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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:08,090

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00:00:08,090 --> 00:00:11,570

This is a United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:11,570 --> 00:00:18,350

interview continuation with
Marianne Friedenthal Milkman.

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00:00:18,350 --> 00:00:21,740

This is track number two.

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00:00:21,740 --> 00:00:24,770

And we had been talking
about your trip to England

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00:00:24,770 --> 00:00:28,160

that you went on with the
help of the Kindertransport.

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00:00:28,160 --> 00:00:30,280

You and your sister
flew to England.

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00:00:30,280 --> 00:00:34,640

Now you've arrived at
the airport in England.

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00:00:34,640 --> 00:00:47,390

And I think we are picked up
by my uncle-in-law Ernst Brega

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00:00:47,390 --> 00:00:55,640

and his son,
another Ernst Brega.

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00:00:55,640 --> 00:01:03,080

And we go by train from
London to Cambridge.

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00:01:03,080 --> 00:01:08,600

And then when we get to
Cambridge, we, I think,

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00:01:08,600 --> 00:01:15,830

are picked up by his daughter
in a really old car--

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00:01:15,830 --> 00:01:20,810

so this is May 1939--

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00:01:20,810 --> 00:01:25,260

and a car which has a
hole in it at one place,

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00:01:25,260 --> 00:01:28,490

so you can see the road below.

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00:01:28,490 --> 00:01:29,810

But anyhow, it works.

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00:01:29,810 --> 00:01:34,970

And we drive from
the train station

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00:01:34,970 --> 00:01:38,270

about 8 miles out
into the country.

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00:01:38,270 --> 00:01:45,920

And we end up at a big stone
house, very thick stone walls,

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00:01:45,920 --> 00:01:50,510

right next to a church,
an Episcopal church.

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00:01:50,510 --> 00:01:58,970

And that is where my cousins and
my aunt and uncle are living.

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00:01:58,970 --> 00:02:00,700

You are now eight years old.

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00:02:00,700 --> 00:02:02,440

How much English did you know?

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00:02:02,440 --> 00:02:03,120

Very little.

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00:02:03,120 --> 00:02:04,870

You had a little bit
of tutoring you said.

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00:02:04,870 --> 00:02:07,670

Yeah, we had a little bit
of tutoring in English

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00:02:07,670 --> 00:02:10,940

when it began to
seem likely that we

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00:02:10,940 --> 00:02:14,510

might be going to England.

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00:02:14,510 --> 00:02:17,600

But I had very little English.

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00:02:17,600 --> 00:02:20,390

But, of course, my cousins--

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00:02:20,390 --> 00:02:23,240

well, my cousins actually
didn't speak German that well

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00:02:23,240 --> 00:02:26,700

because they'd been living
in England for quite a while,

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00:02:26,700 --> 00:02:29,360

but they still spoke
it and understood it.

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00:02:29,360 --> 00:02:33,140

Did you know this
part of the family?

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00:02:33,140 --> 00:02:34,670
Not well.

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00:02:34,670 --> 00:02:36,620
We had, I think--

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00:02:36,620 --> 00:02:39,050
I met my aunt and uncle.

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00:02:39,050 --> 00:02:41,600
I'm not sure I met
the cousins before.

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00:02:41,600 --> 00:02:45,760
And they were older than
us, quite a lot older.

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00:02:45,760 --> 00:02:54,550
The oldest one, Hannah,
was I think in college

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00:02:54,550 --> 00:03:00,880
at the time, the
university, studying premed.

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00:03:00,880 --> 00:03:05,830
And her sister was
in nursing school.

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00:03:05,830 --> 00:03:12,990
And her brother, I think,
was still in high school,

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00:03:12,990 --> 00:03:14,910
but finishing high
school because then

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00:03:14,910 --> 00:03:18,600
he went into the army.

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00:03:18,600 --> 00:03:26,100

And they were, of course,
also Jews, but not practicing,

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00:03:26,100 --> 00:03:28,020

however not Christians.

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00:03:28,020 --> 00:03:31,200

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00:03:31,200 --> 00:03:33,365

And so we came into
this big house.

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00:03:33,365 --> 00:03:34,240

And the first thing--

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00:03:34,240 --> 00:03:37,200

I mean, it was May--

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00:03:37,200 --> 00:03:44,070

first thing I remember is that
it was cold when you walked in.

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00:03:44,070 --> 00:03:48,080

And that's one of my main
memories about this house.

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00:03:48,080 --> 00:03:53,370

However, it did
have running water,

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00:03:53,370 --> 00:03:57,120

but only if every
day everybody did

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00:03:57,120 --> 00:04:02,730

their pumping of
water up to the tanks

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00:04:02,730 --> 00:04:07,980

so that we would have

water in the house.

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00:04:07,980 --> 00:04:12,990

It had no electricity
at all, and the cooking

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00:04:12,990 --> 00:04:16,229

was done on a canner gas stove.

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00:04:16,229 --> 00:04:21,540

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00:04:21,540 --> 00:04:23,090

It was spacious.

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00:04:23,090 --> 00:04:28,400

But as I discovered later
as I lived there longer,

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00:04:28,400 --> 00:04:30,890

that it didn't have
much heating either.

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00:04:30,890 --> 00:04:36,320

But the kitchen would be
warm, and the living room

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00:04:36,320 --> 00:04:38,870

would have a fire going
in it all the time.

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00:04:38,870 --> 00:04:42,710

But otherwise it was very cold.

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00:04:42,710 --> 00:04:45,090

But anyhow, this was
the beginning of summer.

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00:04:45,090 --> 00:04:52,400

And I think that they
tried to make us feel

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00:04:52,400 --> 00:04:55,230
at home as much as they could.

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00:04:55,230 --> 00:04:57,890
But we also had to help.

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00:04:57,890 --> 00:04:59,780
And this, for the
first time now, we

73
00:04:59,780 --> 00:05:03,350
had to really make our own beds.

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00:05:03,350 --> 00:05:04,840
We had to--

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00:05:04,840 --> 00:05:06,905
You never had to do that before?

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00:05:06,905 --> 00:05:09,845
No, very spoiled.

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00:05:09,845 --> 00:05:12,890

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00:05:12,890 --> 00:05:17,030
And we had to help set
the table and cook.

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00:05:17,030 --> 00:05:20,750
And then, they had a very
large vegetable garden.

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00:05:20,750 --> 00:05:27,200
And they kept rabbits and goats.

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00:05:27,200 --> 00:05:31,460
I hated the goat,
because they always

82
00:05:31,460 --> 00:05:34,460
wanted to butt me

whenever I walked by.

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00:05:34,460 --> 00:05:37,560

They had, well, a [INAUDIBLE]
a sizable orchard,

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00:05:37,560 --> 00:05:42,800

an orchard with plums,
greengages, apples,

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00:05:42,800 --> 00:05:44,450

all kinds of things.

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00:05:44,450 --> 00:05:45,650

And--

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00:05:45,650 --> 00:05:47,780

But what was the name of
the town that you were in?

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00:05:47,780 --> 00:05:50,360

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00:05:50,360 --> 00:05:54,440

It was a village, and
it was called Caldecote,

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00:05:54,440 --> 00:06:03,650

C-A-L-D-E-C-O-T-E. And it was a
village that was very stretched

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00:06:03,650 --> 00:06:07,370

out along a road that
went constantly up hill.

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00:06:07,370 --> 00:06:11,120

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00:06:11,120 --> 00:06:16,070

And in many ways, we
were very isolated.

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00:06:16,070 --> 00:06:19,610

We did have a farmer
across the street, who

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00:06:19,610 --> 00:06:26,780

had two or three sons, who
were more or less my age.

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00:06:26,780 --> 00:06:30,245

But I didn't get to know
them till many years later.

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00:06:30,245 --> 00:06:33,560

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00:06:33,560 --> 00:06:36,540

But there were
nice places to go.

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00:06:36,540 --> 00:06:39,860

You could walk across the
fields to the next village.

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00:06:39,860 --> 00:06:42,170

I mean there were trails, paths.

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00:06:42,170 --> 00:06:44,690

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00:06:44,690 --> 00:06:46,970

Did you have any communication
with your parents?

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00:06:46,970 --> 00:06:49,670

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00:06:49,670 --> 00:06:54,005

I didn't directly, but
my aunt and uncle did.

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00:06:54,005 --> 00:06:58,340

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00:06:58,340 --> 00:07:01,160

But, no, we didn't-- well,
we got letters from them,

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00:07:01,160 --> 00:07:03,698

and we wrote to them
about what was going.

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00:07:03,698 --> 00:07:05,240

So you arrive there,
and it's summer.

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00:07:05,240 --> 00:07:06,780

And then it becomes summer.

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00:07:06,780 --> 00:07:08,180

Summer, right.

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00:07:08,180 --> 00:07:13,850

And basically,
we're helping out,

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00:07:13,850 --> 00:07:17,390

and we're growing a
lot of vegetables.

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00:07:17,390 --> 00:07:19,850

And I don't know whether
then or whether it

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00:07:19,850 --> 00:07:26,450

was later once war broke out
that we would take vegetables

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00:07:26,450 --> 00:07:32,180

and rabbits and whatever to the
market in Cambridge to sell.

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00:07:32,180 --> 00:07:37,550

Once more, this family didn't
have a lot of money either.

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00:07:37,550 --> 00:07:39,870

So they were selling their
wares, their product.

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00:07:39,870 --> 00:07:43,740

Yeah, right, they were
selling the products.

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00:07:43,740 --> 00:07:46,730

And then I always remember
hanging from a tree right

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00:07:46,730 --> 00:07:51,650

near the kitchen scullery.

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00:07:51,650 --> 00:07:59,150

There was always some goat's
milk cheese being made,

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00:07:59,150 --> 00:08:05,600

which I still can
see that in my mind.

123

00:08:05,600 --> 00:08:09,960

Well, it was a very
different mode of existence.

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00:08:09,960 --> 00:08:15,680

And we went into
Cambridge sometimes.

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00:08:15,680 --> 00:08:20,600

And I'm not sure exactly
when, but at some point,

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00:08:20,600 --> 00:08:23,720

because my sister
was being sponsored

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00:08:23,720 --> 00:08:30,410

by a family in another
town, which was called

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00:08:30,410 --> 00:08:32,960
Bishop's Stortford I think.

129
00:08:32,960 --> 00:08:34,340
But she was with you or--

130
00:08:34,340 --> 00:08:36,120
She was with me initially.

