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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,210

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00:00:01,210 --> 00:00:04,900
This is the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:04,900 --> 00:00:10,530
volunteer collection interview
with Edith Langer conducted

4
00:00:10,530 --> 00:00:16,340
by Gail Schwartz on
February 27th, 2011.

5
00:00:16,340 --> 00:00:21,530
This is track number one.

6
00:00:21,530 --> 00:00:23,510
What is your full name?

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00:00:23,510 --> 00:00:24,545
Edith Langer.

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00:00:24,545 --> 00:00:27,770

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00:00:27,770 --> 00:00:30,540
And where were you born?

10
00:00:30,540 --> 00:00:32,670
In Hamm, Germany.

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00:00:32,670 --> 00:00:35,100
Which is in the northwestern
part of Germany?

12
00:00:35,100 --> 00:00:35,600
Yeah.

13

00:00:35,600 --> 00:00:39,040
And what was your family name?

14
00:00:39,040 --> 00:00:42,770
Johann and Anna.

15
00:00:42,770 --> 00:00:45,440
And their last name?

16
00:00:45,440 --> 00:00:51,800
Their last name
was Paar, P-A-A-R.

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00:00:51,800 --> 00:00:54,170
A different name was Schneider.

18
00:00:54,170 --> 00:00:55,310
Who was the Schneider?

19
00:00:55,310 --> 00:00:57,050
Where did that come from?

20
00:00:57,050 --> 00:01:02,471
My stepfather,
and he adopted us.

21
00:01:02,471 --> 00:01:03,420
Oh, all right.

22
00:01:03,420 --> 00:01:05,084
But the original name--

23
00:01:05,084 --> 00:01:06,925
The original name was Paar.

24
00:01:06,925 --> 00:01:07,635
Paar.

25
00:01:07,635 --> 00:01:11,670
And again, tell me
your parents' names.

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00:01:11,670 --> 00:01:14,070

Anna and Johann.

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00:01:14,070 --> 00:01:14,760

Yeah.

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00:01:14,760 --> 00:01:17,280

And had they lived in
Hamm for a long time?

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00:01:17,280 --> 00:01:19,350

Yeah.

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00:01:19,350 --> 00:01:21,060

He had a business there.

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00:01:21,060 --> 00:01:22,650

What kind of business was it?

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00:01:22,650 --> 00:01:25,660

He was a shoemaker.

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00:01:25,660 --> 00:01:28,230

He made shoes and
boots for the army.

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00:01:28,230 --> 00:01:31,310

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00:01:31,310 --> 00:01:34,660

And what year were you born?

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00:01:34,660 --> 00:01:35,800

1932.

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00:01:35,800 --> 00:01:38,680

And what day?

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00:01:38,680 --> 00:01:41,260

Oh, I don't know the day.

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00:01:41,260 --> 00:01:43,510

The date, the month?

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00:01:43,510 --> 00:01:44,725

October 4th.

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00:01:44,725 --> 00:01:47,740

Oh, October 4th, OK.

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00:01:47,740 --> 00:01:52,870

And I know you were quite young, but your earliest memory

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00:01:52,870 --> 00:01:55,390

would be what?

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00:01:55,390 --> 00:01:56,950

When I was 8 years.

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00:01:56,950 --> 00:01:58,390

8 years, OK.

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00:01:58,390 --> 00:02:00,610

Can you describe a little bit about the neighborhood

47

00:02:00,610 --> 00:02:04,160

where your family was?

48

00:02:04,160 --> 00:02:12,810

We were living about a quarter mile from the railroad station,

49

00:02:12,810 --> 00:02:15,870

and we had our own house.

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00:02:15,870 --> 00:02:22,830

We had 2 pigs and about 10 chickens.

51

00:02:22,830 --> 00:02:25,290

We had a little farm there.

52
00:02:25,290 --> 00:02:27,120
So you lived out in
the country in a sense?

53
00:02:27,120 --> 00:02:29,610
No, it was in the city.

54
00:02:29,610 --> 00:02:31,050
Oh, but you had a little farm.

55
00:02:31,050 --> 00:02:31,700
Yeah.

56
00:02:31,700 --> 00:02:33,060
OK.

57
00:02:33,060 --> 00:02:39,060
But we had a Schrebergarten,
like a yard where

58
00:02:39,060 --> 00:02:41,880
you plant vegetables and stuff.

59
00:02:41,880 --> 00:02:42,690
We had that.

60
00:02:42,690 --> 00:02:45,650

61
00:02:45,650 --> 00:02:48,632
So we were happy there.

62
00:02:48,632 --> 00:02:53,840
We grew our own food because
food was scarce to get.

63
00:02:53,840 --> 00:02:54,980
Yeah.

64

00:02:54,980 --> 00:02:58,710
OK, did you have any siblings,
any brothers or sisters?

65
00:02:58,710 --> 00:03:02,840
I had three sisters
and one brother.

66
00:03:02,840 --> 00:03:06,020
And where were you in the
order of the children?

67
00:03:06,020 --> 00:03:08,090
I was the third one.

68
00:03:08,090 --> 00:03:09,230
OK.

69
00:03:09,230 --> 00:03:12,230
And what were the names of
your sisters and brother?

70
00:03:12,230 --> 00:03:21,760
Rose Marie, Dorothea,
Mariana, Karl Heinz, and me.

71
00:03:21,760 --> 00:03:25,060
And I know you said there was
a little bit of a farmland,

72
00:03:25,060 --> 00:03:27,730
but what kind of
neighborhood was it?

73
00:03:27,730 --> 00:03:30,790
Did other people have
little farms, too?

74
00:03:30,790 --> 00:03:32,380
Yeah, there were single houses.

75
00:03:32,380 --> 00:03:35,100

76
00:03:35,100 --> 00:03:39,960
People owned their own home,
which is very rare in Germany.

77
00:03:39,960 --> 00:03:44,430
Normally you live in apartments.

78
00:03:44,430 --> 00:03:49,260
But my father made
enough money apparently

79
00:03:49,260 --> 00:03:52,770
that he could buy this house.

80
00:03:52,770 --> 00:04:04,633
And I remember we went down
the hill, and down the hill

81
00:04:04,633 --> 00:04:05,675
then there was our house.

82
00:04:05,675 --> 00:04:09,240

83
00:04:09,240 --> 00:04:10,760
We lived by ourselves.

84
00:04:10,760 --> 00:04:13,640

85
00:04:13,640 --> 00:04:17,337
That's why nobody found out
that we hid Jewish people.

86
00:04:17,337 --> 00:04:19,420
In other words, there was
enough land around you--

87
00:04:19,420 --> 00:04:19,990
Yeah.

88

00:04:19,990 --> 00:04:21,573

--that people couldn't
see into your--

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00:04:21,573 --> 00:04:23,040

About a quarter acre.

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00:04:23,040 --> 00:04:23,770

A quarter acre.

91

00:04:23,770 --> 00:04:25,520

So people couldn't
see into the house.

92

00:04:25,520 --> 00:04:27,440

Yeah, nobody could
see into the house.

93

00:04:27,440 --> 00:04:29,170

Yeah.

94

00:04:29,170 --> 00:04:30,755

What language did
you speak at home?

95

00:04:30,755 --> 00:04:31,255

German.

96

00:04:31,255 --> 00:04:33,100

Oh, you did speak German, OK.

97

00:04:33,100 --> 00:04:33,740

German.

98

00:04:33,740 --> 00:04:34,450

Yeah.

99

00:04:34,450 --> 00:04:43,150

And did you before
'39, before the war,

100

00:04:43,150 --> 00:04:46,090
did you have any contact with
any of the Jewish residents

101
00:04:46,090 --> 00:04:47,110
of Hamm?

102
00:04:47,110 --> 00:04:49,360
Or did you even know there
were Jews living in Hamm?

103
00:04:49,360 --> 00:04:50,140
Yeah.

104
00:04:50,140 --> 00:04:51,280
How did you know that?

105
00:04:51,280 --> 00:04:56,150
My father went to a
dentist that was Jewish.

106
00:04:56,150 --> 00:05:01,070
And he had some
law things to do.

107
00:05:01,070 --> 00:05:01,830
Some legal?

108
00:05:01,830 --> 00:05:03,590
Yeah, with a lawyer.

109
00:05:03,590 --> 00:05:04,570
Who was also Jewish?

110
00:05:04,570 --> 00:05:06,060
Who was also Jewish.

111
00:05:06,060 --> 00:05:07,700
They were two Jewish families.

112
00:05:07,700 --> 00:05:08,860
Yeah.

113
00:05:08,860 --> 00:05:11,860
Were there any Jewish families
in your general neighborhood?

114
00:05:11,860 --> 00:05:13,580
Yeah, lots.

115
00:05:13,580 --> 00:05:14,450
Lots.

116
00:05:14,450 --> 00:05:14,950
Really?

117
00:05:14,950 --> 00:05:19,780
And did you have contact
with them or their children?

118
00:05:19,780 --> 00:05:21,280
They were normal human beings.

119
00:05:21,280 --> 00:05:24,370
We talked to them.

120
00:05:24,370 --> 00:05:28,120
Did you have any Jewish
playmates when you were young?

121
00:05:28,120 --> 00:05:32,790
Did you play at their houses
or did they come to your house?

122
00:05:32,790 --> 00:05:36,330
I didn't have that
many playmates really.

123
00:05:36,330 --> 00:05:39,510
We all had chores to do.

124
00:05:39,510 --> 00:05:43,940
We had to work in the garden,
we had to feed the pigs.

125
00:05:43,940 --> 00:05:48,570
We had to do things,
so there was no room

126
00:05:48,570 --> 00:05:53,100
for really much playtime.

127
00:05:53,100 --> 00:05:54,810
I don't remember that.

128
00:05:54,810 --> 00:05:55,310
OK.

129
00:05:55,310 --> 00:05:58,724

130
00:05:58,724 --> 00:06:02,520
Do you remember any
evidence of antisemitism

131
00:06:02,520 --> 00:06:04,440
before the war started?

