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Henryk Sadło Polish Witnesses to the Holocaust Project Polish RG-50.488*0180 07/09/2003

[Approximately 45 min]

SUMMARY

Henryk Sadło was born on September 27, 1930 in Maciejów Stary near Żółkiewka. He talks about his family sheltering Jews during the war; he recalls helping with the digging of an underground bunker and explains that his family initially took care of their friends, a Jewish mother and daughter, then a local tailor and his family, and eventually they were hiding fugitives from the Sobibór death camp including: the rabbi's son, Lejba [later Leon] Felhendler, Majorek and Moszek Honig [Moszek Honig from Maciejów was one of the organizers in the camp uprising; he survived the war and petitioned for the Righteous Among the Nations Award for the Sadlo family]. Henryk Sadlo briefly describes the Sobibór uprising and mentions that many Jewish fugitives joined the partisans and later fought in the Biłgorajski Forest. He explains that during the war the neighborhood of Maciejówka was safe from German round ups and talks about a local gendarme, **Kufel**, who supported the Polish resistance movement. Mr. Sadło talks about the history of the local Jews after the war and explains that many of them worked in a tannery/fur shop in Lublin. He also worked in the tannery and witnessed when some of the Jews, Lejba included, were killed by police impersonators presumably in an act of robbery [the story is not clear; it is reasonable to speculate that the impersonators could have had political reasons as many who were killed had close contacts with the Soviets]. Henryk Sadło talks about the Righteous Among the Nations Award which he received on behalf of his parents in March of 1993. He mentions that one of his Jewish friends, **Josek**, who assumed the name of Jan Lipczewicz, lives in Lublin and is an orchard owner.

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