



# Visual History Archive (VHA) User Guide

*<http://vha.usc.edu>*

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## About the Visual History Archive (VHA) Application

USC Shoah Foundation's **Visual History Archive (VHA)** is a software application that allows users to search indexing data and view digital audiovisual testimonies in the USC Shoah Foundation's archive. The **VHA** provides a means for users to identify both whole testimonies of relevance, as well as specific segments within testimonies that relate to their area of interest.

Currently, the **VHA** provides access to data and video for more than 51,400 testimonies of survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust and other genocides. Most of the testimonies in the archive have been catalogued, indexed, and digitized to make them searchable and viewable through the **VHA**.

## Getting Started

To access the **Visual History Archive (VHA)** search and viewing tool, open Internet Explorer on a PC and navigate to the URL: <http://vha.usc.edu/>. The welcome screen will appear as pictured below.

### Note:

The **VHA** is also compatible with the Firefox browser on a PC and with the Safari browser on a Mac; however, you will need to install some extra software for Firefox and Mac compatibility. Please see the **System Requirements** on the **Login** screen.

## Login

When you first go to the **Visual History Archive**, you will be directed to the **Login** screen as pictured below.

**USC Shoah Foundation**  
Visual History Archive

**Login**

Username

Password

[Forgot your username / password?](#)

**Login**

New to the VHA?

**Register**

Welcome to the Visual History Archive (VHA) – an online portal from USC Shoah Foundation that allows users to search through and view nearly 52,000 audiovisual testimonies of survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust and other genocides. These testimonies were conducted in 58 countries and in 34 languages.

In April 2013, the Visual History Archive expanded to include a collection of 65 audiovisual testimonies of survivors and witnesses of the 1994 Rwandan Tutsi genocide. Conducted in two countries (U.S.A. and Rwanda), and two languages (English and Kinyarwanda), this initial collection of 65 Rwandan testimonies was accomplished in collaboration with Aegis Trust and the Kigali Genocide Memorial.

In February 2014, 12 audiovisual testimonies of survivors of the 1937-38 Nanjing Massacre were integrated into the VHA. These testimonies are in Mandarin and were conducted in Nanjing, China through a partnership with the Nanjing Massacre Memorial Hall.

[Collection Partners](#)

**System Requirements**

Windows XP/7/8 +  
Windows Media Player 11 +  
Internet Explorer 8 +  
Firefox 25 + (requires Windows Media Player Plugin and configuration change)

Mac OS X 10.6 +  
QuickTime 7.7.3 +  
Safari 5.1.1 +

On the **Login** screen, you must enter your **Username** and **Password**, and click **Log In**.

If you do not have a **Username** and **Password**, you must create your own. To proceed, click **Register** and fill in the appropriate information. You should choose a **Username** and **Password** that you will easily remember. By registering, you will be able to access your **Search History** and saved search results, called **Projects**, at a later time.

The **Login** page also offers the ability to retrieve a previously created (but forgotten) user name or password. Just click on **Forgot your username / password?** to go to the **Password Recovery** page. Once

there, type in your email address and click **Submit** and the system immediately sends you an email with your current **Username** and **Password**.

## Search

Once you successfully log in, the main **Search** screen appears as shown below. You can enter text in the highlighted search box and click **Search** to immediately begin to search. This search functions much like a web search engine and will be referred to as the **Quick Search** throughout this guide. The terms you enter will search on personal names, indexing terms (and their synonyms), and numbers representing interview codes.

The screenshot shows the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive Search page. At the top is a navigation bar with links: About Us, Search, Search History, Projects, Terms Of Use, Help, and Contact. On the right of the navigation bar are links for VHA Demo and Logout. The main header features the USC Shoah Foundation logo and the text 'Visual History Archive'. The page is titled 'Search' in the top right corner. On the left, under 'Collections:', there are radio buttons for 'All', 'European Holocaust, 1939-1945' (with a sub-link 'USC Shoah Foundation (51,368)'), 'Rwandan Tutsi Genocide, 1994' (with sub-links 'Kigali Genocide Memorial (49)' and 'USC Shoah Foundation (15)'), and 'Nanjing Massacre, 1937-1938' (with a sub-link 'USC Shoah Foundation (12)'). The main search area has a heading 'Select a collection and enter a search term below'. It contains a text input field with the placeholder 'Enter indexing term, names, numbers or interview codes', a 'Search' button, and a 'Testimonies: 0' counter. Below the input field are three radio buttons: 'All Words' (selected), 'Any Words', and 'Exact Phrase'. Further down, the section 'Or use one of the advanced search options below' lists four options: 'Experience Groups' (Find testimonies using biographical and interview information.), 'Index' (Find segments of testimonies by searching or browsing indexing terms in the USC Shoah Foundation Thesaurus.), 'People' (Find testimonies of interviewees by name, or find a testimony that refers to a specific person by name.), and 'Places' (Find segments of testimonies about geographic locations by browsing, searching, or zooming in on a Google Map.). Each option has a corresponding 'Search' button.

## Collections

The USC Shoah Foundation Institute is committed to expanding its archive to include testimony from survivors and witnesses of other genocides and crimes against humanity, and to make such testimony available for educational use around the world, alongside its current collection of nearly 52,000 testimonies of Holocaust survivors and other witnesses.

To that end, we have begun to work with partners around the world, sharing the expertise we acquired through the collection, indexing, preservation, and dissemination of the testimonies that are currently in the **Visual History Archive**.

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In February 2014, 12 audiovisual testimonies of survivors of the 1937–38 Nanjing Massacre were integrated into the VHA. These testimonies are in Mandarin and were conducted in Nanjing, China through a partnership with the Nanjing Massacre Memorial Hall.

When using the **Quick Search**, by default *All* collections of testimonies are searched. On the left side of the page as pictured at right, you can also choose to search a particular collection of testimonies: *Holocaust/World War II era, 1939–1945* testimonies conducted by the *USC Shoah Foundation*; or *Rwandan Tutsi Genocide, 1994* testimonies conducted by the *USC Shoah Foundation* and/or the *Kigali Genocide Memorial*.

#### Collections:

- ☒ All
- ☐ European Holocaust, 1939-1945
  - ☐ USC Shoah Foundation (51,368)
- ☐ Rwandan Tutsi Genocide, 1994
  - ☐ Kigali Genocide Memorial (49)
  - ☐ USC Shoah Foundation (15)
- ☐ Nanjing Massacre, 1937-1938
  - ☐ USC Shoah Foundation (12)

## ADVANCED SEARCH TYPES

If you prefer, you can select one of the advanced search types available on the main **Search** screen: *People Search*, *Biographical Search by Experience Group*, and *Indexing Terms Search*. A brief description of each of the advanced searches follows.

*Biographical Search by Experience Group* allows you to search basic biographical information, including city and country of birth, religious identity, places of incarceration such as camps and ghettos, and so on, for interviewees categorized within different Experience Groups: *Jewish Survivors*, *Homosexual Survivors*, *Jehovah's Witness Survivors*, *Liberators and Liberation Witnesses*, *Political Prisoners*, *Rescue and Aid Providers*, *Sinti and Roma Survivors*, *Survivors of Eugenics Policies*, and *War Crimes Trials Participants*.

*Indexing Terms Search* allows you to search for segments of testimonies that discuss specific topics, using more than 60,000 geographic and experiential indexing terms. Although the majority of the indexing terms are related to geographic locations, a rich collection of indexing terms has been assigned to identify important or common aspects of interviewees' diverse experiences. Experiential indexing terms include terms such as *camp living conditions*, *flight decisions*, and thousands of others.



The **Indexing Terms Search** results will take you directly to the relevant segments of the testimony videos.

**People Search** allows you to search for a specific name among all names associated with the testimonies. Names that are searched include those that were recorded in the pre-interview questionnaires as well as those of people who were mentioned during the interviews. You can find a testimony for a specific interviewee or a testimony that refers to a specific person.

**Places Search** allows you to find segments of testimonies in which geographic locations such as camps, ghettos, cities, and towns have been indexed by browsing, searching, or zooming in on a Google Map.

## Quick Search

When conducting a **Quick Search** using the highlighted search box pictured below, simply enter one or more terms of interest in the text box. The search will look for matches on personal names, index terms (and their synonyms), and numbers representing interview codes and/or years.

Select the desired search type using the option buttons for **All Words**, **Any Words** or **Exact Phrase**. The search type defaults to **All Words**, so if you enter more than one term, the

**VHA** will search for individual testimonies whose associated indexing data contains all the entered terms. That is, selecting the search type **All Words** performs an AND search between the entered terms.

### Note:

**Quick Search** is not case sensitive.

If you select the search type **Any Words**, the **VHA** will search for individual testimonies whose associated indexing data contains any of the words. That is, selecting the search type **Any Words** performs an OR search between the entered terms.

If you select the search type **Exact Phrase**, the **VHA** will search for individual testimonies whose associated indexing data contains the exact phrase.

### Note:

Depending on the terms you enter in the **Quick Search**, your search may return more results than are easily managed; therefore, it is usually best to specify a more limiting search type of **All Words** or **Exact Phrase**.

## QUICK SEARCH SPELLING SUGGESTIONS

The *Quick Search* incorporates a spelling suggestion feature that checks the word or words that users type against a dictionary of all words appearing in the USC Shoah Foundation database, including indexing terms and their synonyms, names of people, and numbers representing interview codes and years. If no match is found in the dictionary, then alternative suggestions that users can select will be presented as shown below.

A screenshot of a search interface. At the top, it says "Select a collection and enter a search term below". Below this is a text input field containing "aushwitz". To the right of the input field is a small "x" icon. Below the input field, there is a section titled "Did you mean?" in red. Under this title, there is a list of suggestions: "aushpitz", "auschwitz", "auschpitz", "rashwitz", "bauchwitz", and "tausowitz". At the bottom of the list is a link that says "more »".

## QUICK SEARCH EXAMPLE

As an example, enter the search terms, *Bedzin*, *ghetto*, and *hunger* in the text box separated by spaces as pictured below, and leave the *Collections* option on the left of the page set to the default *All*. Also, keep the search type to the default *All Words*.

A screenshot of the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive search page. The page has a header with the USC Shoah Foundation logo and the text "Visual History Archive". On the right side of the header is a "Search" button. Below the header, on the left, is a "Collections:" section with a list of radio buttons: "All", "European Holocaust, 1939-1945", "Rwandan Tutsi Genocide, 1994", and "Nanjing Massacre, 1937-1938". Each of these has a sub-list of radio buttons for "USC Shoah Foundation" with counts in parentheses. In the center, there is a search box with the text "Bedzin ghetto hunger". To the right of the search box is a "Search" button and a "Testimonies: 61" indicator. Below the search box, there are three radio buttons: "All Words", "Any Words", and "Exact Phrase". Below this, there is a section titled "Or use one of the advanced search options below". This section contains four sub-sections: "Experience Groups" (Find testimonies using biographical and interview information.), "Index" (Find segments of testimonies by searching or browsing indexing terms in the USC Shoah Foundation Thesaurus.), "People" (Find testimonies of interviewees by name, or find a testimony that refers to a specific person by name.), and "Places" (Find segments of testimonies about geographic locations by browsing, searching, or zooming in on a Google Map.). Each of these sub-sections has a "Search" button.



After typing the search term, the **Testimonies** count is displayed to the right of the text box. As shown, 61 testimonies match the search criteria. Keep in mind that for searches using more general search topics, there may be thousands of results and it takes a little longer to display the **Testimonies** count.

Click **Search** to see the results of the search.

## SEARCH RESULTS

The **Search Results** screen that displays next as pictured below lists the first 5 testimony results of the 61 results found. Each of the results displays a small photo of the interviewee, the **Name** of the interviewee, the **Language** of the interview, the **Video** availability status of the interview, the **Experience** group of the interviewee, and indexing terms that match the search terms you entered in the order they were entered.

The screenshot shows the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive Search Results page. The top navigation bar includes links for About Us, Search, Search History, Projects, Terms Of Use, Help, and Contact. The USC Shoah Foundation logo and 'Visual History Archive' text are prominently displayed. A 'Quick Search' section is on the right. On the left, there is a 'Filter' section with dropdown menus for Video Viewable Now, Collection, Language, Gender, Experience Group, and Projects. The search results section shows 61 testimonies found for the search terms 'Bedzin ghetto hunger'. The first five results are listed, each with a small photo of the interviewee, their name, experience, language, collection, and video availability status. The results are: Sha'ul 'oren (Jewish Survivor, Hebrew, Video Viewable Now), Tsvi Birenbaum (Jewish Survivor, Hebrew, Video Viewable Now), Erna Bratt (Jewish Survivor, English, Video Viewable Now), Elias Burstyn (Jewish Survivor, English, Video Viewable Now), and Ruth Crane (Jewish Survivor, English, Video Viewable Now). The page also includes a 'Find Interviewee' button and a 'New Search' button at the bottom.

On this page you also have the option to further refine your search by using the **Video Viewable Now**, **Collection**, **Language**, **Gender**, **Experience Group**, and **Projects Filter**. For this example, limiting the search is not necessary. For a full discussion of these filters, see the **Filtering Search Results** section on page 11.

### *Video Availability Status*

Testimony videos in the **VHA** are available at each institution with full access to the archive via a local video cache. Testimony videos that are on an institution's local cache can be viewed immediately. Please keep in mind that the size of an institution's local cache determines the number of testimony videos that are immediately available for viewing at that site.

As explained below, the *Video Availability* status on the *Search Results* screen will indicate one of three statuses for each testimony: *Viewable Now*, *Viewable w/i 48 Hrs.*, or *Not Yet Viewable*.

#### *Viewable Now*

The status *Viewable Now* means that the testimony video is available on your institution's local cache and is ready for immediate viewing.

To proceed to the *Viewing Screen*, click on the photo icon or the name of the interviewee.

#### *Viewable w/i 48 Hrs.*

The status *Viewable w/i 48 Hrs.* means that a testimony has been digitized, but the video is not loaded on your institution's local cache. You can request to have the testimony transferred from the USC Shoah Foundation's central digital video storage location to your local cache on the *Viewing Screen*. It may take up to 48 hours to load the requested testimony on your local cache.

To proceed to the *Viewing Screen*, click on the photo icon or the name of the interviewee.

#### *Not Yet Viewable*

The status *Not Yet Viewable* means that a testimony has not been digitized and that the video is not yet available for viewing. This status will appear very infrequently, because almost all testimonies have been digitized. Testimonies that are not digitized require special requests. You can contact a USC Shoah Foundation staff member by email at [vhahelp@usc.edu](mailto:vhahelp@usc.edu), if you want to request digitization of a testimony. Digitization requests may require several weeks to fulfill.

#### **Note:**

Even if a testimony is not available for immediate viewing, you can still view the associated cataloguing and indexing data for the testimony on the *Viewing Screen*, as long as the testimony has been catalogued and indexed.

To proceed to the *Viewing Screen*, click on the photo icon or the name of the interviewee.

### Matching Search Terms

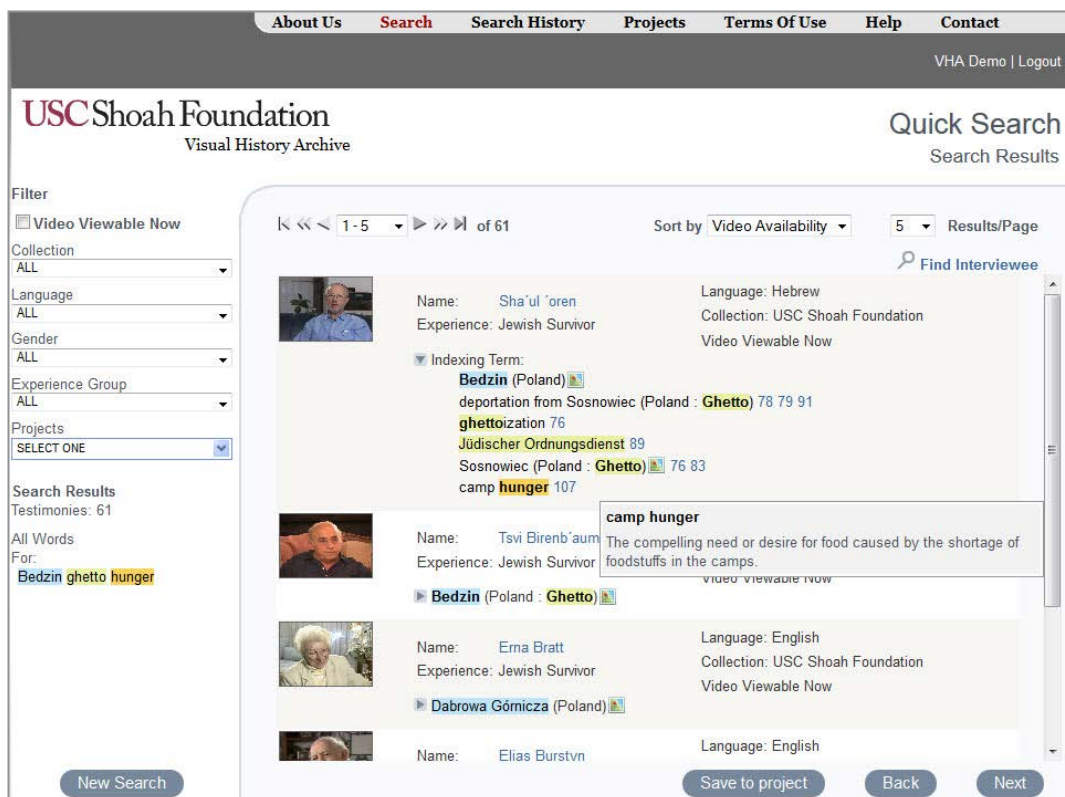
In order to see all of the indexing terms, names, and numbers for a testimony that match the search term(s), click on the caret symbol next to the highlighted term as pictured at right.

