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Summary

Milton Steinbock, born in 1918 in Deblin and Irena, Poland; being named after his grandfather; being one of eight children-the oldest boy (4 boys, 4 girls) born to a wig maker (Mom) and house painter (Dad); his sister moving to Paris France in 1934; going to Warsaw in Spring of 1936, working there and sending money home until the Germans came in 1939; his family leaving within two weeks of the war in Poland only to return; being sent to Pulawy and then returning to register for work; being sent to work on railroads; going to Lublin and being forced to dig trenches and repair the airfield; heading home only to be arrested but escaped; being found again by police and forced to fix wooden ties on railroad; working in a Lublin labor camp as a painter from 1940 to 1944 as the 49th registered prisoner there (and the first Jew) and also having an Uncle and friends there; his mom and two younger brothers being sent to Sobibor on 6 May 1942; his father, sister and remaining brother being sent to Poniatowa in September of 1942 where they spent one year before being killed with those sent there from the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising; working the night shift in a steel mill in Czestochowa from June of 1944 to January of 1945; being sent to Buchenwald on 15 January 1945 where he stayed overnight; being sent to Salzburg only to be sent back to Buchenwald due to a Typhus outbreak; spending a few days at Buchenwald before being sent to Flossenbürg then onto Lichtenburg where he dug trenches for bodies as there were no crematoriums; being sent back to Buchenwald as the Americans were approaching then onto Dachau where he spent four days before traveling 70 kilometers on train only to be liberated by the 10th Army on 30 April 1945 aboard the train; being placed in a hospital in Föhrenwald after his liberation; traveling to the Landsberg DP Camp where he was an instructor for three years; coming to America aboard the ship "General House" in 1950 and spending a few days in New York before visiting a friend in Detroit and meeting his now wife there, residing in Ohio and being semi-retired after a career in house painting.