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HENRY FRANK INTERVIEW

This is Timothy J. Kloberdanz. Today is Sunday, May 23, 1976. I am about to interview Mr. Henry Frank at his home on 122 Seeley Street, in North La Junta, Colorado. Mr. Frank's daughter, Marie, is also present.

TJK: Mr. Frank, when were you born.

HF: (German)

MF July 28th.

HF: 28th.

TJK: Ah, July 28th.

HF: Ja. In Russia. In Roosha, sure. I know that Russia--I was 20, 20, pret' near--then we come right to [inaudible], I was pret' near 28 year old.

MF: He wants to know what part of Russia you was born.

TJK: Where were you born in Russia?

HF: In Galca.

TJK: In Galca.

HF: In Galca.

TJK: Was that on the Volga?

HF: Was on the Rhine and on the Volga. Ja. (German)

MF: Now do you want him to talk American, or English?

TJK: Yeah, English.

MF: Talk in English.

HF: In English. Well, [inaudible] see ship go right. I didn't belongs to the German, you know.

TJK: Oh.

HF: Went back (German), you know. Then he get, he say, oh he say, Nimetski, to the Germans. He say, pretty soon, the metski, he got everything, everything, you know. Ship, you know, and go. His name was Rhiney, and Mr. Schmidt, you know. He had in Saratov--that was the main town you know, like Denver, you know.

TJK: Like the capital then?

HF: Ja. Ja. We had some (German), Schmidt from Rhiney.

MF: That means the headquarters people.

HF: ...headquarter people. Galca said, the whites, (German).

MF: That would be like a mayor of the town?

HF: Ja. (German)

MF: Oh, buyer.

HF: Yes, buyer. Ja. Ja.

MF: What they call it? Broker?

TJK: Yeah. It would be like broker, you see...Now was Galca, was that right close to the Volga?

HF: Ja. I [inaudible] and drove reindeer and swope mer hen right on the Volga grown.

TJK: Oh, I see. Right on the...

HF: Right on the Volga. (German)

MF: English, English now, talk...

HF: English...well, when you're setting out say here, you know, all them them ships by you know, with the lights on, and oh that was nice.

TJK: How many miles were you from the Volga? How many miles?

HF: Well...

TJK: You were right on it...

HF: Right on the Volga. See. That was not like here, you know, when you [inaudible] out, living out there 27 years.

MF: That's his farm, but keep talking about Russia now. You didn't buy the farm out there.

HF: Oh no, no. (German)

MF: He had to go out every week.

HF: Every week.

TJK: Oh, and farm out on your land.

HF: On the land, yeah.

TJK: But you lived in the Doroff.

HF: Ja. Ja. In the Doroff.

MF: [Inaudible]. They lived right close to the Volga River, Dad. You said it would get big.

HF: Ja. In the springtime, but that time you know in the he's about the biggest, you know. He gets about three mile thick you know. But the tan de yone, he goes right down. You know.

TJK: Getting smaller, then?

HF: Ja. Then we had inser, I, I...

MF: Well, they call that ground then, you know what would they call it when the river goes back? They farmed that then, they put potatoes in. What would they call that?

TJK: Oh yeah, like a flood plain.  
MF: Flood plain, they called it inser in German, you know.  
TJK: What was it called in German?  
MF: Insul. Jaaa.  
HF: Jaaa. Insle. Him (German).  
MF: [Inaudible] hay would grow, you know seed would grow out of it.  
TJK: Oh yeah.  
HF: Everybody was, you know, everybody was short on hay and on bran...  
MF: Wood. Wood.  
HF: That was their own fault, you know.  
[inaudible: several people talking at once]  
HF: [Inaudible] comes over here, you know, about that time, we read in the paper...see.  
Maybe the Russian and the German then was friends. Ah, but he was...  
MF: [inaudible]  
HF: Ja. I come right over here, I want get out of war business, you know.  
TJK: Yeah.  
MF: Tell him more about the farming over there.  
TJK: Now how did that work, how did you get land in the old country?  
HF: There? The people get land you know who had boys.  
TJK: Oh, boys.  
HF: Boys. Ja. He never couldn't get land, you know.  
MF: The womens weren't even worth it.  
TJK: Ah, there never gave any to them?  
HF: Huh uh. Uh, huh uh, huh uh.  
MF: [Inaudible] the man that had four daughters and no son, [inaudible].  
TJK: Then he had only a little bit of land.  
HF: Ja. Then he had to buy some.  
TJK: How did all this happen? How did the Germans go to Russia?  
HF: Well, the Russian, you know, in...  
MF: 1700.  
HF: 1700. But our daughter is, you know, when the Katarina...  
TJK: Oh, the Kaiser Katarina?  
HF: Ja. When [inaudible] the German huh? (German)  
MF: They should help the Russian people at the farm.

HF: Ja. You know [inaudible] that's long time ago.

TJK: Oh, that's a long...

HF: Ja. Ja. He had hard time you know.

TJK: In the early years?

HF: Ja. There was in...

TJK: Yeah, now, now--Katarina, was she German, or...

HF: He was...a Russian.

TJK: Ah, she was a Russian.

HF: Katarina, when he died, you know, they gave...you know, Katarina he said, You don't have to go in...

MF: The war.

HF: In the war, and soldier, and stuff like that. When he died, you know, everything changed, you know. Oh...some people was uh...like my dad, you know, he died, you know.

MF: You mean your grandfather.

HF: Dad. He was born in 1859.

TJK: 1859.

HF: He had some hartbrozer.

MF: Cousins.

HF: Cousins. He was about 10 year older than my dad. He had to go when the Russians...had meet that Terakie War.

MF: [Inaudible]. Turkish.

TJK: Oh, the Turkish War.

HF: Terakie, ja. See, he had to go in there. Ja.

TJK: Oh. Now what year did he have to go to war? What year was that?

HF: Well, see...that was (German)...

TJK: How old were you when he went into the Turkish War?

HF: 21. 21.

MF: No, you was [inaudible-two people talking at once]

HF: I'd been in that horrible stuff, you know. In 19, in 1804.

TJK: 1804.

HF: See. He had, Jap, Japanese, he had war.

TJK: Oh. The Japan War, then.

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja. I...

MF: [Inaudible-two people talking at once]

HF: ...lots of guns, you know, when I had to go ride to Siberia, you know.

TJK: You had to go all the way to Siberia?

HF: Oh, ja.

TJK: How old were you when they called you to go to the army?

HF: 21 years old.

TJK: You were 21?

HF: Ja.

TJK: How long were you in the army, then?

HF: Three years and two months.

TJK: Three years and two months.

MF: [Inaudible] (laughter) You don't have to take such a big [?]. ...tell you anything.  
(laughter)

TJK: Yeah. Okay, I see now. I see. You never got to...

HF: [inaudible]

MF: Now wait, see what he's going to ask you, he's going to ask you if there is question.  
Wait, he is going to ask you something now.

TJK: Now...

HF: Al right.

TJK: Now, you never got to go home during that time?

HF: No, no, no. When somebody died, he buried right there.

TJK: Oh.

MF: At home, you know, they never got to go home...

TJK: Oh my, then the parents would never know.

HF: Oh no.

MF: No, huh uh.

HF: You know, from (German)...

MF: That's a town, you know, like Salga.

TJK: Oh yeah, and that was a German town?

HF: Yeah...

MF: [Inaudible], like Alex [Dorf's?] dad, he came from...

HF: From Schwope.

TJK: From Schwope.

MF: Uh huh.

- HF: [Inaudible] in Salga.
- MF: He worked [inaudible] then he got acquainted with Mrs., Alex's mother, see.
- TJK: Oh, I see.
- HF: Yeah, yeah.
- MF: ...just like La Junta, like after all, you know, like the people were living, like Alex's folks, and Freidbergers and all them like that, you know, lived there. Okay, now tell him how much you got in the army.
- HF: Well, I got 50 cents a month. Ja. It get me the clothes and to eat, you know, but that was not no fun. (German) (laughter)
- TJK: Oh, I bet not.
- MF: Dad told me that him and another fellow, they delivered to the the colonel messages. Was from civilian, and she gave them, the maid, you know, took them in and said wait. How cold, 60 below, at that time?
- HF: 60 below. We got [inaudible].
- MF: That was a big wave when it hit. He told me that that lady gave him some tea and the colonel came and knocked it out of their hand.
- TJK: Now why was that? Why did he do that?
- MF: Well, just yell, you see, you know, just couldn't see that he could have, you know, any tea?
- TJK: Oh, I see. Now, did the German boys have a bad time in the Russian army?
- HF: Well...not bad, when we had...
- MF: German boys...
- HF: German...German, he learns better, you know.
- TJK: Sure.
- MF: We were from Germany...
- HF: He learns everything, maybe was just about 5 and 150 Russian, you know. You never been afraid for...
- TJK: Oh, you never were, oh okay.
- HF: No, no. Then was [inaudible], you know. (Laughter) (German)
- MF: English.
- HF: Couldn't write his name.
- MF: They couldn't even write their names, [inaudible-several people talking].
- TJK: Right.
- MF: Now see he's a German-Russian.

TJK: Oh sure, sure.

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja.

MF: ...couldn't even write their names yet.

HF: You know, we had our government was a German government. Ever...you know, like a state...

MF: That [inaudible] governor, like a state.

HF: Oh, ja. We had everything was in German.

TJK: Everything German.

HF: ...the lights, who there when I go in the school, you know, then we got...it was a German, he was teach for Russian. There, see. That was the trouble. When somebody, when I was [passed? draft?] you know for the...uh...

TJK: The army?

HF: The army, I never couldn't talk not a bit Russian.

TJK: Oh, then that was hard on you then?

HF: Ja. Oh, sure. You know, like my wife, he never come took Russian. He never could write his name. No. No, hum um.

MF: That was hard.

TJK: Oh, sure.

HF: That was hard, you know.

TJK: Now, do you remember the day that you left the village? To go to the army?

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja. I left, that was in the 20, let's see...

MF: He was 21 years old, that was 1825. That would be...let's see, he was 21 years old when he went in the army...

HF: Ja. Ja.

