

# GUIDE TO USING THE VISUAL HISTORY ARCHIVE (VHA)

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The screenshot shows the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for About Us, Search, Search History, Projects, Help, and Contact. The user's name, Colin Deinhardt, and a Logout link are visible in the top right corner. The main header features the USC Shoah Foundation logo and the text "Visual History Archive". On the right side, there is a "Search" button. Below the header, the page is divided into two main sections. On the left, under "Collections:", there is a list of categories with checkboxes and counts: All, Holocaust (51,452), Armenian Genocide (333), Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda (70), Nanjing Massacre (30), Guatemalan Genocide (13), Contemporary Antisemitism (10), Cambodian Genocide (5), and Central African Republic Conflict (4). On the right, there is a search box with the prompt "Select a collection and enter a search term below". The search box contains the text "Enter indexing terms, names, numbers or interview codes" and a "Search" button. To the right of the search box, it says "Testimonies: 54,408". Below the search box, there are radio buttons for "All Words", "Any Words", and "Exact Phrase". Further down, there are three sections: "Experience Groups" with a "Search" button, "Index" with a "Search" button, and "People" with a "Search" button. Each section has a brief description of what can be found. At the bottom, there is a "Places" section with a "Search" button and a description: "Find segments of testimonies about geographic locations by browsing, searching, or zooming in on a Google Map."

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Search

**Collections:**

- All
- Holocaust
  - USC Shoah Foundation (51,452)
  - Florida Holocaust Museum (25)
  - Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus (25)
  - Holocaust Museum Houston (277)
  - JFCS Holocaust Center (912)
  - Canadian Collections (1,234) ▼
- Armenian Genocide
  - Armenian Film Foundation (333)
  - USC Shoah Foundation (1)
- Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda
  - Holocaust Museum Houston (1)
  - Kigali Genocide Memorial (70)
  - USC Shoah Foundation (15)
- Nanjing Massacre
  - USC Shoah Foundation (30)
- Guatemalan Genocide
  - Fundación de Antropología Forense de Guatemala (13)
  - USC Shoah Foundation (1)
- Contemporary Antisemitism
  - USC Shoah Foundation (10)
- Cambodian Genocide
  - USC Shoah Foundation (5)
- Central African Republic Conflict
  - USC Shoah Foundation (4)

Select a collection and enter a search term below

Enter indexing terms, names, numbers or interview codes Search Testimonies: 54,408

All Words  Any Words  Exact Phrase ▼

**Or use one of the advanced search options below**

**Experience Groups**  
Find testimonies using biographical and interview information. Search

**Index**  
Find segments of testimonies by searching or browsing indexing terms in the USC Shoah Foundation Thesaurus. Search

**People**  
Find testimonies of interviewees by name, or find a testimony that refers to a specific person by name. Search

**Places**  
Find segments of testimonies about geographic locations by browsing, searching, or zooming in on a Google Map. Search

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### **Visual History Archive: Introduction & Access**

#### *What is the VHA?*

The VHA is a software application that allows you to search and view digital audiovisual testimonies from survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust and other genocides that are in the USC Shoah Foundation's archive. There are about 55,000 testimonies! The search features of VHA allow you to identify entire testimonies that are relevant to you, as well as specific segments within testimonies that relate to your topic.

The interviews are in 41 languages. There are transcripts for some but not all testimonies. The transcripts are in the language of the original interview and they have not been translated into English. Therefore, be sure to select language when you search or filter your results.

Search the VHA using the Quick Search (for personal names or index terms or synonyms) or use one of the four advanced search types: Experience Group, Index, People, and Places.

#### *Accessing VHA*

There is a publically-available VHA Online that has only a fraction of the testimonies available in the subscription-based resource you get access to via UTL. As such, access VHA through the U of T Library catalogue or use this link to the [Visual History Archive](#).

Log in with your UTORid. You will also need to create a **Username** and **Password** to take advantage of features such as your **Search History** and your saved search results, called **Projects**, in subsequent visits to VHA.

## Planning Your Visit to the Library

You will need headphones to listen to the audiovisual testimonies in the Library. Transcripts are not available for all interviews. Bring your own headphones or confirm that headphones are available to borrow at the [U of T Library](#) you want to visit.

### EXPERIENCE GROUPS SEARCH

The Experience Group search allows you to search biographical information (including city and country of birth, religious identity, places of incarceration, etc.) for interviewees categorized within different Experience Groups within a broader collection such as the European Holocaust.

Click **Experience Groups** on the main search screen (shown on cover page) to advance to the Experience Groups search screen. Click the option button next to a specific group.

To begin your search, select **Global Search** or one of the experience groups and click **next**.  
For those experience groups with fewer than 300 testimonies, you are taken directly to the Search Results screen.

