Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Jozef Seweryn (changed name from Jozef Kraus after his mother's husband, Wladyslaw Seweryn, in 1942 to hide his Jewish identity)

Where and when were you born? Cracow, 24th June 1917

Where else did you live? Jelenia Gora, Tel Aviv (today Israel), Warsaw

Your educational level? Economic high school

What sort of work do/did you do?

Worker at a dentistry supplies store, barber, worked in an office that assigned apartments, aircraft factory worker, machine factory worker

How religious was your parents' home? How were you raised? He was raised in a religious, observant home. The house was kosher. Naturally, they observed all the Jewish holidays.

What is your mother tongue? Polish

How many other languages do you speak? German, English *If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates* Polish Army, 3rd Riflemen's Regiment of Podhale, 1938-1939

Where were you during the Holocaust? On the front, 1939 Cracow, 1939 - 1941 In the ghetto in Cracow, 1941 – 1942 Auschwitz, 1942–1944, Sachsenhausen (today Germany) 1944, Oranienburg (today Germany) 1944, Ravensbruck (today Germany) 1944, Barth (today Germany) 1945

What did you do after the Holocaust? Returned to Poland and settled and worked in Jelenia Gora.

Siblings

Their names None

Spouse

Name? Jadwiga Seweryn (nee Lepka) Henryka (Henia) Seweryn (nee ?)

Where and when was he/she born? Jadwiga: Cracow, 1920s Henryka: Warsaw, 1940s

Where else did he/she live? Jadwiga: Jelenia Gora, Tel Aviv (today Israel), Warsaw

Is he/she Jewish? Jadwiga: No Henryka: No

What is his/her mother tongue? Jadwiga: Polish Henryka: Polish

His/her educational level? Jadwiga: High school Henryka: High school

Occupation? Jadwiga: worked in a bookstore Henryka: housewife

Where and when did he/she die? Jadwiga: Warsaw, 1972 Tell me anything you know about his/her siblings (Name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, name of wife and children, whether their family is Jewish and whether it is religious). Jadwiga: a sister (no further information) Henryka: no information

Children

Their names? Jacek Seweryn (m) Krystyna Seweryn (f)

Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews? They have always known they are half Jewish, but my wife raised them as Catholics.

Where and when were they born? Jacek: Cracow, 1942 Krystyna: Jelenia Gora, 1946

Where else did they live? Jacek: Tel Aviv (today Israel), Warsaw Krystyna: Tel Aviv, Warsaw, New York (USA)

Their educational level? Jacek: high school Krystyna: graduated from college

Their occupations? Jacek: director of a department in a machine factory Krystyna: housewife

How many grandchildren do you have? Jacek: one son - Rafal

Father

His name? Adolf Lehr

Where and when was he born? Vienna (today Austria), 1890s

Where else did he live? Cracow

Where and when did he die? No information

What sort of education did he have? No information

What sort of work did he do? No information

How religious was he? No information

What was his mother tongue? German Army service: which army and what years? Austrian Army (1916 – 1917)

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death,occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)Place and date of OccupationBiographical dataBiographical dataDescribe how religious

Name

Biographical data Biographical data Describe how re and origins of of children they were spouse

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

birth/death

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name? No information

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name? No information

Mother

Her name?

Dora Seweryn (nee Kraus) (later changed her first name to Elzbieta)

Where and when was she born? Cracow, 1892 or 1893

Where else did she live?

Where and when did she die? Auschwitz, 1942

What sort of education did she have? High school

What sort of work did she do? She had a stall in a market square

How religious was she?

She was raised in an observant, kosher home, but after her son Jozef (the interviewee) was born she married a Catholic, and she converted.

What was her mother tongue? Polish

Name	Place and date of	Occupation	Biographical data	Biographical data	Describe how religious
	birth/death		and origins of	of children	they were
			spouse		
Staszek Kraus	Cracow, 1891 -	Co-owner of a	No information	No information	He was a religious,
	Nowy Sacz, 1942	Hotel, owner			observant Jew.
		of a colonial			
		store			
Heniek Kraus	Cracow, 1895 -	Barber	Jewess, perished	Daughter: Czesia	He was a religious and
	Belzec, ?		in Belzec, date	Kraus	observant Jew.
			unknown		
Jozek Kraus	Cracow, 1898 -	Car	No information	No information	He was a religious and
	Auschwitz, July	mechanic; car			observant Jew.
	1942	dealer			
Helena (Jewish	Cracow, 1900 -	Housewife	Three husbands:	Lidzia, daughter	She converted to
name: Hela)	Warsaw, 1990s		1. Dzikowski,	with Dzikowski,	Catholicism.
Dzikowska (nee			lieutenant, Polish	place of birth	
Kraus)			2. Name	unknown, 1918,	
			unknown, officer,	Catholic, lives in	
			Polish	Warsaw	
			3. No information		
One more sibling	No information	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
who died in					
infancy					

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

Where was she during the Holocaust? Cracow, 1939 - 1942 Concentration camp – Auschwitz, 1942 (perished there)

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name? Jakob Kraus

Where and when was he born? Wieliczka, 1869

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die? Cracow, 1942

What sort of education did he have? No information

What sort of work did he do? Barber (ran hairdressing salon), feldsher

How religious was he? He was an observant, religious Jew but he didn't have sidelocks or a beard.

What was his mother tongue? Polish

Army service: which army and what years? No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

Name	Place and date of	Occupation	Biographical data	Biographical data	Describe how religious
	birth/death		and origins of	of children	they were
			spouse		
He had two	No information	No	No information	No information	No information
sisters and one		information			

brother

Where was he during the Holocaust? Cracow, 1939 – 1941 In the ghetto in Cracow, 1941 – 1942 (perished there)

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name? Felicja Kraus (nee Herzog)

Where and when was she born? Cracow, 1870

Where else did she live?

Where and when did she die? Cracow, 1942

What sort of education did she have? No information

What sort of work did she do? Real estate broker

How religious was she? She was religious, kept a kosher house, but didn't wear a wig.

What was her mother tongue? Polish

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

Name	Place and date of Occupation	Biographical data	Biographical data	Describe how religious
	birth/death	and origins of	of children	they were
		spouse		

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? Cracow, 1939 – 1941 In the ghetto in Cracow, 1941 – 1942 (perished there)