

Biography of Elvire Necker-Eberhardt



I, Elvire Necker-Eberhardt, was born in Sofiewka, Bessarabia and as a small child experienced the Resettlement of all Bessarabian-Germans to the then German occupied Poland. From there we fled in 1945 and ended up in camps in Denmark before we could move to Germany. Up to this point, I had led a life of a "migrant". This term is very much in the news nowadays.

In post-war Germany, I received my schooling and teacher's training but immigrated to Canada in 1960. After more studies in Edmonton, Alberta and in Strasbourg, France, I taught at Laval University in Quebec City and then at the Medicine Hat College. My subjects were Linguistics, French and German. My Ph.D. dissertation had been on: "The Bessarabian-German Dialect of Medicine Hat, Alberta."

My husband, Albert Necker, came from Kulm, Bessarabia. After Resettlement he served in the German Army and then spent almost 5 years as POW in White Russia and the Ukraine.

I have been back to Bessarabia 4 times and am trying to stay in contact with some people there. My hobby is genealogy and the history of the Bessarabian-Germans.