131
00:08:36,120 --> 00:08:41,960
And I don't remember, about
a month later, I think,

132
00:08:41,960 --> 00:08:43,400
she went to live with--

133
00:08:43,400 --> 00:08:44,420
After your arrival--

134
00:08:44,420 --> 00:08:47,682
After our arrival, she went
to live with that family.

135
00:08:47,682 --> 00:08:49,640
And what was that like
for you for her to move?

136
00:08:49,640 --> 00:08:50,490
It was awful.

137
00:08:50,490 --> 00:08:51,020
Oh.

138
00:08:51,020 --> 00:08:53,318
I think it was awful
for both of us.

139
00:08:53,318 --> 00:08:54,950
I can imagine.

140
00:08:54,950 --> 00:08:59,360
And I didn't get along

that well with my aunt.

141
00:08:59,360 --> 00:09:01,190
She thought I was spoiled.

142
00:09:01,190 --> 00:09:02,850
And she was right.

143
00:09:02,850 --> 00:09:03,350
And--

144
00:09:03,350 --> 00:09:05,240
But they were your
sponsors, right?

145
00:09:05,240 --> 00:09:06,500
Yeah.

146
00:09:06,500 --> 00:09:09,590
Yeah, they were my sponsors.

147
00:09:09,590 --> 00:09:12,230
And--

148
00:09:12,230 --> 00:09:15,320
I assume they can only
afford to sponsor one person.

149
00:09:15,320 --> 00:09:16,160
Yeah, right.

150
00:09:16,160 --> 00:09:19,820

151
00:09:19,820 --> 00:09:22,810
And then at some point--

152
00:09:22,810 --> 00:09:25,550
and I don't know how
it worked at all--

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00:09:25,550 --> 00:09:29,940

I started going to
school in Cambridge.

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00:09:29,940 --> 00:09:31,540

How far from Cambridge were you?

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00:09:31,540 --> 00:09:37,690

Eight miles, which meant that
initially that somebody had

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00:09:37,690 --> 00:09:38,650

to drive me.

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00:09:38,650 --> 00:09:42,850

Or there was a bus at the
bottom of the hill that

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00:09:42,850 --> 00:09:44,860

didn't run very frequently.

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00:09:44,860 --> 00:09:49,750

But that did take you into town,
and somebody would meet me.

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00:09:49,750 --> 00:09:52,410

And this was an elementary
school, the [? Landaff ?]

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00:09:52,410 --> 00:09:53,110

School.

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00:09:53,110 --> 00:09:56,530

And I have only
good memories of it,

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00:09:56,530 --> 00:10:03,700

that the principal was very
nice, took special care to try

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00:10:03,700 --> 00:10:07,960

and let me learn English
as fast as possible.

165
00:10:07,960 --> 00:10:11,350
And the kids were nice.

166
00:10:11,350 --> 00:10:12,640
The teachers were nice.

167
00:10:12,640 --> 00:10:14,870
I mean, I enjoyed being there.

168
00:10:14,870 --> 00:10:17,860

169
00:10:17,860 --> 00:10:19,300
Did you pick up English quickly?

170
00:10:19,300 --> 00:10:22,150
Yeah, I picked up
English quite quickly.

171
00:10:22,150 --> 00:10:28,130
I think knowing German and
French helped to some extent,

172
00:10:28,130 --> 00:10:30,940
though English is certainly a
much more difficult language,

173
00:10:30,940 --> 00:10:39,340
because it's nothing
as nearly as regulated

174
00:10:39,340 --> 00:10:42,550
as in German and French.

175
00:10:42,550 --> 00:10:46,330
What about September
'39 when war broke out?

176
00:10:46,330 --> 00:10:53,230
OK, well, in August of '39, my
father and mother had moved.

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00:10:53,230 --> 00:11:00,370

By that time they had moved to
Rotterdam and had an apartment.

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00:11:00,370 --> 00:11:02,390

And it was ready to go.

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00:11:02,390 --> 00:11:05,800

They had furniture
and stuff in there.

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00:11:05,800 --> 00:11:08,590

And so he came to
spend a couple of weeks

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00:11:08,590 --> 00:11:18,140

in England, in early August, and
then take us back to Holland.

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00:11:18,140 --> 00:11:21,850

So we could use a
Dutch, you know.

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00:11:21,850 --> 00:11:34,360

Anyhow, as you know, as things
got bad rapidly in those weeks.

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00:11:34,360 --> 00:11:38,470

And he decided--

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00:11:38,470 --> 00:11:40,940

I think in the last
week of August,

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00:11:40,940 --> 00:11:44,950

he sent a telegram
to my mother and said

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00:11:44,950 --> 00:11:50,020

get on the next plane you
can get on to in London

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00:11:50,020 --> 00:11:53,560

and bring whatever
you can, because I

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00:11:53,560 --> 00:11:55,210

don't think we're going to--

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00:11:55,210 --> 00:11:58,030

I mean, he didn't say
anything more than that.

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00:11:58,030 --> 00:12:02,830

And so she did, and I think
it was September 1st that she

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00:12:02,830 --> 00:12:03,370

flew out--

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00:12:03,370 --> 00:12:05,200

Oh, my goodness.

194

00:12:05,200 --> 00:12:06,730

Right.

195

00:12:06,730 --> 00:12:13,330

And came with one
suitcase and joined us.

196

00:12:13,330 --> 00:12:15,283

Now, that made me very happy.

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00:12:15,283 --> 00:12:18,100

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00:12:18,100 --> 00:12:21,520

And, of course, then a couple
of days later war was declared.

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00:12:21,520 --> 00:12:23,020

Right.

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00:12:23,020 --> 00:12:26,110

And, you know, I
began to understand.

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00:12:26,110 --> 00:12:31,120

Now, we were told things much
more as to what was going on.

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00:12:31,120 --> 00:12:36,800

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00:12:36,800 --> 00:12:45,720

And so both my parents were
there and stayed there also

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00:12:45,720 --> 00:12:54,420

until my father was interned at
the beginning of 1940 I think

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00:12:54,420 --> 00:12:58,380

it was-- oh, yeah,
early January, 1940--

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00:12:58,380 --> 00:13:00,930

Because he was an
alien, a Germany alien?

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00:13:00,930 --> 00:13:03,330

Well, yeah, in part.

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00:13:03,330 --> 00:13:06,330

I mean, we were enemy aliens.

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00:13:06,330 --> 00:13:07,490

Enemy aliens, yeah.

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00:13:07,490 --> 00:13:10,620

We were enemy aliens.

211

00:13:10,620 --> 00:13:16,110

He didn't have-- he
had a visiting visa.

212
00:13:16,110 --> 00:13:18,040
So did my mother.

213
00:13:18,040 --> 00:13:22,770
So they were suspect, you know.

214
00:13:22,770 --> 00:13:26,100
But they interned
almost everybody.

215
00:13:26,100 --> 00:13:32,595
They interned my uncle,
and his son was sent--

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00:13:32,595 --> 00:13:36,250
I don't whether his
son was sent to Canada.

217
00:13:36,250 --> 00:13:41,490
I know that in the pairs
of family, one of the kids

218
00:13:41,490 --> 00:13:44,460
who was a student by that
time, he went to Canada.

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00:13:44,460 --> 00:13:47,400

220
00:13:47,400 --> 00:13:48,780
They were just all--

221
00:13:48,780 --> 00:13:53,340
the Brits were-- well,
they were scared.

222
00:13:53,340 --> 00:13:55,170
They didn't know who
were spies and who

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00:13:55,170 --> 00:13:58,020
weren't in the first place.

224
00:13:58,020 --> 00:14:03,480
And in the second place they
were worried about invasion.

225
00:14:03,480 --> 00:14:06,975
Well, it came a little later,
greatest worries, in '41.

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00:14:06,975 --> 00:14:11,670

227
00:14:11,670 --> 00:14:15,270
And they didn't want
all these Jews around,

228
00:14:15,270 --> 00:14:18,180
because if indeed the
invasion happened,

229
00:14:18,180 --> 00:14:23,100
that would be a calamity.

230
00:14:23,100 --> 00:14:26,970
I mean in that
sense, I think they

231
00:14:26,970 --> 00:14:31,290
were both trying to
protect themselves

232
00:14:31,290 --> 00:14:33,750
and the Jews who were there.

233
00:14:33,750 --> 00:14:36,810

234
00:14:36,810 --> 00:14:45,650
And my father was interned
early in January of 1940.

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00:14:45,650 --> 00:14:48,105

And then my mother was--

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00:14:48,105 --> 00:14:49,230

Where was he taken?

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00:14:49,230 --> 00:14:52,090

He was taken to the Isle of Man.

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00:14:52,090 --> 00:14:56,280

They commandeered the
hotels on the Isle of Man.

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00:14:56,280 --> 00:15:02,280

And that's where
people stayed overall.

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00:15:02,280 --> 00:15:05,340

But the men and the
women were separate.

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00:15:05,340 --> 00:15:06,670

Did your mother go there also?

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00:15:06,670 --> 00:15:10,470

And my mother went
there in, I think

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00:15:10,470 --> 00:15:12,480

it was around my
birthday, I think in May.

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00:15:12,480 --> 00:15:14,030

So she stayed a few more months.

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00:15:14,030 --> 00:15:16,410

So she stayed, yeah--

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00:15:16,410 --> 00:15:17,290

With you a few more--

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00:15:17,290 --> 00:15:18,360

Right, yeah.

248
00:15:18,360 --> 00:15:20,940
And then she went also.

249
00:15:20,940 --> 00:15:26,520
And by that time, I was
sort of weekly boarder

250
00:15:26,520 --> 00:15:30,390
at the school I was at.

251
00:15:30,390 --> 00:15:31,050
In Cambridge?

252
00:15:31,050 --> 00:15:32,520
In Cambridge, yeah.

253
00:15:32,520 --> 00:15:36,180
They had a house because
they had also a lot of kids

254
00:15:36,180 --> 00:15:37,500
whose parents were overseas.

255
00:15:37,500 --> 00:15:41,220

256
00:15:41,220 --> 00:15:42,060
So--

257
00:15:42,060 --> 00:15:43,800
Were you the only German child?

258
00:15:43,800 --> 00:15:45,210
Were they only Jewish child?

259
00:15:45,210 --> 00:15:45,710
Yes--

260
00:15:45,710 --> 00:15:47,520
The only Jewish child?

