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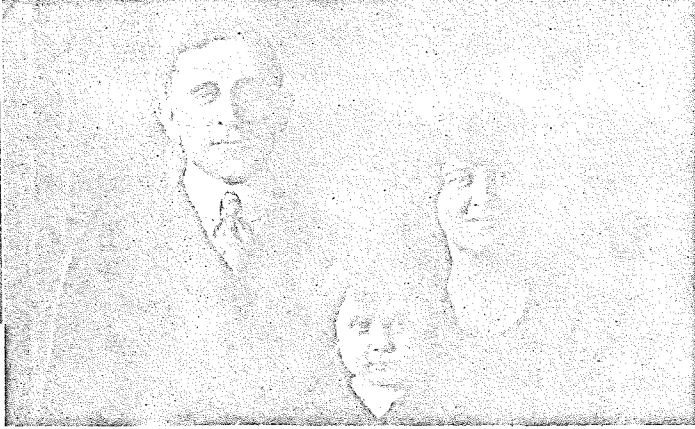


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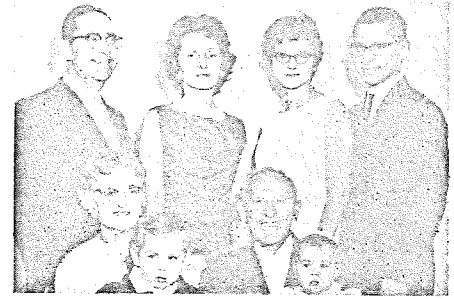
*From: Watford City, Golden Jubilee, Watford City, N. D. 50 years of Progress, 1914-1964.*



The Charles Losks and Son, Leonard

most active of their lives. They enjoyed living among the fine people of Watford City.

In 1963 they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They now live in Burlingame, California.



Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

### THE HISTORY OF THE LOSK BROTHERS

They came to McKenzie County in the spring of 1906—Moses Losk and family, Joseph Losk, Charles Losk, Jacob Losk, and sister Ann and husband Ben Goldman, and their family. They all took up homesteads in the Bull Flat Territory.

In 1914 when the railroad was extended to Watford City, Charles and Rose Losk, newlyweds, and brother Jacob moved into Watford City and opened a clothing store. Later Moses also moved into Watford City and operated the Economy Store. Brother Joseph opened a store in nearby Arnegard, and the Goldmans moved to Sidney, Montana.

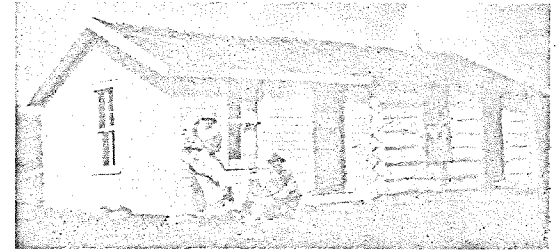
In 1922 they built the fire-proof building on main street of Watford City and consolidated the three stores into one and called it The Losk Brothers Golden Rule. Moses and family moved to Los Angeles in 1924. The Goldmans soon followed them west with their children. In 1933 the Joseph Losks moved to Seattle, Wash., with their children. They were followed in 1940 by Jacob and his family, who moved to Butte, Montana.

This left the Charles Losks. They continued to operate the store in Watford City. All of their children attended and graduated from the Watford City Schools and went on to the Universities of N. D. and Minn.

The Losk and Goldman families took an active part in all the community and city affairs. Charles served as chairman of the town board of aldermen, as mayor, president of the Association of Commerce, and during World War I, was appointed chairman of McKenzie Co. Council of Defense, by Gov. Frazer. He served as Past Master of Fort Union Masonic Lodge, Noble Grand of the Schafer Lodge of Odd Fellows. The Watford City waterworks and sewer system were put in during the period of his chairmanship of the aldermen. Rose was active in the Eastern Star and Rebekka Lodges, and served as president of the Woman's Club.

Leonard lives in Portland, Oregon; Walter in New York; Rene, now Mrs. Samuel Nerenberg in Millbrae, Calif., and Harry in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Their forty-two years in McKenzie Co. and thirty-four years in Watford City were the happiest and



Emil Degerness' Homestead Log House

### EMIL M. DEGERNESS

Emil came to Twin Valley Township in McKenzie Co. from Gary, Minn., Nov. 17, 1910, and secured a homestead north of the Banks post office in 1912. He stayed part of the time with a sister, Mrs. M. B. Aasen, and family until he built his homestead shack. He worked part of the time for neighbors but mostly on steam engines, during threshing time and also breaking sod, in the spring.

On June 6, 1914, he married Anna Wold, who had come to N.D. with her parents, in 1910. They were married by the Rev. O. S. Holt at the bride's home. There were few buggies and no cars at that time, so the wedding trip was made to Ray, N. D., with a team and wagon. There they spent 3 days enjoying a circus, and having wedding pictures taken. They also brought home some furniture and household goods that had been ordered from Sears Roebuck.

To this union were born four boys—Howard, of Roseau, Minn.; Oliver M., of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Ervin, of Portland, Oregon. Arnold Degerness was born in 1922 and died in 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. Degerness lived on the homestead until 1953, when they sold the farm and built a home in Watford City, and are now semi-retired. Mr. Degerness is presently serving as a county commissioner from this district.

11. PIONEERS' DAY: In Utah.

12. COLORADO DAY: In

ST. 16. RENNINGTON BATTLE

CAMBER (First Monday). LAJOR

In all the States and Territories except

and the Philippines.

17. LAFAYETTE DAY: In

anniversary of the First Battle of

is not a legal holiday, but is celebrated

back and ten other States.

18. ADMISSION DAY: In

19. "OLD DEFENDERS"

In Baltimore, Md.

20. MISSOURI DAY: In that

21. COLUMBUS DAY: In

Calif., Colo., Conn., Del., Fla.,

Ind., Kans., Ky., La., Me., N. H.,

Mass., Mich., Minn., Mo., N. C.,

N. D., N. Y., Ohio, Pa., S. C.,

Tenn., Va., Wash., W. Va., also in

notes on judicial proceedings.

22. FRATERNAL DAY:

23. ALASKA DAY: In Alaska

24. ADMISSION DAY: In

25. GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday after 1st Monday. In

and Territory except Alaska, Del.,

Ill., Miss., N. C., Ohio, Philap-

26. In Illinois it is a legal holiday in

St. Louis, Gallegburg,

Cairo and Rockford. In Ohio it is a

27. In Maine it is a legal holiday

to the courts, which also close on the

28. (biennially, 2nd Monday

29. ARMISTICE DAY: In Ala.,

Calif., Colo., Fla., Ill., Iowa, La.,

Mo., Mont., Neb., N. J., N. C.,

Pa., S. C., S. Dak., Tenn., Tex., Va.,

and Hawaii. In other States by Gov-

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Thursday, January 1, 1948

1st Day—365 days to follow

CLEAR	CLOUDY
RAIN	SNOW

ON THE OCCASION WHEN CERTAIN EUROPEAN POWERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN PUT A COMBINED MILITARY FORCE INTO CHINA IN 1900 TO RESTRAIN THE BOXERS FROM ATTACKING FOREIGNERS AND THE FOREIGN LEGATIONS. OCCIDENTALS HAD A CHANCE TO APPRECIATE HOW MUCH PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN WESTERNIZATION IN THE SHORT COURSE OF ONE GENERATION. GERMANY HAD TRAINED JAPAN'S ARMY; GREAT BRITAIN HER NAVY. HER OWN RESOURCES OF IRON, COAL AND LABOR HAD BEEN SUFFICIENT TO GIVE HER AN IMPETUS TOWARD INDUSTRIALISM. GREAT BRITAIN WAS THE FIRST OF THE GREAT POWERS TO PAY ANY ATTENTION TO JAPAN'S RISING POSITION. THE TWO COUNTRIES MADE A TREATY IN 1902. REVISED IN 1905—AND IN 1911 WHICH SUPPORTED JAPAN'S POSITION IN THE EAST AND ENGLAND'S HOLD ON INDIA. —THE RUSSO JAPANESE WAR— JAPAN HAD BEATEN CHINA IN 1894 AND THEY HAD SEEN RUSSIAN COLONISTS ENTER AND TAKE POSSESSION OF THE COUNTRY SNEAK

Friday, January 2, 1948

2nd Day—364 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
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SNOW

CONQUERED. JAPAN DEMANDED THAT THE  
 NAVYERS SHOULD GIVE A DEFINITE DATE  
 FOR WITHDRAWAL. AND WHEN THIS WAS REFUSED  
 SHE INITIATED HOSTILITIES IN FEB. 1904  
 RUSSIA HAD AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF  
 MEN BUT THEY HAD TO BE TRANSPORTED  
 500 MILES OVER A ONE-TRACK RAILWAY.  
 AND THE SUPPLY SERVICE WAS BOTH INADEQUATE  
 AND CORRUPT.

THE JAPANESE ARMY WAS READY.  
 WELL TRAINED AND WELL SUPPLIED  
 THE RUSSIANS HAD FORTIFIED PORT ARTHUR  
 AT THE TIP OF LIAOTANG PENINSULA AND  
 HAD FILLED THE PENINSULA WITH TROOPS  
 WHICH THE JAPANESE DEFEATED BOTH  
 IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE DISTRICT.  
 SEVERAL SEVERE BATTLES TO THE NORTH  
 OF THE PENINSULA WERE WON BY  
 MARSHAL OYAMA. THAT IN THE  
 BATTLE OF MACKEN INVOLVING A  
 GREAT NUMBER OF SOLDIERS ON BOTH  
 SIDES. PORT ARTHUR WAS BESIEGED  
 AND THE JAPANESE BEGAN TO FALL

Saturday, January 3, 1948

3rd Day—363 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
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SNOW

TO GENERAL NOGI ON JAN. 2-1905.  
 TWO RUSSIAN FLEETS WERE PRACTICALLY  
 ANNIHILATED ON AUG 10TH. AND ~~ON~~ <sup>1904</sup> AUGUST 11TH  
 AND A THIRD ON MAY 27, 1905 IN BATTLES  
 WHICH PUT ADMIRAL TOGO'S NAME ON THE  
 LIST OF GREAT SEA FIGHTERS.  
 BY THE TREATY OF PORTSMOUTH, U.S.A.  
 DEC. 22, 1905. NATIVE RIGHTS IN MANCHURIA  
 WERE UPHOLD. KOREA PART OF THE  
 ISLAND OF SAGHALIEN, AND THE LIAO-TANG  
 PENINSULA WITH PORT ARTHUR WERE TO  
 BE HELD BY JAPAN. WHILE RUSSIA  
 PAID NO CASH INDEMNITY. SHE EMERGED  
 WITH BADLY SHATTERED PRESTIGE  
 AND INFLUENCE IN THE FAR EAST.

