38,480

He deserted the Russian army.

2950

02:13:38,480 --> 02:13:41,240

And that's why we
couldn't trace him,

2951

02:13:41,240 --> 02:13:45,830

because he didn't want
any trace of his life.

2952

02:13:45,830 --> 02:13:46,670

His name.

2953

02:13:46,670 --> 02:13:48,130

I see.

2954

02:13:48,130 --> 02:13:49,700

That's a story.

2955

02:13:49,700 --> 02:13:51,290

Yes, it is a story.

2956

02:13:51,290 --> 02:13:52,620

That's another story.

2957

02:13:52,620 --> 02:13:58,890

And about now, a year ago, I met this Moishe.

2958

02:13:58,890 --> 02:14:04,250

And the funniest thing, he looks exactly like my first husband.

2959

02:14:04,250 --> 02:14:04,910

Really?

2960

02:14:04,910 --> 02:14:07,640

Because these two, my sister-in-law

2961

02:14:07,640 --> 02:14:10,100

and my first husband, they looked very much alike.

2962

02:14:10,100 --> 02:14:13,850

And this-- now he is 70--

2963

02:14:13,850 --> 02:14:17,510

he looks exactly-- nothing Jewish.

2964

02:14:17,510 --> 02:14:19,430

[LAUGHS]

2965

02:14:19,430 --> 02:14:24,560

So had you known your first husband before you

2966

02:14:24,560 --> 02:14:26,630

got to the labor camp?

2967

02:14:26,630 --> 02:14:27,380

No.

2968
02:14:27,380 --> 02:14:36,850
The only thing-- no,
I knew him in camp.

2969
02:14:36,850 --> 02:14:37,450
OK.

2970
02:14:37,450 --> 02:14:38,500
In the camp.

2971
02:14:38,500 --> 02:14:43,630
And then it turned out
that through a tennis club

2972
02:14:43,630 --> 02:14:52,210
my sister's later husband,
they too knew each other.

2973
02:14:52,210 --> 02:14:56,450
How long were you
in the labor camp?

2974
02:14:56,450 --> 02:14:59,190
I think 10 months or
something like this.

2975
02:14:59,190 --> 02:15:03,450
So do you remember what
year you were taken?

2976
02:15:03,450 --> 02:15:06,680
Do you remember how old you
were when you were taken?

2977
02:15:06,680 --> 02:15:09,110
How old was I?

2978
02:15:09,110 --> 02:15:12,860
20, 21, something like-- no.

2979

02:15:12,860 --> 02:15:13,790
I have it in--

2980
02:15:13,790 --> 02:15:14,660
[LAUGHS]

2981
02:15:14,660 --> 02:15:15,160
OK.

2982
02:15:15,160 --> 02:15:17,720

2983
02:15:17,720 --> 02:15:20,240
So it was about 10 months
that you were there?

2984
02:15:20,240 --> 02:15:21,130
Yes.

2985
02:15:21,130 --> 02:15:23,700
Yeah, well, then the war ended.

2986
02:15:23,700 --> 02:15:29,300
You know where our camp was,
close to the Polish border.

2987
02:15:29,300 --> 02:15:34,880
And when the Russians took
over, pushed over the Poland,

2988
02:15:34,880 --> 02:15:38,610
and the Poles came to Silesia.

2989
02:15:38,610 --> 02:15:43,410
That's where our
guards then left.

2990
02:15:43,410 --> 02:15:46,410
Did your camp have a name?

2991
02:15:46,410 --> 02:15:48,270
I think it was Gross-Rosen.

2992
02:15:48,270 --> 02:15:49,260
Gross-Rosen?

2993
02:15:49,260 --> 02:15:49,980
Yeah.

2994
02:15:49,980 --> 02:15:51,260
You were in Gross-Rosen?

2995
02:15:51,260 --> 02:15:53,490
Yeah.

2996
02:15:53,490 --> 02:15:58,290
And when the Russians
came, our guards left.

2997
02:15:58,290 --> 02:15:58,850
I see.

2998
02:15:58,850 --> 02:16:04,620
And that's when my sister--

2999
02:16:04,620 --> 02:16:09,480
she went to-- because
her husband's family

3000
02:16:09,480 --> 02:16:12,060
came from Leipzig.

3001
02:16:12,060 --> 02:16:13,920
And she went to Leipzig.

3002
02:16:13,920 --> 02:16:20,270
And I went to look for
my mother and brother.

3003
02:16:20,270 --> 02:16:21,950
When you were at this camp--

3004
02:16:21,950 --> 02:16:25,070

and you say you were there
for just about 10 months, so

3005
02:16:25,070 --> 02:16:26,540
not a full year--

3006
02:16:26,540 --> 02:16:29,960
how soon after you
got there did you

3007
02:16:29,960 --> 02:16:33,380
pair up with the person who
became your first husband?

3008
02:16:33,380 --> 02:16:37,490

3009
02:16:37,490 --> 02:16:42,100
Well, we were all together
working with these Faschinen

3010
02:16:42,100 --> 02:16:43,600
or whatever.

3011
02:16:43,600 --> 02:16:49,059
And it turned out that we
came both from the same town--

3012
02:16:49,059 --> 02:16:52,959
and Hans, my brother-in-law.

3013
02:16:52,959 --> 02:16:57,670
So people who came from
Breslau, they kind of

3014
02:16:57,670 --> 02:16:59,840
tried to get together.

3015
02:16:59,840 --> 02:17:01,120
OK.

3016
02:17:01,120 --> 02:17:03,459

And where did you marry?

3017
02:17:03,459 --> 02:17:06,790
I married in Linz
Am Bindermichl.

3018
02:17:06,790 --> 02:17:08,200
Linz Am Bindermichl.

3019
02:17:08,200 --> 02:17:09,460
Is that the one in Austria?

3020
02:17:09,460 --> 02:17:10,209
Austria.

3021
02:17:10,209 --> 02:17:11,360
In Austria.

3022
02:17:11,360 --> 02:17:11,860
OK.

3023
02:17:11,860 --> 02:17:13,660
So this is after liberation?

3024
02:17:13,660 --> 02:17:14,410
Yeah.

3025
02:17:14,410 --> 02:17:15,129
All right.

3026
02:17:15,129 --> 02:17:18,580
So do you leave Frank?

3027
02:17:18,580 --> 02:17:22,540
And when you are liberated,
do you go together someplace,

3028
02:17:22,540 --> 02:17:25,750
or do you go separately
to look for your mother?

3029

02:17:25,750 --> 02:17:29,270
My sister went to Leipzig.

3030
02:17:29,270 --> 02:17:29,770
Right.

3031
02:17:29,770 --> 02:17:33,610
And I went to look
for my mother.

3032
02:17:33,610 --> 02:17:35,680
By yourself?

3033
02:17:35,680 --> 02:17:40,600
No, because at that time I
think he wasn't my husband yet.

3034
02:17:40,600 --> 02:17:42,280
He looked for my mother.

3035
02:17:42,280 --> 02:17:43,160
He was with you?

3036
02:17:43,160 --> 02:17:43,660
Yeah.

3037
02:17:43,660 --> 02:17:46,150
He was with you.

3038
02:17:46,150 --> 02:17:49,180
There was something
I still regret,

3039
02:17:49,180 --> 02:17:53,709
because I left because
he said, "Come,

3040
02:17:53,709 --> 02:17:55,600
we don't want to talk about it."

3041
02:17:55,600 --> 02:17:59,740
And I left my sister

actually with her,

3042
02:17:59,740 --> 02:18:03,520
at that time, not
husband but friend.

3043
02:18:03,520 --> 02:18:09,180
And this is still
something that hurts me,

3044
02:18:09,180 --> 02:18:13,200
because I left her
without saying, "Now I go

3045
02:18:13,200 --> 02:18:14,850
to Breslau and look for my"--

3046
02:18:14,850 --> 02:18:17,549

3047
02:18:17,549 --> 02:18:22,210
when she woke up the next
morning, I wasn't there.

3048
02:18:22,210 --> 02:18:22,980
And why?

3049
02:18:22,980 --> 02:18:24,330
Oh, why was that?

3050
02:18:24,330 --> 02:18:27,450
Well, because my, at
the time, husband said,

3051
02:18:27,450 --> 02:18:31,000
"I don't want to spread
this that we disappear."

3052
02:18:31,000 --> 02:18:33,020
Oh.

3053
02:18:33,020 --> 02:18:37,049

So you were still living
in that situation?

3054
02:18:37,049 --> 02:18:39,280
Yeah.

3055
02:18:39,280 --> 02:18:42,530
In this camp or--

3056
02:18:42,530 --> 02:18:43,559
This restaurant?

3057
02:18:43,559 --> 02:18:46,450
Yeah, this restaurant
on the floor.

3058
02:18:46,450 --> 02:18:48,490
What a weird kind of place.

3059
02:18:48,490 --> 02:18:49,780
It sounds weird.

3060
02:18:49,780 --> 02:18:52,840
[LAUGHS] Yeah, well,
they didn't know

3061
02:18:52,840 --> 02:18:56,150
what to do with all these
people all of a sudden.

3062
02:18:56,150 --> 02:18:58,450
And we were not paying guests.

3063
02:18:58,450 --> 02:19:00,939
No, you weren't.

3064
02:19:00,939 --> 02:19:02,469
Here's a question though--

3065
02:19:02,469 --> 02:19:07,860
Did your situation in
the camp stay the same?

3066
02:19:07,860 --> 02:19:11,059
In other words, did
things get worse?

3067
02:19:11,059 --> 02:19:16,930
As the war is being lost,
was there any change

3068
02:19:16,930 --> 02:19:19,650
in what they asked
you to do or how--

3069
02:19:19,650 --> 02:19:28,030
No, actually we were so included
in this with no way outside.

3070
02:19:28,030 --> 02:19:31,430
There was no radio, no anything.

3071
02:19:31,430 --> 02:19:33,250
You were isolated.

3072
02:19:33,250 --> 02:19:34,930
Completely isolated.

3073
02:19:34,930 --> 02:19:37,600
We went in the
morning to someplace

3074
02:19:37,600 --> 02:19:41,850
where they told us to cut
the little branches of trees

3075
02:19:41,850 --> 02:19:46,719
to knit them or whatever
you want to call it.

3076
02:19:46,719 --> 02:19:50,980
And at night--

3077
02:19:50,980 --> 02:19:55,330

Did anybody get
sick in the camp?

3078
02:19:55,330 --> 02:19:56,590
We didn't get sick.

3079
02:19:56,590 --> 02:19:59,590
But yes, there were people
who went sick because

3080
02:19:59,590 --> 02:20:04,480
of the hygienic situation.

3081
02:20:04,480 --> 02:20:07,580
If you ever knew
what a latrine is.

3082
02:20:07,580 --> 02:20:10,360
Well, I take it it's
a common bathroom.

3083
02:20:10,360 --> 02:20:12,314
Well, it is a--

3084
02:20:12,314 --> 02:20:12,814
[LAUGHS]

3085
02:20:12,814 --> 02:20:14,005
OK.

3086
02:20:14,005 --> 02:20:17,260
Was there opportunity
to have showers?

3087
02:20:17,260 --> 02:20:23,285
No, we had some water
running and pots to--

3088
02:20:23,285 --> 02:20:23,785
OK.

3089
02:20:23,785 --> 02:20:27,280

3090
02:20:27,280 --> 02:20:30,100
But the water was cold.

3091
02:20:30,100 --> 02:20:32,170
Oy.

3092
02:20:32,170 --> 02:20:33,130
Not fun.

3093
02:20:33,130 --> 02:20:35,740
But better than nothing.

3094
02:20:35,740 --> 02:20:37,210
And did you have soap?

3095
02:20:37,210 --> 02:20:40,105

3096
02:20:40,105 --> 02:20:43,330
I really don't know
what we used as soap,

3097
02:20:43,330 --> 02:20:48,670
because we got during
the war, it was rationed.

3098
02:20:48,670 --> 02:20:51,550
And we had little something.

3099
02:20:51,550 --> 02:20:54,430
This is something I
don't know what we did.

3100
02:20:54,430 --> 02:20:55,210
OK.

3101
02:20:55,210 --> 02:20:56,278
And what about food?

3102

02:20:56,278 --> 02:20:57,820
What kind of food
did you have there?

3103
02:20:57,820 --> 02:21:01,150
We had in this
little town, there

3104
02:21:01,150 --> 02:21:06,400
was a baker who was very,
very friendly with us.

3105
02:21:06,400 --> 02:21:11,140
And he told us when he made
fresh breads, come and get

3106
02:21:11,140 --> 02:21:11,680
some.

3107
02:21:11,680 --> 02:21:17,380
And I still remember
them warm in the pocket

3108
02:21:17,380 --> 02:21:21,130
from these overalls we had.

3109
02:21:21,130 --> 02:21:25,030
So you were able to have
contact with somebody local?

3110
02:21:25,030 --> 02:21:26,720
It wasn't like you
were complete--

3111
02:21:26,720 --> 02:21:27,700
Just the baker.

3112
02:21:27,700 --> 02:21:28,660
Just the baker.

3113
02:21:28,660 --> 02:21:30,710
Just the baker.

3114

02:21:30,710 --> 02:21:33,310

But other than that,
where my mother

3115

02:21:33,310 --> 02:21:37,210

where, where was the rest
of the family, nothing--

3116

02:21:37,210 --> 02:21:43,360

because telecommunication
weren't so like it is today.

3117

02:21:43,360 --> 02:21:44,500

No.

3118

02:21:44,500 --> 02:21:47,950

But if you're in a labor camp,
and if you're working on these

3119

02:21:47,950 --> 02:21:50,410

things, and if it's
involuntary-- that is,

3120

02:21:50,410 --> 02:21:52,990

you didn't ask to go there--

3121

02:21:52,990 --> 02:21:54,380

No, definitely not.

3122

02:21:54,380 --> 02:21:59,575

Yeah, so I am thinking that
it's more or less like a prison.

3123

02:21:59,575 --> 02:22:03,190

In a certain way, yes,
because we are not free.

3124

02:22:03,190 --> 02:22:08,440

Free we were when, as I said,
the Russians came too close,

3125

02:22:08,440 --> 02:22:12,162

and our guards didn't like.

3126
02:22:12,162 --> 02:22:13,870
Of course, they didn't
want to meet them.

3127
02:22:13,870 --> 02:22:16,810
They don't want to--

3128
02:22:16,810 --> 02:22:17,410
Right.

3129
02:22:17,410 --> 02:22:20,860
But if you had
guards, did they let

3130
02:22:20,860 --> 02:22:24,760
you go and meet common people
in the surrounding area?