MF: ...and you was born 1885, that would be...

TJK: 1906?

MF: 1906.

HF: Ja. 1906.

TJK: Right, that's the year you went.

HF: Ja. Then I left you know, that was in '06, then (German). Then he say well, we had some German, you know. He could, took Russian, and he was, (German), I don't know, we [inaudible].

MF: They were [inaudible].

HF: [inaudible]

MF: [inaudible]

HF: He said, well, (German) here, that's Russian. He said, we want the money.

MF: Oh, he was talking for the Germans-Russians you know, [inaudible].

TJK: Oh, I see.

HF: Then there was [inaudible] then we get money [inaudible] [instead?] you know that clip was...

MF: They wasn't supposed to give them any money, or anything for the [inaudible] in the service.

HF: No. Huh uh. They give me some from the...so much, I don't know how much...then it was our [dad?] in Siberia, and then we move out in the...I don't know, we were a little cold, that in [inaudible], in Lowery.

MF: [inaudible] for maneuvers, for maneuvers.

HF: Ja. Ja.

MF: Maneuvers.

HF: Then we move out here. Well, he said, me never get right eat you know. Them guys couldn't--Russians [don't? talk?], he said, he had, that was about 5, he had some (German)...

MF: Oh, the fish, they had fish...

TJK: Oh. Yes.

MF: ...they had five of them. [inaudible]

HF: Ja. And he said, we never got everything in. [inaudible] right here. You know, like we could talk Russian you know.

TJK: Yeah.

HF: We was fraid, and then he said, never did try it. He said, we won't take [inaudible] (German). Then after while [inaudible] in the middle and he had some [inaudible].

TJK: Oh, yeah.

HF: Ja. Ja. Then he said, well...

MF: [Test? Taste?] the food.

HF: He said...he test the food. He put them all in the restaurant, all them...

MF: [inaudible]

HF: You know he put them all, [inaudible]. To eat you know.

TJK: Now was he doing that because you were German?

HF: Ja.

TJK: Oh.

MF: [inaudible]

HF: No, no. That was the Russian too.

MF: That was some of the Russians too.

TJK: Oh, some of the...

HF: Them was [inaudible] you know, the Russians...

MF: But they had a German-Russian. He was smart and he got those boys, you know, better...

TJK: Yeah, so they had better food and...

MF: ...food, and everything.

TJK: Yeah, yeah. Okay. Now, that day that you left the village to go to the army, that was a sad day then?

MF: Was it sad when you left you mom and dad, your mother and dad. Did they feel bad when you went to the army?

HF: Oh, ja. He [inaudible], you know. Ja. That was awful bad. Awful bad. You know, I was [inaudible], you know (German)...

MF: One son, one son.

HF: One son. When they had 2 sons, a long time ago, you know, I had 2 little brothers. That was the trouble. Too many people go to the United States to [inaudible], you know. Then the rest of them have to go to...

TJK: To the army then?

HF: To the army.

TJK: Now, okay.

HF: Now...

MF: Wait, he wants to ask you...something.

TJK: Okay. Now, what was your father's name?

HF: My father was Heinrich...

TJK: Heinrich Frank.

HF: Ja. Heinrich Frank. Ja.

TJK: And your mother was...

HF: He was born a Kile.

MF: Marie.

TJK: Marie. And she was a Kile.

HF: Kile.

TJK: Was she born in Galca?

HF: Ja. Oh, ja. Everybody was born in Galca.

TJK: How big was Galca?

HF: Well, it was about 500 familia.

TJK: Oh, 500 then?

HF: About 500 families.

MF: Families.

HF: That was uh, we had, (German?).

MF: What would you call that now, that...

TJK: That's like a flood plain, isn't it? Yeah.

MF: ...flood plain...

HF: See, (German).

MF: American talking.

HF: Ja. Ja. (laughter)

TJK: I know that's hard. I know.

MF: [Inaudible] stuff like that.

HF: Ja. I uh...

MF: He said that's where they divide that in, that uh, flood plain, that's what...

HF: Yeah. Flood plain divides from, that's reason I knew that about 500 familias.

MF: See they divided...

TJK: Oh, 500.

MF: The river pushed back, everybody get so much ground to get their [wood? food?] out there, and put potatoes in and...

HF: Ja, I would, Allah, he never could do that you know, was too lazy you know, and...

MF: Oh well, suppose they had lazy people over there too.

HF: Ja. (laughter) Oh sure, we got lots. Lazy people, you know, then you have to make it so the [kettle can?] go in there.

TJK: Oh, yeah.

MF: ...census...

HF: Oh, ja.

TJK: Oh, [census? fences?], like that. Now who would divide the land, was it the gamah? The gamah would do that?

HF: Gamah. Gamah.

MF: Yeah.

TJK: They would divide the land?

HF: Ja. Sure, sure, sure.

TJK: How often did they do that?

HF: Every year.

TJK: Every year they did that?

HF: Every year. Did. That flood, you know [inaudible].

TJK: Oh, that's right.

HF: That was the [pan de young]. Then we go out make potatoes out.

TJK: Ah. Yeah.

HF: Then we had a good rain. Oh, we had about [inaudible] potatoes.

TJK: Oh, good.

HF: Ja. Ja. Good.

TJK: Big potatoes then.

HF: Big potatoes. Big potatoes. Yeah.

TJK: Now, what else did you raise? What other crops?

HF: Well, we raise everything. However, the corn was no good.

TJK: No, no.

HF: No.

TJK: But you did have corn though?

HF: Ja. However, later on we never make no corn out.

TJK: Okay.

HF: Rye.

TJK: Rye. Roga.

HF: Roga. We raise lots of roga. Ja. We have to watch out. You know that roga is rich, you know. I never seen no roga round here you know. However, the main thing is make no difference how rich you went, you eat more roga...

MF: Than the white.

HF: Than white.

TJK: Oh than the white.

MF/HF: [Inaudible-both talking]

HF: He never, he never [cosh?].

MF: Then your sunflower too.

TJK: Oh, you had sunflowers?

HF: Oh yeah. Make some oil out of it.

TJK: Oil. Did you have a mill? That would do it...

HF: Sure, sure sure.

TJK: In Galca?

HF: In Galca.

TJK: You had a flour mill for the...rye?

HF: Ja, ja. For, for...we had, you put, you--everything in the sack you know.

MF: Take it over there. See.

HF: Take it over there, ja.

TJK: Oh, I see. Now, how would...

HF: The flour mill, it was for ninety year.

TJK: Ninety years?

HF: Ja. However, when somebody still, he have to make a corn drop for another ninety years.

TJK: Ohhhh.

HF: You know a German could never put up a, this like were Dad, or any German blood people, they start up a factory or anything...

HF: That make no difference to Russians.

MF: The Russians would take it then. You know that's the way was their law. You know.

TJK: Ohhh.

MF: You never was your sole owner, just like...

TJK: Oh, I see. I see.

MF: You know that's what...

TJK: In other words you never really owned the land either then.

MF: No.

HF: No.

TJK: You kept changing every year too.

MF: See, that's why the people here early days they had their freedom to make a factory, like they still have, and that was theirs. But not out there you know. They still have this government control.

TJK: Oh, okay.

HF: Things was under control of...

MF: ...of government...

HF: Government. You can [cheat it? see it?] right here.

TJK: Sure. Sure.

MF: Tell him about this sun flower oil.

HF: Well, that sunflower, you know, we make out, you know, oh, I would say about 5 acres, you know. Make whole dezindine. Then we raise...

TJK: That was 5 acres? Dezindine?

MF: No, no.

TJK: No?

MF: One is dezindine. It's one acre.

TJK: Oh, that's one, okay, okay.

MF: And was five.

TJK: That was five.

HF: ...that was adezin, you know, like our familia was mother, dad, and I had two brothers, and one sister. Well, we make it, so, no, you never can say...

MF: Salad, it's old...

HF: Salad, you know. You have to use for your

MF: Own use.

HF: Own use.

TJK: For your...for like cooking and...yeah.

HF: Oh, you know, that sunflower, they make, we call them...uh...

MF: Oh, those stone jars?

HF: And that, then they...

MF: Remember, they had those 5 gallon stone jars.

TJK: Oh.

HF: Then them, you know, and the meal, he kept that, you know. That shaved off.

TJK: Oh, what did he use the shell for?

HF: I, I...

MF: What did he use the shell for?

HF: He had that darn thing, you have to put him, seed, in there, if I have a seed, there oil. Then he put them in, in here. He raise and...

MF: Toast them.

HF: ...toast them, you know. Then he put them in and makes...that three. In a press, you know. Then you sit right there and then you have rye bread. Put little salt in...

TJK: Ohhhh (laughter).

HF: You know, we had, you know, about fifteen...

MF: Gelders.

HF: ...twenty gallon sunfloweray.

TJK: From how many acres?

HF: That was...

TJK: 5 acres?

HF: About 5 acres.

TJK: Fifteen, twenty gallons.

HF: Ja.

MF: They used it up.

HF: Well, about that time you know that was...cheap, you know.

TJK: Oh, yeah.

HF: The acres, you know.

TJK: Sure, sure. Now, did you raise tobacco?

HF: No.

TJK: No tobacco?

HF: We had one year out, he go to the United States. He never could make a living. You know, however...uh...

TJK: Now, who was this?

HF: That was a friend too.

TJK: A friend, huh?

HF: We, uh, Wilhelm Frank.

TJK: Oh?

HF: Ja. He was raising that [inaudible], he never could make that. You know, see, that Russian, he had 2 different kind of it. What's the Russian, it was really stunk. That was a package, you know, about that big.

TJK: Yeah.

HF: And...it was 3 cents, in our, we were smoking, it was 5 cents.

TJK: 5 cents (laughter)

HF: That was not so stunk, you know.

TJK: Oh. Oh.

HF: You know, he never wasted much.

MF: [inaudible]

TJK: Ohhhh.

MF: ...[inaudible]...throw away...

TJK: Oh. (laughter) Now, did you have any sugar beets there?

HF: Sugar? Ja. I...

MF: That was cane [inaudible] wasn't it?

HF: Oh, it was cane.

TJK: Oh, not the beet? Not the beet?