WHEN THE NEWS REACHED ODESSA  
 RUSSIA ON AUGUST 11TH 1904 EVERYBODY  
 WAS UPSET OF THE SNEAKY ATTACK.  
 MADE ON THE RUSSIAN FLEET. RUSSIA  
 IMMEDIATELY ORDERED FULL MOBILIZATION  
 AND ALL RESERVES FROM 1870-85

Sunday, January 4, 1948

4th Day—362 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

WERE CALLED TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY  
MEN WERE POURING FROM EVERY  
DIRECTION IN ANSWER TO THE CALL.  
RUSSIA WAS UNPREPARED. AND IT  
TOOK MANY MONTHS BEFORE THEY  
COULD MOBILISE AND OUTFIT  
AN ENTIRE ARMY. TRANSPORTATION  
WAS RUSSIA'S MAIN PROBLEM  
THAT ONLY HAD ONE SINGLE ROAD  
ACROSS THE LONG SIBERIAN TERRITORY  
WHICH IS VERY SPARSLY SETTLED  
THAT DONE THE BEST THAT COULD  
UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.  
THEY LOADED EVERYTHING THAT COULD  
ON ANYTHING THAT HAD WHEELS  
ON IT AND STARTED IT OFF TOWARD  
THE NORTH. EVERY VILLAGE  
EVERY TOWN WAS FULL OF SOLDIERS  
WAITING FOR ORDERS TO MOVE ON.  
AS A YOUNG PATRIOTIC CITIZEN  
I WATCHED THESE MEN GETTING  
ENLISTED INTO THE ARMY

Monday, January 5, 1948

5th Day—361 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

WISHING MANY TIMES I WAS OLD  
ENOUGH TO JOIN ALL THESE FORCES  
TO BE ABLE TO DO MY LITTLE BIT IN  
THIS UNJUSTIFIED & COWARDLY ATTACK  
MADE ON OUR COUNTRY.  
I WATCHED THEM LOAD FOOD SUPPLIES  
AMMUNITION—AND MANY THOUSANDS  
OF SOLDIERS. THE MEN WERE LOADED  
IN PASSENGER COACHES—BOX CARS—  
CATTLE CARS—FLAT CARS—  
WAGONS—HORSE BACK—  
THE PASS WORD WAS ALL OVER  
RUSSIA. KEEP EM—MOVING NORTH.  
PRESS ON NORTHWARD.  
WE MUST CRUSH THE YELLOW RACE  
FOR SUCH AN OUTRAGE.  
LITTLE DID WE REALISE WHAT THIS  
MEANT TRANSPORTING AN ARMY ON  
A SINGLE RAILROAD SEVERAL FEET  
ONE AT THAT. A DISTANCE OF  
3000 MILES ACROSS THE FROZEN  
NORTHERN SIBERIA.

Tuesday, January 6, 1948

6th Day—360 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
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MANY OF THE TRAINS BROKE DOWN ONLY  
HALF WAY AND NO SHOPS TO REPAIR  
THEM. MUCH OF THE ROLLING STOCK  
WAS NOT FIT TO PRESS INTO SERVICE.  
AND THE MEN AND EQUIPMENT WHICH  
FINELY REACHED THE BATTLE ZONE  
WERE HALF STARVED AND HALF SICK  
THAT HAD TO REST THEM UP AND  
EQUIP THEM FOR ACTION.

AND THE FIGHTING WAS SO FIERCE THAT  
THAT WERE FORCED TO SEND OUT MEN  
WHO WERE FIT TO GO.

AND TO TOP IT OFF RUSSIA DEPENDED  
HEAVILY ON OFFICERS AND  
COMMANDERS OF OUTSIDERS  
SUCH AS GERMANS—BRITISH—  
POLISH—AUSTRIANS— AND IT TURNED  
OUT SUCH THAT A GOOD MANY  
OF THEM WERE NOT LOYAL  
MANY OF THEM SOLD OUT RUSSIA  
AND SOME OF THEM FOUGHT HARD

Wednesday, January 7, 1948

7th Day—359 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
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BUT DID NOT GET ANY REINFORCEMENTS  
ON TIME. ALL OF THIS WAS FOUND  
OUT LATER.

BUT IT WAS TOO LATE.

WHEN RUSSIA GOT IN A BIG SUPPLY  
OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT. AFTER  
TAKING DEFEAT IN EVERY BATTLE  
IT TOOK NEARLY 2 YEARS FOR RUSSIA  
TO STORE UP MATERIAL AND MEN  
AND WHEN RUSSIA WAS REALLY READY  
FOR ACTION.

UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN STEPPED  
INTO THE PICTURE AND STARTED  
TO ARBITRATE AND WORK FOR PEACE  
AND TEDDY ROOSEVELT REPRESENTED  
THE U.S.A. CARRIED A LOT OF WEIGHT  
WHICH PERFECTED THE SETTLEMENT  
BETWEEN RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

RUSSIA DID NOT HAVE TO PAY ANY CASH  
INDENTURES SHE EMERGED WITH BADLY  
SHATTERED PRESTIGE AND INFLUENCE  
IN THE FAR EAST



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## EXPANSION OF JAPAN

JAPAN'S GREAT INCREASE IN POPULATION AND INDUSTRIES MADE HER EAGER TO GET POSSESSION OF TERRITORY INTO WHICH SHE MIGHT OVERFLOW.

KOREA WAS READY TO HER HAND AND IN 1910 WAS MADE A PART OF JAPAN WITH A MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

REPLACED IN AUGUST 1919 BY A MILDER FORM OF RINA LARGE AND LETHARGIC HAS BEEN GREAT TEMPTATION BOTH TO RUSSIA AND JAPAN. IN 1905 SHE WAS FORCED TO APPROVE AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD MADE WITH EACH OTHER ABOUT THE OCCUPATION OF MANCHURIA. FIVE YEARS LATER JAPAN DEMANDED FROM CHINA CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PRIVILEGES AND INSISTED THAT CHINA SHOULD EMPLOY A STAFF OF JAPANESE ADVISORS. CHINA PROTESTED THAT THIS WOULD BE AN INTERFERENCE OF HER SOVEREIGNTY. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTED HER

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BUT JAPAN WAS PERSISTENT.

IN 1912 JAPAN AND AMERICA AGREED TO RESPECT THE INDEPENDENCE AND THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CHINA WHILE RECOGNISING JAPAN'S SPECIAL INTERESTS

GOVERNMENT CHANGE IN JAPAN

THE REMAKING OF JAPAN INCLUDED OF COURSE REORGANIZATION OF ALL SORTS.

FEUDALISM WAS ABOLISHED IN 1867 AND SOON AFTERWARD THE SERFS BECAME PEASANT PROPRIETORS. WESTERN LAW WERE INTRODUCED AND MANY CHANGES WERE MADE IN THE NOBILITY.

A TWO CHAMBER PARLIAMENT WAS ESTABLISHED BY A NEW CONSTITUTION IN 1889. THE CABINET WAS RESPONSIBLE TO THE EMPEROR, WHO WAS ADVISED BY AN INFORMAL BODY OF ELDER STATESMEN, "THE MIKADO-MUNETSUKITSU. DID IN 1912 HE WAS SUCCEEDED BY THE LATER EMPEROR, YOSHIHITO, THE CROWN PRINCE, HIROHITO, ACTED AS REGENT BECAUSE OF THE EMPEROR'S ILL HEALTH, AND SUCCEEDED HIM IN 1926

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10th Day—356 days to follow

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## SIBERIA

RUSSIAN TERRITORY IN ASIA FAR EXCEEDS RUSSIA IN EUROPE THE FORMER CONTAINS OVER 5 MILLION SQUARE MILES. AGAINST THE LATTERS A LITTLE OVER ONE MILLION SQUARE MILES. YET SIBERIA, THE ASIATIC SECTION HAS REMAINED SPARSELY SETTLED AND NEGLECTED ON THE PART OF THE PARENT COUNTRY. CONVICT SETTLEMENTS HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED AND THIS WITH THE BLEAKNESS OF ITS WINTERS HAS CAUSED THE RUSSIANS TO VIEW IT WITH DREHL. INSTEAD OF AS A POSSIBLE HOME. THE FIRST AND ALMOST ONLY IMPORTANT STEP IN THE WAY OF DEVELOPING THE COUNTRY WAS THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY OPENED IN 1900. ITS EASTERN TERMINUS IS AT VLADIVOSTOK, WITH SOUTHERN BRANCHES EXTENDING TO PORT ARTHUR IN MANCHURIA AND INTO NORTHERN CHINA. THIS SINGLE LINE OF THIN STEEL RAILS INADEQUATE AS IT WAS, PROVED AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

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11th Day—355 days to follow

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## AFTER <sup>THE</sup> END OF THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR

WHEN THE NEWS REACHED THE CITY OF ODESSA THE WAR WAS OVER AND RUSSIA IS DEFEATED ALL THE TIME THE WAR WAS ON WE DID NOT GET MUCH NEWS. FOR TWO REASONS FIRST WHAT LITTLE DID COME IN WAS CENSURED. SECOND THE POOR SYSTEM OF GETTING THE NEWS. SO YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW MUCH NEWS WE RECEIVED WHEN THE PUBLIC FOUND OUT RUSSIA WAS DEFEATED. A FEELING OF CRITICISM STARTED ALL OVER RUSSIA. ALL THE DIFFERENT POLITICAL FACTIONS REGISTERED PROTESTS ESPECIALLY THE SOCIALIST PARTY WHO COMPLAINED THE LOUDEST. AND EVERY DAY IT GAINED MOMENTUM. IN RUSSIA THERE EXISTED A CERTAIN PARTY THEY CALLED THE THE BLACK HUNDERS. SAME AS THE SILVERSHIRTS—AND BROWN SHIRTS IN THE U.S.A. THE BLACK HUNDERS WORKED AGAINST THE LIBERALS. THE BLACK HUNDERS WERE THE ANTIDOT AGAINST THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

Monday, January 12, 1948

12th Day—354 days to follow

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### THE REVOLUTION SEP. 1905

ON SEP. 10TH 1905 REVOLUTION BROKE OUT IN PROTEST OF THE CARELESS SHIFTLES WAY OF HANDLING THE WAR.

WHERE THEY KILLED OFF ONE MILLION AND 1/4 OF THE RUSSIAN BOYS AND MAIMED AND CRIPPLED ANOTHER MILLION.

THE REVOLUTION, WAS SO STRONG THAT TSAR OF RUSSIA AND HIS CABINET DECIDED TO GIVE UP SOME OF THE POWERS AND GIVE THE PEOPLE OF RUSSIA EQUAL RIGHTS TO SELECT THEIR OWN REPRESENTATIVES TO SENATE AND CONGRESS. AND TO MAKE IT A FREE RUSSIA.

ON SEP 11TH, THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT SENT OUT MANIFESTOS PROCLAIMING A FREE RUSSIA. CALLING FOR A COOPERATIVE CONGRESS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERY STATE TO WORK OUT A BETTER PLAN FOR A BETTER RUSSIA. THESE MANIFESTOS WERE SENT OUT ALL OVER RUSSIA AND EVERYWHERE ELSE CALLING THEMSELVES FREEDOM.