3131
02:22:24,760 --> 02:22:29,130
Or were you under lock and key?

3132
02:22:29,130 --> 02:22:30,910
Not lock and keys.

3133
02:22:30,910 --> 02:22:33,280
And I would say
that we could get

3134
02:22:33,280 --> 02:22:37,660
to this baker walking a few--

3135
02:22:37,660 --> 02:22:40,840
I really don't know how we did
it, because they learned it.

3136
02:22:40,840 --> 02:22:45,220
And they said this
certain baker he makes us

3137
02:22:45,220 --> 02:22:47,650

some bread, some rolls.

3138
02:22:47,650 --> 02:22:48,400
OK.

3139
02:22:48,400 --> 02:22:50,140
So you were allowed.

3140
02:22:50,140 --> 02:22:51,895
It wasn't that you were inside.

3141
02:22:51,895 --> 02:22:54,520
We when not-- no.

3142
02:22:54,520 --> 02:22:57,298

3143
02:22:57,298 --> 02:22:59,410
We could go to the bakery.

3144
02:22:59,410 --> 02:23:02,020
Yeah, which a prisoner
generally couldn't.

3145
02:23:02,020 --> 02:23:04,120
And frankly, we
didn't have money.

3146
02:23:04,120 --> 02:23:07,000
He must have made money.

3147
02:23:07,000 --> 02:23:10,860
And I still remember
these warm little breads,

3148
02:23:10,860 --> 02:23:11,770
these little rolls.

3149
02:23:11,770 --> 02:23:13,180
Yeah, in your pockets.

3150

02:23:13,180 --> 02:23:14,830
Semmeln as we called them.

3151
02:23:14,830 --> 02:23:16,810
Yeah.

3152
02:23:16,810 --> 02:23:19,810
It makes a huge difference
when you are hungry.

3153
02:23:19,810 --> 02:23:24,160
[LAUGHS] And you didn't care
that nothing else was on it.

3154
02:23:24,160 --> 02:23:25,495
It was nice, warm.

3155
02:23:25,495 --> 02:23:28,150

3156
02:23:28,150 --> 02:23:32,050
What kind of food did they feed
you within the camp itself?

3157
02:23:32,050 --> 02:23:34,090
This was some kind of soup.

3158
02:23:34,090 --> 02:23:35,440
We had some container.

3159
02:23:35,440 --> 02:23:39,310

3160
02:23:39,310 --> 02:23:41,830
It must have been a
kitchen with big pots.

3161
02:23:41,830 --> 02:23:43,510
And we got--

3162
02:23:43,510 --> 02:23:46,955
And did you have a

uniform you had to wear?

3163
02:23:46,955 --> 02:23:48,080
No.

3164
02:23:48,080 --> 02:23:52,250
The only thing we got
were these wooden shoes.

3165
02:23:52,250 --> 02:23:58,280
And in wintertime, the
snow got stuck on this,

3166
02:23:58,280 --> 02:24:00,500
because if you go with--

3167
02:24:00,500 --> 02:24:01,130
Wooden shoes.

3168
02:24:01,130 --> 02:24:03,260
--with these wooden
shoes, I remember

3169
02:24:03,260 --> 02:24:08,710
that we little axe um
these branches zu hacken.

3170
02:24:08,710 --> 02:24:11,330
We went like this to--

3171
02:24:11,330 --> 02:24:12,080
To knock the snow.

3172
02:24:12,080 --> 02:24:14,030
--to knock the snow off.

3173
02:24:14,030 --> 02:24:16,700

3174
02:24:16,700 --> 02:24:19,560
And did anybody die while
you were in the camp?

3175
02:24:19,560 --> 02:24:20,270
No.

3176
02:24:20,270 --> 02:24:20,930
No.

3177
02:24:20,930 --> 02:24:23,900
We had one who was
a little something.

3178
02:24:23,900 --> 02:24:29,700
He ate, I think, some
mushrooms, and he died.

3179
02:24:29,700 --> 02:24:31,715
But that was his fault.

3180
02:24:31,715 --> 02:24:32,840
It was his food poisoning--

3181
02:24:32,840 --> 02:24:33,340
Yeah.

3182
02:24:33,340 --> 02:24:34,970
--of some kind.

3183
02:24:34,970 --> 02:24:37,100
And do you remember
what it was like when

3184
02:24:37,100 --> 02:24:40,800
the Russians came to liberate?

3185
02:24:40,800 --> 02:24:44,820
No, because we left
before they came.

3186
02:24:44,820 --> 02:24:50,700
Because the guards left,
and this opened the gates

3187

02:24:50,700 --> 02:24:52,670
before the Russians came in.

3188

02:24:52,670 --> 02:24:53,520
OK.

3189

02:24:53,520 --> 02:24:55,500
When you say you
left then, was that

3190

02:24:55,500 --> 02:24:57,420
when you went to
look for your mother,

3191

02:24:57,420 --> 02:24:59,850
or do you live together
with your sister?

3192

02:24:59,850 --> 02:25:02,360

3193

02:25:02,360 --> 02:25:06,630
This is something a
little dark what I feel,

3194

02:25:06,630 --> 02:25:12,720
because I left with my, at that
time, not husband or friend.

3195

02:25:12,720 --> 02:25:20,550
And my sister went with her,
at that time, not husband yet

3196

02:25:20,550 --> 02:25:21,840
to another family.

3197

02:25:21,840 --> 02:25:24,270
So we kind of split.

3198

02:25:24,270 --> 02:25:27,420
And it took a while before we--

3199

02:25:27,420 --> 02:25:30,540

I don't know how we
got together again,

3200

02:25:30,540 --> 02:25:36,510

because her part was in the
Russian part of Germany.

3201

02:25:36,510 --> 02:25:38,190

And I went to--

3202

02:25:38,190 --> 02:25:40,680

I was in the American.

3203

02:25:40,680 --> 02:25:46,870

So when you went to Breslau, did
you go back to Paradiesstrasse?

3204

02:25:46,870 --> 02:25:49,140

No.

3205

02:25:49,140 --> 02:25:55,750

How I got from Breslau,
which I went and realized

3206

02:25:55,750 --> 02:26:00,120

the house wasn't there
anymore, through something

3207

02:26:00,120 --> 02:26:01,650

I really don't know.

3208

02:26:01,650 --> 02:26:06,990

My, at that time, mother-in-law
and my sister-in-law,

3209

02:26:06,990 --> 02:26:10,000

they lived in a little town.

3210

02:26:10,000 --> 02:26:12,510

I don't remember the name.

3211

02:26:12,510 --> 02:26:15,660

They had Russian occupation.

3212

02:26:15,660 --> 02:26:21,570

And this Russian soldier,
who made friends with her,

3213

02:26:21,570 --> 02:26:24,660

they married some
kind of-- and this is

3214

02:26:24,660 --> 02:26:27,600

the Moishe I'm now in contact.

3215

02:26:27,600 --> 02:26:30,360

3216

02:26:30,360 --> 02:26:34,080

He looked for us in Breslau.

3217

02:26:34,080 --> 02:26:38,220

And at that time,
you marked your house

3218

02:26:38,220 --> 02:26:41,100

you are moving at
this direction or you

3219

02:26:41,100 --> 02:26:48,480

can people with his name, you
can get information about that.

3220

02:26:48,480 --> 02:26:52,770

That was the only way you
could find information,

3221

02:26:52,770 --> 02:26:54,660

because nothing else worked.

3222

02:26:54,660 --> 02:26:56,830

Well, let me understand
this properly.

3223
02:26:56,830 --> 02:27:00,090
You would go to somebody's
house or your own house.

3224
02:27:00,090 --> 02:27:03,870
And you would say, I am
looking for so-and-so.

3225
02:27:03,870 --> 02:27:06,210
You said I'm this and this.

3226
02:27:06,210 --> 02:27:09,630
You can find me
under this and this.

3227
02:27:09,630 --> 02:27:11,160
On the old place, wherever--

3228
02:27:11,160 --> 02:27:15,000
Wherever you-- because
telephone didn't work either.

3229
02:27:15,000 --> 02:27:18,660
That was the name of something.

3230
02:27:18,660 --> 02:27:21,670
So your house in
Paradiesstrasse is bombed?

3231
02:27:21,670 --> 02:27:25,710
That didn't-- but the
house of my, at that time--

3232
02:27:25,710 --> 02:27:27,330
Boyfriend.

3233
02:27:27,330 --> 02:27:30,240
--boyfriend, that stood still.

3234
02:27:30,240 --> 02:27:33,360
And this had the marks--

3235
02:27:33,360 --> 02:27:34,650
From the Russian officer.

3236
02:27:34,650 --> 02:27:38,370
--from where the Russian
officer found us.

3237
02:27:38,370 --> 02:27:39,480
I see.

3238
02:27:39,480 --> 02:27:42,500
In the house where he had lived.

3239
02:27:42,500 --> 02:27:46,230
Yeah, we went to that house.

3240
02:27:46,230 --> 02:27:49,140
It was damaged, but it stood.

3241
02:27:49,140 --> 02:27:51,480
And we could be there.

3242
02:27:51,480 --> 02:27:56,820
And we had outside
here this [GERMAN]..

3243
02:27:56,820 --> 02:27:57,870
And he found you there?

3244
02:27:57,870 --> 02:27:59,850
And he found us there.

3245
02:27:59,850 --> 02:28:00,900
I see.

3246
02:28:00,900 --> 02:28:05,070
And when your mother-in-law,
even though she wasn't

3247
02:28:05,070 --> 02:28:07,770

your mother-in-law yet,
when your sister-in-law had

3248

02:28:07,770 --> 02:28:13,820
the baby, and your mother says
leave him, where was she going?

3249

02:28:13,820 --> 02:28:15,070
Where was the mother and the--

3250

02:28:15,070 --> 02:28:17,040
She went with friends.

3251

02:28:17,040 --> 02:28:21,150
And this was in Munich,
where she had her baby.

3252

02:28:21,150 --> 02:28:25,570
And her child was six--

3253

02:28:25,570 --> 02:28:26,670
wait a minute.

3254

02:28:26,670 --> 02:28:28,950
My Frank was born in November.

3255

02:28:28,950 --> 02:28:34,100
And this Moishe was born
in July the next year.

3256

02:28:34,100 --> 02:28:36,480
Is a month older.

3257

02:28:36,480 --> 02:28:38,880
So did you have a
son named Frank?

3258

02:28:38,880 --> 02:28:39,720
Yeah.

3259

02:28:39,720 --> 02:28:40,440
I see.

3260
02:28:40,440 --> 02:28:40,940
OK.

3261
02:28:40,940 --> 02:28:41,935
That was my oldest son.

3262
02:28:41,935 --> 02:28:42,435
OK.

3263
02:28:42,435 --> 02:28:45,660

3264
02:28:45,660 --> 02:28:48,070
All right, so I'm jumping
ahead of the story.

3265
02:28:48,070 --> 02:28:50,430
So let's go back to
the Russian officer.

3266
02:28:50,430 --> 02:28:51,690
He finds you.

3267
02:28:51,690 --> 02:28:53,670
And then what happens?

3268
02:28:53,670 --> 02:28:55,800
You're all still
around in Breslau.

3269
02:28:55,800 --> 02:29:02,790
He brought me to
where they lived.

3270
02:29:02,790 --> 02:29:11,130
And he had facilities
because of my sister-in-law.

3271
02:29:11,130 --> 02:29:17,640
He deserted the army because
that was the only way.

3272
02:29:17,640 --> 02:29:19,530
And we went--

3273
02:29:19,530 --> 02:29:21,750
That's quite a big risk for him.

3274
02:29:21,750 --> 02:29:23,110
Well, wait a minute.

3275
02:29:23,110 --> 02:29:25,920

3276
02:29:25,920 --> 02:29:28,320
He was still a Russian officer.

3277
02:29:28,320 --> 02:29:33,720
When we went from that
German little town

3278
02:29:33,720 --> 02:29:37,080
through Czechoslovakia,
he always

3279
02:29:37,080 --> 02:29:40,350
had to go the
Russian occupation.

3280
02:29:40,350 --> 02:29:43,920
And this brought us
through Czechoslovakia,

3281
02:29:43,920 --> 02:29:46,110
through Austria.

3282
02:29:46,110 --> 02:29:51,090
And Austria and Linz
had one part Russian.

3283
02:29:51,090 --> 02:29:52,500
And over the bridge--

3284

02:29:52,500 --> 02:29:54,000

I have the bridge.

3285

02:29:54,000 --> 02:29:58,970

I just sent him the
photo of that bridge.

3286

02:29:58,970 --> 02:30:03,030

The other, was Linz,
that was American.

3287

02:30:03,030 --> 02:30:04,020

Interesting.

3288

02:30:04,020 --> 02:30:11,340

And this way, I still
remember, to be with his wife,

3289

02:30:11,340 --> 02:30:12,210

that didn't--

3290

02:30:12,210 --> 02:30:14,100

was too long.

3291

02:30:14,100 --> 02:30:19,190

When he deserted, we gave him
my, at that time, husband's,

3292

02:30:19,190 --> 02:30:24,690

or friend's, suit because he
went as a private person--

3293

02:30:24,690 --> 02:30:25,440

Across the bridge?

3294

02:30:25,440 --> 02:30:26,790

--over that bridge.

3295

02:30:26,790 --> 02:30:28,510

He deserted.

3296

02:30:28,510 --> 02:30:34,360
And [LAUGHS] that's the story.

3297
02:30:34,360 --> 02:30:35,550
Did you see that?

3298
02:30:35,550 --> 02:30:37,180
Were you with him
when that happened?

3299
02:30:37,180 --> 02:30:39,990
Yeah, we were all
together there.

3300
02:30:39,990 --> 02:30:41,730
Oh, how interesting.

3301
02:30:41,730 --> 02:30:42,810
How interesting.

3302
02:30:42,810 --> 02:30:48,840
And is this interesting now
for my sister-in-law's baby

3303
02:30:48,840 --> 02:30:51,630
she left with that man.

3304
02:30:51,630 --> 02:30:53,490
Was your sister-in-law
with him when

3305
02:30:53,490 --> 02:30:56,190
he crossed over the bridge?

3306
02:30:56,190 --> 02:30:59,650
No, they stayed.

3307
02:30:59,650 --> 02:31:02,920
They stayed in that little town.

3308
02:31:02,920 --> 02:31:04,690
I really don't know where.

3309
02:31:04,690 --> 02:31:07,690
The little town near Breslau?

3310
02:31:07,690 --> 02:31:09,550
It wasn't too close to Breslau.

3311
02:31:09,550 --> 02:31:12,010
OK, but it's still back there?