261
00:15:47,520 --> 00:15:50,740
That I don't know.

262
00:15:50,740 --> 00:15:51,570
Probably.

263
00:15:51,570 --> 00:15:53,700
Did you feel very different
from the other kids?

264
00:15:53,700 --> 00:15:54,240
Well--

265
00:15:54,240 --> 00:15:55,120
Language, of course--

266
00:15:55,120 --> 00:15:56,040
Yes.

267
00:15:56,040 --> 00:16:04,200
I mean that's what all
Jews I think probably

268
00:16:04,200 --> 00:16:08,760
find the hardest that you are
very different, of course,

269
00:16:08,760 --> 00:16:11,010
not only because you come
from a different country,

270
00:16:11,010 --> 00:16:12,870
but because you're Jewish.

271
00:16:12,870 --> 00:16:15,540
That's sort of a
stigma right there.

272
00:16:15,540 --> 00:16:21,270
And there was a lot of
antisemitism still in England.

273
00:16:21,270 --> 00:16:22,320
Still is I think.

274
00:16:22,320 --> 00:16:26,130

275
00:16:26,130 --> 00:16:28,530
But I liked the kids there.

276
00:16:28,530 --> 00:16:32,520
And I liked being
a weekly border

277
00:16:32,520 --> 00:16:35,380
because there were other
people to play with.

278
00:16:35,380 --> 00:16:37,160
And we played outside a lot.

279
00:16:37,160 --> 00:16:39,000
And you'd back to the village--

280
00:16:39,000 --> 00:16:39,753
And I'd go back--

281
00:16:39,753 --> 00:16:40,420
On the weekend--

282
00:16:40,420 --> 00:16:44,190
On the weekend, yeah, right.

283
00:16:44,190 --> 00:16:47,100
And somebody would
take me to the bus

284
00:16:47,100 --> 00:16:48,780
and wait with me
at the bus stop.

285

00:16:48,780 --> 00:16:54,600
And then one of the family would
pick me up at the other end.

286
00:16:54,600 --> 00:16:58,290
It wasn't very
far, the bus stop.

287
00:16:58,290 --> 00:17:01,020
So that worked quite well.

288
00:17:01,020 --> 00:17:08,490
But then when my mother
also was interned,

289
00:17:08,490 --> 00:17:11,430
then I really got very unhappy.

290
00:17:11,430 --> 00:17:21,180
And it's not a time I choose
to remember very much.

291
00:17:21,180 --> 00:17:25,440
I mean, I did I
did well in school.

292
00:17:25,440 --> 00:17:27,089
I was learning English well.

293
00:17:27,089 --> 00:17:28,830
That's amazing.

294
00:17:28,830 --> 00:17:32,190
And what about contact
with your sister?

295
00:17:32,190 --> 00:17:34,990
There was very little
contact with my sister,

296
00:17:34,990 --> 00:17:39,210
because she wrote to
my parents regularly.

297
00:17:39,210 --> 00:17:41,810
And once in a while,
she would write to me.

298
00:17:41,810 --> 00:17:48,740
But there was no phoning
or anything you know.

299
00:17:48,740 --> 00:17:56,540
So really, I mean on vacations
she came back to Cambridge.

300
00:17:56,540 --> 00:18:02,750
And she had she had a
hard time too being--

301
00:18:02,750 --> 00:18:04,640
She was only 11.

302
00:18:04,640 --> 00:18:05,835
Right, exactly.

303
00:18:05,835 --> 00:18:08,390

304
00:18:08,390 --> 00:18:14,990
And so those were rough
times for everybody.

305
00:18:14,990 --> 00:18:17,900
I mean, I realize, you know--

306
00:18:17,900 --> 00:18:20,250
How aware you of the war?

307
00:18:20,250 --> 00:18:20,750
What?

308
00:18:20,750 --> 00:18:22,340
How aware were you?

309

00:18:22,340 --> 00:18:25,400

Oh, very aware, because
one of the things

310

00:18:25,400 --> 00:18:30,920

that every evening at
6 o'clock everybody

311

00:18:30,920 --> 00:18:32,730

would gather around the radio.

312

00:18:32,730 --> 00:18:38,150

I mean just the way it's shown
often in movies or whatever.

313

00:18:38,150 --> 00:18:43,370

And we were told not to
interrupt or anything,

314

00:18:43,370 --> 00:18:46,100

because everybody
wanted to listen.

315

00:18:46,100 --> 00:18:50,600

And we heard Churchill's
speeches and so on.

316

00:18:50,600 --> 00:18:55,430

And the news wasn't very
good, obviously, at first.

317

00:18:55,430 --> 00:18:58,880

Did they broadcast
Hitler's speeches at all?

318

00:18:58,880 --> 00:19:00,050

Not that I heard.

319

00:19:00,050 --> 00:19:02,540

Not that you heard.

320

00:19:02,540 --> 00:19:03,770

And I don't know whether--

321

00:19:03,770 --> 00:19:07,910

I'm sure they did somewhere,
but we didn't get them.

322

00:19:07,910 --> 00:19:16,550

But, I mean, we were lucky to
have decent radio and ability

323

00:19:16,550 --> 00:19:21,510

to hear what was going on.

324

00:19:21,510 --> 00:19:26,240

And I think the thing
was with the school

325

00:19:26,240 --> 00:19:29,900

that it was full
of other kids who

326

00:19:29,900 --> 00:19:37,530

were not anywhere near
their home or their origins

327

00:19:37,530 --> 00:19:38,075

or whatever.

328

00:19:38,075 --> 00:19:39,200

So you something in common.

329

00:19:39,200 --> 00:19:43,340

We had something
in common, right.

330

00:19:43,340 --> 00:19:47,120

So that I think that
worked quite well.

331

00:19:47,120 --> 00:19:48,890

Did you talk about
with the other kids

332

00:19:48,890 --> 00:19:51,170
about where you all came from?

333

00:19:51,170 --> 00:19:53,680

334

00:19:53,680 --> 00:19:55,310
Not much, no.

335

00:19:55,310 --> 00:20:03,240
And I have a feeling that they
were told not to question me,

336

00:20:03,240 --> 00:20:10,770
again, in retrospect because
that was difficult. But anyhow,

337

00:20:10,770 --> 00:20:12,390
then in--

338

00:20:12,390 --> 00:20:16,080
and again, I'm having
trouble with exact dates--

339

00:20:16,080 --> 00:20:25,440
but I think in the late 1940s
when Britain was very scared

340

00:20:25,440 --> 00:20:26,550
about invasion--

341

00:20:26,550 --> 00:20:29,460

342

00:20:29,460 --> 00:20:32,190
in 1940.

343

00:20:32,190 --> 00:20:32,950
Late 1940.

344

00:20:32,950 --> 00:20:40,050

Yeah, late 1940 is better.

345

00:20:40,050 --> 00:20:45,310

My parents decided--
and this was permitted.

346

00:20:45,310 --> 00:20:46,740

They could have taken us.

347

00:20:46,740 --> 00:20:50,850

We could have gone with my
mother to the internment camp

348

00:20:50,850 --> 00:20:52,890

if we'd wanted to initially.

349

00:20:52,890 --> 00:20:55,290

I mean, if they
wanted us to come.

350

00:20:55,290 --> 00:20:57,510

But she had no idea what
it was going to be like.

351

00:20:57,510 --> 00:21:00,090

And she decided that we
should just stay and go

352

00:21:00,090 --> 00:21:02,460

to school and so on.

353

00:21:02,460 --> 00:21:09,810

But then in I think it was
September or October 1940,

354

00:21:09,810 --> 00:21:17,520

the Brits were starting to send
the refugees in the internment

355

00:21:17,520 --> 00:21:24,600

camps, some of them
anyhow, to Australia.

356

00:21:24,600 --> 00:21:28,630

And when my parents heard
that they decided, well,

357

00:21:28,630 --> 00:21:31,440

if we're going to Australia,
let's go as a family.

358

00:21:31,440 --> 00:21:38,045

And so we went and we
stayed with my mother.

359

00:21:38,045 --> 00:21:40,230

So you two girls left.

360

00:21:40,230 --> 00:21:41,880

We left Cambridge.

361

00:21:41,880 --> 00:21:43,590

Well, she left
Bishop's Stortford.

362

00:21:43,590 --> 00:21:45,420

I left Cambridge.

363

00:21:45,420 --> 00:21:50,550

And it was an interesting
trip, because we went by train

364

00:21:50,550 --> 00:21:57,750

to Liverpool, I think,
with some other children

365

00:21:57,750 --> 00:22:00,630

and somebody taking care of us.

366

00:22:00,630 --> 00:22:04,980

And then we spent the night in
a Liverpool boarding school.

367

00:22:04,980 --> 00:22:07,500

I remember that on bunk beds.

368
00:22:07,500 --> 00:22:13,200
That was sort of
fun in some ways.

369
00:22:13,200 --> 00:22:18,780
And then we took the boat
across to the Isle of Man

370
00:22:18,780 --> 00:22:22,020
after the next day.

371
00:22:22,020 --> 00:22:29,490
And we then took a train to
wherever it was, my mother was.

372
00:22:29,490 --> 00:22:30,810
You two girls were together.

373
00:22:30,810 --> 00:22:33,180
Yeah, we were together.

374
00:22:33,180 --> 00:22:40,860
And we were greeted
by the camp commandant

375
00:22:40,860 --> 00:22:49,470
and an imposing woman
with steely eyes, who

376
00:22:49,470 --> 00:22:57,460
greeted us with not very
much enthusiasm and said,

377
00:22:57,460 --> 00:22:59,235
well, I think your
mother is here,

378
00:22:59,235 --> 00:23:02,280
or something like
that, and left.

379

00:23:02,280 --> 00:23:07,200
But anyhow, so then we got to
share a room with my mother

380
00:23:07,200 --> 00:23:08,865
and another woman.

381
00:23:08,865 --> 00:23:10,740
Because the women were
separate from the men.

382
00:23:10,740 --> 00:23:13,110
The women were
separate from the men.

383
00:23:13,110 --> 00:23:15,900
And the women lived in pairs.

384
00:23:15,900 --> 00:23:22,410
And now both my mother
and the very nice woman,

385
00:23:22,410 --> 00:23:33,900
who somehow she was distantly
related to I think in some way,

386
00:23:33,900 --> 00:23:36,360
also had my sister
and me in the room.