	Name: Sha'ul Oren	Language: Hebrew
	Experience: Jewish Survivor	Collection: USC Shoah Foundation
	Video Viewable Now	
▶ <b>Bedzin</b> (Poland) 		

### Note:

If the search term matches a synonym of an indexing term, the preferred label for the term will display as the matching text—not the synonym. Please see the [FAQs](#) under the [Help](#) menu for more information.

As shown below, the indexing terms are listed in the order that the words in the search term were entered. Also, for easy reference, the indexing terms are highlighted in the same colors as the search term words. Next to the indexing terms are the segment numbers in which the terms were indexed.



USC Shoah Foundation  
Visual History Archive

Quick Search  
Search Results

Filter

☐ Video Viewable Now

Collection: ALL

Language: ALL

Gender: ALL

Experience Group: ALL

Projects: SELECT ONE

Search Results  
Testimonies: 61

All Words  
For: **Bedzin** **ghetto** **hunger**









New Search

1 - 5 of 61

Sort by: Video Availability

5 Results/Page

Find Interviewee

	Name: Sha'ul Oren Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: Hebrew Collection: USC Shoah Foundation Video Viewable Now
Indexing Term: ▶ <b>Bedzin</b> (Poland)  deportation from Sosnowiec (Poland : <b>Ghetto</b> ) 78 79 91 <b>ghettoization</b> 76 <b>Jüdischer Ordnungsdienst</b> 89 Sosnowiec (Poland : <b>Ghetto</b> )  76 83 camp <b>hunger</b> 107		
	Name: Tsvi Birenbaum Experience: Jewish Survivor	▶ <b>Bedzin</b> (Poland : <b>Ghetto</b> )  <b>camp hunger</b> The compelling need or desire for food caused by the shortage of foodstuffs in the camps.
	Name: Erna Bratt Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: English Collection: USC Shoah Foundation Video Viewable Now
▶ <b>Dabrowa Górnicza</b> (Poland) 		
	Name: Elias Burstyn	Language: English

Save to project Back Next

Clicking on the segment number takes you to the *Viewing Screen*, and the video jumps to that segment in the testimony where the topic of the indexing term is discussed.

Placing a mouse cursor over any highlighted indexing term displays a popup window with the thesaurus definition of that term. In the current example, the definition for *camp hunger* is displayed.

### *Biographical Profile Popup Window*

Using this feature, you are able to view the biographical information of the interviewee directly on the *Search Results* page, without having to go to the *Viewing Screen*. Simply place the mouse cursor over the image of the interviewee and a popup window containing the biographical information gets displayed on the screen as pictured below.

The screenshot displays the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for About Us, Search, Search History, Projects, Terms Of Use, Help, and Contact. The main header features the USC Shoah Foundation logo and a Quick Search bar. On the left, a Filter section allows users to refine results by Video Viewable Now, Collection, Language, Gender, Experience Group, and Projects. The Search Results section shows 61 testimonies, with the word 'hunger' highlighted in the search results. A popup window titled 'Erna Bratt' is displayed, showing a list of interviewees with a small thumbnail image of Erna Bratt. The popup window contains the following biographical information:

- Erna Bratt**
- Interview code: 20879
- Aliases:
  - Bratt - current name
  - Steinfeld - last name during war
  - Erna - false name
  - Erna Sauer - other name
  - Ester Steinfeld - name at birth
  - Esteru - nickname
- Gender: Female
- Date of Birth: Jun 4, 1924
- City of Birth: Dabrowa Górnicza (Poland)
- Country of Birth: Poland
- Religious Identity (Prewar): orthodox Judaism
- Religious Identity (Postwar): conservative Judaism
- Fled from Nazi-controlled territory: No
- Ghetto(s): Dabrowa Górnicza (Poland : Ghetto)

The popup window also includes a 'Print' icon in the top right corner and a scrollbar on the right side for scrolling through the information.

You can use the scrollbar on the right side of this window to scroll through the information at the bottom. In addition to viewing the biographical information, you can use the *Print* icon located at the top right of the popup window to print it.

### Find Interviewee

While on the **Search Results** page, you can further refine your search by using the **Find Interviewee** feature to locate a testimony of a

particular interviewee. Once you click on the **Find Interviewee** link, a search window opens up as shown below, allowing you to enter an interviewee's first or last name. Even if you type in only the first few letters of a name, the search brings back matching results. You can click on a survivor's name to go directly to the **Viewing Screen**.

Find by	<input checked="" type="radio"/> First Name	<input type="radio"/> Last Name	<input type="text" value="lola"/>	<input type="button" value="X"/>
Lola Fontak	F	English	Jewish Survivor	
Lola Pila	F	English	Jewish Survivor	
Lola Roth	F	English	Jewish Survivor	

### Sorting Search Results

If you have many results, you can choose to sort the results by **Last Name**, **First Name**, **Language**, **Experience** or **Video Availability**. By default, the results are sorted by **Video Availability**; thus, results whose videos are available for immediate viewing are sorted to the top.

To sort the results, click the down arrow to the right of the **Sort by** drop down list, as pictured above right, and select the desired sort criteria.

### Filtering Search Results

In order to narrow a very large result set, you can use the **Video Viewable Now**, **Language**, **Gender**, **Experience Group** and **Projects** **Filter** as shown at right to further refine your search and narrow your results.

Checking the **Video Viewable Now** checkbox will limit your search criteria to only those testimonies whose videos are present on your institution's local video cache and hence are viewable immediately. For a full explanation of video availability, see the **Video Availability Status** section on page 8.

To apply any of the other filters, just click on the down arrow and choose a specific filter. Using the **Projects** filter allows you to search within the results of a saved project.

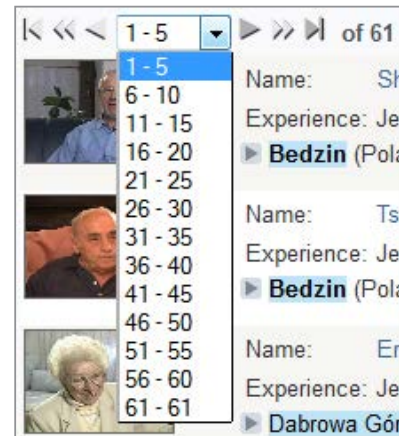
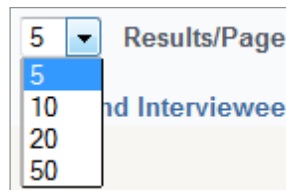
### Note:

For **Quick Search** and **Indexing Terms Search**, the filter is located on the main page as well as the **Search Results** page, and for **People** and **Biographical Searches**, the filter is available on the **Search Results** page only.



### Paging and Results/Page

To see more results on a page and to easily navigate through a large set of results, you can use the **Paging** and **Results/Page** features as pictured at right. The **Paging** feature allows moving quickly to a desired set of results. By default, 5 results are displayed per page. To see more results per page, select a larger number from the **Results/Page** drop down list as shown here.



### SAVING RESULTS TO A

### PROJECT

From the results screen, you can save the results of your search to a project so you can return to the saved results at a later time. To save the results from this example, click the **save to project** button, and you will be taken to a screen as pictured below where you can save the results in an **Existing Project** or in a **New Project**.

USC Shoah Foundation  
Visual History Archive

Projects  
Save to Project

Quick Search

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

Selected Text  
All Words  
Bedzin  
ghetto  
hunger

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: Bedzin ghetto hunger

☐ Share this project ☐ Protect project Password

Note: Quick Search  
Filter  
Collection:All Language:All Gender:All Experience:None project:None  
Selected Text (All Words)  
Bedzin ghetto hunger

save cancel



For this example, type in a name for the project that identifies the search results, such as *Bedzin, ghetto, hunger* and then click *save*.

### Note:

When you save testimony or segment results to an existing project, they are appended to the existing project's results; they do not replace them.

The *Note* section, by default, displays basic information about the search – which search type was used, the filters and search terms. You can leave the *Note* field as is, or you can edit it and enter your own notes.

### Sharing a Project

You can share a project with other users by clicking on the *Share this project* checkbox. Sharing a project allows all **VHA** users to view the search results in your project. They are not able to delete the project or change its results.

Checking *Share project* activates the *Protect project* feature. Assigning a password to a project is optional and if you choose to protect a project with a password, only the users that know the password will be able to view the search results saved in that project. In this example we chose to share the project but not protect it with a password.

### Note:

The *Share this project* feature is ideal for professors who want students to look at specific testimonies or segments, and for library support staff to pre-prepare materials for researchers.

Once you click *save*, the project *Bedzin, ghetto, hunger* gets added to your list of projects as pictured below, which you can later access by clicking the *Projects* link at the top of the page.

Project Name	Date	Results	Notes
Born in Portugal	06/26/2012	3	Biographical Search [...]
Theresienstadt ghetto - child survivors	06/26/2012	335	Biographical Search [...]
Bedzin, ghetto, hunger	06/26/2012	61	Quick Search [...]

The *Projects* page is organized using folders and by default, *My Projects*, the projects created by you are displayed. The projects table contains basic information about the project – its name, the date of creation, the results count and the notes. The shared or password protected projects are displayed with the *Sharing Read Only* and *Protected* icons. In this view you can delete a selected project, print, or sort the list of your projects.

### Bookmarked and Shared Projects

Click on the **Shared Projects** folder to see all projects shared by other users, including the ones shared by you. Projects that have been shared are grouped and sorted alphabetically by first name, then last name of users.

#### Note:

When you share a project with other **VHA** users, they can only read the results. They cannot delete the project or the results in the project.

While viewing the shared projects, you are also able to **Bookmark** a specific project. Keep in mind that a bookmarked project disappears if the owner of the project “un-shares” or deletes the project. In addition, the owner can make modifications to the project, such as deleting or adding results, so if you want to keep the original results, it is best to copy those results to your own separate project.

In order to see shared projects created by a specific user, you can click on any name displayed below the **Shared Projects** folder, or you can use the **Search project owner** feature as pictured below..

The screenshot displays the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive (VHA) application. The top navigation bar includes links for About Us, Search, Search History, Projects (highlighted), Terms Of Use, Help, and Contact. A user login area shows 'VHA Demo | Logout'. The main header features the USC Shoah Foundation logo and the title 'Visual History Archive'. On the right, a 'Projects' section is titled 'Shared Projects'. A search bar labeled 'Search project owner' is located on the left. Below it, a sidebar lists 'My Projects (4)', 'Bookmarked Projects (0)', and 'Shared Projects (559)'. The 'Shared Projects' list includes names like Aaron Levine, Abby McLachlan, Abigail Parsons, Adam Trinh, adam vasquez, Adam Seipp, Aida Fogel, Akasha Buzov, Albert Lichtblau, Alex Nelson, Alex Schnorr, alex george, Alexandra Susi, alexandra zisser, Alexandra Battat, Alfred Silberman, Aliza Luft, Allan Brauner, Allison Primack, Amber Mirafuentes, amber perez, Amy Marczewski, and Amy Edwards. The main content area shows a table of shared projects with columns for Project Name, Creator, Date, Results, and Notes. Above the table are links for Copy, Bookmark, and Remove Bookmark. The table lists various projects such as 'Al Silberman', 'Jennifer Marlow project', 'Susan Maki', 'Bystander responses roundups 1 minute', 'Islam and the Holocaust', 'Oral History project Jews Oostelijk Zuid-Limburg - Kerkrade', 'Oral History project Jews Oostelijk Zuid-Limburg - Brunssum (met Treebeek)', 'Holocaust rescuer-organization', 'Rwanda Rescuer', 'romove slovenstina', 'romove vsechno', 'Darina Kovacova', 'Additional vids for Module 2', and 'ucitele'.

Project Name	Creator	Date	Results	Notes
Al Silberman	Alfred Silberman	07/17/2013	1	People Search [...]
Jennifer Marlow project	Crispin Brooks	07/17/2013	72	Polish-Jewish survivors born after 1919 [...]
Susan Maki	Susan Maki	07/16/2013	17	Places Search [...]
Bystander responses roundups 1 minute	Deborah Margolis	07/16/2013	1	Index Search [...]
Islam and the Holocaust	Judyth Lessee	07/16/2013	143	Places Search [...]
Oral History project Jews Oostelijk Zuid-Limburg - Kerkrade	Roelof Braad	07/16/2013	13	Places Search [...]
Oral History project Jews Oostelijk Zuid-Limburg - Brunssum (met Treebeek)	Roelof Braad	07/16/2013	40	Places Search [...]
Holocaust rescuer-organization	Deborah Margolis	07/15/2013	13	Experience Groups Search [...]
Rwanda Rescuer	Deborah Margolis	07/15/2013	7	Experience Groups Search [...]
romove slovenstina	Jitka Maulova	07/12/2013	0	
romove vsechno	Jitka Maulova	07/12/2013	306	Index Search [...]
Darina Kovacova	Darina Kovacova	07/11/2013	8	
Additional vids for Module 2	Ekaterina Neklyudova	07/09/2013	2	People Search [...]
ucitele	Jitka Maulova	07/09/2013	11	

## Copying Projects

To make a copy of an unprotected shared project or one of your own projects, simply check the box next to the project name and click the **Copy** link. This will add a copy of the project in **My Projects** which you can then edit.

## Viewing Results of a Saved Project

To see the results that are saved in a project, click on the name of the project. In this example, clicking on **Bedzin, ghetto, hunger** takes you to the screen pictured below where the testimony or segment results are displayed. The saved results table displays all of the results along with some basic information about the testimonies. You can sort the results by clicking on any of the column headers.

The screenshot shows the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive interface. On the left is a sidebar with a search bar and a list of projects under 'My Projects (4)'. The main area displays the project 'Bedzin ghetto hunger' with 61 results. Below the project name is a 'Notes' section with a 'Quick Search' filter. At the bottom is a table of results with columns for selection, first name, last name, language, experience, segment number, and internal code. Each row has a 'Video Viewable Now' link.

	First Name	Last Name	Language	Experience	Segment #	Int Code	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sha'ul	'oren	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	45996	Video Viewable Now
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tsvi	Birenbaum	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	49632	Video Viewable Now
<input type="checkbox"/>	Erna	Bratt	English	Jewish Survivor	All	20879	Video Viewable Now
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elias	Burstyn	English	Jewish Survivor	All	6969	Video Viewable Now
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth	Crane	English	Jewish Survivor	All	21437	Video Viewable Now

You can also use the functions available directly above the table to **Delete**, **Copy** or **Move** selected results. These options can be very helpful for managing your results as you do further research.

For example, after you view individual results in a **Project**, you may decide that they are more relevant for another research topic and move or copy them to a different **Project**. To move or copy the results, simply select them and then click on **Copy** or **Move**. A dialogue box then opens up as pictured at right in which you can choose to copy

The dialog box is titled 'Move Selected Testimonies/Segments to Project'. It has two radio buttons: 'My Projects' (selected) and 'New Project'. Next to 'My Projects' is a dropdown menu showing 'Born in Portugal'. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

or move the results to a **New Project** or to an existing project in **My Projects**.

The **Print**, **Export .CSV (Excel)** and **Export XML** actions apply to the entire results list not to selected results. The same information shown in the results table is printed and/or exported.

In addition, on the **Project** page, you can change the name of your project, its notes, and whether or not the project is shared or protected by a password. Just remember to click **save** to save the changes.

### **Adding Testimony Notes**

Clicking on the **Edit Note** icon located at the right of a result saved in a project opens up a **Notes** text box as pictured below. Then you can enter notes for that specific testimony or segment.