3312
02:31:12,010 --> 02:31:14,800
Yeah, it was.

3313
02:31:14,800 --> 02:31:17,740
And so she did not
travel with you?

3314
02:31:17,740 --> 02:31:19,060
She did not travel.

3315
02:31:19,060 --> 02:31:25,375
The only thing I remember that
we traveled with was Grischa.

3316
02:31:25,375 --> 02:31:27,470
He later changed his name.

3317
02:31:27,470 --> 02:31:27,970
OK.

3318
02:31:27,970 --> 02:31:30,610
But his name was Grischa?

3319
02:31:30,610 --> 02:31:31,960
It was Grischa.

3320
02:31:31,960 --> 02:31:37,720
Now his son said he had another
name, Baruch or whatever,

3321
02:31:37,720 --> 02:31:40,480

because he had to break--

3322
02:31:40,480 --> 02:31:42,000
He to cover his tracks.

3323
02:31:42,000 --> 02:31:42,790
Yeah.

3324
02:31:42,790 --> 02:31:43,810
OK.

3325
02:31:43,810 --> 02:31:45,880
Well, yes, that's quite a story.

3326
02:31:45,880 --> 02:31:47,870
It is a story in itself.

3327
02:31:47,870 --> 02:31:49,510
We went through all this.

3328
02:31:49,510 --> 02:31:51,670
And Grischa, as a
Russian officer,

3329
02:31:51,670 --> 02:31:56,440
he had the whole arm
for wristwatches.

3330
02:31:56,440 --> 02:32:01,720
And wherever they asked
silly questions, as he said,

3331
02:32:01,720 --> 02:32:02,920
he, "What?"

3332
02:32:02,920 --> 02:32:04,900
Which watch you like?"

3333
02:32:04,900 --> 02:32:10,060
[LAUGHS] And whatever they
decided, that was free.

3334
02:32:10,060 --> 02:32:12,580

3335
02:32:12,580 --> 02:32:13,970
He knew the system.

3336
02:32:13,970 --> 02:32:14,470
[LAUGHS]

3337
02:32:14,470 --> 02:32:16,250
He knew the system.

3338
02:32:16,250 --> 02:32:17,890
Definitely.

3339
02:32:17,890 --> 02:32:19,060
My goodness.

3340
02:32:19,060 --> 02:32:21,430
My goodness.

3341
02:32:21,430 --> 02:32:23,560
That was black
market at that time.

3342
02:32:23,560 --> 02:32:24,610
Yeah.

3343
02:32:24,610 --> 02:32:26,320
And it worked.

3344
02:32:26,320 --> 02:32:27,460
Perfect.

3345
02:32:27,460 --> 02:32:31,435
So it was you, Frank, and
Grischa who were traveling.

3346
02:32:31,435 --> 02:32:33,700
Now, Frank-- wait a minute.

3347

02:32:33,700 --> 02:32:35,350

Frank wasn't born at this time.

3348

02:32:35,350 --> 02:32:38,540

No, I'm sorry, I thought your husband's name was Frank.

3349

02:32:38,540 --> 02:32:44,460

No, my husband's name was Fred, Fredegar.

3350

02:32:44,460 --> 02:32:45,420

Fred Weber.

3351

02:32:45,420 --> 02:32:46,120

Fred Weber.

3352

02:32:46,120 --> 02:32:46,620

OK.

3353

02:32:46,620 --> 02:32:47,700

So Fred Weber.

3354

02:32:47,700 --> 02:32:52,050

So it was you, Fred, and Grischa.

3355

02:32:52,050 --> 02:32:54,090

The three of you were traveling?

3356

02:32:54,090 --> 02:32:57,210

With the Russian--

3357

02:32:57,210 --> 02:32:58,990

Forces, whatever they were.

3358

02:32:58,990 --> 02:33:04,710

Yeah, because these were kind of Jeeps, but bigger Jeeps.

3359

02:33:04,710 --> 02:33:08,580

And I remember we were
always in the back,

3360
02:33:08,580 --> 02:33:11,790
and they were covered.

3361
02:33:11,790 --> 02:33:16,140
They never saw us, or
we didn't see any--

3362
02:33:16,140 --> 02:33:20,610
because that was
a Russian vehicle,

3363
02:33:20,610 --> 02:33:26,740
they didn't want some not
Russian sitting in there.

3364
02:33:26,740 --> 02:33:29,340
So it sounds like
Grischa organized

3365
02:33:29,340 --> 02:33:32,250
that you would be
traveling this way

3366
02:33:32,250 --> 02:33:35,630
and bribing somebody on
Russian military transport.

3367
02:33:35,630 --> 02:33:36,960
Yeah.

3368
02:33:36,960 --> 02:33:41,100
But those other soldiers
and other military personnel

3369
02:33:41,100 --> 02:33:43,590
didn't know you were there.

3370
02:33:43,590 --> 02:33:46,800
Or they pretended not to know
you were there, because he

3371
02:33:46,800 --> 02:33:47,780
had a lot of watches.

3372
02:33:47,780 --> 02:33:48,090
Most likely they got--

3373
02:33:48,090 --> 02:33:48,590
The watches.

3374
02:33:48,590 --> 02:33:49,530
[LAUGHS]

3375
02:33:49,530 --> 02:33:50,610
They got the watches.

3376
02:33:50,610 --> 02:33:51,690
Got it.

3377
02:33:51,690 --> 02:33:53,790
How interesting.

3378
02:33:53,790 --> 02:33:58,380
The nice way, I still see,
how Grischa lifted his--

3379
02:33:58,380 --> 02:33:59,320
"Which one?"

3380
02:33:59,320 --> 02:34:02,080
[LAUGHTER]

3381
02:34:02,080 --> 02:34:03,000

3382
02:34:03,000 --> 02:34:06,930
And then in Linz, Linz seems
to be an important place

3383
02:34:06,930 --> 02:34:08,610
for a lot of reasons for you.

3384
02:34:08,610 --> 02:34:12,130
Yeah, Frank was born in Linz.

3385
02:34:12,130 --> 02:34:14,610
I thought you said he
was born in Munich.

3386
02:34:14,610 --> 02:34:15,390
No.

3387
02:34:15,390 --> 02:34:16,170
Born in Linz.

3388
02:34:16,170 --> 02:34:18,900

3389
02:34:18,900 --> 02:34:21,310
Moishe was born in Munich.

3390
02:34:21,310 --> 02:34:22,980
Frank was born in Linz.

3391
02:34:22,980 --> 02:34:25,095
So you were pregnant
when you were traveling.

3392
02:34:25,095 --> 02:34:25,800
Yes.

3393
02:34:25,800 --> 02:34:27,373
Oh, that was no fun.

3394
02:34:27,373 --> 02:34:27,873
No.

3395
02:34:27,873 --> 02:34:29,730
[LAUGHTER]

3396
02:34:29,730 --> 02:34:30,660
Jeepers.

3397

02:34:30,660 --> 02:34:32,850

And did you get married in Linz?

3398

02:34:32,850 --> 02:34:33,660

Yes.

3399

02:34:33,660 --> 02:34:34,590

OK.

3400

02:34:34,590 --> 02:34:36,810

On the Russian side

or the American side?

3401

02:34:36,810 --> 02:34:39,000

On the American side.

3402

02:34:39,000 --> 02:34:39,510

OK.

3403

02:34:39,510 --> 02:34:43,410

So when you cross the

bridge, how did you cross?

3404

02:34:43,410 --> 02:34:45,000

You know, this is something.

3405

02:34:45,000 --> 02:34:49,350

That bridge, they must have

had somebody in the middle,

3406

02:34:49,350 --> 02:34:54,000

because that bridge was half

Russian and half American.

3407

02:34:54,000 --> 02:34:57,660

I really don't remember

how we-- because we

3408

02:34:57,660 --> 02:35:02,640

came from the Russian part

and went over this bridge

3409
02:35:02,640 --> 02:35:05,970
to the American side.

3410
02:35:05,970 --> 02:35:11,820
And I'm pretty sure in the
middle must have sat somebody.

3411
02:35:11,820 --> 02:35:13,270
But you don't remember?

3412
02:35:13,270 --> 02:35:15,780
This I don't remember.

3413
02:35:15,780 --> 02:35:21,120
I just remember that Grischa,
he was a little heavier

3414
02:35:21,120 --> 02:35:22,200
than my husband.

3415
02:35:22,200 --> 02:35:27,060
And the suit we lent
him, that was everything.

3416
02:35:27,060 --> 02:35:29,250
He burst out of all seams.

3417
02:35:29,250 --> 02:35:32,160
[LAUGHS]

3418
02:35:32,160 --> 02:35:33,600
Oh, my goodness.

3419
02:35:33,600 --> 02:35:35,130
Oh, my goodness.

3420
02:35:35,130 --> 02:35:37,695
What happened to your
husband's Jewish father?

3421

02:35:37,695 --> 02:35:41,090

3422

02:35:41,090 --> 02:35:44,090

He died.

3423

02:35:44,090 --> 02:35:47,140

I never knew him.

3424

02:35:47,140 --> 02:35:48,070

I never knew him.

3425

02:35:48,070 --> 02:35:51,890

But I don't think he
was killed by the Nazis.

3426

02:35:51,890 --> 02:35:53,740

He died--

3427

02:35:53,740 --> 02:35:54,790

A natural death?

3428

02:35:54,790 --> 02:35:55,980

Natural death.

3429

02:35:55,980 --> 02:35:58,250

OK.

3430

02:35:58,250 --> 02:36:00,700

And were there any other
brothers and sisters

3431

02:36:00,700 --> 02:36:04,030

beyond the sister who--

3432

02:36:04,030 --> 02:36:05,275

He had an older sister.

3433

02:36:05,275 --> 02:36:09,220

3434

02:36:09,220 --> 02:36:10,540
She was never married.

3435
02:36:10,540 --> 02:36:12,430
She lived with somebody.

3436
02:36:12,430 --> 02:36:17,920
We never knew was it
the father figure or--

3437
02:36:17,920 --> 02:36:20,620
You didn't know.

3438
02:36:20,620 --> 02:36:23,552
These were times
where you didn't ask.

3439
02:36:23,552 --> 02:36:26,320
[LAUGHS]

3440
02:36:26,320 --> 02:36:30,820
So when you're crossing the
bridge, you're still pregnant.

3441
02:36:30,820 --> 02:36:35,620
Yes, because Frank
was born in Linz.

3442
02:36:35,620 --> 02:36:36,790
In the American side?

3443
02:36:36,790 --> 02:36:38,050
In the American side.

3444
02:36:38,050 --> 02:36:40,000
And you know something?

3445
02:36:40,000 --> 02:36:43,000
That was the insane asylum.

3446
02:36:43,000 --> 02:36:44,050
No.

3447
02:36:44,050 --> 02:36:46,620
They took over.

3448
02:36:46,620 --> 02:36:54,850
The actual hospital was
taken by the Americans.

3449
02:36:54,850 --> 02:37:01,150
And this facility like
a hospital facility

3450
02:37:01,150 --> 02:37:05,630
for the rest of it was
actually an insane asylum.

3451
02:37:05,630 --> 02:37:06,820
And it's so funny.

3452
02:37:06,820 --> 02:37:09,820

3453
02:37:09,820 --> 02:37:13,610
When Tito said Frank was
born in the insane asylum,

3454
02:37:13,610 --> 02:37:16,930
I said you don't
talk, because you were

3455
02:37:16,930 --> 02:37:18,730
born in the sugar factory--

3456
02:37:18,730 --> 02:37:21,310
[LAUGHTER]

3457
02:37:21,310 --> 02:37:22,450
--in Venezuela.

3458
02:37:22,450 --> 02:37:27,550
And that hospital or
that doctor he was born

3459
02:37:27,550 --> 02:37:30,602
belonged to the sugar
factory in Venezuela.

3460
02:37:30,602 --> 02:37:32,350
[LAUGHS]

3461
02:37:32,350 --> 02:37:35,330
But neither of them were
born in a usual place.

3462
02:37:35,330 --> 02:37:35,830
No.

3463
02:37:35,830 --> 02:37:37,990
[LAUGHTER]

3464
02:37:37,990 --> 02:37:39,290
How Interesting.

3465
02:37:39,290 --> 02:37:40,180
How interesting.

3466
02:37:40,180 --> 02:37:46,070
But we always laugh
because one you may be--

3467
02:37:46,070 --> 02:37:49,750
and then it's like, I
always said, are you sure

3468
02:37:49,750 --> 02:37:51,410
you are not the sweet one?

3469
02:37:51,410 --> 02:37:54,350
[LAUGHS]

3470
02:37:54,350 --> 02:37:55,870

3471

02:37:55,870 --> 02:38:00,190
So Linz has these
important moments.

3472
02:38:00,190 --> 02:38:02,620
It has a birth and a marriage.

3473
02:38:02,620 --> 02:38:05,290
Did you stay in Linz?

3474
02:38:05,290 --> 02:38:13,210
Not too long, because from
Linz we went to Munich.

3475
02:38:13,210 --> 02:38:13,810
OK.

3476
02:38:13,810 --> 02:38:16,900
And in Munich, did you find--
where did you find your mother?

3477
02:38:16,900 --> 02:38:19,450

3478
02:38:19,450 --> 02:38:20,830
Because in Munich--

3479
02:38:20,830 --> 02:38:26,020
I don't know when I learned that
my mother was close to Munich,

3480
02:38:26,020 --> 02:38:28,450
in Vilsbiburg.

3481
02:38:28,450 --> 02:38:29,400
Vilsbiburg?

3482
02:38:29,400 --> 02:38:33,520
Yeah, this town, which
my great aunt in Chicago

3483
02:38:33,520 --> 02:38:35,650

pronounced so funny,
well, we thought

3484
02:38:35,650 --> 02:38:40,360
it was Holland more
than anything else.

3485
02:38:40,360 --> 02:38:43,060
And yeah, I met her.

3486
02:38:43,060 --> 02:38:45,220
She stayed with her brother.

3487
02:38:45,220 --> 02:38:50,710
And did she tell you of
what had happened with her?

3488
02:38:50,710 --> 02:38:52,540
Well, she lost everything.

3489
02:38:52,540 --> 02:38:59,710
And her brother, who lived
a little outside of Breslau,

3490
02:38:59,710 --> 02:39:03,190
said come with us because
she was all by herself.

3491
02:39:03,190 --> 02:39:10,960
And he had a big family and
still lived in a decent house.

3492
02:39:10,960 --> 02:39:12,460
OK.

3493
02:39:12,460 --> 02:39:13,570
Outside Munich?

3494
02:39:13,570 --> 02:39:14,630
Outside Munich.

