

Story of Abraham Avram Sopkin b 1900

Philip Sopkin Silverstone posting on Geni

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About Abraham/Avram Sopkin

Philip Silverstone-Sopkin wrote:

Nell, whose married name was Birnbach and who died at the age of 95 in 1995, told me this story:

My great-grandfather, Abraham Sopkin, was blinded in a pogrom in Uman, Ukraine in 1905. A peasant hit him on the back of the head with a club and damaged the visual region of the brain. His eyes weren't directly hurt, but he lost his vision.

After that, he decided this wasn't a place to bring up children. So he gathered all the money he could raise, and sent his second wife and two daughters by his second marriage across the border to Rumania, and thence to the U.S. (Boston).

They crossed the border to Rumania hidden in a wagon of hay. The plan was for Abraham to join his family later in the U.S. But he never made it, because the U.S. immigration laws did not permit blind people to emigrate to the U.S.

He died in Uman in 1910.

Abraham/Avram Sopkin's Timeline

1846 Birth of Abraham/Avram

1880 July 15, 1880 Birth of Yitzhak Isadore Sopkin

1910 Death of Abraham/Avram - Age 64

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More information on Sopkins at www.foxcooper.org

Most current updates on Ancestry.com in the Podorolski Schwartz Sopkin Family Tree 2014

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