Global Search (54,476)

<b>Holocaust</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="radio"/> Jewish Survivor (51,352)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Rescuer and Aid Provider (1,159)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Liberator (429)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Sinti and Roma Survivor (406)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Political Prisoner (268)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Miscellaneous (World War II) (157)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Jehovah's Witness Survivor (84)</li><li><input type="radio"/> War Crimes Trial Participant (62)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Non-Jewish Forced Laborer (14)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Eugenic Policies Survivor (13)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Homosexual Survivor (6)</li></ul>	<b>Armenian Genocide</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Armenian Survivor (270)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Miscellaneous (41)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Descendant (23)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Scholar (21)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Rescuer and Aid Provider (9)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Foreign Witness (7)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Yezidi Survivor (6)</li></ul>
<b>Nanjing Massacre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Nanjing Massacre Survivor (30)</li></ul>	<b>Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Tutsi Survivor (67)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Rescuer (13)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Elder (4)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Hutu Power Opponent (1)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Victim's Spouse (1)</li></ul>
<b>Guatemalan Genocide</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Guatemalan Genocide Survivor (14)</li></ul>	<b>Cambodian Genocide</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Cambodian Genocide Survivor (5)</li></ul>
<b>Contemporary Antisemitism</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Interviewee (contemporary antisemitism) (10)</li></ul>	<b>Central African Republic Conflict</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Central African Republic Conflict Witness (4)</li></ul>

You will be directed to another search page to select additional criteria (e.g. concentration camps, resistance groups, type of hiding place, etc.) for those specific groups with multiple records. Build your search by selecting multiple criteria. This is done one criterion at a time. See the example for ghettos below. Options include experiences, biographical information, and interview information.

<p><b>Biographical Information</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name of interviewee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gender of interviewee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth of interviewee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> City of Birth of interviewee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Country of Birth of interviewee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Religious Affiliations of interviewee</p> <p><b>Interview Information</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> State of interview</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Country of interview</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Language of interview</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Length of interview</p>	<p><b>Experiences</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ghettos</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Concentration Camps</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Forced (death) Marches</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Location of Hiding or False Identity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Type of Hiding Place</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Resistance Groups</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Liberated by</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Location of Liberation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Aid Giver, Liberator, War Crimes Trials Participant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Experiences</p>
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You can search by name of ghetto or by country to generate a list of ghettos for which testimonies exist for your selected Experience Group (in this case Jewish Survivors). To search by name, enter the name of the ghetto, click search, and make your selection in the resulting list. Click next. Back at the search page you can select additional criteria. An *AND* search is the default. Click next to get search results when finished.

**Ghettos**

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Enter the name of a ghetto and click **search**; then select a ghetto or ghettos and click **next**. To view a list of the ghettos selected, click on the Selected Ghettos tab above.

start with  
 exact match  
 contains

**1 Ghettos Found:**

Łódź (Poland : Ghetto)

**Jewish Survivor**

Selecting a criteria below will take you to the next screen to begin your search. Repeat this step for searching on more than one criteria. If you click **next** after you selected your search criteria, you will be taken to the search results screen. If you click next without choosing a category, all search results for the particular experience group will display.

<p><b>Biographical Information</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name of interviewee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gender of interviewee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth of interviewee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> City of Birth of interviewee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Country of Birth of interviewee</p>	<p><b>Experiences</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ghettos 1 ghetto selected</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Concentration Camps</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Forced (death) Marches</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Location of Hiding or False Identity</p>
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Note that the number of testimonies updates dynamically at the top left with each selection criteria you have chosen.

**Search Results**  
Testimonies: **2,149**

Selected Ghettos: 1

Alternatively, find ghettos by country by clicking on the Search by Country tab. A country list appears in the left panel in which you can make your selection(s). A second list appears in the right panel. Click next once you have made your selection.

### Ghettos

Search by Name**Search by Country**Selected Ghettos

Any term that could not be verified through research efforts is considered unverified and marked with an (u).  
Any geographic term that could not be specifically located is marked as (generic). Generic terms are often labeled as such due to the existence of duplicate names of geographic terms within a specific region.

Select a ghetto or ghettos from below and click **next**. If you select more than one ghetto, an OR search is performed. To view a list of the ghettos selected, click on the Selected Ghettos tab above.

Country
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Greece: verified
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Hungary: unverified
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Hungary: verified
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Latvia: verified
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Lithuania: unverified
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Lithuania: verified
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Poland: unverified
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ghettos in Poland: verified</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Romania: unverified
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Romania: verified
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in the Netherlands: verified
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in the USSR: unverified
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in the USSR: verified
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Yugoslavia: unverified
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Yugoslavia: verified

**511 ghettos in Poland: verified**

- Lezajsk (Poland : Ghetto)
- Lida (Poland : Ghetto)
- Limanowa (Poland : Ghetto)
- Lipsko (Poland : Ghetto)
- Lisko (Poland : Ghetto)
- Lochów (Poland : Ghetto)
- Łódź (Poland : Ghetto)**
- Lokacze (Poland : Ghetto)
- Lomza (Poland : Ghetto)
- Losice (Poland : Ghetto)
- Lowicz (Poland : Ghetto)
- Lubaczów (Poland : Ghetto)
- Lubartów (Poland : Ghetto)
- Lubieszów (Poland : Ghetto)

back reset next

Back at the search criteria page you can select additional criteria or click next to view your search results.

