

Interview- Bluma Goldberg, 8/8/91. Slate#1349-02.

0 Born Pinchoff (sp?) Southern Poland, '26. Six children in family, five girls. She is middle child. Father leather merchant- not wealthy, but comfortable. Lots of friends, good memories.

4:00 Heard talk about Hitler in '37-8.

5:00 Town burned in German attack, Sept.'39, family house as well. Family told to go to church in center of town, men, women separated. Released to live with uncle till '42.

7:00 Roundup of Jews rumored in '42.

10:00 Mother tells her and older sister to hide in woods. She later finds out mother, two younger sisters died in camps.

13:00 SS looks for family hiding place.

14:00 She and sister to work in ammunition factory at Kielce where she stays for two years.

16:00 Moved to factory near Czest<sup>o</sup>nowa.

17:30 Presence of her sister reason for survival.

18:00 ff. Moved on train to camp in Germany. Description of dreadful conditions- "We were there for three months- if we had been there another three months we wouldn't have survived." (Belsen)

23:00 "You didn't want to live anymore. We just waited to die, that's all."

25:00 To Burgau (sp?)- painted numbers on planes in airplane factory. Conditions better.

26:00 Last camp- Turkheim, near Landsberg. She had typhus. Sister exchanges her bread for piece of apple for Bluma. Mar. '45.

27:30 Liberated April. Saw flames from fighting nearby. ff... Red Cross representative in camp- "He was like seeing God." (30 min.)

32:00 To Catholic hospital in Bavaria. Looked after by nuns. Ten weeks in hospital- sister recovers.

34:00 Discovers fate of family.

37:00 Life in camps- "The older people didn't survive."... ff... Meets Felix. Marries in '46.

40:00 Reaction of Germans. In Landsberg till '49. Then to U.S.

42:00 Arrives in Columbia, S.C. via New Orleans.

43:00 ff. Life in Columbia- "It was very rough the first couple of years."

47:00 Personal message- "A human being is stronger than what you imagine."