



# 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 video 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 about 51,300 testimonies. 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.

Please note that 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.

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The **VISUAL HISTORY ARCHIVE (VHA)** enables researchers to search cataloguing and indexing data and view videos for nearly 52,000 interviews conducted with survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust in 56 countries and 32 languages.

If you are new to the **VISUAL HISTORY ARCHIVE**, [click here to register](#). All registered information is confidential.

If you have registered previously, enter your username and password below and click **Log In**.

User Name:

Password:  \* [Forgot your user name or password?](#)

System Requirements:

<b>PC:</b> Windows XP/Vista Windows Media Player 9 or higher Internet Explorer 8 or later or Firefox 10 or later (requires Windows Media Player Plugin)	<b>Mac:</b> Mac OS X 10.4 or higher QuickTime 7 Flip4Mac WMV Components for QuickTime Safari 3 or higher
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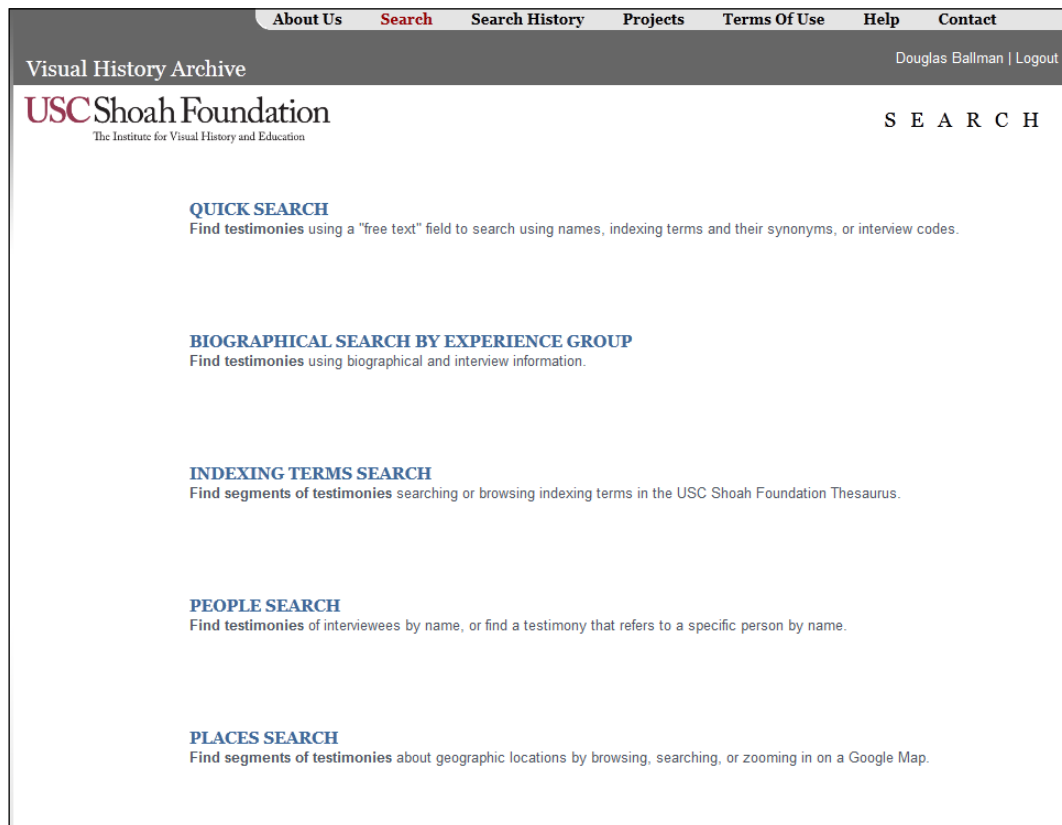
On the **Login** screen, you must enter your **User Name** and **Password**, and click **Log In**.

If you do not have a **User Name** and **Password**, you must create your own. To proceed, click [here to register](#) and fill in the appropriate information. You should choose a **User Name** 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 user name or 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 **User Name** and **Password**.

## Search

Once you successfully log in, the main Search screen appears as shown below. You can select from four types of searches on this screen: *Quick Search*, *People Search*, *Biographical Search by Experience Group*, and *Indexing Terms Search*.



*Quick Search* allows you to search for testimonies by entering one or more terms of interest in a free text field. This search functions much like a web search engine. The terms you enter will search on personal names, indexing terms (and their synonyms), and numbers representing interview codes.

*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 nine 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

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

The screenshot shows the 'Quick 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 is on the left, and 'VHA Demo | Logout' is on the right. The main title 'QUICK SEARCH' is centered. On the left side, there is a 'Filter' section with a 'Video Viewable Now' checkbox and dropdown menus for Language (ALL), Gender (ALL), Experience Group (ALL), and Projects (SELECT ONE). Below the filters, it says 'Search Results Testimonies: 0'. The main search area contains a text input field, a description of the search function, and three radio buttons for search types: All Words (selected), Any Words, and Exact Phrase. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'new search', 'back', 'reset', and 'next'.

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 cataloguing and indexing data contain all the entered terms. That is, selecting the search type *All Words* performs an AND search between the entered terms.

If you select the search type *Any Words*, the **VHA** will search for individual testimonies whose associated cataloguing and indexing data contain 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 cataloguing and indexing data contain 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.

The screenshot shows a search interface with a text input field containing 'aushwitz'. Below the input field are three radio buttons for search types: 'All Words' (selected), 'Any Words', and 'Exact Phrase'. Below the radio buttons is a section titled 'Did you mean?' in red. Under this title is a list of spelling 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. The search type defaults to *All Words*. The search is not case sensitive.

### Note:

**Quick Search** is not case sensitive.

Within seconds of typing the search term, the *Search Results* count is displayed on the left. As pictured below, there are 61 testimonies that 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 *Search Results* count.

The screenshot displays the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive Quick Search 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 is visible, along with the text "The Institute for Visual History and Education". The main heading "QUICK SEARCH" is prominently displayed. On the left side, there is a "Filter" section with options for "Video Viewable Now", "Language" (set to ALL), "Gender" (set to ALL), "Experience Group" (set to ALL), and "Projects" (set to SELECT ONE). Below the filters, the "Search Results" section shows "Testimonies: 61". The central area contains a text input field with the search terms "Bedzin ghetto hunger". Below the input field, three radio buttons are visible: "All Words" (selected), "Any Words", and "Exact Phrase". At the bottom of the interface, there are four buttons: "new search", "back", "reset", and "next".

Also, on this page you have the option to further refine your search by using the expanded *Video Viewable Now, 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 12.

Click *next* to continue the search.



## SEARCH RESULTS

The *Search Results* screen that displays next, as shown 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.

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QUICK SEARCH  
SEARCH RESULTS

Filter

☐ Video Viewable Now

Language  
ALL

Gender  
ALL

Experience Group  
ALL

Projects  
SELECT ONE

Search Results  
Testimonies: 61

All Words  
For:  
Bedzin ghetto hunger

new search

Display results 1-20 of 61

Sort by Video Availability 20 Results/Page

Find Interviewee

	Name: Sha'ul Oren Experience: Jewish Survivor Bedzin (Poland)	Language: Hebrew Video Viewable Now
	Name: Tsvi Birenbaum Experience: Jewish Survivor Bedzin (Poland : Ghetto)	Language: Hebrew Video Viewable Now
	Name: Erna Bratt Experience: Jewish Survivor Dabrowa Górnica (Poland)	Language: English Video Viewable Now
	Name: Elias Burstyn Experience: Jewish Survivor Bedzin (Poland : Ghetto)	Language: English Video Viewable Now
	Name: Ruth Crane Experience: Jewish Survivor Bedzin (Poland : Ghetto)	Language: English Video Viewable Now
	Name: Belah Danan Experience: Jewish Survivor Bedzin (Poland)	Language: Hebrew Video Viewable Now

save to project back next

### 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.

### *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 loaded 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.

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

#### **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.

### 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 you can see 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 segment numbers.

The screenshot displays the Visual History Archive (VHA) application 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 is visible, along with the text 'The Institute for Visual History and Education'. A 'QUICK SEARCH' section is present on the right. On the left, there is a 'Filter' section with dropdown menus for Language (ALL), Gender (ALL), Experience Group (ALL), and Projects (SELECT ONE). The main content area shows search results for 'camp hunger'. It lists several testimonies with their names, experiences, and languages. The first testimony is by Sha'ul 'oren, a Jewish Survivor, with Hebrew language. The second is by Tsvi Birel, a Jewish Survivor, with English language. The third is by Erna Bratt, a Jewish Survivor, with English language. The fourth is by Elias Burstyn, a Jewish Survivor, with English language. The fifth is by Ruth Crane, with English language. The search results are sorted by 'Video Availability' and show 20 results per page. A 'Find Interviewee' button is also visible. A popup window is shown over the 'camp hunger' term, displaying its definition: 'The compelling need or desire for food caused by the shortage of foodstuffs in the camps.'

