

Zygmunt Minc With Friends



This is Zygmunt Minc, my father's brother, in front of a guesthouse, surrounded by friends..

He's second from left. This is probably taken in Krynica. Probably in 1947, 1948.

My grandparents lived in Warsaw. Their home was in a very elegant place, on Smolna Street, opposite what is now the drugstore at the corner of Smolna and Nowy Swiat, on the third floor.

The house was destroyed in WWII. That's where the two eldest sons of my grandparents were born: Bernard Mintz, who later became a doctor, and my father - Izydor Jozef.

My father was born in 1877, on 22nd March, and his brother was born some two or three years earlier.

Later my grandparents moved, and the youngest son, Zygmunt was born at their new place, at number 40 Marszalkowska Street, right at Zbawiciela square.

In 1913 my grandparents moved to Cracow and lived at number 2 Czarneckiego Street.

My father's younger brother, Zygmunt, graduated in law some time in the early 20s, and he became a judge in Bochnia near Cracow.

Up until the second world war he was a judge in a town court. There was some pressure for him to change his faith, but he never got baptized. Zygmunt had a wife named Erna.

In 1927 or 1928 their son Adam was born. Before the war Zygmunt would sometimes visit us in Lodz - he came rarely, but he did come - and then we would sometimes travel to Cracow, for family gatherings of sorts at Zygmunt's in Bochnia.

Zygmunt Minc and his wife Erna and their son Adam survived the war.

During the war they lived in Yoshkar-Ola, the capital of the Autonomous Republic Mari El.

Later they settled in Bytom, and after that Adam came to Gliwice. We saw them after the war.