## INDEX SEARCH

An Index search allows you to search for segments of testimonies (typically 1 minute in length) that discuss specific topics. The index is very detailed—including over 60,000 terms—allowing for a highly targeted search. A topic may be covered in several segments. The index terms are both geographic and experiential (e.g. hiding-related living conditions, wartime diaries, covert economic activities, etc.). The Index search results will take you directly to the relevant segments of the testimony.

You can search or browse the index terms. Use the Indexing Terms Choices tree to browse topics. The example of “hidden children” illustrates the features of an Index Search.

Click the + sign to view subsequent layers of index terms to drill down to more granular topics. Click on your term to add it to the Indexing Terms & Definitions box. Here you can find a definition of the term to make sure it matches the concept you are investigating, a list of synonyms, and the number of testimonies to which that term has been applied.

Click the Add button to add the term to the Selected Indexing Terms box. Add additional terms from the Indexing Term Choices tree, if appropriate. The default is an *AND* search but you can change the search type to *OR* to expand search results.

To find relevant indexing terms, type a word(s) in the Find Term text box. To browse indexing terms, click on + next to a subject in bold red; e.g. **culture**, in the Indexing Terms Choices. After selecting your indexing term(s), click next to conduct your search. Note: synonyms for indexing terms appear in green.

Find Term

**Indexing Term Choices:**

- + mistreatment and death
- + movement
- + organizations
- people
  - + famous people
  - population categories
    - "abacengezi"
    - "orejas"
    - + aid participants
      - autoridades ancestrales
    - + camp personnel
    - + captives
    - children
      - camp children
      - child family heads
      - deportation children
      - ghetto children
      - hidden children**
      - prison children
      - refugee camp children
      - refugee children

**Indexing Term & Definition:**

**hidden children** (used in 573 testimonies)

▼ Synonyms

children in hiding (synonym)

Boys and girls under the age of 13 who physically conceal themselves, or have been concealed by others, in order to survive or to engage in an unsanctioned activity.

**Selected Indexing Terms: 1**

hidden children

» Add »

« Remove «

**Search Type:**

AND  OR

**Search Options:**

Narrow ▼

Back Reset Next

**Filter**

Transcript Available

Collection  
ALL

Language  
ALL

Gender  
ALL

Experience Group  
ALL

Projects  
SELECT ONE

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**Search Results**  
 Testimonies: 40  
 Segments: 43

Monitor your search results count at the left to see the number of testimonies and segments and to identify those with a transcript available.

## PEOPLE SEARCH

The People Search allows you to search for specific names associated with the testimonies. This includes the name of the specific interviewee as well as individuals referred to in a testimony or in the pre-interview questionnaire. There are about 1.8 million names in total, including maiden names, nicknames, false names, names of family members, acquaintances, and other camp prisoners, etc.

Click **People** on the main search screen (shown on cover page) to advance to the People search screen.

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People Search

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**Filter**

Transcript Available

Collection  
ALL

**Search Results**  
 People: 0  
 Testimonies: 0

**Selected People:** 0  
 Testimonies: 0

The PEOPLE SEARCH enables you to search by first and/or last name of interviewees, including maiden names, nicknames, and any other aliases, if given. People Search also searches on names of other people who were provided by the interviewee during the interview process.

Enter the Name and click **Search**.  Phonetic Matching

First Name:  Last Name:

starts with  
 exact match  
 contains

Interviewee Only  
 Male  Female

Name Found	Relationship	Interviewee

You can search for first or last name, or both. The default search type is *starts with*, but you can also select *contains* or *exact match*. You can also specify gender and restrict your results to interviewees only.

You can also perform a phonetic matching search to find names of people that are pronounced similarly but spelled in different ways.

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following components:

- Filter:** Includes a checkbox for "Transcript Available" and a "Collection" dropdown menu set to "ALL".
- Search Results:** Displays "People: 1,687" and "Testimonies: 433".
- Selected People:** Displays "Selected People: 0" and "Testimonies: 0".
- Search Form:** Includes a "Phonetic Matching" checkbox, "First Name:" and "Last Name:" input fields (with "Berman" entered in the last name field), and a "Search" button.
- Search Options:** Includes radio buttons for "starts with" (selected), "exact match", and "contains"; checkboxes for "Interviewee Only", "Male", and "Female"; and a "Phonetic Matching" checkbox.
- Search Results Table:** A table with columns "Name Found", "Relationship", and "Interviewee". It lists 11 results for the name "Berman" with various relationships like "wives", "granddaughters", "daughters, biological", and "Interviewee".
- Navigation:** Includes "New Search", "Back", "Reset", and "Next" buttons.