3495
02:39:14,630 --> 02:39:15,130

OK.

3496
02:39:15,130 --> 02:39:17,800
Would have this been
from his wife's side?

3497
02:39:17,800 --> 02:39:18,880
Pardon me?

3498
02:39:18,880 --> 02:39:21,770
Her brother, you said
had a big family.

3499
02:39:21,770 --> 02:39:22,270
Yeah.

3500
02:39:22,270 --> 02:39:25,780
Would this have been
from his wife's side?

3501
02:39:25,780 --> 02:39:28,300
Because if it was
his big family,

3502
02:39:28,300 --> 02:39:32,130
it would have been
her big family too.

3503
02:39:32,130 --> 02:39:33,430
Well, it was her--

3504
02:39:33,430 --> 02:39:37,410

3505
02:39:37,410 --> 02:39:41,648
Uncle Walter-- no, it
was my mother's family.

3506
02:39:41,648 --> 02:39:42,815
It was your mother's family?

3507
02:39:42,815 --> 02:39:44,610

Yeah, my mother's brother.

3508
02:39:44,610 --> 02:39:45,410
OK.

3509
02:39:45,410 --> 02:39:47,120
Your mother's brother.

3510
02:39:47,120 --> 02:39:49,050
And he had a big
family near Munich.

3511
02:39:49,050 --> 02:39:49,550
Yeah.

3512
02:39:49,550 --> 02:39:53,470
Did that mean your mother
had a big family near Munich,

3513
02:39:53,470 --> 02:39:55,160
because they were
brother and sister?

3514
02:39:55,160 --> 02:39:55,660
No.

3515
02:39:55,660 --> 02:39:57,320
My mother, no.

3516
02:39:57,320 --> 02:40:00,550
My mother had--

3517
02:40:00,550 --> 02:40:01,210
OK.

3518
02:40:01,210 --> 02:40:02,650
I think I'm not being clear.

3519
02:40:02,650 --> 02:40:05,170

3520

02:40:05,170 --> 02:40:09,040
I got the impression that
when your brother says

3521
02:40:09,040 --> 02:40:11,080
to your mother "come with me"--

3522
02:40:11,080 --> 02:40:11,890
Yeah.

3523
02:40:11,890 --> 02:40:13,150
We were in camp, we two.

3524
02:40:13,150 --> 02:40:13,690
I know.

3525
02:40:13,690 --> 02:40:14,650
I know.

3526
02:40:14,650 --> 02:40:18,760
But you're saying
he, your uncle,

3527
02:40:18,760 --> 02:40:20,960
had a big family near Munich.

3528
02:40:20,960 --> 02:40:21,700
Yeah.

3529
02:40:21,700 --> 02:40:24,790
But because your
mother is his sister,

3530
02:40:24,790 --> 02:40:27,820
wouldn't that also be
her family in Munich?

3531
02:40:27,820 --> 02:40:30,380
Yeah, well, it was her family.

3532
02:40:30,380 --> 02:40:31,600
OK.

3533
02:40:31,600 --> 02:40:33,760
That's all I wanted
to establish.

3534
02:40:33,760 --> 02:40:35,150
It was her family.

3535
02:40:35,150 --> 02:40:36,070
It was her family.

3536
02:40:36,070 --> 02:40:40,960
My father's family, we
had no contact whatsoever.

3537
02:40:40,960 --> 02:40:46,770
It was the only thing then
the grand aunt in Chicago--

3538
02:40:46,770 --> 02:40:47,800
That's right.

3539
02:40:47,800 --> 02:40:50,900
--through the Red Cross.

3540
02:40:50,900 --> 02:40:51,970
Who found you then?

3541
02:40:51,970 --> 02:40:52,690
Yes.

3542
02:40:52,690 --> 02:40:55,330
And through the Red Cross.

3543
02:40:55,330 --> 02:41:00,940
And this was really something
that was remarkable.

3544
02:41:00,940 --> 02:41:06,070
If you think, where we
were, I never saw her.

3545

02:41:06,070 --> 02:41:09,280

I just knew that she existed.

3546

02:41:09,280 --> 02:41:10,780

But I never met her.

3547

02:41:10,780 --> 02:41:12,440

We never met her.

3548

02:41:12,440 --> 02:41:16,750

And all through the
Red Cross she employed.

3549

02:41:16,750 --> 02:41:20,710

And did she send you packages?

3550

02:41:20,710 --> 02:41:23,140

Yes, she sent us.

3551

02:41:23,140 --> 02:41:27,010

When we came to New York,
that was the first time where

3552

02:41:27,010 --> 02:41:30,410

we got her little packages.

3553

02:41:30,410 --> 02:41:36,040

So what was her purpose
in finding you in Germany?

3554

02:41:36,040 --> 02:41:37,600

What did she want to do?

3555

02:41:37,600 --> 02:41:40,900

Well, because she knew her--

3556

02:41:40,900 --> 02:41:43,240

it was her great--

3557

02:41:43,240 --> 02:41:43,960

wait a minute.

3558
02:41:43,960 --> 02:41:45,370
What was it?

3559
02:41:45,370 --> 02:41:46,600
Her nephew.

3560
02:41:46,600 --> 02:41:47,510
Your father?

3561
02:41:47,510 --> 02:41:48,040
My father.

3562
02:41:48,040 --> 02:41:51,640

3563
02:41:51,640 --> 02:41:55,330
She knew that he
didn't exist anymore

3564
02:41:55,330 --> 02:41:58,960
and that we needed help.

3565
02:41:58,960 --> 02:42:04,360
And my mother came very
late to the States.

3566
02:42:04,360 --> 02:42:10,210
Did this particular aunt sponsor
you into the United States?

3567
02:42:10,210 --> 02:42:10,990
No.

3568
02:42:10,990 --> 02:42:15,000
We came through the--

3569
02:42:15,000 --> 02:42:16,210
what was it?

3570
02:42:16,210 --> 02:42:19,780

There were three-- the
highest was Jewish,

3571
02:42:19,780 --> 02:42:24,450
the Caritas were
Catholic, and we were--

3572
02:42:24,450 --> 02:42:25,350
what was our?

3573
02:42:25,350 --> 02:42:30,750

3574
02:42:30,750 --> 02:42:32,220
It has another name.

3575
02:42:32,220 --> 02:42:32,970
Was it a Lutheran?

3576
02:42:32,970 --> 02:42:36,840
There were three
organizations that came.

3577
02:42:36,840 --> 02:42:39,370
As I said, the
highest was Jewish.

3578
02:42:39,370 --> 02:42:42,300
The Caritas was Catholic.

3579
02:42:42,300 --> 02:42:45,420
And ours-- how was ours called?

3580
02:42:45,420 --> 02:42:46,770
But was it Protestant?

3581
02:42:46,770 --> 02:42:48,030
Protestant, yes.

3582
02:42:48,030 --> 02:42:49,200
And Lutheran?

3583

02:42:49,200 --> 02:42:49,710

Yes.

3584

02:42:49,710 --> 02:42:52,290

OK.

3585

02:42:52,290 --> 02:42:55,835

And so it was a religious
organization that sponsors you.

3586

02:42:55,835 --> 02:42:56,335

Yes.

3587

02:42:56,335 --> 02:43:01,140

3588

02:43:01,140 --> 02:43:03,840

Because I had
family in New York,

3589

02:43:03,840 --> 02:43:06,090

we could stay in New York.

3590

02:43:06,090 --> 02:43:08,970

But not with the family?

3591

02:43:08,970 --> 02:43:12,300

My family, that
was the great aunt.

3592

02:43:12,300 --> 02:43:17,970

And even though they had a big
house, we couldn't be there.

3593

02:43:17,970 --> 02:43:18,870

OK.

3594

02:43:18,870 --> 02:43:22,530

And this was another great
aunt, not the one from Chicago?

3595

02:43:22,530 --> 02:43:25,040
No, that is another one.

3596
02:43:25,040 --> 02:43:26,610
OK.

3597
02:43:26,610 --> 02:43:31,200
So they had nothing to do
with your official ability

3598
02:43:31,200 --> 02:43:32,790
to come to the United States?

3599
02:43:32,790 --> 02:43:33,940
No, no.

3600
02:43:33,940 --> 02:43:39,590
It was-- god, how
was our called?

3601
02:43:39,590 --> 02:43:44,020
There were three organizations.

3602
02:43:44,020 --> 02:43:46,120
But what was ours?

3603
02:43:46,120 --> 02:43:54,440
We still owed them, and
we paid them the passage.

3604
02:43:54,440 --> 02:43:57,460
It was a little rough
for us, but we could.

3605
02:43:57,460 --> 02:43:59,800
I think it was
\$900 or something.

3606
02:43:59,800 --> 02:44:03,460
That was a huge sum.

3607
02:44:03,460 --> 02:44:04,030

Yeah.

3608
02:44:04,030 --> 02:44:05,140
It was.

3609
02:44:05,140 --> 02:44:07,750
It was.

3610
02:44:07,750 --> 02:44:11,050
But nevertheless,
when you're in Munich,

3611
02:44:11,050 --> 02:44:14,730
you find your mother, who's
in this small little town.

3612
02:44:14,730 --> 02:44:18,460
Your great aunt from
Chicago finds you

3613
02:44:18,460 --> 02:44:21,820
through the Red Cross.

3614
02:44:21,820 --> 02:44:25,795
And then how long do you
stay in that part of Germany?

3615
02:44:25,795 --> 02:44:30,140

3616
02:44:30,140 --> 02:44:37,930
Because we applied for the
immigration here to the States.

3617
02:44:37,930 --> 02:44:41,150
I really don't know
how long it took us.

3618
02:44:41,150 --> 02:44:43,940
It didn't take us
too long, because we

3619

02:44:43,940 --> 02:44:48,210
were one of the first
batch after the war he

3620
02:44:48,210 --> 02:44:51,110
could come to the States.

3621
02:44:51,110 --> 02:44:57,740
All who were not in camp
and were regular citizens,

3622
02:44:57,740 --> 02:45:03,290
they could come later, quite
later on, through Canada.

3623
02:45:03,290 --> 02:45:05,705
This is true.

3624
02:45:05,705 --> 02:45:07,880
There were millions of refugees.

3625
02:45:07,880 --> 02:45:10,940
And not all of the refugees
had been in concentration camps

3626
02:45:10,940 --> 02:45:11,930
or labor camps.

3627
02:45:11,930 --> 02:45:13,280
Yeah.

3628
02:45:13,280 --> 02:45:14,420
They came through.

3629
02:45:14,420 --> 02:45:18,670
There was the only way they
came through to Canada.

3630
02:45:18,670 --> 02:45:24,320
So did you live in a displaced
persons camp in Munich,

3631

02:45:24,320 --> 02:45:26,810
or did you live together with
your mother and your uncle?

3632
02:45:26,810 --> 02:45:30,172
In Linz that was a
displaced people camp.

3633
02:45:30,172 --> 02:45:31,130
That's where you lived.

3634
02:45:31,130 --> 02:45:31,630
Yeah.

3635
02:45:31,630 --> 02:45:32,540
OK.

3636
02:45:32,540 --> 02:45:34,880
But you didn't stay there?

3637
02:45:34,880 --> 02:45:36,140
In Linz?

3638
02:45:36,140 --> 02:45:40,740
We stayed there till
we could get to Munich.

3639
02:45:40,740 --> 02:45:41,900
And it was so funny.

3640
02:45:41,900 --> 02:45:44,450
They had all the
written in Hebrew.

3641
02:45:44,450 --> 02:45:49,490
And we didn't know
anything in Hebrew.

3642
02:45:49,490 --> 02:45:53,690
Even though both of
you are half Jewish.

3643

02:45:53,690 --> 02:45:58,130
Who-- in Germany, nobody
speaks the Hebrew.

3644
02:45:58,130 --> 02:45:58,725
Or Yiddish.

3645
02:45:58,725 --> 02:45:59,850
It could have been Yiddish.

3646
02:45:59,850 --> 02:46:02,090
Or Yiddish, yeah.

3647
02:46:02,090 --> 02:46:05,810
So you end up in Munich.

3648
02:46:05,810 --> 02:46:10,040
How old was your son Frank when
you came to the United States?

3649
02:46:10,040 --> 02:46:14,450
Oh, he was a year
old, or was he?

3650
02:46:14,450 --> 02:46:17,030
No, I don't think he
was a year old yet.

3651
02:46:17,030 --> 02:46:19,610
So that means you must
have come in 1946.

3652
02:46:19,610 --> 02:46:22,820
Yeah, in March 1946.

3653
02:46:22,820 --> 02:46:26,330
And he was born in November '45.

3654
02:46:26,330 --> 02:46:27,080
Wow.

3655
02:46:27,080 --> 02:46:28,790

OK.

3656
02:46:28,790 --> 02:46:29,960
And my friend--

3657
02:46:29,960 --> 02:46:34,400

3658
02:46:34,400 --> 02:46:37,550
I don't know where
we got Steffi.

3659
02:46:37,550 --> 02:46:39,980
She came here with
the first boat

3660
02:46:39,980 --> 02:46:45,230
because we were delayed
from Germany in Bremerhaven

3661
02:46:45,230 --> 02:46:48,110
because they had a
coal strike here.

3662
02:46:48,110 --> 02:46:54,360
And they had not a coal
strike-- a strike for something.

3663
02:46:54,360 --> 02:47:02,160
I think it was petrol,
where the coal--

3664
02:47:02,160 --> 02:47:03,300
In the United States?

3665
02:47:03,300 --> 02:47:06,420
Here, yes, in '46.

3666
02:47:06,420 --> 02:47:14,010
And they had preferences to our
boats who came with immigrants.

3667

02:47:14,010 --> 02:47:16,492
They had a strike of--

3668
02:47:16,492 --> 02:47:18,770
it must have been petrol.

3669
02:47:18,770 --> 02:47:19,280
OK.

3670
02:47:19,280 --> 02:47:21,660
What significance does
this have for your journey?

3671
02:47:21,660 --> 02:47:25,700
Yeah, well, because we were
delayed with coming in.

3672
02:47:25,700 --> 02:47:29,750
These boats they needed
for other transportation.

3673
02:47:29,750 --> 02:47:30,620
I see.

3674
02:47:30,620 --> 02:47:32,240
I see.

3675
02:47:32,240 --> 02:47:33,710
Why did you want
to leave Germany?

3676
02:47:33,710 --> 02:47:36,380

3677
02:47:36,380 --> 02:47:40,080
There was nothing there to--

3678
02:47:40,080 --> 02:47:41,120
it was my mother.

