

Kaiser was president of Galicia 1914 - not part of Russia

1913 she came to US

1914 troubles started and war was coming (1917) World War 1

She worked in the presidential campaign for Woodrow Wilson

She came alone to US to see Anna

Her parents paid for her passage - sister sent her ship card

Traveled by train to Hamburg - ship from Bremen

They had a church in her town - but alternated between her town and another for services

She walked to church 1.5 hours to other town

Her town West Piorunka, Floryinka, Grybow

Malapolska

West Piorunka is no longer there (probably due to relocation in 1947)

One brother "behind the barbed wire" unsure if he was alive (Anna's comment)

Two brothers died Julian and Yurko

Emilian was the one behind barbed wire

Yurko died in Russia unsure where Julian died (Poland?) both had families

Eudokia is sister still living in Poland

Gave Red Book to Jimmy - american book that had maps of her home area

She lived in the mountains

She would go to Krakow for hospital - one day by horse

Her father had two wives - her mother Parasca and father Gregori

They farmed for themselves for winter

During summer they would pick mushrooms, strawberry, blackberry, raspberry to sell 20 cents/qt dvatsit gaysar

They worked for a rich uncle for free but he let them pick berries on his land

Gregori was a carpenter and built houses he didn't stay home much - come home Saturday and leave Sunday during summer time

He also made furniture...beds without using nails

During winter he made wooden dishes, spoons, shoes by hand

Ahaphia was drinking too much, Gregori had a small farm and hired someone to run it while he was building houses

They had a maid who made a fire on the stove and somehow the ashes started a fire which destroyed everything

Gregori was destitute and Ahaphia essentially drank herself to death

When Gregori was going to marry Parasca, people said why marry him since he has nothing

Somebody gave Gregori a piece of land and he built a house and he paid \$3 per year for the ground 3 dugaya

Gregori would buy leather and make shoes for the kids

They didn't make their own clothes, they bought them

Parasca never crocheted

Johaska tended to the neighbors' cows and got clothes and food and 10 dugaya per year

One time lightning hit a cow and went through its leg and stomach and hit a tree

When they built the house, they took a big tree then put clay on top and around it. Next they burnt out the wood and the fire cured the clay into their fireplace and oven. It took about a week to burn out the wood. The tree was about as big as a couch.

Gregori built three beds like benches about four feet up the top of the stove for kids to sleep.

Johaska fell out of the bed one time and broke her arm.

They would bake bread on the coals and smoke meats (kielbasa)

The winters brought a lot of snow and they were essentially house bound

When the temperatures got to freezing, they would bring the cow into the house

The house had a big kitchen, her mother and father slept in a bed in the kitchen

The house had packed clay floors and house was made of logs

Bathroom was outside

The roof had wood shingles

She describes how they would use a saw to cut shingles and wood

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Described a two man saw

They would drink wine that neighbors made - no liquer

She never saw her father drunk

Gregori would go to the local bar to drink

Johaska never went to school. Sometimes she would go to the church where two priests would teach them to read

When Johaska was 11 years old she went to work for someone for 3 years

Her childhood doll was a block of wood and piece of rag

The neighbors were within 100 yards but they never bothered with them

During winter Gregori would make thread from flax

Her earliest recollection was when she was about 6 and there was a big rain and Anna and Johaska were in a field with a cow. They saw a big wave coming. Johaska was crying, "Why don't we go home" and Anna said "Don't cry, I'll take you there" Anna put Johaska on her back and the cow pulled both of them through the flood waters

Asked why she came to the USA? There was no work locally and she would have to go somewhere else to find work.

There was a girl named Olga who claimed she was a daughter of Tsar Nickolai who survived the executions and escaped to USA

Bismark was president of or Kaiser

Johaska didn't want to tell this story for fear of retribution

Kaiser had a son named Rudolph and he was involved with a woman, somehow jewlery was involved and the son killed the woman, but the Kaiser claimed he did it. The son went on a trip (on the run?) and came into the Coachman (like a general store) then came to Johaska's house and asked Gregori if he could sleep there. Gregori said he didn't have a place for him to sleep. He asked for bread but there wasn't any. Gregori told Johaska to go to the Coachman to buy bread. Rudolph refused because he didn't eat Jewish bread. Parasca gave him soup. Rudolph had to keep moving from town to town and left Piorunka. He was very nice boy of 19. He came to the US and ended up being a miner.

There was a statue in Piorunka which was buried after Johaska left around the war.

She was asked how old she was when she came to the USA. She doesn't want to say her age. She eventually admits she was 14 1/2 but claimed she was 17 when she came.

The boat trip took 9 days.

Anna came over when she was 16 or 17, She sent Ship Cards to her family. Johaska's aunt sent ship cards to her.

Anna was 84 years old when the tape was made. Should be 1975!

Johaska has a picture to show...perhaps the Helen has?

Ship card may have been related to sponsoring someone to come to the USA. Jim mentions quotas and the ship card may have been a quota slot.

She first came to USA September 18 1913. she left 9 days before. It took her stayed in Bremen for 3 days. She stayed with Coast Guard in Hoboken NJ for 2 days before Anna came to get Johaska.

She went to work for a Jewish family for \$6 per month. She was treated like a baby. She didn't do anything, just stayed with the woman because she was all alone and not well. She was from Russia and the husband was from Romainia. When husband would come home, he would bring Johaska a box of candy. She didn't like it because she never had candy as a child. Anna was nearby (few blocks) and she took her the candy. She worked there for 3 months. The husband wanted tot take her to NY but Anna wouldn't let him. She wanted to go because they were very nice people.

She went to work for another Jewish family as a housekeeper for \$10 per month. After 1 year she asked for a raise, they promised but never gave it so she packed her things and left. The lady called a cop who asked her to open suitcase. They determined she could leave and the cop took her to her sister.

After that she went to skool coalya = a skin shop. She skinned rabbits. Every day she had a headache from the smell of the mothballs used to preserve the furs. Then she quit.

After that she went to a carpet shop where she worked for two years putting thread on the spools. She made \$10 per week.

She and Ivan lived about a block apart in Yonkers at that time. He worked for Spreckels Sugar House

She dated Ivan for about a month before they got married. She was boarding at the house and she used to hide in the bathroom pulling down the blinds and the shades. She would tell the boarding lady "Tell him I am not home". He was persistent and

watched for when she was home. Eventually they started to date and got married in 1917 in a church in Yonkers, NY. They had a big wedding with a lot of people paid by Ivan.

Ivan came over to USA in 1912 with his father. His father was a member of the Cossack Army. Something about being in Manchuria? His father came to NY and stayed for 2 years then went back again.

Ivan was in the Navy and he jumped ship and went AWOL.

Some discussion about Ivan riding the rails as a hobo after coming here. The he became a miner. He found that it was a losing proposition and quit then came back east to work at the Sugar House.

After they married they moved to PA where he went to work at Baldwin Locomotive with a Russian friend.