

Context Clues: Card 5

The following vocabulary is intended to provide context for information that is presented in Card 5. Also included are links to closely related secondary source material, such as brief encyclopedia articles and maps.

Vocabulary

Affidavit A written declaration made under oath before a notary public or other authorized officer.

American Quakers The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), a U.S. based Quaker aid society that sponsored the Château de Montéléone, a children's home in the department of Gers. During 1941 and 1942, the AFSC chose Jewish children from children's homes and refugee camps in southern France for transfer to the United States.¹

Catholic A member of the Catholic church, especially Roman Catholic. Although the Catholic Church was persecuted in the Third Reich, Catholics as a group were not officially targeted by the Nazis merely for practicing the Catholic faith.¹

Colony In this case, a children's home.

Condom \kōⁿdōⁿ\ A town in southwest France in the department of Gers.

Château de Montéléone \sha-tō də mont-ē-lē-ō-nē\ A summer camp/children's colony in Condom in the department of Gers in France.

Child Emigration Request [*Demande D'émigration D'enfant*] The application form required by the AFSC, the U.S.-based Quaker aid organization, for children attempting to emigrate from France to the U.S. during 1941 and 1942.

Deported To send or carry off; transport, esp. forcibly; in this case, by train.

Deputy Prefect [*Le Sous-Prefet*] The official who assists the Prefect in the discharge of affairs for the department of Gers.

Feigl, Pierre The name Peter Feigl used to assimilate after he and his family fled to Belgium from Austria in 1938.

Israelite Used in the *Bible* to refer to a descendant of Jacob. In this reference, used to mean of the Jewish faith.

Le Vernet Internment Camp A French internment camp that during WW II became a transit camp where Jews were detained or held captive until they were deported to Auschwitz.

Ministry of Interior Headed by the Minister of the Interior, this French agency is responsible for general State security. The gendarmerie (the French police) and all department Prefects fall under its jurisdiction.

Prefect of Gers [*Le Prefet du Gers*] The State's chief official in the department of Gers.

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Vocabulary (cont'd)

Préfecture The office or agency of the Prefect.

Quakers The Quaker movement, also called the Society of Friends, was founded in England during the middle of the 17th century. The group took its name from the “quaking” that is sometimes associated with the agitation of religious feeling.¹

Visa Application An application for an official authorization to supplement a passport, permitting entry into and travel within a particular country or region.

¹**United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** <http://www.ushmm.org/>

Related Resources

1. “Life in the Shadows: Hidden Children and the Holocaust,” *Holocaust Encyclopedia*. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: <http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/article.php?lang=en&ModuleId=10006123>
2. “The United States and the Holocaust.” *Holocaust Encyclopedia*. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: <http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/article.php?lang=en&ModuleId=10005182>