The screenshot shows a table with columns: First Name Last Name, Language, Experience, Segment #, and Int Code. The table lists four entries: Sha'ul 'oren, Tsvi Birenbaum, Erna Bratt, and Elias Burstyn. A 'Notes' dialog box is open for the entry 'Tsvi Birenbaum'. The dialog box has a text input field and 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons. The 'Notes' field is currently empty.

First Name Last Name	Language	Experience	Segment #	Int Code
Sha'ul 'oren	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	45996
Tsvi Birenbaum	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	49632
Erna Bratt	English	Jewish Survivor	All	20879
Elias Burstyn	English	Jewish Survivor	All	6969

Once you add **Notes** text and **Save** it, the first line of text is displayed directly underneath the result as shown below.

The screenshot shows the same table as before, but now the entry 'Tsvi Birenbaum' has a note entered: 'The survivor was born in Proszowice, Poland'. The note is displayed directly below the entry name in the table.

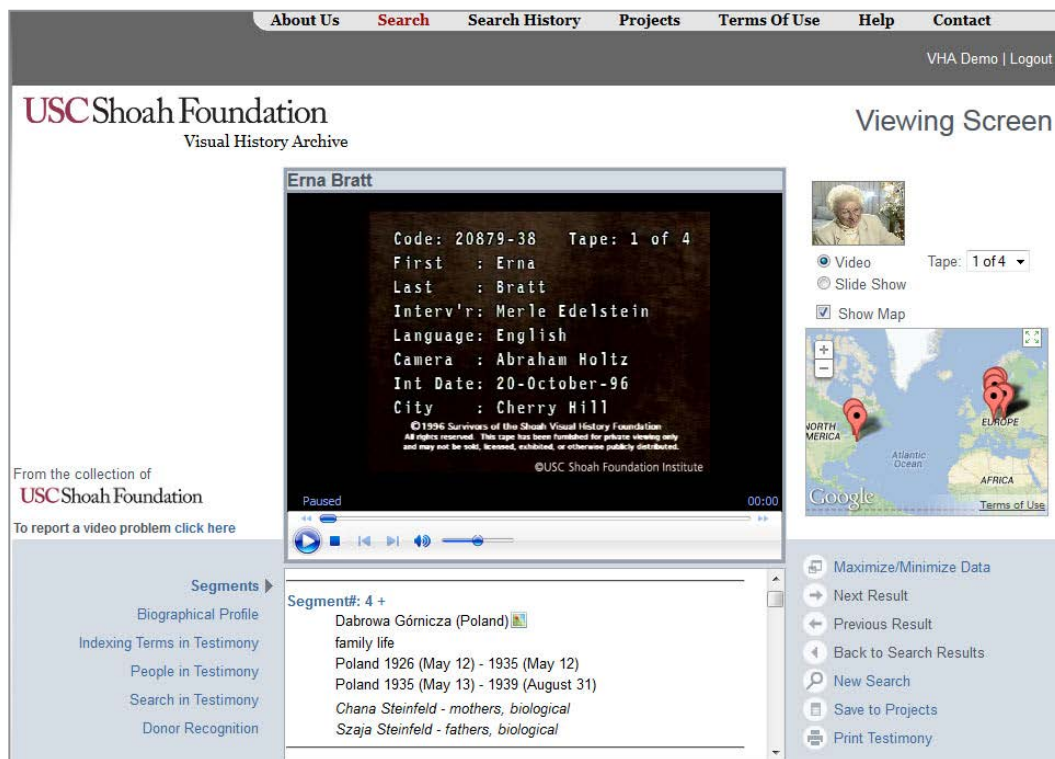
First Name Last Name	Language	Experience	Segment #	Int Code
Sha'ul 'oren	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	45996
Tsvi Birenbaum	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	49632
The survivor was born in Proszowice, Poland				
Erna Bratt	English	Jewish Survivor	All	20879

The **Biographical Profile Pop-up Window** feature as described on page 10 is also available for Project results. Just place the mouse cursor over the name of the survivor and the profile information is displayed.

To view a testimony or segment saved in a project, click the name of the interviewee. You will then advance to the *Viewing Screen* for that testimony or segment result.

## VIEWING SCREEN

To continue the previous example, click on the photo icon or the name of *Erna Bratt* in the search results. You will be taken to the full *Viewing Screen* as pictured below.



The full *Viewing Screen* has the same functionality for all search types. The main functions available on the *Viewing Screen* are discussed below.

In this example, since this testimony is already loaded in the local cache, the video automatically begins playing. The video will appear and play in the video player located in the center of the screen.

### Note:

This specific testimony may not be loaded on your local video cache, since each **VHA** access site has a different video cache with different digitized testimonies already loaded.

The video player has the controls to play, pause, stop the video and adjust the volume. You can also use other video player options that are available by right-clicking the mouse over the video player.



## Information Display

Below the *Viewing Screen* is a window that displays indexing data associated with the testimony being viewed. Click on the links to the left of the window as pictured below, to change the information presented. The function of each link is discussed below.

## Segments

The default display mode, *Segments*, displays segment numbers along with indexing terms and names of people who were associated with those segments during the indexing process. Some segments have no assigned indexing terms because a topic may not have been discussed in sufficient detail, or, when the discussion spans several segments, the relevant indexing terms have been applied only once near the beginning of the discussion. As pictured below, placing a mouse cursor over an indexing term, in this case *family life*, activates the thesaurus definition popup window for that term.

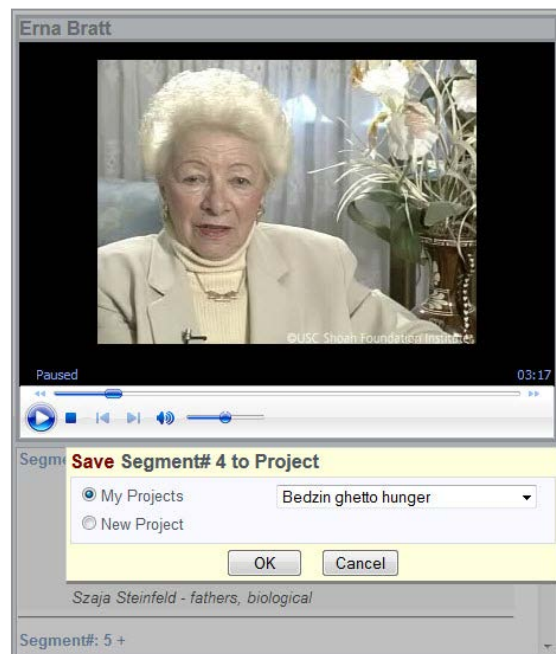


To view the segment of video where a particular topic is discussed during the interview, click on the segment number that contains the relevant indexing term. For example, as shown above, clicking on *Segment #4* takes you to the point in the interview where the interviewee discusses *family life*.

## Saving a Segment to a Project

If you would like to save a specific segment to a project, click on the plus icon next to the segment number, which displays the *Save Segment to Project* window as pictured at right.

You can choose to save the segment to an existing project, by clicking *My Projects* and then selecting a project from your list of projects in the down arrow menu. Or you can choose to save the selected segment to a new project, by clicking *New Project* and entering a name for the new project.





In this example, **Segment #4** is saved to the *Bedzin, ghetto, hunger* project. Click on the **Projects** link, and then click on that project's name. As you can see below, the saved segment is now a result of the project.

Delete   Copy   Move   Print   Export .CSV(Excel)   Export .XML   XML for Scalar						0 Results selected
<input type="checkbox"/> First Name	Last Name	Language	Experience	Segment #	Int Code	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sha'ul	Oren	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	45996	Video Viewable Now 
<input type="checkbox"/> Tsvi	Birenbaum	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	49632	Video Viewable Now 
The survivor was born in Proszowice, Poland						
<input type="checkbox"/> Erna	Bratt	English	Jewish Survivor	All	20879	Video Viewable Now 
<input type="checkbox"/> Erna	Bratt	English	Jewish Survivor	4	20879	Video Viewable Now 

### Biographical Profile

The **Biographical Profile** is the next option available in the menu on the left as pictured at right. The **Biographical Profile** contains basic biographical information about the interviewee that was collected from the interviewee in a pre-interview questionnaire, as well as from the actual interview. You can scroll through the displayed data using the up and down arrows on the scroll bar to the right of window.

Segments	Interview code
<b>Biographical Profile</b>	20879
Indexing Terms in Testimony	Gender
People in Testimony	Female
Search in Testimony	Date of Birth
Donor Recognition	Jun 4, 1924
	City of Birth
	Dabrowa Górnicza (Poland)

### Note:

Each interview has a unique **Interview Code**, shown at the top of the **Biographical Profile**, to help identify the specific testimony; thus, if two or more interviewees have the same name, the **Interview Code** distinguishes them.

### Indexing Terms in Testimony

By clicking on **Indexing Terms in Testimony**, you are able to view a list of indexing terms ordered alphabetically with the segment numbers in which they were indexed as shown at right. When you find an indexing term of interest, just click on the segment number and the video on the **Viewing Screen** jumps directly to that segment.

Segments	adaptation methods
Biographical Profile	32
<b>Indexing Terms in Testimony</b>	armament forced labor
People in Testimony	47
Search in Testimony	Auschwitz II-Birkenau (Poland : Death Camp)
Donor Recognition	35
	beatings

### People in Testimony

When you click on *People in Testimony*, you are able to view a list of names of all the people associated with the testimony, including their relationship to the interviewee, and the segment number in which the people are mentioned as pictured at right. The names of people were taken from the pre-interview questionnaire or from the actual interview.

Segments	Aaron Sauer - grandsons 95
Biographical Profile	
Indexing Terms in Testimony	Blima Rakowski - sisters, biological 89
<b>People in Testimony ▶</b>	
Search in Testimony	Chana Steinfeld - mothers, biological 4 7 32 88
Donor Recognition	Emily Sauer - granddaughters

If you would like to view a segment of a video in which a particular person is discussed, just click on the number listed underneath that person's name. For example, clicking on *Segment #89*, takes you to that point in the interview when the interviewee discusses her sister, *Blima Rakowski*.

#### Note:

An asterisk (\*) after a name indicates a phonetic spelling. Brackets [] around a name indicate that it is an assumption; for example, a child's last name might not be mentioned in a testimony, but it is likely the same as her parents' name.

### Search in Testimony

You can use the *Search in Testimony* option to search for an indexing term or a name. Once you click on it, the *Search in This Testimony* text box

Segments	Search in This Testimony	family	Search
Biographical Profile	family businesses 74		
Indexing Terms in Testimony	family life 4 7		
People in Testimony	prewar family photographs (stills) 88 90		
<b>Search in Testimony ▶</b>			
Donor Recognition			

displays. You can enter any word(s) or name and click *Search*. In the example shown below, searching on the word *family* brought back the indexing terms *family businesses* and others. As described previously, clicking on a highlighted segment number takes you directly to that segment of the video.

### Other Links

On the right side of the data display window below the video as pictured at right there are several other options that allow you to perform useful actions related to navigating your search results, changing the data display, and saving the current search result. The function of each link is described next.

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

### *Maximize/Minimize Data*

The window, where data for *Segments*, *Biographical Profile*, *Indexing Terms in Testimony*, *People in Testimony*, and *Donor Recognition* is displayed, is normally small. You can expand it to see more data at once by clicking on the *Maximize/Minimize Data* link. Click on the *Maximize/Minimize Data* link again to return to the normal view.

#### **Note:**

When you maximize the window while a video is playing, the video will continue to play.

### *Next/Previous Result*

After clicking *Next Result* or *Previous Result* the *Viewing Screen* displays the next or previous testimony or segment in the results list. These links are not active when you view the results within a project.

### *Back to Search Results*

Clicking the *Back to Search Results* link takes you back to the list of testimony or segment results.

For more details on the results screen, see the **Search Results** section on page 7.

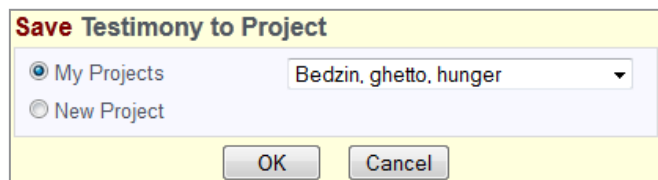
### *New Search*

Clicking the *New Search* link takes you to the main *Search* screen.

For a full discussion of the main *Search* screen, see the **Search** section on page 3.

### *Save to Projects*

Click the *Save to Projects* link to save the segment or testimony result currently on the *Viewing Screen* to a *Project*. You are able to save the specific segment or testimony to an existing or a new project. Clicking the *My Projects* option opens up a list of your existing projects.



When saving a result to a *Project* from the *Viewing Screen*, the segment that you are viewing in the video is irrelevant. Only the specific result that you clicked in your list of results on the *Search Results* screen (before advancing to the *Viewing Screen*) will be saved.

For more information on saving results, see the **Saving Results to a Project** section on page 12.

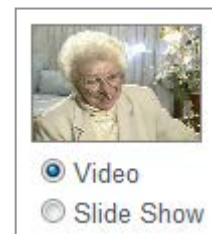
### Print Testimony

To print the testimony information that's viewable on the *Viewing Screen* page – biographical information, indexing terms and people's names, click on *Print Testimony*, and a new window as pictured at right opens displaying the information along with a default print dialog.

In addition, you are able to customize what information is included in the report by choosing among the *Segments*, *Indexing Terms*, and *People* options, located at the top of the window. By default, all options are checked and the indexing term and people information is organized and displayed by segments.

### Video and Slide Show

The *Video* and *Slide Show* option buttons, as pictured at right, located at the upper right of the *Viewing Screen* allow you to toggle between viewing the video and viewing a slide show of still mages from the interview. If the *Video* or *Slide Show* options are grayed out, then the corresponding video or slide show for a testimony is not available.



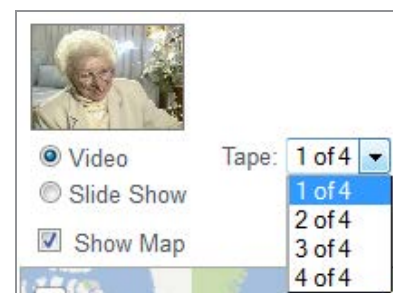
Frequently, near the end of the interview, interviewees presented family photographs, documents, and artifacts from the prewar, wartime, and postwar periods to be videotaped. Still images extracted from the video of these items are presented in the *Slide Show*.

To view the *Slide Show*, click on the *Slide Show* option button (when available). Keep in mind that the video will stop playing when you click *Slide Show*.

To return to viewing the video, click on the *Video* option button (when available).

### Video Navigation

To move forward or backward within an interview, you can use the controls available on the video player or the options built into the interface.



To jump to the beginning of a different tape within the video, use the dropdown menu next to *Tape*, as shown at right, located at the right of the *Viewing Screen*. Click on the down arrow and choose the desired tape.

The videotapes that were used to film the interviews had about a 30-minute capacity; therefore, multiple tapes were often used to videotape one interview. For instance, the average interview length in the archive is about 2 hours and 10 minutes, which requires 5 tapes. The numbers of the digital video files correspond to the numbers of the original analog tapes from which they were created.

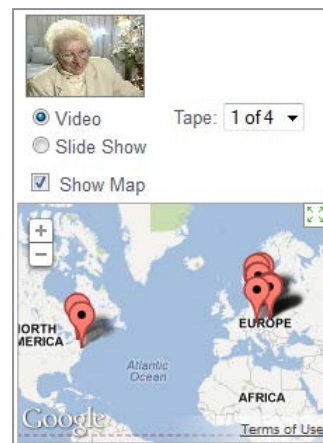
### Note:

The **Fast Forward**, **Rewind**, **Previous** and **Next** buttons built into the video player are not operable; however, the **Seek** slider and **Pause**, **Stop**, and **Play** buttons function normally.

### Show Map

A small, embedded Google map is displayed by default to the right of the video, as pictured here, that shows many geographic indexing term locations, including cities, towns, villages, ghettos, and camps, discussed in the testimony being viewed. This enables users to quickly see where experiences being discussed took place.

The map can be enlarged and controlled easily like a normal Google map, zooming in and out and dragging the map to show different areas. To hide the map, simply uncheck the **Show Map** check box.



Clicking on one of the location icons will instantly enlarge the map in a popup window and show the definition of the geographic indexing term in a balloon as pictured below.



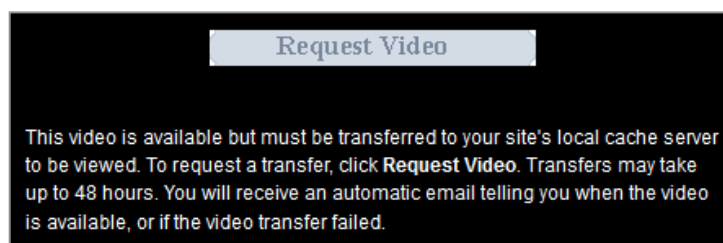
Hyperlink segment numbers to which the indexing term was assigned are also displayed in the balloon. Clicking on one of the segment numbers will jump the video to that segment. To open the map in a full browser window, click on the name of the location.