HF: No. I don't know when them, [inaudible] raise, not in my country.

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TJK: Ohhh, great big then?

MF: It was a real big one.

HF: Ja.

TJK: And did you eat that or give that to the cows?

HF: Me, me...give it then to the cows, and to the horses, and to...

MF: Pigs.

HF: Hogs...pigs. However me eat them too.

TJK: Oh, the people would eat them too.

HF: Oh, ja. You have to get shell off, you know that, he raised them that feed was so high.

TJK: Oh.

HF: Ja.

MF: The kids, they wouldn't get to eat the feed, would they Dad?

HF: However, however [inaudible-MF also talking] we raised more...more...

MF: Watermelons.

HF: Watermelons.

TJK: Watermelon too?

HF: Watermelons...

MF: They made syrup out of that. Good stuff that watermelon syrup.

HF: Ja. Ja.

TJK: Now, those pumpkins, you didn't eat the seeds, huh?

MF: They sold them.

HF: No. This, this, me never sold nothing.

MF: You ate them.

HF: Yes. When you get a crop. Beets, you know, them rhine, and them (German), we'd buy that.

TJK: Oh, and then you would buy that.

HF: When they got left, you know, and...

MF: What they got left over.

- HF: He buy, he bought. You know some years some people got granaries, you know, the whole year, the wheat you know, he sold, you know, sold them right away and then they thresh them, you know, and its too much, you know. It drop down--later on he goes [inaudible] up you know.
- MF: [inaudible]
- HF: Have to bake some, in the Russian we call them upbaugh.
- TJK: Umpbaugh--oh, the granary.
- MF: [inaudible]
- HF: Ja. Ja. Everybody had a umpbaugh. That's a Russian word (laughter).
- TJK: Oh, for granary.
- MF: That's the Russian word. Uh huh. Umpbaugh.
- HF: Ja. Ja.
- TJK: Now, did you pay taxes to the:old country?
- HF: Sure.
- TJK: Now, how much taxes?
- HF: The taxes--everybody would go attend the church in and everything paid out the taxes. Oh, make no difference, you go to church, you have to pay the taxes. Ja.
- TJK: Now, did everybody go to church?
- HF: No.
- TJK: No?
- HF: No. (laughter)
- TJK: No, I thought everybody would go.
- MF: No, but see, they still had to pay to church, though, see...
- TJK: Sure, that so that minister could uh, make his [inaudible].
- MF: Um hum.
- HF: Sure, sure.
- TJK: Now, uh, what church was that in Galca? What church...
- HF: That was uh, uh, uh, I'm Luterish.
- TJK: Luterish. Lutheran, yeah.
- HF: Lutheran. And see, that was uh, Lutheran and Catholic.
- TJK: Oh, and Catholic too.
- HF: And Catholic. Oh, ja.
- MF: The Russians [inaudible] the Catholic.
- HF: The Russians was a Catholic country, you know.

TJK: Yes, that's right. That's right.

HF: Ja. Ja.

MF: Whenever the Russian churches there was the most gold he'd ever seen.

TJK: Oh, yes.

HF: [Change me hat? Shame we had?], too.

MF: Ate.

HF: And me (German).

MF: Baptist. Baptist.

TJK: Oh, ja.

MF: The Baptist.

HF: You know, when somebody not satisfied, he goes right to the deputies.

MF: You know, it's like...

TJK: Oh, yeah, I see. Now, did they have a church? The Baptists?

HF: Sure, sure.

TJK: Was it a big church?

HF: Sure.

TJK: Like the Lutheran church?

HF: No, not so big like Lu...

TJK: Okay. Now, in the Doroff, you had an unerdoroff, right.

HF: Ja. Ja. And a Oberdoroff.

TJK: Right. Now, where did your family live?

HF: My family live in Oberdoroff.

TJK: Oberdoroff. Where was the big Lutheran church?

HF: Well, it belongs all the same.

TJK: Oh, all the same.

HF: All the same. The Oberdoroff (German). (German) for the cows.

MF: Oh, yeah. That means uh...

HF: Unerdoroff has cows.

MF: ...it means the minister could have a cow and...

HF: ...and the same was with the sheep, you know. This oberdoroff had [inaudible].

MF: Oh, now I know what he means. The shepherders and the cow herders, they had, you know, they had like somebody watch their livestock. Isn't that right Dad?

HF: That's right. (German)

TJK: Okay. Oxen.

HF: Oxen. (German) Unerdoroff and Oberdoroff have ox cart.

MF: That would mean that guy was watching them for the people that's what it was.

HF: Ja. Then we had together, you know, in unerdoroff and horses too.

MF: Had your horses.

TJK: Oh, I see.

HF: Ja. Ja.

TJK: Now, would you pay that man who herded the horses?

HF: Ja. Ja. Well, that goes, taxes you know.

TJK: Well, would he get his money from umpbaugh?

HF: Na.

TJK: No?

HF: (German)

MF: They had to pay for their passing--so many cows, or you had to pay. [inaudible-multiple voices]

TJK: Oh, the more cows you had the more you paid.

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja. Ja.

MF: [inaudible]

HF: And same thing with the sheep, you know. Ja.

TJK: Do you remember, like the cow herder, he would have a ringaschtik?

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja. Ja. (laughter) To ring the cow.

TJK: Okay. Ja. (laughter)

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja. Ja. (laughter)

TJK: Alright.

HF: [inaudible] [German]

MF: A whip.

TJK: Oh, ja.

MF: [inaudible]

HF: Then they get them and the womans have to go up and (German) you know and milk the cows.

MF: Women...

TJK: Oh, the men didn't milk cows.

MF: Hum um.

HF: Hum um. No.

TJK: That was women's work. (laughter)

MF: [That's no fair? That's terrible?]. (laughter) The men [inaudible] wasn't it [inaudible].

HF: Ja. Ja.

MF: Aren't you ashamed of yourself?

HF: Men, our mother...she passed away in '49.

TJK: In '49.

MF: She was...

HF: And my dad, she passed in, in '56 [inaudible].

MF: No, she was 49 years old when she passed away.

TJK: Oh, yeah.

MF: She was 49 when she passed, when his mother passed away.

HF: However, see, the mother (German).

MF: Could help her out.

HF: (German)

MF: [inaudible]

HF: (German)

TJK: Oh, the men didn't do that?

MF: Hum um.

HF: No. Hum um. No.

TJK: Did you ever see a man milk a cow? Over there?

HF: (laughter)

TJK: No? No men ever did that?

HF: No. No. No.

MF: No.

TJK: Then the women--they carried the water?

HF: Ja. Ja.

TJK: And they milked the cows? They took care of the garden?

HF: No, they...sometimes, it was [inaudible] men who left everything to the woman, you know.

TJK: Oh, ja.

HF: You have to, sometimes you have to help.

TJK: Oh, well sure.

HF: Sure, sure.

MF: Dad said it was awful like that, but you know--just let the womens do that work like...

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja.

TJK: And that was hard work, sure.

HF: Oh, ja.

TJK: And they worked in the field too?

HF: Oh, ja. He works in the field. You know about that time, uh, I can remember when I was about sixteen year old, then, I know what you call them...

MF: The fence?

HF: The fence.

TJK: The fence, yeah. The scythe.

HF: The scythe. You have to, I don't know, you have to uh, he got five teeth and you have to lay that...

MF: [Inaudible] just right. [inaudible].

HF: [Inaudible]. The woman's come right behind and...

MF: Tie it.

HF: Tie it, the tops, you know.

TJK: Oh.

MF: Shucks it, you know, roll it.

HF: About that time, he change so much, in [inaudible], you know, he had two...we come together, you know, with the neighbors, [inaudible], you know.

TJK: Oh yeah.

HF: You have to buy...

MF: A mowing machine, or...?

HF: Machine. You know. One time he was a machine he have to he bind that too, would you know.

TJK: Oh yeah.

MF: Like a binder.

HF: Ja. Ja. And then the next time they have to [inaudible] two, one drive the horses and one have to [inaudible].

MF: Just [stuff? drop?] it down, like it was supposed to drop [inaudible].

TJK: Oh, I see. Then the women didn't have to tie that anymore?

HF: No, huh uh.

TJK: That was just in the early years.

HF: That was in the early years. No. I don't know right now. Ever got, ever got changed, you know.

TJK: Yeah. Now, how did you do the thrashing? How did you thrash?

HF: Well, me never had no, uh...

TJK: Did you ever have a putsch machina?

HF: No. A putsch machine (German).

MF: I don't think you raised that much meat [inaudible].

HF: (German)

TJK: Oh, that was a horse with a stone.

HF: For two horses, that's lot [inaudible].

TJK: Oh, a bigger stone.

HF: Bigger stone, ja. (German)

TJK: Oh, in Doberinga they used two?

HF: Ja.

MF: [Inaudible-several people talking] in certain places they make machinery, (German).

TJK: Ja.

HF: But no in Galca.

TJK: No, not in Galca.

HF: In Galca (German).

MF: That was a [inaudible] town.

HF: That was a big farmer town. However, you know, (German).

MF: You mean you make...

HF: (German)

MF: They make their wood out of that, huh?

HF: Ja. For wood, you know.

TJK: From the manure.

HF: Ja.

MF: Uh huh.

HF: However, (German).

MF: They sold that to the...

HF: To that, them out, (German) [inaudible] dry, then they load some up, you know, so, about three hundred, nearly four hundred...

MF: Blocks.

HF: Block, you know, and they [dry? drive?] right over there, and they sold them to the [inaudible] and the people was bringing some [meal? meat?] and [then we? they?] bought some meal and stuff and...

TJK: Yeah. Did you ever have a market? In Galca?

HF: Ja. That was the market.

TJK: In Doberinga?

HF: In Doberinga. Ja.

TJK: How many times did you have it?

HF: Every Friday.

TJK: Every Friday?

HF: Every Friday.

TJK: Oh, okay.

HF: In the wintertime. See. Then you [inaudible] everything, you go right to Doberinga, go right...

MF: Across the river.

TJK: Oh, I see. You could go over it. The Volga River.

HF: Ja. Sure.

