

GEORGE LEBSACK AND OTHERS

This is about George Lebsack, his brother Carl and their Uncle Dave as well as many other men trying to get out of Russia. They traveled by night and would hide during the day. People would take them in when it started getting daylight and feed them. Then they would rest until they could start out again in the evening. They hid in barns and cellars, anyplace that would keep them from being found. George said that the people that helped them was good people. It took the group thirty nights to get out of Russia.

When traveling at night, they had to cross many rivers. Some of the rivers were not frozen solid so they tried stepping on pieces of frozen ice. Sometimes they fell through. Their clothes would freeze on them. One of the rivers they crossed was the Volga River.

By the time they finally made it to Germany, George had passed out and didn't know where he was. When he woke up, he was in a hospital in Germany. While in Germany, they worked for room and board. They saved their money to buy tickets to come to America. This took them about two months.

After arriving in America, they got jobs helping farmers during beet harvest. Since they had little clothing. People helped them out by providing clothing. They were glad to be able to work and earn some money so they could buy the things they needed.

When George Lebsack would be asked about his crossing Russia and getting to America, he would usually hang his head and not talk about it. Jake Lebsack thinks there are two members of the group still living.