

The Scene Of Mass Murder



This is a picture of the wall in Nova-Ushytsya where the Jews, including my relatives, were shot. I took this picture in 1961, when my brother Yasha Sirotta and I visited the place where our relatives had perished. Ukraine had been liberated by 1944. I sent a request about my family to Nova-Ushytsya. I received a handwritten note from the chief of police. It was a piece of wrapping paper. It said that my parents, my sister and her family had perished in Nova-Ushytsya. My mother was 63 and my father 67 when they were shot. The Germans had organized a ghetto in Nova-Ushytsya. They kept all Jews, young and old, healthy and sick from all surrounding villages there. After the war they showed us the place where they were shot. It was a scary sight. There were common graves in the forest.