

Interview with Hildegard Lee

Summary

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Born Hildegard Enrike Rossman on April 13, 1928, in Bickenbach, State of Hessen, Germany; Hildegard Lee describes her family life prior to and during the war; her father's illness which made him wheelchair-bound; how her father was still able to manage his hardware store; the Nazi regime's regimentations; how her father was taken from her home by the Nazis in 1943 and institutionalized in Goddelau where he died a few months later; her relatives' suspicion that he was murdered because he was considered nonproductive; deprivations the family suffered after the war; her apprenticeship and subsequent employment in an office in Darmstadt; then working for a restitution agency; and finally for "The Stars and Stripes" before marrying and immigrating in 1952 to the United States, where she was granted American citizenship in 1956.