



***THE MUSEUM OF THE OCCUPATION
OF LATVIA***

*Digitization of the Collection of
a Video Testimonies*

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The Museum of the Occupation of Latvia (1940 - 1991)



- Soviet occupation 1940 – 1941
- Nazi Germany occupation 1941 – 1944/45
- Soviet occupation 1944/45 - 1991



The Museum of the Occupation of Latvia (1940 - 1991)



- **REMEMBERING**

Archive
Collections
Research

- **COMMEMORATING**

Memorial places
Memorial events

- **REMINDING**

Exhibitions
Teaching
Publications





THE AUDIOVISUAL ARCHIVE

started in 1994 (By Andrejs Edvīns Feldmanis)



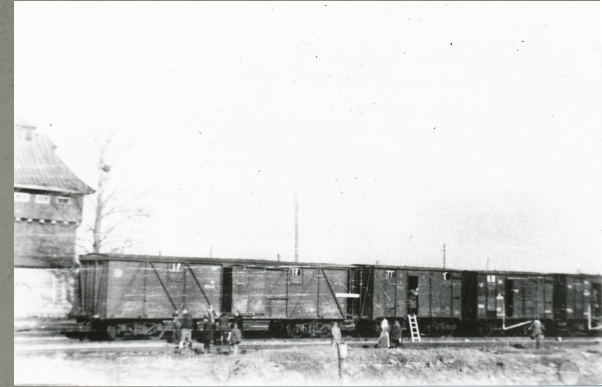
VIDEO TESTIMONY –

oral history interviews with Latvians and other nationalities living in Latvia who was repressed, lived under or fled from the Soviet and/or German occupations in Latvia.

VIDEO TESTIMONY



- Soviet deportations 1941, 1949 –
deported people, collaborators, bystanders



- Holocaust

- Latvian soldiers in WW2 – *Latvians in the Red Army (USSR) and the Nazi Germany troops*



VIDEO TESTIMONY



- **National resistance** – *national partisans, nonviolent resistance, dissidents*



- **GULAG survivors**

- **Latvians in exile** – *refugees in Germany and Sweden 1944, Latvian communities in different countries after WWII*



VIDEO TESTIMONY



- **different nationalities** – *Latvians, Russians, Jews, Ukrainians, Germans, Estonians etc.*
- **different languages** – *Latvian, Russian, German, English*
- **different countries** – *Latvia, Russia (Siberia), USA, Germany, United Kingdom, Canada etc.*



The Audio-visual Archive:

- 2327 video testimonies (*~4200 hours*)
- 536 video materials, commemoration (*~617 hours*)
- Audio testimonies (*~ 70 hours*)
- Film documents (16 mm, 8 mm)



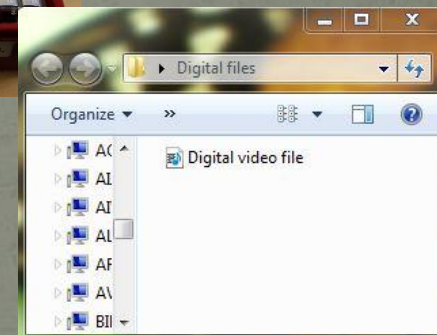
1994-1996



1996 - 2004



2004 - 2017



2017 - ???

Stanford University library *(SUL):*



- 2228 video testimonies were digitized from old formats to files using service of the *MEMNON Belgium.*



DIGITIZATION



- 3061 video tapes (497 S-VHS and 2564 MiniDV)
- Three batches – test batch, first and second
- On every video cassette and box – barcode
- Excel tables with all information (tape brand, format, length, recording time (SP, DVCAM) etc) about the tape and recorded material



DIGITIZATION



- Two file formats – MXF format and MP4 640:480

- MiniDV: native DV 25Mb/s
- VHS: IMX 50Mb/s

With MXF or other wrapping, compliant with Adobe Premiere Pro.

- Digital copies in external HDD for LOM and for SUL
- Testing of every video file if it is correct and matches
with original



Collaborating with SUL:

- Data of every video testimony for SUL catalogue in English
- Agreement between the LOM and the SUL about using video testimonies in the SUL
- The 2018 AABS Conference at Stanford University (1-3 June, 2018) will celebrate two important milestones – the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS) and the 100th anniversary of independence for the Baltic republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.



Thank you !

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