

Maksymilian Fiszgrund With Emil Haecker



This is my husband, Maksymilian Fiszgrund with his boss, the well-known editor-in-chief of the *Naprzod* daily, Emil Haecker. The photo was probably taken in the early 1930s; Haecker died from heart attack in 1934. It was very fashionable in the 1930s to have your photo taken when walking in the street.

My husband was born in 1887 in Sulkowice. He went to elementary school in Sulkowice. Later he was taken care of by Wilhelm Feldman, who saw to his education. The two were related somehow,

but it was a very distant relation. He sent him to gymnasium, my husband eventually passed the high school finals, on an extramural basis, I guess. With the high school diploma he went to Berlin. He spent a year there and completed the ?Welthandelsschule? [German for school of global commerce], as that's how long it took those days. That was before World War I.

Then he returned to Cracow and started working as a reporter for Naprzod, the official newspaper of the PPS. Those days there were no degrees in journalism, the reporters usually only had high school education. Naprzod was a left-wing newspaper, but, you know, there were various orientations.

When the war broke out, my husband fled to Russia. The entire Naprzod editorial team was later arrested and sent to Auschwitz. Cyrankiewicz, who was also one the Naprzod editors, was in Auschwitz too.