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 example pictured above, 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 Visual History Archive (VHA) application 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 is visible, along with the text "The Institute for Visual History and Education". A "QUICK SEARCH" section is present on the right side of the header.

On the left side, there is a "Filter" section with various dropdown menus for Language, Gender, Experience Group, and Projects. Below these, it shows "Search Results" with "Testimonies: 61" and a list of words: "Bedzin ghetto hunger".

The main content area displays a list of interviewees. The first interviewee, Erna Bratt, is highlighted. A popup window is displayed over her image, showing her biographical information:


- Erna Bratt**
- Interview code: 20879
- 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)
- Name: Elias Burstyn
- Language: English
- Experience: Jewish Survivor
- Video Viewable Now
- Bedzin (Poland : Ghetto)
- Name: Ruth Crane
- Language: English

At the bottom of the popup window, there are buttons for "save to project", "back", and "next".

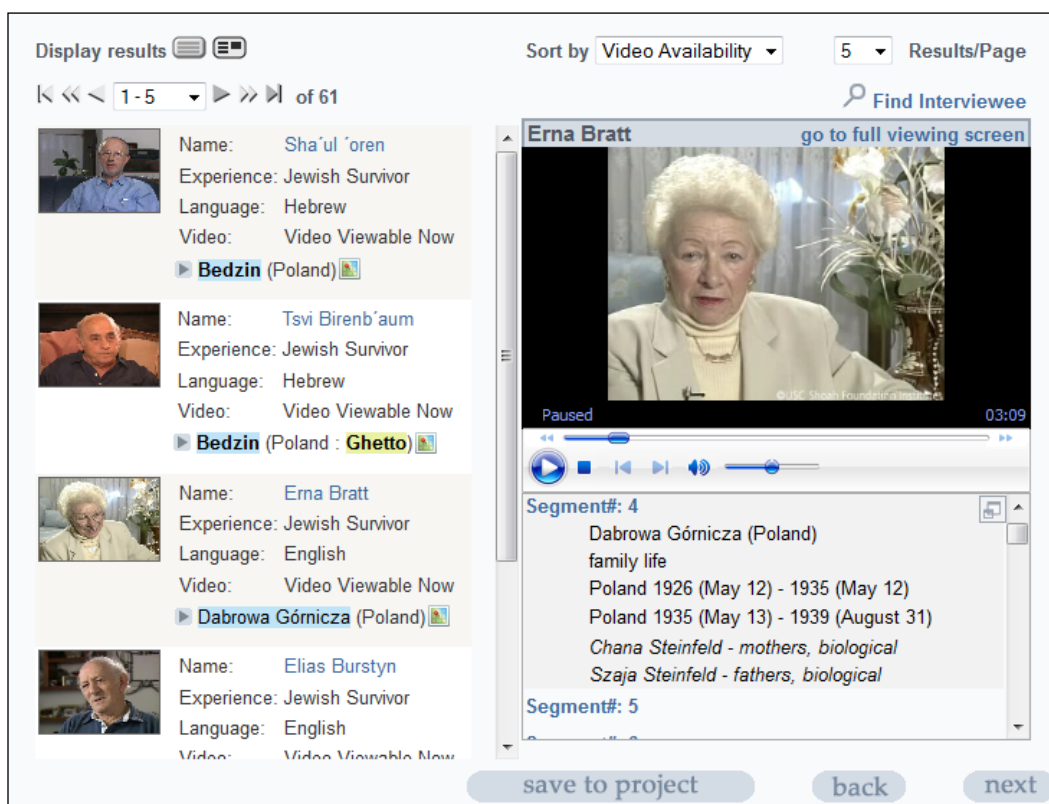
You can use the scrollbar on the right side of this window to see the information at the bottom of the window. In addition to viewing the biographical information, you can also use the **Print** icon located at the top right of the popup window to print it.

### Display Results Options

By default, the **Search Results** page is set to display results as a list. In order to activate the preview screen feature, click on the right icon next to **Display results** located at the top left of the **Search Results** page.

Display results  

Once the preview screen gets displayed on the page, it doesn't play any video, so you must click on the name or photo of the interviewee whose video you would like to preview in order to start playing the video. In the following example, the name **Erna Bratt** is clicked.



The screenshot displays the VHA application interface. At the top, there are navigation controls including a "Display results" button with two icons (list and preview), a "Sort by" dropdown set to "Video Availability", and a "Results/Page" dropdown set to "5". Below these are pagination controls showing "1 - 5" of 61 results. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column lists search results for four individuals: Sha'ul 'oren, Tsvi Birenbaum, Erna Bratt, and Elias Burstyn. Each entry includes a small photo, name, experience, language, video status, and a location tag. The right column shows a detailed preview for Erna Bratt, including a large video player with a "Paused" status and a "03:09" duration. Below the video player, there is a list of indexing terms for Segment 4, such as "Dabrowa Górnica (Poland)", "family life", and specific dates. At the bottom of the preview section, there are buttons for "save to project", "back", and "next".

In addition to playing the video, the preview screen also displays the indexing terms that are associated with each segment. You can use the scrollbar to view all of the indexing terms that are associated with the corresponding segments. And if you decide to continue viewing the video using the full **Viewing Screen**, just click on the *go to full viewing screen* link located in the top right of the preview section.

### 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. From here, you can click on a survivor's name to go directly to the **Viewing Screen**.

Display results [icon] [icon] Sort by Video Availability 5 Results/Page

1-5 of 61

Find by ☒ First Name ☐ Last Name lola

Lola Fontak	F	English	Jewish Survivor
Lola Pila	F	English	Jewish Survivor
Lola Roth	F	English	Jewish Survivor

save to project back next

### 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.

Sort by Video Availability

- Video Availability
- Last Name
- First Name
- Language
- Experience

To sort the results, click the down arrow to the right of the **Sort by** drop down list, as shown 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.

Filter

☐ Video Viewable Now

Language ALL

Gender ALL

Experience Group ALL

Projects SELECT ONE

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.

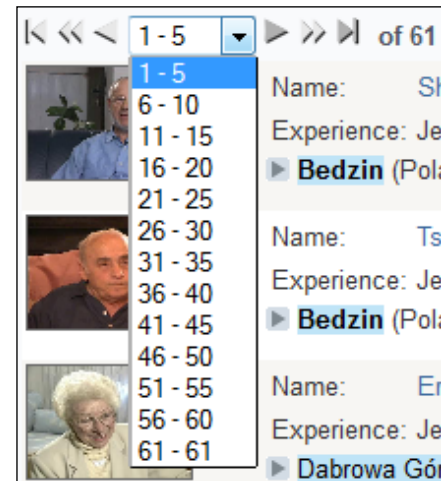
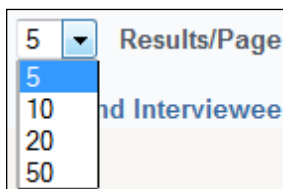
To apply any of the other filters, just click on the down arrow and choose a specific filter. Using the **Projects** filter allows you to search within the results of a saved project.

### 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 here. 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 below.



## 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*.

The screenshot shows the 'SAVE TO PROJECT' interface of the USC Shoah Foundation. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: About Us, Search, Search History, Projects (highlighted), Terms Of Use, Help, and Contact. Below this, the USC Shoah Foundation logo and 'The Institute for Visual History and Education' are displayed. On the right, 'VHA Demo | Logout' is visible. The main heading is 'P R O J E C T S' with 'S A V E T O P R O J E C T' below it. On the left, there is a 'Quick Search' sidebar with filter options (Language: All, Gender: All, Experience Group: None, Project: None), 'Selected Text' (All Words, Bedzin, ghetto, hunger), and 'Search Results' (Testimonies: 61). The main area contains instructions: 'To save these search results to an existing project, choose a project from the pull-down menu and click "save" button.' Below this are two radio buttons: 'Existing Project' and 'New Project' (selected). The 'New Project' section has a 'Name' field with 'Quick search - Bedzin, ghetto, hunger', a 'Share this project' checkbox, a 'Protect project' checkbox, and a 'Password' field. A 'Note' field contains the following text: 'Quick Search', 'Filter', 'Language:All Gender:All Experience:None project:None', 'Selected Text (All Words)', and 'Bedzin ghetto hunger'. At the bottom are 'save' and 'cancel' buttons.

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

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 text.

### 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.



### 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 *only* 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.

Once you click *save*, the project *Quick Search – 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.

#### 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 incoming researchers.

### 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.

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.

For instruction on how to copy results of a project, please see the **Viewing Results of a Saved Project** in the next section.

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 shown below.

