



WŁADYSŁAW SOWIŃSKI

QUESTIONNAIRE

concerning mass executions and mass graves

Township: Gniazdków

Commune: Chotcza

District: Łża

Voivodeship: Kielce

1. **Date and place of execution.**

8 January 1944, village of Gniazdków.

2. **Type of execution.**

Shot and burnt in the school building.

3. **Personal data of the murdered victims.**

Poles, Jews, foreigners: Poles

How many people were murdered: 6 people

The victims were brought in from: The village of Chotcza.

Surname, age, occupation, address: Franciszek Szewczyk, a farmer, Henryk Galacki, a farmer, Stanisława Figura, a housewife, Paulina Figura, a housewife, Czesław Galacki, a farmer, Stanisław Łyjak, a farmer.

4. **Is it known what the victims were accused of, whether the execution was carried out in retaliation, etc.?**

No.

5. **Who carried out the execution (gendarmes, Gestapo men, SS men, policemen, the Wehrmacht)?**

German gendarmerie.

6. **Are the surnames of the perpetrators known? (Give the surnames).**

Unknown.



7. Were the corpses burnt or destroyed otherwise (where)?

They were burnt, and the local populace buried the bones by the statue in the village of Gniazdków.

8. Where were the corpses buried (provide the exact location)?

Gniazdków village.

9. Description of the place of burial (graves, dimensions, estimated number of victims buried in one grave).

6 people were buried.

10. Were the corpses exhumed, were they officially reinterred (report)? If "yes" to the latter, then where?

No.

11. Are there any grounds for conducting their exhumation in the future?

No.

On 1 October 1945, the contents of the above questionnaire were officially certified by Władysław Sowiński, the head of Chotcza commune, with the Municipal Court in Lipsko nad Wisłą.