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**Summary of Oral History Interview with Yvonne Lemièrè Huguenin—ENGLISH**

Charlotte Yvonne Huguenin (Lemièrè), born in Côte-d'Or, France in 1932; her family moved around—they travelled all over; her father from Normandy; her grandparents rented a house in Cluny—4, Prud'hon Road; during the war of 1914, they stayed in Ameugny; Mr. Dombreau was a Jew in Cluny; some people were able to leave before the round-up of 1942; they heard boots; speaking of the round-up; her mother going to the Kommandantur; Yvonne speaking of Mr. Lardy, Mr. Albert, Mr. Papillon; the return from deportation; speaking of Claudine Rotbart and her own mother Fanny Rotbart; Yvonne Huguenin's father—Mr. Lemièrè, was a head of the Resistance; her mother received a small pension when her father was killed; on September 4, 1944, Mr. Lemièrè was killed; he was on his way back from Mâcon; her father was in Sancé, Chalon, and Vinzelles; the allied bombers killed her father; three people killed; Bois Clair; the bombing of Cluny; on August 16, 1944—the battle of Bois Clair; Yvonne remembering the Germans and their panzers; the beginning of the war; the Jewish families in Cluny—Dombreau and Offerman (Offerman-Rotbart/Jacob Offerman); Henri Dombreau's father was a tailor; Yvonne played the accordion; memories from her childhood; listening to the radio from London; Mr. Jeaniac corresponded directly with the special forces; Yvonne's father—Claude Lemièrè was 37 years old when he was killed; the arrival of the Offerman family—end of 1942, beginning of 1943; the photo of Claudine Offerman-Rotbart; Fanny Rotbart—mother of Claudine; Fanny had another child—Annette (17 yrs old); Yvonne played with Claudine; the arrest and the Germans at the Offerman house—departing with a wistful smile; Jacques Offerman and Fanny Rotbart were deported; Jacques Offerman worked in high fashion; the Offerman-Rotbart family was a nice family; Fanny took care of the little one; Offerman family came from Paris; Yvonne doesn't remember any other Jewish families in Cluny; she never saw the yellow star in Cluny; arrest of the Offerman family—officers, policemen, five German soldiers; March 14, 1944—the arrest; Mr. Lemièrè was in the Maquis—from the beginning of the French Resistance; the Germans taking Jacques Offerman and Fanny Rotbart, but the two children, Claudine and Annette, thanks to the doings of Annette and Mrs. Lemièrè, escaped arrest; an uncle of Yvonne then rented the Offerman apartment; Fanny Rotbart returned in 1945; after the deportation of her parents, Claudine went to Mâcon; the round-up of February 14, 1944—the Germans arrested Mr. Lardy, Mr. Malere, Mrs. Renaud, Mrs. Cugnet, Mr. Pautet, Mrs. Sauzet, Mrs. Colin, Mr. Thier—Yvonne saw the round-up, and then saw the truck leave; Mr. Lemièrè wasn't there; speaking of Simone Grandjean, who worked for the Offerman family; Mrs. Zimberlin was also deported; Simone Grandjean never spoke of what happened in the camps; an uncle and a cousin of Mr. Huguenin were deported; the Germans "chased everyone"; the unoccupied zone; not many refugees in Cluny; collaborators—women paraded through the town with shaved heads—Yvonne saw four of them; Fanny Rotbart's family; Claudine Rotbart living presently in Gap, France