387
00:23:36,360 --> 00:23:38,550
I mean there was one room.

388
00:23:38,550 --> 00:23:41,520
So that was quite
in close quarters.

389
00:23:41,520 --> 00:23:44,610
But fortunately, they had set
up schools with the children.

390
00:23:44,610 --> 00:23:47,730

391
00:23:47,730 --> 00:23:50,240
And my sister went to
a different school.

392
00:23:50,240 --> 00:23:53,760
In fact, she went to the next
village, St Mary's, to go

393
00:23:53,760 --> 00:23:58,530
to school, middle
school, I guess.

394
00:23:58,530 --> 00:24:01,770
I went to the elementary school.

395
00:24:01,770 --> 00:24:04,380
And they were great.

396
00:24:04,380 --> 00:24:06,450
We learned a lot.

397
00:24:06,450 --> 00:24:07,680
They were taught in English.

398
00:24:07,680 --> 00:24:11,760

399
00:24:11,760 --> 00:24:15,690
I remember winning in
limerick competition.

400
00:24:15,690 --> 00:24:17,340
What was your limerick?

401
00:24:17,340 --> 00:24:19,500
That I don't remember,
but it was clean.

402
00:24:19,500 --> 00:24:23,820

403

00:24:23,820 --> 00:24:28,770

And I got a limerick
book as an award.

404

00:24:28,770 --> 00:24:30,690

And I don't have
that anymore either.

405

00:24:30,690 --> 00:24:32,940

I should have kept it.

406

00:24:32,940 --> 00:24:38,070

But I remember
that time overall.

407

00:24:38,070 --> 00:24:41,610

And I will tell you about
the bad experiences.

408

00:24:41,610 --> 00:24:43,830

But, you know, we
were at the shore.

409

00:24:43,830 --> 00:24:48,030

And one area was very rocky.

410

00:24:48,030 --> 00:24:49,450

And that was open.

411

00:24:49,450 --> 00:24:50,850

That wasn't barbed wire.

412

00:24:50,850 --> 00:24:56,070

Anywhere you could land
a boat was fenced off.

413

00:24:56,070 --> 00:24:59,580

But in that area we
had a wonderful time

414

00:24:59,580 --> 00:25:05,620

climbing among the rocks and

seeing what was in tide pools.

415

00:25:05,620 --> 00:25:11,320

And I thoroughly
enjoyed that part of it.

416

00:25:11,320 --> 00:25:12,940

And I liked school.

417

00:25:12,940 --> 00:25:16,195

And everybody was
in the same boat.

418

00:25:16,195 --> 00:25:19,750

419

00:25:19,750 --> 00:25:21,610

There was a roll
call every morning

420

00:25:21,610 --> 00:25:26,660

in the dining room
for everybody.

421

00:25:26,660 --> 00:25:32,230

But children could
respond for their parents.

422

00:25:32,230 --> 00:25:36,190

Were there any
religious services?

423

00:25:36,190 --> 00:25:38,615

You know, I think there were,
but we didn't go to them.

424

00:25:38,615 --> 00:25:39,490

You didn't take part.

425

00:25:39,490 --> 00:25:41,420

Yeah, right.

426

00:25:41,420 --> 00:25:44,110
I'm pretty sure there were.

427
00:25:44,110 --> 00:25:46,315
Did you still feel
Christian at that point?

428
00:25:46,315 --> 00:25:47,320
Oh, very much--

429
00:25:47,320 --> 00:25:47,830
Still--

430
00:25:47,830 --> 00:25:50,180
Yes, absolutely.

431
00:25:50,180 --> 00:25:54,265
I frankly did not want to have
anything to do with Judaism.

432
00:25:54,265 --> 00:25:55,410
You still felt that way.

433
00:25:55,410 --> 00:25:55,910
Yeah.

434
00:25:55,910 --> 00:25:56,410
Yeah.

435
00:25:56,410 --> 00:26:02,350

436
00:26:02,350 --> 00:26:06,380
So that was a relatively,
for us at least,

437
00:26:06,380 --> 00:26:08,960
relatively pleasant experience.

438
00:26:08,960 --> 00:26:11,170
The one really bad
experience there

439
00:26:11,170 --> 00:26:18,250
was that they did have a
range for families to meet.

440
00:26:18,250 --> 00:26:20,500
I don't know whether that
was once or twice a year.

441
00:26:20,500 --> 00:26:23,650
We weren't there
for a whole year.

442
00:26:23,650 --> 00:26:28,160
But I do remember that
when the time came--

443
00:26:28,160 --> 00:26:31,450
and my father and
mother could correspond,

444
00:26:31,450 --> 00:26:33,490
but everything was censored.

445
00:26:33,490 --> 00:26:35,440
I mean everything was read.

446
00:26:35,440 --> 00:26:37,900
So you couldn't write very much.

447
00:26:37,900 --> 00:26:40,210
Though they were
in the same island.

448
00:26:40,210 --> 00:26:41,050
They were on same--

449
00:26:41,050 --> 00:26:44,020
yeah, right, everybody
was on the Isle of Man.

450
00:26:44,020 --> 00:26:45,700

My father was in Douglas.

451
00:26:45,700 --> 00:26:46,750
And--

452
00:26:46,750 --> 00:26:48,650
So he had to write--

453
00:26:48,650 --> 00:26:50,020
Yeah, right.

454
00:26:50,020 --> 00:26:55,210
And so, anyhow, we all met.

455
00:26:55,210 --> 00:27:01,310
We were all put on
trains and locked in.

456
00:27:01,310 --> 00:27:05,050
And there were people
there who were escaping

457
00:27:05,050 --> 00:27:07,840
in the concentration
camp who we would

458
00:27:07,840 --> 00:27:12,610
hear that somebody had escaped
in a boat across to Ireland.

459
00:27:12,610 --> 00:27:19,695
And those were obviously people
who were spying for somebody.

460
00:27:19,695 --> 00:27:30,320

461
00:27:30,320 --> 00:27:32,840
So first we were locked
into the train cars,

462
00:27:32,840 --> 00:27:37,350

which didn't feel very good.

463

00:27:37,350 --> 00:27:47,630

But then we all met
in a gigantic hall,

464

00:27:47,630 --> 00:27:51,260

which was basically
empty, but had chairs

465

00:27:51,260 --> 00:27:54,020

all around the edges.

466

00:27:54,020 --> 00:27:58,130

And the center was--

467

00:27:58,130 --> 00:28:00,950

I don't remember
what they had there.

468

00:28:00,950 --> 00:28:06,380

And once you hooked up with--

469

00:28:06,380 --> 00:28:08,390

we hooked up with our father.

470

00:28:08,390 --> 00:28:12,560

We stayed with my parents
for a little while.

471

00:28:12,560 --> 00:28:14,330

And then they said,
why don't you go out

472

00:28:14,330 --> 00:28:16,550

and find something to do.

473

00:28:16,550 --> 00:28:20,480

And there really wasn't
anything to do, you know.

474

00:28:20,480 --> 00:28:25,910

It was totally unplanned.

475

00:28:25,910 --> 00:28:29,750

And I think we had all
taken something to eat,

476

00:28:29,750 --> 00:28:32,750

some lunch, and so on.

477

00:28:32,750 --> 00:28:37,010

So there were all these kids
wandering around with nothing

478

00:28:37,010 --> 00:28:39,210

to do.

479

00:28:39,210 --> 00:28:41,060

Let me think.

480

00:28:41,060 --> 00:28:43,730

Some had brought
some playing cars.

481

00:28:43,730 --> 00:28:48,620

And we would join some
group and play something.

482

00:28:48,620 --> 00:28:50,330

But it was just awful.

483

00:28:50,330 --> 00:28:51,860

It was a dark hall.

484

00:28:51,860 --> 00:28:52,780

It was cold.

485

00:28:52,780 --> 00:28:58,910

It was always-- and it was
a thoroughly unpleasant

486

00:28:58,910 --> 00:29:01,130

experience, as far

as I was concerned--

487

00:29:01,130 --> 00:29:02,630

Even though you did
see your father?

488

00:29:02,630 --> 00:29:03,620

Yeah, right.

489

00:29:03,620 --> 00:29:06,920

And I mean, you know, it
must have been for my parents

490

00:29:06,920 --> 00:29:10,410

too just awful.

491

00:29:10,410 --> 00:29:18,530

And then to be released
from these camps,

492

00:29:18,530 --> 00:29:26,240

you really had to have
somebody who would help you,

493

00:29:26,240 --> 00:29:29,000

a lawyer or somebody
who would help you,

494

00:29:29,000 --> 00:29:35,060

with presenting your
case as to why you were--

495

00:29:35,060 --> 00:29:37,910

well, in my father's case,
why he was in Britain

496

00:29:37,910 --> 00:29:40,340

with a three-week visa.

497

00:29:40,340 --> 00:29:41,510

Oh, right.

498

00:29:41,510 --> 00:29:44,330
And so on.

499
00:29:44,330 --> 00:29:48,510
And he did not get
good help at all.

500
00:29:48,510 --> 00:29:53,810
And so it took a long time
for him to get released.

501
00:29:53,810 --> 00:29:58,940
It was much quicker
for my mother.

502
00:29:58,940 --> 00:30:03,260
I mean, my aunt and
uncle in Cambridge

503
00:30:03,260 --> 00:30:06,620
tried to get some of
their British friends

504
00:30:06,620 --> 00:30:09,740
to write letters
and so on and help.

505
00:30:09,740 --> 00:30:12,350

506
00:30:12,350 --> 00:30:20,120
But I think we were--

507
00:30:20,120 --> 00:30:23,630
my mother was released in--

508
00:30:23,630 --> 00:30:27,780

509
00:30:27,780 --> 00:30:28,425
what was it?

510

00:30:28,425 --> 00:30:37,810
In '41, in early 1941, well,
in May or June, I think.

511
00:30:37,810 --> 00:30:41,970
And so we were too,
my sister and I.

512
00:30:41,970 --> 00:30:44,303
And the question then
was, where do we go?

513
00:30:44,303 --> 00:30:44,970
Where do you go?

514
00:30:44,970 --> 00:30:46,200
Yeah.

515
00:30:46,200 --> 00:30:52,890
And my sister at
that point was going

516
00:30:52,890 --> 00:30:56,370
to be sponsored by
somebody in Cambridge,

517
00:30:56,370 --> 00:31:02,640
by the Jewish something
group in Cambridge.