3679
02:47:41,120 --> 02:47:47,280
And we always had the

idea with Nazi Germany,

3680
02:47:47,280 --> 02:47:51,020
we weren't too friendly
with the Germans.

3681
02:47:51,020 --> 02:47:55,130
So you had mentioned
earlier in our interview

3682
02:47:55,130 --> 02:47:59,990
that your father's relatives
in the United States

3683
02:47:59,990 --> 02:48:03,080
didn't think that
situation was so bad.

3684
02:48:03,080 --> 02:48:08,540
Because of his Christian wife.

3685
02:48:08,540 --> 02:48:13,460
So did they offer to help
or not offer to help?

3686
02:48:13,460 --> 02:48:20,900
Unfortunately, obviously
not, because this great aunt

3687
02:48:20,900 --> 02:48:22,170
in Chicago--

3688
02:48:22,170 --> 02:48:24,560
but later on, when
we came here, I

3689
02:48:24,560 --> 02:48:27,410
remember the first \$1,000 check.

3690
02:48:27,410 --> 02:48:29,636
That was something ah.

3691

02:48:29,636 --> 02:48:31,400
It was huge.

3692
02:48:31,400 --> 02:48:33,440
That was really huge.

3693
02:48:33,440 --> 02:48:37,130
We could buy some
things to sleep on.

3694
02:48:37,130 --> 02:48:39,230
And that was really--

3695
02:48:39,230 --> 02:48:42,500

3696
02:48:42,500 --> 02:48:46,070
They felt my father
was protected

3697
02:48:46,070 --> 02:48:48,980
with his Christian family.

3698
02:48:48,980 --> 02:48:52,085
And obviously not.

3699
02:48:52,085 --> 02:48:53,420
No.

3700
02:48:53,420 --> 02:48:56,750
And did your mother
come with you?

3701
02:48:56,750 --> 02:49:01,910
No, my mother stayed in
Germany quite, quite a while.

3702
02:49:01,910 --> 02:49:06,140
And she was delayed
because of the X-ray.

3703
02:49:06,140 --> 02:49:08,850

3704
02:49:08,850 --> 02:49:11,300
They did something
with her X-ray.

3705
02:49:11,300 --> 02:49:14,030
And that showed that she
might have had something

3706
02:49:14,030 --> 02:49:15,560
from her lungs.

3707
02:49:15,560 --> 02:49:17,870
It turned out the X-ray--

3708
02:49:17,870 --> 02:49:18,560
Was wrong.

3709
02:49:18,560 --> 02:49:19,520
--was wrong.

3710
02:49:19,520 --> 02:49:20,282
Yeah.

3711
02:49:20,282 --> 02:49:21,740
Well, of course,
they were checking

3712
02:49:21,740 --> 02:49:25,070
all refugees for tuberculosis
and whether they'd

3713
02:49:25,070 --> 02:49:26,180
be coming with a disease.

3714
02:49:26,180 --> 02:49:28,700

3715
02:49:28,700 --> 02:49:30,560
But she also wanted
to leave Germany.

3716
02:49:30,560 --> 02:49:31,380
Is that correct?

3717
02:49:31,380 --> 02:49:32,150
Yes.

3718
02:49:32,150 --> 02:49:36,110
She wanted to live with us.

3719
02:49:36,110 --> 02:49:39,380
But it didn't work out
with my first husband.

3720
02:49:39,380 --> 02:49:43,180
And she went back to Germany.

3721
02:49:43,180 --> 02:49:48,575
Besides language wasn't--
she didn't get the language.

3722
02:49:48,575 --> 02:49:51,650

3723
02:49:51,650 --> 02:49:52,520
She went back.

3724
02:49:52,520 --> 02:49:54,680
So it was better for her.

3725
02:49:54,680 --> 02:49:57,740
And then I remarried
and went to Venezuela.

3726
02:49:57,740 --> 02:50:00,980
And that would have been
something up in the mountains.

3727
02:50:00,980 --> 02:50:04,640
That would not
have been for her.

3728

02:50:04,640 --> 02:50:08,500

Your sister, what was her route?

3729

02:50:08,500 --> 02:50:13,740

She went from the camp
that you were working in.

3730

02:50:13,740 --> 02:50:18,590

She went to Leipzig to her
later husband's family.

3731

02:50:18,590 --> 02:50:24,050

And frankly, I don't know
where my brother-in-law

3732

02:50:24,050 --> 02:50:28,130

was, because they
didn't go together.

3733

02:50:28,130 --> 02:50:33,010

I think he was still
drafted as a young man,

3734

02:50:33,010 --> 02:50:41,200

because in Germany, what young
man wasn't in the army or--

3735

02:50:41,200 --> 02:50:43,335

Well, you said they
met in labor camp.

3736

02:50:43,335 --> 02:50:48,520

Yeah, well-- so I think
he was drafted to--

3737

02:50:48,520 --> 02:50:55,330

what was this French
labor organization?

3738

02:50:55,330 --> 02:50:55,950

I don't know.

3739

02:50:55,950 --> 02:50:59,770

3740

02:50:59,770 --> 02:51:04,060

I think he was drafted for
a few months in this labor--

3741

02:51:04,060 --> 02:51:05,740

and that was in France.

3742

02:51:05,740 --> 02:51:08,330

3743

02:51:08,330 --> 02:51:09,190

OK.

3744

02:51:09,190 --> 02:51:10,090

TOT.

3745

02:51:10,090 --> 02:51:11,260

TOT.

3746

02:51:11,260 --> 02:51:12,010

T-O-T?

3747

02:51:12,010 --> 02:51:15,105

T-O-T. Ich weiss nicht...

3748

02:51:15,105 --> 02:51:18,115

I think I've heard of it,
but I'll have to look it up

3749

02:51:18,115 --> 02:51:18,990

to see what it means.

3750

02:51:18,990 --> 02:51:21,430

Yeah, I think it was
TOT Organization.

3751

02:51:21,430 --> 02:51:22,690

OK.

3752

02:51:22,690 --> 02:51:24,520

So what happened
with your sister?

3753

02:51:24,520 --> 02:51:28,300

She goes to Leipzig,
and she stays there?

3754

02:51:28,300 --> 02:51:33,310

She went-- since this
was a Russian sector,

3755

02:51:33,310 --> 02:51:37,330

she had trouble then
coming into the States.

3756

02:51:37,330 --> 02:51:38,717

Well, did she go to Munich?

3757

02:51:38,717 --> 02:51:39,800

Did she go somewhere else?

3758

02:51:39,800 --> 02:51:40,430

She couldn't.

3759

02:51:40,430 --> 02:51:41,305

OK, where did she go?

3760

02:51:41,305 --> 02:51:44,230

She couldn't because
at that time,

3761

02:51:44,230 --> 02:51:47,110

you couldn't come from
the Russian sector

3762

02:51:47,110 --> 02:51:50,750

to the American sector.

3763

02:51:50,750 --> 02:51:54,950

Right, well, you went via
Austria and the bridge.

3764
02:51:54,950 --> 02:51:55,872
And you had Grischa.

3765
02:51:55,872 --> 02:51:57,950
[LAUGHS]

3766
02:51:57,950 --> 02:51:58,880
And his watches.

3767
02:51:58,880 --> 02:52:01,280
[LAUGHTER]

3768
02:52:01,280 --> 02:52:04,550
But did your sister
leave Leipzig

3769
02:52:04,550 --> 02:52:06,050
or did she stay in Leipzig?

3770
02:52:06,050 --> 02:52:07,370
She stayed in Leipzig.

3771
02:52:07,370 --> 02:52:09,870
For how long?

3772
02:52:09,870 --> 02:52:12,560
For quite a while
because we were here

3773
02:52:12,560 --> 02:52:16,910
already in the States, I
think, at least an hour

3774
02:52:16,910 --> 02:52:19,130
or something--
more than an hour.

3775
02:52:19,130 --> 02:52:20,330
You mean a year.

3776

02:52:20,330 --> 02:52:21,750

A year.

3777

02:52:21,750 --> 02:52:24,440

A year.

3778

02:52:24,440 --> 02:52:29,300

Because from this,

I don't know when

3779

02:52:29,300 --> 02:52:33,830

she was able to come

from the Russian sector,

3780

02:52:33,830 --> 02:52:37,310

because at that time,

they weren't too friendly.

3781

02:52:37,310 --> 02:52:38,300

Of course not.

3782

02:52:38,300 --> 02:52:38,930

Of course not.

3783

02:52:38,930 --> 02:52:41,790

The question, though, is

does she eventually do that?

3784

02:52:41,790 --> 02:52:42,332

Yes, she did.

3785

02:52:42,332 --> 02:52:42,832

They did.

3786

02:52:42,832 --> 02:52:43,400

OK.

3787

02:52:43,400 --> 02:52:46,020

And where do they go to?

3788

02:52:46,020 --> 02:52:48,890

They stayed for a

while in my house.

3789
02:52:48,890 --> 02:52:50,000
In Munich?

3790
02:52:50,000 --> 02:52:50,570
No.

3791
02:52:50,570 --> 02:52:52,070
Outside Munich?

3792
02:52:52,070 --> 02:52:52,820
No, no.

3793
02:52:52,820 --> 02:52:55,230
I was already here
in the States.

3794
02:52:55,230 --> 02:52:55,730
OK.

3795
02:52:55,730 --> 02:52:57,380
Before they get to
the United States,

3796
02:52:57,380 --> 02:52:59,640
they don't go from
Leipzig to New York.

3797
02:52:59,640 --> 02:53:01,880
They have to go to
someplace western in Europe.

3798
02:53:01,880 --> 02:53:05,090

3799
02:53:05,090 --> 02:53:11,990
No, she came from Leipzig, when
she was able to, to New York.

3800
02:53:11,990 --> 02:53:14,030
Directly?

3801
02:53:14,030 --> 02:53:15,950
It's impossible.

3802
02:53:15,950 --> 02:53:18,185
After the war?

3803
02:53:18,185 --> 02:53:21,230
[INAUDIBLE] [LAUGHS]

3804
02:53:21,230 --> 02:53:21,780
OK.

3805
02:53:21,780 --> 02:53:24,990
It means you don't remember
it to me or you didn't know.

3806
02:53:24,990 --> 02:53:25,770
And that's OK.

3807
02:53:25,770 --> 02:53:29,650
No, because I know when
she came to the States,

3808
02:53:29,650 --> 02:53:36,840
she stayed in my apartment, in
our apartment in Long Island.

3809
02:53:36,840 --> 02:53:39,980
Did she come from Bremerhaven?

3810
02:53:39,980 --> 02:53:41,270
Obviously.

3811
02:53:41,270 --> 02:53:44,400
So she had to get from
Leipzig to Bremerhaven.

3812
02:53:44,400 --> 02:53:47,040
And that means going from the
Russian to the American sector.

3813
02:53:47,040 --> 02:53:48,300
Yeah, it must have.

3814
02:53:48,300 --> 02:53:55,470
It must have, because it was
at least maybe two years later,

3815
02:53:55,470 --> 02:53:56,850
when this was open.

3816
02:53:56,850 --> 02:53:57,600
OK.

3817
02:53:57,600 --> 02:53:59,850
Well, I don't know
how open it was.

3818
02:53:59,850 --> 02:54:03,030
But there was a lot
of smuggling going on.

3819
02:54:03,030 --> 02:54:06,225
There was a lot of
illegal crossings.

3820
02:54:06,225 --> 02:54:09,720
There was a lot of
different ways that people--

3821
02:54:09,720 --> 02:54:13,500
I still don't remember
how she got from Leipzig,

3822
02:54:13,500 --> 02:54:15,250
that she wound up-- but--

3823
02:54:15,250 --> 02:54:16,680
But she got there.

3824
02:54:16,680 --> 02:54:18,180
She got to New York.

3825

02:54:18,180 --> 02:54:21,120

She got to New York.

3826

02:54:21,120 --> 02:54:26,190

So it was your sister, her
husband, you, your husband,

3827

02:54:26,190 --> 02:54:28,570

and your baby Frank.

3828

02:54:28,570 --> 02:54:29,460

Yeah.

3829

02:54:29,460 --> 02:54:35,520

And your sister-in-law
was still in Munich?

3830

02:54:35,520 --> 02:54:38,880

The one who had Moishe,
had she come to the States?

3831

02:54:38,880 --> 02:54:41,550

3832

02:54:41,550 --> 02:54:48,220

I don't know when she
came to the States,

3833

02:54:48,220 --> 02:54:51,670

because we lost kind of contact.

3834

02:54:51,670 --> 02:54:58,236

And this baby Moishe, I only
[LAUGHS] met about a year ago.

3835

02:54:58,236 --> 02:55:02,410

That's an incredible
thing that he appears,

3836

02:55:02,410 --> 02:55:05,650

you find him in your life,
half a century later.

3837
02:55:05,650 --> 02:55:08,200
And for him, it was
something because I

3838
02:55:08,200 --> 02:55:11,980
could fill in his
first years, because he

3839
02:55:11,980 --> 02:55:18,340
remembered the woman his
father was married to

3840
02:55:18,340 --> 02:55:20,920
wasn't his mother.

3841
02:55:20,920 --> 02:55:26,780
And he said only when he was 17
years old that the father said,

3842
02:55:26,780 --> 02:55:30,610
"You know, my wife
isn't your mother."

3843
02:55:30,610 --> 02:55:33,430
And he said he always
had the feeling

3844
02:55:33,430 --> 02:55:35,230
that this isn't my mother--

3845
02:55:35,230 --> 02:55:38,530
the way she treated him.

3846
02:55:38,530 --> 02:55:42,910
Because he had half
brothers or sisters,

3847
02:55:42,910 --> 02:55:47,990
and he said he always had the
feeling there's something.

3848

02:55:47,990 --> 02:55:52,910
But he said he had to be 17
years before his father told

3849
02:55:52,910 --> 02:55:57,670
him "my wife isn't your mother."

3850
02:55:57,670 --> 02:55:58,720
Wow.

3851
02:55:58,720 --> 02:56:05,950
And that's why he said I filled
in his first years of his life,

3852
02:56:05,950 --> 02:56:07,390
because he didn't know--

3853
02:56:07,390 --> 02:56:08,800
Who his mother was.

3854
02:56:08,800 --> 02:56:09,940
Did he ever contact?

3855
02:56:09,940 --> 02:56:11,500
--where was my mother?

3856
02:56:11,500 --> 02:56:13,450
Who was my mother?

3857
02:56:13,450 --> 02:56:15,950
Yeah.

3858
02:56:15,950 --> 02:56:17,120
That's a sad thing.

3859
02:56:17,120 --> 02:56:20,930

3860
02:56:20,930 --> 02:56:24,110
Let's finish up a little bit.

