

Interview with my Grandma Hilde (answers from my Grandma)

-Did your family have a vegetable garden or some animals?

Yes, we had a huge garden with a lot of vegetables in it like carrots, onions, salad, cucumbers, strawberries, raspberries and so on. Also we had a lot of trees in there with apples, pears, plums, and cherries. We also had a few animals. My parents had 3 cows, pigs, ducks and rabbits.



-What did you produce?

We produced milk from the cows. Also we grew potatoes in a field we owned for our living and to feed the animals with.

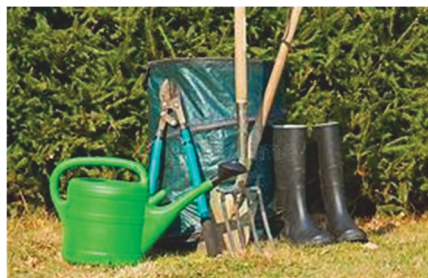
-Did you sell the products of the land or animals or consume them in the family?



Like I have told you already, the milk was for the family and what wasn't needed we sold. The potatoes were only for ourselves and the pigs we raised were only for the family. When a pig was getting slaughtered we used all the meat for the family.

-What tools did you use?

Well I didn't use so many tools because I was always working full-time. I was divorced at a very young age and had 2 little kids which were raised with the help of my parents where I was moving to after my divorce.

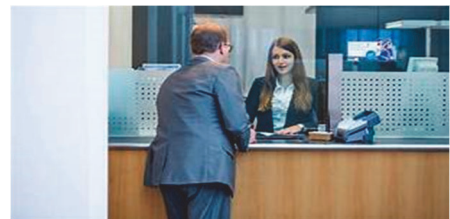


_Did you work the fields alone or did someone help you? Always or sometimes? On what occasions? (harvesting, pruning, etc.)

I only could help on the weekends or on vacation. I helped harvesting the vegetables and fruits or digging out the potatoes by hand of the field. Cutting trees was my father's job and working the fields was also mostly done by my parents.

_Did you have another job or was farming/breeding your main source of income?

I worked as a Bank Clerk for 43 years fulltime and had my income through my job. The farming was my parents income plus my father was hurt badly in world war 2 and he and my mother had a good retirement money because of that. Farming was more a hobby for them to save money on grocery shopping.



_What did the environment look like in your day? What was the most widespread crop?

I would say that most of the people back then where growing their food themselves and worked in the fields. These days you don't see that anymore.



There are very vew farmers out there anymore. The most widespread crop I would say was the potatoe and corn-fields. People were selling the harvest and that was their income for living.

-Where there any activities in your environment that are no longer there today?

Yes, the harvesting of the fruits, vegetables and so on. Back in the days the whole family was in the garden or on the field to harvest. These days barely anybody is doing this anymore.

_Do you still farm the land today or do you have animals? Why do you do it/Why don't you do it anymore?

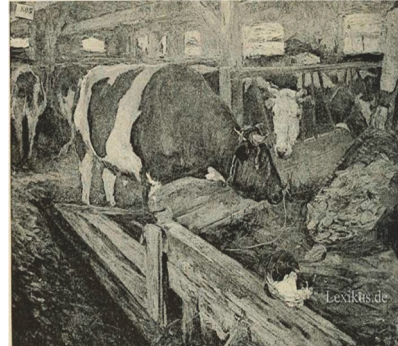
No, after my parents were dying, I sold most of the land they owned and quit the farming because I was working fulltime and didn't have the time to continue. I kept a small garden where I grow a small amount of vegetables for myself and I have a few fruit-trees left.

Justin Clark M10b

INTERVIEW WITH MY GRANDPARENTS

My grandmother was born in 1953 and had three other siblings and my grandfather was born in 1950 and had six other siblings, both families had a farm. They live in a village and had:

- cows
- pigs
- horses
- chickens
- a dog
- geese
- ducks
- etc.



They produced wheat, rye, oats, barley, potatoes, beets, etc. They also had cherries, apples, nuts and pears, among other things. They sold some grain, some they fed their animals and some they ate themselves.

They used equipment such as a tractor, combine harvester, threshing machine, loader wagon, rake, cows and horses. All day long they were in the field with their families and refugees.

After finishing school, my grandpa learned to be an electrician and my grandma worked in a company. They didn't have a lot of leisure activities. My grandma danced in her spare time.

In their surroundings there used to be fewer houses, hardly any companies, fewer forests and trees, more hiking trails and poorer roads. Today they no longer have a farm because almost everything was sold, because a farm was no longer worthwhile.

