

Interviewee: Vera Stefaniuk, born on October 2, 1921, in the village of Lyman, Donetsk oblast.

Interviewer: Orest Zakydalsky, Ariadna Okhrymovych

Date: August 21, 2008

Description: Bogdana Torbina

00:00:35 – Interviewee introduces herself.

00:01:15 – Interviewee introduces her family members.

00:02:20 – Interviewee describes her household.

00:02:54 – Interviewee talks about her family's social class.

00:03:09 – Interviewee describes the size and demographic of her village.

00:03:38 – Interviewee discusses famine mortality in her village.

00:04:56 – Interviewee recalls her mother working at the kolhosp.

00:05:24 – Interviewee describes dekurkulization and deportation.

00:06:18 – Interviewee recalls the establishment of the kolhosp.

00:07:33 – Interviewee talks about search brigades who confiscated food.

00:08:56 – Interviewee describes the physical impacts of starvation on her wellbeing.

00:09:20 – Interviewee explains that schools stopped operating in 1933.

00:09:50 – Interviewee mentions that their family cow was taken by the kolhosp.

00:10:14 – Interviewee discusses instances of cannibalism in other villages.

00:11:36 – Interviewee states that everyone in her village joined the kolhosp.

00:12:42 – Interviewee describes her everyday life during the Holodomor.

00:13:23 – Interviewee recalls that her mother was not given any food at the kolhosp.

00:14:02 – Interviewee mentions that her sister moved out of the village in 1932.

00:15:06 – Interviewee describes starving during the Holodomor.

00:15:38 – Interviewee recalls her mother cooking a hedgehog.

00:16:30 – Interviewee describes the worst of the Holodomor in 1933.

00:17:19 – Interviewee talks about the closing of a church in her village.

00:17:44 – Interviewee mentions that priests were deported to Siberia.

00:18:00 – Interviewee recounts how search brigades confiscated religious icons.

00:19:52 – Interviewee explains that the situation improved by 1934 but that very few villagers remained.

00:20:57 – Interviewee describes visiting her sister after the Holodomor.

00:21:55 – Interviewee talks about her life after the Holodomor.

00:22:39 – Interview about Holodomor ends.

00:22:39 – Interviewee recalls being forcefully taken to Germany to work at a sausage factory during the war.

00:24:15 – Interviewee recounts her journey to Germany and work life at the factory.

00:28:42 – Interviewee describes how she was treated by the Germans.

00:29:47 – Interviewee discusses repatriation in the American zone.

00:30:19 – Interviewee describes working at a kitchen in the American zone.

00:30:45 – Interviewee mentions coming to Canada with her husband.

00:32:41 – Interviewee talks about her husband.

00:33:29 – Interviewee recounts coming to Canada in 1949.

00:33:50 – BREAK IN INTERVIEW

00:33:53 – Interview redone in English.

00:33:51 – Interviewee introduces herself.

00:34:17 – Interviewee describes the size of her village.

00:34:38 – Interviewee discusses the establishment of the kolhosp in her village.

00:35:12 – Interviewee recalls that search brigades confiscated food and religious icons from her home.

00:35:43 – Interviewee describes her household.

00:36:18 – Interviewee describes what her family ate during the Holodomor.

00:37:33 – Interviewee talks about her sister who moved to downtown.

00:38:00 – Interviewee recalls that her parents died.

00:39:23 – Interviewee discusses people joining the kolhosp.

00:39:44 – Interviewee describes how authorities punished people for stealing grain.

00:40:21 – Interviewee discusses famine mortality in her village.

00:41:04 – Interviewee describes people eating cats, dogs, and seaweed.

00:42:04 – Interviewee recalls her mother exchanging valuables for food.

00:43:54 – Interviewee describes people searching for food.

00:44:16 – Interviewee talks about kolhosp propaganda.

00:44:52 – Interviewee describes her mother working in the kolhosp.

00:45:52 – Interviewee recalls her cousin working at a railroad.

00:48:02 – Interviewee recounts going to Germany to work at a sausage factory.

00:49:46 – End of Interview.