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Summary

Clara (nee Wahrman?) Leventer was born 6 December 1928 in Bialystok, Poland. She has one older sister. Her father worked in the timber industry with three of his brothers. After Russian occupation of the city in 1939, the Soviets confiscated her father's business and in late 1940, her family was forced to move out of the city to a shtetl name Vashilkov(?). Two of her uncles remained in Bialystok and were sent to Siberia shortly after. In 1941, Clara and her family were taken to Siberia. After several months, in 1942, the Polish government-in-exile negotiated the amnesty of Polish citizens in the gulags. Clara's family then moved to Radora (uncertain transcription) nearby and took Soviet passports. In Spring 1946, after the war, her family returned to Bialystok. In 1949, her family emigrated to Australia via Paris with the help of the Bialystoker Centre in Australia.