The days in their lives looked mostly the same, they had to go to school early, then have lunch, after lunch they would go out into the fields until evening and go to the stable in the evening.



Leonie Lindner (M10b)

My Grandparents life

Having a garden is not a given nowadays. At a time when land prices are steadily rising, a garden is even a small luxury. My maternal grandparents used to have a vegetable garden. This one was not directly at the house but 200 meters away. In addition to a few apple trees, strawberries, beans and potatoes were mainly grown. What could not be used immediately was made. Unfortunately, the garden was misused by the municipality in 1985 and today the Seehofhalle stands there. My grandfather was a single earner, his wife took care of the household and the children. They had a car that my grandpa was driving to work with. My grandma did some shopping on foot in the nearby grocery store and once a month a big shopping was done.



My grandparents used to give no thought to the environment. There was a rubbish bin, there was only waste separation for the compost. The first environmental thought came up with the ozone hole, but then you bought another hairspray and the subject was over.

But if I go back a generation or two, life was very different. My Uroma grew up in the mill of Memmelsdorf. In addition to the main source of income for the grinding and sale of flour, they also ordered several fields on which, in addition to wheat, asparagus was grown and also sold. For the most part, they were self-sufficient, so they had a few pigs, chickens and goats and ran a vegetable garden.

Noah Engert (M10b)

Interview with my grandparents

Agriculture has always been an issue in my family. My grandparents also had a lot to do with agriculture. My grandpa also owned pigs, cows and chickens and had a lot of work in the fields and in the forest. He also owned an inn. My other grandpa also had a lot to do with agriculture. He had a lot of fields, forests and animals such as cows, chickens and pigs.



The work in the fields used to be very hard work. At that time, many farmers in my village helped together to make their work easier. What can now be done very easily with tractors and other machines in a few minutes, took many days of hard work back then. They had to work a lot by hand or with the help of animals such as cows or horses that helped with field work.



In my village you used to have to walk 2 kilometers outside of my village to get water and get it from a community house. Today everything is different because today we have running water in our house and my family no longer operates any agriculture. We no longer do agriculture because my parents both go to work and my grandparents have already passed away and we therefore have no time for agriculture.

Nina DÜthorn, M10b, Mittelschule Scheßlitz

Interview with my grandma

My grandma was born in 1955 and lived on a farm when she was growing up. Her grandparents and family had many animals at the time. They had a horse, cows, oxen, pigs, calves, rabbits, chickens, a rooster, ducks, geese, dogs, cats and pigeons. Also a vegetable garden, fields with wheat, barley, oats, potatoes and turnips. At that time they made their sausages or meat themselves, but they did not sell it.

In the countryside, my grandma had to work with her siblings, parents and relatives. She worked in the field after school. She had to harvest potatoes or mow grass with the muste, she also saw a threshing machine for wheat.

Her father worked mainly at the Albert dairy farm in Scheßlitz. Her mother, however, was only a housewife and a farmer.

At the time, she saw few cars in her area.

Most of the time they harvested wheat, barley, oats, potatoes and turnips.

The farm no longer exists, because the grandparents have died and the children wanted to take up a profession themselves.



Luisa Uch, M10b

SHORT TEXT ABOUT LIFE MY GRANDPARENTS

My grandparents are from Croatia. They lived in small village. My grandparents lived in a normal house. It was a normal house with 3 rooms, kitchen, restroom and bathroom. In that house lived my grandma with her parents. She has 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Her family had a vegetable garden and they had some animals, mostly cows and sheep. They grew corn, sunflowers, potatoes and all other type of vegetables, but mostly they grew wheat. They had a big field of wheat. When they produce it, one part will they eat because that was mostly what they eaten, and other part will they go in city and try to sell. Selling vegetables was one type of earning money, because in that time it was very hard to find job if you don't have any education. For tools, they used hoes and shovels and at big fields they also used horses with plows. Mostly they worked it all alone, but sometimes they had some sort of help. That wasn't their only way of earning money. During the season (season means summer) her father worked as forester. When I asked my grandma about activities when she was young and activities young people now, she answered: "Young people don't do that type of work now, because now they all have good education and they work a normal job, to earn enough money for themselves. When I was young, people don't have good education and that is why we worked as farmers. Farmer is also good work, but it is verry underrated." Now she still farms the land, not because she need money to live or something like that, she does that because she grew up whit it and she love that. That makes her happy.



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