

Part One

Those Early Years

My mother came from Poland and my father from the Ukraine, both Roman Catholic countries. They arrived in America during the early 1900's, met and married during that time. My birth in 1920 was preceded by my brother, John, and sister Nellie. Later my younger sisters, Irene and Anne were born.

In 1924 our family moved to South Eastern Ohio and settled in the small community of Zanesville, through which the Muskingum river flows. At that time the population was approximately 30,000 and was the birth place of Zane Grey the well known writer. To this day an annual regatta is held on the river, in his name.