TJK: Because it was frozen solid?

MF: They would go in a canoe. That...

HF: Oh, ja.

MF: ...what was that thing you went on--put the horses on the canoe?

HF: Ja. No. We put some three wagon on the canoe, and six horses. Then they go right over there making hay and stuff.

TJK: Oh, across the Volga? Where were you at over on the other side? What was the name of that town?

HF: That was Doberinga. And Schwope. That was Sch...it was five mile from ours and (German).

MF: There was 5 churches there, one minister.

HF: Yes. Yes.

TJK: Okay. Now which five? Doberinga, Galca, Schwope, what other two?

HF: Holstein and Dryschpeet.

TJK: All those five and one pastor?

HF: Ja.

TJK: Where did the pastor live?

HF: He lives in Galca.

TJK: In Galca?

HF: In Galca.

TJK: Now, was Galca the biggest of those five?

HF: Well, I believe Doberinga was the biggest.

TJK: Oh, Doberinga was the biggest.

HF: Ja. But...

TJK: But the pastor liked it better in Galca, huh?

HF: Ja. Ja. (laughter) Well, (German).

TJK: Baney, that was the noma?

HF: Ja.

MF: That was the preacher's name.

HF: Ja. That was the, our, he (German) Saratov.

TJK: Oh?

MF: [inaudible]

HF: (German). (laughter)

MF: He liked it.

TJK: Oh.

HF: (German)

MF: [inaudible] See the women worked, you know, did lots of labor like a man. How much did a persons got Dad, like a year? That worked out?

HF: Well, at that time when I was out, you know there, about \$60.00 for a...my wife he works out, he had \$60.00 for the whole year.

TJK: A whole year?

HF: For a whole year. The men he got about \$90.00.

TJK: Now, what did you wife do, like for \$60.00 a year? What...

HF: Ja.

TJK: ...did she do, like housework?

HF: Ja. Ja. Have to work in the town, in the-have to go...

TJK: In the field?

HF: In the field, and the house, ja. Everything, everything. About that time, you know.

TJK: Yeah, now when you went over to the Weisenseite, where did you go?

HF: Where? Then we go have to hire a boat, you know. Put everything in and on the [Wiesenseite ?]

TJK: Where at? What Dorf

HF: Well, in Saratov and Galca.

TJK: Algalca?

HF: Algalca. (German)

- MF: They didn't know what north and south was. They always went to bed, you know, the town, you know, they...
- TJK: Oh, they'd never say, I'm going north. No.
- HF: Never, never.
- TJK: Ja. (laughter) Okay.
- MF: That would be just like, for instance I'd say I'm going to Rocky Ford, I mean that's you know...
- TJK: I'm going toward Rocky Ford.
- MF: Uh huh.
- TJK: They'd say it like that.
- MF: They don't say north and south.
- TJK: Oh, I see.
- HF: They never learned that, you know. See. When they was in the, went in the, in the army (German).
- MF: That was something like a...
- HF: ...paper, you know, paper.
- MF: Paper, they because that was the paper in Russia.
- HF: You know what, how they, sod, oh that paper, in German, how they change.
- MF: To visit that ship kept coming through.
- TJK: Sounds like a pad...
- HF: Deutschland.
- TJK: Oh.
- HF: See they had out, like you are stuck. I don't know [inaudible].
- MF: You mean when the ship went through you all went down there and talked to them German people?
- HF: Ja.
- TJK: Could you understand them?
- HF: Ja, sure.
- TJK: Like the German is the same?
- MF: The Germany people spoke Germany clear through.
- TJK: But then this was the same German?
- HF: Ja. Ja.
- MF: [inaudible-multiple people talking]
- TJK: Yeah, because the high German, the Hoffdeight.

HF: Ja. (German)

MF: [inaudible]

TJK: Oh ja. Ja. For those...

MF: (laughter)

HF: (German) the people is foreign. (German). He know everything from the Russian country.

MF: See, they knew more what was going on in Russia than they did, see?

TJK: And you were living in Russia.

MF: [inaudible] See. See. (laughter) [inaudible-multiple people talking]

TJK: Now, where did you see these Germans at, where was this?

HF: That was in Irkutskoye.

TJK: In Russia?

MF: That was when he was in the army...

TJK: In Siberia?

HF: In Siberia, ja. That, that uh, Siberia, that uh, Irkutskoye, that was a uh, a rich, a rich town.

TJK: A rich town?

HF: A rich town. That was Japanese. And then Chinese. There was all them [inaudible]. There was Chinese.

TJK: Now how far was that from Galca? How far?

HF: That was awful far.

TJK: A thousand miles?

HF: ...

TJK: More?

HF: I was 11,000 mile from the home, you know, in Siberia. Ja. And then was, you have to cross to the Volga. The Chinese, you know.

TJK: Oh. Then you were way, way over there.

HF: Way, ja.

MF: Got 60 below there in Siberia. 65.

TJK: Oh.

HF: There that was not cold though.

MF: All over there then.

TJK: Now, what were you doing in Siberia? What did you do as a soldier?

HF: Well, I, I, I been in the...in the army one year. Then I have to take...

MF: The gun.

HF: ...the gun. I have men everything, everything. Then I, I was transferred you know, in the...we had them horses...

MF: Take care of the horses.

HF: And wagon, and everything. I know. I know everything.

TJK: Oh.

HF: So I been right in [back?], you know, we had a kitchen for himself, you know. The rest of them was for, for, Russ, you know...

MF: There was a camp, you know, like,[ Dad, see?] He was in that, he was taking care of the horses and the wagons.

TJK: Ah, yes.

HF: Ja. Ja.

MF: And the men falls for theirself [?]

HF: (German)

MF: That was something like barley. I would sure like to eat that.

HF: Ja. Ja.

MF: He said it was a lot better than rice. Real good stuff. I'd sure like to [inaudible].

HF: (German) Have to hold him in, and he got the big rye meal out of town, you know, and have to hold them bread out to the Lowery, you know.

TJK: Yeah, yeah.

MF: Maneuver, where they were training.

TJK: Yeah, where the soldeirs were training.

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja. Ja.

TJK: Then you were never in the war, then?

HF: No.

TJK: You never did any fighting.

HF: No. NO. I never had to go over...

MF: [Inaudible] when he was scared he might have to go.

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja.

TJK: What year did you come back from Siberia? When did you come back?

HF: Well, in uh, '21, and then I, been 3 year and 2 months out there, when I come back I was about...

MF: 1910 he came back.

TJK: Oh, 1910, then you came back? To Galca.

HF: No. That was, no...I come back in '24.

MF: No, no. You was in the United States in 1924.

HF: No.

MF: From Siberia, to uh, you're back home again, Dad, see. You left in 1906, then you was gone 3 years.

HF: Ja. Ja. That's right, ja, ja.

MF: I was with you all the time. (laughter)

TJK: (laughter) Yeah. Were your folks glad to see you?

HF: Ja. Ja. Oh, he have to come right over there to Comishinga.

TJK: Comishinga.

HF: Comishinga.

TJK: Did they get a...

HF: That was [inaudible] east. From...

TJK: Forty miles...then huh?

HF: East. He have to come right over there and get our...

TJK: Oh, how did he know you were there?

HF: There? (German)

TJK: Oh, you did? You wrote to him?

HF: Ja. Ja. I wrote too, too. [inaudible]

TJK: And then he came and he picked you up then?

HF: Ja. Ja. And then they was in Siberia, one, two, three, he was four men from Galca. In Siberia...

TJK: Oh, you all came back together?

HF: All come back together. He was right over there and get us.

TJK: The families, they come, and get you, the parents.

HF: Ja. Ja.

MF: They had, what you had special to eat that night? Ice cream and cake.

HF: Oh, no, no, no, no. I never been...

MF: Well, what did you have for supper that night? When you came back that night? Did your mama fix something special?

HF: Sure, sure.

MF: What did you have?

HF: Well, I don't know.

TJK: (laughter) You were just glad to be home?

HF: Being home, ja.

MF: But you know what...

HF: Oh ja. Ja, I would say...there was cook, me read the paper, you know. German and Russian...

MF: Was in the home.

HF: Weren't cook [?] no more.

TJK: Oh...

HF: See, the Russian Kaiser...he got a woman from German, and the German got a woman from Russia, and me say me have to go to pretty soon with German in the war. And [Hanna? Handel?] was born right, my oldest son, he was born in October, and I had a letter from my neighbors, [inaudible], and he wrote...he said when you got (German)...

MF: The money.

HF: Some money. Well, I told my wife, no, no, no. No, no, no.

TJK: Oh...

HF: And my brother, he said, when Henry goes, me goes too. Ja. Well, I don't know. And somebody told my mother was dead you know, and my dad he said, you have to get to, with your Henry. Well, then we come together. We sold everything we had that was uh, he was lend for a Russian there, however, he was...

TJK: Oh, a teacher.

HF: A teacher. However, he was, he was for the (German)

MF: Was the agent for that...

TJK: Oh, I see.

HF: Ja. Ja. And he figured out, you know, how much that costs. He figured out right to from Galca to Rocky Ford.

TJK: Oh, you were going to come right to Rocky Ford?

HF: Right, right, right.

TJK: Why was that, how did you know about Rocky Ford?

MF: Well, that Mr. [Inaudible].

HF: [Inaudible], he write, he write, he write.

TJK: Oh, he lived here. Now how did he, how did Mr. [Inaudible] know about Rocky Ford?

MF: Well, he lived here.

HF: Ja. Ja. He lived here.

