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Summary

Elvira Weiszlova, 102 years old, very lively, but hard of hearing and with few memories of the war years.

She was born in August 4, 1915. Her parents lived in a small village, Marót [close to the Hungarian border, in the area of the river Ipoly (Ipól)] where they owned a general store. They were religious. She had an older and a younger brother, and a younger sister. They spoke Hungarian at home.

In 1941, she married, a dentist, and moved to Bratislava.

Her parents and sister were deported to Auschwitz [not clear what year] and did not survive the war. Altogether, 10 members of her extended family perished in the Holocaust.

Her older and younger brothers were killed during the war. As a student, her younger brother joined the Slovak National Uprising with 15 classmates.

As a dentist, her husband was exempted from the deportations, and as his spouse, she was too. They were in internment in a village. She did not remember the name of the village, and it is not clear, when and why she was in hiding. She said that a Slovak woman in the village hid her and rescued other Jewish women from the school building where the Jewish women were collected. She was in hiding in an attic, a basement, a barn, etc. for more than a year. She did not remember where her husband was.

After the war, she and her husband lived in a village [the same one in which she had been in hiding?] and a small town for 20 years. She became a dentist as well. They went back to Bratislava, but her husband died a year later, at age 60.

After some years she remarried.

At the time of the interview, she had lived in the Jewish nursing home in Bratislava for seven years.