3861

02:56:24,110 --> 02:56:26,630
You're in New York.

3862
02:56:26,630 --> 02:56:28,985
How long did you stay married
to your first husband?

3863
02:56:28,985 --> 02:56:32,680

3864
02:56:32,680 --> 02:56:36,810
How long were you married
to your first husband?

3865
02:56:36,810 --> 02:56:37,980
12 years.

3866
02:56:37,980 --> 02:56:39,120
OK.

3867
02:56:39,120 --> 02:56:42,890
So you divorced sometime
in the mid '50s?

3868
02:56:42,890 --> 02:56:43,920
Yeah.

3869
02:56:43,920 --> 02:56:45,300
OK.

3870
02:56:45,300 --> 02:56:47,460
And when did you marry
your second husband?

3871
02:56:47,460 --> 02:56:50,370

3872
02:56:50,370 --> 02:56:54,980
The funny thing, he got
divorced from his wife too.

3873
02:56:54,980 --> 02:56:57,270

But this had nothing
to do with it,

3874
02:56:57,270 --> 02:56:59,890
because we weren't
that close together.

3875
02:56:59,890 --> 02:57:02,410

3876
02:57:02,410 --> 02:57:04,450
But when did you marry
your second husband?

3877
02:57:04,450 --> 02:57:06,520
When did we marry?

3878
02:57:06,520 --> 02:57:10,180
Tito was born in '56.

3879
02:57:10,180 --> 02:57:11,660
'55, no?

3880
02:57:11,660 --> 02:57:13,840
No.

3881
02:57:13,840 --> 02:57:15,430
'56 you were married.

3882
02:57:15,430 --> 02:57:17,240
You were born '56.

3883
02:57:17,240 --> 02:57:18,310
'57.

3884
02:57:18,310 --> 02:57:19,660
Oh, OK.

3885
02:57:19,660 --> 02:57:22,840
Then we were married in '56.

3886

02:57:22,840 --> 02:57:23,860
OK.

3887
02:57:23,860 --> 02:57:28,110
And when did you
leave for Venezuela?

3888
02:57:28,110 --> 02:57:30,215
When did I leave for Venezuela?

3889
02:57:30,215 --> 02:57:31,480
'56.

3890
02:57:31,480 --> 02:57:33,450
'56.

3891
02:57:33,450 --> 02:57:34,170
OK.

3892
02:57:34,170 --> 02:57:35,880
So the same year
you get married,

3893
02:57:35,880 --> 02:57:37,590
you leave for Venezuela.

3894
02:57:37,590 --> 02:57:42,660
And your second son,
what is his name?

3895
02:57:42,660 --> 02:57:44,160
Rudolf Schuessler.

3896
02:57:44,160 --> 02:57:44,910
No.

3897
02:57:44,910 --> 02:57:46,920
Your second son is
Rudolf Schuessler?

3898
02:57:46,920 --> 02:57:47,430
Yeah.

3899
02:57:47,430 --> 02:57:48,030
OK.

3900
02:57:48,030 --> 02:57:49,690
And does he have a nickname?

3901
02:57:49,690 --> 02:57:50,190
Hmm?

3902
02:57:50,190 --> 02:57:52,300
Does he have a nickname?

3903
02:57:52,300 --> 02:57:53,060
A nickname?

3904
02:57:53,060 --> 02:57:53,740
Yeah.

3905
02:57:53,740 --> 02:57:56,380
Excuse me, can we cut the
camera for a little bit?

3906
02:57:56,380 --> 02:58:00,070
So explain to me, because you've
been referring to your son

3907
02:58:00,070 --> 02:58:02,170
as Tito, so I thought
that's his nickname.

3908
02:58:02,170 --> 02:58:05,440
Yeah, because the Spanish
is chiquito, hijito.

3909
02:58:05,440 --> 02:58:07,870
And he called himself Tito.

3910
02:58:07,870 --> 02:58:08,710
I see.

3911

02:58:08,710 --> 02:58:09,520
I see.

3912
02:58:09,520 --> 02:58:14,405
And so your son was named
after your father Rudolf?

3913
02:58:14,405 --> 02:58:14,980
Yes.

3914
02:58:14,980 --> 02:58:15,790
OK.

3915
02:58:15,790 --> 02:58:16,975
And your husband's--

3916
02:58:16,975 --> 02:58:19,510
And since my husband's
name was too Rudolf.

3917
02:58:19,510 --> 02:58:21,640
Even though the writing
is a little different,

3918
02:58:21,640 --> 02:58:23,160
but it is Rudolf still.

3919
02:58:23,160 --> 02:58:24,250
OK.

3920
02:58:24,250 --> 02:58:31,590
And so from 1956 until when
did you live in Venezuela?

3921
02:58:31,590 --> 02:58:33,430
Till 35 years ago.

3922
02:58:33,430 --> 02:58:34,650
So 1984?

3923
02:58:34,650 --> 02:58:35,870
Yeah.

3924
02:58:35,870 --> 02:58:39,710
And what were you doing in
Venezuela with your husband?

3925
02:58:39,710 --> 02:58:42,230

3926
02:58:42,230 --> 02:58:44,510
I was a housewife.

3927
02:58:44,510 --> 02:58:47,720
But what kind of
business did he have?

3928
02:58:47,720 --> 02:58:49,190
We had the plantation.

3929
02:58:49,190 --> 02:58:50,780
What kind of
plantation was this?

3930
02:58:50,780 --> 02:58:52,040
A coffee plantation.

3931
02:58:52,040 --> 02:58:53,258
OK.

3932
02:58:53,258 --> 02:58:54,425
You had a coffee plantation?

3933
02:58:54,425 --> 02:58:55,850
[LAUGHS] Yeah.

3934
02:58:55,850 --> 02:59:02,030
And was this a
family-owned business?

3935
02:59:02,030 --> 02:59:05,540
No, that was his family.

3936

02:59:05,540 --> 02:59:10,610
It was 1881 created.

3937
02:59:10,610 --> 02:59:13,430
From your second
husband's family?

3938
02:59:13,430 --> 02:59:14,690
Yes.

3939
02:59:14,690 --> 02:59:16,550
And the brothers took over.

3940
02:59:16,550 --> 02:59:18,860
He had another brother.

3941
02:59:18,860 --> 02:59:23,840
And Hans died in '61, I think.

3942
02:59:23,840 --> 02:59:29,120
And your second husband, how did
he end up in the United States?

3943
02:59:29,120 --> 02:59:31,280
Because his first wife--

3944
02:59:31,280 --> 02:59:35,140

3945
02:59:35,140 --> 02:59:38,940
well, in Germany,
you had a Trennt

3946
02:59:38,940 --> 02:59:42,780
if you were able
to get out of it.

3947
02:59:42,780 --> 02:59:47,280
And his first wife
was half Jewish too.

3948
02:59:47,280 --> 02:59:50,010

So he came.

3949

02:59:50,010 --> 02:59:53,440

We came, I think, on
the same boat even.

3950

02:59:53,440 --> 02:59:56,685

So he was born in Germany,
your second husband?

3951

02:59:56,685 --> 02:59:58,755

Yes.

3952

02:59:58,755 --> 03:00:00,930

He was born in Germany.

3953

03:00:00,930 --> 03:00:02,310

He was German.

3954

03:00:02,310 --> 03:00:04,110

OK.

3955

03:00:04,110 --> 03:00:06,185

It wasn't that he was
born in Venezuela--

3956

03:00:06,185 --> 03:00:06,685

No.

3957

03:00:06,685 --> 03:00:08,590

--and had to come to
the United States?

3958

03:00:08,590 --> 03:00:10,920

OK.

3959

03:00:10,920 --> 03:00:12,930

Did you ever go back to Germany?

3960

03:00:12,930 --> 03:00:13,890

No.

3961
03:00:13,890 --> 03:00:15,585
Never?

3962
03:00:15,585 --> 03:00:17,880
Well, I was in Germany.

3963
03:00:17,880 --> 03:00:18,420
Yes.

3964
03:00:18,420 --> 03:00:22,650
I have a little something
with my daughter-in-law,

3965
03:00:22,650 --> 03:00:29,130
as I told you, because she has
a feeling I favored my son Tito

3966
03:00:29,130 --> 03:00:35,385
and neglected my other
son, which is absolutely--

3967
03:00:35,385 --> 03:00:37,260
it's not the case.

3968
03:00:37,260 --> 03:00:39,990
Your older son, does
he live in Germany?

3969
03:00:39,990 --> 03:00:42,690
He lives-- he died
five years ago.

3970
03:00:42,690 --> 03:00:44,140
I see.

3971
03:00:44,140 --> 03:00:46,188
And would you go
back to visit him?

3972
03:00:46,188 --> 03:00:46,980
Was that the thing?

3973

03:00:46,980 --> 03:00:51,410

I visited him
quite, quite often.

3974

03:00:51,410 --> 03:00:56,610

And it was just shortly
before his death

3975

03:00:56,610 --> 03:00:59,370

that we had such a
misunderstanding,

3976

03:00:59,370 --> 03:01:04,860

because he felt I gave the house
to Tito, which isn't the truth,

3977

03:01:04,860 --> 03:01:06,240

because it's still my house.

3978

03:01:06,240 --> 03:01:10,000

3979

03:01:10,000 --> 03:01:11,775

Well, those things
happen in families.

3980

03:01:11,775 --> 03:01:15,220

Yeah, well, it happens in the
best of families, as we say.

3981

03:01:15,220 --> 03:01:16,870

Yes.

3982

03:01:16,870 --> 03:01:20,500

But you never went back
to Breslau, or did you?

3983

03:01:20,500 --> 03:01:21,160

No.

3984

03:01:21,160 --> 03:01:22,480

I never went.

3985
03:01:22,480 --> 03:01:25,690
I have a good friend--
oh, she died too.

3986
03:01:25,690 --> 03:01:30,716
She went to Breslau because
she came from Breslau too.

3987
03:01:30,716 --> 03:01:33,010
And she said you
wouldn't believe it.

3988
03:01:33,010 --> 03:01:35,080
Wherever I thought--

3989
03:01:35,080 --> 03:01:37,280
Excuse me, can we cut?

3990
03:01:37,280 --> 03:01:38,405
Turn it off.

3991
03:01:38,405 --> 03:01:39,480
OK, rolling.

3992
03:01:39,480 --> 03:01:40,100
OK.

3993
03:01:40,100 --> 03:01:42,020
All right, so you
did have a friend

3994
03:01:42,020 --> 03:01:44,120
who did go back to Breslau.

3995
03:01:44,120 --> 03:01:46,430
But--

3996
03:01:46,430 --> 03:01:50,660
She said it's not our town.

3997

03:01:50,660 --> 03:01:55,110
First of all, everything is
in Polish, which I can't read.

3998
03:01:55,110 --> 03:01:55,610
Yeah.

3999
03:01:55,610 --> 03:01:58,340

4000
03:01:58,340 --> 03:02:00,050
OK.

4001
03:02:00,050 --> 03:02:03,560
Did your children ask you much
about your life before the war,

4002
03:02:03,560 --> 03:02:05,390
about what happened
to you, about what

4003
03:02:05,390 --> 03:02:06,560
happened to your father?

4004
03:02:06,560 --> 03:02:11,150
My son Frank always said,
"Why don't you write this down

4005
03:02:11,150 --> 03:02:12,860
when we have conversation?

4006
03:02:12,860 --> 03:02:15,310
Why don't you write it down?"

4007
03:02:15,310 --> 03:02:17,540
[LAUGHS]

4008
03:02:17,540 --> 03:02:19,120
So you talk to them about this.

4009
03:02:19,120 --> 03:02:20,000
Yeah.

4010
03:02:20,000 --> 03:02:21,590
Yeah.

4011
03:02:21,590 --> 03:02:25,020
Well, I'm glad that
you've talked to us today.

4012
03:02:25,020 --> 03:02:26,210
Thank you.

4013
03:02:26,210 --> 03:02:28,790
Is there anything
else I haven't asked

4014
03:02:28,790 --> 03:02:32,900
that you would want to add to
our story, to what we've taped?

4015
03:02:32,900 --> 03:02:33,725
I wouldn't know.

4016
03:02:33,725 --> 03:02:34,225
OK.

4017
03:02:34,225 --> 03:02:36,780

4018
03:02:36,780 --> 03:02:37,880
It's a long day.

4019
03:02:37,880 --> 03:02:38,870
I realize that.

4020
03:02:38,870 --> 03:02:41,330
I know but I enjoyed it.

4021
03:02:41,330 --> 03:02:42,590
I'm glad you did.

4022
03:02:42,590 --> 03:02:43,550

I'm glad you did.

4023

03:02:43,550 --> 03:02:47,600

And I am very grateful
that you decided to say yes

4024

03:02:47,600 --> 03:02:48,437

and said yes.

4025

03:02:48,437 --> 03:02:49,520

Does it help you a little?

4026

03:02:49,520 --> 03:02:50,930

Oh, absolutely.

4027

03:02:50,930 --> 03:02:52,520

Absolutely.

4028

03:02:52,520 --> 03:02:54,800

Through every single
person's life,

4029

03:02:54,800 --> 03:02:58,370

you get an insight into
what was the situation

4030

03:02:58,370 --> 03:02:59,900

that people were under.

4031

03:02:59,900 --> 03:03:02,780

What was the
situation for somebody

4032

03:03:02,780 --> 03:03:06,350

who comes from different
religious traditions?

4033

03:03:06,350 --> 03:03:12,680

And yet, you have your formative
years under a dictatorship.

4034

03:03:12,680 --> 03:03:16,100

And how can you move?

4035

03:03:16,100 --> 03:03:16,955

How do you survive?

4036

03:03:16,955 --> 03:03:20,780

And as you see, you can
adapt, because my life

4037

03:03:20,780 --> 03:03:24,350

was roller coast.

4038

03:03:24,350 --> 03:03:28,870

What do you call this
where you go up and down?

4039

03:03:28,870 --> 03:03:30,080

A roller coaster.

4040

03:03:30,080 --> 03:03:30,985

Oh, a roller coaster.

4041

03:03:30,985 --> 03:03:32,480

A roller coaster.

4042

03:03:32,480 --> 03:03:34,530

Yeah.

4043

03:03:34,530 --> 03:03:37,040

And it was outside
of your control.

4044

03:03:37,040 --> 03:03:38,060

Absolutely.

4045

03:03:38,060 --> 03:03:40,580

You only have to
make the best, as I

4046

03:03:40,580 --> 03:03:47,330

do right now, because they are
different birds right now here.

4047
03:03:47,330 --> 03:03:49,370
Yeah, it's true.