- TJK: But he was from Russia?
- MF: Yes.
- HF: Ja, sure.
- MF: See, he went over, when did [inaudible] came to Rocky Ford?
- HF: He left, he come to Rocky Ford in '06.
- MF: 1906 [inaudible].
- TJK: In 1906. From Galca?
- HF: From Galca.
- TJK: But now, how did he know about Rocky Ford in 1906?
- HF: Ja. He don't know, he had a...
- MF: How did the [inaudible] knew about coming over here?
- HF: Well, he, he had a, a [feller? sailor?], it was a [ship?], Henry [Ship? Schick?], he furnished the money you know. And, but, but, I don't know.
- TJK: Oh, okay. But Henry [Ship? Schick?] was the one who sent for [inaudible] and [inaudible] sent for you and your brother.
- MF: Uh huh.
- HF: Ja. Ja.
- TJK: Okay, now what kind of work did you come to Rocky Ford to do? What kind of work?
- HF: Was lots of work.
- TJK: What kind?
- HF: In the factory, you know.
- TJK: Oh, the sugar beet factory?
- HF: Ja. Su...ja.
- TJK(?): My folks you know, he lay, he go out in...
- MF: ...work in the fields, housework...
- HF: In the fields, and stuff like that, you know.
- TJK: Yeah.
- HF: And then I, you know, I been alright, you know, on the ship, you know, you know. We was on the ship, you know, pretty near two months.
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- MF: It was 26th you left.
- TJK: In what year now? February 26<sup>th</sup>...
- MF: 26th, 19...

HF: 13.

MF: 13.

TJK: 13, that's when you, right before the World War, then.

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja.

TJK: Ja. You came.

HF: Ja. In the, left the 26th of February and the 19th April come right to Rocky Ford.

TJK: Now, where did you land in America? In New York?

HF: In uh, Baltimore.

TJK: Oh, in Baltimore, Maryland.

HF: Ja. Ja.

TJK: Maryland.

HF: Ja.

TJK: Now, when you left Galca, where did you go when you came to America? You left Galca, then where did you go?

MF: From Germany.

HF: To Germany?

TJK: I mean did you go to Saratov, from Galca?

HF: No. No. Me go right to Germany. Me go to the [inaudible] ship, you know.

TJK: Yeah. Where did you get on the train? Did you get on the train?

HF: Sure.

TJK: Where?

MF: Where at?

HF: In Galca.

TJK: Oh, they had a train depot.

HF: Oh, ja. Ja.

TJK: And then from Galca you went across Russia?

HF: Ja, across Russia.

TJK: Did you go through Poland?

HF: No. No. Me never had to go through the [inaudible]. Hum um, no. Me go around, I don't know what that when we stop you know, and you know, me had a kind of a bus...

TJK: Oh yeah, a passport, like...

MF: A passport.

HF: Ja. Ja. And me had that [Christian?] [and says uh?] he put that in you have to go to Germany for water, you know.

MF: Oh, that's [inaudible] uh, huh. [inaudible-multiple people talking]

TJK: Oh, I see.

HF: Water. You know the rest of the ticket cost \$25.00...

MF: \$75. \$75.

HF: No, \$25.

MF: \$25?

HF: (German)

MF: Five months old, their son, their baby, was five months old.

TJK: Oh. So, you and your brother and then your folks too, they...

HF: Sure, sure.

MF: His dad, his dad.

TJK: Your dad, not your...oh that's right.

MF: His mother, she died.

TJK: Your dad, you, your brother, who else? Is that all?

HF: And my wife and...

TJK: Oh, now when did you get married?

HF: I get married in '11.

MF: 1911.

TJK: In '11.

HF: In '11.

TJK: When you came back from the service?

MF: From the army. Yeah.

HF: Ja. Ja.

TJK: Did you have a big wedding?

HF: No.

TJK: No?

HF: Sure, no, see, my mother, he died, right before (German) and me had (German) the wedding.

TJK: Oh, I see.

HF: Ja. It was...

TJK: Oh, I see. Then you didn't have a dance or a wedding...

HF: No, no, no. Huh uh. My dad he said me whole uh, for neighbors and everything...

MF: Quiet way.

HF: Me good, me and no...

TJK: No dancing.

HF: No dancing. No, no. Huh uh, no.

MF: No.

TJK: Now, your village, did, now you had the Baptists, the Lutherans--did you have the Brooderschaft? The Breeder...?

HF: Ja. (German)

TJK: Ah, he was?

HF: (German)

MF: He had whiskers.

TJK: He was a Brooder then?

HF: Ja. Ja.

TJK: Now did you have the Dansbreeder? There?

HF: Na. (German)

TJK: You heard about the Dansbreeder?

HF: Ja. Oh, ja, ja, ja.

TJK: Had you heard about them

MF: Oh, yes, uh huh. Yeah, I heard about them.

HF: Lots of things in Galca.

TJK: Oh, okay. Now, what were the Dansbreeder like?

HF: Well, I don't know, I don't know.

TJK: Did they really dance?

HF: Ja. Ja.

MF: They were happy. Happy. In their singing, happy.

HF: Happy, you know. Singing, dance you know, they get around. They were happy.

MF: [inaudible]

TJK: Would they play music, or...?

HF: I don't know.

MF: They were good singers, that's what he told me.

TJK: Yeah. Did any of the Dansbreeder come to this area?

HF: No. Huh uh.

TJK: None of the Dansbreeder came to America?

HF: No, huh uh. I don't know. I don't know about that.

TJK: Yeah.

MF: Uh...talking about those people--did they live in Galca, those Turkeys, those Gageesa?

HF: Oh, the Gageesa? No, he come (German).

TJK: Yeah, when it was frozen.

MF: When it was frozen, uh huh.

HF: Frozen (German)

MF: They lived in the ground.

TJK: Oh?

HF: Ja. (German)

TJK: Oh, a cousin on the

HF: Ja. (German)

MF: They were sheep herders, see. [inaudible]

TJK: Ah, ja.

HF: Ja. (German)

MF: They were [inaudible] herd them [inaudible] stolen.

HF: Ja. Ja.

TJK: Now, did they look like the [inaudible]?

HF: Na. Na. (German)

MF: They had it wrapped up, you know, all the time.

TJK: (German)

HF: Na. Na. (German)

MF: Chinese.

TJK: The Chinese?

HF: Ja. (German)

TJK: Oh, they wouldn't?

HF: No, no, hum uh, no.

MF: Hum, um, no they put horse meat with...

HF: The horse meat, the meat was...

MF: No salt. No salt.

HF: When you got in Galca a horse and he broke a leg and (German)

MF: And they would get those horses, you know, like that, they'd buy them.

HF: And he, he buy them, ja.

MF: The horse meat was a lean meat. They let them [inaudible].

HF: Ja. He had the town too.

MF: Ja. Ja. But they wasn't what we would call them...

TJK: Well, just a...

MF: Colored people. Colored people, that way they'd live, you know.

TJK: Yeah.

HF: We had a town, however they never had, you know when they was on the horse, then it was all right However, [inaudible] no good.

MF: [Inaudible] no good.

TJK: Hmmm.

HF: He (German)

MF: They didn't have to go in the service.

TJK: Oh, no they didn't have to go.

HF: No, hum um. (German)

MF: They had their own uh...

TJK: Teeth?

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja.

TJK: Hmmm. They, did you have the Galmooka? Galmooka?

HF: Galmooka. [Inaudible] in the army.

TJK: In the army.

HF: Oh, ja. Is [inaudible] horserider, you know.

TJK: Oh.

HF: Horserider. [Inaudible].

MF: They were good riders.

HF: Good, good rider. (German)

TJK: Hmmm. Okay, now you had then in Galca, like I said the Lutherans, you had the Baptists--did you have any of the Salvater? The Salvater?

HF: Well, me had them Sappas...

TJK: No, you didn't have those in Galca?

HF: No, no, no.

TJK: Just the Lutherans and the Baptists? That was all? And the Brooderschaft.

HF: And we had Catholics.

TJK: And the Catholics. Yeah. the Katholisch.

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja. Ja.

TJK: Okay, those were the main ones you had.

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja.

TJK: Now, did the people in Galca, like I know in some of the other Delpher, they believe in the hexa. In Galca too?

HF: Oh, ja. Ja, [inaudible]. My wife, he had make a belief [inaudible-possibly speaking German]

MF: Neighbors. Old ladies, the old ladies.

HF: (German)

MF: Dad, tell him that you some people told you, won't have, that woman she supposed to be a superstitious, and your dad scold you, what you always said.

HF: Oh, ja. (German)

MF: That was some people who were superstitious you know, but bring up and [inaudible] only certain stuff like that, you (words run off page in original transcript, cannot be edited-MB)

TJK: What about that [inaudible], you know?

MF: Was that, uh, was that something [inaudible].

HF: Sure. That's what a [inaudible]

MF: Oh, that's right. But what that lady told you was that that man was so superstitious, and you, and that man told you to say that word all the time, and your dad got mad.

HF: Oh. That was (German)

MF: See, there's one lady thought that he was too young to work yet.

HF: Ja. I know. That was his mother, you know.

MF: Uh huh.

HF: And I...

MF: And they said that she...

HF: Father, he [inaudible]

MF: They told him to say a word all the time, then that hex wouldn't get him you know. Then when he got home and...

HF: No, I, that was on Saturday, he was, Dad, he put everything on the wagon, you know.

MF: His dad said, what are you saying that word for all the time? Then he said, well, that witch you know, going again, and he said stop bleeding, and everything like that (laughter).

TJK: Oh. Now what was that word you would say?

MF: (laughter) You wouldn't like it.

HF: (German)

MF: (laughter) And he said, well, said that word all the time.

HF: (German)

TJK: Ah. [inaudible-multiple people talking]

HF: I didn't know what that word means.

TJK: Oh. (laughter)

MF: I remember, my mama said there were some people...

HF: Oh, oh, oh.

TJK: Well, sure, that's what I've heard too. Some really believed in that.

HF: Oh yeah. And they got somebody in here, you know.

MF: They bought it then like, but that's all gone, but that was bad out there. Mama said it was awfully, you know, to some people I guess, you know.

TJK: Sure. Hum. Do you remember where they like put it out on the door, did you ever see them do that?

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja. Him, (German)

MF: I don't know what that word would be.

HF: You never had them around here.

MF: Would that be magpie or wasps?

HF: Ja.

TJK: Oh, like a swallow? Did it have a split tail?

HF: Yeah. I don't know what you call them.

MF: I think it was more like a magpie.

HF: [inaudible]

TJK: A magpie?

MF: A magpie. were they spotted like that, or not?

HF: I don't know.

TJK: Umm. They've got some color to them like that.

