

EDWARD AND RUTH WARTER
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(This interview is in German with acceptable English translation)

Edward Warter was born November 20, 1901 and Ruth Warter was born June 13, 1905. Both were born in Memeland, Lithuania. They witnessed book burnings of Jehovah's Witnesses' literature in 1939. In 1940 their farm was searched by the Gestapo. Ruth was arrested in 1943 for smuggling a letter to an imprisoned J.W.

Edward was arrested for refusing to serve in the military; he was tried in Berlin and sent to Stutthof near Danzig. In the concentration camp, other J.W. arranged for him to become a tailor, an easier inside job. He was in the concentration camp there and returned to Memeland in 1946, which had been reincorporated into Lithuania by the Soviet Union. Edward and Ruth stayed lived under Soviet rule as J.W., but after Stalin banned the J. W. In 1951, Edward was arrested and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment in northern Russia. His family was banished to Siberia for life. Edward was released in 1960. He retired in 1969 and returned from Siberia with Ruth. Later they were allowed to move to West Germany.