4048
03:03:49,370 --> 03:03:50,750
It's true.

4049
03:03:50,750 --> 03:03:51,800
Well, thank you.

4050
03:03:51,800 --> 03:03:53,450
Thank you again.

4051
03:03:53,450 --> 03:03:57,950
And I will say then that this
concludes the United States

4052
03:03:57,950 --> 03:04:02,120
Holocaust Memorial Museum
interview with Mrs. Helga

4053
03:04:02,120 --> 03:04:09,170
Schuessler on May 22,
2019 in Oviedo, Florida.

4054
03:04:09,170 --> 03:04:09,830
Thank you.

4055
03:04:09,830 --> 03:04:11,450
And I enjoy it.

4056
03:04:11,450 --> 03:04:12,050
Thank you.

4057
03:04:12,050 --> 03:04:14,373

4058
03:04:14,373 --> 03:04:15,290
OK, camera is rolling.

4059
03:04:15,290 --> 03:04:18,110

That's the way to
look at photos too.

4060
03:04:18,110 --> 03:04:20,120
But it's kind of a
little complicated.

4061
03:04:20,120 --> 03:04:22,100
I won't with my way.

4062
03:04:22,100 --> 03:04:23,237
Isn't that cool?

4063
03:04:23,237 --> 03:04:24,320
All right, are we rolling?

4064
03:04:24,320 --> 03:04:26,330
We're rolling.

4065
03:04:26,330 --> 03:04:26,840
OK.

4066
03:04:26,840 --> 03:04:28,370
Mrs. Helga, tell me.

4067
03:04:28,370 --> 03:04:30,170
What is this photograph of?

4068
03:04:30,170 --> 03:04:34,910
This was when they got engaged.

4069
03:04:34,910 --> 03:04:37,030
Your parents' engagement party?

4070
03:04:37,030 --> 03:04:38,780
Yes.

4071
03:04:38,780 --> 03:04:44,990
And that is my grandfather,
grandmother mother's side.

4072

03:04:44,990 --> 03:04:47,240
That's her brother.

4073
03:04:47,240 --> 03:04:47,852
OK.

4074
03:04:47,852 --> 03:04:48,560
Hang on a second.

4075
03:04:48,560 --> 03:04:49,850
I'm going to explain this.

4076
03:04:49,850 --> 03:04:52,580
On the very left of your
mother, who is in the middle,

4077
03:04:52,580 --> 03:04:53,930
is her mother.

4078
03:04:53,930 --> 03:04:57,643
And on the very right of
your father is her father.

4079
03:04:57,643 --> 03:04:58,310
The grandfather.

4080
03:04:58,310 --> 03:04:59,255
On your mother's side.

4081
03:04:59,255 --> 03:04:59,870
Yeah.

4082
03:04:59,870 --> 03:05:01,760
And his name was what?

4083
03:05:01,760 --> 03:05:05,110
Your grandfather's name.

4084
03:05:05,110 --> 03:05:06,130
Grandpa?

4085

03:05:06,130 --> 03:05:07,210
Yeah, grandpa.

4086
03:05:07,210 --> 03:05:08,050
That was his name.

4087
03:05:08,050 --> 03:05:09,220
[LAUGHTER]

4088
03:05:09,220 --> 03:05:09,940
OK.

4089
03:05:09,940 --> 03:05:10,720
And your mother--

4090
03:05:10,720 --> 03:05:11,740
She is Helena.

4091
03:05:11,740 --> 03:05:17,430
And he is-- you got me.

4092
03:05:17,430 --> 03:05:18,920
Grandpa.

4093
03:05:18,920 --> 03:05:20,070
Grandpa.

4094
03:05:20,070 --> 03:05:20,670
OK.

4095
03:05:20,670 --> 03:05:24,510
And in the middle smiling
shyly with the flower

4096
03:05:24,510 --> 03:05:27,180
in his lapel, who's that?

4097
03:05:27,180 --> 03:05:30,870
That's my father and
my mother engagement.

4098

03:05:30,870 --> 03:05:33,900
Up there is her brother.

4099
03:05:33,900 --> 03:05:36,120
But I'm repeating
this so that people

4100
03:05:36,120 --> 03:05:37,680
would know who
you're talking about,

4101
03:05:37,680 --> 03:05:39,138
because they can't
see your finger.

4102
03:05:39,138 --> 03:05:40,590
Oh.

4103
03:05:40,590 --> 03:05:45,310
This person right here who's
kind of balding is your father.

4104
03:05:45,310 --> 03:05:46,695
Yes.

4105
03:05:46,695 --> 03:05:50,160
He had a very,
very close haircut.

4106
03:05:50,160 --> 03:05:51,090
He was not--

4107
03:05:51,090 --> 03:05:52,120
He was not bald?

4108
03:05:52,120 --> 03:05:53,300
No, nothing.

4109
03:05:53,300 --> 03:05:53,800
OK.

4110
03:05:53,800 --> 03:06:00,840

So his hair was cut off
entirely for that occasion--

4111
03:06:00,840 --> 03:06:03,300
or maybe not that
occasion, but at that time.

4112
03:06:03,300 --> 03:06:06,300
And then next to him
is your mother, Erna.

4113
03:06:06,300 --> 03:06:09,630
So this was your father
Rudolf and your mother Erna.

4114
03:06:09,630 --> 03:06:15,240
And standing right behind
them is her brother.

4115
03:06:15,240 --> 03:06:16,470
That's her brother, yes.

4116
03:06:16,470 --> 03:06:20,920
And was that the brother who
had the German uniform on--

4117
03:06:20,920 --> 03:06:21,420
Yeah.

4118
03:06:21,420 --> 03:06:22,720
--and who had the two sons?

4119
03:06:22,720 --> 03:06:23,220
Yeah.

4120
03:06:23,220 --> 03:06:26,460
And one of them was in the
bodyguards for Adolf Hitler.

4121
03:06:26,460 --> 03:06:27,250
That's correct.

4122

03:06:27,250 --> 03:06:27,750
OK.

4123
03:06:27,750 --> 03:06:30,000
And this brother's
first name was what?

4124
03:06:30,000 --> 03:06:33,335

4125
03:06:33,335 --> 03:06:35,110
We had Nugel.

4126
03:06:35,110 --> 03:06:35,950
We called him Nugel.

4127
03:06:35,950 --> 03:06:36,450
Nugel?

4128
03:06:36,450 --> 03:06:40,440
But [LAUGHS] it was--

4129
03:06:40,440 --> 03:06:41,970
Did you say Albrecht or Albert?

4130
03:06:41,970 --> 03:06:44,890

4131
03:06:44,890 --> 03:06:47,530
Oh, good grief.

4132
03:06:47,530 --> 03:06:52,150
He had such a nickname.

4133
03:06:52,150 --> 03:06:55,720
What was his name?

4134
03:06:55,720 --> 03:06:56,405
Arthur.

4135
03:06:56,405 --> 03:06:56,905

Arthur?

4136
03:06:56,905 --> 03:06:57,490
Yeah.

4137
03:06:57,490 --> 03:06:58,210
You think Arthur?

4138
03:06:58,210 --> 03:06:58,930
OK.

4139
03:06:58,930 --> 03:07:02,050
Otherwise, we could have said
uncle who's related to grandpa.

4140
03:07:02,050 --> 03:07:03,300
[LAUGHTER]

4141
03:07:03,300 --> 03:07:04,425
You can say that too.

4142
03:07:04,425 --> 03:07:05,300
You can say that too.

4143
03:07:05,300 --> 03:07:06,780
I only know him Nugel.

4144
03:07:06,780 --> 03:07:08,470
Nugel.

4145
03:07:08,470 --> 03:07:10,648
And it looks like
a very happy party,

4146
03:07:10,648 --> 03:07:12,190
as a matter of fact,
this engagement.

4147
03:07:12,190 --> 03:07:13,440
It looks like it, yes.

4148

03:07:13,440 --> 03:07:14,200
Yeah.

4149
03:07:14,200 --> 03:07:15,670
OK, thank you very much.

4150
03:07:15,670 --> 03:07:17,200
We'll come to the
next photograph.

4151
03:07:17,200 --> 03:07:19,780
Do you want me to cut?

4152
03:07:19,780 --> 03:07:20,990
Camera's rolling.

4153
03:07:20,990 --> 03:07:21,850
OK.

4154
03:07:21,850 --> 03:07:24,150
Mrs. Helga, tell me who
is this a picture of?

4155
03:07:24,150 --> 03:07:25,210
That's my father.

4156
03:07:25,210 --> 03:07:25,810
Your father.

4157
03:07:25,810 --> 03:07:28,390
And this, they
called Vater Morder.

4158
03:07:28,390 --> 03:07:30,610
Vater Morder, these
sort of collars?

4159
03:07:30,610 --> 03:07:31,550
[LAUGHS]

4160
03:07:31,550 --> 03:07:35,320
Which is a father murderer,

murderer of father.

4161
03:07:35,320 --> 03:07:37,810
Sort of like the thing
that chokes their necks.

4162
03:07:37,810 --> 03:07:39,767
And you know, they
were detachable?

4163
03:07:39,767 --> 03:07:40,350
Oh, were they?

4164
03:07:40,350 --> 03:07:45,220
And you used these
to change every day,

4165
03:07:45,220 --> 03:07:47,500
but I think not the
shirt underneath.

4166
03:07:47,500 --> 03:07:48,320
Oh, I see.

4167
03:07:48,320 --> 03:07:48,820
[LAUGHS]

4168
03:07:48,820 --> 03:07:52,580
So the collar would be
changed, but the rest remains.

4169
03:07:52,580 --> 03:07:53,500
Yeah, that was--

4170
03:07:53,500 --> 03:07:54,560
Well, who saw it?

4171
03:07:54,560 --> 03:07:56,140
Nobody.

4172
03:07:56,140 --> 03:07:59,790
About what year do you

think this one was taken?

4173

03:07:59,790 --> 03:08:01,487

This I can't tell you.

4174

03:08:01,487 --> 03:08:02,320

I really don't know.

4175

03:08:02,320 --> 03:08:04,465

Do you remember your
father like this?

4176

03:08:04,465 --> 03:08:07,080

Is this the father picture
you have in your mind?

4177

03:08:07,080 --> 03:08:07,620

Yes.

4178

03:08:07,620 --> 03:08:08,120

Yes?

4179

03:08:08,120 --> 03:08:08,620

Yeah.

4180

03:08:08,620 --> 03:08:10,570

Because he looks a
little older here,

4181

03:08:10,570 --> 03:08:12,280

like he could be
around 50 or something.

4182

03:08:12,280 --> 03:08:17,830

Yeah, well, I don't remember
him as a very, very young man,

4183

03:08:17,830 --> 03:08:19,930

because he wasn't
a very young man.

4184

03:08:19,930 --> 03:08:21,970

That's right.

4185

03:08:21,970 --> 03:08:24,646

OK, thank you.

4186

03:08:24,646 --> 03:08:25,980

Camera rolling.

4187

03:08:25,980 --> 03:08:28,570

OK, Mrs. Helga, who
is this picture of?

4188

03:08:28,570 --> 03:08:29,850

That's my mother.

4189

03:08:29,850 --> 03:08:31,030

Erna, yeah?

4190

03:08:31,030 --> 03:08:31,640

Erna.

4191

03:08:31,640 --> 03:08:33,660

And what was her maiden name?

4192

03:08:33,660 --> 03:08:34,220

Jordan.

4193

03:08:34,220 --> 03:08:34,730

Jordan.

4194

03:08:34,730 --> 03:08:35,520

That's right.

4195

03:08:35,520 --> 03:08:39,970

And about when do you think
this picture was taken?

4196

03:08:39,970 --> 03:08:40,820

'15.

4197

03:08:40,820 --> 03:08:41,320

1915?

4198

03:08:41,320 --> 03:08:42,650
1915.

4199

03:08:42,650 --> 03:08:43,150
OK.

4200

03:08:43,150 --> 03:08:46,170
So she was a young
woman, around 24, 25.

4201

03:08:46,170 --> 03:08:48,940
Yeah, well, that's
how they looked.

4202

03:08:48,940 --> 03:08:49,570
Yeah.

4203

03:08:49,570 --> 03:08:51,490
But before she
married your father?

4204

03:08:51,490 --> 03:08:52,840
Yeah.

4205

03:08:52,840 --> 03:08:53,590
I think so.

4206

03:08:53,590 --> 03:08:54,420
Yeah.

4207

03:08:54,420 --> 03:08:57,460
OK, thank you.

4208

03:08:57,460 --> 03:08:58,260
OK.

4209

03:08:58,260 --> 03:08:59,950
Are we rolling?

4210

03:08:59,950 --> 03:09:03,230

So tell me, Mrs.
Helga, who is this?

4211

03:09:03,230 --> 03:09:04,340

Who is this picture of?

4212

03:09:04,340 --> 03:09:06,730

That's my uncle Arthur.

4213

03:09:06,730 --> 03:09:12,310

And your uncle Arthur is in
uniform, in German uniform.

4214

03:09:12,310 --> 03:09:13,960

Do you know what rank he had?

4215

03:09:13,960 --> 03:09:14,840

No.

4216

03:09:14,840 --> 03:09:16,030

Frankly, no.

4217

03:09:16,030 --> 03:09:19,570

But it is some kind
of an officer, a low--

4218

03:09:19,570 --> 03:09:21,610

I don't know how low.

4219

03:09:21,610 --> 03:09:23,050

I really don't know.

4220

03:09:23,050 --> 03:09:23,740

OK.

4221

03:09:23,740 --> 03:09:26,140

And he had how many sons?

4222

03:09:26,140 --> 03:09:26,770

Two.

4223

03:09:26,770 --> 03:09:29,140

And what were their names?

4224

03:09:29,140 --> 03:09:30,610

Wolfgang und Dieter.

4225

03:09:30,610 --> 03:09:31,450

Und Dieter.

4226

03:09:31,450 --> 03:09:33,520

And which one was the one--

4227

03:09:33,520 --> 03:09:37,210

Wolfgang was in the
Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler.

4228

03:09:37,210 --> 03:09:40,570

Wolfgang was in the
Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler,

4229

03:09:40,570 --> 03:09:43,053

which means he was in the
security guard, the bodyguards

4230

03:09:43,053 --> 03:09:43,720

of Adolf Hitler.

4231

03:09:43,720 --> 03:09:46,570

Yeah, well, because
he was very tall

4232

03:09:46,570 --> 03:09:49,060

and it was an
honor at that time.

4233

03:09:49,060 --> 03:09:53,970

And which one was the son that
died very young at age 19?

