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| Interviewee:  | <u>FROEHLICH</u> , Henry                    | Date:           | August 23, 1997          |
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## SUMMARY

Henry (formerly Hans Arnold) Froehlich was born in August 7, 1922 in Rottweil, Germany. In 1935, the Nazi boycott forced his father to close his shoe store, Henry had to leave school, and the family moved to Stuttgart. Henry describes how the family's life changed. He talks about *Kristallnacht*, his efforts to warn Jews to flee and how he avoided arrest. His father was arrested, sent to Dachau, and was killed there one month later. The family had to pay 500 Marks to claim his body.

Henry worked for the *Oberrat* (the Jewish community office in Stuttgart that processed immigration) for two years. He describes his activities and contacts with the American Consulate, Gestapo and *S.D. (Sicherheitsdienst* German Security Service).

In 1940, Henry, his younger brother and their mother emigrated separately to the United States. An older brother, crippled since birth, had been placed in a Catholic Home for crippled children and there is some evidence he was killed in a Nazi euthanasia program. In the United States, Henry worked in a CCC program in Berlin, New Hampshire until he was suspected of being a German spy. He was reunited with his family in Philadelphia, where he married, had two children, and became a successful businessman.

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#### SUBJECT HEADINGS

Rottweil, Germany: Jewish life before and during the Nazi era

*Kristallnacht*

Euthanasia program

*Oberrat* Stuttgart, Germany

Life in the United States as a refugee