HF: (German)

MF: Uh huh, you know, just like that, that was to keep the witches away. You know like that. It would get them, hang them up, that would scare the, that way some people would do.

TJK: Oh, you mean they'd shoot those and hang them...and then they'd...oh. Hum.

MF: Uh huh.

HF: Me never believe on that.

TJK: Yeah. Hmmm.

HF: No. No, no.

TJK: Did you ever hear of a Hemosbrief, Hemosbrief, like where they said that it was a letter from heaven, that people would have it up in the house. Did you ever have that in Galca?

HF: No.

TJK: The Hemosbrief, and they also called that a Wunerbrief? No, you didn't have that in Galca?

HF: No, no, no.

MF: Never heard Dad say anything about [inaudible].

HF: We never had that.

MF: Talking about Siberia. There's another big river. Now what you call that river in Siberia, Dad? Where you said it froze, it was a floodless river, the Gals. He said that was.

HF: Bacall. Bacall. The river is in Bacallcome.

MF: It was big, bad, real bad, and he said it was full and it just would freeze. Warm nights. You know, like that.

HF: Ja. That was...then when everything slick down. About 40, all the time, about 45 and 40. You had to watch the nose you know and you go out.

TJK: Oh, yeah (laughter) I bet. How long when you left Siberia, when you were a soldier and you went back to Galca, how long did that take you to get back home? How many days?

HF: Me was...see, me have to...November...in November...(German), when we over there. I believe that was, anyway, about twenty-five days.

TJK: Ummm. A long time...

HF: Yeah, however, when you go home, you go right in the cattle car. You had some stove in there.

MF: Isn't that terrible?

HF: Ja.

TJK: Oh, my.

HF: Ja. And it was take about 40 days. Ja.

TJK: Hmmm. That long then?

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja.

TJK: Now, how long did it take from Russia to America? How long the trip?

HF: Well, from twenty six February we left Galca and we come Rocky Ford...

TJK: On when?  
MF: 19...  
HF: 19.  
MF: 1913 [inaudible].  
HF: 19 and 13.  
MF: Yeah.  
TJK: And what month?  
HF: Uh...  
MF: April the...  
HF: April. Pretty near two months.  
MF: April what, April the 16th?  
HF: 19th.  
MF: 19th.  
HF: Ja.  
TJK: April the 19th. Now, were there a lot of German people in Rocky Ford when you came?  
HF: Sure.  
TJK: When you came?  
HF: Sure, sure.  
TJK: There were already a lot of them?  
HF: However it was not from my [inaudible].  
MF: From Galca.  
TJK: Where were most of them from?  
HF: Most is from the Elsaser, and Shen.  
MF: Most were from Lowery, not...  
HF: From Lowery.  
TJK: From Lowery?  
HF: From Lowery. (German)  
TJK: Oh. How many were from the Batik side? Were there any...  
HF: No. From the Batik side, (German).  
TJK: The Insater, they were from Galca?  
HF: From Galca, and Mr. [Shane? Shim?]  
MF: That's Alex Dorf's grandpa.  
TJK: Oh, the Shims, they were from Galca?

MF: Right, right. Um hum.

HF: Ja. Ja.

TJK: There were only Galca people?

MF: There weren't very many of them.

TJK: Were there any people here from Driesfitz? None from Driesfitz?

HF: Not...nope, nope. No. Mr. Dasch, Alex's father, he had, they had in Galca...

MF: [Inaudible] he's living there.

TJK: Oh.

HF: They were from Schwotz.

TJK: From Schwotz?

HF: Ja. And Doberinga.

TJK: Oh, Alex's dad, he earned his living in Schwotz?

MF: Ja. No, he was a Schwoop.

HF: Ja. He was born there.

TJK: He was a Schwoop.

MF: He was born there in Schwoop, and he came over to Galca, you know...

TJK: To make his living in Galca.

MF: Uh huh.

TJK: But he was a Schwoop, originally.

MF: Right. Uh huh, right.

TJK: Okay, the Dorish's then, they come from Schwoop.

HF: Yeah.

TJK: Okay, then what about Holstein, any from Holstein?

HF: Huh uh.

TJK: None from Holstein? What about Doberinga?

HF: Doberinga [inaudible].

MF: Meyers, there was Meyers that...uh huh.

HF: Meyers, ja. However, they wanted to (German).

MF: My folks came from Galca lived in Kansas, Benhardt.

TJK: Benhardt.

HF: Benhardt, oh, Kloose.

MF: Um hum. They lived in Kansas, a lot of them. And Minnesota, you know like that.

TJK: Oh, yeah.

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja.

TJK: Hmm. But your family, you came straight to Rocky Ford.  
HF: Rocky Ford, ja.  
MF: And see, it was kind of the [inaudible].  
TJK: Yeah. Right. Now what about the Ehrlichs, where did the Ehrlichs come from?  
HF: They come from south, they come from Sharadgofka.  
MF: But Mollie came from Galca.  
TJK: Yeah, Mollie came from Galca. The Ehrlichs, they came from Sharadgofka.  
HF: Yeah.  
MF: Right.  
TJK: And that was Batik side.  
HF: Ja. Ja. Ja. See, one was the Batik side, me (German).  
MF: You know, they take your body, you know, what they call...see, that's why my folks had to stay in Germany. [Inaudible] two brothers had something which they thought...  
TJK: Glaucoma, probably, bad eyes.  
MF: Yeah, they had to spend 10 days in there.  
HF: Ja, and you know, they had little money left, you know, and he wanted that money.  
TJK: Yeah, that was what they were after.  
MF: [inaudible]  
TJK: Huh. Did any of the people in your village go to South America?  
HF: Ja.  
TJK: Did they?  
HF: Oh ja, lots of...  
MF: Well, Mama's cousin, they went to Kans...no, her sister went to Canada.  
TJK: To Canada? [inaudible-several people talking]  
TJK: Oh, you had lots of cousins, where are they at in Canada?  
MF: Uh, got a cousin right now lives in Dawson Creek, British Columbia.  
TJK: British Columbia.  
MF: And then Saskatchewan.  
TJK: Yeah.  
MF: ...Alberta. Yeah.  
TJK: And they went up there real early then.  
MF: Yeah. [inaudible]  
HF: Ja. Ja. Ja.

TJK: Were they ever in Rocky Ford?  
MF: No.  
HF: No, no, no.  
TJK: Oh, they went from Russia to Canada?  
HF: He was from Canada, you know me had a Frank, me was uh, right (German).  
MF: Canada.  
HF: Canada. (German)  
MF: Oh, they went over.  
HF: Right over there.  
MF: They just got out in time.  
HF: (German)  
TJK: Yes, oh yeah.  
MF: You get the Wunsch's, you know [inaudible] Wunsch, he's a senator?  
TJK: Yeah.  
MF: They just got over here, they just got...  
TJK: Well, where did the Wunsch's come from?  
MF: From Galca.  
TJK: They're from Galca too?  
MF: Um hum.  
HF: Ja.  
TJK: Now, Henry is still living isn't he?  
MF: Um hum.  
HF: Ja.  
TJK: Henry is Chris's father?  
HF: Ja.  
MF: Brother, brother, brother, brother.  
TJK: Oh. How old is Henry then?  
MF: He's 7 years younger than you are?  
HF: He's 9 years younger than I...  
MF: 9. 9. Then he'd be about--see he's 90 years old--he would be about 80--3 years old.  
TJK: 83?  
MF: Um hum. 83.  
TJK: Okay, because I was thinking of maybe talking to him too. Does he remember anything from the Old Country?

MF: Oh, I think Henry should remember.  
HF: No, not much.  
MF: You don't think so? I think...  
HF: He goes to Canada too, you know.  
MF: Yeah, him--he went to Canada.  
TJK: Oh, did he?  
MF: Well, he would know probably some.  
TJK: Yeah.  
HF: Oh, ja.  
TJK: Hmmm. Did you have any people here from Schilling? None from Schilling? What about Frank?  
HF: Frank. Ach, [inaudible] from Frank.  
TJK: No? Balzer?  
HF: Balzer, huh uh, no.  
TJK: Hmmm. But the Weisensite, ja...the Bulkets and Lowery.  
HF: From Lowery and Bulkets, and [inaudible].  
MF: Low.  
HF: Low, ja.  
TJK: Low, and Warrenburg?  
HF: No. No.  
TJK; None from Warrenburg?  
MF: No.  
HF: No.  
MF: When they came to uh, that would be New York, and they seen all those colored people, they...  
TJK: Oh, yeah, in Baltimore. You'd never seen any before had you?  
MF: No.  
HF: Yeah. Me never been out of ship you know.  
TJK: What did you think then when you first saw...  
HF: Ohhh, uh, then me had uh, niggers like them, big you know.  
TJK: Yeah.  
HF: Then me had, then everybody was running away.  
MF: [inaudible] would run away.  
TJK: Oh, they were scared?

HF: Oh, ja. Me never had no, no, no...

MF: We said that was the shock find [?] when they got there.

HF: No, no...

TJK: Oh, I bet.

HF: No...Mexicanos.

MF: They couldn't even eat, you know--kind of scared them [inaudible] food.

TJK: Oh, sure, sure.

HF: You know, me was right to Kansas City, you know, and they had a restaurant in there you know...[inaudible] I can no eat. (German)

TJK: Ja. Ja. That would be hard.

HF: You know that was for ever, ever see a nigger...

TJK: Well no, not in Russland, no.

MF: See, and Dad said when they came to Rocky Ford...

HF: No, no, no...

MF: ...they bake a cake and had all, and they were hungry for their own food.

TJK: Sure.

MF: That was hard too, it was kind of like that.

TJK: Now, how long did that take you, you were in Baltimore, how long did that take you on the train to come to Rocky Ford?

HF: Well, is (German).

TJK: Yeah, but how about...

HF: Ja, well, (German) me never could talk you know, however (German).

MF: For 10 days see, he had to live...

HF: Ja.

MF: ...over there you know.

TJK: Until they sent that telegram and sent some money.

MF: Well and see, they sent some money, you know when they tried to stay over in Germany 10 days that took living there you know.

TJK: Sure.

MF: And housing, you know, and then they ran out of money, you know, like that...

