

THE MASSACRE OF SZCZUROWA

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The photograph shows a wedding in the Polish village of Szczurowa, where Roma families had lived peacefully with their neighbours for many generations and married into farming families. In 1943 German troops surrounded the village and rounded up 94 Roma men, women and children. They were taken to the local cemetery and executed.

Did you know

... that more than 200 massacres of Polish Roma and Sinti have been uncovered on the territory of the former General Government of occupied Poland alone, and that there were probably many more?

... that the very first memorial commemorating the genocide of the European Roma was erected in Szczurowa in 1966? It remained the only such memorial in the whole of Europe for almost thirty years.

For you to do

Go to www.romasinti.eu to find out about Krystyna Gil, who survived the massacre.

The photo

A wedding attended by Roma and Gadshe (non-Roma) families in 1943. Ethnographic Museum Tarnów, Poland.