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PROJECTS

SHARED PROJECTS

My Projects (3)

Bookmarked Projects (0)

**Shared Projects (439)**

- Aaron Levine (1)
- Abby McLachlan (2)
- Abigail Parsons (1)
- Adam Trinh (1)
- adam vasquez (1)
- Adam Seipp (1)
- Aida Fogel (2)
- Akasha Buzov (2)
- Albert Lichtblau (1)
- alex george (1)
- Alex Nelson (1)
- Alex Schnorr (1)
- Alexandra Susi (1)
- alexandra zisser (1)
- Alexandra Battat (1)
- Allison Primack (1)
- Amber Mirafuentes (2)
- amber perez (1)
- Amy Marczewski (2)
- Amy Edwards (1)
- Andrea Szonyi (3)
- Andrea Turnlund (1)
- Andy Jacobs (1)

Copy | Bookmark | Remove Bookmark

Project Name	Creator	Date	Results	Notes
Cernauti, Sadagura, Radauti	Edgar Hauster	10/17/2012	343	Biographical Search [...]
Migration to South Africa	Dan Leshem	10/16/2012	233	Indexing Terms Search [...]
Alicia Appleman-Jurman	Karen Klaich	10/11/2012	1	People Search [...]
ceu-umn 2012	Péter Bérczi	10/09/2012	2	
2012 for classLM	Susan Gangl	10/08/2012	2	People Search [...]
Mouvement de Libération Nationale	Ekaterina Neklyudova	10/04/2012	19	Indexing Terms Search [...]
Gina Pasirstein Diary	Arthur Taylor	10/02/2012	1	
carolina	Rachel Suranyi	09/28/2012	144	Biographical Search [...]
HITO 133 Zroka fall 2012	Susanne Hillman	09/25/2012	10	
Gamzon Testimonies	Ekaterina Neklyudova	09/20/2012	6	People Search [...]
Writ140 Fall 2012 - Performing Arts	Viola Lasmana	09/19/2012	18	To make your search for video testimonies more managab [...]
Cynthia Rothstein	Cynthia Rothstein	09/19/2012	16	Biographical Search [...]
Leopoldshall Außenlager Buchenwald	Michael Reuter	09/18/2012	2	Außenlager Buchenwald ab dem 28. Dezember 1944. [...]
Staßfurt Außenlager Buchenwald	Michael Reuter	09/18/2012	13	Außenlager Staßfurt I/Neustaßfurt ("Reh"), [...]
Fred Bernat	Siqing Song-Destro	09/08/2012	1	
CNRD	Riccardo Ruffolo	09/06/2012	9	

### 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 **Quick Search – 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 Projects interface. The page title is 'PROJECTS' and the subtitle is 'MY PROJECTS - BEDZIN, GHETTO, HUNGER'. The project name is 'Bedzin, ghetto, hunger' with 62 results and a creation date of 06/26/2012. There are options to 'Share this project' and 'Protect project' with a password field. The 'Notes' section contains a 'Quick Search' filter with 'Language:All Gender:All Experience:None project:None' and 'Selected Text (All Words) Bedzin ghetto hunger'. Below the notes is a table of results with columns: First Name, Last Name, Language, Experience, Segment #, Int Code, and a 'Video Viewable Now' status. The table lists several entries, including 'Sha'ul 'oren', 'Tsvi Birenbaum', 'Erna Bratt', and 'Elias Burstyn'. Above the table are action buttons: Delete, Copy, Move, Print, Export .CSV(Excel), Export .XML, and XML for Scalar. A sidebar on the left lists 'My Projects (3)', 'Bookmarked Projects (0)', and 'Shared Projects (439)' with a list of names and counts.

First Name	Last Name	Language	Experience	Segment #	Int Code	Video Viewable Now
Sha'ul	'oren	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	45996	Video Viewable Now
Tsvi	Birenbaum	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	49632	Video Viewable Now
The survivor was born in Proszowice, Poland						
Erna	Bratt	English	Jewish Survivor	All	20879	Video Viewable Now
Erna	Bratt	English	Jewish Survivor	4	20879	Video Viewable Now
Elias	Burstyn	English	Jewish Survivor	All	6969	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**. In the example above, the results for **Erna Bratt** and **Elias Burnstyn** are selected. 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 or move the results to a **New Project** or to an existing project in **My Projects**.

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.

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 web application interface with a table of survivor data. At the top, there are navigation links: Delete, Copy, Move, Print, Export .CSV(Excel), Export .XML, and XML for Scalar. A status bar indicates '0 Results selected'. The table has columns: First Name Last Name, Language, Experience, Segment #, and Int Code. Four rows are visible, each with a checkbox, a name, language, experience, segment number, and interview code. To the right of each row is a 'Video Viewable Now' link with an edit icon. A 'Notes' text box is open for the first row, with 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

First Name Last Name	Language	Experience	Segment #	Int Code
<input type="checkbox"/> Sha'ul 'oren	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	45996
<input type="checkbox"/> Tsvi Birenbaum	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	49632
<input type="checkbox"/> Erna Bratt	English	Jewish Survivor	All	20879
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

This screenshot shows the same table as the previous one, but the 'Notes' text box for the first row now contains the text: 'The survivor was born in Proszowice, Poland'. The 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons are still present.

First Name Last Name	Language	Experience	Segment #	Int Code
<input type="checkbox"/> Sha'ul 'oren	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	45996
<input type="checkbox"/> Tsvi Birenbaum	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	49632
<input type="checkbox"/> Erna Bratt	English	Jewish Survivor	All	20879

The **Biographical Profile Popup 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.

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.

### Note:

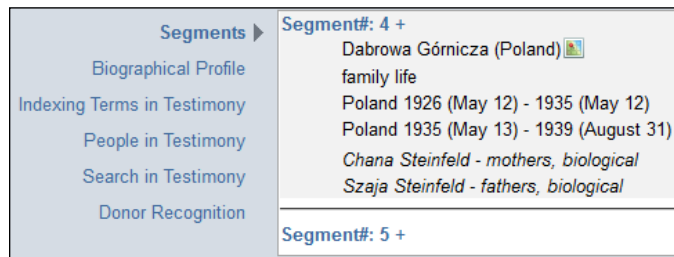
This specific testimony may not be loaded in your local video cache, since each **VHA** access site has a different video cache with different digitized testimonies already loaded.

## 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 at right, 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.



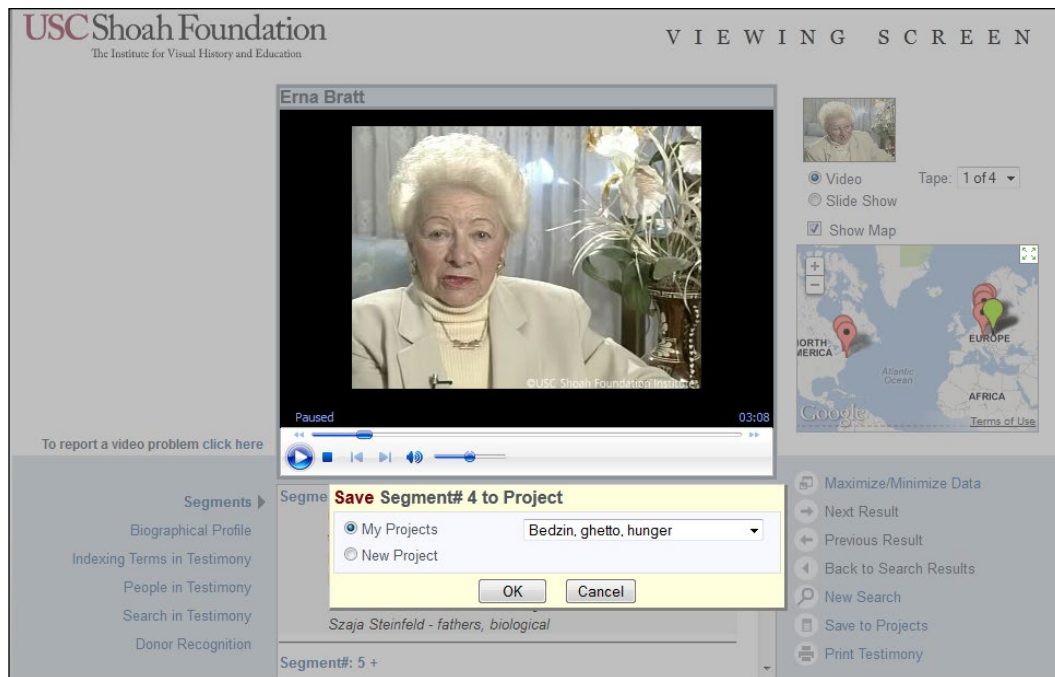
As pictured below, placing a mouse cursor over an indexing term, in this case *family life*, activates the thesaurus definition popup window for that term.



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 shown below.



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 the *New Project* button and entering a name for the new project.