TJK: Sure, and then he sent it by telegram then.

MF: Um hum.

HF: Ja. (German) what kind of a day that, me sent (German).

MF: They took him on the car [inaudible].

HF: Across the river, you know, and Kansas City, Kansas was right there. From there on (German).

MF: My grandpa, he wondered what kind of people that was, ate tobacco, see they didn't chew no tobacco.

TJK: Yeah, right. (laughter) That surprised him.

MF: [inaudible] tobacco.

HF: (German) (laughter)

MF: (laughter) [inaudible]

TJK: Now, when they came to Rocky Ford, you said there were already a lot of German people...

HF: Sure, sure.

TJK: Were they working in the beet fields?

HF: Most of them were farmers, you know.

TJK: Farmers?

MF: Farm work, at that time there was no beets here, when they came in April, you know.

TJK: Oh, I see. Right, right.

MF: Ditches you know, and all that stuff you know.

TJK: Did you work in the beets later on though?

MF: Oh yeah.

HF: No, no. No. I work in there you know.

MF: In the factory.

HF: In the factory. I told my wife I, I, see me forum [?] all the time in the Old Country. I not used to that. You know, about that time you have to unload the rocks and [inaudible].

MF: [inaudible]

HF: Never had that (German).

TJK: Why, sure.

HF: And so me have to go on the farm. Alright, he said, alright. No. I split sometimes like...

MF: Rocks [inaudible] you know.

HF: Ja.

TJK: That wasn't good for the health.

HF: No, no, no. Then me move right out...

MF: [inaudible] Alex Dorf's.

TJK: Oh, now when, how long were you in Rocky Ford then? How long?  
HF: Pretty near five years.  
TJK: Five years. Then you moved from Rocky Ford to La Junta?  
HF: To La Junta.  
TJK: Right out here.  
HF: Right out here.  
TJK: Now was that all German people out where you lived?  
HF: No.  
MF: They were all German people there.  
TJK: Because that German church was there. And that cemetery.  
HF: Oh, ja. Ja, ja.  
MF: I think Mr. Elliott was the only, and Masters, was the only...  
HF: No, the Masters was later on.  
MF: There weren't there yet, but the rest were all...  
TJK: But that was all Germans. Because someone told me they call it Rooshun Row. Is that right?  
HF: Ja. Ja.  
MF: Uh huh.  
TJK: So that's what that was? Hmmm. So, that must have been all of our German people were there then?  
MF: Uh huh, right.  
HF: Ja, ja, ja.  
TJK: Hmmm.  
HF: I, the old men who live...  
MF: He's the only one that's living yet.  
TJK: Of all the older ones, you're the only one?  
HF: Ja, ja.  
MF: Uh huh.  
HF: Mr. Unsch died.  
MF: [inaudible]  
HF: Mr. Sly.  
MF: Lois Miller.  
HF: Doersch, and Mrs. Doersch, and oh, the rest of them...  
MF: Schwitzer.

HF: And Schwitzer.

TJK: They're all gone?

MF: Brensburgers.

HF: [inaudible] Volga[?] all gone[?].

TJK: And all those stories are gone.

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TJK: That was the German [church?]

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja.

MF: [inaudible] church.

HF: [inaudible] I have to find out.

TJK: Did they build that when you were over here?

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja.

TJK: Oh, did they?

HF: Ja. Ja.

MF: [inaudible]

HF: Ja. I was, in 18...

MF: 1918.

HF: In 1918 I (German)

MF: The old church here. They had church in the school.

HF: He was still in '25.

TJK: In '25?

MF: 1925.

HF: In '25.

TJK: Now was there a school out there too?

MF: Yeah, there was...

TJK: A German school?

MF: No, American.

HF: No, no, no.

TJK: Oh, American? There was never a German school?

HF: No.

MF: They just had their Sunday School and church in school, didn't they?

HF: Oh, ja.

MF: That's where they had there. Uh huh.

TJK: That cemetery was never very big then?

MF: No.

TJK: Because I went in there there were only a few graves.

HF: No, he [inaudible] he move everything.

MF: They moved the...course that was a big mistake, when we're living close to town, have a cemetery, you know like that.

HF: Yeah.

TJK: When was the church torn down.

MF: Oh, that church now...

TJK: Has that been gone a long time?

MF: I would say....

TJK: How long the church....

MF: In the fifties, wouldn't you, cause...

TJK: I n the fifties it was taken down?

MF: See [inaudible] we moved in here in 19...I think...

HF: No...(German)

MF: I think...Alex Dorf would probably know that better, we would of gone to Rocky Ford first, you know, when we...

HF: (German) Barr, his name...

TJK: Barr?

HF: Barr. He was a preacher, right here. I was going about that time to Rocky Ford. To that (German)

MF: Rocky Ford. Talk American. Can you understand him?

TJK: A little bit. Yeah, yeah.

MF: Talk to him in American, Dad.

HF: (German)

MF: Want to know why.

HF: (German)

MF: They put him on the cemetery. Here they had to go take care of the cemetery, that's what my dad was waiting for.

HF: Ja. (German), that preacher (German), Mr. Frank. (German)

MF: Have a church [inaudible].

HF: Everybody got a car, and he can, and you drive it to Rocky Ford. Ja. Well, we like that you know. [inaudible] I take that cemetery by sight, you know. Me had

[inaudible] Mr. [inaudible] who was our neighbor, he said. Then we had a meeting and then you can come right over, right over there. Well. [inaudible] (German)

MF: You know, you move away, you know, taking care of...

HF: Ja. Sure.

TJK: Sure, that's hard then.

HF: (German)

MF: There was about three or four [inaudible] in there, all moved to town.

HF: (German)

TJK: But there's still a few there yet now. Yeah.

MF: That's what they say, I just don't know.

TJK: There are about three or four I think out there yet, it looks like.

MF: Four, uh huh.

HF: Well, some kids, you know, and English was over there [inaudible], I don't know what...

MF: Yeah, like Frank Wyler, somebody like that, uh huh.

TJK: Now in the early years was there much trouble, like the Englisha? Was there much trouble, or not?

MF: Nooo.

TJK: No, there wasn't much trouble?

HF: No, huh uh. No.

MF: No...

HF: No, there...

MF: ...there were good...

HF: ...good...

TJK: Good, really?

MF: My brother that was [tickled?], this Wagner, he laid an inlaid linoleum, you know. He said, I sure love to visit with your dad. He said, I get tickled at your dad. He said, now he couldn't do it 'cause can't trust some people. Those days the people were good.

TJK: Ah.

MF: Yeah. You know, help them out.

TJK: Sure. Sure.

MF: The banker, and all of them, they help them out.

TJK: Yeah.

MF: Really. Uh huh.

TJK: Hmm. They did and that's...

MF: They did. They did.

TJK: What about like World War I, was there any trouble then?

HF: No.

TJK: Like could you still speak German during World War I?

HF: No, no, huh uh. Uh, yes...

MF: Well, I think we were, I don't think my folks and other people were quite like the Mexicans are taking us over now.

TJK: Yeah.

MF: They just stand and get in a bunch, you know.

TJK: Yeah.

MF: I don't think they were like that. I think they're, you know, they just...

HF: Well, me could not...three, four together, you know...

MF: Oh, [all?] go, they didn't go, you know...

TJK: Oh, you couldn't do that?

HF: No, no, no.

MF: They didn't, you know, they just used their own judgement, they didn't do that, you know.

TJK: Sure. Sure.

MF: You know, like that.

HF: (German)

MF: They still had their [churches?]and everything, you know.

TJK: Oh, you still had...

HF: Oh ja, ja.

MF: There was no [inaudible].

TJK: About like no one was beat up though? For being German?

MF: Hum um. Nobody ever got beat up. Huh uh.

HF: No, no, no.

TJK: Well, okay.

HF: No, no, no.

TJK: Because in other areas in Colorado that did happen. See.

MF: Yeah. Well, I think it's the way people, you know, behaved theirself, like that. That's what I would say, you know.

TJK: Sure. Hmmm. Now was there ever a part of LaJunta that was all German Russian?  
Was that that area, that one out by Dor...

MF: Yeah, I think that was...

TJK: That was the area there?

MF: The Germans, Russian people.

TJK: There wasn't any little Roozaeck here...

MF: No.

TJK: ... in LaJunta? No?

MF: No, there was no Roozaeck, I don't know (laughter) I never heard of any, I don't know.

TJK: Yeah. Okay. Hmmm.

MF: No. Huh uh. No. No, we got along...

HF: Me was satisfied. Me was satisfied right now.

TJK: Yeah.

HF: I was everything...got changed.

TJK: Oh? Why, sure.

HF: Yeah, everything got changed. Yeah.

TJK: Yeah. What was the secret that they, like, like the German people, they manage to really pull themselves up, most of them, like they've got farms, and...

MF: We...

TJK: How did they do that? Was that just through their own work?

MF: Their own work, I think. I would say. And managing. You know, managing now...

HF: Managing, that's what...

TJK: The managing, huh?

MF: [inaudible]

HF: You know, everybody was in the old pension, I never been in the old...

MF: Used to live on the social security. Your own.

TJK: Really? Hmmm.

HF: Ja.

MF: Well, we had people right here who had good education, if this old age pension wouldn't come in here they'd been starved. Was God's blessing, that it came in.

TJK: Sure.

MF: They had good education. Just like somebody say, that's good to have in any case, but you got to know how to manage too.

TJK: That's right.

MF: And I got, we got a good managing. I mean when it comes to eating and all that stuff, that's [inaudible], you know, but not wasting, but like, you know, it takes managing. It doesn't come on how much you get in and...

TJK: Yeah, so it's all a question of good management.

MF: [inaudible]

HF: I been satisfied with my house and everything, you know. (laughter)

TJK: Well, that is good. That is good.

HF: Ja. Ja. Ja.

TJK: I wanted to ask yet, now, okay, our German Russian people, did a lot of them stay in Rocky Ford? Are there still a lot of them there today, or not?

MF: A lot of them moved away too.

HF: No.

TJK: But a lot of them went?

MF: That we know, that we know, of Dad's age, they're gone. [inaudible] See, he's got a brother living yet...

