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Documents as witnesses

The archive on victims
and survivors of
National Socialism



Never Look Away

The Arolsen Archives are an international center on Nazi persecution with the world's most comprehensive archive on the victims of National Socialism. The collection is listed on the **UNESCO's Memory of the World** register.

It contains information on all the groups of victims targeted by the Nazi dictatorship.



These documents are ever more valuable. They are memory.

Alexandr Afanasjew, former prisoner-of-war and inmate of the Buchenwald concentration camp

A Paper Monument

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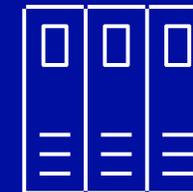
70 countries

The Arolsen Archives receive [inquiries](#) from all over the world

Our collection

17.5

million names are documented in the Arolsen Archives



The [archive](#) holds documents from concentration camps, Nazi prisons and ghettos | about forced labor under National Socialism | about the survivors who were liberated and the paths their lives took after 1945

#Stolen Memory

is a [campaign](#) to return the personal belongings of concentration camp prisoners



Are you looking for information about your family? Or are you working on projects which focus on Nazi persecution and its aftermath after 1945? Then you are welcome to send an inquiry to the Arolsen Archives. We are happy to carry out research for you. If we find documents which might be of use to you, we will send you digital copies. If you have a complex inquiry, we will check whether a visit to the archive for on-site research would be worthwhile.

The Arolsen Archives hold more than 30 million historical documents. We have information on:

- Jewish and non-Jewish victims of Nazi persecution who were detained in concentration camps, ghettos, labor camps and Gestapo prisons (including Soviet prisoners-of-war and Italian military internees).
- Forced laborers under the Nazi regime.
- People who were looked after by Allied relief organizations after 1945 (Displaced Persons) and post-war emigrants.



Please use the inquiry form on our website. The information you give us will help us to research for you more quickly by minimizing queries.

aroa.to/inquiry

Kept in the archive – available online worldwide

Almost all the documents in the Arolsen Archives should be online by 2025. But you can already research millions of names in our online archive. You can search by keyword or by subject too. Comprehensive collections of documents from concentration camps have already been published online, including prisoners' cards and death notices. Large collections from the period after 1945 are also online; these include emigration lists and documents from Displaced Persons camps. Our easy-to-access, user-friendly online archive was created in partnership with the international Holocaust remembrance center Yad Vashem. It is growing all the time.



Research in our online archive! By the way, it is worth coming back for a second visit – and a third! We are always improving the search functions and adding new collections.

collections.arolsen-archives.org/en

Simple explanations in the e-Guide

What do the abbreviations on the index cards from concentration camps mean? Where and why were the documents created? The documents in the Arolsen Archives are not self-explanatory. Many details need to be decoded in order to unlock the stories of the victims of Nazi persecution. Our e-Guide provides valuable assistance by answering five central questions: Who used the documents, when, why, how, and what for? An image of a sample document allows users to click on individual fields, abbreviations and symbols to access explanatory information. The e-Guide also includes interesting facts and useful information on the historical background.



The e-Guide is intended for anyone who is interested in documents about the victims of persecution and wants to find out what they mean. This online tool is available in English and German.

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We support research and education

The collections of the Arolsen Archives offer great potential for research and educational projects on Nazi crimes and their consequences. The fate of individual persecutees is a good starting point for awakening young people's interest in the broader context and helping them to understand its historical significance as well as what it means for us today.

If you are interested in our offerings in the areas of research and education, please visit our website for more information. It provides all the contact details you need if you want to get in touch with us as well as descriptions of our current projects.



Go to our website to find out about our current projects and offerings, which include preparation and follow-up for trips to memorial sites, workshops, presentations and exhibitions.

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