

AGJ HS

SONJA MILNER

PRE-WAR: FAMILY

Born near Wilno, Poland in Greyvo. Mother's name was Bella and Father's name was Moshe. She had four brothers. Went to school in Poland until 1939 when Russians entered.

WAR: OCCUPATION BY NAZIS

In 1941 Germans entered. Made a ghetto with synagogue in center. House had three rooms which five families shared. She slept with her Grandfather who died from fright very early. She washed clothes for Germans. In 1942 moved to another ghetto where they killed the Rabbi. Age - 17. Killed parents by burning down the house.

WAR: CONCENTRATION CAMP

Put her in labor camp near Vilna. Killed whole camp while she was on pass to visit her brother. He was later killed. Moved her to another ghetto. Thousands taken out every day to Danzig. Burnt people in overns. She and her friend were put to work. Survived only by luck. Very cold, no shoes. Difficult to build bunkers. Given coffee and bread and clothes by lady. Guard beat her up and burnt her with a match. She Had brought cloths for everyones feet. At 3 a.m. woke t them up and marched them to river. Couldn't cross because Russians were there. Germans were afraid and ran away. Many people died from cold and starvation. Only a few hundred remained of the thousand in the barracks. Met husband who had been in Polish Army.

LIBERATION

1945 Russians put them to work and gave them a place to sleep. Lived in Danzig 1½ years. Wanted to go to Lodz and found her youngest brother there. Decided to find Uncle in America.