Tuesday, January 13, 1948

13th Day—353 days to follow

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### THE HAND OF THE BLACK HUNDREDS

WHEN THE BLACK HUNDRED PARTY HEARD THE NEWS THAT CAME TO THE TSAR AND CABINET WITH FORCE. AND FORCED THE GOVERNMENT. TO SEND OUT ANOTHER MANIFESTO. WITHDRAWING. THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT. AND DECLARED 3 BLACK DAYS ON THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY AND EVERYBODY WHO CELEBRATE THE JEWIS PEOPLE WHO NEVER HAD EQUAL RIGHTS IN RUSSIA NATURALLY CELEBRATED AND ON SEP. 15TH 1905 THE REAL TROUBLE STARTED. IT STARTED AT 5 P.M. 15TH. OF SEP. 1905 AT FIRST SMALL BANDS OF MEN WALKED THE STREETS BREAKING WINDOWS IN BUSINESS PLACES.

NEXT BAND FOLLOWED WALKED INTO BUSINESS PLACES AND LOOTED IF YOU SAID ANYTHING THEY HIT YOU OVER THE HEAD WITH A CLUB. INITIALLY THE CITY PEOPLE ORGANIZED A SELF DEFENCE PARTY. AND DIVIDED THEM IN DIFFERENT GROUPS. IT WAS IN THE FIRST TRIAL THAT THE BLACK HUNDREDS

Wednesday, January 14, 1948

14th Day—352 days to follow

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COMING IN THICKER AND LARGER.  
AND NO POLICE PROTECTION YOU  
COULD NOT FIND A POLICEMAN NO WHERE  
NOR ANY CITY AUTHORITY. THIS ~~RE~~  
LASTED 5 DAYS. THE JEWISH  
POPULATION SUFFERED THE MOST BECAUSE  
THEY WERE THE MAJORITY OF THE  
BUSINESS PLACES. AND CITY DWELLERS  
THIS SWEEP ALL OVER RUSSIA. WITH  
DESTRUCTION OF MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS  
OF DOLLARS OF PROPERTY AND IT COST  
MANY HUNDRED OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES.  
ON THE 20TH OF SEP 1905 THE ORDER  
CAME TO STOP BLOODSHED AND  
ESTABLISH LAW AND ORDER.  
ON SEP 21 ST 1905 I AND MY OLDEST  
BROTHER WE DROVE INTO THE CITY OF  
ODESSA. OUR HORSES WALKED IN  
FEATHERS AND DEBRI KNEEDER  
WE HAVE SEEN DEAD PEOPLE  
LAINING ON THE STREETS AND SIDWAYS  
MANY WOMEN DEAD WITH THEIR BREASTS  
CUT OFF MANY WOMEN AND CHILDREN

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15th Day—351 days to follow

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NAILED TO WALLS WITH LONG SPIKES  
MANY MEN WOMEN & CHILDREN MAIMED  
BEYOND RECOGNITION. MOTHERS WERE  
LOOKING FOR THEIR CHILDREN CHILDREN  
WERE LOOKING FOR THEIR MOTHER. FATHER  
WAS LOOKING FOR HIS SON SON WAS LOOKING  
FOR HIS FATHER. IT TOOK MANY DAYS  
TO CLEAN UP THE MASS.

(PUBLIC FUNERAL)

ON THE 22 DAY OF SEP. THEY FINALLY  
GATHERED UP ALL THE DEAD FOR BURIAL  
THAT HAD THEM ALL LINED UP FOR THE KIN  
FOLKS TO RECOGNIZE THEM. EVERY  
FEW MINUTES YOU HEAR A NEW VOICE  
CRYING OUT. MY FATHER—MY MOTHER—  
MY SON—MY DAUGHTER—  
THEY BURIED THAT DAY 865 PEOPLE  
AND WHEN OUR JEWISH KABA  
GAVE THE PRAYER IT WAS  
WITH SUCH SADNESS AND  
DEPRESSION THAT IT MADE  
STONES IN THE PALEMENT CR

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16th Day—350 days to follow

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### DEPRESSION

AFTER THE WAR WAS OVER CAME THE DEPRESSION  
 PRICES ON ALL COMMODITIES CAME DOWN  
 SO ABRUPTLY THAT IT BROKE PEOPLE  
 IN EVERY WALK OF LIFE THE FARMER  
 THE BUSINESS MEN THE BROKER THE  
 WHOLESALE MANUFACTURER—THE LABOR  
 MEN WALK THE STREETS COULD NOT FIND  
 WORK, THEY HAD TO EAT AND THERE WHERE  
 A LOT OF TROUBLE STARTED. STEALING—  
 ROBBERIES—HOLD UPS—A PERSON WAS NOT  
 SAFE TO WALK <sup>ON</sup> THE STREETS EVEN IN DAY  
 TIME—BEGGERS—LOOTERS—SHOP LIFTERS—  
 POCKETS—AND IT WAS GETTING WORSE  
 EVERY DAY BECAUSE EVERY DAY TRAIN  
 LOADS OF SOLDIERS WERE COMING IN  
 AND MUSTARD OUT OF THE ARMY.  
 AND ALL THEY GAVE THEM WAS THE  
 CLOTHES THEY HAD ON. AND POOR ONES  
 AT THAT. THEY WERE COMING IN  
 BY THE THOUSANDS AND AS SOON THEY  
 WERE THEY WERE DISCHARGED  
 AND WERE ALL FED ALL CLOTHED

Saturday, January 17, 1948

17th Day—349 days to follow

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BROKE DOWN SPIRITUALLY—FINANCIALLY  
 MORRALLY—THEY DID NOT GET TRANSPORTATION  
 BACK TO THEIR HOME SOME LIVED ALL THE  
 WAY FROM 10 TO 150 MILES FROM A RAILWAY  
 STATION SO THEY ALL STARTED OUT WALKING  
 THERE WERE SOLDIERS SCATTERED ALL OVER  
 RUSSIA—ALL ALONG THE HIGH WAYS AND BY WAYS  
 STOPPING HERE AND THERE BEGGING FOR SOMETHING  
 TO EAT & EVERY BODY DOING EVERYTHING THEY  
 COULD TO HELP THEM ALONG.  
 THE GOVERNMENT COULD OF DONE A LOT TO  
 PREVENT ALL OF THIS SUFFERING.  
 BUT THE CLASS OF PEOPLE WHO HELD THE  
 REINS OF THE GOVERNMENT—WERE THE KIND  
 THAT LACKED EDUCATION—EXPERIENCE—  
 AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP THEIR FELLOW MAN,  
 ESPECIALLY AS IT WAS MENTIONED BEFORE  
 RUSSIA HAD MANY LEADERS OF FOREIGN  
 COUNTRIES ON WHOM THEY DEPEND  
 FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND THEY  
 FOUND OUT LATER OF THEIR DISLOYALTY  
 "THEY DID NOT WANT RUSSIA TO WIN."



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Sunday, January 18, 1948

18th Day—348 days to follow

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### SOLDIERS RECEPTION AT HOME

WHEN ALL THESE BROKEN DOWN SOLDIERS  
REACHED HOME AFTER WALKING FOR MANY  
DAYS AND IN MANY CASES FOR WEEKS  
THEY FOUND—HUNGER—MANY HOMES DESTROYED  
AND MANY OF THEIR KIN FOLKS KILLED  
DURING THE SO CALLED DECLARATION OF FREEDOM  
A GOOD MANY DID NOT EVEN STOP  
AT HOME. AND THE REST HAD TO BUCKLE  
DOWN AND WORK TO CLEAN UP THE MASS  
WHICH THE 5TH. COLUMN WORKERS  
OR THE BLACKHUNDERD GANG AS THEY  
CALLED THEMSELVES.

### THE GREAT MIGRATION

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO STILL HAD  
A LITTLE MEANS AND WAYS TO RAISE  
A LITTLE MONEY BY SELLING A LITTLE  
OF THIS AND THAT MOSTLY PERSONAL  
PROPERTY. REAL ESTATE WAS WORTHLESS  
YOU COULD NOT GET 10¢ ON THE DOLLAR  
FOR YOUR PROPERTY. MANY FAMILIES  
EMIGRATED OUT OF RUSSIA IN 1906-1906 AND  
1907—THOUSANDS AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS

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SOLD WHAT LITTLE THEY COULD JUST TO GET  
ENOUGH MONEY TO GET TO THE U.S.A.  
MANY PEOPLE FROM THE U.S.A. HELPED  
THEIR KIN FOLKS TO COME TO U.S.A.  
EVERY VILLAGE—TOWN—CITY IN RUSSIA  
WAS AFFLICTED IN THE SAME WAY.  
THE ONLY HOPE FOR FREEDOM AND  
RELIEF WAS THE NEW WORLD  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
THE HEAVY EMIGRATION STARTED IN  
APRIL 1905. AS YOU TRAVELED YOU  
COULD SEE EMIGRANT FAMILIES  
ALL ALONG THE DIFFERENT CITIES  
MANY FAMILIES DID NOT HAVE MONEY  
ENOUGH TO TRAVEL WALKED FROM  
TOWN TO TOWN AND PEOPLE HELPED  
THEM ALONG AS THEY CAME.

(PASSPORTS AND BORDER CROSSINGS)  
IN RUSSIA EVERY FAMILY HAD TO HAVE A  
PASPORT IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CROSS  
THE BORDER WITHOUT IT YOU COULD NOT  
GET ACROSS THE BORDERS OF RUSSIA

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Tuesday, January 20, 1948

20th Day—346 days to follow

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### HOW TO OBTAIN A PASSPORT

THE REGULAR PROCEDURE OF OBTAINING A PASSPORT. WAS AS FOLLOWS. FIRST YOU TOOK YOUR FAMILY BIRTH ~~CERTIFICATE~~ AND GO TO YOUR COUNTY SEAT OR DISTRICT WHERE YOU WERE BORN. AND ASK FOR A PASSPORT. THE FEE WAS 30<sup>00</sup> DOLLARS PER PERSON. PROVIDING THE PERSON WAS - IF MEN AT THE AGE FROM 19 TO 21 COULD NOT GET A PASSPORT AT ANY PRICE BECAUSE THEY CALLED IT MILITARY AGE. SO IF ANYBODY OF THAT AGE WANTED TO GET OUT HE HAD TO FIND SOME OTHER WAY. AND THERE WAS PLENTY OF DIFFERENT WAYS TO USE. IT TOOK FROM 2 TO 3 WEEKS BEFORE YOU COULD GET A PASSPORT PERFECTED AND AS THE MOST OF THE PEOPLE WERE POOR. AND THE POOR GOVERNMENT SYSTEM THEY HAD IN THE VILLAGES AND SMALLER TOWN AS WELL AS IN THE CITIES. MORE THAN A HALF OF THOSE PEOPLE WERE NOT EVEN REGISTERED OR IN OTHER WORD NOT EVEN BORN.