### Note:

Not all of the USC Shoah Foundation's geographic indexing terms have been assigned latitude and longitude coordinates for map display. Assigning coordinates to the terms will remain a work in progress. If you notice inaccurate coordinates, please email [vhahelp@usc.edu](mailto:vhahelp@usc.edu), and we will make corrections.

### Requesting to Cache or Digitize Testimonies

If a digitized testimony is not on your local cache, you will see a message, as shown at right, in the center of the *Viewing Screen* that explains how to request to load the testimony onto your cache. To download a testimony to your local cache, click *Request Video*. Once you click that button, a pop-up message will display indicating that your testimony has been requested and should be available within the next 48 hours (usually much faster). Click the *back* button on the pop-up message to return to the *Viewing Screen*.





When you check back later, you will know that the video is available because the video will begin playing immediately on the *Viewing Screen*. If it has been more than 48 hours and the video is still not available, please email [vhahelp@usc.edu](mailto:vhahelp@usc.edu) for assistance.

If a testimony has not been digitized, a message gets displayed on the left side of the *Viewing Screen* that explains how to request to digitize a testimony. Click the *click here* link and follow the instructions on the pop-up message.

## Experience Groups Search

The *Experience Groups Search* allows users to search basic biographical information for interviewees categorized within nine different experience groups.

Click *Experience Groups* on the main *Search* screen or select *Experience Groups Search* in the *Search* menu drop-down list to advance to the *Experience Groups Search* screen as pictured below.

The screenshot shows the 'Experience Groups Search' page of the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive. The page has a header with the USC Shoah Foundation logo and the title 'Experience Groups Search'. Below the header, there is a light blue box containing instructions: 'To begin your search, select Global Search or one of the experience groups and click next. For those experience groups with fewer than 70 testimonies, you are taken directly to the Search Results screen.' Below this, there are two columns of search options. The left column is titled 'Global Search (51,444)' and lists various experience groups with their respective counts. The right column lists 'Rwandan Tutsi Genocide, 1994' and 'Nanjing Massacre, 1937-1938', each with its own set of search options. At the bottom of the page, there are four buttons: 'New Search', 'Back', 'Reset', and 'Next'.

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Experience Groups Search

To begin your search, select **Global Search** or one of the experience groups and click **next**.  
For those experience groups with fewer than 70 testimonies, you are taken directly to the Search Results screen.

☒ **Global Search (51,444)**

**European Holocaust, 1939-1945**

- ☐ Jewish Survivors (48,997)
- ☐ Rescuer and Aid Providers (Holocaust) (1,133)
- ☐ Sinti and Roma Survivors (407)
- ☐ Liberators (363)
- ☐ Political Prisoners (261)
- ☐ Jehovah's Witness Survivors (83)
- ☐ War Crimes Trial Participants (62)
- ☐ Miscellaneous (World War II) (32)
- ☐ Eugenic Policies Survivors (13)
- ☐ Non-Jewish Forced Laborers (11)
- ☐ Homosexual Survivors (6)

**Rwandan Tutsi Genocide, 1994**

- ☐ Tutsi Survivors (57)
- ☐ Rescuer and Aid Providers (Rwandan Tutsi Genocide) (7)

**Nanjing Massacre, 1937-1938**

- ☐ Nanjing Massacre Survivors (12)

### Note:

For experience groups with fewer than 70 records there is no search page. Selecting one of these groups takes you directly to the *Search Results* page.

## GLOBAL SEARCH

Select *Global Search* or a *Holocaust/World War II era, 1939-1945*, or *Rwandan Tutsi Genocide, 1994* experience group (by clicking the option button next to the specific group or the group name itself). For more information on the collections available in the **Visual History Archive**, see the **Collections** section on page 3.

The *Global Search* allows you to search on biographical information, such as name, place of birth, date of birth, interview location, and so on, common to all interviews as pictured at right.

The experience groups with more than 70 records have search criteria containing topics specific to each experience group. While the search criteria for each group may vary, the layout of the screen and the functionality for each experience group is consistent.

Biographical Information
☐ Name of interviewee
☐ Gender of interviewee
☐ Date of Birth of interviewee
☐ City of Birth of interviewee
☐ Country of Birth of interviewee

Interview Information
☐ State of interview
☐ Country of interview
☐ Language of interview
☐ Length of interview

## EXPERIENCE GROUP EXAMPLE

As an example, click on the option button next to *Jewish Survivors* (under the *Holocaust/World War II era, 1939-1945* heading) which takes you directly to the *Jewish Survivors* search page as shown below.

About Us
Search
Search History
Projects
Terms Of Use
Help
Contact

VHA Demo | Logout

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Visual History Archive

Experience Groups Search  
Jewish Survivor

Search Results  
Testimonies: 48,978

Criteria:

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.

Biographical Information
☐ Name of interviewee
☐ Gender of interviewee
☐ Date of Birth of interviewee
☐ City of Birth of interviewee
☐ Country of Birth of interviewee
☐ Religious Affiliations of interviewee

Interview Information
☐ State of interview
☐ Country of interview
☐ Language of interview
☐ Length of interview

Experiences
☐ Ghettos
☐ Concentration Camps
☐ Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Forced (death) Marches
☐ Location of Hiding or False Identity
☐ Type of Hiding Place
☐ Resistance Groups
☐ Liberated by
☐ Location of Liberation
☐ Aid Giver, Liberator, War Crimes Trials Participant
☐ Other Experiences

new search

back
reset
next

In addition to the *Biographical Information* and *Interview Information*, the page also displays categories of *Experiences* relevant to the *Jewish Survivors* experience group.

## SELECT CATEGORIES OF EXPERIENCES

You can build your search by selecting multiple criteria, one at a time. To select a specific experience category, click on the experience name, which takes you to a page displaying search options for a specific experience. As an example, let's build a search first by selecting *Ghettos*.

### *Ghettos*

Once you are on the *Ghettos* search screen, you can use two different searches to find testimonies of *Jewish Survivors* who were incarcerated in specific ghettos.

*Search by Name* is the default search. You can enter the name of a ghetto, select the search type using the option buttons for *starts with*, *exact match*, or *contains*, and then click *Search*. The search type defaults to *starts with*, so if you enter just the first few characters of the name of a ghetto, such as *Brze*, your search yields ghettos with names like *Brzesko (Poland : Ghetto)* and *Brzezany (Poland : Ghetto)* as shown below.

The screenshot shows the 'Ghettos' search interface. At the top, there are three tabs: 'Search by Name' (selected), 'Search by Country', and 'Selected Ghettos'. Below the tabs, a text box contains the instruction: '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.' Below this, there is a search input field with the text 'Brze', a 'Search' button, and three radio button options: 'start with' (selected), 'exact match', and 'contains'. Below the search options, a section titled '4 Ghettos Found:' lists the following results, each with a checkbox and a text label: 'Brzesc nad Bugiem (Poland : Ghetto)', 'Brzesko (Poland : Ghetto)', 'Brzezany (Poland : Ghetto)', and 'Brzeziny (Łódź, Poland : Ghetto)'.

In most cases, it is best to select *starts with* or *contains* as your search type.

You can also browse a list of all ghettos within a specific country by clicking on the *Search by Country* tab, which at first displays a list of countries.

Many countries will show verified and unverified entries in the list, e.g., *ghettos in Greece: unverified* and *ghettos in Greece: verified*. Ghettos in the verified lists have been corroborated in Holocaust scholarship by the USC Shoah Foundation research team.

For this example, click on *ghettos in Poland: verified*, which displays a list of 500 verified ghettos in Poland as pictured below.

**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	500 ghettos in Poland: verified
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Czechoslovakia: verified	<input type="checkbox"/> Aleksandrja (Równe, Wolyn, Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Greece: unverified	<input type="checkbox"/> Andrychów (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Greece: verified	<input type="checkbox"/> Annopol (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Hungary: unverified	<input type="checkbox"/> Augustów (Białystok, Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Hungary: verified	<input type="checkbox"/> Baranów Sandomierski (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Latvia: verified	<input type="checkbox"/> Baranowicze (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Lithuania: unverified	<input type="checkbox"/> Bedzin (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Lithuania: verified	<input type="checkbox"/> Belchatów (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Poland: unverified	<input type="checkbox"/> Belzyce (Poland : Ghetto)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ghettos in Poland: verified</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bereza Kartuska (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Romania: unverified	<input type="checkbox"/> Berezne (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Romania: verified	<input type="checkbox"/> Berezów (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in the Netherlands: verified	<input type="checkbox"/> Biała Podlaska (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in the USSR: unverified	

To search for a specific ghetto, click on the checkbox next to the ghetto's name. To continue this example, click on *Bedzin (Poland: Ghetto)*. This adds the Bedzin ghetto to the *Selected Ghettos* tab as pictured below.

**Ghettos**

Search by Name   Search by Country   Selected Ghettos

To search on the selected ghetto(s) click **next** to go back to the main menu from where you can add other search criteria or be taken to the search results.

Ghettos Selected
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bedzin (Poland : Ghetto)

### Note:

If you search for more than one ghetto, an OR search is performed, which means that returned results include all testimonies whose interviewees were incarcerated in any of the selected ghettos.

Click *next* to continue the search, which takes you back to the *Jewish Survivor* search screen.

As pictured below, the *Ghetto* search criteria checkbox is checked and the *1 ghetto selected* comment is displayed. The *Search Results* on the left shows that there are 285 testimonies of *Jewish Survivors* who were confined in the Bedzin ghetto.

<p><b>Search Results</b> Testimonies: <b>285</b></p> <p><b>Criteria:</b> Ghettos</p>	<p><b>Jewish Survivors</b></p> <p>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 <b>next</b> 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> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <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> </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><b>Experiences</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ghettos <i>1 ghetto selected</i></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> </div> </div>
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You can now select an additional category under *Biographical Information*, *Interview Information*, or *Experiences*, and build more criteria into your search. To continue this example, click *Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Force (death) Marches* which takes you to the detail page for that criteria.

### *Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Forced (death) Marches*

On the *Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Forced (death) Marches* search screen pictured below, you have the option to search for testimonies of *Jewish Survivors* who *Went into hiding*, who were *Members of an underground, resistance, or partisan group*, who *Fled from Nazi-controlled territory*, or who were on *Forced (death) marches*.

**Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Forced (death) Marches**

If you would like to find testimonies that include any of the experiences below, select **Yes** on those that apply and click **next**. If you would like to find testimonies that do not include any of the experiences below, select **No** on those that apply and click **next**. If you select multiple criteria, an **AND** search is performed between the criteria.

1. Went into hiding: Yes ▼

2. Member of underground, resistance, or partisan groups: ▼

3. Fled from Nazi-controlled territory: ▼

4. Forced (death) marches: ▼

#### **Note:**

You can choose more than one of these options if desired. A search with more than one of these options selected will perform an AND search between the options.



For this example, click on the down arrow next to the *Went into hiding* choice box, select *Yes*, and then click *next*. This takes you back once again to the main page for *Jewish Survivors*. As the main page shows, in addition to *Ghettos*, the *Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Force (death) Marches* criteria are checked.

## CHOOSE AN AND OR SEARCH

By default, an *AND* search is performed between the two chosen criteria. As pictured below, the *Search Results* lists 95 testimonies that satisfy the search criteria (narrowed down from the previous 285 results).

The screenshot displays the 'Experience Groups Search' interface for 'Jewish Survivor'. The top navigation bar includes links for 'About Us', 'Search', 'Search History', 'Projects', 'Terms Of Use', 'Help', and 'Contact'. The USC Shoah Foundation logo and 'Visual History Archive' text are on the left, while 'Experience Groups Search' and 'Jewish Survivor' are on the right. A 'VHA Demo | Logout' link is in the top right corner.

On the left, the 'Search Results' section shows 'Testimonies: 95'. Below this, the 'Criteria:' section has a radio button for 'AND' selected and 'OR' unselected. The 'Ghettos' criterion is selected, and 'Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Forced (death) Marches' is also selected.

The main search area is titled 'Jewish Survivor' and contains a paragraph explaining the search process. It lists two columns of criteria:

- Biographical Information:**
  - ☐ Name of interviewee
  - ☐ Gender of interviewee
  - ☐ Date of Birth of interviewee
  - ☐ City of Birth of interviewee
  - ☐ Country of Birth of interviewee
  - ☐ Religious Affiliations of interviewee
- Interview Information:**
  - ☐ State of interview
  - ☐ Country of interview
  - ☐ Language of interview
  - ☐ Length of interview
- Experiences:**
  - ☒ Ghettos (1 ghetto selected)
  - ☐ Concentration Camps
  - ☒ Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Forced (death) Marches
  - ☐ Location of Hiding or False Identity
  - ☐ Type of Hiding Place
  - ☐ Resistance Groups
  - ☐ Liberated by
  - ☐ Location of Liberation
  - ☐ Aid Giver, Liberator, War Crimes Trials Participant
  - ☐ Other Experiences

At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'new search', 'back', and 'reset'. A 'next' button is also visible at the bottom right.

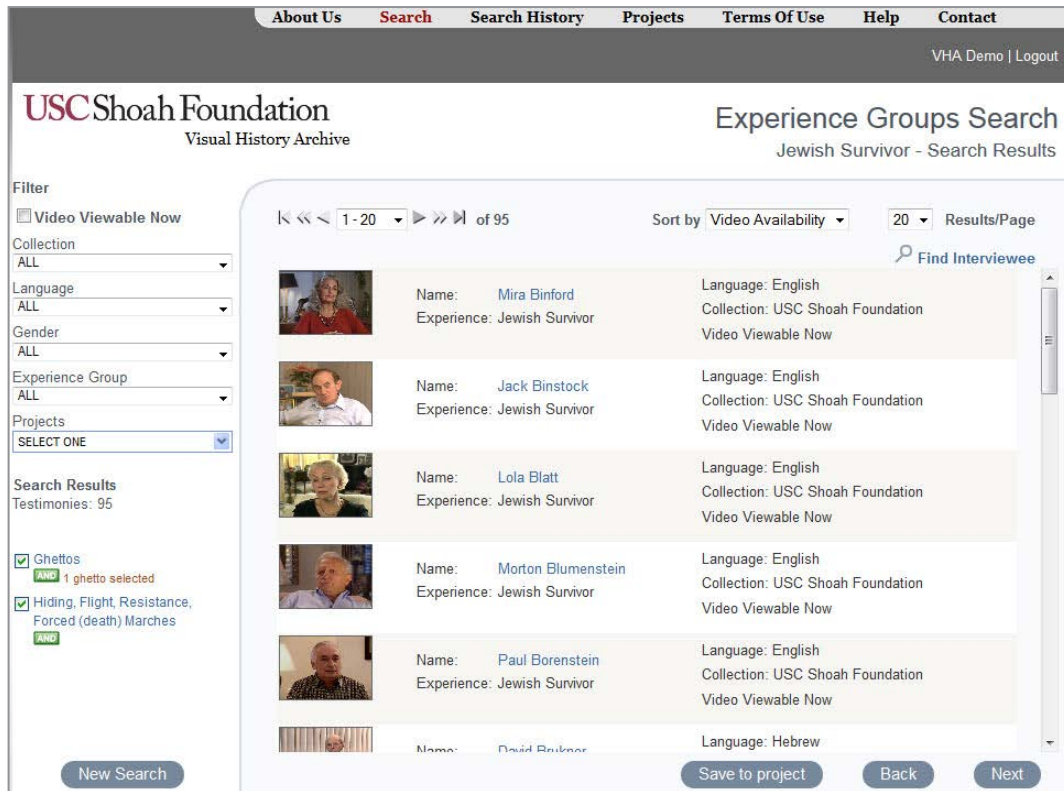
When you select multiple categories of search criteria in an *Experience Groups Search*, you can specify an *AND* or *OR* search between criteria searches.

The *AND/OR* choice box is located on the left of the main page as shown above. To perform an *OR* search, simply click on the option button next to *OR*.

For our example, let's continue with the *AND* search. Thus, we will search for testimonies of *Jewish Survivors* who were incarcerated in the Bedzin ghetto and who went into hiding during their Holocaust experience.



Click **next** to advance to the **Search Results** page shown below.



For a full discussion of the results screen, see the **Search Results** section on page 7.

For a full discussion of viewing the results, see the **Viewing Screen** section on page 17.

## SAVING RESULTS TO A PROJECT

Also, on the **Search Results** screen, you can choose to save the results of your search to a project. You can then return to the saved results at a later time.

