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Abstract

Edward Wolf Emmanuel Dabrowski was born January 5, 1946 in Munich, Germany to Hedwig Guthier and Moishe Lejb Kotz. His Jewish father had used the name Dabrowski during the war as he hid as a Gentile in Warsaw using a forged Polish birth certificate. His parents married just before the Germans invaded. They were from Lodz and his mother was an ethnic Lutheran German and spoke German though felt herself more Polish and was a Polish citizen. Her family were French Hugonot going back 300 years. Edward's father survived in Warsaw by selling dental equipment and running between apartments he rented. Edward had one cousin in the Hitler Youth and another in Waffen SS. Edward visited his mother's relatives in Bad Sodem near Frankfurt, Germany while living in England until he was twelve and then immigrated to the US. His Jewish grandmother had escaped from the Warsaw Ghetto and was living in Israel and went to live with them in England and the US for six years until she died. Edward would get upset from hearing the arguments between his parents and his grandmother and became depressed in his early 20s. When his grandmother attended Synagogue, he realized he was half Jewish (brought up Lutheran). Edward traveled to Poland with his father to see Warsaw, Lodz and Auschwitz. He made a brief trip to Germany to see his cousins when he was 21 on a Grand Tour of Europe. His family never spoke of the war but Edward recently learned some facts from his cousins. He was married three years in the 80s and now is married to Joan. He may have additional information to discuss in a future telephone interview.