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The Audio-visual Archive: Example and challenges of content of descriptive information

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THE AUDIO-VISUAL ARCHIVE

- *From 1994 – audio testimonies*
- *From 1996 – video testimonies*



The Audio-visual Archive consists of:

- Audio testimonies (~ 70 hours)
- 2390 video testimonies (~4200 hours)
- 536 video materials, commemoration (~617 hours)
- Film documents (16 mm, 8 mm)



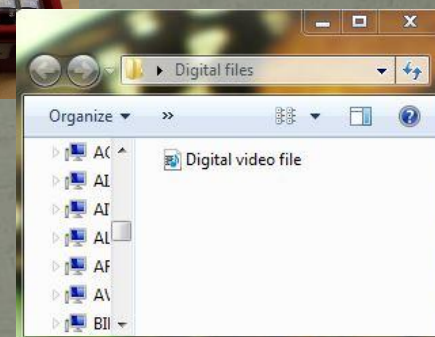
1994-1996



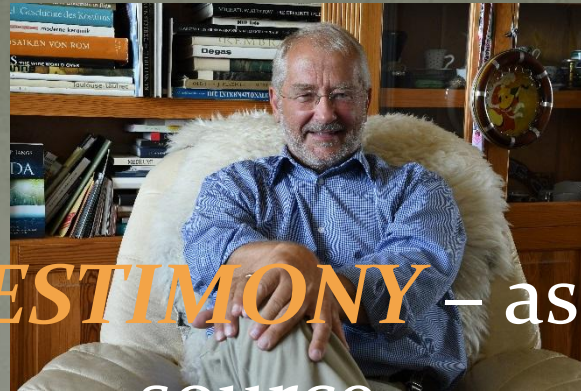
1996 - 2004



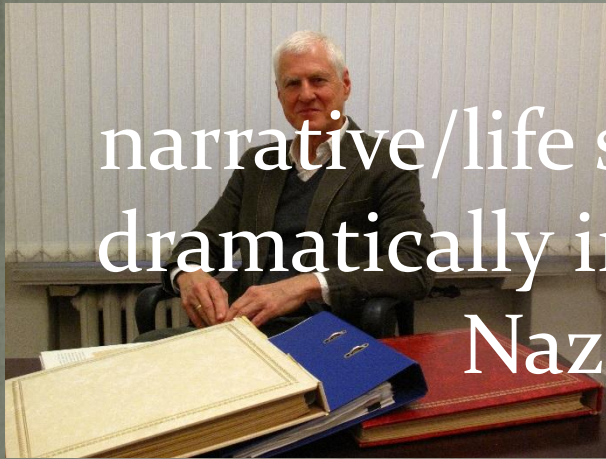
2004 - 2017



2017 - ???



VIDEO TESTIMONY – as a historical source –



narrative/life story of a person whose life was dramatically influenced by the Soviet and/or Nazi occupation policies



Data base I:



- Video testimonies

Avots Kārīns

Sākšāpji: Kārīns Avots Vācu armijā dienēja

Cits uzvārds: Vasčenko - tēva uzvārds dzimns: 22.09.1921 mirs: 2002

Latvija

Filmēšanas vieta

Registrācijas datums: 16.03.2014 Filmēšanas laiks: 07.08.1997

Foto akta nr. Videoieraksta akta nr.: 110

Avots kārta.jpg Ieraksta ID

Piezīmes Miris 2002.gadā

Kategoru numurs: Filmētāji: Analizētāji: Ievadītājs

Inga Vilcīne

Saturiskā informācija

Nākamais ieraksts

Iepriekšējais ieraksts

Beigt darbu

Tēma	Periods sākums un beigas	Kasete
Dzimtas vēsture	01.01.1900	07.08.1997 77
Latvijas okupācija	17.06.1940	08.07.1941 77
Nacistiskās Vācijas okupācija	22.06.1941	08.05.1945 77
Iesaukums 17. Vidzemes policijas bataljonā		77
Kara gaitas 17. Vidzemes policijas bataljona sastāvā		77
Nacistiskās Vācijas kapitulācija	08.05.1945	08.05.1945 77
PSRS gūsts, filtrācijas nometne ?		77
Atbrīvošana no filtrācijas nometnes	01.01.1946	77

- Additional information in file format;
- Microsoft Access

Data base II:



- For internal use;
- Searchable;
- Challenges:
 - Personal data protection/sensitive data (GDPR);
 - Restricted episodes.
- Metadata:
 - Geographical places (linked to Google maps);
 - Administrative reforms in Latvia (interwar period, Soviet occupation period, Administrative reform of 2009, ...).

Challenges of content I:



- Latvian language:
 - Dialects;
 - «Old names»; language used locally;
 - Mix of languages (example in the video);
 - Structure of the sentences used by interviewees;
 - Sentences/ideas without ending -> transcription
-> translation (example in the video);

Challenges of content II:



- Collection and transcription and translation programs
 - «Old names», dialects, mix of languages;
 - Quality of sound;
 - Volume of the speech.



Digitization I:



- Was done from 2015 to 2016
- Was done by MEMNON, Belgium;
- 2228 video testimonies were digitized from old formats to files;
- Testing of every video file if it is correct and matches with original;
- Two 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.



Digitization II:



- 3061 video tapes (497 S-VHS and 2564 MiniDV);
- Three batches – test, first and second batch;
- 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 III:



- Easy access and usability to digitized files;
- Original tapes are stored according to requirements;
- Safety of collection - copies also in the SUL;
- Data for SUL catalogue in English (basic data and abstracts);
- Possibility to use video testimonies in the SUL.





Thank you !