Name Found	Relationship	Interviewee
<input type="checkbox"/> Berman (name at birth for Adele Dembling)	wives	David Dembling
<input type="checkbox"/> Berman (current name for Aleksei Berman)	Interviewee	Aleksei Berman
<input type="checkbox"/> Berman (current name for Alka Berman)	wives	Morris Berman
<input type="checkbox"/> Berman (name at birth for Amanda Berman)	granddaughters	Ray Berman
<input type="checkbox"/> Berman (name at birth for Andrea Wendy Berman)	granddaughters	Jeanette Berman
<input type="checkbox"/> Berman (current name for Anita Berman)	granddaughters	Morris Berman
<input type="checkbox"/> Berman (name at birth for Anita Berman)	granddaughters	Hedwig Schwartz
<input type="checkbox"/> Berman (name at birth for Anna Berman)	granddaughters	Grigorii Kravets
<input type="checkbox"/> Berman (current name for Anna Berman)	wives	Norbert Berman
<input type="checkbox"/> Berman (maiden name for Anna Kaufman)	Interviewee	Anna Kaufman
<input type="checkbox"/> Berman (release maiden name for Anna Kaufman)	Interviewee	Anna Kaufman
<input type="checkbox"/> Berman (name at birth for Anna Mandziuk)	daughters, biological	Efim Berman

The above search for last name Berman returns 1,687 results, many of which are the names of individuals mentioned in the 433 testimonies. The *Relationship* column indicates the relationship of that person to the interviewee.

If you place the cursor over the name in the search results table the **People/Relationship Popup Window** appears. It contains a list of people in a specific testimony and their relationship to the interviewee. The example below shows the popup window for Armin Bermin. He is mentioned in the Rose Berman testimonial and is the husband of the interviewee.

Click the checkbox next to individual names to select a subset of results. Click the *Selected People* tab to view only your selected results.

Click next to view your results on the Search Results page. The matching names are listed under the interviewee information.



The PEOPLE SEARCH enables you to search by name, nicknames, and any other aliases, if given. People are listed in the order they were interviewed during the interview process.

Enter the Name and click **Search**.  Photo

First Name:  Last Name:


**Search Results** | Selected People

Name Found

- Berman (name at birth for Anna Marozziuk)
- Berman (last name during war for Anna Vanshteyn)
- Berman (release maiden name for Anna Vanshteyn)
- Berman (name at birth for Anna Wolk)
- Berman (maiden name for Anna Zysman)
- Berman (maiden name for Annette Greenst)
- Berman (name at birth for Ariel Berman)
- Berman (name at birth for Arkadii Berman)
- Berman (last name during war for Armin Berman)
- Berman (current name for Armin Berman)

**Rose Berman**  
 Int Code: 35356  
 Alias:

- Farkas - last name during war
- Farkas - release maiden name
- Farkas - maiden name
- Rachel - Hebrew name
- Rosaline Farkas - name at birth
- Ruzena - nickname
- Ruzka - nickname



**husbands**

**Armin Berman**

Name	Relationship
Manzy Rosenberg	friends
Luka Steinberg	friends
Margaret Grossberg	friends
Emil Schechter	friends
Smuel Gogol	friends
Esther Reizele Farkas	grandmothers, paternal
<b>Armin Berman</b>	<b>husbands</b>
<b>Berman</b>	<b>husbands (current name)</b>
<b>Aaron</b>	<b>husbands (Hebrew name)</b>
<b>Berman</b>	<b>husbands (last name during war)</b>
Max Eder	husbands, ex
<b>Eder</b>	husbands, ex (last name during war)
Berta Farkas	mothers, biological

## PLACES SEARCH

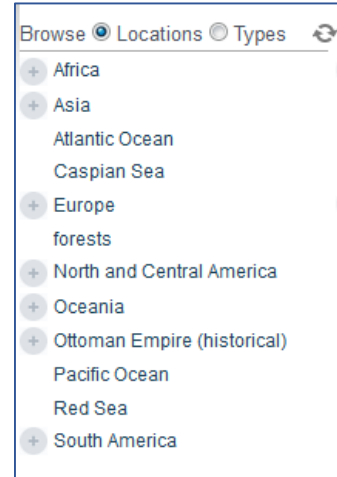
The Places search allows you to find segments of testimonies in which geographic locations have been indexed (such as camps, ghettos, cities, and towns) by browsing, searching, or zooming in on a Google Map. Note that the geographic indexing terms for Europe refer to the historical boundaries of the interwar period prior to World War II or prior to Nazi occupation, whichever was earliest.

Click **Places** on the main search screen (shown on cover page) to advance to the Places search screen. There are three ways to look for segments: 1. Browsing index terms list arranged by continents or location types, 2. Enter a location to search, and 3. Zoom in on the map.

## BROWSING GEOGRAPHIC INDEXING TERMS

Navigate through the geographic indexing terms organized by Locations or Types. The Locations option allows you to browse by continent, country, administrative unit, and specific place.