To save the results from this example to a project, click the **Save to project** button.

For a full discussion of saving projects, see the **Saving Results to a Project** section on page 12.

## Index Search

The **Index Search** allows users to search for segments of testimonies that discuss specific topics using about 45,000 geographic and experiential indexing terms.

Click **Index** on the main **Search** screen or select **Index Search** in the **Search** menu drop-down list to advance to the **Index Search** screen pictured below.

The screenshot shows the 'Index Search' page of the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive. The page has a dark header with navigation links: About Us, Search, Search History, Projects, Terms Of Use, Help, and Contact. Below the header, the USC Shoah Foundation logo and 'Visual History Archive' are on the left, and 'Index Search' is on the right. A 'VHA Demo | Logout' link is in the top right corner.

On the left side, there is a 'Filter' section with the following options:

- ☐ Video Viewable Now
- Collection: ALL
- Language: ALL
- Gender: ALL
- Experience Group: ALL
- Projects: SELECT ONE

Below the filters, it shows 'Search Results' with 'Testimonies: 0' and 'Segments: 0'. A 'New Search' button is at the bottom left.

The main content area has a search box with 'resistance' entered and a 'Find Term' button. Below the search box is a list of 'Indexing Term Choices' categorized by a plus sign icon. The terms include:

- resistance
- covert weapons procurement
- partisan family camps
- resistance activities
- safe houses
- self-preservation acts
- underground publications
- uprisings
- revenge acts
- economics
- feelings and thoughts
- forced labor
- government
- health
- liberation
- mistreatment and death
- movement
- organizations
- people
- politics
- post-liberation
- refugee experiences

On the right side, there is a section titled 'Indexing Term & Definition:' for the selected term 'resistance (used in 1,009 testimonies)'. It includes a 'Synonyms' section with the definition: 'Acts carried out by civilians intended to contravene the policies of, or undermine the authority or stability of, Nazi or Axis powers.'

Below this, there is a 'Selected Indexing Terms: 0' section with 'Add' and 'Remove' buttons. At the bottom right, there are 'Search Type' options (OR and AND) and a 'Segment Range' dropdown set to 'Entire testimony'. 'Back', 'Reset', and 'Next' buttons are at the bottom.

The **Index Search** screen as shown above offers several important features, described in the following sections, which help users select one or more indexing terms to use to search for specific segments of testimony.

## BROWSING INDEXING TERMS

The **Indexing Term Choices** tree presents a complete list of available indexing terms that are categorized under several broad topics.

To browse for indexing terms of interest, click on the plus sign next to a topic shown in bold red, and the tree expands to show all terms related to that topic.

As pictured at right, clicking on the topic *discrimination responses* reveals numerous indexing terms, such as *aid giving*, *collaboration*, *resistance*, and so on.

Clicking on the plus sign next to bold red terms indented under *discrimination responses* will reveal yet another layer of indexing terms. In this example, *resistance* has been opened to reveal more terms underneath. Some terms in the hierarchy may contain several sub-layers of additional indexing terms under them.

## INDEXING TERM & DEFINITION

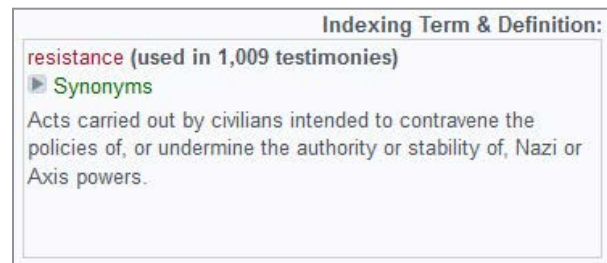
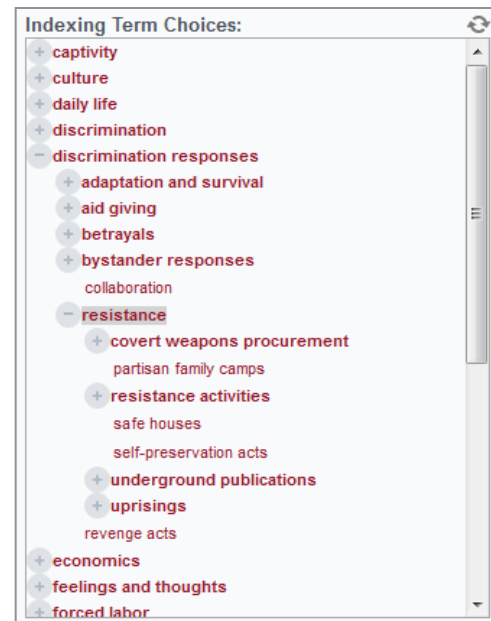
The *Indexing Term & Definition* box located in the upper right side of the screen displays the selected indexing term along with a brief definition or description of the term as shown at right.

Also, the number of testimonies in which the term was indexed is displayed. This number will help you estimate how many results to expect before performing the actual search. If an indexing term has been indexed in a large number of testimonies, you may want to narrow your search by combining multiple terms using an *AND* search.

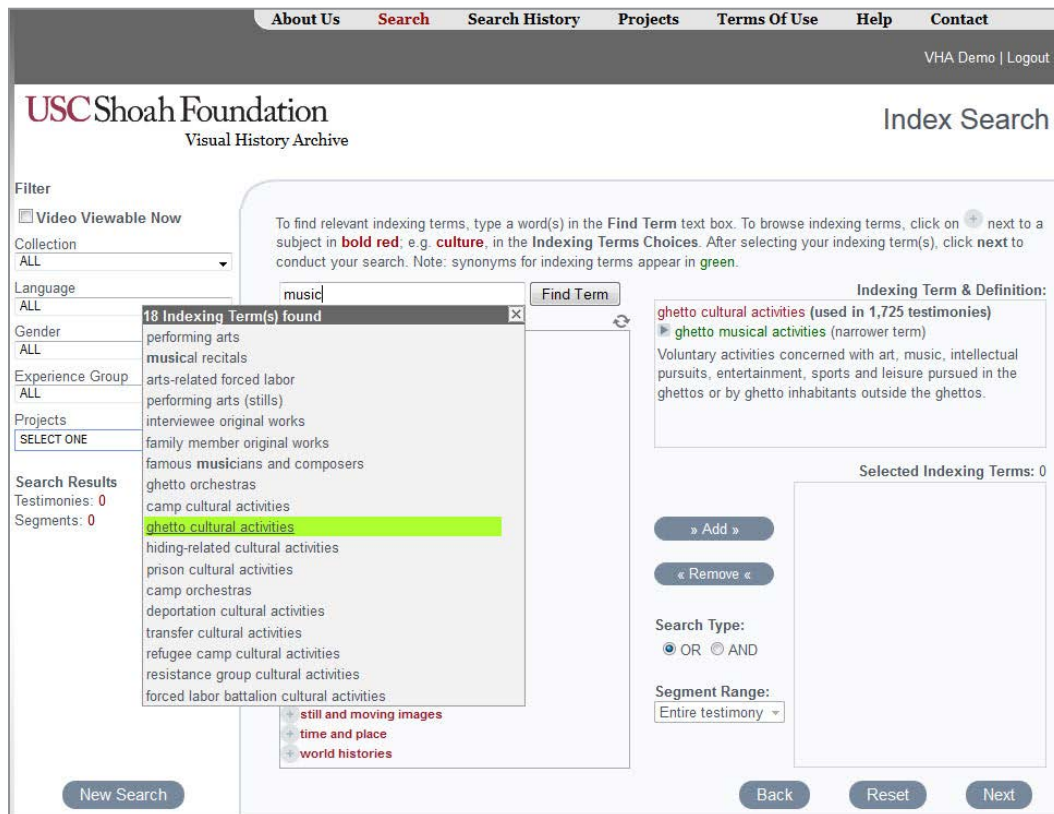
In this example, clicking on the *resistance* indexing term within the *Indexing Term Choices* tree, the *Indexing Term & Definition* window displays its definition and the number of testimonies in which that indexing term was indexed (1009 testimonies in this example).

## SEARCHING FOR INDEXING TERMS

Instead of browsing for indexing terms of interest, you can search for relevant indexing terms using the *Find Term* text box located above the *Indexing Term Choices* tree. This feature is especially useful in helping you find relevant indexing terms whose specific names and spellings you do not know.



To search for relevant indexing terms, type a word or topic of interest in the *Find Term* text box. Upon typing in some text, a predictive search results window opens displaying suggested indexing terms in the thesaurus that are relevant to the entered text as pictured below.




The suggested indexing terms are presented because the indexing term label or the indexing term synonyms contained the typed text. The suggestions are ranked according to best match.

In the example shown above, upon typing the word *music* in the *Find Term* text box, the predictive search results window displays all of the indexing terms in the thesaurus that are relevant. In this case, there are 18 indexing terms that match the text *music*.

In addition to viewing the list of indexing terms you can also place the mouse cursor over a term and its definition and the number of testimonies in which it was indexed gets displayed in the *Indexing Term & Definition* box. In the example above, the pointer was moved over the indexing term *ghetto cultural activities*; thus, its definition is displayed in the *Indexing Term & Definition* box.

In the Indexing Term & Definition box, you can also see that the narrower term (a type of synonym), *ghetto musical activities*, appearing in green, matched the text *music* entered in the *Find Term* text box. This is the reason that the indexing term *ghetto cultural activities* appears in the suggestions list.

Clicking on the caret symbol  next to the green synonym in the *Indexing Term & Definition* box will show additional synonyms assigned to the indexing term as pictured at right.



Indexing terms in the **VHA** may have 5 types of synonyms that appear in green: synonym, near synonym, narrower term, broader term, and related term. Each of these is described briefly below.

- Synonym: (synonym) indicates a synonym that is equivalent in meaning to the indexing term but is not the preferred term. The indexing term is the preferred term.  
Example: *property seizure* (indexing term), *confiscation of property* (synonym)
- Near synonym: (near synonym) indicates a synonym that has a similar meaning to the indexing term.  
Example: *arrests* (indexing term), *detentions* (near synonym)
- Narrower term: (narrower term) indicates a synonym that has a whole/part relationship to the indexing term.  
Example: *performing arts* (indexing term), *music* (narrower term)
- Broader term: (broader term) indicates a synonym that has a broader (but still similar) meaning than the indexing term.  
Example: *food* (indexing term), *food and drink* (broader term)
- Related term: (related term) indicates a synonym that has an association with the indexing term but whose meaning is significantly distinct.  
Example: *aid giving* (indexing term), *courage* (related term)

In general, synonyms enhance users' ability to find relevant indexing terms.

### Note:

If you do not select an indexing term in the *Find Term* predictive search results window, the window stays open until you click somewhere else on the page.

If you decide to select one of the suggested indexing terms and continue your search, click on it to proceed (the window with suggestions will close automatically). Once again, the definition of the indexing term you click gets displayed in the *Indexing Terms & Definition* box and the *Indexing Term Choices* tree opens and highlights that indexing term.



## SELECTING INDEXING TERMS

Once you have located an indexing term, either by browsing or searching, and it is highlighted in the *Indexing Term Choices* tree, you must then add the term to the *Selected Indexing Terms* box. The indexing terms that you add to the *Selected Indexing Terms* box become your search terms.

To add an indexing term to the *Selected Indexing Terms* box, highlight the indexing term in the *Indexing Terms Choices* tree, and then click *Add*. As an example, add the indexing terms *deportation thirst* and *deportation from Mátészalka (Hungary : Ghetto)* to the *Selected Indexing Terms* box as pictured below.

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**.

deportation thirst **Find Term**

**Indexing Term Choices:**

- deportation thirst
- forced labor battalion thirst
- forced march thirst
- ghetto thirst
- hiding-related thirst
- prison thirst
- transfer thirst
- + Jewish life
- + living conditions
- + relationships
- + Sinti and Roma life
- + discrimination
- + discrimination responses
- + economics
- + feelings and thoughts
- + forced labor
- + government
- + health
- + liberation
- + mistreatment and death
- + movement

**Indexing Term & Definition:**

deportation thirst (used in 240 testimonies)

**Synonyms**

A sensation of dryness in the mouth and throat caused by the need for liquid experienced during deportations.

**Selected Indexing Terms: 2**

deportation from Mátészalka (Hungary : Ghetto)

deportation thirst

**» Add »**

**« Remove «**

**Search Type:**

☒ OR ☐ AND

**Segment Range:**

Entire testimony

## SPECIFYING THE SEARCH TYPE AND SEGMENT RANGE

If you add only one indexing term to the *Selected Indexing Terms* box, the *Search Type* defaults to an **OR** search. If you add more than one indexing term to *Selected Indexing Terms*, you can choose to do an **OR** or an **AND** search between terms.

### Note:

In most cases, it is best to choose **AND** as the *Search Type* between multiple indexing terms; otherwise, too many results may be returned.

To select the **Search Type**, click the option button next to **OR** or **AND**, which appears near the bottom center of the **Indexing Terms Search** screen. To continue our example, select **AND** as the **Search Type** to search for testimonies with both the indexing terms *deportation thirst AND deportation from Mátészalka (Hungary : Ghetto)*.

The **AND** search also permits you to choose a **Segment Range**. You can search for all **Selected Indexing Terms** appearing within the **Entire testimony**, **1 segment**, **5 segments**, **10 segments**, or **15 segments** consecutively, as shown at right. To select a **Segment Range**, click the down arrow to the right of the **Segment Range** list box, and select the desired range.

To continue our example, select a **Segment Range** of **5 segments**. Using this **Segment Range** results in a search for testimonies where all of the **Selected Indexing Terms** can be found within five segments of one another.

Once you have selected the **Search Type** and **Segment Range**, click **next** to conduct the search. In this example, conducting a search for the indexing terms, *deportation thirst AND deportation from Mátészalka (Hungary : Ghetto)*, yields 5 segment results in 4 testimonies, which can be seen under the **Search Results** heading in the left column.

The interface shows two buttons at the top: '» Add »' and '« Remove «'. Below them is the 'Search Type:' section with radio buttons for 'OR' and 'AND', where 'AND' is selected. Underneath is the 'Segment Range:' section with a dropdown menu currently showing 'Entire testimony'. The dropdown menu is open, displaying the following options: 'Entire testimony', '1 segment', '5 segments', '10 segments', and '15 segments'.

## SEARCH RESULTS

The **Search Results** page as shown below will display segments in which one of your **Selected Indexing Terms** appeared first. Multiple segment results may be listed for the same interviewee depending on the position of the indexing term combinations in the segments. For example, two segment results are listed for *Judith Altmann* below.

The screenshot shows the 'Search Results' page. On the left is a 'Filter' sidebar with options for 'Video Viewable Now', 'Collection' (ALL), 'Language' (ALL), 'Gender' (ALL), 'Experience Group' (ALL), and 'Projects' (SELECT ONE). Below the filters, it shows 'Search Results' with 'Testimonies: 4' and 'Segments: 5'. It also lists 'All Indexing Terms within 5 segment(s)' and 'Selected Indexing Terms' with checkboxes for 'deportation from Mátészalka (Hungary : Ghetto)' and 'deportation thirst', both of which are checked. The main area displays a list of results. At the top, it shows navigation controls (1-4 of 4) and sorting options (Sort by Video Availability, 5 Results/Page, Find Interviewee). The results list includes four interviewees, each with a photo, name, experience, language, collection, and video availability status. The segments for each interviewee are listed below their names: Judith Altmann (Segment#: 11 12), Le'ah Goldshtain (Segment#: 31), Vera Slyomovics (Segment#: 35), and Maurice Vegh (Segment#: 39).

Interviewee	Experience	Language	Collection	Video Viewable Now	Segment(s)
Judith Altmann	Jewish Survivor	English	USC Shoah Foundation	Yes	11 12
Le'ah Goldshtain	Jewish Survivor	Hebrew	USC Shoah Foundation	Yes	31
Vera Slyomovics	Jewish Survivor	English	USC Shoah Foundation	Yes	35
Maurice Vegh	Jewish Survivor	English	USC Shoah Foundation	Yes	39

For a full discussion of the results screen, see the **Search Results** section on page 7.

## People Search

The **Visual History Archive** contains a database of about 1.2 million names that can be searched. In addition to the names of interviewees, including maiden names, false names, and other alternative names of interviewees, the names of people mentioned in the interviews or recorded in the pre-interview questionnaires, such as family members, acquaintances, camp prisoners, etc., are searchable.

Click **People** on the main **Search** screen or select **People Search** in the **Search** menu drop-down list to advance to the **People Search** screen shown below.

