

KRAWCZYK, Władysław  
Polish Witnesses to the Holocaust Project  
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Box 1, Tape 1

In this interview, Władysław Krawczyk, resident of the village Wólka Batorska (southeastern Poland), talks about the fate of the Jews who lived in the village and its surroundings during the time of the German occupation. He provides information on the Jews who went into hiding in the nearby forest and recalls an incident in which the Jews were revealed to the Germans by one of the residents of Wólka Batorska.

**[01:] 00:47:00 – [01:] 02:47:00**

He talks about a Jewish family that lived in Wólka Batorska before World War II; remembers first names of the father, daughter and son; mentions the daughter **Lidka** being his schoolmate; discusses the death of the son, **Herszek**, in 1938, at age 29; talks about him being shot by unknown perpetrators at night, in front of his house, for unknown reasons; talks about the ignorance of the jurisdiction on crimes against Jews at that time.

**[01:] 02:48:00 – [01:] 06:59:59**

He discusses the fate of the Jews, which remained mostly unchanged until 1942; talks about deportations and accidental murders of the Jews who lived in the region after that time; talks about the Jews from Wólka Batorska moving out to Turobin because of harassment; remembers a Jew from nearby Kraśnik being harassed during the German raid on August 4, 1940; describes the way this Jew was maltreated; mentions hearing of his death later; talks about searching for weapons as a reason for that raid.

**[01:] 07:00:00 – [01:] 11:36:59**

He talks about the Jews who were hiding in the nearby forests during the war; discusses the befriended Jews coming to his house at night to receive food; mentions the name of one of them as **David [Dawid]** who previously lived in Batorz; answers the question of the origins of the troops that took part in the raid in 1940; answers the question of whether he remembers raids on the Jews hiding in the forest; talks about the frequent changes of the Jewish hideouts; explains the German raids as occurring only after denunciations; remembers three more German raids on the local resistance movements; talks about 50 men from Wólka Batorska and Batorz who were captured and imprisoned in Lublin after the raid on April 30, 1943; discusses one woman being killed while trying

to approach her captured son; remembers the killing of three of six people from a Jewish family living in Batorz.

**[01:] 11:37:00 – [01:] 18:07:59**

He hesitates to answer the question on the cases of the Jews who were caught in the forest; [*silence until the interviewer asks the next question*]; comments on the Jew **Icek Bursztajn** [**Burstajn; Burstein**]; talks about Mr. **Bursztajn** hiding in the nearby forest for some time; remembers his father warning Mr. **Bursztajn** of a man planning to give the Jews away to the Germans; explains the way Mr. **Bursztajn** and his daughter survived the German raid at the Jewish hideout; talks about Mr. **Bursztajn** who lived in his household until the end of the war, moved to Kraśnik and, eventually, immigrated to Israel; talks about Mr. **Bursztajn's** daughter who was hiding in another household in the village and who moved to Germany after the war; discusses the killing of the rest of the Jews who lived in the hideout; talks about the group of male residents of the village being assigned to bury the dead; remembers seeing skulls and human teeth near the grave; comments on the denouncer's reasons for collaborating with the Germans; talks about the sentence of eight years jail that was given to the traitor after the war; discusses the traitor living in Wólka Batorska after his release.

**[01:] 18:08:00 – [01:] 19:35:00**

[*Interviewer asks again for the name of the person who reported the Jews:*] he gives the name of the man responsible for reporting the Jews as **Franek Kupczyński**; talks about the collaborators being forced by the Germans to join the raids; discusses hearing that the Germans paid ten kilos of sugar for every Jew who was reported.