Click the plus sign next to a geographic term to drill down through the hierarchical tree to find more specific geographic indexing terms.



### *Browsing by Types*

Select the Types radio button to display the Types hierarchy. Click the plus sign next to a term to drill down to more specific location type.

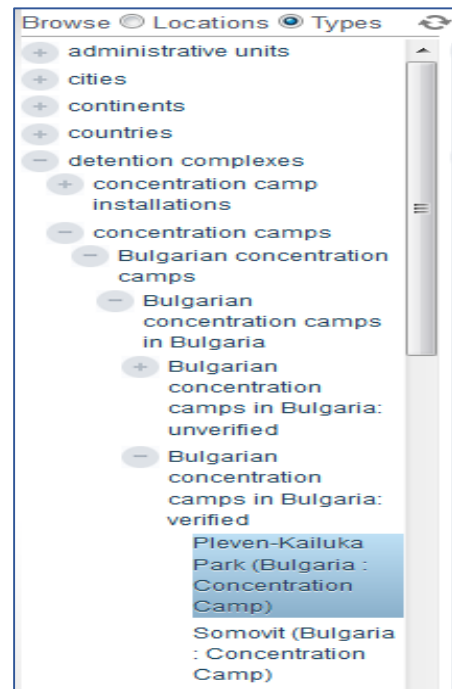
To reset the Locations or Types tree and collapse the expanded layers, click the circular arrows at the top right of the tree.

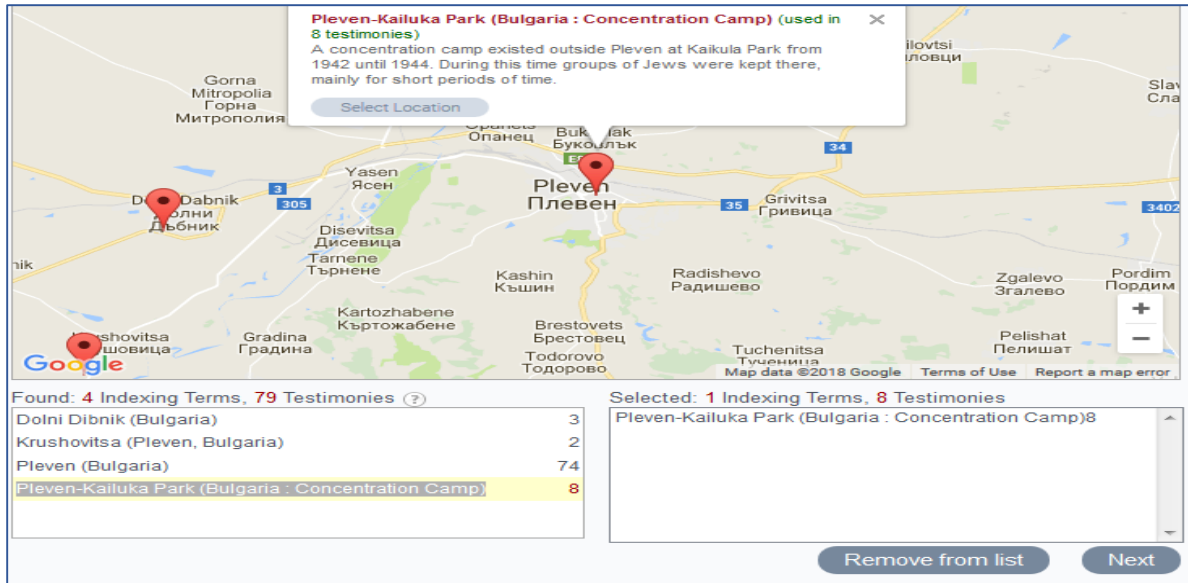
When you select a location or type the map will automatically update to focus on that location. In addition, an information window for the selected location will appear. It provides a historical description along with the number of testimonies in the archive in which that location was indexed.

When a location or type you have selected has more related geographic terms, the map will display all of the descendant locations.

Below the map is a list of retrieved indexed locations, with the location selected in the Locations tree highlighted in yellow. In this case there are four terms from seventy-nine testimonies.

