

Interviewee: Olena Lysyk, not date of birth or location mentioned.

Interviewer(s): Ariadna Ochrymovych, Orest Zakydalsky

Date: February 11, 2009

Description: Bogdana Torbina

00:00:28 – Interviewee introduces herself.

00:00:45 – Interviewee recalls that her parents were dekurkulized and deported to Balka in 1931.

00:00:54 – Interviewee explains that after living in Balka for 9 months with very little food, her family escaped to the city of Drushkivka, Kostantinevskyi rayon, Donetsk Oblast.

00:01:27 – Interviewee mentions her father going to the Caucasus to work as a mechanic.

00:01:56 – Interviewee describes her family's life in the Caucasus for 5 months.

00:02:16 – Interviewee recounts her mother working at a train station in the Caucasus.

00:02:46 – Interviewee talks about her family's return to Drushkivka.

00:03:08 – Interviewee describes her father working as a mechanic in Drushkivka.

00:03:32 – Interviewee describes where her family lived in Drushkivka in 1933.

00:03:57 – Interviewee discusses her grandfather who lost his home and became a beggar after being dekurkulized.

00:04:58 – Interviewee talks about her grandfather dying.

00:06:15 – Interviewee explains that her mother and aunt did not bring corn from work out of fear of being arrested.

00:06:30 – Interviewee recalls making soup out of a crow.

00:07:12 – Interviewee describes the food that her family ate during the Holodomor.

00:07:23 – Interviewee says that their radhosp director helped feed people during the Holodomor.

00:07:54 – Interviewee states that she did not witness any dead or malnourished people in her city.

00:08:04 – Interviewee tells a story of a woman from Donbas who came back to her home village and was almost killed by her brother for food.

00:08:31 – Interviewee mentions that her grandfather died of hunger.

00:08:44 – Interviewee recalls those from her family who escaped to Donbas were able to survive the Holodomor.

00:08:56 – Interviewee states that her mother's aunt and her children died after being dekurkulized and deported.

00:11:03 – Interviewee recalls that her brother's sister's uncle was arrested in 1937.

00:12:13 – BREAK IN INTERVIEW

00:12-13 – Interview about Holodomor ends.

00:12:17 – Interviewee recalls the start of the war.

00:12:35 – Interviewee talks about her family evacuating from the front.

00:12:45 – Interviewee describes her journey to a camp in Hungary.

00:13:01 – Interviewee explains that men were given a choice to join the German army while women worked in the camp, or men and their families could go to Germany to work.

00:13:11 – Interviewee states that her family decided to work in Germany.

00:13:15 – Interviewee describes her journey to Germany.

00:13:30 – Interviewee describes her work washing clothes in Hamburg until the end of the war.

00:13:41 – Interviewee says that her brother's wife wanted to return home, but her brother and father did not.

00:13:50 – Interviewee explains that her family decided to stay in Germany in a Polish camp.

00:14:08 – Interviewee talks about commission committees visiting her family to make sure that they were not runaway Soviets.

00:14:37 – Interviewee talks about her family's journey to Canada in 1947.

00:15:02 – Interviewee describes where she lived and worked in Canada.

00:18:10 – End of Interview.