132
00:06:04,440 --> 00:06:05,430
No.

133
00:06:05,430 --> 00:06:06,840
No.

134
00:06:06,840 --> 00:06:07,580
No.

135
00:06:07,580 --> 00:06:08,940
OK.

136
00:06:08,940 --> 00:06:12,110
We loved everybody.

137
00:06:12,110 --> 00:06:15,140
Was your father very

political or your mother?

138
00:06:15,140 --> 00:06:17,520
Were they active in any
of the political goings-on

139
00:06:17,520 --> 00:06:18,020
in the town?

140
00:06:18,020 --> 00:06:22,030
No, my mother was
very Christian.

141
00:06:22,030 --> 00:06:26,150
She had nothing to
do with politics,

142
00:06:26,150 --> 00:06:30,980
but she went every
Sunday to church.

143
00:06:30,980 --> 00:06:34,020
She went to Bible
study Wednesday

144
00:06:34,020 --> 00:06:35,385
and she took us to church.

145
00:06:35,385 --> 00:06:38,570

146
00:06:38,570 --> 00:06:40,710
What denomination were you?

147
00:06:40,710 --> 00:06:41,220
Lutheran.

148
00:06:41,220 --> 00:06:43,900
Lutheran.

149
00:06:43,900 --> 00:06:52,820
And she was very,

very religious.

150
00:06:52,820 --> 00:06:55,040
So you don't know if
she had any Jewish adult

151
00:06:55,040 --> 00:06:56,680
friends or anything like that?

152
00:06:56,680 --> 00:06:57,320
No.

153
00:06:57,320 --> 00:07:00,210
Did she work with your father
or was she a homemaker?

154
00:07:00,210 --> 00:07:01,180
She was a homemaker.

155
00:07:01,180 --> 00:07:02,200
Yeah, she didn't work.

156
00:07:02,200 --> 00:07:04,876
She didn't know
nothing about shoes.

157
00:07:04,876 --> 00:07:07,370
Was your father just by
himself or did he have--

158
00:07:07,370 --> 00:07:08,630
Yeah, he was by himself.

159
00:07:08,630 --> 00:07:09,500
He was by himself.

160
00:07:09,500 --> 00:07:16,415
He had working place
in the basement.

161
00:07:16,415 --> 00:07:18,420
Oh, so he worked in the house.

162
00:07:18,420 --> 00:07:20,900
He worked in the house.

163
00:07:20,900 --> 00:07:25,130
And the Nazis came and
picked up the shoes.

164
00:07:25,130 --> 00:07:28,190
They came to our house.

165
00:07:28,190 --> 00:07:31,800
But when we hid
the Jewish people,

166
00:07:31,800 --> 00:07:34,180
they were not allowed
anymore in the cellar.

167
00:07:34,180 --> 00:07:34,780
Yeah.

168
00:07:34,780 --> 00:07:36,370
No, no, we'll talk
about that in a minute.

169
00:07:36,370 --> 00:07:36,870
Yeah.

170
00:07:36,870 --> 00:07:40,100

171
00:07:40,100 --> 00:07:43,280
Hitler came into power in 1933,
and obviously you were a baby.

172
00:07:43,280 --> 00:07:43,780
Yeah.

173
00:07:43,780 --> 00:07:45,520
You were only a year old.

174

00:07:45,520 --> 00:07:50,420

Do you have any
recollections or memories

175

00:07:50,420 --> 00:07:52,550

of hearing him
speak on the radio?

176

00:07:52,550 --> 00:07:57,600

Or did he ever come to Hamm
before the war started?

177

00:07:57,600 --> 00:07:59,930

Let's do before '39 now.

178

00:07:59,930 --> 00:08:03,840

He did a lot of good.

179

00:08:03,840 --> 00:08:06,840

He built youth camps.

180

00:08:06,840 --> 00:08:08,280

I went to one.

181

00:08:08,280 --> 00:08:09,990

Oh, you went to one.

182

00:08:09,990 --> 00:08:12,130

Do you know when that was?

183

00:08:12,130 --> 00:08:15,220

That was about when
I was 6 years old.

184

00:08:15,220 --> 00:08:17,830

OK, so that would be 1938.

185

00:08:17,830 --> 00:08:19,360

Yeah.

186

00:08:19,360 --> 00:08:22,400

He built the Autobahn.

187
00:08:22,400 --> 00:08:25,940
So at the beginning,
he did a lot of good.

188
00:08:25,940 --> 00:08:27,380
Yeah.

189
00:08:27,380 --> 00:08:30,890
That's why he got elected.

190
00:08:30,890 --> 00:08:37,520
But then he went
crazy, you know?

191
00:08:37,520 --> 00:08:42,028
Now, how old were you
when you started school?

192
00:08:42,028 --> 00:08:42,900
6 years.

193
00:08:42,900 --> 00:08:45,510
So that would be 1938?

194
00:08:45,510 --> 00:08:46,410
Yeah.

195
00:08:46,410 --> 00:08:48,810
And do you remember anything?

196
00:08:48,810 --> 00:08:53,720
Did you have to salute Hitler,
heil Hitler, in school?

197
00:08:53,720 --> 00:08:55,290
Do you have any memory of that?

198
00:08:55,290 --> 00:08:57,710
We did do that, heil Hitler.

199

00:08:57,710 --> 00:08:58,580

Yeah.

200

00:08:58,580 --> 00:09:00,790

And was there a picture
of him up on the wall?

201

00:09:00,790 --> 00:09:01,290

Yeah.

202

00:09:01,290 --> 00:09:02,060

Yeah.

203

00:09:02,060 --> 00:09:04,340

Were there Jewish
students in your class?

204

00:09:04,340 --> 00:09:04,970

Yeah.

205

00:09:04,970 --> 00:09:07,980

And what happened
when they had to?

206

00:09:07,980 --> 00:09:10,320

Did they heil Hitler?

207

00:09:10,320 --> 00:09:12,340

They did the same thing.

208

00:09:12,340 --> 00:09:13,620

They were 6 years old.

209

00:09:13,620 --> 00:09:15,110

They had to do the same thing.

210

00:09:15,110 --> 00:09:16,110

Yeah.

211

00:09:16,110 --> 00:09:22,760

And was your teacher

open-minded or very pro-Hitler?

212

00:09:22,760 --> 00:09:25,600

213

00:09:25,600 --> 00:09:26,770

Do you know?

214

00:09:26,770 --> 00:09:28,960

Did she make any comments
or did she say anything

215

00:09:28,960 --> 00:09:30,830

about the Jewish
students in the class?

216

00:09:30,830 --> 00:09:31,330

No.

217

00:09:31,330 --> 00:09:34,170

218

00:09:34,170 --> 00:09:36,460

OK.

219

00:09:36,460 --> 00:09:38,880

Do you remember approximately
how many Jewish children

220

00:09:38,880 --> 00:09:41,620

there were in the class?

221

00:09:41,620 --> 00:09:43,150

Just a couple?

222

00:09:43,150 --> 00:09:44,320

About 10.

223

00:09:44,320 --> 00:09:45,350

About 10.

224

00:09:45,350 --> 00:09:46,370
Out of?

225
00:09:46,370 --> 00:09:47,710
Out of 30 kids.

226
00:09:47,710 --> 00:09:48,230
Really?

227
00:09:48,230 --> 00:09:48,920
Oh, OK.

228
00:09:48,920 --> 00:09:52,870
But all the children
mixed together.

229
00:09:52,870 --> 00:09:58,480
They had from one grade
to six grade in Germany

230
00:09:58,480 --> 00:10:00,100
all in one room.

231
00:10:00,100 --> 00:10:01,840
Oh, you were in one room.

232
00:10:01,840 --> 00:10:03,010
Yeah.

233
00:10:03,010 --> 00:10:05,170
That's why there were so many.

234
00:10:05,170 --> 00:10:07,230
Yeah.

235
00:10:07,230 --> 00:10:12,210
Because they had no teachers,
and most of the time

236
00:10:12,210 --> 00:10:15,430
they had no classrooms.

237

00:10:15,430 --> 00:10:18,310

Now, I know in Hamm
when Kristallnacht

238

00:10:18,310 --> 00:10:24,130

happened in 1938 in November,
there was damage done.

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00:10:24,130 --> 00:10:24,862

A lot of damage.

240

00:10:24,862 --> 00:10:25,570

You were a child.

241

00:10:25,570 --> 00:10:26,810

Do you have memories of that?

242

00:10:26,810 --> 00:10:27,310

Yeah.

243

00:10:27,310 --> 00:10:30,460

Can you tell me about your
experience on Kristallnacht

244

00:10:30,460 --> 00:10:31,690

in November, 1938?

245

00:10:31,690 --> 00:10:38,050

Well, when the bombs came, we
all had to go in the basement.

246

00:10:38,050 --> 00:10:40,060

Well, I'm not thinking
of the bombing,

247

00:10:40,060 --> 00:10:42,580

I'm thinking of when
the Germans set fire

248

00:10:42,580 --> 00:10:45,945

to synagogues and the Jewish
Community Center in Hamm.

249
00:10:45,945 --> 00:10:47,320
I don't know
anything about that.

250
00:10:47,320 --> 00:10:48,010
Oh, OK.

251
00:10:48,010 --> 00:10:49,763
In 1938 before the war started.

252
00:10:49,763 --> 00:10:51,388
Yeah, I don't know
anything about that.

253
00:10:51,388 --> 00:10:52,346
The war started in '39.

254
00:10:52,346 --> 00:10:54,020
OK, you have no
recollections of that.

255
00:10:54,020 --> 00:10:54,520
No.

256
00:10:54,520 --> 00:10:57,280
Because the synagogues
were destroyed

257
00:10:57,280 --> 00:10:59,080
and the community
center was destroyed.

258
00:10:59,080 --> 00:11:00,350
OK, but you had no--

259
00:11:00,350 --> 00:11:01,170
No.