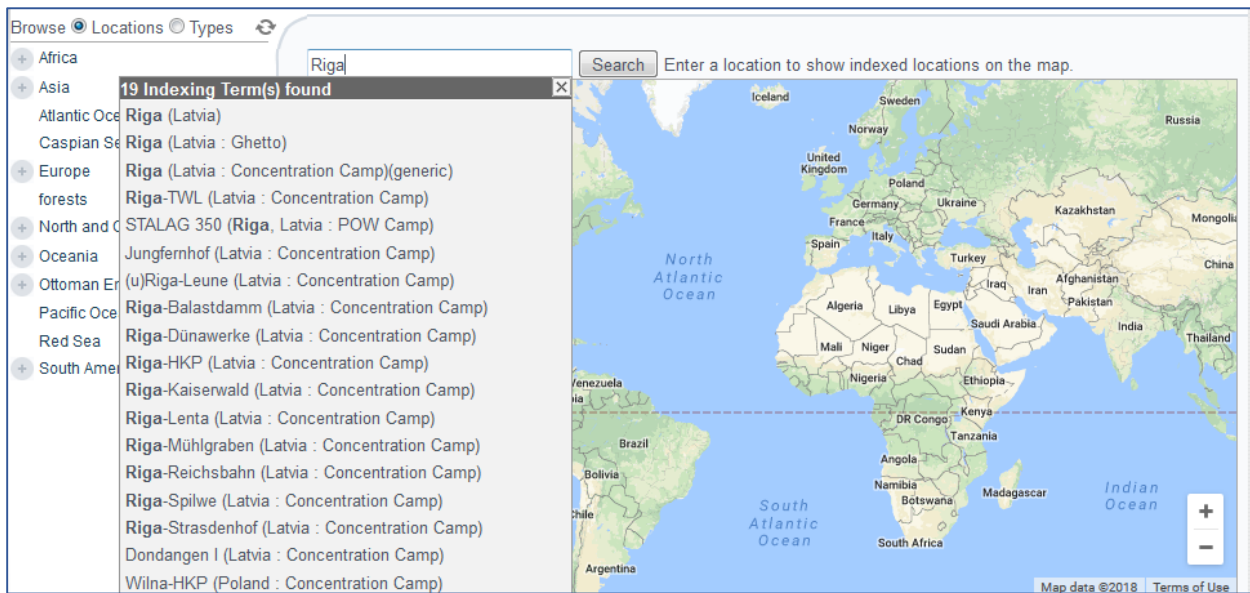
To view the testimonies, you must add the geographic term to the Selected box to the right below the map. Double-click the selected term in the Found box or click the Select Location button in the information window on the map to add it to the Selected box.



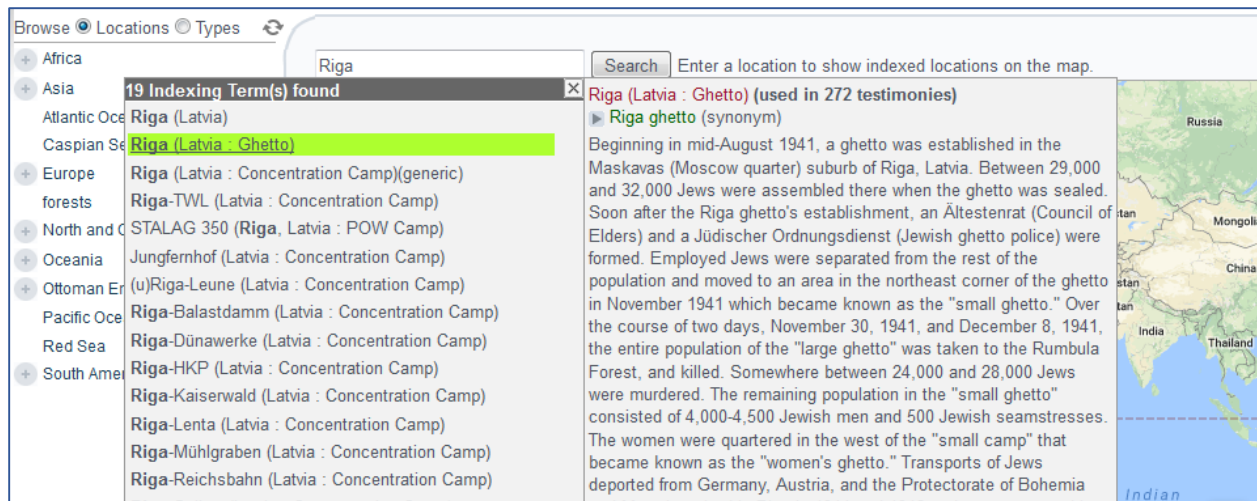


### SEARCHING FOR INDEXED LOCATIONS

Enter a location in the search box above the map. A predictive search windows appears with geographic terms related to the entered text, ranked according to best match.



Move the mouse pointer over one of the suggested terms and an information window appears over the map. It provides a historical description along with the number of testimonies in which that location was indexed.



If you click on a location indexing terms the map will update to focus on that geographic location. To add that location to the Selected box to the right under the map, double-click that location in the Found box or click the Select Location in the popup window on the map. Click next to advance to the search results to view the list testimonies.

#### *ZOOMING AND MOVING THE MAP*

Zoom in and move the map to reveal indexed locations. Indexed location will be listed in the Found box below the map. Click on a location's icon on the map to get information about that location and the number of associated testimonies.

If the focus area on the map contains too many locations to display individually, the locations will be aggregated and displayed in yellow circles. Continue to zoom in to see the red icons that refer to specific location.

Add your terms to the Selected box as above and click next to advance to the search results to see the testimonies.

