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Respected Volodymyr Antonovych and Lida Borysivna!

I am sending you for the memorial book “The 1933 Famine” a list of the names of those Stalinist Janissaries who in my village of Zhabianka took grain (including seeds) and all other food from the people, consciously condemning their co-villagers to death by starvation. Here they are:

Poliarush, Myrin Hnatovych;

Didyk, Fedir (nickname Venhir);

Didyk, Zosym Fedorovych (nickname Rozum), born in 1906.;

Didyk, Havrylo (nickname Sheshelei);

Mashyr, Mykola Arsenovych (nickname Sotka), head of the collective farm;

Bilokin, Vasyl Hravyllovych (nickname Vyrishalnyi [Decisive]), head of the village soviet.

Whenever conversations begin about the famine of 1933, my co-villagers of Zhabianka always recall these terrible people with unkind words.

“What did these Bilokins manage to create here! Vasyl Bilokin in 1933 was head of the village soviet in Zhabianka. His relatives helped him to create the starvation.

Myrin ripped the grain away from the people, though he dropped dead in the livestock cemetery.

He stuck an iron rod into the ceiling so as not to miss any grain.

While they were taking bread from the people, they themselves ate bread fit for a human being. But when there was nothing left to take, they themselves died.

And all those robbers died before they were old.”

(Told on 27 May 1984 by Paraska Hryhorivna Romanenko (Kutsenko), resident of the village of Zhabianka, born in 1907.)

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I will provide some explanations.

When Myrin Poliarush was already emaciated from hunger, he went to the *raion* [district] committee to ask for help. He was walking across the place where livestock was buried and there fell down and died.

They called Vasyl Bilokin by the nickname "Decisive" because in his speeches, he often repeated the phrase "the decisive third year."

An inhabitant of the village of Zhabianka Frosyna Savivna Shuliaka (nee Nechyporenko), born in 1931, told me that in 1933 they took a scrap of grain from under her in a cradle.

Petro Mylofanovych Skladany, born in 1928, also an inhabitant of the village of Zhabianka, told me that in their house in 1933 they took a scrap of grain from right under a child in a cradle.