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Jews Saved Hidden in a French House

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Pierre's great-grandmother who lived in Perrusson near Loches, at about half an hour from

Ecueillé, showed her



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courage during the Second World War.

She hid Jews in her attic. She hid two adults and one child for one year. It was very difficult because there were German soldiers all over the city and they were watching every person closely. There were also French people who denounced their neighbours when they thought something strange was happening. They were called "collabos" from the French word "collaborateurs" (= collaborators).



Moreover, Pierre's great-grandmother was alone with them. It was very difficult to find food for four people.

They left when the war was finished.

She never had news of this family but she really hoped they were safe and survived the war.

It was not uncommon for French people to hide Jews from the Nazis during the war but as it was risky, only a few people had the courage to do it like Pierre's great-grandmother.



On the other hand, it was easy to hide people in a big French house where there were many small rooms and a lot of doors. Some doors were hidden from view and people visiting the house couldn't guess there was a room behind a wall.

Even if for Pierre's great-grandmother it was normal to help these Jewish people, Pierre is very proud to have such a courageous and generous person in his family!