

WACŁAW STANKIEWICZ

On 18 September 1947, Investigative Judge of the District Court in Jelenia Góra with its seat in Jelenia Góra, Judge Czapski, interviewed the person mentioned below as an unsworn witness. Having been advised of the criminal liability for making false declarations, of the wording of Article 107 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and of the significance of the oath, the witness testified as follows:

Name and surname	Wacław Stankiewicz
Age	48 years old
Parents' names	Antoni and Elżbieta
Occupation	court clerk
Place of residence	Jelenia Góra, [...]
Criminal record	none
Relationship to the parties	none

I was in the Auschwitz camp for about three years, that is in the years 1942–1944.

I witnessed various cases of bestiality on the part of the Auschwitz camp personnel. From the attached list, I recognize only the name of Hans Aumeier. He was a short man, with the rank of officer, deputy of Commandant Höß. He would always carry a whip and beat every prisoner he encountered. He frequented the whole central camp, where he spread terror among all prisoners.

In July 1942 – I do not remember which day – standing in a group of 20 prisoners by the main gate and waiting for our *kommando* to return to the camp, I saw some SS men escorting three prisoners sentenced to death by hanging. Aumeier, nicknamed “Łokietek” [Elbow-high] by the prisoners was walking at the head of the escort headed to the place of execution.

One of the convicts took his hat off and asked Aumeier a question. Aumeier turned around and hit the convict on the head with the whip, and continued escorting them to the gallows, where the three prisoners were soon hanged.

I do not remember other names from the list. It is possible that I know those people only by sight and their brutality.

I hereby provide the names and addresses of people who stayed a longer period of time in Auschwitz and should know some of the defendants:

1. Kazimierz Gągała, works in Zjednoczenie Energetyczne (Energy Union) in Jelenia Góra,
2. Eugeniusz Niedojadło, also works in the above-mentioned place,
3. Kazimierz Karasiński (tobacco shop at[...]),
4. Henryk Haber, resident in Cieplice ([...]),
5. Czesław Gągała, Cieplice, [...],
6. Jan Fetter, Jelenia Góra, [...].

At this point, the report was concluded, read out, and signed.