In this example, *Segment #4* is saved to the *Quick Search – 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
First Name	Last Name	Language	Experience	Segment #	Int Code	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sha'ul	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	45996	Video Viewable Now
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tsvi Biren	Hebrew	Jewish Survivor	All	49632	Video Viewable Now
The survivor was born in Proszowice, Poland						
<input type="checkbox"/>	Erna	English	Jewish Survivor	All	20879	Video Viewable Now
<input type="checkbox"/>	Erna	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>	<b>20879</b>
Indexing Terms in Testimony	Gender
People in Testimony	<b>Female</b>
Search in Testimony	Date of Birth
Donor Recognition	<b>Jun 4, 1924</b>
	City of Birth
	<b>Dabrowa Górnicza (Poland)</b>

#### 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.

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

The names of people were taken from the pre-interview questionnaire or from the actual interview.

### 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 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.

<p>Segments</p> <p>Biographical Profile</p> <p>Indexing Terms in Testimony</p> <p>People in Testimony</p> <p><b>Search in Testimony ▶</b></p> <p>Donor Recognition</p>	<p>Search in This Testimony <input type="text" value="family"/> <input type="button" value="Search"/></p> <hr/> <p><b>family businesses</b> 74</p> <hr/> <p><b>family life</b> 4 7</p> <hr/> <p>prewar <b>family</b> photographs (stills) 88 90</p>
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### 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 maximinze the window while a video is playing, it 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 14.

### *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 below opens displaying the information along with a default print dialog.

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TESTIMONY  
ERNA BRATT

☒ Segments ☒ Indexing Terms ☒ People

Interview code  
20879

Gender  
Female

Date of Birth  
Jun 4, 1924

City of Birth  
Dabrowa Górnicza (Poland)

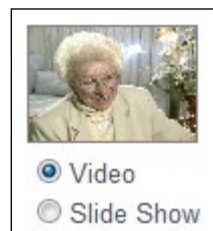
Country of Birth  
Poland

Religious Identity (Prewar)  
orthodox Judaism

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 top right of the *Viewing Screen* allow you to toggle between viewing the video and viewing a slide show of still images 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*.

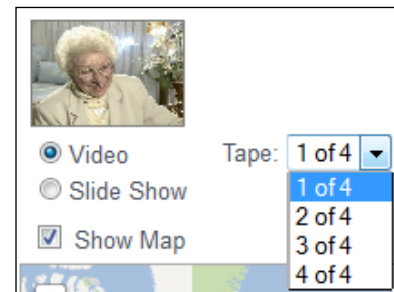
To return to viewing the video, click on the *Video* option button (when available).

### 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.



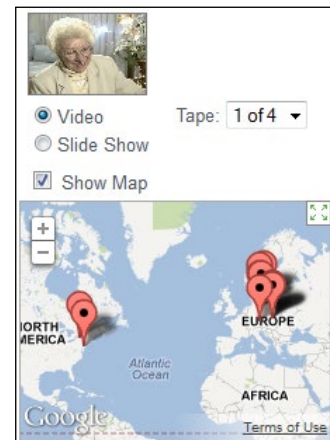
### Note:

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.

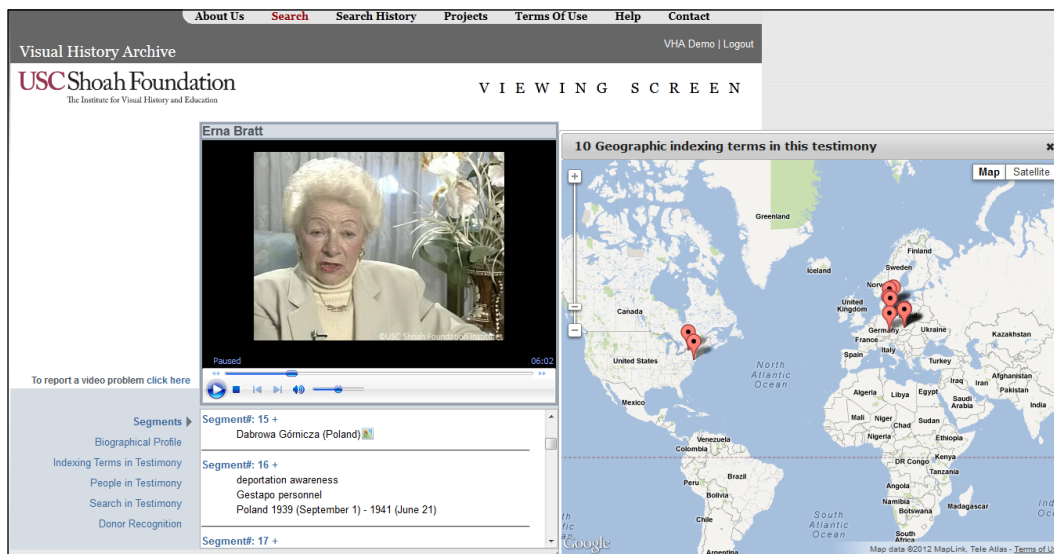
### Show Map

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.

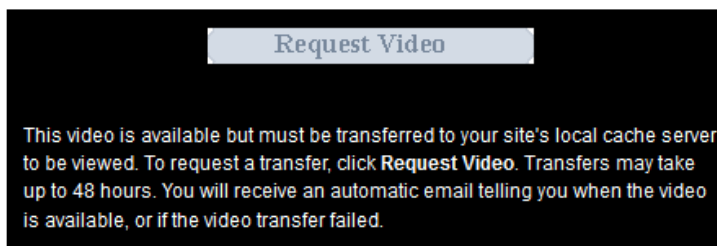
### Note:

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 below, 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.

## Biographical Search By Experience Group

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

Click **Biographical Search By Experience Group** on the main **Search** screen to advance to the **Biographical Search** screen as shown below.

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BIOGRAPHICAL 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 records (**Homosexual Survivors**, **Survivors of Eugenics Policies** and **War Crimes Trials Participants**), there is no Search Screen. You are taken directly to the Search Results Screen.

☒ **Global Search (51,294)**

☐ Jewish Survivors (48,968)

☐ Homosexual Survivors (6)

☐ Political Prisoners (261)

☐ Sinti and Roma Survivors (407)

☐ War Crimes Trials Participants (62)

☐ Jehovah's Witness Survivors (83)

☐ Liberators & Liberation Witnesses (362)

☐ Rescuers and Aid Providers (1,132)

☐ Survivors of Eugenics Policies (13)

### Note:

For experience groups with fewer than 70 records (**Homosexual Survivors**, **War Crimes Trials Participants**, and **Survivors of Eugenics Policies**) there is no search page. Selecting one of these groups takes you directly to the **Search Results** page.

## SELECT GLOBAL SEARCH OR AN EXPERIENCE GROUP

Select *Global Search* or one of the nine experience groups (by clicking the option button next to the specific group or the group name itself).

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	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name of interviewee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gender of interviewee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth of interviewee
<input type="checkbox"/>	City of Birth of interviewee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Country of Birth of interviewee
Interview Information	
<input type="checkbox"/>	State of interview
<input type="checkbox"/>	Country of interview
<input type="checkbox"/>	Language of interview
<input type="checkbox"/>	Length of interview

As an example, click on the option button next to *Jewish Survivors* which takes you directly to the *Jewish Survivors* search page as shown below.

The screenshot shows the 'Biographical Search' page for 'Jewish Survivors'. 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 is on the left, and 'BIOGRAPHICAL SEARCH JEWISH SURVIVORS' is on the right. The main content area is titled 'Jewish Survivors' and includes a search instruction: '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.' Below this, there are three columns of search criteria, each with a list of checkboxes: 'Biographical Information' (Name, Gender, Date of Birth, City of Birth, Country of Birth, Religious Affiliations), 'Interview Information' (State, Country, Language, Length), and '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). On the left side of the page, there is a 'Search Results' section showing 'Testimonies: 48,968' and a 'Criteria:' section. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'new search', 'back', and 'reset', and a 'next' button on the right.

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 Search*

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' and a 'Search' button. To the right of the input field are three radio buttons for search types: 'start with' (selected), 'exact match', and 'contains'. Below the search options, a section titled '4 Ghettos Found:' lists the results: 'Brzesc nad Bugiem (Poland : Ghetto)', 'Brzesko (Poland : Ghetto)', 'Brzezany (Poland : Ghetto)', and 'Brzeziny (Łódź, Poland : Ghetto)'. Each result is preceded by a small square icon.