The screenshot shows the 'People Search' page of the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive. The page has a navigation bar at the top with links: About Us, Search, Search History, Projects, Terms Of Use, Help, and Contact. A 'VHA Demo | Logout' link is also present. The main header includes the USC Shoah Foundation logo and the title 'People Search'. On the left, there is a 'Filter' section with a 'Collection' dropdown set to 'ALL'. Below this, 'Search Results' are shown: 'People: 0' and 'Testimonies: 0'. Further down, 'Selected People: 0' and 'Testimonies: 0' are displayed. The main search area contains a text box for 'First Name' and 'Last Name', a 'Search' button, and a 'Phonetic Matching' checkbox. Search options include 'starts with' (selected), 'exact match', and 'contains'. There are also checkboxes for 'Interviewee Only', 'Male', and 'Female'. A 'New Search' button is at the bottom left, and 'Back', 'Reset', and 'Next' buttons are at the bottom right. A table header is visible with columns: Name Found, Relationship, and Interviewee.

Enter the name you want to search for in the **First Name** and **Last Name** text boxes. You can search for a first name only and leave the last name blank, or vice versa.

Select the desired search type using the option buttons for **starts with**, **exact match**, or **contains**. The search type defaults to **starts with**, so if you enter just the first few characters of a name, such as “Got,” your search will yield names like “Gotfryd” or “Gottfried.” In most cases, it is best to select **starts with** or **contains** as your search type.

In addition, you can use the **Male**, **Female** or **Interviewee Only** filters to refine your search. By default, the **Interviewee Only** option is unchecked.

This inset shows the search type options. The 'starts with' radio button is selected. The other options are 'exact match' and 'contains'.

This inset shows the filter options. The 'Interviewee Only' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Male' and 'Female' checkboxes are checked.

## PHONETIC MATCHING

To aid in finding names of people that may be pronounced similarly but spelled in multiple ways including with diacritics, users have the option to perform a phonetic matching search on text typed in the names fields.

To conduct a *People Search* using *Phonetic Matching*, check the *Phonetic Matching* check box and type in a name. As pictured below, after typing in *Sztein* in the *Last Name* text box with *Phonetic Matching* selected, a scrollable popup suggestion list appears that presents relevant alternative last names like *Sztajn*, *Shtayn*, etc.

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:  **Search**

☒ starts with  
☐ exact match  
☐ contains

☐ Interviewee Only  
☒ Male ☒ Female

**Search Results** | **Selected**  
☒ Name Found

Sztajn  
 Shtayn  
 Sten  
 Ston  
 Sudan  
 Sutin  
 Sutton  
 Sweidan  
 Syten  
 Szaatan  
 Szatan  
 Szatten  
 Szatyn  
 Szidon  
 Szotten  
 Sztajn  
 Sztein  
 Sztejn  
 S'adun  
 Zaiden

Interviewee

Back Reset Next

A user can click on any of the alternative names presented and then search on that spelling.

The **VHA** implements the Beider-Morse Phonetic Matching (BMPM) system developed by Alexander Beider and Stephen P. Morse. The main objective of BMPM consists in recognizing that two words written in a different way actually can be phonetically equivalent, that is, they both can sound alike. But unlike soundex methods, the “sounds-alike” test is based not only on the spelling, but on linguistic properties of various languages. For additional information about Beider-Morse Phonetic Matching, please read more at <http://stevemorse.org/phonetics/bmpm.htm>.

## PEOPLE SEARCH EXAMPLE

As an example of a *People Search*, in the *Last Name* text box enter *Goldman*. The search type defaults to *starts with*. Click *Search* to begin the search.

The initial search brings back 1,791 results and displays them in the *Search Results* table as pictured below. Out of the 1,791 results with a last name that starts with *Goldman*, some are interviewees and some are other people that have been mentioned in the 616 testimonies.

**USC Shoah Foundation**  
Visual History Archive

**People Search**

**Filter**  
Collection: ALL

**Search Results**  
People: 1,791  
Testimonies: 616

**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:  **Search**

☒ starts with ☐ exact match ☐ contains

☐ Interviewee Only ☒ Male ☒ Female

**Search Results** | **Selected People** | 1 - 100

Name Found	Relationship	Interviewee
<input type="checkbox"/> [Goldman] (name at birth for Emil Goldman)	fathers	Harry Goldman
<input type="checkbox"/> [Goldman] (maiden name for Rachel Goldman-Miller)	interviewee	Rachel Goldman-Miller
<input type="checkbox"/> [Goldman] (name at birth for Zelda Dorfsman)	mothers, biological	Ida Neymiller
<input type="checkbox"/> [Goldman]*	uncles, maternal	Berthe Prasquer
<input type="checkbox"/> Goldman (release maiden name for 'elah Mishpati)	interviewee	'elah Mishpati
<input type="checkbox"/> Goldman (name at birth for 'ester Malkah Tsipershtein)	mothers, biological	Me'ir Tsipershtein
<input type="checkbox"/> Goldman (release maiden name for 'ester Vaysfayler)	interviewee	'ester Vaysfayler
<input type="checkbox"/> Goldman (name at birth for 'ester Vaysfayler)	wives	'alfred Vaysfayler
<input type="checkbox"/> Goldman (last name during war for Aaron Goldman)	cousins, maternal	Pinchas Doron
<input type="checkbox"/> Goldman (name at birth for Aaron Goldman)	grandsons	Ester Goldman

**New Search** **Back** **Reset** **Next**

The *Relationship* listed after each name indicates the relationship of that person to the interviewee in a particular testimony. When available, alternative names have been entered for people in the **Visual History Archive's** database, such as maiden names, nicknames, false names, etc. A *People Search* searches all alternative names for matches, and displays the name matching the search criteria.

The *Search Results* table displays 100 results per page and you can use the scrollbar located on the right to navigate through all of the results on that page. The *Paging* feature allows you to go directly to a chosen set of 100 results. The results can also be sorted by clicking on any of the results table headers – *Name Found*, *Relationship* or *Interviewee*.



In order to narrow the search results further, type the name *Sam* in the *First Name* text box and click *Search*. As pictured below, the query returns 12 names from 10 testimonies.

**Filter**

Collection: ALL

**Search Results**  
People: 12  
Testimonies: 10

**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: sam Last Name: goldman **Search**

☒ starts with ☐ exact match ☐ contains

☐ Interviewee Only ☒ Male ☒ Female

**Search Results** | **Selected People** | 1 - 12

Name Found	Relationship	Interviewee
<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Goldman	Interviewee	Sam Goldman
<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Goldman (release name for Sam Goldman)	Interviewee	Sam Goldman
<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Goldman	brothers	Miryam Wise
<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Goldman	sons	Lola Goldman
<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Goldman (current name for Sam Goldman)	sons	Lola Goldman
<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Goldman	cousins, paternal	Walter Saltzberg
<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Goldman (other name for Solomon Goldman)	Interviewee	Solomon Goldman
<input type="checkbox"/> Samuel Goldman	fathers, biological	Anna Neuman-Goldman
<input type="checkbox"/> Samuel Goldman	brothers, biological	Joseph Goldman
<input type="checkbox"/> Samuel Goldman	uncles, paternal	Barbara Walusiak
<input type="checkbox"/> Samuel Goldmann	grandfathers, paternal	Andres Gordan
<input type="checkbox"/> Samuel* Goldman	uncles, maternal	Adam Herzig

## PEOPLE/RELATIONSHIP POPUP WINDOW

Placing the mouse cursor over a name in the *Search Results* table displays the *People/Relationship Popup Window* as shown below. This window contains a list of people in a specific testimony and displays their names and relationship to the interviewee. The name matching the search criteria is bolded and highlighted in red. Here, the third result *Sam Goldman* is a brother of interviewee *Miryam Wise*.

**Filter**

Collection: ALL

**Search Results**  
People: 12  
Testimonies: 10

**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: sam Last Name: goldman **Search**

☒ starts with ☐ exact match ☐ contains

☐ Interviewee Only ☒ Male ☒ Female

**Search Results** | **Selected People** | 1 - 12

**Miryam Wise**  
Int Code: 5655  
Alias:  
Goldman - maiden name  
Goldman - release maiden name  
Mimi - nickname  
Mimi Mai - false name

**brothers**  
**Sam Goldman**

Name	Relationship
Belgie	aid givers
Yolande Blaque	aid givers
Sabina	aunts
Esther	aunts, paternal
<b>Sam Goldman</b>	<b>brothers</b>
Mandel Szwelbaum	cousins
Henri Szwelbaum	cousins
Ilana Kaplan	daughters
Rahel Shagrin*	daughters
Michele Wise	daughters-in-law
Hilla Fochs	extended family members
Chaim Goldman	fathers
Samuel Goldman	grandfathers, paternal
Samuel Goldmann	uncles, maternal
Samuel* Goldman	uncles, maternal

You can also select a subset of the results by clicking the checkbox next to individual names. In this example, select the results which are names of people other than interviewees. In order to see the selected results by themselves click the *Selected People* tab. As shown below, the *Selected People* table displays the 9 selected results.

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

First Name:  Last Name:

☒ starts with ☐ Interviewee Only  
☐ exact match ☒ Male ☒ Female  
☐ contains

**Search Results** **Selected People**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name Selected	Relationship	Interviewee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Goldman	brothers	Miryam Wise
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Goldman	sons	Lola Goldman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Goldman (current name for Sam Goldman)	sons	Lola Goldman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Goldman	cousins, paternal	Walter Saltzberg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Samuel Goldman	fathers, biological	Anna Neuman-Goldman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Samuel Goldman	brothers, biological	Joseph Goldman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Samuel Goldman	uncles, paternal	Barbara Walusiak
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Samuel Goldmann	grandfathers, paternal	Andres Gordan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Samuel* Goldman	uncles, maternal	Adam Herzig

In order to view these results on the *Search Results* page, click *Next*.

The *Search Results* page displays the 8 testimonies that were selected in the earlier search. As pictured below, the matching names are listed under the interviewee information.






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**People Search**  
Search Results

Filter  
☐ Video Viewable Now  
 Collection: ALL  
 Language: ALL  
 Gender: ALL  
 Experience Group: ALL  
 Projects: SELECT ONE

Search Results  
Testimonies: 8

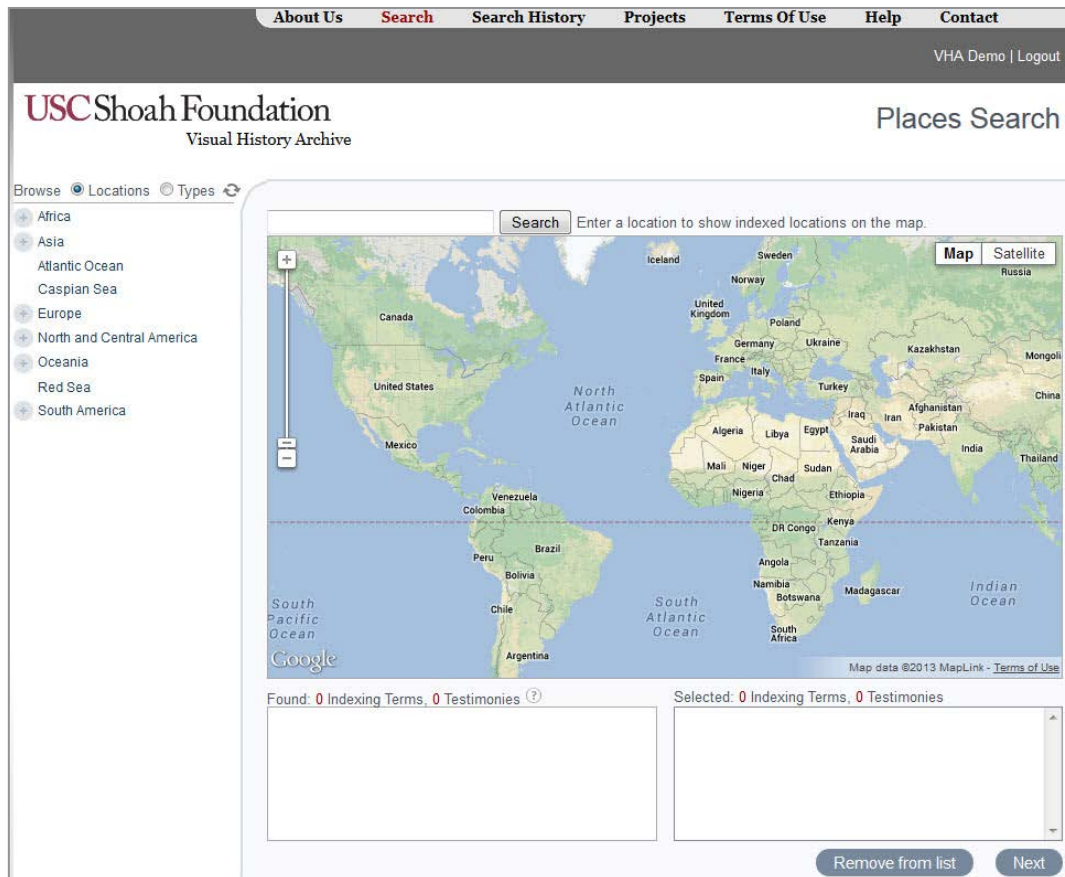
1 - 8 of 8  
 Sort by: Video Availability  
 20 Results/Page

	Name: <a href="#">Joseph Goldman</a> Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: English Collection: USC Shoah Foundation Video Viewable Now
• Samuel Goldman		
	Name: <a href="#">Lola Goldman</a> Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: English Collection: USC Shoah Foundation Video Viewable Now
• Sam Goldman • Sam Goldman		
	Name: <a href="#">Andres Gordan</a> Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: Spanish Collection: USC Shoah Foundation Video Viewable Now
• Samuel Goldmann		
	Name: <a href="#">Adam Herzig</a> Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: English Collection: USC Shoah Foundation Video Viewable Now
• Samuel* Goldman		
	Name: <a href="#">Samuel Goldman</a> Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: English

For a full discussion of the results screen, see the *Search Results* section on page 7.

## Places Search

Click *Places* on the main *Search* screen or select *Places Search* in the *Search* menu drop-down list to advance to the *Places Search* screen shown below.



The *Places Search* provides three different ways to look for segments of testimonies related to specific geographic locations: 1) browsing the geographic indexing terms list arranged by continents or by location types, 2) enter a location to search, and 3) zoom and move the focus of the map.

### Note:

Not all USC Shoah Foundation geographic indexing terms have been assigned latitude and longitude coordinates for map display. Assigning coordinates will remain a work in progress. Currently, most cities, towns, ghettos, and camps have indexing terms with geographic coordinates. If you notice inaccurate coordinates, please email [vhahelp@usc.edu](mailto:vhahelp@usc.edu) to let us know.

## BROWSING GEOGRAPHIC INDEXING TERMS

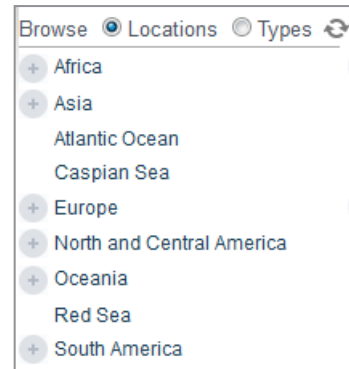
In the left-hand column of the *Places Search* page, as pictured at right, you can browse the USC Shoah Foundation's thesaurus of geographic indexing terms via a hierarchical tree organized by *Locations* or by *Types*. The *Places Search* defaults to the *Locations* tree.

### *Browsing by Locations*

The *Locations* option enables users to browse geographic indexing terms by continent, country, administrative unit, and specific place.

To browse for *Locations* of interest, click on the plus sign next to a continent, and the tree expands to show the countries and other geographic features in that continent. You can continue to drill down through countries, and administrative units, to specific places.

Clicking on the plus sign next to any locations in the hierarchical tree will reveal additional layers of geographic indexing terms underneath.

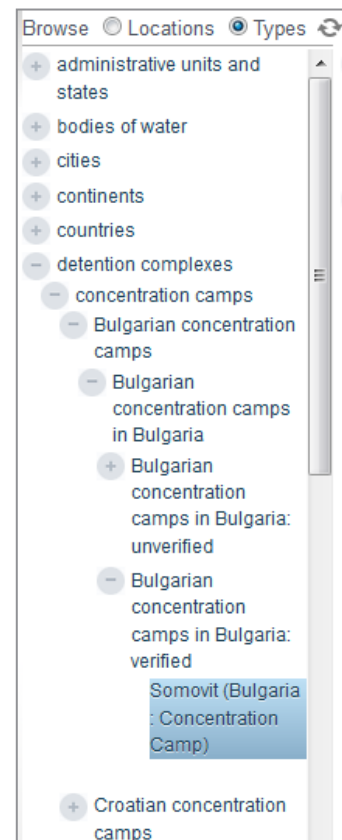


### *Browsing by Types*

To browse by location *Types*, select the *Types* radio button to display the *Types* hierarchy. Clicking on the plus sign next to any location *Types* will reveal additional layers of location *Types* and geographic indexing terms underneath.