260
00:11:01,170 --> 00:11:02,020
OK.

261
00:11:02,020 --> 00:11:04,030
I was only a child.

262
00:11:04,030 --> 00:11:06,390
I know you are a small
child, of course.

263
00:11:06,390 --> 00:11:09,910
OK, then the war starts
in September '39.

264
00:11:09,910 --> 00:11:16,106
And what is your recollection
then, your first memories?

265
00:11:16,106 --> 00:11:20,580
Well, the first memory,
I was 6 years old.

266
00:11:20,580 --> 00:11:24,220

267
00:11:24,220 --> 00:11:36,030
They had, in Buckeburg, a
city, an airport dedicated.

268
00:11:36,030 --> 00:11:38,700
Hitler dedicated
an airport there.

269
00:11:38,700 --> 00:11:41,070
Was that a city near Hamm?

270
00:11:41,070 --> 00:11:45,330
That was 30 miles
away from Hamm.

271
00:11:45,330 --> 00:11:45,830
Oh, OK.

272
00:11:45,830 --> 00:11:47,630
At least.

273
00:11:47,630 --> 00:11:54,200
And he was dedicating
the airport.

274
00:11:54,200 --> 00:11:59,780
And as a Girl Scout,
we had to go there.

275
00:11:59,780 --> 00:12:08,390
And there were 30 kids at least,
and they put us all in the bus

276
00:12:08,390 --> 00:12:10,182
and drove us there.

277
00:12:10,182 --> 00:12:13,660
And then we were
standing in line

278
00:12:13,660 --> 00:12:17,570
and Hitler was on
the podium talking,

279
00:12:17,570 --> 00:12:24,230
and they picked me out because
I had blue eyes, blond.

280
00:12:24,230 --> 00:12:25,670
I had ponytails.

281
00:12:25,670 --> 00:12:29,510
I looked like the
typical German girl.

282
00:12:29,510 --> 00:12:33,950
That's the only
thing I can explain.

283
00:12:33,950 --> 00:12:39,150
And then they gave
me flowers and I

284

00:12:39,150 --> 00:12:44,970

had to go up on the podium
and bring Hitler the flowers.

285

00:12:44,970 --> 00:12:48,330

And he hugged and kissed me.

286

00:12:48,330 --> 00:12:52,880

And then I felt a
real part of it.

287

00:12:52,880 --> 00:12:56,280

That was an honor to do that.

288

00:12:56,280 --> 00:13:00,040

I didn't know what
would lie ahead of me.

289

00:13:00,040 --> 00:13:01,510

Yes.

290

00:13:01,510 --> 00:13:08,340

So then I told all my
classmates I gave Hitler flowers

291

00:13:08,340 --> 00:13:13,820

and I bragged
about it, you know?

292

00:13:13,820 --> 00:13:16,248

Your classmates weren't there?

293

00:13:16,248 --> 00:13:18,290

I know you said you were
part of the Girl Scouts.

294

00:13:18,290 --> 00:13:18,830

Yeah.

295

00:13:18,830 --> 00:13:21,830

Was that like a Hitler
Youth type of organization?

296
00:13:21,830 --> 00:13:22,640
Yeah.

297
00:13:22,640 --> 00:13:24,170
We had to belong to it.

298
00:13:24,170 --> 00:13:24,770
You had to.

299
00:13:24,770 --> 00:13:27,620
So why weren't your classmates
with you then that day?

300
00:13:27,620 --> 00:13:31,530

301
00:13:31,530 --> 00:13:34,477
I was the only
one in the class--

302
00:13:34,477 --> 00:13:35,310
Who was asked to go?

303
00:13:35,310 --> 00:13:36,102
Who belonged to it.

304
00:13:36,102 --> 00:13:37,720
Oh, who belonged to it.

305
00:13:37,720 --> 00:13:38,220
Yeah.

306
00:13:38,220 --> 00:13:39,820
Oh.

307
00:13:39,820 --> 00:13:44,650
And I wanted to belong
to it because it was fun.

308
00:13:44,650 --> 00:13:47,410

The camps were really nice.

309

00:13:47,410 --> 00:13:51,970

So you weren't forced to
belong, you just wanted to.

310

00:13:51,970 --> 00:13:53,965

I wasn't forced, no.

311

00:13:53,965 --> 00:13:56,090

So some children were not
members in the beginning.

312

00:13:56,090 --> 00:13:56,440

Yeah.

313

00:13:56,440 --> 00:13:57,040

Yeah.

314

00:13:57,040 --> 00:13:59,080

And did you wear
a special uniform?

315

00:13:59,080 --> 00:13:59,860

Yeah.

316

00:13:59,860 --> 00:14:02,130

Can you describe it?

317

00:14:02,130 --> 00:14:04,590

Do you remember?

318

00:14:04,590 --> 00:14:07,230

Just a few years ago.

319

00:14:07,230 --> 00:14:08,870

I don't know what I wore.

320

00:14:08,870 --> 00:14:09,560

OK.

321

00:14:09,560 --> 00:14:11,630
A green dress?

322
00:14:11,630 --> 00:14:14,280
Did you say anything to
Hitler when he picked you out?

323
00:14:14,280 --> 00:14:14,780
No.

324
00:14:14,780 --> 00:14:24,330
I had a sash with some buttons,
what I achieved in there.

325
00:14:24,330 --> 00:14:31,600
But he said, nice meeting
you, and that's all.

326
00:14:31,600 --> 00:14:36,250
And what was your
parents' reaction to that?

327
00:14:36,250 --> 00:14:38,820
They said I shouldn't
have done it.

328
00:14:38,820 --> 00:14:39,410
Really?

329
00:14:39,410 --> 00:14:39,910
Yeah.

330
00:14:39,910 --> 00:14:41,990
Because?

331
00:14:41,990 --> 00:14:50,810
Because then they were
not that fond of Hitler

332
00:14:50,810 --> 00:14:58,310
because they knew already
that he was killing Jews.

333

00:14:58,310 --> 00:14:59,360

They knew by then.

334

00:14:59,360 --> 00:15:04,385

Yeah, they knew everything
but they never told us.

335

00:15:04,385 --> 00:15:07,190

336

00:15:07,190 --> 00:15:14,510

So I just shook it off.

337

00:15:14,510 --> 00:15:18,860

I mean, I did what I had to
do, what they asked me to do.

338

00:15:18,860 --> 00:15:21,600

339

00:15:21,600 --> 00:15:25,650

And then your next
memory would be--

340

00:15:25,650 --> 00:15:27,530

When I was 10 years.

341

00:15:27,530 --> 00:15:29,730

Oh, OK.

342

00:15:29,730 --> 00:15:35,240

We lived four years
without any intervention.

343

00:15:35,240 --> 00:15:37,170

Well, you were born
in '32 you said.

344

00:15:37,170 --> 00:15:37,670

Yeah.

345

00:15:37,670 --> 00:15:38,170
Yeah.

346
00:15:38,170 --> 00:15:41,030

347
00:15:41,030 --> 00:15:44,930
And then the war started
in '39, and then you

348
00:15:44,930 --> 00:15:48,170
said you met Hitler when
he dedicated the airport.

349
00:15:48,170 --> 00:15:48,950
Yeah.

350
00:15:48,950 --> 00:15:50,960
OK, and then you came back.

351
00:15:50,960 --> 00:15:53,990
And you just continued
to go to school.

352
00:15:53,990 --> 00:15:54,490
Yeah.

353
00:15:54,490 --> 00:15:57,080

354
00:15:57,080 --> 00:15:59,930
Again, I realize
you were very young,

355
00:15:59,930 --> 00:16:03,970
but did you notice the
Jews were leaving the city?

356
00:16:03,970 --> 00:16:05,260
Did you have any sense--

357
00:16:05,260 --> 00:16:07,220

were some of the students
leaving the school?

358
00:16:07,220 --> 00:16:07,720
Yeah.

359
00:16:07,720 --> 00:16:09,260
Did you know why?

360
00:16:09,260 --> 00:16:11,440
No, they never told us why.

361
00:16:11,440 --> 00:16:16,150

362
00:16:16,150 --> 00:16:19,930
Some students were
missing out of classroom,

363
00:16:19,930 --> 00:16:24,280
and nobody had an
idea where they went.

364
00:16:24,280 --> 00:16:26,520
They never said anything.

365
00:16:26,520 --> 00:16:28,500
Yeah.

366
00:16:28,500 --> 00:16:32,750
So they were just missing.

367
00:16:32,750 --> 00:16:36,860
So what was the next first
change in your family life

368
00:16:36,860 --> 00:16:40,340
or in the daily life?

369
00:16:40,340 --> 00:16:47,380
When they did get
two Jewish families

370
00:16:47,380 --> 00:16:49,340
to put them in our basement.

371
00:16:49,340 --> 00:16:49,840
Yeah.

372
00:16:49,840 --> 00:16:51,965
Now, tell me a little bit
about that, who they were

373
00:16:51,965 --> 00:16:56,200
and how they came to be
in your parents' basement.

374
00:16:56,200 --> 00:17:01,120
It was the dentist my father
went to, we all went to.

375
00:17:01,120 --> 00:17:02,860
This is the Jewish
dentist you were

376
00:17:02,860 --> 00:17:04,242
talking-- do you know his name?

377
00:17:04,242 --> 00:17:05,700
Do you know the
name of the family?

378
00:17:05,700 --> 00:17:07,040
No, I don't.

379
00:17:07,040 --> 00:17:08,079
OK.

380
00:17:08,079 --> 00:17:12,460
We all went to the
dentist, and then my father

381
00:17:12,460 --> 00:17:13,630
went to the lawyer.

382
00:17:13,630 --> 00:17:17,079
Because he had a business,
he went to that lawyer.

383
00:17:17,079 --> 00:17:20,380

384
00:17:20,380 --> 00:17:29,760
He did say they're getting the
Jewish people out of the city.

