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TAPE 1

Anna Dubaj was born in Pińczów in 1931. In her testimony she describes an event she witnessed during World War II, as a local resident, in which a large group of Jews were marched by German soldiers from Busko to her hometown of Pińczów, where she was living.

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She describes walking with her mother to the church on Buska Street where she saw a large group of Jews of all ages being chased on foot by armed Germans; the group was marched from Busko to Pińczów; she saw women helping their parents while the Germans forced them to march quickly; she remembers it was very hot that day and the Jews were visibly tired; they were not allowed to drink any water or to rest; she recalls watching a woman help her elderly mother to walk fast; at some point the mother could not walk any more and fell down; the German soldiers did not allow the woman to help her mother up; a German soldier started to kick the old woman while she was on the ground; he wanted to force her up; since she could not get up, the soldier shot her dead; the woman was forced to continue marching while her mother's body was left on the street; Anna watched small Jewish children walk by, observing what had just happened; she saw a very tired crowd that was beaten, kicked, and chased into the town square; at some point, her mother decided not to follow the Jewish crowd, and chose a different road to avoid witnessing the events; Anna knows that when the Jews arrived at the town square, men were separated from women, but she does not know what happened to these people; recollects that she had a Jewish friend named **Murka**, and she knew of a few Jewish families, but she does not know what happened to them, as none of them returned after the war.

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