518
00:31:02,640 --> 00:31:06,020

519
00:31:06,020 --> 00:31:07,385
So that's where she was going.

520
00:31:07,385 --> 00:31:10,010

521
00:31:10,010 --> 00:31:14,420
My mother felt that she
wanted to be somewhere

522

00:31:14,420 --> 00:31:17,670

where when my father was
released he could come to,

523

00:31:17,670 --> 00:31:22,130

and there would be
maybe some opportunities

524

00:31:22,130 --> 00:31:24,510

there for working or something.

525

00:31:24,510 --> 00:31:31,270

And so the parents of the
family, who had by that time

526

00:31:31,270 --> 00:31:37,850

moved to St. Albans, which
was a small market town,

527

00:31:37,850 --> 00:31:44,360

but a beautiful town with
a very old third century

528

00:31:44,360 --> 00:31:50,810

cathedral, which the Romans
occupied at one point.

529

00:31:50,810 --> 00:31:54,350

And they were Roman
baths still and so on.

530

00:31:54,350 --> 00:31:57,800

So it was a nice small town.

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00:31:57,800 --> 00:32:01,100

And the parents of family
said that we could have

532

00:32:01,100 --> 00:32:04,700

the top floor of the house.

533

00:32:04,700 --> 00:32:12,830

So that was what my mother and
father decided we should do.

534
00:32:12,830 --> 00:32:18,320
And my father was still in there
for at least another six months

535
00:32:18,320 --> 00:32:19,430
before he got out.

536
00:32:19,430 --> 00:32:26,190

537
00:32:26,190 --> 00:32:27,930
So that was a new place to go.

538
00:32:27,930 --> 00:32:38,370
But I found it a lot
better, because I

539
00:32:38,370 --> 00:32:40,770
went to the high school there.

540
00:32:40,770 --> 00:32:46,170
That was also interesting,
because it was--

541
00:32:46,170 --> 00:32:52,550
I mean, I was still only
eight, but the high school--

542
00:32:52,550 --> 00:32:55,390

543
00:32:55,390 --> 00:32:57,080
no, I must have been older.

544
00:32:57,080 --> 00:33:00,300
Older, yeah, right,
than eight by then.

545
00:33:00,300 --> 00:33:12,530

But it was one that you had
school uniforms, blazers, hats,

546
00:33:12,530 --> 00:33:14,090
and so on.

547
00:33:14,090 --> 00:33:15,740
And, of course, this
was all an issue

548
00:33:15,740 --> 00:33:18,510
because we didn't have any
money to buy these things.

549
00:33:18,510 --> 00:33:24,325
And so I got stuff secondhand.

550
00:33:24,325 --> 00:33:27,510
I mean they arranged that.

551
00:33:27,510 --> 00:33:32,660
And I like the school overall.

552
00:33:32,660 --> 00:33:38,510
And I made friends there and
learned to play net ball.

553
00:33:38,510 --> 00:33:46,230
It's like basketball,
only somewhat different.

554
00:33:46,230 --> 00:33:53,630
And I got a bicycle.

555
00:33:53,630 --> 00:33:57,470
Even though it was an old,
sit up and big bicycle,

556
00:33:57,470 --> 00:34:01,010
I could go bicycle
riding with my friends.

557

00:34:01,010 --> 00:34:06,860
I did well in the school.

558
00:34:06,860 --> 00:34:09,326
They thought I didn't know
the language probably,

559
00:34:09,326 --> 00:34:12,320
so they put me in a
lower class initially.

560
00:34:12,320 --> 00:34:17,480
But I got moved up to
where I should have been.

561
00:34:17,480 --> 00:34:24,409
And I had a good friend
who lived just up the road

562
00:34:24,409 --> 00:34:27,739
and whose mother
was very nice to me

563
00:34:27,739 --> 00:34:34,239
and sort of would
find things that she

564
00:34:34,239 --> 00:34:40,179
said her daughter wasn't going
to be using anymore and so on

565
00:34:40,179 --> 00:34:42,340
and give them to me.

566
00:34:42,340 --> 00:34:47,830
So that was actually overall
a quite pleasant time.

567
00:34:47,830 --> 00:34:50,760
Though, of course,
the war was terrible.

568
00:34:50,760 --> 00:34:51,260

And--

569

00:34:51,260 --> 00:34:53,679

And again, how aware were you?

570

00:34:53,679 --> 00:34:55,630

Oh, there, I was
very aware of it.

571

00:34:55,630 --> 00:34:56,610

Because?

572

00:34:56,610 --> 00:35:02,230

Because, first of all,
the cousins there--

573

00:35:02,230 --> 00:35:07,090

they were second cousins
actually, the Parisers.

574

00:35:07,090 --> 00:35:10,300

They were working in London.

575

00:35:10,300 --> 00:35:14,590

And so they would come
back on the weekends.

576

00:35:14,590 --> 00:35:17,650

But they were there
during the Blitz.

577

00:35:17,650 --> 00:35:21,840

And we would hear
things go over.

578

00:35:21,840 --> 00:35:26,260

We were maybe 20
miles north of London.

579

00:35:26,260 --> 00:35:33,425

We'd hear the planes go over and
then later the V-1s and V-2s--

580

00:35:33,425 --> 00:35:34,750

The rockets.

581

00:35:34,750 --> 00:35:36,550

Yeah, the rockets.

582

00:35:36,550 --> 00:35:39,340

And the V-2, if you
didn't hear them anymore,

583

00:35:39,340 --> 00:35:41,800

you knew they were dropping.

584

00:35:41,800 --> 00:35:51,460

But that was-- when my father
was released, his cousin,

585

00:35:51,460 --> 00:35:58,390

this textile guy, was starting
just a small business where he

586

00:35:58,390 --> 00:36:00,430

used--

587

00:36:00,430 --> 00:36:05,830

I don't know what they call
them-- cutting floor remnants.

588

00:36:05,830 --> 00:36:09,970

And I don't know whether
he or somebody else,

589

00:36:09,970 --> 00:36:17,290

they designed slippers and
tam o'shanters and gloves

590

00:36:17,290 --> 00:36:21,963

and all kinds of things to be
made from these wool remnants--

591

00:36:21,963 --> 00:36:22,630

The wasted rem--

592

00:36:22,630 --> 00:36:26,450

Yeah, right, exactly-- stuff.

593

00:36:26,450 --> 00:36:32,200

And so he kind of partly
employed my father

594

00:36:32,200 --> 00:36:38,830

to keep the books
somewhat and help out.

595

00:36:38,830 --> 00:36:43,180

But my father was very,
very depressed at that time,

596

00:36:43,180 --> 00:36:47,700

because he realized what a
terrible mistake he had made.

597

00:36:47,700 --> 00:36:50,230

598

00:36:50,230 --> 00:36:51,850

Clearly, there wasn't
really anything

599

00:36:51,850 --> 00:36:55,060

he was qualified to
do in the country,

600

00:36:55,060 --> 00:36:59,890

because he knew German
law, not British law.

601

00:36:59,890 --> 00:37:05,930

And so he had a very hard time.

602

00:37:05,930 --> 00:37:10,660

And my mother for the first
time in her life had a cook.

603

00:37:10,660 --> 00:37:11,830
And she enjoyed that.

604
00:37:11,830 --> 00:37:16,960
She learned to cook from the
cousin who was a good cook.

605
00:37:16,960 --> 00:37:22,670

606
00:37:22,670 --> 00:37:27,200
And then also she
learned to sew.

607
00:37:27,200 --> 00:37:29,630
We used to go to the
market on Saturdays.

608
00:37:29,630 --> 00:37:33,290
And there was usually
a truck there,

609
00:37:33,290 --> 00:37:38,900
a flat truck, which
had on it old things.

610
00:37:38,900 --> 00:37:43,550
And that's where my bicycle
came from for very little money.

611
00:37:43,550 --> 00:37:47,780
And one day we saw it, and there
was an ancient Singer sewing

612
00:37:47,780 --> 00:37:50,990
machine, the treadle kind.

613
00:37:50,990 --> 00:37:55,480
And so she said, hey,
that's what I want.

614
00:37:55,480 --> 00:37:59,510
And so somewhere or

other, she arranged

615

00:37:59,510 --> 00:38:02,450

to get them to deliver it.

616

00:38:02,450 --> 00:38:06,620

And she taught herself to sew.

617

00:38:06,620 --> 00:38:08,300

And Anna Pariser helped her.

618

00:38:08,300 --> 00:38:09,680

She knew how.

619

00:38:09,680 --> 00:38:12,060

And from then on, she
sewed all my clothes.

620

00:38:12,060 --> 00:38:18,290

She sewed, when she could,
my uniforms for school.

621

00:38:18,290 --> 00:38:26,150

And I did very well in school.

622

00:38:26,150 --> 00:38:31,790

The friend up the
road and I, we sort of

623

00:38:31,790 --> 00:38:34,250

competed, not very
hard, but as to who

624

00:38:34,250 --> 00:38:38,000

would be first in my class
and who would be second.

625

00:38:38,000 --> 00:38:42,110

She was smart, and we
really didn't care.

626

00:38:42,110 --> 00:38:44,735

627

00:38:44,735 --> 00:38:49,490

And the one thing there, though,
that made me very unhappy

628

00:38:49,490 --> 00:38:55,280

was that most of--
you know, I was always

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00:38:55,280 --> 00:38:57,980

a hanger on to a
group that I really

630

00:38:57,980 --> 00:39:02,870

wanted to be part of who would
tolerate me, but, you know,

631

00:39:02,870 --> 00:39:04,400

I wasn't part of the group.

632

00:39:04,400 --> 00:39:11,330

And they were all Girl
Guides, Girl Scouts.

633

00:39:11,330 --> 00:39:14,070

And that's what I wanted to do.

634

00:39:14,070 --> 00:39:16,260

I wanted to be a Girl Guide too.

635

00:39:16,260 --> 00:39:21,020

And then maybe I could become
really part of the group.

636

00:39:21,020 --> 00:39:25,730

But that was one thing where my
parents said, absolutely not,

637

00:39:25,730 --> 00:39:30,810

you are not going to be in
any outfit with uniforms.

638

00:39:30,810 --> 00:39:33,920

639

00:39:33,920 --> 00:39:37,340

We've seen enough of
what goes on with those.

640

00:39:37,340 --> 00:39:41,050

And, of course, they didn't know
anything about the Girl Guides.