Search Enter a location to show indexed locations on the map.

**Łódź (Poland : Ghetto) (used in 2,079 testimonies)**  
 On February 8, 1940, German orders decreed the establishment of the Łódź ghetto, and on April 30, 1940, the ghetto was sealed. The chairman of the ghetto's Judenrat was Mordechai Chaim Rumkowski. The Łódź ghetto served as an important industrial center in occupied Poland. One of the first ghettos created, Łódź was also the one that existed the longest. By August 1942, there were about 100 factories in the ghetto. The largest specialized in textile production, notably uniforms for the German army. In 1941 and 1942 about 40,000 Jews were deported to the Łódź ghetto from Germany, Austria, the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, Luxembourg and smaller

Found: 65 Indexing Terms, 0 Testimonies (?)

Redzen (Poland)	0
Rogów (Brzeziny, Łódź, Poland)	1
Rokicie Nowe (Poland)	0
Rózyca (Poland)	0
Ruda Pobianicka (Poland)	2
Rzów (Poland : Ghetto)	0

Selected: 1 Indexing Terms, 2079 Testimonies


Łódź (Poland : Ghetto)2079

Remove from list Next

## SEARCH RESULTS SCREEN

After performing a Quick Search or one of the four advanced searches with all of your search criteria selected, click next to view your search results. Five (5) testimonies appear but you can modify the number of results per page or use the paging option to jump to another set of testimonies.

Each of the results includes a small photo of the interviewee, the name of the interviewee, the language of the interview, and the transcript and/or video availability.



## Experience Groups Search

Jewish Survivor - Search Results

**Filter**

Transcript Available

Collection: ALL

Language: ALL

Gender: ALL






Experience Group: ALL

Projects: SELECT ONE

**Search Results**  
 Testimonies: 2,149  
 Ghettos  
AND 1 ghetto selected

1 - 5 of 2,149
Sort by: Transcript Availability 5 Results/Page

[Find Interviewee](#)

	<p>Name: <a href="#">Kenda Bar-Gera</a>            Experience: Jewish Survivor</p>	<p>Video, Transcript Available            Language: German            Collection: USC Shoah Foundation</p>
	<p>Name: <a href="#">Milton Belfer</a>            Experience: Jewish Survivor</p>	<p>Video, Transcript Available            Language: English            Collection: USC Shoah Foundation</p>
	<p>Name: <a href="#">Leo Berkenwald</a>            Experience: Jewish Survivor</p>	<p>Video, Transcript Available            Language: English            Collection: USC Shoah Foundation</p>
	<p>Name: <a href="#">Israel Berkenwald</a>            Experience: Jewish Survivor</p>	<p>Video, Transcript Available            Language: English            Collection: USC Shoah Foundation</p>
	<p>Name: <a href="#">Sonia Berson</a>            Experience: Jewish Survivor</p>	<p>Video, Transcript Available            Language: English            Collection: USC Shoah Foundation</p>

On this page you also have the option to further refine your search by using the filters on the left. Here you can limit to those with transcripts available or by gender or language. Recall that transcripts are in the original language spoken in the interview. Indexing terms may also be available in the search results page for each testimony.

Click on the photo or the interviewee name to advance to the Viewing Screen to see the testimony. You can also save your results to a **Project** which allows you to easily return to them at a later time.

### SAVING YOUR RESULTS TO A PROJECT

One feature on the results screen allows you to save your customized search results to your own **Project**. You can create several *Projects*. Click the **save to Project** button and save your results to an *Existing Project* or in a *New Project*. Give a new project a name that describes the search results. You can save entire testimonies or only select segments.

There is also a **Note** section. It describes basic information about the search results (search type, filters, and search terms). However, you can edit it to enter your own notes for each Project.

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**Projects**  
Save to Project

**Experience Groups Search**

**Filter**  
Collection: All  
Language: All  
Gender: All  
Experience Group: None  
Project: None

**Criterion**  
Jewish Survivor

**Search Results**  
Testimonies: 61

To save these search results to an existing project, choose a project from the pull-down menu and click "save" button.

Existing Project

**New Project**

Name

Share this project  Protect project

Note

Clicking the Share this project checkbox allows all VHA users to view but not edit or delete your project.

To access your saved projects, mouse over the Projects tab at the top.

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My Projects  
Bookmarked Projects  
Shared Projects

Colin Deinhardt | Logout

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The Projects page lists all of your saved results in the projects table, which contains basic information about each project: the name you have assigned, the date of creation, the results count, and the notes.

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**Projects**  
My Projects

**My Projects (3)**  
Bookmarked Projects (0)  
Shared Projects (1200)  
Barbara Spiegel (1)  
Aaron Levine (1)  
Abby McLachlan (2)

New | Delete | Print

<input type="checkbox"/>	Project Name	Date	Results	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bedzin Ghetto	02/01/2018	639	Places Search [...]
<input type="checkbox"/>	Warsaw Ghetto	02/01/2018	1,460	Experience Groups Search [...]
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lodz Ghetto	02/01/2018	61	Experience Groups Search [...]

