

Kazimierz Zmyślony
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[Approximately 60 min]

SUMMARY

Kazimierz Zmyślony was born on July 11, 1928 in Galew near Kalisz (either Galew in pleszewski region or Galew in turecki region). In 1941, together with his family, he was displaced to Studzianki in lubelski district and started working as a field hand for a local farmer. Kazimierz Zmyślony describes the area of Studzianki and explains that eight Jewish families lived in the neighborhood; he witnessed the executions of two of the families by the Germans in a nearby valley; he comments that the Poles, himself included, were forced to bury their bodies. Mr. Zmyślony recalls that six other families survived the war in hiding; he explains that his employer, farmer Gnat, sheltered two of the Jewish families in his barn; Kazimierz Zmyślony helped to take care of them. Farmer Gnat was involved in the underground movement and Kazimierz started working as a messenger for him. Mr. Zmyślony talks about AL [*People's Army*] partisans, whom he later joined; he recalls meeting Michał Żymierski [*Michał Rola-Żymierski was a Polish communist military commander*] and participating in a few partisan fights; he talks about the presence of Jews in partisan units. Kazimierz Zmyślony talks briefly about the German man hunt of 1944 during which time many Jews and Poles were killed. He explains that initially AL and AK [*Home Army*] units were fighting with each other; according to him, this changed after the PKWN was signed [*the Polish Committee of National Liberation; the PKWN manifesto urged all Poles to fight against the common enemy, the Germans*]. He recalls Russians entering in July of 1945 and disarming the AK units while many of the AL partisans joined the new socialist police force.

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