385
00:17:29,760 --> 00:17:32,880
They're clearing the
city with Jewish people

386
00:17:32,880 --> 00:17:35,610
and putting them in
concentration camp.

387
00:17:35,610 --> 00:17:37,660
That's what he was saying.

388
00:17:37,660 --> 00:17:40,930
He didn't say they
were killing them.

389
00:17:40,930 --> 00:17:42,260
The "he" is your father.

390
00:17:42,260 --> 00:17:42,760
Yeah.

391
00:17:42,760 --> 00:17:46,350

392
00:17:46,350 --> 00:17:49,530
How do you think your
father knew that?

393
00:17:49,530 --> 00:17:51,020
I don't know.

394
00:17:51,020 --> 00:17:52,050
OK.

395
00:17:52,050 --> 00:17:53,670
I don't know.

396
00:17:53,670 --> 00:17:55,380
He never got it
out of newspapers

397
00:17:55,380 --> 00:17:59,220
because newspapers
wouldn't write like that.

398
00:17:59,220 --> 00:18:03,030
And the news wouldn't
say anything.

399
00:18:03,030 --> 00:18:04,980
And your family
obviously had a radio.

400
00:18:04,980 --> 00:18:05,603
Yeah.

401
00:18:05,603 --> 00:18:07,770
And you used to hear Hitler's
speeches on the radio.

402
00:18:07,770 --> 00:18:08,270
Yeah.

403
00:18:08,270 --> 00:18:10,560
What was your
reaction hearing them?

404
00:18:10,560 --> 00:18:11,967
I didn't listen to it.

405
00:18:11,967 --> 00:18:12,467
Because?

406
00:18:12,467 --> 00:18:15,860

407
00:18:15,860 --> 00:18:16,830
You weren't interested.

408
00:18:16,830 --> 00:18:18,620
I wasn't interested.

409
00:18:18,620 --> 00:18:19,760
OK.

410
00:18:19,760 --> 00:18:22,790
OK, so your father went
to these two families

411
00:18:22,790 --> 00:18:25,400
and said Jews are
being taken away,

412
00:18:25,400 --> 00:18:27,440
and then what did he offer?

413
00:18:27,440 --> 00:18:33,100
And he offered them to
put them in his basement

414
00:18:33,100 --> 00:18:36,430
to stay there for a while.

415
00:18:36,430 --> 00:18:42,430
Apparently he didn't want
to make it a long time.

416
00:18:42,430 --> 00:18:46,370
He thought the
war was over soon.

417
00:18:46,370 --> 00:18:47,540
Right.

418

00:18:47,540 --> 00:18:53,820

So he put them in the
basement and they fed them

419

00:18:53,820 --> 00:18:56,780

with our food stamps.

420

00:18:56,780 --> 00:19:01,340

I recall that because
we had to go hungry.

421

00:19:01,340 --> 00:19:05,405

In other words, your parents
used part of your food stamps

422

00:19:05,405 --> 00:19:07,593

to feed the two couples.

423

00:19:07,593 --> 00:19:09,260

Were there children
or just two couples?

424

00:19:09,260 --> 00:19:11,850

Two couples.

425

00:19:11,850 --> 00:19:16,370

And many times
there was no milk,

426

00:19:16,370 --> 00:19:18,530

many times there was no bread.

427

00:19:18,530 --> 00:19:21,200

Did you know why?

428

00:19:21,200 --> 00:19:23,990

Did you know that there were
four people in your parents'

429

00:19:23,990 --> 00:19:26,010

basement?

430

00:19:26,010 --> 00:19:27,600

At the beginning, no.

431

00:19:27,600 --> 00:19:28,750

You did not know that.

432

00:19:28,750 --> 00:19:29,250

No.

433

00:19:29,250 --> 00:19:31,590

So did you ever
ask your parents,

434

00:19:31,590 --> 00:19:33,810

why are you taking
my food rations?

435

00:19:33,810 --> 00:19:35,490

Then they told us.

436

00:19:35,490 --> 00:19:36,330

Oh, they did?

437

00:19:36,330 --> 00:19:37,740

Yeah.

438

00:19:37,740 --> 00:19:40,680

They said there's two
families in our basement.

439

00:19:40,680 --> 00:19:43,300

You cannot go down there.

440

00:19:43,300 --> 00:19:44,220

Oh, OK.

441

00:19:44,220 --> 00:19:46,800

You're not permitted to go down.

442

00:19:46,800 --> 00:19:53,550

And my father only had

a connection with them.

443
00:19:53,550 --> 00:19:55,950
My mother didn't
even go down there.

444
00:19:55,950 --> 00:19:57,420
Do you remember
what her reaction

445
00:19:57,420 --> 00:20:01,912
was when your father said he
was going to hide the four Jews?

446
00:20:01,912 --> 00:20:03,120
Do you have any recollection?

447
00:20:03,120 --> 00:20:07,670
That was normal because
she was a Christian.

448
00:20:07,670 --> 00:20:09,500
So she went along and agreed.

449
00:20:09,500 --> 00:20:14,930
Yeah, she was supposed
to save people, you know?

450
00:20:14,930 --> 00:20:17,660
Did they say anything to
you about not mentioning it

451
00:20:17,660 --> 00:20:19,550
to others?

452
00:20:19,550 --> 00:20:24,440
They told us we shouldn't
talk about it, yeah.

453
00:20:24,440 --> 00:20:27,870
And we didn't.

454

00:20:27,870 --> 00:20:29,780
We didn't for the longest time.

455
00:20:29,780 --> 00:20:33,660

456
00:20:33,660 --> 00:20:36,040
This was 1941?

457
00:20:36,040 --> 00:20:36,760
Yeah.

458
00:20:36,760 --> 00:20:40,620
Do you remember what
time of year was it?

459
00:20:40,620 --> 00:20:41,610
It was in the summer.

460
00:20:41,610 --> 00:20:42,720
Summer of '41.

461
00:20:42,720 --> 00:20:46,440
Yeah, that was in the
summer because we went out

462
00:20:46,440 --> 00:20:50,530
in night clothes on the street.

463
00:20:50,530 --> 00:20:52,030
I'll come to that.

464
00:20:52,030 --> 00:20:55,620
OK, so now they're
in your basement,

465
00:20:55,620 --> 00:20:58,120
you're not saying
anything to anybody,

466
00:20:58,120 --> 00:21:00,340
and then what happened?

467
00:21:00,340 --> 00:21:04,450
My sister is five years older.

468
00:21:04,450 --> 00:21:07,630
She went to a different school.

469
00:21:07,630 --> 00:21:13,550
And the Nazi guy came in
there, two Nazi people.

470
00:21:13,550 --> 00:21:17,060
They were 19, 20 years old.

471
00:21:17,060 --> 00:21:21,020
And they brought a little
boy with them, a Jewish guy.

472
00:21:21,020 --> 00:21:22,190
A Jewish child?

473
00:21:22,190 --> 00:21:24,720
Jewish child.

474
00:21:24,720 --> 00:21:31,120
And they nailed his tongue on
the table in front of them.

475
00:21:31,120 --> 00:21:34,010
It's horrible.

476
00:21:34,010 --> 00:21:39,890
And they said, if any
one of you, your parents,

477
00:21:39,890 --> 00:21:44,780
have Jewish people in their
basement, you have to tell us

478
00:21:44,780 --> 00:21:51,000
or you'll be next, and you
get nailed on the table.

479
00:21:51,000 --> 00:21:56,830
And my sister was really
afraid so she lifted her hand

480
00:21:56,830 --> 00:21:59,410
and she said we have.

481
00:21:59,410 --> 00:22:00,540
This was in the classroom--

482
00:22:00,540 --> 00:22:01,040
Yeah.

483
00:22:01,040 --> 00:22:02,890
--to the two Nazi soldiers.

484
00:22:02,890 --> 00:22:05,370
So she give it away.

485
00:22:05,370 --> 00:22:10,000
They never showed up till
3 o'clock in the morning.

486
00:22:10,000 --> 00:22:10,630
That night?

487
00:22:10,630 --> 00:22:13,060
That night, the same night.

488
00:22:13,060 --> 00:22:15,700
They broke our door down.

489
00:22:15,700 --> 00:22:19,580
They didn't even wait for
anybody open the door,

490
00:22:19,580 --> 00:22:23,360
they just stormed
into the house.

491

00:22:23,360 --> 00:22:28,900
They were three Nazi guys, and
they took the Jewish people

492
00:22:28,900 --> 00:22:31,060
out.

493
00:22:31,060 --> 00:22:35,170
Our house was on a
bank of a street.

494
00:22:35,170 --> 00:22:39,470
The driveway was right
in front of our house.

495
00:22:39,470 --> 00:22:43,670
They lined the Jewish
people up on one side

496
00:22:43,670 --> 00:22:48,560
and they lined us up on the
other side, in nightgowns.

497
00:22:48,560 --> 00:22:49,720
That's why it was summer.

498
00:22:49,720 --> 00:22:52,560
It wasn't cold.

499
00:22:52,560 --> 00:22:59,250
And they took a machine gun and
they killed the Jewish people

500
00:22:59,250 --> 00:23:02,540
right there in front of us.

501
00:23:02,540 --> 00:23:08,290
We were not supposed
to cry or help them.

502
00:23:08,290 --> 00:23:11,600

503

00:23:11,600 --> 00:23:18,010

They said, if you get out
of line, you get shot.

504

00:23:18,010 --> 00:23:23,440

So we all stood
frozen in one line.

505

00:23:23,440 --> 00:23:30,890

And then the one guy took
a pistol, held to my mom,

506

00:23:30,890 --> 00:23:35,130

and said, I shoot you.

507

00:23:35,130 --> 00:23:40,280

And my mom said, Jesus, help me.

508

00:23:40,280 --> 00:23:43,610

And the guy dropped his gun.

509

00:23:43,610 --> 00:23:45,460

I don't know why
he dropped the gun.