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Wednesday, January 21, 1948

21st Day—345 days to follow

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### DIFFERENT MEANS AND WAYS OF CROSSING THE BORDERS

ON ACCOUNT HEAVY COST - AND TOO MUCH RED TAPE AND WASTE OF TIME - MANY THOUSANDS OF EMIGRANTS MOVED AS FAR TO THE BORDER AND AT THESE BORDERS TOWNS. THERE WERE REGULAR RUSSIAN AGENTS. WITH WHOM YOU COULD MAKE A DEAL TO HELP YOU GET ACROSS THE LINE OR BORDER WHICH IS MOSTLY RIVERS OR LAKES IN MOST CASES. SOME PLACES BY LAND YOU PAY THE AGENT A DOLLAR A HEAD AND HE SEES TO IT TO GET YOU ACROSS IN A ROWBOAT OR A WAGON THIS IS ALL DONE AT NIGHT AND HE FIXES EVERYTHING UP WITH THE GUARDS AT THE BORDER AND THE GUARDS DONT SEE ANYTHING AT ALL THAT IS IF YOU CAN GET THE GUARD TO LOOK THE OTHER WAY. AND SOMETIMES YOU CANT DO ANYTHING WITH THEM AND THE AGENTS HAVE THEIR REGULAR CHANNELS AND PLACES TO CROSS. THE CROSSING SOMETIMES TAKES FROM AN HOUR TO 4 HOURS IT DEPENDS ON WEATHER CONDITIONS AND MANY OTHER THINGS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

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### ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BORDER.

THEY FINALLY MADE IT. AND ARE NOW IN ANOTHER LAND. IT DEPENDS WHICH BORDER YOU GOT ACROSS - THE POLISH - THE GOLLITIAN - AUSTRIAN - CZECH SLOVAKIAN - ROMANIAN - BULGARIAN - NORWIGIAN - FINNISH - OR EVEN SOME PEOPLE TRAVELED ALL THE WAY ACROSS SIEBERIA. TO GET ACROSS - TO KOREA - MANCHURIA - CHINA MONGOLIA - JAPAN - MANY FAMILIES WHO LIVED CLOSER TO THOSE POINTS USED THESE BORDERS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION. THE NEXT STEP IS TO GET PASSAGE THERE IS IN EVERY BORDER CITY AGENCIES WHO TAKE CARE OF YOU. BOTH WAYS RAILROAD & STEAMSHIP TRANSPORTATION THE EMIGRANT, USUALLY THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY OR HEADS OF SEVERAL FAMILIES COME AND BUY THE TICKETS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY. THE TICKETS ARE CLASSIFIED - FIRST CLASS - SECOND CLASS - THIRD CLASS - MOST OF THESE PEOPLE WITH VERY LIMITED MEANS TRAVEL

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Tuesday, January 27, 1948

27th Day—339 days to follow

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### THE PRICE OF TICKETS

THE PRICE FOR THIRD CLASS TICKETS IN 1905 WAS 75<sup>00</sup> FOR ~~ADULTS~~ ADULTS AND 37.50 FOR HALF FARES AND CHILDREN UNDER 10 FREE THAT WAS THE STEAMSHIP TICKET ONLY IT INCLUDED ALSO FOOD WHILE ON THE SHIP. YOU PAY FOR YOUR TICKET AND RECEIVE SAME AS YOU PAY. AND HE TELLS YOU WHEN AND WHERE YOU BOARD THE SHIP. SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO WAIT FROM 2 TO 6 DAYS FOR YOUR SHIP. THERE IS STOPPING PLACES WHERE YOU RENT ONE OR 2 OR AS MUCH ROOM YOU NEED FOR YOUR FAMILY OR YOUR GROUP OF FAMILIES AT NOMINAL CHARGES. THERE YOU MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER RUSSIA WHO ARE ALL VERY HAPPY THEY ARE OUT OF THERE. WITH HOPES AND CONFIDENCE TO FIND A NEW HOME AND A HAVEN FOR THEIR FAMILIES IN THE NEW WORLD AS THEY CALL IT THE HOME OF THE BRAVE AND THE HOME OF THE FREE THE GOLDEN LAND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



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Wednesday, January 28, 1948

28th Day—338 days to follow

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THE HISTORY OF OUR FOREFATHERS  
THE TOCHILOSKY FAMILY

I HAVE TRACED OUR FAMILY HISTORY FOR 150 YEARS. AS FAR AS 1800 AND FOUND OUT THE PEOPLE ON OUR FATHERS SIDE LIVED IN THE CITY OF SCHERIEW <sup>POPULATED BY 6000</sup> ALL THESE YEARS THEY WERE ALL A VERY HIGH CLASS PEOPLE WELL LEARNED PEOPLE ALWAYS ACTIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITY IN CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY ALWAYS TOOK A LEADING PART IN COMMUNITY LIFE. THEY WERE ALL A CLASS OF PEOPLE WHICH EVERY COMMUNITY IS PROUD TO OWN.

THEY CARRIED ON COMMERCE. SOME HAD STORES OF LEATHER CRAFT SOME HAD GENERAL STORES SOME DRY GOODS STORES. SOME BOUNT AND BOLD HIDES AND FURRS—AND MANY BOUNT-GRAIN-WHEAT-BARLY-OATS-CORN THEY ALL OWNED THEIR OWN HOMES AND STORE BUILDINGS AND CARRIED ON COMMERCE FOR MANY YEARS. LIVED PEACEFULLY IN THESE COMMUNITIES ALL THE PEOPLE WERE PROUD OF THEM. OUR FATHER AND MOTHER DIED AT THE AGE 90-98-

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Thursday, January 29, 1948

29th Day—337 days to follow

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THE PEOPLE ON OUR MOTHERS SIDE LIVED IN THE CITY OF BARRANOW POPULATION 6500 THEIR NAME WAS ZAPNICK. THEY LIVED IN THAT COMMUNITY FOR 150 YEARS. THEY WERE OF THE PRIESTLY TRIBE (KOHANIM) A VERY HIGH CLASS EDUCATED PEOPLE ALSO RECOGNIZED LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY THEY ALSO CARRIED ON COMMERCE SOME HAD DRY GOODS STORES—GROCERY STORES DEP STORES LEATHER STORES. THEY ALL OWNED THEIR OWN HOMES & STORES ALSO GOOD LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUALLY AND <sup>PUBLICLY</sup> CIVILY. ALWAYS READY TO HELP HUMANITY. REGARDLESS OF CREED AND NATIONALITY.

OUR FATHER—NORAT—CAME TO BARRANOW IN 1872 WHEN HE AND OUR MOTHER WERE UNITED IN MARRIAGE AND SETTLED IN THE SAME CITY WHERE THEY MADE IT THEIR HOME AND WHAT A NASTY HOME IT WAS. TO THIS UNION WERE BORN 4 SONS AND 2 DAUGHTERS

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MOSES ANNA RACHEL JOSEPH JOSHYA JACOB  
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ABE CELIA ZELDA WALTER  
WERE BORN ON THE HOMESTEAD  
IN NORTH DAKOTA

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Special Data

Sunday, February 1, 1948

32nd Day—334 days to follow

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DECIDE TO LEAVE RUSSIA

RACHEL

IN 1904 OUR SISTER GOT MARRIED TO  
 SNAE KRASNINSKY FROM THE CITY OF  
 GOSLUVO ABOUT 70 MILES FROM OUR TOWN  
 AND THEY MADE THEIR HOME IN HIS CITY  
 OF ABOUT 5000 POPULATION. HE MADE  
 A VERY NICE HOME FOR HER HE WAS A  
 DRY GOODS MEN AND A DRY GOODS STORE  
 THEY LIVED HAPPILY IN THEIR NEW HOME.  
 THEY HAD ONE CHILD BORN 1905 CELLA.

END OF THE WAR 1905

WHEN THE WAR ENDED IN SEP. 1905  
 ALL THE TROUBLE CAME IN A BUNCH  
 THE MASACURES—THE POGROMS—THE  
 DEPRESSION—EVERYTHING CAME AT ONCE  
 WE HAD TO HIDE IN CELLARS—ATTICS  
 IN ORDER TO SAVE OUR LIVES  
 AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER EVERYTHING  
 QUIETED DOWN AND THE GOVERNMENT  
 TOOK A HOLD AGAIN AND PUT ON  
 AN ORDERLY SYSTEM.

THEN WE DECIDED REGARDLESS OF COST,  
 IRLOSS WE DECIDED TO LEAVE  
 AND LEAVE OUR PLACE OF BIRTH

WHICH WAS OUR HOMES FOR SEVERAL  
 GENERATIONS. AND PULL UP EVERYTHING  
 BY THE ROOTS REGARDLESS OF PROPERTY.  
 AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER ALL THE POGROMS  
 AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY—FAITH  
 AND CONFIDENCE OF THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.  
 WE STARTED THE NECESSARY PROCEEDINGS  
 FOR PASSPORTS—AND TOOK EXAMINATIONS  
 AND TESTS WHICH WAS REQUIRED TO BE  
 ABLE TO COME IN TO THE UNITED STATES  
 WE KNEW ALL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS  
 AND TO OUR SORROW, WE DISCOVERED  
 OUR DEAR MOTHER DID NOT PASS.  
 ON ONE OF HER EYES SHE HAD WHAT  
 THEY CALL (TRACHOMA) A CERTAIN EYE  
 SICKNESS WHICH THEY DON'T LET ANY  
 BODY IN TO THE UNITED STATES WITH.  
 SO WE TOOK IT UP WITH OUR DOCTOR AND  
 HE SAID IT WILL PERHAPS CLEAR UP IN  
 A YEAR OR TWO. OUR MOTHER INSISTED  
 THAT WE GET STARTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
 AND NOT TO WAIT FOR HER. AFTER MANY  
 ARGUMENTS, FROYCON, WE DECIDED TO GO.

Monday, February 2, 1948

33rd Day—333 days to follow

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WE IMMEDIATELY APPLIED FOR OUR PASPORTS IT TOOK ABOUT 4 MONTHS AND WE WERE NOTIFIED THAT OUR PASPORTS WILL BE READY IN MARCH. WE STARTED TO SELL WHAT WE COULD AND DECIDED TO LEAVE WHAT WE COULD NOT GET RID OF AND WE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO LEAVE BEHIND A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY TO KEEP HER IN COMFORTABLE CONDITION AND WE PROMISED JUST AS SOON AS WE GET SETTLED IN THE U.S.A. TO SEND HER MONEY EVERY MONTH. AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF HARD WORK AND WORRY AND RED TAPE WE GOT OUR PASPORTS AND ON APRIL 2ND. 1945 WE WERE ALL READY FOR THE JOURNEY WE HAD OUR RAILROAD TICKETS AND STEAMSHIP TICKETS WE TRAVELED ON THE WHITE STAR LINE AND WE WERE SUPPOSED TO GET ON THE FIRST LONG RIDE IN LIEVA. ON APRIL 10TH, SO WE GOT EVERYTHING READY AND WE PACKED IN WORKERS REEFERS AND THE BEDDING AND OTHER CLOTHES WE HAD

Tuesday, February 3, 1948

34th Day—332 days to follow

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IN A HEAVY 10 CANVAS TARP WHICH WAS WATERPROOF EVERYTHING WAS PACKED AND TAGGED. AND CHECKED ON OUR TICKETS EACH TICKET WAS ENTITLED TO 150 LB. THE PARTY CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING JOE-JOSHUA-JACOB. MOSES-MARIAM-BESSIE-BERTHA-NOHA-JACOB-(MOSES FAMILY) <sup>CRDINY</sup> BEN GOLDMAN-ANNA-WALTER-NOHA-4 OF US ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PARTY WE BOUGHT FOOD SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS NECESSARY ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU TRAVEL WITH CHILDREN EVEN HAD 2 LITTLE POTS HANDY FOR THE KIDS ON THE ROAD. WE WERE ALL ORGANIZED EACH ONE HAD A CERTAIN THING TO DO AND A CERTAIN PACKAGE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR. AND IN THE MORNING OF APRIL 1945 AT 9 AM WE WERE ALL STANDING ON THE AT THE STATION IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY WITH ALL OF OUR BELONGINGS. AND MANY OTHERS WHO WERE TO TRAVEL WITH US.

