

April 30, 1992
Slate #1349-36
Interviewee: Martha Bauer
Interviewer: Richard Irwin
Notetaker: Rose Shames

0:00- Martha Bauer born in Kossel, Germany. Parents were divorced so she was raised by numerous relatives. Since age of 4 years old, wanted to be nurse.

4:00- Antisemitism before 1933; first experiences with Nazis in Kossel

6:00- Realization that Jews needed to escape; considered occupations for immigrant.

7:33- Training to be nurse in Jewish hospital. But in 1938 suddenly only Jews allowed in this hospital.

10:00-Description of changes in life in Germany; preparation for war.

11:50- April 1939: England needed nurses; application was accepted.

12:35- Kristallnacht in Cologne; 200 people hiding in cellar of hospital; many patients were suicide attempts and allowed to die

16:00- Leaving for England

18:00- One year in England- English people did not believe that war was coming

21:00- Going to Dominican Republic: Glasgow to New York (one week in Ellis Island) to Dominican Republic in Oct. 1940.

26:00- Got mother out of Germany; she was in U.S.

26:30- Met husband in settlement; marriage; development of hospital in Dominican Republic.

30:30- Child born in 1945. Life was good.

32:30- Getting to U.S. and journey to Due West, South Carolina.

35:00- 1991 visit to Cologne. Antisemitism revisited, additional memories.