510

00:23:45,460 --> 00:23:51,030

He dropped it, and he
wouldn't shoot her anymore.

511

00:23:51,030 --> 00:23:55,920

And then my father said, if
you want to shoot anybody,

512

00:23:55,920 --> 00:23:59,620

you have to shoot me
because I'm the one who got

513

00:23:59,620 --> 00:24:02,590

the Jewish people in our house.

514

00:24:02,590 --> 00:24:05,560

So they shot him.

515
00:24:05,560 --> 00:24:07,250
They shot him right
in front of us.

516
00:24:07,250 --> 00:24:10,690
We couldn't say anything,
we couldn't cry,

517
00:24:10,690 --> 00:24:13,010
we couldn't do nothing.

518
00:24:13,010 --> 00:24:16,440
Otherwise we would
have been killed, too.

519
00:24:16,440 --> 00:24:21,270
And then the whistle go up.

520
00:24:21,270 --> 00:24:25,485
One guy put a whistle in his
mouth, the whistle go up,

521
00:24:25,485 --> 00:24:35,320
a truck came, and we all had to
go on the truck except my mom.

522
00:24:35,320 --> 00:24:40,332
My mom had to stay
there, and she

523
00:24:40,332 --> 00:24:46,480
went in [? air raid shelter ?]
as a Red Cross nurse.

524
00:24:46,480 --> 00:24:49,600
She stayed there for four years.

525
00:24:49,600 --> 00:24:55,150
And they drove us at farms.

526
00:24:55,150 --> 00:24:59,980

We had to do farm
labor, like child labor.

527
00:24:59,980 --> 00:25:05,530
At 10 years you had to milk
five cows in the morning,

528
00:25:05,530 --> 00:25:10,300
learn how to drive a tractor,
how to plow with horses.

529
00:25:10,300 --> 00:25:12,370
You did that all
at 10 years old.

530
00:25:12,370 --> 00:25:15,050

531
00:25:15,050 --> 00:25:18,270
First, I cried.

532
00:25:18,270 --> 00:25:20,390
I was miserable.

533
00:25:20,390 --> 00:25:21,950
And then I got used to it.

534
00:25:21,950 --> 00:25:27,520

535
00:25:27,520 --> 00:25:32,520
But while we were driving
out, they put gasoline

536
00:25:32,520 --> 00:25:36,620
on your house, they
put your house on fire.

537
00:25:36,620 --> 00:25:40,610
So we lost everything.

538
00:25:40,610 --> 00:25:45,230

My mom had to find
a room somewhere.

539
00:25:45,230 --> 00:25:50,170
And we were at these farms,
we were all separated.

540
00:25:50,170 --> 00:25:52,920

541
00:25:52,920 --> 00:25:56,430
They put us in four
different farms,

542
00:25:56,430 --> 00:26:01,840
and not knowing
which farm we went.

543
00:26:01,840 --> 00:26:08,450
And you couldn't escape.

544
00:26:08,450 --> 00:26:12,000
There was no way to escape.

545
00:26:12,000 --> 00:26:18,250
So we stayed there, and I
was there for four years.

546
00:26:18,250 --> 00:26:22,670
And I got confirmed there.

547
00:26:22,670 --> 00:26:29,560
So I learned a good work ethic.

548
00:26:29,560 --> 00:26:33,272
That's what I did learn.

549
00:26:33,272 --> 00:26:37,600
Somebody said, you have
to go to work 5 o'clock,

550
00:26:37,600 --> 00:26:40,390

I would be there 5 o'clock.

551
00:26:40,390 --> 00:26:41,627
That's what I did learn.

552
00:26:41,627 --> 00:26:44,250

553
00:26:44,250 --> 00:26:51,100
So then after the war,
my mom got a taxi.

554
00:26:51,100 --> 00:26:56,380
She went to-- it's called
BÃ¼rgermeister office.

555
00:26:56,380 --> 00:26:59,170

556
00:26:59,170 --> 00:27:01,510
You know what a
BÃ¼rgermeister is?

557
00:27:01,510 --> 00:27:03,220
BÃ¼rgermeister office.

558
00:27:03,220 --> 00:27:10,510
They had all the papers, and she
find out there where we were.

559
00:27:10,510 --> 00:27:15,310
And she went in this taxi
and picked us all up.

560
00:27:15,310 --> 00:27:20,320
No warning, all of a sudden
she was standing there.

561
00:27:20,320 --> 00:27:25,180
And I was super glad
that I saw her again.

562

00:27:25,180 --> 00:27:30,550
And she drove around and
picked up all my sisters.

563
00:27:30,550 --> 00:27:37,600
My brother had run
away, and my parents

564
00:27:37,600 --> 00:27:41,620
said he went to the
[? Heilsarmee ?],,

565
00:27:41,620 --> 00:27:42,985
to American Legion.

566
00:27:42,985 --> 00:27:46,090

567
00:27:46,090 --> 00:27:49,810
And we have never
heard from him again.

568
00:27:49,810 --> 00:27:53,220

569
00:27:53,220 --> 00:27:58,170
He went there and
he disappeared,

570
00:27:58,170 --> 00:28:02,930
so he wanted no part of this.

571
00:28:02,930 --> 00:28:07,600
So we don't know where he went.

572
00:28:07,600 --> 00:28:14,590
I have looked on the
internet trying to find him,

573
00:28:14,590 --> 00:28:17,220
but I can't find him.

574

00:28:17,220 --> 00:28:21,780
He might be dead as of now.

575
00:28:21,780 --> 00:28:32,470
So then we came
home, and I went to,

576
00:28:32,470 --> 00:28:38,210
what's it called,
[? bin Lehrling ?] in a bakery.

577
00:28:38,210 --> 00:28:41,510
I learned how to
bake in the bakery.

578
00:28:41,510 --> 00:28:43,690
We'll talk about
post-war in a minute.

579
00:28:43,690 --> 00:28:46,820
Can we just go
back a little bit?

580
00:28:46,820 --> 00:28:51,280
Before this terrible
thing happened

581
00:28:51,280 --> 00:28:54,610
and you saw German soldiers
on the street, Nazi soldiers,

582
00:28:54,610 --> 00:28:56,740
what was your feeling?

583
00:28:56,740 --> 00:28:59,650
Did you think they
were impressive?

584
00:28:59,650 --> 00:29:01,210
No, we were afraid of them.

585
00:29:01,210 --> 00:29:02,717
Why?

586

00:29:02,717 --> 00:29:04,300

How did you know to
be afraid of them?

587

00:29:04,300 --> 00:29:05,890

Because they all had guns.

588

00:29:05,890 --> 00:29:08,040

Because they had guns.

589

00:29:08,040 --> 00:29:13,330

They had machine guns, pistols.

590

00:29:13,330 --> 00:29:18,770

and we knew something
bad would happen.

591

00:29:18,770 --> 00:29:23,040

Did you ever see them mistreat
anybody on the street?

592

00:29:23,040 --> 00:29:24,735

No.

593

00:29:24,735 --> 00:29:28,820

We saw them before.

594

00:29:28,820 --> 00:29:36,682

People were laying on the street
in the morning, Jewish people.

595

00:29:36,682 --> 00:29:37,890

Were they dead Jewish people?

596

00:29:37,890 --> 00:29:38,390

Yeah.

597

00:29:38,390 --> 00:29:39,460

You would see that.

598

00:29:39,460 --> 00:29:42,510

Yeah, they killed
them overnight.

599

00:29:42,510 --> 00:29:44,790

They pulled them
out of their houses

600

00:29:44,790 --> 00:29:47,010

and they shot them right there.

601

00:29:47,010 --> 00:29:48,940

So you actually saw dead bodies.

602

00:29:48,940 --> 00:29:50,220

Yeah.

603

00:29:50,220 --> 00:29:56,430

We had to climb over them
because we had to go to school.

604

00:29:56,430 --> 00:29:59,720

Did you talk about
this with your parents?

605

00:29:59,720 --> 00:30:01,073

We said something.

606

00:30:01,073 --> 00:30:02,240

And how did they explain it?

607

00:30:02,240 --> 00:30:03,448

That's none of your business.

608

00:30:03,448 --> 00:30:05,150

Keep your mouth shut.

609

00:30:05,150 --> 00:30:09,220

Nobody could say anything.

610

00:30:09,220 --> 00:30:13,940

If you would say

something and it came out,

611
00:30:13,940 --> 00:30:16,310
you would get shot.

612
00:30:16,310 --> 00:30:19,090
That's how Germany got ruled.

613
00:30:19,090 --> 00:30:23,540
If you say anything
bad, they would come.

614
00:30:23,540 --> 00:30:27,275
They picked ministers
off the pulpit.

615
00:30:27,275 --> 00:30:31,620

616
00:30:31,620 --> 00:30:36,180
They were picking out all the
Girl Scouts out of the church.

617
00:30:36,180 --> 00:30:38,410
They picked me out, too.

618
00:30:38,410 --> 00:30:43,960
And we were still on the way
out that the minister said,

619
00:30:43,960 --> 00:30:46,360
that is wrong what you're doing.

620
00:30:46,360 --> 00:30:49,370
Leave those kids in here.

621
00:30:49,370 --> 00:30:53,520
They're better with
God [INAUDIBLE]..

622
00:30:53,520 --> 00:30:57,130
They took them off the

pulpit and shot him

623
00:30:57,130 --> 00:31:01,550
right in front of the
whole congregation.

624
00:31:01,550 --> 00:31:04,130
Did you yourself
ever witness that?

625
00:31:04,130 --> 00:31:07,160
Yeah, I was still in church.

626
00:31:07,160 --> 00:31:08,590
Yeah.

627
00:31:08,590 --> 00:31:09,550
I was still in church.

628
00:31:09,550 --> 00:31:12,530
You saw them shooting
the minister.

629
00:31:12,530 --> 00:31:17,670
So you were afraid of them.

630
00:31:17,670 --> 00:31:21,230
They put a living
daylight in you.