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 498 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	498 ghettos in Poland : verified
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in China	<input type="checkbox"/> Andrychów (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Czechoslovakia: unverified	<input type="checkbox"/> Annopol (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Czechoslovakia: verified	<input type="checkbox"/> Augustów (Białystok, Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Greece: unverified	<input type="checkbox"/> Baranów Sandomierski (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Greece: verified	<input type="checkbox"/> Baranowicze (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Hungary: unverified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Bedzin (Poland : Ghetto)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Hungary: verified	<input type="checkbox"/> Bełchatów (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Latvia: verified	<input type="checkbox"/> Bełżyce (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Lithuania: unverified	<input type="checkbox"/> Bereza Kartuska (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Lithuania: verified	<input type="checkbox"/> Berezne (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Poland: unverified	<input type="checkbox"/> Berezów (Poland : Ghetto)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ghettos in Poland: verified</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biała Podlaska (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Romania: unverified	<input type="checkbox"/> Biała Rawska (Poland : Ghetto)
<input type="checkbox"/> ghettos in Romania: verified	

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*.

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

### 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.

As shown 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.

<b>Search Results</b> Testimonies: <b>285</b> <b>Criteria:</b> Ghettos	<b>Jewish Survivors</b> <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> <div> <b>Biographical Information</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Name of interviewee  <input type="checkbox"/> Gender of interviewee  <input type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth of interviewee  <input type="checkbox"/> City of Birth of interviewee  <input type="checkbox"/> Country of Birth of interviewee  <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Affiliations of interviewee         </div> <div> <b>Experiences</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ghettos  <i>1 ghetto selected</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Concentration Camps  <input type="checkbox"/> Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Forced (death) Marches  <input type="checkbox"/> Location of Hiding or False Identity  <input type="checkbox"/> Type of Hiding Place  <input type="checkbox"/> Resistance Groups  <input type="checkbox"/> Liberated by  <input type="checkbox"/> Location of Liberation  <input type="checkbox"/> Aid Giver, Liberator, War Crimes Trials Participant  <input type="checkbox"/> Other Experiences         </div> </div> <div> <b>Interview Information</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> State of interview  <input type="checkbox"/> Country of interview  <input type="checkbox"/> Language of interview  <input type="checkbox"/> Length of interview         </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 Search*

On the *Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Forced (death) Marches* search screen shown 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.

- Went into hiding:
- Member of underground, resistance, or partisan groups:
- Fled from Nazi-controlled territory:
- 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, the interface performs an *AND* search using 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 shows the 'Jewish Survivors' search results page. On the left, under 'Search Results', it says 'Testimonies: 95'. Below this, the 'Criteria:' section shows 'Ghettos' selected with a radio button, and 'Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Forced (death) Marches' also selected with a radio button. The 'AND/OR' choice box is visible, with 'AND' selected. The main content area is titled 'Jewish Survivors' and contains a list of search criteria under 'Biographical Information' and 'Experiences'. The 'Experiences' section shows 'Ghettos' checked, 'Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Forced (death) Marches' checked, and 'Concentration Camps' unchecked. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'new search', 'back', 'reset', and 'next'.

When you select multiple categories of search criteria in a *Biographical Search By Experience Group*, 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.

The screenshot displays the Visual History Archive (VHA) Search Results page. The header includes navigation links: About Us, Search, Search History, Projects, Terms Of Use, Help, and Contact. The USC Shoah Foundation logo is prominently displayed. The page title is "BIOGRAPHICAL SEARCH JEWISH SURVIVORS - SEARCH RESULTS".

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

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

Below the filters, the "Search Results" section shows "Testimonies: 95". There are checkboxes for "Ghetos" (selected), "Hiding, Flight, Resistance, Forced (death) Marches", and "AND".

The main content area displays a list of search results. Each result includes a small video thumbnail, the Name, Experience, Language, and Video Availability status. The results are sorted by "Video Availability" and displayed in groups of 20 per page. The current page shows 1-20 of 95 results.

At the bottom of the results list, there are buttons for "new search", "save to project", "back", and "next".

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 19.

## 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 14.

## Indexing Terms Search

The *Indexing Terms Search* allows users to search for segments of testimonies that discuss specific topics using more than 60,000 geographic and experiential indexing terms.

Click *Indexing Terms Search* on the main *Search* screen to advance to the *Indexing Terms Search* screen pictured below.

The screenshot shows the 'Indexing Terms Search' interface of the USC Shoah Foundation. The header includes navigation links: About Us, Search, Search History, Projects, Terms Of Use, Help, and Contact. The USC Shoah Foundation logo is on the left, and 'VHA Demo | Logout' is on the right. The main title 'INDEXING TERMS SEARCH' is centered.

**Filter**

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

**Search Results**  
Testimonies: 0  
Segments: 0

**Find Term**

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 Term Choices. After selecting your indexing term(s), click **next** to conduct your search. Note: synonyms for indexing terms appear in **green**.

**Indexing Term Choices:**

- + captivity
- + **culture**
- + daily life
- + discrimination
- discrimination responses
  - + adaptation and survival
  - + aid giving
  - + betrayals
  - + bystander responses
  - collaboration
  - **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

**Indexing Term & Definition:**

**resistance** (used in 996 testimonies)

**Synonyms**

Acts carried out by civilians intended to contravene the policies of, or undermine the authority or stability of, Nazi or Axis powers.

**Selected Indexing Terms: 0**

>> Add >>

<< Remove <<

**Search Type:**

☒ OR ☐ AND

**Segment Range:**

Entire testimony

new search back reset next

The *Indexing Terms 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.

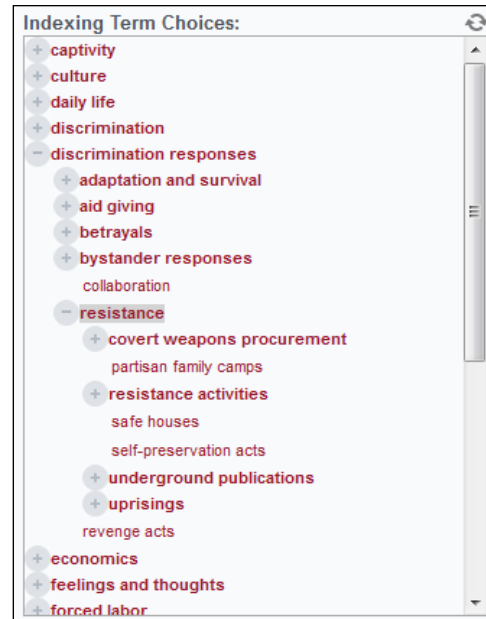
## BROWSING INDEXING TERMS

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.

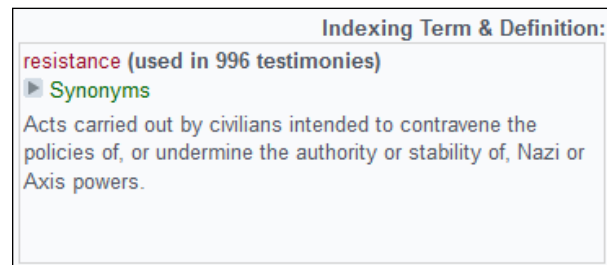
As pictured at right, clicking on the topic *discrimination responses* reveals numerous indexing terms, such as *aid giving*, *collaboration*, *resistance*, and so on.

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.



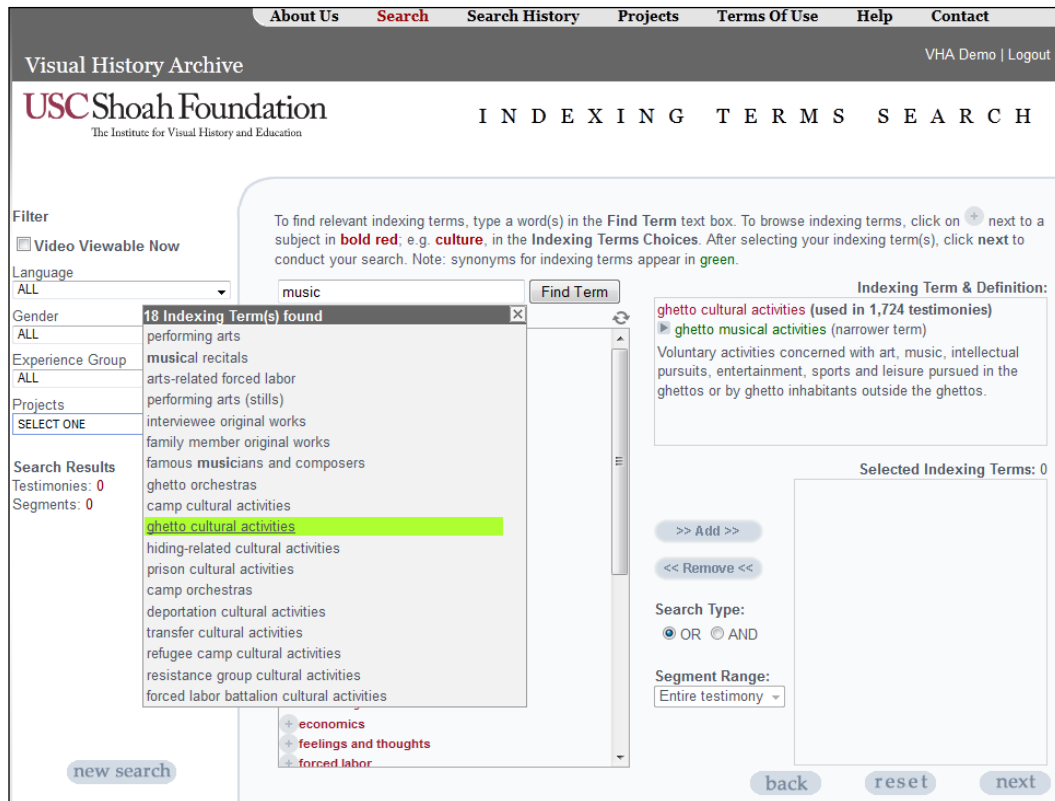
Also, the number of testimonies in which the term was indexed is displayed. This number will help you estimate how many results to expect before performing the actual search. If an indexing term has been indexed in a large number of testimonies, you may want to narrow your search by combining multiple 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, in this case 996 testimonies.

