

*During Holodomor  
members of  
Margaryta  
Smolyanska's  
family lived in  
Nizhyn,  
Northern Ukraine*





# *Yefrosinia (Frosia) Borshch*

Relationship to Margaryta Smolyanska: Great-great-grandmother

Yefrosinia Borshch survived Holodomor but lost **10** family members to forced starvation

Family members who died in 1933:

**Olena** (her mother)

**Ivan** (her brother) as well as his **wife** and **four out of their five children**

**Andrey** (her brother) as well as his **wife** and their **daughter Natalya**



## *Tyhyn Metla (husband of Yefrosinia Borshch)*

Relationship to Margaryta Smolyanska: Great-great-grandfather

Tyhyn survived Holodomor but his refusal to follow the Communist Party orders to take away the entire harvest from the peasants cost him his career and almost his life

Tyhyn was the Head of the local collective farm

He refused to expropriate all the available food from the people in his area and give it to the Soviet authorities, believing there was a mistake in the order

Tyhyn was declared “enemy of the people”, put in prison, and sentenced to death

He was saved by a close friend with connections to the high ranking members of the Communist Party

Tyhyn was released from prison but was ordered to never leave the town of Nizhyn as long as he lived

*The Holodomor is a direct parallel to to atrocities that are currently being inflicted onto Ukrainians.*

# *Bucha Massacre*

- In March of 2022 Bucha, a village outside Kyiv, was occupied by Russian forces
- During the occupation, over 400 killed, many of which were tortured, mutilated, or executed



<https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-europe-war-crimes-7791e247ce7087dddf64a2bbdcc5b888/gallery/83871abfbfa443a9879330e65b3c5524>

# *Oleca Dudarenko*

*Pictured Left is Oleca Dudarenko,  
aunt of Margaryta Smolyanska*

*Oleca and other family of Margaryta  
Smolyanska was living in Bucha at the time  
of the massacre, and were forced to hide in  
their basement during the occupation*

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