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Wednesday, February 4, 1948

35th Day—331 days to follow

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DEPARTURE FROM ODESSA

ON APRIL 2ND 1905 A BEAUTIFUL BRIMMY  
SUNSHINE MORNING. WITH BIRDS <sup>ON</sup> THE  
TREES AND FLOWERS OPENING TO WELCOME  
THE SPRING MORNING SUNSHINE. AS WE  
WERE ALL STANDING ON THE RAILROAD  
PLATFORM SURROUNDED BY ALL OF OUR  
RELATIVES AND FRIENDS SOME WERE  
TALKING SOME WERE THINKING AND SOME  
WERE CRYING. ESPECIALLY OUR MOTHER  
WHEN SHE CRIED OUT LOUD AND SAID  
TOUS MY LITTLE FLOCK OF BYRDS  
I HAVE SHELTERED YOU ALL THESE YEARS.  
UNDER MY WINGS AND NOW IN A FEW  
MINUTES YOU WILL ALL FLY AWAY FROM  
ME AND PERHAPS I WILL NEVER SEE  
YOU AGAIN. THE SILENCE BROKE  
AND A SAD PICTURE WAS IN FRONT  
OF ALL OF US AND EVERYBODY BROKE  
DOWN AND CRIED. AND IN A FEW MINUTES  
THE TRAIN WHISTLED AND PULLED IN  
AND STOPPED AT THE STATION. WEARD,  
OUR LAST FAREWELL TO EVERYBODY  
EACH ONE OF US TOOK HIS BUNDLE

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Thursday, February 5, 1948

36th Day—330 days to follow

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AND WE MARCH TO THE TRAIN LIKE A  
TRAINED LITTLE ARMY WE ALL GOT SEED  
AND WE ALL SAD DOWN. AND I WALKED  
BACK OUT AND STOOD ON THE STEPS OF  
THE TRAIN WAVING MY WHITE HANDSHE  
AND THEN THE TRAIN STARTED MOVING  
I STILL STOOD ON THE STEPS AS FAR AS  
I COULD SEE THEM ALL. AND I TOOK MY  
LAST LOOK AT THE STATION. THE STARTING  
<sup>I GOT BACK INTO THE COACH</sup>  
POINT TO MY NEW HOME AND UNDERTAKING  
<sup>I GOT BACK INTO THE COACH ON MY SEAT</sup>  
AS THE TRAIN TRAVELED AT HIGH SPEED  
I CLOSED MY EYES AND BEGAN TO THINK BACK  
HERE I SPENT MY BOYHOOD DAYS AND GREW  
UP TO MANHOOD WHERE I COULD BE OF SOME GOOD  
TO MY COUNTRY IN WHICH I WAS BORN.  
AND YET I HAD TO LEAVE FOR THE REASON  
THAT THE GOVERNMENT UNDER WHICH WE LIVED  
DID NOT GIVE FREEDOM AND EQUALITY <sup>TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE</sup>.  
AFTER WHILE THINKING ALL THIS I FELL ASLEEP  
AND WAS DREAMING AND COULD SEE MYSELF  
STILL STANDING AT THE STATION WITH MOTHER  
AND I COULD STILL HEAR HER VOICE  
SAYING MY LITTLE BIRD I KEPT FOR YOU  
WINGS AND NOW YOU WILL FLY AWAY MAY NEVER <sup>SEE</sup> YOU <sup>AGAIN</sup>

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Friday, February 6, 1948

37th Day—329 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

### TRAIN TRAVEL

WE TRAVELED ON THIS TRAIN FOR 3 DAYS AND 3 NIGHTS. WE PASSED BY AND STOPPED IN MANY CITIES TOWNS AND VILLAGES ALL SIZES AND DESCRIPTIONS EVERY DIVISION POINT THE TRAIN STOPPED FOR 30 MINUTES. MANY OF THESE PLACES HAVE RESTURANTS-CAFES AND ALSO HAVE LARGE BOILERS OF WATER WHERE THE PEOPLE COME WITH A TEA KETTLE AND BUY BOILING WATER FOR TEA AND EVERYBODY CARRIES THEIR OWN FOOD AND IN THAT WAY THE PEOPLE CAN GET BY REASONABLE SPECIALS THOSE WITH LARGE FAMILIES. AFTER TRAVELING FOR 3 DAYS AND 3 NIGHTS WE ARRIVED AT LIBAVA THE BALTIC SEA PORT OF RUSSIA WE TRAVELED CLEAR ACROSS FROM THE BLACK SEA TO THE BALTIC SEA. WE STOPPED IN A SMALL HOTEL IN LIBAVA WHERE WE HAD TO WAIT 3 HOURS FOR OUR BOAT. WE HAD PLENTY TIME TO

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✓ Saturday, February 7, 1948

38th Day—328 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

### FIRST TRIP BY BOAT ON THE SHIP NAME KIEW

ON THE 3. TH. OF APRIL WE HAD TO BOARD OUR SHIP. AND ABOUT 8 AM. WE WERE ALL SET TO GO TO THE SHIP WE HIRED 2 WAGONS THAT CALL THEM HECKMEN AND WE ALL DROVE DOWN TO THE DOCKS WHERE WE ALL STAYED IN LINE FOR THE OFFICERS TO EXAMINE THE PASSPORTS AND LUGGAGE AND AFTER 3 HOURS OF ROUTINE WORK WE FINELY GOT ON THE BOAT FOUND OUR CABINS AND PLACED EVERYBODY IN THE PROPER PLACE WE ALL RELAXED. EVERYBODY WAS TIRED AND HUNGRY. #

ABOUT 6 P.M. THE TABLES WERE SET WE ALL SAT DOWN AND HAD OUR FIRST MEAL ON THE BOAT. ROAST BEEF BROWN GRAVY AND POTATOES AND FRESH RICE READ. EVERYBODY ENJOYED THE MEAL VERY MUCH. THE WATER WAS BLUE AND QUIET BLUE, IT LOOKED BEAUTIFUL AT NIGHT. MOST OF THE PEOPLE WERE IN BED UNTIL TEN O'CLOCK. ANOTHER MEAL WERE ORDERED SEVEN

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EVERY MORNING. ~~TO STAY~~ AFTER BREAKFAST  
I WOULD START OUT WALKING TO EXPLORE THE  
CITY. RIGHT ON THE ~~BORDER~~ GERMAN BORDER  
ON THE BALTIC SEA. I AVERAGED ABOUT 15  
MILES PER DAY START IN THE MORNING AND  
COME BACK ABOUT 6 P.M.

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39  
Sunday, February 8, 1948

39th Day—327 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

MOST OF US BEING VERTINEL. RETIRED FOR THE NIGHT.

ABOUT 11 O'CLOCK, AS THE SHIP GOIN TO THE NORTH SEA IT STARTED TO ROCK AND ROLL AND MANY OF THE PASSENGERS LOST THE WONDERFUL DINNER WHICH THEY ENJOYED SO MUCH AND THE FURTHER WE TRAVELED THE WORSE IT GOT. THE <sup>NORTH</sup> SEA IS THE ROUGHEST SEA IN EASTERN EUROPE. THE NEXT DAY ABOUT 3 P.M. WE APPROACHED THE KIEL CANAL IN GERMANY.

THERE A SMALL TUG BOAT MET US AND 2 GERMAN OFFICERS BOARDED THE SHIP EXAMINED THE PAPERS RECEIVED THE DUTY CHARGES AND THE LITTLE TUG BOAT PILETED THE SHIP THRU THE KIEL CANAL. IN ONE PLACE WE APPROACHED A BARRAGE AND EVERYBODY WAS WONDERING IF THE SHIP WILL GET BY SOME OF THE MASS PILES WILL FOLD UP. AND NEXT WE GOT CLOSE TO THE BARRAGE AND WE WENT THROUGH IT.

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Monday, February 9, 1948

40th Day—326 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

WE TRAVELED ON THAT BOAT 3 DAYS AND 2 NIGHTS. ABOUT 5 P.M. APRIL 11, 1948 WE ARRIVED IN THE BRITISH ISLES A CITY BY THE NAME HULL. ENGLAND. WE GOT OFF THE SHIP. WHICH WAS (KIEV) AND WE GOT ON A PASSENGER TRAIN WHICH WAS STANDING READY WAITING FOR US WE ALL GOT INTO TRAIN ~~AT THE PORT~~ THE COACHES WERE BUILT IN COMPARTMENTS SO MANY PEOPLE IN A COMPARTMENT WE TRAVELED ALL NIGHT AND ABOUT 7 A.M. WE ARRIVED IN THE CITY OF LIVERPOOL. WE WERE TRANSFERRED FROM THE TRAIN TO THE WHITE STAR LINE CO WHO OWN THESE PLACES AND ALL THESE EXPENCES ARE FIGURED IN THE COST OF THE TICKETS. IN LIVERPOOL WE HAD TO WAIT 5 HOURS FOR THE TRAIN TO TAKE US ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN. WE HAD SNOW AND ICE FOR 2 DAYS AFTER LIVERPOOL WE GOT TO THE CITY



Tuesday, February 10, 1948

41st Day—325 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

IN LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL IS A VERY LARGE CITY POPULATION ABOUT. VERY LARGE PORT ONE OF THE LARGEST IN ENGLAND. HUNDREDS OF SHIPS COME IN DAILY. BECAUSE THEY ARE EQUIPPED WITH ALL NECESSARY. LOADING AND UNLOADING MACHINERY ITS CALLED AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT GRAIN CENTERS FOR MANY YEARS LIVERPOOL CONTROLLED THE WHEAT MARKET OF THE WORLD WHATEVER PRICE THERE WAS IN LIVERPOOL IT WAS SET FOR THE WORLD VERY HEAVY FISHING INDUSTRY AND ONE OF THE LARGEST MANUFACTURING CENTERS OF ENGLAND.

AS I DID NOT HAVE MUCH MONEY TO SPEND FOR STREET CAR FARE. SO I WALKED I'D EAT BREAKFAST AND START OUT AND WALK TO SEE THE CITY. MANY DAYS I WALKED 15 TO 20 MILES. WITH NO DINNER. ABOUT 5 OR 6 IN THE EVE I'D SHOW UP IN TIME FOR SUPPER

Wednesday, February 11, 1948

42nd Day—324 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

I HAVE SEEN STREET CARS. BUSES WITH HORSES—REGULAR HECKMAN—AND ALSO SUBWAYS RUNNING UNDER THE RIVER. I HAVE VISITED MANY NICE DEPARTMENT STORES—FACTORIES—TANNERIES—SHOE FACTORIES—ROPE FACTORIES—EVERY WORKER WEARS SHOES WITH HEAVY SOLES—AND HOBNAILS. THE ENTIRE CITY IS PAVED WITH COBLE STONES AND CONCRETE. YOU CAN HEAR A MAN WALK 5 BLOCKS AWAY. ALL BUILDINGS ARE BLACK OR GRAY COVERED WITH SMOKE.