## 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.

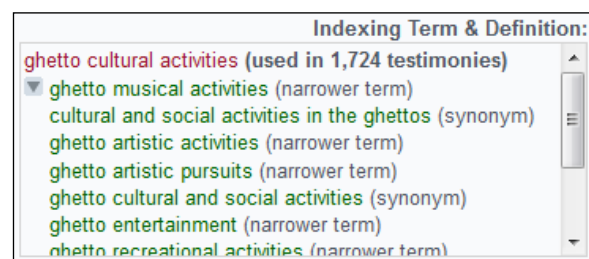
To search for relevant indexing terms, type a word or topic of interest in the *Find Term* text box. Upon typing in some text, a predictive search results window opens displaying suggested indexing terms in the thesaurus that are relevant to the entered text as pictured below.



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 this example, 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.

In all, indexing terms in the **VHA** may have 5 types of synonyms attached to them that appear in green: synonym, near synonym, narrower term, broader term, and related term. Each of these types of synonyms 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.

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.

### 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.



## 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.

The screenshot displays the VHA application interface. At the top left, a search bar contains the text "deportation from mateszalka" and a "Find Term" button. Below this is the "Indexing Term Choices" list, which contains various terms such as "deportation from Mátészalka (Hungary : Ghetto)", "deportation from Nadudvar (Hungary : Ghetto)", and "deportation from Nagykáta (Hungary : Ghetto)". The first term is highlighted. To the right of the list is a "Find Term" button. Below the list is a "Selected Indexing Terms" box, which currently contains two terms: "deportation from Mátészalka (Hungary : Ghetto)" and "deportation thirst". Below the "Selected Indexing Terms" box are buttons for ">> Add >>", "<< Remove <<", "Search Type:" (with radio buttons for "OR" and "AND"), and "Segment Range:" (with a dropdown menu set to "Entire testimony"). At the bottom right are buttons for "back", "reset", and "next".

## 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 screenshot shows a search configuration panel. At the top are two buttons: ">> Add >>" and "<< Remove <<". Below these is the "Search Type:" section with two radio buttons: "OR" and "AND", with "AND" selected. Underneath is the "Segment Range:" section, which includes a dropdown menu currently showing "Entire testimony". A list of options is displayed below the dropdown: "Entire testimony", "1 segment", "5 segments" (highlighted in blue), "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 displays the "Search Results" page. On the left is a "Filter" sidebar with sections for "Video Viewable Now", "Language" (set to ALL), "Gender" (set to ALL), "Experience Group" (set to ALL), and "Projects" (set to SELECT ONE). Below these is a "Search Results" summary showing "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 is titled "Display results" and shows a list of results. At the top, it says "Sort by Video Availability" and "5 Results/Page". A pagination bar shows "1 - 4" of 4. The results list includes four entries, each with a small video thumbnail, the interviewee's name, experience, language, and video availability status. The first entry is for Judith Altmann (Jewish Survivor, English, Video Viewable Now) with Segment# 11 12. The second is Le'ah Goldshtain (Jewish Survivor, Hebrew, Video Viewable Now) with Segment# 31. The third is Vera Slyomovics (Jewish Survivor, English, Video Viewable Now) with Segment# 35. The fourth is Maurice Vegh (Jewish Survivor, English, Video Viewable Now) with Segment# 39. A "Find Interviewee" link is visible in the top right of the results area.

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 **Viewing Screen** on page 19.

## 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 Search** on the main **Search** screen to advance to the **People Search** screen shown below.

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PEOPLE SEARCH

Search Results  
People: 0  
Testimonies: 0

Selected People: 0  
Testimonies: 0

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

Enter the Name and click Search. ☐ Phonetic Matching

First Name:  Last Name:

☒ starts with ☐ exact match ☐ contains

☐ Interviewee Only ☒ Male ☒ Female

Search Results Selected People

Name Found	Relationship	Interviewee
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new search back reset next

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 further refine your search. By default, the **Interviewee Only** option is unchecked.

## 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 screenshot displays the 'PEOPLE SEARCH' interface of the USC Shoah Foundation's Visual History Archive. The top navigation bar includes links for 'About Us', 'Search', 'Search History', 'Projects', 'Terms Of Use', 'Help', and 'Contact'. The main header identifies the 'USC Shoah Foundation' as 'The Institute for Visual History and Education'. On the left, a 'Search Results' section shows 'People: 0' and 'Testimonies: 0'. The central search area prompts the user to 'Enter the Name and click Search.' and features a checked 'Phonetic Matching' option. Search criteria include 'starts with' (selected), 'exact match', and 'contains'. Gender filters for 'Male' and 'Female' are also present, along with an 'Interviewee Only' checkbox. The 'Last Name' field contains 'stein', and a scrollable dropdown menu lists 20 phonetic alternatives. A 'new search' button is at the bottom left, and 'back', 'reset', and 'next' buttons are at the bottom right.

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 1,726 results and displays them in the **Search Results** table as pictured below. Out of the 1,726 results with a last name that starts with **Goldman**, some are interviewees and some are other people that have been mentioned in the 612 testimonies.

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**P E O P L E   S E A R C H**

**Search Results**  
People: **1,726**  
Testimonies: **612**

**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
Goldman (release maiden name for 'elah Mishpati)	Interviewee	'elah Mishpati
Goldman (name at birth for 'ester Malkah Tsipershtein)	mothers, biological	Me'ir Tsipershtein
Goldman (release maiden name for 'ester Vaysfayler)	Interviewee	'ester Vaysfayler
Goldman (name at birth for 'ester Vaysfayler)	wives	'alfred Vaysfayler
Goldman (name at birth for Aaron Goldman)	grandsons	Ester Goldman
Goldman (last name during war for Aaron Goldman)	cousins, maternal	Pinchas Doron
Goldman (current name for Abram Goldman)	Interviewee	Abram Goldman
Goldman (release maiden name for Ada Meir)	Interviewee	Ada Meir
Goldman (name at birth for Adam Goldman)	Interviewee	Adam Goldman
Goldman (maiden name for Ahava Podhorcer)	daughters-in-law	Gertrude Podhorcer
Goldman (name at birth for Alana Goldman)	granddaughters	Marianne Wildstrom

[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.

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P E O P L E   S E A R C H

**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:  Last Name:  **Search**

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

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

new search back reset next

## 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*.

**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:  Last Name:  **Search**

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

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

**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 Szeibaum	cousins
Henri Szeibaum	cousins
Ilana Kaplan	daughters
Rahel Shagrin*	daughters
Michele Wise	daughters-in-law
Hilla Fochs	extended family members
Chaim Goldman	fathers

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  
☐ exact match  
☐ contains

☐ Interviewee Only  
☒ Male ☒ Female

Search Results **Selected People**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name Selected	Relationship	Interviewee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Goldman	brothers	Miriam 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

Language: ALL

Gender: ALL

Experience Group: ALL






Projects: SELECT ONE

Search Results  
Testimonies: 8

Display results: 1 - 8 of 8

Sort by: Video Availability 20 Results/Page

Find Interviewee

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

new search save to project back next



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** on page 19.

## Places Search

Click **Places Search** 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 shown 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.