641

00:39:41,050 --> 00:39:46,190

I got a Girl Guide book and
showed it to them and said,

642

00:39:46,190 --> 00:39:51,140

it's all right, and these
are all good people.

643

00:39:51,140 --> 00:39:53,540

They said, no, you can't do it.

644

00:39:53,540 --> 00:39:59,030

So that was very
hard, I found, not

645

00:39:59,030 --> 00:40:02,090

to be able to because
they go to camp.

646

00:40:02,090 --> 00:40:03,950

Did your parents speak English?

647

00:40:03,950 --> 00:40:06,390

Yeah, they spoke English,
but with an accent.

648

00:40:06,390 --> 00:40:08,150

Yeah, but they knew English.

649

00:40:08,150 --> 00:40:10,880

So, you know, you're always

embarrassed about that.

650

00:40:10,880 --> 00:40:17,700

651

00:40:17,700 --> 00:40:21,835

Well, as everybody says,
you can never really belong.

652

00:40:21,835 --> 00:40:25,560

653

00:40:25,560 --> 00:40:31,060

And that was true throughout
my whole stay in England.

654

00:40:31,060 --> 00:40:37,290

I have to say that I got a
wonderful education in England

655

00:40:37,290 --> 00:40:46,230

and all of it essentially
free, because after--

656

00:40:46,230 --> 00:40:50,970

well, there was-- you'll be
interested to hear this--

657

00:40:50,970 --> 00:40:55,140

they had a Christmas pageant
at the school every year.

658

00:40:55,140 --> 00:41:01,950

And because I could
play the recorder,

659

00:41:01,950 --> 00:41:13,530

I became annually the shepherd
that led everybody else

660

00:41:13,530 --> 00:41:21,280

and played Silent Night at the
appropriate time and so on.

661
00:41:21,280 --> 00:41:22,170
And I liked that.

662
00:41:22,170 --> 00:41:25,440

663
00:41:25,440 --> 00:41:33,630
But, again, not what you would
expect a Jewish refugee to do.

664
00:41:33,630 --> 00:41:35,280
Right.

665
00:41:35,280 --> 00:41:38,880
I did have one bad experience
with that whole thing,

666
00:41:38,880 --> 00:41:44,550
because we would be given a--
well, my costume as a shepherd,

667
00:41:44,550 --> 00:41:51,270
you dyed something in tea
leaves and sewed it together

668
00:41:51,270 --> 00:41:52,536
and wore it.

669
00:41:52,536 --> 00:42:00,330
But I think a friend of mine
was a bishop or somebody,

670
00:42:00,330 --> 00:42:04,500
and she had a mitre that
she was taking home.

671
00:42:04,500 --> 00:42:06,620
I don't know why she
was taking it home.

672
00:42:06,620 --> 00:42:13,780

Anyhow, she had it, and she said, you want to wear this?

673
00:42:13,780 --> 00:42:16,200
And I said, sure.

674
00:42:16,200 --> 00:42:18,300
So I put it on.

675
00:42:18,300 --> 00:42:21,600
And I was walking down past the school.

676
00:42:21,600 --> 00:42:23,460
We were heading home.

677
00:42:23,460 --> 00:42:30,150
And one of the teachers saw me with it on.

678
00:42:30,150 --> 00:42:32,700
So she pulled me in--

679
00:42:32,700 --> 00:42:34,020
there was a school there.

680
00:42:34,020 --> 00:42:37,180
And then she said, how dare you do this.

681
00:42:37,180 --> 00:42:39,180
That's sacrilege.

682
00:42:39,180 --> 00:42:41,440
And don't you know any better?

683
00:42:41,440 --> 00:42:44,340
No, you probably don't.

684
00:42:44,340 --> 00:42:46,060
I mean, she was so awful.

685

00:42:46,060 --> 00:42:49,650

And here, we're letting
you go to school for free.

686

00:42:49,650 --> 00:42:51,660

We're giving you this and that.

687

00:42:51,660 --> 00:42:54,300

688

00:42:54,300 --> 00:42:57,870

Oh, it was just terrible.

689

00:42:57,870 --> 00:43:00,405

And I never told my parents.

690

00:43:00,405 --> 00:43:02,970

691

00:43:02,970 --> 00:43:07,560

But that, among
other things, made

692

00:43:07,560 --> 00:43:12,500

me decide that I didn't want
to finish my high school there.

693

00:43:12,500 --> 00:43:17,970

And they decided that too for
other reasons, because there

694

00:43:17,970 --> 00:43:21,090

wasn't enough advanced
stuff being taught.

695

00:43:21,090 --> 00:43:27,870

696

00:43:27,870 --> 00:43:31,140

Any other experiences
of antisemitism

697

00:43:31,140 --> 00:43:34,300
that you felt during that time?

698

00:43:34,300 --> 00:43:37,060

699

00:43:37,060 --> 00:43:39,260
Well, during that
time in St. Albans?

700

00:43:39,260 --> 00:43:40,460
Mm, hmm.

701

00:43:40,460 --> 00:43:43,040
Of course, I sang in the choir.

702

00:43:43,040 --> 00:43:45,240
And so I sang in the cathedral.

703

00:43:45,240 --> 00:43:46,830
That was wonderful.

704

00:43:46,830 --> 00:43:48,890
It was really a
great experience.

705

00:43:48,890 --> 00:43:55,690

706

00:43:55,690 --> 00:44:00,670
No, I really can't
say that I did.

707

00:44:00,670 --> 00:44:06,550
I don't think I ever heard
it from any kid in school.

708

00:44:06,550 --> 00:44:09,550
But I was different enough.

709

00:44:09,550 --> 00:44:11,230

You were different, yeah.

710
00:44:11,230 --> 00:44:14,860
Yes, not to belong.

711
00:44:14,860 --> 00:44:18,580
I mean, I never felt
that I belonged.

712
00:44:18,580 --> 00:44:22,630
Did your parents ever talk about
what was happening to the Jews

713
00:44:22,630 --> 00:44:24,460
on the continent--

714
00:44:24,460 --> 00:44:26,788
Yes, they did.

715
00:44:26,788 --> 00:44:27,580
It in front of you?

716
00:44:27,580 --> 00:44:28,720
In front of us.

717
00:44:28,720 --> 00:44:31,780
And they would
talk about somebody

718
00:44:31,780 --> 00:44:38,410
who had been taken away
and what was going on.

719
00:44:38,410 --> 00:44:41,860
They did talk about
it then and what

720
00:44:41,860 --> 00:44:43,500
they heard from other people.

721
00:44:43,500 --> 00:44:45,220
Yeah, at that point--

722
00:44:45,220 --> 00:44:46,720
They were more open with you--

723
00:44:46,720 --> 00:44:48,850
Much more open, yeah.

724
00:44:48,850 --> 00:44:50,620
I think they just have to be.

725
00:44:50,620 --> 00:44:52,030
They didn't have--

726
00:44:52,030 --> 00:44:58,110
I mean with my aunt and uncle
and my older cousins there,

727
00:44:58,110 --> 00:44:59,860
it was--

728
00:44:59,860 --> 00:45:02,760
Were you frightened
or did you feel safe?

729
00:45:02,760 --> 00:45:03,810
I felt safe--

730
00:45:03,810 --> 00:45:05,880
Being in England, yeah.

731
00:45:05,880 --> 00:45:07,230
I felt really safe.

732
00:45:07,230 --> 00:45:11,505
And I was actually also--

733
00:45:11,505 --> 00:45:14,010

734
00:45:14,010 --> 00:45:20,550
this must have been earlier

when I was still a boarder,

735

00:45:20,550 --> 00:45:23,490

and they were--

you know, Cambridge

736

00:45:23,490 --> 00:45:25,710

did not get bombed much.

737

00:45:25,710 --> 00:45:30,060

But there were air raid

warnings all the time.

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00:45:30,060 --> 00:45:33,980

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00:45:33,980 --> 00:45:38,960

And when the warning came on, we

had to go down to the shelter.

740

00:45:38,960 --> 00:45:42,560

And they had bunks in

the shelter for us.

741

00:45:42,560 --> 00:45:46,130

And we got hot

chocolate and cookies.

742

00:45:46,130 --> 00:45:52,550

And it was not really scary.

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00:45:52,550 --> 00:45:57,710

It was more scary in St.

Albans when the London bombing.

744

00:45:57,710 --> 00:46:02,930

And my father was an

air raid warning warden.

745

00:46:02,930 --> 00:46:05,060

I mean, here we

were enemy aliens,

746

00:46:05,060 --> 00:46:09,470

had to report every
month or whatever it was.

747

00:46:09,470 --> 00:46:11,210

I don't think it
was that frequent.

748

00:46:11,210 --> 00:46:17,240

But that we were still there
and escaped or anything.

749

00:46:17,240 --> 00:46:23,390

But he got to know the woman
who was actually head of that

750

00:46:23,390 --> 00:46:26,420

for our district or area.

751

00:46:26,420 --> 00:46:29,270

And she enjoyed talking to him.

752

00:46:29,270 --> 00:46:33,110

So she said, come along with me
and we'll make you an air raid

753

00:46:33,110 --> 00:46:34,370

warden too.

754

00:46:34,370 --> 00:46:37,010

So he actually-- it's
probably the best time

755

00:46:37,010 --> 00:46:38,990

he had was the
nights he went out

756

00:46:38,990 --> 00:46:46,130

with her to make sure
everybody's blackout was

757

00:46:46,130 --> 00:46:50,960

good and so on and
talking with her.

758
00:46:50,960 --> 00:46:59,030
But he was not a happy person.

759
00:46:59,030 --> 00:47:01,820
And I did my--

760
00:47:01,820 --> 00:47:04,860

761
00:47:04,860 --> 00:47:10,810
when I was 15, so
that means in '46--

762
00:47:10,810 --> 00:47:13,960
I did my school
certificate, which

763
00:47:13,960 --> 00:47:21,250
is exams, which are
state exams that you

764
00:47:21,250 --> 00:47:23,860
don't have to go to school
after that if you don't want to.

765
00:47:23,860 --> 00:47:26,620
But if you want to
go to the university,

766
00:47:26,620 --> 00:47:30,310
then go on to the sixth form.

767
00:47:30,310 --> 00:47:32,500
So you stayed in the town
till the end of the war?

768
00:47:32,500 --> 00:47:35,770

769

00:47:35,770 --> 00:47:36,610
Yes.