4234

03:09:53,970 --> 03:09:55,030

That was Wolfgang.

4235

03:09:55,030 --> 03:09:55,910

That was Wolfgang?

4236

03:09:55,910 --> 03:09:56,410

Yeah.

4237

03:09:56,410 --> 03:09:59,320

So he wasn't much of a
guard for himself, was he?

4238

03:09:59,320 --> 03:10:05,200

No-- he was one of the very
first casualties in the Second

4239

03:10:05,200 --> 03:10:05,860

World War.

4240

03:10:05,860 --> 03:10:06,730

Yeah.

4241

03:10:06,730 --> 03:10:08,180

And Dieter?

4242

03:10:08,180 --> 03:10:10,195

And Dieter still lived--

4243

03:10:10,195 --> 03:10:10,880

I don't know.

4244

03:10:10,880 --> 03:10:13,390

I lost contact.

4245

03:10:13,390 --> 03:10:14,830

But he survived.

4246

03:10:14,830 --> 03:10:19,390

And he had a family
with, I think, two girls.

4247

03:10:19,390 --> 03:10:21,040

But I never--

4248
03:10:21,040 --> 03:10:22,510
And this was your
mother's brother?

4249
03:10:22,510 --> 03:10:22,750
Yes.

4250
03:10:22,750 --> 03:10:24,917
All comes from your mother's
brother, Arthur Jordan.

4251
03:10:24,917 --> 03:10:25,480
Yeah.

4252
03:10:25,480 --> 03:10:27,430
Or "Yordan," as they would say.

4253
03:10:27,430 --> 03:10:29,190
OK, thank you very much.

4254
03:10:29,190 --> 03:10:29,930
He is a Jordan.

4255
03:10:29,930 --> 03:10:30,990
He is a Jordan.

4256
03:10:30,990 --> 03:10:33,070
Yeah, OK.

4257
03:10:33,070 --> 03:10:34,120
Rolling.

4258
03:10:34,120 --> 03:10:35,230
OK.

4259
03:10:35,230 --> 03:10:35,770
Cut.

4260
03:10:35,770 --> 03:10:38,324
Cut.

4261
03:10:38,324 --> 03:10:39,180
Rolling.

4262
03:10:39,180 --> 03:10:39,930
OK.

4263
03:10:39,930 --> 03:10:42,820
So tell me what is this
that you have here.

4264
03:10:42,820 --> 03:10:47,790
This I got from the
American Army in MÃ¼nchen.

4265
03:10:47,790 --> 03:10:53,100
That was one of the
rare certificates,

4266
03:10:53,100 --> 03:10:55,740
because later on they sold it.

4267
03:10:55,740 --> 03:10:58,920
They sold them?

4268
03:10:58,920 --> 03:11:01,630
Or they stopped making them?

4269
03:11:01,630 --> 03:11:04,537
There were people,
they liked it.

4270
03:11:04,537 --> 03:11:06,620
Oh, that means they were
sold on the black market?

4271
03:11:06,620 --> 03:11:07,980
Yeah.

4272
03:11:07,980 --> 03:11:11,430
And it is only because
this has a very low number

4273
03:11:11,430 --> 03:11:14,790
that it is still legitimate.

4274
03:11:14,790 --> 03:11:18,780
Oh my god, so this is a real
one that you really have

4275
03:11:18,780 --> 03:11:22,890
that you really were there
and that you didn't acquire

4276
03:11:22,890 --> 03:11:25,350
by some financial means.

4277
03:11:25,350 --> 03:11:29,970
Because this was something
you could represent and get

4278
03:11:29,970 --> 03:11:31,588
the favors.

4279
03:11:31,588 --> 03:11:32,130
That's right.

4280
03:11:32,130 --> 03:11:34,950
You could get some
sort of priority.

4281
03:11:34,950 --> 03:11:42,970
But when they start to sell
this, they had other numbers.

4282
03:11:42,970 --> 03:11:47,020
So here I see on what
is the right-hand side,

4283
03:11:47,020 --> 03:11:48,690
it says in English
on the bottom,

4284
03:11:48,690 --> 03:11:51,090

"Official certificate
for former,"

4285
03:11:51,090 --> 03:11:54,720
and it probably says, "inmates
of concentration camps

4286
03:11:54,720 --> 03:11:59,790
and similar Nazi
penal institutions."

4287
03:11:59,790 --> 03:12:00,990
That's what it looks like.

4288
03:12:00,990 --> 03:12:02,490
In German it would be--

4289
03:12:02,490 --> 03:12:04,365
[SPEAKING GERMAN]

4290
03:12:04,365 --> 03:12:12,060

4291
03:12:12,060 --> 03:12:13,290
Yeah, OK.

4292
03:12:13,290 --> 03:12:16,980
And so I see that at some
point it's void on this side.

4293
03:12:16,980 --> 03:12:19,110
And at some point, the
military government

4294
03:12:19,110 --> 03:12:21,660
Munich Public Welfare
office is taken off.

4295
03:12:21,660 --> 03:12:26,850
Because they tried
to handle this.

4296

03:12:26,850 --> 03:12:27,570
Oh, I see.

4297
03:12:27,570 --> 03:12:31,080
So they tried to
black-market it?

4298
03:12:31,080 --> 03:12:32,010
Yeah, black-marketing.

4299
03:12:32,010 --> 03:12:35,230
By they, you don't mean the
military government, or do you?

4300
03:12:35,230 --> 03:12:36,300
No.

4301
03:12:36,300 --> 03:12:40,470
I don't know where, but this
is one of the rare ones.

4302
03:12:40,470 --> 03:12:41,340
OK.

4303
03:12:41,340 --> 03:12:45,300
And now we're going to flip
it and show the other side.

4304
03:12:45,300 --> 03:12:47,680
We'll cut the
camera and flip it.

4305
03:12:47,680 --> 03:12:48,690
It's OK.

4306
03:12:48,690 --> 03:12:49,650
You rolling?

4307
03:12:49,650 --> 03:12:51,120
OK.

4308
03:12:51,120 --> 03:12:55,770

So this is the other
side of that certificate.

4309
03:12:55,770 --> 03:12:58,140
And tell me about this.

4310
03:12:58,140 --> 03:13:00,005
Who is this lovely
girl in the picture?

4311
03:13:00,005 --> 03:13:00,505
Yeah, well.

4312
03:13:00,505 --> 03:13:01,523
[LAUGHTER]

4313
03:13:01,523 --> 03:13:02,290
Who is that?

4314
03:13:02,290 --> 03:13:02,790
That's I.

4315
03:13:02,790 --> 03:13:03,690
That's you.

4316
03:13:03,690 --> 03:13:04,500
That's you.

4317
03:13:04,500 --> 03:13:07,300
And it has all kinds
of information.

4318
03:13:07,300 --> 03:13:08,820
It says that you--

4319
03:13:08,820 --> 03:13:12,250
it bears the registered
number of 1485.

4320
03:13:12,250 --> 03:13:12,750
Yeah.

4321

03:13:12,750 --> 03:13:14,955

And you're saying that's
one of those low numbers?

4322

03:13:14,955 --> 03:13:15,780

Yeah.

4323

03:13:15,780 --> 03:13:17,520

That's exactly.

4324

03:13:17,520 --> 03:13:18,540

OK.

4325

03:13:18,540 --> 03:13:25,080

And it's issued
on August 23, 1946

4326

03:13:25,080 --> 03:13:31,200

to you, Helga Weber, now
married, geborene Lindenberg.

4327

03:13:31,200 --> 03:13:33,250

And it tells your birth date.

4328

03:13:33,250 --> 03:13:34,800

It tells what you were before.

4329

03:13:34,800 --> 03:13:38,250

You were Drogistin.

4330

03:13:38,250 --> 03:13:39,735

And it says where you live.

4331

03:13:39,735 --> 03:13:42,540

Ah, and you have
Leinthalstrasse 8.

4332

03:13:42,540 --> 03:13:44,430

Yeah, in Munich.

4333

03:13:44,430 --> 03:13:49,300

And that you were in Lager
L-Trachenberg up here.

4334
03:13:49,300 --> 03:13:50,880
So was that the DP camp?

4335
03:13:50,880 --> 03:13:51,600
Yeah.

4336
03:13:51,600 --> 03:13:52,950
OK.

4337
03:13:52,950 --> 03:13:58,830
Oh no, you were in a couple of
them-- from Lager Trachenberg.

4338
03:13:58,830 --> 03:14:02,420
They changed the name later.

4339
03:14:02,420 --> 03:14:06,030
I really don't know that we
had two names, because we

4340
03:14:06,030 --> 03:14:07,800
were actually just in one--

4341
03:14:07,800 --> 03:14:08,490
Place.

4342
03:14:08,490 --> 03:14:09,730
--in one place.

4343
03:14:09,730 --> 03:14:10,450
OK.

4344
03:14:10,450 --> 03:14:12,150
So let's look at these dates.

4345
03:14:12,150 --> 03:14:17,280
It says that it's
from 10.8.1944,

4346

03:14:17,280 --> 03:14:22,620
which means it would have been
August 10, 1944 until October

4347

03:14:22,620 --> 03:14:23,856
20.

4348

03:14:23,856 --> 03:14:28,440
And then from October 20,
this is KZ-Grossrosen,

4349

03:14:28,440 --> 03:14:39,210
as you mentioned, until January
22, 1945, which gives us--

4350

03:14:39,210 --> 03:14:41,550
how many months now?

4351

03:14:41,550 --> 03:14:44,550
About half a year,
something like that.

4352

03:14:44,550 --> 03:14:51,290
It says from 10th of
8th, of August until--

4353

03:14:51,290 --> 03:14:51,920
Yeah.

4354

03:14:51,920 --> 03:14:54,110
So it's through the
rest of the summer,

4355

03:14:54,110 --> 03:14:59,830
throughout the entire fall, and
into the first month of January

4356

03:14:59,830 --> 03:15:01,100
'45.

4357

03:15:01,100 --> 03:15:06,950
And then [GERMAN], that

you were imprisoned

4358
03:15:06,950 --> 03:15:09,830
because of racial reasons.

4359
03:15:09,830 --> 03:15:12,060
[GERMAN]

4360
03:15:12,060 --> 03:15:14,060

4361
03:15:14,060 --> 03:15:21,950
And the date of your last
release was January 22, '45.

4362
03:15:21,950 --> 03:15:24,110
Very interesting document.

4363
03:15:24,110 --> 03:15:25,830
That's when the Russians came.

4364
03:15:25,830 --> 03:15:26,330
[LAUGHS]

4365
03:15:26,330 --> 03:15:28,290
That's when the Russians came.

4366
03:15:28,290 --> 03:15:31,250
But the only Russian it sounds
like you really had interaction

4367
03:15:31,250 --> 03:15:32,140
with was Grischa.

4368
03:15:32,140 --> 03:15:34,490
[LAUGHTER] Yeah.

4369
03:15:34,490 --> 03:15:37,250
Thank you very much.

4370
03:15:37,250 --> 03:15:40,960

That's on the way to the camp.

4371

03:15:40,960 --> 03:15:43,840

So, Mrs. Helga, yeah, tell me
what is this photograph of?

4372

03:15:43,840 --> 03:15:48,710

That's where we were
transported to the camp.

4373

03:15:48,710 --> 03:15:50,180

Trachenberg and
then Gross-Rosen.

4374

03:15:50,180 --> 03:15:50,570

Yeah.

4375

03:15:50,570 --> 03:15:51,530

Those were their names.

4376

03:15:51,530 --> 03:15:54,020

And you are the person--

4377

03:15:54,020 --> 03:15:56,210

tell me where you are.

4378

03:15:56,210 --> 03:16:02,690

That's you, the second from
the left on the bottom row

4379

03:16:02,690 --> 03:16:06,500

next to the gentleman who
has a hat and white kerchief.

4380

03:16:06,500 --> 03:16:08,420

So that's you right next to him.

4381

03:16:08,420 --> 03:16:11,460

And I think my sister is
all the way on the right.

4382

03:16:11,460 --> 03:16:11,960

OK.

4383

03:16:11,960 --> 03:16:15,170

So she's the first on the right,
again, on the bottom side.

4384

03:16:15,170 --> 03:16:18,800

She's with a kerchief
looking away--

4385

03:16:18,800 --> 03:16:21,800

not at the camera, but
looking away to the side.

4386

03:16:21,800 --> 03:16:23,450

And do you know who
took this picture?

4387

03:16:23,450 --> 03:16:26,370

4388

03:16:26,370 --> 03:16:29,280

I don't even know
where the others are.

4389

03:16:29,280 --> 03:16:31,410

Do you know who the
other people are?

4390

03:16:31,410 --> 03:16:32,110

No.

4391

03:16:32,110 --> 03:16:32,790

No.

4392

03:16:32,790 --> 03:16:33,630

OK.

4393

03:16:33,630 --> 03:16:37,150

But all of you were
somehow Mischlinge?

4394

03:16:37,150 --> 03:16:38,940
Yes, definitely.

4395
03:16:38,940 --> 03:16:41,280
OK.

4396
03:16:41,280 --> 03:16:44,550
That's interesting to
have such a photograph

4397
03:16:44,550 --> 03:16:47,910
and very interesting
how it came to be taken.

4398
03:16:47,910 --> 03:16:51,810
I don't know how, who took
it because nobody else has

4399
03:16:51,810 --> 03:16:53,370
a picture like this.

4400
03:16:53,370 --> 03:16:55,680
And how you got that picture.

4401
03:16:55,680 --> 03:16:57,180
But you remember it, yeah?

4402
03:16:57,180 --> 03:17:00,000
I don't remember who took it.

4403
03:17:00,000 --> 03:17:03,480
And I'm the only
one who has this.

4404
03:17:03,480 --> 03:17:06,180
My sister said she never saw it.

4405
03:17:06,180 --> 03:17:10,440
And do you know was this from
the train station at Breslau?

4406
03:17:10,440 --> 03:17:13,738

That must be somewhere.

4407

03:17:13,738 --> 03:17:14,530

You don't remember.

4408

03:17:14,530 --> 03:17:19,590

GÃ¼terbahnhof we called
this, because this is

4409

03:17:19,590 --> 03:17:22,650

a transportation
that's not for humans.

4410

03:17:22,650 --> 03:17:23,340

No, it isn't.

4411

03:17:23,340 --> 03:17:27,660

It is a cattle wagon for sure
or a freight train, a freight

4412

03:17:27,660 --> 03:17:28,950

wagon.

4413

03:17:28,950 --> 03:17:29,760

Thank you.

4414

03:17:29,760 --> 03:17:32,600

Thank you very much, Mrs. Helga.