

## *The legend about a black dog.*

*Legends say, and the current residents confirm that the castle at night appears a huge black dog clanking three meters long chain. Older people say that at night no horse dared to pass through the castle gate, though the castle courtyard never lacked juicy grass. They talk about their meeting with a huge black dog in the 1960s to two farmers who at night on the eve of Giebel's indulgence wanted to expel cows to the pasture, so that in the morning they could go to Giebla straight away. Not long ago a young man who did not want to believe the stories of the local nestores decided to spend the night in the castle courtyard. As he later remorsefully confessed, in the middle of the night he heard the chain clanking first and then he heard the whipping behind his back. And although the moon was full, when he turned back he saw nothing, but the sound did not stop. Frightened, he ran in front of his feet, feeling the corpse-like breath on his neck until he reached the pond. When he jumped into the water, a huge dog's head appeared. Fortunately, the summer nights are not long. In the distance he crowded the hens and the black dog jumped out of the water and dashed to the castle. The roots of this legend date back to the 17th century, when Mikołaj Firlej sold the castle to Stanisław Warszycki. History enthusiasts probably know the colorful history of this patriot who, at the time of the Swedish Deluge, stood at the side of Jan Kazimierz, defended, inter alia, Czestochowa and hosted the most distinguished Polish dignitaries. What's more, he was also a great host who cared for the development of crafts and handicrafts in his lands.*

*However, among the peanars in honor of Warszycki, stories about his cruelty appear here and there. He apparently loved torture and indulged in their use under trivial even pretexts, he was particularly cruel to his subsequent wives, one of whom he flogged in the eyes of the subjects, the other was to wall them alive and blow up this part of the castle. According to the stories handed down from generation to generation, Warszycki was kidnapped by the devil in his lifetime and from there he returns to the castle at night to keep his treasures hidden from everyone. These treasures were to constitute the dowry of his daughter, however, though terribly rich, Warszycki did not give the daughter even a thaler.*