Survivor Video Testimony Repositories

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The Holocaust

Holocaust Resource Center of Kean University - Fully accessible, no registration required

- Includes testimony from survivors and liberators
- All testimonies are in English

Yad Vashem - Fully accessible, no registration required

- Contains some full length videos, however only very few are in the English language with a majority of the videos being in Hebrew.
- They do have a resource center that includes brief clips (3-4 minutes) of testimonies that can be filtered by location and/or topic.

Illinois Holocaust Museum - Accessible, no registration required

- Limited videos on the actual website, however they do have a YouTube channel
- The museum hosts many "Coffee with a Survivor" chats that are then posted on both their Facebook and YouTube pages

<u>USHMM</u> - Accessible, no registration required

- Provides a large number of long-format testimonies that can be filtered based upon different categories
- Key Events, Cities, Camps, Ghettos

The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous - Fully accessible, no registration required

• Provides Testimony from survivors and those who assisted in helping them. Discusses experiences both during and after the Holocaust.

Fortunoff Archive

 Access required - (Kean's Holocaust Resource Center may be able to grant limited remote access - email <u>martispe@kean.edu</u> and agoldber@kean.edu - we will assist them to the best of our ability.

Other atrocities

<u>USC Shoah Archive</u> - Accessible with simple registration

- Limitations: Not all testimonies are available online, some require an in-person visit to an accessibility site Access is available at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York
- Language barrier: Not all testimonies are in English.
- Includes testimony from: Holocaust, Armenian Genocide, Nanjing Massacre, Rwanda, Guatemala, Rohingya, Cambodia, South Sudan, Central African Republic Conflict

National Museum of the Holodomor - Fully accessible, no registration required

- Includes audio and video testimony
- Some have English subtitles. All testimonies I checked have transcripts that can be read in English with a Google Chrome setting

<u>Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre</u> – Holodomor Survivor Documentation Project

- Video testimonies in Ukrainian. All with abstracts in English, some (I'm told) with accurate, verbatim English translations (repetitions such as "my mother...my mother, she walked ..." and fillers [um] are edited out).
- Aleksandra Tyshchenko (nee Senyk) describes the dispossession of her parents by fellow villagers and how she went to the city to ask for food door-to-door.
- Maria Katchmar (nee Zeyko) describes the dispossession of her family and explains how her neighbor saved their family from starvation.
- Contact: 416-966-1819, email info@holodomorsurvivors.ca

The Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute - Fully accessible, no registration required

- This website does not include audio-visual testimonies
- Limited selection of transcripted testimonies
 - The website does automatically translate to English in Google Chrome as part of an optional setting

<u>Genocide Education Project</u> - Fully accessible, no registration required

- Website providing information on the Armenian Genocide
- Limited transcripted testimonies in English
- No audio-visual testimonies

Asaba Memorial Oral History Project - Fully accessible, no registration required

- This website is hosted by University of South Florida and focuses on Asaba, Nigeria. Provides testimony from survivors of the Asaba massacre in 1967
- USF has compiled transcripted audio testimonies
- Very user friendly although the website does tend to be a little clunky.

Documentation Center of Cambodia - Fully accessible, no registration required

- Limitations: Contains a wide array of videos/audio samples with no way of filtering to specific survivor testimony
- The website does seem to be somewhat "unstable" gives critical error response sometimes, but it is still possible to navigate through.
- Language barrier: Audio seems to be mostly cambodian with no translation
- Videos are a pretty raw quality so it is sometimes difficult to understand what they are saying even with translation.
- The Documentation Center does have a <u>YouTube</u> channel that contains most of the videos as well.