As pictured at right, several levels of *Types* were clicked through, *detention complexes*>>*concentration camps*>>*Bulgarian concentration camps*>>*Bulgarian concentration camps in Bulgaria*>>*Bulgarian concentration camps in Bulgaria, verified*, to get to the indexing term *Somovit (Bulgaria : Concentration Camp)*.

To reset the *Browse Locations* or *Types* tree, simply click on the circular arrows located at the top right of the tree. This will collapse all expanded layers and reset the tree to its initial state.





## MAP DISPLAY OF GEOGRAPHIC INDEXING TERMS

When you click on a geographic indexing term that has been assigned longitude and latitude coordinates while browsing the *Locations* or *Types* tree, the map will automatically move and focus on that location. In the example pictured below, the indexed location *Kamenets-Podol'skii (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR : Ghetto)* is selected..

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Places Search

Browse ☒ Locations ☐ Types

Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR)  
Kallus (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR)  
Kamenets-Podol'skii (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR)  
Kamenets-Podol'skii (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR : Concentration Camp)  
Kamenets-Podol'skii (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR : Ghetto)  
Kapustin (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR)  
Kilickiev (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR)  
Klininy (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR)

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

**Kamenets-Podol'skii (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR : Ghetto) (used in 14 testimonies)**  
German authorities established a ghetto in Kamenets-Podol'skii on July 20, 1941. From the beginning of the ghetto's existence, there were 11,000 Jews from Hungary. At the end of July, Jews from Czechoslovakia and Poland were also brought to Kamenets-Podol'skii ghetto. The mass execution of over 23,000 Jews took place on 25-28 August 1941. The Germans murdered almost all the remaining Jews including children in 1942-1943. A labor camp for skilled workers existed within the ghetto.

Select Location

Map Satellite

Found: 15 Indexing Terms, 141 Testimonies

Kamenets-Podol'skii (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR)	116
Kitaigorod (Vinnitsa, Ukraine, USSR)	2
Okopy (Tarnopol, Poland)	0
Ol'khovtsy (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Vinnitsa, Ukraine, USSR)	2

Selected: 0 Indexing Terms, 0 Testimonies

Remove from list Next

In addition to shifting the focus area of the map, an information window for the clicked location displays a historical description and the number of testimonies in the archive in which the location was indexed. As shown above, the Kamenets-Podol'skii ghetto was *used in 14 testimonies*.

### Note:

The geographic indexing terms in Europe reflect the historical boundaries of the interwar period prior to the beginning to World War II or prior to Nazi occupation whichever was earliest. The rest of the world reflects contemporary geography.



## FOUND LOCATIONS

Below the map, a list of the indexed locations appearing in the focus area of the map are displayed in the **Found** box. The geographic indexing term term that was clicked in the **Locations** tree, is highlighted in yellow as pictured at right. In this instance, the **Found** box shows **15 Indexing Terms** used in **141 Testimonies** in the map area displayed around the Kamenets-Podol'skii ghetto.

Found: 15 Indexing Terms, 141 Testimonies ?	
Kamenets-Podolski (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR : Concentration Camp)	8
Kamenets-Podol'skii (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR : Ghetto)	14
Kamenets-Podol'skii (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR)	116

## SELECTED LOCATIONS

To see the testimonies in which one or more locations have been indexed, you must first add the geographic indexing terms for the locations to the **Selected** box below the map. You can add a location's indexing term by either clicking on the **Select Location** button in the location's information window overlaid on the map or double-clicking the geographic indexing term in the **Found** box.

If you add more than one indexed location as pictured at right, the **Selected** box shows the number of indexed locations selected as well as the total number of testimonies in which any of the locations were indexed. This is equivalent to performing an OR search on the selected locations. In this example, a total of **20 Testimonies** contain the indexed locations **Kamenets-Podol'skii (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR : Ghetto)** or **Kamenets-Podol'skii (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR : Concentration Camp)**.

Selected: 2 Indexing Terms, 20 Testimonies	
Kamenets-Podolski (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR : C	
Kamenets-Podol'skii (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR :	
Remove from list Next	

If you want to remove a geographic indexing term from the **Selected** box, simply click on the term you want to remove and then click the **Remove from list** button.

Once you have added the **Selected** locations, click **Next** to advance to the **Search Results** page.

For a full discussion of the results screen, see the **Search Results** section on page 7.

For a full discussion of viewing the results, see the **Viewing Screen** section on page 17.

### Note:

Often camps and ghettos have exactly the same geographic coordinates assigned as the cities in which they are located. In these cases, multiple red icons will show up in the exact same spot even under maximum zoom. The only way to determine this is by looking in the **Found** box for the locations names.

## AGGREGATE DISPLAY OF LOCATIONS

If the focus area of the map contains too many indexed locations to display individually, the locations will be aggregated and the number of locations displayed in yellow circles. As an example, clicking on *Białystok (Poland : Voivodship)* in the *Browse Locations* tree results in the map display pictured below..

The screenshot shows the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive interface. The top navigation bar includes links for About Us, Search, Search History, Projects, Terms Of Use, Help, and Contact. The main header displays the USC Shoah Foundation logo and the Visual History Archive text. The right side of the header has a Places Search bar and a VHA Demo | Logout link.

The left sidebar contains a Browse Locations tree. The selected location is *Białystok (Poland : Voivodship)*. Below it, a list of locations is shown, including (u)Tysow (Białystok, Poland), Andrzejewo (Ostrów Mazowiecka, Białystok, Poland), Augustów (Białystok, Poland), Augustów Forest (Poland), Babino (Poland), Białostoczek (Białystok, Białystok, Poland)(generic), Białowieża (Białystok, Poland), Białystok (Poland), Bielsk Podlaski (Poland), Bocki (Poland), and Bogusze (Szczuczyn, Białystok, Poland).

The main map area shows a map of the Białystok region in Poland. Numerous yellow circles are overlaid on the map, representing aggregated locations. The map includes labels for various cities and towns, such as Białystok, Hrodna, and Baranavichy. The map data is attributed to ©2013 GeoBasis-DE/BKG (©2009), Google - Terms of Use.

Below the map, the Found box displays the following information:

Location	Indexing Terms	Testimonies
<i>Białystok (Poland : Voivodship)</i>	240	1411
Białystok (Poland)	195	891
Bielsk Podlaski (Poland)	30	1
Bocki (Poland)	2	0
Bogusze (Szczuczyn, Białystok, Poland)	0	0

The Selected box shows 0 Indexing Terms and 0 Testimonies. Buttons for Remove from list and Next are located at the bottom right of the Found box.

As indicated in the *Found* box, **240 Indexing Terms** for locations in the Białystok voivodship were found. To see the individual locations, continue to zoom and focus the map on an area and red icons for specific locations will emerge.

### Note:

When you click on a location or type in the tree that has more geographic indexing terms inherited underneath (referred to as descendants), the map will display all of the descendant locations.

## FIXED LOCATIONS FILTER

Whenever you click on a geographic indexing term in the *Browse Locations* or *Types* tree that has a plus sign beside it, the *Fixed Locations* filter will be displayed above the map and the location checked as pictured at right after clicking on *Bialystok (Poland : Voivodship)*.

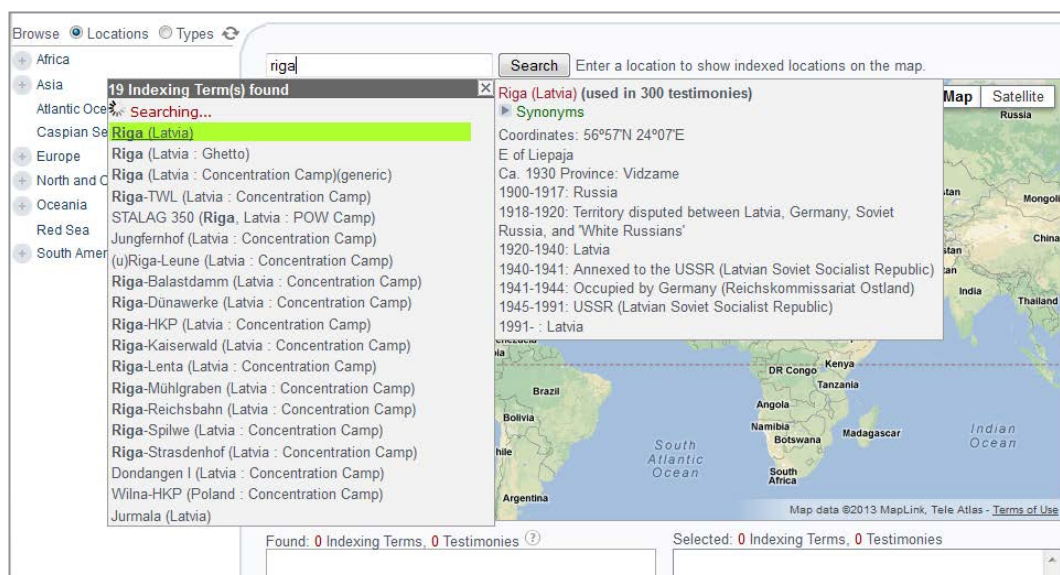
Fixed Locations: ☒ Bialystok (Poland : Voivodship) ?

When this filter is active and the location checked, only the descendant locations (i.e., locations included under the broader checked location—in this case, locations within the Bialystok voivodship) will be displayed on the map. No other icons of indexed locations in the focus area of the map will be displayed, except those associated with the filter location.

For instance, if you drag and move the focus of the map away from Bialystok voivodship to Germany, no icons of indexed locations in Germany can be seen. To see additional indexed locations on the map, you must uncheck the filter location or click on a different location in the *Browse Locations* or *Types* tree.

## SEARCHING FOR INDEXED LOCATIONS

Instead of browsing the list of indexed *Locations* or *Types*, you can enter a location in the *Search* input box positioned above the map. As you type in a location, a predictive search results window opens displaying suggested geographic indexing terms that are relevant to the entered text.



In the example pictured above, upon typing the word *riga* in the *Search* input box, the predictive search results window presents all of the geographic indexing terms in the indexing term thesaurus that are relevant. In this case, there are 19 indexed locations that match the text *riga*.

The suggested geographic indexing terms are presented because the term labels or synonyms contained the typed text. The suggestions are ranked according to best match.

Hovering the mouse pointer over one of the suggested locations will display an information window for the location containing a historical description and the number of testimonies in the archive in which the location was indexed. As you can see on the previous page, the pointer was hovered over *Riga (Latvia)*.

Once you click on one of the locations listed in the suggested locations, the map will move and focus on that location, and an information window for the location will be displayed. In the example pictured below, the suggested geographic indexing term *Riga (Latvia : Ghetto)* was clicked.

The screenshot displays the VHA application interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'riga' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, a map of Riga, Latvia, is shown. A red pin is placed on the map, and an information window is overlaid on it. The window contains the following text:

**Riga (Latvia : Ghetto) (used in 264 testimonies)**  
 Beginning in mid-August 1941, a ghetto was established in the Maskavas (Moscow quarter) suburb of Riga, Latvia. Between 29,000 and 32,000 Jews were assembled there when the ghetto was sealed. Soon after the Riga ghetto's establishment, an Ältestenrat (Council of Elders) and a Jüdischer Ordnungsdienst (Jewish ghetto police) were formed. Employed Jews were separated from the rest of the population and moved to an area in the northeast corner of the ghetto in November 1941 which became known as the "small ghetto." Over the

Below the map, there is a table of found indexing terms and testimonies:

Found: 18 Indexing Terms, 769 Testimonies	
Riga (Latvia : Ghetto)	264
Riga (Latvia)	300
Riga-Balastdamm (Latvia : Concentration Camp)	1
Riga-Dünawerke (Latvia : Concentration Camp)	18
Riga-HKP (Latvia : Concentration Camp)	9
Riga-Kaiserwald (Latvia : Concentration Camp)	406

At the bottom right, there is a 'Selected' box with the text 'Selected: 0 Indexing Terms, 0 Testimonies'. Below this box are two buttons: 'Remove from list' and 'Next'.

Again, you can then add the location's indexing term to the *Selected* box by either clicking on the *Select Location* button in the location's information window overlaid on the map or double-clicking the geographic indexing term in the *Found* box, as explained in the *Selected Locations* section above on page 46.

Once you have added the *Selected* locations, click *Next* to advance to the *Search Results* page to see a list of the relevant testimonies.

For a full discussion of the results screen, see the *Search Results* section on page 7.



## Zooming and Moving the Map

Instead of browsing or searching for indexed locations, you can zoom in and move the map to reveal indexed locations in the focus area. As you zoom in, the indexed locations in the vicinity of the focus area will be listed in the **Found** box below the map. In the example pictured below, the map has been zoomed in and focused on the area around *Wysokie Mazowieckie* in Poland.

The screenshot shows the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: About Us, Search, Search History, Projects, Terms Of Use, Help, and Contact. Below this, the USC Shoah Foundation logo and 'Visual History Archive' text are on the left, and 'Places Search' is on the right. A 'VHA Demo | Logout' link is also present.

On the left side, there is a 'Browse' section with tabs for 'Locations' and 'Types'. Under 'Locations', a list of regions is shown: Africa, Asia, Atlantic Ocean, Caspian Sea, Europe, North and Central America, Oceania, Red Sea, and South America.

The main area is a map of Poland, specifically the region around Wysokie Mazowieckie. The map shows several red location pins. A search bar at the top of the map area says 'Search Enter a location to show indexed locations on the map.' There are 'Map' and 'Satellite' buttons in the top right corner of the map area.

Below the map, there are two boxes: 'Found' and 'Selected'. The 'Found' box contains a list of indexing terms and the number of testimonies for each:

Indexing Term	Testimonies
Wola Zambrowska (Poland)	2
Wysokie Mazowieckie (Poland : Ghetto)	7
Wysokie Mazowieckie (Poland)	9
Zambrów (Poland : Concentration Camp)	4
Zambrów (Poland : Ghetto)	19
Zambrów (Poland)	29

The 'Selected' box is empty and shows '0 Indexing Terms, 0 Testimonies'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Remove from list' and 'Next'.

To see information about an indexed location, click on a location's icon, and an information window will display a description of the location and the number of testimonies in which the location was indexed.

Again, if the focus area of the map contains too many indexed locations to display individually, the locations will be aggregated and the number of locations displayed in yellow circles. To see the individual locations, continue to zoom and focus the map on an area and red icons for specific locations will emerge.

To see the testimonies in which one or more locations have been indexed, you must first add the geographic indexing terms for the locations to the **Selected** box below the map and click **next** as described in the previous section.



## Integrating Searches Using Projects

The **Projects** feature of the **VHA** offers users the capability to search within testimony or segment results that have been saved from previous searches and share these search results with other users. For instance, you could save the results of a **Quick Search** to a project and then search for a subset of those results in which a specific indexing term was indexed using an **Indexing Terms Search**. This is very helpful when you identify a large set of testimonies on a possible subject, but you are only interested in a particular subset.

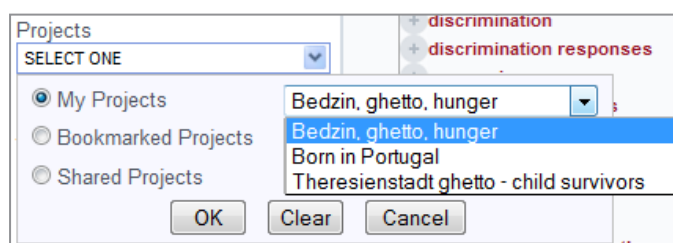
For a complete discussion of **Saving Results to a Project**, see page 12.

To perform a search within the results of a saved project, click on **Search** in the top menu to go to the main **Search** page where you can select a search type, or select a search type in the **Search** menu drop-down list. Once you are on the main page of a selected search, use the **Projects Filter** located on the left to find a specific project.

For a complete discussion of **Filtering Search Results**, see page 11.