770
00:47:36,610 --> 00:47:38,650
Yes, we did.

771
00:47:38,650 --> 00:47:40,720
And what was it like
with the end of the war?

772
00:47:40,720 --> 00:47:42,038
Oh, that was great--

773
00:47:42,038 --> 00:47:42,580
Celebration--

774
00:47:42,580 --> 00:47:44,920
Because, we-- yeah, there was--

775
00:47:44,920 --> 00:47:49,720
actually, we went to London
to stay with friends--

776
00:47:49,720 --> 00:47:52,100
You're 14 in '45.

777
00:47:52,100 --> 00:47:52,900
Yeah.

778
00:47:52,900 --> 00:47:56,680
And we went to London.

779
00:47:56,680 --> 00:47:59,130
And then we went
out on the streets

780
00:47:59,130 --> 00:48:02,065
and celebrated with everybody.

781
00:48:02,065 --> 00:48:03,310
It was amazing.

782

00:48:03,310 --> 00:48:06,550

And, in fact, one small--

783

00:48:06,550 --> 00:48:08,680

it's sort of a little item.

784

00:48:08,680 --> 00:48:12,490

We stayed with a couple who
were good friends my parents.

785

00:48:12,490 --> 00:48:13,960

They didn't have any children.

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00:48:13,960 --> 00:48:17,410

But they had one of these
indoor air raid shelters

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00:48:17,410 --> 00:48:18,730

in their living room.

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00:48:18,730 --> 00:48:21,312

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00:48:21,312 --> 00:48:27,400

I think it's almost like a
tent, but it's fortified better.

790

00:48:27,400 --> 00:48:32,020

It's basically to protect
you from the ceiling falling.

791

00:48:32,020 --> 00:48:36,730

And whenever I went there with
them, which was not very often,

792

00:48:36,730 --> 00:48:38,230

I would sleep in there.

793

00:48:38,230 --> 00:48:47,510

And that was the only place
for me to sleep in 1945.

794

00:48:47,510 --> 00:48:53,770

So that was still sleeping
in the air raid shelter.

795

00:48:53,770 --> 00:48:56,440

We also had classes
in air raid shelters

796

00:48:56,440 --> 00:49:00,160

when I was at school
in St. Albans,

797

00:49:00,160 --> 00:49:03,490

because we had so many
air raid warnings.

798

00:49:03,490 --> 00:49:08,890

And when we were at
school, class to class,

799

00:49:08,890 --> 00:49:14,470

we had to take with us a
blanket that was rolled up

800

00:49:14,470 --> 00:49:18,220

and our gas masks
and then our books.

801

00:49:18,220 --> 00:49:25,000

And so we would all go
off into the cold air raid

802

00:49:25,000 --> 00:49:26,470

shelter, which underground.

803

00:49:26,470 --> 00:49:30,040

And each class had
a certain section.

804

00:49:30,040 --> 00:49:34,660

And we would sit on either side
and would go on having class.

805

00:49:34,660 --> 00:49:38,160

I remember reading Shakespeare
down in the air raid shelter.

806

00:49:38,160 --> 00:49:41,272

Isn't that something.

807

00:49:41,272 --> 00:49:46,450

And, you know, it just became
so much part of our existence.

808

00:49:46,450 --> 00:49:51,340

And I played it on the
school teams somewhat.

809

00:49:51,340 --> 00:49:52,390

So that was nice.

810

00:49:52,390 --> 00:49:53,590

And for my house--

811

00:49:53,590 --> 00:49:58,360

we were divided into houses.

812

00:49:58,360 --> 00:50:00,800

I mean not that it was house.

813

00:50:00,800 --> 00:50:02,095

It's just different groups.

814

00:50:02,095 --> 00:50:04,780

815

00:50:04,780 --> 00:50:09,490

So there were really a lot of
good experiences and some bad.

816

00:50:09,490 --> 00:50:14,620

Were there any extended members
of your parents' families

817

00:50:14,620 --> 00:50:17,490
that lost their lives
because of the war?

818
00:50:17,490 --> 00:50:18,080
Yes.

819
00:50:18,080 --> 00:50:20,240
Yes, there were.

820
00:50:20,240 --> 00:50:22,900
Did you folks know at the time?

821
00:50:22,900 --> 00:50:24,370
Most of it, yeah.

822
00:50:24,370 --> 00:50:27,880
They did know when the war
was over who did not survive?

823
00:50:27,880 --> 00:50:28,915
Yeah, they did.

824
00:50:28,915 --> 00:50:30,040
And how did they know that?

825
00:50:30,040 --> 00:50:35,170
Well, you know, there was
still communication between--

826
00:50:35,170 --> 00:50:42,870
I mean, well, early on, my two
aunts were still in Berlin.

827
00:50:42,870 --> 00:50:45,730
And you could still get--

828
00:50:45,730 --> 00:50:46,270
Letters--

829
00:50:46,270 --> 00:50:48,460
Letters, cards through.

830
00:50:48,460 --> 00:50:54,610
And I think everybody developed
a code, which made it clear.

831
00:50:54,610 --> 00:50:56,950
And so they knew.

832
00:50:56,950 --> 00:51:04,690
And later on, my mother's
brother and his family

833
00:51:04,690 --> 00:51:06,880
went to Denmark.

834
00:51:06,880 --> 00:51:13,240
And they got news
there quite often

835
00:51:13,240 --> 00:51:16,030
and would pass it on to us.

836
00:51:16,030 --> 00:51:20,300

837
00:51:20,300 --> 00:51:23,930
So that was good.

838
00:51:23,930 --> 00:51:27,170
But you said that they
did lose some relatives.

839
00:51:27,170 --> 00:51:31,850
Yeah, they did, but
they were extended.

840
00:51:31,850 --> 00:51:34,895
The immediate
family all survived.

841
00:51:34,895 --> 00:51:36,110
Oh, thank goodness.

842
00:51:36,110 --> 00:51:38,140
Yeah, right.

843
00:51:38,140 --> 00:51:44,450
I think my grandmother, who was
in Berlin, my father's mother,

844
00:51:44,450 --> 00:51:51,680
and whom the aunt, the
Niemoller aunt, looked after.

845
00:51:51,680 --> 00:51:54,350

846
00:51:54,350 --> 00:51:57,410
I think she died
of natural causes.

847
00:51:57,410 --> 00:52:04,030
She was not taken to
a concentration camp.

848
00:52:04,030 --> 00:52:07,430

849
00:52:07,430 --> 00:52:09,800
But during that
whole time, I think,

850
00:52:09,800 --> 00:52:12,020
I just did not want
to have anything

851
00:52:12,020 --> 00:52:16,220
to do with being Jewish,
with knowing about Jews,

852
00:52:16,220 --> 00:52:19,670
with anything.

853
00:52:19,670 --> 00:52:21,140

I wanted to be British.

854
00:52:21,140 --> 00:52:21,980
But--

855
00:52:21,980 --> 00:52:24,950
And know you wanted-- right.

856
00:52:24,950 --> 00:52:28,520
So you graduated '46, you say?

857
00:52:28,520 --> 00:52:29,850
Or got your certificate?

858
00:52:29,850 --> 00:52:31,380
I got my school certificate.

859
00:52:31,380 --> 00:52:34,970
But then I went on to--

860
00:52:34,970 --> 00:52:37,100
at that point, you
can specialize.

861
00:52:37,100 --> 00:52:43,010
We can decide what area you
want to do in the university.

862
00:52:43,010 --> 00:52:49,880
And my sister had specialized
in romance languages.

863
00:52:49,880 --> 00:52:52,350
And I was good at
those too, but I

864
00:52:52,350 --> 00:52:57,170
decided that I didn't want to
do the same thing she was doing.

865
00:52:57,170 --> 00:52:58,685
And I had gotten--

866
00:52:58,685 --> 00:53:01,220

867
00:53:01,220 --> 00:53:05,715
I enjoyed being outside and
looking at flowers and insects

868
00:53:05,715 --> 00:53:06,590
and all those things.

869
00:53:06,590 --> 00:53:11,870
So I decided I'd go
into the sciences.

870
00:53:11,870 --> 00:53:16,910
That was '45, '46.

871
00:53:16,910 --> 00:53:19,580
Well, '46--

872
00:53:19,580 --> 00:53:20,325
You're 15.

873
00:53:20,325 --> 00:53:22,970

874
00:53:22,970 --> 00:53:23,790
'49.

875
00:53:23,790 --> 00:53:24,290
Yeah.

876
00:53:24,290 --> 00:53:26,960

877
00:53:26,960 --> 00:53:31,100
I switched schools,
and I went to Cambridge

878
00:53:31,100 --> 00:53:34,760

to the high school that
my sister had been in,

879
00:53:34,760 --> 00:53:37,280
the Perse School, which was
a very good high school.

880
00:53:37,280 --> 00:53:43,030

881
00:53:43,030 --> 00:53:46,720
I spent-- you could spend two
years or three years there.

882
00:53:46,720 --> 00:53:51,550
But I was very young.

883
00:53:51,550 --> 00:53:54,880
So I actually spent
three years, but also

884
00:53:54,880 --> 00:54:01,150
so that I hoped I would
be able to get a state

885
00:54:01,150 --> 00:54:04,240
scholarship, which would pay
for everything when I went

886
00:54:04,240 --> 00:54:07,450
to university if I
stayed the extra year

887
00:54:07,450 --> 00:54:15,120
and got a distinction in the
area that I wanted to go into.

888
00:54:15,120 --> 00:54:16,390
And that worked out.

889
00:54:16,390 --> 00:54:19,750

890

00:54:19,750 --> 00:54:24,820

I didn't apply-- I applied
to the two women's colleges

891

00:54:24,820 --> 00:54:27,940

in Cambridge University.

892

00:54:27,940 --> 00:54:35,800

And then I applied to
Bedford College in London.

893

00:54:35,800 --> 00:54:39,640

You know, we didn't apply to
many schools in those days

894

00:54:39,640 --> 00:54:40,420

very much.

895

00:54:40,420 --> 00:54:45,670

And I got on the waiting
list for Cambridge

896

00:54:45,670 --> 00:54:53,050

and then fairly quickly got
told that I had gotten in.

897

00:54:53,050 --> 00:54:57,970

And so I went to
Cambridge University.

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00:54:57,970 --> 00:54:59,920

I went to Girton College.