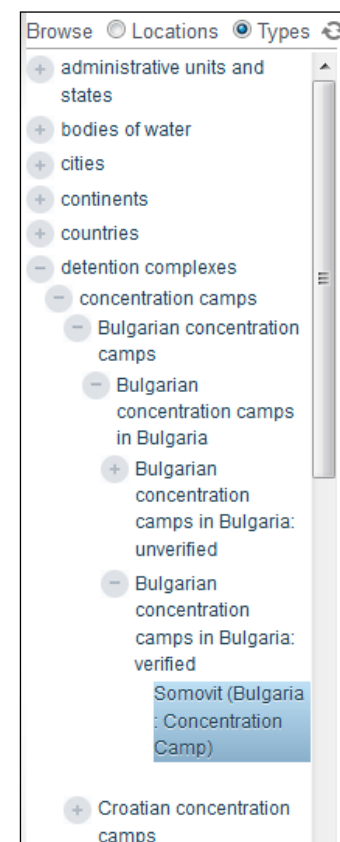
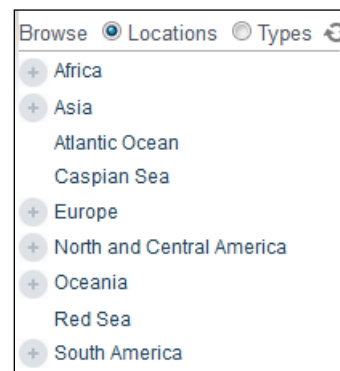
Clicking on the plus sign next to any locations in the hierarchical tree will reveal additional layers of geographic indexing terms underneath.

### *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..

The screenshot displays the Visual History Archive (VHA) application 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 is visible, along with the text "The Institute for Visual History and Education" and "VHA Demo | Logout".

The main content area is titled "PLACES SEARCH". On the left, there is a "Browse" section with tabs for "Locations" and "Types". Under "Locations", a list of indexed locations is shown, including "Iziaslav (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR)", "Kalius (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)", "Kilikiev (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR)", "Klininy (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR)", and "Knizhkovtsy (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR)".

The central map shows a geographical view of the region around Kamenets-Podol'skii. A red pin marks the location, and an information window is open over it. The window contains the following text:

**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.

Below the map, there is a "Found" section with the text "Found: 15 Indexing Terms, 141 Testimonies". A list of indexing terms is shown, including "Kamenets-Podol'skii (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR : Ghetto)" with 14 testimonies, "Kamenets-Podol'skii (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR)" with 116 testimonies, "Kiligorod (Vinnitsa, Ukraine, USSR)" with 2 testimonies, and "Okopy (Tarnopol, Poland)" with 0 testimonies.

At the bottom right, there is a "Selected" section with the text "Selected: 0 Indexing Terms, 0 Testimonies". Below this, there are buttons for "remove from list" and "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. We see above that the Kamenets-Podol'skii ghetto was *used in 14 testimonies*.

### 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.

## 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-Podol'skii (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR : Ghetto)	
Kamenets-Podolski (Kamenets-Podol'skii, Ukraine, USSR : Concentration Camp)	
<div>remove from list</div> <div>next</div>	

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 19.

## 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 **Bialystok (Poland : Voivodship)** in the **Browse Locations** tree results in the map display pictured below..

The screenshot displays the VHA application interface. At the top, there are navigation links: About Us, Search, Search History, Projects, Terms Of Use, Help, and Contact. Below this is the USC Shoah Foundation logo and the text "The Institute for Visual History and Education". The main heading is "PLACES SEARCH".

On the left, there is a "Browse" section with a tree view of locations. The "Poland" category is expanded, and "Bialystok (Poland : Voivodship)" is selected. Other locations listed include Netherlands, Norway, Bialowieza Forest (Poland), Cracow (Poland : Voivodship), Ikwa River (Poland), Kielce (Poland : Voivodship), Kujawy (Poland : Region), Łódź (Poland : Voivodship), Lublin (Poland : Voivodship), Lupana Góra (Mountain Range), Lwów (Poland : Voivodship), Nowogródek (Poland : Voivodship), Pilica River (Poland), Podlasie (Poland : Region), Polesie (Poland : Voivodship), and Pomorze (Poland).

The main map area shows a map of Bialystok and surrounding regions. Numerous yellow circles with numbers inside represent aggregated locations. A search bar at the top of the map area contains the text "Fixed Locations: [X] Bialystok (Poland : Voivodship)". Below the map, there is a summary of found indexing terms and testimonies.

Found: 239 Indexing Terms, 1410 Testimonies	Selected: 0 Indexing Terms, 0 Testimonies
Bialystok (Poland : Voivodship) 195	
Bialystok (Poland) 890	
Bielsk (Poland) 30	
Bocki (Poland) 1	
Bogusze (Poland : Concentration Camp) 2	
Bogusze (Szczuczyn, Bialystok, Poland) 0	

At the bottom right of the map area, there are buttons for "remove from list" and "next".

As indicated in the **Found** box, **239 Indexing Terms** for locations in the Bialystok 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:

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.

## 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)*.

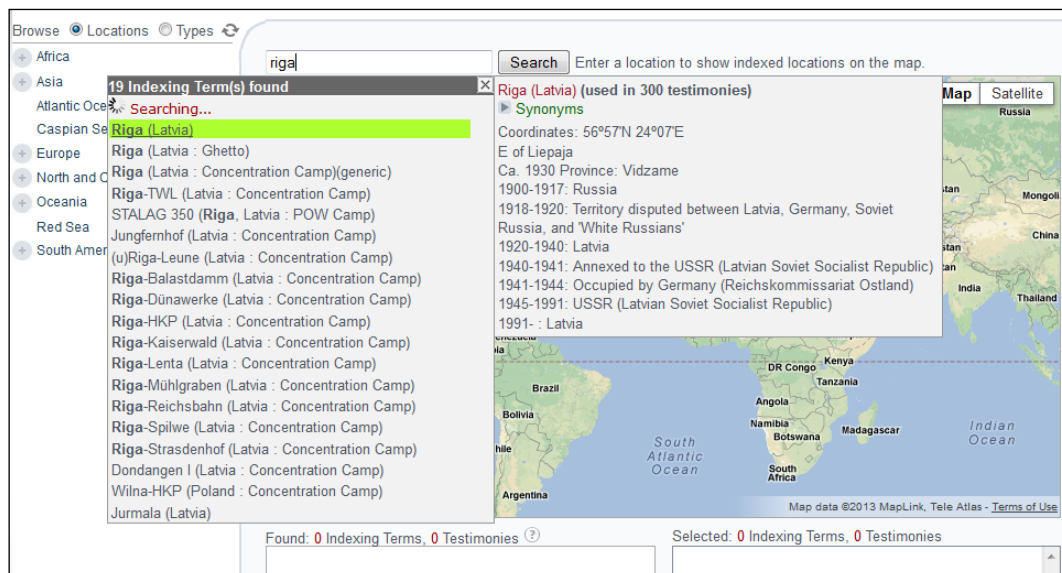
Fixed Locations: ☒ Bialystok (Poland : Voivodship) ?

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 shows 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 displayed. A red pin is placed on the map, and an information window is overlaid on the map. The information 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 information window, there is a "Found" box with the text "Found: 18 Indexing Terms, 769 Testimonies". Below this box is a list of indexing terms and their corresponding number of testimonies:

Indexing Term	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 of the interface, 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 49.

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 picture below, the map has been zoomed in and focused on the area around Bielsko-Biala in Poland.

The screenshot displays the Visual History Archive (VHA) application 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 is visible, along with the text "The Institute for Visual History and Education". The main heading "PLACES SEARCH" is centered. On the left, a "Browse" section shows categories: Locations (selected) and Types. Below this, a list of geographical regions is provided: Africa, Asia, Atlantic Ocean, Caspian Sea, Europe, North and Central America, Oceania, Red Sea, and South America. The central map shows a detailed view of Bielsko-Biala, Poland, with numerous red pins indicating indexed locations. A search bar at the top of the map area prompts the user to "Enter a location to show indexed locations on the map." Below the map, a "Found" section lists 31 indexing terms and 208 testimonies. The list includes locations such as Kety (Poland : Ghetto), Nowa Wies (Biala, Cracow, Poland : Ghetto), Aleksandrowice (Bielsko-Biala, Cracow, Poland), Altdorf (Poland : Concentration Camp), Biala (Cracow, Poland), and Bieltz (Poland : Concentration Camp). A "Selected" section on the right shows 0 indexing terms and 0 testimonies. At the bottom right, there are buttons for "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.

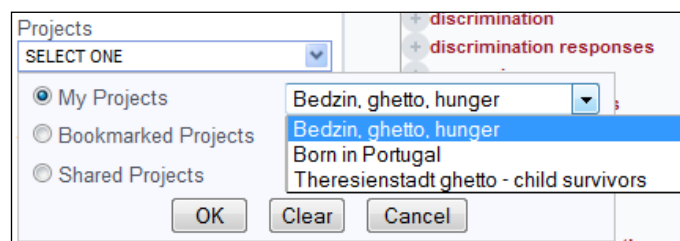
For a complete discussion of **Saving Results to a Project**, see page 14.

To perform a search within the results of a saved project, click on **Search** in the top menu which takes you to the main **Search** page. There you can choose a search to do a **Quick Search**, **People Search**, **Biographical Search by Experience Group**, or **Indexing Terms Search**. 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 12.

As an example, let's search within the project we saved in the **Quick Search Example** section on page 6. The project, **Quick Search – 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 **Quick Search – 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 35.