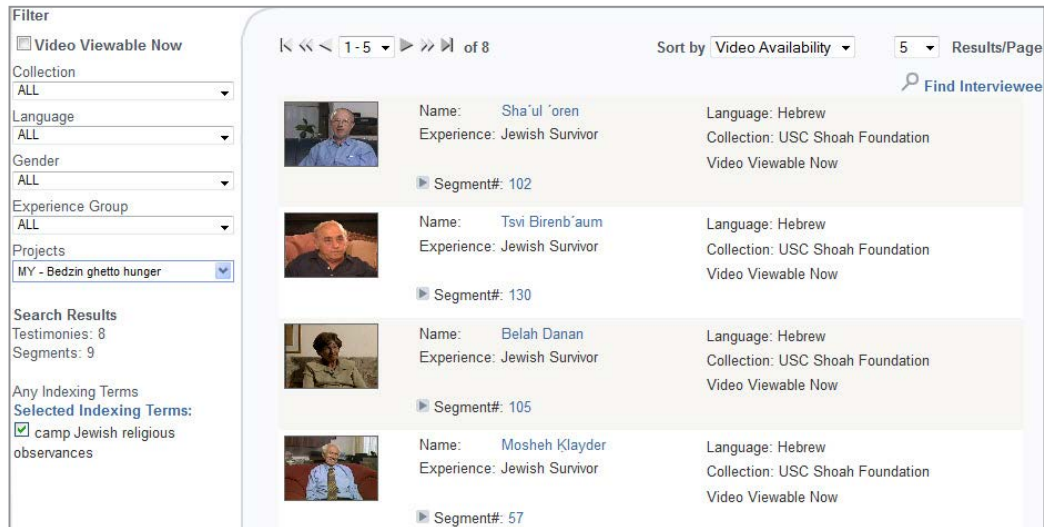
As an example, let's search within the project we saved in the **Quick Search Example** section on page 6. The project, **Bedzin, ghetto, hunger**, contains 61 testimonies, of survivors who were both incarcerated in the Bedzin ghetto and went into hiding during the war. We could then find the segments within those testimonies in which the indexing term **camp Jewish religious observances** was indexed by doing an **Indexing Terms Search**.

To do this, select **Indexing Terms Search** on the main **Search** screen and then click on the **Projects Filter**. Once the projects types are displayed, click on **My Projects**, which activates a drop down list with names of the projects you created as pictured at right. The list is ordered alphabetically, so scroll down and click on the project named **Bedzin, ghetto, hunger** and then click **OK**.




To continue this example, search for the indexing term **ghetto Jewish religious observances** following the process outlined in the **Browsing Indexing Terms** or **Searching Indexing Terms** sections beginning on page 32.

Once you add the *ghetto Jewish religious observances* term to the *Selected Indexing Terms* box, the *Search Results* shows that 9 segments match the search criteria. Click *Next* to advance to the *Search Results* page as shown below.



When filtering an *Indexing Terms Search* by a previously-saved *Project* that contains segment results (e.g., saved results from a previous Indexing Terms Search), the *VHA* treats the project segment results as testimony results. In other words, the *VHA* will search for the selected indexing term in any of the segments of the testimonies whose segments were saved in the project. This is more helpful than only getting results back if the indexing terms on which you search appear in one of the segments already saved in the project.

Once you are on the *Search Results* page, you can view the segments which are the results of your search. You can click on the caret symbol  next to *Segment* to view the matching indexing term.

To save the results from this example to a project, click the *save to project* button.

For more details on the results screen, see the *Search Results* section on page 7.

For more details on viewing the results, see the *Viewing Screen* section on page 17.

For more details on saving projects, see the *Saving Results to a Project* section on page 12.

## Research Examples

Presented below are examples of search strategies used to locate relevant testimonies for specific research questions. Examples 2 – 4 illustrate more advanced search strategies.

### EXAMPLE 1: “HOW MANY RESCUERS WERE INTERVIEWED IN UKRAINE?”

Click *Experience Groups* on the main *Search* screen pictured below or select *Experience Groups Search* in the *Search* menu drop-down list pictured at right to advance to the *Experience Groups Search* screen to begin this example.



**Collections:**

- ☒ All
- ☐ Holocaust/World War II era, 1939-1945
  - ☐ USC Shoah Foundation (51,348)
- ☐ Rwandan Tutsi Genocide, 1994
  - ☐ Kigali Genocide Memorial (50)
  - ☐ USC Shoah Foundation (15)

**Select a collection and enter a search term below**

☒ All Words
 ☐ Any Words
 ☐ Exact Phrase

Testimonies: 0

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

**Experience Groups**

Find testimonies using biographical and interview information.

**Index**

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

**People**

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

**Places**

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

On the *Experience Groups Search* screen Select *Rescuers and Aid Providers*.

☒ Global Search (51,413)

Holocaust/World War II era, 1939-1945 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Jewish Survivors (48,978)</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Rescuer and Aid Providers (Holocaust) (1,133)</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Sinti and Roma Survivors (407)</li> </ul>	Rwandan Tutsi Genocide, 1994 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Tutsi Survivors (58)</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Rescuer and Aid Providers (Rwandan Tutsi Genocide) (7)</li> </ul>
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On the *Rescuers and Aid Providers* screen, select *Country of interview*.

**Interview Information**

☐ State of interview

☒ **Country of interview**

☐ Language of interview

☐ Length of interview

Then choose *Ukraine*.

**Country of Interview**

To search on a country, select the country below and click **next**. If you select more than one country, an OR search is performed.

**Country Choices: 29**

- ☐ Greece
- ☐ Hungary
- ☐ Israel
- ☐ Italy
- ☐ Latvia
- ☐ Lithuania
- ☐ Moldova
- ☐ Netherlands
- ☐ Poland
- ☐ Portugal
- ☐ Russia
- ☐ Slovakia
- ☐ South Africa
- ☐ Sweden
- ☐ U.S.A.
- ☒ **Ukraine**
- ☐ United Kingdom
- ☐ Yugoslavia

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The *Search Results* count then shows that 413 testimonies were conducted in *Ukraine* with *Rescuers and Aid Providers*.

**Search Results**  
Testimonies: 413

To see the list of these testimonies, click *next* to advance to the *Search Results* page.

## EXAMPLE 2: “HOW MANY POLISH-BORN JEWISH SURVIVORS WERE INTERVIEWED IN FRANCE?”

Click *Experience Groups* on the main *Search* screen or select *Experience Groups Search* in the *Search* menu drop-down list to advance to the *Experience Groups Search* screen to begin this example.

On the *Experience Groups Search* screen select *Jewish Survivors*.

☒ Global Search (51,413)

Holocaust/World War II era, 1939-1945

☒ Jewish Survivors (48,978)

☐ Rescuer and Aid Providers (Holocaust) (1,133)

☐ Sinti and Roma Survivors (407)

Rwandan Tutsi Genocide, 1994

☐ Tutsi Survivors (58)

☐ Rescuer and Aid Providers (Rwandan Tutsi Genocide) (7)

Because Poland only came into existence as an independent country in November 1918, if you select **Country of Birth** and **Poland**, you will neglect all the people born in cities such as Warsaw and Kraków before that time.

The trick to making this work is to first select instead **City of Birth**. Then enter the word **Poland** in the **Search by Name** text box, choose the search option **contains**, and click **Search**. Select all the cities results that are returned. The **Search Results** count displayed on the left shows that 14,794 interviewees were born in **Poland**.

**Biographical Information**

- ☐ Name of interviewee
- ☐ Gender of interviewee
- ☐ Date of Birth of interviewee
- ☐ City of Birth of interviewee
- ☐ Country of Birth of interviewee
- ☐ Religious Affiliations of interviewee

**Search Results**  
Testimonies: 14,801  
Selected Cities: 1,560

**City of Birth**

**Search by Name** | Search by Country | Selected Cities

Enter the City Name below and click **search**; then select a city or cities and click **next**. To view a list of the cities selected, click on the Selected Cities tab above.

Poland

☐ start with  
☐ exact match  
☒ contains

☒ 1,560 Cities Found

- ☒ Bochnia (Poland : Ghetto)
- ☒ Kalisz (Kalisz, Łódź, Poland)
- ☒ Rzeszów (Poland)
- ☒ Vilna (Poland)
- ☒ Warsaw (Poland)
- ☒ Rawa Ruska (Poland)
- ☒ Nowy Sącz (Poland)
- ☒ Parczew (Lublin, Poland)
- ☒ Sarny (Wołyn, Poland)
- ☒ Bychawa (Poland)
- ☒ Kossów (Poland)(generic)
- ☒ Sławków (Poland)
- ☒ Chodel (Poland)
- ☒ Opatów (Kielce, Poland)

Finally, click **next** and then select **Country of Interview** and **France**.

The **Search Results** count then shows 465 testimonies for **Jewish Survivors** born in **Poland**, who were also interviewed in **France**.

To see the list of these testimonies, click **next** to advance to the **Search Results** page.

**Interview Information**

- ☐ State of interview
- ☐ Country of interview
- ☐ Language of interview
- ☐ Length of interview

**Search Results**  
Testimonies: 465



### EXAMPLE 3: “MY RESEARCH IS ON CHILDREN’S POINT OF VIEW AT TEREZIN ON THE DAY WHEN THE RED CROSS CAME AND VISITED. HOW DO I FIND RELATIVE INTERVIEWS?”

Click *Experience Groups* on the main *Search* screen or select *Experience Groups Search* in the *Search* menu drop-down list to advance to the *Experience Groups Search* screen to begin this example.

On the *Experience Groups Search* screen select *Jewish Survivors*.

Global Search (51,413)

Holocaust/World War II era, 1939-1945

Rwandan Tutsi Genocide, 1994

☒ Jewish Survivors (48,978)

☐ Tutsi Survivors (58)

☐ Rescuer and Aid Providers (Holocaust) (1,133)

☐ Rescuer and Aid Providers (Rwandan Tutsi Genocide) (7)

☐ Sinti and Roma Survivors (407)

Then select *Date of Birth* and enter *After* + December 1929—or whatever date range you determine for child survivors.

**Biographical Information**

☐ Name of interviewee

☐ Gender of interviewee

☒ Date of Birth of interviewee

☐ City of Birth of interviewee

☐ Country of Birth of interviewee

☐ Religious Affiliations of interviewee

**Date of Birth**

To search, specify your preferred date of birth criteria below and click next.

☐ Before ☐ Between ☒ After

Month: **December** Year: **1929**

The *Search Results* count then shows 10,160 testimonies from *Jewish Survivors* born after *December 1929*.

**Search Results**  
Testimonies: **10,161**

Next select *Ghettos*.

Then enter the word *Terezin* in the *Search by Name* text box and click *next*. Click the check box next to *Theresienstadt (Czechoslovakia : Ghetto)* and hit *next*.

**Experiences**

☒ Ghettos

☐ Concentration Camps

☐ Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Forced (death) Marches

☐ Location of Hiding or False Identity

☐ Type of Hiding Place

☐ Resistance Groups

☐ Liberated by

☐ Location of Liberation

☐ Aid Giver, Liberator, War Crimes Trials Participant

☐ Other Experiences

**Ghettos**

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

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.

Terezin **Search**

☒ start with ☐ exact match ☐ contains

**1 Ghetto Found:**

☒ **Theresienstadt (Czechoslovakia : Ghetto)**

The **Search Results** count now shows 335 testimonies from **Jewish Survivors** born after **December 1929** who were incarcerated in the **Theresienstadt** ghetto.

**Search Results**  
Testimonies: 335

To go to the list of these testimonies, click **next** to advance to the **Search Results** page.

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Visual History Archive

**Experience Groups Search**  
Jewish Survivor - Search Results

Filter

☐ Video Viewable Now

Collection: ALL

Language: ALL

Gender: ALL

Experience Group: ALL

Projects: SELECT ONE

Search Results  
Testimonies: 335

☒ Date of Birth of interviewee  
After Dec/31/1929

☒ Ghettos  
1 ghetto selected

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Sort by: Video Availability 20 Results/Page

Find Interviewee

	Name: Mosheh 'eizner Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: Hebrew Collection: USC Shoah Foundation Video Viewable Now
	Name: Yeruham 'elzas Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: Hebrew Collection: USC Shoah Foundation Video Viewable Now
	Name: 'evah 'erben Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: Hebrew Collection: USC Shoah Foundation Video Viewable Now
	Name: hedyah 'ofir Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: Hebrew Collection: USC Shoah Foundation Video Viewable Now
	Name: Sara Aldouby Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: English Collection: USC Shoah Foundation Video Viewable Now
	Name: Iurii Alexander Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: Slovak Collection: USC Shoah Foundation Video Viewable Now

New Search Save to project Back Next

Next we need to save these results to a project for use in another search. Click **Save to Projects** and create a project for these results called **Theresienstadt ghetto – child survivors**.

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: Theresienstadt ghetto - child survivors

☐ Share this project ☐ Protect project Password

Note: Biographical Search

Filter  
Language: All Gender: All Experience: None project: None

Jewish Survivors

For more on saving results, please see the **Saving Results to a Project** section on page 12.

For the final portion of this research example, click **Indexing Terms Search** on the main **Search** page and add the indexing term **International Red Cross** to the **Selected Indexing Terms** box following the process explained in the **Indexing Terms Search** section on page 32.

The **Search Results** count shows 1541 testimonies in which the indexing term **International Red Cross** was indexed.

Next we want to see which testimonies in the project **Theresienstadt ghetto – child survivors** that we saved previously contain the indexing term **International Red Cross**. To do this we simply use the **Projects Filter** on the left of the screen, click on **My Projects**, select **Theresienstadt ghetto – child survivors** from the drop down list, and hit **OK**.

The **Search Results** count then shows 46 testimonies from **Jewish Survivors** born after **December 1929** who were incarcerated in the **Theresienstadt** ghetto in which the indexing term **International Red Cross** was indexed.

**Search Results**  
Testimonies: 46  
Segments: 54

To go to the list of these testimonies, click **next** to advance to the **Search Results** page.

#### EXAMPLE 4: “A RESEARCHER IS LOOKING FOR DISCUSSIONS OF CULTURAL LIFE IN THERESIENSTADT.”

Click **Index** on the main **Search** screen or select **Index Search** in the **Search** menu drop-down list to advance to the **Index Search** screen to begin this example.

Add the indexing terms **Theresienstadt (Czechoslovakia : Ghetto)** and **ghetto cultural life** to the **Selected Indexing Terms** box following the process explained in the **Indexing Terms Search** section on page 32.

**USC Shoah Foundation**  
Visual History Archive

**Index Search**

**Filter**

☐ Video Viewable Now

Collection: ALL

Language: ALL

Gender: ALL

Experience Group: ALL

Projects: SELECT ONE

**Search Results**  
Testimonies: 3,470  
Segments: 8,622

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**.

**theresienstad** **Find Term**

**Indexing Term Choices:**

- Theresienstadt (Czechoslovakia : Ghetto)**
- Theresienstadt-Small Fortress (Czechoslovakia)
- Tetelneves (Czechoslovakia)
- Tlustice (Horovice, Bohemia, Czechoslovakia)
- Toužim (Czechoslovakia)
- Třebichovice pod Orebem (Czechoslovakia)
- Třebichovice (Czechoslovakia)
- Třebívlice (Czechoslovakia)
- Třebon (Czechoslovakia)
- Tremosnice (Bohemia, Czechoslovakia)(generic)
- Trhová Kamenice (Czechoslovakia)
- Trhové Sviny (Czechoslovakia)
- Trnovany (Bohemia, Czechoslovakia)(generic)
- Trutnov (Czechoslovakia)
- Tuchomyň (Czechoslovakia)
- Turnov (Czechoslovakia)
- Tytný (Czechoslovakia)
- Údlice (Czechoslovakia)
- Uhlířské Janovice (Czechoslovakia)

**Indexing Term & Definition:**

**Theresienstadt (Czechoslovakia : Ghetto)** (used in 2,212 testimonies)

**Theresienstadt Modelghetto** (synonym)

First intended as a transit camp for Czech Jews (1. phase 1941/942) which was later turned into a "Modelghetto" (June 1942), was established in Terezin, Czechoslovakia, on November 24, 1941. The Theresienstadt ghetto/camp

**Selected Indexing Terms: 2**

- ghetto cultural activities
- Theresienstadt (Czechoslovakia : Ghetto)

**Add »** **« Remove**

**Search Type:**  
☒ OR ☐ AND

**Segment Range:**  
Entire testimony

**New Search** **Back** **Reset** **Next**

The **Search Type** defaults to an **OR** search, and the **Search Results** count shows **3,470** testimonies in which either of the **Selected Indexing Terms**, **Theresienstadt (Czechoslovakia Ghetto)** and **ghetto cultural life**.

Change the **Search Type** to **AND** and choose a **Segment Range** of **1 segment**.

**Selected Indexing Terms: 2**

- ghetto cultural activities
- Theresienstadt (Czechoslovakia : Ghetto)

**Add »** **« Remove**

**Search Type:**  
☐ OR ☒ AND

**Segment Range:**  
1 segment

**Back** **Reset** **Next**

This reduceses the *Search Results* count to **217** testimonies.

<b>Search Results</b>
Testimonies: <b>217</b>
Segments: <b>264</b>

**Note:**

Generally, two indexing terms in the same segment will almost certainly be interconnected but over a wider *Segment Range* they may well not be. Choosing a wider *Segment Range* will return more results but with more false hits.