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00:54:59,920 --> 00:55:08,260

And that was great, particularly
because virtually everything

900

00:55:08,260 --> 00:55:10,000

was paid for by the state.

901

00:55:10,000 --> 00:55:11,950

I got a state scholarship.

902
00:55:11,950 --> 00:55:16,210
Oh, yes, but the
problem then came.

903
00:55:16,210 --> 00:55:19,680
In 1940-- let's
see, where are we?

904
00:55:19,680 --> 00:55:23,710
In 1948, my father
went back to Germany.

905
00:55:23,710 --> 00:55:31,330
My mother stayed in
England, in St. Albans,

906
00:55:31,330 --> 00:55:37,750
because she had gotten
herself a job working

907
00:55:37,750 --> 00:55:44,290
on the interchange with high
school German and English

908
00:55:44,290 --> 00:55:45,460
students.

909
00:55:45,460 --> 00:55:52,070
And she loved that job, and
she loved being independent.

910
00:55:52,070 --> 00:55:55,690

911
00:55:55,690 --> 00:56:02,320
But she stayed basically
because I wasn't 18 yet.

912
00:56:02,320 --> 00:56:05,710
And that anyhow didn't
help, because it turned out

913

00:56:05,710 --> 00:56:07,420

that they didn't
want to leave me

914

00:56:07,420 --> 00:56:14,320

in England without
having citizenship,

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00:56:14,320 --> 00:56:16,900

because I was going to be alone.

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00:56:16,900 --> 00:56:18,370

Well, my sister was there.

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00:56:18,370 --> 00:56:21,280

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00:56:21,280 --> 00:56:24,220

But it turned out that you
couldn't apply for citizenship

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00:56:24,220 --> 00:56:25,270

until you're 21.

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00:56:25,270 --> 00:56:27,880

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00:56:27,880 --> 00:56:32,230

So then we went through
this period where--

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00:56:32,230 --> 00:56:36,670

oh, my headmistress and
various other people

923

00:56:36,670 --> 00:56:41,860

wrote letters for me
saying, OK, this little girl

924

00:56:41,860 --> 00:56:45,280

is going to be 18 in May.

925

00:56:45,280 --> 00:56:49,900

She will be alone
in this country.

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00:56:49,900 --> 00:56:53,770

Her parents will be in Germany.

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00:56:53,770 --> 00:56:57,235

And she will have absolutely
no standards whatsoever

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00:56:57,235 --> 00:57:00,650

and that she can
become a citizen.

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00:57:00,650 --> 00:57:05,540

And so eventually,
I became a citizen.

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00:57:05,540 --> 00:57:08,920

And when I turned
18, they agreed

931

00:57:08,920 --> 00:57:11,320

that this was reasonable.

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00:57:11,320 --> 00:57:14,650

And then I applied for
scholarships everywhere.

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00:57:14,650 --> 00:57:22,330

And it was very funny, because
the county of Cambridge

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00:57:22,330 --> 00:57:27,790

also provided scholarships
with a lot of money

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00:57:27,790 --> 00:57:28,930

if you needed it.

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00:57:28,930 --> 00:57:30,370

And I was--

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00:57:30,370 --> 00:57:36,280

I think my father said that he
could provide 100 pounds a year

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00:57:36,280 --> 00:57:39,040

or something.

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00:57:39,040 --> 00:57:40,400

But that was it.

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00:57:40,400 --> 00:57:47,360

And so I needed my board,
room, tuition, and so on.

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00:57:47,360 --> 00:57:52,810

And I got a state
scholarship, which

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00:57:52,810 --> 00:57:54,880

actually paid for everything.

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00:57:54,880 --> 00:58:01,540

And I got a letter from
Cambridge County congratulating

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00:58:01,540 --> 00:58:04,010

me on getting a
state scholarship.

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00:58:04,010 --> 00:58:07,720

And they said, I
have to tell you,

946

00:58:07,720 --> 00:58:10,840

we're particularly grateful,
because you would have been

947

00:58:10,840 --> 00:58:17,890

by far the most expensive
student we have ever funded,

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00:58:17,890 --> 00:58:22,600

which I thought was very
nice letter at the time.

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00:58:22,600 --> 00:58:27,100

How did you feel about your
folks coming back to Germany?

950

00:58:27,100 --> 00:58:28,975

Did you have any desire
to go back with them?

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00:58:28,975 --> 00:58:29,475

No.

952

00:58:29,475 --> 00:58:30,070

None.

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00:58:30,070 --> 00:58:32,410

I had no desire
to go to Germany.

954

00:58:32,410 --> 00:58:33,980

You didn't feel German at all.

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00:58:33,980 --> 00:58:35,450

I didn't feel German at all.

956

00:58:35,450 --> 00:58:38,140

I didn't want to have
anything to do with Germany.

957

00:58:38,140 --> 00:58:40,210

My sister was the same.

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00:58:40,210 --> 00:58:45,700

And we didn't go-- well, I
did go back to see my parents.

959

00:58:45,700 --> 00:58:50,070

And she did too, but
not very willingly.

960
00:58:50,070 --> 00:58:56,280
And it took a long
time before I felt

961
00:58:56,280 --> 00:58:59,490
at all comfortable going there.

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00:58:59,490 --> 00:59:04,530

963
00:59:04,530 --> 00:59:09,270
I mean the Brits, as I say, they
gave me a wonderful education.

964
00:59:09,270 --> 00:59:11,895
And I had three great
years in college.

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00:59:11,895 --> 00:59:15,150

966
00:59:15,150 --> 00:59:18,810
And I didn't have
the problems that--

967
00:59:18,810 --> 00:59:22,530
actually, one of my best
friends was Jewish and active

968
00:59:22,530 --> 00:59:29,340
in the student Jewish community.

969
00:59:29,340 --> 00:59:33,630
And that was fine.

970
00:59:33,630 --> 00:59:36,270
I was still a strong,
active Christian.

971
00:59:36,270 --> 00:59:40,200
At that point, you still

felt very Christian.

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00:59:40,200 --> 00:59:44,670

Yeah, I had been
confirmed in the Episcopal

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00:59:44,670 --> 00:59:45,500

Church of England.

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00:59:45,500 --> 00:59:47,888

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00:59:47,888 --> 00:59:49,180

You weren't a Lutheran anymore.

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00:59:49,180 --> 00:59:51,050

Now you were Episcopalian.

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00:59:51,050 --> 00:59:51,550

Right.

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00:59:51,550 --> 00:59:55,680

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00:59:55,680 --> 00:59:59,335

Yeah, and I was active in
student Christian movement.

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00:59:59,335 --> 01:00:00,040

That's right.

981

01:00:00,040 --> 01:00:04,410

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01:00:04,410 --> 01:00:07,260

And I didn't have
the problem that--

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01:00:07,260 --> 01:00:10,780

well, I mean, I had
a slight problem--

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01:00:10,780 --> 01:00:16,080

that my sister had who, of
course, was four years old

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01:00:16,080 --> 01:00:21,210

and it was worse then, she--

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01:00:21,210 --> 01:00:24,030

well, I think one boyfriend
was particularly bad,

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01:00:24,030 --> 01:00:28,770

that she was I think very
fond of and he of her.

988

01:00:28,770 --> 01:00:32,280

And I think she said, one
day, you know, I'd really

989

01:00:32,280 --> 01:00:33,820

like to meet your parents.

990

01:00:33,820 --> 01:00:39,660

And he said, this was
unfortunately a real problem.

991

01:00:39,660 --> 01:00:42,870

I can't take you home.

992

01:00:42,870 --> 01:00:50,670

And I think that happened to
her a couple of times and to me

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01:00:50,670 --> 01:00:55,950

only once when I had
a boyfriend and, I

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01:00:55,950 --> 01:01:00,780

think, his brother came
to town and sister, well,

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01:01:00,780 --> 01:01:06,210

sister-in-law, and they
took us out for dinner.

996
01:01:06,210 --> 01:01:16,410
And it was perfectly OK dinner,
but I didn't measure up.

997
01:01:16,410 --> 01:01:19,740
So that was the end of that one.

998
01:01:19,740 --> 01:01:24,480

999
01:01:24,480 --> 01:01:36,030
So it's-- I mean I think I had
a love-hate relationship with

1000
01:01:36,030 --> 01:01:37,770
Great Britain.

1001
01:01:37,770 --> 01:01:41,550
And one of the conditions
of my scholarship

1002
01:01:41,550 --> 01:01:47,880
was that I had to teach for four
years in high school science

1003
01:01:47,880 --> 01:01:50,880
after I graduated.

1004
01:01:50,880 --> 01:01:57,520
So I spent a year in London
getting a teaching diploma,

1005
01:01:57,520 --> 01:01:59,220
which I enjoyed.

1006
01:01:59,220 --> 01:02:07,060
And then I taught at Oxford
High School for four years.

1007

01:02:07,060 --> 01:02:08,410
And I like teaching.

1008
01:02:08,410 --> 01:02:11,790
I mean, I still like teaching.

1009
01:02:11,790 --> 01:02:16,320
And it wasn't a hardship.

1010
01:02:16,320 --> 01:02:18,330
But when the four
years were up, I

1011
01:02:18,330 --> 01:02:22,480
decided that I needed
to do something else.

1012
01:02:22,480 --> 01:02:27,390
And I needed to
get out of Britain

1013
01:02:27,390 --> 01:02:33,390
and see what else was
around, what to offer.

1014
01:02:33,390 --> 01:02:38,670
And I wanted to do graduate work
in freshwater biology, which

1015
01:02:38,670 --> 01:02:45,690
I had studied to some extent
and taken my senior year

1016
01:02:45,690 --> 01:02:46,890
students to various--

1017
01:02:46,890 --> 01:02:50,480

1018
01:02:50,480 --> 01:02:53,300
oh, what do you call them?

1019

01:02:53,300 --> 01:02:59,130

Field stations, and
to do work and so on.

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01:02:59,130 --> 01:03:04,970

So I applied to a number of
universities in the States.

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01:03:04,970 --> 01:03:09,470

And one of the teachers
who was teaching

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01:03:09,470 --> 01:03:12,420

at the same school I was had
been for a year to the States.

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01:03:12,420 --> 01:03:16,870

And she said, you should go
do that, it's really good.

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01:03:16,870 --> 01:03:24,110

And so I got a couple of
scholarships to do that

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01:03:24,110 --> 01:03:29,050

and went to Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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01:03:29,050 --> 01:03:30,373