EVERY MORNING THE CITY IS COVERED WITH A HEAVY FOG AND THE FLAG HANGS ON UNTIL ABOUT 12 OR 1 O'CLOCK. AND MANY DAYS IT DONT RAISE AT ALL THE STREET LIGHTS ARE ON ALL DAY MANY TIMES ESPECIALLY IN THE WINTER TIME.

IN MY OPINION LIVERPOOL IS A HARD COLD—WINDY CITY.

WE SPENT 5 DAYS THERE. ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH I HAVE SEEN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY

Thursday, February 12, 1948

43rd Day—323 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

BOARDING THE SHIP FOR U.S.A,

AT 11:15 AM. 7 AM. AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE ALL PASSENGERS WERE NOTIFIED TO GET READY. TO BOARD THE SHIP. EVERYBODY GOT READY. AND ABOUT 8 AM. THE HAIKENS WERE LINED UP. EACH ONE TOOK SOMANY PEOPLE. OUR FAMILY AND RELATIVES FILLED ONE LOAD.

I SAT UP WITH THE DRIVER IN FRONT I HAD TO SEE WHATS GOING ON. WE GOT TO THE PORT. WE UNLOADED OUR BAGGAGE AND THAY TOLD US TO GET ON A SMALL FERRY BOAT. SO WE ASKED THEM IF THIS WAS THE BOAT THAT WILL TAKE US ACROSS THE ATLANTIC. IF IT IS WE ARE NOT GOING. THAY TOLD US THE SHIP WHO WILL TAKE US TO U.S.A, IS TOO LARGE TO COME INTO THE SHORE LINE. THEREFORE IT IS NECESSARY TO FERRY EVERYTHING ACROSS TO THE SHIP THE SHIP WAS 3 MILES OUT AT SEA IN DEEP WATER. THE SHIP WAS THERE HEADS ALL READY. AND ALL READY LOADED. ALL THAY WAITED FOR NOW

Friday, February 13, 1948

44th Day—322 days to follow

THE NAME OF THE SHIP  
SAXONIA.  
A LARGE BATTLESHIP CONVERTED  
AS A PASSENGER

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

WAS THE PASSENGERS. THAY FERRIED PASSENGERS FROM 8 AM TO 3 PM. THAY PUT ON 4200 PASSENGERS ON THE SHIP. WHEN WE CAME UP CLOSE TO THE SHIP. AS WE LOOKED UP IT LOOKED LIKE A 8 STORY BUILDING—THE SHIP WAS A BLOCK LONG AND HALF BLOCK WIDE WE ALL GOT ON THE SHIP AND IMMIDIATLY INSPECTION STARTED. THAY TOLD US TO ROLL UP THE LEFT SLEEVE. AND WE ALL STARTED IN A LONG LINE UP. THAY EXAMINED—EYES—HEAD—MOUTH—AND VACCINATED ALL OF US FOR SMALL POKES AND NEXT WE FOLLOWED THE LINE UP <sup>AND</sup> DOWN IN THE DECK WHERE THE CABINS WERE WE ALL GOT OUR CABINS. AND FINALLY SAT DOWN TO REST. WE WERE ON THE MOVE FROM 8 AM. TO 3 PM. EVERYBODY WAS TIRED AND HUNGRY. POOR WOMEN WITH CHILDREN HAD AN AWFULL TIME. ABOUT 6:30 PM. THAY CALLED DINNER THAY COULD NOT TAKE CARE OF EVERYBODY

Saturday, February 14, 1948

45th Day—321 days to follow

CLEAR
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RAIN
SNOW

ON THE SHIP.

AT ONE SETTING SO PEOPLE WAITED IN LINE AGAIN UNTIL THERE WAS SPACE AT THE TABLE. FINALLY AFTER SEVERAL SETTINGS EVERYBODY WAS TAKEN CARE OF. FOR DINNER WE HAD DARK RYE BREAD - BUTTER MARGARENE BUTTER SMOKED FISH BOILED EGGS. TEA.

AFTER DINNER EVERYBODY FELT BETTER ABOUT 7:30 P.M. THEY CLOSED UP ALL THE OPENINGS ON THE SIDES OF THE SHIP AND PULLED UP THE ANKER THEY WHISTLED OR BLOWED THE HORN AND THE SHIP STARTED TO MOVE. THE SHIP HAD 4200 PASSENGER A CREW OF 400. AND FOOD - WATER - AND A CARGO OF ABOUT 40,000 TONS. AND COAL FOR 10 DAYS SUPPLY. IT WAS A TERRIFIC SHIP. HAD 3 DECKS THE TOP DECK WAS JUST LIKE TAKING A WALK AROUND A LOCK. THE FIRST 2 DAYS AND NIGHTS WAS

Sunday, February 15, 1948

46th Day—320 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

NICE AND CALM THE WATER WAS SMOOTH EVERYBODY HAD A GOOD TIME WE WERE LIKE ONE BIG FAMILY. SOME WERE READING SOME WERE WRITING SOME SINGING SOME LAUGHING SOME WERE PLAYING GAMES. I WAS WRITING AND THINKING ABOUT MY NEW HOME WHERE WE ARE GOING TO ADAPT IN A FEW DAYS I WAS TRYING TO PICTURE IT HOW IT LOOKS. AS I JOTTED DOWN A FEW NOTES. AND PUT AWAY MY NOTE BOOK. DECIDED TO GO UP ON DECK AND SEEN MANY YOUNG MEN AND MANY YOUNG LADIES. WALKING UP AND DOWN. HAVING A GOOD TIME. ON THE SECOND DAY WE STOPPED IN SCOTLAND TOOK ON A FEW MORE PASSENGERS AND SOME MORE FRT. AND WENT ON. ON THE SHIP THERE WERE - JEWISH - GERMANS - NORWEGIANS - SWEDS - SCOTCH - DANISH - POLISH - CZECH - SLOVAKS - RUSSIANS - ITALIANS ALL WONDERFULL MATERIAL FOR THE AMERICAN MELTING POT. WHICH THEY CALL AMERICAN CITIZENS

Monday, February 16, 1948

47th Day—319 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

ROUGH SEA.

ON THE 4TH DAY THE SEA WAS ROUGHER AND THE SHIP STARTED WAVING AND IN THE AFTERNOON THEY ORDERED EVERYBODY OFF DECK. THE WAVES HIT THE SHIP EVERY FEW MINUTES, SOME WAVES AS HIGH AS 10-AND 20 FEET HIGH. THE SHIP RODE THE WAVES AND MANY TIMES IT LOOKED LIKE THE SHIP WILL TOPPLE OVER. AND AT NIGHT IT GOT WORSE. PRACTICALLY EVERYBODY WAS SEA SICK & OUT COLD. VERY FEW OF THE PASSENGERS STIRRED. IN OUR GROUP, I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS UP. THE SMALL NURSING BABIES WERE NOT AFFECTED, BUT THEIR MOTHERS WERE ~~WERE~~ <sup>WERE</sup> AWFULLY SICK AND COULD NOT EAT NOR KEEP FOOD DOWN. THAT SAME NIGHT OF MAY THE 14TH WE HAD GONE THROUGH A TERRIBLE STORM. IT WAS SO BAD THAT THE CAPTAIN ORDERED ALL LIFE BOATS LOWERED READY FOR AN EMERGENCY. LIFE BELTS WERE HUNG IN EVERY COMPARTMENT.

Tuesday, February 17, 1948

48th Day—318 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

BY MORNING IT SLACKED UP. IT WAS STILL BAD BUT YOU COULD AT LEAST SEE WHERE YOU ARE TRAVELING - THE HORN WAS BLOWING EVERY 15 MINUTES AND EVERY HOUR A FRESH MAN WOULD CLIMB UP ON THE WATCH TOWER. THE CAPTAIN WOULD CHECK ON HIM BY BLOWING A WHISTLE AND HE HAD TO ANSWER THE WHISTLE. AND ~~ON~~ <sup>AS</sup> THE STORM STOPPED ON THE 22ND OF MAY. AND EVERYBODY FELT AND LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE ON A DRUNK FOR A WEEK. THE ODOR INSIDE OF THE SHIP WAS TERRIBLE. THE SHIP ATTENDANTS GOT BUSY AND CLEANED UP WHAT THEY COULD. AND EVERYBODY TOOK ON SOME NUTRIMENT AND FELT BETTER. AND MANY OF US SPENT MOST OF OUR TIME ON DECK. THE WATER WAS CALM AGAIN AND ON THE MORNING OF THE 23 WE FELT A COLD WAVE. IT GOT VERY COLD, SO MANY WENT DOWN BELOW. I HAPPENED TO ASK WHAT IT WAS AND THEY TOLD ME THAT AN ICE BERG WAS CLOSE.

IT DID NO AFFECT THE CHILDREN, THE MORE THE  
SHIP ROLLED THE MORE THEY ATE,  
SO IT KEPT ME VERY BUSY TO TAKE CARE  
OF THE CHILDREN, WHICH WERE 8 TO FEED.

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Wednesday, February 18, 1948

49th Day—317 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE WHO HAD FIELD GLASSES AND THEY COULD SEE THE ICEBERGS I ALSO LOOKED AND SEEN IT PLAIN IT LOOKED LIKE A WHITE MOUNTAIN IT WAS ABOUT 10 MILES AWAY. THE CAPTAN SAID THAT  $\frac{1}{5}$  OF THE ICEBERG IS ON TOP AND 80% PERCENT IS UNDER THE WATER THE CAPTAN TOLD US MAY ~~15~~<sup>18</sup> IS THE MOST DANGEROUS TIME FOR ICEBERGS.

AND ON THE 24TH OF MAY EARLY IN THE MORNING WE COULD SEE LAND. EVERYBODY WAS SO SICK AND TIRED OF THE SHIP AND THE SMELL OF IT THAT THEY DID NOT CARE TO GO BACK DOWN TO THE CABINS EVERY BODY WAS HOPING AND WISHING TO GET OFF THE SHIP SOON. EVERY HOUR THE SHIP WAS GETTING CLOSER TO LAND.

AND ABOUT 4 A.M. MAY 24TH WE LANDED IN THE HARBOR AT BOSTON, MASS. EVERYBODY STOOD ON DECK. AND ABOUT 5 O'CLOCK THEY DISCHARGED PASSENGERS OUR GROUP WHICH WAS GOING TO MEAN

31  
Thursday, February 19, 1948

50th Day—316 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

EXPERIENCE IN CHICAGO

WE DID NOT WAIT LONG. ABOUT 7 P.M. WE WERE TRANSFERED TO THE RAILROAD STATION AND WE GOT ON TO THE NEW YORK CENTRAL TRAIN AND WE WERE OFF TO THE GOLDEN WEST, OUR PROMISED LAND.

