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Summary

Edith Goodman, born Edith Fuhrmann Brandmann in 1931 in Krischatik, Romania. Father a large landowner. Raised cattle and sugar beets and ran a grocery. Grandmother Rachel (Rochelah) Wolf, grandfather Ephraim Fuhrmann. Spoke Yiddish, German and some Ukranian. Did not speak Romanian until she started school. Kept Kosher and father built a synagogue on his land for the 10-15 Jewish families. Sister and brother, Jacob, (1933). Sister lives in Israel and brother in Paris with parents at 19 Calendismound, near the Baron de Hirsch school. In 1940, town bombed by the Russians and occupied. Later, the Romanians returned after Russian and Germany at war. Romanians threatened to kill her family and others and told her father to go to work at a sugar beet farm in another town, Sistagna, with whole family. Never went back to Krischatik. Went from town to town along Polish border. Shot at by Polish militia and mother's sister's family killed. Goodman and her family crossed at night and went to Stetsova, Poland. Taken to another town, Snitin which was occupied by Hungary and were taken in by local Jews. Hungarians sent family back to Romania while Snitin Jews were later deported and killed. Summer 1941, taken through Bessarabia to Luzak. Ended up in Ednitz after a stay in another camp, Lipcon (5/41). 3000 Jews put in a field with no food and many starved. Later, in cold weather, they occupied houses abandoned by Jews who went to Russia. Father borrowed 500 lei from a man, Heisner, he knew. Taken to Mogolovedolsk, Transnistria in the Ukraine. Again occupied abandoned Jewish homes. Soldiers came and ordered the to go to Casernak where there many Jews from Chernovitz. Family went and stayed til liberated by Russians in 1944. Put in a big building, but father bribed a guard ("You could always bribe a Romanian") to allow them to go into town where they were taken in by a Jewish family. Goodman got rheumatic fever and doctor who treated her told father he knew some people from Krischatik living 30 miles away in Chernovsky (Chernovitz?). Family went and stayed until liberated by the Russians in 1944. Father sold flour and took money from other Jews to dig latrine trenches in their place. Father's sister apparently lived there and she took in some refugees and married one of them. Father also worked feeding horses and when some died, he was arrested. Pushed to become an informer. Father decided to leave Chernovsky and family went to Radauti.

Goodman stayed in Radauti until 1958. Married Max Goodman (b. 1923) in 1950. Daughter Susan born 1951 in Radauti. Belonged to B'Nai Akiva and brother belonged to Hashomer Hatzagair. Brother moved to Israel 1947 and later to Paris as parents moved there in 1950. Husband got in touch with cousin Carl Sharpe in Minneapolis and moved there in June, 1959. Son, Steven, born 1960. Parents and brother worried about antisemitism in Paris (1982) and sister in law wanted to live on a kibbutz.