

NOTES BY ALAN A. BROWN ABOUT NEUHAUS AND ROSA SCHREIBER

In 1944-1945, as a young Hungarian Jewish teenager, I was deported by the Nazis together with my father to labor camp in Burgenland to work on the "East Wall." After the war I emigrated to the United States.

In spring 1961, when my family and I were living in France, we traveled to Neuhaus am Klausenbach (Burgenland, Austria) to try to find the place where I had been imprisoned and where my father was buried. We made inquiries at a store in Neuhaus. The people there called several other people to assist us and a woman, Frau Herbert Mund, told us that she remembered a place where seven people were buried in a marshland near her home. With her help we found the unmarked grave where I had buried my father. After speaking to various people, one of them a mason, we ordered a tombstone to be inscribed with the name of my father (Sandor Braun). We were advised not to make any reference to the Nazis because the tombstone would be defaced.

The people who assisted us finding the grave were:

Reverend Stephan Berger
Herr and Frau Herbert Mund
Johann Mautner
Johann Neubauer
Frau Marakowitsch

We also inquired about a young woman who owned a general store during the war because we wanted to thank for her help. During the War when I was imprisoned she gave food and medicine to me and my father, at great risk to herself. Through the people in Neuhaus we were able to find this woman whose name was Rosa Schreiber. Afterwards, we met her many times in Gruenau, Austria, where she moved, and she also visited us in California and later in the Windsor/Detroit area where we lived. She was celebrated as the guest of honor at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Detroit in 1995 shortly before she died, and (based on further documentation that she also helped other prisoners during the Nazi era) she was honored posthumously by Yad Vashem in Jerusalem with the title: "Righteous Among the Nations."