

Lotte Salus
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January 31, 1920 - Born Charlotte Helena Cohen in Weseke, Germany

1922 - family moved to Gemen, near the Dutch border

1935 - did child-care for a Jewish family in Bocholt

went to Ramsdorf for 1 1/2 years cleaning house, milking cows

November 1938 - her house windows were broken, put in jail, then told to fix windows

September 1939 - father sent a man to take her to Amsterdam stayed with her sister, parents nearby

January - May 1940 - lived in The Hague in a mansion housing Jewish teenagers

parents, brother and sister, taken to Westerbork

May 1940 - went to Amsterdam, received notice to register at the police station

taken to Westerbork, lived in an apartment with her family

cleaned guards' barracks

sister and family taken to Auschwitz

January 1944 - she and brother voluntarily accompanied parents to Theresienstadt

women and men separated, cleaned empty houses

May 23, 1944 - taken with parents to Auschwitz

tattooed with a number

brother transported to Mauthausen, parents were gone

She and sister selected to go to Stutthof

she and sister slept outside, younger sister died, pregnant sister taken away

Fall 1944 - taken to Praust, a labor camp near Danzig

pushed lorries, carried bricks, apples

January 1945 - hole dug in Praust, whoever couldn't walk was thrown in

End of January - March 13, 1945 Death March

March 14, 1945 - saw Russian tanks, girls raped by Russians, weighed 90 pounds

Train to Berlin - interviewed by UNRRA, given food

To Hanover and then Gemen by train,

5 year wait to go to US, attended ORT school in Cologne

October 11, 1949 - came to US

October 22, 1950 married Ernest Salus from Vienna, had 2 children