

Interviewee: Evdokhia Shurovska born on March 7, 1922, in the small village of Staryi Khutir, Kremenchuk raion, Poltava oblast.

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Date: February 11, 2009

Description: Bogdana Torbina

00:00:35 – Interviewee introduces herself.

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

00:01:42 – Interviewee describes the village where she and her family lived during the Holodomor.

00:02:24 – Interviewee describes her family's social class.

00:02:56 – Interviewee recounts the dekurkulization of her family in 1931.

00:04:09 – Interviewee mentions that her father escaped to Donbas to avoid deportation to Siberia.

00:04:39 – Interviewee recalls coming to Donbas.

00:05:03 – Interviewee describes life in Donbas.

00:06:05 – Interviewee remembers that her father was frequently fired for being a Kurkul.

00:06:41 – Interviewee describes what her family ate during the Holodomor.

00:09:01 – Interviewee recalls her mother exchanging valuables for food at the Torgsin.

00:09:56 – Interviewee recalls her younger sister starving.

00:11:14 – Interviewee states that her younger siblings died of hunger.

00:13:37 – Interviewee asserts that her father refused to join the kolhosp.

00:15:40 – Interviewee recalls search brigades confiscating food and livestock.

00:20:11 – Interviewee explains that people did not understand that the famine was manmade.

00:22:01 – Interviewee talks about learning Soviet propaganda in school.

00:22:50 – Interviewee remembers standing in line for bread.

00:24:08 – Interviewee recalls going door to door begging for food.

00:24:52 – Interviewee recalls witnessing people drop dead on the streets.

00:25:20 – Interviewee recalls children begging for food.

00:26:20 – Interviewee talks about her mother bringing potatoes from the radhosp.

00:27:03 – Interviewee recalls making soup out of leaves and other weeds.

00:27:34 – BREAK IN INTERVIEW

00:27:38 – Interview about Holodomor ends.

00:27:48 – Interviewee talks about the start of the war.

00:28:32 – Interviewee recalls witnessing the advancement of German forces.

00:29:58 – Interviewee recounts going to Germany to work in the city of Vuperthal.

00:31:57 – Interviewee recalls being taken to a camp in the city of Kurn.

00:32:55 – Interviewee describes working in a factory as a welder until 1944.

00:33:49 – Interviewee describes the living conditions in the factory.

00:34:50 – Interviewee remembers being taken to a factory near the Belgium border.

00:36:02 – Interviewee describes the English liberation.

00:37:01 – Interviewee discusses repatriation.

00:37:39 – Interviewee mentions that she married her husband in 1945.

00:37:59 – Interviewee describes living in England from 1947 to 1951 and then coming to Canada with her family in 1951.

00:39:10 – Interviewee talks about living in Canada.

00:40:16 – Interviewee describes where she and her husband worked in Canada.

00:42:21 – Interviewee talks about her worst memories from the Holodomor.

00:43:01 – Interviewee talks about going to school during the Holodomor.

00:45:13 – End of Interview.