TJK: Oh, are they?

HF: Is all gone.

MF: Rocky Ford.

TJK: Oh, you have a brother there?

MF: He's 78.

TJK: Is that Henry?

MF: No.

HF: No. George.

TJK: George. George.

MF: [inaudible] How old is he, 78?

HF: I believe he's...ja. Ja.

MF: He's 12 years younger, 12 years younger, he's got to be [inaudible].

HF: Ja. Ja.

TJK: He lives in Rocky Ford?

MF: Ford. Uh huh.

TJK: But are, do, are people there, do they live in one group, or not?

MF: No, they're spread out.

TJK: Oh, they're all on the farms and everything?

MF: Farms, and retired, and...

TJK: Now, in Rocky Ford, where do they come from, mostly.

MF: Well, mostly from Low Lowery

HF: Low, Lowery...

TJK: From the Weisensite again?

MF: Graska, or I don't know, like that you know.

TJK: Oh, there are some Graskas there?

HF: Na. Na.

MF: There's Mr. Brenscov.

HF: Ja, that was...however, there...

MF: He came to Galca though.

TJK: Oh. Oh, from Graska to Galca.

MF: That's where he met his wife. There.

TJK: Ah.

HF: Ja. He met his wife. He land...

MF: [inaudible] he was a blacksmith.

HF: ...make...shop, you know.

TJK: Oh, okay. What about Ordway, where are those people from in Ordway? Sugar City, there. The same places?

MF: The same, like uh...

TJK: From Lowery?

MF: Uh huh. From Lowery. To Sugar City, like. Krasnik.

HF: Some, some of them was from Doberinga.

TJK: Doberinga, some?

HF: Yeah.

TJK: Like the Grasniks? Where are the Grasniks...

HF: Uh huh, the Grasniks come from the Weisensite.

TJK: Oh, from the Weisensite?

HF: Ja.

MF: Um hmmm.

HF: Me never know them, you know.

TJK: Yeah, and the Geringers?

HF: Geringers. From the Weisensite.

TJK: From the Weisensite too?

MF: Um hmmm.

HF: Ja. Ja.

TJK: Okay.

HF: Me know them old people, you know.

MF: ...from Rocky Ford.

TJK: Well, I know that you know John, John from Pueblo.

MF: John who?

TJK: Geringer. Who married Anna Marie, I think, or Christa Marie? She was a, she was a Geringer too. And he married a Geringer.

MF: Oh, oh, see, that was that, and her dad lived to be ninety years old?

TJK: Yeah. Yeah.

MF: That, they call him, he used to a little blacksmith work.

TJK: Yeah. I stayed with him [them?] in Pueblo a few days ago.

MF: Oh. Ohhh, yeah.

TJK: Oh, because see, he died, John did, but then she's still alive.

MF: Yeah, she's still living.

HF: Ja. Ja.

TJK: Yeah, she remembers a lot, yeah.

MF: She's a common gal.

TJK: Yeah.

MF: Just real common.

TJK: She's a real good person.

MF: Yeah...person...uh, huh.

TJK: But, now, did many of the people from Rocky Ford go to Pueblo, or not?

MF: Well, mainly just went here, I would say, like people that work at the ordinance, you know, maybe when they started [get their cars?], driving like they've got their home in Pueblo.

TJK: Oh, I see.

MF: [inaudible]

TJK: Now what about at Swink? Where do those people come from? Are they the same bunch again?

MF: Well, there's not very many German people in Swink.

TJK: In Swink?

HF: No.

MF: Right there. There used to be some, [inaudible] they're all dead.

HF: No, no, no.

MF: George, George, where did they come from? They're Germany people.

HF: Oh, ja. George Squash?

MF: They're Germany.

HF: Ja. Ja.

TJK: Oh, they're from Germany then?

MF: [Uh huh, from...?]

HF: Ja. He's born over here.

MF: His dad was from Germany.

HF: However, his folks coming from Germany.

TJK: Oh, from Germany.

MF: Yeah. Uh huh. They were real, their folks, they were real closed business. You know, like that.

TJK: Yeah.

MF: [inaudible] them Swink, then there were Ray Fooz, they were from Germany.

TJK: Fooz? They were from Germany?

MF: Yeah. Uh huh.

TJK: Now what about going this way? Are there any uh, like Holly and Wylie, are there any of our people there?

MF: Yes, there's some in Wylie, from Uppergotensylingers, now where are they all from?

TJK: Schylingers?

HF: Well, uh....

MF: See, my uncle was married to a Schylinger. You know he had a wife.

TJK: Yeah.

MF: She was a Schylinger. I don't know where they were from.

TJK: They were out of Russland, though?

HF: Ja. Ja.

MF: Yeah, they were from the Russia.

HF: I don't know...it was a...

MF: [inaudible] Marie Schneider lived down there, where was Marie Schneider from?

HF: I don't know.

MF: They were you know, they lived on...

HF: I don't know.

TJK: Weisensite, or...?

HF: Na. I don't know, me think he come out from the Weisensite.

TJK: Weisensite.

MF: So they think like they, see we got, see, when my cousin died, and he, his mother was a Flygen, she was dead already...

TJK: Um hmm.

MF: So they were all at the funeral, that was biggest funeral I ever...I counted and I counted, and I came up to 300 and I quit counting. They just, I mean those people, out in the countries like that, they come to the funerals, you know.

TJK: Now what funeral was this?

MF: That was my cousin, in 19...70.

TJK: 1970?

MF: Harry, Uh huh. He died, he was 47 years old, and that was October.

TJK: Ohhh.

MF [inaudible] had it on Saturday morning. I tell you, you know, I told that funeral taker, I said, well, we are with the family, but we can't, if there's too many. He said, I don't know where I'm going to put the people, and all that. You know, like that. And they were all up here. The families, you know. Second and third cousi...that's where we got to see them all, you know.

TJK: Ohhh. I see.

MF: You know, like that, uh huh.

TJK: Hmmm. Well, no, that's nice.

MF: The springs, I mean is [a death ?], but was a big reunion. [inaudible] I mean like that, uh huh.

TJK: Oh yeah, when all these people get together like that, uh huh.

HF: Oh, ja.

TJK: Did any of the, like in the thirties, in the depression, when the people left, where did they go, did they go up north, or south...?

HF: I, me never had none depression.

MF: Yeah. Dad, Sugar City, you said lot of them went up there...to...

HF: Ja. Ja.

MF: Sterling and...

TJK: Oh, Sterling...in that area?

MF: [inaudible-HF saying "Ja, ja, ja]...Fort Morgan...

TJK: Fort Morgan--Brush and that area?

MF: And Brush, yeah, there's a lot of them went...I read piece in the paper and then Alex Dorf's sister, Mollie...Brush told me that, she said, get, get, getting together more like have a you know, uh, keeping this German...

TJK: That's right. Yeah.

MF: Russia. Now she's the one who told me about it.

TJK: Yeah.

MF: She seen me in the paper that anybody that knows a lot of Brush's to write to them and they like to...

TJK: That's right, yeah, I belong to that now, see.

MF: Ohhhh.

TJK: And that is wonderful, that is. Because uh...

MF: She's the one who told me about it.

TJK: Oh, yeah, yeah.

MF: Uh huh.

TJK: But see, that's going on in Denver, and Fort Collins, and uh, all over the northern Colorado.

MF: Well, that's what it gets me you know like where I work at the Western Food Company...

TJK: Uh huh.

MF: Mexicans just coming in, and they just stand and jaber and jaber. Why do they take it everywhere? Why don't we keep our stuff up like that?

TJK: That's right. That's right. It is.

MF: It's all silliness, you know, like that.

TJK: Sure, sure, we should you know, because there's...

MF: We should.

TJK: ...nothing to be ashamed of.

MF: No, there nothing-and I never was ashamed.

TJK: That's good. That's good.

MF: That's right, that part, I never was ashamed. Huh uh.

TJK: Nope. Nope. We have nothing to be ashamed of.

MF: Huh uh. You know my mother died. We went to the Methodist church at that time, because she couldn't...we had Reverend Miller, he lives in Denver now, he was, he's crippled, and he came out here and he said I would like to...see, he came out here, he

gave her communion in German you know, and everything like that. So he said, I'd like to say a few words in German. I said, well, Rev. Miller, if it's alright with the congregation. He said, they are against it, that's all. That's all. I wouldn't care. He said, I wouldn't care. But he said the Lord's Prayer in German...

TJK: Ah.

MF: And oh, them people say, wasn't that nice? So, [inaudible] be nice. What's to get mad about that then? We thought was real nice.

TJK: Sure.

MF: See.

TJK: You bet.

MF: Uh huh.

HF: Yeah.

MF: And all our good songs are [words?] from German.

TJK: Exactly. And they sound so much nicer in the German, too.

MF: Oh yes, uh huh.

TJK: You bet.

MF: Uh huh.

TJK: You bet.

MF: Uh huh, right, uh huh.

TJK: That reminds me, do you want to sing Godeseeleibay. Can you? And I can...

HF: Ja.

MF: (laughter) Where's the song book at?

TJK: Okay.

MF: (laughter)

TJK; Then I'll listen, I want to hear it, that's such a beautiful hymn.

MF: We don't know it by heart.

TJK: Yeah. Do you sing German much, or...?

MF: Oh, him and Mama...

HF: Well, we sing, me and mama sang it lot...

TJK: Oh, really?

HF: Ja.

MF: Oh, they were good singers. Then when she went on, it just seem like his heart breaking a little more, like that.

HF: However....

TJK: Why sure, yeah.

MF: Let's go sing, but, this verse and that verse. Have you got enough room for three verses?

HF: Ja.

TJK: Oh yeah, I think...

MF: Okay...

Marie and Henry Frank sing hymn in German

TJK: (clapping) Ahh...

GAP IN TAPE

TJK: Before I left the Frank residence, Marie showed me a framed picture of a brother who was killed in France during World War II in July of 1945. She told me that her father had dreamt about this tragedy shortly before it occurred. Marie indicated it was very ironic because Mr. Frank had left Russia in the hope that he and his loved ones would never again have to face the sorrows of war and separation.

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