ROSENTHAL Family

Courtesy of Neil Rosenthal, USA

The ROSENTHAL family lived in the town of Yasinya since 1770, when Leib ROSENTHAL came there from Nadworna (Poland).

There have been many generations of ROSENTHAL's living there since that time.

Nachman ROSENTHAL was born there in 1891. He had 4 brothers and 1 sister:

- Heinrich ROSENTHAL
- Kalman ROSENTHAL
- Shmuel ROSENTHAL
- Samuel ROSENTHAL
- Lotte Schlesinger

Jacob ROSENTHAL was born there in 1928 and Richard ROSENTHAL was born there in 1932.

Nachman ROSENTHAL was one of the leading Jewish leaders in the town.

The family as a whole was wealthy and had land, stores, and fields spread around the town.

The family was Orthodox and Richard and Jacob ROSENTHAL went to a Jewish school, up until the 4th grade. After that, you had to go to a school out of town. My uncle ???? went to such a school in Prague.

Everything was going well up until about 1943, when the Hungarians came into the town, with Hitler's blessing and one night sent all the Jews to a part of town in which a ghetto was established.

Richard and Nachman ROSENTHAL stayed in the ghetto for a few days and then they, along with the rest of the Jews in town, were sent to a work camp in Debrecen.

From there, they were sent to Auschwitz, and both Richard and Nachman ROSENTHAL went on the "Death March" to Buchenwald concentration camp.

Two days before the camp liberation, Nachman ROSENTHAL was shot after performing a clean-up detail in a town nearby the camp.

Richard ROSENTHAL was liberated by the American Army, in April 1945, and was able to travel to Prague in a transport. He eventually met a cousin with whom he lived with until 1946, and afterwards, he went to England.

Richard ROSENTHAL came to the United States in 1949.