

A Story of a House

Attachment 5

From the account by the Righteous Alfred Kwarciak

It also happened that there were some others [refugees from the ghetto]. But no way we could [take them in]. And so mum and dad refused. There was one guy, I didn't know him, mother told us later. He begged and begged, and kept on saying: "I know, I know they are here." I don't know, maybe he knew Michal or Mosze, those Fiszlers. He said, "I know they are here. Take me in." Mother says, nobody's here. She didn't own to it. She says, "Germans will come and kill me, I won't take you in. I don't want to take you, there's nowhere to hide you." And we refused. It was someone mum and dad knew, that Jew. So when the Nazis were driving them along the road, we looked through the window and recognized him. And he was walking and looking at our house, walking and looking at our house. When they were leading him to Szybna Góra. So he didn't find a hiding place and was killed.

QUESTIONS:

Why did the Kwarciak couple refused to give shelter to one more refugee from Dubno, even though they were hiding several people in their basement?

What do you think of their decision?