631
00:31:21,230 --> 00:31:25,490
Whenever they said
anything in Girl Scouts,

632
00:31:25,490 --> 00:31:28,730
they came and they
taught us how to march

633
00:31:28,730 --> 00:31:30,245
and how to shoot with guns.

634
00:31:30,245 --> 00:31:34,580

635
00:31:34,580 --> 00:31:37,100
Before 10 years,
I was a marksman.

636
00:31:37,100 --> 00:31:39,860

637
00:31:39,860 --> 00:31:45,020
I could shoot anything.

638
00:31:45,020 --> 00:31:47,210
But that's what they taught you.

639
00:31:47,210 --> 00:31:51,275
They wanted the kids to
be prepared for the army.

640
00:31:51,275 --> 00:31:56,760

641
00:31:56,760 --> 00:31:59,700
So how long did you
stay in that scout--

642
00:31:59,700 --> 00:32:02,280
Two years.

643
00:32:02,280 --> 00:32:03,960
Yeah, two years.

644
00:32:03,960 --> 00:32:05,460
Were you a member
of that group when

645
00:32:05,460 --> 00:32:07,660
the Germans came to your house?

646
00:32:07,660 --> 00:32:09,385
Were you still a
member at that time?

647
00:32:09,385 --> 00:32:09,885
I was.

648
00:32:09,885 --> 00:32:11,520
You were still a member.

649
00:32:11,520 --> 00:32:13,200
I was a member.

650
00:32:13,200 --> 00:32:21,020
And my father made
boots for the army.

651
00:32:21,020 --> 00:32:24,820
He was employed for them.

652
00:32:24,820 --> 00:32:29,320
That was his main business,
making boots for the army.

653
00:32:29,320 --> 00:32:30,760
Did he talk about that with you?

654
00:32:30,760 --> 00:32:34,900
Did it bother him terribly
to have to do that?

655
00:32:34,900 --> 00:32:37,840
It was a living.

656
00:32:37,840 --> 00:32:38,600
It was a living.

657
00:32:38,600 --> 00:32:39,755
He had to support us.

658
00:32:39,755 --> 00:32:51,990

659
00:32:51,990 --> 00:32:56,550

Now, you said that when you were taken away, each of the sisters

660
00:32:56,550 --> 00:33:00,270
were put on different farms and your mother stayed in the town.

661
00:33:00,270 --> 00:33:03,180
Did you have any communication with your sisters

662
00:33:03,180 --> 00:33:04,270
or your mother?

663
00:33:04,270 --> 00:33:04,770
No.

664
00:33:04,770 --> 00:33:07,610
So as a young child, you were 9 years old,

665
00:33:07,610 --> 00:33:08,820
you were totally by yourself.

666
00:33:08,820 --> 00:33:11,050
Yeah, I was separated.

667
00:33:11,050 --> 00:33:15,610
And no communication until 1945.

668
00:33:15,610 --> 00:33:16,110
Yeah.

669
00:33:16,110 --> 00:33:19,730

670
00:33:19,730 --> 00:33:22,400
Were there other children on the farm that you went to?

671
00:33:22,400 --> 00:33:27,740
No, there was nobody there,

just the man and the woman.

672

00:33:27,740 --> 00:33:28,550

And you.

673

00:33:28,550 --> 00:33:30,560

And me.

674

00:33:30,560 --> 00:33:34,640

And they had one maid, Helga.

675

00:33:34,640 --> 00:33:38,220

I remember her name.

676

00:33:38,220 --> 00:33:45,180

She taught me how to milk cows
and how to do stuff like that.

677

00:33:45,180 --> 00:33:49,450

I had to do my farm work
before I went to school.

678

00:33:49,450 --> 00:33:53,595

And school was
very horrible then.

679

00:33:53,595 --> 00:33:54,095

Because?

680

00:33:54,095 --> 00:33:57,740

681

00:33:57,740 --> 00:34:03,650

That farm school, [GERMAN]
Niemeier was his name.

682

00:34:03,650 --> 00:34:05,450

Niemeier.

683

00:34:05,450 --> 00:34:12,370

And he went, climbed
on top of the tables.

684

00:34:12,370 --> 00:34:16,810

If somebody did something wrong,
he would climb on the tables

685

00:34:16,810 --> 00:34:19,980

and would hit all of us.

686

00:34:19,980 --> 00:34:22,620

And if you'd duck
under the table,

687

00:34:22,620 --> 00:34:26,120

we were to come up
front and really get it.

688

00:34:26,120 --> 00:34:29,510

So you dare didn't duck.

689

00:34:29,510 --> 00:34:41,850

And he took us out
to cut potato bugs.

690

00:34:41,850 --> 00:34:44,159

They had them that time.

691

00:34:44,159 --> 00:34:50,989

And they said the Americans
sent them, the potato bugs.

692

00:34:50,989 --> 00:34:53,000

We had to collect them.

693

00:34:53,000 --> 00:34:56,090

We had to find them.

694

00:34:56,090 --> 00:34:57,700

To pick off the potato bugs?

695

00:34:57,700 --> 00:34:59,780

Yeah, in school time.

696

00:34:59,780 --> 00:35:07,580

I [INAUDIBLE] in
school times, and that

697

00:35:07,580 --> 00:35:10,690

took away from learning.

698

00:35:10,690 --> 00:35:17,740

And I didn't learn a lot
because I was so tired.

699

00:35:17,740 --> 00:35:22,130

Most of the time I
fell asleep because I

700

00:35:22,130 --> 00:35:27,180

had to get up at 5 o'clock
in the morning and work.

701

00:35:27,180 --> 00:35:30,690

And 9 o'clock, the
school started.

702

00:35:30,690 --> 00:35:34,080

Did the farmer and his wife
talk about what was happening?

703

00:35:34,080 --> 00:35:35,790

No, they never said anything.

704

00:35:35,790 --> 00:35:38,400

Did they ever talk about what
was happening to the Jews?

705

00:35:38,400 --> 00:35:41,430

They never said anything.

706

00:35:41,430 --> 00:35:46,580

Did you talk to them much or
did you have much communication?

707

00:35:46,580 --> 00:35:48,130

We had to work all the time.

708

00:35:48,130 --> 00:35:51,000

709

00:35:51,000 --> 00:35:57,320

We were only together at
dinner time or eating time.

710

00:35:57,320 --> 00:36:00,140

And then you had
the plate of food,

711

00:36:00,140 --> 00:36:02,120

and you shoveled
that in as fast as

712

00:36:02,120 --> 00:36:07,080

you could because we
figured there is no more.

713

00:36:07,080 --> 00:36:10,000

What about the other
students in the class?

714

00:36:10,000 --> 00:36:12,720

Did they talk about the war,
about Hitler, about the Nazis?

715

00:36:12,720 --> 00:36:14,680

No, you couldn't.

716

00:36:14,680 --> 00:36:19,180

Did you see any evidence of
German soldiers in the farm?

717

00:36:19,180 --> 00:36:20,770

No, nobody came there.

718

00:36:20,770 --> 00:36:22,270

Nobody came to the farm.

719

00:36:22,270 --> 00:36:23,380
There was no check-ups.

720
00:36:23,380 --> 00:36:25,310
They came.

721
00:36:25,310 --> 00:36:37,490
They had Russian prisoners
that were on the farm.

722
00:36:37,490 --> 00:36:42,620
And they had a--

723
00:36:42,620 --> 00:36:45,690
I can't even say it--

724
00:36:45,690 --> 00:36:51,150
a piece of ground fenced in,
and they had them in there.

725
00:36:51,150 --> 00:36:56,040
They were day and
night in that thing.

726
00:36:56,040 --> 00:37:02,330
They made us rings from pennies.

727
00:37:02,330 --> 00:37:04,280
We went there, we
talked to them.

728
00:37:04,280 --> 00:37:07,250

729
00:37:07,250 --> 00:37:10,580
You couldn't talk
any Russian to them,

730
00:37:10,580 --> 00:37:14,210
but we made a motion
that we wanted the ring,

731

00:37:14,210 --> 00:37:19,640
and we gave them an apple or
gave them a slice of bread.

732
00:37:19,640 --> 00:37:23,570
And they made those rings
and stuff like that.

733
00:37:23,570 --> 00:37:29,710
And we were the only
house after the war

734
00:37:29,710 --> 00:37:33,720
who they didn't plunder.

735
00:37:33,720 --> 00:37:35,130
They saved us.

736
00:37:35,130 --> 00:37:36,460
The Russians.

737
00:37:36,460 --> 00:37:38,220
Yeah.

738
00:37:38,220 --> 00:37:40,170
Because we made
friends with them.

739
00:37:40,170 --> 00:37:43,680

740
00:37:43,680 --> 00:37:45,625
Let's talk about
your sister now.

741
00:37:45,625 --> 00:37:48,325

742
00:37:48,325 --> 00:37:53,620
You said she was the one who,
when she was in the classroom,

743

00:37:53,620 --> 00:37:56,500
raised her hand and said
her father was sheltering

744
00:37:56,500 --> 00:37:58,210
Jews in the basement.

745
00:37:58,210 --> 00:38:00,220
How did she feel after that?

746
00:38:00,220 --> 00:38:02,770
I mean, she was a child
herself, I understand,

747
00:38:02,770 --> 00:38:04,220
and she was frightened.

748
00:38:04,220 --> 00:38:07,510
She felt awful.

749
00:38:07,510 --> 00:38:12,990
She kept on saying, I'm sorry I
did that, but I was so afraid.

750
00:38:12,990 --> 00:38:13,680
Yes, of course.

751
00:38:13,680 --> 00:38:16,950
She was a child.

752
00:38:16,950 --> 00:38:21,300
I didn't want my tongue
to be nailed on the table.

753
00:38:21,300 --> 00:38:23,730
Did she know that child,
that Jewish child?

754
00:38:23,730 --> 00:38:26,390
No, that was a stranger.

755
00:38:26,390 --> 00:38:27,846

They brought him in.

