

**Letters from Canada
from Louise Wiens**

Hi: Enjoyed your website (*Bessarabia SIG website*). My 93-year-old mother and her 89 year old sister were born in Leipzig, Bessarabia and lived there until 1941. I am sure you are well aware of the numerous prosperous German settlements that existed in Bessarabia, until Hitler called them all “home” in the early 1940’s. Of course, many never got “home”. My aunt recently recalled again the Jewish families which lived in Leipzig at that time. Several owned businesses. Everyone lived peacefully together. There was intermarriage. So many families were shattered and so many lives were lost. We need to keep the history alive.

Thanks...

Louise Wiens (Canada), 2013

Here are Louise answers my questions

Hey: Yes, I know a lot about Leipzig. It is now called Serpneve. Actually both of my mother's parents were from Tarutino. I have heard about the war, and Bessarabia every day of my life and for that I am very thankful. Although my parents are both living, they now have some memory problems, but my 89 year old aunt is sharp as a tack. I will talk to her in the next couple of days and ask if she knows the name you mention. She lives in our town. I have books of Leipzig with records of inhabitants from the 1930's and 40's before the mandatory deportation of all the German villages. I will look up the name for you. One book has a street map. The German site (of the museum) is Bessarabia.de. My cousins are all in Germany, Belgium and Siberia. My German cousins regularly travel to Bessarabia with German groups on Homeland Tours. Another site is meinbessarabia.de. Leipzig Bessarabia has a Facebook page with some photos. A great American site is ndsugermansfromrussia. I am sure they also have info on the Jewish population of Bessarabia at that time. It is a very big site and you will find it interesting. You tube has lots of videos on Bessarabia. (Moldova). I will get back to you. I am a nurse and am on nights so it will be a couple of days.

Thanks!!! Lousie Wiens (Canada), 2013