Once you add the *ghetto Jewish religious observances* term to the *Selected Indexing Terms* box, the *Search Results* shows that 4 segments match the search criteria. Click *next* to advance to the *Search Results* page as shown below.

The screenshot shows the VHA Search Results interface. On the left, a 'Filter' sidebar includes options for 'Video Viewable Now' (checked), 'Language' (ALL), 'Gender' (ALL), 'Experience Group' (ALL), and 'Projects' (MY - Bedzin, ghetto, hunger). Below the filters, 'Search Results' are listed: 'Testimonies: 4' and 'Segments: 4'. Under 'Any Indexing Terms', the 'Selected Indexing Terms' section shows a checked box for 'ghetto Jewish religious observances'. The main content area, titled 'Display results', shows a list of 4 results. Each result includes a thumbnail, name, experience, language, and a segment number. The results are: Regina Ertel (Jewish Survivor, English, Segment 30), Cesia Mermelstein (Jewish Survivor, English, Segment 8), Yukheved Rozen (Jewish Survivor, Hebrew, Segment 68), and Sam Unger (Jewish Survivor, English, Segment 91). All videos are marked as 'Video Viewable Now'. Navigation controls at the top include 'Display results' (list icon), 'Sort by Video Availability', '5 Results/Page', and a 'Find Interviewee' button.

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 18.

For more details on saving projects, see the **Saving Results to a Project** section on page 13.

## 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 *Biographical Search by Experience Group* on the main *Search* screen to begin this search.

**QUICK SEARCH**  
Find testimonies using a "free text" field to search using names, indexing terms and their synonyms, or interview codes.

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

**BIOGRAPHICAL SEARCH BY EXPERIENCE GROUP**  
Find testimonies using biographical and interview information.

**INDEXING TERMS SEARCH**  
Find specific segments of testimonies using indexing terms and/or browse through the list of indexing terms in the Shoah Foundation Institute's Thesaurus.

Select *Rescuers and Aid Providers*.

☒ Global Search (51,294)

☐ Jewish Survivors (48,968)

☐ Homosexual Survivors (6)

☐ Political Prisoners (261)

☐ Sinti and Roma Survivors (407)

☐ War Crimes Trials Participants (62)

☐ Jehovah's Witness Survivors (83)

☐ Liberators & Liberation Witnesses (362)

☒ Rescuers and Aid Providers (1,132)

☐ Interviewees who rescued those targeted for persecution and/or interviewees who were involved with the planning and implementation of aid programs during and after the war.

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  
☒ **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 go to 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 **Biographical Search by Experience Group** on the main **Search** screen to begin this search.

**QUICK SEARCH**  
Find testimonies using a “free text” field to search using names, indexing terms and their synonyms, or interview codes.

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

**BIOGRAPHICAL SEARCH BY EXPERIENCE GROUP**  
Find testimonies using biographical and interview information.

**INDEXING TERMS SEARCH**  
Find specific segments of testimonies using indexing terms and/or browse through the list of indexing terms in the Shoah Foundation Institute's Thesaurus.

Select *Jewish Survivors*.

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*.

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

### 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 *Biographical Search by Experience Group* on the main *Search* screen to begin this search.

**QUICK SEARCH**  
Find testimonies using a “free text” field to search using names, indexing terms and their synonyms, or interview codes.

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

**BIOGRAPHICAL SEARCH BY EXPERIENCE GROUP**  
Find testimonies using biographical and interview information.

**INDEXING TERMS SEARCH**  
Find specific segments of testimonies using indexing terms and/or browse through the list of indexing terms in the Shoah Foundation Institute's Thesaurus.

Select *Jewish Survivors*.

Global Search (51,294)

☒ Jewish Survivors (48,968) ☐ Jehovah's Witness Survivors (83)

☐ Homosexuals (62) ☐ Interviewees who were targeted for persecution under laws and/or policies against the Jews. (62)

☐ Political Prisoners (261) ☐ Rescuers and Aid Providers (1,132)

☐ Sinti and Roma Survivors (407) ☐ Survivors of Eugenics Policies (13)

☐ War Crimes Trials Participants (62)

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: **10,160**

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

☒ start with  
☐ exact match  
☐ contains

1 Ghettos 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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J E W I S H   S U R V I V O R S   -   S E A R C H   R E S U L T S

Filter

☐ Video Viewable Now

Language: ALL

Gender: ALL

Experience Group: ALL

Projects: SELECT ONE

Search Results  
Testimonies: 335

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

☒ Ghettos  
AND 1 ghetto selected

new search

Display results

Sort by: Video Availability

20 Results/Page

1 - 20 of 335

Find Interviewee

	Name: Mosheh 'eizner Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: Hebrew Video Viewable Now
	Name: Yeruham 'elzas Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: Hebrew Video Viewable Now
	Name: 'evah 'erben Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: Hebrew Video Viewable Now
	Name: Hedyah 'ofir Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: Hebrew Video Viewable Now
	Name: Sara Aldouby Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: English Video Viewable Now
	Name: Juraj Alexander Experience: Jewish Survivor	Language: Slovak

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

☐ Share this project ☐ Protect project

Note

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

Jewish Survivors

For more information on saving results, please see the **Saving Results to a Project** section on page 14.

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 35.

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**Filter**

☐ Video Viewable Now

Language  
ALL

Gender  
ALL

Experience Group  
ALL

Projects  
SELECT ONE

**Search Results**  
Testimonies: 1,541  
Segments: 1,751

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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**.

international red cross

**Indexing Term Choices:**

- International Red Cross**
- American Red Cross
- Belgian Red Cross
- British Red Cross
- Bulgarian Red Cross
- Canadian Red Cross
- Czechoslovakian Red Cross
- Danish Red Cross
- Dutch Red Cross
- Finnish Red Cross
- French Red Cross
- German Red Cross
- Greek Red Cross
- Hungarian Red Cross
- Japanese Red Cross
- Luxembourg Red Cross
- Norwegian Red Cross
- Polish Red Cross
- Slovenian Red Cross

**Indexing Term & Definition:**

**International Red Cross (used in 1,541 testimonies)**

**Red Cross, International** (synonym)

An international philanthropic organization (Red Cross Society) formed as a result of the Geneva Convention of 1864 to care for the sick and wounded in war, to secure neutrality of nurses, hospitals, etc., and to help relieve suffering caused by pestilence, floods, fires, and other

**Selected Indexing Terms: 1**

International Red Cross

>> Add >>

<< Remove <<

**Search Type:**

☒ OR ☐ AND

**Segment Range:**

Entire testimony

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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 **Indexing Terms Search** on the main **Search** screen to begin this search.



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 35.

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**Filter**

☐ Video Viewable Now

Language  
ALL

Gender  
ALL

Experience Group  
ALL

Projects  
SELECT ONE

**Search Results**  
Testimonies: 3,469  
Segments: 8,608

**new search**

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**.

**theriesensta** **Find Term**

**Indexing Term Choices:**

- Theresienstadt (Czechoslovakia : Ghetto)
- Theresienstadt-Small Fortress (Czechoslovakia)
- Telcineves (Czechoslovakia)
- Tlustice (Horovice, Bohemia, Czechoslovakia)
- Touzim (Czechoslovakia)
- Trebechovice pod Orebem (Czechoslovakia)
- Trebichovice (Czechoslovakia)
- Trebivlice (Czechoslovakia)
- Trebon (Czechoslovakia)
- Tremosnice (Bohemia, Czechoslovakia)(generic)
- Trhová Kamenice (Czechoslovakia)
- Trhové Sviný (Czechoslovakia)
- Trnovany (Bohemia, Czechoslovakia)(generic)
- Trutnov (Czechoslovakia)
- Tuchomyň (Czechoslovakia)
- Turnov (Czechoslovakia)
- Tytry (Czechoslovakia)
- Údlice (Czechoslovakia)
- Uhřetiská Janovice (Czechoslovakia)

**Indexing Term & Definition:**

**Theresienstadt (Czechoslovakia : Ghetto)** (used in 2,211 testimonies)

Theresienstadt ghetto (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 Terezín, Czechoslovakia, on November 24, 1941. The Theresienstadt ghetto/camp was surrounded by a barbed wire fence.

**Selected Indexing Terms: 2**

- ghetto cultural activities
- Theresienstadt (Czechoslovakia : Ghetto)

**Search Type:**  
☒ OR ☐ AND

**Segment Range:**  
Entire testimony

**back** **reset** **next**

The **Search Type** defaults to an **OR** search, and the **Search Results** count shows **3,469** 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**.

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

**Search Results**  
Testimonies: 217  
Segments: 264

**Selected Indexing Terms: 2**

- ghetto cultural activities
- Theresienstadt (Czechoslovakia : Ghetto)

**Search Type:**  
☐ OR ☒ AND

**Segment Range:**  
1 segment

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### 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.