756

00:38:27,846 --> 00:38:30,020

Oh, it wasn't a child in
the class or anything.

757

00:38:30,020 --> 00:38:31,020

No, they brought him in.

758

00:38:31,020 --> 00:38:36,730

759

00:38:36,730 --> 00:38:38,690

So nobody knew his name
or anything like that?

760

00:38:38,690 --> 00:38:39,190

No.

761

00:38:39,190 --> 00:38:41,780

762

00:38:41,780 --> 00:38:47,340

They had to take a pair of
pliers and put out the nail.

763

00:38:47,340 --> 00:38:50,400

And did you ever hear what
happened to him after that?

764

00:38:50,400 --> 00:38:54,400

No, nobody talked about him.

765

00:38:54,400 --> 00:38:58,260

That was just something
happened that the Nazis did.

766

00:38:58,260 --> 00:39:01,585

767

00:39:01,585 --> 00:39:03,770

I mean they were horrible.

768
00:39:03,770 --> 00:39:06,840

769
00:39:06,840 --> 00:39:08,460
So it's the end of the war.

770
00:39:08,460 --> 00:39:11,520
You said your mother came and
picked you up and your sisters,

771
00:39:11,520 --> 00:39:15,450
and you came back to Hamm.

772
00:39:15,450 --> 00:39:19,960
And you went back
to school in Hamm?

773
00:39:19,960 --> 00:39:21,392
No.

774
00:39:21,392 --> 00:39:23,770
You went to a bakery
school, you said.

775
00:39:23,770 --> 00:39:25,750
I was finished with school.

776
00:39:25,750 --> 00:39:28,930
With 14, you are finishing
school in Germany.

777
00:39:28,930 --> 00:39:29,980
Oh, OK.

778
00:39:29,980 --> 00:39:34,930
And so then you learned
how to be a baker.

779
00:39:34,930 --> 00:39:38,410
I had a trade.

780

00:39:38,410 --> 00:39:43,800

I wanted to be a baker
because I always had food.

781

00:39:43,800 --> 00:39:45,770

Oh, right.

782

00:39:45,770 --> 00:39:47,420

That was my doing.

783

00:39:47,420 --> 00:39:50,610

I always had something to eat.

784

00:39:50,610 --> 00:39:59,000

And I didn't enjoy it very
much first because you had

785

00:39:59,000 --> 00:40:02,510

to do all the dirty work first.

786

00:40:02,510 --> 00:40:06,260

You had to clean the
bakery, wash the dishes,

787

00:40:06,260 --> 00:40:12,000

and do stuff like that, so I
didn't enjoy that that much.

788

00:40:12,000 --> 00:40:19,600

But then after two
years, I began to like it

789

00:40:19,600 --> 00:40:23,650

because it was artistic.

790

00:40:23,650 --> 00:40:28,771

You could do flowers
and learn that.

791

00:40:28,771 --> 00:40:38,470

And then first, I did
cooking, the first two years.

792
00:40:38,470 --> 00:40:39,760
I forgot that.

793
00:40:39,760 --> 00:40:41,440
I did cooking.

794
00:40:41,440 --> 00:40:44,730
I wanted to be a chef first.

795
00:40:44,730 --> 00:40:48,630
And then the third year,
we had to do baking,

796
00:40:48,630 --> 00:40:49,815
and I liked that better.

797
00:40:49,815 --> 00:40:52,620

798
00:40:52,620 --> 00:40:57,290
So I took baking up
for three more years.

799
00:40:57,290 --> 00:41:04,122
So I put myself five years to
training, got 50 cents a week.

800
00:41:04,122 --> 00:41:07,410
I remember that.

801
00:41:07,410 --> 00:41:11,950
No other money.

802
00:41:11,950 --> 00:41:13,000
But I learned.

803
00:41:13,000 --> 00:41:16,770
I learned at least how to bake.

804
00:41:16,770 --> 00:41:24,610

And then I got my [GERMAN],,
my learner's permit to bake.

805
00:41:24,610 --> 00:41:28,060
Now, right after the
war and immediately

806
00:41:28,060 --> 00:41:31,150
in the years following,
did the German people talk

807
00:41:31,150 --> 00:41:35,210
about what had happened to
the Jews and the concentration

808
00:41:35,210 --> 00:41:35,710
camps?

809
00:41:35,710 --> 00:41:36,210
No.

810
00:41:36,210 --> 00:41:37,980
Nobody could talk about it.

811
00:41:37,980 --> 00:41:39,680
Why not?

812
00:41:39,680 --> 00:41:43,820
They were all afraid
that they would get shot.

813
00:41:43,820 --> 00:41:46,160
No, I meant after
the war was over.

814
00:41:46,160 --> 00:41:54,880
After the war, you're
reading papers about it.

815
00:41:54,880 --> 00:41:59,510
You're reading papers about
the concentration camps.

816

00:41:59,510 --> 00:42:06,580

We didn't even know about it,
and they caught us by surprise.

817

00:42:06,580 --> 00:42:10,300

818

00:42:10,300 --> 00:42:14,920

We knew they were killing
the Jewish people,

819

00:42:14,920 --> 00:42:18,452

but that they put them all
in concentration camps, some

820

00:42:18,452 --> 00:42:25,000

of them, and put the gas
chamber on, we didn't know that.

821

00:42:25,000 --> 00:42:28,930

Did you notice any or hear
of any antisemitic acts

822

00:42:28,930 --> 00:42:32,760

after the war was over?

823

00:42:32,760 --> 00:42:34,660

After '45?

824

00:42:34,660 --> 00:42:36,910

Did you know of any?

825

00:42:36,910 --> 00:42:39,310

You didn't.

826

00:42:39,310 --> 00:42:39,830

No.

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00:42:39,830 --> 00:42:42,310

Did you hear people say anything
negative about the Jews,

828
00:42:42,310 --> 00:42:46,090
like we're glad they're
not here anymore?

829
00:42:46,090 --> 00:42:50,740
I heard more negative when
I came here in the States.

830
00:42:50,740 --> 00:42:52,200
OK.

831
00:42:52,200 --> 00:42:56,310
Because I marched one
time from Philadelphia

832
00:42:56,310 --> 00:43:02,530
to New York against
them with Quakers.

833
00:43:02,530 --> 00:43:05,530
I lived with a Quaker
minister when I came here.

834
00:43:05,530 --> 00:43:08,110
OK, let's talk about how you
got to the United States now.

835
00:43:08,110 --> 00:43:10,110
How did you happen to
come to the United states?

836
00:43:10,110 --> 00:43:11,290
On a blind date.

837
00:43:11,290 --> 00:43:14,060
How did that happen?

838
00:43:14,060 --> 00:43:15,400
How did that happen?

839
00:43:15,400 --> 00:43:20,400
I wrote somebody in German.

840
00:43:20,400 --> 00:43:22,140
I was a pen pal.

841
00:43:22,140 --> 00:43:24,400
A pen pal, a German
young man here--

842
00:43:24,400 --> 00:43:24,900
Yeah.

843
00:43:24,900 --> 00:43:25,858
--in the United States.

844
00:43:25,858 --> 00:43:27,990
He was here in the
States, but he was German.

845
00:43:27,990 --> 00:43:31,460
How did you get his name?

846
00:43:31,460 --> 00:43:32,510
In the newspaper.

847
00:43:32,510 --> 00:43:34,910
Oh, OK.

848
00:43:34,910 --> 00:43:39,760
And I answered it and I wrote
him, and he wrote me back.

849
00:43:39,760 --> 00:43:45,540
And then he wrote me in one
letter, with your ambition--

850
00:43:45,540 --> 00:43:47,760
I was already a baker.

851
00:43:47,760 --> 00:43:52,710
He said with your ambition, you
can do a lot more in the States

852

00:43:52,710 --> 00:43:54,960

as you can do in Germany.

853

00:43:54,960 --> 00:43:58,600

Germany, you need
everything a paper for.

854

00:43:58,600 --> 00:44:03,080

And here, you say you can
bake, you have to prove it,

855

00:44:03,080 --> 00:44:06,070

and you can bake.

856

00:44:06,070 --> 00:44:09,810

He said you even can open
your own bakery here.

857

00:44:09,810 --> 00:44:16,140

So I took [? that ?],
and I took a visa out,

858

00:44:16,140 --> 00:44:19,650

a working visa, so
I could work here.

859

00:44:19,650 --> 00:44:25,020

And he paid my bill,
and I came over here.

860

00:44:25,020 --> 00:44:27,520

What year was that?

861

00:44:27,520 --> 00:44:30,690

1956.

862

00:44:30,690 --> 00:44:33,120

No.

863

00:44:33,120 --> 00:44:35,760

No.

864

00:44:35,760 --> 00:44:38,070

Well, it was in
the 1950s, right?

865

00:44:38,070 --> 00:44:39,770

1956.

866

00:44:39,770 --> 00:44:42,180

It was 1956, yeah.

867

00:44:42,180 --> 00:44:45,120

So you come here and
where did you settle?

868

00:44:45,120 --> 00:44:51,655

I settled in Philadelphia
as a Quaker minister.

869

00:44:51,655 --> 00:44:54,730

With a Quaker minister?

870

00:44:54,730 --> 00:44:56,550

You lived with a
Quaker minister?

871

00:44:56,550 --> 00:44:58,560

Yeah and his family.

872

00:44:58,560 --> 00:45:04,570

He had three teenage
kids and his wife.

873

00:45:04,570 --> 00:45:10,570

And I took care of his
household and of the boys--

874

00:45:10,570 --> 00:45:11,920

they had three boys there--

875

00:45:11,920 --> 00:45:14,590

876
00:45:14,590 --> 00:45:16,750
for room and board.

877
00:45:16,750 --> 00:45:23,390
But then I cleaned houses I
did his house in the morning.

878
00:45:23,390 --> 00:45:27,790
I went in the afternoon
and cleaned houses.

