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Box 1, Tape 1

In this interview, Tadeusz Zyśko, born on May 29, 1934, in the village of **Wólka Batorska**, talks about the fate of Jewish and Polish members of the community he lived in. He focuses on the events from December 8, 1942, the day of the Jewish massacre. He comments on a Jew called **Icek** who was one of the survivors of that massacre. In addition, he provides information on the fate of his own father **Jan Zyśko** who was captured for ransom and killed by Germans. He primarily repeats stories that he heard, but did not witness.

[01:] 00:30:00 – [01:] 08:27:59

He gives his full name, date and place of birth; mentions a battle that took place in **Janowo** in 1939; talks about the times before the war; comments on people from the village **Batorz** leasing apartments to Jewish families; mentions **Jan Modrzejowski, Walenty Culał, Józef Jasik, Paweł Żunia [Rzunia]**; remembers no Jewish families living in his village; remembers that the Jews only traded with the villagers; describes being not very friendly with the Jewish tradesmen's trade organization in his village; discusses the non-hostile attitude towards Jewish people in the village; comments on a story of a Jew being shot before the war; talks about two suspects in the case **Jan Zarzeczny** and **Szymon Sulowski**; mentions the dropping of charges against either of them; remembers trade organizations being blamed for the murder; describes Poles being taken by the Germans for ransom in 1941; gives the names of his father **Jan Zyśko, Adam Chmiel, and Antoni Trzyński** as people who were captured from his village, and the names of Mr. **Sosnowka, Mr. Brodowski, and Mr. Krawczyk** as being taken away from the village of **Batorz**.

[01:] 08:28:00 – [01:] 18:06:59

He focuses on the year 1942; mentions Germans being stationed at the village administrator's office; talks about Germans following Jews to the forest to their hiding place; remembers his grandmother giving food to Jewish people; gives information about **Icek** and his daughter, and his daughter being shot by Germans; describes Germans killing Jews on December 8, 1942; gives information on some Jews being shot to death while escaping and being buried in shallow graves; mentions that dogs were digging out Jewish bones; discusses hearing of eight to ten Jews who were shot, while the rest was taken by the Germans; remembers **Icek** staying during summer at Mr. **Krawczyk's** house and during winter at Mr. **Baran's** house; mentions an attack on some Germans organized by a Polish organization led by Mr. **Cichy**; comments on Germans attacking his village on September 9, 1942, and shooting a few men including his father.

[01:] 18:07:00 – [01:] 27:56:00

He talks about a village administrator of the village **Zdzilowice Czwarte** being shot by Germans and buried in the cementary of **Janowice**; mentions again December 8, 1942; discusses the involvement of the local population in revealing the Jewish hiding place; mentions seeing bones in the forest and finding a Jewish hiding places; comments again on the story of the Jewish tradesman being killed before the war; says that the case is still unsolved.