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Interviewee: ANONYMOUS, M.M. Date: March 4, 1992

Interviewer: Janice Booker

Audio tapes: 3 English¹ Transcript: 1 vol. (unpaged) English Audio Record #: GC00010 Libr. Catlg. #: D 810.J4 G7 #not assigned

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SUMMARY

M.M. was born in Dülmen (Westphalia), Germany in 1896, one of twelve children (four died as babies); her father was a businessman. She describes her early education and going to synagogue while living in Westphalia. She lived in Berlin after the first World War and describes her wonderful life there: working, going to concerts, learning. She mentions that she knew antisemitism existed but she did not personally experience it.

She was warned by a local Nazi to try to leave the country. She lost her job in January 1939 because the Jewish store was forced to close. She escaped to London, England in July 1939. She describes her life working as a domestic servant until 1941. She met and married her husband there in 1940. He had been a cantor in Germany. They flew from London to Alaska then to Canada in 1941. Helped by HIAS they immigrated to the United States not long after. She worked as a companion to Ms.Gimbles in New York before she came to Philadelphia with her husband. Five siblings perished after being deported to Poland. Two other sisters survived the war.

Read tape three again.

¹Of the three tapes, about 60 minutes of interview was recorded.

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SUBJECT HEADINGS

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