<sup>6:30 AM</sup> ON THE 27TH OF MAY WE ARRIVED IN CHICAGO AND WE WERE TRANSFERED FROM THE N.Y.C. TO THE G.N. STATION. A FRAME 2 STORY BUILDING. WE WERE TO WAIT UNTIL 4 P.M. AND TAKE THE G. NORTHERN TO M.D.A. IN THE STATION THEY HAD A LUNCH COUNTER. AND THEY CHARGED 5¢ A CUP OF COFFE AND 20¢ FOR A SANDWICH AND AS WE WERE A LARGE GROUP WE COULD NOT PAY SUCH PRICES AND HERE THE DOORS WERE LOCKED. WE WERE A GROUP OF 14 PEOPLE WE NEEDED FOOD NOT ONLY FOR THIS TEMPORARY WAIT FOR OUR TRAIN. BUT FOR OUR CONTINUOUS STAY FOR ~~SOME~~ DAYS TO OUR DESTINATION IN HAWMOOSE MOUNTAIN. WE NEEDED STAPLE FOOD FOR OUR LAST LAP OF THE TRIP. WE ASKED THE THE LADIES THE DOOR <sup>THEY SAID SO AND BRINGING</sup> TO GET IN.



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WE WERE TRANSFERED TO A DIFFERENT EMIGRATION  
CENTER AFTER EXAMINATION OF OUR PASSPORTS  
WE WERE TRANSFERED TO THE RAILROAD STATION  
AND READY FOR OUR JOURNEY TO NORTH DAKOTA,

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Friday, February 20, 1948

51st Day—315 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

EXPIERENCE FINDING FOOD

WE HAD 4 HOURS WAIT IN CHICAGO AND WE ALL READY LOST 1 1/2 HOURS FINDING OUT THE WAYS AND IFS. AND OUR JOB WAS TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR 14 PEOPLE FOR 3 DAYS TRAVEL. I WALKED UP TO A WINDOW AND LOOKED AT IT. AND RAISED THE LATCH. IT OPENED AND AS I LOOKED OUTSIDE. THERE WAS A 4 FOOT DROP FROM THIS WINDOW TO THE ROOF OF THE ADJOYNING BUILDING AND 3 MORE BUILDING TO THE CORNER AND THE CORNER BUILDING WAS ONLY 10 FEET FROM THE SIDEWALK. I IMMIDIATLY SLIPPED OUT OF THE WINDOW AND IN 5 MINUTUS I FIGURED OUT A PLAN TO GET OUT AND GET A FOOD SUPPLY AND BE BACK IN SHORT NOTICE IT TOLD MY BROTHER MOSES AND BROTHER IN LAW GOLDMAN. OF MY DISCOVERY AND WE IMMIDIATLY STARTED OUT. WE TOLD THE REST OF THE FOLKS WHERE WE ARE GOING AND WILL BE BACK VERY SOON. AND IN LESS THAN 10 MINUTES WE WERE OUT ON THE SIDEWALK. I ASKED A MAN WHERE WE CAN BUY FOOD SUPPLIES

Saturday, February 21, 1948

52nd Day—314 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

HE TOLD US TO WALK 3 BLOCKS SOUTH TO 12TH STREET. AND WE WILL <sup>THE VILVA SAUSAGE CO</sup> FIND WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR. AND WEND. WE STEPED INTO A NICE DELICATESSEN STORE AND BOUGHT NICE FRESH RYE BREAD AND ALSO WHITE BREAD AND. CURED MEATS. SALAMI. PICKLED TONGE AND MANY OTHER NESSESARY SUPPLIES AND IN 30 MINUTES WE WERE ON THE WAY BACK TO THE STATION WHICH WAS ONLY 3 BLOCKS AWAY WE GOT BACK TO THE BACK END OF THE BUILDING ON THE CORNER IT WAS ONLY 10 1/2 FEET FROM THE GROUND. WE FORMED A HUMAN STEPLADDER. MOSES A GOOD STRONG MAN GOT DOWN ON ALL.4. AND BEN STOOD ON HIS BACK AND I WAS THE LIGHTEST. OF THE BUNCH GOT ON BENS SHOULDERS IN A FLASH. I WAS ON TOP OF THE ROOF <sup>WE</sup> TOOK OF OUR BELTS IN EUROPE EVERYBODY WORE WIDE WOOL BELTS AND WE PIECED THEM TOGETHER AND FIRST WE FALLED UP OUR BUNDLES AND NEXT WITH THE HELP OF A PASK FROM THE BOTTOM BUNDLES.



Sunday, February 22, 1948

53rd Day—313 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

AND I PULLED FROM THE TOP. BEN GOLDMAN WAS SAFELY ON THE ROOF. THEN BEN AND I. PULLED MOSES UP AND FROM ONE ROOF TO THE OTHER WE WERE BACK IN THE STATION SAFE AND SOUND WITH SUFFICIENT FOOD SUPPLIES TO LAST US ON OUR LAST LAP OF OUR JOURNYS. SEVERAL OTHER EMIGRANTS REPEATED OUR TRIP, AND RETURNED SAFELY WITH FOOD SUPPLIES WHEN OUR FOOD PROBLEM WAS SOLVED WE WAITED UNTIL 4:30 PM. AND BOARDED THE TRAIN FOR THE WEST. WE TRAVELED ON THAT TRAIN TO ST. PAUL AND IN ST. PAUL WE CHANGED TO THE SOO LINE AND ON THE 29TH OF MAY AT 9 AM. WE GOT OFF THE TRAIN AT ANAMOOSE N. DAK. WE CARRIED IN OUR LUGGAGE AND ALL OUR BELONGINGS <sup>INTO</sup> THE STATION. AND SAT DOWN AND WE ALL MADE PLACE FOR THE CHILDREN TO SLEEP AND WE THE GROWN UP ~~W~~ CURRELED UP IN OUR SEATS WE WERE ALL TIRED AND WEARY IT DID NOT TAKE LONG BEFORE WE WERE ALL ASLEEP.

Monday, February 23, 1948

54th Day—312 days to follow

CLEAR
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SNOW

ARRIVED IN ANAMOOSE

MAY 29-1906 ANAMOOSE N. DAK. 5:30 AM. I WOKE UP EARLY AND DID NOT WANT TO DISTURB THE REST OF OUR GROUP. I LOOKED AT THE REST AND SEEN NOW THEY WERE ALL SPREAD OUT SOME ON THE FLOOR SOME ON THE SEATS ALL IN DIFFERENT POSITIONS COMPLETELY ALL IN FROM TRAVELING AND SHACKING AND KNOCKING AROUND FOR 5 SUCCESSIVE WEEKS. IN THESE 5 WEEKS WE TRAVELED THROUGH 5 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES RUSSIA—POLAND—LITHUANIA—GERMANY—ENGLAND AND STOPELAND AND WENT BY PERHAPS 5000 CITIES—TOWNS—AND VILLAGES— AND CROSSED PERHAPS 1000 RIVERS AND SMALL STREAMS. AND CROSSED THE BALTIC SEA—AND THE NORTH SEA—THE KIEL CANAL AND THE ATLANTIC OCEAN— AND MANY THOUSANDS OF MILES OF RAILROAD TRAVEL IN ENROPE AND USA. ALL OF THIS WAS DONE IN THE SHORT SPACE OF 5 WEEKS. IT WAS A HARDSHIP ON ALL OF US, ESPECIALLY THE WOMEN AND THE CHILDREN. THE WOMEN WERE MARIAM ANNA. MOSES CHILDREN—BESSIE BERTHA—GOLFMAN—WALTER—NORMA—CRAINY <sup>NONA DAK</sup>

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Tuesday, February 24, 1948

55th Day—311 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

FIRST EXPERIENCE IN U.S.A. IN MORNING.

AS I STOOD UP AND LOOKED AT THE REST OF OUR LITTLE GROUP DEEP IN SLUMBER. I SAID TO MYSELF HERE WE ARE ONLY ~~SIX~~ <sup>SEVEN</sup> AGO WE HAD A NICE HOME AND ALL THE COMFORTS OF LIFE, AND LEFT IT ALL BEHIND. ALL OUR RELATIVES OUR FRIENDS EVERYTHING WHICH OUR FAMILIES HAVE ACCUMULATED FOR POSSIBLY 200 YEARS IS ALL LEFT BEHIND. AS MEMORIES PLEASANT AND OTHERWISE.

AND HERE WE ARE ALL SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR ALL CURLED UP RESTING FROM THE LONG JOURNEY. IN EXCHANGE OF THE FOLLOWING 7 LETTER WORD—FREEDOM— AND WHEN I SAID AND REPEATED THIS WORD FREEDOM TO MYSELF IN SILENCE. I DREW A FRESH BREATH AND EXPANDED MY CHEST AND SAID TO MYSELF, YES, IT IS WORTH IT MANY TIMES OVER. I QUIETLY SLIPPED OUT OF THE STATION CLOSING THE DOOR BEHIND ME AND WALKED OUT ON THE PLATFORM AND I LOOKED AROUND.

38  
Wednesday, February 25, 1948

56th Day—310 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

IT WAS A BEAUTIFULL BAWMY SPRING MORNING THE SUN WAS NICE AND WARM THE AIR PURE AND FRESH THE TREES AND BUSHES WERE ALL LEAFED OUT THE GRASS WAS GREEN THE LITTLE GARDENS WERE ALL UP. ALL THE FARMERS WERE OUT IN THE FIELD SEEDING WHEAT AND OTHER SMALL GRAIN I COULD SEE THEM FROM THE STATION.

ANAMOOSE A SMALL ~~IN~~ NORTH DAKOTA TOWN ABOUT 400 POPULATION IN THE CENTRAL PART OF N. DAKOTA. A PURELY AGRICULTURAL TERRITORY SETTLED BY—RUSSIAN GERMANS—RUSSIANS—NORWEGIANS—<sup>WITH</sup> GERMAN PEOPLE PERDOMINATING THE REASON WE CAME TO ANAMOOSE, ND, IS BECAUSE WE HAD 2 NEIGHBORS FROM EUROPE. JOHN HIRSH AND ERIC MAUNTZ WITH WHOM WE CORRESPONDED FROM HOME AND THEY KEPT US INFORMED ABOUT THE HOMESTEAD LAWS RULES AND REGULATIONS AND WE DECIDED EVEN BEFORE WE LEFT EUROPE TO COME TO NORTH DAKOTA AND TAKE UP HOMESTEADS. THATS THE REASON WHY WE LANDED IN ANAMOOSE NORTH DAKOTA

39  
Thursday, February 26, 1948

57th Day—309 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

WE HAD RELATIVES IN NEW YORK—PHILADELPHIA—CHICAGO—AND NEW JERSEY, WHO WROTE US ASKING US TO STOP WITH THEM. THAT THERE ARE GOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS AT THOSE POINTS. BUT AS WE USED TO TRAVEL IN EUROPE AMONGST THE GERMAN FARMERS AND NOTICED THE PEACEFUL LIFE THEY LIVED SO WE DECIDED TO FIND SUCH A PLACE. BECAUSE DURING THE TURMOIL OF BUSINESS AND THE RUSSIAN TROUBLES WE DECIDED TO STAY AWAY FROM BUSINESS AND TAKE UP HOMESTEADS AND BUILD UP A PLACE OF COMFORT AND SECURITY. AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY WE LANDED IN AND MOOSE HOOK. AS I STOOD ON THE STATION PLATFORM I SPOKE TO SOME OF THE WORKING MEN AND ASKED THEM WHERE OUR FRIENDS LIVED AND I TOOK A WALK ABOUT 2 BLOCKS AND FOUND THE LOCATION OF THEIR HOMES. THIS SURE IS A NICE PEACEFUL LITTLE TOWN. EVERYBODY WERE JUST GETTING UP.