To view the results that are saved in a project, click on the project name. The testimonies or segments are displayed in another table.

Project name: Lodz Ghetto  
 61 Results in this project 02/01/2018 Created

Notes: Experience Groups Search  
 Filter: Collection:All Language:All Gender:All Experience:None project:None  
 Jewish Survivor

61 Testimony Records 0 ProQuest Documents

Delete | Copy | Move | Print | Export .CSV(Excel) | Export .XML | XML for Scalar 0 Results selected

<input type="checkbox"/> Tape Label	Language	Experience	Segment #	Int Code	
<input type="checkbox"/> Abraham Albert Lipschitz	German	Jewish Survivor	All	15619	Video, Transcript Available
<input type="checkbox"/> Adam Schwartz	English	Jewish Survivor	All	1391	Video, Transcript Available
Notes					Save Cancel
<input type="checkbox"/> Alexander Riseman	English	Jewish Survivor	All	27390	Video, Transcript Available
<input type="checkbox"/> Ann Eichner	English	Jewish Survivor	All	20218	Video, Transcript Available
<input type="checkbox"/> Bluma Doman	English	Jewish Survivor	All	9908	Video, Transcript

Sort results by clicking on the column headers. You can also delete, copy, or move select results. However, the print and export to Excel options apply to the entire results list and not to selected results.



## VIEWING SCREEN: WATCH A TESTIMONY

From the results screen, click on the photo image or the name of an interviewee to go to the viewing screen where you can watch their testimony.

The screenshot shows the USC Shoah Foundation's 'Viewing Screen' for an interview with Adam Schwartz. The page features a navigation bar with links for 'About Us', 'Search', 'Search History', 'Projects', 'Help', and 'Contact'. The user is identified as 'Colin Deinhardt | Logout'. The main content area includes a video player for Adam Schwartz, a map of Central Europe with red pins in Poland and a green pin in Belarus, and a sidebar with navigation options. Below the video, a list of segments is displayed with their respective indexing terms and dates.

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Adam Schwartz

Video Tape: 1 of 2  
Slide Show

Maximize/Minimize Data  
Next Result  
Previous Result  
Back to Search Results  
New Search  
Save to Projects  
Print Testimony

Segments

- Biographical Profile
- Transcript
- ProQuest Search in Bio Profile
- ProQuest Search in Segment
- Indexing Terms in Testimony
- People in Testimony
- Search in Testimony
- Donor Recognition

Segment#: 3 + PQ  
Poland 1918 (November 11) - 1939 (August 31)  
Tuczyn (Poland)

Segment#: 4 + PQ  
*Ruchla Szwarz - mothers, biological*  
*Szaja Szwarz - fathers, biological*

Segment#: 5 + PQ  
Poland 1939 (September 1) - 1945 (May 7)

Segment#: 6 + PQ

The main functions of the Viewing Screen are the same for each search approach you used. Indexing data is displayed below the Viewing Screen.

The default display lists the various **segments** of the interview, along with the indexing terms and names of people associated with each segment. Move the cursor over the indexing term to see a popup description of the index term. To view a segment on a particular topic, click on the segment number that contains the indexing term of interest. To save a segment to a project, click the plus sign next to the segment.

The **Biographical Profile** contains information about an interviewee that was obtained in the pre-interview questionnaire or during the actual interview.

The **Transcript** link displays when a transcript is available. Transcripts are in the original language of the interview and have not been translated into English. The Auto-Scroll option tracks the words spoken in the interview by highlighting the text in red.

The **ProQuest Search in Bio Profile** shows results from article databases that are related to the biographical profile information. Useful for finding secondary sources related to your primary source interview. Use the filter icon to restrict results by language and source type.

The **Proquest Search in Segment** shows results from article databases that are related to the indexing data for the testimony segment being viewed. Use the filter icon to restrict results by language and source type.

Click the plus sign next to an article to save it to a Project for either the **Proquest Bio Profile** or **Segment** results.

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## GETTING RESEARCH HELP

### *1. Book a Research Consultation*

Book a research consultation with a librarian, either for help using the Visual History Archive or locating a scholarly monograph for your VIC102 term paper. Typically, research consultations are approximately one hour. Contact Colin Deinhardt at [colin.deinhardt@vicu.utoronto.ca](mailto:colin.deinhardt@vicu.utoronto.ca) to schedule an appointment.

### *2. Attend a Library Workshop*

Several workshops are offered by the University of Toronto Libraries. Check the [Workshop Calendar](#) for details and registration.

### *3. Chat with a Librarian*

You can get research help by chatting with a librarian in real time. Look for the widget below on the [University of Toronto Library website](#) to launch a chat session. The hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 10:00 am – 10:00 pm, Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, and Saturday-Sunday 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

