

## TELLING OUR STORIES, FINDING OUR ROOTS ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM

<b>Date of interview</b>	
<b>Location of interview</b>	Museum of Mid Devon Life, Tiverton
<b>Name of interviewee</b>	Angela Howard and Milena Trowbridge
<b>Name of interviewer</b>	Sue Stevens & Wendy Nichols
<b>Length of interview</b>	00:24:04
<b>File format, storage format</b>	WAV, hosted on Soundcloud. Digital copy obtainable from DDE.

**Tags:**

Slovenia ; Yugoslavia ; Second Generation Story ; Ancestors ; Heritage ; Language ; Research ; Identity ; Family ; Faith ; World War Two ; Prisoner Of War Camp ; European Voluntary Workers Scheme ; Tiverton;

**Interviewee's wishes regarding use of interview**

None.

**Interviewer's notes / any issues on recording****Linked objects/photographs.**

Angela and Milena begin the interview discussing various family photographs

**Key themes and topics covered in the interview**

<b>Theme / topic</b>	<b>Timecode on recording</b>
Photographs of Danny	Timecodes Unavailable
Parents' Meeting	Timecodes Unavailable
Danny's time in Italy	Timecodes Unavailable
Danny's journey to the UK	Timecodes Unavailable
Finding Community in Tiverton	Timecodes Unavailable
Language	Timecodes Unavailable
Danny's Other Family Members	Timecodes Unavailable
Religion and Tradition	Timecodes Unavailable
Danny's Work at Heathcoats	Timecodes Unavailable
Heritage	Timecodes Unavailable

**Interview highlights**

### Interview summary

At the end of the Second World War Daniola Magloff, a Yugoslav and prisoner of war, settled in Tiverton and had four children, two of whom - Angela Howard and Milena Trowbridge - come together in this interview to recall what they knew, or have since discovered, about their father's wartime experiences and his life in Tiverton since. The early discussion centres around a series of family photographs.

Save for telling his daughters he walked from Italy "back home" on one loaf of bread, he said very little about how he came to be in Tiverton at the end of the war. It seems he became a member of the European Voluntary Workers' Scheme, spent time in Exeter doing agricultural work, and, together with his Yugoslav wartime colleagues, some coming from outside Tiverton, moved to Bolham, to take up work at Heathcoats.

Angela and Milena's mother worked at the prisoner of war camp in Tiverton and they assume that's how she met their father. Their parent's wedding picture shows them surrounded by their father's Yugoslav friends, with whom he subsequently enjoyed many "men's Saturday night out" playing cards and slot machines at "the club" and with whom, too, the rest of the family socialised. He was a religious man, who, though careful with money spent on his family, continued to send donations to the Greek Orthodox church "back home". He would speak fondly of his farming up-bringing and of his donkey which, one daughter recalled, he said had been "had by a wolf". It seems he spoke Croation and tried to teach his daughters to speak it, sadly, they say, without success.

He loved his gardening and his allotment, just down the road from where he lived in Tiverton, still working on it well into his nineties. A "bit of a joker", always well-dressed, and known for his "head of hair", his daughters say he was he was a popular figure in the community, with many turning out for his wake.

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