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Friday, February 27, 1948

58th Day—308 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

I WALKED FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND RETURNED TO THE STATION AND FOUND EVERYBODY STILL ASLEEP, SO I WOKE UP MOSES AND BEN AND ALL 3 OF US WALKED OVER TO JOHN HIRSH HOME AND INTRODUCED OURSELVES HE RECOGNIZED US AND CALLED US IN THE HOUSE AND WE HAD A NICE VISIT THAT HE WANTED US TO STAY FOR BREAKFAST BUT WE TOLD HIM WE CAN'T STOP FOR BREAKFAST BECAUSE ALL OUR FOLKS ARE AT THE STATION.

SOME TOLD US HE WILL BE AT THE STATION IN 30 MINUTES AND SEE WHAT HE CAN DO FOR US. IN ABOUT 1/2 HOUR WE GOT BACK TO THE STATION AND FOUND EVERYBODY UP WAITING FOR US. WE TOLD THEM WHERE WE WERE. AND SOON MRS. JOHN HIRSH OUR FRIEND CAME AND INFORMED US THAT HE LOCATED A HOUSE FOR US TO MOVE IN AND SETTLE DOWN UNTIL WE ARE READY TO COMPLETE OUR PLAN. SO IN ABOUT 1 HOUR WE MOVED INTO THE FIRST HOME IN THE U.S.A. IN THAT HOUSE THERE WAS A STOVE AND

Saturday, February 28, 1948

59th Day—307 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

SOME FURNITURE. AND OUR BAGGAGE CAME IN AND WE ALL SETTLED DOWN AND HAD A GOOD REST. AND BEGIN TO TAKE ON LIFE LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS ON THE 2ND DAY WE WERE CALLED BY THE LUMBER YARD MEN TO HELP HIM UNLOAD A CAR LOAD OF LUMBER WHICH WE DID AND WERE PAID 15 AMERICAN DOLLARS THAT WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN MONEY WE EARNED. AND NEXT DAY A NEIGHBOR CAME IN AND TOOK JOE OUT TO HELP IN THE HAY FIELD. AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN CAME AND WELCOMED US TO THE U.S.A. AND DAKOTA. WE BEGIN TO LOOK AROUND FOR HOMESTADS BUT WE FOUND OUT THAT THE BEST LAND AROUND HERE WAS ALL GONE AND WE WERE ADVISED TO GO TO MINOT PERHAPS WE CAN FIND SOME LAND THERE SO MOSES AND BEN TOOK THE TRAIN TO MINOT TO LOOK FOR HOMESTAND LAND

Sunday, February 29, 1948

60th Day—306 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

MY FIRST JOB IN U.S.A.

ON JUNE 2ND 1906 AS I WAS STANDING ON THE SIDEWALK NEAR THE BANK. LISTENING WATCHING LEARNING THE NEW WAYS OF LIFE IN THE U.S.A. AS I WAS STANDING CLOSE TO THE BANK I NOTICED A MAN WALK UP TO ANOTHER MAN AND BEGAN TO TALK RUSSIAN TO HIM TELLING HIM HIS TROUBLES. AND THE MEN PLEADED TO HIM FOR HELP. BUT THE MAN ANSWERED HIM THIS NE PONIMAU - WHICH MEANS IN RUSSIAN I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU. THEN I WALKED AND EXPLAINED <sup>TO</sup> THIS MAN WHAT THE OTHER MAN WANTED. SO THE MAN SAID TO ME IN GERMAN AREN'T YOU ONE OF THE BOYS WHO JUST CAME OVER FROM EUROPE. I SAID YES. HE ASKED ME IF I CAN HELP HIM. HANDLE THE FOREIGN DEPT. SO HE GAVE ME A SEPERATE DESC AND I HANDELED HIS FOREIGN DEPT. FOR A MONTH. IN CAPACITY WRITING LETTERS - SENDING MONEY TO RELATIVES SENDING STEAMSHIP TICKETS TO FRIENDS ABROAD - AND MANY OTHER DUTIES. THIS BUSINESS WHICH CONNECTED TO THAT OFFICE. JOB REPRESENTATIVE WAS

Special Data

LOOKING FOR HOMESTEADS

WHEN MOSES AND BEN CAME TO MINOT N. DAK. THEY GOT ACQUAINTED WITH A MAN BY THE NAME ADOLPH SEGAL, A CIGAR MAKER, WHO LIVED IN MINOT, AND RECENTLY CAME HOME. HE SAID TO THEM TO GO TO WILLISTON N. DAK. WHICH IS 120 MILES FROM MINOT AND THEY WILL FIND ALL KINDS OF LAND NORTH OR SOUTH OF WILLISTON HE FILED A HOMESTEAD SOUTH OF WILLISTON 4 MILES SOUTH OF SHAFER N. DAK. AN INLAND TOWN. SO BEN AND MOSES DECIDED TO GO TO WILLISTON AND THIS SAME DAY THEY TOOK THE TRAIN TO WILLISTON. THEY ARRIVED IN WILLISTON 6 AM JUNE 6TH. AND WALKED AROUND UNTIL 7:30 UNTIL THE STORES OPENED UP. THEY ASKED SOMEBODY IF THERE IS ANY JEWISH PEOPLE LIVING HERE AND THEY SENT THEM TO GREENGARD'S STORE. AND THEY CAME IN TO THE STORE INTRODUCED THEMSELVES TO JOE AND SAM GREENGARD TOLD THEM THEY ARE LOOKING FOR LAND. SAM GREENGARD SAID HE WILL DO ALL HE CAN TO HELP THEM FIND LAND HE WILL GO WITH THEM TO HELP THEM

Monday, March 1, 1948

61st Day—305 days to follow

FOUND HOMESTEAD LAND

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THIS IS THE PURE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE ALWAYS READY TO EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO ANY ONE IN NEED ESPECIALLY THEIR OWN PEOPLE. THAT HOLD TRUE ALL OVER THE WORLD. THEY WILL HELP MORALLY-PHYSICALLY FINANCIALY. ANY ONE IN NEED OR IN DISTRESS. SAM GREENGARD IMMEDIATELY CALLED UP A LAND LOCATOR, MR. S. PAUL AND THEY MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH HIM TO GO OUT WITH HIM TO FIND HOMESTEAD LAND. HE INFORMED THEM HE JUST FOUND OUT OF A TRACT OF GOOD LAND WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAD JUST RELEASED. SO ON JUNE 8TH, SAM GREENGARD, MOSES, BEN AND PAUL DROVE OUT SOUTH EAST OF WILLISTON ACROSS THE MISSOURI RIVER ABOUT 18 MILES AND THEY LOOKED AT THE LAND A VERY NICE FLAT VALLEY. THE OLD RANGERS CALLED IT BULL FLAT. BECAUSE IN THE REAL EARLY DAYS THE RANGERS SAY THIS WAS THE CORNER PLACE OF THE BUFFALO. AND ONE DAY AS THEY RODE BY THEY SAW 2 BUFFALO BULLS FIGHT THEY FOUGHT UNTIL THEY KILLED EACH OTHER. HENCE, THE NAME BULL FLAT.



Tuesday, March 2, 1948

62nd Day—304 days to follow

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FILING THE HOMESTEAD LAND

1. THAY DROVE BACK TO WILLISTON IT WAS TOO LATE  
 2. WHEN THAY GOT BACK. BECAUSE THE LAND OFFICE  
 3. WAS CLOSED 4 P.M. SO THAY MADE OUT THE NECESSARY  
 4. PAPERS IN AN ATTORNY'S OFFICE AND THAY WERE ALL  
 5. READY TO FILE ON THEIR HOMESTEADS THE NEXT  
 6. MORNING AT 9 A.M.

7. THE GREENGARDS VERY HOSPITABLE PEOPLE  
 8. TOOK MOSES & BEN UP TO THEIR HOME GAVE  
 9. THEM A PLACE TO SLEEP AND FOOD TO EAT  
 10. 4. THAY TREATED THEM ROUSLY THAY WERE THE SOLE  
 11. ADVISERS. THAY ARE THE FINEST PEOPLE GOD  
 12. EVER CREATED. MRS JOE GREENGARD, TIBBY,  
 13. ALWAYS SEEN THAT NO ONE LEFT THEIR HOUSE  
 14. HUNGRY. SHE WOULD GO OUT OF HER WAY TO  
 15. HELP SOMEBODY, REGARDLES OF CREED OR COLOR.  
 16. ON JUNE 9TH. 9 A.M. SAM GREENGARD, MOSE, BEN  
 17. WERE AT THE DOOR OF THE U.S.A. LAND OFFICE  
 18. THE FIRST ONES IN LINE TO FILE ON THE  
 19. LAND THAY LOOKED AT THE DAY BEFORE.  
 20. AND WITH GODS HELP AND THE ASSISTANCE OF  
 21. SAM GREENGARD MOSES AND BEN, BELIEVE  
 22. THE PROUD OWNERS OF 160 ACERS EACH  
 23. OF REAL GOOD FLAT LAND IN THE BULL FLAT.

Wednesday, March 3, 1948

63rd Day—303 days to follow

CLEAR
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HOMESTEAD RULES AND REGULATIONS

MOSES AND BEN SPENT 1600 EACH TO FILE ON THE  
 LAND. FIRST YOU GO TO AN ATTORNY AND YOU HAVE  
 HIM MAKE OUT PAPERS. THAY CALL  
 DECLARING YOUR INTENTIONS TO BECOME AN  
 AMERICAN CITIZEN, WHICH COST YOU 200 DOLLARS  
 AND IN THAT PAPER YOU MENTION THE FULL  
 DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND. TOWNSHIP RANGE  
 SECTION AND THE LAY OF THE 160 ACERS YOU  
 WISH TO FILE. SOME FILE SQUARE. SOME A MILE  
 LONG SOME L SHAPE AND MANY OTHER SHAPES  
 JUST SO ALL THE - 4 - FORTIES JOIN TOGETHER.  
 WITH THESE PAPERS YOU GO TO THE LAND OFFICE  
 AND GIVE YOUR OATH AND INTENTION TO BECOME  
 AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WITHIN 5 YEARS  
 AND YOU PAY A FEE OF 1400 AND YOU GET YOUR  
 FILING PAPERS AND A COPY OF YOUR FIRST CITIZEN PAPERS  
 THERE WAS 2 WAYS TO PROVE UP A HOMESTEAD  
 ONE WAS TO WAIT 5 YEARS AND LIVE ON THE LAND  
 AND THEN TAKE OUT YOUR CITIZEN PAPERS AND THEN  
 PROVE UP. OR YOU HAD TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE  
 ON YOUR LAND FOR 14 MONTHS. AND THEN  
 TAKE OUT IT - COMPLETE - AND PAY 250 PER ACRE  
 AND YOU PROVE UP IN 14 MONTHS / WE PREFERRED  
 THE 5 YEAR PLAN.