879
00:45:27,790 --> 00:45:35,060
And I did one house
for a Chinese person,

880
00:45:35,060 --> 00:45:41,110
and I traded English
for cleaning.

881
00:45:41,110 --> 00:45:45,940
I cleaned her house and
she sat me two hours down

882
00:45:45,940 --> 00:45:54,240
and taught me English so
I could learn English.

883
00:45:54,240 --> 00:45:59,590
Because I knew "yes"
and no," that it's.

884
00:45:59,590 --> 00:46:06,980
And Gerhardt was the guy
who took me over here.

885
00:46:06,980 --> 00:46:10,140
He made a date with me.

886
00:46:10,140 --> 00:46:16,100
And the minister gave
me 10 cents that night.

887

00:46:16,100 --> 00:46:23,110
He said keep the 10 cents and
call me if you get in trouble

888
00:46:23,110 --> 00:46:26,700
and I'll pick you
up wherever you are.

889
00:46:26,700 --> 00:46:33,630
And Gerhardt, stupid of
him, he went to a motel.

890
00:46:33,630 --> 00:46:34,920
He opened the door.

891
00:46:34,920 --> 00:46:36,690
I didn't know what a motel was.

892
00:46:36,690 --> 00:46:39,790
In Germany you
didn't have motels.

893
00:46:39,790 --> 00:46:47,400
So he opened the door and
I saw two beds in there,

894
00:46:47,400 --> 00:46:53,260
and I pushed him inside
the room, locked the door.

895
00:46:53,260 --> 00:46:57,760
I still had the key, locked the
door, and went to the office

896
00:46:57,760 --> 00:47:01,230
and called Mr. [? Dakand ?].

897
00:47:01,230 --> 00:47:04,740
And I said, I am
trouble, can you get me?

898
00:47:04,740 --> 00:47:10,200
I told him where was, he

knew the location, he got me,

899

00:47:10,200 --> 00:47:11,600

and I never saw him again.

900

00:47:11,600 --> 00:47:16,570

901

00:47:16,570 --> 00:47:21,560

And then I met somebody
else on a blind date.

902

00:47:21,560 --> 00:47:26,170

I have so many blind
dates [? looks like it ?]..

903

00:47:26,170 --> 00:47:29,710

Siegfried, he was a baker.

904

00:47:29,710 --> 00:47:36,150

And I met him and we
went for half a year

905

00:47:36,150 --> 00:47:37,860

and then I married him.

906

00:47:37,860 --> 00:47:39,180

Siegfried Langer was his name.

907

00:47:39,180 --> 00:47:41,610

Siegfried Langer.

908

00:47:41,610 --> 00:47:44,860

And I married him.

909

00:47:44,860 --> 00:47:45,840

But he was married.

910

00:47:45,840 --> 00:47:49,320

911

00:47:49,320 --> 00:47:56,470
[INAUDIBLE] We
had seen a bakery.

912
00:47:56,470 --> 00:48:01,720
It was so dirty, you
couldn't even set foot in it,

913
00:48:01,720 --> 00:48:04,930
but we bought it for \$1,000.

914
00:48:04,930 --> 00:48:07,510
We both had \$500.

915
00:48:07,510 --> 00:48:14,040
We put the \$500 in and we
bought the bakery for \$1,000.

916
00:48:14,040 --> 00:48:15,220
We cleaned it up.

917
00:48:15,220 --> 00:48:20,920
It took us three months to clean
it, that's how dirty it was.

918
00:48:20,920 --> 00:48:24,490
And then we opened the bakery.

919
00:48:24,490 --> 00:48:30,040
And the honeymoon night,
I said, come into bed.

920
00:48:30,040 --> 00:48:32,410
He'd baked 350
pounds of cookies.

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00:48:32,410 --> 00:48:35,020

922
00:48:35,020 --> 00:48:37,270
He baked all night cookies.

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00:48:37,270 --> 00:48:39,830

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00:48:39,830 --> 00:48:44,880

It's hard to believe,
but that's what he did.

925

00:48:44,880 --> 00:48:49,060

And the marriage was on a
rocky boat all the time.

926

00:48:49,060 --> 00:48:49,560

Really?

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00:48:49,560 --> 00:48:53,320

928

00:48:53,320 --> 00:48:56,180

He was married to his mother.

929

00:48:56,180 --> 00:48:59,830

He was a mama's boy.

930

00:48:59,830 --> 00:49:01,840

Was he from Germany originally?

931

00:49:01,840 --> 00:49:05,020

Originally he was
from Germany, yeah.

932

00:49:05,020 --> 00:49:08,890

But he was in the
army in Germany

933

00:49:08,890 --> 00:49:13,410

and he also was in the
army in the United States.

934

00:49:13,410 --> 00:49:16,950

He [? served ?] in two armies.

935

00:49:16,950 --> 00:49:20,020

He didn't like it.

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00:49:20,020 --> 00:49:24,165

He didn't like cold weather,
so they sent him to Alaska.

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00:49:24,165 --> 00:49:27,160

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00:49:27,160 --> 00:49:31,940

So he had to stand
the cold weather.

939

00:49:31,940 --> 00:49:36,360

He was three years
in this army here.

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00:49:36,360 --> 00:49:39,810

And I don't know how long he
was in Germany in the army.

941

00:49:39,810 --> 00:49:41,460

And did you have any children?

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00:49:41,460 --> 00:49:47,430

Yeah, I have two
children, Doris and Ralph.

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00:49:47,430 --> 00:49:50,770

They both don't talk to me.

944

00:49:50,770 --> 00:49:52,466

Because?

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00:49:52,466 --> 00:49:58,930

Because 1971, I got
myself divorced.

946

00:49:58,930 --> 00:50:00,970

I couldn't stand it anymore.

947

00:50:00,970 --> 00:50:05,350

And did you stay in New Jersey?

948

00:50:05,350 --> 00:50:11,530

I stayed for one year
with him in the bakery

949

00:50:11,530 --> 00:50:18,450

because he wasn't a decorator
and I was, so I helped him.

950

00:50:18,450 --> 00:50:21,900

I wanted to teach him
how to decorate cakes,

951

00:50:21,900 --> 00:50:24,570

but he never learned.

952

00:50:24,570 --> 00:50:29,580

So after one year of
it, I finally left.

953

00:50:29,580 --> 00:50:34,420

And I worked at a
bakery in Flemington.

954

00:50:34,420 --> 00:50:39,490

And there I had to prove myself.

955

00:50:39,490 --> 00:50:43,730

They didn't want
any women bakers.

956

00:50:43,730 --> 00:50:49,360

Women bakers didn't
exist here for a while.

957

00:50:49,360 --> 00:50:54,670

So I had to work for
one week, and I made

958

00:50:54,670 --> 00:50:58,660

cookies and donuts and bread.

959

00:50:58,660 --> 00:51:03,400

After one week, they said,
yeah, you have a job.

960

00:51:03,400 --> 00:51:05,950

So I stayed there.

961

00:51:05,950 --> 00:51:08,080

I only worked there
for a half a year.

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00:51:08,080 --> 00:51:10,600

963

00:51:10,600 --> 00:51:17,960

But I babysat a family at night.

964

00:51:17,960 --> 00:51:24,490

And they moved here to Maryland.

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00:51:24,490 --> 00:51:27,570

That's how I got to Maryland.

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00:51:27,570 --> 00:51:31,800

And they moved to
Maryland and they said,

967

00:51:31,800 --> 00:51:36,930

well, we want you to
babysit our kids again,

968

00:51:36,930 --> 00:51:39,420

and you can stay in our house.

969

00:51:39,420 --> 00:51:42,200

We're building a house.

970

00:51:42,200 --> 00:51:48,680

They built a house, but
one bedroom was short.

971

00:51:48,680 --> 00:51:53,430
I had to live with their
daughter in one bedroom,

972
00:51:53,430 --> 00:51:57,440
and that's what I
didn't want to do.

973
00:51:57,440 --> 00:52:05,940
So I went to a bakery
in Ellicott City,

974
00:52:05,940 --> 00:52:09,790
Frederick's or
whatever it is called.

975
00:52:09,790 --> 00:52:12,280
They're out of business now.

976
00:52:12,280 --> 00:52:18,820
But I went there in
the bakery, and I

977
00:52:18,820 --> 00:52:27,360
had to ice cakes, wedding
cakes and birthday cakes.

978
00:52:27,360 --> 00:52:30,900
And the girl who
decorated them was

979
00:52:30,900 --> 00:52:36,140
sick one day, the
whole week, and I

980
00:52:36,140 --> 00:52:39,390
had to decorate the cakes.

981
00:52:39,390 --> 00:52:44,940
And the people came and
said, even after she came

982
00:52:44,940 --> 00:52:49,030

back, we want Edith's cakes.

983

00:52:49,030 --> 00:52:54,640

So we had the clash
there, so I left.

984

00:52:54,640 --> 00:53:05,124

I then opened my own bakery
in Aliceanna in Baltimore.

985

00:53:05,124 --> 00:53:08,400

It was a laundry, and
I cleaned it all out

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00:53:08,400 --> 00:53:12,190

and I put a bakery in there.

987

00:53:12,190 --> 00:53:15,790

But I couldn't get any help.

988

00:53:15,790 --> 00:53:19,330

Help suitable for me.

989

00:53:19,330 --> 00:53:24,300

I think I'm perfectionist.

990

00:53:24,300 --> 00:53:30,800

So I closed the
door and I worked

991

00:53:30,800 --> 00:53:41,360

for 15 years in Edelweiss
bakery, on Harford Road.

992

00:53:41,360 --> 00:53:45,150

And then I quit.

993

00:53:45,150 --> 00:53:47,390

Then I was 74.

994

00:53:47,390 --> 00:53:49,480

Then I quit.

995

00:53:49,480 --> 00:53:50,690

That's my life.

996

00:53:50,690 --> 00:53:52,800

That's your life.

997

00:53:52,800 --> 00:53:54,000